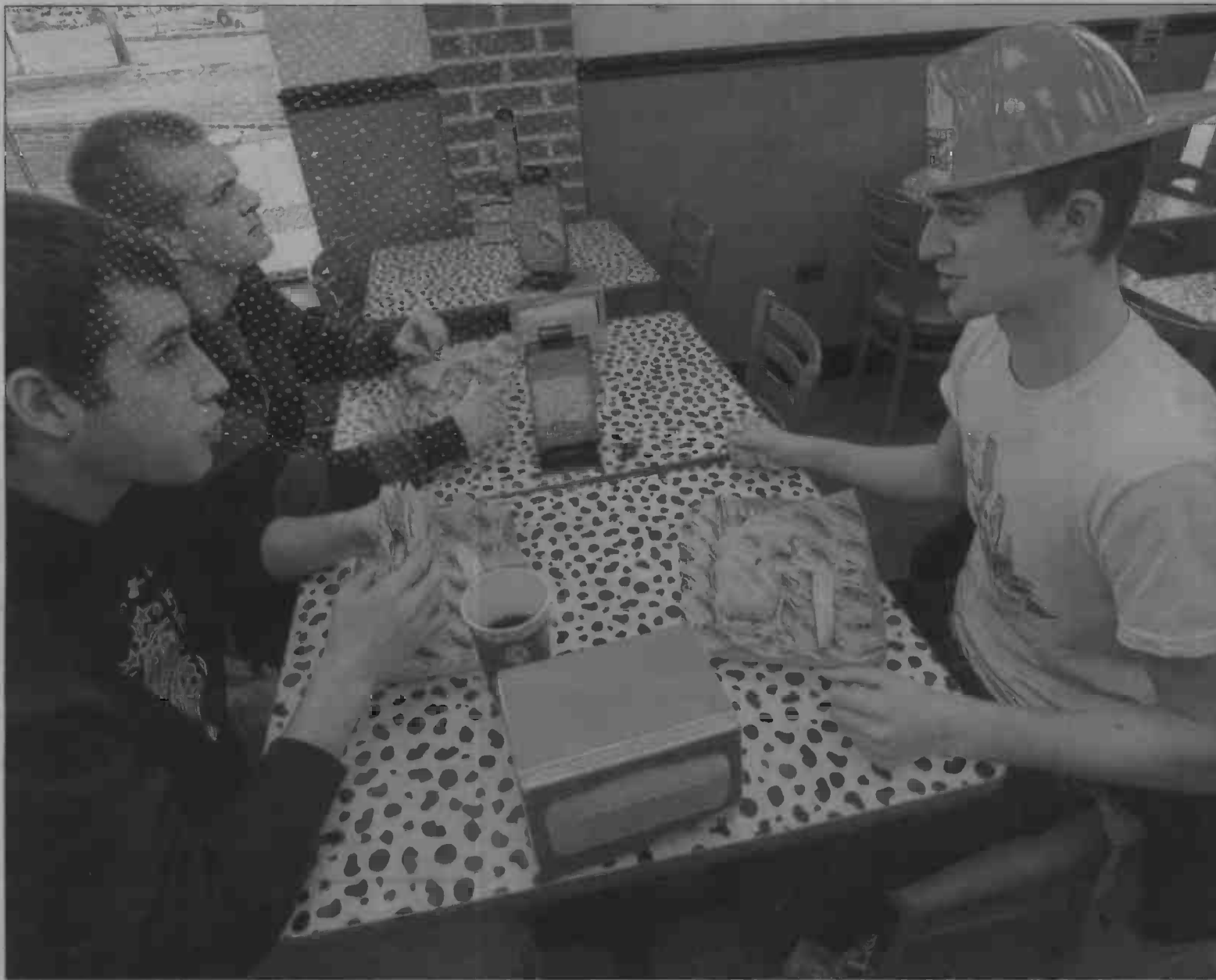


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Piotr Debowski (right), of Niles, eats a steamed sub with Karol Grzebien (left), of Glenview, and Hubert Sekscinski, of Glenview, at Firehouse Subs, a new firefighter-themed restaurant in Niles, which opened Dec. 21. PAGE 7 | RYAN PAGELOW-SUN-TIMES MEDIA

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DISTRICT 67

Pair of referendums seek tax hikes for programs, buildings

BY CATHRYN GRAN
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Golf School District 67 will be seeking voter approval to increase funding for education and to make major improvements to its two-school buildings.

On the March 20 primary-election ballot will be a referendum to increase by .342 percent to 2.401, from 2.058, the amount to be collected through property taxes to fund operations/education.

A second referendum seeks to allow the district to issue \$9.72 million in bonds to, among other projects, replace the heating/ventilation/air-conditioning units, sprinklers and plumbing at Golf Middle School, 9401 Waukegan Road, and Hynes School, 9000 Belleforte Ave.

For a Morton Grove District 67 resident, approval of the operations referendum will cost a property owner an additional \$47 and an additional \$31 for the bond issue for each \$1,000 the owner now pays in district property taxes.

For a Niles District 67 resident, the numbers are \$51 and \$31, respectively.

The last time district voters approved a referendum was in 1969.

The district needs to raise \$1.14 million to operate its education fund in the black, according to information provided by the district.

So far the district has cut staff, frozen salaries for administrators and some staff and reduced expenses for supplies by 25 percent.

The Golf Teachers Association also has made concessions.

If voters decide against increasing the operations fund the next wave of cuts would target class size, educational and extracurricular programs, and early-intervention programs such as full-time kindergarten, said Superintendent Jamie Reilly.

"Golf School District 67 has a long tradition of educational excellence," she noted. "This district has been on the cutting edge."

"With early intervention, you get that strong foundation that helps kids get that edge" when they move on to high school.

The bond-issue referendum would allow the district to make needed repairs, said Jim Fitton, business manager for the district. Repairs would include replacing old galvanized pipes that are breaking down and leaving sediment in the water.

"It's really bad on a Monday morning," he said.

Reilly added: "We need to make major repairs."

The district also is looking to build another gymnasium at Golf Middle School and a multipurpose room at Hynes School, in part to comply with a state mandate that districts provide daily physical-education classes, Reilly said.

"There's a big need at Hynes," she said. "At Hynes we use the gymnasium as the cafeteria."

She noted the district has been able to secure waivers to avoid complying with the mandate.

"But by 2016 we'll be out of luck," she said. "We will have to offer P.E.; physically, there's no way we can right now."

FASHIONING FROSTY



Allie Zimmerman, 7, makes a hole for her snowman's arm during Brickton Art Center's Frosty Workshop on Jan. 7 in Park Ridge. | JON LANGHAM-FOR SUN-TIMES MEDIA

GORDON FALLER

Business owner was one of founding members of Chamber of Commerce

BY TRACY GRUEN
Contributor

A memorial mass for Gordon Faller, one of the original board members of the Niles Chamber of Commerce, took place on Jan. 7 at St. Lambert Parish in Skokie.

Faller's family business, Faller Insurance, was one of the chamber's first members. Faller has served as Director Emeritus for the past few decades.

He died at age 83, and lived in Skokie.

"His longtime dedication to the Niles Chamber is still evident today and he will be greatly missed," said Niles Chamber of Commerce Director Katie Schneider.

In 1956, Faller started Faller Insurance Agency and has been an active member of the Niles Chamber of Commerce for more than 50 years.

He received the Kenneth Scheel Service award in 1991 and was described as "truly a model of what a chamber member can accomplish."

At the Niles Night of Roses dinner in 2007, Faller received the "Bob Wordel Living Legend Award."

"He was as nice at home as he was with other people," Doug Faller said of his father.

Stephen Faller, Gordon's other son, died last year.

Gordon is also survived by a daughter, Terri Faller; his wife, Fran Faller;

and an older brother, Rudi.

Faller served on various boards, such as the Lincoln Park Lion's Club, Goodwill Industries and Chicago North Side Commission on Health Planning.

Faller was past president of the German American Singers of Chicago and chairman of the board of Martha Washington Hospital.

For more than 25 years he was a lector and commentator at St. Lambert in Skokie, where he was also a member of the choir.

"He had a calm presence," Doug Faller said of his father.

Some of his favorite hobbies were swimming, biking, golfing, camping, traveling and playing bridge.

DISTRICT 64

Community Finance Committee to meet Jan. 17, 25

Park Ridge-Niles School District 64 is reconvening its

Community Finance Committee and is inviting community members to attend a one-hour preview meeting to learn about five topics that will be studied in the spring or to participate in a study group.

Community members may attend the Jan. 17 ses-

sion or the Jan. 25 session. Both meetings will be from 7-8 p.m. at the District 64 Educational Service Center, 164 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge.

Newly appointed CFC community coordinators are former District 64 School Board members

Ares Dalianis and Genie Taddeo. According to the district they will provide an overview of the five subject areas to be studied in the spring: enhancing "taxpayer education tools"; reviewing assumptions in District 64's 10-year financial model and developing al-

ternate scenarios; increasing financial transparency and reporting; refreshing a student-fees study from 2009; and identifying borrowing options and the impact on the district's budget as a new facility master plan is developed and maintenance projects

are addressed.

The Community Finance Committee was created by the Board of Education in 2004. The citizen group researches financial issues and provides recommendations to the School Board.

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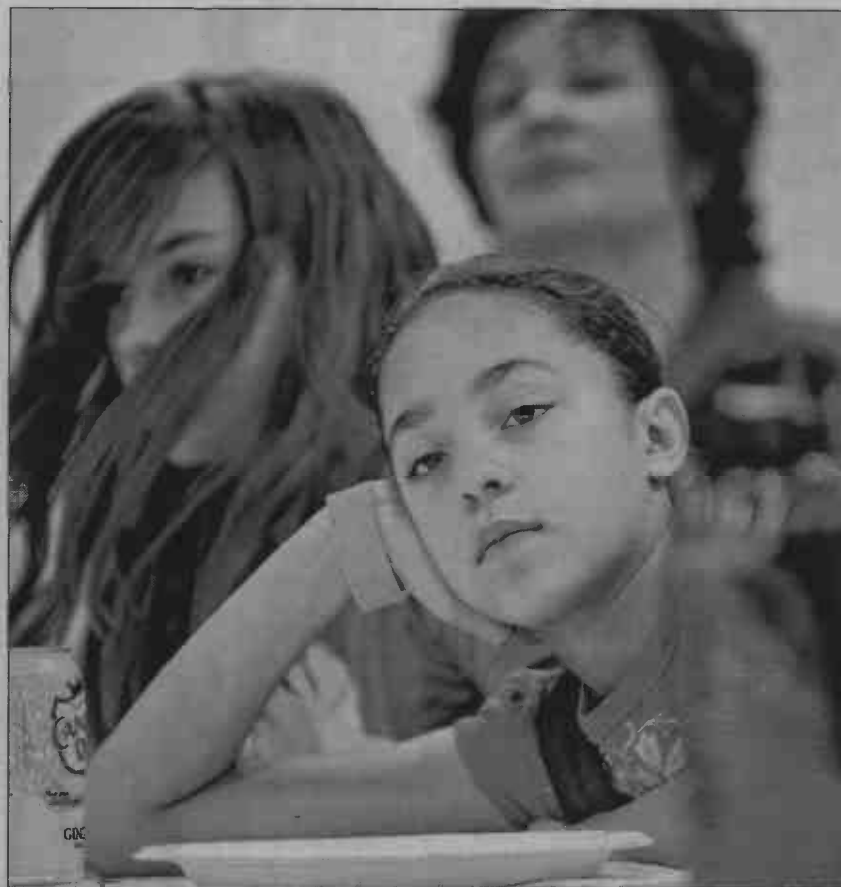
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GOLF MIDDLE SCHOOL

**New students,
staff mingle at
school luncheon**

New students and staff at Golf Middle School in Morton Grove were treated to a luncheon last month to give them an opportunity to get to know each other. "We started this last year, when I came here," said Erin Stein, principal at the Golf District 67 school, of the Dec. 14 event. "We did it at my former school and the kids loved it. "It's tough in middle school as it is, let alone if you're new. There was a lot of sharing of little things to help them see that there's other people who feel the same way."



Golf Middle School Principal Erin Stein, rear, hosted the Dec. 14 luncheon at the Morton Grove school. | TAMARA BELL-SUN TIMES MEDIA



Brianna Dempster, a fifth-grader at Golf Middle School, attends a Dec. 14 luncheon for new students and staff of the Morton Grove school. | TAMARA BELL-SUN TIMES MEDIA



Sixth-grader Daniel Bacerra gives a thumbs up for the new-student luncheon Dec. 14. The luncheon helped new students and staff get to know each other. | TAMARA BELL-SUN TIMES MEDIA



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BUSINESS

Brothers hope firefighter-themed sub shop catches on

BY TRACY GRUEN
Contributor

When Phillip Forfar and his brother, Alan, were looking into purchasing a franchise, it wasn't just what they determined to be high quality sub sandwiches that led them to Firehouse Subs.

It was also what they saw as being the ambiance and meaningful culture of the restaurant and their desire to give back to the community. The company was founded in Jacksonville, Fla., by former firefighter brothers Chris and Robin Sorensen.

The Forfar brothers opened a Firehouse Subs restaurant at 9600 N. Milwaukee Ave., Niles, on Dec. 21, starting a whole new chapter in their lives. Phillip is a former accountant and Alan is an oral surgeon.

"We were looking for a market area," Forfar said. "Niles fit our idea. It is a fantastic town. We thought we could capture a lot of it."

While people are waiting in line to order some of their unique sandwiches – such as the Hook and Ladder, which is turkey and ham with provolone; the Firehouse Meatball; and the New York Steamer, pastrami and corned beef – they can look at a large mural of the Great Chicago Fire of 1871.

Each Firehouse Subs restaurant features its own unique mural and the Niles location depicts Mrs. O'Leary rowing a boat with a cow in it.

"It's a guilty-looking cow; it knows it started the fire," For-

far said.

A reporter wrote a story that a cow started the Great Chicago Fire by kicking over a lantern in a barn, but later admitted that he made it up to make interesting copy.

Firehouse Subs has a foundation in which it collects money and invites local fire departments to apply for a grant and receive a variety of equipment.

Forfar said the eatery sells pickle buckets for \$2, and that money goes toward the foundation to help support fire departments. Firehouse Subs has assisted more than 275 communities and has contributed \$3.1 million to "hometown heroes."

"We want to work with the community," Forfar said, referring to Niles and noting that Niles Fire Chief Steve Borkowski expressed interest in applying for a grant.

Firehouse Subs steams its meats and cheeses, and toasts the buns separately, and then puts it all together. Forfar said the restaurant makes the sandwiches that way in order to lock the moisture into the meat.

"It's a better-quality sub," Forfar said.

In addition to a wide variety of sub sandwiches Firehouse Subs also features a unique Coca-Cola machine that offers 130 flavors, such as raspberry and strawberry.

"It's fun," Forfar said of running his new restaurant. "Every day is a new thing."

The restaurant is open from 10:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. seven days a week.



Phillip Forfar, of Harwood Heights, owner of the new Firehouse Subs restaurant in Niles, holds up an empty pickle bucket for sale to raise funds for the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation. | RYAN PAGELOW-SUN-TIMES MEDIA



Firehouse Subs employee Lukas Kaczmariski, of Des Plaines, delivers steamed subs to Lindsay Szpara, of Wheeling, and her daughter, Sienna, 1, at Firehouse Subs in Niles, which opened Dec. 21. | RYAN PAGELOW-SUN-TIMES MEDIA



Chris Owen, of Des Plaines, checks out the 50 different kinds of hot sauces available. | RYAN PAGELOW-SUN-TIMES MEDIA

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LAW ENFORCEMENT

Niles police chief weighs in on new '12 state laws

BY TRACY GRUEN
Contributor

More than 200 new state laws came into effect on Jan. 1, including a tighter seat-belt law.

The new law requires every driver and adult passenger to wear a properly adjusted safety belt, in both the front and back seats of a vehicle.

Previously only the drivers and adult front-seat passengers were required to wear seat belts, as well as children younger than 8 and passengers younger than 19 when the driver is younger than 18.

"I think it's a necessary thing," Niles Police Chief Dean Strzelecki said of the stricter regulation.

Failure to comply with this law, which was named House Bill 219, could result in a fine not to exceed \$25.

Strzelecki said some skeptics may feel the law is merely

a way to collect more revenue, but insisted that the statistics speak for themselves, showing that people who wear seat belts are safer.

Another new law this year is House Bill 1689, which creates tougher penalties for criminals who take advantage of senior citizens through financial exploitation.

For example House Bill 1689 defines a Class 1 felony as one in which the value of the property is \$50,000 or more instead of \$100,000 (the amount it was previously) or more; or if the victim is older than 70, and the property is \$15,000 or more or if the victim is 80 years old or older and the property is \$5,000 or more.

"They are such easy targets," Strzelecki said of senior citizens. He said he supports any legislation that increases the punishment for criminals who target the elderly.

House Bill 3238 requires more people to submit to DNA testing for committing certain crimes. The list includes people arrested, with a determination by a judge or grand jury for probable cause, for first-degree murder, home invasion, predatory criminal sexual assault of a child, aggravated criminal sexual assault and criminal sexual assault. According to the new law, specimens of blood, saliva or tissue should be provided within 14 days of an indictment or a judicial finding of a probable cause.

"I think you're going to have your civil-rights people who say we are hedging on people's civil rights by going after their DNA," said Strzelecki, adding that he feels that the crimes involved in the new law are serious and supports the increase in DNA testing.

DISTRICT 71

Culver School hopes to start a cheerful chain reaction

BY TRACY GRUEN
Contributor

A chain reaction of kindness has started in Niles.

Rachel's Challenge, a national anti-bullying program in honor of Rachel Scott, a teenager killed in the Columbine High School shootings, is picking up steam in the village. Scott's diary entries revealed her strong desire to start a chain reaction of kindness and compassion.

An inspirational presentation about Scott and her mission to spread kindness was held at Emerson School earlier in the school year and Culver School is planning a similar presentation Jan. 24. A presentation will be held during the day for the students and at 6 p.m. for parents and other community members.

"This is kind of taking on a life of its own," said Culver School Principal Peggy Maniscalco.

Maniscalco said representatives from the Park District, library, senior center, fitness center and local businesses have all become involved in promoting Rachel's Challenge across Niles. Some of the groups will host positive activities in the future that are related to Rachel's Challenge. A proclamation to make Niles a Rachel's Challenge community will likely take place at the Jan. 24 village board meeting.

Some staff members from the library and other community organizations will be part of a special training session at Culver on Jan. 24. A group of students at Culver School will continue to promote the message of anti-

bullying at the school and in the community.

"So many students spend time here," said Niles Public Library Director Linda Weiss, who said she is pleased that the library is involved in the program. "It seemed like a natural partnership."

Maniscalco said: "Community leaders will be there as role models."

Maniscalco said Rachel's Challenge goes along with the "Bucket Brigade" at Culver School, which promotes a mission of filling other people's "invisible buckets" with good thoughts by saying nice things and aiming to make people feel good during the day.

"The hope is to keep the momentum going," Maniscalco said of other community schools and groups taking part in the chain reaction.

BUSINESS

Rehab center aims for upscale-hotel feel

BY TRACY GRUEN
Contributor

When you step into the dining room at Regency Rehabilitation Center in Niles, you may feel like you've entered an upscale restaurant.

The rehabilitation center that changed owners a few years ago has received an award from Long Term Living Magazine for Best in Category for remodeling their dining room.

The dining room features white table cloths, a serving buffet and offers a wide variety of entrees and fresh salads, soup and fruit.

"The food is definitely upscale from the average nursing facility," said Lori Barrish, administrator at Regency Rehabilitation Center, 6631 N. Milwaukee Ave.

The dining room offers a four-week seasonal menu cycle, providing a variety of options for residents. Eating together in the dining room

is a great bonding opportunity for residents, according to staff.

In addition to the dining room, various areas of the center were remodeled and the work was completed in May. The center features on-site dialysis, a cardiac unit and a therapy unit for people that have various medical issues, such as hip and knee replacements. The center provides physical, occupational and speech therapy to residents.

Each day residents line up to receive frosty treats at the popular ice-cream parlor, and volunteers work at the candy store in order to keep busy.

Rooms feature upscale appointments, such as flat-screen TVs and granite counter tops. The facility also features five patio areas.

According to Ron Nunziato, vice president of SIR management, the goal was to make the facility feel like

home or a nice hotel.

In fact, just like at upscale hotels, residents will be able to order room service straight from the TV. There are also microwaves and refrigerators in the rooms.

The therapy unit features various areas where residents can practice everyday actions, such as cooking their favorite recipes, grocery shopping and climbing stairs. Caryl Kiser, marketing director of Regency Rehabilitation Center, said residents love to cook meals that they make at home, and share their food and stories with other residents.

Nunziato said the center is also looking at offering outpatient therapy so former residents can continue to receive therapy from the same people they worked with while living at the center.

"We are looking at this as a holistic way to meet the needs of the community," Nunziato said.

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The school serves the North Side of Chicago and areas of Lincolnwood, Morton Grove, Niles and Skokie.



Teacher Stacy Markovitz and student Christian Tesija sing during the Niles Township District for Special Education sing-along



Alex Filskov plays the sticks during the NTDSE's holiday sing-along last month.



Jahsean Miller plays the triangle during the music activity in Morton Grove on Dec. 21.



Anthony Rodriguez watches his classmates play the triangle during the event.

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The Niles Township District for Special Education (NTDSE) in Morton Grove held a holiday sing-along Dec. 21. Hanaifa Zakeria plays the sticks during the event.



The Niles Township District for Special Education in Morton Grove held a holiday sing a long Dec. 21. Jahsean Miller plays the tambourine.



Teacher Sharon Sanfilippo and student Joel Kazeze play the bells during the NTDSE's Dec. 21 music activity in Morton Grove.

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Eric Nelson, owner of Nelson Automotive in Mount Prospect, hands a check to Gail Haller, of the Park Ridge Community Fund. Nelson offered to donate \$7,000 to the Community Fund if citizens matched or exceeded that amount. | CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

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COMMUNITY FUND
Charity's 2012 fundraising gets early boost from businessman

BY JENNIFER JOHNSON
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A fundraising challenge from a Park Ridge native and suburban business owner recently netted more than three times the amount of donations he called upon citizens to raise.

Eric Nelson, owner of Nelson Automotive in Mount Prospect, promised to donate \$7,000 to the Park Ridge Community Fund if the charitable organization was able to raise the same amount from other donors by Dec. 31.

"Park Ridge stepped up to the challenge and more than \$25,000 came in during the last two weeks of the year," said Gail Haller, executive director of the Park Ridge Community Fund.

Haller accepted Nelson's \$7,000 check Dec. 30.

Nelson, a 2004 Maine South graduate who still lives in Park Ridge, said he made the decision last year

to donate to charity a minimum of \$20 for each used car his business sold. TechnoServe, which helps men and women in developing countries build their own businesses, received a \$3,000 donation, while Nelson opted to match \$7,000 in donations to the Park Ridge Community Fund. The Community Fund supports a number of local charities and nonprofit organizations.

"I decided the Community Fund was a good way to give to a couple of different organizations and do it through one gift," Nelson explained.

He acknowledged that the outpouring from the community in response to his challenge was more than he expected.

"I was extremely surprised by how much they were able to bring in and extremely happy," Nelson said.

Haller said she was "ecstatic" to see the community's response and praised

Nelson for choosing the Park Ridge Community Fund to support.

"I was thrilled," she said. "Of all the nonprofits he could have donated to in Park Ridge, he thought of the Community Fund."

Haller added that the fundraising challenge sparked interest from LIN-MAR Motors in Morton Grove, which agreed to match half of Nelson's \$7,000 contribution.

The Park Ridge Community Fund's annual fundraising goal is \$130,000, Haller said. The new fiscal year began Sept. 1.

"It looks like, right now, we are ahead compared to last year," Haller said of the Community Fund's proceeds.

Next month volunteers will hear funding requests from local nonprofits and charities and make recommendations to the Community Fund's Board as to how much money each should receive.



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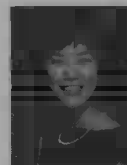
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4735 Locust Ave.: Hayward Trust to Evgenia Vantcheva Marcin Borczyk, \$200,000, Dec. 13

645 Hunter Road: Brad Paul Jirka to Mark A Lenox, \$389,500, Dec. 9

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7013 W Seward St.: Martha E Sanchez to Orlando W Adams Casandra Adams, \$200,000, Dec. 8

7081 W Touhy Ave. Apt 503: Dieben Trust to Janice C Brudzinski, \$165,000, Dec. 15

7137 W Niles Ave.: Federal Home Loan Mtg Corp to Minh Tri Lu, \$163,500, Dec. 15

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Realty is the listing agent.

A three-bedroom, 2.5-bath home at 6803 Prairie St., Unit 1402, is on the market for \$294,990. The multistory, attached townhome was built in 2010. The 1,783-square-foot Wellington model features granite countertops, stainless steel appliances, a balcony and a two-car garage. Nathan Amidon of New Home Star is the listing agent.

A four-bedroom, two-bath home at 5900 W. Main St. in Morton Grove is on the market for \$255,000. The ranch-style house is 1,700 square feet, was built in 1955 and occupies an oversized corner lot. The brick home features a newly remodeled bathroom with marble and a new kitchen with granite countertops. Steven Nguyen of Vina Realty is the listing agent.

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Glenview	2.72%	\$387,500	13.98%	522	73
Lincolnwood	2.6%	\$293,500	16.38%	116	19
Morton Grove	2.21%	\$220,000	20.49%	205	42
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WYOMING DISTRICT COURT

Dismissal sought in grizzly bear death suit

BY JENNIFER JOHNSON
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Attorneys for the U.S. government are asking a federal court judge to dismiss a lawsuit filed by the widow of a Park Ridge man killed in a Wyoming grizzly bear attack in 2010.

A motion filed Dec. 29 in Wyoming District Court states that the U.S. government cannot be held liable for the June 2010 death of Erwin Evert, 70, in the Shoshone National Forest based on state laws that grant immunity to landowners.

The suit, filed by Evert's widow, Yolanda, accuses the federal government of negligence because members of a government grizzly-bear research team had removed warning signs from the forest stating that bears had recent-

ly been captured, tranquilized and then released.

The government's motion to dismiss the lawsuit states that under a Wyoming statute private landowners are not required to provide warnings of potentially dangerous conditions to individuals entering the land "for recreational purposes."

"The United States, as landowners of the Shoshone National Forest, owed no duty to warn Mr. Evert, who was hiking in Shoshone National Forest," the motion states.

The motion also contends that the plaintiff has not presented the facts necessary to back up the negligence claim.

According to the lawsuit a member of the U.S. Geological Survey's Interagency Grizzly Bear Study Team

found Evert's body about 21 yards away from where a bear, captured earlier in the day, had been left to recover after it was tranquilized.

DNA tests on a bear shot and killed by searchers following Evert's death proved it was the same bear that had mauled Evert, the Park County Wyoming Sheriff's Office said.

Erwin and Yolanda Evert were residents of Park Ridge who also owned a cabin in Cody, Wyoming's Kitty Creek drainage area, about 2 miles from where Erwin, a botanist, was attacked.

The lawsuit contends that Kitty Creek residents, including the Everts, were not notified by researchers that bears were being trapped near their homes.

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Trio of crashes blamed on icy roadways

Icy roads caused three motor-vehicle accidents reported to Park Ridge police the morning of Dec. 29.

A 43-year-old Chicago man was ticketed for driving too fast for conditions after his 2005 Chevrolet Trailblazer reportedly hit a patch of black ice and skidded at 7 a.m. while eastbound on Devon Avenue near Dee Road.

The vehicle left the road, striking a speed-limit sign and then a tree, police said. No injuries were reported.

An hour later a 27-year-old woman's 1999 Hyundai Sonata reportedly slid on ice on Cumberland Avenue near Third Street, causing the vehicle to jump a curb and continue over a sidewalk and parkway before re-entering the road at Third Street.

The accident caused damage to the vehicle's front wheel, police said. No tickets were issued.

Less than 30 minutes later another crash blamed on icy pavement was reported in the area of Belle Plaine and Prospect avenues.

According to police a 22-year-old Hickory Hills man was exiting an alley onto Belle Plaine when his 2001 Ford pickup truck slid on ice and struck the rear passenger side of a 2007 Chevrolet Suburban driven by a 49-year-old Park Ridge man.

The impact reportedly pushed the Suburban up onto a parkway. No tickets were issued.

Talk about a real estate market crash!

The lure of a property sale was too much for a Park Ridge man who allegedly struck an unmarked Park Ridge Police car when he backed up in the middle

of a residential street to get a better look at the site.

The 69-year-old man told police that on the morning of Dec. 28 he was driving north on Engel Boulevard from Belle Plaine Avenue when he noticed a vacant lot for sale.

He stopped his 2006 Toyota Prius and backed up to view the lot when he struck the front of a 2005 Pontiac Grand Am driven by two Park Ridge police officers.

Neither vehicle was damaged in the collision and no injuries were reported, according to the accident report.

No tickets were issued to the driver of the Toyota.

Motorist strikes parked car while snoozing at wheel

A man listed as having addresses in Chicago and Joliet was arrested Dec. 17 after he allegedly fell asleep behind the wheel of his car and crashed into a parked vehicle.

Israel Garciduenas, 27, was charged with driving without a valid license, failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident, driving an uninsured vehicle and damage to city property.

Garciduenas reportedly told police that at 12:15 a.m. he was driving west on Devon Avenue approaching Western Avenue when fell asleep.

His 2004 Lexus struck a 2002 Chevy Astro van parked along Devon Avenue, pushing the van over the curb and into bushes outside a home at 1131 S. Western Ave., police said.

The collision resulted in extensive front-end damage to Garciduenas' vehicle and rear-end damage to the van, according to police.

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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

Bong Kwon, 31, of 8809 Golf Road, was arrested Jan. 6 on the 7600 block of Golf and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol. An officer observed the subject swerving on the center yellow line multiple times. He has a court date Jan. 26.

Mirjana Lukac, 30, of 7911 Nordica, was arrested Dec. 30 on the 7700 block of Nordica and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol. She has a court date Feb. 23.

Katelyn Gipson, 19, of 8317 Osceola, was arrested Jan. 2 and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol on the 6700 block of Milwaukee Avenue. Police said the vehicle struck a ComEd pole and bounced

back several feet. She has a court date Feb. 23.

THREAT

The husband of a Niles woman contacted Niles police because he received text messages from the woman, threatening to commit suicide the afternoon of Jan. 4. The Chicago Police and Fire departments found the woman in the city near Lincoln Park Zoo. Niles Police Sgt. Tom Davis said Niles police went to the woman's home in Niles to make sure she hadn't returned home. Davis said the woman was all right when she was found by police.

RETAIL THEFT

A woman, 25 to 30 years old, allegedly ran out of a store Jan. 3 on the 5600 block of Touhy with an unspecified number of North Face jackets valued at \$1,500 to \$3,000. Police said the woman was also carrying a large duffel bag that appeared to be full.

BATTERY

Tadeusz Zdanowski, 50, of

8206 Catino, was arrested Dec. 30 at his home and charged with battery/bodily harm. The victim, 69, said his neighbor, Zdanowski, allegedly shoved him to the ground. The suspect told police he shoved the victim to defend himself because the victim was threatening him with his cane. He has a court date Jan. 24.

CRIMINAL DAMAGE

A 29-year-old Skokie man said that on Jan. 1 on the 8200 block of Dempster, someone threw a brick at his front passenger-side door. The estimated amount of damage was \$1,000. An unknown man, 20 to 30 years old, wearing dark clothing, was seen running away from the scene, police said.

DISTURBANCE

Male customers were asked to leave a liquor establishment Jan. 1 on the 6900 block of Milwaukee Avenue after allegedly bumping into numerous people on the dance floor. Police said the men left in a taxi when an officer arrived at the scene.

SHERIFF'S REPORTS

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

BATTERY

Two teenage boys, ages 14 and 15, told police they were attacked by four males while walking home the afternoon of Dec. 22 near Home Avenue and

Home Circle. Police noted that the victims had red marks on their faces, but they refused medical treatment. The case was turned over to investigators.

A 30-year-old man told police he was "jumped" by a man he did not know while walking home at 4:30 a.m. Dec. 25. The alleged beating occurred on the 8800 block of Carleah Drive. The victim refused medical attention, police said.

BURGLARY

A resident of Crestwood condominiums and apartments on the 10100 block of Holly Lane told police she

returned home the afternoon of Dec. 21 and discovered a video-game system and games missing from her living room. There were no signs of forced entry to the residence, police said.

THEFT

An \$800 air-conditioning unit was discovered missing Dec. 20 from a foreclosed residence on the 9500 block of Park Lane. The theft was discovered by a man contracted by a bank to winterize foreclosed properties the bank owns, police said.

HIT-AND-RUN

A hit-and-run accident was reported Dec. 26 on the 8800 block of Robin Drive.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Toys collected for children

The Niles Fire Department coordinated an effort to provide toys to children at Lutheran General Children's Hospital just in time for the holiday season. The Fire Department created various

drop-off locations for toys throughout Niles so that community members could be involved with this effort. Then, on Dec. 6, the toys were delivered to children who are in the hospital. Village officials, firemen, and Marines also visited with the children while they passed out toys.

Niles officials included: Robert Callero, Niles mayor; Steven Borkowski, fire chief;

Carl Maniscalco, Niles Fitness Center director; Kelly Mickle, Niles Senior Center director; Linda Weiss, Niles Public Library director; James Leibach, Niles Fire Department firefighter; Jennifer Seymour, village of Niles; Bernadette Knapik, Niles Fire Department coordinator; Dennis O'Donovan, Niles Park District commissioner; plus two U.S. Marine Corp Reserve members.

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PUBLIC SAFETY

Niles police share tips on preventing auto burglary

The Niles Police Department would like residents and visitors to the village of Niles to take extra care.

Take the time to remove items from plain view such as GPS units, radar detectors, laptop bags, purses and backpacks.

Below are some helpful hints to reduce the risk of an auto burglary. As a reminder, if you observe a crime in progress, call 911 and report any suspicious activity.

Do not leave valuables in the car. If you leave valuable items visible in your car, your car is automatically a target. If you choose to leave your car open, do not leave anything in it — not even your registration. If you must leave valuable items in your car while out and about, place items out of sight before reaching your destination or move

them inconspicuously.

Someone may be watching when you put items under a seat or throw something over them. An opportunistic thief is on the lookout for trunk-packing, and can break into your car the minute you are out of sight. If you cannot take them with you, at least lock the items in the glove compartment (if capable of locking and large enough) or your trunk.

Do not leave any "sign" that there might be valuables "out of sight" in your vehicle, such as docking stations, phone chargers or connector cables. Leave nothing in "plain sight" that might make your vehicle worth "investigating" by a thief — not even loose coins or a CD.

Try to park in busy, well-lit and well-traveled areas. Large, anonymous lots are

hit by thieves much more often than parking immediately adjacent to residential housing or other occupied buildings. Auto burglars prefer breaking into cars where they will not be observed or attract notice, and choose their targets accordingly.

Lock all of your vehicle's doors, even if you plan to be gone for only a brief time. Every year, items are stolen from unlocked vehicles where the owner was going to be gone "just for a second." It only takes seconds to steal. It is not at all uncommon for thieves to walk down a row of parked vehicles and check vehicle doors to see if they are unlocked. Do not leave any window open or even cracked open, including vent/wing windows and sunroofs.

Set any alarm or anti-theft device. If you have one,

use it. Many people believe that car alarms no longer make a difference, but they can be an effective deterrent to an auto burglar, who most often chooses the easiest target. If they have two cars to choose from, one with an alarm and one without, they will likely burglarize the one without (unless you have left out valuables just too good to ignore).

What items are most commonly stolen from vehicles? Backpacks, gym bags, briefcases; cash/coins, checkbooks and credit/debit cards, wallets and purses (even when hidden under a seat or in an unlocked glove compartment); laptop computers, iPods and MP3 players, (and docking stations), cell phones (and chargers); portable GPS navigation systems, stereo/CD players (and faceplates), amps, speakers (even when bolted

down); jewelry, keys, mail (identity theft), tools; and anything of obvious value.

Mark your valuables. As a last line of defense (not really to prevent theft as much as to aid in recovery), record all serial numbers, even though many serial numbers are on removable "labels," rather than "engraved" into the valuable items. We suggest inscribing/engraving a "personal identifier" on all valuables. Do not use your Social Security Number (due to identity theft); use your driver's license number, prefaced by your DL state, such as "IL-B12345678910." With that marking, any police officer can trace your valuables back to you, wherever it is recovered, and the chances of being reunited with your stolen valuables is dramatically increased.

What to do if something

is stolen out of your car? As soon as you notice something's stolen (or that your car has been broken into), do not touch/adjust anything in, on or around the car. As soon as possible call the police to report the incident.

Report suspicious activity. If you see suspicious activity call 911. "Suspicious Activity" would include: Persons walking up and down the street or parking lots looking into cars or trying door handles; vehicles cruising the street or parking lots at very slow speeds for extended periods while observing parked cars; persons making any kind of mark or placing anything on parked vehicles; persons sitting in running parked cars for protracted periods; and vehicles dropping one person off while continuing to cruise the same area.



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Park Ridge Police have released this sketch of a man seen in the area of a home burglarized Dec. 23 on the 500 block of South Cumberland Avenue.

PARK RIDGE POLICE

Neighbor's description yields sketch of burglary suspect

The Park Ridge Police Department has released a sketch of a man seen near a home that was burglarized the night of Dec. 23.

The break-in occurred on the 500 block of South Cumberland Avenue. The resident of the home reported that she was pulling into her garage via the alley about 9 p.m. when she saw a man loading a large object into a dark-colored sedan parked nearby, Park Ridge Police said.

When the woman entered her house she discovered the

residence had been burglarized, police said. She reportedly went back outside to the alley, where she saw the sedan driving north through the alley at a high rate of speed.

Police said a large safe containing a "considerable amount of cash and jewelry" was reported stolen from the home.

While police canvassed the area, a neighbor told officers he was walking his dog when he saw an unfamiliar man emerge from between two houses about the time the burglary was believed to have

occurred. The neighbor, who asked the man how he was doing, described the stranger as nervous and said he appeared to be sweating.

A Cook County Sheriff's Department composite artist used the neighbor's description of the man to create a police sketch. The suspect was further described as between 35 and 40 years old, about 6 feet tall and weighing 200 pounds.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Park Ridge Detective Tim McEwen, (847) 318-5268.

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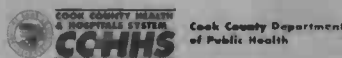
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BY PAUL SASSONE
Columnist

But beyond the money, I'm just not a fine-dining kind of guy. I'm a simple soul, shy and out of place in fancy restaurants.

That reminded me. I was watching the news. The news reader was announcing that the celebrated Charlie Trotter would close his world-renowned Chicago restaurant in August to travel and study philosophy.

And that reminded me I should start fixing dinner. Should I heat up the leftover pizza or open a can of chili?

As you can deduce, I am not someone who has dined at Charlie Trotter's restaurant. My cousin — who is a chef — has dined there and says its reputation is well deserved.

I am sure it is. But I have missed the restaurant's first 25 years, and I am about to miss the last few months.

For one thing, I can't afford to eat at Charlie Trotter's. The Grand menu, a multi-course offering of such delights as roasted Muscovy duck with candied kumquats, is \$165 per person. And for \$225 you can dine in the restaurant's kitchen. Which is highly desired, for some reason.

But beyond the money, I'm just not a fine-dining kind of guy. I'm a simple soul, shy and out of place in fancy restaurants. Even the names of fancy restaurants put me off:

- Su Casa, Mi Dollars.
- The Snobbery.
- Le Pretentious.
- And high-end restaurants of-

ten leave out things I like. A chic Italian restaurant, for example, may not serve spaghetti and meatballs.

Plebeian that I am, I judge a restaurant by certain criteria. A restaurant is good if:

1. There is a little bowl on the table that contains more than 10 pats of butter.
2. They bring water without you having to ask for it. And the water contains lots of ice.
3. There is more than one roll per person in the bread basket.
4. Each diner has a knife, a fork and a spoon. That's enough. Less, and you can't get the food to your mouth. More, and you have to appear an oaf by asking which spoon to use to eat the meat.
5. There are two kinds of soup on the menu and one of them is not chicken.
6. Cucumbers are on top of the salad so they can easily be picked off.
7. They warn you that the plate is hot. This prevents burns and indicates the food has been properly microwaved.
8. They serve real mashed potatoes. Or if the mashed potatoes are fake, at least they give you a lot of them.
9. The vegetable is always corn.
10. They don't get mad at you and yell at you in French when you ask for your beef well-done.

1000 WORDS BY JACK HIGGINS



Navigating food fads takes Herculean effort



BY CHERYL O'DONOVAN
Van Mom Strikes Again

Ever notice that one marketing trend can engulf five shelves of competing products?

Take yogurt, for example. A couple of years ago, the emphasis seemed to be on probiotics and Jamie Lee Curtis consoling digestively challenged women on sofas.

Now the trend in yogurt is Greek. Health experts recommend the Greek kind because it's thicker, creamier and contains less sugar. Each bite packs more protein and "good" bacteria.

This likely means my kids will never eat it.

At the grocery store, I saw a host of Greek-yogurt brands. I glanced over rows of brightly designed containers, many with white pillars and goddesses. One featured a toothy guy with a bed sheet

wrapped around his shoulder.

A Greek-yogurt brand touted it was the original and best. "This yogurt sculpted away Aphrodite's cellulite and helped forge democracy."

Another brand touted: "Eat this, tubbo, and walk home with a Spartan 300 six-pack!"

I picked up a container of a honey-flavored kind. Its marketing slogan: "So utterly Greek that it

"OK. I'm a little squirmy thinking of eating something that regards me as a 'host organism.'"

comes with its own philosopher!"

Also, I discover that "probiotic" isn't a marketing term, but a real live microorganism "thought to be beneficial to the host organism."

OK. I'm a little squirmy thinking of eating something that regards me as a "host organism."

And "thought to be beneficial" does not imbue me with confidence, either. Coming out and saying, "We took a Supreme Court oath; we testified before Congress and our grandmothers; we even pricked our fingers and wrote it in blood. This is most assuredly beneficial." That's a product I'll buy.

Probiotics are "consumed as part of fermented foods with live cultures."

Isn't this what Alexander Fleming grew in his petri dish? "Certain yeasts and bacilli may also be helpful."

Well, yeast helps make bread dough, but I distrust anything called "bacilli" that isn't in the pasta section.

According to further research, the European Food Safety Authority disputes claims about probiotic products, saying they are unproven.

I drove over to Jamie Lee's house and asked what she thought. Her security guards escorted me to the gate.

Beware of Geeks bearing fixes



BY STEPHANIE ZIMMERMANN
The Fixer

Dear Fixer: I brought my Dell computer, which was under warranty, to the Best Buy Geek Squad for repair. When I returned to pick up the repaired computer, the case was badly scratched and gouged.

I had presented the computer to them in the original box, wrapped in towels, with no damage to the case.

After much back-and-forth about sending it out to be rebuilt — it was only nine months old — they agreed to replace it.

However, the original model was discontinued, so they gave me a different one with equal capacity.

Here's the problem: My original computer's software was installed by the Geek Squad at no cost to me. They promised to do the same with the new unit — until I accepted the replacement. Then, I was rudely told that no further action would be taken.

I called customer relations and was given the name of a person to speak with to try to get this resolved. I left messages six times and have not gotten a call back. Either this person does not exist or she is ignoring me.

I have a new computer sitting in a box, totally useless to me as I do not have the skills to set it up or transfer my old files. This has been the situation for the past three weeks.

At one point, I asked Best Buy for a refund so I could take my business where it is appreciated. I was told this was not possible as I had the equipment for more than 30 days.

I have invested about \$1,500 in this adventure and still have no functioning computer. If they had not been careless, I would have a working computer. Can you help?

Mark Stubitsch

Dear Mark: The Fixer didn't want your new computer to turn into an expensive footstool, so we decided to vault over the person you tried to contact and go straight to Best Buy's corporate offices in suburban Minneapolis. There, we found Jill Nezworski, senior executive resolution specialist, who chopped through this silly red tape in less than a day. A tech is scheduled to come to your home this week to set up your computer, and Nezworski also threw in a complimentary \$50 gift card to try to make up for the hassle.

Dear Fixer: My problem started last spring. My husband was planning on retiring on July 1, which would leave me with no health insurance (he would be on Medicare).

We were contacted by an authorized agent for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Illinois. Through them, we purchased both his Medicare supplement policy and a temporary policy for me.

I was told that I could take this policy for up to six months. This was perfect, since I only needed five months' coverage until I could go on Medicare on Dec. 1.

I also was told that I didn't have to pay for the entire five months at that time, but could pay for three months (July, August and September) and then pay for the remaining two months before Oct. 1. The way it was explained, it sounded like a simple payment

plan, so I paid for the first three months, which would start July 1. Now comes the nightmare!

In July, I became ill with what I thought was a simple cold. When I didn't feel better after 10 days, I went to my doctor. To make a long story short, I was diagnosed with lung cancer, which was not curable but could be controlled with chemo.

When the time came to make the remaining two payments on my health insurance policy, I was told that it was not just a payment plan, but the policy would have to be renewed, which Blue Cross would not do because I now had a pre-existing condition.

If this had been explained to me, I would have just paid for the whole five months at the start. Although I have never had a serious illness before this, I am not a gambler!

So now I stood with no health insurance at all for October and November, without which I could not afford to have the chemo treatments — but also had the additional worry of what would happen if I had an accident or became sick for any other reason. After many phone calls and letters, the president of the agency that sold me the policy agreed to continue my basic coverage for the two months, but said Blue Cross Blue Shield would not cover any cancer care for that period.

I don't think anything can be done at this point, but I hope this can serve as a warning to anyone else needing temporary insurance coverage.

Sharon Minarik

Dear Sharon: Reading your letter made us throw our hands up in despair. Why, in a great country like this, a person's cancer treatment can hinge on the words of a sales person for an insurance company is truly beyond us.

When we first spoke in early November, you told us you had been a Blue Cross Blue Shield customer for years and are a good person who pays her bills.

Something is very wrong here.

You told The Fixer you were prepared to pay for the full five months of coverage when the sales agent suggested paying for just three months first and two more later. By the time you were diagnosed and denied, it was too late for a Plan B.

The out-of-pocket cost through the hospital was \$6,000 and the cost to backdate a COBRA policy would have been \$12,000 with a \$3,500 deductible, neither of which you could afford.

Thankfully, you started treatments in December, after you missed two months.

We asked Blue Cross Blue Shield of Illinois for an explanation, and they said the application you signed indicated that pre-existing conditions would not be covered. They also said they take seriously any complaints from consumers that they were misinformed by sales agents. Blue Cross Blue Shield did refund you \$369.40 for October and November, so that's some small consolation.

We wish you all good thoughts as you go through your treatments. Please stay in touch.

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Medicine ball

need a 6-pound medicine ball and a half-dome Bosu ball, which you can buy at any sporting goods store. If your workout area is carpeted, you'll need two large furniture moving sliders (available at office supply or hardware stores).

However, if you're exercising on hardwood floors, two dishtowels work equally as well. This workout consists of two circuits, each of which includes a number of different exercises. Be sure to complete each exercise three times before moving on to the next circuit. If you are confused at any time, visit www.pioneerlocal.com/mommy where we have step-by-step video instructions.



Beth Engelman is doing alternate knee tucks as part of her resolution to get fit in the new year. Trainer John Balitchik looks on. | DAN LUEDERT-SUN-TIMES MEDIA

CIRCUIT 1



Mountain climbers

(with furniture moving sliders/towels)

Place hands on the floor, slightly wider than shoulder width apart.

Place feet on sliders or towels with left leg bent forward and right leg extended long.

Keep hands firmly in place while quickly sliding the position of your feet so that your left leg is now extended and your right leg is bent.

Continue sliding legs backwards and forwards (in opposite directions) for 30-60 seconds.

Plank jacks

(with furniture moving sliders/towels)

Get in "plank position" with forearms on floor and legs extended long.

Place feet on towels or sliders.

Slide your feet into a wide "V" (as though you were doing a jumping jack). Then slide them back to starting position.

Continue to slide legs out and in while forearms remain firmly in place for 30-60 seconds.

Planks

Get in "plank position" with forearms on floor and legs extended long.

Tighten core as you hold this position for 30-60 seconds.

Backward lunge, high knee lift

(with 6-pound medicine ball)

Get ready to feel like a Rockette!

Stand with feet shoulder width apart.

Hold the medicine ball in front of you.

Slowly lunge backwards with your right leg being sure to bend your knees up to 90 degrees.

Push your right foot off the floor and raise your right knee high in the air before placing your foot back to its starting place.

Continue the exercise until you have done 15 reps on each leg.

CIRCUIT 2



Bosu push-ups

Get in Bosu push-up position with feet on Bosu and hands on floor (shoulder width apart).

Slowly do a push-up so that your arms bend at least 90 degrees before pushing back up. Repeat exercise until you have completed 15 push-ups.

Single leg toes taps (on a Bosu)

Get in Bosu push-up position.

Keep your right leg straight as you slowly lift it up and tap the floor to the right of the Bosu.

Return your leg to starting position and repeat.

Continue exercise until you have done 15 reps with both legs.

Alternate knee tucks

Get in Bosu push-up position.

Slowly tuck your knee into your body so that it almost touches your chin.

Return foot to the top of the Bosu and repeat with other leg.

Continue alternating knee tucks for 30-60 seconds.

Single leg raises

Get in Bosu push-up position.

Slowly raise your left leg off the Bosu, high into the air.

Return leg to starting position and repeat.

Continue movement until you have done 15 raises with each leg.

Squats

End your workout by sitting down (well, almost).

Stand with your legs shoulder width apart.

Slowly squat as though you were going to sit on a low chair.

Be sure your core is tight, your back is flat and your knees do not pass your toes.

Do 20 reps.

RAISE THE BARRE

Looking to shake up your workout? Try one of the uber-popular "barre classes" that are offered throughout the Chicago area. Barre classes combine yoga, Pilates and ballet to provide a full-body toning and conditioning workout that helps increase flexibility, mobility and strength.

"It's the only exercise that really changed my body," said Leanne Kurtzweil, co-owner of The Dailey Method studio in Kenilworth.

Like many exercise programs, the more you do The Dailey Method, the stronger you'll become, but Kurtzweil (who is a new mother herself) knows that coming to the studio isn't always possible. "We offer child care which we hope will help the busy mom," says Kurtzweil, "but a great supplement is our No Excuses DVD. The DVD provides two different workouts and is an effective way to practice TDM on days when coming to the studio is not possible."

For more information about The Dailey Method and its at-home video, visit www.thedaileymethod.com/northshore.html.

4 For Your Consideration

A quartet of activities for the coming week

1. "Black Pearl Sings!," Jan. 13-Feb. 19 at Northlight Theatre, located at the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie. Featuring a cappella renditions of rare American folk songs, the play tells the Depression-era story of two women dependent on one another to gain acceptance in a divided society. Tickets are \$25-\$60; \$25-\$40 for previews, Jan. 13-19. Tickets for those 25 and under are \$10, subject to availability. Call (847) 673-6300 or visit www.northlight.org.

2. Chicago Philharmonic Chamber Players present "Freedom and Folk Songs," a concert honoring the spirit of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., at 3 p.m. Jan. 15 at St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 205 N. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge. The program includes "Five Negro Melodies" by English composer Samuel Coleridge-Taylor; Erno von Dohnanyi's Serenade for String Trio, Opus 10; and Antonin Dvorak's Piano Quartet in E-flat Major, Opus 87. Tickets are \$15 in advance, \$10 seniors; \$20 at the door, \$15 seniors. Admission is free for students. Visit www.chicagophilharmonic.org or call (847) 866-6888.

3. Hogeve Folk Arts hosts a concert by autoharpist Bryan Bowers at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 14 at Lake Street Church, 607 Lake St., Evanston. \$15 general admission; \$13 for senior citizens; \$5 for students; free for children under 12. Advance tickets available at www.brownpapertickets.com. For information, visit www.hogeyefolkarts.org.

4. "Ten: A Celebratory Festival of New Work," a free performance of short pieces, will be presented at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 12-13; 4 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Jan. 14; and 2:30 p.m. Jan. 15 at The Gift Theatre, 4802 N. Milwaukee (Jefferson Park), Chicago. Visit www.thegifttheatre.org.

Kids give Jodi Koplin plenty to sing about

BY MYRNA PETLICKI

Contributor

Eat too many beans and you'll get gas. Riverwoods resident Jodi Koplin shares this pearl of wisdom in the playful title tune of her latest CD with her Jigglejam Band, "Jumpin' Bean."

The lively album of all original tunes by the popular children's entertainer features a diverse range of styles from "Achoo Blues" to the lovely lullaby, "Happily Ever After," in which kids are invited to "Sail away on your dream ship over clouds."

There will be an official release party for the album on Sunday, Jan. 15 at S.P.A.C.E. in Evanston.

Koplin said her songs are inspired by "being a parent and going through all the experiences that a parent goes through. I try to find the humor in some of those experiences."

Food songs

One example on the new CD is the song "Macaroni & Cheese," inspired by the time in many kids' lives when that's all they will eat. "And then all they want is peanut butter and jelly," Koplin said.

The busy teacher is also inspired by the many children she has worked with through the years. Some of those kids sing on the new CD as part of the 11-voice Jigglejammer Kids Chorus. The album also features 10 professional musicians, including renowned guitarist Robbie Fulks.

In addition to being highly entertaining, "Jumpin' Bean" offers some life lessons as in the rock and roll tune, "Stop, Drop & Roll," about what to do in case of a fire.

"I was inspired to write that when I was asked to be on 'The Bozo Show' many years ago for Fire Prevention Week," Koplin reported.

Koplin, who grew up in Lincolnwood, began performing nearly 20 years ago. "I always wanted to work with children and thought I would be a kindergarten teacher," she said. "As I got a little bit older, I was really interested in singing and music but wasn't encouraged by my family or my school and decided to start a career in social work when I was in college. I got to work with families and children and really loved that."

But Koplin never lost her love for music. She had started playing guitar when she was 18. "I always thought I wanted to make the world a better place — either by teaching



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Music for kids

She launched her musical career by working with very young children through the Wiggleworms program at the Old Town School of Folk Music. "I've been teaching there on and off for the last 18 or 19 years," Koplin reported. "Things started to snowball from there."

The busy performer and teacher conducts Jigglejam and music classes through the Park Ridge Park District and teaches Wiggleworms classes in Glencoe in addition to her classes at Old Town in Chicago. She also frequently performs solo concerts as well as concerts with her Jigglejam Band.

Since her children are grown now, Koplin has more time to increase her volunteer activities. "I like to give back," she said. "Recently I've done some work with the Saving Tiny Hearts Society, which raises money for research for children with heart defects." Along with her husband, Kent Koplin, who plays the harmonica, she recently performed a benefit concert for A Safe Haven, a homeless shelter for families of veterans.

A percentage of the proceeds of CD sales at the S.P.A.C.E. concert will be donated to the Lacey Horwitch Foundation to raise money for research to fight RTH, a resistance to the thyroid hormone disease.

When you come to the S.P.A.C.E. concert on Jan. 15, be prepared to sing and dance.

"Everybody's a part of the show," Koplin said.



Jodi Koplin

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11 a.m. Saturday, March 31

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FAMILY FRIENDLY



"Mileep and the Attack of the Jellybean People," presented Jan. 19-29 by the Young Actors Ensemble at Mayer Kaplan JCC in Skokie, blends lessons with fun for young audiences.

'Jellybean People' are sweet treat in Skokie

BY MYRNA PETLICKI
Contributor

For details, call (847) 692-3359 or visit www.prparks.org.

Flight plan

The name of the event says it all: It's a Paper Airplane Contest! Kids in first through sixth grade will fold paper to create an aircraft, 1:30-2:45 p.m. Monday at Niles Public Library, 6960 W. Oakton St. After that, there will be a test flight to see which designs work best in terms of distance, accuracy and flight time. A grownup has to stay with first- and second-graders. Registration is required.

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

Weasel your way in

That will be easy at Wily Weasels, 6-7:30 p.m. Jan. 19 at Wildwood Nature Center, 529 Forestview Ave., Park Ridge. Kids and parents are invited to learn about these playful creatures, create a related craft and meet a member of the family that lives at Wildwood. Cost is \$15 per family.

For details, call (847) 692-3570 or visit www.prparks.org.

Zoo to you

Kids will have hands-on experiences with animals when Scales and Tales Traveling Zoo visits the Skokie Public Library, 5215 Oakton St., 11 a.m.-noon Jan. 21. Register by Jan. 19.

For details, call (847) 324-3149 or visit www.skokieliibrary.info.

Kids will realize how bad sweets can be after they see "Mileep and the Attack of the Jellybean People." The original science fiction musical is being presented by the Young Actors Ensemble at 7 p.m. Thursdays, and noon and 3:30 p.m. Sundays, Jan. 19-29, at the Mayer Kaplan JCC, 5050 Church St., Skokie.

"It's the story of a boy who is with his family on a boring, boring planet," said director and co-author Robert Bouwman. Workers on the planet make things for Earth.

"Mileep has an overactive imagination," Bouwman said. "Soon the people in his life become a part of his fantasy world. He has to find the key to his imagination in order to save the world from the evil Jellybean People who are trying to take over."

The cast consists of 15 children, ages 9-15. Tickets are \$15, \$10 for ages 8-12, \$5 for kids 7 and under.

For details, call (847) 763-3518 or visit www.gojcc.org/content/view/100/130/.

Skate with Skates

The Chicago Wolves' mascot, Skates, will be greeting fans at the Oakton Ice Arena Open House, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Monday at 2800 W. Oakton, Park Ridge. All ages are welcome. There's a \$1 entry fee. Skate rentals are free while supplies last.

MOVIE REVIEW

A leaden 'Iron Lady'

BY BRUCE INGRAM

Film Critic

THE IRON LADY

★ ★ 1/2

Though Meryl Streep's performance as the iron-willed (and occasionally iron-fisted) British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher is richly detailed and compelling, the same can't be said for this surprisingly superficial and unfocused bio-drama.

As a political leader, Thatcher was a wildly polarizing figure, much loved and much hated. You might expect that "The Iron Lady" would reflect one or the other of those sentiments, but screenwriter Abi Morgan ("Shame") and director Phyllida Lloyd ("Mamma Mia") seem to have decided to sidestep that potentially limiting issue by telling the story of Margaret Thatcher: Human Being.

Unfortunately, that approach comes with considerable limitations of its own.

"Iron Lady" is set roughly 15 years after Thatcher was forced out of office in 1990 by members of her own party. The first indication of how remarkable Streep's performance is going to be is the fact that she is hardly recognizable while playing Thatcher as a little old lady complaining about the cost of a quart of milk at the corner grocery.

The woman who dominated Britain's Conservative Party during the 1980s, who declared figurative war on labor unions and led her nation into the real thing after Argentina's 1983 invasion of the Falkland Islands, whose economic policies caused rioting in the streets and whose policies regarding Ireland led to numerous retaliatory bombings by the IRA, is now an octogenarian in the early stages of Alzheimer's. She spends her days wandering through her home under the watchful eye of minders as she fondly bickers with her husband Denis (Jim Broadbent) — who has been dead for years.

That's an interesting setup: One that's not that far removed from our first view of the aged and diminished



Jim Broadbent stars opposite Meryl Streep in "The Iron Lady," a biopic of British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher. The film, written by Abi Morgan ("Shame") and directed by Phyllida Lloyd ("Mamma Mia"), fails to live up to the promise of Streep's performance.

Charles Foster Kane in "Citizen Kane." But "Iron Lady" doesn't seem to have any easily identifiable agenda. At least, not in terms of juxtaposing Thatcher's glory days as a powerful player on the world stage with her latter days as a forcibly retired redundancy, who has to be reminded she is no longer the prime minister and chides her husband for getting into bed with his shoes on.

No, nothing that obvious; or that useful, as a means of putting Thatcher's life into some sort of perspective, however arbitrary, is going on here. Instead, "The Iron Lady" suggests that Thatcher's relationship with her husband is the one thing that's really on her mind years after her political life has ended — along with fond memories of her grocer father, a great believer in English self-sufficiency and pluck who inspired her political ideals.

That's kind of a sweet idea, and it does serve to provide a through line for her political career, since he proposed to her after her first failed bid for Parliament in 1950 and was indeed her closest supporter until his death. And Streep's scenes with the always-welcome Broadbent are certainly charmers, even if he does say "Steady the bus, old girl!" one too many times. Trouble is, Thatcher's rever-

ies about early dates with her husband and remarkably happy marriage, along with guilt at having put her political ambitions ahead of family, push aside the most dramatic events of her career.

Worse, it means that we get little sense of what it must have taken for Thatcher to break down the barriers of gender and class and battle her way to ultimate power. Only one scene (in which her humiliation of a cabinet member leads to a palace coup) shows that Thatcher had teeth and claws and was more than willing to use them.

Instead, "Iron Lady" presents Thatcher as a sterling example of old-fashioned, stiff-upper-lip values, whose determination to do great things, combined with fierce self-discipline and determination, allowed her to triumph over the old-boy network, trade unions and more, eventually paying off with a portrait in 10 Downing Street, right next to those of Winston Churchill and Lloyd George.

And Streep, pulling out all the stops as she did playing Julia Child in "Julie & Julia," is convincing enough to make us believe it. Almost.

Surely, there is much, much more to be revealed about the Right Honorable Baroness Margaret Hilda Thatcher.

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FILM CLIPS

BY BRUCE INGRAM
 Film Critic

OPENING FRIDAY

BEAUTY AND THE BEAST

Rated: G
Stars: Jerry Orbach, Angela Lansbury, Robby Benson
 ■ After conquering Broadway, Disney's 1991 animated classic returns for a victory lap — in 3-D yet.

CARNAGE

★★★ 1/2

Rated: R for language
Stars: Jodie Foster, John C. Reilly, Kate Winslet, Christoph Waltz
 ■ Roman Polanski's adaptation of Yasmina Reza's savagely satirical Tony-winning dark comedy isn't nearly as funny as the brilliant production mounted last year at the Goodman Theatre, but it's got the savage thing down cold. That will probably please Reza, who intends her dissections of bourgeoisie pretense (as in her 1998 Tony-winner "Art") to be tragedies and is annoyed when her victims find them amusing. Essentially a comedy of inadequate manners, "Carnage" pits two sets of upper-middle-class parents against each other in an attempt to deal like civilized adults with a schoolyard fight between their two 11-year-old sons. Very soon, polite discussion devolves into open hostility, projectile vomiting, heavy drinking and generally appalling behavior that leaves no one unscathed. If you're conflict-averse, this may not be for you, but it's a wicked treat watching Reilly, Foster, Waltz and Winslet revel in Reza's scathing dialogue — especially Foster, whose turn as a holier-than-thou liberal humanitarian gradually giving in to apoplectic rage must be seen to be believed.

CONTRABAND

Rated: R for violence, pervasive language and brief drug use
Stars: Mark Wahlberg, Giovanni Ribisi, Kate Beckinsale
 ■ After going straight, a former smuggler (Wahlberg) is drawn back into the trade to make good on a deal botched by his brother-in-law — and



Dolly Parton and Queen Latifah are star performers in a small-town church choir who have conflicting ideas about the best approach to a national competition, in "Joyful Noise." Keke Palmer also stars in the film, directed by Todd Graff ("Bandslam").

to protect his wife (Beckinsale). Icelandic actor/director Baltasar Kormakur ("The Sea") directed the crime drama.

THE IRON LADY

Rated: PG-13 for some violent images and brief nudity
Stars: Meryl Streep, Jim Broadbent
 ■ Years after being forced out of office, British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher reflects on her life and the sacrifices she made for power. Phyllida Lloyd ("Mamma Mia") directed the bio-drama. Reviewed in this section.

JOYFUL NOISE

Rated: PG-13 for some language including a sexual reference
Stars: Queen Latifah, Dolly Parton, Keke Palmer
 ■ The star performers (Latifah and Parton) of a small-town church choir have conflicting ideas about the best way to participate in a national competition. Todd Graff ("Bandslam") wrote and directed the comedy.

STILL PLAYING

THE ADVENTURES OF TINTIN

Rated: PG for action-adventure violence, some drunkenness and brief smoking
Stars: Daniel Craig, Jamie Bell, Andy Serkis
 ■ A young adventurer (Bell) becomes involved in a race for maps leading to sunken treasure with the sea-captain descendant (Serkis) of a mariner who scuttled his ship to keep it from

pirates. Steven Spielberg directed the motion-capture animated adventure based on stories by the Belgian comic-book artist Herge.

THE ARTIST

Rated: PG-13 for a disturbing image and a crude gesture
Stars: John Goodman, Jean Dujardin, Berenice Bejo
 ■ A silent-movie star (Dujardin) worried about the effect sound movies will have on his career falls in love with a young dancer (Bejo). Michel Hazanavicius ("OSS 117") directed the romance. In French with subtitles.

THE GIRL WITH THE DRAGON TATTOO

Rated: R for brutal violent content including rape and torture, strong sexuality, graphic nudity and language
Stars: Daniel Craig, Rooney Mara, Stellan Skarsgard
 ■ A magazine publisher (Craig) joins forces with a computer hacker (Mara) to track down a serial murderer. David Fincher ("The Social Network") directed.

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 movie to behold. "Hugo" is all about secrets and dreams and work and family and time and magic and movies, especially about movies.

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.

WAR HORSE

★★★

Rated: PG-13 for intense sequences of war violence
Stars: Jeremy Irvine, Emily Watson, Peter Mullan
 ■ Steven Spielberg's epic World War I drama about the soul-connection between a farm boy and a thoroughbred stallion-turned-plowhorse-turned-wartime-beast-of-burden, is beautifully crafted, grand in scope and deeply moving at its best. Two things, though, prevent "War Horse" from achieving the sort of emotional impact Spielberg is famous for: A storyline that struggles to reconcile material best suited for young audiences, a la "E.T.," with hard-hitting anti-war statements, a la "Saving Private Ryan"; and a detached point of view that makes it difficult to identify closely with any of the characters. That said, "War Horse" is never less than visually dazzling, and its pacifist message, along with the general idea that life is precious, regardless of class or nationality or species, are driven home by effective performances across the board.

SHOWTIMES

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War Horse (PG-13) Fri 6:45-9:45; Sat, Sun 12:30-3:30-6:45-9:45; Mon, Wed 12:30-3:30-6:45; Tue, Thu 6:45
We Bought a Zoo (PG) Fri 4:45-7:15-9:45; Sat, Sun 11:45-2:15-4:45-7:15-9:45; Mon, Wed 11:45-2:15-4:45-7:15; Tue, Thu 4:45-7:15
Mission: Impossible - Ghost Protocol (PG-13) Fri 4:30-7:10-9:50; Sat, Sun 12:45-4:30-7:10-9:50; Mon, Wed 12:45-4:30-7:10; Tue, Thu 4:30-7:10
The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo (R) Fri 7:10; Sat, Sun 12:30-3:40-7:10; Mon, Wed 12:30-3:40-7:10; Tue, Thu 7
Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows (PG-13) Fri 4:15-7:15-9:50; Sat, Sun 1:4-15-7:15-9:50; Mon, Wed 1:4-15-7:15; Tue, Thu 4:15-7:15

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Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy (R) Fri-Mon 11:30-2:15-5:10-8:10; Tue-Thu 2:15-5:10-8:10
A Dangerous Method (R) Fri-Mon 12:20-2:40-5:20-7:45; Tue-Thu 2:40-5:20-7:45
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My Week with Marilyn (R) Fri, Sat 1-4-7-9:45; Sun 1-4-7; Mon-Thu 4-7
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MONEYBALL

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Rated: PG-13 for some strong language

Stars: Brad Pitt, Jonah Hill, Phillip Seymour Hoffman

■ Instead of a typical, root-for-the-underdog sports movie culminating in a miraculous triumph, "Moneyball" offers something more interesting: A bit of a miracle, but with a built-in anticlimax, and a qualified triumph by a complicated character who is not necessarily motivated by a love of the game. Pitt is at his best here as Oakland Athletics general manager Billy Beane, who decided in 2001 (after his best players were hired away by richer teams) to radically re-think the way baseball is played. With the number-crunching help of a Yale economics grad who has never played the game (a nice performance by Hill), Beane gambles his career by using his limited budget to buy under-valued players who seem at first to be insane choices. In the process, he antagonizes fans, coaches, players, scouts and sportscasters by appearing to threaten baseball's cherished traditions. Ultimately, "Moneyball" gives us a story about stubborn determination and willingness to defy conventional thinking that is inspirational in itself. Bennett Miller ("Capote") directed the drama from a script by Oscar winners Aaron Sorkin ("The Social Network") and Steven Zallian ("Schindler's List").

THE SCORPION KING 3: BATTLE FOR REDEMPTION
★★

Rated: PG-13 for sequences of violence and action throughout and for sexual and crude references

Stars: Victor Webster, Ron Perlman, Billy Zane

■ Hope reigns eternal if you have any patience whatsoever for action craziness of the sort made surprisingly entertaining by the first two



Brad Pitt stars as Oakland A's General Manager Billy Beane and Jonah Hill plays a Yale economics grad who helps him turn baseball conventions upside-down in "Moneyball," written by Aaron Sorkin ("The Social Network") and Steven Zallian ("Schindler's List").

installments in this archeology-gone-wild franchise, 1999's "The Mummy" and 2001's "The Mummy Returns." After "The Scorpion King," though, featuring a notable early performance by Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson, and a little-known entry called "The Scorpion King: Rise of a Warrior," which jettisoned Brendan Fraser and Rachel Weisz as well as any meaningful continuity, there's not a whole lot for mummy fans to get excited about. Someone named Victor Webster is filling in for Johnson this time, and he's kept busy rushing from one confusing set piece to another as an assassin-for-hire helping out a buddy of the King of Egypt (Ron Perlman, believe it or not) in some place that looks suspiciously like Thailand. Many muscles are flexed, many heads are bashed, but, unfortunately, there's little sting left in the Scorpion King.

ALSO NEW

BOARDWALK EMPIRE: THE COMPLETE FIRST SEASON

■ Martin Scorsese executive-produced and won an Emmy for directing the pilot episode of this HBO series about Prohibition-era Atlantic City politician/gangster

Nucky Thompson (Steve Buscemi). This five-disc set features all 12 first-season episodes plus commentaries and mini-docs including one that details the construction of the 300-foot vintage Boardwalk set.

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■ This three-disc set features all of the feature-length "Columbo" specials produced during the nine-season run of the NBC detective series, including "Butterfly in Shades of Grey" (1994), "A Trace of Murder" (1997), and "Columbo Likes the Nightlife" (2003). Guest stars include George Wendt, William Shatner and Patrick McGoochan.

DOCTOR WHO CLASSIC: INVASION OF THE DINOSAURS

■ Sure, young Matt Smith is all the rage these days as the Time Lord, but once upon a time Jon Pertwee had a nice run as the third incarnation of the BBC's time-travelling doctor — as in this vintage series involving invading dinosaurs, no less. Extras include commentaries and a photo gallery.

HIGHER GROUND

■ A close-knit spiritual community is thrown into crisis when one of the group (Vera Farmiga) questions her faith. Farmiga made her directorial debut with the drama. Rated R for some language and sexual content. Extras include commentary by Farmiga and deleted scenes.

KILLER ELITE

■ When his mentor (Robert De Niro) is captured, a retired British Special Air Service operative (Jason Statham) sets out on a personal rescue operation. Gary McKendry (Oscar-nominated for the short film "Everything in this Country Must") makes his feature debut with the action thriller. Rated R for strong violence, language and some sexuality/nudity.

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■ If you're looking for good, clean, wholesome entertainment, you might want to look the other way next week when the salacious offerings include "Bucky Larson: Born to Be a Star," "Dirty Girl," and Luis Bunuel's classic "Belle de Jour."

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STAGE

"Black Pearl Sings!," Jan. 13-Feb. 19 at Northlight Theatre, located at the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts, 9501 Skokie Blvd, Skokie. Featuring a cappella renditions of rare American folk songs, the play tells the Depression-era story of two women dependent on one another to gain acceptance in a divided society. Performances on Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. (Jan. 17 and Feb. 7 only); Wednesdays at 1 p.m. (except Feb. 1) and 7:30 p.m. (except Feb. 8); Thursdays at 7:30 p.m.; Fridays at 8 p.m. (except opening on Jan. 20 at 7:30 p.m.); Saturdays at 2:30 p.m. (except Jan. 14) and 8 p.m.; and Sundays at 2:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. (except Jan. 22 and 29 and Feb. 19). Tickets: \$25-\$60; \$25-\$40 for previews, Jan. 13-19. Tickets for those 25 and under are \$10, subject to availability. Call (847) 673-6300 or visit www.northlight.org.

"The Girl in the Yellow Dress," presented by Next Theatre Company Jan. 19-Feb. 26 at the Noyes Cultural Arts Center, 927 Noyes St., Evan-

ston. Tickets: \$30-\$40. Call (847) 475-1875 or visit www.nexttheatre.org.

"Home/Land," presented by Albany Park Theater Project Jan. 20-Feb. 25 in the Laura Wiley Theater at Eugene Field Park, 5100 N. Ridgeway Ave., Chicago. Children under 12 will not be admitted. Tickets: \$6-\$22. Advance purchase recommended. Visit www.aptpchicago.org or call (800) 838-3006.

"Pump Boys and Dinettes" will be presented by Theo Ubique Cabaret Theatre through Jan. 15 at No Exit Café, 6970 N. Glenwood, Chicago (Rogers Park). Performances are at 7:30 p.m. Thursday; 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday; and 7 p.m. Sunday. Tickets: \$29-\$34, with discounts available for groups, students and seniors. Optional dinner package for \$20 excluding beverages, taxes and tips. Visit www.theubique.org or call (800) 595-4849.

"Ten: A Celebratory Festival of New Work," a performance of short pieces, will be presented at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 12-13; 4 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

CD RELEASE CONCERT



Andrew Dennen and Tracy Friend will celebrate the release of "God is Near," their new CD, with a concert that's part of the Greater Chicago Jewish Festival's Mini Series, at 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 14, at the Skokie Theatre, 7924 N. Lincoln Ave., Skokie. "God is Near" is a collection of original, liturgical-based songs ranging from pop to jazz, in styles ranging from ballad to Middle Eastern. The two have been collaborating since 2009, and provide music for Kol Shabbat, an alternative Saturday morning worship service at Congregation BJBE in Deerfield. Tickets for the concert are \$20 and available at (847) 933-3000 or jewishfestival.org. The CD will be available on iTunes, CDBaby and oySongs.

Jan. 14; and 2:30 p.m. Jan. 15 at The Gift Theatre, 4802 N. Milwaukee (Jefferson Park), Chicago. Admission is free. For information, visit www.thegifttheatre.org.

CLASSICAL

Chicago a cappella presents "Wade in the Water," a celebration of African-American spirituals, at 8 p.m. Feb. 11 at Nichols Concert Hall, 1490 Chicago Ave., Evanston. The program includes the world premiere of a new commission, "Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen," by Grammy Award-winning arranger Joseph Jennings; Jona-

than Miller's new cycle, "Old Testament Spirituals; and arrangements by Robert Morris, Moses Hogan, and Oak Park composer Paul Carey. Tickets: \$28 and \$35; \$22 senior citizens; \$12 students. Call (773) 281-7820 or visit www.chicagoacappella.org.

The Chicago Chamber Musicians showcases two of its founding members — hornist Gail Williams and violinist Joseph Genualdi — in "Twilight Music," CCM's Signature Series concert at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 12 at Northwestern University's Pick-Staiger

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Art inspired by nature at Emily Oaks

BY MYRNA PETLICKI

Contributor

Three artists inspired by nature are exhibiting their work in "Rituals" at Emily Oaks Nature Center in Skokie.

The exhibit is curated by Mimi Peterson of Chicago, who formulated the idea after talking with Catherine Cajandig of Chicago and Dankha Zomaya of Skokie last spring when the two of them exhibited in a Skokie Art Guild show at the nature center.

Peterson said that the show's title is "a metaphor for what we translated into our artwork to represent environment or ecology. At least half of the work will be new, to emphasize our theme of rituals inspired by nature. We each have a different interpretation."

At press time, Peterson planned to exhibit eight or nine pieces — depending on space. She will definitely include three small photo collage pieces that combine photos that she has taken with images from contemporary advertisements.

Natural objects

Peterson's piece, "Painted Wood," is an actual portion of a hollowed out tree trunk that she painted. The artist frequently works with such objects from nature. "I lived in Michigan for ten years," Peterson explained. "I would find my objects in my walks."

She will also feature a couple of other photo collage pieces, plus a few three-dimensional creations, including one inspired by health insurance issues that incorporates pill bottles and other health-related objects.

Peterson, who earned a master's degree from the School of the Art Institute of Chicago, has exhibited extensively in the Chicago area and in Michigan and has curated a number of shows.

Catherine Cajandig also attended the Art Institute of Chicago, earning bachelor's and master's degrees in art education there. In addition,



"Another Form of Nature," by Dankha Zomaya

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she holds a master of fine arts degree from the University of Guanajuato, Mexico, where she studied because of her interest in creating murals.

Although she works in a variety of mediums, the retired art teacher will only be exhibiting mixed media works on paper. She plans

to bring seven to nine of her large, colorful pieces.

"I work with a combination of different types of prints," Cajandig said, emphasizing, "They're all one of a kind. Sometimes I go back and retouch the prints with other types of paints and also I combine a couple of them with linocuts."



"Viva Muerta," by Mimi Peterson



"Landscape," by Catherine Cajandig

Outside art

Cajandig said that her work fits the theme because, even though some of the images may appear abstract, the majority of them are based on plants. Sometimes she even "borrows" plants from her sister's garden and run them through the press "as a basis for my drawings."

Cajandig taught art at Whitney M. Young Magnet High School in Chicago

for 18 years, chairing the art department there. She also worked with students preparing to be art teachers at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago and the University of Illinois. Cajandig continues to share her knowledge by doing workshops for area art leagues. That's how she connected with the Skokie Art Guild.

Sculptor Dankha Zomaya, who earned a bachelor of fine arts degree

in sculpture from Damascus University, exhibited extensively in his native Syria, and has also had exhibits in Canada, Sweden, Lebanon, Iran and Bulgaria.

Zomaya will exhibit four hanging pieces, two oil paintings and two three-dimensional artworks. One of those three-dimensional pieces, "Another Form of Nature," is a glass vase with a vivid scene of nature painted on it.

Zomaya said that his

pieces fit the exhibit's theme because he "used things from nature" as well as found objects that he recycled.

The sculptor said his work is compatible with that of the other two artists because "We're all working under the same theme, which is nature, but everyone has his own way."

Peterson concluded, "What better place than a nature center to exhibit art that's inspired by nature."

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Concert Hall, 50 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston. The program includes Franz Schubert's Rondo in B minor, D. 895, Op. 70; John Harbison's "Twilight Music" and Mozart's Divertimento No. 17 in D Major for two horns and string quartet. Tickets: \$25-\$45; \$10 for students. Call (312) 225-5226 or visit www.chicagochambermusic.org.

Chicago Philharmonic Chamber Players present "Freedom and Folk Songs,"

a concert honoring the spirit of Martin Luther King Jr., at 3 p.m. **Jan. 15** at St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 205 N. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge. The program includes "Five Negro Melodies" by English composer Samuel Coleridge-Taylor; Erno von Dohnanyi's Serenade for String Trio, Opus 10; and Antonin Dvorak's Piano Quartet in E-flat Major, Opus 87. Tickets are \$15 in advance, \$10 seniors; \$20 at the door, \$15

seniors. Admission is free for students. Tickets can be purchased in advance at Michael Becker Fine Violins, 28 Third St., Park Ridge, or at Allegro Music Center, 800 W. Devon Ave., Park Ridge. Tickets may also be purchased at www.chicagophilharmonic.org or by calling (847) 866-6888.

Evanston Chapter, Lyric Opera of Chicago will host a program at 3 p.m. **Jan. 29** at Prairie Moon Restaurant, 1502 Sherman Ave., Evanston. Patrick Casali, professor emeritus of Humanities and Performing Arts at Oakton

Community College, will discuss this season's Lyric Opera production of "Show Boat" by Jerome Kern. An appetizer buffet will follow the program. \$25 per person. For reservations, call Barbara Eckel, (847) 475-5345.

Evanston Symphony Orchestra performs at 2:30 p.m., Sundays at Pick-Staiger Concert Hall, 50 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston. (847) 864-8804. www.evanstonsymphony.org. Tickets in advance are \$27; \$22 for senior citizens. Tickets at the door are \$30; \$25 for seniors. Tickets are \$5 for

students, subject to availability, at the box office with ID. Admission is free for children 12 and younger. **Feb. 5:** "Russian," with guest soloist Bella Hristova, violin. The program includes Mussorgsky: "Night on Bald Mountain"; Khachaturian: Concerto for Violin and Orchestra in D Minor; and Shostakovich: Symphony No. 1 in F Minor.

Lake Shore Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Russell Vinič, performs at Northside College Prep High School, 5501 N. Kedzie, Chicago. Tickets are \$18; \$12 seniors and students. Call (312) 409-5670 or visit www.lso.org. **Jan. 29, 3:30 p.m.** "Made in America." The program includes Dvorak: Symphony No. 9 "From the New World"; Tower: "Made in America"; and Arr. Rutter: Spirituals.

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.

Music of the Baroque performs at First United Methodist Church, 516 Church St., Evanston, unless noted otherwise. (312) 551-1414. www.baroque.org. Tickets are \$30-\$75. **Jan. 29, 7:30 p.m.:** "Handel & Haydn," conducted by Nicholas Kraemer.

Music Institute of Chicago, Nichols Concert Hall, 1490 Chicago Ave., Evanston. (847) 905-1500. www.musicinst.org. **Jan. 22, 3 p.m.:** Cantare Chamber Players perform Schubert's Trout Quintet and Brahms' Piano Quartet No. 3 in C Minor Op. 60. \$25; \$15 seniors; \$10 students.

Northeastern Illinois University, Fine Arts Center Recital Hall, 3701 W. Bryn Mawr Ave., Chicago. (773) 442-4636. **Feb. 17, 8 p.m.:** Classical guitarist David Russell. \$25; \$15 senior citizens; \$10 students.

Northwest Symphony Orchestra, Paul Vermel, music director, presents concerts at 3:30 p.m. Sundays in the Theatre for the Performing Arts at Maine West High School, 1755 S. Wolf Road, Des Plaines. Pre-concert commentaries by Carolyn Paulin, a staff member of radio station WFMT, begin one hour

prior to each concert. Tickets: \$20; \$15 for seniors; \$10 for students. Children under age 14 are admitted free when accompanied by a paying adult. Visit www.northwestsymphony.org. **Jan. 29:** "NSO Revisited," with guest soloist Michael Henoch, assistant principal oboe of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra. The program includes Beethoven: Symphony No. 6 in F-minor, Op. 68 ("Pastorale"); and Mussorgsky: "Night on Bald Mountain."

Park Ridge Civic Orchestra presents concerts at the Pickwick Theatre, 5 S. Prospect, Park Ridge. \$25; \$20 for students and senior citizens. Visit www.parkridgecivicorchestra.org or call (847) 692-PRCO or (847) 823-8861. **Feb. 12, 2:30 p.m.:** "Valentine Romance," with Victor Muenzer, conductor. The program includes Bernstein: "A Suite from West Side Story"; Golden: "Eine Kleine Klezmer Music"; and Prokofiev: "Romeo and Juliet."

Segovia Classical Guitar Series will be presented by the Northwestern University Henry and Leigh Bienen School of Music and the Chicago Classical Guitar Society **Feb. 4-April 14**. All concerts take place at 7:30 p.m. in Lutkin Hall, 700 University Place, or Pick-Staiger Concert Hall, 50 Arts Circle Drive, on Northwestern's Evanston campus. Subscription prices for the five-concert series are \$100; \$45 for students. Call (847) 467-4000 or visit www.pickstaiger.org.

Skokie Valley Symphony Orchestra performs at 3 p.m. Sundays at the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie. Tickets are \$26-\$40; \$13 for youth 17 and under. Free pre-concert lectures begin at 1:45 p.m. For tickets, call (847) 673-6300 or visit www.svso.org. **Feb. 19:** The program, featuring guest soloists Michelle Areyza, soprano, and Aurelien Fort-Pederzoli, violin, includes Gershwin: Cuban Overture; Granados: La Maja y el Ruiseñor; Sarasate: Fantasy on Bizet's "Carmen," op. 25; Villa-Lobos, Bachianas Brasileiras No. 5; and Albéniz: Suite Española No. 1.

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'Show Boat' was not always the show you know

BY J.T. MORAND

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"Show Boat" set the standard for today's musical, and if you've ever wondered why, Charles Troy will tell you. He'll also explain why that show underwent changes of its own. Many of the answers are found in the lyrics.

Troy, of Mundelein, will present "The Creation of 'Show Boat'" on Jan. 17 at the Open Door Repertory Theatre in Oak Park and on Jan. 18 at the Wilmette Theatre in Wilmette.

Using photographs, video clips, audio tracks and narrative, Troy provides his audience with 90 minutes of information on the story behind the making of America's first modern musical and how it has evolved.

The presentation coincides with the Lyric Opera of Chicago's first-ever run of "Show Boat," Feb. 12 through March 17.

Troy provides a unique perspective and one that is black and white. He once aspired to be a lyricist before he became a graphic designer, so he focuses on the words of the songs.

"My orientation is as a lyricist, not as a musician or a composer," he said. "What I do is kind of look at a piece from the word point of view. How did it get written? Why are these particular songs important? What was going on at the time that prompted these songs to be written?"

Serious themes

"Show Boat," based on the 1926 novel of the same name by Edna Ferber, follows the lives of people working and traveling on the Cotton Blossom, a show boat that paddled its way up and down the Mississippi River between 1880 and 1927. The story also deals with love, and the strong racial prejudice of those times. The music was written by Jerome Kern and the lyrics were penned by Oscar Hammerstein II.

The themes of musical plays up to that point were largely comedic and lighter fare. "Show Boat" ushered in a new age for the musical

THE CREATION OF 'SHOW BOAT'

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Charles Troy's multimedia presentation, "The Creation of 'Show Boat,'" includes many photos, such as this one of librettist Oscar Hammerstein II, producer Florenz Ziegfeld and composer Jerome Kern.



Charles Troy

by addressing more serious topics of the day.

While the musical's audiences are watching the scenes unfold, will they know:

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- The first song of the show, "Cotton Blossom," changed over the years to reflect changing attitudes toward race.

"It started with the N word we now find totally unacceptable," he said. "It was changed in the movie version in 1936, it was changed in a revival in 1946, it was changed in a studio cast album of 1962. It just went

through a whole history that reflected all the racial issues around respect for blacks throughout the 20th century. It's kind of a window into history of the 20th century."

- In the stage musical of the 1920s, the woman who played Queenie, an African-American female character, was actually a white actress named Tess Gardella.

"It was a time when white people played blacks routinely," Troy said. "That was her niche."

Troy has done more than 45 presentations on more than 20 Broadway shows in nine years. His latest, on "The Wizard of Oz," will take place at 1:30 p.m. March 7, at the Wilmette Theatre.

Love of lyrics

Once an aspiring lyricist, Troy decided to take a more practical career route after college and became a graphic designer. But his passion for the words in the songs never went away, and while taking a continuing education class on musicals, he figured out a way to pursue both visual and musical art, creating "Broadway Musicals and Their Creators Multimedia Presentations."

He first fell in love with musicals while listening to a radio show that played cast albums when he was a freshman at Evanston Township High School.

"The album being played that night was a new show called 'Fiorello,' and almost immediately I was transfixed by how clever and how heartfelt the lyrics were," he said. "I was fascinated by the idea of telling the story in song. I didn't know this existed before. The next day I started to learn everything I could about musical theater."

And now he's passing his knowledge on to other fans of musicals.

"I hope they take away from it the fascinating story of how something was created," he said. "It doesn't just plop on the stage, it isn't just inevitable. It's the result of a number of decisions, large and small. I want people to see how events, in the case of this particular show, 'Show Boat,' added up to make it the great show that it became."

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BY DOROTHY ANDRIES
Contributor

Beat January's chill with transporting music from Northwestern University's Winter Chamber Music Festival. While icy waves from Lake Michigan batter the shore of NU's land-fill campus, Pick-Staiger Concert Hall beckons, warm and bright with the promise of the music of Mozart, Beethoven, Dvorak, Frank, Penderecki and Shostakovich, among others, played by top professional musicians from around the country and beyond in Friday and Sunday evening concerts.

This is the 16th annual event, with programs and performers that are far from predictable.

On Jan. 15, high-profile cellist Lynn Harrell will make his third appearance with the festival, this time playing with the Chicago Symphony's new associate concertmaster Stephanie Jeong and seven



Lynn Harrell, cello/violoncelle
| PHOTO BY CHRISTIAN STEINER

other CSO musicians. The program includes Villa-Lobos' enchanting "Bachianas Brasileiras," as well as music by Menotti, Beethoven and Dvorak.

More local talent takes the stage on Friday, Jan. 20. The Lincoln String Quartet,

consisting of four current and former members of the Chicago Symphony — violinists Lei Hou and Qing Hou, violist Lawrence Neuman, and cellist Kenneth Olson — will perform.

Musical family

"We started in 1997 and we're almost a family quartet," said Neuman. "Lei is my wife and Qing is her sister. We play with various cellists, but for this concert we're playing with Ken."

Joining them will be pianist Alan Chow, clarinetist Steven Cohen, hornist Gail Williams and bassoonist Christopher Millard for a program that includes Quintet for Clarinet and Strings by British composer Sir Arthur Bliss and Janacek's Concertino for Piano, Two Violins, Viola, Clarinet, Horn and Bassoon.

"Lei and I have a son who is six," Neuman added. "He's studying piano and cello. If he takes up the cello seriously,

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then we will really have a family quartet."

Concluding the 2012 Winter Chamber Music Festival on Jan. 22 will be the St. Lawrence String Quartet. "The quartet originated in Canada," said its cellist Christopher Costanza, but they now live and work at California's Stanford University.

Players include violinists Geoff Nuttall and Scott St. John, violist Lesley Robertson and Costanza, who played with the Chicago Chamber Musicians from 1996 to 2003.

As big fans of Haydn quartets, the four will play the composer's fifth string quartet at the festival.

"Haydn really invented the string quartet," Costanza insisted. "He distributed the prominent material among the players, so that the music is more interesting texturally."

The St. Lawrence also will play a new string quartet, written by Argentine composer Osvaldo Golijov, whose "St. Mark Passion" and "Ainadamar" have been performed by the Chicago Symphony Orchestra at the Ravinia Festival.

The quartet has collaborated with the composer since they first met him at Tanglewood in 1992, and they have recorded his "Yiddishbuk" for EMI Classics. "His music is not gnarly," the cellist promised, reassuringly, "but he does tend to supply his score page by page until the last minute."

"It may be a cliff-hanger," Milton said, echoing the cellist's concern. "Golijov is a very dynamic individual and whatever he writes will be inspired and challenging. But the new work may be played in part, or in full, depending on when the composer delivers the pages."

Growing success

The Winter Chamber Music Festival was a success from the moment the first note was played. "We were



The Lincoln String Quartet | PHOTOS BY TODD ROSENBERG

WINTER CHAMBER MUSIC FESTIVAL

Northwestern University's Pick-Staiger Concert Hall, 50 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston

Continues through Jan. 22.

Jan. 13, 7:30 p.m.: Bienen School faculty members perform Martinu's *Musique de Chambre No. 1* for Clarinet, Violin, Viola, Cello, Harp and Piano; Respighi's *Violin Sonata in B Minor*; Respighi's "Io sono la Madre," "In alto mare" and "Nebbie" for voice and piano; and Beethoven's *Quintet in E-flat Major* for Piano and Winds. \$20; \$10 students.

Jan. 15, 7:30 p.m.: Cellist Lynn Harrell and guest artists perform Villa-Lobos' "Bachianas Brasileiras" No. 1; Menotti's *Suite for Two Cellos and Piano*; Beethoven's *Sonata No. 3 in A Major* for Cello and Piano; and Dvorak's *Piano Trio No. 4 in E Minor* ("Dumky"). \$28; \$10 students.

Jan. 20, 7:30 p.m.: The Lincoln String Quartet performs Bliss' *Quintet for Clarinet and String Quartet*; Janacek's *Concertino for Piano, Two Violins, Viola, Clarinet, Horn and Bassoon*; and Beethoven's *String Quartet No. 6 in B-flat Major*. \$22; \$10 students.

Jan. 22, 7:30 p.m.: The St. Lawrence String Quartet performs Haydn's *String Quartet No. 5 in F Minor*; Golijov's new *String Quartet*; and Dvorak's *String Quartet No. 14 in A-flat Major*. \$26; \$10 students.

For more information, visit www.pickstaiger.org/events/winter-chamber-music-festival or call (847) 491-5441.

For a complete schedule of programs and musicians, visit www.northwestern.edu/newscenter/stories/winter-chamber-music.

just putting up a trial balloon in 1997," said Blair Milton, NU faculty member, festival founder and a violinist with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra since 1975. "But we have a tremendously loyal and growing audience."

"There is a yearning out there for this kind of music, a hunger for it," he continued.

"People are quick to talk about the demise of classical music, but I can't see it."

There may be another rea-

son why live performance is so irresistible, declared Neuman of the Lincoln. "Yes, the players are very good and the music is beautiful," he said, "but I also think people enjoy hearing instruments generating sound without electricity. That's pretty rare these days."

Dorothy Andries' review of the Cecelia Quartet's performance at the festival is online at pioneerlocal.com.

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Greater Chicago Jewish Festival's Mini Series will feature a CD release party by Andrew Dennen and Tracy Friend, in support of their new CD, “God is Near,” at 8 p.m. **Jan. 14** at the Skokie Theatre, 7924 Lincoln Ave., Skokie. Tickets are \$20. Call (847) 933-3000 or visit www.jewishfestival.org.

Hogeye Folk Arts hosts concerts at Lake Street Church, 607 Lake St., Evanston. All concerts start at 7:30 p.m.; doors open at 7 p.m. \$15 general admission; \$13 for senior citizens; \$5 for students; free for children under 12. Admission may be paid at the door in cash or by check, or by credit card in advance from www.brownpapertickets.com. For information, visit www.hogeyefolkarts.org. **Jan. 14:** Bryan Bowers. **Jan. 28:** Mark Dvorak, Michael Smith, Barbara Barrow and Chris Walz. **Feb. 18:** Bill Staines.

“Jazz in January,” 8 p.m. **Jan. 20-21** at Park Ridge Community Church, 100 S. Courtland Ave., Park Ridge. Local jazz musician Kent Wehman and the ensemble of Bruce Nelson, Mike Levin, Tim Seisser and Neal Wehman will play classics by Duke Ellington, Chick Corea and Herbie Hancock. Friday is Family Night, with tickets for children and students \$10; \$25 for adults. All tickets for Saturday night's performance are \$25 per person. For tickets, call the church office at (847) 823-3164.

Lincolnwood Public Library, 4000 W. Pratt Ave. (847) 677-5277. www.lincolnwoodlibrary.org. **Jan. 15, 2 p.m.:** Songwriting duo Lou & Peter Berryman: Live @ Lincolnwood.

Mayne Stage, 1328 W. Morse Ave. in Rogers Park, Chicago. www.maynestage.com. **Jan. 21, 8 p.m.:** Singer/songwriter Jess Godwin. \$10 general admission; \$15 reserved seating.

Music Institute of Chicago, Nichols Concert Hall, 1490 Chicago Ave., Evanston. (847) 905-1500. www.musicinst.org. **Jan. 15, 5 p.m.:** Eighth annual Martin Luther King Celebration, featuring the Brotherhood Chorale of the

Apostolic Church of God performing traditional and contemporary gospel and jazz arrangements. Free-will contributions benefit the William Warfield Memorial Scholarship Fund of the Music Institute of Chicago.

North Shore Center for the Performing Arts, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie. (847) 673-6300. www.northshorecenter.org. **Feb. 3, 8 p.m.:** “The Music of ABBA,” with original backing musicians from ABBA. \$50-\$35.

Northeastern Illinois University, 3701 W. Bryn Mawr Ave., Chicago. (773) 442-4636. <http://boxoffice.neiu.edu>. **Jan. 20, 8 p.m.:** Fiddler and step dancer April Verch. \$25; \$15 seniors; \$10 students.

Oakton Community College's Footlik Theater, 1600 E. Golf Road, Des Plaines. (847) 635-1900. **Jan. 27, 8 p.m.:** “Jazzin’ Around,” featuring the Loyola Academy Jazz Band. \$5 for general admission; \$3 for students and seniors.

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.rosemonththeatre.com. **Feb. 4, 7 p.m.:** ELVIS LIVES, featuring four finalists from Elvis Presley Enterprises’ annual worldwide Ultimate Elvis Tribute Artist Contest. Bill Cherry, Ben Klein, Kevin Mills and Victor Trevino Jr. will each represent Elvis during different stages in his career. The Elvis tribute artists will be joined by a live band, back-up singers, dancers, and an Ann-Margret tribute artist, as well as iconic imagery made available from the Graceland archives. Tickets: \$24.50-\$49.50. **Feb. 24:** Big Time Rush — “Better With U Tour.” **March 30-31, 8 p.m.:** Celtic Woman. \$32-\$72.

S.P.A.C.E., 1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston. www.evanstonospace.com. (847) 492-8860. Shows at 8 p.m., unless noted otherwise. **Jan. 12, 7 p.m.:** Drake Bell (pop). \$25/\$30. **Jan. 13:** Griffin House. \$15/\$18. **Jan. 14:** Susan Werner with Seth Glier. \$20/\$25. **Jan. 15, 7 p.m.:** Eric Michaels Organ Trio (jazz/rock). \$10/\$15. **Jan. 19:** Mike Mangione & The Union with Dave Tamkin (indie/folk). \$12/\$15. **Jan. 21:** Todd

Snider (alt country). \$25/\$28. **Jan. 22, 7 p.m.:** Jim Schwall & Eddie Holstein (folk). \$12/\$15. **Jan. 25:** Christina Trulio. \$10/\$12. **Jan. 27:** Raul Midon (guitar/R&B). \$18/\$22. **Jan. 28:** Eddy “The Chief” Clearwater (blues). \$15/\$18. **Feb. 2:** JT Nero & Allison Russell of Po’ Girl (indie folk). \$10/\$14. **Feb. 4:** Mike Flynn’s Crash Landing (rock). \$12/\$15. **Feb. 5, 7 p.m.:** Guy Davis (blues). \$12/\$15. **Feb. 8:** Jay Nash. \$12/\$15. **Feb. 9:** Marco Benevento (jazz/experimental). \$12/\$15. **Feb. 10:** Michael Tolcher (pop/rock). \$12/\$15. **Feb. 10, 10 p.m.:** Bonerama (funk). \$17/\$20. **Feb. 11:** Zoë Keating (cello-rock). \$18/\$20. **Feb. 14:** Andrew Belle with Sugar & the Hi-Lows and Peter Groenwald. **Feb. 15:** Chris Thomas King (blues). \$12/\$15.

“The 3 Divas,” a special one night-only Valentine’s Day cabaret event with Susie McMonagle, Heidi Kettenring and Christine Sherrill, will be presented at 8 p.m. **Feb. 14** at Northlight Theatre, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie. \$35. Call (847) 673-6300.

ART GALLERIES

Oakton Community College, Koehline 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 Koehline: 19th and Early 20th Century Vintage Prints,” showcasing works from the museum’s permanent collection. Artists include William 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.SASIathome.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

A NIP AND A PINT

No need to make a hard decision about what to drink. On Wednesday, Jan. 18, at 6 p.m., Glenview House Chef Grant Slauterbeck will create a four-course dinner using winter ingredients paired with a hand-selected nip of whiskey and glass of craft beer. Distillers and breweries such as Makers 46, Templeton Rye, New Holland Brewery and Louis Glunz Beers will be represented. The menu includes specialties like Coca-Cola fried Amish chicken wings, roulade of poached sturgeon, foie gras and Iowa Berkshire bacon and pan spiced and seared venison loin. Cost for the event is \$60 per person. Glenview House is at 1843 Glenview Road, Glenview. Reservations are limited; call (847) 724-0692. For information, see theglenviewhouse.com.

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AUDITIONS & OPPORTUNITIES

Auditions for the Performing Arts at Oakton production of a staged reading of “Oleanna” will be held from 6-9 p.m. **Jan. 18-19** at Oakton Community College’s Performing Arts Center, 1600 East Golf Road, Des Plaines. The director is seeking one male and one female of any age. Prepared monologues and cold readings will be heard. Call (847) 635-1897.

Bilingual actresses who are fluent in both English and Spanish are encouraged to audition for the Performing Arts at Oakton production of the play “Kita y Fernanda” from 6-9 p.m. **Jan. 23-24** at Oakton Community College’s Studio One, 1600 East Golf Road, Des Plaines. The director is seeking four bilingual females ranging from 18 to 40 years of age. Prepared monologues or readings from the script will be heard. Production dates are March 1-11. For more information, call (847) 376-7061.

The Rising Stars Theatre Company will hold open auditions for select roles in the musical comedy “Nonsense — The Mega Musical” from 7-9 p.m. **Jan. 27** and 1-5 p.m. **Jan. 29** at 2559 N. Sayre,

Chicago. Auditioning for the roles of Sister Leo, aged 20 to mid-30s, must be able to dance; Sister Julia, featured role; and an ensemble of singing nuns and brothers, ages 20 and up. Prepare 32 bars of an upbeat song and bring sheet music in your key. Accompanist provided. A simple dance step will be taught. Audition appointments recommended; e-mail auditions@risingstarschicago.com or call (773) 736-2490. Walk-ins welcome and will be seen as time permits. There is no pay. Performances will be April 20-29 at The Stahl Family Theatre, 5900 W. Belmont, Chicago.

The Music Institute of Chicago has established a Young Artist Division of the Emilio del Rosario Piano Concerto Competition. Pre-college pianists younger than 20 will compete for the opportunity to perform a complete concerto with Ars Viva Symphony Orchestra on March 11 at the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts in Skokie. Additional cash and scholarship prizes also will be available. A preliminary round will take place Feb. 12 at the Evanston East campus of the Music Institute of Chicago. Three finalists will compete Feb. 19 at Nichols Concert Hall in Evanston.

Information regarding applications and repertoire requirements is available at www.EDRpianocompetition.org. Application deadline is Jan. 14.

Park Ridge Chorale will hold tryouts for its spring session, Jan. 16-30. Rehearsals are held from 7-9 p.m. Mondays at the Park Ridge Nonprofit Center, 720 Garden St., Park Ridge. The concert will be presented April 15, with a theme of gospel music including the Gospel Mass by Robert Ray. For more information, call Guy Huff, (847) 647-7116, or Patti Bonk, (847) 825-2216.

BENEFITS

The Chicago Bar Association's 88th annual Holiday Spirits Revue, “LawLaw-Palooza,” will be presented at 8 p.m. **Jan. 28** at Oakton Community College’s Footlik Theater, 1600 E. Golf Road, Des Plaines. Proceeds benefit Oakton’s Educational Foundation Scholarship Fund. Tickets are \$50, which includes a post-performance reception. Call (847) 635-1893.

BOOKS & POETRY

Barnes & Noble, 55 Old Orchard Center, Skokie. (847) 676-2230. **Feb. 5, 2 p.m.:** William Landay discusses and signs *Defending Jacob*.

"Fathers and Daughters in a Changing World," a free five-part seminar examining the role of women in Jewish literature, will meet from 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesdays, **Jan. 25-May 9**, at Oakton Community College, 7701 N. Lincoln Ave., Skokie. Presented by the Oakton Library, the series of readings, lectures and group discussions will be led by Benjamin Goluboff, associate professor of English. Copies of the books may be borrowed from the Skokie campus library. Participants are not required to attend all sessions. Selections include **Jan. 25: *Teve the Dairyman*** by Sholem Aleichem. **Feb. 22: *Bread Givers*** by Anzia Yezierska. **March 21: *Park Avenue: A Memoir*** by Anne Roiphe. **April 18: *American Pastoral*** by Philip Roth. **May 9: *Bee Season*** by Myla Goldberg. To register, contact the Alliance for Lifelong Learning at (847) 982-9888 (press 3).

Lincolnwood Public Library, 4000 W. Pratt Ave. (847) 677-5277. www.lincolnwoodlibrary.org. Through **Jan. 14: Friends of the Library Book Sale**, during library hours.

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St., Mount Prospect. (847) 253-5675. **Jan. 20-22: Mount Prospect Friends of the Library winter book sale.** Friday is Friends Member Only Night from 6:30-9:30 p.m.; \$5 memberships available at the door. The general public sale will be from 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Saturday and noon-4:30 p.m. Sunday.

RHINO/the Poetry Forum invites all poets to its next Fourth Sundays Poetry Workshop & Peer Exchange, to be held from 1:30-4:30 p.m. **Jan. 22** in Room 108 at the Evanston Public Library, Church and Orrington streets. Roger Reeves, assistant professor of poetry at the University of Illinois, will discuss collage techniques towards building poems that are "in conversation with other media as well as other poems." Attendees are encouraged to bring 17 copies of a poem to be critiqued, and participate in a discussion of poetry and poetics. \$5-\$10 donation.

CHILD'S PLAY

Niles Public Library, 6960 Oakton St., Niles. (847) 663-6405. www.nileslibrary.org. **Jan. 28, 2 p.m.:** Screening of "Mr. Popper's Penguins." **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 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.

"The Wizard of Oz" will be presented by Christian Youth Theater **Feb. 10-19** at Prairie Lake Theater, 515 E. Thacker, Des Plaines. Tickets are \$9-\$12 in advance; \$11-\$14 at the door. Call (847) 516-2298 or visit www.cytchicago.org.

COMEDY

Mayne Stage, 1328 W. Morse Ave. in Rogers Park, Chicago. www.maynestage.com. (773) 381-4554. **Jan. 20, 8 p.m.:** Atomic Comics: Masters of the Humiverse. \$15 general admission; \$20 reserved seating.

North Shore Center for the Performing Arts, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie. [\[recenter.org\]\(http://recenter.org\). \(847\) 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. **Feb. 25, 5 p.m. and 8 p.m.:** Lily Tomlin. \\$42-\\$76.](http://www.northsho-</p>
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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 Tour**, presented by Comedy Central.

DANCE

Mayne Stage, 1328 W. Morse Ave. in Rogers Park, Chicago. www.maynestage.com. (773) 381-4554. **Feb. 17, 8 p.m.:** Chicago Dance Crash KTF presents "Love is a (Dance) Battlefield." CDC's longest running production, Keeper of the Floor (KTF), is a dance competition that welcomes all comers, from breakdancers and ballerinas to belly dancers. \$10 general admission.

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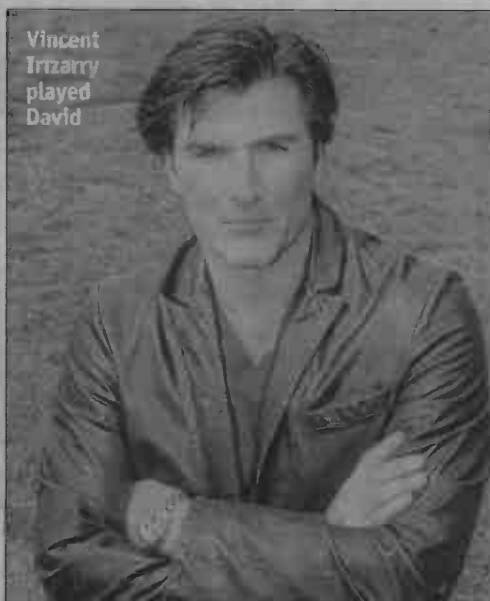
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Saying good-bye to the 'Children'

Alicia Minshew played Kendall



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Walt Willey



BY LORI RACKL

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"All My Children" fans have a chance to share some laughs — and a few tears — when half a dozen cast members of the recently axed soap swing through town Sunday on a tribute tour.

Walt Willey, the Ottawa, Ill., native who came on board "All My Children" as the dashing Jackson Montgomery in 1987, described the tribute event as a "sea of love."

"There's a definite family dynamic among viewers of daytime drama and those of us who have plied our craft in it," Willey said. "When that love is just splashing against you, it's amazing."

Headed for Rosemont Theatre, "A Tribute to Pine Valley" will be more celebration than funeral for ABC's long-running sudser, which went off the air in September after a 41-year run.

Fans get to grill the actors during a Q&A session, try to stump them with "AMC" trivia and hear behind-the-scenes stories from the likes of Willey, Cameron Mathison (Ryan), Alicia Minshew (Kendall), Vincent Irizarry (David), Darnell Williams (Jesse) and Jacob Young (JR).

During what's billed as the most emotional part of the event, "A Walk Down Memory Lane," the audience and actors relive some of the ups and downs of Pine Valley's perfectly-coiffed denizens.

Fans remember

"Fans are heartbroken and I don't think that's too strong a word," Willey said. "This has been such a presence in people's lives. It's memories of grandma, memories of college days. It has a deep emotional meaning for them."

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Rosemont Theatre, 5400 N. River Road, Rosemont

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"No matter how much we knew in advance that this was going to happen, it still had a bit of an abrupt dropping-of-the-guillotine-blade to it," he added. "People aren't quite done with this yet."

"A Tribute to Pine Valley" rolled through the New York area last fall, when as many as 1,700 devotees packed a theater in Long Island.

Before coming to suburban Rosemont, the event will make a couple of stops in Wisconsin this weekend, hitting the Green Bay region on Friday and Milwaukee on Saturday.

"This gives the actors a chance to thank the fans and say goodbye, and the fans want to give their love to the actors," said Michael S. Gold, the owner of the Michigan-based celebrity booking agency that organized the event.

"The show being canceled has really affected a lot of lives," he said. "These people treat the actors and the show like it was part of their family, their best friends."

Soaps decline

Gold put on his first soap tribute tour after "Guiding Light" faded to black in 2009. He took "So Long, Springfield" to nine U.S. markets.

Since then, the daytime soap graveyard has only been getting more crowded as ratings continue to slide and TV execs look to replace scripted dramas with less expensive chat fests.

CBS' "As the World Turns" bit the dust in 2010. Next was "All My Children," which, for a while, looked like it might live on via the Internet. That plan eventually fizzled.

ABC filled "AMC's" television time slot with "The Chew," a food-focused talker that's been netting roughly the same number of viewers as its predecessor — but with lower production costs.

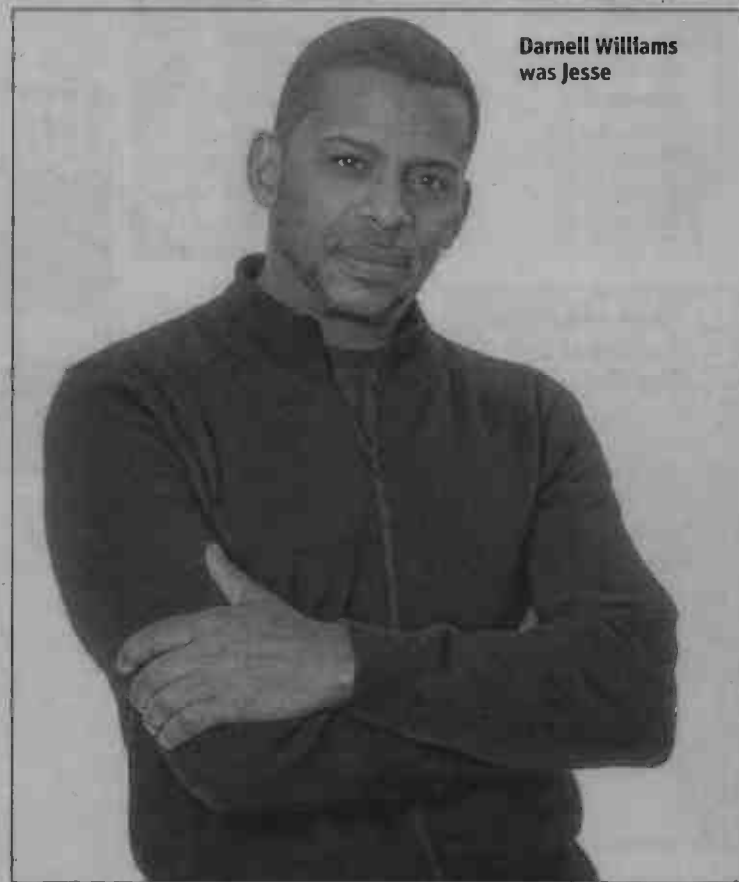
The bell now tolls for ABC's "One Life To Live," whose one life is over as of Friday.

It, too, is turning over its long-time home to a new talker manned by a panel of co-hosts. "The Revolution," which has a health- and lifestyle-focused bent, premieres Monday.

Don't worry, fans. Gold's already on the case.

"We're doing 'Loving Llanview,' a goodbye to 'One Life To Live,' too," he said. "It's going to come to Chicago. We're just working on dates."

Darnell Williams was Jesse



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CST still feels like home for Criss Henderson

BY MYRNA PETLICKI

Contributor

Four years after Criss Henderson graduated from the Theatre School at DePaul University, Barbara Gaines asked him to work with her at her fledgling Shakespeare Repertory Theater. "Barbara had this wild idea that in this great city of ours, a theater dedicated to Shakespeare could not only exist but thrive," Henderson said. Henderson, who had produced a few commercial shows, signed on in 1990, thinking it would be an interesting project for a couple of years.

Twenty-two years later, the Evanston resident is still onboard, serving as executive director of what is now called Chicago Shakespeare Theater, and overseeing a greatly expanded operation.

We spoke with Henderson about Chicago Shakespeare's past, its exciting 25th season and the company's future plans, in his Navy Pier office with its panoramic view of Lake Michigan.

Henderson indicated that initially the company was all about the work. "Barbara gathered around her these amazing actors and shared with an audience Shakespeare like they had never seen it before — well spoken, highly theatrical and, in many respects, very Chicago style," Henderson said.

That's still true, but everything else about the organization — except the two principals — has changed.

Growing up

Henderson initially worked in a small apartment office on Broadway. "Barbara worked on the plays from her home for the most part," he said.

The company's first few performances were at the Red Lion Pub. Then they became a resident company at the Ruth Page Theater before moving 12 years ago into their own stunning building on Navy Pier, with a 500-seat Courtyard Theater and another 200-seat theater. Overseeing the construction of the building is one of Henderson's proudest accomplishments.

The theater company is hardly a two-person operation



Chicago Shakespeare Theater Executive Director Criss Henderson and Artistic Director Barbara Gaines. | PHOTO BY STEVE LEONARD

these days. There are about 80 full-time staff members and a large number of part-time ticket agents and house staff. And Chicago Shakespeare is the largest employer of Chicago actors.

"It is such a different organization than it was 25 years ago but I think the spirit of the organization is the same," Henderson said.

Henderson spoke of the role the Board of Directors has played in the continuing growth of the company, describing them as "so entrepreneurial in their vision and their ability to let this company take on great challenges and artistic risks."

The Executive Director noted that the company has a strong commitment to presenting international artists in its productions and through its World's Stage Series. "My role working with Barbara to curate the World's Stage program has been thrilling," he said. "To get to travel the world and meet and spend time with and plan with the great theaters and the great theater artists of the world and to share them with Chicago audiences has been extraordinary."

The next World's Stage Series production, National Theatre of Scotland's "Long Gone Lonesome," runs from Feb. 2-4.

Henderson is pleased that because of the CST Family Series and the theater's education programs, "One in four audience members of Chicago Shakespeare every season is under the age of 18 years old."

The next CST Family Series production, "Witches, Wizards, Spells and Elves: The Magic of Shakespeare"

runs Jan. 21-22. The show marks the theater's 10th annual concert collaboration with the Chicago Chamber Musicians.

Another upcoming collaboration will join Chicago Shakespeare Theater with Redmoon Theater for "The Feast: an Intimate Tempest," Jan. 18-March 11. "It will be played out for 90 minutes or so by three actors and any number of puppets and objects and an incredible table," Henderson said.

Audiences are also sure to enjoy Gary Griffin's upcoming production of "A Midsummer Night's Dream," Feb. 7-April 8. Henderson described it as a "really creative new telling of the piece."

Also on the 25th anniversary schedule is a CST Family Series production of "Short Shakespeare! The Taming of the Shrew" (Feb. 25-April 7) and Barbara Gaines' staging of "Timon of Athens" (April 24-June 10), starring Scottish-born actor Ian McDiarmid.

New projects

"We're working hard on trying to figure out next season," Henderson said. "That's one of the things that's so much fun in my job."

Henderson reported that there are "a lot of new projects in the works." He spoke about the most public one — the upcoming celebration of Navy Pier's centennial in 2016. "As part of that, there's a project to develop a third performance venue for Chicago Shakespeare," Henderson reported. The space will seat from 450 to 1,000 audience members.

Henderson said that he has stayed with Chicago Shakespeare so long because there are always new challenges. "My great professional life's work has been building the company," he said. "As long as I can continue to develop it, where else would I go? Chicago is the greatest city in the country for theater, and Barbara and I have been great partners. There's every reason to stay."

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FILM

Lincolnwood Public Library, 4000 W. Pratt Ave. (847) 677-5277. www.lincolnwood-library.org. **Jan. 13**, 1 p.m.: "The Help." **Jan. 19**, 10:30 a.m.: "Cowboys and Aliens." **Jan. 19**, 1 p.m.: Cinematic Classics features "The Heir-ess." **Jan. 20**, 1 p.m.: "Super 8."

Niles Public Library, 6960 Oakton St., Niles. (847) 663-6405. www.nileslibrary.org. **Jan. 19**, 2 p.m.: Screening of "The Debt," rated R. **Jan. 26**, 2 p.m.: International Film Series features "Snow Flower and the Secret Fan," rated PG-13. **Jan. 31**, 2 p.m.: Oscar Winning Musicals Film Series features "West Side Story."

Northwest Chicago Film Society presents the Classic Film Series at 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays, unless otherwise noted, at the Portage Theater, 4050 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago. Admission is \$5. For information, visit www.northwestchicagofilm-society.org. **Jan. 18**: "Turn the Key Softly" (1953). **Jan. 25**: "One Third of a Nation" (1939). **Feb. 1**: "So's Your Old Man" (1926), starring W.C. Fields, with live organ accompaniment by Jay Warren. **Feb. 8**: "The Private Life of Sherlock Holmes" (1970). **Feb. 15**: "Back Street" (1932). **Feb. 22**: "Too Late Blues" (1961). **Feb. 29**: "Twentieth

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WORKSHOPS & CLASSES

Niles Public Library, 6960 Oakton St., Niles. (847) 663-6405. www.nileslibrary.org. **Jan. 19 and Feb. 16**, 7:30 p.m.: Songwriters' Group meets. All songwriters are invited to bring new or nearly new songs to play live and get feedback from others in the group.

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.skokieart-guild.org.

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Allstate Arena, 6920 N. Mannheim Road, Rosemont. Tickets are available at www.ticketmaster.com or (800) 745-3000; the ticket prices listed below do not include service fees. The information line is (847) 635-6601. **Jan. 25-29**: Disney on Ice: Dare to Dream. \$11-\$75. **March 11**, 5 p.m.: Stars on Ice, featuring Olympic Silver Medalist Sasha Cohen, Canadian National Champion Kurt Browning, U.S. National Champion Todd Eldredge and other skaters. Tickets: \$25-\$150.

North Shore Center for the Performing Arts, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie. (847) 673-6300. www.northshorecenter.org. **Feb. 4**, 1 p.m. and 5 p.m.: Chinese Golden Dragon Acrobats. \$20-\$38.

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.rosemonththeatre.com. **Jan. 15**, 3 p.m.: "A Tribute to Pine Valley," a fan event dedicated to ABC's soap opera "All My Children." The event includes question-and-answer sessions, behind-the-scenes stories, photos and autograph signings. Participating cast members include Walt Willey (Jackson), Cameron Mathison (Ryan), Vincent Irizarry (David), Darnell Williams (Jesse), Alicia Minshew (Kendall) and

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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." **Jan. 15**, 12:30 p.m.: Reader's

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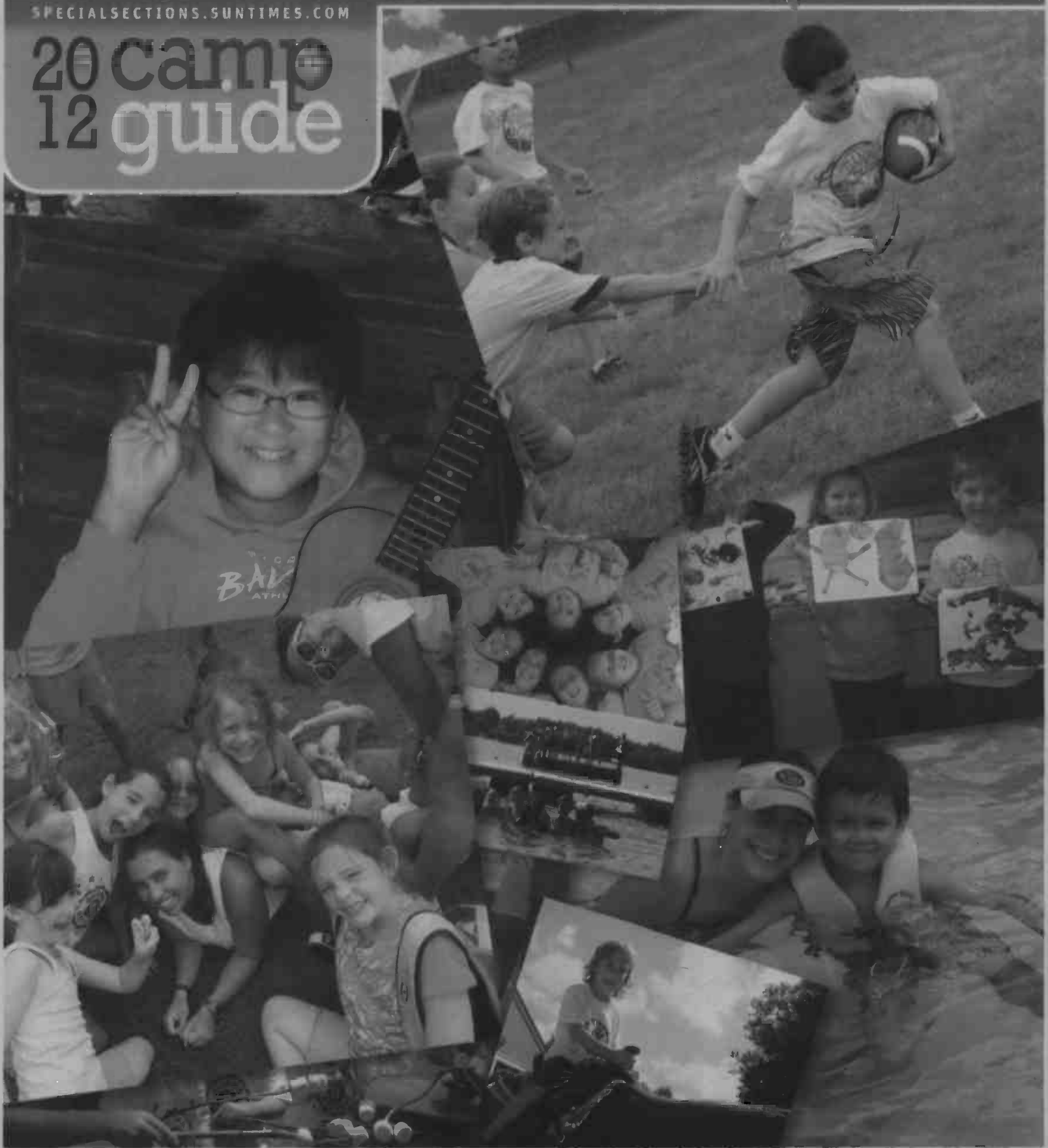
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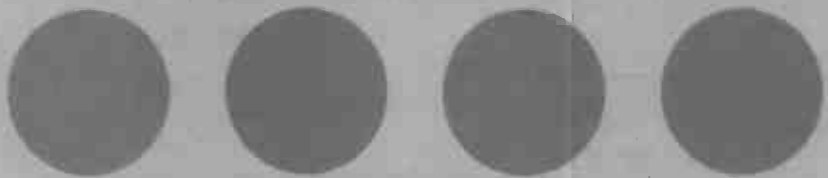
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5 things you never knew about camp

Camp has become a staple of the summer season. Each year, millions of children, youth and adults head to the hills, lakes, valleys and parks to participate in the time-honored tradition of camp. While most people easily conjure up images of campfires and canoes, the camp experience is much more. Here are ten of the things you may not have known about the camp experience.

1. Camp is older than dirt, almost literally. Started in 1861, the camp experience turned an impressive 150 years young in 2011. The secret behind the longevity? "Camps are constantly adapting to meet the changing needs of today's families," said Peg Smith, chief executive officer for the American Camp Association. "And yet, in essentials, camp is very much the same as it was 150 years ago; kids still have authentic, life-changing experiences."

2. Camp is worth its weight in gold, and then some. The camp experience is life changing: developing friendships and memories that last well beyond the final campfire. Camp is literally for every budget. Often camps offer special pricing or financial assistance, and some camp experiences qualify for tax credits or for payment with pre-tax dollars. Visit www.campparents.org/affording-camp for more information.

3. Green is Zen. Research shows that first-hand experience with nature reduces stress in children and help them better handle stress in the future. In addition to teaching children how to be good stewards of the environment, camps are teaching children how to enjoy the world around them and take a minute to breathe deep and feel the nature, which ultimately teaches them how to de-stress the natural way.

4. Mommies and daddies do it too. Camp is not just for children and youth. Family camp experiences, and camps for single adults, senior adults and any adult that wants to relax and enjoy all camp has to offer are available. Adults benefit from the same sense of community, authentic relationships and self-discovery that children do. Camp is an excellent vacation option, allowing adults to try a variety of new activities in a safe and fun environment.

5. Try this on for size. Camp is a great place to try new activities and hobbies. Afraid of rock walls? According to ACA research, 74 percent of campers reported that they tried new activities at camp that they were afraid to do at first. Those activities often leave lasting impressions. In the same survey, 63 percent of parents reported that their child continued new activities from camp after returning home.

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New to summer camp?

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BY PAUL HAACK

Banner Day Camp, camp director

With winter break behind us, the time is right to begin looking ahead to the sun and fun filled days of summer. Choosing to enroll your child in summer camp for the first time can be a time consuming process for a parent. Once you have discovered the right camp for your child, your work has only just begun. It is important to introduce your child to their camp and to begin the process of acclimatization so that the transition to camp in the summer will be a smooth one. Fortunately, camps provide

ample opportunities to ensure that your family can enjoy a smooth passage into the camp season.

Hopefully, by the time you have chosen a camp, you will have already visited its website, met with the staff and toured the facilities. If your child did not partner with you on your search, make plans to change that. Most camps offer photos and videos on their websites. Let your child see the fun that awaits them at camp. Typically camps offer a New Camper Orientation Day; a chance to see the grounds, meet the staff, and begin feeling a part of their summer home. Many camps also offer various off-season events and activities. Try to attend a few of

these events with your child so that you may begin the process of enjoying camp together. Most importantly, never pass up an opportunity to call the camp office to ask a question if one arises.

By introducing your child to camp, you should be able to help soften many of the most common transition issues. By their very nature, camps are places of fun, but occasionally issues can emerge that may require a little helping hand. Camps are well equipped to deal with the most common issues that occur when your child enters into a new venture. Things like being homesick, the uncertainty of what to do and where to go, as well as the trepidation that comes with something new are all obstacles that quality camps conquer every day. Camps are staffed with caring, fun-loving counselors and administered by child-focused professionals. Never hesitate to contact your camp if you think your child may

be having trouble. In all likelihood, they will already be aware of what is going on and working to improve things. Continual communication between parents and the camp, combined with a camp's willingness to do whatever possible to make your child's camp experience the very best possible, is the best medicine to combat any summer camp troubles.

A child's association with camp can provide a lifetime of skills, memories and friends. The benefits realized from a quality camp can continue to enrich their lives well into adulthood. There's no reason to wait for the bus to pull up on that first morning to begin your child's relationship with camp. Take the time to introduce your child to their camp and become an active partner in the camp life.



Decoma Day Camp

5 more things you never knew about camp

5. Manners matter, and often linger. The camp experience teaches more than just archery or lanyard making. The entire experience is made of teachable moments; perhaps one of the biggest is how to live with a group of people. Campers learn to pick up after themselves, respect each other's property, and to say "Please" and "Thank You."

4. Veggies taste better with friends. Hollywood and fictional novels may have given camp food a bad reputation, but in truth, camps are constantly exploring healthy food

options, and often are at the forefront of things like allergy specific diets, healthy snack options and vegetarian meals. According to ACA's 2011 Emerging Issues survey, 90.7 percent of responding camps indicated that healthy eating and physical activity was an important or very important issue.

3. If everyone else went to camp, maybe there's something to it. Camp has played an important role in the lives of some of the most talented people in history. ACA's family resource site offers a list of notable campers, including business professionals, celebrities, artists and great thinkers.

2. Camp gets those neurons pumping. Education reform debate and concern over

summer learning loss have pushed academic achievement into the spotlight. Research shows that participation in intentional programs during summer months helps stem summer learning loss. In addition, camp provides many opportunities for developmental growth, which is a precursor to academic achievement. Because of the hands-on nature of camp, often children who struggle in traditional education settings do well at camp.

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who can type or text with lightning speed, they will be those who can have a face-to-face conversation and articulate their thoughts, ideas, and values," Smith said. "Tomorrow's leaders will be able to relate globally and find common ground with people who are vastly different from themselves; people from different backgrounds and cultures. Tomorrow's leaders will be made and educated by experiences like camp."

For more information on preparing your child for an independent, fun-filled summer, visit ACA's family resource page at www.camp-parents.org. Follow ACA on Facebook and Twitter for helpful hints and camp information.

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How to know your child is ready for overnight camp

BY MARCY MARRO
 For Sun-Times Media

If the option to attend overnight summer camp is on your child's table, you need to ensure that he or she is ready to be away from you and home for an extended period of time.

Listen

Children ready for overnight camp have often already attended day camp or scouting overnights.

"Kids who want to go to overnight camp are thinking that they can handle it and are looking for more independence," said Heidi Mabie, associate program director at Camp Anokijig in Plymouth, Wis.

Not all children will be ready to go off to overnight camp at the same age. A child who is reluctant to go to overnight camp may not be ready just yet.

Meredith Stevens, program manager at Camp Echo, an overnight camp through the McGaw YMCA in Evanston, said that sometimes all it takes is for a few friends to come back from camp with positive experiences. She recommended not pushing a child if it's clear he or she is overly apprehensive.

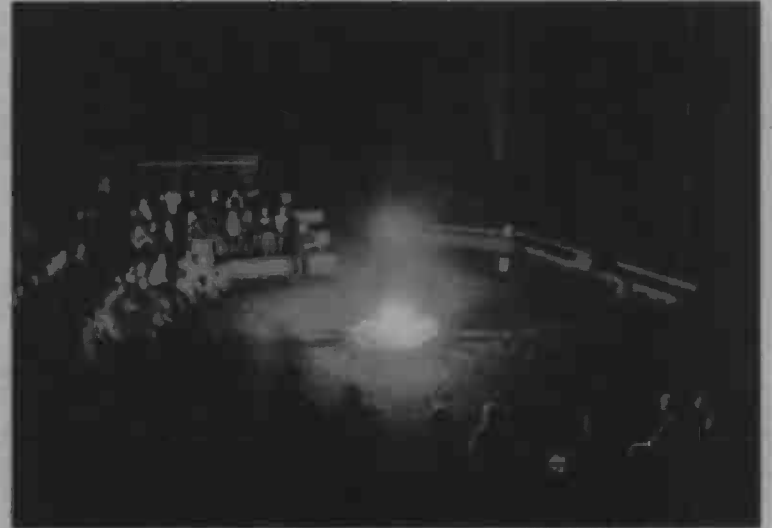
"Children will know what they want to do and what they don't want to do," she said.

Keep your child involved while scouting out overnight camps. Oftentimes he or she will suggest or take an interest and willingness to attend an overnight camp.

"Oftentimes, choosing an overnight camp is an easier decision for the child, but tougher for mom and dad," Mabie said.

Transitioning to summer camp

To help make the transition to camp easier, Gary Deutsch, camp director at Decoma Day Camp in Northbrook recommended parents and children take a ride out to the camp and look around, possibly even setting up a time to meet their coun-



Kumbaya: Apprehensive campers might feel at ease after hearing of positive trips. | COURTESY OF CAMP ECHO

selor prior to the first day of camp.

Stevens agreed and said this is especially useful if the child is hesitant to leave.

"I'll talk to the children and answer any questions they may have," Stevens said. "I'll show them a slideshow of camp and introduce them to some of the people they'll see at camp when they're there, and that often helps because then they'll have a familiar face when they get off the bus."

Summer camp offers the opportunity for children to try and experience new things that they can't do at home, such as sailing, water skiing or horse back riding.

"There are a lot of things that city kids don't get to do normally that they get to do and experience and learn how to do over the summer," Stevens said. "When parents talk about camp in a really positive and exciting way, it will get kids excited about it as well."



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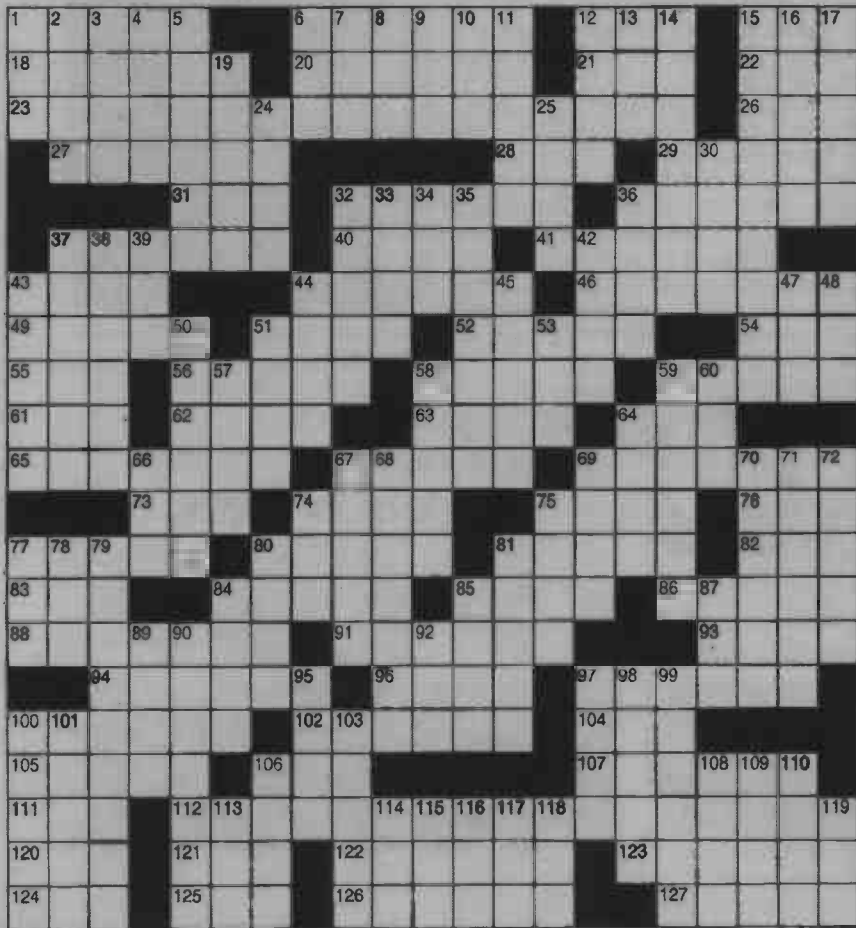
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For the week of January 18 — January 24

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Guess what, Lamb? You're about to experience a new perspective on a situation you long regarded quite differently. What you learn could open more opportunities later.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) The Bold Bovine is tempted to charge into a new venture. But it might be best to take things one step at a time, so that you know just where you are at any given point.

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CANCER (June 21 to July 22) The Moon Child loves to fantasize about magical happenings in the early part of the week. But the sensible Crab gets down to serious business by week's end.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) What goes around comes around for those lucky Leos and Leonas whose acts of generosity could be repaid with opportunities to expand into new and exciting areas of interest.

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LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Aspects favor getting out and meeting new people. And as a bonus, you might find that

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SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) You might take pride in wanting to do everything yourself. But now's a good time to ask family members to help with a demanding personal situation.

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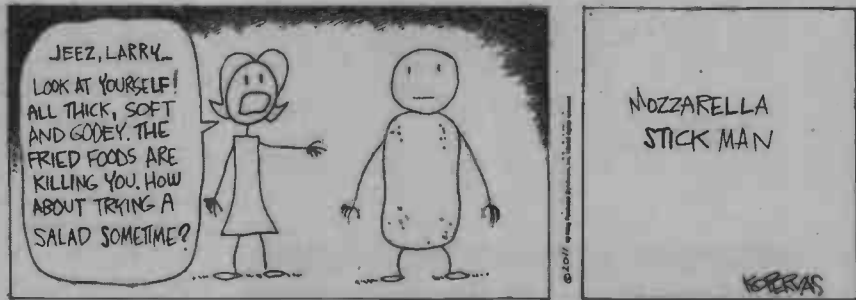
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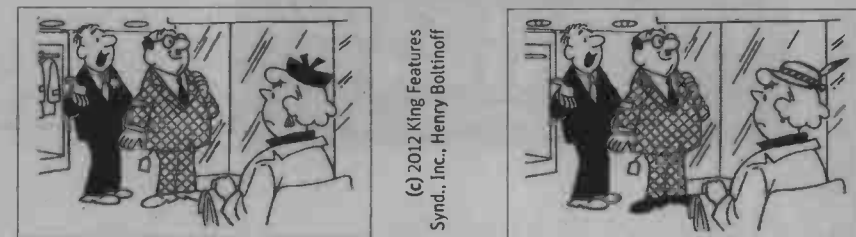
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
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Jobs for Veterans

How Hiring Veterans Can Boost Business

By: Jen Hubley Luckwaldt, PayScale.com

What can a grateful nation do for its veterans? How about give them a job?

Many companies across the United States are making a pledge to hire veterans and active reservists. It's a way to say thank you and, best of all, it's good for the bottom line.

And the job outlook for veterans could be getting better. In his recent tour to promote his jobs bill, President Obama announced that he will push for a tax break for businesses hiring veterans.

The proposed tax credit, called Returning Heroes, would offer up to \$5,600 for companies hiring veterans who have been out of work for six months or longer; the Wounded Warriors credit would offer up to \$10,000 for companies hiring wounded veterans who have been out of work for the same length of time.

"We ask our men and women in uniform to leave their careers, leave their families and risk their lives to fight for our country," Obama said. "The last thing they should have to do is fight for a job when they come home."

Veteran Job Protections

Veterans have job protection under the Uniformed Service Employment and Reemployment Rights Act of 1994. USERRA guarantees active reservists, guardsmen and veterans the right to keep their jobs, or be reemployed at similar jobs, during and after periods of service. It also requires employers to make reasonable accommodation for injured or disabled veterans who are returning to work.

For companies like LadderPort, a small manufacturing firm in Brighton, Mich., adhering to the law is both patriotic and sound financial policy.

"It can be profitable for your company," says Dick Dyk, LadderPort Director of Security. "But you need to think outside the corporate box."

Dyk is a volunteer for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR), a Defense Department Agency that encourages employers to sign a pledge stating that their company will honor the law and reemploy veterans, active reservists and members of the National Guard. The ESGR also acts as an ombudsman, mediating conflicts in the workplace.

LadderPort Operations Manager Michele Oras says that 20 percent of the company's employees are veterans, active reservists and members of the National Guard. She stresses the benefits that military-trained employees have to offer companies, including specialized skills and abilities that are often hard to find in the civilian workforce, such as:

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2. Team training

Members of the military are trained to work as a team. For manufacturing companies like LadderPort, that's a distinct advantage.

"We need guys that can work together without being on top of each other and willing to be part of the team, rather than I, I, I," says Oras. "The faster they can get our products out the door, the more money we make."

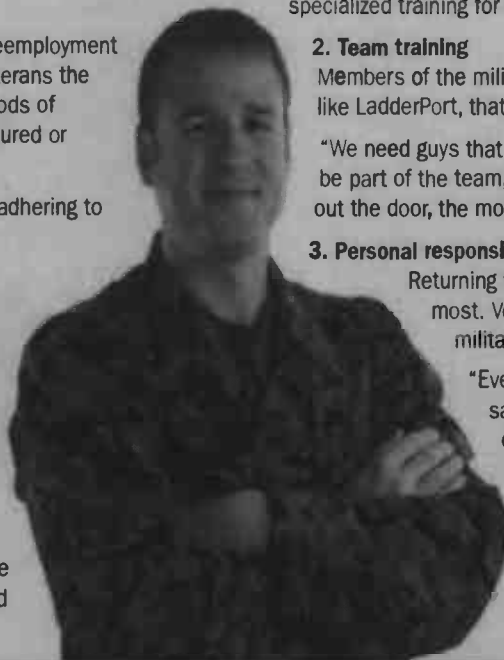
3. Personal responsibility

Returning veterans and active reservists understand responsibility better than most. Very young servicemen and women have huge responsibilities in the military, far beyond the obligations that most of us face at work.

"Everybody always says there's no 'I' in team. Well, that's junk," Dyk says. "It stands for individual responsibility ... And the military creates people that do that better than anybody else."

4. Financial considerations

Even if companies never see a dime in tax breaks, hiring veterans can contribute positively to a company's financial picture. In addition to providing free training in a variety of valuable professional skills, it may also help keep your company in the running for government contracts, says Oras.



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EMERGING AREAS IN OT

By Megan Malugani, Monster Contributing Writer

The demand for occupational therapists (OTs) — professionals who help individuals with physical, cognitive or emotional limitations achieve independence in their daily living or working environments — is on the upswing.

After a period of layoffs and hiring freezes spurred by federal legislation that limited reimbursement for therapy services, the OT profession has bounced back and is branching out in new directions. While job opportunities in hospitals, schools and other traditional settings remain strong, many OTs are blazing trails in areas connected with the aging population. Carolyn Baum, a past president of the American Occupational Therapy Association, notes five aging-related practice areas that are spawning new business for OTs:

Support for 'Aging in Place'

Older Americans prefer to stay in their own homes rather than enter long-term-care facilities, and OTs help make that desire a reality. OTs consult with elderly individuals, families and architects on designing or modifying homes so they are more accessible and less dangerous for people with poor mobility, vision loss or other limitations. OTs also work with architects and city officials to help them understand and incorporate the needs of seniors into city planning. In enclaves populated by large numbers of elderly people, for example, there is often a need for more senior-friendly signs, crosswalks and sidewalks.

Driver Assessments and Training Programs

Making sure older drivers do not injure themselves — or anyone else — on the road is another growth area for OTs. Because more physicians are addressing driver safety issues with their patients, the demand for evaluating questionable drivers is growing. OTs are equipped to perform driver screenings, evaluations and interventions. OTs also offer driver rehabilitation services.

Community Health and Wellness

More healthcare systems are launching community health initiatives, and OTs are getting involved. Specifically, OTs are taking the lead when it comes to educating people who have had strokes about how to manage their condition and prevent recurrences. Medical advances now enable more patients with chronic health issues to survive, and OTs are instrumental in helping these individuals lead productive, independent lives.

Addressing the Needs of Children and Youth

About 30 percent of OTs currently work in schools, and the workload in K-12 education is increasing as services for disabled students are expanded and extended. OTs help children with disabilities prepare to enter special-education programs and also work to create the proper learning and environmental conditions for children with conditions such as autism.

Ergonomics Consulting

Older workers make up one of the fastest-growing segments of the workforce, and OTs are

working with employers to develop strategies that support older workers' productivity. Furthermore, as employers become more aware of the link between ergonomics and workplace injury, OTs are stepping in as injury-prevention and workplace-modification consultants.

Technology and Assistive-Device Development and Consulting

OTs are at the forefront in using technology to help individuals compensate for cognitive, functional or mobility limitations. For example, OTs are involved in developing robots that climb steps and perform simple tasks for people with disabilities.

These areas represent just a small part of the profession's potential scope of practice, Baum says. An OT's mission — to help people with limitations fully participate in life — can be accomplished in many settings and capacities. "Occupational therapists find it very hard to get bored with their work," says Baum, who is also professor of occupational therapy and neurology at Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis. "There are always new places to take their knowledge."

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BUFFALO GROVE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION CHASE HOME FINANCE LLC Plaintiff,
-v-
DIMITAR S. DIMITROV A/K/A DIMITAR SLAVOV DIMITROV, IRINA DIMITROVA A/K/A IRINA DIMITROVA, JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A. Defendants
09 CH 038918
441 WHITE PINE ROAD BUFFALO GROVE, IL 60089
NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT PURSUANT TO A JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE AND SALE ENTERED IN THE ABOVE CAUSE ON MARCH 17, 2010, AN AGENT OF THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION, WILL AT 10:30 AM ON JANUARY 25, 2012, AT THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION, ONE SOUTH WACKER DRIVE, 24TH FLOOR CHICAGO, IL, 60606, SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER, AS SET FORTH BELOW, THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE: Commonly known as 441 WHITE PINE ROAD, BUFFALO GROVE, IL, 60089 Property Index No. 03-05-402-011. The real estate is improved with a residence. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid, by certified funds at the close of the auction; The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department.. Please refer to file number 14-09-26828. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.jisc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100 BURR RIDGE, IL 60527 (630) 794-9876 Attorney File No.: 14-09-26828 ARDC# 00468002 Attorney Code, 21762 Case # 09 CH 038918 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. I398409 12/29/11, 1/5, 1/12/12 #208574

SKOKIE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION Plaintiff,
-v-
WILSON MURAD, SHIRAN DANAL, SARKON MOURAD, JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NA, AS PURCHASER OF THE LOANS AND OTHER ASSETS OF WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK, F/K/A WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK, FA FROM THE FDIC, ACTING AS RECEIVER FOR THE SAVINGS BANK AND PURSUANT TO THE FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE ACT, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants
09 CH 013117
9034 NILES CENTER ROAD UNIT B SKOKIE, IL 60076
NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT PURSUANT TO A JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE AND SALE ENTERED IN THE ABOVE CAUSE ON OCTOBER 15, 2009, AN AGENT OF THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION, WILL AT 10:30 AM ON JANUARY 25, 2012, AT THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION, ONE SOUTH WACKER DRIVE - 24TH FLOOR CHICAGO, IL, 60606, SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER, AS SET FORTH BELOW, THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE: Commonly known as 9034 NILES CENTER ROAD UNIT B, SKOKIE, IL, 60076 Property Index No. 10-15-309-059. The real estate is improved with a residence. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be

open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department.. Please refer to file number 14-09-09972. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.jisc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100 BURR RIDGE, IL 60527 (630) 794-9876 Attorney File No.: 14-09-09972 ARDC# 00468002 Attorney Code, 21762 Case # 09 CH 013117 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. I398400 12/29/11, 1/5, 1/12/12 #208558

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Plaintiff: Prospective bidders are admonished to review the court file to verify all information. For information: Sale Clerk, Fisher and Shapiro, Attorney # 42168, 2121 Waukegan Road, Suite 301, Bannockburn, Illinois 60015, (847) 498-9990, between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. weekdays only. 1396662 1/5, 1/12, 1/19/12 211226

SKOKIE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION

BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP FKA/COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING LP
Plaintiff,

-v-
ELINA BAMPI, VADIM GOREV, JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A. AS PURCHASER OF THE LOANS AND OTHER ASSETS OF WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK, FKA WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK, FKA FA FROM THE FDIC, ACTING AS RECEIVER FOR THE SAVINGS BANK AND PURSUANT TO THE FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE ACT

Defendants
10 CH 010529

9435 N. LAVERGNE AVENUE
SKOKIE, IL 60077

NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on July 22, 2010, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on February 9, 2012, at the The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 9435 N. LAVERGNE AVENUE, SKOKIE, IL 60077 Property Index No. 10-16-223-017. The real estate is improved with a residence. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee, the Mortgagee's attorney, or the Mortgagee's attorney. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department. Please refer to file number 14-10-01095. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE You can also visit The Judicial Sales

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SKOKIE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION

SUNTRUST MORTGAGE, INC.
Plaintiff,

-v-
ALICE M. SMITH AKA ALICE SMITH, DEVONSHIRE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION C/O

Defendants
10 CH 45756

4735 GROVE STREET UNIT 103
SKOKIE, IL 60076

NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on June 13, 2011, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on February 2, 2012, at the The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 4735 GROVE STREET UNIT 103, SKOKIE, IL 60076 Property Index No. 10-15-316-040-1003. The real estate is improved with a yellow brick condominium with a one car attached garage. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: HEAVNER, SCOTT, BEYERS & MIHLAR, LLC, 111 East Main Street, DECATUR, IL 62523, (217) 422-1719. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. HEAVNER, SCOTT, BEYERS & MIHLAR, LLC, 111 East Main Street DECATUR, IL 62523 (217) 422-1719 Attorney Code: 40387 Case # 10 CH 10763 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. 1401979 1/12, 1/19, 1/26/12 #217316

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BUFFALO GROVE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
Plaintiff,

-v-
VADIM NEGER, MARINA NEGER, VILLA VERDE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION

Defendants
10 CH 10763

6 VILLA VERDE #305 Buffalo Grove, IL 60089

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LINCOLNWOOD
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PNC MORTGAGE, A DIVISION OF PNC BANK N.A. Plaintiff,

-v-
GEORGIA TOUNTAS, GUS TOUNTAS, SCHINDLER ELEVATOR CORPORATION, REZA TOULABI, COMMONWEALTH EDISON COMPANY, LOCAL 21 PENSION FUND, STATE OF ILLINOIS, MASONRY INSTITUTE, UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF GEORGIA TOUNTAS, IF ANY, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants

10 CH 12346

6701 NORTH MINNEHAHA AVENUE LINCOLNWOOD, IL 60712

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SKOKIE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION GMAC MORTGAGE, LLC Plaintiff, -v- AVRAM ANDRA, ELEONORA MANDRA, MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. Defendants. 11 CH 008291 3930 JEROME AVENUE SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT PURSUANT TO A JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE AND SALE ENTERED IN THE ABOVE CAUSE ON OCTOBER 26, 2011, AN AGENT OF THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION, ONE SOUTH WACKER DRIVE - 24TH FLOOR CHICAGO, IL, 60606, SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER, AS SET FORTH BELOW, THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE: Commonly known as 3930 JEROME AVENUE, SKOKIE, IL 60076 Property Index No. 10-26-300-022/023. The real estate is improved with a residence. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department. Please refer to file number 14-10-46287 ARDC# 00468002 Attorney Code, 21762 Case # 11 CH 008291 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. 1401884 1401787 Pub:1/5, 1/12, 1/19/12 212369

SKOKIE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION CITIMORTGAGE, INC. SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO ABN AMRO MORTGAGE GROUP INC. Plaintiff, -v- LEONARDO LAXAMANA, ALEJANDRA LAXAMANA, BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO LASALLE BANK, N.A. Defendants. 11 CH 012147 9517 LAWLER AVENUE SKOKIE, IL 60077 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT PURSUANT TO A JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE AND SALE ENTERED IN THE ABOVE CAUSE ON NOVEMBER 14, 2011, AN AGENT OF THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION, ONE SOUTH WACKER DRIVE - 24TH FLOOR CHICAGO, IL, 60606, SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER, AS SET FORTH BELOW, THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE: Commonly known as 9517 LAWLER AVENUE, SKOKIE, IL 60077 Property Index No. 10-16-203-062. The real estate is improved with a residence. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department. Please refer to file number 14-11-09177 ARDC# 00468002 Attorney Code, 21762 Case # 11 CH 012147 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. 1401005 Pub:1/5, 1/12, 1/19/12 211328

SKOKIE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION GMAC MORTGAGE, LLC Plaintiff, -v- DAVID G. SKLENA, MARY E. SKLENA, DAVID G. SKLENA LIVING TRUST, PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO NATIONAL CITY BANK, UNKNOWN BENEFICIARIES OF THE TRUST G. SKLENA LIVING TRUST, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants 11 CH 006392 9237 KEELER AVENUE SKOKIE, IL 60076 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT PURSUANT TO A JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE AND SALE ENTERED IN THE ABOVE CAUSE ON NOVEMBER 9, 2011, AN AGENT OF THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION, ONE SOUTH WACKER DRIVE - 24TH FLOOR CHICAGO, IL, 60606, SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER, AS SET FORTH BELOW, THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE: Commonly known as 9237 KEELER AVENUE, SKOKIE, IL 60076 Property Index No. 10-15-227-008. The real estate is improved with a residence. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department. Please refer to file number 14-11-05030 ARDC# 00468002 Attorney Code, 21762 Case # 11 CH 006392 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. 1400938 Pub:1/5, 1/12, 1/19/12 211296

SKOKIE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION GMAC MORTGAGE, LLC Plaintiff, -v- JAMIE LEE, Defendants 11 CH 15270 Property Address: 5301 Crain Street Skokie, IL 60077 NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE Fisher and Shapiro file # 11-052336 (It is advised that interested parties consult with their own attorneys before bidding at mortgage foreclosure sales.) PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT PURSUANT TO A JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE ENTERED ON NOVEMBER 18, 2011, Kallen Realty Services, Inc., as Selling Official will at 12:30 p.m. on February 22, 2012, at 205 W. Randolph Street, Suite 1020, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real property: Commonly known as 5301 Crain Street, Skokie, IL 60077 Permanent Index No.: 10-21-111-019 & 10-21-111-020. The mortgaged real estate is improved with a dwelling. The property will NOT be open for inspection. The judgment amount was \$309,523.39. Sale terms for non-priority: 10% of successful bid immediately at conclusion of auction, balance by 12:30 p.m. the next business day, both by cashier's checks and no refunds. The sale shall be subject to general real estate taxes, special taxes levied, and superior liens, if any. The property is offered "as is," with no express or implied warranties and without any representation as to the quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to review the court file to verify all information. For information: Sale Clerk, Fisher and Shapiro, Attorney # 42168, 2121 Waukegan Road, Suite 301, Brookpark, Illinois 60015, (847) 498-9990, between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. weekdays only. 1398594 1/12, 1/19, 1/26/12 #212759

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12/29/11, 1/5, 1/12/12 #208513
HARWOOD HEIGHTS
 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION HSBC MORTGAGE SERVICES, INC. Plaintiff, -v- MELISSA BAKER A/K/A MELISSA A. BAKER, THOMAS ZMUDA, MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. Defendants
11 CH 001552
 7535 W. FOSTER AVENUE HARWOOD HEIGHTS, IL 60706
 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on November 3, 2011, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on February 7, 2012, at the The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 7535 W. FOSTER AVENUE, HARWOOD HEIGHTS, IL 60706 Property Index No. 12-12-400-007. The real estate is improved with a residence. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid at the close of the auction; The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILUS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100 BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department. Please refer to file number 14-10-39312. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.jscc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. CODILUS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100 BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Attorney File No.: 14-11-04109 ARDC# 00468002 Attorney Code: 21762 Case # 11 CH 014417 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. 1396442

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SKOKIE
 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR LONG BEACH MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2004-6 Plaintiff, -v- JAMES KANDU, JENNA KANDU, COLE TAYLOR BANK, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA-DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY-INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE Defendants
08 CH 48632
 9105 LAWLER AVE. Skokie, IL 60077
 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on August 21, 2009, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on February 21, 2012, at the The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 9105 LAWLER AVE., Skokie, IL 60077 Property Index No. 10-18-404-037-0000. The real estate is improved with a multi unit building containing two to six apartments. The judgment amount was \$467,692.94 Sale terms: The bid amount, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: HEAVNER, SCOTT, BEYERS & MIHLAR, LLC 111 East Main Street DECATUR, IL 62523, (217) 422-1719 Attorney File No.: 14-11-04109 ARDC# 00468002 Attorney Code: 21762 Case # 11 CH 014417 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. 1396442

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 Notice is hereby given, pursuant to "An Act in relation to the use of an Assumed Business Name in the conduct or transaction of Business in the State," as amended, that a certification was filed by the undersigned with the County Clerk of Cook County, File No. D11128661 on December 22, 2011. Under the Assumed Name of **BWK Transport** with the business located at 6530 W. Irving Park Rd. #509, Chicago, IL 60634. The true name(s) and residence address of the owner(s) is: Bronislaw Kazek, 6530 W. Irving Park Rd. #509, Chicago, IL 60634. 1/5 1/12 1/19/12 210535
Bid Notice
Village of Skokie Notice to Bidders
Tree Removal Services
 Notice is hereby given that the Village of Skokie will receive BIDS at 5127 Oakton Street, Skokie, Illinois 60077 Attention: Michael Aleksic, Purchasing Agent until 11:00 p.m. local time on Tuesday, January 24, 2012. A copy of the bid can be obtained by visiting www.skokie.org. Click on Village Departments, Purchasing, Bids & RFP's to download a copy. Bids can also be obtained from the Village of Skokie Purchasing Office at the address shown above. Any bid or proposal submitted unsealed, unsigned, fax transmitted or received subsequent to the aforementioned date and time will be disqualified and returned to the bidder. The Village of Skokie reserves the right to reject any and all bids or parts thereof, to waive any irregularities or informalities in bidding procedures and to award the contract in a manner best serving the interest of the Village. Skokie Village Hall is a fully accessible building. Persons requiring assistance should contact the Purchasing Office at 847-933-8240 or TTY 673-9330 Michael Aleksic Purchasing Agent Village of Skokie Pub:1/9/12 218445
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 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on November 3, 2011, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on February 7, 2012, at the The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 7535 W. FOSTER AVENUE, HARWOOD HEIGHTS, IL 60706 Property Index No. 12-12-400-007. The real estate is improved with a residence. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid at the close of the auction; The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: HEAVNER, SCOTT, BEYERS & MIHLAR, LLC 111 East Main Street DECATUR, IL 62523, (217) 422-1719 Attorney File No.: 14-11-04109 ARDC# 00468002 Attorney Code: 21762 Case # 11 CH 014417 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. 1396442

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Judicial Sales-Real Est.

(12 U.S.C. 1701k), and subsection (d) of section 3720 of title 38 of the United States Code, the right to redeem does not arise, there shall be no right of redemption. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILUS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100 BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department. Please refer to file number 14-11-04109. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.jscc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. CODILUS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100 BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Attorney File No.: 14-11-04109 ARDC# 00468002 Attorney Code: 21762 Case # 11 CH 014417 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. 1396442

12/29/11, 1/5, 1/12/12 #208499
SKOKIE
 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR LONG BEACH MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2004-6 Plaintiff, -v- JAMES KANDU, JENNA KANDU, COLE TAYLOR BANK, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA-DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY-INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE Defendants
08 CH 48632
 9105 LAWLER AVE. Skokie, IL 60077
 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on August 21, 2009, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on February 21, 2012, at the The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 9105 LAWLER AVE., Skokie, IL 60077 Property Index No. 10-18-404-037-0000. The real estate is improved with a multi unit building containing two to six apartments. The judgment amount was \$467,692.94 Sale terms: The bid amount, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: HEAVNER, SCOTT, BEYERS & MIHLAR, LLC 111 East Main Street DECATUR, IL 62523, (217) 422-1719 Attorney File No.: 14-11-04109 ARDC# 00468002 Attorney Code: 21762 Case # 11 CH 014417 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. 1396442

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12/29/11, 1/5, 1/12/12 #208513
HARWOOD HEIGHTS
 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION HSBC MORTGAGE SERVICES, INC. Plaintiff, -v- MELISSA BAKER A/K/A MELISSA A. BAKER, THOMAS ZMUDA, MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. Defendants
11 CH 001552
 7535 W. FOSTER AVENUE HARWOOD HEIGHTS, IL 60706
 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on November 3, 2011, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on February 7, 2012, at the The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 7535 W. FOSTER AVENUE, HARWOOD HEIGHTS, IL 60706 Property Index No. 12-12-400-007. The real estate is improved with a residence. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid at the close of the auction; The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: HEAVNER, SCOTT, BEYERS & MIHLAR, LLC 111 East Main Street DECATUR, IL 62523, (217) 422-1719 Attorney File No.: 14-11-04109 ARDC# 00468002 Attorney Code: 21762 Case # 11 CH 014417 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. 1396442

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Probate

STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
PROBATE DIVISION

in the matter of the estate of
Margaret I. Fuller,
Deceased

Case No. 11 P 6973
PUBLICATION NOTICE

Notice is hereby given of the death of Margaret I. Fuller of Chicago, IL. Letters of office were issued on December 22, 2011 to Margaret M. Klouda, 2414 Oak Hill Drive, Lisle, IL 60532, Terence P. Fuller, 214, Kingston Drive, Addison, IL 60101, whose attorney is Robert J. Ross, Code 50254, 1622 W. Colonial Parkway, Ste 201, Inverness, Illinois 60067. 847-358-5757

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court in Room 1202, Richard J. Daley Center, Chicago, Illinois 60602, or with the representative, or both, on or before July 5, 2012 which date is not less than 6 months from the date of the first publication of this notice and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of any claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it is filed.

/s/ Margaret M. Klouda
(Co-Executor)
/s/ Terence P. Fuller
(Co-Executor)
/s/ Robert J. Ross
(Attorney)
Pub: 1/5, 1/12, 1/19, 2/10/2012

STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
PROBATE DIVISION

In the matter of the estate of
Darlene A. Lobjko
Deceased

Case No. 2011 P 006974
PUBLICATION NOTICE

Notice is hereby given of the death of Darlene A. Lobjko of Palatine, IL. Letters of office were issued on January 5, 2012 to Wendy D. Strange, 905 S. 14th Street, Herrin, IL 62948, whose attorney is Scott B. Friedman, 1110 Lake Cook Road, Suite 185, Buffalo Grove, IL 60089. 847-850-5343

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court in Room 1202, Richard J. Daley Center, Chicago, Illinois 60602, or with the representative, or both, on or before July 12, 2012, which date is not less than 6 months from the date of the first publication of this notice and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of any claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it is filed.

/s/ Scott B. Friedman
(Attorney)
Pub: 1/12, 1/19, 1/26 217723

Probate

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT,
PROBATE DIVISION

THE ESTATE OF
Irene Drabant, Deceased.
NO: 11 P 6289

PUBLICATION NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of Irene Drabant of 409 South Helena, Mt. Prospect, Cook County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on December 20, 2011 to Denise I. Burke, as Independent Executor, whose mailing address is 8538 Osceola, Niles, IL 60714, and whose attorney is Michael J. Moran, 121 S. Wilke Road, Suite 201, Arlington Heights, IL 60005, 847-577-8556, Atty No.: 25946.

Claims must be filed on or before June 29, 2012 (being a date not less than six (6) months from the date of the first publication of this notice or three (3) months from the date of mailing or delivery of this notice to creditors, whichever is later), and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Every claim filed must be in writing and state sufficient information to notify the representative of the nature of the claim or other relief sought.

Claims must be filed with the representative of the Estate or in the Office of the Circuit Clerk of this Court, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602. If filed with the Court, the claimant, within ten (10) days after filing his claim with the Court (1) shall cause a copy of the claim to be mailed or delivered to the representative and to his Attorney of record, unless the representative or his Attorney has in writing, either consented to the allowance of the claim or waived mailing or delivery of copies in writing, and (2) shall file with the Court proof of any required mailing or delivery of copies.

DATED: December 21, 2011
/s/ Michael J. Moran, Attorney for the Estate of Irene Drabant
Pub: 12/29, 1/5, 1/12 209233

Public Notices

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Park Ridge Recreation and Park District's Tentative Combined Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for the year 2012 is on file and available for public inspection at the Administrative Offices of the Park District, 2701 Sibley Avenue, Park Ridge, Illinois 60068 - Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

A public hearing will be held on the proposed Combined Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance of the Park Ridge Recreation and Park District for the year 2012 on the 19th day of January, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. at the Park Ridge Recreation and Park District, Maine Park Leisure Center, 2701 Sibley Avenue, Park Ridge, Illinois.

Richard Brandl, Secretary
Park Ridge Recreation and Park District
Park Ridge, Illinois
Pub: 1-12-12 214895

PUBLIC NOTICE

Meetings for the Norwood Park Fire Protection District Fire Commissioners for the year 2012, will be held on the first Tuesday of following months: March, June, September, and December. Said meeting will be held at the Norwood Park Fire Department, 7447 W. Lawrence, Harwood Heights, IL 60706. Meetings are to be called to order by the Chairman at 12 Noon.

Carmen Rinaldi
Chairman
Pub: 1-12-12 215244

PUBLIC NOTICE

The monthly meetings of the Norwood Park Fire Protection District Board of Trustees, will be held on the second Tuesday of each month, beginning in January, 2012. Said meetings will be held at the Norwood Park Fire Department, 7447 W. Law-

Public Notices

rence, Harwood Heights, IL 60706.

Meetings are to be called to order by the President at 7:00 P.M. Douglass Strempek
Board Secretary
Pub: 1-12-12 215236

ANNOUNCEMENT

Effective 1Dec. 2011, I-T Day-care Center located at 1637 Oakton Place, Des Plaines, IL 60018, is happy to share with the public that we are participating in the ISBE Free Meal Program. Free and reduced-price meals will be served to all qualified enrolled children. You can contact us at (847) 299-8687.

Pub: 1-12-12 214943

PUBLIC NOTICE

Meetings for the Norwood Park Fire Protection District Pension Fund for the year 2012, will be held at the Norwood Park Fire Department, 7447 W. Lawrence, Harwood Heights, IL 60706 at 7:00 P.M., on January 16th, April 18th, July 17th and October 15th, 2012.

Jeff Peistrup
President
Pub: 1-12-12 215239

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held on Monday, January 23, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at Park Ridge City Hall, 505 Butler Place, Park Ridge, Illinois, when the following matter will be considered: APPLICATION FOR LIVELY CERTIFICATE OF OPERATION:

Application for a new Lively Certificate of Operation in accordance with Article 10, "Taxicabs and Limousines," Chapter 2 "Certificate of Operation" was filed on December 19, 2011 by Patricia Carpenter, Think Pink, Inc., d.b.a. Pink Taxi.

The public hearing will allow for the public and the applicant to appear and be heard on issuance of such Certificate and for the applicant to establish that public need requires the issuance of the Certificate of Operation.

Application by Tutti Frutti Hookah Corporation, for a special use, and consideration for any exceptions that may be requested as part of the proposal, in accordance with the requirements of Sections 4.6 of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Park Ridge; in conjunction with text amendments to Section 8, 12 and 16 of the Zoning Ordinance

Public Notices

LEGAL NOTICE

THE REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF MORTON GROVE FOR 2012 WILL BE HELD ON THE SECOND AND FOURTH MONDAY OF THE MONTH AT THE RICHARD T. FLICKINGER MUNICIPAL CENTER 6101 CAPULINA AVENUE, MORTON GROVE, ILLINOIS AT 7:00 PM

All Village Board meetings are held at 7:00 pm and are open to the public during the months and on the dates as follows:

January 9	July 9
January 23	July 23 (cancelled)
February 13	August 13
February 27	August 27 (cancelled)
March 12	September 10
March 26	September 24
April 9	October 8
April 23	October 22
May 14	November 12
May 28 (cancelled)	November 26
June 11	December 10
June 25	December 24 (cancelled)

To ensure full accessibility and equal participation for all interested citizens, individuals with disabilities who plan to attend and who require certain accommodations in order to observe and/or participate in this meeting, or who have questions regarding the accessibility of these facilities, are requested to contact Susan or Marlene (847) 470-5220 promptly to allow the Village to make reasonable accommodations.

1/12/12 #219121

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE FAMILY COURT

COUNTY OF OCONEE

CHARLES VERRIO KEESE,
Plaintiff, VS. SUMMONS

SHALINZ GONZALEZ, Defendant

IN RE: YAZMYN M. KEESE, HEARING NOTICE

DOB: 3-19-98 CASE NO: 2010-DR-37-660

TO: DELANE ROSEMOND-ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF

I have scheduled a 15 MINUTE FINAL HEARING on the above referenced case on Friday, January 13, 2012, 11:00A.M. This hearing will be held in the Oconee County Courthouse, 2nd Floor in Courtroom 2B, Walhalla, SC. The Honorable James Spruill is presiding. (NOTE: The Presiding Judge is subject to change) NOTE: The Chief Family Court Judge only, may grant any requests for Continuances prior to the Monday of the term of Court during which your case is to be heard.

Teresa Cates Oconee County Clerk of Court Office
(864) 638-4268 Walhalla, SC

Dated: 11/23/11 THIS IS THE ONLY NOTICE THAT YOU WILL RECEIVE.

COPIES MAILED TO: COPIES BOXED ATTORNEY:
Delane Rosemond 11/23/11

E-MAILED TO SET HEARING: CALLED TO SET HEARING
Delane Rosemond 11/23/11

Pub: 1/5, 1/12, 1/19 210548

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ance of the Certificate of Operation.

All persons interested in the above described matter are invited to attend and will be heard.

Ald. Di Pietro, Chairman
Procedures and Regulations Committee
Pub: 1/12/12 209227

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given by the Board of Education of Union Ridge School District Number 86 in Harwood Heights, in the County of Cook, State of Illinois that a public hearing will be held January 19, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. in the Corigan Learning Center at Union Ridge School.

The purpose of said hearing is to receive public comment on proposed waiver application to allow the district to waive non-resident tuition for employee's children.

Jeffrey Rasche, President
Helen Pissios, Secretary
Board of Education
Union Ridge School District 86
Harwood Heights, IL 60706
1/12/12 #218982

Public Hearings

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held before the Planning and Zoning Commission on Tuesday, February 14, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers of Park Ridge City Hall, 505 Butler Place, Park Ridge, Illinois, when the following matters will be considered:

Zoning Case Numbers
SU-12-01 and TA-12-02:

Application by Tutti Frutti Hookah Corporation, for a special use, and consideration for any exceptions that may be requested as part of the proposal, in accordance with the requirements of Sections 4.6 of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Park Ridge; in conjunction with text amendments to Section 8, 12 and 16 of the Zoning Ordinance

1/12/12 #215661

Alfredo Marr, Chairman
Planning and Zoning Commission

Public Notices

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
VILLAGE OF LINCOLNWOOD
PLAN COMMISSION

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on February 1, 2012, at 7:00 p.m., a public hearing will be held by the Plan Commission of the Village of Lincolnwood, Cook County, Illinois, in the Council Chambers Room of Lincolnwood Village Hall, 6900 North Lincoln Avenue, Lincolnwood, Illinois for the purpose of considering the following:

Property Address: 6743 North Central Park Avenue
Applicant: Anthony Kocalis, Property Owner

Nature of Request:

The applicant requests Final Plat Review and approval as per Section 18-4-5 of the Subdivision Code. The Final Plat is required in order to consolidate parcels into one single-family parcel with a common address of 6743 North Central Park Avenue.

At the public hearing, the Plan Commission will accept and consider all testimony and evidence pertaining to this application, and will consider any Subdivision and/or Zoning Ordinance actions or relief that may be necessary or convenient to allow development of the type described in this notice, or development that is less dense than the type described in this notice, including, without limitation, special use permits, variations, map or text amendments, or other special approvals. At the conclusion of the public hearing, the Plan Commission will make a recommendation to the Lincolnwood Village Board of Trustees based on the information presented. The Village Board will consider that recommendation at a subsequent public meeting. The decision of the Village Board will be the final decision of the Village regarding this application.

Information concerning this application is available for inspection in the Community Development Department of the Lincolnwood Village Hall, 6900 North Lincoln Avenue, Lincolnwood, Illinois. This public hearing may be adjourned to another date by the Plan Commission of the Village without further notice other than a notice entered upon the minutes of said meeting fixing the time and place of its reconvening.

All persons in attendance at the hearing shall have an opportunity to be heard regarding this application. Any person who also desires to appear as an "interested party" with the right to cross-examine others at the public hearing, must file an appearance form with the Village of Lincolnwood no later than 5 P.M. on the business day prior to the commencement of the public hearing. Appearance forms are available in the Community Development Department of the Lincolnwood Village Hall, 6900 North Lincoln Avenue, Lincolnwood, Illinois.

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Dated: January 9, 2012

Village Clerk
Village of Lincolnwood
#219112

Public Notices

LEGAL NOTICE

Application for a new Lively Certificate of Operation in accordance with Article 10, "Taxicabs and Limousines," Chapter 2 "Certificate of Operation" was filed on December 19, 2011 by Patricia Carpenter, Think Pink, Inc., d.b.a. Pink Taxi.

The public hearing will allow for the public and the applicant to appear and be heard on issuance of such Certificate and for the applicant to establish that public need requires the issuance of the Certificate of Operation.

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Public Hearings

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to accommodate a new proposed use "Hookah Bar/Lounge," defined as "a commercial establishment that sells retail legal tobacco and shall allow indoor smoking. It shall conform to the Illinois Smoke Free Act and prohibit the sale or use of tobacco on its premises to people under the age of 18. It shall also be able to sell packaged food and beverage items as long as they are not prepared on the premises. It shall also include the display of live music during regular business hours," as a special use in the B-2 District, with associated new proposed parking requirements, in accordance with Section 4.8 of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Park Ridge, at the following property:

LOT 18 IN BLOCK 5 IN KINSEY'S PARK RIDGE SUBDIVISION OF PART OF SECTIONS 1 AND 2, TOWNSHIP 40 NORTH, RANGE 13 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

The property is commonly known as: 114 Higgins Road, Park Ridge, IL 60068

All persons interested in the above described matter are invited to attend and will be heard.

The case file for this matter is available for review in the Department of Community Preservation and Development in City Hall.

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Storage - Legal

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Section 4 of the Self-Service Storage Facility Act, State of Illinois, the undersigned, Public Storage/PS OrangeCo, Inc, will conduct sale(s) by competitive sale bidding on: 1/30/12 at 11:00 am on the premise where said property has been stored, and which are located at Public Storage/PS OrangeCo Inc, property # 22338 1129 N. Wells Street, Chicago IL 60610.312-951-8891. In the matters of the personal property for the individuals listed below: C212 Joanie Osborn D526 Michelle Lazowski E698 Lorell Dumas, Public Storage/PS OrangeCo, Inc. Purchases must be made with cash only and paid for at the time of sale. All goods are sold as is and must be removed at the time of purchase. Sale is subject to adjournment.

Pub: 1/12, 1/19 217237

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Unit - Customer
0017 - Lipowski, Leslie
0062D - Chellman, Christy
0066 - Herrera, Christopher
0100 - Frost, Kimberly
0118 - Kuehn, Jeff

Storage - Legal

0509 - Collins, Sean
0558 - Trigny, Ray
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1104 - Theus, Joi
1137 - Beauchamp, Nick
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Pub: 1/12, 1/19 216408

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In the matters of the personal property for the individuals listed below: 0014 Karl Donald 0021 Tamikka Shedd 0023 Ruthie Gibson 0028 Brian Ham 0031 Kelly Minton 0042 Ava Teverbaugh 0050 Timothy Hunter 0064 Sandra Hoyt 0074 Kimberly Brown 0080 Artila Mims 0091 Paula Gatto B1019 Carl McKenzie B1025 Laurie Adams B1028 Theotis Tyler Jr. B1032 George Henderson B1048 Lisa Wiggins B1055 Monique Lewis B1058 Velda Green B1062 Tony Sanders B1067 Eva Hurley C2026 Neil Burns C2047 Alvin Love C2051 Anthonette Dawson C2058 Doris Davenport C2070 Jetaun Jones C2072 Sandra Riley C2087 Allan Souza D3014 Lydia Nesmith D3026 Michael Parlapans D3043 Chiquita Eubanks D3056 Entertainment Inc., Un-D-Nyable E4007 Marlon McCants E4014 Jocelyn Giles E4028 Marlyn Taylor E4031 Shanta Robinson E4045 Prince Riley E4046 Jennifer Tucker E4066 Bessie Wheat E4095 Camille Moline E4109 Romincsha Williams E4115 Ingrid Roeder E4129 Robert Collins E4146 Rowelonda Hooks E4147 Anthony Hancock F5019 Dale Caridine F5044 Tomika Black F5061 Larry Wilson F5094 Kimonique Woodward F5097 Lauren Bell F5104 Marcella Rutledge F5112 Nikia Thompson F5131 Jamila Hughes G6084 Entertainment Inc., Un-D-Nyable H7004 Charlise Williams H7009 Maria Frief H7028 Taba Kheradmand H7030 Elvonda Kennedy H7056 Clarence Wood H7098 Cheryl Allen H7099 Doris Davenport, H7116 Lisa Lockard H7126 Durrant Parham H7128 Soray Walton. Public Storage/PS OrangeCo, Inc. Purchases must be made with cash only and paid for at the time of sale. All goods are sold as is and must be removed at the time of purchase. Sale is subject to adjournment.

Pub: 1/12, 1/19 215772

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

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Storage - Legal

Angela Genova. Public Storage/PS OrangeCo Inc. Purchases must be made with cash only and paid for at the time of sale. All goods are sold as is and must be removed at the time of purchase. Sale is subject to adjournment.

Pub: 1/12, 1/19/12 214709

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Section 4 of the Self-Service Storage Facility Act, State of Illinois, that Public Storage/PS OrangeCo, Inc., will conduct sale(s) by competitive bidding on: January 27, 2012 at 12:00 p.m. On the premise where said property has been stored and which are located at Public Storage, Property # 08067, 1711 W. Fullerton, Chicago, IL 60614, Phone: 773-525-5518, Fax: 773-248-3702.

In the matters of the personal property for the individuals listed below: 1009 Donna Harper 1026 Alexander Moffat 1111 Nila Larkin 1115 Molly Bitrick 1169 Antara Murdock 2034 Aaron Osorio 2134 Celeste Lopez 2179 Kara Thompson 3158 Herb Rosen 4078 Lawrence Brown. Public Storage/PS OrangeCo, Inc. Purchases must be made with cash only and paid for at the time of sale. All goods are sold as is and must be removed at the time of purchase. Sale is subject to adjournment.

Pub: 1/12, 1/19 214574

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Section 4 of the Self-Service Storage Facility Act, State of Illinois, that the undersigned will sell at public sale by competitive bidding on January 31, 2012 at 10:45 a.m. on the premises where said property has been stored, and which are located at Public Storage/PS Orange Co. Inc., #23310, 903 E. Algonquin Rd., Arlington Heights, IL 60005 847-956-3752, the personal property described below in the matters of: C037 Hector Rivera D070 Stephanie Matthews E005 Lisa Moore F113 Reyne Marasa G034 Avellino Aquada G051 Douglas Wirtanen H055 Robert Kozak H072 Pedro Trejo K067 Amanda Knighten K069 Corner Stone L012 Robert Hunt. Purchases must be made with cash only and paid for at the time of sale. All goods are sold as is and must be removed at the time of purchase. Sale is subject to adjournment.

Pub: 1/12, 12/19/12 214568

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DISTRICT 207

Maine East alumni raise \$15,000 for school health center

BY TRACY GRUEN
Contributor

The Maine East High School Class of 1971 reunion was much more than a dinner and a chance to catch up with old high school friends.

The Reunion Committee raised \$15,000 for the School-Based Health Center at Maine East in Park Ridge. The check was presented at a recent Maine Township High School District 207 school board meeting.

The School-Based Health Center for District 207 serves students at all three high schools.

"The teachers at Maine East cared deeply about our well-being," said Dr. Marjorie Getz, a 1971 Maine East graduate. "It's a natural thing to give back to the school."

Getz is a member of the Reunion Committee and the School-Based Health Center Committee. She does educational consultation in the pediatrics department at Advocate Lutheran General Hospital in Park Ridge.

Getz said that as a result of the \$15,000 donation, 700 physicals will be given to District 207 students who are uninsured.

"We are so appreciative," said Kathy Malyszko, mental health

counselor at the School-Based Health Center. "Adolescents are the most underserved population as far as healthcare goes."

The health center provides all the services students would receive at a doctor's office, such as physicals, sports physicals, immunizations, diagnosis of chronic illnesses and more.

Mental health services to treat eating disorders and individual and family counseling services are also provided free of charge.

Malyszko said that the health center receives money from a state grant, but continues to have a \$40,000 deficit each year. The center depends on fund-raising and donations to successfully serve the students. Students also collect money themselves for the health center.

"We take everything we can get," said Malyszko. "Every little bit helps."

Malyszko said that Getz is very enthusiastic and is one of their "biggest champions."

Getz said she had just moved with her family from Chicago when she started attending Maine East. She recalled the teachers making her feel welcome in a new environment.

"When I walk those halls, I'm transported back in time," Getz said.



Dr. Marjorie Getz, center, a 1971 graduate of Maine East High School, presents a check for District 207's School-Based Health Center to Superintendent Ken Wallace, left, and School Board member Eldon Burk. | CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

PARK RIDGE COMMUNITY FUND

Charity's 2012 fundraising gets early boost from businessman

BY JENNIFER JOHNSON
jjohnson@pioneerlocal.com

A fundraising challenge from a Park Ridge native and suburban business owner recently netted more than three times the amount of donations he called upon citizens to raise.

Eric Nelson, owner of Nelson Automotive in Mount Prospect, promised to donate \$7,000 to the Park Ridge Community Fund if the charitable organization was able to raise the same amount from other donors by Dec. 31.

"Park Ridge stepped up to the challenge and more than \$25,000 came in during the last two weeks of the year," said Gail Haller, executive director of the Park Ridge Community Fund.

Haller accepted Nelson's \$7,000 check Dec. 30.

Nelson, a 2004 Maine South graduate who still lives in Park Ridge,

said he made the decision last year to donate to charity a minimum of \$20 for each used car his business sold. TechnoServe, which helps men and women in developing countries build their own businesses, received a \$3,000 donation, while Nelson opted to match \$7,000 in donations to the Park Ridge Community Fund. The Community Fund supports a number of local charities and non-profit organizations.

"I decided the Community Fund was a good way to give to a couple of different organizations and do it through one gift," Nelson explained.

He acknowledged that the outpouring from the community in response to his challenge was more than he expected.

"I was extremely surprised by how much they were able to bring in and extremely happy," Nelson said.

Haller said she was "ecstatic" to see the community's response and

praised Nelson for choosing the Park Ridge Community Fund to support.

"I was thrilled," she said. "Of all the nonprofits he could have donated to in Park Ridge, he thought of the Community Fund."

Haller added that the fundraising challenge sparked interest from LIN-MAR Motors in Morton Grove, which agreed to match half of Nelson's \$7,000 contribution.

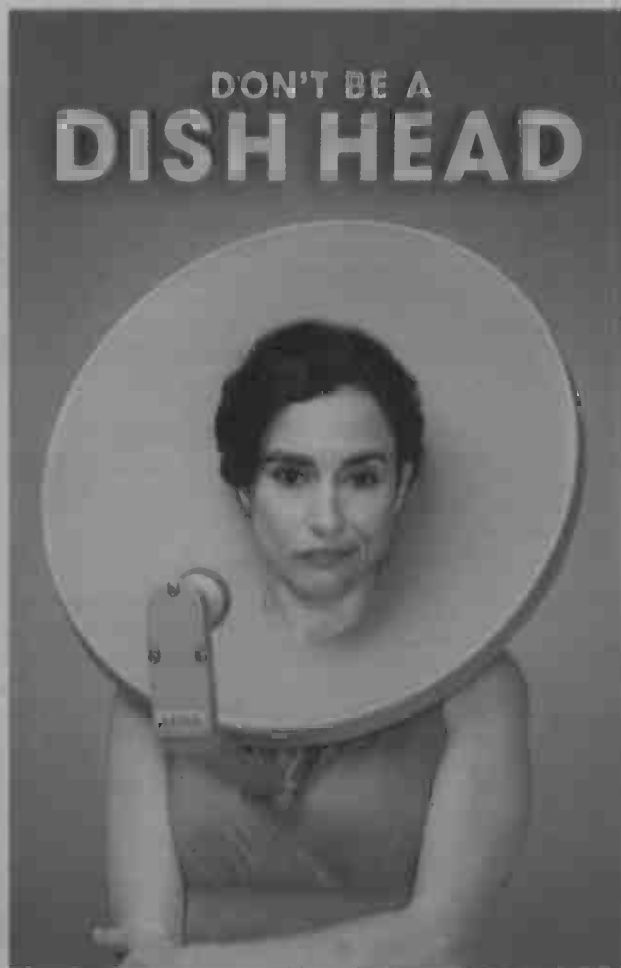
The Park Ridge Community Fund's annual fundraising goal is \$130,000, Haller said. The new fiscal year began Sept. 1.

"It looks like, right now, we are ahead compared to last year," Haller said of the Community Fund's proceeds.

Next month volunteers will hear funding requests from local nonprofits and charities and make recommendations to the Community Fund's Board as to how much money each should receive.



Eric Nelson, owner of Nelson Automotive in Mount Prospect, hands a check to Gail Haller, of the Park Ridge Community Fund. Nelson offered to donate \$7,000 to the Community Fund if citizens matched or exceeded that amount. | CONTRIBUTED PHOTO



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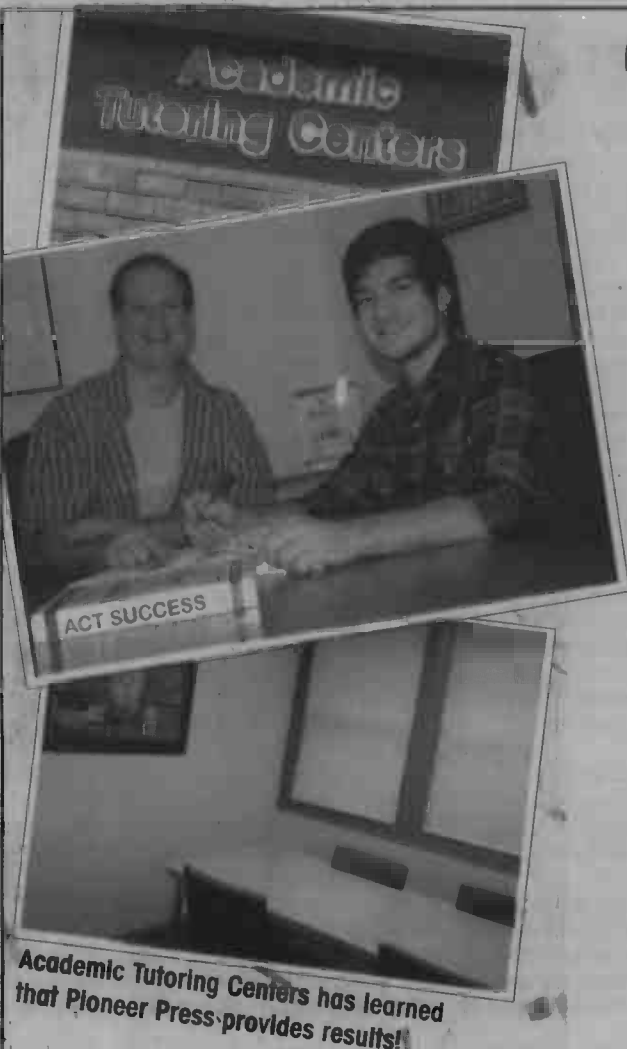
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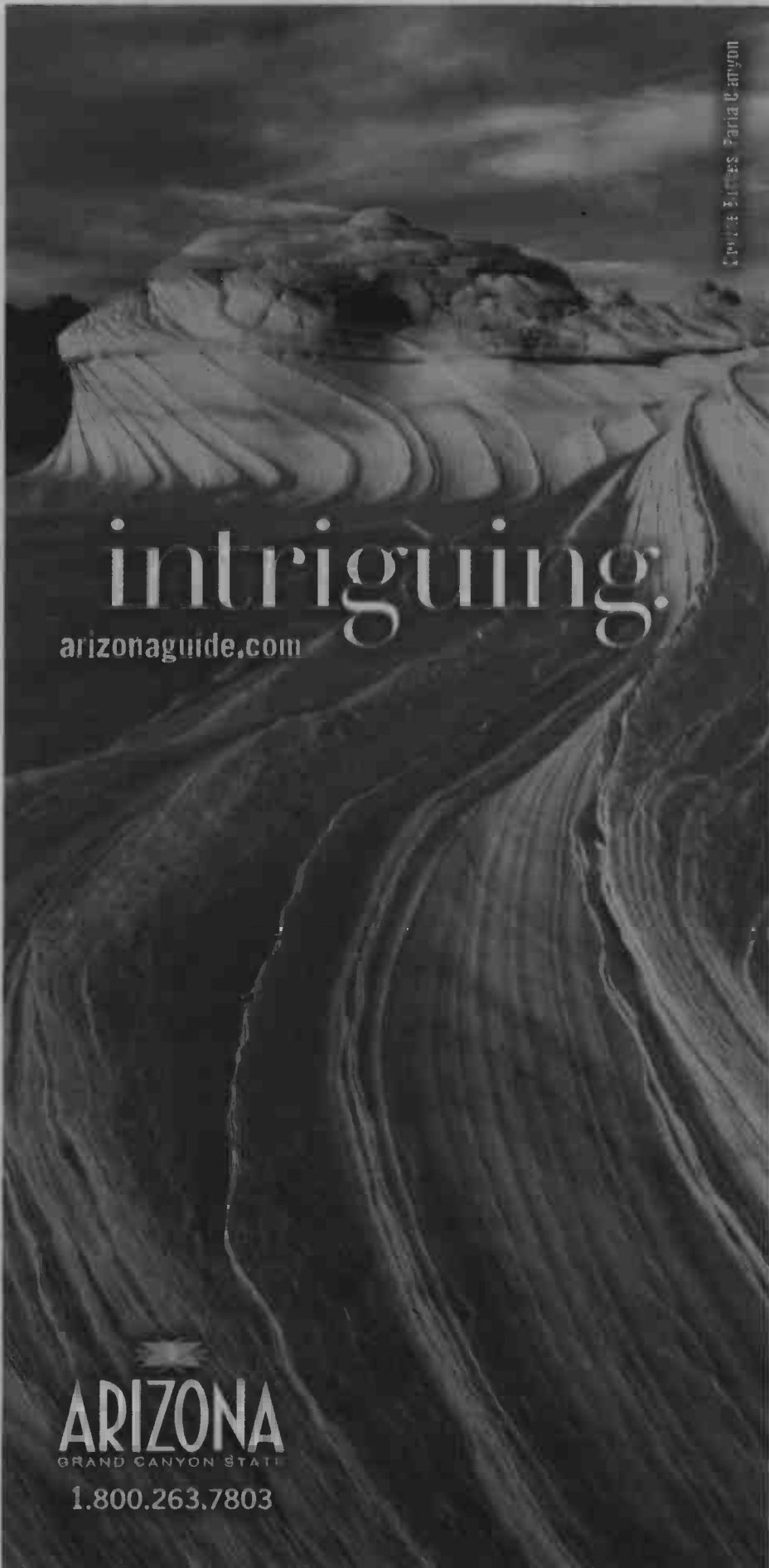
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Center of Concern

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

Monday, Jan. 16, 23, and 30 – Employment counseling, by appointment.

Tuesday, Jan. 17 – Medicare counseling, by appointment (sponsored by the federally funded Senior Health Insurance Program).

Wednesday, Jan. 25 – Grief and loss support group (call first).

Saturdays, Jan. 14 and 28 – Legal counseling, by appointment.

Saturday, Jan. 28 – Blood pressure and blood sugar testing, 10 a.m.-noon (no appointment needed).

Homeowners desiring ad-

ditional income, companionship, or the ability to remain in their homes may wish to consider the Center of Concern's Shared Housing Program. Residents are matched with screened applicants who possess a temperament suitable to shared accommodations.

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.

Center counselors also are available to help eligible

residents apply for Illinois Circuit Breaker property-tax relief grants and license-plate discounts, Illinois Cares Rx (prescription-drug assistance), the senior-citizen real-estate tax exemption and deferral, the senior-citizen tax-assessment freeze, and the longtime-occupant-homeowner property-tax exemption.

Chamber

Niles Chamber of Commerce & Industry, (847) 268-8180.

Civic

State Rep. Rosemary Mulligan, R-65th, maintains her 65th District office at the following address: 1420 Renaissance Drive, Suite 306, Park Ridge IL 60068. Phone: (847) 297-6533; fax: (847) 297-2978; e-mail: repmulligan@usa.net; website and E-News sign-up: <http://repmulligan.com>. The 65th District includes all or portions of Des Plaines, Park Ridge, Mount Prospect, Rosemont, Norridge, Harwood Heights,

As a matter of public records ...



BY RANDY BLASER

Columnist

A few years ago, my son found something in the basement. He acted as if he had just discovered a lost treasure buried away in the bowels of the National Archives. It was my long-lost record collection.

All on vinyl, the collection went from America to Warren Zevon. It began in 1971 with the purchase of two great albums — Rod Stewart's "Every Picture Tells A Story," and Santana's "Santana III." The price of each was \$3.39 (about \$18 today) at a record shop in Chicago's Logan Square.

The collection ended in 1986 with the purchase of Joe Jackson's "Big World" at my favorite record store: Val's Halla in Oak Park.

By then compact discs were the way to purchase music. The heyday of the CD lasted about another 15 years, until iTunes was introduced in 2001.

But today I read that albums on vinyl are making a comeback. LP sales jumped 14 percent from 2009 to 2010, when some 2.8 million vinyl albums were sold. That number jumped to 3.9 million sales in 2011.

Does that indicate a comeback for vinyl record albums? I don't know. Part of me hopes not, having invested in digital music only since 1986. I found it galling to replace my favorite albums with CDs and it seems

downright crazy to replace my digital playlist with vinyl right now.

But there are things I miss about vinyl.

All of us old fogies who grew up with albums miss the album cover art. From the simplicity of the Beatles' so-called "White Album" to the complexity of "Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band," cover art was part of the experience of buying music when it was on vinyl. The album cover would lure you in and set the tone for the music you were about to hear.

You could touch it, study it and read the liner notes. You could learn the names of the musicians and many times read the song lyrics right there on the album. You would often do so while listening to the album for the first or second time. It made the whole listening experience much greater than just the music. It was sound, art and poetry all at once.

You just can't get that in a shrunken-down CD jewel case.

Still, today I hear a song, I have an app that identifies it if I don't know the name of the song or the artist, I hop on the Internet, I search for it and buy it. Very convenient.

But I also miss going to Val's and searching through the record bins starting with A and working my way to Z, looking for what I don't know, and finding something different, something intriguing, pulling it out and asking Val about it. Then taking it home, unwrapping the album and slowly studying it as the sound comes from my stereo.

It was the art of discovery, which is vastly different from the art of the search.

Niles, Elk Grove Village, and the northwest corner of the 41st Ward of Chicago.

A representative from the Niles Township Clerk's office will be available 9 a.m.-5 p.m. weekdays and evenings by appointment on the second and fourth Mondays of each month to accommodate residents with passport applications, voter registrations and temporary handicapped parking placards. To schedule an appointment at Niles Township in Skokie, call (847) 673-9300.

The Maine Township Neighborhood Watch meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Wednesday of every month in the basement of Maine Town Hall, 1700 Ballard Road in Park Ridge. Meetings address issues within the unincorporated area of the township and all residents are invited. Reports from the Cook County Sheriff's Police, North Maine Fire Department, and the township's Code Enforcement Department are shared, and residents are invited to ask questions and report any concerns or problems in their neighborhood.

Classes

The Joseph Regenstein, Jr. School of the Chicago Botanic Garden, 1000 Lake Cook Road, Glencoe, offers a variety of classes for the adults in the horticulture, garden design, nature studies and botanical arts by Garden staff and other experts. For information or to register, visit www.chicagobotanic.org/school or call (847) 835-8261.

Rainbow Animal Assisted Therapy Inc., is now offering "Introduction to Animal Assisted Therapy," dog training classes at various locations, including 6042 W. Oakton St., in Morton Grove. The fee is \$60. Contact Dorida King at dhking4@yahoo.com or call (773) 736-9021, for schedules and locations.

Clubs

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

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7712 meet at 7 p.m.

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

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

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

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

Community

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 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. 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 Chanin. Young, a professor of English and Judaic Studies at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, served as a World Trade Center Site Memorial jury member. Chanin, 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/batteryrecycling.html.

The Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County has established a location for residents to drop off electronics on a weekly basis at no cost at the Glenview Transfer Station, 1151 N. River Road, 9-11:30 a.m. Saturdays. Under the new Electronics Products Recycling and Reuse Act (SB2313), only the following items will be accepted: Computers — PCs and laptops, scanners, computer monitors, mobile phones, peripherals — mice, keyboards, zip drives, MP3 players, televisions, PDAs — printers, VHS players, fax machines, DVD players, video game consoles, and DVR/cable boxes. Electronics from businesses, institutions or schools will not be accepted. Visit swancc.org.

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

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

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priced items. The main shop is located at 7710 W. Touhy Ave. in Chicago, and the "boutique" shop at 7700 Touhy Ave. features upscale clothing, outerwear, collectibles and finer merchandise. Hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays and 1-8 p.m. Thursdays. Donations are accepted 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays only. Donate only gently used clothing; broken or obsolete electronics cannot be accepted.

Purchases help adults with developmental disabilities. Avenues to Independence is a nonprofit organization based at 515 Busse Highway in Park Ridge that offers a variety of programs to enhance an individual's work, social, and daily living skills. For information on donations or to volunteer, contact Michael Frustini, (773) 631-6230.

Donations

The Polish National Al-

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. Lo-

cal 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.

Food Drives

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 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

The Holy Name Men's Club of St. John Brebeuf will host "Lucky Friday the 13th" Bingo on Jan. 13 in the Ministry Center, 8307 N. Harlem Ave. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. Admission is \$2. Cost for 15 games is \$15. Refreshments will be available at a nominal cost. Call (847) 966-8145. (Bingo license B-04157).

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 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.-8 p.m. weekdays and Saturday and Sunday 8:30 a.m.-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, provides specialized occupational therapy services and learning instruction programs to children with physical, social, emotional, and learning difficulties. Contact: Ingrid Kenron at (847) 791-1631 or (847) 966-1505.

A local dialysis clinic, Fresenius Medical Care Niles, 9371 N. Milwaukee Ave., has started a new night-time program for dialysis patients. The new service allows patients to receive treatments in the clinic at night, for eight hours, while sleeping or resting, usually three times a week. In addition to having their days free for other activities, patients often report having more energy and better dialysis results. Medicare-certified Fresenius Medical Care Niles is now accepting new dialysis patients. Call (847) 581-0334.

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

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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. Week-day 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.

Do not miss a chance to meet Sarah Pekkanen, author of *Skipping a Beat* and *The Opposite of Me* at 2 p.m. Jan. 14 via Skype. Pekkanen is known for her books about women who step into new lives. Patrons will also enjoy tea and other refreshments.

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, Jan. 19 and 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 interested in the songwriting process. Songwriters are asked to register by calling (847) 663-1234 or online at nileslibrary.org/calendar; for further questions, contact publicity and graphic design coordinator Sasha Vasilic at (847) 663-6404.

For anyone who needs some help downloading eBooks, go to www.nileslibrary.org/contactus and click on eBook Help or click on the Overdrive Download link on the homepage to find step-by-step instruction sheets for different eBook readers as well as how to get started on MyMediaMall. MyMediaMall titles are now available for the Amazon Kindle.

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. on Mondays, for babies age 2 and under. Continuous year-round drop-in program for children with an adult. Includes stories, songs, fingerplays and extended playtime afterward. **Rise & Shine Storytime**: 10 a.m. on 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 at (847) 696-0761. To schedule a ride or for information call FISH coordinator Gloria Stepek at (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 run up 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 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.

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.

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 childcare. 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. on Mondays and Thursdays and 7-9:30 p.m. on Wednesdays at 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 (five 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.paperretriever.com/.

Religion

Enjoy three free weekly classes on the modern Jewish take on Spirituality, Values, and Community, hosted by Temple Judea Mizpah. The course is free and is for people seeking to learn more about Judaism who are not currently affiliated with a congregation. All are welcome, Jewish or not. To register, contact Felicia Ross at fross@urj.org or go online at www.curiousaboutjudaism.org/il or call (847) 239-6988.

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 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@sjbschool.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 MaineStreamers monthly newsletter, which details activities for the upcoming month. Most activities are at Maine Town Hall, 1700 Ballard Road, Park Ridge, unless otherwise noted. Contact the MaineStreamers, (847) 297-2510, or go to www.maintownship.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

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Hot food trends for 2012

With the new year, foodies love to march out their trend lists. I eat these up.

Experts like Sara Bonisteel from *Epicurious* and John Mariani from *Esquire*, among my favorites, have predicted the rise of *The Old Fashioned*, *The Happy Diet* and *Sustainable Fish*.

They also tell us what culinary works are headed for a fall: cupcakes and pop-up restaurants.

Popularity is fickle and affection is fleeting when it comes to food, but you can see patterns emerging over the years.

I've decided to bite the bullet and share my own food trend predictions for 2012.

Some of my selections are based on broader social considerations like healthy kids and dietary restrictions, while others are simply delicious shots in the dark.

I have 12 months to see if I'm right and I'm counting on you not to monitor me too closely.

In the meantime, help a girl out by eating a doughnut or building a chicken coop!



BY MELISSA ELSMO
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Trendy French Dip Sandwiches can be cooked up easily in your crock pot. | MELISSA ELSMO-FOR SUN-TIMES MEDIA

Mel's 12 food trend predictions for 2012

1 The Elevated French Dip: I'll back up the *Huffington Post* on this one! Rethinking this classic combination of beef au jus will offer chefs an endless array of creative cooking options. Make French dips at home, but look for fusion versions to start popping up on restaurant menus, too.

2 Home cooking for the family table: Folks will be eating less take-out on weeknights in 2012. Dust off those crock pots, pressure cookers and quick cook recipes to help serve up homemade family fare on your busiest nights.

3 Hyper-local home cooking: Keeping backyard chickens and beehives in urban and suburban yards is on the rise. Combining the birds and the bees with a robust vegetable and herb garden, suggests city farmers will go from "farm" to table without leaving their postage stamp-sized lots in 2012.

4 Shopping the farmers market: As our hyperlocal instincts kick in, our commitment to shopping at our local farmers market will grow as well in 2012. Mark your calendars; the Oak Park Farmers Market opens May 19. Check out your village's calendar and circle the date for your farmers market opening.

5 Gluten-free restaurant fare: With an estimated 10 percent of the American population suffering from some form of gluten sensitivity, restaurants are sure to pick up on the need for more menu items meeting their dietary restrictions.

6 Macarons: Miniature desserts are dwindling in popularity, but I predict macarons are here to stay for a while. Get those thoughts of sticky coconut macaroons out of your head! French macarons (note the spelling difference) strike a delicate balance between sweet cream filling and soft cookie bliss. Pick up a dozen in assorted flavors at Vanille Patisserie located in Chicago's French Market.

7 Asian dumplings: Whipping up an assortment of Asian dumplings is my favorite thing to do in the kitchen. I'd love to see more local restaurants get on board with serving up my favorite dish. You can head to Urban Belly in Chicago to try some of the best around. Or watch for an upcoming column from me about tips on dumplings in time for Chinese New Year!

8 Death of the kids' menu: Restaurants are caring more about the health of the kids they feed; dropping the sugar- and sodium-laden kids' menus is a grand way to show it! Down go the "chicken" dinosaurs.

9 Pink pork: Just the other day a waiter asked my daughter if she wanted her pork chop medium rare. The FDA reduced the safe cooking temperature for pork by a whopping 10 degrees in 2011. Diners should expect chefs to take full advantage of the opportunity to serve pork with more than a little blush of pink in the center.

10 Doughnuts: Ditch the drive-through and give some gourmet doughnuts a try. This trend has been steadily growing over the past two years. High-end restaurants are embracing doughnuts with gusto; I recently enjoyed the "Foie" sting and Donuts at Next Restaurant in Chicago, and I predict we'll see scratch-made doughnuts making appearances all over the place in 2012. Visit The Depot American Diner in Oak Park/Berwyn to learn how good fresh doughnuts really are!

11 Communal restaurant tables: Party of six or a table for one? It doesn't matter! When upscale restaurants offer communal tables there is room for everyone. Shy diners may have to adjust to sharing a meal next to strangers, but social folks will appreciate the opportunity to meet new people over a memorable meal. Watch for this European trend to grow in the United States during the coming year.

12 Retro fare: People crave an emotional connection with their foods. Building on the diner trend of the past several years, I predict we'll see restaurant menus including more variations on retro-inspired diner dishes like fried chicken, meatloaf and fruit pies.

Melissa Elsmo is an Oak Park mom, wife and chef/foodie. She speaks regularly about reclaiming the family dinner hour with nutritious meals. Check out her food blog at www.outofmelskitchen.blogspot.com.

Trendy French Dip Sandwiches

Using a retro crock pot to make these sandwiches for your family table will make being on-trend for 2012 a snap! The dried mushrooms add tremendous flavor to these sandwiches, but you can increase the broth to 2 cups and leave out the mushroom step in a pinch.

- 4 dried Shiitake mushrooms
- ¼ cup dried Porcini mushrooms
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 3-pound boneless chuck pot roast
- 3 medium onions, halved and sliced
- 1 celery stalk, thinly sliced
- 3 bay leaves
- 2 thyme sprigs
- 1 cup reduced sodium beef broth
- 1 red pepper, sliced into strips
- 1 yellow pepper, sliced into strips
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 large French baguette
- 3 tablespoons butter, softened
- 1 garlic clove, halved
- ¼ cup minced parsley

Place the dried mushrooms in a bowl and cover with 1 cup boiling water. Set the mushrooms aside to rehydrate. Meanwhile, heat the oil in a large heavy bottomed pan over high heat. Season the roast liberally with salt and pepper and place in the hot oil. Sear each side until deep brown (about 8 minutes per side) and transfer to an 8 quart crock pot. Top the roast with the onions, celery, bay leaves, and thyme sprigs. Remove the

mushrooms from the soaking liquid. Chop mushrooms and add to the crock pot. Line a fine mesh strainer with a damp paper towel and place it over the crock pot. Strain the mushroom soaking liquid through the damp towel into the crock pot and add the beef broth. Cover and cook on low for 10 hours.

Remove the roast from the pot and shred or slice as desired. Strain the cooking liquid into a bowl, skim the fat, adjust the seasoning and keep the jus warm. Remove the bay leaves and thyme sprigs from the onions and mushrooms in the strainer. Mix the mushrooms and onions into the meat, adjust seasoning and keep warm.

Heat the olive oil in the skillet and sauté the peppers until softened. Cut the baguette into six 4-inch sections. Slice each section open and spread each side with butter. Grill or broil the cut side of the bread until golden. Rub the bread with the cut garlic clove.

Place meat mixture on the bottom slice of toasted bread. Top with peppers and garnish with minced parsley. Top with remaining bread slices and serve with jus for dipping. Serves 6.

**Variation: Eliminate the butter for the bread and the sautéed peppers. Top meat mixture with sliced provolone cheese and warm until melted. Garnish cheesy sandwiches with sautéed cremini mushrooms and chopped fresh basil.*

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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.

An Effective Communications group for persons with hearing loss meets monthly from 11 a.m. to noon (Jan. 25, Feb. 29). Learn about the latest equipment and devices. Contact Trudi, (847) 588-8441.

A Valentine's Day trip to Tommy Guns Garage will be taken from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Feb. 15 for an interactive dinner show. Lunch features choice of prime rib, lasagne or boneless breast of chicken, served with side dishes. Cost is \$68, members; \$73, nonmembers.

Registration is required for the following winter program sessions; there is no cost for members of the Niles Senior Center; non-members pay a \$12 fee for each group — Social Card Play of Billiards, Mondays to Fridays, 9 a.m., 4:30 p.m.; Drop-in Art, Mondays and Fridays, 9 a.m.-noon; Sudoku Club, Mondays, 11 a.m.-noon; Choral Group, Tuesdays, 10-11:30 a.m.; Social Mahjongg, Tuesdays, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.; Social Bridge, Tuesdays, 1-4 p.m.; Line Dance, Tuesdays, 1-2 p.m.; Social Bunco, third Tuesday of the month, 1-3 p.m.; Computer Interest Group, every other Wednesday, 1:30-3 p.m.; All American, Thursdays, 9 a.m. to noon; Issues in the News, Thursdays, 9-11:30 a.m.; Social Mahjongg, Thursdays, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.; Drop-in Ceramics, Thursdays, 1-3 p.m.; Drop-in Wood Carving, Thursdays, 1-3 p.m.; Social Scrabble, Fridays, 10 a.m.-noon.

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.

The Niles Senior Center offers a wide variety of support groups. Cost per group is \$10, members; \$15, nonmembers. Weight Management meets the first Thursday of the month from 1-2 p.m. starting Jan. 5. Diabetic Management meets the second Thursday of the month from

1-2 p.m. starting Jan. 12. Virtually Impaired Motivators (VIM) meets the third Tuesday of month, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. starting Jan. 17. Cancer Survivor Group meets the third Thursday of the month, 1-2 p.m., starting Jan. 19.

Arthritis Foundation Exercise Classes winter term, running to June 25 — Level 4 Advanced, meets 9-10 a.m. Mondays; includes weight training with under 3-pound weights, standing and sitting exercises. Level 1 Beginners/Pain Management meets 10:30-11:30 a.m. Mondays; includes gentle stretching, mostly chair exercises. Cost for each session is \$10, members; \$15, nonmembers. Contact Sue Friedman.

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.

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. on Wednesdays and the cost is \$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. on Mondays and 10 a.m. on Tuesdays that features a combination of seated and standing exercises for a complete cardiovascular workout. The moderate-high energy class is at 11 a.m. on 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.

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 at (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 servic-



Advertorial

THE FAMILY DOG

Readers: During this time of the year, new puppies are often given as gifts. With this in mind, the following Q&A is being re-printed.

Q: How do I introduce a crate to my new puppy?

A: In time, a crate will provide your puppy with a space of his own. Done correctly, crate training will also offer comfort and safety to your puppy.

Upon bringing your puppy home the second place your dog should visit will be the crate, after you have taken him to the yard to potty. Initially, sit on the floor with your puppy directly in front of the crate with the door open. Show him a piece of food. Ideally, use a liver treat, a piece of cheese or some other soft treat. If none of these are available, break up a dog biscuit into small little pieces.

Show him the treat and place it on the floor in front of the crate opening. Allow him to eat the treat off the floor. Repeat this procedure 5-7 times. Then put the treat in the crate at the front. Encourage your puppy to take the treat from the crate. Do this several times. One your dog is taking the treat willingly begin to place the treat farther in the crate so the dog has to really stretch to retrieve the treat. Be patient with this procedure. Do not show any anger at all.

Once your dog is entering the crate to get the treat, shut the door. After a few seconds open the crate and allow your dog to come out if he chooses. Gradually, increase the time the door remains shut while your puppy is inside. Repeat these steps several times a day.

Eventually, you will be able to leave your puppy inside the crate while you move around the area. In time you should be able to go out of sight for short periods of time and then return so your dog can see you.

I cannot stress enough how important it is to take your time and be patient. Your puppy needs you to help give him the confidence he will need to enjoy his crate.

Jeff Green, owner of Total Recall Dog Training, has been involved in dog training and competitive obedience since 1992 and has won multiple top obedience competition awards throughout the mid-west with his Border Collies.

Our readers are encouraged to submit no more than 2 questions to info@trainmydog.com. Each month, he will answer questions that he feels present the most interesting or common issues among dog owners. If you would like to inquire about Jeff's services, he can be reached at 847-721-0234 or visit his website at www.trainmydog.com.

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es 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, meets at 7 p.m. at Healthy Babies, Happy Families, 8267 W. Flag Road in Niles (Four Flags Shopping Center). Upcoming meeting dates 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 lli.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.catholic-charities.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 the Parlor Room, south portion of main level; use entrance at rear (Grant Place), across from the parking lot. No dues or fees required. First names only are used at meetings to preserve individual anonym-

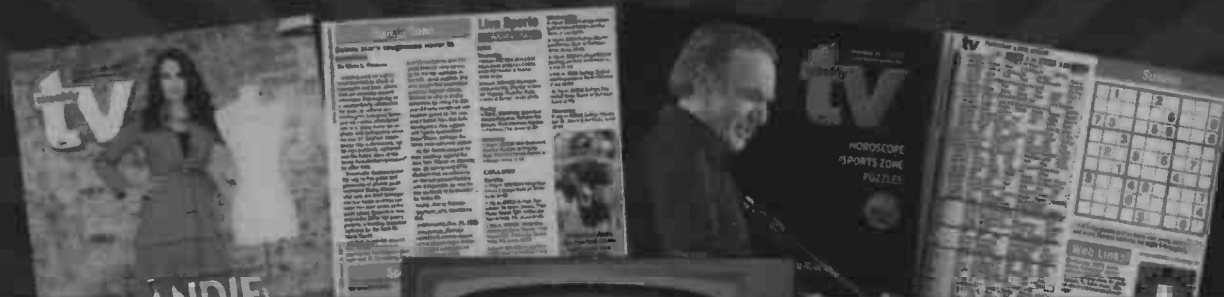
ity. This is a nonprofessional and non-religious program. Call (773) 777-4442 or visit www.familiesanonymous.org.

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

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Fourth-grader Daniela Marín plays the recorder during Carpenter School's Holiday Sing on Dec. 22. | TAMARA BELL-SUN TIMES MEDIA

OAKTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Bar Association fundraiser Jan. 28

"LawLawPalooza," the Chicago Bar Association's 88th annual Holiday Spirits Revue, will hit the stage at 8 p.m., Jan. 28 at Oakton's Footlik Theater, 1600 E. Golf Road, Des Plaines. LawLawPalooza showcases some of Chicago's best legal minds taking a satirical look at the political, sports, and celebrity newsmakers of 2011. All proceeds from this performance ben-

efit Oakton's Educational Foundation Scholarship Fund.

Tickets are \$50, which includes a post-performance reception, and may be reserved by calling the Educational Foundation at (847) 635-1893.

Info session on nursing courses

A free information session on nursing will be given at 4 p.m. Jan. 17 at Oakton's Des Plaines campus, 1600 East Golf Road (Room 1610). According to the Bureau of

Labor Statistics, employment for registered nurses is expected to increase by 22 percent from 2008 to 2018, faster than the average for all occupations due in part to technological advances in patient care. The seminar showcases Oakton's degree and certificate programs in this field. Faculty will be on hand to discuss course requirements and industry trends.

To reserve a spot, visit www.oakton.edu/healthcareers or call (847) 635-1700.

Emeritus Passages program resumes

Join local experts for "Passages Seminar," a series of potpourri lectures offered by the Emeritus Program at Oakton. The eight-week series meets 1-2:30 p.m., Tuesdays starting Jan. 17, and kicks off with "How Painters Paint," which details how an American Impressionist painter transforms a sheet of white paper into a work of art.

Other lectures include "From Snow Bird to Song Bird: The Art of Phoebe

Snow" (Jan. 24); "Israel Now: Art, Architecture, and Parks" (Jan. 31); "Les Miserables" (Feb. 7); "George Orwell: Writer and Fighter" (Feb. 14); "Alexander: The End of an Empire" (Feb. 21); "Poetry: The Warp and Weave of Life" (Feb. 28); and "Modern China's Architecture" (March 6).

Lectures take place at Oakton's Skokie campus, 7701 N. Lincoln Ave. The series-only fee is \$40 for in-district residents age 60 and over, and \$55 for out-of-district residents and those under

age 60. All registrants will be charged an \$8 non-refundable processing fee at the time of registration. However, students who register online will only be charged once per semester for an unlimited number of courses. Those registering in person, by mail, or fax will be charged an \$8 fee with each registration form.

For more information about the Emeritus Program, call (847) 635-1414 or call (847) 982-9888 and press 3. For a complete list of Emeritus classes and events, visit www.oakton.edu/emmeritus.

Brush up on botany

Those who are fascinated by plants may want to enroll in these upcoming botany classes offered by the Oakton Alliance for Lifelong Learning at the Chicago Botanic Garden, 1000 Lake Cook Road, Glencoe.

Botany: Special Topics (BOT E03-BG1) – Find out which plants can be used medically to enhance mood and ease pain. Six-week course meets 6:30-9 p.m. on Wednesdays starting Jan. 18. Course fee is \$149.

Botanical Art: Learning How to Draw (BOT B01-BG1) – Discover how to sketch plants accurately and beautifully by learning the fundamentals of proportion, line, tone, dimensionality, and expression. Six-week course meets 9 a.m. to noon on Fridays starting Jan. 20. Course fee is \$312.

Botany for Beginners (B01RN E88-BG1) – Learn about the biology of garden plants, including why most plants are green, through this class that meets 1:30-4 p.m., Jan. 21. Course fee is \$45.

Registrants will be charged an \$8 non-refundable processing fee at the time of registration. However, students who register online will only be charged once per semester for an unlimited number of courses. Those registering in person, by mail, or fax will be charged an \$8 fee with each registration form. For a complete Alliance for Lifelong Learning class schedule, visit www.oakton.edu/all, or call (847) 982-9888 and press 3.

Role of women in Jewish literature

How does Jewish literature portray the role of women in society and their relationships with their fathers? Find out by attending "Fathers and Daughters in a Changing World," a free five-part seminar at Oakton. Presented by the Oakton Library, the series of readings, lectures, and group discussions will be led by Benjamin Goluboff, associate professor of English and winner of Lake Forest College's Great Teacher Award. The cultural exploration meets 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesdays starting Jan. 25, and begins with *Tevye the Dairyman* by Sholem Aleichem. Other presentations include: *Bread Givers* by

Anzia Yezierska (Feb. 22); *Park Avenue: A Memoir* by Anne Roiphe (March 21); *American Pastoral* by Philip Roth (April 18); *Bee Season* by Myla Goldberg (May 9).

"Fathers and Daughters in a Changing World" is made possible by a generous grant from the Oakton Educational Foundation and meets at Oakton's Skokie campus, 7701 N. Lincoln Ave. Copies of the books may be borrowed from the Skokie campus library. Participants are not required to attend all sessions.

Register by contacting the Alliance for Lifelong Learning at (847) 982-9888 (press 3).

Beat the winter blues

Beat the winter blues by enrolling in challenging noncredit courses offered at Niles North High School through the Oakton Alliance for Lifelong Learning:

Public Speaking with Confidence (COM B02-01) – Learn how to organize a speech, make impromptu presentations, and improve delivery. Eight-week course meets 7:30-10 p.m. Mondays starting Jan. 23. Course fee is \$160.

Polish I (LPO B01-01) – Learn the basics of Polish grammar, vocabulary, and pronunciation. Eight-week course meets 7-9 p.m. Mondays starting Jan. 23. Course fee is \$154.

Sizzling Salsa, Merengue, Bachata, and Cumbia (PED E88-01) – Discover how to perform new and trendy dance moves. No partner needed. Six-week course meets 6:30-7:30 p.m. Mondays starting Jan. 23. Course fee is \$55.

European Pastry Baking (HEC C25-01) – Entertain friends and family by discovering how to serve delicious homemade pastries including roulettes, éclairs, tiramisu, and French tarts. Four-week class meets 7-9 p.m. Wednesdays starting Jan. 25. Course fee is \$94.

Featured courses meet at Niles North High School, 9800 Lawler Ave., Skokie.

All registrants will be charged an \$8 non-refundable processing fee at the time of registration. For a complete Alliance for Lifelong Learning class schedule, visit www.oakton.edu/all or call (847) 982-9888, press 3.

Emeritus slate

Start the new year off by delving into art, religion, or history by enrolling in classes offered by the Emeritus Program at Oakton.

Sketching and Painting with Watercolor or Acrylic (ART D07-71) – Lean how to create a masterpiece from an American impressionist artist. All levels welcome. Eight-week course meets 4-6 p.m. Wednesdays starting Jan. 18. Course fee is \$128.

The New Testament: Who Really Wrote the Gospels?

(HUM E02-71) – This new course explores the identities of the authors of the four gospels and how they were chosen by the early church. Six-week course meets 1-2:30 p.m. Thursdays, starting Jan. 19. Course fee is \$64.

Defiance: A Rare Story from World War II (HUM E80-71) – Learn why the four Bielski brothers risked their lives by building havens for Eastern European

Jews who were being exterminated by the Nazis in the 1940s. Using Nechama Tec's book, *Defiance*, as a guide, discover the fate of the siblings and how they ultimately saved the life of more than 1,200 people. Six-week course meets 10:30 a.m.-noon Tuesdays starting Jan. 24. Course fee is \$96.

All featured courses meet at Oakton's Skokie campus, 7701 N. Lincoln Ave.

All registrants will be charged an \$8 non-

refundable processing fee at the time of registration. However, students who register online will only be charged once per semester for an unlimited number of courses. Those registering in person, by mail, or fax will be charged an \$8 fee with each registration form.

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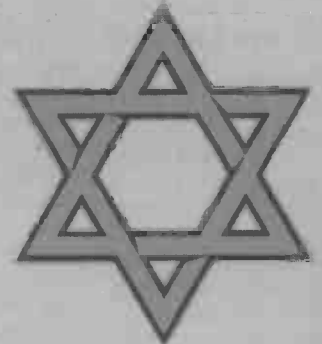
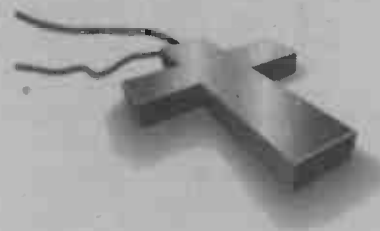
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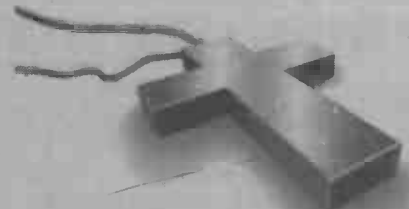
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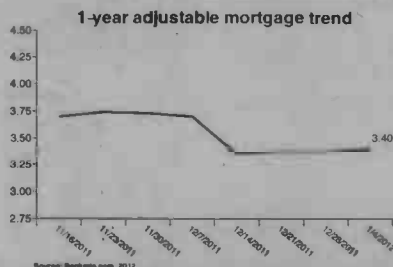
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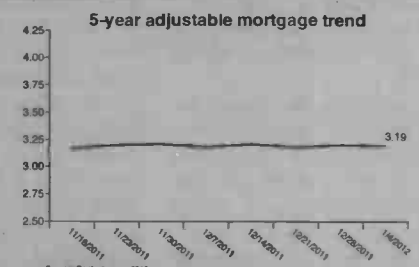
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Shah takes liking to new 120 weight class

BY GARY LARSEN

Contributor

A year ago, Maine East wrestler Aayush Shah finished 11-15 at 119 pounds as an underweight sophomore, placing fourth in an IHSA Class 3A regional to barely miss a berth at sectionals.

What a difference a year makes.

Now filling out the weight in this season's new 120-pound division, Shah (19-1) entered Saturday's 36th Annual Leyden Invitational as the No. 1 seed in his bracket. The junior suffered his first loss of the year, and while he was disappointed with a third-place finish, Shah is a whole different wrestler in 2012.

"I'm happy that I'm setting up and finishing my moves better this year," Shah said. "I just worked harder over the summer. I did wrestling camp, and this year we have a bunch of kids around my weight and we just go crazy in practice. And I learned from the mistakes I made last year."

Shah opened with a 10-4 quarterfinal decision win, setting up a semifinal match against Oak Forest's Mousa Jodeh. Shah stayed aggressive throughout, but Jodeh countered well in constructing a 6-1 decision win. Jodeh went on to win the title at 120.

"I don't think he shot on me once," Shah said of Jodeh. "He scored off my moves and he caught me in a front headlock. I learned that I have to prepare well for every match. I really believe I could have been wrestling for first, but I didn't pre-

pare well enough. I was prepared mentally, but not physically. It just wasn't my day."

Shah bounced back to win a hard-fought 6-5 decision against Leyden's Dom Miro for third place, and heads into the regular season's final few weeks with a winning record — and high expectations.

"He has grown into his weight class, and he's wrestling better and looks stronger," said Maine East coach Emiliano Hernandez. "He believes in his moves a little bit more and he's also being a good leader for us this year. He wrestled slow in that semifinal and wrestled so much faster in his third-place match."

The Blue Demons only placed one wrestler at Leyden tourney last season, but saw three wrestlers climb the awards stand this time around: Shah, Pablo Lopez (145), and Jacob Studinski (195).

Unseeded junior Lopez crafted an 8-4 decision over Stevenson's Cody Conway to start his day, and then upset second-seeded Andy Cocozza of Leyden to reach the semifinals. Lopez lost his next two matches to finish fourth.

Studinski took the long way home in finishing sixth at Leyden. The junior pinned his first opponent before losing his quarterfinal match, but then won a pair of wrestleback matches to put himself in the fifth-place match before losing by decision.

"Pablo has struggled this year but he had a good tournament," Hernandez said. "And Jacob has to get a little more consistent with his technique, but he's coming around."



Maine East's Pablo Lopez (top) wrestles Stevenson's Cody Conway during a 145-pound bout at the Leyden Invitational. | JON LANGHAM-FOR SUN-TIMES MEDIA

Demons hope to honor seniors with a victory

BY DAN SHALIN

Contributor

When Maine East girls gymnastics coach Amanda Harrison thinks back to 2011-12 season, it's safe to say she won't have very fond memories of the first two competitions of this calendar year.

Missing several gymnasts because of personal commitments and injuries, Harrison went into last week's dual with Deerfield and Saturday's Brinkworth/Munch Invite in Evanston with a severely under-strength squad. In fact, Harrison did not even have enough gymnasts to fill all the spots on the lineup card.

The Blue Demons scored just 70.00 in a loss to Deerfield on Jan. 5 and 75.00 to finish 10th in the 11-team meet in Evanston.

Harrison is understandably more upbeat about her team's chances in tonight's final home dual meet

against Highland Park, which begins at 5:30 p.m.

"If I have my full lineup, we definitely have a chance (to win)," Harrison said. "I don't want to score 70 again. (After the dual) I hope to have a victory behind us. But we have to have a full lineup."

As of Monday, there were still questions about the health of junior Kathy Kolodziejski, who missed the Deerfield dual and Evanston invite because of a back injury. The talented Kolodziejski was injured while practicing over the holiday break. She rested initially, but eventually went to see a specialist.

"We're just waiting to hear back from the doc. She had an X-ray on Saturday," Harrison said on Monday.

The Blue Demons did regain the services of senior Tori Walley against Deerfield, but only in a limited capacity.

Walley, who had sprained her

ankle during a dual meet in December, competed on bars and beam against Deerfield, though she did not perform all her beam skills. On Saturday at Evanston, Walley added a floor routine, though with a limited degree of difficulty.

Maine East entered just three competitors in each event at Evanston, where teams are required to count four scores.

There were some solid performances by the Maine East gymnasts who were available. Junior Anne Kaczowski scored a 27.2 in the all-around, which included an 8.1 on vault and a 7.45 on floor.

Maine East senior Shyla Avila scored a 6.25 on bars, coming in 30th.

"Shyla has a good bar routine," Harrison said. "We've been working on bars throughout the break, trying to work out the kinks. We still have some minor tweaks to make on bars,

but it's coming along."

Another positive for Maine East this season has been the performance of its freshman team. The squad, coached by Abbey Bernardo, entered this week with just one loss in the CSL North.

Tonight's Highland Park meet also will include Senior Night celebrations honoring the team's two 12th-graders, Walley and Avila.

"They have both been varsity members for four years," said Harrison, who has been the head coach for the last two seasons. "(Walley and Avila) keep the team motivated. If anything is going on in the gym, and they can help out, they do. They rarely miss a practice and they are attuned to the sport, always wanting to learn more. They are just great kids."

The Blue Demons will compete in the Niles North Invite at noon Saturday.



Maine East junior Kathy Kaczowski tumbles during her floor exercise routine during Evanston's Brinkworth/Munch Invitational. | JOEL LERNER-SUN-TIMES MEDIA

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Bowling at Chicago Cath. League Championships at Willowbrook Lanes, 10 a.m.
Wrestling at Grant, w/Lake Park, 9 a.m.
Tuesday
Swimming at Lake Forest, 4:30 p.m.
Hockey vs. St. Viator at Niles-Ballard, 8 p.m.

MAINE EAST

Today
Girls gymnastics hosts Highland Park, 5:30 p.m.
Wrestling hosts Ida Crown, 7:30 p.m.
Friday
Boys swim/dive hosts Niles North, 5 p.m.
Wrestling at Deerfield, 7 p.m.

Girls basketball at Glenbrook North, 7:30 p.m.
Boys basketball hosts Glenbrook North, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday
Girls gymnastics at Niles North Invite, noon
Girls basketball at Leyden, 2:30 p.m.

NILES NORTH

Today
Wrestling hosts Niles West, 6 p.m.
Friday
Wrestling hosts Highland Park, 6 p.m.
Boys basketball at Deerfield, 7:30 p.m.
Girls basketball hosts Deerfield, 7:30 p.m.
Boys swim/dive at Maine East, 5 p.m.
Saturday
Girls gymnastics hosts Invite, noon
Girls basketball at Lane Tech, 2:30 p.m.
Boys swim/dive hosts St. Viator, 10 a.m.
Tuesday
Boys basketball hosts Leyden, 7 p.m.

NILES WEST

Today
Girls gymnastics hosts Maine South, 5:30 p.m.
Wrestling at Niles North, 6 p.m.
Friday
Girls basketball at Waukegan, 7:30 p.m.
Boys swimming at Glenbrook South, 5:30 p.m.
Boys basketball hosts Waukegan, 7:30 p.m.
Wrestling hosts Glenbrook South, 6 p.m.
Saturday
Boys dive at Hinsdale Central Invite, 8:30 a.m.
Wrestling at Lincoln-Way East Invite, 8:30 a.m.
Boys swimming at Glenbrook South Titan Relays, 11 a.m.
Girls gymnastics at Niles North Invite, noon
Girls basketball hosts Whitney Young, 6:30 p.m.
Boys basketball at St. Patrick, 7:30 p.m.
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College basketball devotees might know the name Bevo Francis - also Frank Sely - and how the two are connected. In February of 1954, Francis set the record for most points ever scored in a college game - 113 for Rio Grande College. Incredibly, the second most points ever - 100 - were scored just two weeks later by Sely for Furman. The player with the third most is named Griffin Lentsch, who posted 89 for Grinnell (Iowa) College in a 145-97 win over Principia on November 19, 2011.



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Players looking for answers during Niles West's skid

BY DAN SHALIN
Contributor

The message in the locker room after Niles West's disappointing 57-36 home loss to Glenbrook South on Friday was about the need to play with more heart.

But the words weren't delivered by Wolves head coach Bob Williams or his assistants.

The Wolves conducted a players'-only meeting after the defeat, which was Niles West's seventh in a row and dropped the Wolves to 2-10, 0-4.

"Friday night was extremely disappointing and unexpected," Williams said. "We had been practicing and playing better. Things seemed to be going in the right direction. But it seemed like on Friday everything was going in the wrong direction.

"I'm not sure what happened (in the meeting), but I hope a lot of people stepped up and hopefully kids were honest with each other. We've had a difficult stretch, but there is no quit in the team. We've shown signs of being a good team and we've been competitive with some of the best teams in the state. We have that in us. Friday was a setback, but it was not the end of the season. We have time to work and get better."

Glenbrook South (3-11, 1-3) has experienced many of the same struggles as Niles West this season. In addition, it also was the Titans' first game without starter Matt Powers, who suffered a season-ending injury earlier in the week.

GBS had dedicated the game to their fallen comrade and came out playing with a lot of emotion.

Niles West remained in the game early, trailing just 9-7 after one quarter. But when the shots stopped falling, the Wolves did not seem to respond well to the adversity.

"As the game went on, they scored more easy baskets," Williams said. "Our lack of success at one end affected us on D. We missed maybe five to seven layups. We ran some good offense, got some good shots, and then the shots didn't go down.

"When those things hap-



Glenbrook South's Max Cohen passes out of a scramble before Niles West's DJ Harris can tie him up during CSL South action in Skokie. | JOEL LERNER-SUN-TIMES MEDIA

pen, you have to try harder and take positive action. But we didn't respond well. Glenbrook South responded with more emotion than we did."

The Titans outscored the Wolves 18-8 in the second quarter, as GBS forward Justin Busiel (21 points) converted layup after layup.

The third quarter was more of the same as Glenbrook South upped its 12-point half-time advantage to 20.

Niles West junior David McCoy did have six of his team-high 10 in the fourth quarter, but Niles West never got closer than 15 points.

"A lot of times (in the second and third quarters) we fell asleep. We'd miss a shot and we'd jog back and they'd get wide open layups, and that started their run," said Niles West junior guard Joe Younan, who scored nine points. "Once we got down, we just kind of died. There was no heart to come back into the game."

Younan said every player is responsible for correcting that problem.

"It's everybody ... everybody has to bring the heart. You have to bring it every day to practice and every game," he said.

Williams pointed out that the long-term absences through injury of seniors Nate Sagett and Alek Biser likely have affected the team's leadership, in addition to robbing the club of two talented players. The pair only recently re-

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New Trier	4-0	13-2
Waukegan	3-1	6-8
Evanston	2-2	11-4
Maine South	2-2	7-7
Glenbrook S.	1-3	4-11
Niles West	0-4	2-10

North		
Highland Park	3-1	8-6
Glenbrook N.	2-1	11-3
Maine West	2-1	6-6
Deerfield	2-2	6-8
Niles North	1-2	9-5
Maine East	0-3	4-9

(Records through Sunday)

turned to the court, and both are still trying to get reclaim the form they showed last season.

"I seldom talk about this, but Sagett and Biser have only been on the floor together for the last two games," Williams said. "That affects us. They are our vocal leaders, but they were not playing. Then, when you get back after a long time, it's hard to get back into the flow and hard to be a vocal leader because you are really focused on your game and getting back into shape."

Up next, Niles West hosts Waukegan at 7:30 p.m. Friday before visiting St. Patrick at 7:30 p.m. Saturday.

Hawks get leg up on Dons at memorial meet

BY MIKE CAMERON

Contributor

Memorial tribute or not, Notre Dame head coach Augie Genovesi lectured his team for 15 minutes after less experienced Maine South defeated the host Dons 30-27 on Saturday.

"That was disappointing. Some of our younger kids stepped in and did a good job, but some of our veterans did not perform up to expectations," said Genovesi.

The young Hawks (15-3) came up with pins down the stretch at 170 and 285 to offset pins by Dons seniors Kevin Stahmer at 182 and Ryan Walsh at 220.

Colton Kelly won a lopsided decision at 195, but could not deliver a fall. Maine South's Terry Calkins edged Scott Smith in a battle of returning state qualifiers at 120.

But this was hardly a lost weekend for Notre Dame (13-4, 4-0), which annihilated host St. Viator 78-0 and Nazareth 70-9 in an ESCC double dual on Friday. Walsh, back from a sore ankle, was dominant in a 14-3 win over Nazareth senior Malcolm Watson, who was ranked No. 5 in Class 2A by Illinois Matmen.

Saturday's result was far less important than paying homage to former state qualifiers Kevin McCann of Notre Dame and Brett Harman of Maine South for the seventh consecutive year. Best friends since age 5, the two were fatally shot in an incident at North Carolina State University on Labor Day weekend of 2004. The shooter is imprisoned for life without parole, and his accomplice brother is behind bars for a minimum of 50 years.

"It's about celebrating the lives of two great kids," said an emotional Genovesi. "They were class acts and represented everything a wrestler is supposed to be about."

Many Dons and Hawks know each other from the Maine Eagles junior wrestling program. They met at a local establishment after the meet. The Dons also held a separate fund-raiser on Sunday.

Notre Dame is still missing four key wrestlers battling lengthy ail-



ABOVE: Notre Dame's Ryan Walsh (left) pushes off Maine South's Kevin Collins during their 220-pound match. | VINCENT D. JOHNSON-FOR SUN-TIMES MEDIA

RIGHT Notre Dame 113-pounder Jack Gavin tries to keep his balance while Maine South's Jimmy Kasch attempts to lift the Dons' leg. | VINCENT D. JOHNSON-FOR SUN-TIMES MEDIA

ments. Junior Johnny Doyle, recovered from a back injury, looked good in his season debut Saturday despite a 7-4 loss. Junior Joe Cortese, a returning state qualifier, is on the mend from a slightly dislocated shoulder and should return to the 152-pound ranks in a week or so.

Genovesi's troops have patiently maintained a long-term goal of excelling in the IHSA state competition in their first season in Class 2A, where they are currently ranked No. 3. Three key Dons have made their desired weights. Smith is down to 113, senior standout Tim Donnelly is ready at 138 and on-the-rise junior Jimmy Bianco-

fiori will finish at 132.

Notre Dame wrestles one absolutely stacked team and three strong ones this weekend. The Dons and St. Patrick visit defending ESCC champion Marist at 5:15 p.m. on Friday. The Dons take on host Grant and Lake Park on Saturday.

The Sun-Times moved Marist up to No. 2 in 3A after it knocked off Sandburg. Illinois Matmen ranks seven Redhawks, all underclassmen, between Nos. 3 and 12 in their respective classes, and three others honorable mention. Donnelly could meet St. Patrick junior Steve Gallardo in a battle between 2A's No. 7 and No. 6 at 138.



Notre Dame tops Maine in Battle on Ballard

Notre Dame showed Sunday that it is the king of Iceland in Niles.

In a showdown between two teams that call the facility home, the "visiting" Dons stopped Maine 4-2.

The Dons started off sluggish as

Maine jumped ahead 2-0 in the first period. The Dons came out looking like a new team in the second period.

Brandon Taylor started it off by stealing the puck in front of Maine's net and beating the goalie.

A few minutes later, Jack Golden received a pass from Steve Kavanagh, skated through Maine's defense and buried a shot into the upper right-hand corner.

Deadlocked heading into the third period. Golden snapped the

tie with four minutes remaining. Vince Pergande intercepted a pass and fed Kavanagh for the empty-netter.

The Dons also trimmed Fremd 4-3 on Jan. 4 in Hoffman Estates. Notre Dame made the most of its

10 shots on goal as Taylor, (assisted by Kavanagh), Dan Reno (Michael Zelko), Kavanagh (Taylor, Pergande) and freshman Brendan Golden lit the lamp.

The Dons tumbled on Saturday to St. Rita, 6-0.

Wolves chipping in to help carry load

BY DAN SHALIN

Contributor

Niles West superstar Jewell Loyd scored early and late in a 53-40 win over Glenbrook South in Skokie on Friday.

In between two big scoring bursts, the senior deferred to her teammates.

Loyd hit four first-quarter three-pointers, and scored 16 points of her 28 points in the opening nine minutes, as the Wolves (15-4, 4-1) built an early double-digit advantage.

But after that, Loyd didn't come alive again offensively until the fourth quarter, when her seven straight points stretched a precarious five-point Wolves lead to a nearly insurmountable 12-point edge.

"There was no need for me to push myself or force stuff (during the middle two quarters). I have confidence in my team. I trust them and they trust me," said Loyd, who had 11 rebounds. "When it was crunch time, I looked up and I was like, 'Alright, it's time to go, time to put the cherry on top.'"

Late in the second quarter, Loyd left the floor briefly after twisting her ankle while attempting to block a shot. But the Notre Dame-bound senior insisted she wasn't bothered by the injury after that.

Niles West sophomore Dashae Shumate scored 12 points in the contest, most of them coming during the stretch, when Loyd was silent. Shumate scored a key bucket midway through the third quarter after GBS (14-4, 3-2) had cut Niles West's lead to just three points. She also turned a three-point play early in the fourth.

Shumate was strong going to the basket, and finished 6-for-9 from the free-throw line.

"Dashae, I'm excited for her. She's come on and is getting better and better," said Niles West head coach Tony Konsewicz. "I was really happy because she had some nice driving lay-ins that she converted. She's been a little snakebit, missing a couple layups. But she battled in there."

Konsewicz also has been



Niles West's Dashae Shumate (middle) drives to the basket during the Wolves' win over Glenbrook South. | JOEL LERNER-SUN-TIMES MEDIA

pleased with Shumate's play on defense.

"We told her that Jewell really turned it up defensively between (the start of) her sophomore and junior year," Konsewicz said. "So we'd like to think Shay is starting to follow in those footsteps, where she can crank it up defensively."

Defense had been a major focus for the Wolves in the week leading up to the Glenbrook South game, and they responded with a strong defensive effort on the perimeter, holding the Titans to just 1-for-7 shooting from three-point range.

Glenbrook South also helped Niles West's defensive stats by missing several open layups and shooting just 10-for-22 from the free-throw line.

Another key to Niles West's performance on both sides of the ball was the return from injury of junior Molly Kleppin, who had been out since early December. Kleppin played three minutes off the bench in the first half.

"At halftime, she said she felt great," Konsewicz said. "So we tried to extend her minutes in there. She's such a big part of our defense and what we do, not only what she does on her (opponent), but she covers up and rotates really well."

Kleppin scored three points, as did senior Liz Troyk, and senior center Jackie Cardenas had four points and five rebounds. Sophomore guard Alex Galanopoulos added a bucket for Niles West.

Konsewicz said it's important for the Wolves to contin-

ue to get points from players other than Loyd.

"Jewell is so unselfish with the ball. If she doesn't have to carry the load, that's a plus for us," the coach said. "We're a young team, starting two sophomores, but the more confidence we get those other girls, the better we're going to be in February (for the IHSA postseason)."

Konsewicz labels Niles West's schedule as one of the toughest in the state. No team will experience a tougher stretch than the Wolves over the next week.

Niles West visits Waukegan at 7:30 p.m. Friday before returning home to face powerhouse Whitney Young at 6:30 p.m. Saturday. The Wolves then face three-time defending Class 4A state champion Bolingbrook in the marquee

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Maine East	0-4	2-13



Niles West's Alex Galanopoulos saves the ball from going out of bounds. | JOEL LERNER-SUN-TIMES MEDIA

game of the Chicagoland Girls Prep Classic Shootout, at Wilmette, at 7 p.m. Monday.

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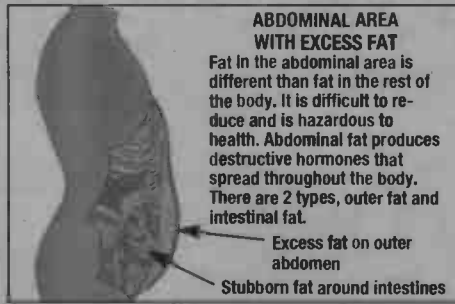
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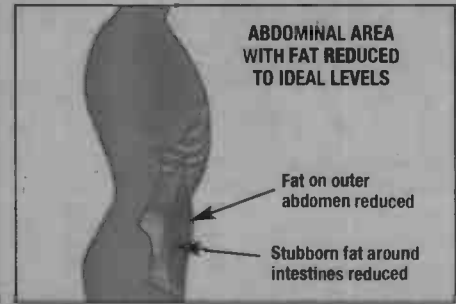


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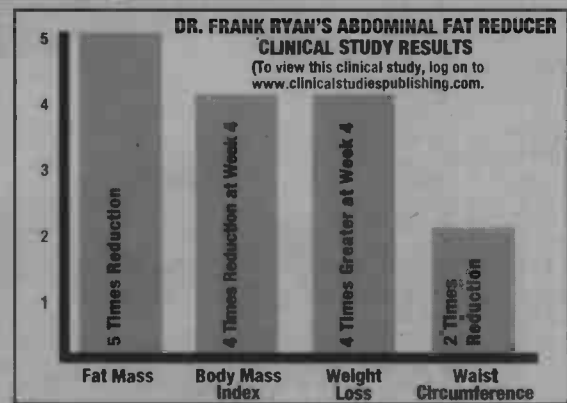


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