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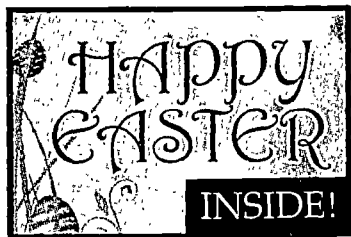
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Russian cake doubles as centerpiece

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SO YOU THINK YOU CAN BELLY DANCE

Belly dancer Devona-Anahsunamon, of Chicago, performs her dance for the judges during a belly-dance competition fundraiser for a breast-cancer charity at Mango Restaurant in Niles on Saturday. PAGE 7 | Curtis Lehmkuhl~Sun-Times Media

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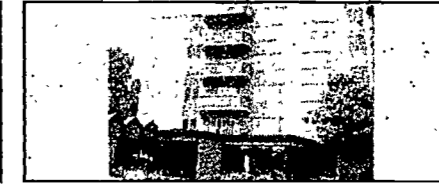
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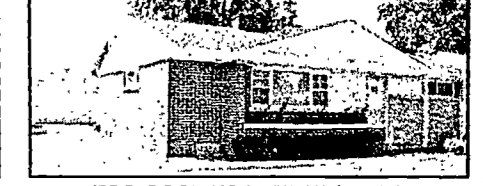
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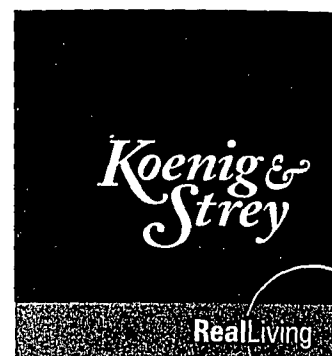
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District 219 Staffing plan codifies union pact

By PAT KROCHMAL
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The Niles Township High School District 219 Board of Education approved its final staffing plan April 11, cutting positions equal to 10 full-time staff members to preserve the jobs of 10 tenured teachers.

The board also cut one administrator and four support staff positions. The staffing plan finalized the agreement between the board and Niles Township Federation of Teachers union.

Then, the board agreed to hire employees for 9.95 full-time positions needed to accommodate the strategic plan with the goal of making all students ready for college.

Administrators are now planning to present the preliminary budget to the board May 31 with meetings to follow throughout the summer and final adoption Aug. 15.

Without the staff reductions made by the board, 11 staff members would have had to be added for the coming year, stressed Superintendent Nanciann Gatta in a message to staff members after the meeting.

"I know every year our staffing season (November through March) causes a lot of concern in the organization. I ask that you read this staffing report and reflect upon the investments we are making in order to ensure our students can meet their goal of being prepared for college," Gatta said.

"Upon completion of staffing, we begin our budget season. Staffing (60 percent of the budget) is complete and thus, so is over half of the budget planning for the 2011-12 school year," she added.

This concludes the annual five-month process that includes testing incoming eighth graders, making recommendations for new programs and restructuring, student registration and analysis of enrollment data and projections for the subsequent school year, Gatta said.

"This is the process and timeline we utilize every year for staffing and budgeting. I thought I would

highlight this again for our school community in the spirit of education and transparency," she added.

However, reaching this point took about two months of negotiations between the board and the teachers union. The board previously had approved cuts to the physical welfare, applied science and technology departments as part of a five-year strategic plan to focus the district's resources on college prep and core courses such as English, reading, math and science.

The personnel cuts were meant to reinvest in the core areas, while addressing the financial goals of the district during a very challenging economy, Robert Silverman, board president, said.

The first year of the plan resulted in \$1.1 million in reductions and the second, \$1.2 million. During this third year, another \$1 million in personnel costs had to be made, he added.

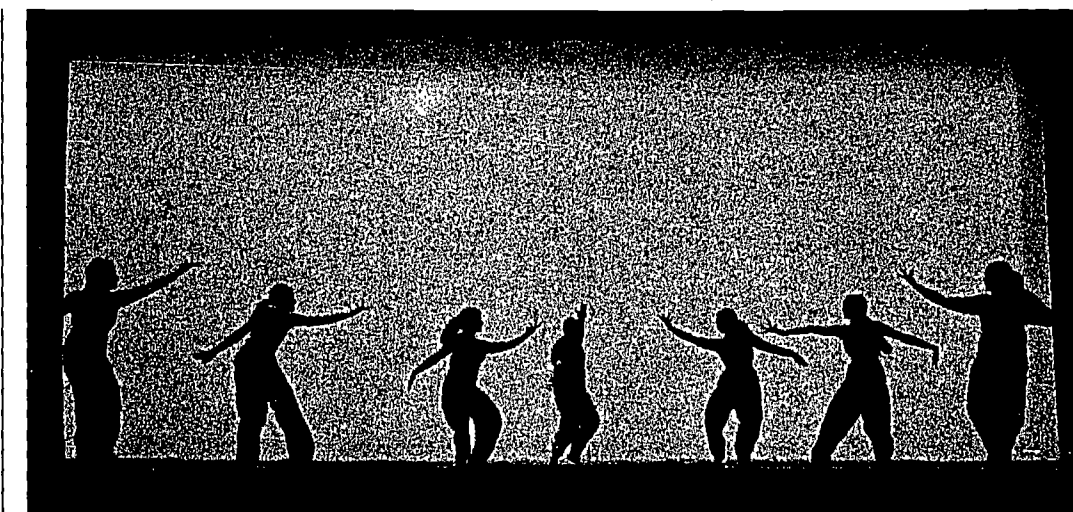
Under the agreement, the 22 most senior teachers in the physical welfare department are to be protected from cuts, while the remaining "least senior members of the department" will have until the 2016-17 school year to re-certify in other areas that qualify them to teach core subjects.

If at that time the district believes there is need to reduce teachers in the physical welfare department, those teachers would be transferred to departments with non-tenured teachers, according to the agreement.

A \$30,000 tuition reimbursement plan was included as part of the agreement, and will be available each school year through 2017 for teachers who take pre-approved coursework to earn additional certification.

The district has the second highest operating cost per pupil in the state — \$21,990 for the 2008-2009 school year — and a finite income, Silverman said.

And, according to the latest figures available, the average School District 219 teacher salary is \$96,850.



Maine East High School Orchestras dancers rehearse for their annual show, entitled "Dance for a Cause." Performances, held April 15 and April 16, benefited the school-based Health Center at Maine East. | Jon Langham-for Sun-Times Media

MAINE EAST HIGH SCHOOL

Students go to capital to lobby for health centers

By TRACY GRUEN
Contributor

A group of students from Maine East High School last week took a trip to Springfield to ask state legislators to keep school health centers in the budget.

Nine students from Maine East were part of a group of about 200 students from across the state who went to Springfield on School Health Center Advocacy Day to stress how important school-based health centers are.

"The whole day was about asking legislators to keep school health centers in the budget during these tough economic times," said Susan Hildebrand, project coordinator for Illinois' Coalition for School Health Centers. The students were on the floor of the House and the Senate and got to participate in rallying and chanting.

Kathryn Malyszko, mental health counselor at Maine East, said students met with three state legislators, Sen. Dan Ko-

towski, D-33rd, House Rep. Anthony DeLuca, D-80th, and Rep. Kelly Burke, D-36th, and explained to them what school health centers are, funding issues and why such facilities are needed in the community.

"We felt united by one cause and overall it was a really good experience," said Aneta Karkut, a junior at Maine East. "I'm really glad that I went and hopefully made an impact on the future of school-based health centers."

Karkut said students were well-prepared for the day so that made it easier, and it turned out to be a great experience.

"Walking to the Capitol I think we were all slightly nervous, because we were scared of how the senators and legislators would react to us," she said.

The school health center at Maine East serves all students in the district and provides a wide array of services, such as school and sports physicals, STD testing, blood work, immunizations, treatment of illness-

es, one-on-one counseling and family counseling. Most of the services provided are free of charge, which especially helps families who are uninsured or underinsured.

"It's a fantastic thing to have at the school," Malyszko said. "Adolescents are the most underserved age group for health."

Malyszko said at the Maine East health center they believe physical, mental and emotional health are important parts of good health that are all connected.

Malyszko said the state legislators asked some tough questions related to funding and the economical status of the state.

The health center receives \$123,000 in state funding and has \$193,000 in expenditures each year. The difference is funded by the school district, donations and fund-raising.

Malyszko said school health centers actually save money because more trips to emergency rooms may be avoided.



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DISTRICT 63

Pay freeze voted down, so class sizes going up

District looking to offset \$1.1M expected from pay reductions

By NATASHA WASINSKI Contributor

East Maine District 63 teachers and staff have declined the school board's request to reopen their contracts for the purpose of reducing or freezing salaries. As a result the district maintains that classroom sizes will increase to offset the loss of an expected \$1.1 million in savings from renegotiated salaries.

District 63's four bargaining units voted on the measure and last week reported to the district their decision, which was announced by the district in a posting on a blog maintained by Superintendent Scott Clay (<http://emsd63.edublogs.org>).

"The school board, administration, and all employees will continue to look for viable solutions to our budget deficit," the blog announcement reads. An increase in class sizes to an average of 28 students in the elementary grades and 30 at the junior high is expected to save the district \$700,000. The ration now is from 25:1.

About 14 teaching jobs will be eliminated, Clay said.

If comparable savings were made through renegotiating salaries, Clay said, the board would have required teachers and classroom sizes would not increase.

"The board felt strongly that they needed to save money so the budget was balanced for a least another year," Clay said.

Clay said research shows that children don't benefit from smaller class sizes unless the ratio is much smaller, such as 12:1.

"It won't be a huge change," he said.

While teaching a few more students may not be problematic for teachers, managing a larger social environment has its challenges.

Teachers will have to be "more cognizant of behavior," Clay said, because more students equals a higher potential for conflict.

"Our teachers will adapt pretty quickly," he said. "Most have had classes of that size or more."

Hilary Liese, president of the East Maine Educators Association, said unions voted against reopening contracts because the district's financial task force had not recommended a salary freeze or reduction at this time.

The district is in its third year of a five-year contract with teachers guaranteeing average annual salary increases of more than 5 percent.

The task force had also not recommended increasing class sizes until at least the 2012-13 school year.

Assembled by district officials the past fall, the 21-member task force — composed of representatives from all seven district schools, presidents from the four unions and a few community members — was charged with developing specific cost-cutting recommendations to provide financial stability to the district.

To close the district's looming financial gap the task force recommended cuts for next year totaling \$1.6 million, all of which the school board adopted.

Liese said the task force's analysis showed further cuts were not necessary for the 2011-12 school year but should be considered in the future.

A pay freeze and class-size increases were the only two other recommendations that would have saved a large amount of money, Clay said, and the board's idea was to do one or the other.

Liese said it seemed that the school board has made up its mind and teachers will have to deal with the change in class sizes.

"Most educators feel that large class sizes are not in the best interests of students," Liese said. "It's not great and I think the board realizes that."

"We'll have to go along with it and see how it goes."

Culver

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Ferri became principal of the entire student body the past fall when District 71 restructured its administration to improve its effectiveness and save money. Previously, Ferri and

Ninni split full-time principal duties for students in kindergarten through fourth grade, and Janice Geisheker served as principal for grades 5-8.

When Ferri became the full-time principal, Geisheker returned to the school media center, a position she held before stepping into the principal role. Ferri

assigned Ninni to the new director of student services position.

Kruppe said in the past fall edition of district newsletter Soundings 71, the reduction of administrative personnel at Culver School from three full-time employees to 2.6 would have saved the district about \$40,000.

DISTRICT 63

Language barrier cleared on standardized tests

By NATASHA WASINSKI Contributor

East Maine School District 63's limited-English-proficient students exceeded all state benchmarks for standardized testing last year for the first time since 2007.

"This is something that we really want to celebrate and be proud of our staff in how hard they've worked to meet these goals," said Erin Centanni, director of ESL and bilingual services, in a presentation to the Board of Directors on April 6.

The district met the three criteria required under the federal No Child Left Behind Act to make Annual Measure-

able Achievement Objectives developed for English Language Learners: students progressing in English-language acquisition, increasing numbers of students attaining proficiency in English, and making adequate yearly progress on the Illinois Standards Achievement Test.

School districts that receive federal Title III funds are held accountable by the Illinois State Board of Education to meet AMAO targets based on annual student performance on the statewide English proficiency test ACCESS for ELLs and the ISAT.

Ninety-eight percent, or

668 students, made progress in 2010 to satisfy the 91 percent state standard. Nearly 15 percent, or 148, attained English proficiency, which was more than double the minimum target percentage.

Collectively 52.1 percent of LEP students met or exceeded Illinois Learning Standards in reading on the ISAT, just above the 50.7 percent needed to qualify for AYP under a "safe harbor" provision.

According to the Illinois State Board of Education, safe-harbor regulation "allows schools an alternate method to meet subgroup minimum targets on achievement."

The district made AYP in math with a score of 76.9 percent.

Since 2004, District 63 had consistently reached all of the AMAO targets.

That changed in 2008, when ISBE required LEP students to take the ISAT following a review by the U.S. Department of Education.

"This really hit us all below the belt," Centanni said. Previously LEP students took the Illinois Measure of Annual Growth in English test, an alternative mathematics and reading exam written in simpler English.

LEP students have struggled on the ISAT in part because the exam tests stu-

dents' English literacy as much as reading comprehension.

"Teachers were really frustrated with the fact that our students had to take a test that was not written or ever developed for limited-English-proficient students," Centanni said.

While accommodations are made for LEP students — for example, Spanish-speaking students can have the test instructions read to them in Spanish — they must take the test itself in English.

The ISAT is "very academically demanding" of LEP students, Centanni said. "So when we found out

we made the objectives, we were jumping up and down."

Centanni attributes the district's progress to a two-year district-improvement plan, which included strengthening its core literacy programming, providing professional development for teachers and instructing students in their native languages.

Student performance has improved even as the district serves an increasing number of LEP students.

In 2008 District 63 enrolled 544 LEP students. The subgroup had nearly doubled in size to 996 students in 2010.

OAKTON BRIEFS

Derrick Jensen, best-selling author of *Endgame*, will host an environmental discussion at 7 p.m. April 26 at Oakton Community College, 1600 E. Golf Road. Sponsored by the Oakton

Ecology Club, Honors Student Organization, and Students for Social Justice, Jensen's seminar features ways to confront the destruction that is harming the earth. A Q-and-A follows Jensen's lecture. Tickets are \$5. Seating is limited.

All proceeds benefit Chicago Wilderness. For tickets, call the Oakton Box Office at (847) 635-1900.

Enroll in an assortment of continuing education courses offered by the Alliance for Lifelong Learning at

Oakton. A Parents' Guide: Estate Planning for Their Young Adult Children (BUS B57-01) offers ways for parents to protect their children financially after they turn 18. Session meets 6-7:45 p.m. April 28 at Glenbrook

South High School, 4000 W. Lake Ave., Glenview. Course fee is \$25. *The Benefits of Laughter* (PSY B79-01) examines research that suggests laughter can boost the immune system and ease muscle tension. Session meets 7-9

p.m. April 28 at Niles West High School, 5701 Oakton St., Skokie. Course fee is \$25. For a complete Alliance for Lifelong Learning class schedule, visit www.oakton.edu/all or call (847) 982-9888, press 3.

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Mark Williams, of the Niles Teen Center, with two of the teenagers who helped create the welcome message on the concrete. | Contributed photo

GORDON FOOD SERVICE MARKETPLACE

New store gets cooking at Golf Mill Shopping Center

By TRACY GRUEN
Contributor

Gordon Food Service Marketplace will offer a unique shopping experience when it opens in the fall behind XSport Fitness in Niles, selling food items to both restaurants and customers.

GFS food products include prepared entrees such as lasagna, beef stew and sesame chicken, varied meat, poultry, seafood, produce, sandwiches, dessert and more. GFS Marketplace caters to the restaurant industry, but is patronized among community members, as well.

The company started more than 100 years ago

and reports to be the fourth-largest family-owned food distributor to the restaurant trade in North America.

The 15,000-square-foot store is expected to open in October near Milwaukee and Church, the location of the former Golf Mill movie theater. It will be the 13th location in Chicagoland and the 134th store.

Similar to Costco and Sam's Club, most of the items are sold in large sizes, but there is no membership fee at GFS Marketplace.

"You'll find chefs shopping along with a mother of a family of four," GFS spokesman Mark Dempsey said of the unique atmosphere at GFS. "Five-pound containers are great for feeding a family or for a dinner party."

Dempsey said "foodies" tend to really love the store because they can get access to food items that they've seen on TV's Food Network or at their favorite restaurants.

"GFS Marketplace brings a great value to Niles and the shoppers," said Regina Verdico, director of marketing for Golf Mill Shopping Center. "From the products they offer and the service they provide, they are an excellent fit for the community. Their community outreach is very valuable for the Niles community, as well."

Teenagers from the Niles Teen Center at Golf Mill helped decorate the parking lot and develop a welcome sign, and in return GFS presented a \$200 donation to the Teen Center at a recent groundbreaking ceremony.

GFS is also expected to create four management positions and 30 sales-associate jobs. Verdico said it is great that the company will bring so many jobs to Niles.

"We allow the local managers to determine what their local community needs most," Dempsey said.

Dempsey said there is a potential to attract customers that existing stores in the area may not serve.

FAST FOOD

Dairy Queen's new business concept opens

Dairy Queen has recently opened its newest treat concept, DQ Orange Julius, in Niles, according to a news release.

Located at 7011 W. Dempster St., this new store will employ a staff of 22 employees.

The new location is operated by franchisees Karen A. Amato and Victoria L. Petrzilka, who owned the Niles Dairy Queen prior to expanding into the new treat concept of DQ/Orange Julius. The new DQ Orange Julius seats 28 inside and eight on the patio as weather permits.

This store is featuring all

of the DQ favorites — such as signature Blizzard Flavor Treats, traditional sundaes, shakes and malts, ice cream cakes and Blizzard cakes, (custom made and decorated or chosen from the display freezer) and a wide variety of other soft-serve items — as well as the full line of Orange Julius premium fruit smoothies, light smoothies and Julius Fruit Drinks.

A "Customer Appreciation Day" is planned for Saturday. A 20-percent discount will be offered on all Dairy Queen and Orange Julius products, including Dairy Queen Ice Cream Cakes.

VILLAGE GOVERNMENT

Sign code amendment looks at big picture for large shopping centers

By TRACY GRUEN
Contributor

Members of the Building and Zoning Committee for the village of Niles amended the proposed new sign code in order to allow for taller signs at larger shopping centers at a meeting April 11.

The amendment allows shopping centers larger than 200,000 square feet to have outdoor 36-foot signs as opposed to 22-foot signs, which was the proposed reduction in height.

"Height was a big issue for a lot of businesses," said Katie Schneider, executive director of the Niles Chamber of Commerce. "Most of the businesses were concerned about losing visibility."

For example, she said, Golf Mill Ford was concerned the

dealership would lose visibility on Milwaukee Avenue if it had to put up a smaller sign.

Community Development Director Chuck Ostman said businesses had expressed that reducing ground signs would be "detrimental" to their businesses.

Schneider said businesses were also concerned about the cost of having to change their signage, but that their No. 1 concern was losing visibility.

The amended proposed sign code will be presented to Niles village trustees at the regular board meeting Tuesday.

Some of the shopping centers that will be allowed the larger signs are Four Flags Shopping Center, Golf Glen and Village Crossing.

DISTRICT 64

Students jazz it up with pros

Jazz Band students from Emerson Middle School in Niles and Lincoln Middle School in Park Ridge performed a concert April 13 with two established musicians who have local ties.

Rusty Jones, a longtime Park Ridge resident and drummer who has played on hundreds of jazz recording sessions, and Joe LaRocca, an Emerson Middle School graduate who performs across the Chicago area on saxophone and flute, were the special musical guests at Park Ridge-Niles School District 64's Jazz Festival.

The festival, sponsored by the District 64 Board and Orchestra Parents Association, was held at Lincoln Middle School.



Joe LaRocca plays saxophone with the Emerson Middle School band at Park Ridge-Niles School District 64's annual Jazz Festival on April 13 at Lincoln Middle School in Park Ridge. Drummer Rusty Jones, of Park Ridge, and LaRocca, an Emerson grad, played with the students on select songs. | Rob Hart-SunTimes Media



Joe LaRocca performs with District 64 jazz band musicians on select songs. | Rob Hart-SunTimes Media



Drummer Rusty Jones and his trio perform at Park Ridge-Niles School District 64's annual Jazz Festival. | Rob Hart-SunTimes Media

FIELD ELEMENTARY

School gets behind effort to save Iannelli Studios

By JENNIFER JOHNSON
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The Student Council at Field Elementary School in Park Ridge is throwing its support behind the Save Iannelli Studios effort. Field School teachers Michaela Sorensen and Caroline Schaab are helping the

Student Council coordinate a fund-raiser. Students will make buttons that will be sold at school and within the community, the proceeds going to Save Iannelli Studios, a group of volunteers working to raise at least \$600,000 in order to purchase and restore artist Alfonso Iannelli's home and

studio at 255 N. Northwest Highway. Last week Field students were invited to participate in a button-designing contest by submitting an original drawing of their favorite Park Ridge landmark. Members of the Student Council will then choose a

winning entry from each grade level and the six winning designs will be printed on buttons that will be sold, Sorensen said. "Our kids are so excited about this," she said. "It's so cute to see." The cost of the buttons has not been finalized, but it is likely they will be sold

for about \$1, Sorensen said. The buttons will be offered for sale during Field School's end-of-the-year picnic and, Sorensen hopes, the Park Ridge's Farmer's Market as well. The fund-raiser has generated optimism among Save Iannelli Studios members.

"Now we have other people stepping up to the plate and holding fund-raisers on our behalf," said member Judy Barclay. "Now we know we're on the way." An anonymous donor has also pledged to donate \$1 for every \$2 the group raises, for a maximum of \$200,000.



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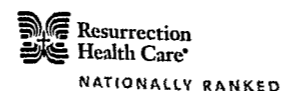
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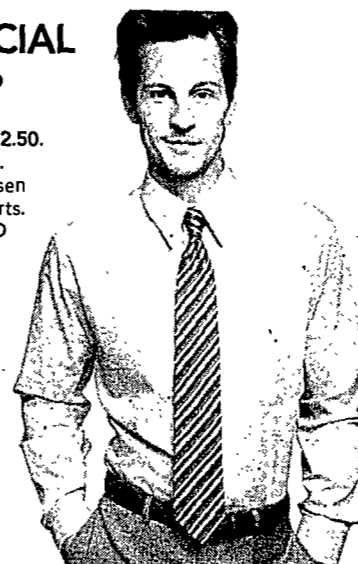
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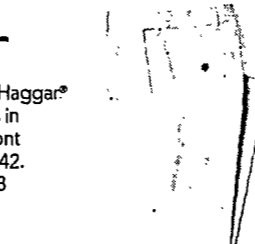
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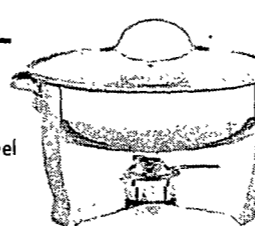
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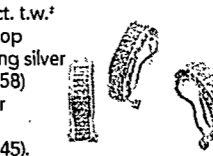
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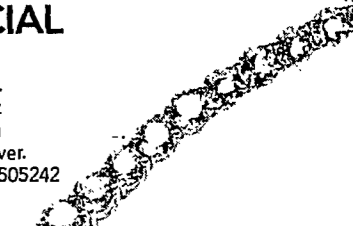
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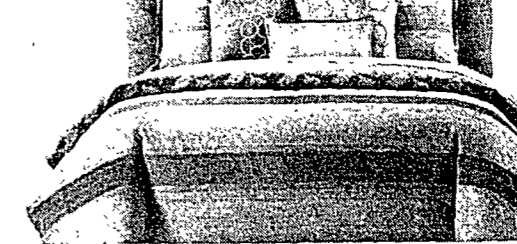
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HOT PROPERTIES BY ROB PISKAC

Party on the patio

First-floor condo has deck off living room

8650 N. Shermer Ave., Unit 105, Niles — \$199,900

This first-floor condo, located in a building that was built in 1996, comes with a living room that has carpeted floors and sliding glass doors to the patio, as well as columns introducing the kitchen and breakfast area.

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The property includes a single-car parking space.

Listing agent: Anna Foley-Henry, Koenig & Strey Real Living, (773) 547-8331, afoleyhenry@koenigstrey.com



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ON THE MARKET

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A four-bedroom, 2.5-bath home at 5809 Crain St. in Morton Grove is on the market for \$308,000. The custom-built brick ranch has a second-floor addition, a wood-burning brick fireplace in the living room and newer windows in most rooms. Joseph Moll of Century 21 Marino is the listing agent.

A three-bedroom, 3.5-bath home at 7716 N. Neva Ave. in Niles is on the market for \$499,000. The large home sits on a corner lot and has a formal living room, separate dining room and an eat-in granite kitchen. The fully finished basement has a wet bar and full bath. Jun Zhou of Citywide Real Estate is the listing agent.

A five-bedroom, 1.5-bath

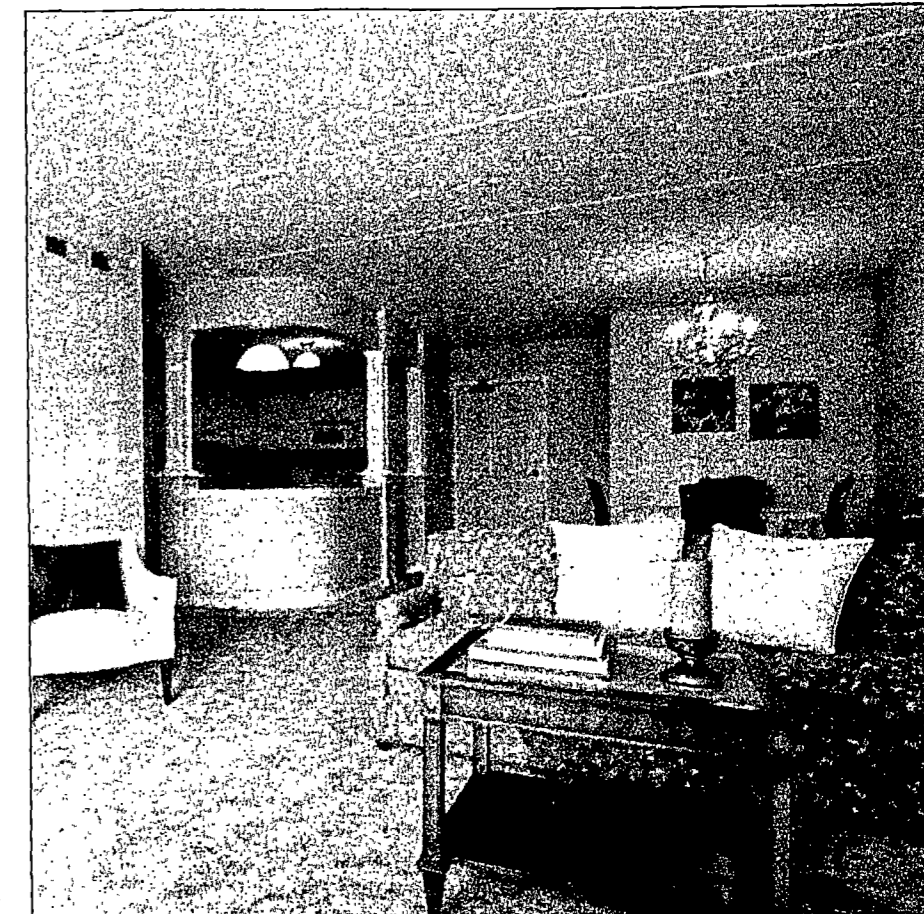
home at 5825 W. Capulina Ave. in Morton Grove is on the market for \$348,900. The classic, jumbo-brick, octagon bungalow features a four-season sunroom and hardwood floors. There are newer windows in most rooms and a newer roof. John Forsythe of Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage is the listing agent.

— Matt Pelc

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Edison Park	2.15%	\$257,500	8.14%	86	7
Evanston	3.42%	\$316,750	16.62%	740	123
Forest Glen	1.3%	\$373,000	10%	20	2
Glenview	3.04%	\$400,000	14.89%	591	88
Lincolnwood	2.81%	\$281,750	12.95%	139	18
Morton Grove	2.8%	\$250,000	25.23%	214	54
Niles	2.46%	\$217,000	25.28%	265	67
Norwood Park	2.45%	\$284,750	20.34%	177	36
Park Ridge	2.39%	\$350,000	10.66%	394	42
Skokie	2.57%	\$247,000	28.92%	581	168
Wilmette	2.57%	\$618,500	5.06%	316	16

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

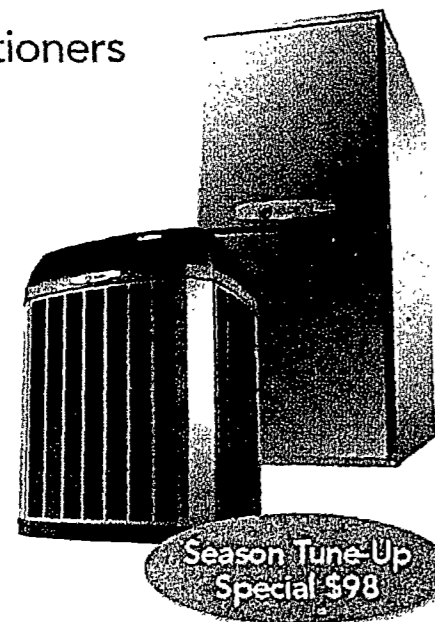


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Sun-Times wins Pulitzer

For the first time in 22 years the Chicago Sun-Times, sister paper to Pioneer Press, has won a Pulitzer Prize, putting reporters Frank Main, Mark Konkol and photographer John J. Kim — who won for local reporting — in the company of such legendary Sun-Times newsmen as Roger Ebert, John H. White and Jack Higgins.

Main, Konkol and Kim won the Pulitzer Prize for local reporting for their immersive documentation of violence in Chicago neighborhoods. They spent a year probing the lives of victims, criminals and detectives as a widespread code of silence impedes solutions.

"It's not every day that I hear multiple squeals of joy," said Publisher John Barron. "That's what happened when we found out. What a great sound. There are so many smiling faces around here now. This is a superb reward

for Frank, Mark and John on some incredible work." Main, the Sun-Times crime reporter, was making his daily beat calls when he heard the news, and Konkol had just got back from getting a cup of coffee when the newspaper received word of the award.

Cheers erupted and champagne corks popped as news of the award spread through the newsroom Monday.

"This is totally unexpected, and it's a great thing," said Konkol. "I'm just glad that I work with such great people, and it's about time the Sun-Times got some recognition for the work we do every day."

Crime Reporter Frank Main was making his daily beat calls when he heard the news.

"This comes as a lightning bolt for me," Main said. "It's something that you never dream of when you're doing your daily reporting job. I'm

honored I'm in the same company as many great journalists at the Sun-Times who've been honored."

Editor in Chief Don Hayner was ecstatic. "It's a great vindication for a newsroom that's worked so hard," Hayner said. "It's wonderful for everyone."

It's the Sun-Times' first Pulitzer since 1989, when Jack Higgins won for editorial cartoons. Other Sun-Times journalists with Pulitzers include film critic Roger Ebert and photographer John White.

Main, Konkol and Kim won amidst stiff competition.

Finalists for local reporting included Marshall Allen and Alex Richards of the Las Vegas Sun for their reporting on patients injured while in the hospital, and Stanley Nelson of the Concordia (La.) Sentinel, for his reporting on a Ku Klux Klan murder during the Civil Rights era.

MISSING PERSON

Police investigate disappearance of Niles North teenager

By MIKE ISAACS
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Skokie Police are continuing their investigation into circumstances surrounding a missing Niles North High School teenager last seen March 11 at the school.

Police said reasons for the girl's disappearance are still unknown despite reports about conflict with

in the family. She is identified as Zaineb S. Chaudhary, 16.

Skokie Police Sgt. Michael Krupnik confirmed that police were told Chaudhary was to be involved in an arranged marriage, but could not say for sure that she ran away for that reason.

The state police has reported that Chaudhary

may have run away from home to avoid a marriage that was arranged by her father in October.

Chaudhary, from Pakistan, is 5 feet 4 inches and 123 pounds with long black hair. Her last known contact with friends was reported on March 12 through a phone call and text message, police said.

Skokie Police and the Illi-

nois State Police have followed up on various leads in their search for Chaudhary. Local, state-wide and national resources that have been used include local law enforcement Critical Reach Bulletins, contacting agencies in other states and nationally through the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children.

Police said they do not believe Chaudhary is in any danger and could be with people she knows who are acting to protect her. Chaudhary's sister has publicly asked for her to contact her so that the family knows she is safe.

"Our primary goal is to locate Chaudhary," police said in a press release issued last week.

"The full resources of the Skokie Police Department are available to ensure her safety and provide her with resources to deal with the circumstances which forced her to leave home."

Police are asking that anyone who has come into contact with Chaudhary contact them at (847) 982-5900 or the nearest local law enforcement agency.

SHERIFF'S POLICE

Trip to church follows alleged beating of woman

An unincorporated Maine Township man was arrested after he allegedly beat a woman before taking her to a Chicago church, Cook County Sheriff's Police reported.

Fernando Gonzalez, 26, of the 9200 block of Golf Road, was charged with aggravated

domestic battery and unlawful interference with the reporting of domestic violence, police said.

According to police, Gonzalez is accused of repeatedly striking a woman in the head and face, grabbing her by the neck and choking her during an argument inside a residence. When the woman attempted twice to escape and call police, Gonzalez allegedly

continued to beat and choke her, police said.

After the alleged beating, police said Gonzalez demanded the woman accompany him to a church in Chicago where he was scheduled to meet with the pastor, to whom the woman revealed the beating.

Gonzalez's bond was set at \$10,000. His second court date was Monday.

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.

SUSPICIOUS PERSON

A neighbor on the 6700 block of Forest View Lane called 911 April 10 to report a person seen entering a foreclosed residence through the rear basement door, police said. The past residents were evicted earlier in the week. The person told police he is homeless and the past residents allowed him to stay in the basement. Police found cat hair and feces throughout the residence.

CRIMINAL DAMAGE

A resident woke up to the sound of glass breaking Saturday at her home on the 7600 block of Waukegan. The resident's son's bedroom window was broken and a brick was found on the floor. Police reported that the victim said her son has enemies who are in a street gang.

DOMESTIC BATTERY

Gail Odahowski, 64, of 8016 Odell, was charged April 6 with domestic battery. A 62-year-old man said that when he came to the suspect's home to take his mother to lunch he noticed bruises on her face. The victim was reportedly cared for by the suspect. The suspect admitted to hitting the victim following an argument, police reported. The suspect's court date was April 11.

BURGLARY

The manager of a store on the 800 block of Civic Center Drive said that between April 10 and April 11 someone used a pry tool to enter the rear door of a business and take \$200 from the register. Police said the offender also stole miscellaneous tools from the store.

THEFT

A man told police his former roommate stole several items from his residence on the 8400 block of Milwaukee Avenue while he was in the hospital between April 6 and April 11. The suspect reportedly stole

items totaling \$2,900 in value, including a video-game console, 50 Xbox games and prescription medicine.

Michelle Spodenkiewicz, 20, of 9042 N. Chester, was charged with petite theft April 12. The complainant, who works at a store at Golf Mill Shopping Center, allegedly saw the subject conceal a dress under her jacket and leave without paying for the item. The dress is valued at \$32.50.

DUI

Karen Inserra, of 9840 Huber Lane, was charged April 11 with driving under the influence of alcohol on the 8900 block of Greenwood. Niles police were dispatched for an automobile accident allegedly involving an intoxicated motorist. Inserra's court date is May 17, police reported.

GRAFFITI

An unknown person spray painted graffiti Saturday on the east door of a vacant building in the 7200 block of Harlem Avenue. Police said the graffiti did not appear to be gang-related.



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GUEST ESSAY

High school rites of passage wrong time for alcohol

By **SGT. ROBERT TORNABENE**
 Contributor

As we rapidly approach the warmer-weather months, teens turn toward thoughts of prom and graduation.

These are teen traditions to celebrate "coming of age" and to recognize accomplishments. However, these times of joy, dancing, good memories and celebration easily could turn dangerous and deadly.

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, which monitors alcohol-related accidents, says that during April, May and June, the peak months for proms and graduations, these accidents spike. The organization, Students Against Destructive Decisions, reports automobile crashes are the leading cause of death among teens, and approximately 36 percent of traffic deaths are alcohol-related.

Contrary to what many believe, underage drinking is not a "rite of passage" during prom and graduation. There are even some parents who believe that it is better for teens to drink alcohol than to use drugs; they are sending a confusing message to teens.

Even more confusing for teens are those adults who will host parties where alcohol is provided, because they think they can better protect teens in supervised situations. The Drug Free Action Alliance's "Parents Who

Host Lose the Most" campaign aims to highlight this issue.

But these beliefs and misperceptions are not supported by the research. Underage drinking is both illegal and risky. The National Institutes of Health released a study that found heavy alcohol consumption harms brain development in teens. The region of the brain that inhibits risky behavior is not fully formed until age 25, and any alcohol-related damage incurred at a young age can have long-term effects.

Researchers have found that teens who start drinking before the age of 15 are four times more likely to develop alcohol dependence and two and a half times more likely to become abusers than those who delay alcohol use until age 21.

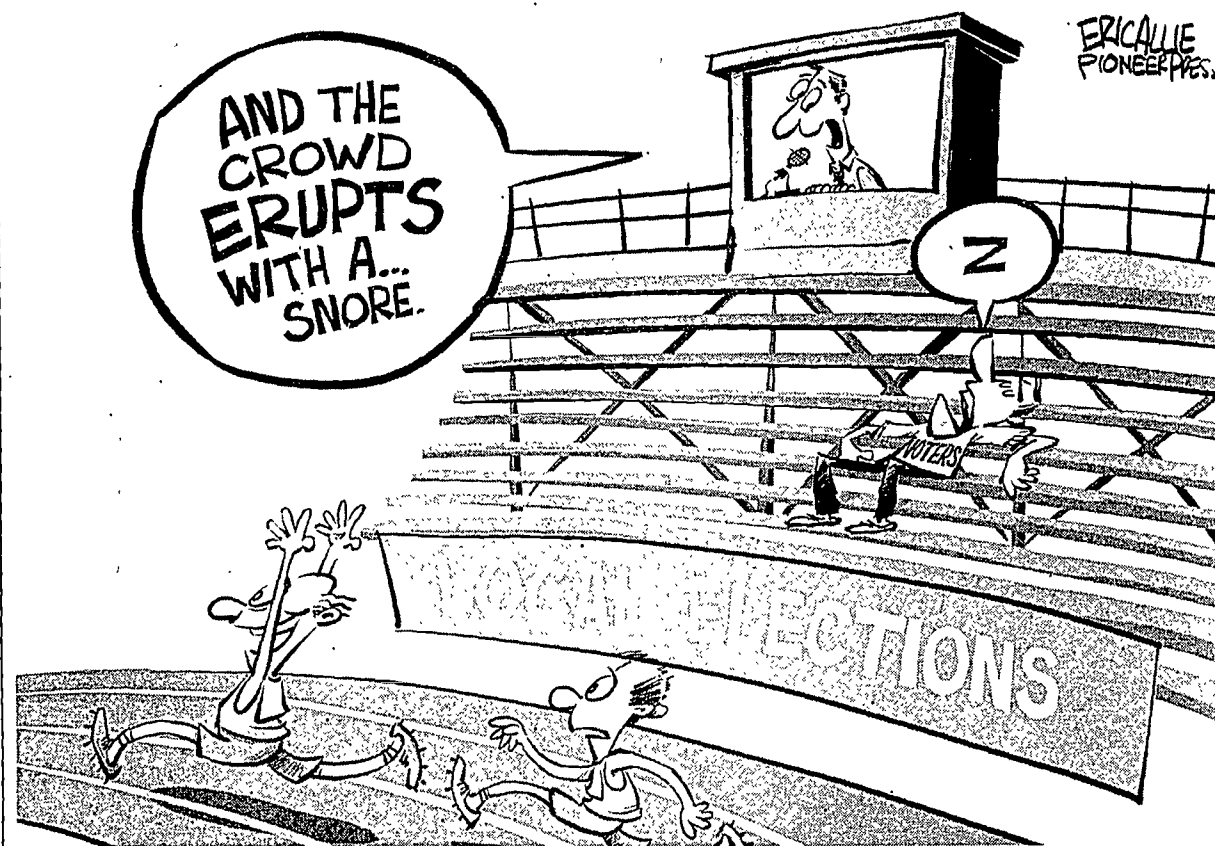
Later on this month, the Maine Community Youth Assistance Foundation and the Niles Police Department will be working hard to keep alcohol out of the hands of those under the age of 21 through "Project Sticker Shock." The goal is to highlight that providing alcohol to persons under the age of 21 and to use a fake identification card are both illegal. Project Sticker Shock will work in conjunction with our local liquor establishments and retail sales location to reduce the availability and use of alcohol by those persons under the age of 21.

Alcohol is a powerful, mood-altering drug that

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Opinion

1000 WORDS



Choral concert ends on sour note



CHERYL O'DONOVAN
 VAN MOM STRIKES AGAIN

The rush is on. My oldest slips into a white shirt and cleans his smudgy eyeglasses, enabling him to see for the first time this semester. My husband forages our closet for Oxfords my son can borrow. I press a pair of black slacks and my iron coughs out steam like it's a holdover from

the Industrial Age. At last, my son's ready. He is tall and handsome, and I tear up. Seeing my quivering lower lip, he grumbles. "Mom. Please don't sing, 'Sunrise, Sunset.'"

We hop into the van and drive to another school performance. When he was 6, he sang "Davy Crockett" at a mall. For his sixth-grade musical, he hammed as Daddy Warbucks. Now he's a sophomore appearing with his high school chorus, the rare baritone among the altos and sopranos. The remaining 300 are girls and Grover Cleveland, an Audio-Animatronic from Disney's Hall of Presidents.

Tonight is a "sing-off" with other schools. Seating is very limited, so we parents can't attend. According to my son, it's bad enough that he is required to wear a long satin robe that flirts with magenta, but when I hand him my cell phone to call me later, he recoils. The phone is a metallic pink. He shoves it into his pocket before there are witnesses. Around eight o'clock, he calls and I pick him up. His mouth is a tight line of tension as he flings open the van door. "Didn't it go well?" He mutters that the boys forgot the lyrics, and that he had to hold a note, solo. "That took some guts.

During which song?" "Chattanooga Choo Choo." I defy any parent not to smile when a gruff teenager utters the term "choo choo." "That's not the worst of it." He waves my cell phone. "It went off during a song." "Weird," I say. "I never get calls at night." Then I realize the true horror of that moment. In addition to the public humiliations of the magenta chorus robe, the pink metallic cell phone, and the "Choo-Choo" solo, my son had to endure the ringtone. "Everybody Wang Chung Tonight."

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Benefit

The Lynn Sage Cancer Research Foundation will host the 20th Annual Play for the Cure Golf Outing on June 20 at Evanston Golf Club, 4401 Dempster St., in Skokie. With proceeds going toward breast cancer research, the event invites golfers of all skill levels to enjoy a day of fun in the sun as they "putt for pink." The 18-hole outing begins with registration at 11 a.m., followed by lunch. Tee-off is at 1 p.m., and the day is capped off with an evening cocktail and hors d'oeuvres reception. The cost is \$900 per person, and sponsorships are available from \$2,500 to \$20,000. The first golfer/s scoring an ace on any of the four Par 3 holes at Evanston Golf Club will win a luxurious automobile. Call (312) 926-7133 or visit www.lynnstage.org.

Center of Concern

The Center of Concern, 1580 N. Northwest Highway, Suite 310, Park Ridge, (847) 823-0453, calendar of events includes:
 Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays - Income tax preparation, by appointment.
 Monday, April 25 - Employment counseling, by appointment.
 Saturday, April 23 - Legal counseling, by appointment.
 Saturday, April 30 - 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

Wright-Way Rescue Animal Shelter in Niles has lost its lease and is holding a rally from 1-3 p.m. May 7 at the Adoption Center, 7136 W. Touhy Ave., Niles. Participants are asked to show their support by bringing posters to champion the work of Wright-Way Rescue. The organization hopes to gain the public's attention to save the

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space for its current use or get donations for a new space for the animals. Visit www.wrightwayrescue.net.
The Fiscal Year 2012 Budget Hearing for the Village of Niles has been scheduled for 8 p.m. April 26 in the Council Chambers of the Niles Village Hall, 1000 Civic Center Drive. This meeting is open to the public. All citizens of the community are invited to attend the hearing. The Village of Niles encourages its residents to review this budget document and to submit written or oral comments at the budget hearing. The Fiscal Year 2012 Budget document may be inspected by the public between the hours of 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Mondays through Fridays at the Village Hall Finance Department, Niles Public Library or on the Village website www.niles.com beginning April 14.
State Rep. Rosemary Mulligan, R-65th, has opened her new 65th District office at the following address: 1420 Renaissance Drive, Suite 306, Park Ridge IL 60068. Her other contact information remains the same: Phone: (847) 297-6533; fax: (847) 297-2978; e-mail: repmulligan@usa.net; website and E-News sign-up: <http://repmulligan.com>. The 65th District includes all or portions of Des Plaines, Park Ridge, Mount Prospect, Rosemont, Norridge, Harwood Heights, Niles, Elk Grove Village, and the northwest corner of the 41st Ward of Chicago.
A representative from the Niles Township Clerk's office will be available 9 a.m.-5 p.m. weekdays and evenings by appointment on the second and fourth Mondays of each month to accommodate residents with passport applications, voter registrations and temporary handicapped parking placards. To schedule an appointment at Niles Township in Skokie, call (847) 673-9300.
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 Maine Fire Department, and the township's Code Enforcement Department are shared, and residents are invited to ask questions and report any concerns or problems in their neighborhood.

Classes

Niles Township Government Computer Training Center is offering computer classes. Computer Lab Sessions: Practice & tutoring one-on-one with an experienced teacher. (Optional for current and former students; recommended for all students). The Computer Lab fee is \$30 per student and is open noon-2 p.m. Fridays through April 22. Course fees include an instructional workbook. Students must bring their own USB Flash Drive to save and transfer files needed for all classes. All ages are welcome. A Certificate of Completion is awarded last day of class. Call (847) 673-9300.
Rainbow Animal Assisted Therapy Inc., is now offering "Introduction to Animal Assisted Therapy," dog train-

ing classes at various locations, including 6042 W. Oakton St., in Morton Grove. The fee is \$60. Contact Dorinda King at dhrking4@yahoo.com or call (773) 736-9021, for schedules and locations.

Clubs

The Women of St. Andrews Lutheran Church will present their 54th Salad Bar Luncheon at noon April 30 in the St. Andrews Multi-Purpose Room, Elm Street and Northwest Highway (260 Northwest Highway), Park Ridge. A co-sponsor for the event is Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. The luncheon will feature "Love & Lace," the non-royal wedding celebration, highlighting weddings and brides. Presenting the program, "Decades of Dresses," will be Ruth Thomas and Chloe Berg showcasing their fascination with dress-up clothing from the past. "Here Comes The Bride" features wedding dresses from 1905 to 2002. In addition, bridal and bridal party dresses from members and friends will be modeled and/or on exhibit. Join for great salads and a taste-tempting "sweet table." Gifts of the Day will also be featured. Ticket donations of \$15 may be obtained by calling the St. Andrews Church office, (847) 823-6656. Luncheon chairman and Women of St. Andrews president is Chris Sellar.

The Sweet Singers of Congregation Ezras Israel which entertains at nursing homes, retirement facilities and charitable organizations, meets the first Wednesday of every month at 10 a.m. in the Rosenber Auditorium of Ezras Israel, 7001 N. California Ave., Chicago. Those who enjoy singing are welcome to join. Call the Ezras Israel office at (773) 764-8320.

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 May 12. This is a casual evening of conversation in Italian. Call Gabriella, (847) 292-0089, or e-mail: ichiacchieroni@yahoo.com.

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 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 Hennmuller, (773) 774-9671.
Join the Catholic Women's Bowling League for Ladies Night Out at Classic Bowl, 8530 Waukegan Road, Morton Grove. Fee is \$15 per week. All skill levels welcome. Call Deanne Drozd at (224) 628-4009 or d.drozd@comcast.net.

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Keepsakes of the past a reminder to live today

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Say — I had forgotten this old class-reunion invitation. These lacey notes from our kids. Oh, and

especially this astounding poem they wrote for our 50th wedding anniversary. Almost like perfume, you kept them around to remind yourself these fragrant memories really did happen. Why in heaven's name did you ever misplace them?

As for these rusting keys, frankly I can't for the life of me remember what they're for. Almost like old biases, you kept them around just in case you'd need them again. Was this

one to the garage? And this one, it looks like it could be to a mailbox. But where? I don't even remember owning a mailbox.

So there they are — two more small mysteries to the network of mysteries that make up our lives. Like resolute pack rats, we're forever saving, storing and treasuring up the moments of our lives. Which is perfectly fine, for this is how we recognize our lives are worth remembering. But why then do we

so often forget?

Maybe it's because we're genetically programmed to keep moving on; keep advancing forward. Old letters and keys? Well, like most old things, we keep them around out of habit. But also perhaps out of hope, the habitual hope that someday we'll once more find time for them.

Careful though! You never know when "once more" could be right now.

Jack Spatafora
Park Ridge

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contributes to lack of judgment and poor coping skills. Underage drinking can lead to destructive behaviors such as physical and emotional violence, sexual mistakes or misjudgments, accidental injuries and deaths and

alcohol overdose.

The Niles Police Department wants to help teens remain safe during this season of proms and graduations. We recommend parents and other caregivers do the following: Have regular and open communication with your teens about drugs and alcohol; discuss rules and expectations for proms and graduations; do not supply

drugs or alcohol to your teens; know who is driving and what the plans are; don't rent hotel rooms for your teens; communicate with other parents about their expectations for proms and graduations; stay up until your teens are home; supervise and be involved at proms and graduations.

The research shows regular communication

between parents and teens has a positive influence on the decisions teens make. Teens are more likely to live up to the parent's expectations and less likely to drink, use drugs and engage in sexual behavior when open and regular communication is occurring.

— Sgt. Robert Tornabene is the new public information officer for the Niles Police

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A quartet of activities for the coming week

1. "Night and Her Stars," at 7:30 p.m. April 21-23 and 2:30 p.m. April 24 at The Gift Theatre, 4802 N. Milwaukee, Chicago. \$25-\$30. Call (773) 283-7071 or visit www.thegifttheatre.org.

2. WFMT presents a DePaul University School of Music faculty chamber music concert at 11 a.m. April 24 at Mayne Stage, 1328 W. Morse Ave. in Rogers Park, Chicago. \$10; \$25 brunch-and-show package. Call (773) 381-4554 or visit www.maynestage.com.

3. "Somé Enchanted Evening: The Songs of Rodgers and Hammerstein" will be presented by Theo Ubique Cabaret Theatre through June 5 at the No Exit Café, 6970 N. Glenwood (Rogers Park), Chicago. Performances are at 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays; and 7 p.m. Sundays. \$25-\$30. Three-course dinner available for \$20 (plus beverages, taxes and tips). Visit www.theubique.org.

4. "The Band's Visit," rated PG-13, will be screened at 2 p.m. April 28 as part of the International Film Series at the Niles Public Library, 6960 Oakton St., Niles. An Egyptian orchestra arrives in Israel to play for a cultural event only to find themselves in the wrong town. In Arabic and Hebrew with English subtitles. Call (847) 663-6405 or visit www.nileslibrary.org.

This is what friendship sounds like

'Hallelu-YAH! Jewish Music Like You've Never Heard Before'
3 p.m., April 24, North Shore Center for the Performing Arts, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie. \$12.50-\$25. (847) 446-7215. www.amyisrael.org.

By J.T. MORAND
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The relationship between the Am Yisrael and Beth Shalom B'nai Zaken congregations was forged many years ago, but it's only now that they're making music about it. The congregations are rooted in different cultures — Am Yisrael's members are predominantly white and come from North Shore suburbs. The synagogue, on Happ Road in Northfield, is across the street from New Trier High School. Beth Shalom B'nai Zaken, an Ethiopian Hebrew Congregation, is predominantly African-American. Its synagogue is on South Kedzie Avenue in Chicago's Marquette Park neighborhood. However, they're similar in many respects.

Both congregations are conservative and egalitarian and are similar in the way they conduct services. But perhaps the biggest difference is the music. The friendship and music can be heard in "Hallelu-YAH! Jewish Music Like You've Never Heard Before" on April 24 at the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts in Skokie,

where Am Yisrael's cantor Stuart Simon will perform with Beth Shalom B'nai Zaken's band and choir. Proceeds will benefit both congregations.

Beth Shalom B'nai Zaken's Rabbi Capers Funnye and Am Yisrael's Rabbi William Frankel, who is now deceased, became friends in the 1990s and the two congregations have participated in student exchanges ever since. The friendship between the two congregations carries on, now with Rabbi Debra Newman Kamin leading Am Yisrael.

Cantor Stuart Simon, who has been with Am Yisrael for more than 25 years and leading that congregation's choir, also became friends with Funnye and developed an affinity for the Southwest Side congregation when taking his confirmation class students to Beth Shalom B'nai Zaken to see the similarities and experience the cultural differences. While there, Simon took in that congregation's band and choir, which he calls "phenomenal."

Great spirituality
"In the congregation I saw such a spirituality, such an incredible belief, that I found that it was certainly something that I'd love to be exposed to," Simon said. When Simon and Funnye



Cantor Stuart Simon, of Am Yisrael, talks with Nashone Yehudah, choir director for Beth Shalom B'nai Zaken EHC, during rehearsal for the Hallelu-YAH! performance. | Steve Johnston-for Sun-Times Media

met, they found they had several things in common, including age and a love for the South Side baseball team. They attended a game together last year and found they even enjoy each other's company in the casual setting of a ballpark. "For him to be a North Sider and a White Sox fan," Funnye said with a chuckle. "He can't be all bad."

Then, just last year, after an Am Yisrael service where the Beth Shalom B'nai Zaken band and choir performed the music, the friends began discussing a joint performance.

"We thought how pleasant it would be if we combined our talents into one concert," Simon said. The main difference between the two congregations is the music, the way it's performed and the interaction of members. Simon said he likes to blend traditional Hebrew prayers with contemporary melodies at Am Yisrael.



Am Yisrael Congregation's Cantor Stuart Simon (playing guitar) performs alongside Beth Shalom B'nai Zaken band member Yahath Brazelton during rehearsal for the Hallelu-YAH! performance. | Steve Johnston-for Sun-Times Media


Singing along
"I do one of our standard songs and do it to the melody of show tunes," he said. "It truly doesn't matter what melody is going to be used. That kind of flexibility made it very easy for us to collaborate with Beth Shalom B'nai Zaken." Funnye said his congregation doesn't have a cantor, but it does have many more instruments in their band than is usual for most congregations. Guitars, keyboards, bongos, congas and tambourines are just some of the instruments heard at Beth Shalom B'nai Zaken. "We incorporate a lot more instruments in the course of our services with our music," he said. "We are there to celebrate the Shabbat."

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Multi-cultural music will get the family singing

By **MYRNA PETLICKI**
Contributor

Families will get a multi-cultural experience when a talented family performs at the Eisenhower Public Library, 4613 N. Oketo, Harwood Heights, 6-7 p.m. Wednesday, April 27. Jutta and the Hi-Dukes includes Terran Doehrer (guitar), his wife Jutta Distler (mandolin) and their daughter Zoi Doehrer (percussion). "It's wonderful to have a family band," Doehrer said.

At press time, the trio hadn't finalized their set list but Doehrer noted that they typically play music from a diverse range of cultures, including Greek, Serbian, Scandinavian, French Canadian, Gypsy, klezmer and Sephardic Jewish. "Sometimes we throw in a Dixieland tune or some other kind of American-based music," he said. "We've got a repertoire of over 400 pieces."

The trio hopes that your family will be as involved in the concert as their family. "We try and get people up and dancing," Doehrer said. "At the very least, we get them singing along in non-English languages on choruses — sometimes even in English. We bring along hand percussion so people can join in on a few pieces."

For a sneak preview of the group, visit www.modalmusic.com/dukes.

Registration is required. For details, call (708) 867-7828 or visit www.eisenhowerlibrary.org.

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Jutta and the Hi-Dukes will perform at the Eisenhower Public Library.

Public Library, 5215 Oakton St. will resemble author Richard Scarry's "Busytown" for a Busy Busytown Party, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Saturday, April 30. Preschoolers and their parents can work on projects and participate in activities to celebrate Children's Day/Book Day. Registration is required. For details, call (847) 673-7774 or visit www.skokiellibrary.info.

Mind games

A super-intelligent alien wages an ongoing battle with his nemesis in "Mega-mind." The 96-minute PG film will be screened at 2 p.m. Saturday, April 23 at the Niles Public Library, 6960 W. Oakton St. A snack will be served. No reservations are needed for this Big-Screen Movie.

For details, call (847) 663-6623 or visit www.nileslibrary.org.

Strings are fun things

Guitars, banjos, lutes, mandolins, harps, balalaikas and ukuleles will

be celebrated at "Pluck Those Strings," 10:30 a.m. Saturday, April 23 at the Pick-Staiger Concert Hall, Northwestern University, 50 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston. The Northwestern University Guitar Ensemble is featured in this Kids Fare program for youngsters and their families. Tickets are \$4-\$7.

For details, call (847) 467-4000 or visit www.pickstaiger.org.

Flying nanny sighting

A live cast will lead the audience in song at a Mary Poppins Sing-a-Long, 10 a.m. Saturday, April 23 at Wilmette Theatre, 1122 Central Ave. The classic film is filled with tunes sure to inspire grown-ups as well as kids, including, "Chim Chim Cher-ee," "A Spoonful of Sugar" and that number with a super-long title! Tickets are \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door.

For details, call (847) 251-7424 or visit www.wilmettetheatre.com.

Heroics of 'Super' suit Rainn Wilson just fine

By **CINDY PEARLMAN**
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A funny thing happened to Rainn Wilson on his way to superhero status. He became a sex symbol.

Yes, the guy who plays Dwight on "The Office" and is by most accounts "a regular schlub" increased his hotness quotient by putting on some Spandex for his new film, "Super."

"I've heard from a bunch of women, 'Rainn, you actually got attractive in this movie,' and my standard response is, 'Oh gee, thanks,'" he says, calling from the set of "The Office."

"So basically when my character in this movie turns into Vengeance Man Incarnate and becomes a man possessed, that's like catnip for women," he says. "Men of all walks of life need to know that if you just put on a superhero suit and go on a rampage with a pipe wrench, then women get all aflutter."

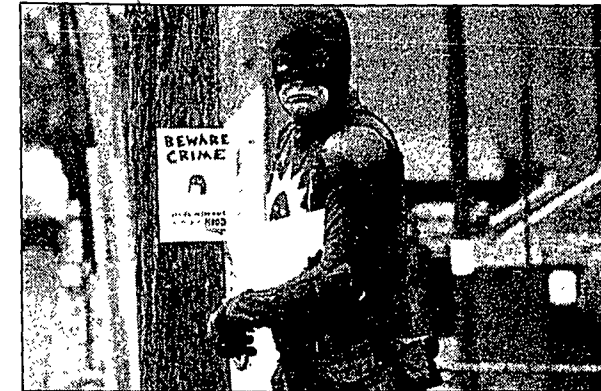
"So here is my best advice: If your girl breaks up with you, get a superhero suit, go fight, and you will get her back."

Heavenly call

"Super" is a cross between "Taxi Driver" and "The Greatest American Hero." Director James Gunn wrote the story in 2002 centering on a character named Frank D'Arbo (Wilson), a short-order cook whose beloved wife Sarah (Liv Tyler) gets involved with a local crime boss named Jacques (Kevin Bacon). Frank is told by God to put on a mask and fight the baddies. He finds a sidekick in a girl who calls herself Boltie (Ellen Page).

Wilson got the role partly thanks to his "Office" co-star Jenna Fischer, who used to be married to Gunn.

"Jenna came up to me to say, 'I just asked James why



Rainn Wilson as the superhero crimefighter in "Super."

he never did anything with this script he has for "Super." Then I told him, 'I know who should play the lead.'"

Suiting up to play a superhero was a fantasy come true.

"I can report that at first it was the dream — and then it became a colossal pain in the a--," he says. "That damn red suit got stinkier and more dilapidated as the days passed. We got to the point where it was falling apart on my body."

It was important to Wilson not to look too buff for his superhero role, so trips to the gym were not required.

"He's not a ninja. He's a cook. He's a regular schlub," he says. "I did need to know how to use a gun, so one of my castmates, Michael Rooker, taught me. He's from Chicago, you know, and he owns a bunch of guns. One day he took me to the gun range to make sure I was comfortable. So now I can say that Henry Portrait of a Serial Killer was my gun coach."

Wilson, 44, isn't quitting his day job — unlike Steve Carell, who is saying goodbye to "The Office." However, Will Ferrell clocks in to help ease the transition.

Comic masters

"What a nice guy," Wilson said of Ferrell.

"The sweetest guy you would ever want to know. Watching him and Steve work together was watching two masters, like John Coltrane and Thelonious Monk."

Wilson never imagined he would be doing this kind of work. The Seattle native left the Pacific Northwest and spent his last two years of high school at New Trier Township High School in Winnetka.

"It's such a great, academic school. I'll never forget that in Seattle, I'd do a paper for an English class the night before it was due. I'd dash it out," he says. "I did the same for *The Scarlet Letter* at New Trier and got a D on my first paper."

"I was like, 'Oh man,'" he recalls. "I had to really buckle down."

The drama program at New Trier set him on his way.

"It's where I started acting," he says. "I remember going to my drama teacher and saying, 'Do you think that maybe I could be an actor? Do people actually do that for a living? Is it a possibility?' She said, 'Oh yeah, you should definitely do that. You will be great.'"

"The light bulb went off," he says. "I thought, 'Maybe I can make a living at this! And it worked out pretty well.'"

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MADEA'S BIG HAPPY FAMILY
The tough-talking grandma (Tyler Perry) takes over when the grown-up daughters of her ailing niece fail to care for mom the way they should. Perry wrote and directed the comedy.

WATER FOR ELEPHANTS
A veterinary student (Robert Pattinson) drops out of school after the death of his parents and joins a traveling circus during the Great Depression, caring for the animals and falling for a married woman (Reese Witherspoon). Francis Lawrence ("I am Legend") directed the romance, adapted from the best-seller by North Shore resident Sara Gruen. Rated PG-13 for moments of intense violence and sexual content.

STILL PLAYING:

THE CONSPIRATOR
A young Union war hero turned attorney (James McAvoy) reluctantly takes on the defense of a woman (Robin Wright) charged with conspiracy in the assassination of Abraham Lincoln. Robert Redford directed the drama. (123 min.) Rated PG-13 for some violent content.

IN A BETTER WORLD
The friendship between two boys turns to tragedy when one involves the other in an act of revenge. Susanne Bier ("Things We Lost in the Fire") directed the Danish drama. Winner of last year's Golden Globe for Best Foreign Film. (119 min.) In Danish with subtitles. Rated R for violent and disturbing content involving preteens, and for language.

RIO
★ ★ 1/2
There's nothing particularly wrong with "Rio," despite the usual frustration over a Blue Sky Studios production that fails to live up to the standard of its "Ice Age" franchise. It's a sweet, wholesome, perfectly pleasant little pre-adolescent time-waster that passes its 96 minutes agreeably and reasonably entertainingly. But this 3-D animated comedy is decidedly short on pizzazz. "Rio" is the story of over-intellectual, mildly neurotic, afraid-of-flying Blu (Jesse Eisenberg of "The Social Network"), the world's last remaining male blue macaw, who is whisked off to Rio by geeky ornithologist Tulio (Brazilian star Rodrigo Santoro) along with Tulio's bookish, overly bird-crazy and unattached owner Linda (Leslie Mann) to mate with feisty, freedom-loving wild thing Jewel (Anne Hathaway), the last remaining female blue. Soon, "Rio" turns into a typical screwball romance (with blue

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"Water for Elephants"



"Madea's Big Happy Family"

macaws) as Rio and Jewel run from evil smugglers who have chained them together, with Tulio and Linda following suit. Brazil-born director Carlos Saldanha tells Blu's story with the cool, emotionally detached, laid-back vibe of a samba. Unfortunately, while sambas might be great for dancing, they rarely offer much in the way of laughs. (B) (96 min.) Rated PG for mild off-color humor.

ARTHUR
The perpetually inebriated heir (Russell Brand) to a billion-dollar fortune risks losing his money by falling in love with a woman (Jennifer Garner) his family doesn't like. Northwestern grad Jason Winer (TV's "Modern Family") directed the remake of the 1981 hit. Rated PG-13 for alcohol use throughout, sexual content, language and some drug references.

HANNA
★ ★ 1/2
Few films begin as promisingly and end as disappointingly as this enigmatic, dazzlingly stylized, galvanically paced, ultimately frustrating and seemingly pointless ultra-violent action thriller. There's no denying, though, that "Hanna" is a blast while it's going strong. Director Joe Wright ("Atonement," "Pride and Prejudice," "The Soloist") apparently set out to prove he could apply the artfulness of his earlier films to this full-tilt pulp item about a teen girl (extravagantly talented 16-year-old Saoirse Ronan) raised

by evil spirits. Leigh Whannell and James Wan (the "Saw" franchise) wrote and directed the horror. (102 min.) Rated PG-13 for thematic material, violence, terror and frightening images, and brief strong language.

SOURCE CODE
A soldier (Jake Gyllenhaal) wakes up to find himself in the body of another man, with a mission to uncover the identity of a bomber who has threatened to blow up a train. Duncan Jones ("Moon") directed the sci-fi thriller. (93 min.) Rated PG-13 for some violence including disturbing images, and for language.

TRUST
Suburban parents (Clive Owen and Catherine Keener) are shocked to find their family threatened by their young daughter's new boyfriend when he turns out to be an Internet predator. David Schwimmer ("Run, Fatboy, Run") directed the thriller. (104 min.) Rated R for disturbing material involving the rape of a teen, language, sexual content and some violence.

WINTER IN WARTIME
★ ★ ★ 1/2
A 14-year-old boy comes of age - painfully - during the Nazi occupation of the Netherlands in World War II. Based on an autobiographical young-adult novel by Dutch physicist/statesman Jan Terlouw, "Winter in Wartime" tells the story of young Michiel (Martijn Lakemeier), whose eagerness to leave behind his boyhood and join the resistance quickly gets him into situations that threaten his life. Adapter/director Martin Koolhoven does a nice job of telling the story from Michiel's point of view and illustrating how his view of things rarely corresponds with the way things really are. Particularly his disdain for his father the mayor's (Raymond Thiry in an excellent performance) carefully weighed policy of cooperation with the Germans and his hero-worship of his resistance-fighting uncle Ben (Yorick van Wageningen). Michiel eventually gets his wish about giving up his childhood, though the event that finally moves him toward manhood is a shocking and tragic development. (In Dutch with subtitles.) Rated R for some language.

SOUL SURFER
A teenage surfer girl (AnnaSophia Robb) must find the courage to return to the sport after losing an arm in a shark attack. Sean McNamara ("The Suite Life: The Movie") directed the drama. Rated PG for an intense accident sequence and some thematic material.

HOP
I was a teenage Easter Bunny? The adolescent son (Russell Brand) of the Big Bunny leaves home to realize his dream of becoming a drummer, just as he's about to take over the family business. Tim Hill ("Alvin and the Chipmunks") directed the animated family comedy. Rated PG for some mild rude humor.

INSIDIOUS
New residents of a haunted house (Patrick Wilson and Rose Byrne) try to save their son when he's targeted

DIARY OF A WIMPY KID: RODRICK RULES
In this sequel to last year's surprise hit, wimpy Greg and his tormenting older brother Rodrick (Zachary Gordon and Devon Bostick) must cope with their parents' plans to make them bond. David Bowers ("Astro Boy") directed the comedy, based on the mega-selling series of young adult books.

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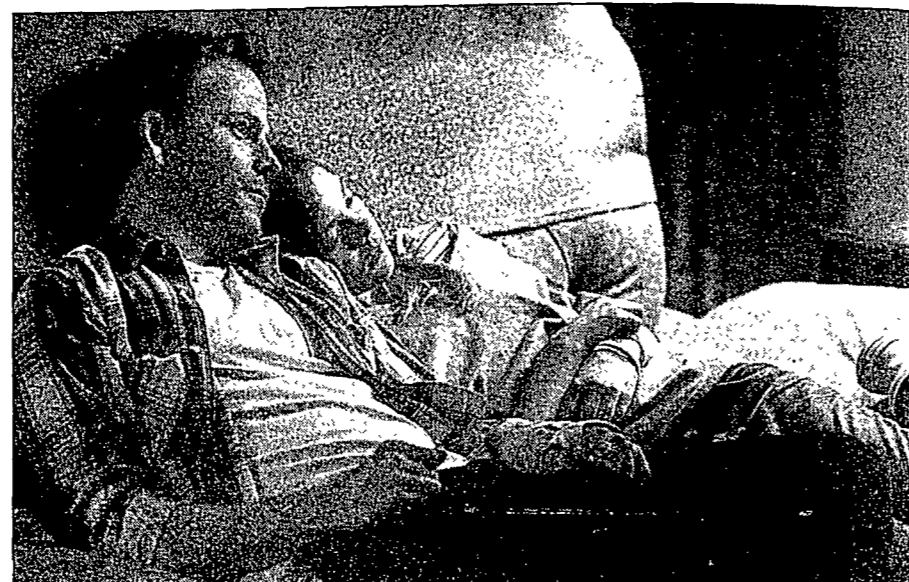
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NEW THIS WEEK:

SOMEWHERE

It's probable that Oscar-winning writer/director Sofia Coppola ("Lost in Translation") meant this story of a Hollywood superstar's tragic failure to connect to his 11-year-old daughter (Stephen Dorff and Elle Fanning click nicely) as something very personal indeed. If so, it's even more of a disappointment. But even if "Somewhere" is meant to be nothing more than a demystifying revelation of the emptiness and pointlessness of an A-list star's existence (the long, long opening shot of Dorff driving his Ferrari around in circles on a road leading nowhere double-under-scores that idea right away), the reality is that the film itself is empty, pointless and painfully dull. It would be going too far to say there's nothing of interest here, and if you stick with "Somewhere" long enough, you might find yourself settling into its slow, nearly non-rhythms. But even if you give this film every break in the world, you're likely to be intensely frustrated by its abrupt, unresolved ending. (BI) Rated R for sexual content, nudity and language. (Universal)

happily married couple (Nicole Kidman, Oscar-nominated, and Aaron Eckhart — both excellent), whose four-year-old child was recently killed in an accident. He, though equally tortured, wants to move on, but she is too wracked with anger and guilt to consider anything but lashing out at convenient targets. Sandra Oh is a major plus as a grieving parent who has grown bored with group therapy meetings. (BI) Rated PG-13 for mature thematic material, some drug use and language. (Lionsgate)

(BI) Rated PG-13 for some sequences of intense action violence, frightening images and brief sensuality. (Warner Brothers)

THE KING'S SPEECH

A touching portrait of the exceedingly unlikely friendship between King George VI (Oscar-winner Colin Firth) and the eccentric speech therapist (Geoffrey Rush, equally good) charged with curing his stutter on the eve of World War II. It helps that director Tom Hooper ("The Damned United," TV's "John Adams") frequently finds humor in the situation. (BI) Rated R for some language. (Weinstein/Anchor Bay)

RECENT RELEASES:

HARRY POTTER AND THE DEATHLY HALLOWS: PART 1

Part one of the final "Potter" adventure takes a long, long (long, long, long) time underscoring the seeming hopelessness of Harry, Hermione and Ron's mission to destroy the evil wizard Voldemort by locating and destroying seven fragments of his soul. Fortunately, there's just enough action (though little in the way of magical spectacle) to keep things interesting before setting the scene for part two with a tantalizing first-act closer.

RABBIT HOLE

ALSO NEW THIS WEEK:

BLOWOUT

Brian De Palma's 1981 thriller about a movie sound-man (John Travolta) who believes he accidentally recorded a political assassination gets the Criterion treatment with a new, restored digital transfer supervised by the director. Extras include a new hour-long interview with De Palma and Travolta's co-star Nancy Allen, plus on-set photos. (The Criterion Collection)

FORGIVENESS

A documentary exploring the act of forgiveness through a variety of stories, from estranged families and politically divided nations, including the post-Apartheid Truth and Reconciliation Hearings in South Africa. (Docurama)

HUMAN PLANET

A triple-disc set showcasing the BBC documentary series broadcast on the Discovery Channel. Extras include three hours of additional footage. (BBC/Warner)

MOGULS & MOVIE STARS: A HISTORY OF HOLLYWOOD

A seven-episode documentary series from Turner Classic Movies, exploring the history of Hollywood, from nickelodeons to now. Extras include a 40-page book featuring vintage photographs. (Warner)

THE TERROR

This low-budget Roger Corman drive-in feature from 1963 features an early performance by Jack Nicholson as a Napoleonic officer who becomes involved with a mysterious lady and an elderly baron (Boris Karloff) who has angered a vengeful witch. (Film Chest)

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"Crazy for You," presented by Rising Stars Theatre Co. May 7-22 at The Stahl Family Theatre, 5900 W. Belmont Ave., Chicago. Performances are at 7:30 p.m. Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays. \$16; \$14 for children under 12 and senior citizens. Mother's Day special, May 8, all seats \$12. Visit www.risingstarschicago.com or call (773) 736-2490.

"Harvest" will be performed April 21-May 1 at Oakton Community College's Studio One Theater, 1600 E. Golf Road, Des Plaines. Curtain is at 8 p.m. April 21, 22, 28, 29 and 30 and 2 p.m. April 23 and May 1. \$10; \$8 for students and seniors; \$5 for the preview on April 21. Call (847) 635-1900 or visit www.oakton.edu/tickets.

"Night and Her Stars," through April 24 at The Gift Theatre, 4802 N. Milwaukee, Chicago. Curtain at 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, 2:30 p.m. Sunday. \$25-\$30. Call (773) 283-7071 or visit www.thegifttheatre.org.

"The Outgoing Tide," May 12-June 19 at Northlight Theatre, located at the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie. \$40-\$50; \$30-\$45 for previews. May 12-20. Tickets for those 25 and under are \$10. Call (847) 673-6300 or visit www.northlight.org.

"Steel Magnolias," presented by the Saint Sebastian Players April 29-May 22 at St. Bonaventure, 1625 W. Diversey, Chicago. Curtain at 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays; 2 p.m. Sundays. \$15; \$10 for students; \$7 for children younger than 12 and senior citizens. (773) 404-7922 or www.saintsebastianplayers.org.

CLASSICAL

Ars Viva Symphony Orchestra performs at North Shore Center for the Performing Arts, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie. www.arviviva.org. (847) 673-6300. \$35-\$70, with discounts for seniors and students. May 1, 4:30 p.m.: "A Rising Star," with violinist Alexandra Switala, winner of the Music Institute of Chicago Young Artist Competition.

Bach Week Festival will be held April 29 and May 1 at Nichols Concert Hall at the Music Institute of Chicago, 1490 Chicago Ave., Evanston. The festival's opening concert will be at 7:30 p.m. Friday, featuring Bach's Concerto for Three Violins in D Major, with violin soloists Robert Hanford, Stefan Hersh and Mathias Tacke, and the Bach Week Festival Orchestra; "Brandenburg Concerto" No. 5 in D Major, with flutist Alyce Johnson, violinist Hersh, harpsichordist David Schrader and the orchestra; and Cantata No. 4, "Christ lag in Todesbanden," with soprano Rosalind Lee, tenor Hoss Brock and bass Douglas Anderson and the orchestra and Bach Week Festival Chorus. The festival's second concert will take place at 7:30 p.m. Sunday. The program includes Bach's Cello Suite in E-flat Major, with cellist Katinka Kleijn; Concerto in C Minor for Two Harpsichords, with keyboard artists Jason Moy and Richard Webster; and "Easter Oratorio," with soprano Patrice Michaels, mezzo-soprano Emily Lodine, tenor William Watson and bass Douglas Anderson, with the Bach Week Festival Orchestra and Chorus. Single tickets to each concert are \$35 general admission; \$25 for seniors; \$20 for students; \$10 for children 12 and younger. Festival subscriptions covering admission to both concerts are \$60; \$45 for seniors; \$35 for students; \$20 for children. Visit www.bachweek.org or call (800) 595-4849.

Chicago Chamber Musicians. (312) 225-5226. www.chicagochambermusic.org. Concerts are held at 7:30 p.m. Sundays at Pick-Staiger Concert Hall on Northwestern University's campus, 50 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston. \$20-\$40 for general admission; \$10 for students. May 8: CCM performs 20th century French chamber classics, including works by Francis Poulenc, Darius Milhaud, Andre Jolivet and others.

The Chicago Philharmonic Orchestra performs at 7 p.m. Sundays at Pick-Staiger Concert Hall on the Northwestern University campus, 50 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston. (847) 866-6888. www.chicagophilharmonic.org. \$20-\$75. May 15: "Rachleff Conducts Brahms," with pianist Jeffrey Siegel as guest soloist. The program includes Brahms' Symphony No. 1 and Beethoven's "Emperor" Piano Concerto No. 5 in E-flat Major.

Music Institute of Chicago, Nichols Concert Hall, 1490 Chicago Ave., Evanston. (847) 905-1500. www.musicinst.org. Tickets are \$25; \$15 for senior citizens; \$10 for students, unless noted otherwise. May 7, 7:30 p.m.: Cellist Wendy Warner and pianist Irina Nuzova will perform works by Nikolai Mifaskovsky, Beethoven and Felix Mendelssohn. May 14, 7:30 p.m.: "Concerto Extravaganza." Pianist Marta Aznavoorian, violinist Desirée Ruhstrat and cellist Wendy Warner perform the top three concertos of the 2010-11 season, as voted on by MIC audiences. The program includes works by Beethoven, Mendelssohn and Tchaikovsky. May 21, 7:30 p.m.: Pacifica Quartet performs an all-Beethoven program.

Music of the Baroque performs at First United Methodist Church of Evanston, 1630 Hinman Ave. (312) 551-1414. www.baroque.org. \$38, \$45, \$60. May 22, 7:30 p.m.: Glover Conducts Mozart — The Last Three Symphonies. Free pre-concert lecture by Carl Grapentine at 6:30 p.m.

Northwest Symphony Orchestra, Paul Vermet, music director, presents concerts at 3:30 p.m. Sundays in the Theatre for the Performing Arts at Maine

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Peter Durkin of Elmwood Park and Marian Kaderbek of Chicago in "The Drowsy Chaperone." | Rob Hart-Sun-Times Media

'The Drowsy Chaperone' has a lively time on stage

'The Drowsy Chaperone'
 Big Noise Theatre Company, Prairie Lakes Theatre, 515 E. Thacker St., Des Plaines. 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 3 p.m. Sundays, April 22-May 15. \$23, \$21 seniors, \$16 children. (847) 604-0275 or www.ovationtix.com or www.bignoise.org.

By **MYRNA PETLICKI**
 Contributor

No one will be dozing during Big Noise Theatre Company's production of "The Drowsy Chaperone." Cast members we interviewed all made it clear that the show is a riot.

The Tony award-winning musical by Bob Martin and Don McKellar (book), and Lisa Lambert and Greg Morrison (music and lyrics) is launched by the Man in Chair, who obsessively loves Broadway musicals. He begins listening to a cast album of his favorite, "The Drowsy Chaperone," and the show comes to life in his living room.

The musical within a musical focuses on showgirl Janet van de Graaff, who plans to quit her career to marry oil tycoon Robert Martin. The cast of wacky characters includes everything from a pair of gang-

sters disguised as pastry chefs to the tipsy chaperone of the title and a butler who never loses his composure.

Peter Durkin of Elmwood Park plays Aldolpho, who he categorized as "the Latin Lothario. His intentions are in the right place but he goes about everything the wrong way."

Classic-to-be

Durkin is a big fan of the musical, which he first saw in New York. "I really love the show," he said. "I think it's a new classic music theater piece. In 80 years, it will be like 'Guys and Dolls' and 'South Pacific,' where everyone will know 'The Drowsy Chaperone.' It's really silly, it's got a lot of heart and each character has its little moment to shine."

Ensemble member Laura Wesslund of Morton Grove is Reporter No. 1 in the musical's silly "Show Off" scene. "I'm just a part of the craziness," Wesslund said. "The ensemble is primarily the staff in the house where the wedding preparations are being made." That keeps the performers on their toes, "running in and out, clean-

ing things up, and singing and dancing randomly."

Not only is the ensemble helping to move the action along, they are also responsible for moving some of the set pieces. "We'll bring on a table and kind of dust it off," Wesslund reported.

The ensemble also sings and dances in the big production numbers, one of the showiest being "Toledo Surprise." Wesslund called it "a fun number where all these people come out of nowhere and are singing about this made-up thing."

Wesslund, who was a company member at Picture Us Different Dance Studio in Park Ridge when she was growing up, earned a bachelor's degree in theater from Northwestern University. In addition to her musical theater work, she performs with Be the Groove rhythmic performance ensemble. She also teaches dance, acting and music theater at Metropolis Performing Arts Centre in Arlington Heights, Danztheatre Ensemble in Chicago and Picture Us Different Dance Studio.

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Reely Dan celebrates '70s sound

Reely Dan
 Skokie Theatre, 7924 N. Lincoln Ave. 8 p.m. Saturday, April 23. \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door. (847) 677-7761 or www.skokietheatre.com.

By **MYRNA PETLICKI**
 Contributor

Fans of Steely Dan will love Reely Dan when the group performs at the Skokie Theatre, Saturday, April 23. So will anyone who appreciates great music.

Reely Dan is an 11-member Steely Dan Tribute Band. Their performances feature many of the hits of the Rock & Roll Hall of Famers, who have sold more than 80 million albums and were especially hot in the 1970s.

The group is co-directed by Bob Blom and Steve Kikoen, both of Arlington Heights. Kikoen, who is the director of music and theater for the Lincolnwood Schools, wasn't able to join the group when it started around 2003 because he was in the process of forming Bebop Daddys, an original music project which produces songs similar to Steely Dan's. A year later, Kikoen became Reely Dan's guitarist.

Music mix

Kikoen said that Steely Dan is "like the Beatles of the 1970s. I have a real liking for jazz music and Steely Dan is heavily jazz music, yet they also incorporate rock and pop and funk and soul and rhythm and blues. It's really a tremendous marriage of all



Reely Dan

these popular music styles. They were basically a jazz band disguised as a rock band."

Steely Dan's many hits included "Rikki Don't Lose that Number," "Babylon Sisters," "Do It Again" and "Reelin' in the Years."

Walter Becker and Donald Fagen form the core of Steely Dan, with the rest of the band comprised of studio musicians. Keyboard player Fagen is the lead singer. "Our keyboard player (Bob Blom) is also the lead singer," Kikoen noted. "He pulls off an amazing Donald Fagen vibe."

Because this adds "legitimacy" to the tribute band, Kikoen has no problem letting Blom be the focus of the group most often, even though, he reported, "I've been the lead singer as well as the lead guitarist in every band I've ever been in." Kikoen does take over

the lead for six of the 25 songs in the Reely Dan set.

Another reason that Kikoen is glad that Blom's the lead singer is that the Steely Dan guitar parts "are so difficult that I cherish the fact that I can concentrate on the guitar much more than I normally would."

In addition to Kikoen and Blom, who both have dazzling musical resumes (see reelydan.com), the band consists of "top level, first call studio musicians in the City of Chicago," Kikoen said. There are three horn players, a bass player, a drummer and a second keyboardist, plus a women's singing trio, the Chi-Town Sisters (Tina Jenkins-Crawley, Carol Baskin and Lara Jenkins).

Successful shows

Reely Dan performs frequently at FitzGerald's in Berwyn and had a sold-out

performance at the Metropolis Performing Arts Centre in Arlington Heights in January. They've also scheduled for a return performance at Metropolis next January. They've also performed at a number of summer festivals, including Lincolnwood Fest, Taste of Chicago and Summerfest in Milwaukee.

A year and a half ago, Reely Dan performed live on WGN-TV's morning news show. "It was a tremendous experience," Kikoen related, "and as an outcome of that single performance we were able to break into the theater circuit. We love playing nightclubs but people have often said that our tribute group should really be in the theater circuit because it lends itself to an in-concert experience."

The Skokie Theatre audience will see and hear what Kikoen means.

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Organization man

Mark Komiskey of Vernon Hills gets a reprieve from the furniture moving because he plays George, Robert Martin's best man. "George is a little bit neu-

rotic," Komiskey said. "He has to plan out the whole wedding. George's job is to make sure that everything is running smoothly." Duties range from arranging the pews to paying the musicians and ordering rice for tossing.

"But it seems like the main task that he is concerned about the whole time is finding the minister," Komiskey said. "By

the end of the show, he ends up finding a minister—one way or another."

Everything comes together because George is very organized, although he has a strange way of accomplishing tasks. "He ties strings to his fingers to remember things," Komiskey reported.

Komiskey, who studied mathematics in college,

works as an actuary in the insurance industry. He loves performing, though, and particularly enjoys dancing. That's why he relishes his tap number with the groom, "Cold Feets."

Komiskey praised "The Drowsy Chaperone." "I like how it almost makes fun of musical theater because it's kind of campy," he said. "It's fun for all audiences."

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Skokie Theatre, 7924 Lincoln Ave., Skokie. Call (847) 677-7761 or visit www.skokie theatre.com. May 15, 7:30 p.m.: Northshore Opera Hour. \$20 in advance; \$25 at the door. Skokie Valley Symphony Orchestra performs at 3 p.m. Sundays at the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie. \$23-\$37; \$10 for children. Free pre-concert lec-

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The energy with which the choir sings is like a Gospel choir, although Funnye prefers the term

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By **LEE A. LITAS**
Dining Columnist

"We're not just pizza," stresses Randy Miles, co-owner of Village Inn Pizzeria restaurants in Skokie and Glenview. But it is precisely VIP's cheesy pies that have made it a success for the past 20 years.

While celebrating their 20th anniversary last October, Miles and business partner Diana Rumsley, both of Skokie, were discussing expansion. When they found a spot in Glenview with an original 1950s rotating pizza oven they knew they found their place.

The workhorse oven was identical to the one that came with the Skokie location when Miles bought it in 1990. "I bought a place that I grew up in," said Miles. That place was his neighborhood pizza joint which from 1954-1985 was called Alberti's Pizzeria. Unfortunately the famous taste Miles had remembered disappeared after the business changed hands five times. "It was just awful and not the pizza I grew up with."

So on a lark, Miles offered to buy the place. "I jokingly made a low-ball offer and (the former owner) accepted and that was the beginning of my restaurant career in Skokie," laughed Miles.

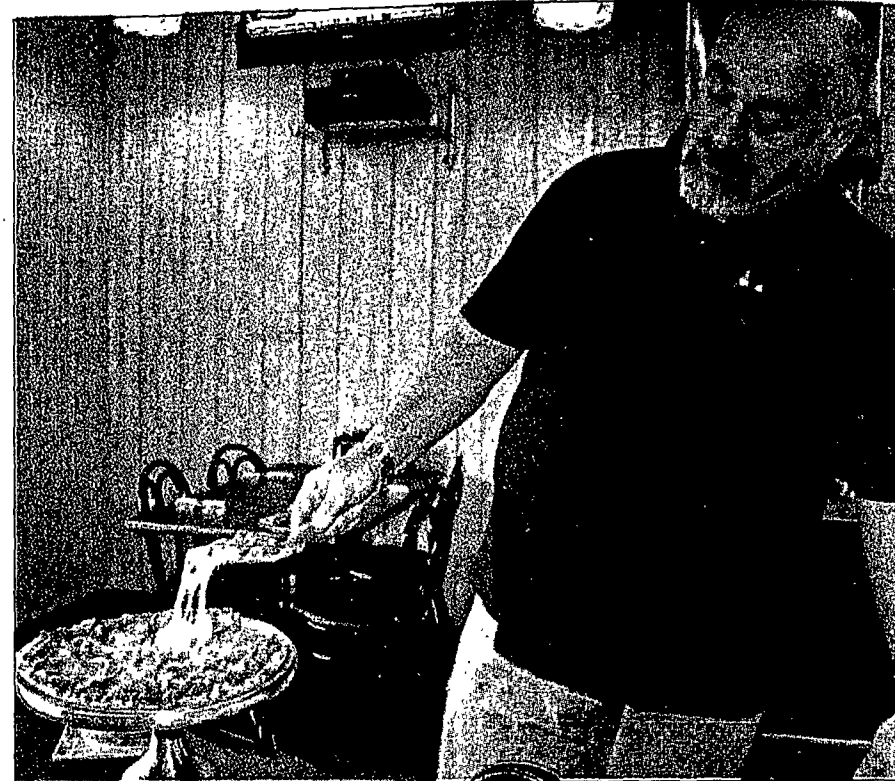
The challenge quickly became to recreate the original pizza recipe. Luckily, Alberti's original waitress was still there.

"Pat came with the place," said Miles of the sassy original fixture who, much like the pizza oven, was a key component to making the delicious pies.

"She was a little bitty thing with the beehive hairdo and the mole over here and the knitting needle in her hair over there, and talking like a truck driver. She was just very stereotypical," said Miles.

Pat knew the original recipe but was unclear on the proportions of ingredients. It took six weeks of trial and error in order to get the recipe from Pat's head into a successfully-finished product.

"For six weeks we made pizza, and we made pizza, and we tried different things," said Miles of the



Co-owner Randy Miles of Village Inn Pizzeria in Skokie and Glenview pulls off a slice of what's made his place a success for the past 20 years. | Lee Litas-for Sun-Times Media

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University, 40 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston. (847) 491-4000. www.block-museum.northwestern.edu. Gallery hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesdays, Saturdays and Sundays; 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. A Through Aug. 14: "I Myself Have Seen It: Photography and Kiki Smith." April 27, 9:30 a.m.: "Educating the Eye: Seeing Kiki Smith's Art Through Photography," led by Elizabeth Brown, chief curator of the University of Washington's Henry Art Gallery. \$10. Reservations are required; call (847) 491-7540. April 27, 5:30 p.m.: "Curator's Lecture: Pho-

tography and Kiki Smith." May 12, 7 p.m.: "A Conversation with Kiki Smith." May 21, 2 p.m.: Block Cinema presents "Kiki Smith: Squatting the Palace," a 2006 documentary film. Through Aug. 14: "Social Mobility: Collaborative Projects with Temporary Services." The Chicago-based collaborative artists' group Temporary Services has gained national and international attention for its experimental methods for making and displaying art. This interactive installation combines older and more recent works. Dittmar Memorial Gallery at Northwestern University's Norris Center, 1999 Campus Drive, Evanston. www.norris.northwestern.edu/dittmar.php. (847) 491-2348. Through May 8: "On the Edge," works by Chicago-based and Nigerian-born artist Nnenna Oko-

re. Most of the works are constructed from handmade paper layered with fibrous materials and dyes. Emily Oaks Nature Center, 4650 Brummel St., Skokie. (847) 674-1500. Through May 3: Skokie Art Guild members' spring exhibit, "Nature's Palette." For more information, visit www.skokieartguild.org. Lincolnwood Village Hall, 6900 N. Lincoln Ave., Lincolnwood. Gallery hours: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday. Visit www.lincolnwoodil.org/artgallery.cfm. Through April 30: "Pete's Lens," photographs by Peter J. Nussbaum. Oakton Community College, Koehnline Museum of Art, 1600 E. Golf Road, Des Plaines. (847) 635-2633. www.oakton.edu/museum. Gallery hours: 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Friday; 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturdays; June through August,

hours are 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday-Thursday. Through April 22: "OakArt 2011," paintings, drawings, sculpture, ceramics, digital art and photography by student artists. May 5-Aug. 18: "Ariant Family Collection: Self-Taught Artists of the 20th Century," featuring sculpture, drawing, painting, textiles, metalwork and ceramics. Opening reception will be held from 5-8 p.m. May 5. On View, 139 N. Northwest Highway, Park Ridge. (224) 585-0503. Featured artist presentations take place from 4:30-6:30 p.m. with a short, informal talk by the artist, followed by a question and answer session. April 23: Photographer Brian Franczyk. May 21: Painter Nancy Rosen. June 25: Photographer Jeff Burk. Perspective Group and Photography Gallery, 1310-1/2B Chicago Ave.,

Evanston, a not-for-profit, community-oriented cooperative whose purpose is to promote photography as fine art. Gallery hours are noon-6 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, noon-5 p.m. Sundays. Visit www.perspectivegallery.org or call (224) 200-1155. Through May 1: "Verna Todd: Hasta, Time, Weather" and "MFA Students from Indiana University: An Exhibition of Recent Work." Services for Adults Staying in Their Homes, 1123 Emerson, Suite 200, Evanston. www.SASiathome.org. (847) 864-7274. Gallery hours are 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Wednesdays and Fridays or by appointment. Through May 13: "Celebrating Experience: A Gallery of Art by Older Adults," with paintings and pottery by Marjorie Graham, Cicely Clarke Michalak, Alice Martin and Doug Collins.

AUDITIONS & OPPORTUNITIES

MUSICIANS

The Music Institute of Chicago will hold auditions for the Academy, an elite training program for gifted pre-collegiate string players and pianists seeking professional careers, from 4-8 p.m. April 29 at its Winnetka campus, Thoresen Performance Center, 300 Green Bay Road. For more information or to schedule an audition, call Sue Polutnik, (847) 905-1500, ext. 122.

SINGERS

The Evanston-based Music Institute Chorale is accepting new members for its remaining concert of this season,

"Sacred Service by Ernst Bloch" on June 18. For information, call (847) 905-1500, ext. 120.

ARTISTS

Submissions of abstract and non-objective artworks are currently being accepted for "Driven to Abstraction: cubes, drips & fields of color," an exhibit that will be on display May 13 through August 19 at Gallery 4502, located in the Lorraine H. Morton Civic Center, 2100 Ridge Ave., Evanston. Artists ages 16 and older who live or work in Evanston are eligible to enter. All media will be considered. Two-dimensional pieces must be framed and ready to hang, wire preferred, and not to exceed 40" x 30". Sculptural pieces must not weigh more than 40 pounds. Submit low-resolution jpegs of work to Norah Diedrich at ndiedrich@evantonartcenter.org no later than April 25, or call (847) 475-5300 for more details.

Artists are invited to jury to be among the exhibitors in the 21st annual An Arts & Crafts Adventure, to be presented by the American Society of Artists from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. May 7 on the grounds of Hodges Park, Prospect and Vine, Park Ridge. For information, call (847) 991-4748 or visit www.americanartsocietyofartists.org.

Custer Street Fair is accepting applications from artists and vendors for the 2011 festival, to be held June 18-19 at Chicago Avenue and Main Street, Evanston. Call (847) 328-2204 or visit www.custerfair.com/applications.

Call for artists for the Skokie Art Guild's 50th annual Art Fair, to be held July 9-10 on Skokie's Village Green, 5211

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BENEFITS

St. William Parish presents its fifth annual "Raising The Roof" at 8 p.m. April 29-30 in Liebrich Hall, 2559 N. Sayre, Chicago. The evening includes a mini concert by local singers, a comedy production by The Harlem Nights Players, food, and a Chicago Media Auction with items donated by Steve Dahl, Gary Meier, Tom Skilling and others. Tickets are \$8 at the door. Call (773) 637-6565, ext. 37.

"Grace," a musical tribute in honor of Michelle Nicastro Stark, will be presented at 12:30 p.m. May 1 at Mayne Stage, 1328 W. Morse Ave. in Rogers Park, Chicago. Performers include cabaret artists John Mahady and Beckie Menzie. Proceeds will benefit a scholarship fund for musical theater students at Northwestern University. Tickets are \$25. Call (866) 468-3401 or visit www.maynestage.com.

Ars Viva Symphony Orchestra will hold its annual benefit gala on May 14 at the Exmoor Country Club in Highland Park. Hershey Felder, pianist, actor, playwright and composer, will preview his new work, "City of Light." Cost is \$225 per person. Call (847) 615-1811 or visit www.arsviva.org.

BOOKS & POETRY

Barnes & Noble, 55 Old Orchard Center, Skokie. (847) 676-2230. April 28,

7:30 p.m.: Bob Greene discusses and signs 20 Years Younger: Look Younger, Feel Younger, Be Younger! May 4, 5-7 p.m.: Ruby the Dog will attend a signing event for Ruby's Tale by Patrick Betendorf.

Niles Public Library, 6960 Oakton St., Niles. (847) 663-6405. www.nileslibrary.org. April 25, 7 p.m.: Discussion of The School of Essential Ingredients by Erica Bauermeister.

CHILD'S PLAY

Kids Fare series, featuring hour-long concerts for children ages 3 to 8 and their families, are held at Pick-Staiger Concert Hall at Northwestern University, 50 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston, unless noted otherwise. Information: (847) 491-5441; tickets: (847) 467-4000. www.pickstaiger.org. All Kids Fare concerts begin at 10:30 a.m. Tickets: \$7, \$5 for senior citizens; \$4 for children. April 23: "Pluck Those Strings." A celebration of string instruments by the Northwestern University Guitar Ensemble will feature guitars, banjos, lutes, mandolins, harps, balalaikas, ukuleles and more. May 7: "Charming Chamber Music," featuring string, woodwind and brass instrumentalists and small ensembles.

Light Opera Works is currently taking enrollments for its 2011 Musical Theater Summer Workshop, to be held at Lake Street Church in Evanston. Students ages 8-15 will learn singing, dancing and acting in preparation for a public performance of a mini-musical at the McGaw YMCA. Five separate one-week workshops will be offered, includ-

ing "Annie," June 20-25; "High School Musical," June 27-July 2; "H.M.S. Pinafore," July 11-16; "Fiddler on the Roof," July 18-23; and "Willy Wonka," July 25-30. Each workshop meets from 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, with the performance on Saturday. Fee is \$350 per workshop. Register online at www.LightOperaWorks.com or call (847) 869-6300.

Lincolnwood Public Library, 4000 W. Pratt Ave. (847) 677-5277. www.lincolnwoodlibrary.org. April 25, 3:30 p.m.: Kid Flicks features a screening of "Flipped." April 27, 3 p.m.: Poetry Month celebration featuring poems from Shel Silverstein's Runny Babbit, as well as activities and snacks.

Lollie, 1312 Chicago Ave., Evanston. www.lollieshop.com. Third Thursdays Storytime with The Storybook Mom. All storytimes are at 10:30 a.m. and last 30-45 minutes. Open to all ages. Free. May 19: "We Love Mommy and Daddy," with Mother's Day and Father's Day family stories.

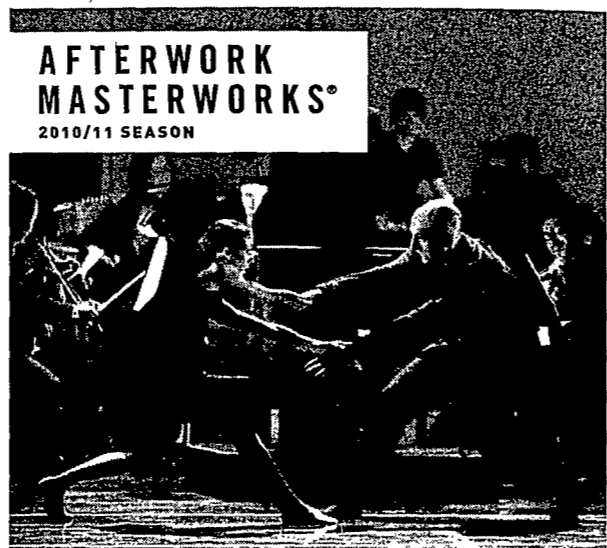
Niles Public Library District, 6960 Oakton St., Niles. (847) 663-6405. www.nileslibrary.org. April 23, 2 p.m.: Screening of "Megamind," rated PG. North Shore Center for the Performing Arts, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie. (847) 673-6300. www.northshorecenter.org. May 7, 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.: Art-Power National Touring Theatre presents "Madeline and the Bad Hat." \$18. Rosemont Theatre, 5400 N. River Road, Rosemont. Tickets are available at www.ticketmaster.com or (800) 745-

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Funny ladies Comedian Patti Vasquez will be one of the performers when Steve Cochran presents "Ladies' Night," a show that also features comedy from Ana Belaval and Jann Karem. InterContinental Chicago O'Hare Hotel, 5300 N. River Road, Rosemont. 8:30 p.m. April 23. \$27. (847) 544-5300. www.montroseroom.com.

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True tales of bad bugs and their dark deeds

Amy Stewart, *Wicked Bugs: The Louse That Conquered Napoleon's Army & Other Diabolical Insects* 7 to 8:30 p.m., Saturday, April 23, lecture in Aisdorf Auditorium, Chicago Botanic Garden, 1000 Lake Cook Road, Glencoe. Cost for the lecture is \$12. Chicago Botanic Garden members pay \$10. Parking is \$20. For more information and to register, visit <http://www.chicagobotanic.org/school/>

symposia or call (847) 835-8261.

By JOANNA BRODER
Contributor

Climbing the walls of your bedroom. Chewing up the vegetables in your garden. Skittering across

your living room rug. Insects are everywhere. Household bugs may be fairly harmless, but not all insects are created equal. In fact some are most unequally fiendish, devouring crops, gnawing apart buildings, causing disease,

and wreaking many other forms of destruction, even death.

Author and journalist Amy Stewart has profiled some of the world's most destructive bugs in her new book *Wicked Bugs: The Louse That Conquered Napoleon's Army & Other Diabolical Insects* (Algonquin Books, 2011).

Stewart will share her discoveries about the sinister side of the natural world in talks in the Chicago area during the next two weeks.

Wicked Bugs is a follow-up of sorts to Stewart's 2009 New York Times Bestseller *Wicked Plants: The Weed that Killed Lincoln's Mother & Other Botanical Atrocities*.

"My goal with both of these books was not to write a comprehensive, reference guide to every venomous and stinging insect in the world, but instead to tell stories," Stewart said in a telephone interview. "It's really about saying, 'Here is a minuscule little bug that literally changed the course of French history...'"

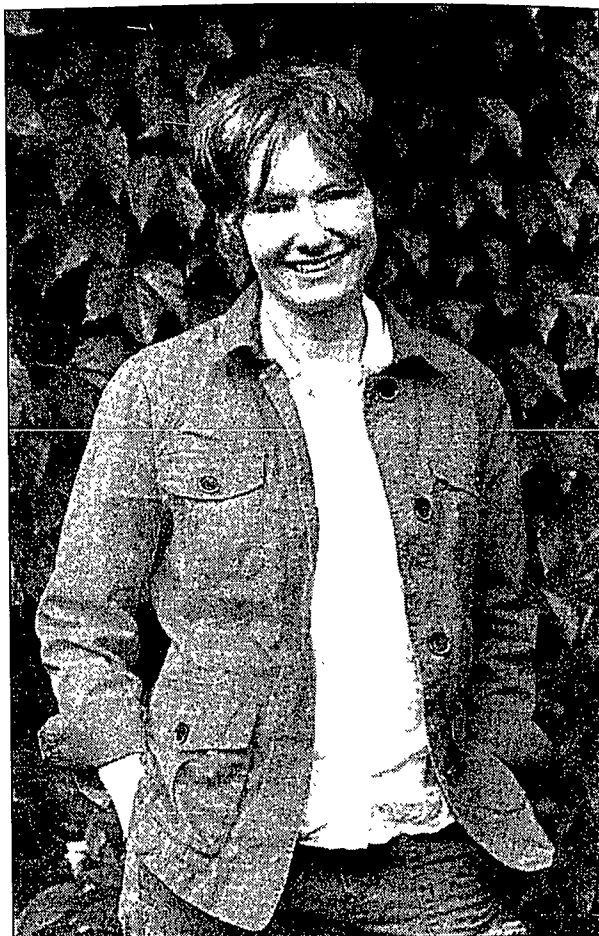
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One chapter of *Wicked Bugs* is dedicated to the story of a young Charles Darwin and how he happened upon the assassin bug.

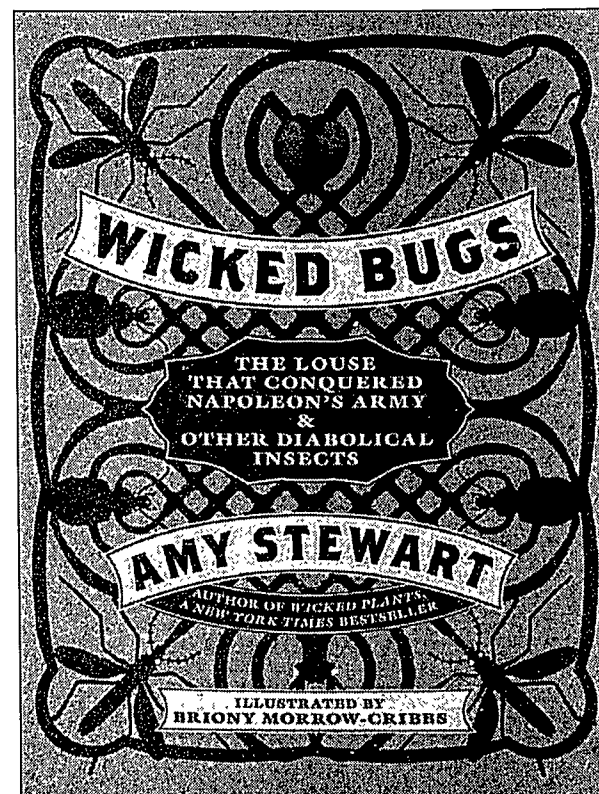
While aboard the HMS Beagle, a British naval ship surveying South America, Darwin and some of his shipmates tried an experiment. They offered themselves up to the black, bloodsucking bugs of the region, allowing the insects to bite them so other men could study them.

What Darwin and his companions didn't know, Stewart writes, is that assassin bugs can transmit a fatal illness called Chagas disease, a parasitic illness that can lead to a chronic infection and death, 10 to 20 years after exposure.

"There are many people that believe that (Chagas disease) may be what ultimately



Amy Stewart



killed Charles Darwin," Stewart said. Stewart will discuss the "secret lives" of 100 entomological foes. Beth Pinarogote, manager of symposia and special programs for the Regenstein School of the Chicago Botanic Garden, said that she

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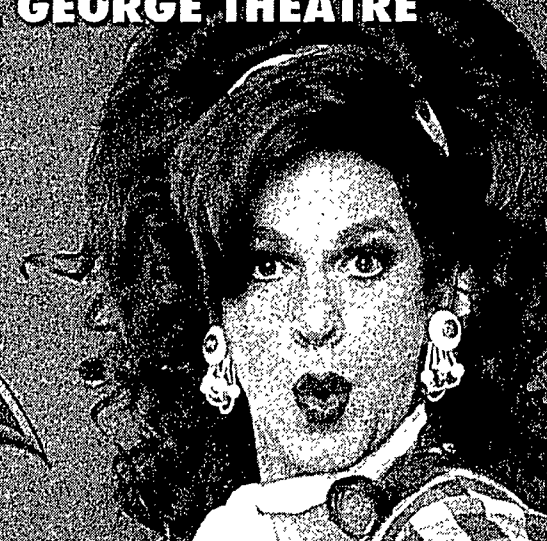
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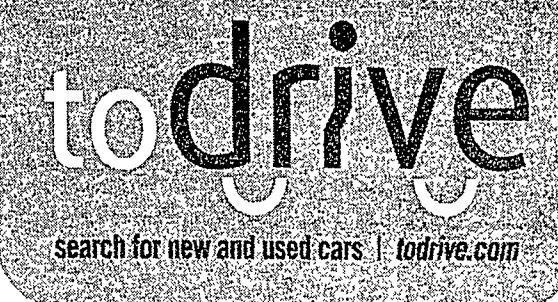
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DREAM A LITTLE DREAM

Pricy, fast and rare: Porsche 911 Speedster



BY REX ROY

For Sun-Times Media

Unless you're a dedicated Porscheophile, a 911 is a 911. When an enthusiast rattles off the differences between the 27 different 2011 911 models, the explanations could sound like different frequencies of static depending on the audience.

Introduced just as Chicago settled into a snowy winter, the new 2011 Speedster is a 911 that even non-Porscheophiles can recognize as different. First shown in October at the 2010 Paris Auto Show, the \$204,400 911 will arrive at local dealers in time for our long overdue spring.

On paper, the rear-drive 911 Speedster appears to be a heavily optioned 911 GTS Cabriolet. One look at the cars side-by-side, however, contradicts that thought — superficially, at least. While the GTS and Speedster do share a 408-horsepower 3.8-liter six-cylinder engine — and sophisticated running gear and chassis components — the Speedster has an exterior profile all its own.

Well, not quite all its own. The bubble-shaped tonneau cover recalls the original Porsche Speedsters from 1953. James Dean drove one. Porsche marketed more recent limited-edition Speedster models in 1988 and 1993/94. Only 356 examples of the 2011 Speedster will be produced, with just 100 expected in the United States.

Standard fitment on Speedsters includes wider

rear fenders that are identical to 911 models fitted with the fire-breathing turbocharged engine. The Speedster also gets a seven-speed PDK transmission (a manual gearbox that you don't have to shift manually), sport chrono plus (adds go-fast goodies), Porsche active suspension management (an adjustable suspension) and Porsche ceramic composite brakes (great for making multiple stops from 180 mph). In a word, the 911 Speedster's standard equipment list is pure overkill. Ain't it great?

Overkill helps make the 911 Speedster special. Inside, the door skins are light-weight aluminum. The front fenders and nose are sport design package pieces, and the functional side skirts come from the GT2.

The Speedster's unique profile comes from an aluminum rear tonneau cover that encapsulates the folded convertible roof. The Speedster's top requires 14 steps to raise and lower. In other words, you'd better check the weather before you leave the garage with the top lowered.

Raised, the multilayer top sealed out the world satisfactorily. Lowered, the converse is true. The driver, however, quickly realizes that the mirrors are his only practical means of seeing what's behind him. Glancing over the shoulder nets an eye-full of nothing. The tonneau surface is well above the driver's shoulder height and blocks all rearward sightlines.

Not to worry. The interior of the Speedster is nice

2011 PORSCHE 911 SPEEDSTER

ENGINE: 408-horsepower 3.8-liter six-cylinder

TRANSMISSION: seven-speed PDK

DRIVETRAIN: rear-wheel drive

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AS TESTED: not available

WEBSITE: porsche.com

enough you could just stare at it. Opening the door, the sill plates announce this 911's limited edition status. Leather covers almost everything. The vent surrounds and even the door pulls are covered in cow.

There is interior storage behind the front seats, a spot to hold an MP3 player in the center console and a glove box. Packed wisely, the 911 Speedster would make a great weekend getaway machine if the weatherman rules out rain.

On the road this Porsche is absolutely docile in traffic. If you can drive a Toyota Avalon, you can drive this 911. When loosed, the 911 Speedster instantly becomes a grown-up Hot Wheels car that's on the hunt for some orange track to race on.

Nailing the throttle rockets the car forward and, if you're not careful, your license into the hands

of a waiting Illinois state trooper. Porsche states a minimum 0-60 mph time of 4.2 seconds.

To help drivers accelerate quickly, the Speedster has a launch-control function. After engaging launch control and sport plus buttons, drivers press the brake pedal while flooring the throttle. When the driver releases the brake, the 911 ferociously surges. Electronics limit wheel spin to the optimal percentage, ensuring explosive takeoffs for even lousy drivers.

After more than nearly 200 miles of driving a manual and an automatic Speedster, any and all arguments for the superiority of manual gearboxes were vaporized. The only reason to own a car with a manual transmission is for the mechanical interaction and satisfaction it can give a driver. In every aspect of measurable performance for the 911, the ZF-manufactured dual-clutch gearbox delivers quicker acceleration and safer, better balanced performance than the six-speed manual box.

The PDK transmission receives its power from a slightly larger engine compared to a garden-variety 911: 3.8 liters versus 3.6 liters. Horsepower is up from the standard 911's 345 to 408 at 7,300 rpm.

For a Midwestern owner, the 911 Speedster would make a wonderful summer car. Its profile stands out and looks special. Its performance works like paddles on a stopped heart. Its rarity should help it retain more of its value than more common Porsches.

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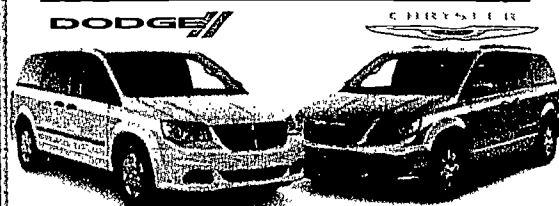
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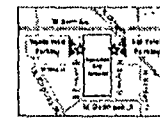


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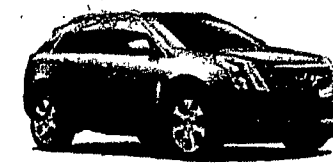


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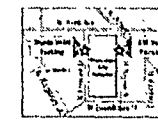


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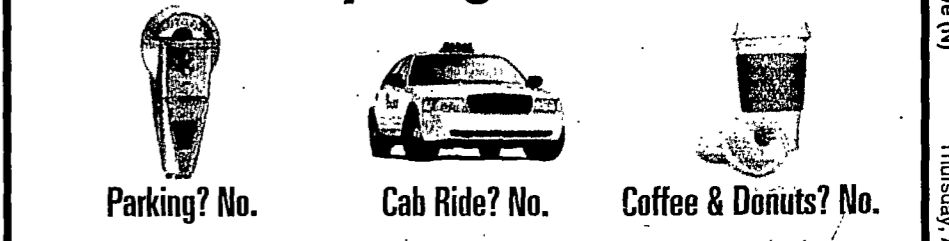
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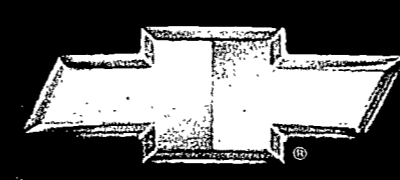
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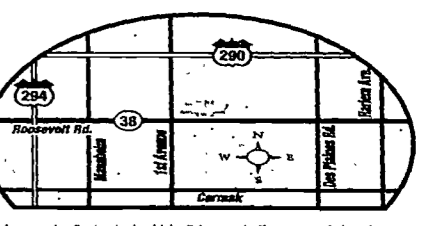
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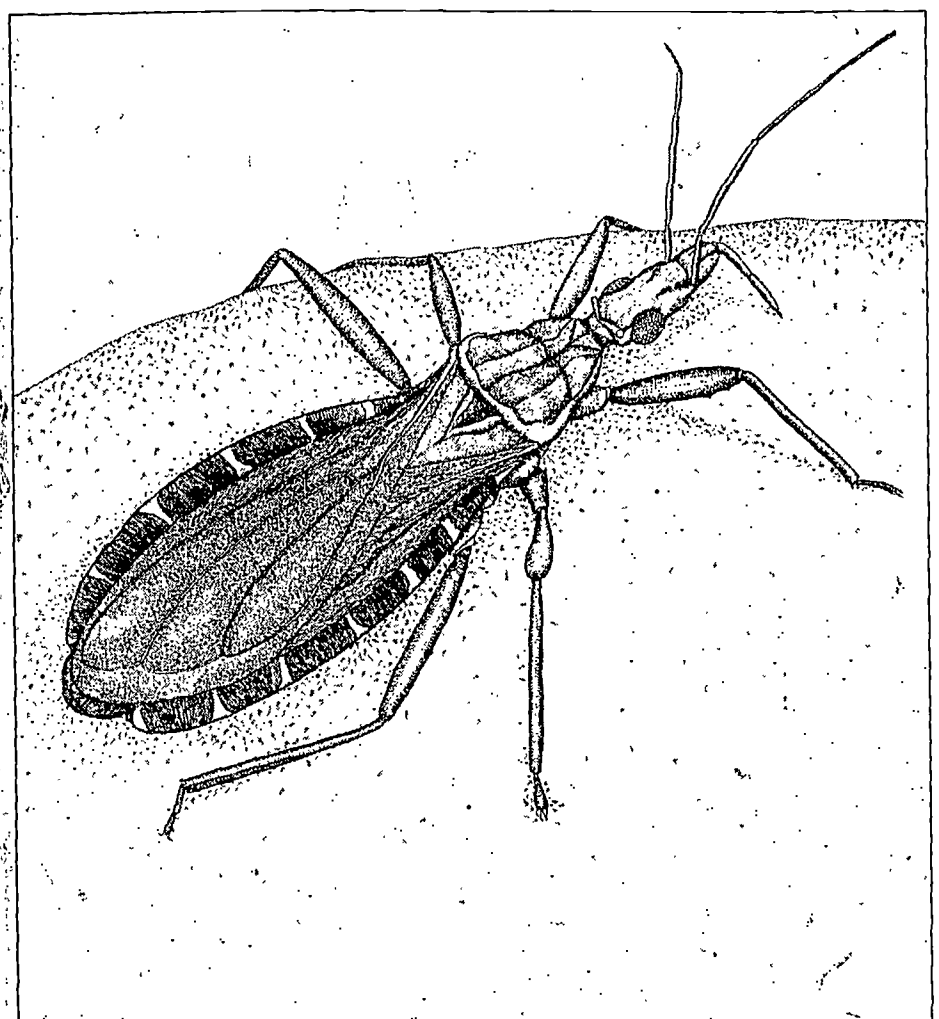
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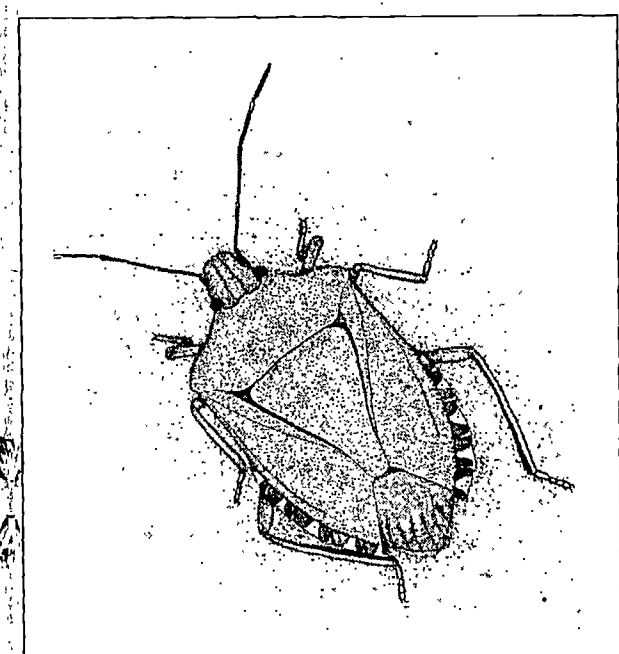
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hopes the audience will "take away a curiosity and a passion to explore further the world around them."
 Stewart's book has broad appeal, she noted. "... Any

adult that's interested in a cultural type subject will find it fascinating."
Bugs and people
 Stewart, who studied anthropology in college and

city planning in graduate school and now lives in Eureka, Calif., with her husband, said she finds the interaction between people and the natural world "endlessly fascinating."
 She said she approaches these books like a reporter would, interviewing experts, such as agriculturalists, "who actually know something." Not being a botanist or entomologist, her job is to call those people and find out what they know, she noted.
 The first phase of the research for *Wicked Bugs* was to come up with a list of which bugs to write about. "I try to cast a very broad net," she said, "and it makes for this very wide-ranging kind of research and it's really fun."
 But these bugs wouldn't be bad if it wasn't for the human endeavors they thwart. So Stewart's book, she added, "is more the people than anything else. I've never not written about people."

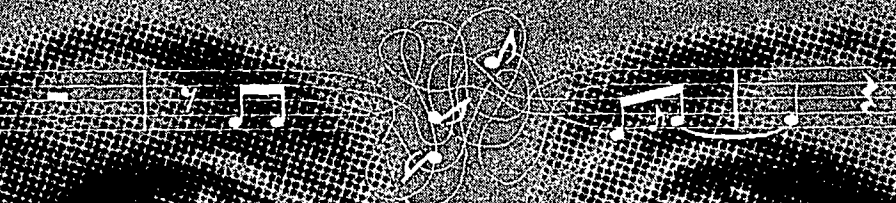
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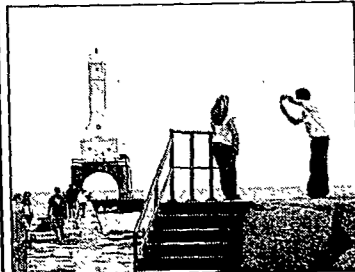
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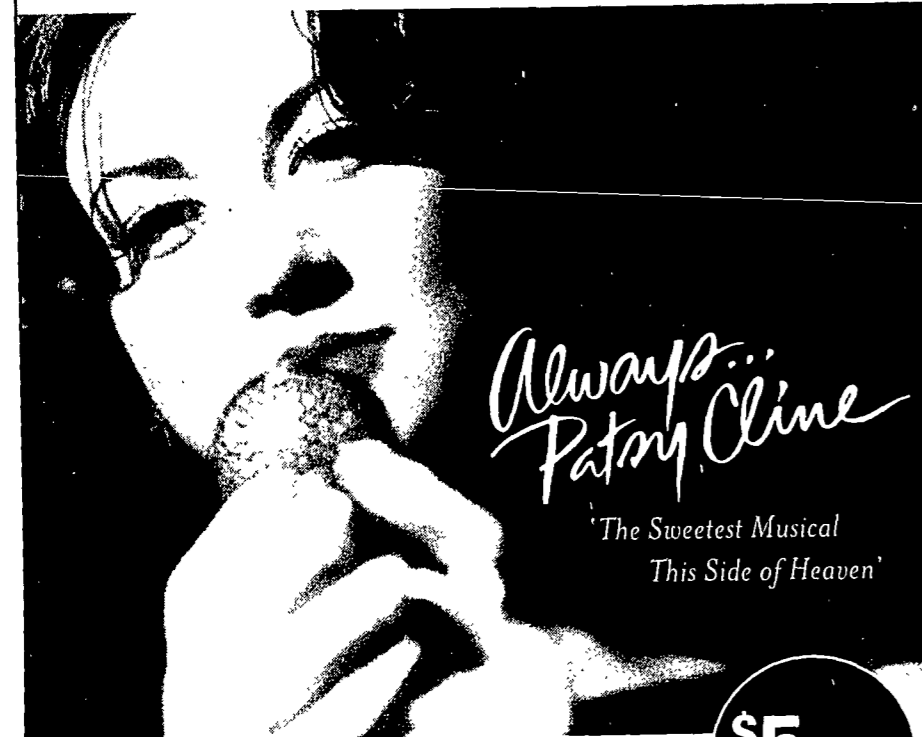
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Skokie Theatre, 7924 Lincoln Ave., Skokie. Call (847) 677-7766 or visit www.skokietheatre.com. May 14, 10:30 a.m. and 2 p.m.: Three Cat Education presents "Cinderella." \$15; free for children 12 and under.

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Mayne Stage, 1328 W. Morse Ave. in Rogers Park, Chicago. (773) 381-4554. www.maynestage.com. June 9, 8 p.m.: "The Benson Interruption" with Doug Benson and special guests. Now airing on Comedy Central, the show stars Benson interrupting his friends' stand-up comedy routines. \$20. June 10, 8 p.m.: "Doug Loves Movies." The podcast features comedians chatting about favorite movies and flops, and playing film-centric games. \$20.

Skokie Theatre, 7924 Lincoln Ave., Skokie. Call (847) 677-7766 or visit www.skokietheatre.com. April 29, 8:30 p.m.: The Edge Comedy Club. \$15. June 10, 8 p.m.: Comedians Hollie and Steve Himmelman present "Memoirs of the Married Meshuganas." \$20 in advance; \$25 at the door.

DANCE

PERFORMANCES

North Shore Center for the Performing Arts, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie. (847) 673-6300. www.northshorecenter.org. June 24-25, 7:30 p.m., and June 26, 3 p.m.: Ensemble Espanol Spanish American Dance Festival. \$26-\$46. Northwestern University's Marjorie Ward Marshall Dance Center, 10 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston. April 29-30, 8 p.m.: "The NU Group," work created, designed and performed by Northwestern alumni.

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FILM

Illuminating the Shadows: Film Criticism in Focus, April 21-23 at Northwestern University's Block Cinema at the Mary & Leigh Block Museum of Art, 40 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston, featuring panel discussions and screenings. All events are free and open to the public. For the schedule, visit www.blockmuseum.northwestern.edu/blockcinema/filmconf.html.

Irish American Heritage Center, 4626 N. Knox Ave., Chicago. (773) 282-7035. www.irish-american.org. April 29, 8:30 p.m.: Screening of the Irish documentary, "The Pipe." A peaceful fishing village in Rosport, County Mayo, Ireland, finds itself battling Big Energy when Shell makes plans to run a natural gas pipeline through the town. Admission is \$10 at the door.

Lincolnwood Public Library, 4000 W. Pratt Ave. (847) 677-5277. www.lincolnwoodlibrary.org. Friday Films at 1 p.m. - April 22: "Conviction." April 29: "Inception." Morning Matinees at 10:30 a.m. Thursdays - April 28: "I Am Love." Niles Public Library District, 6960

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various renditions they achieved. They were desperate to get as close to the original recipe as possible, so when they struck it they knew "this is it!"

Their signature pizza is a thin crust pie-cut that is a mix between New York and Chicago-styles. Prices range from \$6 for a personal 9-inch to \$15 for a large 16-inch. VIP also offers pan and stuffed pies (\$15.50-\$18.50) and a choice of more than 20 different toppings. And their gluten-free version lacks nothing in the crispy crust department, a feat that is sometimes difficult to

achieve when rice replaces dough (\$12/9"). True to Miles' word, VIP's offerings are not the usual fare for a pizza joint. Appetizers range from Pasta "Fra Diavolo" made with his mother's secret sauce and topped with strips of tender grilled chicken breast (\$7.95/\$14.95 dinner) to "unputdownable" zesty Cajun Grilled Asparagus served with cucumber dill sauce (\$7.50).

Less unusual but always super-filling as an appetizer choice before pizza is the "Half Slab of 5 Star Ribs" which are char-broiled till tender and served with a tangy-sweet bbq sauce (\$10.50) or the Fried Calamari which Miles says he puts up

against the calamari of the fanciest of restaurants (\$8.95). Or try his Mamma's Meat Loaf made from a blend of beef and pork, served with mashed potatoes, homemade gravy and choice of peas or corn (\$8.50 half/10.50 full order). For a lighter dish, try the Chicken Breast Salad served simply with grilled chicken strips atop mixed garden greens and choice of dressing (8.50). So despite the main draw, Miles shows that dinner at VIP does not have to consist just of za. "I just believe in using the best quality ingredients, the same ones we've been using for 20 years," said Miles.

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Oakton St., Niles. (847) 663-6405. www.nileslibrary.org. April 28, 2 p.m.: International Film Series features "The Band's Visit," rated PG-13. In Arabic and Hebrew with English subtitles. April 30, 1 p.m.: "Pan Tadeusz: The Last Foray in Lithuania," a film adaptation of a beloved Polish national poem by Adam Mickiewicz. Ireneusz Raciborski, historian and film expert, will introduce the Polish language film (with English subtitles) and lead a discussion afterwards in both Polish and English. Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge. (847) 825-3123. www.parkridgelibrary.org. "Legends of Laughter" film series, presented at 7 p.m. Thursdays, unless otherwise noted. All showings will be accompanied by a short talk and introduction by film historian Matthew Hoffman. Admission is free. April 21: "City Lights" (1931) starring Charlie Chaplin. April 28: "The Kid Brother" (1927) starring Harold Lloyd. May 12: "The Camera-Man" (1929) starring Buster Keaton. May 19: "Modern Times" (1936) starring Charlie Chaplin. May 26: "Movie Crazy" (1932) starring Harold Lloyd. June 2: "The General" (1927) starring Buster Keaton.

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ORGANIZATIONS

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April 29 in the South Conference Room at Saint Francis Hospital, 355 Ridge Ave., Evanston. Award-winning professional magician David Regal will perform and explain his tricks. The club welcomes prospective members who are interested in magic, as well as magicians of all skill levels. Guests \$15, which can be applied to membership. Contact Robert K. Miller at (847) 272-3850 or miracles@magickmiller.com.

North Shore Affiliates of the Museum of Contemporary Art will celebrate "All Things Artful, Two" at its spring luncheon at 11 a.m. May 17 at Bryn Mawr Country Club, 6600 N. Crawford, Lincolnwood. Chicago artist Nick Cave will discuss his work and share his views on the importance of art in our lives. In addition, works by artists who create jewelry, accessories, ceramics and mosaics will be on exhibit and for sale. Call (847) 948-9222.

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

SINGLES

ComboSingles, open to singles 21-plus. RSVP two days before dinners. For information about the group and upcoming events, call (847) 751-1299 or (847) 331-1066, or visit www.combosingles.org. Bowling is held the second, fourth and fifth Sundays of the month at the Brunswick Zone Mount Prospect, 824 E. Rand Road. No advance reservation required. \$20 for league members; \$25 for non-league members; \$10 cov-

er for socializing without bowling. Upcoming dates are May 1 and 15. Spares Singles 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 Hall, 9757 Pacific Ave., Franklin Park. Admission is \$8 for members; \$9 guests. May 1: Music by Dick Elliot. May 15: Music by Chuck and Friends. Spares Club dinners are held at 4 p.m. on non-dance Sundays. For information, call Rosemary Bartley, (847) 806-0493. April 24: Easter Sunday, no dinner. May 8: Omega, 9100 W. Golf Road, Niles. May 22: Silver Stallion, 1275 Lee St., Des Plaines. May 29: Kappy's, 7200 Dempster, Morton Grove.

WORKSHOPS & CLASSES

The Music Institute of Chicago offers a variety of summer classes and camps for children and adults. Registration deadline is June 1, except where noted. Musical theater camps include SmashUP!, for children entering grades K-3, meeting weekly, June 13-July 30, at the Evanston East Campus, 1490 Chicago Ave.; Broadway Bound, for youth entering grades 4-7, July 5-30 at the Evanston West Campus, 2008 Dempster St.; and The Company, for youth entering grades 7-10, June 13-July 9 at the Evanston West Campus, 2008 Dempster St. Also, Quintet Attacca Chamber Camp for Winds for ages 11-adult, June 13-17 at the Winnetka Campus, 300 Green Bay Road; Theater Arts Camp for ages 12-17, June 13-Aug. 5 at the Evanston West Campus, 2008 Dempster St.; Adult Piano

Camp, June 16-19 at the Evanston East Campus, 1490 Chicago Ave., and Winnetka Campus, 300 Green Bay Road; Suzuki Flute Camp for ages 5-18, June 20-24 at the Winnetka Campus, 300 Green Bay Road; Chamber Music Camp for Piano & Strings for ages 10-18, June 21-25 at the Lake Forest Campus, 40 E. Old Mill Road; The Art of the Jazz Band for ages 14-adult, June 27-July 1 at the Winnetka Campus, 300 Green Bay Road; Chicago Suzuki Institute, July 2-10 at Trinity University, 2065 Half Day Road, Deerfield; Chicago Duo Piano Festival for ages 8-adult, July 8-17 at the Evanston East Campus, 1490 Chicago Ave. (registration deadline May 25). Call (847) 905-1500, ext. 127.

Oakton Community College Emeritus Program offers courses at its Skokie campus, 7701 N. Lincoln Ave., Skokie. For information about the Emeritus Program, call (847) 635-1414 or visit www.oakton.edu/emertus. 20th Century Musical Bookends: Show Boat and Ragtime (MUS 847-72) examines two classic musicals based on popular novels set in a time period when racial tensions ran high in the United States. A musical theater historian traces the different paths the plays took to hit the stage. Two-week course meets from 10:11-30 a.m. Tuesdays, starting May 3. Course fee is \$30.

ET CETERA

Central States Numismatic Society's 72nd Anniversary Convention and Coin Show, April 28-30 at the Donald E. Stephens Convention Center, 5555 N. River Road, Rosemont. Hours are 2-7

p.m. Thursday; 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Friday; and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday. The show features 300 dealers in collectible coins, paper money, and gold and silver bullion, as well as educational programs about coin collecting and related historical subjects. Admission is free. For information, visit www.centralstatesinfo.com.

Chicago Photographic Collector's Society International Camera & Image Show and Sale, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. May 1 at the Holiday Inn Chicago North Shore, 5300 W. Touhy Ave., Skokie, featuring more than 70 dealers. Admission: \$6; \$4 for students and children. Visit www.chicagophotographic.org.

Skokie Theatre, 7924 Lincoln Ave., Skokie. Call (847) 677-7766 or visit www.skokietheatre.com. May 7, 8 p.m.: David "The Almost Famous Hypnotist" Graneli in See the Show or Be the Show. \$15 in advance; \$20 at the door. May 8, 3 p.m. and 6 p.m.: The Amazing Acrocats. \$15 in advance, \$18 at the door; \$10/\$12 for children.

Solo Works by master puppeteer Michael Montenegro, 7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, through May 21, at Theatre Zarko, located in the Noyes Cultural Arts Center, Studio 213, 927 Noyes St., Evanston. Solo Works highlights both Montenegro's newest creations and old favorites, covering a wide range of puppet styles and techniques. Not recommended for children under 8 years old. Montenegro will be available for a post-show discussion after every performance. For more information, visit www.theatrezarko.org. \$15; \$10 per person for groups of four or more. For reservations, call (847) 350-9275.

MUSEUMS

Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center, 9603 Woods Drive, Skokie. (847) 967-4889. www.iholocaustmuseum.org. Admission: \$12; \$8 for students and senior citizens; \$6 for children ages 5-11. Special exhibitions are free with museum admission. Through May 31: "Beyond Swastika and Jim Crow: Jewish Refugee Scholars at Black Colleges." The exhibit tells the story of Jewish professors who fled Nazism and came to America in the 1930s and 1940s, finding teaching positions at historically black colleges and universities. The exhibition explores the encounter between these scholars and their students, and their impact on each other, the Civil Rights Movement and American society. May 1, 4-5:30 p.m.: Commemoration of Holocaust Remembrance Day, Yom HaShoah, featuring vocal selections, readings and candle lighting. Free; reservations required. May 16, 4 p.m.: Wolf Kaiser, deputy director of the Educational Department for the House of the Wannsee Conference, Berlin, Germany, will discuss keeping history alive. Free with museum admission; reservations required. May 19, 6:30 p.m.: Donald and Sue Pritzker Voices of Conscience Lecture features Congressman John Lewis, 2010 Presidential Medal of Freedom recipient. Reservations required. May 22, 1:30 p.m.: Panel discussion, "Jim Crow in the North: Restrictive Housing Practices in Chicago and the North Shore." Free with museum admission; reservations recommended.

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PLAY REVIEW

Rapp's newest play disappoints



Sean Cooper as Tobin Falmouth in "The Metal Children."

'The Metal Children'
Next Theatre Company through May 8 at Noyes Cultural Arts Center, 927 Noyes St., Evanston. 7:30 p.m. Thursdays; 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays; and 2 p.m. Sundays. Additional performances at 4 p.m. Saturdays, April 23, April 30 and May 7. \$25-\$40. Call (847) 475-1875 or visit www.nexttheatre.org.

By **CATEY SULLIVAN**
Contributor

With "Red Light Winter," Adam Rapp made the Pulitzer Prize shortlist, penning a drama so intense, erotic and fascinating it took your breath away. Having had the privilege of seeing that amazing piece of work several years ago, we went into "The Metal Children" with high hopes. They were quickly dashed. Despite an intriguing premise, "The Metal Children" is a disappointment on multiple levels.

Directed by Joanie Schultz and featuring a cast that wastes some of Chicago's most reliably excellent actors, "The Metal Children" quickly disintegrates into meaningless preposterousness. It also has some major inconsistencies of tone: It starts out as a relatively intelligent comedy, the wry tale of a New York City writer floundering in underachieving failure years after a stellar, best-selling beginning as a young adult author.

But midway through, that wry, comedic tone — snappy and literate if a bit pretentious in its winking, sophisticated cynicism — slams into an abrupt turn for the tragic. Suddenly characters are being badly beaten, getting into deadly car crashes, sleeping with minors less than half their age, committing grisly suicides and having deadly earnest, irony-free, dramatic discourses on whether Jesus is Lord.

Obviously, there's no rule saying you can't merge comedy and tragedy. It's

done all the time. But here, the merger creates not a complex narrative so much as a tale that's flat-out unbelievable. It isn't a merger of genres, it's a conflicted muddle. Maybe there's a way to instill witty one-liners into issues of teen suicide and scenes of 38-year-old-men-having-sex-with-16-year-old-girls. But Rapp doesn't accomplish it here.

That the piece is rooted in truth — Rapp is also a young adult author, and had one of his books banned by a zealous school district — does nothing to give it anything remotely resembling veracity.

The first act gives us a show of intriguing potential: The depressed-untocatastrophic Tobin is holed up in his filthy apartment, lamenting the departure of his wife, his inability to write, and his seemingly dead-end life in general. Tobin gets a wake-up call of sorts when his agent comes calling with news that his YA novel, *The Metal Children*, has been pulled from the shelves in

the end, it's tough to care. Tobin returns to New York and miraculously cleans up his act, but just how his experiences in Midlothia led to this about-face remains a mystery.

Meanwhile, the seemingly intelligent, capable young women of the Meredith Miller movement suddenly realize that creating a modern-day Utopia, complete with lots of babies and organic vegetables, is a lot harder to actually do than it is to dream about. It's the kind of late-breaking realization one would expect from an exceptionally slow gene pool. Given that the young women are presented as intelligent, driven and capable, it makes little sense that they wouldn't have seen the potential for crisis from the start.

Schultz's cast is all over the map in terms of acting styles. Some characters are overdone to the point of caricature, others play it straight. The effect only adds to the overall inconsistencies of "The Metal Children."

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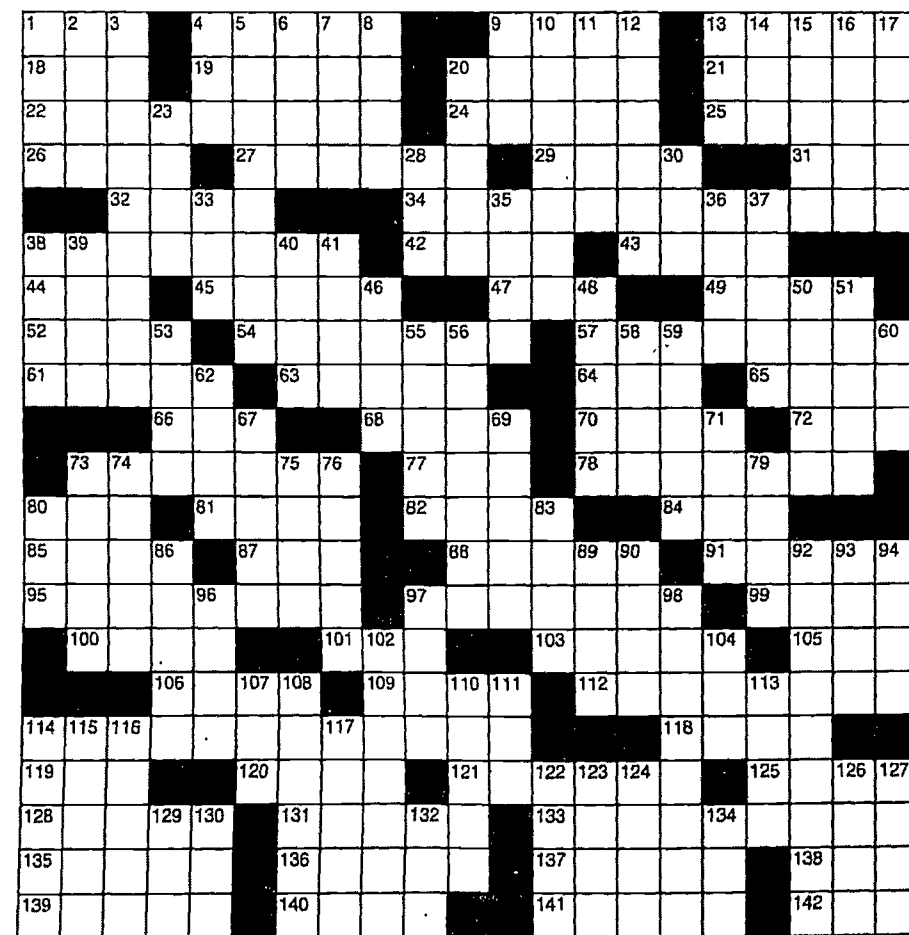
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Big —
 - 4 "Stop, sailor!"
 - 9 James of "Misery"
 - 13 Swash-buckling novelist
 - 18 Grand — Opry
 - 19 Actress Berger
 - 20 Mournful music
 - 21 "F Troop" corporal
 - 22 Start of a remark by Milton Berle
 - 24 Mid-size band
 - 25 "Andrea —"
 - 26 Costa —
 - 27 "Family Feud" host
 - 29 Division word
 - 31 Aachen article
 - 32 Basilica feature
 - 34 Part 2 of remark
 - 38 TV's "General —"
 - 42 Like some sheep
 - 43 Part of HOMES
 - 44 Inclined
 - 45 Senator Thurmond
 - 47 "Waking — Devine" (98 film)
 - 49 Wee serving
 - 52 Composer Schirrin
 - 54 Circus performer
 - 57 Put on a pedestal
 - 61 Soft tissue
 - 63 Tangle
 - 64 Damage
 - 65 Actress Ward
 - 66 Baseball's Boudreau
 - 68 Enchilada alternative
 - 70 "Trinity" author
 - 72 Neighbor of Wyo.
 - 73 Obeys the dentist
 - 77 Part 3 of remark
 - 78 '80s Joe
 - 79 Penny series
 - 80 Crank's kin
 - 81 Skater Lipinski
 - 82 Noun suffix
 - 84 Sundown, to
 - 85 Actor Arkin
 - 87 See 106
 - 88 "Love Train" group
 - 91 Thick of things
 - 95 Denizen
 - 97 Geological phenomenon
 - 99 The Chipmunks, e.g.
 - 100 Comic Carvey
 - 101 Galena, for one
 - 103 —ski party
 - 105 Priest's robe
 - 106 With 87
 - 109 Ment
 - 112 — blanket
 - 114 Part 4 of remark
 - 118 Well-informed
 - 119 "So that's your game!"
 - 120 Nonflowering plant
 - 121 "The Addams Family" uncle
 - 125 Does Little work
 - 128 Croc's kin
 - 131 Chateau valley
 - 133 End of remark
 - 135 Wear away
 - 136 Computer key
 - 137 "The Lady —" (79 film)
 - 138 Child welfare org.
 - 139 Rock's Malsner
 - 140 Stocking stuffers?
 - 141 Dispositions
 - 142 "The Bells" monogram
- DOWN**
- 1 Physician Niels
 - 2 "The Time Machine" people
 - 3 English port
 - 4 Simple center
 - 5 Feud
 - 6 Novelist Seton
 - 7 Pack
 - 8 Homeric characters
 - 9 Pres. Clinton, e.g.
 - 10 Performer
 - 11 Actor's actor?
 - 12 Irritate
 - 13 Rigoletto, to
 - 14 Actor Gilda
 - 15 —Gras
 - 16 Sharon of Israel
 - 17 Trap
 - 20 "Tiny Bubbles" singer
 - 23 Comics — "Andy —"
 - 28 He gives a hoot
 - 30 —the fields we go . . ."
 - 33 Slangy sib
 - 35 Ain't right?
 - 36 Extensive
 - 37 Toast start
 - 38 Grapefruit serving
 - 39 October birthstone
 - 40 Curved lines
 - 41 Forsaken
 - 46 Ditch under a draw-bridge
 - 48 Object
 - 50 Change for the better
 - 51 Brawl
 - 53 Sonja Henie's birthplace
 - 55 Acts like an ass?
 - 56 Spirits Amritsar
 - 59 Nonsense
 - 60 Smidgen
 - 62 Throw a party
 - 67 Custom
 - 69 Message
 - 71 Goblet part
 - 73 Lost luster
 - 74 —apso
 - 75 Gray or Moran
 - 76 —Domingo
 - 79 "What's — for me?"
 - 80 Candy quantity
 - 83 Spotted rodent
 - 86 Belarusian city
 - 89 Puppy protests
 - 90 Withered
 - 92 Downspout
 - 93 Bank deposit?
 - 94 "Twelfth Night" role
 - 96 Spanish surrealist
 - 97 Equipment
 - 98 Happened again
 - 102 Heal a rift
 - 104 Eat in the evening
 - 107 Right — the bat
 - 108 A hole near the sole
 - 110 Allude (to)
 - 111 Dundee denial
 - 113 Loud laugh
 - 114 Bet
 - 115 "Pal Joey" author
 - 116 Boca —, FL
 - 117 Maine town
 - 122 Willow
 - 123 Baseball's Martinez
 - 124 Spanish river
 - 126 "I could — horse!"
 - 127 Break suddenly
 - 129 Eccentric
 - 130 Curious George's creator
 - 132 Musical syllables
 - 134 Pitches



Answers: Inside today's classified section

HOROSCOPES

For the week of April 27 — May 3

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Temper your typical Aries urge to charge into a situation and demand answers. Instead, let the Lamb's gentler self emerge to deal with a problem that requires delicacy.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You are aware of what's going on, so continue to stand by your earlier decision, no matter how persuasive the counter-arguments might be. Money pressures will soon ease.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) By all means, have fun and enjoy your newly expanded social life. But don't forget that some people are depending on you to keep promises that are very important to them.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You need to wait patiently for an answer to a workplace problem and not push for a decision. Remember: Time is on your side. A financial matter needs closer attention.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) You now have information that can influence that decision you planned to make. But the clever Cat will consult a trusted friend or family member before making a major move.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Good news: You're finding that more doors are opening for you to show what you can do, and you don't even have to knock very hard to get the attention you're seeking.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Your gift for creating order out of chaos will help you deal

with a sudden rush of responsibilities that would threaten someone less able to balance his or her priorities.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Congratulations. Your energy levels are coming right back up to normal — just in time to help you tackle some worthwhile challenges and make some important choices.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) The sage Sagittarius should demand a full explanation of inconsistencies that might be cropping up in what had seemed to be a straightforward deal.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) A conflict between obligations to family and to the job can create stressful problems. Best advice: Balance your dual priorities so that one doesn't outweigh the other.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Don't guess, speculate or gossip about that so-called "mystery" situation at the workplace. Bide your time. An explanation will be forthcoming very soon.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Boredom might be creeping in and causing you to lose interest in a repeat project. Deal with it by flipping over your usual routine and finding a new way to do an old task.

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SUN-TIMES MEDIA

Death Notices

Lange, Mary Boyd
Mary Louise Boyd Lange, age 87, of Park Ridge, passed away peacefully on Thursday, March 31, 2011. She is remembered by her son Gary and wife Susan, daughter Karen and husband James, grandchildren Kristin, Sara, Matthew, and Kelly, sister Harriet and husband Richard, and loving nieces and nephews. Mary was born on November 7, 1923 and attended Niles High School. Mary and her husband Forbes raised their two children in Park Ridge.

A family memorial was held at **Ryan-Parke Funeral Home** over the weekend. Memorial donations in Mary's name can be made to Rainbow Hospice, 444 North Northwest Highway, Suite 145, Park Ridge, IL 60068.

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Maranto, Constance L.

Constance Lillian Maranto, 89, formerly of Norridge, Illinois passed away Tuesday evening, April 12, 2011 at Cardinal Ridge CBRF in Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin.

She was born on April 12, 1922 in Chicago, Illinois, the daughter of Michael and Charlotte (Schraub) Mondry.

After graduating from Resurrection High School, Constance was employed with Illinois Bell Telephone Company as an operator, and later as an investigator.

Constance was always "Mom" to her daughter, but to her grandchildren she was lovingly called "Buckum" and her great-grandchildren fondly referred to her as "GGB".

Constance will be dearly missed by her daughter, Bunny (John) Buxton of Washington Island, WI; five grandchildren, Bill (Laura) Jones, Chris (Colleen) Jones, John Buxton III, Jay Buxton, and Jackie (Ozie) Casanova; five great-grandchildren, Melanie Jones, Nina Jones, Caitlyn Jones, Samantha Casanova, and Joseph Buxton; niece, Candace Becker and nephew, Michael Demko.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Michael and Charlotte Mondry; husband, Chester Podraza; daughter, Colette; and sister, Patricia Demko.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 16, 2011 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Sturgeon Bay, WI with Fr. Robert Konkol as celebrant.

Friends may call at Huehns Funeral Home in Sturgeon Bay, WI on Friday evening from 4:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. with a rosary prayed on Friday evening at 6:45 p.m. There will be visitation at the funeral home on Saturday morning from 11:00 a.m. until the time of the procession to church at 1:00 p.m.

Memorials may be made in Constance's memory for St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

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Paulson, Lloyd O.

Lloyd O. Paulson, 77, formerly of Waukegan died April 12, 2011, in Cambridge, MN. He attended the University of Minnesota, St. Cloud State, and Northern Illinois University where he earned his Masters in Educational Administration.

On October 6, 1956 he married Carolyn Stake. In 1960, they moved to Illinois where he served as Science teacher, Dean of Students, Assistant Principal, and Principal of schools in North Chicago, Waukegan and Park Ridge. He was known as "The Principal with a Heart", and "PrinPal", retiring in 1992.

He served as Chairman of Maine Township Committee on Youth, and President of Phi Delta Kappa, the Park Ridge Morning Kiwanis. Following his retirement, he served as administrator for six years at South Park Church. In 1997 he and Carolyn moved to the family farm on Lake Fanny in Cambridge. While in Cambridge he was active at First Baptist Church, in Rotary, and as a youth mentor for the Isanti County "Kids Like Us".

He served on the board of New Pathways Interfaith Hospitality Network. His passion was to help children and families.

Lloyd was preceded in death by his parents, Carl and Nora Erikson, his brother Glenn Erikson, and sister, Erma Edberg. He is survived by his wife Carolyn, three sons, Steve (Karia) of Virginia, Al (friend Lisa Haney) of California, Nathan (Jennifer) of Illinois, three grandchildren, Erik, Jaden, and Jillian, other relatives and friends. A Memorial Service was Saturday, April 16, 2011 at First Baptist Church, Cambridge. Carlson-Lillemoen Funeral Home, www.carlsonlillemoen.com

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Pierick, Ruth Ann

87, passed away April 12, 2011 at her home in Skokie, IL. Born October 23, 1923 in Walsenburg, CO to the late Hobeika and Minnie (Salzmann) Petrus. Loving wife of the late Robert E. Pierick.

Devoted Mother of Roberta Pierick (Craig Bieganski), Stephen and Blizard Miller and the late Bear and Wolf Miller. Dear sister of the late John (Joyce) and Elmer Petrus.

Visitation Saturday from 1 PM until the time of funeral service at 1:30 PM at St. Scholastica Monastery, 7430 N. Ridge Boulevard, Chicago, Ill 60645. Private interment in Highland, WI. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Scholastica Monastery or St. Joseph's Indian School, 1301 N Main Street, Chamberlain, SD 57325. For info, Shalom Memorial Funeral Home, 847.255.3520 or www.shalom2.com.

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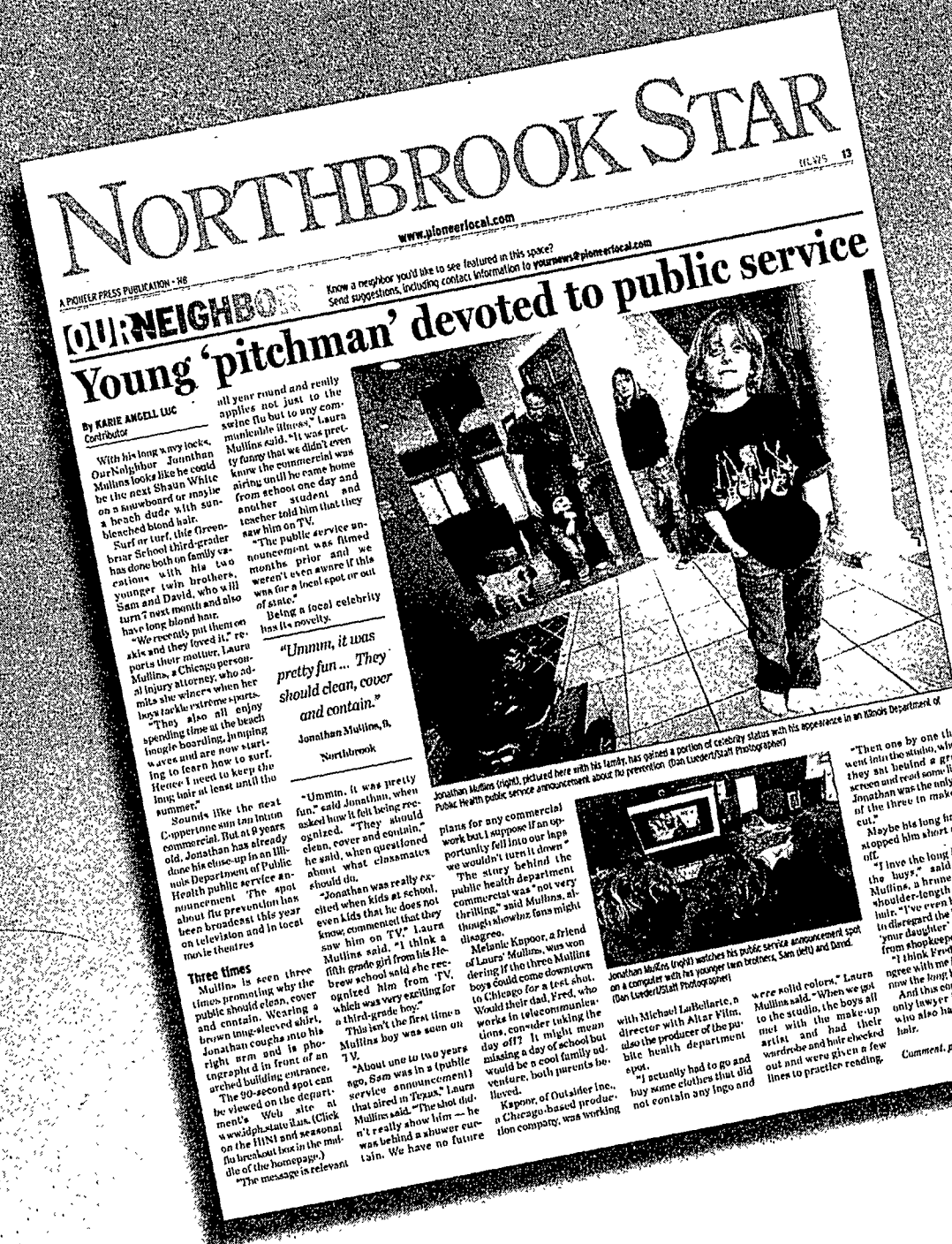
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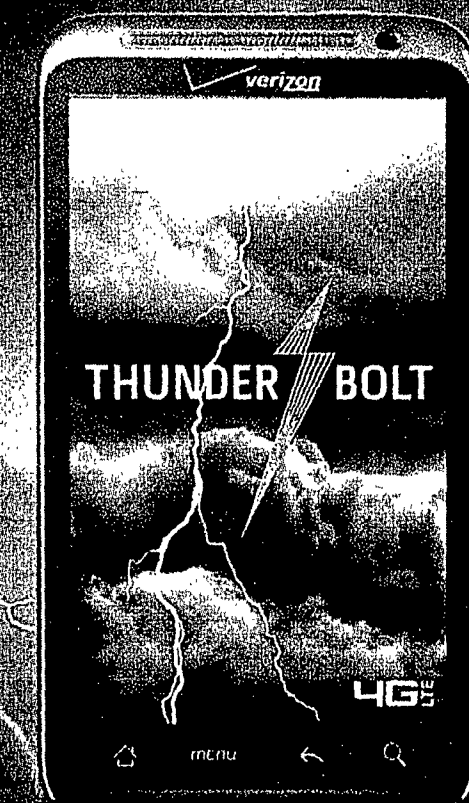
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ers in the community while trying to improve their family and spiritual lives. Call Bob Galassi, (847) 965-0920. **Niles Chapter Toastmasters** meets at 7:15 p.m. the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month at the Morton Grove, 6140 Lincoln Ave. Members learn how to feel comfortable and have self-confidence talking to an audience. Call (847) 583-9328.

Community

Secretary of State Jesse White, in cooperation with the Golf Mill Shopping Center, is offering drivers a chance to renew their driver's license, obtain a duplicate or corrected license or obtain an Illinois identification card. The Secretary of State Mobile Unit will be available at the shopping center from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. April 29. An applicant renewing a current Illinois driver's license or identification card need only present a current valid driver's license or identification card. If the applicant is applying for either a duplicate or corrected driver's license or identification card, the applicant must present two forms of identification. To find out what documents are considered acceptable identification and the fees involved, call (217) 782-7044 or visit www.cyberdriveillinois.com/publications/pdf.

Dispose of expired, unused or unwanted prescription and over-the-counter medications safely from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 30. Drop off medications in their original containers at the Park Ridge, Niles or Des Plaines Police Departments. Do not remove labels. Personal information (name, address, doctor) should be crossed out, but information about the medication should be legible. Needles, thermometers, liquids, bandages, gauze pads, sun block, deodorant and skin creams will not be accepted. This event is sponsored by MCVAF, the Maine Community Youth Assistance Foundation. Call (847) 858-7090, see www.mcvaf.org or contact your Police Department.

South Park Church, 1330 S. Courtland Ave., Park Ridge, is hosting a Duo Piano Concert at 8 p.m. May 13. The concert features Alan Tripp and Scott Griffin, classically trained young concert pianists who will perform a variety of classical, jazz and sacred music, plus their Victor Borge-esque comedy routine on piano, organ and keyboard, exhibiting a versatility that appeals to all ages. A freewill offering will be taken. Visit www.southparkchurch.org or call (847) 825-5507.

In recognition of Earth Day, Advocate Lutheran General Hospital/Advocate Lutheran General Children's Hospital will sponsor a free electronics and appliances recycling program on April 25 and 26. All members of the community are invited to bring no longer-wanted electronics and appliances to the hospital campus for recycling at no cost. Most electronic equipment and appliances will be accepted, including all computer-related equipment: cell phones; radios/stereos; DVD/CD players; televisions; clocks;

and small appliances such as microwave ovens. A collection truck will be available for drop-offs from 6 a.m.-6 p.m. in the hospital's associate parking lot at the northeast corner of Dempster Street and Luther Lane. For large-panel TVs and larger appliances such as washers/dryers - which also will be accepted at no cost - contact Donna Stellmach at (847) 723-5946 in advance for planning purposes.

Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center, 9603 Woods Drive, Skokie, (847) 967-4800, www.iholocaustmuseum.org, offers the following: A special exhibition: Beyond Swastika and Jim Crow: Jewish Refugee Scholars at Black Colleges. Exhibit tells the story of Jewish professors who fled Nazism and came to America in the 1930s and '40s, finding teaching positions at historically black colleges and universities. The exhibition explores the encounter between these scholars and their students, and their impact on each other, the Civil Rights Movement, and American society. Daily, through May 31. Free with museum admission. **Holocaust Remembrance Day**, Yom HaShoah, will be observed with a special community program, featuring vocal selections, readings and traditional candle lighting from 4-5:30 p.m. May 1. Presented with Reform Cantors of Chicago, the North Shore Havura of Rabbis, and the Chicago Milwaukee Association of Synagogue Musicians. Free. Doors open 3:30 p.m. Reservations required, (847) 967-4889. **Lecture:** House of the Wannsee Conference with Dr. Wolf Kalser, deputy director/director of the Educational Department for the House of the Wannsee Conference, Berlin, Germany, will discuss keeping history alive from 4-5:30 p.m. May 16. Free with museum admission. Reservations required, (847) 967-4889. **Donald and Sue Pritzker Voices of Conscience Lecture** with Congressman John Lewis, civil rights leader and 2010 Organizational Medal of Freedom recipient, reflects on a lifetime of overcoming prejudice from 6:30-8 p.m. May 19. Reservations required, (847) 967-4889. **Panel discussion:** Jim Crow in the North: Restrictive Housing Practices in Chicago and the North Shore with Allison Cuddy, host of WBEZ's Eight Forty-Eight, who will lead a lively discussion exploring historical practices and current realities in these communities from 1:30-3 p.m. May 22. Panelists include: Fair Housing advocate and current Fair Housing Attorney, Ed Vocci; North Shore historian and professor emeritus at Lake Forest College, Dr. Michael Ebner; and Skokie Mayor George Van Dusen. Free with museum admission. Reservations required, (847) 967-4889.

The Fourth Annual North Shore Women's Conference will be presented May 6 at the Skokie Banquet & Conference Center, 5300 W. Touhy Ave., Skokie. The free expo highlighting 75 vendors will be held from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. The luncheon from noon-1:30 p.m. will feature "Kitchen Confidential" with keynote speaker and Celebrity Chef Gale Gand. Attendees can also choose to participate in hot topic break-out workshops. Cost is \$30 per person. Call DBR Chamber of Commerce at (847) 945-4660. **The Solid Waste Agency** of North-



Easter egg hunt

Children hurry to hunt for Easter eggs outside the Park Ridge Senior Center on April 9. | Shauna Bittle-Fox Sun-Times Media

ern Cook County recently established a Battery Recycling Program for rechargeable and alkaline batteries, partnered with Interstate Batteries in Skokie to provide recycling at no cost to SWANCC communities. Common household batteries are no longer accepted at Illinois EPA-sponsored household chemical waste events and facilities due to their benign nature and high recycling costs. Batteries accepted in SWANCC's program: Alkaline: AA, AAA, C, D and 9V; rechargeable: NiCd, NiMH, lithium ion, lithium polymer. Before dropping off rechargeable batteries, residents need to tape the contact points on each battery or place in an individual self-locking plastic baggie to avoid sparks. Local drop-off sites include: Niles Public Services Department, 6849 Touhy Ave., (847) 588-7900, 7 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Mondays through Fridays; Niles Village Hall, 1000 Civic Center Drive, (847) 588-8000, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Mondays through Fridays; Park Ridge Public Works, 400 Busse Highway, (847) 318-5240, 7 a.m.-4 p.m., Mondays through Fridays. Additional drop-off sites are posted at swancc.org/recycling/batteryrecycling.html.

The Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County has established a location for residents to drop off electronics on a weekly basis at no cost at the Glenview Transfer Station, 1151 N. River Road, 9-11:30 a.m. Saturdays. Under the new Electronics Products Recycling and Reuse Act (SB2313), only the following items will be accepted: Computers - PCs and laptops, scanners, computer monitors, mobile phones, peripherals - mice, keyboards, zip drives, MP3 players, televisions, PDAs - printers, VHS players, fax machines, DVD players, video

game consoles, and DVR/cable boxes. Electronics from businesses, institutions or schools will not be accepted. Visit swancc.org. **This year the Maine South Athletic Pass**, entitling bearers to admission to all home football and basketball games (except IHSAA games), is available exclusively through the Maine South Athletic Boosters for \$30. See southmaine207.org, click on Organizations, then Hawk Boosters and then the membership link to obtain a membership/pass application - or call Laurie Kovalick, membership committee chairperson, at (847) 292-1665 or John Wolf, Booster president at (773) 935-5585 for more information or an application. Consider becoming a member in addition to purchasing the pass for the good and benefit of all Maine South athletes.

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.

Avenues Thrift Shoppe offers great prices and specials on gently used clothing for infants, children and adults, shoes, household items, books and small furniture. On Wednesdays, seniors 60 years and older receive 10

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

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

Decalogue Lodge #160 Skokie, Ancient Free & Accepted Masons of Illinois, are hosting their Annual Pancake Breakfast fundraiser at the Skokie Masonic Temple, 5405 Lincoln Ave., from 9 a.m.-noon April 30. Cost is \$5. All are welcome. E-mail sqfmason@yahoo.com.

A High Tea and Fashion Show will be held from 1-4 p.m. April 30 at Casa Royale, 783 Lee St., Des Plaines. The event is hosted by the Maine Township Republican Women's Club, and proceeds from the raffles will benefit the Maine Township Food Pantry. Tickets are \$30 in advance or \$50 at the door. Amy DeGrazia, owner of New Prospects Boutique in Park Ridge, will provide the spring and summer fashions for women and children. Additional sponsors include My Two Sister's Boutique, Michael Vaughan Hair Designs, and Pesche's Flowers, all longtime local businesses. Men's casual wear and lightweight suits will also be featured. All fashions will be modeled by elected township officials, Cook County commissioners, Republican Women's Club members and other special dignitaries. Raffles including a 50-50 and the opportunity to win commemorative centerpieces will also be part of the afternoon. To purchase tickets, call Jan Provenzano at (847) 309-9794, Maine Township Trustee Laura Morask is chairman of the Fashion Show event.

The Midwest Children's Brain Tumor Center at Advocate Lutheran General Children's Hospital is hosting the second annual "Docs vs. Jocks" hockey fundraiser from 6-10 p.m. April 29 at the North Shore Ice Arena in Northbrook. The night will include an indoor tailgating party as well as a silent auction. Attendees can vote for the hottest docs and jocks on ice and participate in the chuck-a-puck contest. All proceeds will benefit the family and support services of the Midwest Children's Brain Tumor Center at Advocate Lutheran General Children's Hospital. Tickets may be purchased at www.advocatehealth.com/docsjocks or

by contacting Grace O'Connor at (847) 723-5183. Tickets are \$50 for adults, \$35 for children ages 5-21; kids 5 and under are free. The price of tickets includes admission to the game as well as the indoor tailgating party with beef, brats, beer and wine. **The Catholic Women's Club** of Our Lady of Ransom Parish will hold its annual dinner fashion show, "Wing into Fashion," on April 30 at the Park Ridge Country Club, 636 N. Prospect Ave. Social hour with cash bar will begin at 11:30 a.m., lunch is at noon, and the fashion show at 1. Fashions will be provided by Coldwater Creek and Chico's. The event will include a box raffle at a cost of \$20 per box, with prizes from \$5 to \$4,000. Tickets are \$40 per person. Call the Ministry Center at (847) 823-2550.

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 Aimee 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 home page 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.

Health

A free Hip & Knee Replacement seminar, sponsored by Illinois Bone and Joint & Alden Des Plaines Rehabilitation & Health Care Center, will be given from 6:30-9 p.m. April 27 at Alden Des Plaines, 1221 E. Golf Road, Des Plaines. The program is geared for anyone considering hip and/or knee replacement surgery and interested in learning more about procedures and options. Refreshments will be served. Call (847) 294-0644 or see www.aldenplains.com.

"Positive Results - Choices and Challenges for Jewish Families," a health symposium which focuses on hereditary cancer, will be held from 9 a.m.-noon May 1 at the Skokie Holiday Inn, 5300 W. Touhy Ave., Skokie. Featured speaker will be Dina Roth Port, author of "Previvors." Health specialists and other experts will discuss genetic cancers and their effect on families and the community. Registration and continental breakfast from 9-9:30 a.m. Dietary laws observed. Sponsors include Hadassah Chicago Chapter, Jewish Healing Network of Chicago, Jewish Genetic Disorders, Bright Link and Force Empowered. For information or reservations, call the Hadassah Chicago Chapter office at (847) 675-6790 or go to www.jewishgenetics.org.

The Leukemia Research Foundation, in cooperation with Loyola University Health System and the National Marrow Donor Program hosts a free conference from 7:30 a.m. to

12:45 p.m. May 7 for leukemia, lymphoma, myelodysplastic syndromes (MDS) patients and caregivers. This educational program designed for blood cancer patients and their families will be held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel and Conference Center, 5540 N. River Road, Rosemont. Parking, a continental breakfast and lunch are provided. A Be the Match marrow registry drive will also be held on site. For updated information, agenda, and reservations, visit www.leukemia-research.org/treatmentoptions or call (847) 424-0600. Register by April 30, to reserve a seat.

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 Kenyon 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.

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

Kids

The annual Easter Egg Hunt of Edgebrook Church will be held from 10 a.m.-noon April 23 at 6155 Touhy Ave., Chicago, for children 2-10 years old. The event will feature the Easter Bunny, basket raffle, crafts, cupcake decorating, games, sing-a-long and lots of eggs. Contact Pastor Scott, (773) 631-1155.

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.

Celebrate Earth Day by recycling plastic bags into crafts and reusable fabric and making snacks from eco-friendly ingredients from 2-4 p.m. April 22.

Family movie, "Megamind," (PG) will be screened at 2 p.m. April 23.

Book discussions - The School of Essential Ingredients by Erica Bauermeister will be the topic from 7-8 p.m. April 25.

The Thursday After-School Club for kindergartners through third-graders will meet from 3:45-4:45 p.m. April 28. Stop in for an afterschool snack, a chance to chat and then listen to some stories and create your own art project.

The International Film Series will include a screening of "The Band's Visit" (PG-13) at 2 p.m. April 28 (in Arabic and Hebrew with English subtitles). This is the story of an Egyptian orchestra that arrives in Israel for a performance only to find themselves in the wrong town, where they spend the night interacting with the locals. "Pan Tadeuz: The Last Foray in Lithuania" (1999) (R), directed by Andrzej Wajda, will be shown at 1 p.m. April 30. This masterpiece represents two worlds: poetry and film. Ireneusz Raciborski, historian and film expert, will introduce the Polish language film (with English subtitles) and lead a discussion in Polish and English.

The Niles Public Library is celebrating the 15th anniversary of El Día de los Niños/El Día de los Libros (Children's Day/Book Day) from 2-3 p.m. May 1 in the Library's large meeting room. Local storyteller Jasmin Cardenas will enrich the celebration with stories and music in Spanish and English. Children ages 3 to 10 are invited with their parents/caregivers. Also, children can enjoy a piñata and treats. El Día de los Niños/El Día de los Libros emphasizes the importance of advocating literacy for children of all linguistic and cultural backgrounds. Children's Day was designated as a day to bring attention to the importance and well-being of children. Registration is required by calling (847) 663-6622 or online at www.nileslibrary.org/calendar.

Reading Challenge - Sixth- to eighth-graders who are up for a challenge and like to read can get together a team of 2-6 people, find an adult sponsor, and call (847) 663-6623 or drop by the Youth Services Department to register. Then get reading from the library list of 30 hand-picked books. Sixth-graders who participated in Battle of the Books may also register. Teams compete in April and May for the Reading Challenge Championship. Champions will be taken to lunch in a limousine. **Weekly, counselors** from the Chicago Chapter of SCORE, the Service Corps of Retired Executives, will be at the Library to help small business owners and anyone considering starting a small business. SCORE counselors are successful executives and business owners who can help with a wide variety of business issues. These experienced businesspeople offer private one-hour sessions of business coaching. SCORE is a nonprofit association of volunteers. Weekly sessions are held on alternating Tuesday evenings or Wednesday mornings. Sessions are free but an appointment is required. To set up an appointment online, visit the counseling page at www.scorechicago.org. If there are questions, call (312) 353-7724 or e-mail info@scorechicago.org.

Maine Township's annual Senior Expo will offer new demonstrations, along with classic entertainment, informational booths and free health screenings. "Swing into Spring" will take place from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. April 29. The MaineStreamers and Golf Mill Shopping Center are again joining forces for the annual event and exhibit spaces, available on a first-come, first-served basis.

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Lana Kobrin of Deerfield (right), owner of Lana's Dazzling Desserts, and pastry chef Sergey Dvornik of Buffalo Grove with their kulich (Russian Easter cake). | Buzz Orr -Sun-Times Media

Russian Easter foods can't be beet

By VERONICA HINKE
Contributor

The historically celebrated Fabergé eggs, crowning glories of Russian legacy, say Easter as much as jelly beans and marshmallow Peeps.

And replicas of the bejeweled eggs aren't the only gems that dazzle Russian dinner tables on Easter. Magenta-colored beet soups known as borscht, hearty stroganoffs and Easter cakes decorated with brilliant arrangements of multicolored dried fruits are some of the more traditional Russian-inspired Easter fare.

But even everyday Russian foods like chebureki — deep-fried meat, vegetable or potato-filled dumplings, considered “Georgian empanadas” by some — are commonly eaten on Easter. At Restaurant Ararat, a Mediterranean shish-kebab house in Mundelein, the comfort food

pockets are always on the menu, including on Easter.

“Chebureki are hot, crispy and juicy,” said manager Irina Grigoryan. “Two is enough. If you eat three, you will be full, but people take them home with them.”

And the centerpiece of traditional Russian Easter dinner tables are Easter cakes known as kulich or pashka. Kulich, sweet, yeast-risen bread, is made in a cylindrical cake form. Some home bakers use a coffee can as a substitute for a kulich cake pan.

“Kulich is similar to Italian panettone,” said Deerfield resident Lana Kobrin.

The cake can be left plain or extra sweetness can be added by drizzling a sugar glaze on top. Kobrin, who will sell kulich at her bakery, Lana's Dazzling Desserts in Wheeling from April 19 until Easter Sunday, likes passion fruit glaze.

Paskha/Kulich

(Adapted from Lana Kobrin of Lana's Dazzling Desserts in Wheeling)

- 7 cups all-purpose flour
- 7 eggs, they must be super fresh
- 1 1/2 cups and 1 tablespoon sugar
- 1 cup of milk
- 1/2 cup buttermilk
- 8 tablespoons (1 stick) butter, melted
- 3 tablespoons yeast
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 3/4 cup raisins or any other dried fruit you like
- Mix 1 tablespoon sugar, 1 cup of warm milk, yeast and 1/2 cup of flour. Let it rise.

Baker Sergey Dvornik decorates the cakes at Lana's with bright-colored dried fruits like kiwis or cranberries, arranging them on top in a pattern.

“We like to dress up our cakes,” Kobrin said.

Beat eggs with sugar. Sift flour. Add all ingredients to flour. Mix well for 10-15 minutes.

Place dough in large pot. Cover with plastic. Let it rise for about 1 hour. Beat dough down. Repeat twice. Brush tall baking mold with vegetable oil. Fill mold with dough up to 1/4 of the height. Let it rise for 40 minutes. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Bake about 45 minutes.

Leave unglazed or top with a favorite glaze. Top with a pattern of dried fruits.

It is traditional to have kulich blessed by a priest, typically on Easter morning, often during a ceremony involving many bakers. A single candle is placed on top of each cake and lit. Disputes over which baker has pro-

duced the holiday's tallest cake are not unusual.

Stroganoffs are just as anticipated Russian-inspired Easter fare, and Totu Café in River Grove serves a beef variety made “according to the traditional Russian recipe,” combining thin slices of beef, onions and butter-sautéed mushrooms. The restaurant also serves sweet and savory pierogies and white borscht, or zurek wielkanocny, a white-colored Polish version that is enjoyed for Easter breakfast.

It is made with sour cream and Polish sausages from the perennial swieconka (pronounced shveyehn-SOHN-kah), the traditional Easter basket of food that is blessed by a priest on Holy Saturday. Bacon and buttermilk can replace sour cream and sausages in the soup.

Beets get the boot in Patrick Quakenbush's less traditional spin on the classic

soup. Quakenbush, executive chef at ZED451 in Chicago, replaces beets with cranberries and carrots. Myron Markewycz, the restaurant's Ukraine-born general manager, inspired Quakenbush's riff on the popular beet soup.

“I grew up in Weisbaden, West Germany,” Quakenbush said. “I got a real glimpse of a lot of different cultures.”

He makes the soup, which has a bisque-like consistency, by puréeing carrots, cranberries and sour cream and mixing the ingredients with an immersion blender, a mixer on a stick.

“We call the blender a motor boat,” he joked. He garnishes the soup with a few cranberries and sour cream.

“Cranberries are really bitter, but carrots add a unique sweetness,” he said. “We were playing around with ingredients, and bang!”

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first-served basis, are selling fast. To reserve a booth, contact the Expo Office at (847) 698-5069. Jerry and Estela Hayes, at home winners of the TV reality show “Biggest Loser.” Season 7 will share their story at “Swing into Spring. The day begins at 9 a.m. with Early Bird Bingo hosted by Liberty Bank for Savings. Bingo will be held until 10 a.m. in the Community Room. Admission is free. Prizes will be awarded. New this year, Sylvester Marshall, Tai Chi Instructor, will demonstrate the art of Tai Chi at 11 a.m. in Center court. Tai Chi is a centuries-old Chinese exercise focusing on gentle, slow flowing movements that integrate inner-strength with meditation and breathing techniques. Tai Chi can tone muscles, improve flexibility and balance, and nurture physical, emotional and mental well-being. In a return engagement, the vocal trio, Legacy Girls, will entertain with their popular Andrews Sisters musical revue show, “America's Wartime Sweethearts.” Authentic 1940s costumes, three-part harmonies and synchronized dance moves, and their comedic flair help to focus the audience on the significance of World War II veterans and their essential part in the history of the country. Call MaineStreamers at (847) 297-2510 or visit the www.mainetownship.com.

Parks

Maine-Niles Association of Special Recreation offers people with physical and mental challenges, behavior and learning disorders, hearing and visual impairments and emotional disabilities an opportunity to enjoy a variety of recreation activities. MNASR serves Des Plaines, Golf-Maine, Lincolnwood, Morton Grove, Niles, Park Ridge and Skokie. To receive a seasonal brochure, or to offer support for people with special needs by volunteering, call (847) 966-5522.

Niles Registration has begun for Niles Park District's Coach Pitch, an instructional league where the coach pitches, no hitting tees involved. This program is for girls and boys, ages 6 to 7 years. Season play runs Saturdays, April 23-July 24, at Grennan Heights, 8255 Oketo Ave. Registration fees are residents, \$71; nonresidents, \$88. Call (847) 967-1529. Registration is taken at the Howard Leisure Center, 6676 W. Howard St.

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3-year-old preschool. Children will experience their first classroom experience. Classes are held Wednesdays and Fridays from 12:30-2 p.m. at Howard Leisure Center. Session runs to May 20. Call (847) 967-6633.

Niles Park District is offering private piano lessons (30-45 minutes) for beginning and intermediate students Wednesdays and Thursdays at Howard Leisure Center, 6676 W. Howard St. Lessons will focus on the fundamentals of technique, music theory and good practice habits. Call (847) 967-6633 to reserve a lesson time.

Golf Maine 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; www.gmpd.org.

Easter Egg Hunt - 10 a.m. April 23 at Dee Park. Free if you register in person by April 22.

Earth Day - 4-5 p.m. April 22; make an “eco-friendly” craft and learn simple ways to help save the planet. Feldman.

Summer Camp - Sign up now for summer camp which runs from June 13-Aug. 5, 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Mondays through Fridays. Field trips included. Dee Park.

Community Garage Sale - 9 a.m.-4 p.m. May 14 at Dee Park; reserve a 10-foot by 10-foot spot.

Ballet & Tap - Ages 3 years to adult. Ongoing classes year round. Dee and Feldman Parks.

4th-6th Grade Youth Floor Hockey League - Fridays and Sundays starting in April. Feldman.

Religion

St. John Brebeuf Church, 8307 N. Harlem Ave., will celebrate the feast of Divine Mercy on May 1 with Confessions at 2 p.m., followed by procession by the Knights of Columbus at 3 p.m., Mass, exposition, Divine Mercy prayers and veneration of a relic of St. Faustina and honoring of the Beatification of Pope John Paul II, all in Polish and English. Call (847) 966-8145.

Saint Andrew Life Center, 7000 N. Newark Ave. (near the Niles Veteran Memorial Waterfall), will host a number of services during the Lenten and Easter seasons. Fridays during Lent: Stations of the Cross; 3 p.m. (Chapel). Holy Week Services - Triduum Services - Holy Thursday, April 21: Mass of the Last Supper at 4 p.m. (Chapel). Good Friday, April 22: Stations of the Cross at 1 p.m. (Chapel) and Liturgy of the Lord's Passion at 3 p.m. (Chapel). Holy Saturday, April 23: Blessing of the Easter Food and Baskets at 11 a.m. (first-floor Dining Room) and 2 p.m. (Chapel); Easter Vigil, 6:30 p.m. (Chapel). Easter Sunday, April 24: Holy Mass at 9:30 a.m. (5th floor), Saint Andrew Life Center, a faith based organization, provides affordable living opportunities for older adults. Call (847) 647-8332.

Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, 8201 N. Karlov Ave., Skokie, will hold Adult Christian Education classes following 10 a.m. Sunday services. Classes will be held on a variety of topics. A Fellowship Hour follows the 10 a.m. serv-

ice each week with “Bring a Friend to Church and Brunch” the first Sunday of each month. Call the church at (847) 673-1434.

Temple Judea Mizpah, 8610 Niles Center Road, Skokie, will host its annual fund-raising event at 6 p.m. May 7. The festive event will feature a performance by the TJM Players, silent and live auctions, a program book, food, and lots of fun. The cost is \$36 per ticket. Call the temple at (847) 676-1566.

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.ehnt.org.

Reunions **USS Columbus CA-74/CG-12/SSN-762** Reunion will be held from Sept. 21-24 at Sheraton National Hotel-Arlington, Va. Contact Allen R. Hope, president, 3828 Hobson Road, Fort Wayne IN 46815-4505. Call (260) 486-2221 from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Eastern time, fax: 260-492-9771 or e-mail: Hope4391@frontier.com.

The Maine East Class of 1969 Reunion and 60th Birthday Bash will take place from 7-11 p.m. July 16 at Marriott Lincolnshire Resort, 10 Merritt Drive, Lincolnshire. Cost is \$69 per person includes dinner and dancing with a cash bar. Visit the Facebook page: “Maine East Class of 1969 Reunion/60th Bday Bash” to respond (by April 29) and use easy pay - PayPal. Contact: Anita Pedersen, anitawarren@sbccglobal.net, (630) 803-7593.

Maine Township High South, Class of 1966, is spearheading a two-day “Mass Reunion” to be held Aug. 26 and 27. Accompanying classes that represented the first collective student body to attend the newly opened high school in 1964 as well as their spouses and guests are to be included. The nucleus of new students that celebrated the opening of Maine South High School migrated from both Maine East and Maine West and includes the classes of 1965, 1966 and 1967. The two-day event will be held in Park Ridge at the recently developed Uptown Plaza located at the intersection of Touhy and Prospect avenues and Northwest Highway. The Friday evening event will take place at Houlihan's Restaurant, which will be closed to the general public. The alumni festivities will reignite on Saturday evening, and the venues will include Houlihan's, Jason's Deli and various

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8,000 books collected for at-risk children

Kids Who Care, the student service and outreach club of Mary, Seat of Wisdom School, Park Ridge, recently coordinated a used-book collection to benefit Bernie's Book Bank, a news release stated.

The drive was announced at February's all-school assembly, and students immediately began to bring in gently used books. Over the next four weeks, in excess of 8,000 books were collected to benefit Chicagoland youth in underserved areas.

Each MSW classroom was given a collection bin, and students were invited to bring gently used books from board books to young adult novels. The tower of books grew and grew, until the total reached more than 8,000 books.

Kids Who Care members also mounted a phone-a-thon campaign to recent alumni, inviting them to drop books at bins placed outside the school. Calls were made in the evening, from school phones, and students' personal cell phones-giving of their time to encourage alumni to join them in their outreach efforts. The phone-a-thon alone resulted in another 500 books being donated in a single weekend.

Judie Zoromski, Kids Who Care Coordinator, said she was "excited by the students' realization that their willingness to donate their time and items they no longer needed was able to make such a huge impact in the lives of other students," adding that she was "impressed by the eagerness and willingness of the students to reach out to aid those in need."

All books were donated to Bernie's Book Bank. In an



MSW eighth-grade students are pictured with more than 8,000 books, which were donated to Bernie's Book Bank for distribution to infants and school children throughout the Chicago area. | Contributed photo

effort to improve literacy, Bernie's Book Bank supplies quality reading material to at-risk school age children. Qualifying schools receive six age-appropriate books per student at a time, with a minimum of twelve books per year. The books are not on loan — they are given to the students, increasing book ownership among infants, toddlers, and school-aged children throughout the Chicago area. Books are collected locally, processed, and redistributed through partner schools to the children. Since December 2009, the book bank has distrib-

uted nearly 190,000 books. Kids Who Care is open to all MSW students in the fourth through eighth grades and works to coordinate service projects throughout the year. Mary, Seat of Wisdom School, 1352 S. Cumberland, Park Ridge, offers Catholic education for students from preschool through eighth grade, as well as a before-and after-school Extended Day Program.

For more information, contact the school office, (847) 825-2500 or go to www.mswschool.org.



Students collect bins of books from MSW classrooms donated to Bernie's Book Bank. | Contributed photo

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The Student Council of Washington School in Park Ridge recently sponsored a coin drive to help the people of Japan who were affected by last month's earthquake and tsunami. According to the school, the students raised \$1,431.

DISTRICT 207

The following Maine East High School Family and Consumer Science students recently took home honors at the 2011 FCCLA state conference: **Jessica Ruiz**, second place in Apparel Construction; **Jency Thomas**, second place in Apparel Construction; **Madison Reyes**, first place in Culinary Salad; **Stephanie Tamson**, second place in Preschool Storytelling; **Monique Tan** and **Megan Harford**, first place, Preschool Storytelling Team; and **Eonna Giannakopoulos** and **Stefaina Mikhail**, first place, Preschool Storytelling Team.

Maine South High School students **Anna Toulon** and **Taylor Sutschek** also earned

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first place awards in the competition.

DISTRICT 219

Niles North High School is holding the first STEM Conference for seventh and eighth grade girls on May 21. Presented by Niles Township High School District 219 and Girls Empowered by Math & Science (GEMS) which previously held similar conferences for younger girls. This special conference is for all seventh and eighth grade girls who want to explore how science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) education can empower them to make a meaningful difference in the world. The STEM conference will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on May 21 at Niles North High School, 9800 Lawler Ave., Skokie. Parents and girls are both invited to attend. Girls will attend exciting science/math sessions with hands-on activities while their parents will attend programs on the STEM program at District 219, as well as learn how to prepare their daughter for high school and beyond.

The keynote speaker is Dr. Diane Witt, neuroendocrinologist from the National Science Foundation. Session presenters are from Abbott Laboratories, Argonne National Laboratories, Northwestern University, Women in Science and Engineering (WISE) and the University of Illinois at Chicago. Raffle prizes such as a telescope, microscope and science kits will be awarded. For information, visit the web site or contact Niles North science teacher Susie Posnock at suspos@d219.org or (847) 626-2256.

Niles West High School students **Thidar Khine** and **Casey Plach** are 2011 recipients of \$8,000 college scholarships, awarded by the Niles Chamber of Commerce Dollars for Scholars program. Scholarship winners were either Niles residents, employees of a chamber member business or the son/daughter of an employee of a chamber member business. Khine and Plach received their scholarships at the Eighth

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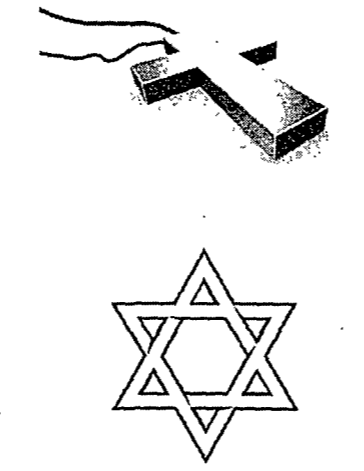
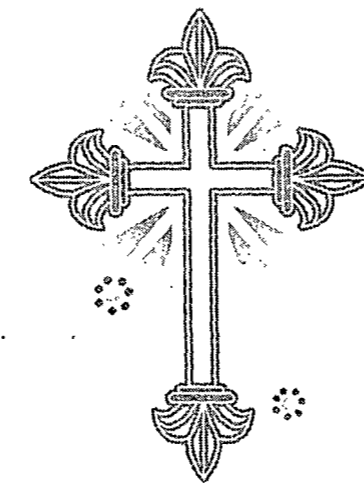
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Annual Niles Night of Roses - A Tribute to Home Grown Success Dinner on April 9 at the White Eagle Banquets.

Niles West visual arts instructor John Zilewicz is one of 30 art teachers from across the nation that has been selected for the Kansas City Art Institute (KCAI) Educator Artlab, held in July. The annual event gives art teachers the opportunity to immerse themselves in a week of art-making in either sculpture, kiln fired glass or drawing.

High school students in Niles Township had an opportunity to investigate future educational possibilities at one of the largest post-high school planning nights in the area. The 2011 District 219 College Fair was held at Niles West High School, 5701 W. Oakton St., Skokie. Representatives from approximately 250 colleges, universities, technical schools and the military attended. Students and their parents discussed entrance requirements, special programs, admission procedures and course offerings with representatives from a diverse array of colleges and technical schools. All Niles Township students and their parents were invited to participate, regardless of whether they attended a District 219 school.

ELL CENTER
Niles Township Schools' ELL Parent Center holds its Third Annual Back-to-School Health Fair from 8:30 a.m.-

7 p.m. June 17 at 9440 N. Kenton Ave., Skokie. Health offerings include physical and dental exams, immunizations and vision screenings.

Dental exams are available for participants one and a half to 18 years old, with prior registration. Dental registration forms must be submitted to Ell Parent Center by May 31.

Immunizations are provided to kindergarteners through 12th-graders only. A shots record must also be submitted to ELL Parent Center by May 31. A \$5 fee will cover all shots. Call (847) 568-7611, to schedule an appointment. Walk-ins welcome.

NORTHBRIDGE PREP

The Northridge Prep Drama Department will present "The Hobbit" by J.R.R. Tolkien at 7:30 p.m. April 28; 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. April 29; and 4 and 7:30 p.m. April 30 at 8320 Ballard Road, in Niles. Tickets are \$10, for adults and \$5, students. Visit www.northridgeprep.org.

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The following Niles North High School artists were selected as the Best in Category winners in the Life Is Simply Art (LISA) Show sponsored by the Great Frame Up, 2814 Central St., Evanston: **Serena Hocharoen**, drawing; **Wendy Hou**, three-dimensional; **Alexis Anaya**, graphic communication; **Sonia Richter**, painting and **Roey Hazot**, photography.

These students will compete for scholarship money in the Best of the Best competition on May 15 at the Thompson Center, Chicago.

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fitness styles. The classes move incrementally through different intensity levels, so anyone is welcome to join. Classes are held at 11 a.m. Wednesdays, \$5.35. **Line Dancing** is offered at 11:15 a.m. on the first and third Tuesdays of each month. Each class costs \$3. A variety of **exercise classes** fit for every level is available. Try the gentle-moderate exercise class, 11:15 Mondays and 10 a.m. Tuesdays that features a combination of seated and standing exercises for a complete cardiovascular workout. The moderate-high energy class is at 11 a.m.

Niles North and Niles West art students are exhibiting more than 100 pieces of work (paintings, drawings, photography, digital art and sculpture) at the Skokie Public Library, 5215 Oakton St., Skokie, through April 30. Artwork will be displayed in the library gallery, on the east side of the building and upstairs. Library hours are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday; 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday; and noon to 6 p.m. Sunday. Call the Skokie Public Library at (847) 673-7774.

The Advanced Theatre Studio class at Niles West High School presented "Portraits: One Night Only" on April 14 in the Black Box Theatre, in Skokie. This one-time only performance showcased the theater students as you have never seen them before. Students enrolled in Advanced Theatre Studio include: **Katie Buckley, Monica Cieszynski, Rachel Flink, Sarah Goldberg, Sarah Hernandez, Leah Hummel, Anahita Karimi, Aleks Krapivkin, Quinn Lawson-Hall, Becca Levy, Andrea Lupas, Zach Murbark and Marina Spasova.** The class instructor is **Andy Sinclair** and the Technical Director is **Steven George.**

Niles Township High School District 219 artists recently exhibited their work during the 23rd annual Central Suburban League Art Show at The Art Center, in Highland Park. Works from 80 District 219 artists were displayed along with artwork from 11 other area high schools. Paintings, drawings, sculpture, digital art and photography was showcased.

ebay will be given from 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m. April 23. Cost is \$30; Mather discount, \$24. **Joan Reardon**, author of *As Always, Julia*, will provide an inside look at the life of Julia Child. Suggested donation is \$5.

Golf Mill Shopping Center is hosting "Feats of Fitness," a mall-walking program Mondays through Saturdays, to enable seniors to walk within an enclosed environment. The program is sponsored by Bethany Terrace, Golf Mill Shopping Center, Maine Township Mainstreamers and Partners in Healthcare (North Shore Physicians Group). Health seminars and blood pressure screenings will be offered throughout the year every month on the second Wednesday. Call the Golf Mill management office, (847) 699-1070.

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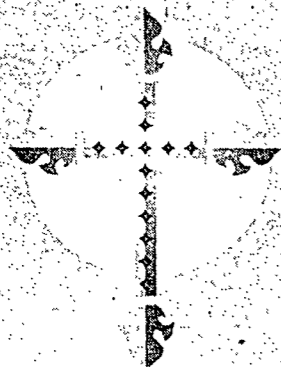
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EASTER WEEK SERVICES
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Maundy Thursday - April 21st
7:00 pm Worship with Holy Communion

Good Friday - April 22nd
4:30 pm Family Service
7:00 pm Service of Darkness

Easter Sunday - April 24th
8:30 am Festival Worship with Holy Communion
11:00 am Festival Worship with Holy Communion
9:30 - 11:00 am Easter Breakfast

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HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE 2011

HOLY THURSDAY - April 21st
Morning Prayer - 9:00 AM
Simple Supper - 6:00 PM in Wisdom Hall
Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7:30 PM
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - 10:30 PM
Night Prayer - 10:20 PM

GOOD FRIDAY - April 22nd
Morning Prayer - 9:00 AM
Liturgy of the Passion and Death of the Lord - 9:30 PM
Living Stations of the Cross - 7:30 PM

HOLY SATURDAY - April 23rd
Morning Prayer - 9:00 AM
Blessing of Food - 1:30 PM
*NO 5 PM Mass Today
†Easter Vigil - 8:00 PM

EASTER SUNDAY - April 24th
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Good Friday - April 22, 7:30 pm
Candlelight Worship

Easter Sunday - April 24 - 8:30 am
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North's Warda officially headed to SIU

Shortstop gets 'good vibe' from Salukis

By **DAN SHALIN**
Contributor

BASEBALL — As rain and cold temperatures washed out all but one game of the Niles North Invite, Vikings senior Adam Warda spoke about the benefits of heading south to play college baseball.

Not all that far south, mind you, but 300 miles south to Carbondale, where the 6-foot, 200-pound shortstop is set to be part of Southern Illinois University's 2011 recruiting class. "They have great facilities, and it's five hours south, so the weather is a lot better, which is a good thing," Warda said.

After verbally committing to SIU in late January, Warda made it official when he signed a national letter of intent. The Niles North athletic department held a breakfast ceremony for Warda and his family to celebrate the occasion.

As is the case with many NCAA Division I baseball players, Warda will receive a partial scholarship, the value of which could rise during the course of his career. Warda said he chose



Niles North's Adam Warda (left) fields a grounder during a game against Niles West on April 14. | Michael Jarecki-for Sun-Times Media

SIU over Illinois-Chicago, Wabash College (Ind.) and a couple of high-level community college programs.

"I chose Southern because I want to get away a little," he said. "I live right by the city and UIC wouldn't have been that much of a difference. But Carbondale is a college town and I talked to the guys (on the team), the coaches were nice and I just got a good vibe."

How Warda came to the

attention of the Southern Illinois coaching staff is a story of good fortune. He had originally been in talks to attend Rend Lake College, a junior college in Ina, located near Carbondale. But as Warda understands it, the SIU coaches asked the Rend Lake coaches if they knew of any middle infielders who might be able to help the Salukis. Warda's name came up.

"(SIU) contacted me in late October, and I sent

temporarily limited his ability to make longer throws.

Entering Saturday's game, Warda was hitting .482 with four home runs and 24 RBI.

Recap: The Vikings entered the week at 8-8 overall (0-1 conference). Head coach Ed Toledo said his team was getting some solid pitching, but was looking to rediscover the timely hitting that carried the

club during a successful spring break trip to Florida.

Plus, there has been some straight-out bad luck. In the Vikings' last at-bat during Saturday's 1-0 loss to Northside Prep in the Niles North Varsity Invite, Warda hit what appeared to be a game-tying double. The ball rolled to the wall, but base runner Sergio Benitez — who had been on first — slipped coming around third base, got in a run-down and was tagged for the final out of the game.

"Ninety-nine out of 100 times, our kid scores there," Toledo said. "He tagged third even before the ball got to the relay guy, but he hit some bad footing and went down." Junior righty Matt Simon pitched three innings in the five-inning tournament game, giving up a run on two hits. Junior Andy Granato threw two scoreless innings in relief. New Trier defeated Niles North 8-0 in the Vikings' CSL opener on April 12. Junior third baseman Gabe Duarte went 2-for-3 for North. St. Patrick edged Niles North 4-2 on April 11. Niles North and Niles West were tied 7-7 in the eighth inning on April 14 when the game was suspended due to rain and darkness.

West's Gordon working her way up ladder

Wolves sprinter hampered by leg injury

By **MATT HARNES**
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GIRLS TRACK — It wasn't hard to spot Kellion Gordon at last week's Niles West Invitational.

The Wolves senior sport-

ed black tights, covered by red shorts and white socks up to her knees. With a stiff wind at her back, Gordon won the 100-meter dash in 12.53, beating Niles North's Whitney Jean by several strides.

A two-time State qualifier in both the 100 and 200, Gordon is hoping for more success in the state meet next month. She finished third in both sprint races as a junior. But Gordon isn't ready to

dash. Gordon finally will get some outdoor competition over the next few weeks. The Wolves are entered in Glenbard East's weekend invitational, and will then compete at New Trier's invitational on April 30.

Niles West coach Mark Medland wants to build at least one relay, maybe two, around Gordon, but she's not sold on the prospect right now.

"I have to focus on the 100 and 200," Gordon said.

There still are three weeks for the Wolves to work out the details before they compete at the Loyola Sectional.

Gordon led the 800 relay to first place last week. With Gordon's help, the 400 relay placed second. The Wolves won the 3200 relay at last week's meet, and Jessica Sutfin won the 300 hurdles in 50.68.

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Notre Dame heats up after trip to California

By DAN SHALIN
Contributor

BASEBALL — An 0-4 road trip didn't take any of the spring from Notre Dame's step. More than two weeks after the Dons returned from Northern California, assistant coach Dominic Catalano still was raving about how much the experience helped the team, on and off the field.

Notre Dame competed against top California squads, including a 7-4 loss to Archbishop Mitty, the nation's No. 1 team.

"We played some really good teams and battled every game," Catalano said. "It was all for the experience, and we've been a better team since we got back."

The Dons are 7-4, but with only two losses to Illinois teams.

Recap: Notre Dame tuned

up for its ESCC opener with a 12-4 win at Loyola Academy on April 12. The Dons fell behind 2-0 before breaking out the second time through their batting order.

"That's kind of our MO," Catalano said. "The first time through, the guys see a pitcher, and after that they're locked in and hitting much better. We teach that and take pride in the guys paying attention (to the pitcher) and coming back to the dugout and communicating what they've seen and what the pitcher's got. When we go through the order the second time, they're more prepared. It's them being students, and it makes us proud they are paying attention and learning constantly."

Senior Justin Sanetra went 2-for-4 with a triple and three RBI, and classmate Anthony Pope was 2-for-3 with two RBI. Junior

Ryan Czachor finished 2-for-3 with an RBI. Junior righty pitcher Nick Fiorito started and picked up his first win.

The Dons blanked Maine East 11-0 the previous day. Pope (3-for-3, 4 RBI) and Czachor (2-for-3, 3 RBI) were the hitting stars. Senior starter lefty Brian Mercurio worked three solid innings.

Stats: Senior shortstop and leadoff man Jeff Von Moser leads all regulars with a .472 batting average. Seniors Pope (.353, 12 RBI), Jack Wietlisbach (.444, 4 homers, 14 RBI) and Alex Babusci (.343, 4 RBI) are the big run producers.

Senior Mark Angelini (1-2, 2.06 ERA, 17 innings), junior Charlie Jerger (0-1, 3.18, 11 innings), and senior lefty Andrew Gustafson (2-1, 1.97, 10.2 innings) have been getting the job done on the hill.

Wolves, Vikes solid out of gate

By DAN SHALIN
Contributor

SOFTBALL — Niles West and Niles North were looking forward to their annual doubleheader on Saturday.

After good starts, both teams wanted to bounce back from lopsided defeats. The Wolves were coming off a 12-0 blanking by Glenbrook South, while the Vikings received a 12-2 shelling by Glenbrook North.

But heavy rains forced postponement, and the annual District 219 tussle was rescheduled for May 6.

Niles West (8-6, 1-1) fell to Glenbrook South without its No. 1 starting pitcher, sophomore Krista Dawson, as junior Jen Zucker twirled a three-hit shutout.

Sophomore second base-

man Katie McDonagh, senior outfielder Shelby Peters and senior shortstop Laurie DiJohn picked up Niles West's hits.

The Wolves opened CSL South play with a 7-4 home victory over Waukegan. DiJohn hit a two-run homer in the first inning. West senior infielder Lauren Papucic (2-for-3, RBI), McDonagh (2-for-3, 2 RBI), senior outfielder Casey Nakawatase (2-for-3) and senior catcher Joanna Lefevre (1-for-3, RBI) produced at the plate.

Dawson was hurting and had to depart after two innings with the score tied at 2-2. Sophomore Lindsey Aybar pitched four innings, gave up two runs and three hits while striking out three and walking four to earn the win.

Niles North head coach Karin Wick said her team's

one-sided loss at Glenbrook North on April 13 served as a constructive lesson for the Vikings (6-3, 1-1) and their pitching staff.

"We were not ourselves," said Wick. "It was a good wake-up call for our pitchers. They need to get better and be sharper when they start the game. They need to use off-speed pitches more effectively."

Senior second baseman Rebecca Gilbert knocked in a run with a sacrifice fly, while sophomore outfielder Brittany Reilly tagged an RBI single in the fourth.

The Vikings pulled out a thrilling 4-3 victory over Maine West on April 11. Reilly tied the game with a home run in the bottom of the seventh inning before sophomore first baseman Kristin Reichert knocked in the winning run in the 10th.

Oakton sweeps doubleheader

BASEBALL — Oakton Community College Baseball improved to 20-13-1 overall after sweeping a doubleheader with visiting Kankakee on Sunday.

The Raiders won the first game 10-0 and took the nightcap 2-1.

Oakton also dropped a 2-1 decision to South Suburban on the road April 14.

Heading into Monday's scheduled visit from McHenry, Oakton was batting .313 as a team. Chris Ripple (Maine East) held team-highs in batting average (.426), hits (43), RBI (30) and runs (26).

Pitching-wise, Troy Man-

nebach (Appleton West, Wis.) continues to mow down opposing hitters. The southpaw stood in fifth place in NJCAA Division II rankings in strikeouts (64), averaging 1.98 an inning.

Oakton was slated to play doubleheaders against Waubesa on the road Monday, against Morton at home on Tuesday, against Black Hawk College in Moline on Thursday, against Carl Sandburg on the road Friday, and against McHenry at home on Saturday.

The Raiders will also visit Triton at 3 p.m. April 26 and host Madison for a twinbill on April 27.

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Blue Demons win in comeback fashion

Jaroslawski makes presence known at net

By DAN SHALIN
Contributor

VOLLEYBALL - Sometimes, statistics can be misleading.

But last week's stretch of action was not one of those times for Maine East.

The Blue Demons (who entered the week at 7-3) dropped their CSL North opener to Niles North 25-14, 25-21 on April 13 — and then fell behind Notre Dame the following evening before

prevailing 20-25, 25-19, 25-16.

There was one common statistic in the three straight sets the Blue Demons lost: a lack of point-blocks.

Maine East failed to come up with a single point-block in the first set against Niles North and then came up with goose eggs again in that category in Set 1 vs. Notre Dame.

"You'll have a tough time beating anybody with no point-blocks," East head coach John Kulesza said about the statistic recorded when a player blocks the ball to the floor on the opponent's side of the net.

The Demons finally got on track in Set 2 against the

Dons, recording nine point-blocks in that frame alone. Leading the way was 6-foot-8 senior Paul Jaroslawski, who had five point-blocks in all.

"Paul is a big kid, but he wasn't finishing," Kulesza said. "The ball was hitting his hands, but flying out of bounds. But he started going a little quicker to the ball and it made all the difference."

Maine East junior Greg Siemienczuk finished the match with 13 kills. Junior Angel Mandrazhiev had 12 digs and junior setter Jon Coldea had 30 assists.

Kulesza said that Coldea has settled nicely into his new position after he was

moved there a few weeks ago.

"He was hitting outside, but we thought we'd give him a chance to try and set," Kulesza said. "He's an athletic player and he still has to learn the offense and how to run it a little better. But he's learning fast and capable of making plays and getting to most balls to set."

After the loss to Niles North, Kulesza initially lamented the fact that the team was scheduled to play another match 24 hours later. He believed practice may have been more beneficial.

But following the win over Notre Dame, the coach was glad his team had had an op-

portunity to get back to its winning ways.

"We got that bad taste out of our mouth," he said. "Coaches always think, 'We need to work on stuff.' For the guys, (it was important) to get the bad taste out, get a win, and especially, to play well."

In fact, the coach said he went into the match just hoping for a solid performance, believing that the result would take care of itself.

"I said to the guys, even before the match, 'Win or lose, if we play better, compete better and execute, I'll feel better,'" Kulesza said.

Kulesza said the Demons hadn't underestimated

Niles North, a team vastly improved over last season. Maine East faced the Vikings over the summer and knew Niles North was an up-and-comer.

"We knew it wouldn't be a cakewalk — they just out-executed us," Kulesza said. "In (Set 1), it went back and forth, and they just made a run. We couldn't stop them."

Senior Karol Grzebien led Maine East with nine kills and two aces in the contest.

Kulesza said his back row — featuring Mandrazhiev, junior libero David Coldea and senior Taku Hirunuma — has been a strength during the early part of the campaign.

ND winning fair share despite missing French

Injured senior star 'hard to replace'

By DAN SHALIN
Contributor

BOYS VOLLEYBALL — As Notre Dame knows all too well, volleyball can yield its share of injuries, even though it's not considered a contact sport.

ND star Peter Maniscalco missed a large chunk of last season with an ankle injury. Senior Kevin Fay missed a few contests with an ailment earlier this season. Another key senior, Dan French, recently has been out with an abdominal muscle injury.

The Dons (7-5) clearly have missed French, a 6-foot-4 outside or right-side hitter. But head coach Patrick Cole said his team has played some decent volleyball despite being without, arguably, its top player.

"Everybody has stepped up in the defensive aspect of our game," the coach said. "But it's hard to replace his offense. French is a very

good offensive player and a fantastic blocker. But we've found ways to stay competitive and win a couple of matches."

Cole was hoping to have French back in the lineup for ND's ESCC opener against Marian Catholic.

The Dons were hoping to bounce back from a 20-25, 25-19, 25-16 loss to Maine East on April 14. Though Notre Dame won the first set, Cole said his team's defense was not up to par the rest of the match.

"Our defense was just not at the same level (after the first set). That's the simple answer," he said. "We made too many stupid mistakes; hit too many out of bounds and were aced too many times."

Junior setter Evan Choate finished with 17 assists, six blocks and two digs. Junior Kyle Krogstad had eight kills and six blocks.

Krogstad, who switched from libero to outside hitter this season, has adjusted quickly to his new position.

"I expected Kyle to be good — just not as good — as fast as he has become," Cole said. "In the offensive

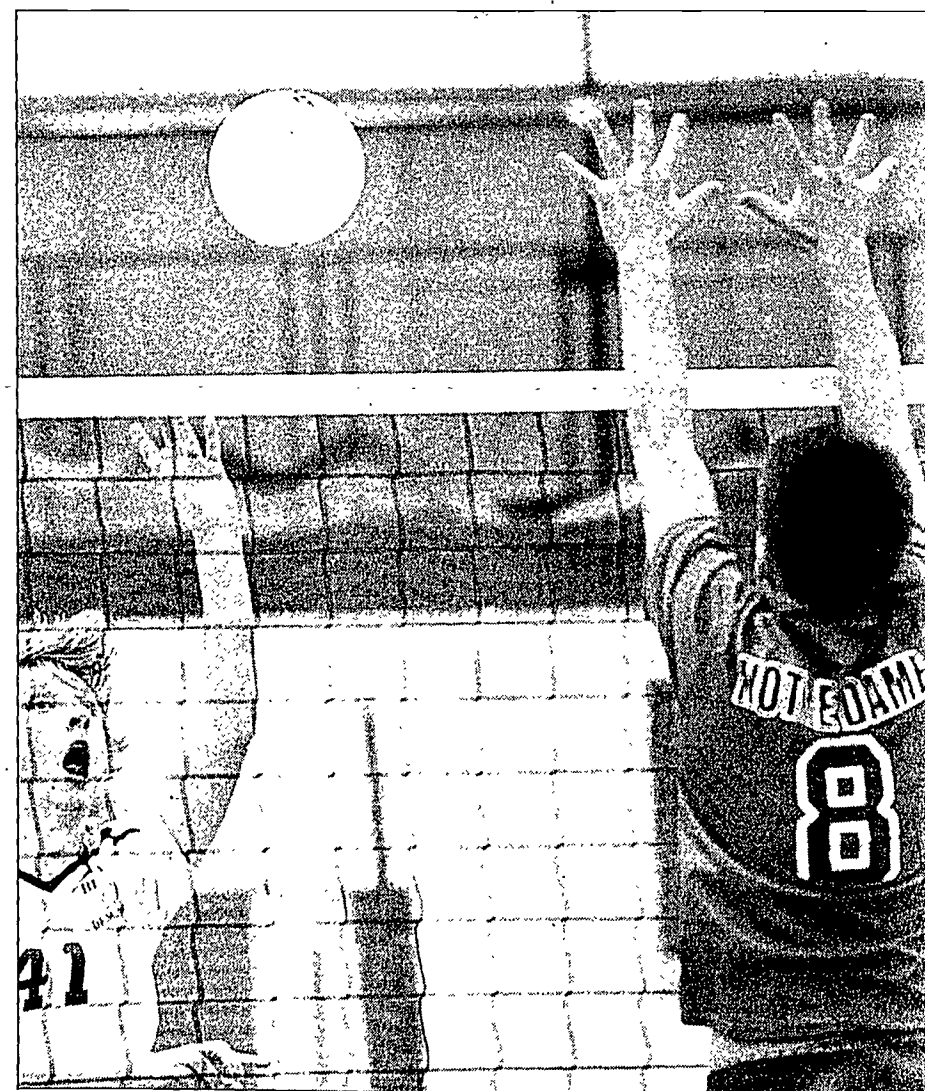
portion of his game, he just plays very, very smart. He's not the type of kid who just wails on the ball in the front row. He has smart shot selection, which is something that even guys who play outside their entire lives have a hard time doing. (He's adept at) things like wiping a block with a tip and other higher-level offensive moves."

Cole also has been pleased with the recent play of Choate, senior outside hitter Alex Bielech and senior Kevin Regal, who plays right side or outside.

Recap: Notre Dame defeated Gordon Tech 25-5, 25-14 on April 12. Choate had 17 assists and two aces. Junior Andre Pruski finished with six blocks and three kills.

The Dons dominated Lakes 25-14, 25-8 on April 11. Bielech (5 kills, 2 aces) and Krogstad (5 kills, ace) led the rout.

Maine East's Adam Bloniarz tips the ball over the attempted block of Notre Dame's Kyle Krogstad during the Blue Demons' comeback win at home on April 14. | Jon Langham-for Sun-Times Media



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Boys tennis hosts Highland Park, 4:30 p.m.

Boys baseball hosts Maine East, 4:45 p.m.

Girls softball hosts Maine East, 4:45 p.m.

Boys volleyball at Downers Grove Invite, 5 p.m.

Boys gymnastics hosts John Cress Invite, 6:30 p.m.

Girls soccer at Glenbrook South Invite (Techny B) vs. Crystal Lake So., 6:40 p.m.

Saturday

Boys volleyball at Downers Grove Invite, 8 a.m.

Boys tennis at Prospect Invite, 8:30 a.m.

Girls softball hosts Lane Tech, 10 a.m.

Girls soccer at Glenbrook South Invite (Techny B) vs. Kenosha Bradford, 10 a.m.; (Techny B) vs. Chicago U High, 2:10 p.m.

Boys baseball hosts (doubleheader) vs. Lake View, 10:30 a.m.

Monday

Girls softball at Libertyville, 4:30 p.m.

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Niles West gets off to sizzling start

Wolves win 12 of first 14 games

By DAN SHALIN
Contributor

BASEBALL - Instead of a taking a road trip and playing a pair against two different teams, Niles West spent Saturday in Skokie in the school's field house.

The Wolves' scheduled games against Rockford Guilford and host Rochelle fell victim to the weather. But Niles West, which is off to a torrid 12-2 start, didn't treat it as an off-day.

"We were in the cage for two-and-a-half hours," said West head coach Garry Gustafson. "We have to stay sharp if we're not going to go outside."

Cancellations can throw off position players, who are unable to hit live pitching or take grounders on an infield. But Gustafson's pitchers remain on the same off-day throwing schedule, regardless of the weather.

"The pitchers have a regular routine to throw," he said. "In fact, if it's their turn to throw a bullpen and we're inside, they keep their same routine whether it's raining or sunny. Mitch Stern, our pitching coach, keeps them on a throwing regimen



Niles West senior Nick Wheeler delivers a pitch during the first inning at Niles North on April 14. The game was postponed due to weather with the score tied 7-7 after seven innings. | Michael Jarecki-for Sun-Times Media

throughout the week, and they don't miss a beat."

The pitching staff struggled a bit in a game against Niles North on April 14 that was suspended because of rain and darkness with the score tied 7-7 entering the eighth inning. Otherwise, West's pitchers have been solid. Junior Jason Meger pitched a gem in a 4-2 home win over Barrington April 11.

"Barrington is a good ballclub, and they threw a quality pitcher at us," Gustafson

said. "It was a nice win for us against a quality team."

Meger (2-0) went the distance, scattering five hits and giving up two earned runs. He struck out two and walked two.

"What an outstanding performance," Gustafson said. "He threw all three pitches (fastball, curve, straight change) for strikes and got ahead of hitters all day. It was one of the best performances of his Niles West career."

Meger gave up back-to-

back singles and a run in the first inning, but he induced a 4-6-3 double play to end the threat. The Wolves responded with two runs in the second and two in the third. The Broncos scored their final run in the fifth.

Junior shortstop Kevin Ross went 1-for-3 with a triple and an RBI. Meger helped himself by going 2 for-3 with a run and an RBI. Senior outfielder Ryan Olen was 2-for-2 with a run. Junior catcher Eric Stojanoff went 2-for-2 with an

RBI.

Niles West posted a 10-3 home win on April 12 over an experienced Maine West team that tied Highland Park for the CSL North crown last season. Senior righty Kenny Blanchard (3-1) went all the way and allowed three runs on six hits. He struck out four and walked three.

The Wolves' big innings? A five-run explosion in the second and a three-spot in the fourth.

Sophomore second baseman Kyle Colletta went 3-for-4 with two runs and an RBI. Olen, leading off in the absence of junior Evan Athanasiou, went 2-for-2 with four runs and an RBI.

Ross was 2-for-4 with a double, an RBI and a steal of home. Blanchard went 2-for-4 with a run and an RBI. Junior first baseman Max Markoff was 2-for-4 with an RBI, and Stojanoff was 1-for-2 with two knocked in.

The Wolves were scheduled to begin CSL South play against defending division champ Maine South and defending North co-champion Highland Park.

Maine South is scheduled to visit Niles West at 4:45 p.m. Thursday. Nick Wheeler, who allowed just two earned runs over six innings in his last outing, was expected to take the hill.

North's Foreman has state meet in mind

Vikings junior wins 400 at invite

By MATT HARNESSE
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GIRLS TRACK - Niles North coach Andy Swedberg believes Kiana Foreman is a candidate to once again run at State.

The Niles North junior advanced in the 400-meter run last year, but she did-

n't get past preliminaries. What's holding her up this spring is the weather.

The Vikings competed outdoors for only the second time this season during last week's Niles West Invitational.

"We look for her to come on strong soon," the coach said of last year's sectional champ. "But we've been a victim of bad weather. Her best times are yet to come."

Foreman won the 400 at Niles West in 1:05.33 on a cold and windy afternoon

April 14. Teammate Tiffany Bugara was second (1:05.42), as the Vikings ended up second to the host Wolves. Niles West won the seven-team meet with 162 points, while Niles North finished with 116.

"Kiana has a good chance to get back (to State), but she has a lot of work ahead of her," Swedberg said. "We are seeing improvement."

Clara Williamson was Niles North's other winner at Niles West. The junior, who narrowly missed out on making it to Charleston

last spring, finished first in the 800 in 2:33.17.

"She's been a strong performer for us," Swedberg said. "She's a workhorse. We are hopeful for Clara. She just needs to get that time down."

Whitney Jean placed second in both the 100 and 200. Jean, who battled asthma at the end of last season, finished the 100 in 12.92, behind Niles West superstar Kellion Gordon. She followed that up with a time of 27.48 in the 200, but was edged out by Loy-

ola's Jenny Franzen.

"Her 100 time was a very encouraging sign," Swedberg said.

Niles North's throwers also showed State potential in challenging conditions at Niles West. Ashlei Kehl placed second in shot put (31-8.5), and Amanda Cortes was third (30-9). Cortes then took second in discus with a toss of 91-2, while Kehl finished fifth (84-4).

"We will see if we can sneak them in," Swedberg said.

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THIS WEEK
MAINE EAST

Today
Boys baseball at Niles North, 4:45 p.m.
Boys gymnastics at Niles North Invite, 6:30 p.m.
Girls softball at Niles North, 4:45 p.m.
Boys tennis hosts Deerfield, 4:30 p.m.
Saturday
Girls badminton at Wheeling Blue/Gold Invite, 8 a.m.
Boys baseball at Conant, 10 a.m.
Boys tennis at Hoffman Estates Invite, 9 a.m.
Monday
Girls softball hosts Deerfield, 4:45 p.m.
Boys tennis hosts Proviso West, 4:30 p.m.
Girls water polo at Resurrection, 5:30 p.m.
Tuesday
Boys baseball hosts Highland Park, 4:45 p.m.
Girls soccer hosts Glenbrook North, 4:45 p.m.
Boys tennis at Maine West, 4:30 p.m.
Boys volleyball at Deerfield, 6 p.m.
Boys water polo at New Trier, at Winnetka Campus, 6 p.m.
Girls water polo hosts New Trier, 6 p.m.

NILES WEST

Today
Boys baseball at Maine South, 4:45 p.m.
Girls softball at Evanston, 4:45 p.m.
Boys track at Notre Dame Relays, 5 p.m.
Boys volleyball hosts Downers South Invite, 5 p.m.
Girls soccer hosts Niles West Tourn., 5 p.m.
Boys gymnastics at Niles North Invite, 6:30 p.m.
Saturday
Boys tennis at Willowbrook Invite, 8 a.m.
Boys volleyball at Downers South Invite, 8 a.m. TBD
Girls track at Glenbard West, w/ Glenbard East, 9 a.m.
Boys baseball vs. Union Grove/Beloit Turner, WI, 10 a.m.
Girls soccer hosts Niles West Tourn., 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.
Monday
Boys tennis hosts Notre Dame, 4:30 p.m.
Tuesday
Boys tennis hosts New Trier, 4:30 p.m.
Boys baseball at Evanston, 4:45 p.m.
Girls softball hosts Maine South, 4:45 p.m.
Boys water polo hosts Glenbrook South, 5 p.m.
Girls soccer hosts Evanston, 7 p.m.



Niles West junior Jewell Loyd (middle) announces her college destination with the assistance of her fellow students. | Buzz Orr-Sun-Times Media

Loyd will play at Notre Dame

Official signing will come in November

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GIRLS BASKETBALL - One of the most coveted players in the country captivated an audience of more than 100 locals Tuesday.

At a press conference called to announce her verbal commitment, Jewell Loyd played to the crowd. She stepped behind a wall of students before unzipping her warm-up jacket to reveal her intent on playing college ball for Notre Dame.

The Niles West junior, who sported an Irish "Play Like a Champion Today" T-shirt, can't make it official until Nov. 9, when the early signing period starts for basketball seniors.

"I found it to be a good fit for me," Loyd said at the Niles West student activities center. "I know the girls on the team, and I like the style of play. I feel like I can help them reach their goals."

Notre Dame won out over Connecticut, DePaul and Tennessee.



Niles West junior Jewell Loyd receives a hug from Wolves basketball coach Lou Metallo after announcing her plans to attend the University of Notre Dame during a press conference on Tuesday. Metallo is the former varsity girls coach and currently coaches the freshman team. | Buzz Orr-Sun-Times Media

Loyd cited the school's educational excellence as well as the closeness of the campus to her Lincolnwood hometown. She plans to join Montini senior Whitney Holloway in South Bend, Ind., in 2012.

"I want my parents and brother at the games," she said. "And academically, Notre Dame is off the

charts." Loyd's brother Jarryd played at Niles West and then at Valparaiso.

Already one of the best players in the state, Jewell Loyd took her game to another level last summer while playing for Team USA's U17 club, which won a gold medal in France. She then averaged 28.8 points, 15.2

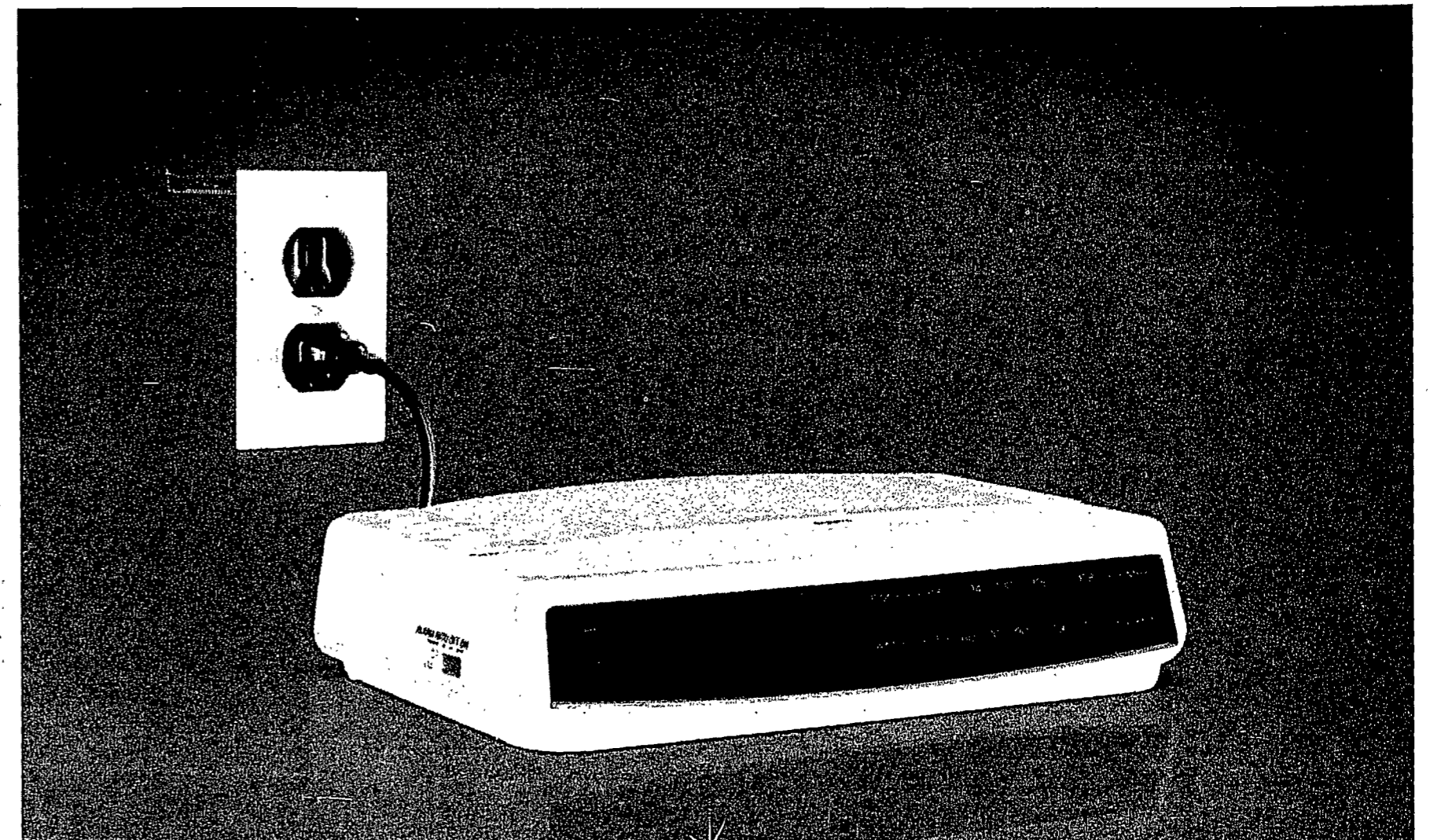
rebounds, 4.5 steals, 4.1 assists and 3.1 blocks during her junior season. The two-time all-stater scored 40 or more points six times and a career-high 46 against St. Francis as the Wolves finished 22-9. Niles West lost to Maine South in the sectional final.

"Best player in the state, hands down," Niles West coach Tony Konsewicz said. "Very special." With one more season at Niles West, the 5-foot-9 Loyd looks to become the sixth player in state history to score 3,000 points.

Konsewicz remembers watching Loyd as a middle-schooler at Lincoln Hall in Lincolnwood. The coach immediately recognized her talent and called himself "spoiled rotten" for having the privilege of coaching her in high school.

Konsewicz noted Loyd's "infectious smile," but made it clear that she isn't about converting opponents. "It's like a warning," he said.

With Loyd joining Notre Dame in 2012, she will have the chance to play along side Skylar Diggins, the sophomore point guard who became a sensation while leading the Fighting Irish to the championship game against Texas A&M.



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