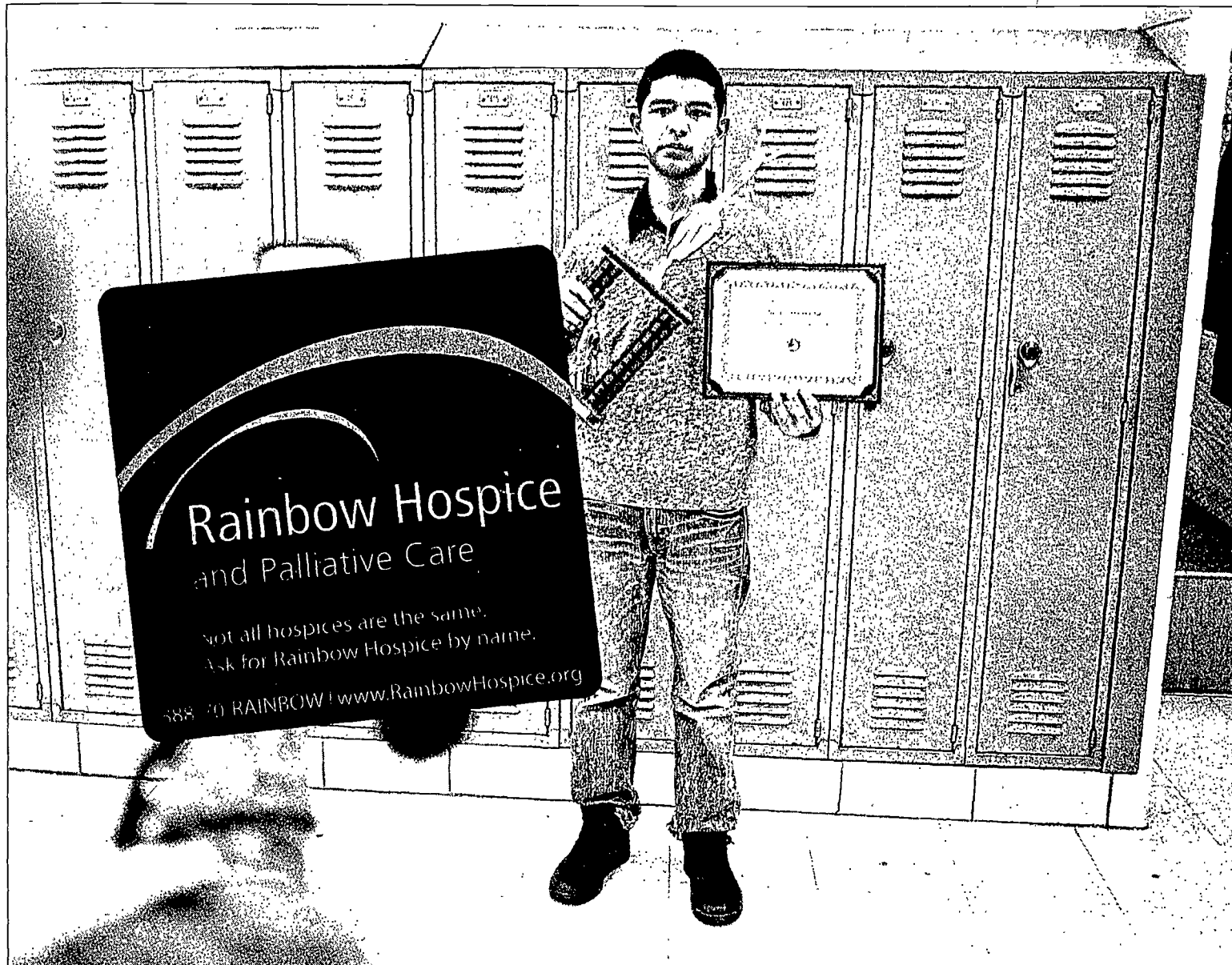


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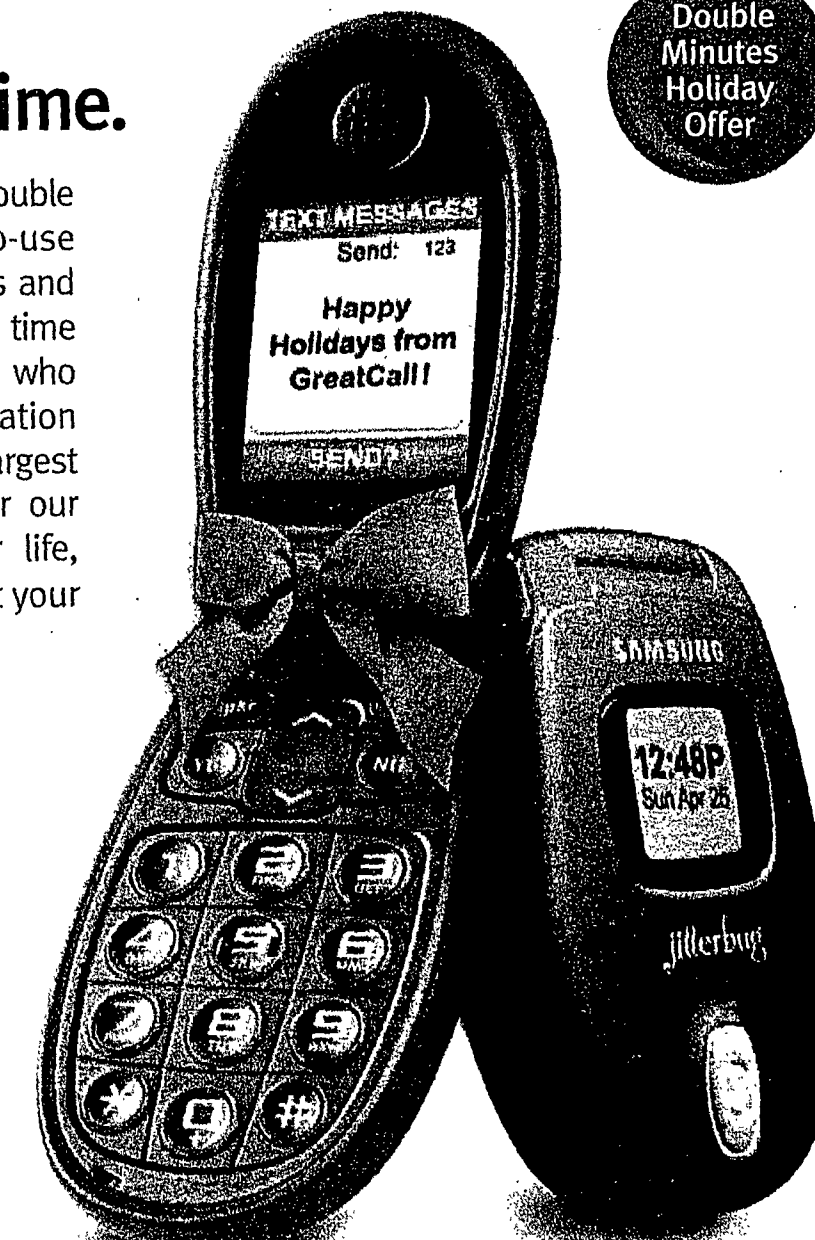
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VILLAGE HALL

Local officials react to Blago sentence

BY TRACY GRUEN
Contributor

Niles politicians reacted to ex-Gov. Rod Blagojevich's sentencing last week to 14 years in prison.

Former Niles Mayor Nicholas Blase, who served a year in prison on a federal corruption conviction, said that often, people who are convicted of murder get sentenced to 15 years, so he feels 14 years is too harsh for Blagojevich.

"It doesn't make any sense," Blase of the sentence. "He never made any money on the deal."

Blase said that the 14-year sentence will scare anyone who is running for office, but he did not deny that Blagojevich did something wrong.

Niles Trustee Joseph LoVerde called the sentence

"harsh." "But I support it," he said. "They're trying to send a message to all the elected officials that corruption won't be tolerated."

LoVerde said it's horrible when people put their trust in elected officials and they do something corrupt, but still, he noted: "It breaks my heart for his family."

Trustee Rosemary Palicki supported the length of Blagojevich's sentence.

"Each and every time an elected official compromises him or herself and violates the oath of office, every man, woman and child in Illinois dies a little bit," Palicki said. "Our faith in our elected leaders, our trust that the citizens' interests are first and foremost in their minds and the confidence in our government is eroded

away and dies a bit."

Palicki said she feels the recent history of elected officials in Illinois is sad, and despite of other recent convictions, political corruption still persists.

"This sentence sends a message that violation of the public trust will not be regarded lightly and will be severely punished," Palicki said. "As elected officials we have the responsibility to do our best on behalf of the citizenry and to act ethically and honestly at all times."

"This responsibility is not only to the electorate but to our families, as well."

Trustee Chris Hanusiak said: "He got a fair trial. Due process was followed."

State Rep. John D'Amico said it is a very sad situation and he feels sorry for Blagojevich's family.

DISTRICT 64

Carpenter fourth-grader's pertussis diagnosis follows school staff case

BY JENNIFER JOHNSON
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One week after announcing that a staff member at Carpenter School had been diagnosed with pertussis, Park Ridge-Niles School District 64 informed parents that a child at the school has contracted the illness, as well.

The school district was notified by the Cook County Department of Public Health Dec. 5 that a fourth-grader at Carpenter, 300 N. Hamlin Ave., Park Ridge, had been diagnosed as having pertussis, a highly contagious bacterial infection also known as whooping cough.

On Nov. 28 the school district was notified that a staff member at Carpenter and a staff member at Franklin had contracted pertussis, but their positions within the schools have

not been revealed.

Though a vaccine to protect children against pertussis exists, the Cook County Department of Public Health reports that there were 142 cases of pertussis reported to the department last year. Outbreaks reported in middle and high schools are "largely due to waning immunity" from the last vaccine the children received when they entered kindergarten, the department said.

District 64 requires students to be vaccinated for pertussis before entering kindergarten. New Illinois legislation, effective at the start of the 2012-13 school year, will also require students entering sixth-grade to show proof of having received one dose of the diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis vaccine, also known as Tdap, regardless of when they received their last booster, said Margaret Petkof-

ski, facilitator of school health services for District 64. Students entering grades 7-12 who have not received the Tdap will be required to do so.

In a letter to parents that was included in each school's online newsletter last week, District 64 School Health Services stated that it is recommended that adults who have not previously received the Tdap do so. The letter also advised families to "discuss the appropriateness of the vaccine" with a health-care provider.

According to the Cook County Department of Public Health, symptoms of pertussis can start out similar to a cold and include a runny nose, low fever and cough. The symptoms can progress to severe coughing fits and vomiting after coughing. A cough associated with pertussis can last several weeks, according to the Health Department.

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Maine South High School's Constitution Team at the Dirksen Federal Building in Chicago following their Dec. 2 state win. | CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

MAINE SOUTH

Constitution Team advances to the national finals in D.C.

Maine South High School's Constitution Team repeated the successes of the past 16 years by again taking the state title in the "We the People: the Citizen and the Constitution" competition.

The contest took place Dec. 2 at the Dirksen Federal Courthouse in downtown Chicago. The courtroom was the same one where Rod Blagojevich was sentenced this week, noted Constitution

Team Coach Andy Trenkle.

The team will now prepare for the National Finals in Washington, D.C., which will be in the spring. The competition consists of simulated congressional hearings where students demonstrate their knowledge and understanding of the Constitution.

Members of the 2011-12 team are Paul Ansani, Jeremy Apollinski, Austin Bryniarski,

Ethan Campbell, Colton Cannon, Claire Floriano, Merrill Hester, Luke Kapolnek, Lauren Krone, Renee Kumon, Jimmy Loomos, Thomas Lis, Meredith Machon, Caroline Murphy, Kyle Richardson, Michelle Roberts, Allie Sawkowicz, Daniel San Gabino, Matt Sherbahn, Katie Solberg, Sarah Tarabey, Caroline Unger, Maddy Vogg, Patrick Wohl, Alex Zaug and Lindsey Zawila.

PARK DISTRICT

New outdoor rink opens up ice options for Niles skaters

BY TRACY GRUEN
Contributor

Due to the popularity of its indoor skating rink, a new outdoor rink has opened outside Iceland Skate Complex, at 8435 Ballard.

"The rink we have there now is overbooked," said Ray Czarnik, Niles Park District Board president. "We hate turning people down."

The new rink cost the Park District about \$200,000. Czarnik said the district saved money using the labor of Park District employees.

The rink features coils that

keep the ice cold, and people can skate outside as long the temperature remains 52 degrees or less.

In the warmer months an all-purpose floor will be used to play soccer.

"It'll be a year-round-use facility," Czarnik said.

Czarnik said that in the future the district may put a roof over the rink to make it a pavilion, or even enclose it. The skating rink is 65 feet by 165 feet.

Czarnik noted that the district closed the outdoor swimming pool that was in that location two years ago be-

cause they were losing about \$100,000 per year keeping it open.

"The minute we closed the pool the facility became profitable," Czarnik said.

Czarnik said that ever since the Chicago Blackhawks started winning NHL championships, hockey and ice skating became more popular and the indoor rink became busier.

"It's got a lot of exposure," Czarnik said of the new rink. "People from other areas are coming to see it."

The district is considering offering a free trial period at the new outdoor facility.

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SCHOOLS BRIEF

Students recognized

The students at St. John Brebeuf were acknowledged at the first-quarter assembly for their accomplishments. The school goal this year is to work above and beyond in the areas of faith, academics, perseverance and acceptance. Being a Peacekeeper is the highest honor a student can earn. Each homeroom selects a boy or girl whom they feel exemplifies the qualities of being an outstanding student. These students are awarded with a medal, certificate and an out-of-uniform day. Other students honored were door holders, altar servers, no-tardies, patrol and boys and girls who received first and second honors for the first quarter. The assembly ended with a Thanksgiving poem and a relay race.

NORTHRIDGE PREP

Student investigators comb crime scene in new course

BY TRACY GRUEN
Contributor

Students at Northridge Preparatory School are busy trying to find the perpetrator of a mock armed robbery as part of a new criminal-investigations course. The class was divided into three different squads of detectives who watched Northridge staff members act out an armed robbery. Sixteen staff members volunteered to participate in the activity.

"Each squad is supposed to compile a case file documenting the investigation," said Bill Whalen, dean of students at Northridge and a retired Chicago police sergeant. "Eventually, it'll lead them to one person in the building who is our perpetrator," Whalen said.

Each squad will have 10 minutes to present their evidence. Students had an opportunity to interact one-on-one with the law-enforcement officers and ask them questions.

"I wanted to try to expose the kids to people in the law-enforcement community in a positive light," said Whalen, who wanted the students to see police workers are just "regular Joes."

The crime scene from the mock armed robbery contained DNA evidence, fake blood, a wallet, a shell casing, a mask and gloves. As part of the criminal-investigations course the students toured the Niles Police Station and a representative from the State's Attorney's Office will be coming to speak to them in coming weeks.

"I've had several guest speakers come in for different topics," Whalen said. Speakers have included FBI



Retired Chicago police Det. Bill Whalen briefs student investigators Tyler Stachnik and Mark Williams about a mock crime scene in his Criminal Investigations class. In the background stands teacher Nick Ruedig, a "victim" of the incident. | CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

agents, suburban policemen and commanders.

Whalen has been with the Chicago Police Department for 31 years, spending nearly 20 years in the detective unit and five years as a sergeant. Whalen worked in a gang unit and on cold-case investigations.

Whalen said he hopes the course will continue at Northridge in the future.

"I enjoy doing it," he said. "I miss it. This is what I've done my whole life."

Student John Rahimi prepares to "bag" a piece of evidence from a mock crime scene in his Criminal Investigations class at Northridge Prep. | CONTRIBUTED PHOTO



DISTRICT 67

Golf student turns learning disability into mentoring tool

BY CATHRYN GRAN
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Juan Armenta embraces his unique style of learning.

Through his participation in the national Project Eye-to-Eye program, the Morton Grove resident said he has become a better student.

"It helps me learn different ways of dealing with different problems," said the eighth-grade student at Golf Middle School.

Those efforts have earned Armenta a first-place trophy from Project Eye-to-Eye's LD Empowerment photo contest.

Project Eye-to-Eye is a mentoring program in which college students, who themselves are learning-disabled or have attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, come after school to mentor students, explained Bari Levin, seventh- and eighth-grade resource teacher at Golf Middle

School. "The mentors talk about advocacy and accommodations," she said. "And my students are able to bond with someone who understands what it's like to have a learning disability."

Armenta's entry was a photo of him holding a sign he created proclaiming, "LD, and proud to be."

"He's becoming a role model for the LD community," Levin said, delighted at the student's accomplishment.

Explaining why he wanted to participate in the contest, Armenta said: "Just because I'm in special education doesn't mean I can't do what everyone else does."

At the Dec. 6 meeting, Golf School District 67 Board of Education members honored Armenta for his accomplishment.

"I was a little nervous," he said. "But I was proud."



Juan Armenta receives a trophy by Meryl Gale and Jamie Reilly at a school board meeting on Dec. 6 at Golf Middle School in Morton Grove. The eighth-grader was chosen as a National Project Eye-to-Eye LD Empowerment Champion. | ROB HART-SUN-TIMES MEDIA

ST. JOHN BREBEUF

Advent activities teach kids about birth of Christ

St. John Brebeuf School students have been participating in activities to observe Advent, which begins on the fourth Sunday before Christmas Day and ends on Christmas Eve.

"It is a time of waiting for the celebration of Jesus' birth," according to a news release. "During this time, we remember Jesus' coming into the world and look forward to the celebration of Christ's presence among us on Christmas."

The students are preparing for the religious observance. To learn more about the Advent Season, students have been reading about the different related traditions of many countries. A Christmas tradition at St. John Brebeuf is to have the first-graders

dramatize the story of the Nativity. With the guidance of first-grade teachers, some of the children will tell the story of the "First Christmas Night," while the others will dramatize "the birth of the Christ Child."

Students will portray the biblical characters of Mary and Joseph, the Angel Gabriel, a shepherd and a sheep.

The children will participate in the celebration by attending a Liturgy. The Advent/Christmas Liturgy for the school will be at 8:45 a.m. Dec. 21. The first-graders will also dramatize the story of the Nativity at the Family Liturgy at 3 p.m. Christmas Eve.

"We hope that you will be able to join us on this joyous occasion," the release stated.



Students portray the biblical characters of Mary and Joseph, the Angel Gabriel, a shepherd and a sheep as part of activities teaching them about Advent. | CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

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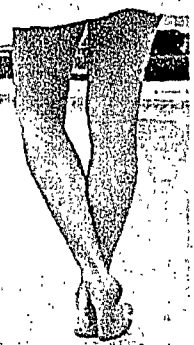
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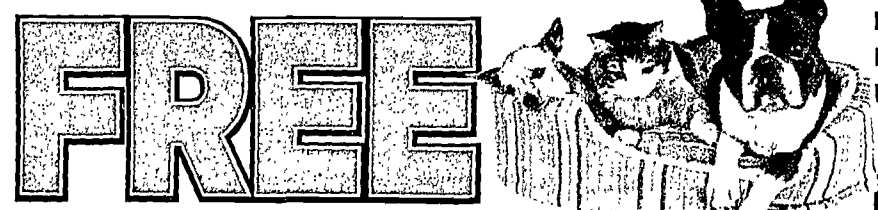
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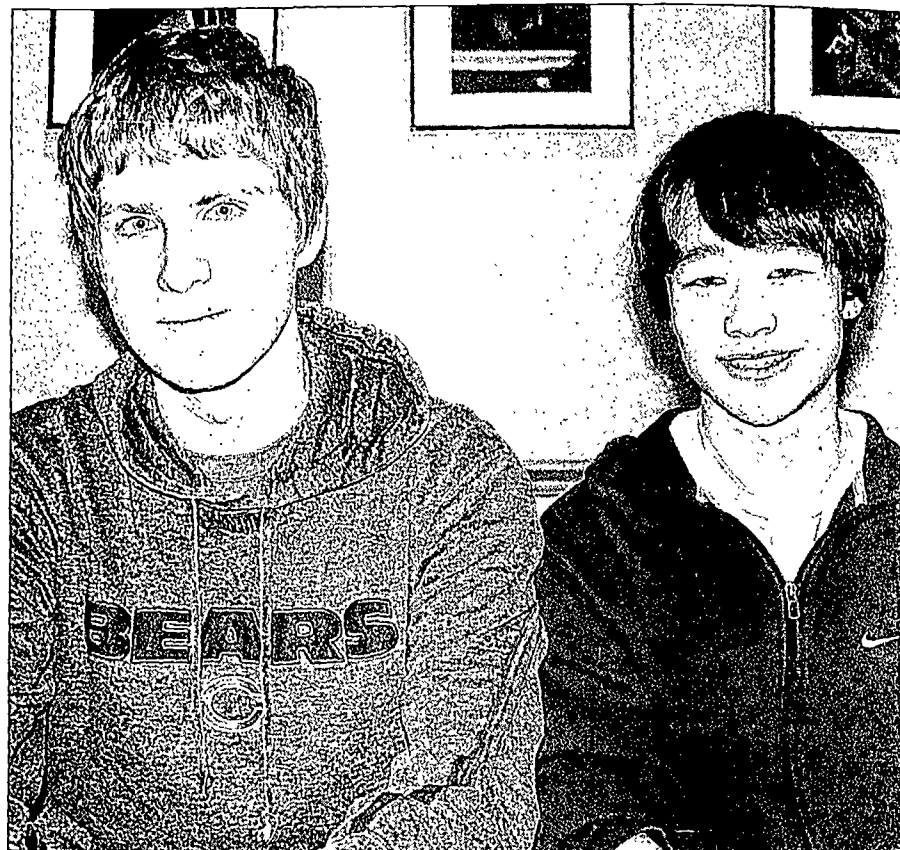
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Maine South High School students Thomas Lis and Ethan Campbell each earned a perfect score on their ACTs this year. (PHOTO COURTESY OF DISTRICT 207)

DISTRICT 207

Pair of Maine South students ace ACT

BY JENNIFER JOHNSON
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Two Maine South High School students have achieved a prestigious accomplishment: perfect scores on the ACT college entrance exam.

Ethan Campbell and Thomas Lis each earned a score of 36 on the exam, putting the students of the Park Ridge high school into an elite group. According to the ACT organization, less than one-tenth of 1 percent of all students who took the exam this year earned a perfect score.

The national average ACT composite score for 2011 was 21.1 and the average composite score for the state of Illinois was 20.9.

Campbell acknowledged that his perfect score came as a surprise. "I didn't expect it," said the senior, who is also a National Merit Scholarship Finalist this year. "I only took the ACT once and I didn't prepare for it at all, to be honest. I just studied the night before."

Though "ecstatic" to receive the news, Campbell believes standardized tests are "an incomplete snapshot of one's academic talents and potentials," and scoring high on such exams can be easy for some. He also says his score will help in the college-admissions process, but is a "minor thing in the big scheme of factors colleges consider for admission."

Campbell also took the SAT and scored a 2300 out of a possible 2400.

Campbell, of Park Ridge, has not yet decided where he will attend college, but said he would like to study mechanical or aerospace engineering.

He and fellow perfect-scorer Thomas Lis are also mem-

DISTRICT 207

School board OKs 3.4-percent levy hike

BY TRACY GRUEN
Contributor

The Maine Township High School District 207 Board of Education hiked the district's property-tax levy by 3.39 percent at its December meeting following a public hearing.

Board member Ed Mueller, who previously proposed no increase in this year's tax levy, proposed a tax levy of \$104 million during this month's meeting, saying he felt that would capture new growth without increasing taxes for residents.

Mueller's motion failed, with board member Eric Leys backing his motion and the other trustees opposed to it. No one spoke at the public hearing for the levy increase.

The total amount of the tax levy approved was \$106,038,952. Of that amount, \$1.38 million will go to debt service, and the balance toward operating costs.

The district is expected to receive about \$2.7 million from the levy increase next year.

Business Director Mary Kalou said that if Mueller's motion passed, the district would have received only about \$1.4 million.

At the November board meeting Mueller said he would ideally like to see a 10-year tax freeze, but his amendment was only for no increase in this year's tax levy. Leys also voted for no increase in the tax levy at this time.

District 207 taxes comprise about 25 percent of homeowners' taxes. On a tax bill of \$6,000, District 207 would be \$1,500. The proposed tax levy would increase the amount by 1.5 percent, or \$22.50, Kalou said.

The district estimates that new growth will be about \$65 million in equalized assessed valuation. Of that amount, \$40 million is derived from the new Rivers Casino in Des Plaines.

Of the \$2.7 million in additional revenue, \$1.2 million is because of new property, school officials reported.

The school district has a budgeted deficit of nearly \$1 million for the 2011-12 school year.

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New special education director hired

The Maine Township High School District 207 Board of Education on Dec. 5 approved the hiring of Pamela Kazee as director of special-education and student-personnel services.

Since 2008 Kazee has served as assistant superintendent for pupil personnel services with Community Consolidated School District 181 in Hinsdale.

Her current responsibilities include supervision of special education, 504 plans for students with disabilities, the English-language-learners program and federal title programs under No Child Left Behind.

In her new role in District 207 Kazee will succeed Lynette Williams, who is retiring June 30, and begin her work as the district shifts to a new administrative structure for special education.

The Maine Township Special Education Program (MTSEP) will be dissolved in the summer and each member school district will administer its own special-education programs.

"Pam Kazee emerged from a field of 40 candidates to have the ideal set of experiences and qualifications to lead us in special education and student services moving forward," said District 207 Superintendent Ken Wallace.

Kazee previously worked for public school districts in Las Vegas, Nev., and Lexington, Ky. In the Clark County School District in Las Vegas, Kazee served as director of student support services for about 25 high schools and middle schools. She then became a director of student support services for 50 schools, which included early-childhood education to secondary-education programs serving students with disabilities.

Kazee earned her Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Kentucky and a master's degree from Eastern Kentucky University. She has completed doctoral coursework at the University of Kentucky.

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NILES PUBLIC LIBRARY

Library ready for post-holiday tech surge this time around

BY TRACY GRUEN
Contributor

Technology is booming in today's world of Kindle Fires and iPads, and Niles Public Library is keeping pace with 21st-century literacy.

"Last year, we were not really as prepared in January and February," said Sue Wilsey, a spokeswoman for Niles Public Library, of the number of patrons who received the new gadgets over the holidays. "This year we're prepared."

Offering about 9,000 titles, Wilsey said this year the library is prepared for people to receive Nooks or Kindles during the holiday season. Some of the titles are e-books and some are audio books.

The library also has 70 Playaway Views that allow youngsters to read a book and watch a live-action video at the same time.

The Playaway Views are portable, preloaded video players that provide the opportunity for children to learn while also being entertained. They are very popular among young people, Wilsey said.

"The minute they're checked back in, they're checked out again," she said.

Wilsey said that in addition to materials library staff members are trained to help patrons who need assistance with their eReaders.

Some of the positives of using the eReaders are that people can immediately look up words, and copy and paste sections for book discussions. And as they are portable, they are good for travel.

Statistics reveal that since last year wireless-Internet use at the library is up by 35 percent.

"We're a great haven for people to be able to get

things accomplished," said Wilsey, who noted that people come into the library to access popular websites, such as tutor.com, which offers a live tutor 24 hours a day to help students with homework.

"The people in our community have invested in our library," said Wilsey, who added that Niles Public Library is committed to providing up-to-date technology and services.

About 30 people attended the library's first ebook fair on Dec. 2 and there were additional information sessions held Dec. 8 from and Dec. 10.

At these sessions people can try out various ereaders, such as the Sony Reader, the Nook, the Amazon Kindle and the iPad. Patrons will also be exposed to MyMedia-Mall, which comprises the library's downloadable ebooks and eaudiobooks catalog.

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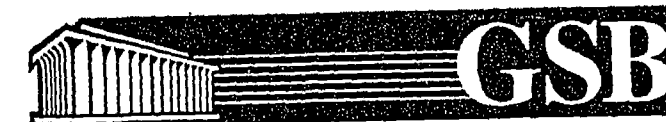
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Morton Grove families hop Polar Express

The Polar Express made a stop in Morton Grove earlier this month.

Morton Grove children hopped this train to "the North Pole" as the holiday

season got chugging Dec. 3.

When they arrived, Santa Claus was waiting for the kids, then caught a ride back on the train while passengers enjoyed milk and cookies.



Ben Klockner, of Morton Grove, walks with his children, 3-year-old Ella (center right), and Luci, 5, and his wife, Kathleen, along the platform as they wait for the northbound Metra.



Sophie Yakoubek, 2, and her brother, Timmy, 5, and sister, Isabel, 9, listen to instructions as they wait for the Polar Express to stop at the Morton Grove Metra Station.

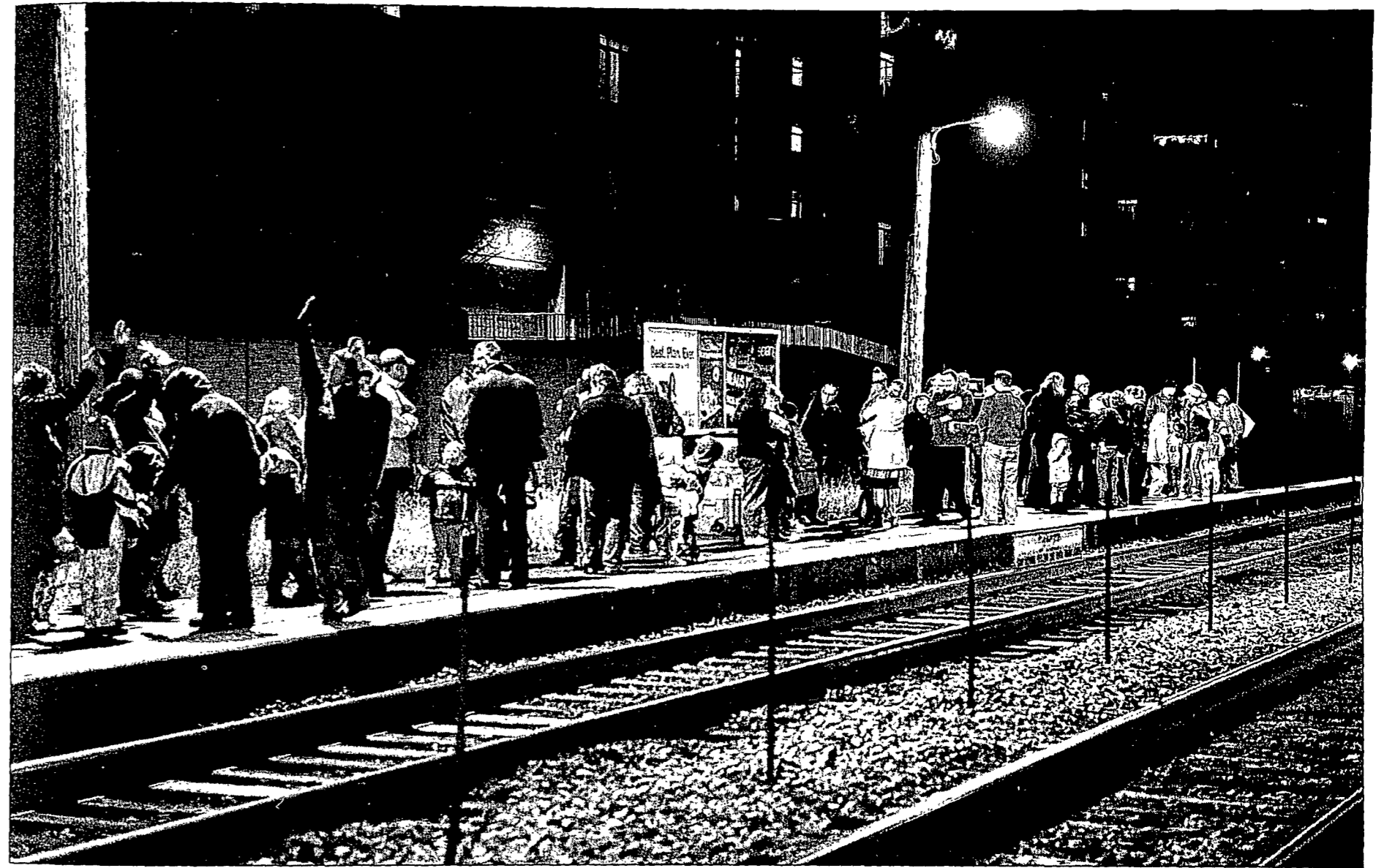


A.J. DiBasilio, 4, and Aiden Macejak, 4, both of Morton Grove, peek out of the Metra-station window looking for the Polar Express to arrive the night of Dec. 3. Parents and children board the train bound for Lake Forest and visit with Santa.



Kathleen Klockner, of Morton Grove, watches as her children, 5-year-old Luci (center), and Ella, 3, look over their copy of "The Polar Express" book as they wait for the Metra train to stop.

Photos by
Allen Kaleta
For Sun-Times Media



Parents and children wait to board the Polar Express at the Morton Grove Metra Station the night of Dec. 3. Pajama-clad riders boarded the train headed for a visit with Santa.



Parents and children wait for the northbound Metra Polar Express to stop at the Morton Grove Station the night of Dec. 3. Parents and children boarded the train headed to a visit with Santa.



Ben Klockner, of Morton Grove, watches his children, as 3-year-old Ella (center), and Luci, 5, look over their copy of "The Polar Express" book as they wait. To add to the experience, parents and children dressed in pajamas and robes.

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BUSINESS

Whole Foods eyes Park Ridge location

BY JENNIFER JOHNSON
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Two long-vacant Park Ridge office buildings could be replaced by a specialty-food-store chain.

Whole Foods Market, known for its selection of natural and organic foods, has presented plans to the city of Park Ridge for a 30,000-square-foot grocery store at 225 W. Touhy Ave.,

said the city's Manager of Community Preservation and Development Cathy Doczekalski. A "pre-application" of the proposal is expected to go before the Park Ridge Appearance Commission on Dec. 15.

Preliminary plans call for a one-story Whole Foods Market with parking behind it and on the site of the adjacent office building at southeast corner of Touhy and Washington avenues, Doczekalski said. The area is known as Executive Plaza.

If the proposal moves forward, Whole Foods will, at the very least, require a map amendment to rezone the property, as well as a site-plan review from the city's Planning and Zoning Commission, Doczekalski said.

The property was rezoned high-density residential several years ago when a condominium development was proposed for the site. The development never reached the construction stage and the two office buildings along the south

side of Touhy Avenue east of Washington Avenue have been empty for at least six years. Recently a demolition fence was installed around the perimeter of the properties.

The property has not been sold and the listed owner is still Park Ridge 2004 LLC, the company that had proposed the condominium development years earlier, Doczekalski said.

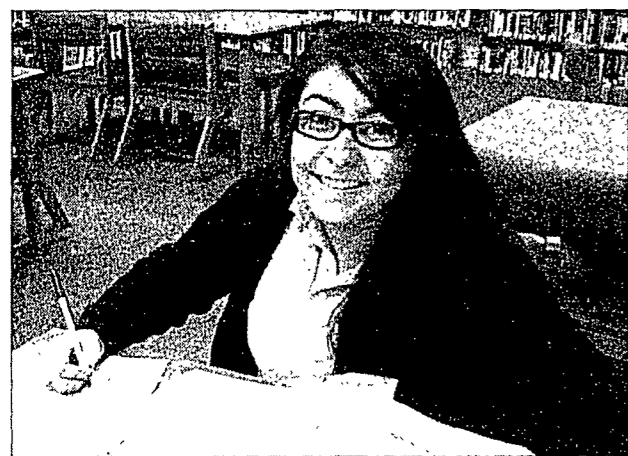
There are more than 300 Whole Foods Markets in the United States and the

United Kingdom, according to the company's website. Locally, Whole Foods has stores in Chicago's Sauganash neighborhood, Northbrook, Deerfield, River Forest, Evanston, Schaumburg and Palatine.

Whole Foods is the second specialty grocer to express interest in Park Ridge in recent months. A Mariano's Fresh Market is part of a tentative development proposal for the southeast corner of Touhy and Cumberland avenues.

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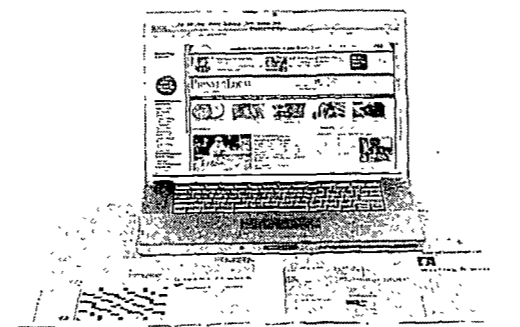
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COOK COUNTY SHERIFF'S POLICE

Suspect shot with stun gun after ramming police car

A Niles man accused of driving a stolen vehicle was tasered by a Cook County Sheriff's Police Officer following a police chase and crash involving the officer's vehicle in unincorporated Maine Township.

Kenneth J. Cooper, 19, of the 8900 block of Washington Street, was charged

Dec. 7 with possession of a stolen motor vehicle, aggravated battery to a police officer, fleeing and eluding a police officer and theft, all felonies, as well as resisting a police officer, a misdemeanor offense.

According to Niles police, at 11:40 a.m. Cooper was seen driving a stolen Honda

Civic on the 9500 block of Milwaukee Avenue. While waiting for additional police units to assist, the officer followed the Honda west on Golf Road and north on Dee Road into unincorporated Maine Township where a Cook County Sheriff's Police officer attempted to stop the vehicle.

According to police the Honda sped up and struck the Sheriff's Police vehicle near the intersection of Dee and Harrison Street, at which point the driver, later identified as Cooper, allegedly exited the vehicle and ran from the scene.

The Sheriff's Police officer chased Cooper on

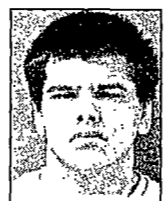
foot while ordering him to stop, eventually telling Cooper he would be tasered if he did not comply, Niles Police said. Cooper allegedly ignored the order and the officer deployed his taser, striking Cooper, who was subsequently taken into custody.

Cooper was transported to Advocate Lutheran General Hospital in Park Ridge, where he was treated and released. The

Cook County Sheriff's Police officer was also treated for minor injuries, Niles police said.

According to police the vehicle Cooper was driving contained a GPS device that had been stolen from a vehicle in Elgin.

Bond for Cooper was set at \$50,000 for the aggravated battery to a police officer charge and \$75,000 for the remaining charges.



Kenneth Cooper

POLICE BLOTTER

The following incidents were listed in the weekly bulletin prepared by 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.

DUI

Emmanuel Rosas, 24, of 7082 Franks, was arrested Dec. 11 on the 7000 block of Franks and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol. Police said Rosas reportedly struck a vehicle and then fled the scene of the crash on the 6700 block of Touhy Avenue. He has a Jan. 17 court date.

Chris Fantuzzi, 47, of 8263 Elmore, was arrested Dec. 11 on the 8100 block of Golf and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol. He has a Jan. 12 court date.

DOMESTIC BATTERY

Branko Ristic, 40, of 8446 W. North Terrace, was arrested Dec. 4 and charged with domestic battery. His 31-year-old wife said Ristic

punched her in the right eye. Police said that after an argument in which Ristic broke an object, his wife said she slapped him in order to calm him down. Ristic reportedly shoved the victim on her head and later struck her in the eye. The suspect has a Dec. 23 court date.

CRIMINAL DAMAGE

Someone broke three of the victim's driver-side windows on her vehicle Dec. 6 on the 8400 block of Roseview. The estimated cost of the repairs is \$300.

BURGLARY TO VEHICLE

A 28-year-old Skokie woman said someone forcibly entered her 2005 Acura on Dec. 6 in a parking lot on the 9200 block of Milwaukee and stole her purse, which contained credit cards. A credit card was used at a store in Mount Prospect, police said.

The front seats of a vehicle were stolen between Dec. 3 and Dec. 6 on the 9100 block of Terrace. Police said

SHERIFF'S REPORTS

The following incidents in unincorporated Maine Township were compiled by the Cook County Sheriff's Police Department. Readers are reminded that an arrest does not constitute a finding of guilt. Only a court of law can make that determination.

BURGLARY

A home on the 9400 block of Meadow Lane was reported burglarized Nov. 22.

A burglary was reported Dec. 2 at Crestwood condominiums and apartments on the 10000 block of Holly Lane.

BATTERY

Police responded to two battery complaints Nov. 19 at Crestwood condominiums and apartments. The incidents occurred on the 9000 and 10000 blocks of Holly Lane.

THEFT

A vehicle was reported stolen Nov. 20 from Bay Colony Condominiums on the 9400 block of Bay Colony Drive.

NILES POLICE

Holiday safety tips offered

The holiday season brings with it the great shopping rush that started on Black Friday, Police Chief Dean Strzelecki said in a news release.

And now that the holiday shopping rush is in full force, the Niles Police Department and the Illinois Crime Prevention Association want people to follow these important tips to avoid the loss of that special gift or the inconvenience of calling the police to file a report.

When shopping:

- Be alert to what's going on around you.
- Park in a well-lit space. Close and lock your doors and windows. When possible place items in your trunk.
- Don't overburden yourself with packages.
- Avoid carrying large amounts of cash.
- When heading out to your car, have your keys in your hand, ready to unlock your vehicle. The quicker you can enter your vehicle safely, the less risk you face from a thief approaching you.
- Be mindful of your purse or wallet. Men should wrap a rubber band around their wallet and keep it in their front pocket; women should not let their purse out of their

sight, and should beware of people attempting to draw their attention away from their belongings.

- Do not fall for scams. Remember, if it is too good to be true, it's probably a scam. Ask yourself why a stranger would be giving you money or special treatment.
- Teach children who they should contact if lost, such as a police officer or security guard.

At home:

- Lights are one of the least expensive forms of home security.
- If you are away, use timers on your lights. Have someone you trust watch your home and pick up your mail and newspapers. Have them shovel your walks and driveways if needed. Leave a car in the driveway. Make it appear you're home.
- Keep your doors locked at all times, even when home.
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DISTRICT 63

Safety touted after stranger follows girl

BY TRACY GRUEN
Contributor

As Niles police investigated a recent incident in which a student was followed by a man in a car, East Maine School District 63 officials were urging parents to review safety procedures with their children.

While walking to school

Dec. 2 an eighth-grade girl was stopped by a man driving a silver sedan on Dempster between Cumberland and Greenwood, District 63 officials reported.

According to a report the driver was a man in his early-20s driving an older-model, silver vehicle and wearing a gray hoodie.

The man reportedly asked her if she wanted a ride. The girl said no and walked into a building that was nearby.

When she left the building, the man was still in his car, waiting for her, school

officials said. Administrators at Gemini Junior High School, where the girl is a student, called police. "We just sent an alert out so parents would know," said Lynn Glickman, director Personnel and Pupil Services for District 63.

Glickman said officials felt it was a good time for parents to review safety rules with their children.

"It's under investigation," said Niles Police Sgt. Robert Tornabene, adding that police could not disclose any further information at this time.

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820 Graceland Ave. Apt 601: Moody Bible Institute Ch Ttee to Augusto R Mendez Luzbetia A Escobedo, \$115,000, Nov. 15

9152 Hollyberry Ave.: Federal National Mortgage Assn to Emigdio Montesinos Marquez Raquel Arredondo, \$108,000, Nov. 17

9285 Noel Ave. Apt C2: Fannie Mae to Jezdimir Nikolich Snezana Nikolich, \$52,000, Nov. 15

9386 Landings Lane Unit 108: Otylia Zigman to Cathy K Grzybowska, \$80,000, Nov. 16

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107: Federal National Mortgage Assn to Manok No, \$78,000, Nov. 16

1119 Highland Lane: Hayward Trust to David Moon Julie Moon, \$502,000, Nov. 14

1824 Waterbury Circle: Jennings Trust to Daeil Lee Robin M Lee, \$515,000, Nov. 16

4 Lincoln St.: Catherine Gierman Riblon to Hae Ja Kim, \$200,000, Nov. 15

HARWOOD HEIGHTS

4524 N Newcastle Ave.: Federal Home Loan Mtg Corp to Charlotte Sawicki, \$180,000, Nov. 14

7500 W Argyle St.: Us Bank Na Trustee to Consuelo Bautista Lorenzo Flores Silva, \$130,000, Nov. 15

220 W Hanover Place: Paul L Banasiak to Velislava Milenova Vasileva, \$184,500, Nov. 16

611 S Elm St.: Jaro Trust to Brian Osowski Christen Osowski Jr, \$260,000, Nov. 16

718 Dempster St. Unit G5: Us Bank Na to Ted Anastopoulos, \$35,000, Nov. 15

LINCOLNWOOD

7107 N Tripp Ave.: Youseff Zaari to Youseff Belsifar, \$267,000, Nov. 15

MORTON GROVE

5501 Lincoln Ave. Unit 308: Martin Zabin to Gueorgui T Popov Zdravka Popova, \$90,000, Nov. 15

5501 Lincoln Ave. Unit 505: Chicago Title Land Tr Co Ttee to Elzbieta Duszkievicz Henryk Duszkievicz, \$92,000, Nov. 17

7435 Churchill St.: Gilbert Trust to Biji Philip Bindumol Kidarathil Korah, \$189,000, Nov. 14

9030 Central Ave.: Sargon Shamoon to Ormina Saro Ramina A Saro, \$252,000, Nov. 14

9035 Mcvicker Ave.: Hochfeld Trust to Mariana Barjoveanu Carenin V Barjoveanu, \$150,000, Nov. 16

9123 Oriole Ave.: Allison Trust to Andre Antar Camelia G Ghableb, \$285,000, Nov. 14

MOUNT PROSPECT

11 S Wille St. Apt 410: Fannie Mae to Ljiljana Filipovich, \$81,000, Nov. 16

4623 N Chester Ave. Unit 302: Stagg Trust to Pooja Oberoi, \$80,000, Nov. 14

8519 W Catherine Ave. Unit 180: Alan H Lucas to Boris Stojakovic, \$48,000, Nov. 17

8610 W Summerdale Ave. Apt 2n: Jolanta Szyszka to Sona Terzian Arthur Terzian, \$71,000, Nov. 14

8639 W Foster Ave. Apt 3b: Daniel Kalwajtys to Krzysztof Blando, \$49,000, Nov. 14

NILES

6980 W Touhy Ave. Apt 202: Michael Harczak to Marcella Lyles, \$135,000, Nov. 15

8815 W Golf Road Apt 3f: Stella Kopelman to Ilija Sumonja Mirjana Sumonja, \$65,000, Nov. 16

NORRIDGE

4114 N Ozark Ave.: Federal Home Loan Mtg Corp to Mark Collins, \$115,000, Nov. 14

8221 W Maple Ave.: Atg Trust Co Trustee to Slavko Grcic Roseanne Grcic, \$240,000, Nov. 14

8225 W Leland Ave.: Atkins Trust to Leonardo Vitale Nicolina Vitale, \$100,000, Nov. 17

O'HARE

4600 N Cumberland Ave. Unit 101: Fannie Mae to Steve Orland Diane Orland, \$47,500, Nov. 16

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PARK RIDGE

555 Edgemont Lane: Calabrese Trust to Guy Tagliavia Theresa Tagliavia, \$3,192,000, Nov. 17

838 Park Plaine Ave.: Federal National Mortgage Assn to Zbigniew Lebidia Katarzyna Skinderowicz, \$112,500, Nov. 17

9240 Gross Point Road Apt 306: Federal Home Loan Mtg Corp to Vladimir Vetrov, \$81,000, Nov. 14

Adrienne Dimopoulos to Jeffrey Glowacki Antonette Glowacki, \$325,000, Nov. 16

927 Austin Ave.: Thomas Flanagan to Christopher Skowronski Francesca Skowronski, \$667,000, Nov. 17

SKOKIE

4654 Keeney St. Unit 1w: Andrew Stover to Mirza Baig, \$45,000, Nov. 15

5031 Crain St.: Us Bank Na Trustee to Joseph Desir Marguerite Desir, \$183,000, Nov. 15

8342 Christiana Ave. Unit 1e: Deutsche Bank Natl Tr Co Ttee to Ofelia Y Domingo, \$112,000, Nov. 17

9001 Crawford Ave.: Us Bank Na Trustee to John Benjamin, \$170,000, Nov. 17

9009 Laramie Ave.: Cristinel Botezatu to Ivan Andreev Tatiana Mikhaylova, \$204,000, Nov. 15

9019 Bronx Ave.: Angelus Trust to Anam Haseen, \$205,000, Nov. 16

9119 Kilbourn Ave.: Real Equities Inc to Jin Rong Yang Hong Yan Liu, \$288,000, Nov. 16

9240 Gross Point Road Apt 306: Federal Home Loan Mtg Corp to Vladimir Vetrov, \$81,000, Nov. 14

916 S Cumberland Ave.:



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HOT PROPERTIES BY ROB PISKAC

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9208 N. Merrill Ave., Morton Grove — \$210,000

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The master bathroom delivers tile flooring, vintage cabinetry and wallpaper plus a walk-in shower with sliding-glass doors.

This property provides three exterior parking spaces and is two miles west of the Golf Metra station.

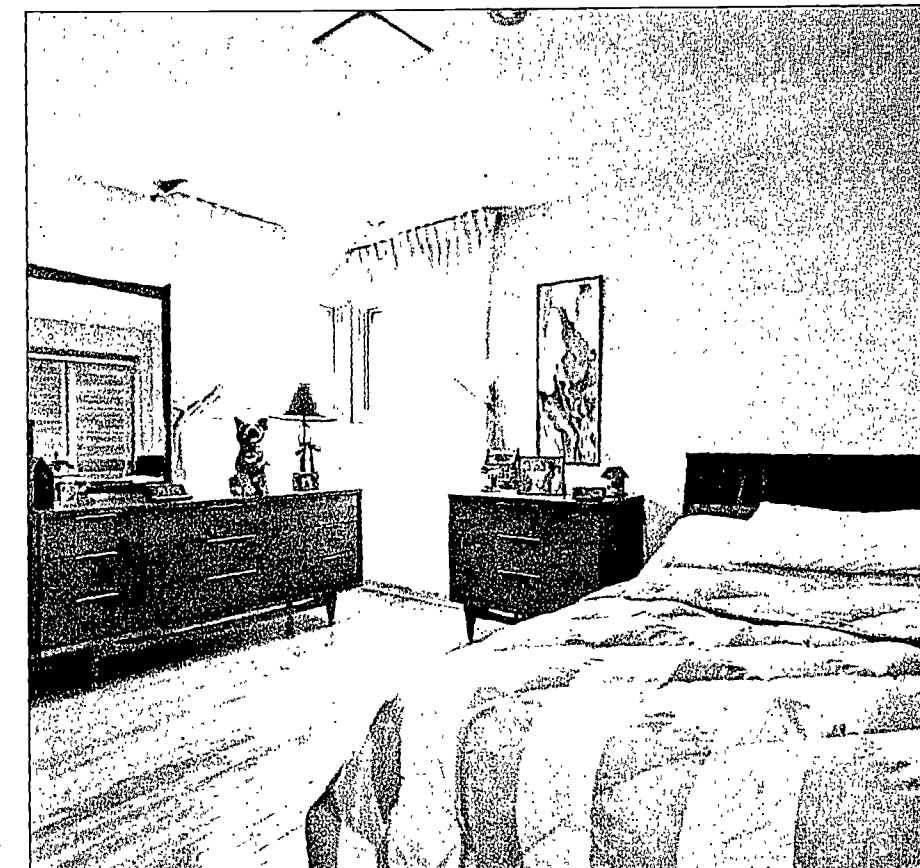
Listing agent: David Slack, Baird & Warner, 847-309-6675, david.slack@bairdwarner.com



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ON THE MARKET

A ROUNDUP OF NEW LISTINGS

A four-bedroom, two-bath home at 8449 Major Ave. in Morton Grove is on the market for \$210,815. The two-story house, built in 1948, features a detached two-car garage, new paint, new carpeting and hardwood floors throughout most of the main level. Helen Oliveri of Keller Williams Realty Partners is the listing agent.

A two-bedroom, 2.5-bath, 1,721-square-foot townhouse at 6822 Prairie St. in Morton Grove is on the market for \$289,990. The newly built residence features steel appliances, 42-inch cabinets and six-panel doors with white trim. Nathan Amidon of New Home Star is the listing agent.

A three-bedroom, 1.5-bath, 1,017-square-foot home at 6022 S. Park Ave. in Mor-

ton Grove is on the market for \$234,900. The Georgian-style house, built in 1949, sits on a 6,098-square-foot lot and features new windows, carpet, laminate flooring in the kitchen, vinyl flooring in the basement, roof, furnace, A/C and water heater. Nicholas Marino of Century 21 Marino is the listing agent.

— John Fitzgerald

MARKET WATCH AS OF MONDAY

City	For sale	Median price	Foreclosure rate	# of sales	# of foreclosures
Edison Park	1.78%	\$250,000	7.78%	90	7
Forest Glen	0.43%	\$320,500	0%	8	0
Norwood Park	2.1%	\$270,000	18.4%	163	30
Des Plaines	2.85%	\$165,000	31.47%	696	219
Evanston	2.77%	\$325,000	13.35%	629	84
Glenview	2.76%	\$395,000	14.23%	555	79
Lincolnwood	2.66%	\$295,000	14.96%	127	19
Morton Grove	2.31%	\$225,000	21.1%	218	46
Niles	2.16%	\$195,000	19.84%	257	51
Park Ridge	2.52%	\$340,000	15.51%	361	56
Skokie	2.26%	\$225,000	25.18%	560	141
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18TH ANNUAL GALA

School's largest fundraiser proves to be elegant affair

BY TRACY GRUEN
Contributor

St. John Brebeuf was transformed into an elegant ball room for the 18th annual Gala event to benefit the school last month.

More than 300 people attended the event, which is the school's largest fundraiser. Last year the gala raised more than \$60,000, and this year organizers had been expecting to exceed that amount.

"It's nice to see everybody turn out and support the school," said Pam Perez, youth-ministry director at St. John Brebeuf, who was looking at the silent-auction items, which included dolls, dance classes, jewelry and pizza parties.

"Every year it gets a little bit better," said Carol Disch, a longtime parishioner, as she browsed through the silent-

auction items. "It's very enjoyable. The meal is wonderful."

The event features a silent auction, a live auction conducted by Niles Police Chief Dean Strzelecki, a \$10,000 grand raffle, dinner, dancing, an open bar and an award presentation.

"A lot of work went into it," said St. John Brebeuf pastor, the Rev. Michael Meany.

He said the parish has received a lot of support from the village, local families and other community leaders. State Rep. John D'Amico also attended the event.

Meany said St. John Brebeuf provides social, emotional and spiritual support to community members through a wide variety of events and programs during the year.

With proceeds from the event the goal is to create a Science Technology Engi-

neering and Math lab that includes a robotic arm that will allow students to see science come to life.

Joe and Kathy Walsh were the organizers of the 2011 Gala event, which many volunteers dedicated their time and effort to make it a success.

Julie Genaldi, a Park Ridge police officer and wife of Vince Genaldi, a Niles police officer, designed the decorated room to set the mood for the evening.

Niles Trustees Joseph LoVerde, Louella Preston and Rosemary Palicki were in attendance.

Leo and Clara Weiss received the Sheila Harrington Spirit Award for their volunteer work.

"I've enjoyed every minute of it," Leo Weiss said.

Of the couple, Palicki said: "They're longtime parishioners who have just given, given and given."

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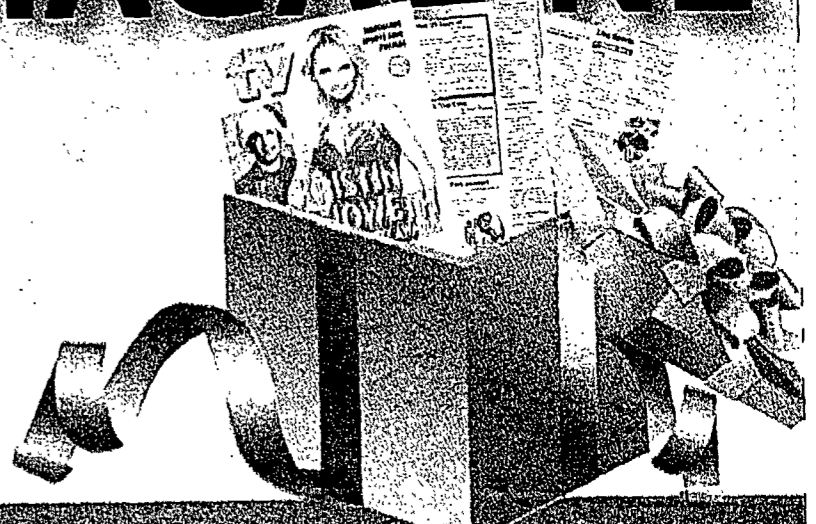
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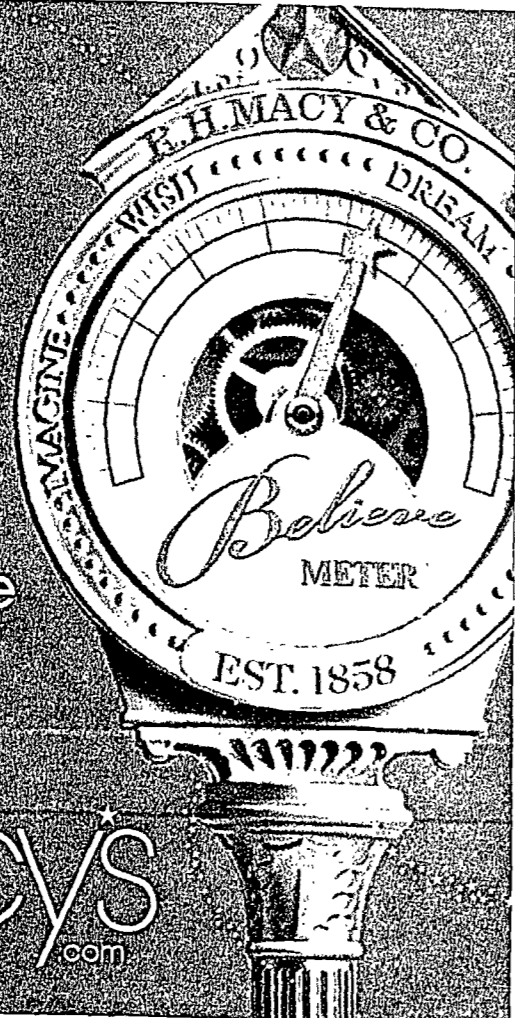


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Blue substance and other things in your trunk



BY PAUL SASSONE
Columnist

Do you spend much time in the trunk of your car? Unless you're a member of organized crime, you probably don't. I don't either. Oh, I'll toss groceries in the trunk, or cram in bags of laundry. But that's about it. Consequently, things — you know, things — tend to pile up in my trunk.

The trunk of my car is not a particularly pleasant place to visit. A person could get hurt. The trunk is sprinkled with brittle and sharp needles of Christmases past.

There are at least 53 broken windshield scrapers in my car's trunk. And there's probably a spare tire somewhere.

The trunk is redolent of all the things that have been hauled home in it — a heady smell of shrimp egg foo young, pepperoni pizza, Christmas trees and Windex.

You can see why I don't like to spend much time rummaging around in the trunk of my car. But, it's that time of year when I have to rummage in the trunk.

I have to make room for the Christmas tree I'll be buying soon.

I always shove the tree into the trunk. I never tie the tree

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There also is a bottle of Windex and a roll of paper towels for cleaning windows. And there is a big, blue stain from a previous, improperly closed, bottle of Windex.

There are bags — paper and plastic — I keep handy for converting the many small things I have to bring into the house into one big, easy-to-carry thing with handles. Some of these bags have been stained blue. Well, you know why.

There is a rope for — oh, I don't now why — there's just a rope.

There is an emergency bag of cat litter in case the store runs out of Jack's brand. (That's right. My cat has a brand of cat litter he prefers. Want to make something of it?)

to the roof of the car. That requires more manual dexterity than I possess. Also, though I possess a rope, I don't possess enough rope.

Therefore, into the trunk it goes.

So, now, out of the trunk come the bags, the broken scrapers, and all the things that since last Christmas have fallen out of grocery bags.

Oh, look, there's a kind of bluish cantaloupe. Is it blue from being in the trunk for months? Or is it blue from Windex?

And there's that can of chili I made a scene over in the grocery store: "You charged me but you didn't pack it ..."

OK, the trunk is ready. If the tree isn't too big.

1000 WORDS BY JACK HIGGINS



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'Boys in the Hoodie' featuring ice cubes



BY CHERYL O'DONOVAN
Van Mom Strikes Again

While Kirby our dog adjusts the heater fan and shifts in the van's passenger seat, I sit behind the steering wheel and stare, incredulous.

At the high school's main entrance, a dozen or so teenagers shiver. They either sit on the steps or pace, waiting for rides home. There's nary the sight of a scarf, a pair of gloves, a parka or a potbellied stove. There's not even a Snuggie. I want to burn a pile of kindling and down a dozen hot toddies just watching them. One kid's skin is a patchy red and his teeth chatter. If I knew a St. Bernard, I'd have him hoist over a barrel of warm apple cider.

"What's wrong with them?" I ask aloud. "Didn't the calendar saying 'December' provide them with a hint?"

Kirby raises a furry eyebrow and shrugs.

Finally, my son strides toward the van wearing nothing but a T-shirt, jeans and a backpack.

Oh, wait. He does wear something else. Goose bumps.

"Hey, Mom."

He has a coat, I'm sure of it. I've purchased about a dozen gloves and even resorted to the cheap polymer

don't teenagers believe in outerwear? Probably because it's not cool or trendy. The more likely answer, is to drive a parent crazy.

Now, a hoodie on the other hand, teenagers will wear a hoodie. If our currency says, "In God We Trust," a teenager's motto is, "Hoodies, We Must."

One afternoon, my youngest trots out to the van in his thin red hoodie.

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kind they sell at drugstores near the cash register. I'm not even sure "wool" is ever shipped to the factory where they make them. But they'd at least wear something on their hands, because my kids have a gift for losing the expensive ski-resort type of gloves.

It's a question for the ages. Why

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

Center of Concern

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

Monday, Dec. 19 — Employment counseling, by appointment.

Tuesday, Dec. 20 — Medicare counseling, by appointment (sponsored by the federally funded Senior Health Insurance Program).

Wednesday, Dec. 28 — Grief and loss support group (call first).

Saturday, Dec. 17 — Legal counseling, by appointment.

Saturday, Dec. 17 — Blood pressure and blood sugar testing, 10 a.m.-noon (no appointment needed).

Preparation of simple wills and durable powers of attorney for health care and property also is available by appointment. All services are offered at the Center of Concern offices at 1580 N. Northwest Highway, # 310, in Park Ridge. For services that require an appointment, call (847) 823-0453 weekdays, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. (The center is open only until noon on Fridays.) 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.

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Chamber

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Civic

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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.

Community

The Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County and its member communities are offering a Holiday Light Recycling Program at no cost to residents. All holiday string lighting and extension cords can be dropped off at various locations throughout northern Cook County. Garland, live greens, wreaths or other non-recyclables are not accepted

is \$60. Contact Dorida King at dhking4@yahoo.com or call (773) 736-9021, for schedules and locations.

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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 Hennueller, (773) 774-9671.

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

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

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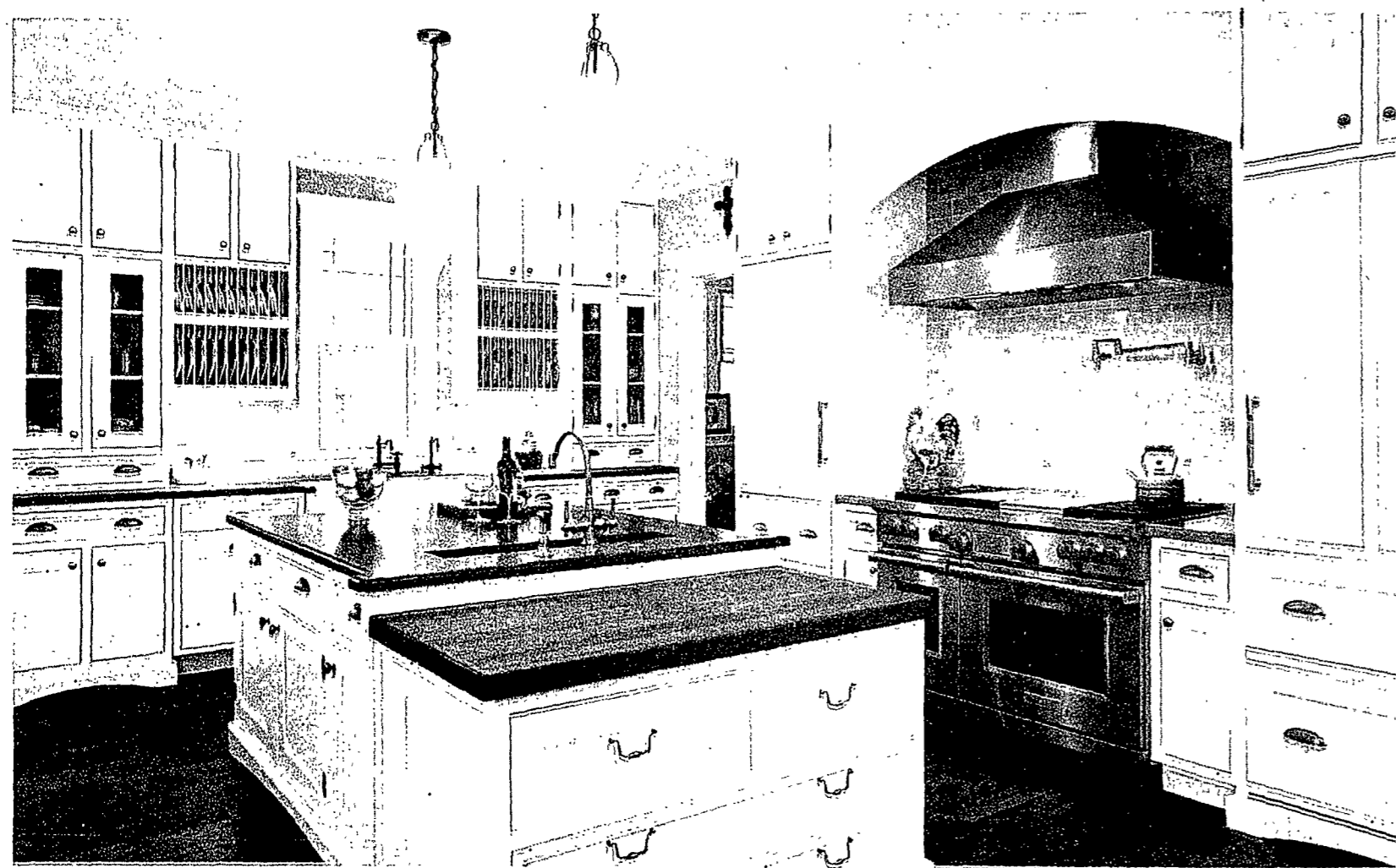
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4 For Your Consideration

A quartet of activities for the coming week

1. "Season's Greetings" will be presented through Dec. 18 at Northlight Theatre, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie. It's Christmas in the Bunker household — 'tis the season for bickering relatives, drunken mishaps, and an ill-conceived puppet show that no one wants to see. The production is recommended for ages 13 and up. Curtain times are Thursday at 7:30 p.m.; Friday at 8 p.m.; Saturday at 2:30 p.m. and 8 p.m.; and Sunday at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are \$25-\$60; Young Adult tickets (25 and under) are \$10. Call (847) 673-6300 or visit www.northlight.org.

2. "An Olde English Christmas," featuring familiar carols in traditional and contemporary settings, will be presented by the Chicago Chamber Choir at 4 p.m. Dec. 17 at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 1509 Ridge Ave., Evanston. The centerpiece of the program is a version of Benjamin Britten's "Ceremony of Carols" for chorus and harp. Tickets are \$18 in advance, \$20 at the door. Call (312) 409-6890 or visit www.chicagochamberchoir.org.

3. The Chicago Grandstand Big Band will present a Christmas concert from 4-6 p.m. Dec. 18 at the Edison Park Lutheran Church, 6626 N. Oliphant, Chicago. The band has an extensive selection of arrangements that encompass everything from the swing era (Benny Goodman, Glenn Miller, Artie Shaw) to big band jazz. Admission is \$10; \$8 for students and senior citizens. For information, visit www.chicagograndstandbigband.com.

4. "Jazz for the Solstice," featuring Marnie Glaser, vocals; Chris Mahieu, piano; and Richard Wagner, bass; will be presented at 7 p.m. Dec. 18 at the Ethical Humanist Society, 7574 N. Lincoln Ave. (at Howard), Skokie. \$10 at the door. Call (773) 338-0248 or (847) 677-3334.

Actor's 'Carol' channels the soul of Dickens' art

BY J.T. MORAND
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Christmas history is repeating itself.

When actor and musician Frank Babbitt reads *A Christmas Carol*, that's the same way Charles Dickens did it 143 years ago, but with slight modifications, such as musical accompaniment.

Babbitt, of Northbrook, will read the same 1868 condensed version of the Dickens classic that the author himself read to audiences on reading tours of the United States and Europe.

Babbitt, who plays viola in the Lyric Opera Orchestra and has dabbled in acting, has always enjoyed *A Christmas Carol* in its various incarnations on stage and in movies. Seven years ago, he received an annotated version of the Dickens classic, which included the 1868 public reading text Dickens used.

Condensed version

"I immediately thought, 'That would be fun to share, to read for my family at gatherings,'" he said.

Although the five-stave, 100-some-odd-pages book was whittled down by Dickens over 10 years to a 90-minute performance piece, Babbitt said the story still has the power to make an impact.

The fourth and fifth staves, which include Scrooge's encounter with the Ghost of Christmas Yet to Come and his transformation from a cranky, old miser to a kind and generous man, were combined. Long, descriptive passages and socio-political commentary were cut.

However, Babbitt said, Dickens left mostly intact Fezziwig's ball in stave two and Scrooge's nephew Fred's party and especially the Cratchit family Christmas celebration in stave three.

"I think that's really the heart of the story," Babbitt said. "He loved the celebration of Christmas, all of the trimmings and doings and the holiday spirit and the dancing and food. So I think it's interesting that that was a portion of it that's completely intact."

Babbitt has been reading *A Christmas Carol* for five years, and each year he tries to bring something new to it. This year, it's music. Dickens



Charles Dickens

mentions a fiddler playing music for a dance called "Sir Roger de Coverley" in the Fezziwig ball scene where the Ghost of Christmas Past has brought Scrooge.

Mood music

Babbitt will perform that tune and some mood-setting music before each stave. He'll also make some spooky sounds with his violin when Scrooge first encounters Marley's ghost.

"What is inspiring to me in this age of special effects and pixelization and the 'Muppets Christmas' and 'Mr. Magoo's Christmas' and Disney and all of that, people really can be truly captivated and carried away with a story, with story-telling," he said. "That's really to me the essence of Dickens. He was also a very fine actor. So, I guess in that respect I feel a kinship with him, because I do enjoy entertaining and doing a bit of acting."

Since audiences still get carried away with simply listening to the story, he's confident people have the ability to take away important lessons from the reading.

He hopes "that everyone would find new resolve to find ways in which they can reach out to those less fortunate and truly make this time of year, as Dickens describes it, as a 'kind, forgiving, charitable, pleasant time!'"

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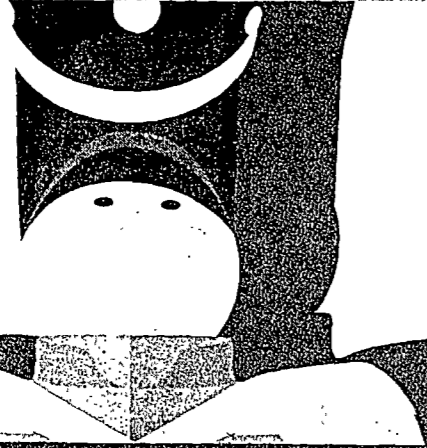
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Kids, company dance a Skokie 'Nutcracker'

BY MYRNA PETLICKI
Contributor

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Foreign adventure

Professional dancers lead a cast of 120, including young people who study at the company's school, in Salt Creek Ballet's magical retelling of "The Nutcracker," 3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday at North Shore Center for the Performing Arts in Skokie, 9501 N. Skokie Blvd.

One of those students is 15-year-old Skokie resident Suraya Kaiser, who began dancing at the age of 3 and has studied with Salt Creek for a year and a half. Kaiser dances the role of a crystal in the Snow Scene and is a Meriton (pastry) in Act Two.

"It's a great experience to be performing with all these girls that I dance with all week and also with professionals from other companies," the young dancer said. She noted that because it's an annual production, audiences "know what to expect but they still enjoy watching it because they see we like to perform it."

Tickets are \$31.50-\$39.50.
For details, call (847) 673-6300 or visit www.northshorecenter.org.

Chillin' with Santa

Share the ice with the man of the month and some of his elves at Skate With Santa, 11:40 a.m.-1:10 p.m. Sunday at Oakton Ice Arena, 2800 W. Oakton, Park Ridge. Cost is \$6. Return for a free Holiday Exhibition at the rink, 4-7 p.m. that day.

Can Lightning McQueen win the World Grand Prix? Find out when the race car heads overseas in "Cars 2," being shown on a big screen at the Niles Public Library, 6960 Oakton St., 2 p.m. Saturday. A snack will be served.

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

A happy holiday

Everyone's invited to enjoy the holiday at Temple Beth Israel's annual Chanukah Party, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Sunday at 3601 W. Dempster St., Skokie. There will be kids' games with prizes and a lunch of hot dogs, latkes, chips, dessert and drink. Cost is \$5 for adults, \$4 for kids, with a maximum family charge of \$15.

For details, call (847) 675-0951 or visit www.templebethisraelskokie.org.

Now it can be told

Elle Fanning plays Mary in "Nutmacker, the Untold Story," a 2010 fantasy film adaptation of the classic tale of a child whose toy comes to life, leading her on a magical adventure. You and your children can view the 110-minute, PG-rated film at 3:30 p.m. Monday at Lincolnwood Public Library, 4000 W. Pratt Ave.

For details, call (847) 677-5277 or visit www.lincolnwoodlibrary.org.

MOVIE REVIEW

Cold War, reheated

BY BRUCE INGRAM
Film Critic

TINKER TAILOR SOLDIER SPY
★ ★ ★ 1/2

"Trust no one" is one of the first lines uttered in this chilly, brooding, beautifully crafted adaptation of John le Carre's classic spy novel and it pretty well sums up the world in which most of its soul-weary characters operate.

There are many things to admire about the way Swedish director Tomas Alfredson, who made an international splash three years ago with the pre-teen vampire thriller "Let the Right One In," has captured the cerebral, deeply cynical tone of le Carre's novel, including a set of uniformly restrained yet forceful performances and cinematic texture of the sort that's almost entirely missing from the 1979 mini-series starring Alec Guinness. Best of all, though, he captures the corrupting atmosphere of suspicion and hyper-vigilance that's inevitable in a business based on deceit, in which treachery is the common currency and loyalty and friendship are luxuries (if not weaknesses) few can afford.

One note of warning, though: The complicated, double- and triple-crossing plot of "Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy" was occasionally hard to follow in the seven-episode mini-series, so this 127-minute version is likely to be even more challenging for those who are unfamiliar with the story. Especially since the minimal-dialogue screenplay never panders with exposition. There's something to be said, though, for a film that requires its audience to apply the same sort of focus and attention to understanding the situation that its characters need to survive it.

"Tinker Tailor" is a Cold War story, set in early-1970s London. The British intelligence agency MI6, known to its agents as "The Circus," is locked in an ongoing struggle with the Soviet spy agency led by a brilliant, enigmatic figure known as



Gary Oldman is British secret agent George Smiley in "Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy," a thriller based on the John le Carre novel.

Karla. Control (John Hurt), the aging chief of the Circus, is convinced that Karla has planted a double-agent in the agency, one of five top-ranked veteran agents, including the ambitious Percy Alleline (Toby Jones), who wants Control's job; the respected agency hero Bill Haydon (Colin Firth); and Control's right-hand man George Smiley (Gary Oldman). When an unsanctioned mission in Czechoslovakia to uncover the name of the traitor ends in disaster, Control is forced to resign — and Smiley along with him. Soon, though, new evidence of the traitor's existence emerges, and Smiley is asked to conduct a secret investigation of his former colleagues.

It's a dark, bitter tale involving a set of cunning men who have seen and done far too much evil in their lives, in which a just outcome can only be provided to the one who is equally shrewd and equally ruthless, yet has maintained a commitment to personal loyalty — even if he has no real expectation that others will. One of the nice things about this new "Tinker Tailor" is that it is very

much an ensemble piece, offering standout moments to supporting players such as Benedict Cumberbatch (Brit TV's "Sherlock") as a young agent assisting Smiley and comic actress/playwright Kathy Burke as a lonely Circus forced-retiree who provides crucial intelligence. The film works as well as it does, though, because of Oldman's quietly compelling performance as the phlegmatic, intensely cerebral and very ironically named Smiley — surely the most subdued turn in the long career of this actor who is famed for scenery-chewing excess in roles ranging from Sid Vicious to Dracula. He comes as close as anyone possibly could to equaling Guinness's near-perfect embodiment of Smiley in the 1979 TV series: Seemingly mild and impassive, but in fact ferociously intelligent, tenacious and sardonic, with a profound air of knowing cynicism about human nature.

After living his entire adult life as a spy, Smiley still knows how to be a friend, but no one understands treachery better — and that makes him a dangerous enemy.

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OPENING FRIDAY

ALVIN AND THE CHIPMUNKS: CHIP-WRECKED

Rated: G
Stars: Justin Long, Matthew Gray Gubler, Jesse McCartney
After falling overboard during a cruise, the Chipmunks and Chipettes become castaways on a desert island. Mike Mitchell ("Shrek: The Final Chapter") directed the family comedy-adventure.

MISSION: IMPOSSIBLE - GHOST PROTOCOL

Rated: PG-13 for sequences of intense action and violence
Stars: Tom Cruise, Jeremy Renner, Paula Patton
When they are shut down after being falsely accused of an attack on the Kremlin, the IMF team goes rogue to restore its reputation. Brad Bird ("Up," "The Incredibles") directed the action-adventure.

SHERLOCK HOLMES: A GAME OF SHADOWS

Rated: PG-13 for intense sequences of violence and action, and some drug material
Stars: Robert Downey Jr., Jude Law, Rachel McAdams
Holmes and Watson (Downey and Law) meet their greatest challenge from the evil Professor Moriarty (Jared Harris), the only criminal who is the detective's intellectual equal. Guy Ritchie returns to direct the sequel to his 2009 hit.

STILL PLAYING

ARTHUR CHRISTMAS

Rated: PG for some mild rude humor
Stars: James McAvoy, Bill Nighy, Imelda Staunton
When crisis strikes while Santa's away delivering presents, it's up to his youngest son (McAvoy) to use the North Pole's high-tech gadgetry to save Christmas Eve. Sarah Smith (TV's "Armando Iannucci Shows") co-wrote and directed the animated holiday comedy.

THE DESCENDANTS

Rated: R for language including some sexual references
Stars: George Clooney, Judy



Jude Law, left, returns as Dr. Watson and Robert Downey Jr. is the title character in "Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows."

Greer, Matthew Lillard
Writer/director Alexander Payne's ("Sideways," "About Schmidt," "Election") first film in seven years doesn't match his previous efforts in terms of sharp-edged, acerbic brilliance, but it's quietly satisfying nonetheless. "The Descendants" is the story of devoted, but somewhat clueless husband and father Matt King (Clooney) struggling to cope as his family life threatens to disintegrate. He learns, first, that his wife is in a coma after a boating accident; second, that she isn't going to survive; and, third, that she had been cheating on him and planning a divorce. Which leaves Matt, his drinking/drugging older daughter (Shailene Woodley), her obnoxious boyfriend (Nick Krause) and a bird-flipping younger daughter (Amara Miller) on a road trip in search of his wife's lover — to give him the chance to say goodbye. There are no big dramatic moments in "The Descendants" but there are plenty of nicely observed small ones.

HUGO
★ ★ ★ 1/2

Rated: PG for mild thematic material, some action/peril and smoking
Stars: Asa Butterfield, Chloe Grace Moretz, Jude Law
The most flamboyantly cinematic film in director Martin Scorsese's long career, "Hugo" is a gorgeous and dazzling film to behold. Based on a celebrated children's book by author/illustrator Brian Selznick, "Hugo" is a fantasy adventure about an orphaned boy (Butterfield of "The Boy in the Striped Pajamas") who lives inside a giant clock in a 1930s Paris train station, where he runs

the station's timekeeping machinery and tries to repair an antique, sad-eyed magician's automaton, which he believes will send him a message from his beloved father (Law). "Hugo" is all about secrets and dreams and work and family and time and magic and movies, especially about movies, by a master movie-maker with an unmatched passion for the medium.

IMMORTALS
★ ★ ★

Rated: R for sequences of strong bloody violence and a scene of sexuality
Stars: Mickey Rourke, Henry Cavill, John Hurt
"Immortals" boils the ancient Greek myth of Theseus down to a grudge match between our boy (future Man of Steel Cavill), and barbaric King Hyperion (Rourke), who plots to overthrow the gods and enslave mankind if he can find the magical Epirus bow. And he's willing to painfully murder just about anyone to get it — including Theseus's momma. The real treat here is the spectacular CGI eye-candy dreamed up by director Tarsem Singh ("The Cell," "The Fall"), who apparently doesn't mind if things get ridiculous, so long as they're not boring.

J. EDGAR
★ ★ 1/2

Rated: R for brief strong language
Stars: Leonardo DiCaprio, Judi Dench, Naomi Watts, Josh Lucas
Sympathy for the devil? DiCaprio's remarkable, surprisingly subtle performance as the much-feared FBI director almost compensates for everything that

goes astray in this long, slow, surprisingly unfocused psychological bio-drama — but not quite. Director Clint Eastwood, working from a meandering script by Oscar winner Dustin Lance Black ("Milk"), attempts to cover the historical highlights and lowlights of Hoover's 48-year career (ranging from deporting suspected anarchists in 1919 to hounding Dr. Martin Luther King during the civil rights movement) in addition to attempting a portrait of the big G-man as a product of warped mother love (Dench horrifies as mama Hoover). There's just too much complex, controversial material there, though (including an almost comic depiction of Hoover blackmailing one president after another for sexual discretions), to be handled comprehensively — especially since the heart of the film is Hoover's supposed longtime frustrated love affair with his deputy director Clyde Tolson (Armie Hammer). And it doesn't help that DiCaprio, Hammer and Watts are plagued with outrageously bad old-age makeup whenever the decade-hopping story isn't in flashback mode. DiCaprio's portrait conveys the complexities of Hoover's character in fascinating detail. It's just a shame the rest of the film can't decide what to make of him.

MY WEEK WITH MARILYN

Rated: R for some language
Stars: Michelle Williams, Eddie Redmayne, Kenneth Branagh
One of Sir Laurence Olivier's employees (Redmayne) documents tensions between the actor (Branagh) and Marilyn Monroe (Williams) during the production of "The Prince and the Showgirl." The drama was directed by British TV veteran Simon Curtis.

THE SITTER

Rated: R for crude and sexual content, pervasive language, drug material and some violence
Stars: Jonah Hill, Ari Graynor, Sam Rockwell
After being suspended from college, a student (Hill) is forced by his mother to babysit some neighborhood children, with disastrous results. David Gordon Green ("Pineapple Express") directed the comedy.

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The Sitter (R) Fri 2:40-5:15-7:55-10; Sat 11:55-2:40-5:15-7:55-10; Sun 11:55-2:40-5:15-7:55-10
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Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows in D-Box (PG-13) Fri, Sat 12:20-3:25-6:30-9:35-12:35; Sun-Tue 12:20-3:25-6:30-9:35
Young Adult (R) Fri, Sat 1:40-4:10-6:40-9:10; Sun 12:25-2:55-5:30-8-10-12:25; Sun-Tue 12:25-2:55-5:30-8-10-12:30
New Year's Eve (PG-13) Fri, Sat 1:25-1:55-4:20-7:20-7:50-10:10-12:55; Sun-Tue 1:25-1:55-4:20-7:20-7:50-10:10
The Sitter (R) Fri, Sat 11:15-12:30-1:30-2:45-3:45-5-6-7:15-8:15-9:30-10:30-11:45-12:45; Sun 11:15-12:30-1:30-2:45-3:45-5-6-7:15-8:15-9:30-10:30; Mon, Tue 12:30-1:30-2:45-3:45-5-6-7:15-8:15-9:30-10:30
Olivia: Wintertime Cheer (NR) Sat, Sun 11:35 a.m.
Arthur Christmas (PG) Fri-Tue 12-2:35-5-10-7:40-10-12:20
Hugo (PG) Fri-Tue 12:15 p.m.
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The Descendants (R) Fri, Sat 10:55-1:50-4:40-7:25-

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Chipwrecked (G) Fri-Sun 1-3:30-6-8:15; Mon-Thu 4-6-8:15
Arthur Christmas (PG) Fri-Sun 1:30; Mon 4:30; Tue 3:45; Wed, Thu 4:45
Won't Last a Day Without You (NR) Fri-Tue 4:45-7-9:15; Wed, Thu 7-9:15
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Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows (PG-13) Fri-Sun 1:30-4:15-7-9:30; Mon, Tue 4:30-7-9:30; Wed, Thu 4:15-7-9:30
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The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo (R) Tue 7-10:05
Alvin and the Chipmunks: Chipwrecked (G) Fri, Sat 11:12-10-1:15-2:30-3:40-4:50-6:05-7:10-8:20-9:25-10:40-11:40; Sun 11:12-10-1:15-2:30-3:40-4:50-6:05-7:10-8:20-9:25-10:40; Mon, Tue 12:10-1:15-2:30-3:40-4:50-6:05-7:10-8:20-9:25-10:40
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Immortals in 3-D (R) Fri 1:35-4:15-7:05-9:50-12:25; Sat 10:55-1:35-4:15-7:05-9:50-12:25; Sun 10:55-1:35-4:15-7:05-9:50-12:25
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NEW THIS WEEK

FRIGHT NIGHT
 ★ ★ ★ 1/2

Rated: R for bloody horror violence, and language including some sexual references

Stars: Anton Yelchin, Colin Farrell, David Tennant
 ■ This truly frightful remake by director Craig Gillespie ("Lars and the Real Girl") of the 1985 vampire film is darker, meaner, funnier and generally sharper-fanged in every way. In the new "Fright Night," Charlie is not so nice and, as the vampire, Farrell is a dark, threatening, bestial presence all the way — overtly sexual and entirely predatory. And England's Tennant ("Dr. Who") plays showbiz phony Peter Vincent as a rude, belching, obnoxious, sexist, cowardly Las Vegas stage magician who likes to complain about the chafing in his leather pants. All are surprisingly mean-spirited and easily capable of the malevolence and extreme violence that erupts in the film's excellent 3D effects, which has the effect of making a more credible match between the bad guy and the nominal good guys. Extras include an extended and uncut version of the film and a gag reel.

RECENT RELEASES

COWBOYS & ALIENS
 ★ ★ ★

Rated: PG-13 for intense sequences of Western and sci-fi action and violence, some partial nudity and a brief crude reference

Stars: Daniel Craig, Harrison Ford, Olivia Wilde
 ■ "Cowboys & Aliens" works as well as it does because director Jon Favreau ("Iron Man") takes the situation, crazed as it is, dead seriously. There's not a deliberately ironic, tongue-in-cheek moment in this surprisingly dark, moody, even occasionally tragic film, which establishes itself first and



Colin Farrell sinks his teeth into his role as a suburban vampire in director Craig Gillespie's remake of the 1985 horror film "Fright Night."

foremost as a satisfying, non-nonsense Western.

THE HELP
 ★ ★ ★

Rated: PG-13 for thematic material

Stars: Emma Stone, Viola Davis, Octavia Spencer
 ■ Young, white, anachronistically liberal Ole Miss grad Skeeter (Stone) shakes things up in early-'60s Jackson when she talks housemaid Aibileen (Davis) into serving as a source for a book on Southern black domestic workers. A well-crafted, Oscar-seeking prestige picture all the way; you'll laugh, you'll cry, you'll be aghast at the injustice of racism in pre-Civil Rights-era Mississippi. It's also a bit of a put-up job, though, that makes it a little too easy to imagine ourselves in the same situation being on the side of the angels. The drama is bolstered by strong performances (Oscar nominations for Davis, and for Spencer as her tough, sassy, best friend, are a strong possibility). But it's all a little too oversimplified.

ALSO NEW

KUNG FU PANDA 2
 ■ Kung fu-fighting panda Po (Jack Black) returns for a showdown with an old

enemy in this sequel to the hit animated comedy. Rated PG for sequences of martial-arts action and mild violence. Extras include deleted scenes, commentaries and the all-new Po adventure "Kung Fu Panda: Secrets of the Masters."

MEET ME IN ST. LOUIS

■ Director Vincente Minnelli's classic 1944 musical about the four Smith sisters (including Judy Garland) learning about life and love during the year before the 1904 St. Louis World's Fair has been given the deluxe treatment by Warner Brothers for its Blu-ray debut. Extras include an introduction by Minnelli and Garland's daughter Liza Minnelli, a 40-page booklet with photos and trivia, the Emmy-winning 1972 documentary "Hollywood: The Dream Factory," the 1930 short Warner Brothers short "Bubbles" featuring a 7-year-old Garland, and a Lux Radio Theatre Broadcast from 1946.

RISE OF THE PLANET OF THE APES

■ A scientist (James Franco) involved in researching a cure for Alzheimer's disease inadvertently creates super-intelligence in a laboratory ape — setting in motion the downfall of mankind. Rupert

Wyatt ("The Escapist") directed the sci-fi fantasy prequel. Rated PG-13 for intense and frightening images of action and violent humor, sexual content and language.

STEVE JOBS: ONE LAST THING

■ This PBS documentary provides an unflinching look at the more difficult, contentious and controlling side of the Apple founder's character along with his drive to seek new innovations and achievements.

NEXT WEEK

■ Woody Allen's most commercially successful film, "Midnight in Paris" (featuring Owen Wilson as a screenwriter whisked back to 1920s-era Paris), is among the highlights next week. Also notable: "Blackthorn," starring Sam Shepard as an aged Butch Cassidy involved in one last criminal adventure, the Wall Street drama "Margin Call" about wheeler-dealers (including Kevin Spacey and Jeremy Irons) involved in events leading up to the economic crash, and a remake of Sam Peckinpah's ultra-violent 1971 thriller "Straw Dogs," starring James Marsden as a mild-mannered husband defending his wife and home against brutal thugs.

WINTER MUSIC



Vocalist Marnie Glaser performs "Jazz for the Solstice," with Chris Mahieu on piano and Richard Wagner on bass, at 7 p.m. Dec. 18 at the Ethical Humanist Society, 7574 N. Lincoln Ave. (at Howard), Skokie. Admission is \$10 at the door and includes refreshments. Call (773) 338-0248 or (847) 677-3334.



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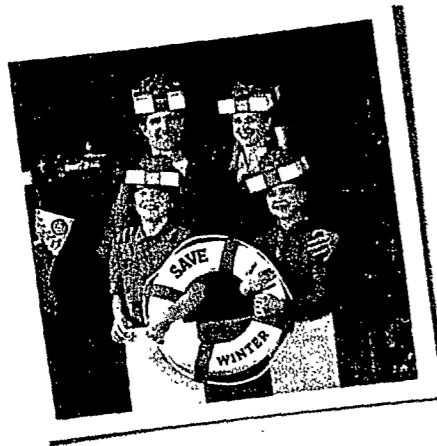
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HOLIDAY

"Season's Greetings," through Dec. 18 at Northlight Theatre, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie. It's Christmas in the Bunker household — 'tis the season for bickering relatives, drunken mishaps, and an ill-conceived puppet show that no one wants to see. The production is recommended for ages 13 and up. Curtain times are Thursday at 7:30 p.m.; Fri-

day at 8 p.m.; Saturday at 2:30 p.m. and 8 p.m.; and Sunday at 2:30 p.m. Tickets: \$25-\$60; Young Adult tickets (25 and under) are \$10. Call (847) 673-6300 or visit www.northlight.org.
"Mrs. Claus — A Holiday Musical" will be presented by Chicago Kids Company through Dec. 21 at the Stahl Family Theater in St. Patrick's High School, 5900 W. Belmont Ave., Chicago. Tickets: \$10. Call (773)

205-9600 or visit www.chicagokidscompany.com.
"A Christmas Carol" will be presented by Lyric Opera concertmaster Frank Babbitt at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 17 at St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 205 N. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge. Babbitt, an actor and musician, will present the holiday classic as a solo performance with musical underscore to the 1868 Public Reading Text that author Charles Dickens used while on his reading tours in Europe and America. Free-will offerings will be taken to benefit the Maine Township Food Pantry. For information, call (847) 825-6659.

"The Nutcracker" will be presented by Salt Creek Ballet at 3 p.m. Dec. 17-18 at the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts, 9501 N. Skokie Blvd., Skokie. Tickets: \$31.50-\$39.50. Call (847) 673-6300 or visit www.northshorecenter.org.
"An Olde English Christmas," featuring familiar carols in traditional and contemporary settings, will be presented by the Chicago Chamber Choir at 4 p.m. Dec. 17 at St. Mark's Episcopal Church,

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A holiday concert will be presented by Coriolis, an a cappella chamber choir, at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 17 at the Parish Church of St. Luke, 939 Hinman Ave., Evanston. The program includes traditional and contemporary settings of holiday favorites by composers Britten, Howells, Rutter and others, as well as pieces for Chanukah. \$20 at the door.

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A Christmas concert will be presented by the Chicago Grandstand Big Band from 4-6 p.m. Dec. 18 at Edison Park Lutheran Church, 6626 N. Oliphant, Chicago. Admission is \$10; \$8 for students and seniors. Visit www.chicagograndstandbigband.com.
The Evanston Chamber Music Group will present a mini-concert and holiday celebration at 3 p.m. Dec. 18 at the Evanston Masonic

Temple, 1453 Maple Ave. Several chamber musicians will perform classical music, followed by a pianist/singer leading the audience in holiday songs and Christmas carols. There will also be refreshments and tours of the historic Evanston Masonic Temple. Free-will donation \$10.
New Year's Eve with E. Faye Butler, 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. Dec. 31 at Northlight Theatre in the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie. Butler and her mu-

sicians present jazz, pop, show tunes and blues. \$50 for the 5 p.m. show; \$60 for the 8 p.m. show. Call (847) 673-6300 or visit www.northlight.org.
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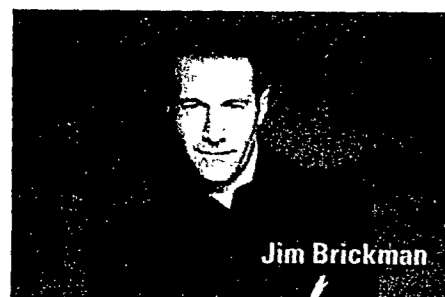
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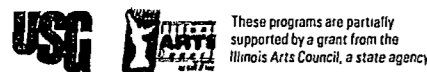
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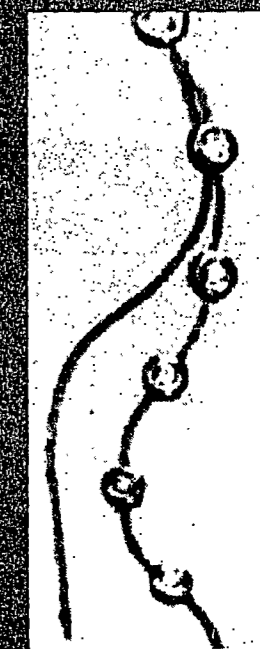
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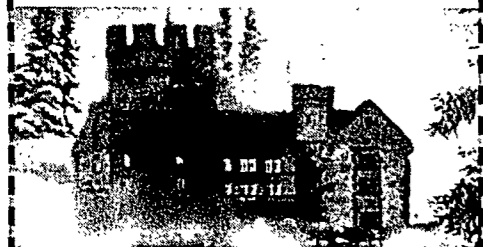
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"Urinetown," presented by the Performing Arts at Oakton, through Dec. 18 at Oakton Community College's Studio One Theater, 1600 E. Golf Road, Des Plaines. Performances are at 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday; 2 p.m. Sunday. Tickets: \$10; \$8 for students and seniors. Call (847) 635-1900.

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The Met: Live in HD, the Metropolitan Opera's series of live performance transmissions into movie theaters, including Niles 12, 301 Golf Mill Center, Niles; and Randhurst Village 12, 200 Randhurst Village Drive, Mount Prospect. Tickets are available at the theater box offices and online at www.FathomEvents.com. Jan. 21, 11:55 a.m.: "The Enchanted Island," a showcase of arias and ensembles by Handel, Vivaldi, Rameau and others. Feb. 11, 11 a.m.: Wagner's "Götterdämmerung." Feb. 25, 11:55 a.m.: Verdi's "Ernani."

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Music Institute of Chicago, Nichols Concert Hall, 1490 Chicago Ave., Evanston. (847) 905-1500. www.musicinst.org.

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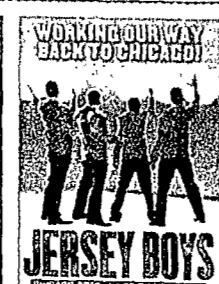
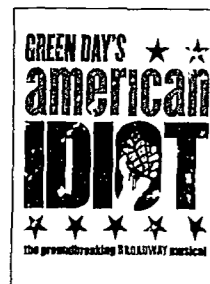
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Corky Siegel

Siegel's holiday blues for Hanukkah

BY MYRNA PETLICKI
Contributor

Harmonica legend Corky Siegel recalled his first memory of Hanukkah, when he was about eight years old. "I remember the first candle being lit," he said. "The first present I got was a harmonica."

And then, you assume, he became a child prodigy on the instrument. Not exactly. "I never played it until I was 20," he laughingly admitted.

Siegel quickly made up for lost time, though, and always dazzles audiences by his prowess on the instrument — as well as on a keyboard — when he plays with his Chamber Blues ensemble or Siegel-Schwall band.

The multitiered performer is going it alone for "A Harmonica Hanukkah" at the Skokie Theatre on Dec. 18. "I do solo shows once in a while. I probably always will," Siegel said. "I have a 10-year period when I had what I call the singer/songwriter scare. I'm not a prolific songwriter but I probably wrote five or 10 songs a year." Most of the material in Siegel's solo shows is from that decade.

Holiday style

Despite the name of the show, Siegel will primarily be playing piano at the Skokie Theatre performance. And he may not even perform a Hanukkah tune. He will be doing a blues version of a Christmas song, though.

"It will have a flavor of the holidays," Siegel said of the

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show, reporting that he will be doing a little storytelling. That includes a tale told by his lifelong friend Danny Glickin about their experience growing up Jewish in a neighborhood that was primarily Catholic. "In essence, he wrote the story," Siegel said. "But it's my story."

Among the original songs that Siegel will perform is his evocative, "Southwest Coast Blues" from the early '70s. He noted that the last verse of the song includes a prediction that actually came true.

Siegel sang, "The waves are splashing and the dead fish are flashing on the lake again. And the wind is shifting and the smog is drifting in on Chicagoland. And I'm sitting here thinking I am I gonna have to be here 'til the very end, waiting for the palm trees to grow on the southwest coast of Lake Michigan."

The songwriter laughed

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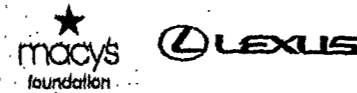
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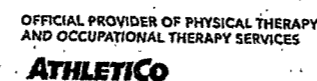
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as he related, "In the last 10 years they've been planting palm trees on Oak Street Beach and they're there all summer."

Musical gift

Siegel compared preparing for a performance to the giving of a gift. He likes the excitement of thinking about the person you're giving the gift to, shopping for the present and wrapping it. "There's so much joy in thinking about others and thinking about giving them something," he said. "How they receive it can turn the giving of the gift into an event."

"As an artist, the same thing applies," Siegel continued. "You're thinking about what you're going to play. You've practiced it. You've put all this love and joy into it. If the people respond in a physical way to let you know that they're appreciating it, it's an event. If they don't respond in a physical way, it becomes a concert."

Siegel is hoping that "A Harmonica Hanukkah" will be an event. We're confident it will.



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Local actor cooking with comedy

Skokie native sizzles as Oleg on new hit CBS sit-com '2 Broke Girls'

BY LORI RACKL
TV Critic/rackl@suntimes.com

Growing up with a bunch of Russian kids in Skokie and working in a restaurant at the University of Illinois turned out to be good training for Jonathan Kite's current TV gig.

The Skokie native plays Oleg, a Ukrainian short-order cook, on CBS's "2 Broke Girls."

Kat Dennings and Beth Behrs star in the hit sitcom as a couple of scrappy waitresses hoping eventually to make it big in the cupcake business. Until then, they're stuck refilling coffee cups and wiping



Oleg the cook is smitten by waitresses Max (Kat Dennings, center) and Caroline (Beth Behrs, left) on "2 Broke Girls."

Formica tables at a Brooklyn diner, where Kite's character dishes out burgers and bawdy one-liners topped with a thick East European accent.

"Slavic was one of the first dialects I picked up as a kid," said Kite, who has a

knack for impressions. He does a mean James Gandolfini and Vince Vaughn, among many others.

Kite also knows his way around an oven. He honed his cooking skills during a job at Dewey's Other Place, a now-shuttered eatery in Urbana-Champaign, where the theater major graduated in 2002.

"I actually had the job that Oleg has down at U of I," Kite said.

Unlike Oleg, Kite didn't pepper the wait staff with cheesy come-ons. "I was the waitress there, too," he said. "It was a small operation."

Now he's part of something big: CBS' Monday night comedy block. Kite's 7:30 p.m. program (also airing at 7 this week) usually is sandwiched between ratings powerhouses "How I Met Your Mother" and "Two and a Half Men." Averaging around 12 million viewers so far this season, "2 Broke Girls" ranks as the most-watched new comedy in the

key adult demographic ages 18-49.

"The numbers with this show and the amount of attention it's getting — it's an unbelievable blessing," Kite said. "It's almost like every single day, there's a moment where I stop and think, 'Holy s---! You're on this show!'"

Kite got the acting bug in first grade with a role in the musical "Alice in Wonderland."

"My mother also really helped by taking me to see plays; we saw everything at the Shubert," said Kite, whose parents still live in the same north suburban home he and his brother grew up in.

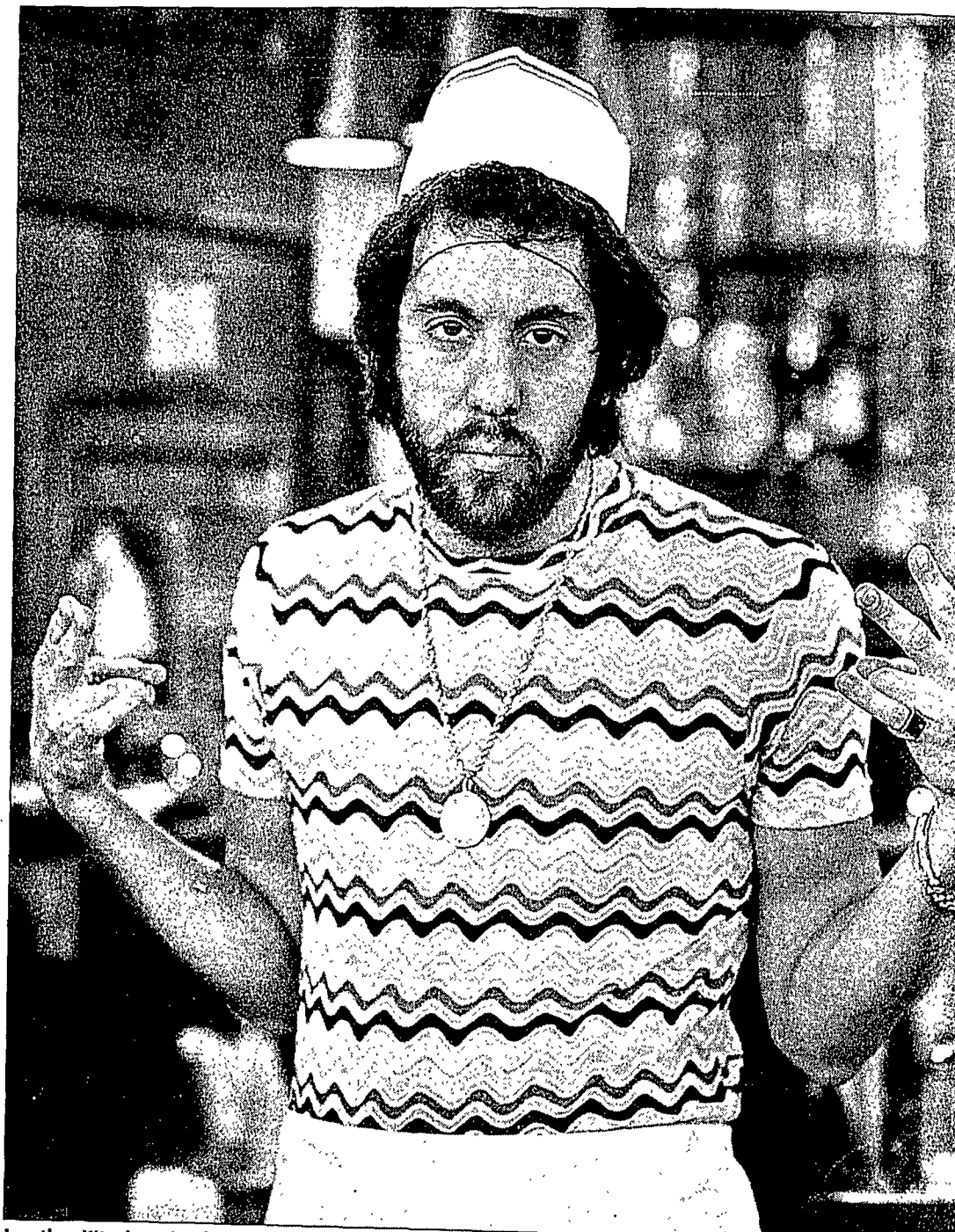
Kite was active in school theater programs at Old Orchard Junior

High and Niles North High School, where he chose to put drama before basketball. It wasn't an easy decision for the lanky hoops fan, who recently wrote a screenplay about basketball.

Since moving to Los Angeles in 2003, Kite picked up the occasional bit part in commercials, TV and film. Earlier this year he was in several episodes of Fox's short-lived sketch comedy show "In the Flow With Affion Crockett." He's been putting his mimicking skills to work by doing various impressions for the Cartoon Network's upcoming animated TV series "Black Dynamite." But his biggest break has been "Broke."

Kite landed on the show after a friend mentioned she was casting a pilot by Michael Patrick King ("Sex and the City") and comedian Whitney Cummings ("Whitney"). "She said, 'You're really wrong for all the parts but come on in and meet them,'" Kite recalled. One of those parts called for a 45-year-old bald Russian.

Kite is 32 and has a helmet of floppy hair. That wasn't about to stop him.



Jonathan Kite describes his character, Oleg, on "2 Broke Girls" as a well-meaning guy who just happens to be "loose with his sexuality."

Before the audition, he dropped by a local Goodwill store and picked up some tiger print pants accented with faded glitter. He paired them with sweat socks and old flip-flops. He donned an undershirt he stained with mustard, put on a hair net and thought to himself, "You're never going to get this, so just go out there and have fun," Kite said.

"Michael told me later that [outfit] really helped him shape that character," he added.

Ah, that character. With all due respect to Kite, I'm not a fan of Oleg. He's a cruder-mouthed version of the show's other ethnic stereotype, Han "Bryce" Lee (Matthew Moy), the fresh-off-the-boat Asian immigrant who runs the diner.

Like Lee, Oleg doesn't get a whole lot of lines in the show, which makes it all the more a shame that one of them was: "Once you go Ukraine, you will scream with sex pain." Really?

"Michael [Patrick King] always says that Oleg is a genius, which I think he is," Kite said, insisting that Oleg is a well-meaning guy who's "just loose with his sexuality." He and Oleg even have things in common.

"We enjoy the company of women and we enjoy not shaving," Kite said with a laugh. "The thing I really love about him — that I hope I see in myself — is that we're both movers and shakers. We have a lot of drive in us."

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North Shore Center for the Performing Arts, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie. (847) 673-6300. www.northshorecenter.org. Jan. 5, 7:30 p.m.: Elvis Tribute Artist Spectacular. \$19-\$49.50.

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theater, call (847) 671-5100 or visit www.rosemont-theatre.com. **Feb. 24:** Big Time Rush — "Better With U Tour." **Skokie Theatre, 7924 Lincoln Ave., Skokie. Call (847) 677-7761 or visit www.skokietheatre.com. Tickets are \$20 in advance; \$25 at the door. Dec. 16, 8 p.m.:** The Cavern Beat presents a tribute to The Beatles. **Dec. 17, 8 p.m.:** Johnny Rogers in "Tribute to Johnny Cash and Friends (including Buddy Holly)." **Dec. 18, 2 p.m.:** "A Harmonica Hanukkah" with Corky Siegel. \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door; \$15/\$20 for children. **Dec. 18, 7 p.m.:** Catherine O'Connell. \$25 in advance; \$30 at the door. **Dec. 19, 7 p.m.:** "Russian Roulette." In a pre-Hanukkah celebration, violinist Alex Koffman of the Maxwell Street Klezmer Band joins pianist Yuri Bokov in a program of klezmer, gypsy and American swing standards. \$15 at the door (no advance sales); \$10 seniors and students. **Dec. 25, 4 p.m.:** Greater Chicago Jewish Festival: Kumsitz with the

Rabbis. **Dec. 29, 7:30 p.m.:** "DuBois at 80," a celebration of Phil Woods' 80th birthday. **Dec. 31, 8 p.m.:** Tony Bernard in "Rock Around the Clock." \$25 in advance; \$30 at the door. **Dec. 31, 10:30 p.m.:** Jack Miuccio in "The One-Man Rat Pack," music of Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin and Sammy Davis Jr. \$25 in advance; \$30 at the door.

S.P.A.C.E., 1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston. www.evanstonpace.com. (847) 492-8860. Shows at 8 p.m., unless noted otherwise. Dec. 15: Tab Benoit (blues). \$24/\$28. **Dec. 16:** Lil' Ed & the Blues Imperials (blues). \$12/\$15. **Dec. 17, 7 p.m.:** Emerson Hart of Tonic (pop/rock). \$18/\$22. **Dec. 18, 7 p.m.:** Robin and Linda Williams and Their Fine Group (folk). \$25-\$40. **Dec. 30:** Ezra Furman. \$12/\$15. **Dec. 31, 6 p.m.:** The Jill & Julia Show (singer/comedy). \$20-\$25. **Dec. 31, 10 p.m.:** Otis Clay (R&B/soul). \$25-\$58. **Jan. 6:** American English (Beatles tribute). \$18/\$22. **Jan. 7:** Iris Dement (folk).

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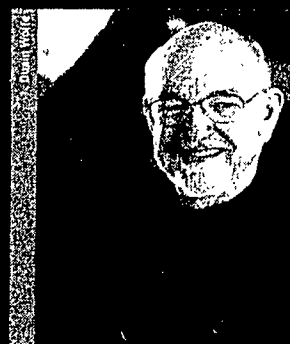
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Strang (English), Tavik Frantisek Simon (Czech), Dmitry Moor (Russian), Ando Hiroshige (Japanese), as well as Chicago artists Raymond Katz, Milton Horn, Nathaniel Steinberg and Frances Foy. In addition, popular reproductions published at the turn of the century by Currier and Ives will be on display.
Services for Adults Staying in Their Homes, 1123 Emerson, Suite 200, Evanston. (847) 864-7274. www.SAS1athome.org. Gallery hours are 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Wednesdays and Fridays or by appointment. **Through Feb. 3:** "Celebrating Experience: A Gallery of Art by Older Adults," featuring works by Chicago textile artist Mary Jo Bowers and painter Patricia Schuler of Park Ridge. All art is for sale, with a portion of the proceeds benefiting SASI, a community nonprofit that helps adults in Chicago and the north/northwest suburbs who, due to aging, illness or injury, need assistance in the home.

AUDITIONS & OPPORTUNITIES
Evanston Art Center is seeking submissions for "Thread," a fiber arts show. Works should be constructed by methods traditionally associated with textile fibers, such as stitching, weaving and dyeing, and should celebrate texture, dimension and color. Non-functional works using sewing, knitting, crocheting, felting, weaving, spinning, surface design, basketry and paper making are acceptable. Submission deadline is Jan. 6. To submit, send an e-mail to call4artists@evanstonartcenter.org with "Thread" in the subject line, and include contact information, a cover letter, artist's statement (optional), CV, and 10-15 images (low resolution JPEGs) including a

ART GALLERIES
Doubletree by Hilton Hotel, 9599 Skokie Blvd., Skokie. **Through Dec. 31:** Simply Chicago Art presents "Journey," photographs by Viral Joshi and paintings by Meredith Dyttch, Wendy Segal and Joseph Taylor.
Emily Oaks Nature Center, 4650 Brummel St., Skokie. (847) 674-1500. Gallery hours are 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday; 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturdays; 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sundays. **Through Dec. 29:** Anatomically Correct's "Wild in the City," works by Chicago area artists portraying plants and wildlife in an urban setting. For information, visit www.anatomicallycorrect.org.
Oakton Community College, Koehnline Museum of Art, 1600 E. Golf Road, Des Plaines. (847) 635-2633. www.oakton.edu/museum. Gallery hours: 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Friday; 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturdays. **Through Jan. 20:** "Gems from the Koehnline: 19th and Early 20th Century Vintage Prints," showcasing works from the museum's permanent collection. Artists include William

beat Band, Nickelodeon's preschool music group and stars of the television series of the same name. Tickets: \$22, \$27, \$32. Fresh Beat Band Party packages, which include a meet and greet with the band, also available.

CHILD'S PLAY
Niles Public Library, 6960 Oakton St., Niles. (847) 663-6405. www.nileslibrary.org. **Dec. 17, 2 p.m.:** Family Big-Screen Movies features "Cars 2."
Piccolo Theatre presents Winter Break Camp for youth ages 10-15 years from 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Jan. 2-6 at the Evanston Arts Depot, 600 Main St., Evanston. Participants will be introduced to sketch comedy, Shakespeare, character creation, mask acting and other genres. The week culminates in a field trip to Lifeline Theatre to see "How to Survive a Fairy Tale." \$225 for full week; single day registration available for \$50 per day. Call (847) 328-2204.
Rosemont Theatre, 5400 N. River Road, Rosemont. Tickets are available at www.ticketmaster.com or (800) 745-3000; the ticket prices listed below do not include service fees. For more information about the theater, call (847) 671-5100 or visit www.rosemonttheatre.com. **March 4, 2 p.m.:** The Fresh

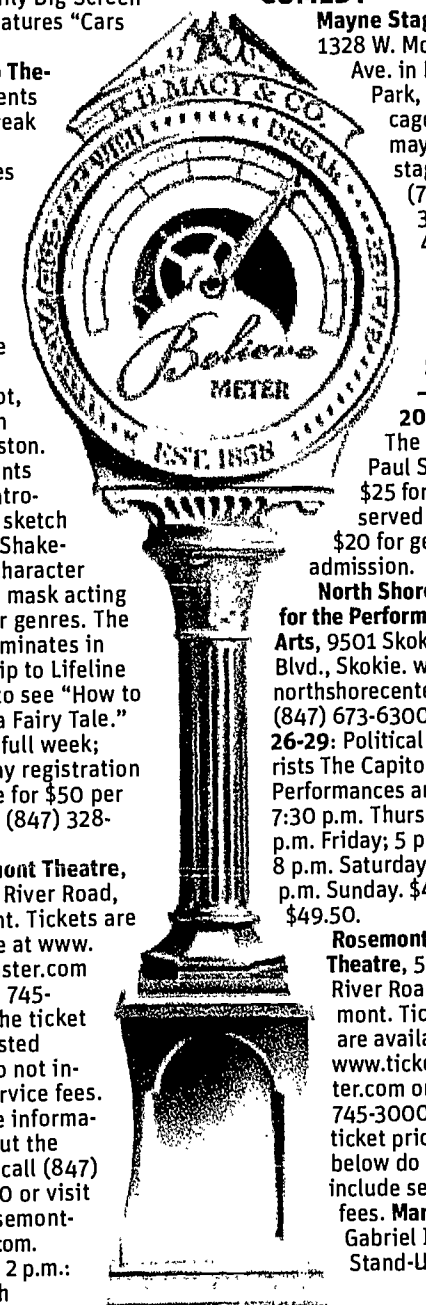
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North Shore Center for the Performing Arts, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie. www.northshorecenter.org. (847) 673-6300. **Jan. 26-29:** Political satirists The Capitol Steps. Performances are at 7:30 p.m. Thursday; 8 p.m. Friday; 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday; and 3 p.m. Sunday. \$45.50-\$49.50.
Rosemont Theatre, 5400 N. River Road, Rosemont. Tickets are available at www.ticketmaster.com or (800) 745-3000; the ticket prices listed below do not include service fees. **March 10:** Gabriel Iglesias Stand-Up Revolution

live and get feedback from others.
Skokie Art Guild offers figure drawing workshops from 9 a.m.-noon Saturdays at the Devonshire Cultural Center, 4400 Greenwood, Skokie. Live models; no instructor. Fee per session is \$20; \$12 for members. For information, call Steve Gal, (847) 673-4450, or visit www.skokieartguild.org.

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MUSEUMS
Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center, 9603 Woods Drive, Skokie. (847) 967-4889. www.ilholocaust-museum.org. Admission: \$12; \$8 for students and senior citizens; \$6 for children ages 5-11. Special exhibitions are free with museum admission. **Through Jan. 15:** "The Art of Gaman: Arts and Crafts from the Japanese American Internment Camps, 1942-1946."
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Skokie Theatre, 7924 Lincoln Ave., Skokie. Call (847) 677-7761 or visit www.skokietheatre.com. **Dec. 24, 8 p.m.** and **10 p.m.:** Caryn Bark presents "Kosher Style Comedy." \$25 in advance; \$30 at the door.
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Niles Public Library, 6960 Oakton St., Niles. (847) 663-6405. www.nileslibrary.org. **Dec. 21, 5:30 p.m.:** "FRESH," a documentary on the American food system.
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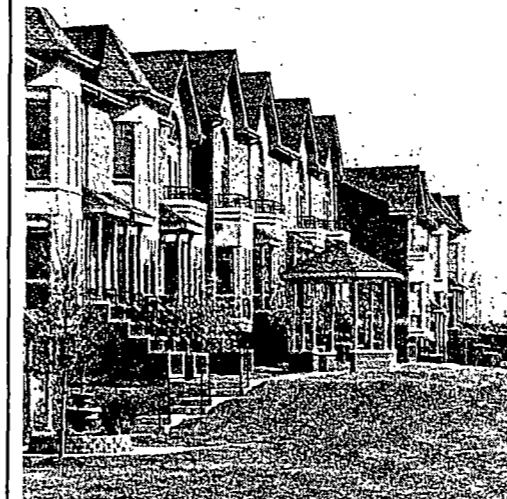
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NISSAN'S BIG RIG

BY JEFF TAYLOR
For Sun-Times Media

Is nothing sacred in the vehicle segment anymore? For those if you needed a pickup, SUV or full-size van, you went to one of the Big 3 automakers.

Then Toyota loosened the Big 3's stranglehold on full-size pickups and SUVs; Nissan followed closely behind. This year Nissan set up shop in the very last domestic stronghold: full-size vans. With the launch of the NV2500 HD Van, Nissan seeks to give commercial buyers another choice.

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The Nissan NV comes in three flavors: 1500, 2500 and 3500 with either a standard (flat) or fiberglass raised roof option and two trims, S and SV. There are two engine options: a V-6 and a V-8. Just like pickup trucks, the higher the number, the higher the duty capability. I tested the NV2500 high-roof.

Unlike the stubby-nose designs of the domestic (and Sprinter vans), the Nissan NV has a longer pickup snout. The profile is fairly slab-sided with a raised shoulder crease (flat roofs) and recessed area where windows would go on a passenger version.

Under the longer hood, the 2012 Nissan NV offers a

choice of a 261-horsepower 4.0-liter V-6 engine or a 317-horsepower 5.6-liter V-8 borrowed from the Titan pickup. Either engine is linked to a five-speed automatic (no manuals at this time). Do you need the V-8? That depends on what you're towing (up to 9,500 pounds) or hauling and how far you drive. Currently a diesel option is not available.

Nissan's V-8s are silky smooth as this engine also sees duty in the Infiniti line of luxury SUVs. The V-8 has plenty of power, even with a load in the cargo area. The automatic was well suited to the V-8, but a six-speed would help improve mileage.

I did get the opportunity to take the NV to a home improvement warehouse and fill it with landscaping materials, 2-by-4s and assorted outdoor items. Did I mention the NV is big, but more nimble than you expect. Make sure you get the optional rear-view monitor as it is a must for maneuvering in crowded parking lots, alleys and driveways. The steering and brakes inspired confidence, and the ride, while a bit bouncy, was about what you would expect in a commercial vehicle of this size.

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The dash displays all the pertinent info via easily readable decent-sized gauges. The materials (plastic pieces) used up front are designed for durability. If you are going to add racks and shelving, this van is ready to accept all kinds of furnishings with connection points. Accessing the cargo area can be accomplished via a huge right-side sliding door, and the large rear access doors feature magnet locks to keep the door from swinging closed while loading.

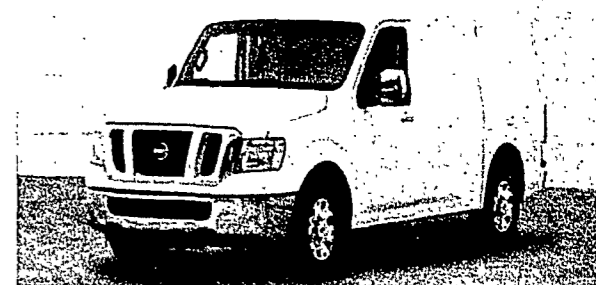
Nissan does offer some options to make your work

day more comfortable, including a technology package with satellite radio, Bluetooth, iPod connectivity and power features and seating options.

Cargo space is cavernous as standard-roof NVs offer 234 cubic feet; my high-top provided 323 cubic feet. Also, night illumination is excellent.

As much as Nissan has improved upon the commercial market, it hasn't finished. The company announced plans to launch a four-row 12-passenger NV3500 HD model come spring.

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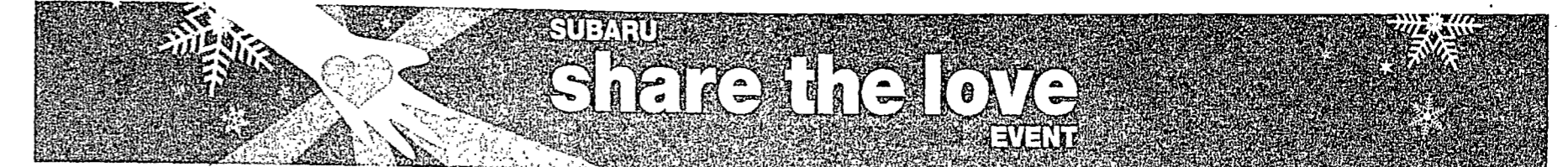
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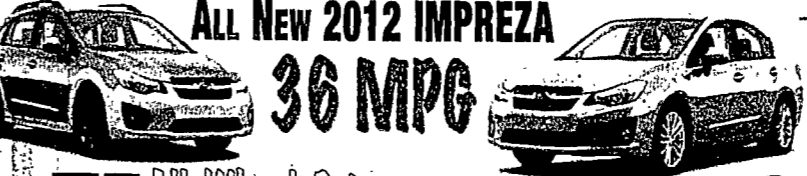
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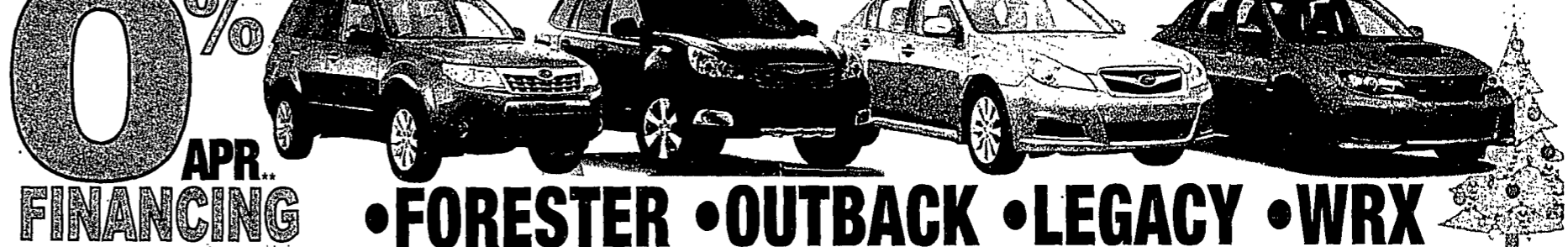
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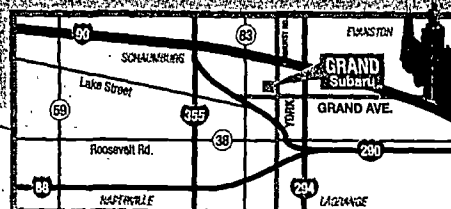
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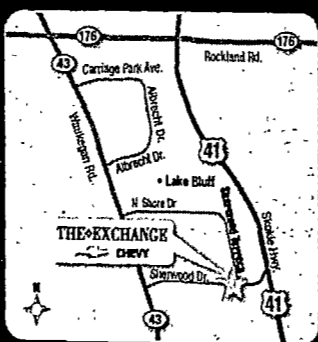
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Holiday hosting

Northfield Group hosting open house, tours this weekend

Holiday cheer: Northfield Group is hosting a Holiday Open House this Friday and Saturday at its new offices at 516 N. Milwaukee Ave. in Wheeling. Guided tours of their models at Millbrook Pointe, adjacent to the sales office, will be provided for guests. 1 SUPPLIED PHOTO

Northfield Group is opening its new corporate offices and a sales center for Millbrook Pointe townhome development at 516 N. Milwaukee Ave. in Wheeling.

To celebrate the grand opening, the public is invited to a Holiday Open House this Friday from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturday from noon to 4 p.m.

"We are proud of our new facility that reflects all of our building expertise and showcases many photos and samples of a broad range of our work," said Gary Levitas, president of Northfield Group.

Refreshments will be served and guided tours of the building will be provided. Visitors are welcome to walk through the Millbrook Pointe model homes adjacent

to the new office building. Through December, buyers have an opportunity to save up to \$100,000 on luxurious townhomes and rowhomes at Millbrook Pointe.

"Prices have been reduced to stay competitive in today's marketplace," said Levitas. "If you combine our huge discounts with financing as low as 3% percent, you'll experience the chance of a lifetime in our value oriented development."

Millbrook Pointe community features luxurious all red brick and natural stone homes. The other is a three-bedroom, 2 1/4-bath traditional layout. Features include separate living room with a Juliette balcony, two-story great room, spacious kitchen with a center island, vaulted ceilings, outdoor deck, 9-foot basement and more.

"While incentives are certainly appealing, potential buyers will be impressed by our well designed floor

plans," said Levitas. Spacious townhomes were crafted to feel like single-family homes. With up to 2,700 square feet of space, they have an abundance of windows that let the outdoors in. Kitchens are roomy and accommodate center islands, while master bedrooms are sizeable and are separated from the other bedrooms for added privacy.

Buyers can choose from two upscale townhome plans. One offers four bedrooms and 3 1/2 baths with a first-floor master suite. The other is a three-bedroom, 2 1/4-bath traditional layout. Features include separate living room with a Juliette balcony, two-story great room, spacious kitchen with a center island, vaulted ceilings, outdoor deck, 9-foot basement and more.

GET MORE INFORMATION

To visit Northfield Group corporate office and Millbrook Pointe Sales Center from Interstate 294 North, exit Lake Cook Road west, and go to the Milwaukee Avenue exit. Take Milwaukee south past Wolf Road to 516 N. Milwaukee Ave. on the right. For more information, call (847) 347-2300 or visit millbrookpointe.com.

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1670 Clavinia Ave: Qiu, Li & Yung, Ching C; \$380,000
528 Hummingbird Ln: Mirzoyan, Marina; \$160,000
Evanston
9236 Central Park Ave: Yao, Daquan & Wu, Hong; \$208,000
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1518 Davis St: Hoffner, Stephen C & Coray A; \$470,000
704 Florence Ave: Low, Michael & Benson, Catherine R; \$175,000
2324 Greenleaf St: Ward, Sonya; \$158,500
2828 Lincoln St: Bevan, Thomas & Ker; \$760,000
9429 Lincolnwood Dr: White, Lizette M; \$195,000
1123 Main St: Stawicki, Jill & Edward; \$460,000
2127 Maple Ave: Finkel, Eli & Alison; \$495,000
838 Michigan Ave: Kaye, Kenneth P & Janice M; \$159,500
2676 Prairie Ave: Douglass, Tracy L; \$970,000
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806 Pleasant Ave: Hoy, Christopher T & Gernhardt, Christina E; \$177,000
1346 Waverly Rd: Kassof, Andrew & Susan; \$1,700,000
Indian Creek
108 Lilly Ct: Rao, Bhavana B; \$175,000

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TODAY'S HOMES

Last word on luxury

Six North Michigan boasts spectacular features and views

Residents fortunate enough to call Six North Michigan Avenue home know they are not only living in luxury, but they're also a part of Chicago's history. This notable structure served as the original headquarters for retailer Montgomery Ward.

Located directly in front of the world-renowned Millennium Park, Six North Michigan includes 120 luxury condominiums situated in a location with spectacular views. The facade and substance of the exterior have been preserved while the interiors are contemporary and urban chic. All homes at Six North Michigan feature a high level of finish and an array of amenities, which provide homeowners a comfortable, maintenance-free lifestyle.

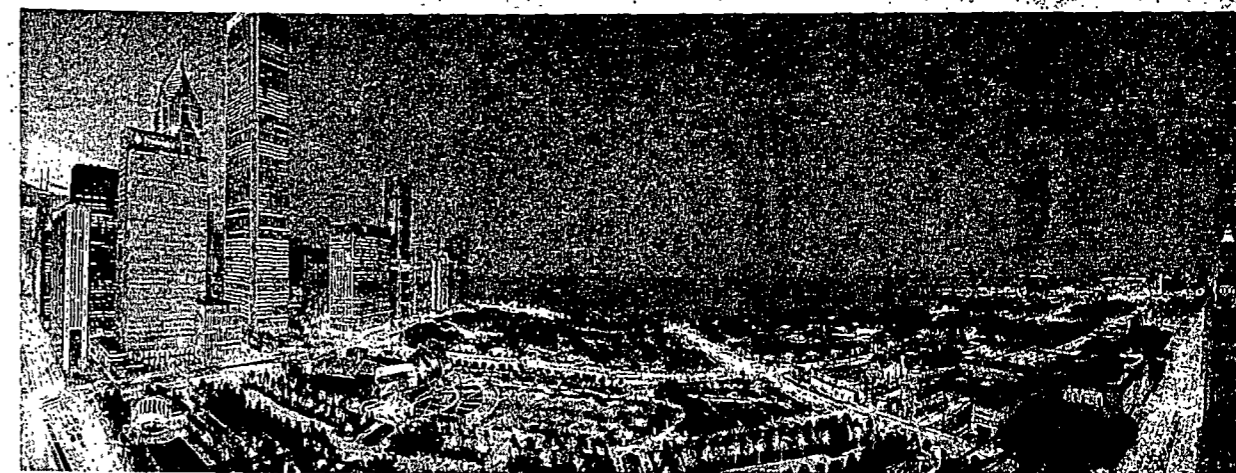
While the building boasts several unique features, the allure of Six North Michigan is also in the interior design. Units are available in one-, two- and three-bedroom floor plans. Each residence offers high ceilings, innovative lighting, hardwood flooring, complete closet organization, and in-unit laundry access.

But the distinctiveness of the building's residences lies in the designer details. The condos incorporate the finest finishes including Liebherr, Bertazzoni and Bosch appliances. Scavolini Italian cabinetry modernizes the kitchen and baths, along

with Toto Sana Rendezvous glass sinks with Dornbracht Tara Classic high-arching polished chrome faucets and Sonia Tecno chrome accessories.

It's not just the residences that are decorated in style. Upon entering the building, residents and their guests encounter an Art Deco inspired, designer lobby featuring stunning vaulted ceilings, walnut paneling and limestone floors. Along with quality décor, the building provides homeowners a host of conveniences for a hassle-free, urban lifestyle including three-passenger elevators designed to accommodate oversized furnishings, 24-hour lobby attendance, key entry building access, parking garage and loading areas, and a state-of-the-art fitness center with a full range of cardio and weight equipment, steam room and sauna.

In addition to the creature comforts of home, city dwellers love the location of their Six North Michigan Avenue lifestyle. Located in the hub of the city's culture, entertainment and recreation, homeowners enjoy accessible leisure time activities all week long. Without the hassle of commuting and traffic, working in the Loop is easy; short walks to shopping areas or along the lake are enjoyable options; and watching the changes of season



North at night: The city lights illuminate the sky, looking out from Six North Michigan Avenue. | SUPPLIED PHOTO

is something to welcome, instead of dread.

One of the city's most popular tourist attractions, Millennium Park, is also a neighborhood playground for locals. Favorite sites include the Frank Gehry-designed bridge which connects the Jay Pritzker Pavilion to the Daley Bicentennial Plaza; the outdoor Boeing Galleries on the north and south side of the Park featuring monumental exhibitions; artist Jaume Plensa's 50-foot glass block towers of flowing water that project video images of 1,000 different Chicagoans; and the McCormick Tribune Ice Rink and Plaza, to name a few.

With the city's abundance of artistic venues, residents can visit one of the many museums and theaters on a regular basis. Nearby options include the Art Institute, the Chicago Cultural Center, the Harris Theater, The Chicago Theater, the Ford Center for Performing Arts, Oriental Theater, Chicago Symphony Orchestra and the Shubert Theater.

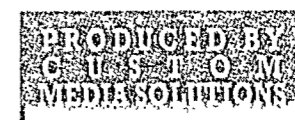
The number of dining options makes enjoying a tasty meal in the neighborhood an easy choice. Nearby restaurants include the Park Grill, The Gage, Rhapsody, Henri, Heaven on Seven and Hot Woks Cool Sushi. Residents also love the easy access to the variety of fine shops and boutiques along the city's Magnificent Mile.

Six North Michigan Avenue is ideal for those seeking luxury living in a remarkable building loaded with

elements of style and all the comforts of home. Despite the challenging real estate market, Six North Michigan has been a hot commodity, selling steadily. Of the 90 percent sold, 85 percent of residences have closed and only a few homes are still available.

Remaining homes range in size from 891-square-foot one-bedrooms to a three-bedroom penthouse that is more than 8,000 square feet. Prices start in the low \$300,000s for one-bedroom units and just over \$1 million for three bedrooms. The last two-bedroom is \$649,900 and penthouse homes start at \$1.8 million.

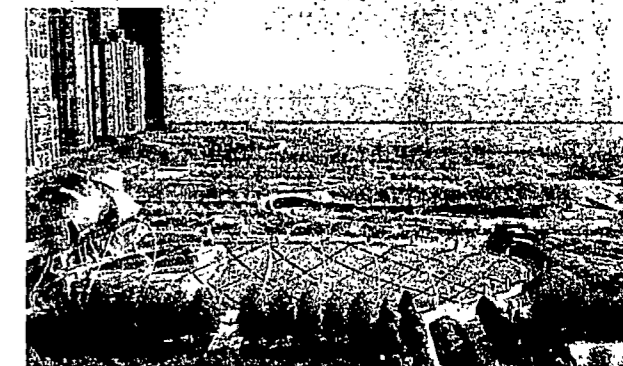
The sales center and models are open Saturday and Sunday from noon to 4 p.m., Tuesday through Friday from noon to 5 p.m., and by appointment only on Monday. To schedule a tour or for additional information, call the sales center at (312) 782-0500 or visit www.sixnorthmichigan.com.



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Ingleside
25876 W State Route 134: Schwartz, Christopher; \$132,500
Lake Bluff
203 Birch Ave: Lasik, Brett L & Operzedek, Teresa M; \$205,500
1217 Quassey Ave: Gantt, L James; \$370,000
Lake Forest
20 E Onwentsia Rd: Kline, Katrina; \$600,000
350 S Berkshire Dr: Burstein, Caryn S; \$535,000
778 Valley Rd: Bartusiak, Paul J & Alison R; \$635,000
891 Walden Ln: Stumpf, Phil & Lentz Stumpf, Deborah; \$2,100,000
131 Washington Rd: Jessen, Wayne B & Elizabeth D; \$95,000
Libertyville
632 Crane Blvd: Allegretti, Nicholas & Hope; \$349,000
803 Garfield Ave A: Shanahan, Michael J & Timothy P; \$120,000
1150 Guerin Rd: Sanderson, Cynthia; \$320,000
300 Laurel Ave: Derma, Todd B & Joanna E; \$420,000
Lincolnshire
349 Rivershire Ct: Bryan, Mitchell & Barbara; \$430,000
15 Sheffield Ct: Chen, Huabin & Xia, Xue Rong; \$420,000
3 Warwick Ln: Chan, Stanley & Nancy; \$195,000
Lindenhurst
2729 Constitution Dr: Filipp, Anthony & Fillipp, Josette; \$243,500
735 Porter Cir: Pietronicco, Michael & Brianna; \$340,000
Mettawa
25220 Shagbark Rd: Nitiss, Joseph A & Carruthers, Karen A; \$550,000
Morton Grove
5836 Capulina Ave: Gasca, Victor & Evelyn; \$235,000
7803 Church St: Chacko, Smithamol; \$215,000
5506 Lincoln Ave A 515: Barajas, Bertha & Leopoldo; \$70,000

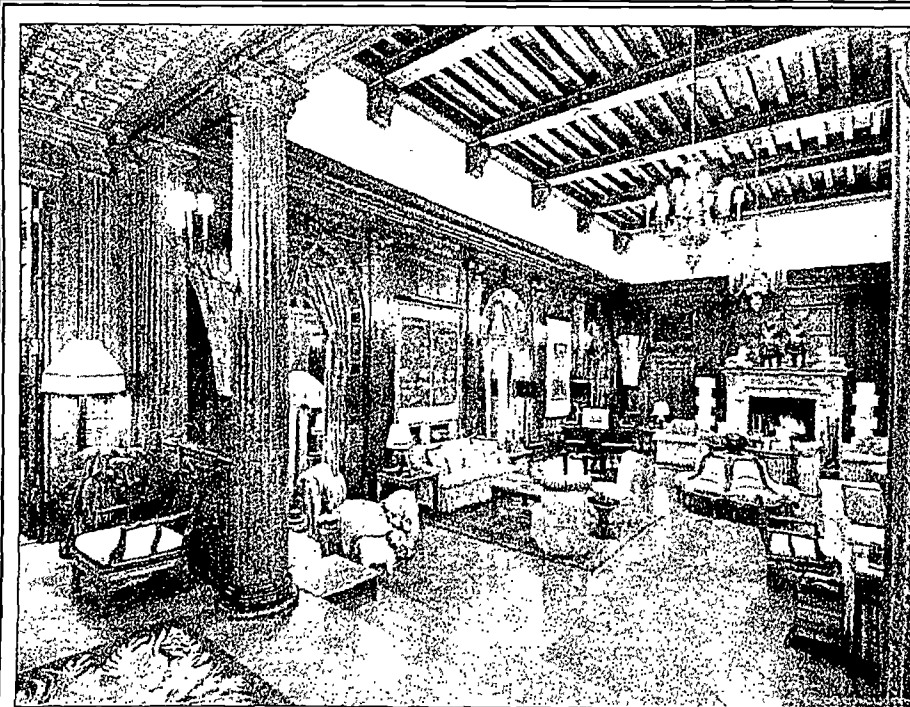
6330 Lincoln Ave 3C: Wintering, Gregory A; \$82,500
9232 Mason Ave: Patel, Shahid; \$260,000
9205 Merrill Ave: Chen, Kaixiang & Sylvia L; \$262,000
8608 Prairie St: Napoli, Steven A; \$285,000
Mundelein
621 Diamond Pointe Dr: Bekeris, Tomas; \$103,000
1160 Franklin St: Mayer, Richard & Stephanie; \$310,000
733 Lomond Dr: Benjamin, Nina; \$180,000
Niles
8425 N Greenwood Ave: Mialkowski, Tomasz & Joanne; \$150,000
7021 W Touhy Ave 303B: Sadler, John E & Jacqueline; \$170,000
Northbrook
2518 Cobblewood Dr: Diac, Liliana; \$220,000
3801 Mission Hills Rd 505: Lemick, Harriett; \$255,000
2205 Vista Ct: Kahn, Robert; \$232,500

4218 Yorkshire Ln: Lazarus, Stuart M & Robin F; \$475,000
Northfield
286 Lagoon Dr: Endre, Michael; \$163,000
Riverwoods
1375 Saunders Rd: Park, Mina; \$535,000
Round Lake
1468 S Wild Meadow Rd: Lumbreas, Jeffery; \$190,000
Round Lake Park
453 N Colony Dr: Mayfield Nitzel, Teresa S & Nitzel, Mark A; \$145,000
Skokie
7845 E Prairie Rd: Kmiecik, Michael; \$140,000
5250 Greenwood St: Daniel, Youad & Rita; \$217,000
7940 Karlov Ave: Lepinot, Jody B & Mae Lee; \$250,000
9407 Kildare Ave: Nameche, Michael F & Lichterman, Dena R; \$450,000
4633 Madison St 204: Malik, Israr Hussain; \$90,000
9013 Samoset Trl: Stolte, Christian & Whitehead, Kimberly; \$370,000

5055 Wright Ter: Jung, Matthew & Bhudvanbhen Jung, Suthiratarana; \$334,000
Vernon Hills
6 Monterey Dr: Kuska, Matthew D; \$260,000
1673 Stanwich Rd: Bellini, Giuseppe & Nicole A; \$472,500
Volo
275 Cannon Rd: Janowiak, Jessica; \$228,500
Waukegan
2022 N Poplar St: Finn, Sean M & Stephanie M; \$115,000
Wilmette
2144 Greenwood Ave: Weedon, James W & Kathryn M; \$820,000
215 Hibbard Rd: Suteria, Shalini & Salman S; \$320,000
2045 Highland Ave: Gibala, Daniel & Bernice; \$350,000
728 Laporte Ave: Koles, Kirill J & Humauskaite, Inha; \$343,000
2141 Washington Ave: Cash, Leslie & Ray, Jeffrey; \$820,000
Winnetka
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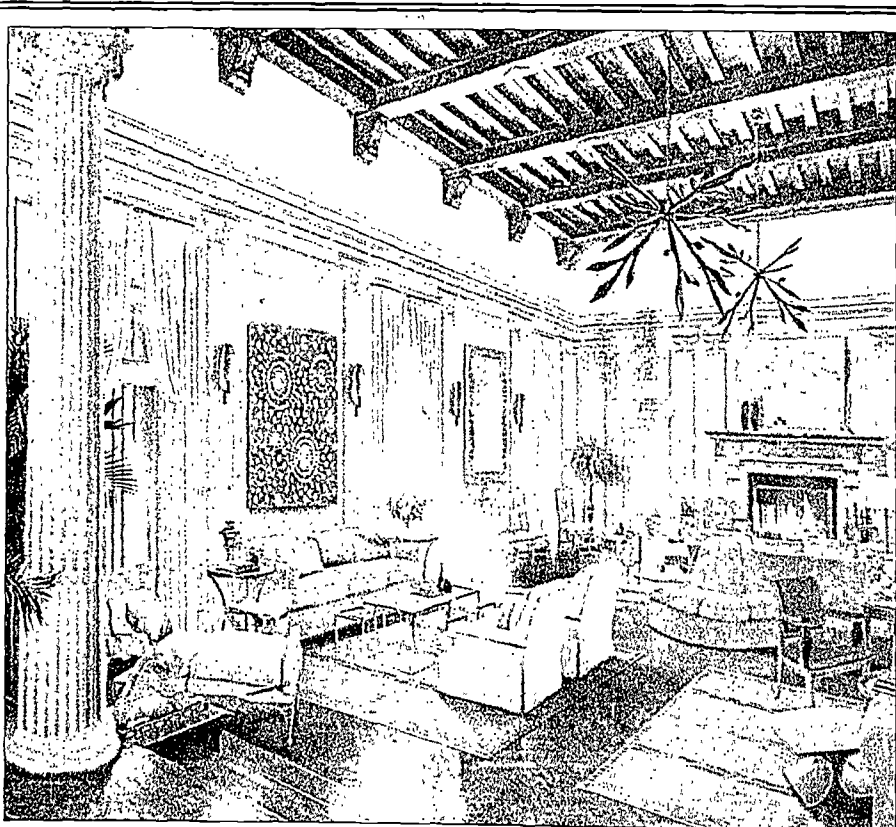
1220 Hill Rd: Nieman, Andrew W & Lori D; \$1,300,000
984 Pine Tree Ln: Compall Jr, John H & Compall, Caroline E; \$2,325,000
1139 Scott Ave: Waterston, Wesley H & Carrie; \$686,500
309 Woodley Rd: Ashurst, Duncan B & Denise L; \$995,000
Winthrop Harbor
1239 Adams Ave: Harris, Kevin J & Pamela J; \$260,000
Zion
43411 N Lyndale Dr: Piet, Dale A & Cindy L; \$180,000
12711 W 9th St: Arnst, Lyle; \$74,500

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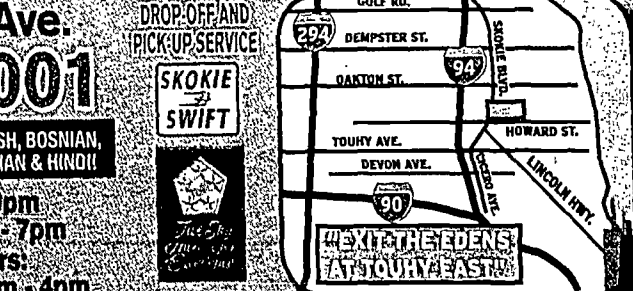
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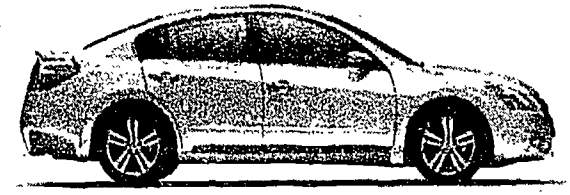


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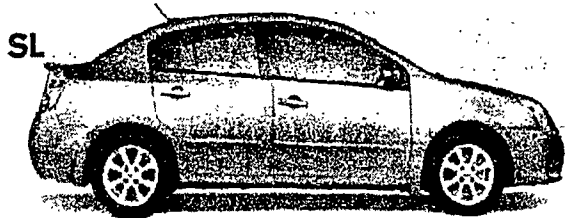
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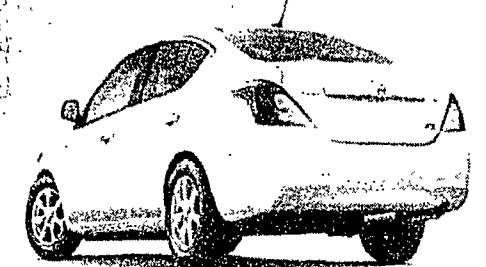
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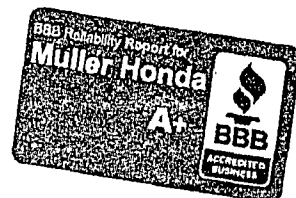
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The following are news items from schools participating in this education guide.

Benedictine University: Mike Mantel, the president and CEO of Living Water International, has been working for nearly two decades to save and change lives by eradicating some of the evils that plague humanity. Living Water is dedicated to easing the global water crisis while addressing root causes such as injustice, oppression and poverty. One question has always nagged him. "If positive change is so desired, why is change so hard?"

The search for the answer to that question ultimately led Mantel to the doctorate in organization development program at Benedictine University. There, he met scholars, business leaders and professionals like himself who were searching for answers to their own questions.

Benedictine's Ph.D. program, which helps today's leaders create an environment where people work together

toward better solutions, where change is not only accepted but encouraged, and where high performance is achieved by building trust, valuing teamwork and fostering employee development, revitalized Mantel.

Mantel applied the knowledge he learned and developed at Benedictine to his work at Living Water. Now when he guides a new generation of leaders into the forefront of water solutions, Mantel understands something about positive change and helping others.

"The program extended my learning and allowed me to improve my quality of work," he said. "I learned from faculty and extended scholars who were top rate, other members of my cohort who ranged in age from 20 to 60 and brought their own experiences into the classroom, and from the research that we performed and published."

BU is at 5700 College Road, Lisle; call (630) 829-6300 or visit ben.edu.

Calumet College of St. Joseph:

Ranked as a leader in diversity among Midwest colleges by U.S. News & World Report, CCSJ historically has been a college of opportunity for first-generation students, nontraditional students and other individuals for whom the idea of going away to school was impossible.

Located in an urban setting, the college is only a 30-minute drive from downtown Chicago and a short walk from Lake Michigan's beaches and is surrounded by quaint ethnic neighborhoods and major industrial facilities.

From this community, the college derives its urban mission of social justice and practices regional stewardship.

While based on liberal arts principles, the college offers many professional programs that appeal to the practical needs of its diverse student body.

CCSJ is at 2400 New York Ave. in Whiting, Ind.; call (219) 473-4215 or visit www.ccsj.edu.

Columbia College Chicago:

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to practice their craft, develop their voice and launch a rewarding career.

Finding the college with the right mix of academic offerings, the right student body, the right campus, the right vibe, is as exciting as it is overwhelming. There's no better way to get to know us than by coming to campus and getting a firsthand look. We offer a wide variety of ways to visit Columbia, including campus tours and open houses and, for graduate students, preview days and drop-in hours.

One of the best times to visit is in May during Manifest, our end-of-year urban arts festival that celebrates the accomplishments of our graduating classes.

CCC is at 600 S. Michigan; call (312) 369-7220 or visit colum.edu/admissions.

Elgin Community College: Elgin Community College will celebrate the grand opening of the Health and Life Sciences Building on March 16.

The building will be home to all of the college's health-related programs and will open to students in January 2012, six months ahead of schedule.

The 130,000-square-foot building will have 29 new classrooms/laboratories/teaching spaces that simulate a real-world environment for programs in biology, clinical lab technology, dental assisting, health and wellness

management, histotechnology, massage therapy, nursing, phlebotomy, physical therapist assisting, radiography and surgical technology. The building also will serve as the college's main entrance, complete with a two-story glass-enclosed lobby.

Founded in 1949, ECC serves approximately 12,000 credit students per semester plus tens of thousands more through noncredit classes, events and activities each year. Programs of study include university transfer, more than 155 career/technical degrees and certificates, corporate and continuing education, and a full complement of pre-collegiate courses.

ECC is at 1700 Spartan Drive, Elgin; call (847) 697-1000 or visit elgin.edu.

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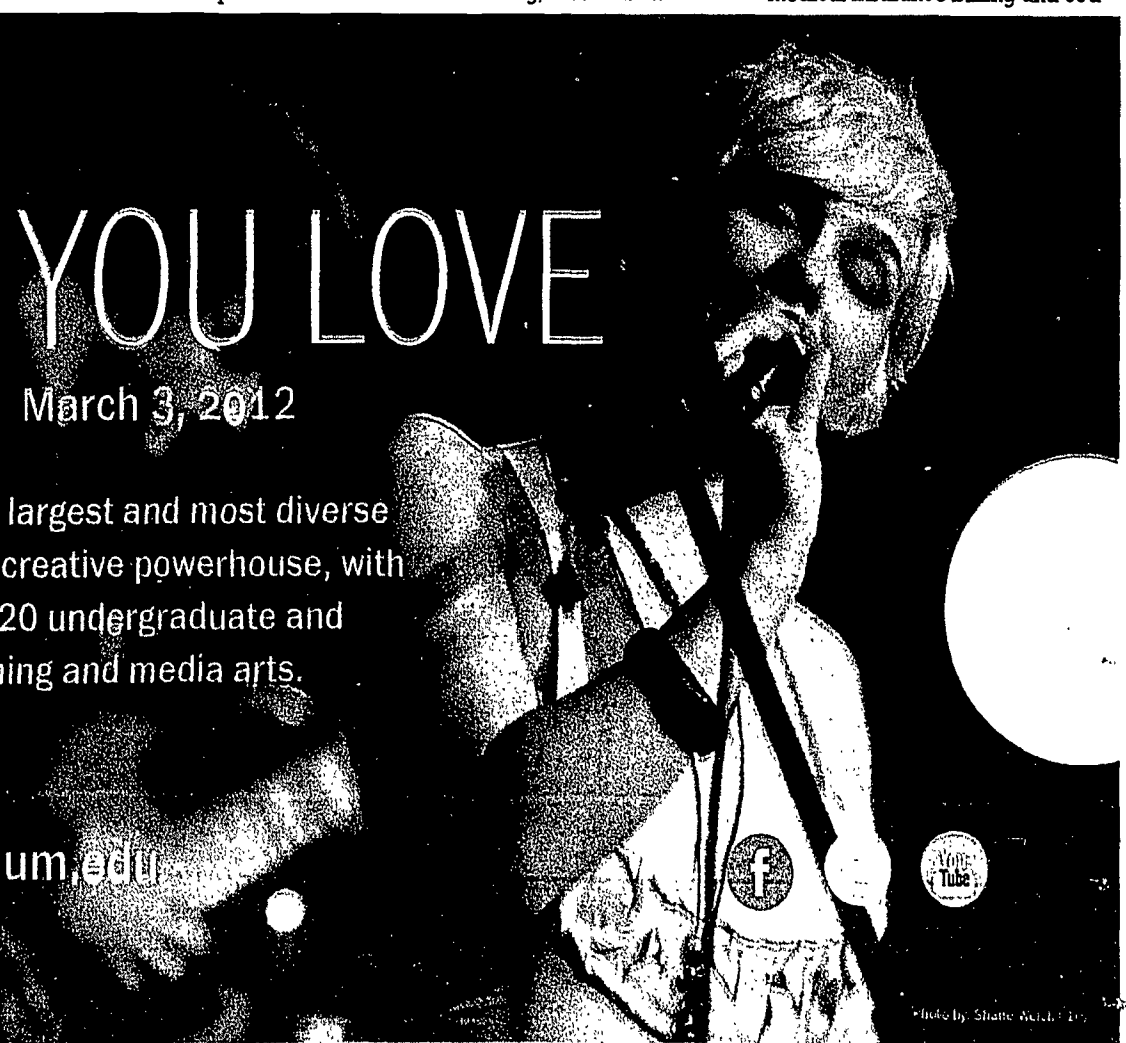


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ing, and pharmacy technician.

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Rosalind Franklin University: Assistant professor Beth Stutzmann, Ph.D., has spent the last 10 years investigating neuronal signaling in aging and Alzheimer's disease. At the root of her many questions is the desire to understand the early disease processes that cause brain cells to malfunction in Alzheimer's. In other words, what pathological events are occurring before the tragic physical and behavioral changes develop. Uncovering these events may offer more effective strategies to prevent disease progression. Stutzmann's research suggests that alterations in critical neuronal signaling factors, such as calcium, are an early component in the disease cycle that contributes to the memory loss in Alzheimer's disease.

Stutzmann came to Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science (RFUMS) from the University of California, Irvine, in 2005 to explore this area of interest, intentionally seeking RFUMS for its commitment to research paired with its strong basic science program, an environment where she knew her research would thrive.

"I love the process of investigation. There are things that, as researchers, we believe are important and we get to explore them. Not only is this satisfying on a personal level, you feel you're contributing to a greater good. It's enormously satisfying when you add even a little piece to the puzzle," Stutzmann said.

Her desire to help students is clear. She speaks passionately about teaching and mentoring, saying her own mentors had the biggest impact on her career.

"I really believe in paying it forward and encouraging all young scientists," she said.

RFUMS is at 3333 Green Bay Road,

North Chicago; call (847) 578-3000 or visit rosalindfranklin.edu.

Indiana University Northwest: Indiana University recently unveiled a plan to significantly reduce undergraduate tuition for summer semester students in 2012 in order to provide financial relief to students, promote year-round college attendance and decrease the time it takes many students to earn a degree.

This summer, all undergraduates enrolled at any of the seven IU campuses statewide, including IU Northwest, will receive a 25 percent discount in tuition for courses taken in the summer.

For those students who take a full academic course load in the summer at IU Northwest, the tuition reduction would result in savings of more than \$700.

Registration for summer 2012 begins March 26. The online summer schedule is expected to be available the second week of February. For more information about the summer tuition discount, visit iun.edu/summer12.

Registration for spring 2012 is under way at IU Northwest, and students are encouraged to register now to ensure they get seats in the classes they need.

The IU Northwest registrar's office has gone green and will no longer print paper class schedules. The schedule for spring 2012 can be found online at schedule.iun.edu.

Students are encouraged to discuss their schedules with their academic advisers or department faculty to ensure that their chosen classes fit their academic goals; classes begin Jan. 9.

IUN is at 3400 Broadway in Gary, Ind.; call (888) 968-7486 or visit iun.edu.

Kendall College: Chicago Michelin Guide Restaurants have ranked Kendall College the No. 1 Chicago program for preparing students for culinary arts careers. Kendall also was ranked the city's No. 1 program for preparing students for hospitality management careers by Chicago's leading hotels according to a survey conducted by ORC International (kendall.edu/about/kendall-ranked-first).

"Kendall College is thrilled to be recognized for successfully preparing our students for careers in the hospitality and culinary arts professions," said Karen Gersten, president of Kendall College. "Our approach of blending traditional classroom instruction with practical experience gained through internships and innovative projects is part of our core mission. The survey results serve as evidence our approach renders well-rounded graduates who can have a real advantage in an increasingly

competitive workplace." In addition to its top-ranking culinary and hospitality management programs, Kendall also has a solid reputation for its undergraduate business, food service management and early childhood education programs. Kendall College is a member of the Laureate International Universities network, which offers students the opportunity to learn at more than 55 institutions in 28 countries. Classes start Jan. 9 and there's still time to enroll. Kendall is at 900 N. Branch, Chicago; call (888) 905-3632 or visit kendall.edu.

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Lewis University: In fall 2012, the Lewis University College of Education will offer a new bachelor's degree in early childhood education with endorsements in special education and English as a second language. The program is designed to help future teachers become invaluable to districts and schools through their abilities to adapt curriculum and teaching techniques to successfully meet the needs of preschool through third-grade students.

"Our partners in various local school districts are showing an increased need for early childhood specialists that have been trained to intervene early, especially in reading. They can combine the best teaching techniques to serve all learning styles in the classroom," said Suzanne O'Brien, interim chair of elementary education.

New state and federal directives are driving schools to seek educators specialized in intervention instruction in early childhood. The 2010-2011 edition of the *Occupational Outlook Handbook* from the Bureau of Labor Statistics projected a 20 percent increase of employment of preschool teachers from 2008 to 2018.

Lewis University is a Catholic university offering undergraduate and graduate programs to more than 6,000 traditional and adult students. Lewis offers multiple campus locations, online degree programs and a variety of formats that provide accessibility and convenience. The ninth largest private not-for-profit university in Illinois, Lewis has been nationally recognized by The Princeton Review and U.S. News & World Report.

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South Suburban College: Established in 1927, SSC is a fully accredited, comprehensive community college with a diverse annual student population of more than 16,000. Located in South Holland, it offers more than 50 career education and transfer programs awarding associate degrees, professional certifications and transferable credits. The college's counselors work with students to develop an academic plan that will best help them achieve their educational and career goals.

The college also has numerous community outreach programs, including adult basic education, general education development, English as a second language, continuing education and much more. In addition, SSC's Business & Career Institute provides training, testing, consulting, and economic and business development resources for the region.

SSC's tuition rate is considerably lower than most public or private universities. The college also offers special rates for residents of Lake

County, Ind. Full-time students can attend for just more than \$3,000 a year near home, saving thousands of dollars in additional room and board expenses. SSC's financial aid office will work to maximize student aid and tuition waivers, and the SSC Foundation offers a wide range of scholarship opportunities for all students.

Spring registration is now in progress, with classes beginning Jan. 9.

SSC is at 5800 S. State St., South Holland; call (708) 596-2000 or visit ssc.edu.

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New Triton programs in the upcoming spring semester will prepare students to become beverage managers in the hospitality industry, independent building contractors or early childhood educators.

These courses of study join highly endorsed programs in nursing and allied health, business, computer science, mass communication, horticulture, engineering technology and automotive technology, plus a complete arts and sciences curriculum with courses that easily transfer to most colleges and universities.

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Triton also offers adult education programs in English as a second language, cultural and recreational classes, and is the sole provider for general education development preparation in the area.

Registration for the spring semester is under way; classes start Jan. 20.

Triton is at 2000 Fifth Ave., River Grove; call (708) 456-0300, ext. 3130, or visit www.triton.edu. To contact one of the universities in our University Center, call the telephone number listed in our ad in this section.

WHERE THE JOBS ARE

New programs target careers with a future

BY JEAN GUARINO
For Sun-Times Media

Many of the courses and certificate programs currently offered by local community colleges and universities were not even in the academia pipeline a few short years ago. So why did faculty members feel the need to create these new specialties?

"The biggest influence in determining what new degree programs we needed to add to our curriculum was the employability of our graduates. The new courses that will be offered in the fall semester are all in growth areas where jobs are expected to be plentiful," said Ray Kennelly, vice president of enrollment at Lewis University.

With many unemployed adults returning to school to transition their careers, and traditional college students transferring to study in fields that promise better job prospects, these new programs are important.

Kennelly cited the 2011 edition of the *Occupational Outlook Handbook* from the Bureau of Labor Statistics that projects a 20 percent increase of employment of preschool teachers from 2008 to 2018.

"Our College of Education already prepared quality teachers. But after our market research determined a great deal of interest for more specialized course work we added a new bachelor's and master's degrees in early childhood education with special education endorsement programs to meet this demand,"

Kennelly said.

The early childhood education with special education endorsement master's degree program at Lewis is designed to assist those who have kindergarten-through-ninth-grade teacher certification become specialists in early childhood education. It also will assist adults with a bachelor's degree return to school to become primary grade school teachers.

The School of Business and Economics at Indiana University Northwest in Gary is offering a new graduate certificate in management. This 15-hour certificate that is earned completely online can be completed on a part-time basis in as little as nine to 12 months.

"It's a nice fit for a lot of working adults who want to enhance their current management skills in their current job without investing the time or money in a master's program. They can use it for advancement in their present job and, at the same time, test the water for working toward a graduate degree," said John Gibson, director of graduate and undergraduate programs at IU Northwest. Courses include statistics, accounting, economics, marketing and finance.

Also new at IU Northwest is a Bachelor of Social Work. This is a generalist course in social work practices, including case management, human behavior and other skills that can be applied to this growing field, according to Andrea Tamburro, director of the BSW program. Although this undergraduate degree has been available at other IU locations

it is new to IU Northwest campus in Gary. The College of Pharmacy at the University of Illinois at Chicago is offering a new Master of Science in Forensic Toxicology to meet the need for well-trained forensic scientists and toxicologists. Forensic toxicology is the study of the biochemistry and pharmacology of drugs, toxins and exogenous substances, along with the analytic methods for detecting such drugs in body fluids and tissues.

This competitive and highly demanding program trains specialists for in-demand jobs with county coroners and state police forensic science laboratories to determine whether these substances contributed to death.

In fall 2012 UIC's School of Public Health will introduce a new Bachelor of Arts in Public Health designed for students pursuing careers in public health such as communicable disease investigators, public health educators and environmental specialists.

In today's economy many workers lost jobs that will not be coming back. As a result, many community colleges have created new degree and certificate programs that retrain these workers in industries where jobs are projected to be plentiful. Community colleges also work with many local four-year universities to make sure that associate degree credits easily transfer to four-year bachelor degree programs.

At Moraine Valley College in Palos Hills students working toward a multimedia designer certificate receive training in digital

media, design, visual effects and motion graphics, animation and production development that will lead to careers in television, film, animation and set design.

A gerontology certificate is another steppingstone for students who intend to work with the elderly in settings such as adult day care, retirement communities, park districts, nursing homes, community centers and much more.

And Moraine Valley's new commercial systems tech certificate combines both lecture and hands-on experience for commercial heating, air conditioning and refrigeration maintenance and installation training.

The new associate's degree, independent building contractor, at Triton College in River Grove is ideal for career changers who want to work for themselves. This degree provides the skills needed to start a business as an independent contractor with hands-on training in building trades, business and financial management.

Two of Triton's new certificate programs are also designed to jump-start stalled careers. A certificate in facilities engineering technology offers training needed for jobs in maintenance positions in offices, schools, hospitals and industry. And students enrolled in Triton's certificate in sustainable agriculture technology program will learn landscape and gardening practices that promote conservation and solve problems that have an adverse impact on the environment.

Jean Guarino is a local free-lance writer.

Transfer tips

Two online resources can help current and returning students determine how the credits they've already accumulated will transfer from one school to another.

The first is the website for the Illinois Articulation Initiative, which facilitates the transfer of students from one Illinois institution to another. Both a general education core curriculum and a lower-division major recommendation course listing have been developed so students easily can see


basic requirements. A list of participating schools - state universities, community colleges and four-year colleges and universities - along with other helpful information can be found at itransfer.org.

USelect is an online tool that helps you view program requirements, look at course equivalencies, and see how courses you have taken or plan to take transfer to another college or university within Illinois or from state to state. To begin using USelect, visit transfer.org/

uselect (you can also navigate to this page from the IAI website).


All basic features are available from the main screen. Students can gather information about schools, search for courses, view course catalogs, find course equivalencies among various institutions, learn about the majors offered by different institutions, see graduation requirements for those majors, create a course history and run personalized degree planning guides.

Both websites offer their services free of charge; working with a college admissions advisor is recommended.



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Local universities and colleges offer a variety of open house and/or campus visit events throughout the year. If you're unable to visit during a scheduled event arrange a personal visit through the admissions office. Below are upcoming events at schools found in this education guide.

Benedictine University: BU hosts a preferred visit day from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Jan. 16. Call (630) 829-6300 to reserve a space. Students also can arrange one-on-one tours of the campus with an admission counselor by calling 24 hours in advance of the visit. BU is at 5700 College Rd., Lisle. Call (630) 829-6300 or visit ben.edu.

Calumet College of St. Joseph: Call the admissions office to schedule a campus visit. CCSJ is at 2400 New York Ave., Whiting, Ind. Call (219) 473-4215 or visit www.ccsj.edu.

Columbia College Chicago: The spring open house will be March 3. Until then, interested students can tour the campus at 600 S. Michigan at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Monday-Friday or 11 a.m. Saturday. Make reservations at (312) 369-7220 or visit colum.edu.

Elgin Community College: The school offers monthly Welcome Wednesday sessions from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. for prospective students.

Upcoming dates are Jan. 18, Feb. 15, March 7, April 4 and May 2. Learn about the programs and services ECC has to offer as well as tour the campus and talk with recruitment coordinators. ECC is at 1700 Spartan Drive, Elgin. Call (847) 214-7385 or visit elgin.edu.

Everest College: This network of more than 100 campuses has six in the Chicago area. Campus tours/visits are welcome. Call (888) 741-4270 or visit everest.edu to arrange a visit.

Rosalind Franklin University: For more information about campus visits at 3333 Green Bay Road, North Chicago, call (847) 578-3000 or visit rosalindfranklin.edu.

Indiana University Northwest: Regularly scheduled walking tours take place at 10 a.m. Tuesdays, 2:30 p.m. Wednesdays and 11 a.m. Fridays. IUN is at 3400 Broadway, Gary, Ind.; call (888) 968-7486 or visit iun.edu.

Kendall College: Prospective students can arrange a personal visit through admissions. Kendall is at 900 N. Branch, Chicago. Call (888) 905-3632 or visit kendall.edu.

Lewis University: Lewis offers individual visits Monday through Saturday with tours at 9 and 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. weekdays and 10 a.m. Saturdays. High school and transfer students



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Robert Morris University: Campus visits are offered between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, and from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays. Transfer students can take advantage of the next Transfer Tuesday, 4 to 7 p.m. Jan. 25 at all campuses. Bring transcripts for informal evaluation. RMU has eight Chicago area campuses and 10 statewide. Call (800) 762-5960 or visit robertmorris.edu.

Purdue University Calumet: Campus tours are offered Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays. PUC is at 2200 169th St., Hammond, Ind.; call (800) 447-8738 or visit purduecal.edu.

South Suburban College: Call admissions to arrange a campus visit at 15800 S. State St., South Holland; call (708) 210-5718 or visit ssc.edu.

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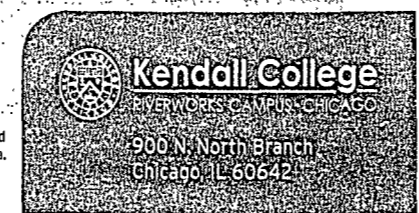
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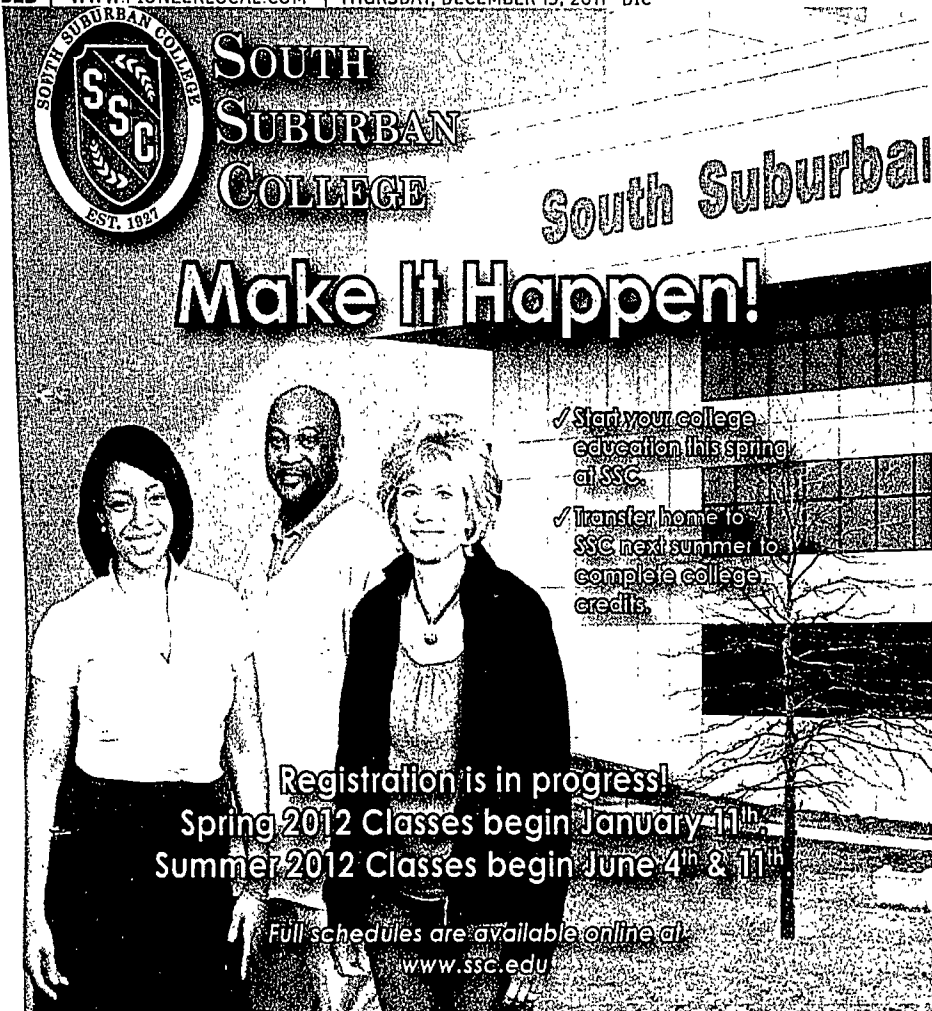
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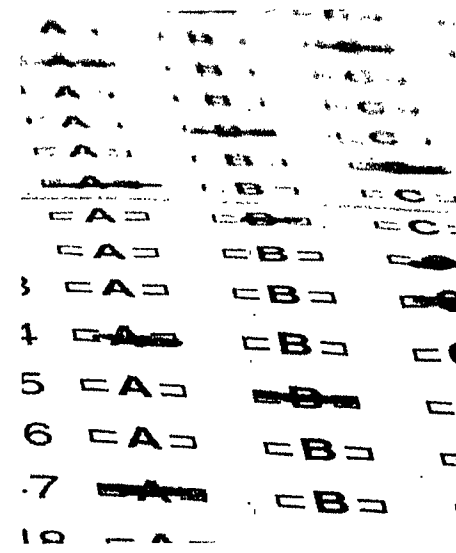
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Sign up online (actstudent.org/register/index.html) or use the packet provided by your high school counselor or found in your school's college guidance office. The cost is \$34 for the test without a writing portion and \$49.50 for the exam with the writing test. Fees include the option of sending scores to four colleges of your choice for free; the fee for additional schools is \$10 per school.

Remaining test dates for 2011-2012 are Feb. 11 (Jan. 13), April 14 (March 9) and June 9 (May 4). For more information about ACT registration, call (319) 337-1270.

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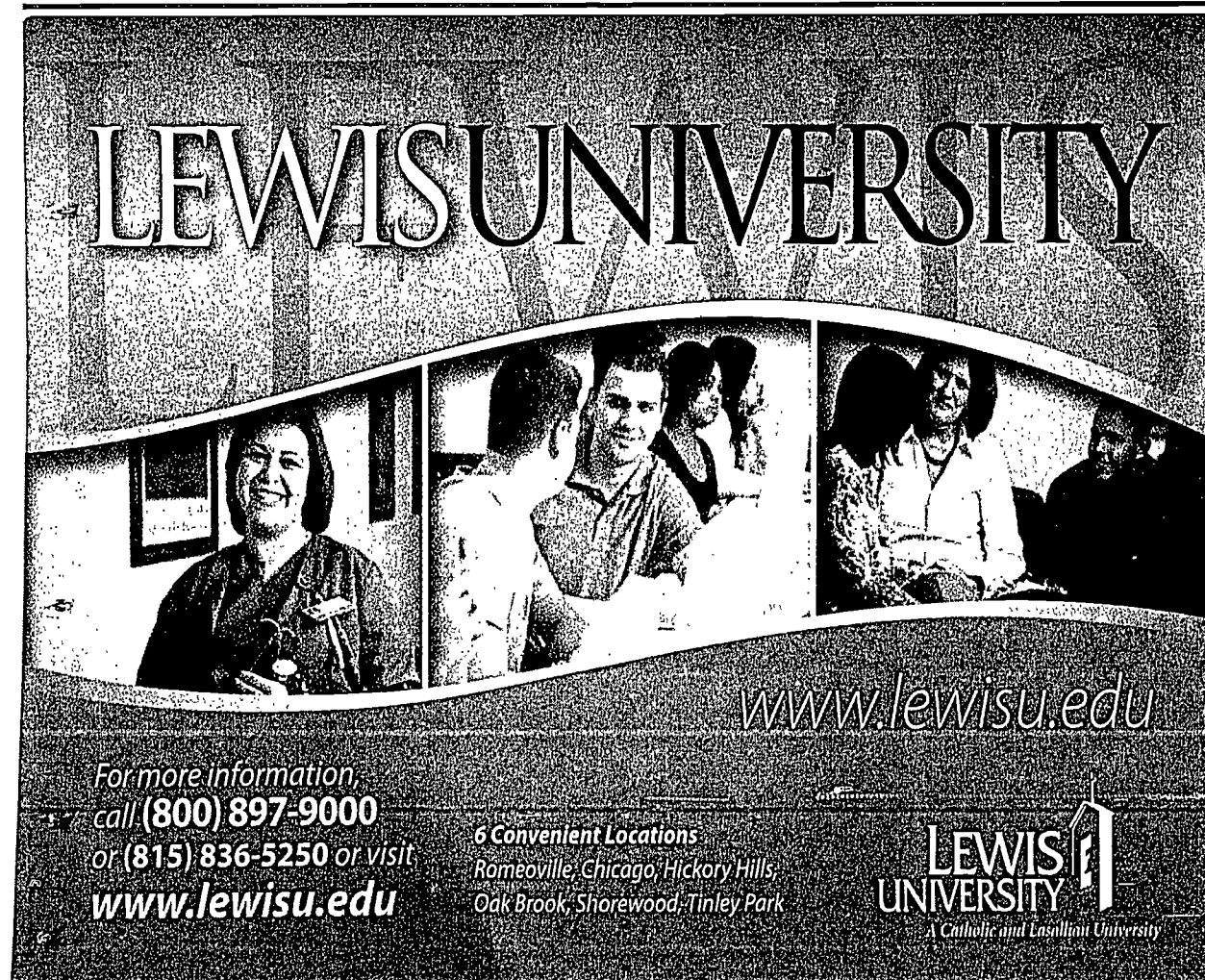
Students can register online (collegeboard.com/student/testing/sat/calenees/fees.html) or through packets provided by high schools. The cost is \$49 for the basic SAT. Additional optional fees include a \$22 registration fee for basic subject tests, \$22 for language with



listening tests and \$11 for all other subject tests. Registering by phone costs another \$15. Fees include sending scores to four colleges of your choice for free; the fee for additional schools is \$10 per school.

Remaining test dates for 2011-2012 are Jan. 28 (Dec. 30), March 10 (Feb. 10), May 5 (April 6) and June 2 (May 8). For more information about SAT registration, call (866) 630-9305.

Each testing service does provide late and standby registration for a fee; visit their websites for more information.



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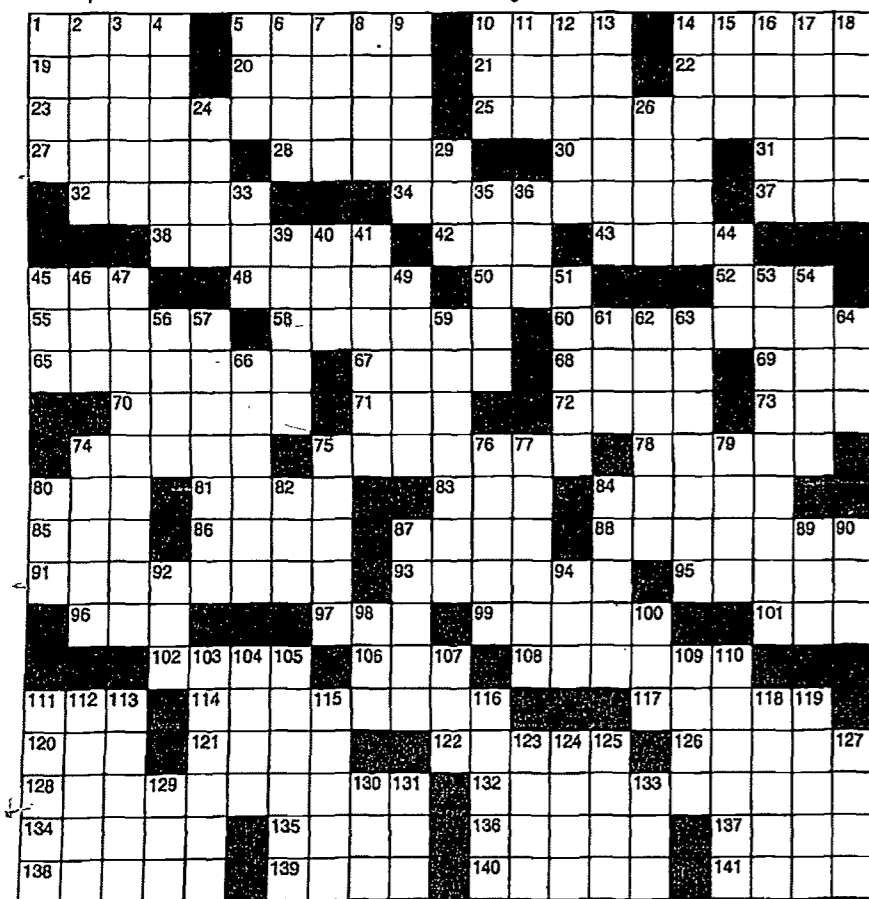
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TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Change lies ahead for the brave Bovine who is ready to shuck off the tried and true to try something new. But appearances can be deceptive. Check it all out before you charge into anything.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) This week promises a peek into what the new year holds for the Gemini Twins, both in love and careers. Family matters continue to be a factor in decisions you're going to be facing.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) As you move into the new year, your travel aspects grow stronger, and you might find yourself making decisions about a destination and a traveling companion sooner than you'd expected.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) The new year holds both glitter and gold. This means Leo and Leonas should begin getting the facts they'll need to separate the real thing from the sham in order to make important decisions next year.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A good way to start the new year might be to arrange for a visit to someone you haven't seen in a long time. You also might want to pick up that project you put off a while back.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) As you contemplate the new year's potential, you might want to talk things over with

people who are or have been where you want to go. Their experience and advice can be helpful.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Someone close to you might feel you have no more room for him or her in your life. This calls for immediate reassurance of your love so you can start the new year on a high note.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) The coming year will bring more people into your life. Some situations might not work out as well as others. But overall, everyone earns something, and that's always a good thing.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) The new year could find you indulging in one or more of the hobbies you've always wanted to take up. And don't be surprised if they ultimately direct you toward a new career.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) The artistic Aquarian should find more opportunities in the new year. You might even make some potentially helpful contacts as you gather to ring in the year 2012.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) The new year offers challenges for Pisceans who want to make better use of the skills they now have and learn new ones. Personal relationships show stronger positive aspects.

BORN THIS WEEK: Although you sometimes tend to be a bit judgmental, nevertheless, you are generous and caring and very much beloved.

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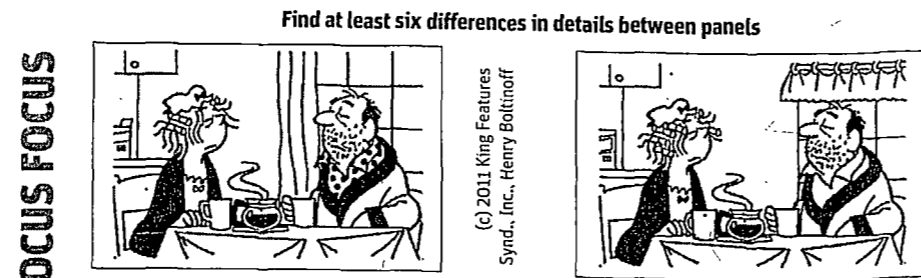
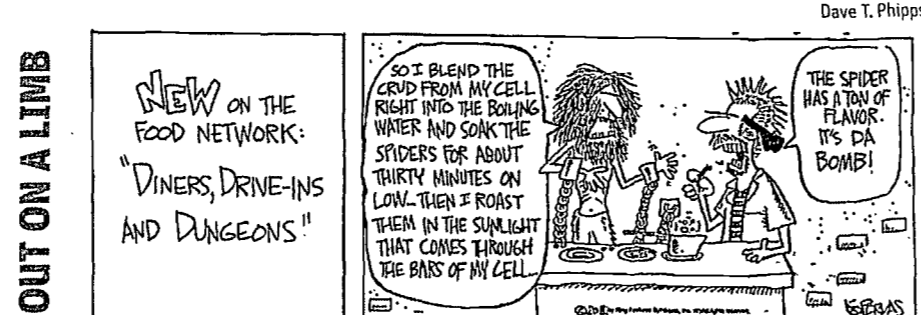
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Horman, Flore Mary
Age 94, passed away on November 26, 2011 at Resurrection Life Center-Chicago, Illinois. Flo was born on December 17th, 1916 in Gilbert Minnesota. As the youngest of 7 children, she spent her early years in Duluth, Minnesota, where she met her husband John. They moved to Park Ridge, Illinois in 1949, where they raised their four daughters. Flore was a secretary for many years, but her greatest love was being with her family. She was devoted Grandmother of nine. She delighted in their visits, and which ever grandchild she was with, they were her favorite. She is survived by her 4 daughters, Paula Craig, Julie Cozad, Mary Petrone, and Ann Knicker. She is also survived by her 9 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. Services are private.
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Kurten, Matthew John
Age 40 of Dixon, IL formerly of Park Ridge. Passed away November 27, 2011. Beloved son of Dr. Donald and Diane Kurten. Loving brother of Dana Lynn Ryan. Dear uncle of Madelyn and Jameson Ryan. Preceded in death by grandparents, John and Velia Metropulos, Dr. Louis and Elizabeth Taylor Kurten, one uncle, Dr. Timothy Kurten. Also survived by many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins. Visitation and funeral services were held at Ryan-Parke Funeral Home, on Wednesday, November 30. Burial followed in Town of Maine Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials to St. Jude's Children's Hospital, www.stjude.org are appreciated.
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From Trucking to Freight Brokering

By Aileen Cho, Monster Contributing Writer

Trucking can be a rewarding career, but it may not be right for every life situation. If you're a trucker who wants to stay in the industry but not drive, freight brokering might be the answer.

The Job

Licensed freight brokers may be companies or individuals, some of whom work out of their homes, that match up carriers with shippers for a fee. According to Transportation Training Solutions, a Texas-based freight brokerage training institution, there are 4,000 licensed transportation brokers in the US. Only 50 percent of them work full-time.

Moving on from Trucking

With billions of tons of cargo moving through the nation every day, the trucking industry is growing. But trucking is a tough business, particularly if you're an independent owner/operator. And with hours-of-service rules, road congestion and increasing tolls, it's only getting tougher.

John Thomas, a former accountant and founder of Atex Logistics, a freight-broker training program that includes on-the-phone coaching, says injuries, family needs, burnout and rising operating costs are the most frequently cited reasons that truck drivers hang up their keys.

Thomas did extensive research by talking to shippers, brokers and truckers for months. "So many truckers are suffering with the high fuel prices and going out of business, so they're looking for an alternative," he says. "Freight brokering keeps them in the industry."

Veterans Welcome

Kristine Polfer, a trainee at Atex, co-runs a Florida flatbed trucking business and plans to start a freight-brokerage business. Polfer's trucking background "has already made a difference in [her] training," she says.

Moreover, having trucker associates, family members and friends can be useful, because they may become your clients and partners. Half the clients Thomas trains are former truckers.

Challenges and Investments

A freight broker has low startup costs and monthly overhead - "a couple of phones, a fax, a computer and file cabinets, and you're in business," says Thomas. "[But] it's difficult. You may



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- You should pay a processing agent fee of \$50. If a lawsuit is filed against you, a lawyer from the state you're being sued in will inform you of the claim.

Required Training

Training typically takes two months, but Thomas says the length of training depends on your time commitment. "I have a 90-page manual and 21 handouts that I email," he says.

Then you get set up, have a business plan ready and start contacting shippers who use freight service, he says.

Persistence counts. "Once the load gets covered, the broker baby-sits it to its destination and pays the trucker within 21 days," Thomas says. "You want to pay on time so that the truckers will come back to you and you build repeat business."

The Profit Margin

Transportation Training Solutions estimates potential profit for full-time brokers ranges from \$40,000 to \$150,000 a year. According to Thomas, a typical load may yield a \$1,400 profit for the trucker and \$140 for the broker. At five times a week, you can make \$700 per week; at 25 times a week, \$3,500.

That gets easier to do if you build a regular client base. "It's nice to sit back and have a shipper call you," Thomas says.

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JEFFREY J. KATZ, JOHN J. CAHILL, INC., VILLAGE OF SKOKIE UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants
08 CH 039950
4852 HULL STREET SKOKIE, IL 60076
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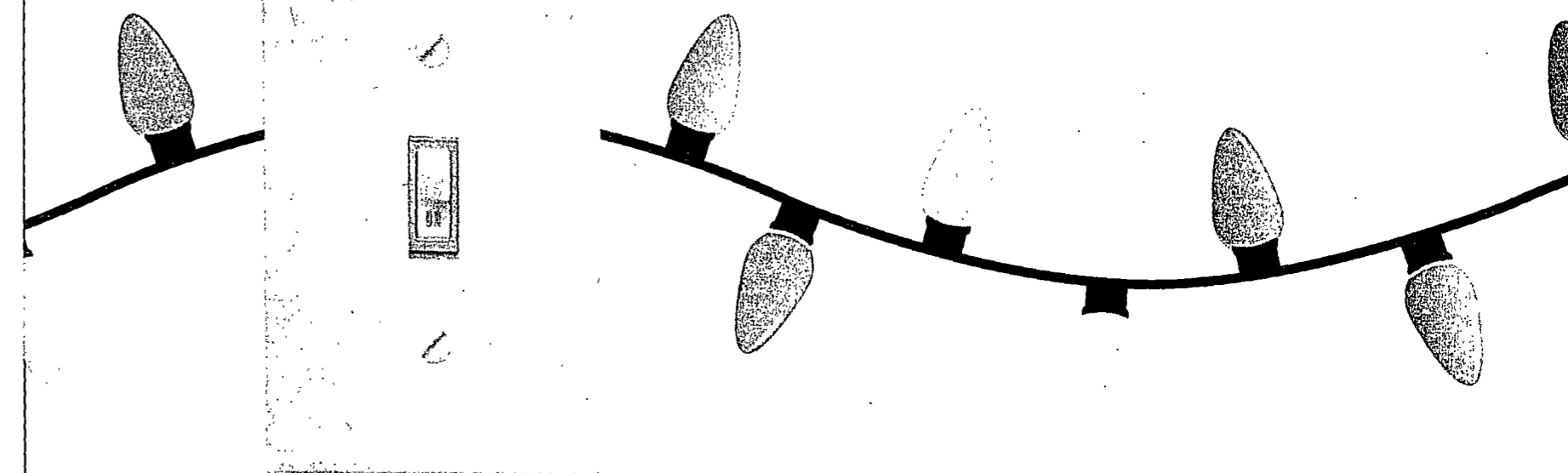
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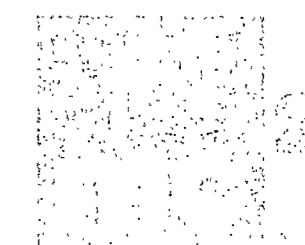
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BY STEPHANIE ZIMMERMANN
The Fixer

Dear Fixer: On Nov. 17, I called my bank-by-phone number to budget what I had for groceries. To my surprise, my account was in the negative by \$96.24. This was caused by a debit of \$122.48 from Comfort Suites in Columbia, Mo. My family had stayed there a few days earlier. They had charged my debit card — which was given to them for incidentals only — instead of putting the charges on my husband's credit card, which was used for the reservation.

I called the hotel and they said if my husband would call with his credit card information, they would credit my account and put the \$122.48 on his card. So he did that, and they charged his card. Meanwhile, I asked my bank if they would remove the \$34 overdraft fee. The teller found there was now a second debit of \$122.48 that had just been charged!

The bank kindly removed the overdraft fee, but stated that if the account was still negative the following Monday, I would be assessed daily fees of \$8. I live paycheck to paycheck. I also was assessed \$10 for moving money from my savings in an attempt to cover this.

I complained again to the hotel, but the next day, my balance remained at negative \$204.48. I also had a second \$34 overdraft fee.

The bank was kind enough to remove the second overdraft fee and suggested I file a dispute. I know that human error is not only possible but inevitable. But I haven't heard a single apology from anyone in authority at Comfort Suites.

Dear Julie: It's common for hotels to place a "hold" or "block" on a credit or debit card to make sure they get paid, but this was beyond screwed up. Normally, the hold gets removed when the transaction goes through. That can take up to 15 days if payment is made on another card (as was done here, when they finally put this on your hubby's card). But why they debited your account twice is anyone's guess.

We took this to Choice Hotels International, which apologized and promised to follow up with the independently owned hotel. There, you got less satisfaction — just an e-mail from a manager thanking you for staying there and not directly addressing your issue.

In the end, you told us, your bank acted on the dispute and the second debit was taken off. You were lucky to not incur any \$8 daily fees. As for that \$10 fee for moving money from your savings, we asked Choice Hotels International to help you out, but never did get a response.

Dear Fixer: Last February, I sent in an application to the Vatican for a Papal Blessing for my in-laws' 25th wedding anniversary. I included the required documentation, which

included a letter from their parish priest. The parchment blessing document was supposed to arrive by May — plenty of time for the September anniversary. The check I sent for \$45 was cashed in March.

I didn't receive it. Twice, I wrote letters with a copy of the deposited check.

In October, the papal blessing finally arrived. However, I also received an invoice saying I owe 35 euros (about \$46). I have already paid for the blessing. We did receive what we paid for, but now we need to get them to take away this incorrect bill.

Dear David: You wrote The Fixer that you couldn't believe you were "getting the runaround from the pope." We'll assume Pope Benedict XVI can take a joke (after all, he has been quoted as saying that God has a great sense of humor).

And we have some good news. After we sent your problem to the Holy See's press office in Rome, Archbishop Felix del Blanco Prieto sent a very apologetic explanation. Apparently, they did mail the first parchment, but since they use regular mail, there was no way to track it after it went missing. Then they sent out the second parchment, but accidentally enclosed another invoice — which you may ignore.

He also explained that the parchments are not a money-making venture. Any offerings made in exchange for a parchment are used for charity.

Costly lesson: 'as-is'

You know the cliché, "It is what it is"? Well, when a used car is "as-is," it really is what it is. Which is not good for this week's costly-lesson protagonist, Cassandra, who got ripped off on a used car purchase when she bought an "as-is" vehicle on the strength of a salesman's pitch.

It happened last winter, when Cassandra bought a used 1995 Buick Park Avenue.

"I'm a single mom. I asked the salesman if there was anything wrong with the car and I was told nothing was wrong, that they service all their cars. So I trusted these people," Cassandra wrote The Fixer. "Two weeks later, the transmission was going out."

And unfortunately, since the car had been marked "as-is," Cassandra had no recourse. The people at the dealership fixed the car — but they added the cost of the repairs to Cassandra's loan.

"I drove the car for two months. After that, I started hearing a really bad sound coming from the motor," Cassandra wrote. "The motor was about to lock up and the car has a major gas leak that's going into the fuel pump. The passenger-side rear engine cradle mount bolts have pulled out of the frame, and the brakes do not work right. The pedal goes almost to the floor; then the wheels lock up. The frame is cracked and rusted out."

To make matters worse, the dealer is hassling Cassandra over the now-larger monthly payment and talking about garnishing her meager income.

Unfortunately, "as-is" is what it is. Under the Federal Trade Commission's Used Car Rule, vehicles that are labeled "as-is" are sold without any warranty protection.

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liance, the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America, the Polish Women's Alliance, the Polish Falcons of America, along with the affiliates of the PNA, the Polish Daily News (Dziennik Zwiazkowy), WPNA 1490 AM Radio, and both PNA Bank locations, are joining in the support of the "Cell Phone for Soldiers" program. The donated phones are sent to ReCellular, which pays Cell Phones for Soldiers for each donated phone, enough to provide an hour of talk time to soldiers abroad with prepaid calling cards. Local residents can support the collection drive by donating their phones at the following locations: Polish National Alliance, 6100 N. Cicero Ave., Chicago, (800) 621-3723; Polish Roman Catholic Union, 984 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, (800) 772-8632; Polish Women's Alliance, 6643 N. Northwest Highway, Chicago, (888) 522-1898; Polish Daily News, 5711 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, (773) 763-3343; PNA Bank, 7840 N. Milwaukee Ave., Niles, (847) 966-7900. Donations are accepted until March 1, 2012

during regular office hours. The Village of Niles/Niles Fire Department announces the official kickoff to the annual U.S. Marine Corps Reserve/Village of Niles Toys for Tots Drive. Toys for Tots, run by the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve, provides toys to children in need during the holiday season. The Niles Fire Department is collecting toys at both fire stations located at 8360 W. Dempster St. and 6611 Jarvis Ave. Collection boxes are also located at the following locations: Niles Village Hall, 1000 Civic Center Drive; Niles Police Department, 7000 W. Touhy Ave.; Niles Senior Center, 999 Civic Center Drive; Niles Fitness Center, 987 Civic Center Drive; Niles Teen Center, 373 Golf Mill Center; Niles Public Library, 6960 W. Oakton St.; Niles Public Works, 6849 W. Touhy Ave.; CitiBank 8400 W. Dempster St.

In honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, the Caldwell Breast Center at Advocate Lutheran General Hospital is hosting a food drive for the Maine Township Emergency Food Pantry. Anyone who brings a canned good or nonperishable item to the breast center is eligible

Food Drives

Village of Niles employees and Citibank are partnering for a food drive to ensure that no person in Niles goes hungry this Thanksgiving and holiday season. This community effort is held through Dec. 16. Donations of non-perishable food items can be dropped off at any of the following locations: Niles Village Hall, 1000 Civic Center Drive; Niles Fire Department, 8360 W. Dempster St. and 6611 W. Jarvis Ave.; Niles Police Department, 7000 W. Touhy Ave.; Niles Senior Center, 999 Civic Center Drive; Niles Fitness Center, 987 Civic Center Drive; Niles Teen Center, 373 Golf Mill Center; Niles Public Library, 6960 W. Oakton St.; Niles Public Works, 6849 W. Touhy Ave.; CitiBank 8400 W. Dempster St.

for the second annual "I Can help" raffle for a variety of items. Individuals are invited to drop off their nonperishable items during December at the center, 1700 Luther Lane in Park Ridge. All women who are in need of their yearly mammogram may call (847) 723-5050 to make an appointment. Contact Carol Dallmeyer, nurse navigator, (847) 723-3303 for information about donations.

Fundraisers

Our Lady of Ransom Parish, 8624 W. Normal Ave., Niles, is selling Entertainment 2012 Books at \$25. The books offer a variety of values, mainly two-for-one deals at many restaurants and establishments. Discounts cover travel, restaurants, car rentals, movie theaters, hotel discounts and more. Proceeds benefit the parish. To order a book, call Josephine Bax, (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.likenewautospa.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

Advocate Medical Group is now providing immediate care and occupational health services at the Advocate Medical Group Patient Center, 7255 N. Caldwell Ave. in Niles. This will provide community members with convenient, quality medical care including treatment for non-life-threatening illnesses such as: Cuts and burns, sprains and bruises, eye injuries, flu symptoms, sore throats, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, ear aches, respiratory and urinary tract infections. The center provides easy access to X-ray and laboratory services to assist in diagnosis and treatment of these and other ailments. In addition, the clinic provides international travel medical services including for those planning a trip out of the country. Office hours are 7:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. weekdays and Saturday and Sunday 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Call, (847) 647-0355.

Golf Mill Hearing Aid Center, 8856 N. Milwaukee Ave., is offering free hearing evaluations. All who come in will receive a comprehensive audiological evaluation. Call, (847) 296-3344.

Pediatric developmental screenings offered at no cost. LYNX Therapeutics, 9436 Ozark Ave., Morton Grove,

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in this program. SWANCC and the participating communities have partnered with Elgin Recycling Inc. to recycle the lights and cords. The strands are separated and baled and sent to be chopped or shredded and sold as a commodity to foundries and mills in the United States. In Niles, recycling program is in effect from 7 a.m.-3:30 p.m. weekdays, up to Feb. 29 at the Niles Public Services Department, 6849 Touhy Ave., (847) 588-7900; and at the Niles Family Fitness Center, 987 Civic Center Drive, through Feb. 29 — 5:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays, 5:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Fridays, and 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays, (847) 588-7900. See www.swancc.org.

Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center, 9603 Woods Drive, Skokie, (847) 967-4800, www.ilholocaustmuseum.org. Museum admission prices: General Admission, \$12; seniors (65+), \$8; students (ages 12-22), \$8; children (ages 5-11), \$6. — **Through Jan. 15:** The Art of Gaman Exhibit showcases arts and crafts made by Japanese Americans

in U.S. internment camps during World War II; free with museum admission. **Jan. 8, 1:30-3:30 p.m.:** Film and discussion — "Forgiving Dr. Mengele" documentary relates how deadly medical experiments conducted in Auschwitz still affect survivor Eva Kor. A discussion with Bob Hercules, the film's director, follows the screening. Free with museum admission; reservations required; (847) 967-4889. **Jan. 15, 12:30-3 p.m.:** Reader's Theatre — "Judgment at Nuremberg," a full dramatic reading will be performed by the original cast of Shattered Globe Theatre's award-winning 2003 production of the classic courtroom drama. Discussion follows with eyewitness Peter Less, one of the interpreters at the Nuremberg Trials. Tickets are \$14, general (includes museum admission); \$6 (museum members); reservations required; purchase online, <https://tickets.ilholocaustmuseum.org/public/> or call (847) 967-4889. **Jan. 26, 6:30-8 p.m.:** Special program — Memorialization and Memory in Recognition of the International Day of Holocaust

Remembrance. The museum presents two leaders in the field of memorialization, James Young and Cliff Chanan. Young, a professor of English and Judaic Studies at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, served as a World Trade Center Site Memorial jury member. Chanan, the curator of the Illinois Holocaust Museum's Legacy of Absence galleries, is 9/11 Memorial Museum Education Director. Free with museum admission. Reservations required; (847) 967-4889.

The Solid Waste Agency of Northern 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) and 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/battery-recycling.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 —

mic, 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.

Any women interested in joining the Rainbow Hospice and Palliative Care Threshold Singers can contact Kathy Huber at (847) 685-9900. Practices are held on two Thursdays each month starting at 6:45 p.m. in Park Ridge. Threshold Singers are trained to sing in groups of two and three at the bedside of those who are sick and dying. The songs are generally traditional or simple rounds, chants, lullabies and hymns that can be chosen to respond to musical taste and spiritual direction. Singers go through patient care volunteer training, but there are no auditions; only requirements are a love of music and a desire to serve others.

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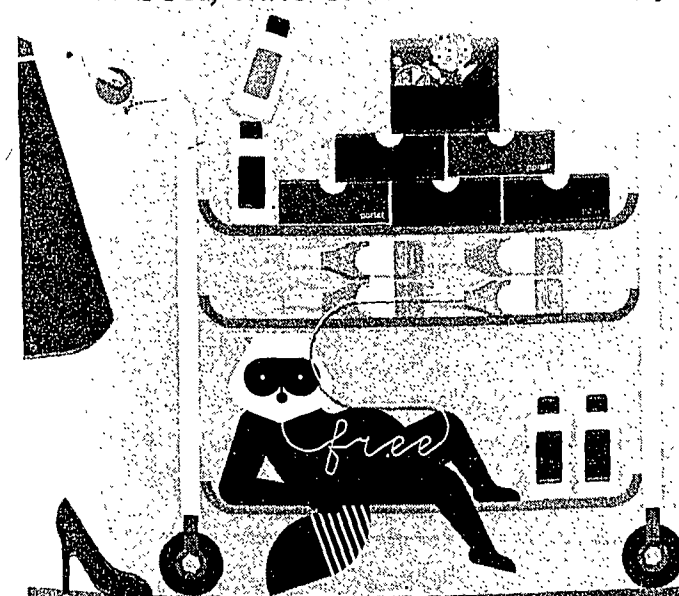
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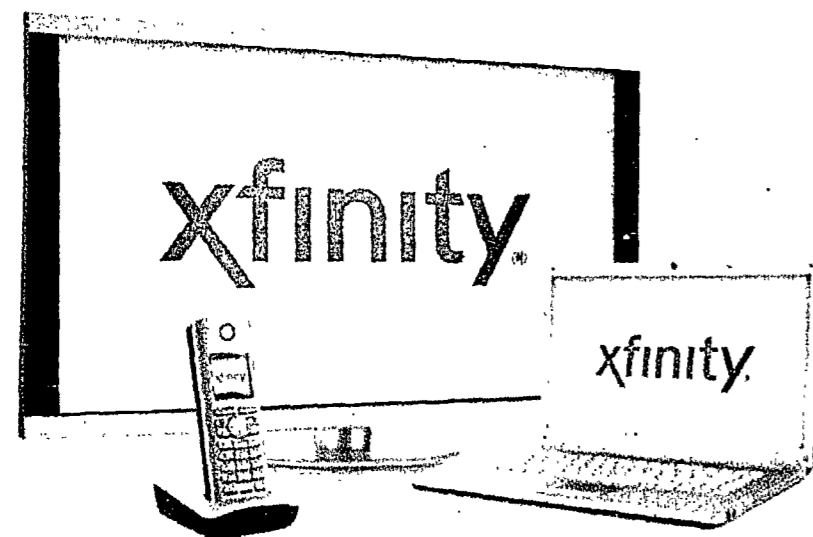


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A local dialysis clinic, Fresenius Medical Care Niles, 9371 N. Milwaukee Ave., has started a new night-time program for dialysis patients. The new service allows patients to receive treatments in the clinic at night, for eight hours, while sleeping 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.

Historical Society

The Niles Historical Museum, 8970 N. Milwaukee Ave., is now open to the public on Saturdays from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Drop in, make arrangements for a tour, drop off artifacts and collections, or just come to visit. Weekday hours are 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays. Call (847) 390-0160.

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.

Creative individuals who love to write songs are invited to join the Niles Public Library Songwriters' Group from 7:30-8:30 p.m. Thursdays, Dec. 15, Jan. 19, Feb. 16. All songwriters are invited to bring original songs to play live and get feedback from others in the group. This group is open to the newest songwriter, the seasoned professional or anyone

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Book Buddies — Students entering eighth grade in the fall and adults can become Book Buddies. Buddies read and/or listen to children read once a week for an hour. The Niles Public Library provides all materials and training.

The Niles Public Library is open on Sundays from 1-5 p.m. all year.

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.

Youth programs on a drop-in basis — Babytime: 11 a.m. Mondays, for babies age 2 and under. Continuous year-round drop-in program for children with an adult. Includes stories, songs, fingerplays and extended play-time afterward. Rise & Shine

Storytime: 10 a.m. Thursdays, ages 2-6 with caregiver; enjoy stories, songs and more.

Maine Township

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

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
Niles Park District New 3's Preschool is offered at Niles Park District is for children who turned 3 after Sept. 1, 2011, missing the deadline for the regular 3-year preschool. Classes are held from 12:30-2 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at Howard Leisure Center. Session runs Jan. 10/12 to May 17. 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

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“Brutal” winter forecasted for Chicago area Residents prepare for cold temps by protecting their homes

Chicago, which endured several blizzards last winter, could be one of the hardest-hit U.S. cities in terms of both snow and cold this winter, say leading meteorologists. In advance of the brutally cold temperatures, homeowners in the Chicago area are adding insulation in both their walls and attics, providing an extra layer of protection from the frigid air outside.

According to the US Department of Energy, only 20% of homes built before 1980 are well insulated. These older homes lose more heat during the winter months which accounts for the largest portion of a typical utility bill. Retro-fitting these older homes can save homeowners up to 50% on their utility bills while keeping the home more comfortable year-round.

“Properly insulated walls and attics can help our customers stay more comfortable throughout the winter by keeping the heat in and the cold out,” said Michael Preston of USA Insulation. “We can install insulation in most homes with no cosmetic damage from the outside - no need to tear open the walls of the house!”

Jackie Rosen of Niles noticed several drafty areas in her 55 year old brick, split level home. “There were certain areas of the house that no matter what I set the thermostat at, it

was always cold.” Ms. Rosen saw a piece on USA Insulation on a local home and garden television program and liked what she saw in the video. “They drilled holes through the mortar junctions, but you can't see where the holes were when they were finished.” Ms. Rosen has noticed some definite improvements in her indoor environment. “I don't need to wear a sweater around my house anymore and I can tell the furnace runs less because I don't hear it kick on all the time. The first January after the installation my gas bill dropped dramatically!”

The federal tax credit for insulation is set to expire December 31st, 2011. Chicago homeowners are urged to take advantage of this up to \$500 incentive before the cold winter arrives. In addition, local insulation company, USA Insulation, has announced that they will match the credit with an instant 10% rebate up to \$500 on a whole house insulation project.

USA Insulation can complete the installation of a brick, stucco, wood, aluminum or vinyl-sided home in just one day. To take advantage of the up to \$1,000 in energy efficiency incentives call (847) 564-8300 now for a free insulation evaluation.

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Cookie baking keeps holiday spirits from crumbling

BY VERONICA HINKE
Contributor

Holiday bakers, pre-heat your ovens!

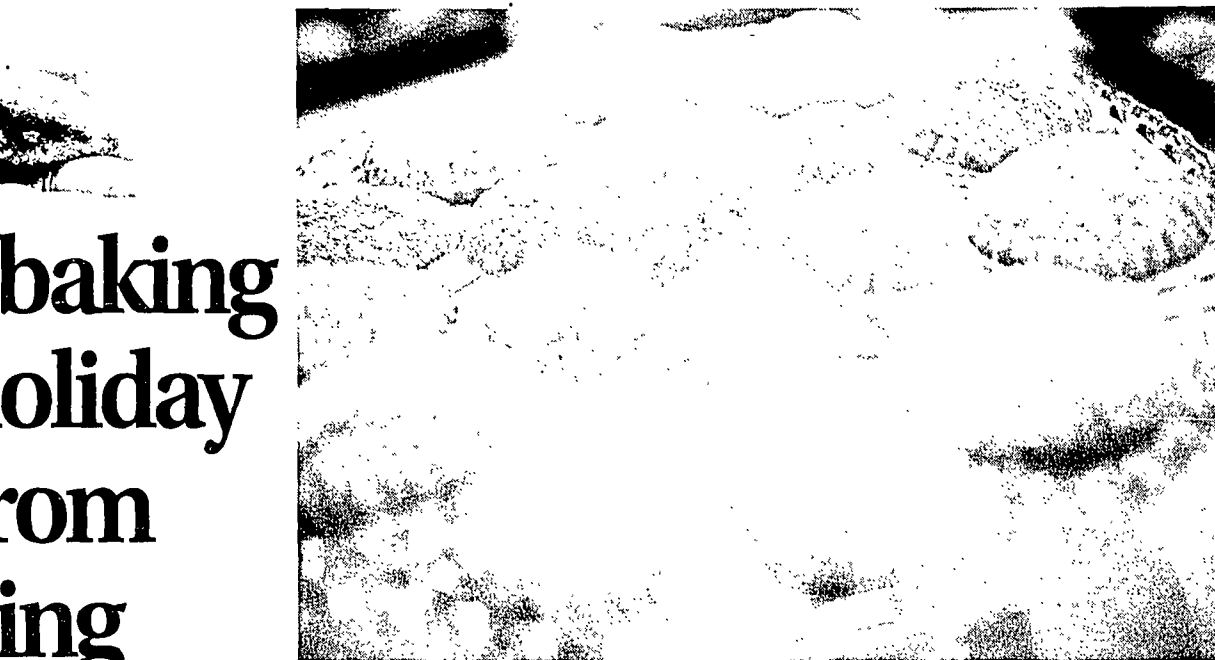
More cookies will be baked this week than during any other time of the year. And most of those treats will be given away.

A recent report published by www.AllRecipes.com claims most bakers — 85 percent of survey respondents — will keep the holiday spirit alive, baking to show they care. They will give away their cookies. Nostalgia followed as a secondary motivator (27 percent); only 6 percent bake cookies to eat them.

All of the above apply to River Forest's Mary Swindal and her daughters.

All in the family

Like her mother did with her, Swindal has been baking holiday cookies with her two daughters since they were little girls. Now grown and living on their own, her daughters continue to bake with Mary one day before the holidays. Most of their cookies are given away. "We're a family of bakers. Some people don't have the patience, but we like to bake," said her daughter Nikki Elza. The girls' Grandma Gazell, who was of Lebanese



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Mary Swindal uses a traditional mold to shape a Lebanese mamoul cookie. | ROB HART-SUN-TIMES MEDIA



Mary Swindal, center, with her daughters Nikki Elza, right, and Natalie Swindal, enjoy their Christmas cookie-baking tradition. Mamoul cookies are filled with either dates or nuts and dusted with powdered sugar. | ROB HART-SUN-TIMES MEDIA

"My girls were pretty young when my mom died. Making mamoul cookies with them is a way of keeping her memory alive."

descent, handed down the tradition of making Middle Eastern treats like mamoul cookies, powdered sugar-covered butter cookies filled with dates or nuts. Mamoul means "stuffed" in Arabic. "My girls were pretty young when my mom died. Making mamoul cookies with them is a way of keeping her memory alive," Mary said. They each claim a task. "I'm in charge of powdered sugar," said her youngest daughter Natalie Swindal, an Oak Park resident.

"It's very important that the dough stay chilled throughout the process," explained oldest daughter Nikki Elza. She has launched Sugared, a cupcake company, from her home in River Forest and accepts e-mail orders at njelza@comcast.net.

Shape, fill, fold

Mary shapes the cookies, forming each one into the size of a walnut between both hands. She makes a well in the dough with her thumb,

deepening it by rotating the dough between the palm of one hand and the thumb of another. Some dough is filled with ground walnuts; others with pitted, ground dates. Dough is folded over the opening of each, enclosing the fillings.

Mary presses dough balls into wooden mamoul cookie molds. She owns three; one was her mother's. A pattern is carved into each mold, identifying plain, nut- or date-filled cookies. A fourth mold, which brands pistachio-filled cookies, also exists.

The tines of a fork can be used to press imaginative designs on mamoul cookies in place of a mold, a technique

Mary's mother sometimes practiced.

A dash of color

Her mother's other personalized touch: color. "She colored nuts with red food coloring," Mary said. The dye gave her mamoul cookies a festive hue, but the Swindals' cookies have a subtle, natural, delicate look. A teaspoon of orange zest gives them a pleasant hint of citrus, a taste as light as the cookie's texture. "They melt in your mouth," Nikki said.

Mary insists the cookies, despite the molds and fillings, are simple. "Don't shy away," she encouraged, "it's a different cookie, but an easy cookie."

Mamoul Cookies

(Adapted from Mary Swindal)

Yield: 6-7 dozen

- 1 pound sweet butter
- ¾ cup powdered sugar
- 1 egg yolk
- ¼ cup orange juice
- 1 teaspoon orange zest
- 4 cups flour
- ½ teaspoon baking powder

Cream butter and powdered sugar until light. Add egg yolk. Gradually add flour with baking powder and orange zest, alternating with orange juice. Dough should be soft but not sticky. (Add a little more flour if needed.)

Chill prepared dough for one hour.

Walnut filling:

- 2 cups ground walnuts
- ¼ cup sugar

Date filling:

- 2 cups dates, pitted and ground
- 1 tablespoon soft butter
- ¼ cup chopped walnuts (optional)

Mix each filling and set aside.

Roll small piece of dough into round shape the size of a walnut. Indent, press and expand hole in center. Expand hole by rotating dough, pushing thumb into hole while dough is pressed between thumb and palm of other hand. Rotate until piece of dough is ¼-inch thick and 3 inches long. Place one teaspoon of filling into well.

Carefully close dough over filling. With mamoul cookie mold, form cookie in mold. Lay cookie flat side down on ungreased cookie sheet. If not using a mold, create design on tops of cookies with fork tines.

Bake at 350 degrees for 20-25 minutes. Bottoms should be light brown.

Sift powdered sugar over cookies while warm. Cool on cookie sheet. Remove. Cookies may be kept for weeks in an airtight container if in a cool place.

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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.

First- through third-grade Youth Basketball League — Introductory league for young participants to learn the skills of basketball. At Feldman Recreation Center.

Fourth- to Sixth-Grade Basketball League — Games are on Fridays and/or Sundays at Feldman. Registration deadline Jan 21.

Winter Break Basketball Camp — Children ages 9-12 years can spend three mornings, 9 a.m. to noon, Dec. 26-28 or Session 2, Jan. 2-4, learning basketball skills. At Feldman.

Winter Break Baseball Camp — Children ages 7-14 can spend three afternoons, Dec. 26 to 28 or Session 2, Jan. 2-4, from 1-4 p.m. learning baseball skills. Feldman.

Family Movie Night — 7-9 p.m. Jan. 20 at Feldman. Free. Soda and popcorn will be sold.

Family Cosmic Bowl — Grab the family and sign up for an evening of bowling, pizza, music and games. Meet at Classic Bowl in Morton Grove. Jan. 14, 6-9 p.m.

Candy Cane Hunt & Santa — Find the candy canes Santa has hidden and enjoy hot chocolate and cookies and visit with Santa, 2 p.m. Dec. 17 at Dee Park.

Over the Rainbow — Young children will have fun learning the colors of the rainbow through stories and songs at Dee Park on Fridays, for ages 3-5 years.

Before & After School Child Care — Children attending Mark Twain, Apollo or Stevenson schools in District 63 can sign up for child care. Call for details.

Zumba — Fun and easy Latin-inspired workout to get in shape. Ongoing classes at 7:15 p.m. Mondays or Tuesdays at Feldman (nine weeks).

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

The Painting Studio classes

for adults: 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Mondays, Thursdays and 7-9:30 p.m. Wednesdays. Feldman.

Tiny Tots Open Gym — Parents may drop in and supervise their 1-5 year-old any Wednesday or Thursday from 9-11:30 a.m. for a variety of gym games at Dee Park.

Preschool — There are still spots available for second-semester preschool (for 4-year-olds). Offered are morning (5 days per week) and afternoon classes (Mondays through Thursdays). All classes are at Dee Park.

Tae Kwon Do — Popular martial arts classes for children (ages 7-15) and adults offered Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays all year round.

Various rooms/gyms are available for rental for parties, meetings or ongoing activities. Call (847) 297-3059.

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

The Golf Maine Park District offers the community an opportunity to recycle paper products. A recognizable green-and-yellow container supplied by Abitibi Bowater was dropped off in the Feldman Park lot, 8800 Kathy Lane, near the corner of Western Avenue and Kathy Lane. Products that can be recycled in this container include: newspapers, magazines, office paper (fax and copy), shopping catalogs, mail and envelopes, catalogs, folders,

colored paper and shredded paper (bagged); no cardboard or phone books. All money raised will fund the scholarship program, allowing children to attend summer camp and other programs. Call (847) 297-3000 or go to www.paperrtreiever.com/.

Religion

Temple Judea Mizpah, 8610 Niles Center Road, Skokie, will feature a Chanukah Happening on Dec. 23 in the TJM Community Hall at 5:45 p.m. The event is open to TJM congregants, friends, and family. The cost is \$10 per adult (13 and over), \$5 per child, or \$25 per family. Bring your family chanukiah to light and one or two cans of tuna, spaghetti sauce, or veggies to donate to a Just Harvest Soup Kitchen. Join in the lighting of the chanukiah, singing, family games, homemade latkes, and fun. Ru'ach Shabbat service following dinner at 7:30 p.m. Call (847) 676-1566.

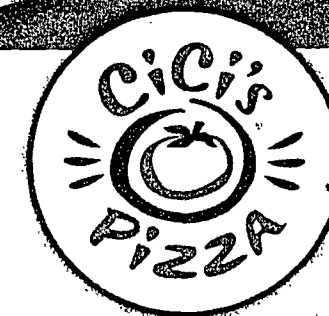
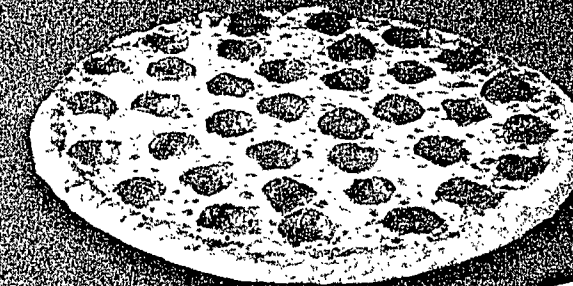
Temple Judea Mizpah, 8610 Niles Center Road, Skokie, will offer its K'tonim Pre-School Program of Judaic Arts and Play, for children ages 2 and older. Children will enjoy Judaic arts and crafts, stories, games, singing, and snacks with their parents and/or grandparents. Siblings are welcome. Children under 2 are free. The 2011-12 classes will be held two Sundays per month from 9:45-11:15 a.m. Schedule to be determined. Tuition per semester will be \$60 and \$75, respectively, for members enrolling one or two children; and \$85 and \$100, respectively, for nonmembers enrolling one or two children. Call the temple office at (847) 676-1566.

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

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

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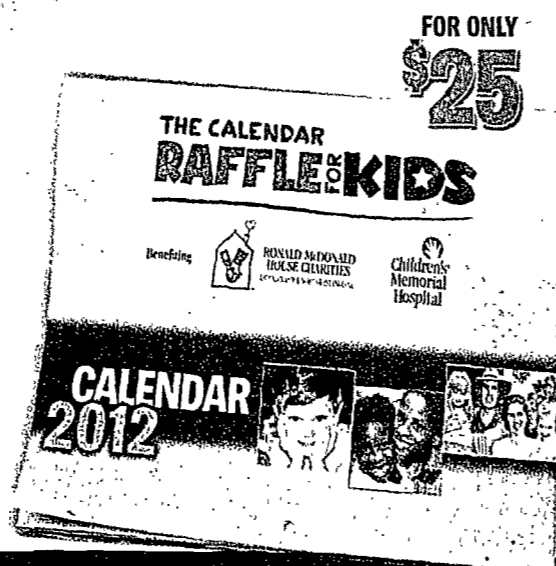
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the hour, Sunday school is in church parsonage; children from preschool-sixth grade welcome. Childcare services are available during worship. Call (847) 823-6984.

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

The Roosevelt High School Athletic Fund is holding an all-year reunion May 4 in the school cafeteria, 3436 W. Wilson Ave., Chicago. There will be a buffet dinner and musical entertainment. Cost is \$60 per person. Call Arnie Kamem, class of 1950, at (847) 432-2773; visit www.roosevelthschicago.org.

St. John Brebeuf is looking for all St. John Brebeuf School alumni. Alumni should contact Libby Ryder, (847) 966-3266, or e-mail lyrder@sjschool.org, and submit their name, year graduated, address, phone number, maiden name (if applicable) and e-mail address, and may share a story or tell how St. John Brebeuf made an impact on their life.

Maine Seniors

The Maine Township MainStreamers program offers a variety of opportunities for residents 55 and older. Membership includes a free subscription to the MainStreamers monthly newsletter, which details activities for the upcoming month. Most activities are at Maine Town Hall, 1700 Ballard Road, Park Ridge, unless otherwise noted. Contact the MainStreamers, (847) 297-2510, or go to www.mainetownship.com.

Maine Township, in cooperation with the Cook County Sheriff's Office, is collecting used cell phones to be converted for emergency 911 use

for seniors. Donate phones at Maine Town Hall.

Senior Center

The Niles Senior Center offers membership to Niles residents age 55 and older, and their spouses. Drop by the Niles Senior Center, 999 Civic Center Drive, Niles, or call (847) 588-8420, for an application. Visit www.vniles.com, click on Departments and then Senior. Registration required for most programs.

Exploring Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" with Steve Frenzel takes place at noon Dec. 16. Enjoy wonderful scenes for a collection of the greatest movie versions of this story from Alistair Sim to Bill Murray. Raffle prizes included. Fees are \$6, members; \$9, nonmembers.

Biography Film Series - "The Madness of a King," 2-4 p.m.: The dementia of King George III ignites a flurry of political and familial treachery in this comical biopic. This film provides insights into the primitive medical practices of the time; free.

Take a trip to see "Gypsy" at the Drury Lane Oakbrook,

from 10 a.m.-5:15 p.m. Jan. 26. Lunch prior to the show will feature freshly baked breads, chef's soup of the day, roast turkey breast with herb dressing, gravy, cranberries, dessert, and coffee. Cost is \$63, members; \$68, nonmembers.

Niles Senior Center and the Niles Public Library are looking for volunteers to assist seniors and low-income residents in preparing 2011 taxes. AARP Foundation Tax-Aide volunteers will receive free tax training at the Niles Senior Center in January and will help taxpayers at the Center as greeters and client facilitators/tax preparers beginning Feb. 7 to April 12. Niles Senior Center tax appointments are based on volunteer availability and generally are offered Monday through Friday mornings and afternoons. Volunteers choose the day(s) and time(s) they are available. Niles Public Library is also looking for volunteers for evening or weekend assistance. For more information, contact MaryAnn Borucki at the Niles Senior Center (847) 588-8420 or

Judy McNulty at the Niles Library (847) 663-6431.

Niles Senior Center says "Thank you, Vets!" Niles Senior Center is preparing for a Fall Veteran Display of Honor. All members who served are invited to bring in pictures, memorabilia, medals, letters from home or from the front, etc., to be on display on the main floor of the center. Generally, copies can be made of most things submitted so items will be safe. Contact Jaymi at the center, (847) 588-8420.

The Sudoku Club meets from 11 a.m.-12:15 p.m. on the second and fourth Mondays of the month. Admission is free for members; \$12 for six months for nonmembers.

Seniors

Mather's-More Than a Cafe, 7134 W. Higgins Ave., invites adults 55 and older to experience professionally taught, free-to-moderate-priced programs such as lifelong learning programs, fitness classes, free blood-pressure checks and health screenings, free consumer seminars, special-interest

workshops, special events and day trips. Call (773) 774-4804 for more information, except where noted. **Chess Club** for checkmate champs and new people who want to learn the rules and basic strategies. Sessions are Wednesdays, at 1 p.m. **Jazzercise** - Jazzercise is a fitness program that combines aerobic exercises with elements of jazz dance. A series of dance routines is set to popular music while incorporating yoga, Pilates, cardio-kickboxing, and other 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 \$3.25. A variety of exercise classes fit for every level is available. Try the gentle-moderate exercise class, 11:15 a.m., 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

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Sunday December 25
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Sunday, December 25th - Christmas Day
9:00, 10:30 and Noon NO 7 p.m. today

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Sugar Plum Fairy Izabella Wyszynski makes her grand entrance during Mary, Seat of Wisdom School's production of "The Nutcracker" Dec. 2 in Park Ridge. | SHAUNA BITTLE-FOR SUN-TIMES MEDIA

MARY, SEAT OF WISDOM

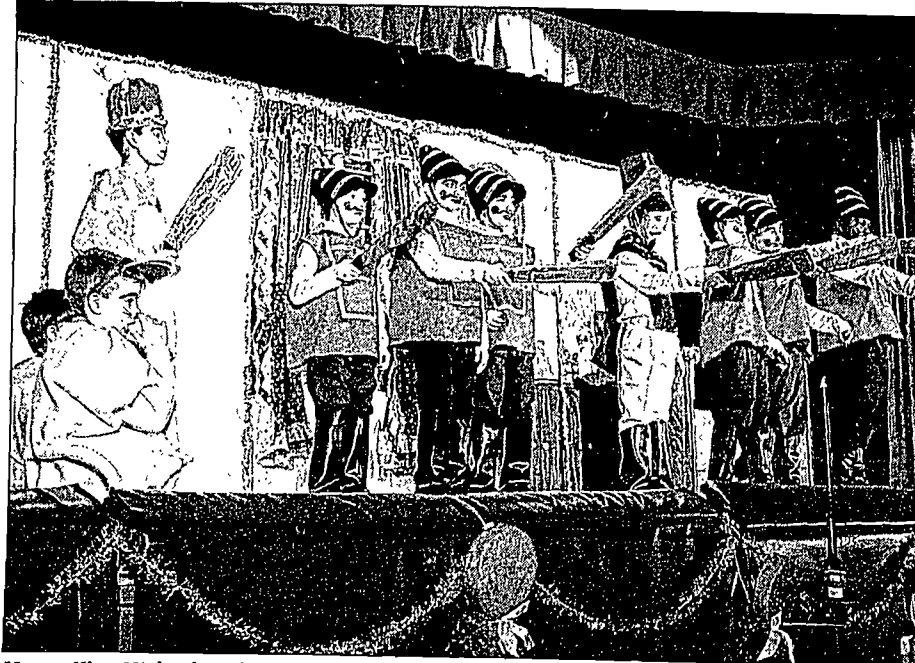
'The Nutcracker' returns for 36th year

The fourth-grade class at Mary, Seat of Wisdom School staged the school's annual production of "The Nutcracker" on Dec. 2.

It was the 36th year students performed "The Nutcracker" at the Park Ridge school.

The play also featured a nativity scene, which will be re-enacted by first-grade students during a Dec. 2 church service.

"The Nutcracker" was directed by kindergarten teacher Sandy Solari.



Mouse King Michael Pagliaro and his gang prepare to battle the Nutcracker army during Mary, Seat of Wisdom School's Dec. 2 production of "The Nutcracker" in Park Ridge. | SHAUNA BITTLE-FOR SUN-TIMES MEDIA



Director Sandy Solari asks "The Nutcracker" cast to pray for a classmate who was too sick to perform in Mary, Seat of Wisdom School's annual production of the play on Dec. 2. | SHAUNA BITTLE-FOR SUN-TIMES MEDIA

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a.m. Thursdays and Fridays, giving more of a challenge with cardio, strengthening, stretching, and toning routines. Each class costs \$3.25. **Computer Classes** - All classes are four weeks and meet once a week for two hours. Begin with level one and advance through to level four. Classes are regularly forming and are offered every month. **A Fitness Screening** will be offered at 10:30 a.m. Dec. 20. Screening will measure physical capacity for performing normal, everyday activities. Free; call for an appointment. **Robert Neri** of Robert's Floral Design Studio will present "Art in a Vase: Christmas Centerpiece" at 1 p.m. Dec. 21. All supplies included. Suggested donation is \$15.

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 MaineStreamers and Partners in Healthcare (North Shore Physicians Group). Health seminars and blood

pressure screenings will be offered throughout the year every month on the second Wednesday. Call the Golf Mill management office, (847) 699-1070.

CJE SeniorLife is accepting applications for its Robineau Residence, 7550 N. Kostner Ave., in Skokie. Robineau offers a residential community composed of 24 affordable units in a one-story building, in a warm, friendly setting designed to serve seniors, 62-years and older, who may need a helping hand. Staff is available on-site, 24 hours a day, in case of emergency. Additional supportive services are available through CJE. Applicants should qualify for subsidized housing under the provisions of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Section 8 program. An additional monthly service fee is required. Scholarships are available. For an application and tour of Robineau, contact Dorothy Levant at (847) 675-8580.

Super Seniors, a Jewish Seniors group for people older than 60, meets 3-4:30 p.m. the first and third Sundays at the North Shore University

Health System Skokie Hospital, 9600 Gross Point Road, Skokie. Topics include current events, books, jokes and Israel. Call (847) 583-9328.

Support

La Leche League of Des Plaines, a breastfeeding support group, will meet at 7 p.m. Dec. 21 at Healthy Babies, Happy Families, 8267 W. Golf Road in Niles, (Four Flaggs Shopping Center). Additional meeting dates in this series are Jan. 18 and Feb. 15. Expecting and nursing mothers are invited. Babies are always welcome. Accredited La Leche League Leaders will be on hand to answer questions and guide the discussion. Call 1-877-452-5324 or visit llii.org.

Weight No More, a friendly weight loss support group, welcomes new members. Discussions include weight loss tips, recipes, and helpful ideas to help participants reach their goals. Fees are \$5 monthly to defray the room rental costs, and small fines for weight gain. Meetings take place from 9:15-10:15 a.m. Fridays at the Howard Leisure Center, 6676 Howard St., Niles

(elevator accessible). Call (847) 679-4229.

The Lutheran General Hospital Stroke Club for stroke survivors and their caregivers meets from 3-4:30 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month (except January and July) at the Outpatient Therapy Center, 9375 Church St., Des Plaines; use south entrance. Contact Meg Potterfield, (847) 723-4765.

Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago invites those who have experienced the loss of a loved one to suicide to participate in its Loving Outreach to Survivors of Suicide (LOSS) meetings at its Northwest office, 1717 Rand Road, Des Plaines. The minimum age for the monthly meetings or eight-session groups is 18-years-old. If possible, call the LOSS office, (312) 655-7283, for an initial intake before the first meeting or visit www.catholiccharities.net/loss. Groups meet 7-9 p.m. on the second Sunday of each month and also on the second Wednesday of each month.

Families Anonymous is a support group for family members and friends who are concerned about and affected

by the substance abuse or behavioral problems of a loved one. Group 831 meets at 10 a.m. every Friday at Carter Westminster Church, 4950 W. Pratt Ave., Skokie, in the basement; enter from parking lot in the rear. Group 173 meets at 7:30 p.m. every Monday (except holidays) at First United Methodist Church, 418 W. Touhy Ave., Park Ridge, in Parlor Room, south portion of main level; use entrance at rear (Grant Place), across from parking lot. No dues or fees required. First names only used at meetings to preserve individual anonymity. This is a nonprofessional and non-religious program. Call (773) 777-4442 or visit www.familiesanonymous.org.

NorthShore Hospice will sponsor grief support groups. **Soul Mates** is an ongoing support group for those who have experienced the death of a spouse or life partner. This group meets on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month 6:30-8 p.m. at NorthShore University HealthSystem Home & Hospice Services office, 4901 Searle Parkway, Skokie. Legacy is an ongoing support group for adults who

have experienced the death of a parent. The group meets on the first and third Tuesday of the month 6:30-8 p.m. at NorthShore University HealthSystem Home & Hospice Services office, 4901 Searle Parkway, Skokie. Handicap accessible and parking available. To preregister for the programs, call Thom Dennis, (847) 982-4364 or e-mail dennis@northshore.org.

Tops Club, Inc. (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), an international weight-loss network of support groups, holds a local meeting weekly on Monday beginning at 5 p.m. at the Niles Park District Center, 6676 W. Howard St., Niles, on the lower level. The building is handicap accessible. TOPS has helped individuals live healthier lives since 1948 with a combination of sensible eating, regular exercise, and ongoing support to help members achieve and maintain their weight-loss goals. Women, men, teens and preteens committed to attaining and maintaining a healthy weight are all invited to join. Visitors are welcome to visit their first

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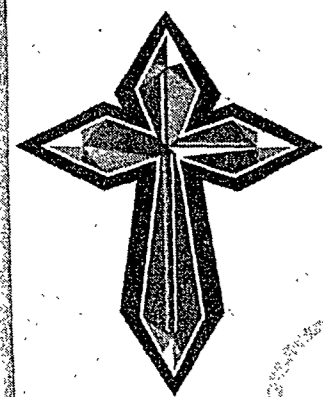

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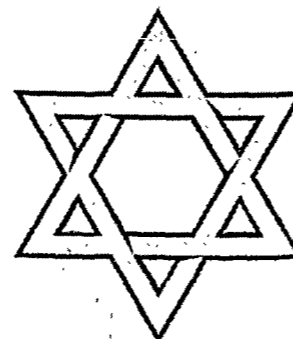
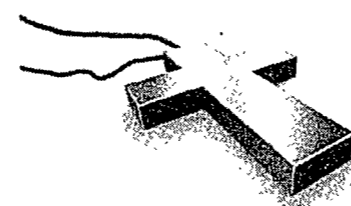
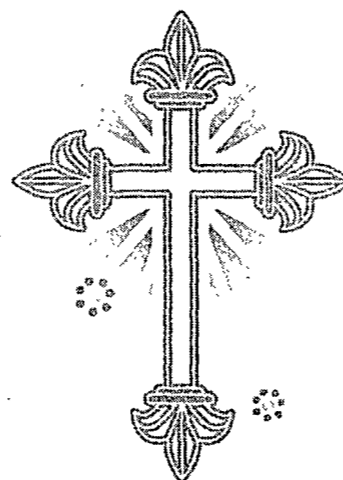
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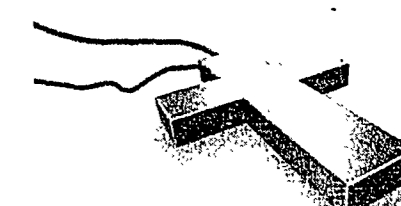
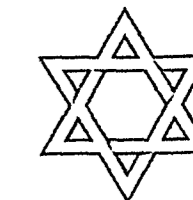
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The Les Turner ALS Foundation Support Group meets 7-8:30 p.m. on the second Wednesday of every month at Temple Beth Israel, 3601 W. Dempster St., Skokie. For directions, call (847) 675-

0951. Those attending are asked to notify Claire Owen, director of patient services, (847) 679-3311 or cowen@lesturnerals.org.

Grandparents As Caregivers, a program sponsored by Children's Home+Aid, will offer grandparents an opportunity to meet other grandparents, share concerns and talk about interesting topics that will help them care for their grandchildren. Meetings are 10-11:30 a.m. the first Wednesday of the month at

Niles Public Library, 6960 Oakton St. Free child care is available with 24-hour notice. Meetings are monthly. Call Linda, (847) 640-9590.

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

Holding Onto Hope - Rainbow Hospice is a monthly daytime group for widowed

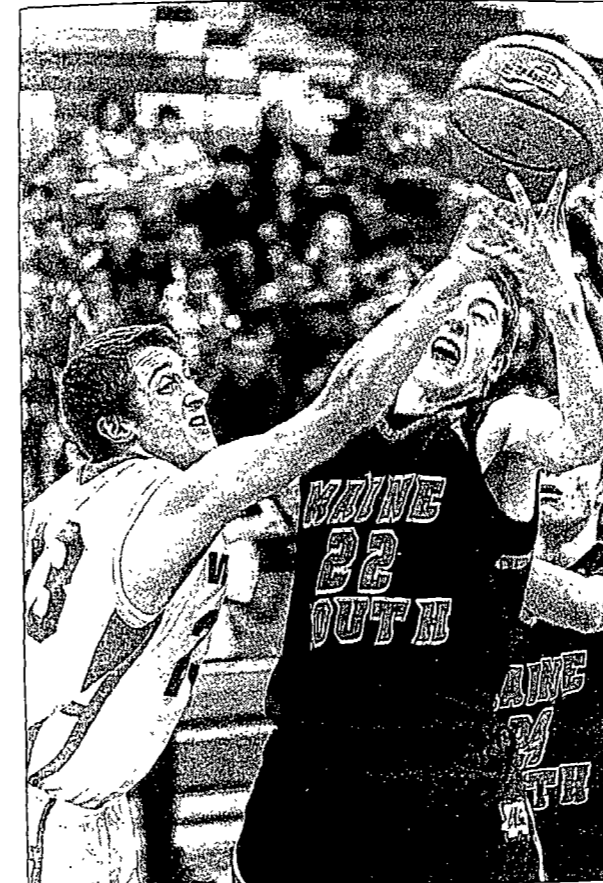
people grieving the loss of a spouse. It meets 1-2:30 p.m. the fourth Wednesday of the month at the Park Ridge Non-Profit Center, 720 Garden St., Park Ridge. The fee is \$5 per session. Call (847) 692-8884.

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

Bereavement Support, (847) 692-8884.

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

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Niles West's Alex Darville knocks the ball away from Maine South's Danny Quinn. | SHAUNA BITTLE-FOR SUN-TIMES MEDIA

Improving Wolves look for first CSL South win

BY ALAN FERGUSON
Contributor

Niles West coach Bob Williams likes the progress his team has made over the past couple of weeks and is hoping to see more.

The Wolves' next CSL South opponent might make it difficult to continue those improvements.

Williams' team missed an opportunity to earn its first conference win Friday night. The Wolves (2-5, 0-2) built a nine-point lead in the third quarter against visiting Maine South but lost that in part because the Hawks brought more pressure. Those turnovers helped Maine South rally for a 48-39 victory.

"We lost the ball, and we didn't play defense to back it up. If you lose the ball, you can weather that storm if you're defending," Williams said. "It's encouraging that we were right there. It was disappointing that we didn't finish the game the way we wanted."

With 6-foot-5 forward Alek Biser still dealing with a broken leg, Williams' undersized team will likely need to con-

time relying on its perimeter shooting.

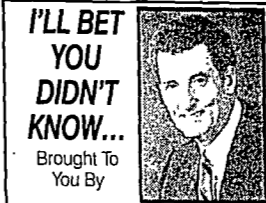
Joe Younan hit five three-pointers off the bench for a team-best 15 points Friday, and Cory Dolins' 12 points came on four threes.

The Wolves, though, did get senior guard Nathan Saggitt back from a broken ankle, and Williams is hoping that will help the team in the coming weeks.

"You can tell he hasn't played a game since last year. He was a little bit rusty," the Niles West coach said. "Hopefully, he'll get his game legs back, and it will continue our improvement."

The Wolves might not have it easy in their next conference game with Evanston visiting on Friday. The Wildcats (7-2, 1-1) are seeking to rebound from back-to-back defeats. They needed a late layup to top Maine South 38-35 for that lone CSL South victory on Dec. 8.

"I'm hopeful that we're angry that we're not where we want to be and that we're going to take positive action to get us where we want to be," Williams said.



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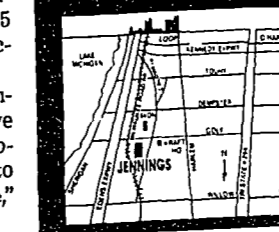
Any guesses as to who has played the most games with the same team in National Football League history? Here's a hint: it's a kicker. Early in the 2011 season, Detroit's Jason Hansen set the mark by playing in his 297th games with the Lions. He broke the record of 296 games played by offensive lineman Bruce Matthews with the Houston-Tennessee franchise. In third, defensive back Darrell Green - 295 games with the Washington Redskins.

They must put something in the food on the tiny South Pacific island of Samoa. Why? Because Samoa, at 77 square miles in size, produces more NFL player per capita, by far, than any other nation on earth. But whatever Samoans are eating, it doesn't translate to soccer. The national team was ranked dead last in the FIFA rankings (203rd) in late 2011, had not won a game in its 13 years of existence up to that point, and had been outscored 229-12 in that time.

Who tossed up basketball's first jump shot, and when did it happen? You won't find the answer here, because nobody knows for sure. Basketball historians believe only that it happened some 40 years after James Naismith created the game in 1891. The player most often cited as the first publicly known jump shooter was John Miller Cooper, who hadn't planned to jump when he took the shot as a player at the University of Missouri in 1931. He was just trying to shoot over taller opponents. "My feet left the hardwood surface, and it felt good," said Cooper, who died in 2010 at age 98.



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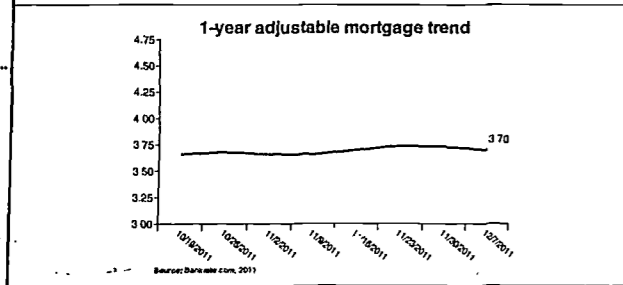
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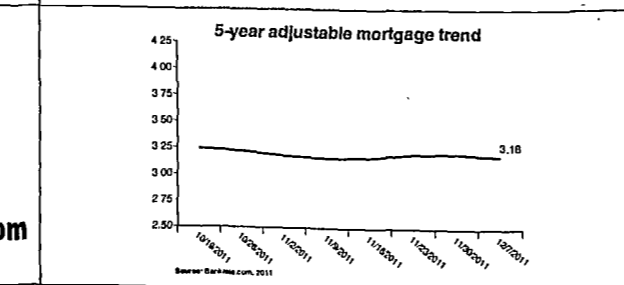
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Wolves go deep in swimming talent

BY DAN SHALIN
Contributor

The Niles West boys swim team lost three mainstays, who closed out their careers by leading the Wolves to a tie for 17th at last year's IHSA State Meet.

While the team will certainly miss star Konner Scott (University of Pennsylvania) and talented performers Elliott Kerbel (Case Western Reserve) and Tim Binkley, the Wolves future appears bright.

One swimmer, senior Ryan Miller, returns from last season's state meet team. Also, the continued improvement of the local club swimming scene has boosted the talent level within the Wolves program.

Furthermore, the success of the Scott/Kerbel/Binkley-led teams has raised the expectations within the program.

"This is the deepest that we've absolutely ever been," head coach Dan Van Der Juegt said. "Kids are doing a better job in the offseason and reaping the rewards of swimming year-round. If you don't do that in this state, you're



Niles West's Stephen Giddens, swimming the 200 freestyle during a meet last year, is a versatile competitor who can handle both sprints and distances. (JERRY DALIEGE-FOR SUN-TIMES MEDIA)

(going to struggle).

"(The departed group) did the work they needed to and got better. The kids now understand that when you work hard, these are the rewards. They understand that, thanks to the leadership we had last year."

As an example of his team's depth, Van Der Juegt pointed out that the Wolves placed three swimmers in the top six in the 500 at the Early Bird Invite, which Niles West hosted on Dec. 3.

"We might not have the Konner Scotts, but we have

a lot of guys who are training hard and are right in the mix," said Van Der Juegt, whose team finished third at the Early Bird, which also featured Mundelein, Buffalo Grove, Schaumburg, Brother Rice and Latin.

Leading the way for West is Miller, who is back after swimming the 400 freestyle relay at State last season. After a summer of hard work, he's looking to reach State in the 200 IM and 100 butterfly.

Senior Stephen Giddens is a versatile freestyler who can swim anything from the

sprints to the 500 free. Senior Nick Giffen is a breaststroker and sprinter. Both Giddens and Giffen are being counted on to lead the team.

Returning sophomore Drake Nickell will swim butterfly and freestyle events. Junior Max Romanelli competes in sprints and sophomore Sergei Lemesh appears to have benefitted from training in the same lane as Miller.

Senior Filip Zivkovic is already putting up solid times despite just coming out for the team this season. Zivkovic has competed on the Niles West water polo team. Freshman Miguel Paloma appears to be the most ready for varsity among the program's youngsters.

"He's one of our club kids and has been swimming awhile," Van Der Juegt said. "He's just learning about how tiring it can be to have doubles and go to school. But he hasn't missed a practice and is doing real well."

Adrian Lovera, who replaces longtime diving coach Lou Torres, will be working with an inexperienced group.

Collins, Marzano zero in on 100 free mark

BY DAN SHALIN
Contributor

While this Notre Dame squad is smaller in Enrique Espinosa's second season in charge, expectations are still high.

The Dons lost several talented seniors and counts about 15 swimmers, down from 30 last year. That's still well ahead of the seven to nine swimmers who have comprised some ND teams in the past.

Since Espinosa's arrival, the program also has upgraded its facilities, or, more accurately, the facilities to which it has access.

Notre Dame practices and competes at Maryville Academy in Des Plaines, which recently added new lighting, starting blocks and lane lines.

Leading the way for Notre Dame this season are junior twins Eric and Kyle Collins. The brothers' strengths lie in different areas. Eric shows the most speed on the team, while Kyle boasts the best endurance.

Espinosa, who previously coached the pair with the Chicago Park District, said the Collins brothers are as caught up in sibling rivalries, as could be expected.

"It's kind of crazy because they're not competitive with each other," he said. "They know their strengths and weaknesses are totally different. Eric is a faster swimmer and Kyle could swim with his brother if it was just about the number of laps. They have a mutual respect when it comes to that."

"The first thing when you think about brothers is that they would be competitive. But it's not like that because they don't swim the same events."

One possibility the team is keeping an eye on is Eric Collins and senior captain Anthony Marzano both breaking the school's 100 free record of 51.0 seconds. Both are swimming



Notre Dame's Kyle Collins swims the 200-yard freestyle during a nonconference meet at Maine East. (CURTIS LEHMKUHL-SUN-TIMES MEDIA)

near 57.0 at the moment.

"Six seconds is a long time, but it's a reasonable goal for them to hit 51 seconds or lower by the end of the season," Espinosa said. "If they can work on their technique, by the end of the season, I'm sure one of those boys can do it."

Junior Brian Kukla will be counted on heavily in the backstroke. His older brother Jimmy, who graduated, was a

top breaststroker for the Dons last season.

Espinosa will be monitoring his team's progress during the season and an important milestone will be the final dual meet of the season Feb. 6 at St. Patrick. The Dons will be looking for back-to-back victories over the ESCC challengers after upsetting them last season.

"I look forward to the St. Pat's meet

every year," Espinosa said. "That's our rival. Not a lot of people thought we'd beat them last year, but we did. They are good competition."

Notre Dame scored 60 points and finished third in Friday's triangular with Lane Tech (152) and Maine East (98).

Highlights for Notre Dame included: Marzano finishing second in the 50 free (25.32) and third in the 100

free (58.65); Kukla touching in second in the 100 backstroke (1:11.48); Kyle Collins taking third in the 500 free (6:23.19) and fourth in the 200 free (2:15.10); and sophomore Elijah Mendes coming in fourth in the 100 butterfly (1:10.33).

Also, the team of Marzano, Eric Collins, junior Alberto Briones and Mendez finished third in the 200 medley relay (2:06.75).

Dons earn 'A' while wrestling up a weight class

BY MIKE CAMERON
Contributor

It's all about the wrestling at Notre Dame, not whatever happens in an administration office in Bloomington.

Notre Dame made an involuntary move from Class 3A to 2A in June when the IHSA modified its waiver policy on the enrollment multiplier and other guidelines affecting non-boundary schools. The Dons collectively shrugged and got back to work.

"I don't think the kids even think about it. They just want to wrestle," said veteran head coach Augie Genovesi, whose team is ranked No.

2 behind Montini in 2A by Illinois Best Weekly and Illinois Matmen after finishing last season at No. 10 in 3A. "We are wrestling a great 3A schedule, which will get us prepared for 2A in the postseason, but there are also a lot of great schools in 2A."

"Nobody here complained when we had 600 kids and wrestled in the highest division, so we aren't going to complain now either."

The Dons (8-3), despite missing five wrestlers, crushed their first two ESCC opponents Friday and placed a strong second in Hoffman Estates' tournament Saturday. Lincoln-Way Central won the Hawk Invite.

Notre Dame dominated host Jo-

liet Catholic 68-9 and Marian Catholic 54-16 to launch its conference schedule. Seniors Kevin Stahmer, Colton Kelly, Tim Donnelly and Jimmy Biancofiore grabbed individual tourney championships the next day.

"For the most part, we were pleased with the results and the way we competed," said Genovesi. "We are still not healthy and without four starters, but other guys have stepped up and done a nice job. We've already had 25 different kids wrestle on the varsity level, which gives them great experience for the future."

Kelly (14-0) easily mastered Libertyville's Kevin Barbian 9-3 in Saturday's 195-pound finale to complete

a 5-0 weekend. Stahmer (12-2), who's competed against a host of premium opponents at 182, controlled Lincoln-Way Central's Brett Ditchman 5-2.

Donnelly (12-2) prevailed 5-2 over his 145-pound counterpart from Libertyville. Biancofiore earned a 10-8 title victory over state-ranked Nick Citta of South Elgin at 138.

Senior Ryan Walsh (11-2) wrestled all the way through a painful ankle sprain to post a runner-up finish at 220. His reward? His parents told him not to leave the house until he completed applications to four colleges.

Freshman Jimmy Gallardo (11-3) and senior Scott Smith each placed third. Seniors Anthony McDermott

and Jack Fracek and freshman Marco Orlandi all went 2-2. Orlandi finished the weekend at 4-2 after winning both of his matches Friday.

Junior Sean Heneghan made his season debut after battling a high ankle sprain. Joe Cortese (sore back) and Brendan Moore (virus) did not wrestle. Conner Gavin and freshman Niko Pontakalis were held out due to minor ailments. Rocco Fagianio is still recovering from the hamstring he injured during the football season.

Notre Dame competes in the Glenbrook South Rus Erb Tournament on Friday and Saturday. The 19-team field includes Sycamore, ranked No. 6 in 2A.

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First-half hole proves too deep for Demons

BY DAN SHALIN
Contributor

Maine East coach Dave Genis insists his team practices with plenty of fire.

And that's why he has a hard time understanding why the same team sometimes lacks energy when it comes to games.

That was the case in the first half of Friday's 54-43 loss to Maine West in Des Plaines.

The Blue Demons (1-6, 0-2) shot just 4-for-22 from the field in the first half, and trailed 23-11 at the break.

Maine East bounced back in the second half, pulling within six points. But Genis was left most frustrated by his team's poor start.

"We didn't come ready to play," Genis said. "It seemed like a pervasive thing throughout the first half. I told them after the game, 'You have to come ready to play and come with the intensity. It's not a hot-and-cold faucet you can turn on and off. You have to bring it.'"

"We're talented enough, but we didn't play with the same energy as Maine West. In the first half, they were faster than we were and did things crisper. They executed a plan — we didn't."

Genis subscribes to the theory that a team will play the way it practices. But in searching for answers to his team's struggles, he wondered if that were true.

"Our practices are pretty intense. Everything we do is high-energy

STANDINGS

(Records through Sunday)

CSL South

New Trier	2-0	7-1
Waukegan	2-0	3-3
Evanston	1-1	7-2
Maine South	1-1	4-2
Glenbrook South	0-2	2-6
Niles West	0-2	2-4

CSL North

Highland Park	2-0	5-2
Maine West	2-0	3-3
Deerfield	1-1	3-4
Glenbrook North	1-1	6-1
Niles North	0-2	3-4
Maine East	0-2	1-6

stuff. Maybe we should flip it and have a nice and easy practice, then we will come out with more energy in the game," said Genis, half-joking.

Genis was proud of the Blue Demons' performance in the second half, as they outscored the Warriors 32-31.

That's when East senior Aaron Shannon scored 17 of his team-high 18 points. Even when his shot was not falling, Shannon found ways to score by driving the lane.

"He did in the second half what we wanted him to do in the first. He attacked the paint and got the ball to the hoop well against them," Ge-

nis said. "It's unfortunate we waited that long to do that."

One of Maine East's major problems that has plagued the Blue Demons throughout the early part of the campaign rose again against the Warriors. The Demons have faced several teams that primarily play zone defense, including Evanston, Highland Park, Northridge Prep and Westmont, and struggled against them all.

"Zone (defenses) are proving to be tough for us," Genis said. "We really have to understand how to attack them. We have to be patient, go beyond the (first or second pass) and get (defenders) out of position. That's how you get wide-open looks."

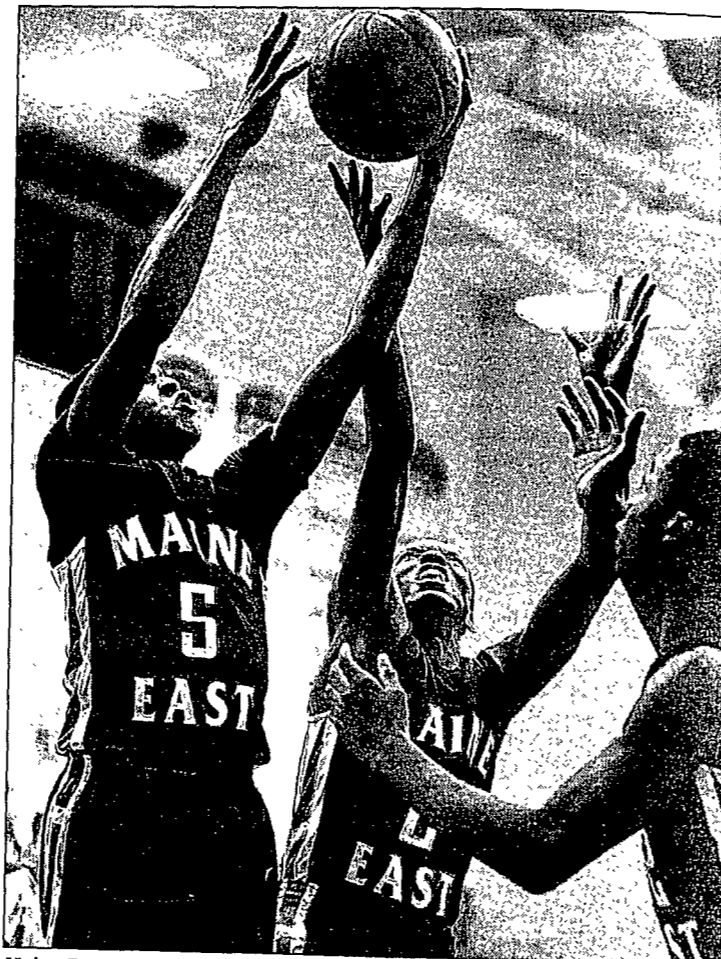
Poor free-throw shooting (12-for-28) and offensive rebounding also affected the Blue Demons on Friday.

Genis said his team's defense was solid. He also was encouraged by the play of senior guard Jordan Jones, who scored nine points off the bench.

"(Jones) came in and played hard, hit a couple shots in the second quarter, had a couple steals," Genis said. "We're getting some scoring out of some other people (besides Shannon). It's just not enough right now."

Maine East freshman center Ezeke Omeke contributed seven points.

Maine East was to play its home opener Tuesday against Streamwood before welcoming Deerfield at 7:30 p.m. Friday. The Demons visit Geneva at 6 p.m. Saturday.



Maine East's Aaron Shannon grabs a rebound over teammate Jordan James. Shannon scored 18 points in the Demons' loss to Maine West. | JOEL LERNER-SUN-TIMES MEDIA

Demons divers, Tom share hopes of making State

BY MATT HARNESSE
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Kevin Tom came into this swimming season with goals not many Maine East swimmers even think about setting.

The junior wants to be in the pool at Evanston in late February for the State Meet. Tom would be the first Demon to swim on the final weekend since Neil Senkowski advanced during the 1998-99 season.

Maine East coach Mike Fosco is Tom's biggest believer.

"He had a great offseason and came in more positive about himself and more confident about himself," the coach said. "He does have lofty goals, and he's on the borderline right now. We will see how the training is on his body by the end of the year."

A year-round swimmer, Tom probably will focus on the 100-yard freestyle and the 100-yard backstroke. But he's capable of swimming all the strokes, which is why



Maine East's Kevin Tom swims the breaststroke lap of the 200-yard individual medley during the Demons' triangular with Notre Dame and Lane. | CURTIS LEHMKUHL-SUN-TIMES MEDIA

Fosco will enter Tom in the 200 IM during the season.

"He can do anything we put him in," Fosco said.

Tom is motivated by his competition during the club season at

NASA, the Northwestern-based organization. There, he practices against swimmers like Loyola's Andrew Jovanovic, who won two state titles as a sophomore last season.

"(Kevin) definitely gets to see the

elite kids," said Fosco. "He learns stuff from them that really helps."

Tom helped Maine East to second place at the team's tri-meet at home Friday. The Demons totaled 98 points to finish behind Lane's 152, while Notre Dame was third with 60.

Tom was second in the 200 IM (2:10.29) and fourth in the 100 breaststroke (1:17.84). He also swam on the 200 free and the 400 free relays.

Still new to the program, Fosco is excited about building a lasting legacy at Maine East, which enjoyed success a generation ago. Tom is one of a handful of Demons who will turn the program around, Fosco hopes.

Two others are divers Danny Sieghart and Jeremy Rohrman.

In the opening meet of the season, Sieghart set the Maine East pool record with an 11-dive score of 375.75. That was after Sieghart missed most of the preseason with a concussion.

"Our goal is to make the State Meet," Fosco said of the divers.

"There's no reason Danny shouldn't be there. He trained all year round. So did Jeremy. They both have big dives, and I can see both of them at the State Meet in three months."

Sieghart won the triangular with a 258.55, while Rohrman was second with 202.25.

No Maine East diver has been to State since 1992. Sieghart and Rohrman would be the first Maine East teammates at the same State Meet since 1974.

"They've been fun to watch and coach," Fosco said.

Mike Babula is another swimmer on the bubble for State. The sophomore looks to follow in his older brother who swam at the school in the 1990s.

"He came in last year without much experience," Fosco said. "But he's built like a swimmer, and he has a family that's been involved with the sport. He has the physical attributes of a swimmer, and we could be shocked by him at the end of the season."

Wolves topped by Hawks for fourth straight time

BY MIKE CAMERON
Contributor

Don't look now, but the teeth of Niles West's girls basketball players are already bared in anticipation of their home game against Maine South on Jan. 27.

The Hawks (11-1, 2-1), again defending Jewell Loyd better than any other team has, prevailed 65-55 on their home floor Friday in this season's first meeting, extending their winning streak against the Wolves (10-1, 2-1) to four games.

Guards Kaitlyn Mullarkey, a close friend of Loyd, and Mackenzie Duffy stuck like glue to the Wolves' superstar, who still wound up with 29 points but labored from the field (6-for-18). Maine South went primarily with a triangle-and-two.

Last season, the Hawks alternated between the triangle and a box-and-one, holding Loyd to 22.3 points per game in two decisive wins and an overtime victory in the sectional finale en route to a third-place finish in IHSA Class 4A.

The incomparable Loyd, by now drawing all five Hawks, willed herself to a 22-point surge in the last 10 minutes to bring the Wolves within 59-53 with 1:54 left. The visitors trailed 46-31 midway into the third quarter and 19-4 toward the end of the first period.

The comeback fell short partly because Niles West was missing two of its best players. Junior co-captain Molly Klep-

STANDINGS

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CSL South

Glenbrook S.	3-0	8-1
Maine South	2-1	11-1
Niles West	2-1	10-1
New Trier	1-2	6-2
Evanston	1-2	5-5
Waukegan	0-3	0-10

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Maine West	3-0	3-6
Glenbrook N.	2-1	7-3
Niles North	2-1	4-6
Deerfield	1-2	3-7
Highland Park	1-2	6-4
Maine East	0-3	1-7

pin could not suit up after taking a shoulder to the head in the Wolves' 45-23 home win over New Trier three nights earlier. Kleppin, a second-year starter and difference-maker on defense, is out indefinitely. Sophomore forward Dashae Shumate sat through almost the entire second period with foul trouble and drew her fifth personal with 3:31 remaining.

The Hawks' superior depth, balance and experience swung the outcome. Duffy (career-high 16 points) and Mullarkey (season-best 13) — South's only two of five returning starters not named to last year's all-CSL team — combined for five of

South's 10 three-pointers.

Loyd (18 rebounds) superbly manned the defensive post, but that opened up more outside shots. Ever-dangerous Michelle Maher hit four three-pointers.

Ironically, Loyd is on pace to score her 3,000th career point against her defensive nemesis on Jan. 27. Niles West may need to double its seating capacity.

Head coach Tony Konsewicz said his team was, "stagnant" in the early going, but he also found plenty of encouragement in the Wolves' first loss after a hectic schedule in the first five weeks.

New starters Jackie Cardenas (6 points, 9 rebounds) and sophomore guard Alex Galanopoulos, three-point specialist Liz Troyk (8 points), backup post Jasmine Townsend and quick freshman guard Katherine De Lara (4 points) look far more comfortable and confident than they did at the outset.

"Dashae is great defensively. That's the first time she's ever fouled out," said Konsewicz. "Molly is a leader on the floor for us. Not having her also hurts our depth. I think Alex and Liz got a little tired. Jackie has shown great progress. She's giving us inside defense and starting to finish on offense. Katherine has no conscience out there and gave us a nice lift. With our schedule, (last week) was the first time we had two consecutive days of practice."

Cardenas, a sturdy 5-foot-10 senior, delivered 12 rebounds and seven points in a 45-23

win over New Trier on Dec. 6. Thanks in part to Loyd's tremendous defense on 6-1 Maggie Lyon (9 points; 4-for-12 shooting), the Trevians shot only 8-for-52 from the field. Loyd, who's averaging 31 points, scored 25 to exceed New Trier's output. She also recorded 16 rebounds and four steals.

CSL South contenders Niles West, defending champ Maine South, New Trier (7-2, 1-2) and Glenbrook South (8-1, 3-0) boast a combined record of 28-1 in non-conference games.

"This is the best I've seen our conference," said Maine South head coach Mark Smith, who has two Final Four berths and an Elite Eight spot under his belt in his first six years. "You've got to win your home games and (try to) steal one on the road. I think this will start to turn when someone does that."

The sleeper in the bunch is the tall, experienced, tough-at-home Titans, who knocked off the visiting Trevians 49-44 on Friday. The league's emerging star is GBS's Lindsey Oldshue, a junior point guard and brilliant defender.

Niles West was to face Maine West (3-7) Tuesday and visit Evanston (5-5, 1-2) at 7:30 p.m. Friday. Kleppin was expected to miss both games.

After a welcome four-day respite, the Wolves join the talent-filled Suburban Holiday Showcase and open against Stevenson, at Barrington, at 5:30 p.m. Dec. 21.



Niles West's Dashae Shumate tries to shoot around Maine South's Jacquil Grant during their CSL South loss in Park Ridge. | CURTIS LEHMKUHL-SUN-TIMES MEDIA

Three scorers enough for Vikes to topple Regina

BY BILL PEMSTEIN
Contributor

Regina Dominican coach Kerry Durham called it a fingertip roll.

Niles North coach Dan Paxson said it was a runner.

It's more of flip shot, but getting the final word in this debate is Niles North senior point guard Allisa Hirsh.

"It's a floater," Hirsh said after North stopped Regina, 38-29.

Since it's Hirsh's specialty shot around the basket, let's go with 'floater.'

Saturday afternoon's game at home with Regina was tight at half-time as North remained close behind Mariyah Henley's 10 points and Hirsch's four. That was the extent of the Vikings' scoring, as Niles North was up a point at the break, 14-13.

Late in the third quarter, Hirsh went into her fingertip roll, run-

ner, flip shot and floater mode. She couldn't miss on those drives to the hoop.

Her three-point play with 0.03 ticks on the clock was particularly impressive.

"I really like having the ball then and I got the shot off," she said. "I'm only 5-foot-4, so I have to go the land of giants and take the pull-up shot."

Hirsh's personal nine-point run put this game safely in the win column for the Vikings. She would finish with a game-high 17 points.

"When she's got it going, it's a good shot," Paxson said. "It's a two-foot runner. I'm a big fan of the jump stop. Those were some really big buckets."

When this game was no longer in doubt, point guard Hirsh showed off her dribbling skills for the fans as the clock wore down in the fourth quarter. And then of all things, the ball hit her leg and bounced into the

back court where she lost the ball.

"I got yelled at," Hirsh joked. The senior guard plans to play college ball and see if she can weave her fancy shot at that level.

In the meantime, Hirsh has high expectations for her final high school team.

"This has been the most talented team I've been on," she said. "We do have our corps of seniors. And our younger kids are coming around. We are trying to go far this year. We want to go deep in the sectional."

The Vikings (4-6, 2-1) were fresh off an important 51-47 win over Highland Park on Friday night. Scoring was a little tougher on Saturday afternoon.

After North took a 10-7 lead in the first quarter, the Vikings had just two Henley baskets to brag about in the second quarter.

The month of December has

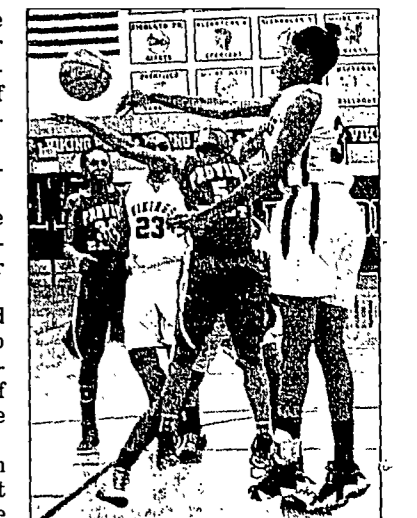
been good to Henley, as she crossed the 1,000-point mark for a career despite some past injuries. On Saturday, she pulled off a double-double (15 points, 12 rebounds).

"She really battles for every rebound," Paxson said.

On Henley's final bucket of the afternoon, she drained a layup following a gorgeous pass from her point guard.

Junior Rachel Matthies opened the second half scoring with a flip shot of her own. She helped the Vikings offense with six second-half points as she was one of just three Vikings three scorers in the win.

The Vikings return home on Friday night when Maine West visits at 7:30. Next weekend, the Warren Blue Devils Classic opens and the Vikings play Palatine on Saturday, followed by matchups with Warren and Wheeling.



Niles North's Taylor Louis knocks the ball from Proviso East's Stacey Welch. | STACIA TIMONERE-FOR SUN-TIMES MEDIA

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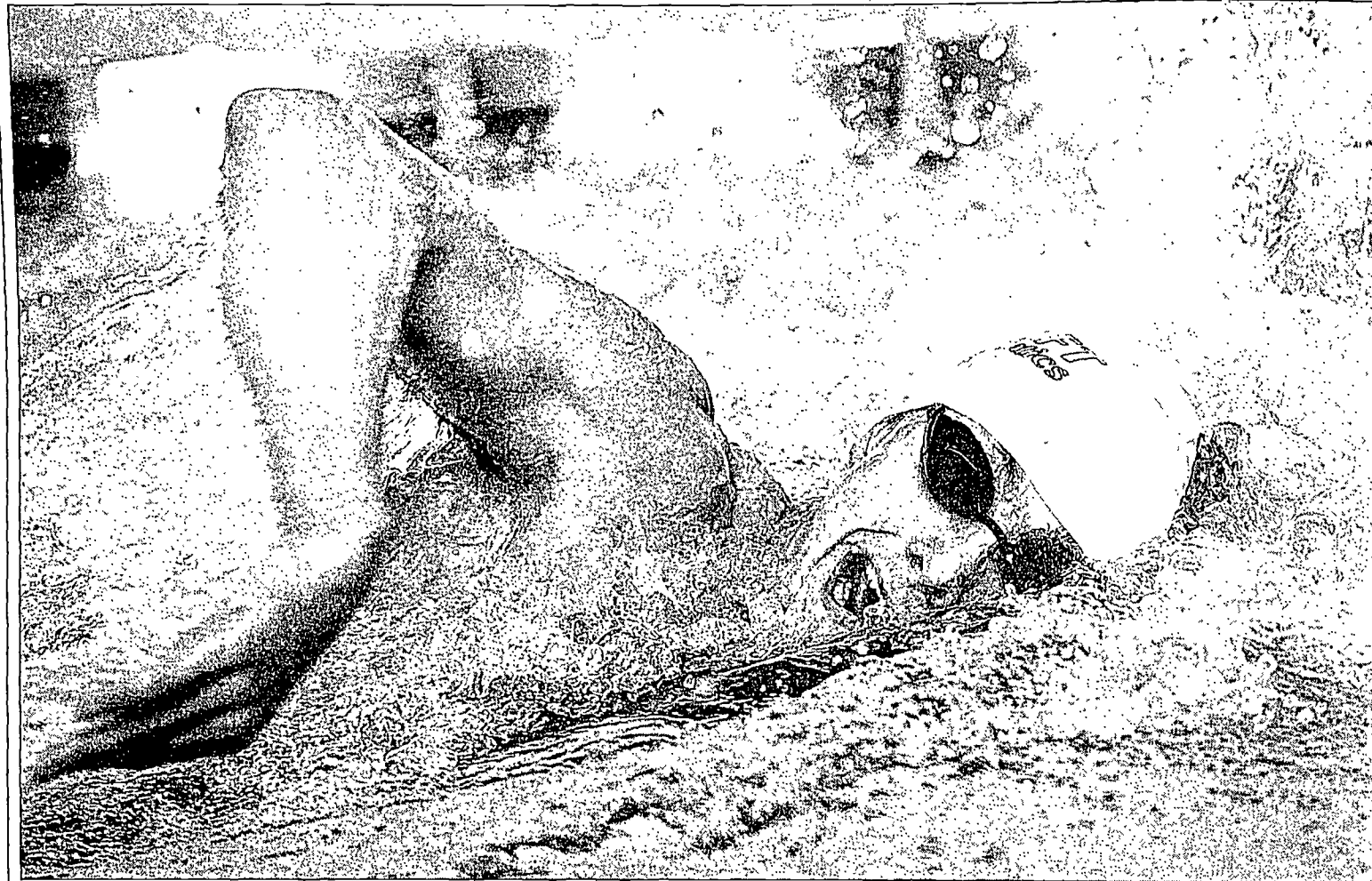
Today
Boys swim/dive hosts Fenton, 5 p.m.
Girls gymnastics at Niles West A Star is Born invite, 6 p.m.
Wrestling hosts Highland Park, 7 p.m.
Friday
Boys swim/dive hosts Waukegan, 5:30 p.m.
Girls basketball at Deerfield, 7:30 p.m.
Boys basketball hosts Deerfield, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday
Boys swim/dive at Leyden Invite, 11 a.m.
Boys basketball at Geneva, 6 p.m.

NILES NORTH

Today
Wrestling at Maine West, 6 p.m.
Girls gymnastics at Niles West A Star is Born invite, 6 p.m.
Friday
Wrestling at Glenbrook South Rus Erb Tourn., 3:30 p.m.
Boys basketball at Maine West, 7:30 p.m.
Girls basketball hosts Maine West, 7:30 p.m.
Boys swim at New Trier, 5:30 p.m.
Saturday
Wrestling at Glenbrook South Rus Erb Tourn., 10 a.m.
Girls gymnastics at New Trier Invite, noon
Girls basketball at Warren Holiday Tourn., vs. Palatine, 3 p.m.
Boys basketball hosts Sullivan, 7 p.m.
Monday
Girls basketball at Warren Holiday Tourn., vs. Warren, 4:30 p.m.
Tuesday
Girls basketball at Warren Holiday Tourn., vs. Wheeling, 6 p.m.

NILES WEST

Today
Girls gymnastics hosts A Star is Born invite, 6 p.m.
Wrestling hosts Evanston, 6 p.m.
Friday
Boys swim hosts CSL crossover, 5:30 p.m.
Boys basketball hosts Evanston, 7:30 p.m.
Girls basketball at Evanston, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday
Wrestling at Lake Park Invite, 9 a.m.



Niles North junior Karol Mlynarski, competing last summer for Swift Aquatics at the Speedo Illinois Swimming Championships at Stevenson, finished one place short last winter of advancing to the IHSA state finals in the 200 freestyle. | BRIAN O'MAHONEY-FOR SUN-TIMES MEDIA

Juniors lead pursuit of another title

BY DAN SHALIN
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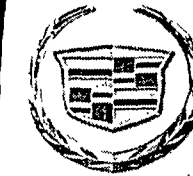
Niles North boys swim coach Seth Orlove said expectations are higher in his program this season, and training sessions are more intense. That's understandable, given that the Vikings are coming off a season when they captured the school's first CSL title since 1967, and many of the key components from that team are back. "We are the returning conference champions and at this point there is an expectation level to continue to do what we've done," Orlove said. "That drives our focus and it's created some really intense workouts and an atmosphere where the kids have really embraced racing more. It's really competitive and it's fun." In addition to retaining their CSL North crown, the

Vikings also are looking to take the next step at the IHSA State Meet this season. That means advancing individuals or relays to Saturday's finals. Last season, a handful of Niles North individuals and two relays qualified for State. Current junior Karol Mlynarski came within one place of earning a finals swim, coming in 13th in the 200 freestyle. "Getting second-day swims is definitely on the radar," Orlove said. "The expectation is there, but it's all about the (training) process at this point. Last year was a great year and a lot of hard work went into making that happen. Now, we are learning to respect the (training) process and making sure it helps us get ready for the championship season." Mlynarski and classmate Javed Avdic highlight a strong

class that also includes Aaron Brown, Ian Crane, Earl Kim, Chris Reardon and Max Wall. "That entire junior class has really helped propel our program forward," Orlove said. "They have put a tremendous amount of care into making themselves better athletes. I'm hoping that example will continue to project on to the rest of the program, and we'll continue to take steps forward." Orlove said he was still deciding which events to enter his top swimmers, come the postseason. Mlynarski qualified for State in the 200 free and 100 backstroke last season. In addition to swimming two relays, Avdic participated in three relays at sectional, advancing in two, and also qualified in the 100 butterfly. Niles North's elder statesman is senior Richard Gomez, who is a two-time con-

ference champion, three-time all-conference and two-time state qualifier Gomez swam the 500 free and 100 butterfly and competed with two relays at State last year. He has signed to swim at Illinois-Chicago. "Richard came into (the program) at 14 years old with basically not a lot of experience, and he has transformed himself," Orlove said. "He's had tremendous accolades. I'm really proud of his direction and where he's going in the future." Senior Ammar Shah belonged to Niles North's 400-free relay team last season and expects to swim the open 200 free and perhaps the 100 free or 50 free this season. Senior Marco Verceles is the team's top diver. Shah and Gomez and seniors Matt Latin and Ian Frendreis serve as the team's

four captains. Niles North opened the season Friday with a 124-61 victory over rival Niles West. Individual winners for Niles North were: Avdic in the 200 free (1:46.28) and 100 fly (52.67); Mlynarski in the 200 IM (1:59.53); Shah in the 500 free (23.20); Gomez in the 100 backstroke (58.46); and Wall in the 100 breaststroke (1:03.60). North also captured all three relays: Shah, Kim, Gomez and Brown won the 200 medley (1:44.29); Avdic, Brown, Shah and Mlynarski topped the 100 free relay (1:29.41); and Avdic, Frendreis, Gomez and Mlynarski captured the 400 free (3:22.28). Niles North visits defending state champ New Trier at 5:30 p.m. Friday, then compete in the Leyden Invite at 11 a.m. Saturday.



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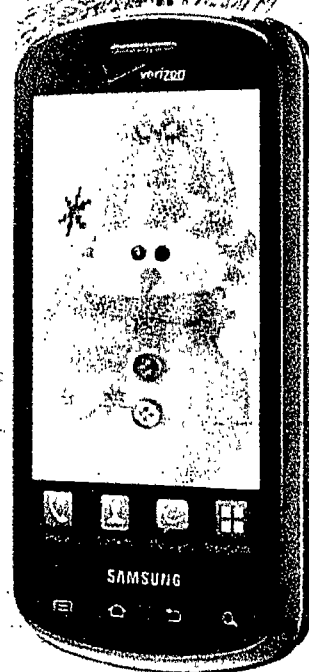
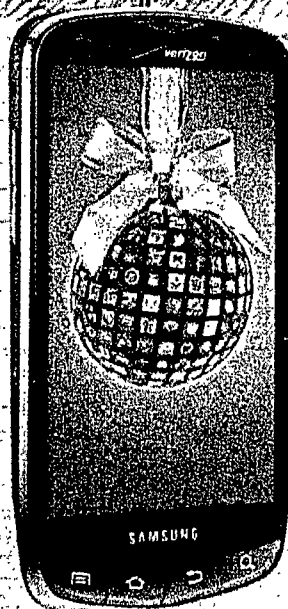
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