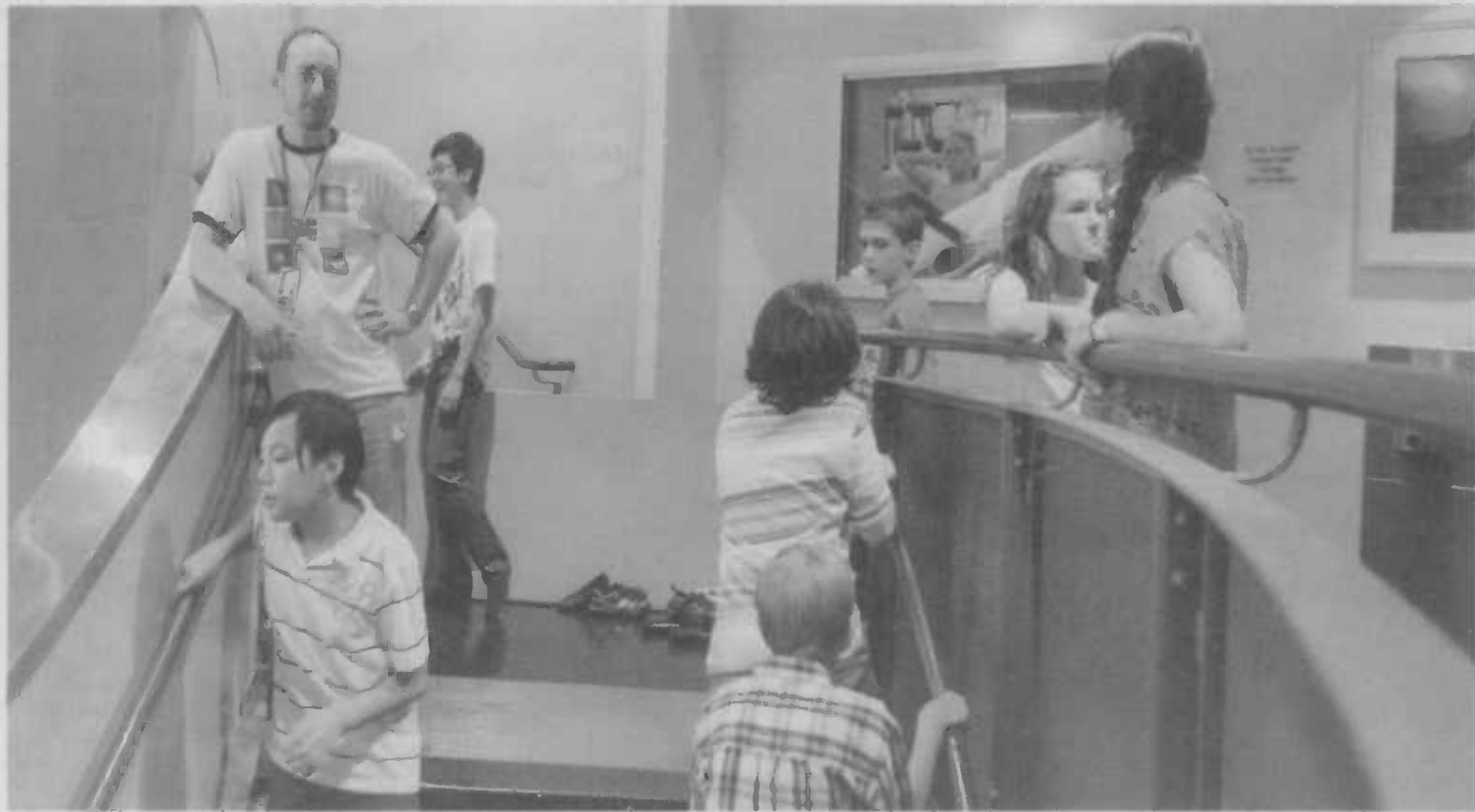


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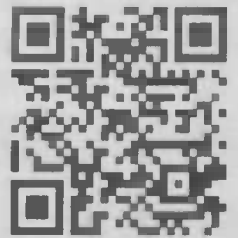
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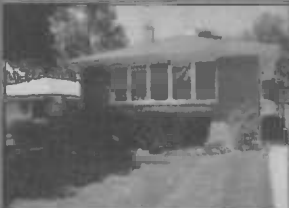
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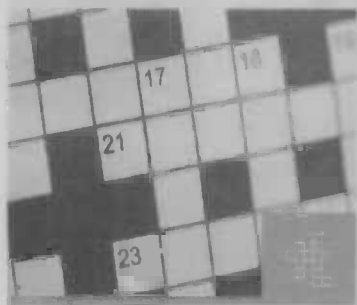
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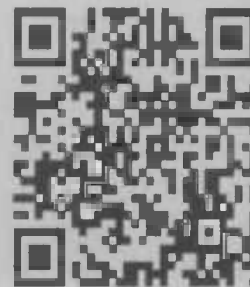
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Cover Story

Teens know where to go in Niles

BY TRACY GRUEN | Contributor

NILES

Teens know they always have a place to go after school at the Niles Teen Center, whether it's to play video games, hang out with friends or get help with their homework.

The Niles Teen Center opened in September of 2007 and was formerly located at a Niles Park District building.

Today, however, it runs at the Golf Mill Shopping Center.

The teen center has grown over the years and now has about 300 annual members and on an average day sees about 40 to 55 kids after school.

The center offers the teens a safe place to hang out with their friends after school and make new friends, play video games, watch new movies, play games, use the computer, play basketball and more. The center also provides help with homework.

"The kids can do what they want to do," said Mark Williams, the director of the Niles



The DJ hands out hula hoops Saturday to the girls for a contest at the Niles Teen Center's back-to-school dance in Niles. | JON DURR-For Sun-Times Media

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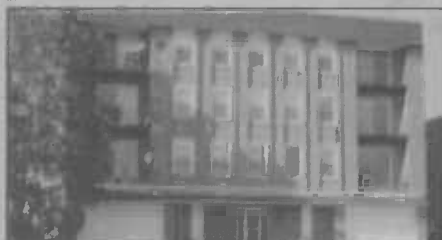
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Teens

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Teen Center.

Williams said that the center is open to all teens looking for a positive place to visit after school.

"I come here every day after school," said Dennis Narsso, who attends Maine East High School and enjoys visiting the teen center to visit with friends, make new friends and play video games.

"They rent new movies every day," said Ashley Bezares, who also goes to Maine East. Bezares said she has made a lot of new friends at the teen center and it's a good place to go where you don't have to do chores.

"It doesn't matter where they live or where they go to school," Williams said. He said he has kids from Niles, Schaumburg, Chicago and other cities who visit the center.

The membership to join the center is \$20 a year for a teen who lives in Niles or attends school in Niles and \$35 a year for other teens.

The center also has some structured activities such as an arts and crafts project every other week and a new writer's club that will allow kids to get creative and enhance their writing skills.

Each month, Williams arranges someone from the community to make a presentation to the kids on various topics. The kids also attend two dances a year and take field trips to places such as Sky High Sports in Niles, ice skating and water parks.

Williams said kids come to the center for more than just checking out the latest video game.

"They come here to spend time with their friends or make new friends," said Williams.

He said some of the kids may struggle to make new friends at school and he said that the center provides a friendly atmosphere where kids, including those with special needs, can feel comfortable.

Two social workers from Niles Family Services also visit the teen center for a couple hours each week and organize activities for the teens.

"When these kids leave school if they have no alternative, like the teen



Ryan Sorensen and Alexandra Macini, both 13, dance together at the Niles Teen Center's back-to-school dance in Niles on Saturday. | JON DURR-For Sun-Times Media

center, they go home and they are unsupervised," said Niles Police Chief Dean Strzelecki.

According to Strzelecki, recent statistics show parents of more than 28 million schoolchildren work outside the home and about 15 million children go home to an empty house after school.

"They can wander and commit crimes or be victim of crimes," said Strzelecki. He said kids have a lot of energy and that energy should be directed toward positive activities, like the ones provided at the Niles Teen Center.

The International Council of Shopping Center presented the Niles Teen Center with the 2011 U.S. Gold Maxi Award, the industry's highest marketing honor.

This fall the teen center will once again join 7,500 other communities in a national "Lights on Afterschool" event to emphasize the significance of after-school programming. At last year's event, Strzelecki spoke at the event, as well as Mayor Robert Caliero and Golf Mill Marketing Manager Monika Kalicki. The event featured a youth information fair and a rally and open house that many local teens and families attended. ■



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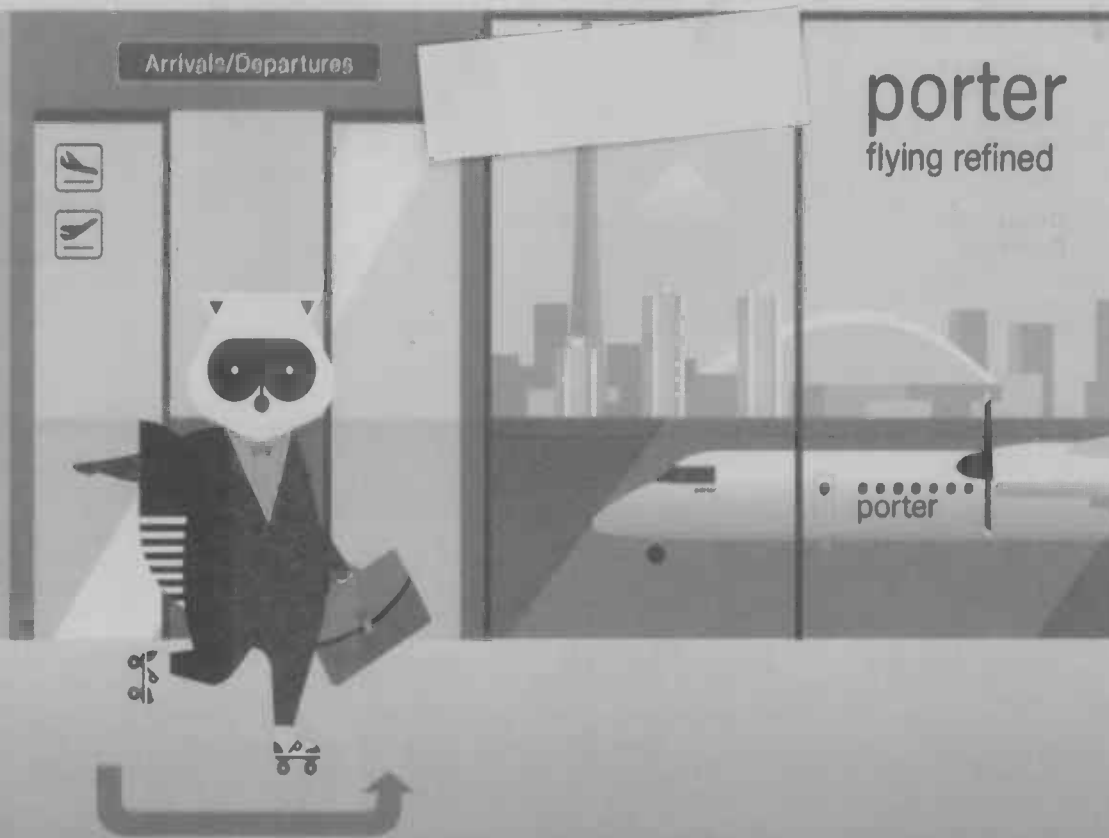
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Tentative contract reached for District 64

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PARK RIDGE

A tentative agreement on a new, four-year contract has been reached between Park Ridge-Niles School District 64 teachers and the Board of Education, district officials announced last week.

Members of the Park Ridge Education Association are scheduled to vote on the contract Sept. 18. The contract, if ratified by the union membership, would then go before the Board of Education for adoption Sept. 24.

According to the district, the contract includes a base salary increase of 2 percent for each year of the agreement. Teachers will also continue to receive "step" increases based on length of service, experience and education. These step increases vary, but average 1.6 percent, according to District 64.

Teachers will continue to share in the cost of health and dental insurance coverage, under the proposed agreement.

A copy of the actual contract was not immediately available for viewing by the Park Ridge Herald-Advocate.

"I think it's a good agreement," said Board President John Heyde, who is optimistic the contract will be adopted by the Board of Education. "I think it accomplishes our



First-grade teacher, Linda Bobowski works on reading, one on one, with Anthony Capesius at Field School in Park Ridge Monday morning. | **BRIAN O'MAHONEY**-for Sun-Times Media

goal of both protecting the community's resources and also recognizing our teachers as professionals and paying them appropriately."

Heyde acknowledged that negotiations were "lengthy," with about 12 meetings between the two sides taking place before the contract was complete. Pay raises were the last issue to be resolved, he said.

"The economic issues were obviously challenging, given the state of the economy," Heyde said.

The Board of Education and the PREA are expected to form a committee in two years in order to "discuss potential changes to the salary schedule and structure," according to the district.

"This agreement is a win for all stakeholders in the

Park Ridge-Niles community," PREA President Erin Breen said in a news release.

This is only the second four-year contract negotiated in District 64 in at least three decades, according to the district.

There are approximately 380 full-time teachers in District 64's five elementary schools, two middle schools and early childhood center. ■



'Our schools are not failing'

BY NATASHA WASINSKI | Contributor

Though a majority of students at East Maine School District 63 last scored well on state exams last year, five of the district's seven schools failed to meet federal benchmarks under the

No Child Left Behind Act. As a result the district did not demonstrate adequate yearly progress, or AYP, for the fifth consecutive year. Administrators say imperfect

legislation, not lackluster education, is to blame, as evidenced by the number of schools locally and nationally that also struggle to satisfy federal requirements.

The past year the district was 3 percentage points shy of having 85 percent of all students achieve passing scores in the subject, according to a report from the Illinois State Board of Education.

"The biggest question I get is, 'Is my child's school failing?'" said Charlene Cobb, executive director of teaching and learning. "I have to say unequivocally, no, our schools are not failing."

Hispanic students and students with disabilities did not meet exam standards.

The past year 696 school districts — or 80 percent of all Illinois districts — did not reach AYP, according to data provided by District 63. Only nine of 1,325 high schools in the state met performance standards.

The Hispanic subgroup missed both its math and reading targets by less than five percentage points.

"The fact is NCLB is a flawed law," District 63 Superintendent Scott Clay said. "You won't hear educators defending it, you won't hear politicians defending it."

On the other hand, 39.1 percent of students with disabilities met the 52.6 percent minimum target in reading.

He and Cobb gave a special presentation Sept. 5 on how Illinois Standards Achievement Test data relates to federal law.

This group fared better in math with half the students passing, but needed a 67.2 percent success rate to achieve AYP.

Enacted in 2001, NCLB requires states, districts and schools to demonstrate academic progress by having a certain percentage of students score satisfactorily on statewide assessments.

And despite nearly 83 percent of economically-disadvantaged kids meeting or exceeding math proficiency standards, the required passing rate was 85 percent.

Subgroups of students must meet certain standards, too. Students are identified according to their ethnic and racial makeup, and are grouped together if they have limited English proficiency, special needs, or are from low-income families.

Overall, 87.7 percent of District 63 students performed satisfactorily in math.

If one subgroup doesn't reach a benchmark in one subject, the district is labeled as not making AYP.

On a school level, the size of the student population, as well as the number of students who fall into subgroup categories, affect whether it makes AYP. Schools are only held accountable for subgroups consisting of 45 students or more.

Clay said positive aspects of the act, such as keeping educators accountable for ensuring the success of all students, are overshadowed by the drawbacks.

Melzer School in Morton Grove and Washington School in Glenview achieved annual yearly progress standards.

Annually achieving "arbitrary standards" like 100 percent student proficiency on standardized tests by 2014 "just cannot be done," Clay said.

That's not to say instruction at the junior high and other elementary schools is sub-par, Clay said.

Reading benchmarks have consistently posed a problem for District 63.

Elementary schools like Apollo and Washington, for example, have programs for children with special needs — and, therefore, a greater concentration of these students.

Melzer, on the other hand, doesn't have the same number of subgroups, which is advantageous when it comes to meeting test standards. ■

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Police to hold take-back day for prescription drugs

The Niles Police Department will host a prescription drug take-back day on Saturday, Sept. 29 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the police station, 7000 W. Touhy Ave.

Residents will have an opportunity to drop off unused and unwanted prescription medications.

The service is free and anonymous. It is intended to prevent prescription drug abuse and to keep medications out of the trash and water system. ■

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

Niles

DUI ARREST

Bodigerel Dorj, 32, of 4933 N. Lawndale, Chicago, was arrested on Sept. 13 on the 7200 block of Milwaukee Avenue and was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol and driving with a revoked driver's license.

BURGLARY TO MOTOR VEHICLE

The victim said someone entered her brother's unlocked 2004 Infinity SUV on Sept. 9 that was parked in a parking lot on the 5600 block of Touhy Avenue and took the victim's wallet that contained about \$100, state ID card and her debit card. The victim was informed that an unauthorized charge of \$500 was made on the card.

CRIMINAL DAMAGE TO VEHICLE

A 21-year-old woman said that someone broke the passenger side door handle of her vehicle on Sept. 12 in a parking lot on the 9700 block of Greenwood

Avenue and spray painted the letters "LK" on the passenger side of the vehicle.

A 27-year-old woman from Chicago reported that she parked her vehicle in a parking lot on the 5600 block of Touhy Avenue on Sept. 10 and when she came back to her vehicle she discovered the rear side tire of her vehicle punctured.

HARASSMENT BY PHONE

A 57-year-old woman from Mount Prospect said a former employee who was terminated a few years ago called a business on Sept. 11 on the 5900 block of Jarvis and yelled at the victim, calling her names. The victim said

over the last several years the suspect has called the victim and yelled profanities at her and blamed her for the suspect getting fired.

RETAIL THEFT

Two women, in their 20s, entered a store on the 8500 block of Golf Road on Sept. 11 and exited the store with five cases of baby formula valued at \$1,000 without paying for the items, according to police.

A man was observed placing a package of Axe Body spray valued at \$9.97 on him and then exiting the store on the 8500 block of Golf Road on Sept. 11 and leaving without paying for the item. ■

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A Closer Look

Municipal support of human services varies

BY JENNIFER JOHNSON | jjohnson@pioneerlocal.com

The debate over governmental support of human needs services has been raging in Park Ridge for several years now.

Though the city's financial contributions to outside human services organizations were eliminated this year, surrounding municipalities like Des Plaines, Morton Grove and Niles, as well as Maine Township, continue to fund services that range from counseling to food pantries.

In neighboring Niles, the Niles Family Services Department, a division of the Human Services Department, provides counseling services, crisis intervention and food to citizens who request it. The department operates with a budget of approximately \$800,000 that comes from the village's general fund, according to department director Seth Knobel.

"The mission is to be able to help with the full emotional needs of the residents of Niles," Knobel said.

Mental health services have been offered in the village since 1965, Knobel said. Today, counseling is offered to individuals and families and the department is staffed by four full-time social workers



The director of department of Human Services at the Niles Family Services center Seth Knobel. | MICHELLE LAVIGNE-Sun-Times Media

and seven part-time social workers. Fees are determined based on income and sessions can also be paid through health insurance.

"We usually have about 250 appointments every week," Knobel said.

Common reasons for residents to seek counseling

include job loss, family conflicts, relationship problems, loss of a loved one, stress and domestic violence.

The department also operates an emergency food pantry for families who qualify.

Other village departments commonly interact with Niles Family Services and may refer citizens to the department for help. A police officer who responds to a domestic problem within a family is one such example.

"One of the things that is extremely unique is that we are seen as an intricate part within the village," Knobel said. "Our department works with every other department in one capacity or another."

In neighboring Morton Grove, the Department of Family and Senior Services also offers counseling and financial assistance, but with a much lower budget of \$95,000.

"I would say it seems to be adequate," Jackie Walker O'Keefe said of the tax dollars provided. "The village has been very generous in terms of providing some financial assistance monies."

And emergency financial help is becoming a common request among citizens. According to O'Keefe it is "probably the No. 1 thing" clients are seeking when they reach out to her department.

"With the economy and all that has come along with

that, I do see more people coming in for financial assistance," she said.

The maximum amount provided per year is \$300 per household.

Short-term counseling is the next most common service offered.

Because O'Keefe is the only licensed social worker on staff, she largely refers clients to other sources that can better help them with their needs, whether they be financial, legal or therapeutic. When O'Keefe met a client who was unable to travel for her cancer treatments, the social worker arranged transportation for the woman through the American Cancer Society.

"We're a referral source. We hook people up with the appropriate agencies for things," she explained.

Both Niles and Morton Grove also receive funding from The Salvation Army for emergency assistance. O'Keefe said this money can be used to help resident with a utility payment, rent, or a medical bill. Up to \$200 can be provided per household.

Morton Grove also has a village nurse who provides health screenings, home visits, medical case management and health education program. A similar service is offered by Des Plaines'



Services

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Health and Human Services Department which also provides emergency financial assistance made possible through outreach to various community agencies, the Des Plaines Ministerial Association and Maine and Elk Grove Townships.

Maine Township's General Assistance Department provides a number of services to residents living throughout the township. These range from an emergency food pantry and counseling to a subsidized taxi program and financial assistance for rent, utilities and clothing. Residents of unincorporated Maine Township and portions of Park Ridge, Niles, Des Plaines, Morton Grove and Glenview that fall within the township boundaries can apply for such assistance.

Park Ridge, in lieu of a city-funded human services department, has a Human Needs Task Force which

consists of representatives of several outside agencies, churches and schools who meet monthly to discuss the needs and activities of their respective groups. The task force does not receive funding.

"It's a networking organization," explained new Co-Chairman Dean Whitford. Members of the group learn about various needs in the community and try to direct people to the proper agency that can assist them, he added.

Such agencies include Maine-Center, which provides counseling services, and Center of Concern, a social service agency which offers counseling, financial assistance, and home-sharing opportunities.

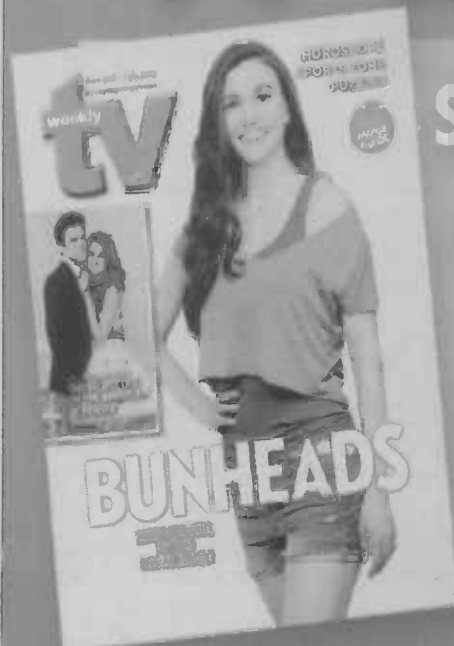
Neither Whitford nor Co-Chairman Floyd Korten Hof said they felt Park Ridge would benefit from having its own human services department.

"When needs are brought to us, we're able to help these people," Korten Hof said. ■



The director of department of Human Services at the Niles Family Services center Seth Knobel sits inside his office where he counsels his clients. | MICHELLE LAVIGNE-Sun-Times Media

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An artist's rendering of what the Sabeel Center, 8800 W. Ballard Road, will look like when renovations are completed.

Islamic organization to open in Maine Township

BY JENNIFER JOHNSON | jjohnson@pioneerlocal.com

MAINE TOWNSHIP

An Islamic dietary organization has been granted permission by the Cook County Board to open a community center in unincorporated Maine Township.

County commissioners on Sept. 10 approved a special-use permit for the Sabeel Center, 8800 W. Ballard Road, which will be operated by the Park Ridge-based Islamic Food and Nutrition Council of America.

Plans call for the building to operate as a community center with an educational component related to IFANCA's work of certifying food as halal, or conforming with Islamic dietary laws. There will also be a gathering space, library and kitchen for cooking demonstrations to

teach the public about halal preparation.

Though the center will serve as a gathering place for area Muslims, there will also be a focus on outreach to the greater community, said Richard Reeder, spokesperson for IFANCA.

"We're viewing this as an asset," he said of the Sabeel Center. "It's basically a learning center for the entire community."

Area educators, of both public and private schools, have already expressed interest in the center and the concept of halal, Reeder added.

"It's really an exciting opportunity for everyone to learn from each other," he said.

IFANCA is planning approximately \$1.5 million in improvements to the facility which

borders Park Ridge and was last used as a synagogue. Reeder said now that the special-use has been secured the organization will begin moving forward on renovations with "full programming" possibly beginning next spring.

During meetings before the Cook County Zoning Board of Appeals and the Maine Township Plan Commission earlier this year a small number of residents expressed concerns about the potential for crowds, congestion, noise and hours of operation.

The center, according to IFANCA President Muhammad Chaudry, will be open no longer than 9 p.m. and is not expected to generate large gatherings on a regular basis. ■

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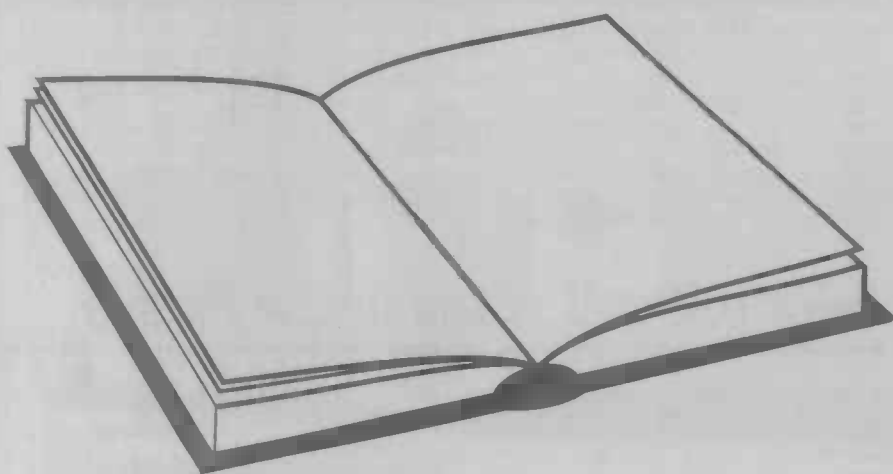
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81, of Park Ridge. Passed away September 10, 2012 in Park Ridge. U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War. Son of the late Emilio and Catherine Galassini (nee Leonardi). Husband for 53 years to Renata Galassini (nee Hintz); Father of Thomas (Kathleen), Louis (Erica Loftus), Michael (Marianne) and Ellen (Matthew Schnur) Galassini; Grandfather of Shay, Nicholas, Cassandra, Jeremiah and Sophia; Brother of the late Jeanne Spencer and the late Dorothea Galassini.

Member of Fel-Pro Retired Employees Breakfast Club and Saint Juliana Men's Club.

Visitation was held Friday, September 14, at The M.J. Suerth Funeral Home, 6754 N. Northwest Highway, Chicago. Funeral was held Saturday, September 15. In lieu of flowers, memorials appreciated to the charity of your choice. Interment Private Mount Carmel Cemetery. For further information 877-631-1240 or www.suerth.com.

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Glader, Kenneth C.

92, of Naples, FL and Park Ridge, IL passed away peacefully on September 8, 2012 at the Chateau at Moorings Park in Naples, FL. A service will be held by the family at a later date. For online condolences, please visit www.fullerfuneralhome.com.

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Larson, Shirley Lorraine

Was born December 2, 1922, in Chicago, IL to the late Clarence and Erna (nee Kalf) Thunberg, and passed away peacefully September 13, 2012, at The Lutheran Home in Arlington Heights.

Shirley was the beloved wife of Charles Larson; loving mother of Donald (Sandra) Larson, Glenn (Lynn) Larson, Diane (Tim) Paschal, and Cheryl (Rob) Williams; proud grandmother of Emily, Meagan (Mark), Kirsten (Mike), Abbe, Shelby (Dan), Molly, Bryce (Michele), Reid, Julie, Haley, Tierney, Scott, and Chase; and great-grandmother of Owen and Drew. Mrs. Larson was a long time and active member of Park Ridge Presbyterian Church, and member of P.E.O.

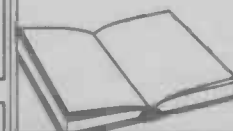
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How Illinois lawmakers voted in Congress for the week ending Sept. 14

Major roll call votes in the Senate

VETERAN JOB CORPS

Members voted, **84-8**, to advance a bill (S 3457) to establish a Veterans Jobs Corps at a deficit-neutral cost of \$1 billion over five years. The bill is designed to help veterans who served on active duty on or after Sept. 11, 2001. One major section promotes hiring priority for veterans in police, firefighting and other first-responder jobs on all levels of government. Bill Nelson, D-Fla., said the bill is needed because "the unemployment rate among veterans returning from Iraq and Afghanistan was just under 11 percent in August." Jeff Sessions, R-Ala., said that because of budgeting gimmicks, the bill "violates the principles of common sense and good management" and shows why "this government is on an unsustainable financial path." **Sen. Richard Durbin: Yes; Sen. Mark Kirk: Did not vote**

Major roll call votes in the House

1. GOVERNMENT SPY POWERS

Members voted, **301-118**, to renew the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act through 2017. The law allows the National Security Agency to spy without specific warrants on phone calls, emails and other contacts between foreigners that pass through telecommunications switching points in the U.S.. A yes vote was to pass HR 5949.

2. SIX MONTHS' STOPGAP

Members passed, **329-91**, a measure to fund the government through March 27 at an annual rate of \$1.047 trillion, slightly above fiscal 2012 spending levels. The bill extends a freeze on federal workers' pay into its third year while providing major increases for initiatives such as processing veterans' disability claims and fighting wildfires. A yes vote was to send a stopgap budget for the first half of fiscal 2013 to the Senate.

3. BUDGET CONTROL ACT

Members passed, **223-196**, a GOP bill directing President Obama to propose specific spending cuts to replace \$110 billion in across-the-board defense and non-defense cuts that are due next year under the 2011 Budget Control Act unless Congress votes to repeal them. A yes vote was to send HR 6365 to the Senate.

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Bobby Rush, D-1st	N	N	N	N
Jesse Jackson Jr., D-2nd	NV	NV	NV	NV
Dan Lipinski, D-3rd	Y	Y	N	Y
Luis Gutierrez, D-4th	Y	Y	N	N
Mike Quigley, D-5th	Y	Y	N	N
Peter Roskam, R-6th	Y	Y	Y	Y
Danny Davis, D-7th	N	N	N	N
Joe Walsh, R-8th	Y	N	Y	Y
Jan Schakowsky, D-9th	N	Y	N	N
Robert Dold, R-10th	Y	Y	Y	N
Adam Kinzinger, R-11th	Y	Y	Y	Y
Jerry Costello, D-12th	N	N	N	N
Judy Biggert, R-13th	Y	Y	Y	Y
Randy Hultgren, R-14th	Y	Y	Y	Y
Timothy Johnson, R-15th	N	N	N	Y
Donald Manzullo, R-16th	Y	Y	Y	Y
Bobby Schilling, R-17th	Y	N	Y	Y
Aaron Schock, R-18th	Y	Y	Y	Y
John Shimkus, R-19th	Y	Y	Y	Y

4. ENERGY LOANS

Members voted, **245-161**, to end federal loan guarantees to firms developing clean energy while freeing up \$34 billion in guarantees for nuclear energy and fossil fuels. A yes vote backed a GOP bill that is a response to the failed Solyndra loan that cost taxpayers \$535 million. (HR 6213)

Key votes ahead

In the week of Sept. 17, the House will take up a bill on work requirements for welfare recipients, while the Senate will debate a jobs bill for veterans and stopgap government funding.

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Chicago to buy land near Union Station for bus transit center

Chicago would acquire a surface parking lot near Union Station to build an "intermodal transportation center" needed to bring bus rapid transit to the Loop, under an ordinance to be introduced by Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel.

The mayor's plan would authorize the \$5.9 million acquisition of a surface parking lot south of Jackson between Canal and Clinton for construction of a \$7.3 million transportation center. Federal funding would cover 80 percent of the cost. The rest would come from funding generated by the local tax-increment-financing district.

Sheltered staging area for CTA buses would include a vertical connection to an existing Amtrak underground passageway. That would allow commuters to access the Union Station concourse crossing Canal and Jackson at street level. Last month, a 76-year-old woman was killed by a Mega-bus outside Union Station.

"The new off-street transportation center will improve conditions for CTA passengers boarding at Union Station and transfers to and from Metra and Amtrak trains at the busiest railroad terminal in Chicago," Emanuel said in a press release. "It will relieve street congestion surrounding Union Station and improve safety by reducing pedestrian exposure to traffic." ■

- Chicago Sun-Times

SPRINGFIELD



State, ACLU reach agreement on care of juvenile offenders

The state agency that houses youths who have committed crimes will enter into an agreement with the American Civil Liberties Union to evaluate and improve living conditions for about 1,000 juvenile offenders during the next six months.

The ACLU of Illinois will file a federal lawsuit against the director of the Department of Juvenile Justice, Arthur Bishop, and a settlement with the agency that will authorize three court-appointed experts to assess current conditions in the state's eight youth homes. The experts will also recommend improvements that will be enforced by the federal court.

The ACLU has targeted poor educational and mental health services, excessive use of solitary confinement, and unsafe living conditions in which staff doesn't adequately protect residents from violence.

"We are optimistic the proposed consent decree we've agreed to with Director Bishop will solve the problems," said Adam Schwartz, senior staff lawyer for the ACLU of Illinois.

In a statement, Bishop said his agency chose not to fight the ACLU litigation because state resources could "be better spent on a mutually agreeable plan to move forward rather than litigating in court." ■

- Chicago Sun-Times

WASHINGTON



Report: Social Security lax on disability claims justification

Social Security is so overwhelmed by disability claims that some officials are awarding benefits without adequately reviewing applications, potentially adding to the program's financial problems as it edges closer to the brink of insolvency, congressional investigators say in a new report.

In more than a quarter of the 300 cases reviewed by congressional staff, decisions to award benefits "failed to properly address insufficient, contradictory or incomplete evidence." In many cases, officials approved disability benefits without citing adequate medical evidence or without explaining the medical basis for the decision, according to the report by the Republican staff of the Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations.

In some cases, it appeared that administrative law judges struggling to reduce backlogs didn't take the time to review all the evidence, the report said.

Social Security has been working for years to reduce a huge backlog of disability claims.

"We share the subcommittee's concern that a small number of judges have failed our expectations with regard to a balanced application of the law, proper documentation, proper hearings and proper judicial conduct," Social Security spokesman Mark Hinkle said. ■

- The Associated Press

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1,000 WORDS | Jack Higgins

Stop 'straw buyers' of guns

For years Chicago and Cook County officials have been pushing a law that would help close the spigot of guns flowing illegally into the city.

So far, the National Rifle Association has blocked the law in Springfield, but officials here should keep pushing.

The so-called "lost or stolen" law would require gun owners to report a lost or stolen gun within 72 hours of noticing it is missing. It would help discourage "straw buyers" who purchase numerous guns legally in the suburbs and then sell them to felons in Chicago.

Straw buyers often say their weapons were lost or stolen when guns are traced back to them after a crime. A law requiring the reporting of lost or stolen guns would protect legitimate gun-owners, but discourage straw purchases. ■



Get used to the idea of school strikes

I'm willing to guess that the teachers' strikes in Lake Forest and Chicago are just the tip of the iceberg of what is to come.

Why?

Because the looming cash crisis in Illinois — long-term debt combined with less revenue — is creating an intolerable situation for local government. Schools, which depend on local property tax revenue more than any other local government, will be the first to feel the crunch.

Just look at the current situation. The state is broke. It increased income taxes last year. It still is broke.

Promises have been made to public employees, including teachers, in the form of pensions and other benefits that the state can't keep. Officials failed to sock away enough money in good times, and now that bad times are here, they can't afford to catch up. All new revenue in education would have to go to pay for pensions, not pay increases. And even that might not be enough.

Property taxes are not going to be a stable form of revenue for local government. Here's why:

In the past five years, property values have plummeted up to 30 percent in some suburbs. That means the tax base, which lags years behind real value, is getting smaller. When the tax



RANDY
BLASER

base shrinks, it produces less tax revenue.

The only way to get the same amount or more money from a smaller tax base is to raise tax rates.

It's what Bill Clinton called arithmetic.

With 30 percent of home sales being foreclosures or short sales, who is going to pay those higher tax rates on homes that are worth less? It doesn't take much to foresee how property taxes could make a home unaffordable to a prospective first-time buyer who can easily afford the mortgage, but thinks twice about paying that much for taxes.

School administrators are trying to cope with the reality of the situation. That's why in Chicago and Lake

Forest, administrators are seeking to change the pay structure and accountability more than anything.

Teachers correctly see changes in salary structures for new teachers and performance review requirements as chinks in their armor of guaranteed raises and jobs for life — or at least until they retire at 55.

And you can pretty much bet that in coming years, retirement benefits for new teachers will be a tough negotiating point.

Sure, teachers deserve better pay. So do cops, firefighters, nurses and a lot of working people.

But reality is different. Someone will have to sacrifice to meet the others' demands. Do we really want to get into a debate over whose sacrifice is morally superior? ■



Less is not more; except in commercials

“Marketing” is not a four-letter word.

It has nine letters. I know that. It just sometimes seems as if “marketing” is a four-letter word.

We are engulfed in a sea of marketing. We are bombarded on all our electronic devices by marketing messages. Everyone wants to sell us something.

And it’s never going to be any different. Marketing is the sixth most popular college major, according to the Georgetown University National Center for Education Statistics. Each year, colleges and universities hatch thousands of little marketeers who slither into the consumer forest we all inhabit.

Why am I so leery of marketing? Haven’t I ever been put onto something good by marketing? Well, yes I have.

But I maintain my wariness. And here’s one reason why.

I’ve seen commercials on TV for a new candy bar from Hershey’s called “Air Delight.” Says on the package that it is “aerated milk chocolate.”

The TV commercial shows a young woman beside herself with rapture as she bites into an Air Delight. The voiceover says because of the air in the chocolate bar, the chocolate melts faster in the mouth.

I’ve never realized this is a problem; that chocolate takes too long to



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melt in the mouth. It’s not like you bite into a piece of chocolate and it melts three hours later. No one would eat chocolate if that were the case. How could they talk on their cell phones with a mouthful of unmelted chocolate?

A lifetime of experience melting chocolate in my mouth has taught me that the melting process takes much less than a minute. I can wait that long.

No, there must be some other reason for “aerating” a chocolate bar.

And I think I discovered that reason.

While I was at the grocery store, I bought an Air Delight. I also bought a regular Hershey bar, which is not an unfamiliar action for me. I’ve been buying Hershey bars ever since I was old enough to slide a handful of pennies across the counter at Zimmerman’s candy store.

Today, the Hershey bar cost \$1.09. The Air Delight cost the same, \$1.09.

The Hershey bar weighed 1.55 ounces (43 grams). The Air Delight weighed 1.44 ounces (40 grams).

I paid the same price for both candy bars. But I received .11 fewer ounces of chocolate from the Air Delight.

Hershey marketing is trying to convince me this is a good thing. But I know that less is not more, or even equal.

I hope this idea doesn’t catch on with other products.

I’d hate to start receiving aerated pizzas. ■

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Question of the Week

Q | At Booby's Restaurant in Niles we asked, "Where are you going to see the fall colors?"



A | **Nancy Pena**
Chicago

"I like going to the Botanic Gardens." ■



A | **Brooke Hoffman**
Glenview

"I like looking on the drive to Athens, Ohio from Columbus for Mom's Weekend at Ohio University." ■



A | **Margaret Bartolucci**

Niles
"I like to see the leaves near Wausau or Stevens Point, Wis." ■



A | **Sally Friedman**
Northbrook

"I like to go east, to Vermont or New Hampshire." ■

People Poll

LAST WEEK'S QUESTION

"How do you feel about certain young, undocumented adults being offered deferred legal status under the 'Dream Act'?"

RESPONSES

- 1) Fully support: 59%
- 2) Cautiously optimistic: 10%
- 3) Not sure: 3%
- 4) Strongly opposed: 27%

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

"What type of 'adventure activity' would you be most interested in learning about?"

RESPONSES

- 1) Archery.
- 2) Rock-wall climbing
- 3) Kayaking
- 4) Ice skating

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Education in Focus

Adventure Club aims to provide fun and fitness

BY JENNIFER JOHNSON | jjohnson@pioneerlocal.com

PARK RIDGE

Katniss Everdeen is inspiring a lot of people to take up archery these days.

Even Maine South High School's aptly named Adventure Club.

Like the heroine of the "Hunger Games" trilogy, several students signing up to participate in Adventure Club activities this year at the Park Ridge high school are eager to pick up a bow and arrow and hit their mark.

"Now that Katniss is out there in the 'Hunger Games' with this, everyone is into archery," noted Adventure Club Sponsor Cyndee Kawalek as students tossed out archery practice as a club event suggestion during a Sept. 6 welcome meeting in the Maine South Library.

Other extracurricular ideas included the ever-popular rock-wall climbing and kayaking, as well as biking, skiing and ice skating.

Paintball combat was an idea brought forth by one student, but Kawalek said it's impossible.

"The school won't allow it," she said. "Believe me, I've tried."

Adventure Club was started by Kawalek, a teacher of physical education at the school, about 10 years ago.



Cyndee Kawalek, sponsor of Maine South High School's Adventure Club, takes suggestions from students for activities to participate in this year during the group's first meeting Sept. 6. | JOE CYGANOWSKI-for Sun-Times Media

"It's a club to expose students to outdoor leisure and recreational activities, to help them expand their idea of what fitness is," she said.

The club is also meant to build self-esteem while providing students with a connection to their school and peers who have similar interests, Kawalek noted.

Last year about 40 students became regular adventurers, taking part in nearly every activity, including scaling the school's climbing wall, biking the Chicago Botanic Garden, scaling the

high ropes course at the Latof YMCA in Des Plaines, and embarking on the group's annual camping trip in Wisconsin where their previous knowledge of using maps and a compass in the wilderness came in handy.

Kawalek, who teaches Maine South's Adventure Education P.E. program, tries to get Adventure Club active in at least one escapade each month.

Junior Karl Sissman, sporting his Adventure Club T-shirt from the previous school year, is one member looking

forward to another nine months of adrenaline-producing fun.

"Everything we do here is fun, from rock climbing to kayaking," Sissman said.

Freshmen Nick Cecala, Jacqueline Betthausen and Kaylee Coyle came to see what Adventure Club has to offer.

"I'm just not adventurous at all — but I want to be," said Betthausen who expressed interest in improving her wall rock climbing skills.

"I want to try kayaking and the mapping," added Coyle. "I want to try to not get lost in

the woods."

Cecala, looking forward to kayaking, signed up for Adventure Club based on his older brother's enthusiasm for it.

"He loved it and he loved Ms. Kawalek as well," Cecala shared. "He'd come home really excited, telling me about it. I was really excited to actually come and try it, too."

Kawalek says she tries to come up with a new activity each year to keep the students engaged.

"Anything that has a bit of safe risk in it is what they like," she said. ■



Principal: Incident reported at Nelson School a false alarm

BY TRACY GRUEN | Contributor

NILES

A claim that a neighbor struck a student during recess at Nelson School in Niles on Monday, Sept. 10, turned out to be the minds of young kids getting carried away, according to Principal Jean LeBlanc.

The principal said that a lunch room supervisor reported that a couple of boys said a man approached them along the border of the school property during recess and tried to get them to come over to him.

LeBlanc said that one child said he saw the

man slap another child, but an investigation by the Niles Police school resource officer and school officials determined the neighbor just came over to return a ball that had gone off school property and did not touch any of the kids.

"The line between fantasy and reality is a little thin at this time," said LeBlanc, referring to the second grade boys.

Two boys said the man told them to "shut-up" when they told him that they didn't talk to strangers.

LeBlanc said the kids had convinced themselves that the man had struck one of the children. She said many of the parents warn them about talking to strangers and their minds got carried away in this case.

"It was scary to think a stranger might be bothering some children," said LeBlanc.

She said they wanted the police department to investigate the situation just to make sure nothing inappropriate happened. LeBlanc also felt it was important to make the parents aware of the situation.

LeBlanc talked with the kids and reminded them that they had to be very careful about being truthful and "super careful about the details."

"We handled it very conservatively," LeBlanc said.

LeBlanc said at Nelson School they always stress the importance of being safe, responsible and respectable and keeping kids safe is a top priority.

During recess when the boys were outside, LeBlanc said there were five adults outside supervising the kids and one of them reported that they saw the neighbor give back the ball to the boys. ■

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Semifinalists named

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In Profile

Leys finds serving as delegate an 'unforgettable experience'

BY TRACY GRUEN | Contributor

Eric Leys said serving as an alternate delegate at the 40th Republican National Convention was an unforgettable experience.

"It's been a very exciting week," said Leys, who said that Ann Romney's speech was a highlight of the recent convention in Tampa, Fla.

"Her words, 'He will not fail,' have echoed in my mind since she spoke," Leys said. "This is the main case I have been making to anyone who will listen for well over a year now. As a nation, we face some serious economic challenges and I believe in my core that Governor Romney possesses the right mix of skills suited to get us back on track and out of this unbearably slow recovery we have been forced to endure under President Obama."

Leys, an active local Republican and Maine Township High School District 207 board member, said he also enjoyed hearing speeches by U.S. Rep. Robert Dold, R-Ill., and Illinois Comptroller Judy Baar Topinka.

The top vote-getter among alternate delegate candidates, Leys won 25,839 votes in Cook and Lake counties, allowing him to be part of his second national convention.

Besides attending sessions and



Eric Leys, right, is joined by Illinois State Treasurer Dan Rutherford during the recent Republican National Convention in Florida. | CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

delegation meetings, Leys also attended "Young Republican National Federation" that gave him a chance to network with leaders throughout the country. Various speakers,

including former Sen. Norm Coleman, former Gov. John Sununu and Speaker of the House John Boehner, visited with the delegation.

In 2004, he was part of the Illinois

Delegation Host Committee and participated at the Republican National Convention in New York City.

Leys said spending is out of control and Romney can fix things.

Fiscal responsibility has been a priority of Leys on the local level while serving on the school board.

"It's the biggest thing I've been fighting for," said Leys, who is the chair of District 207 finance committee. "We have not only a balanced budget, but a bit of a surplus."

Leys was elected in 2001, and re-elected in 2005 and 2009. He served as board president from 2005-09.

Leys has served as precinct captain and board member in the Maine Township Regular Republican Organization and as a delegate to the Illinois State Republican Convention in June. He is the only Maine Township Republican that was part of the Illinois' delegation to the national convention.

Leys said he is "strongly considering running again," when asked whether he will run for another term on the District 207 board in April.

"I have had some members of the community ask me recently to consider running for Alderman in Des Plaines and I am looking at that too, but it would be hard to leave District 207 when so much good is happening that I have been a part of for so long."

"Serving on the District 207 board for the past 11 years has been one of the great sources of pride in my adult life," Leys said. ■



Homeless substitute teacher brings out the best in his former students

BY NICK KATZ | nkatz@pioneerlocal.com

Henry Wolfson was living in a homeless shelter in Chicago when a quartet of his former students from Niles North High School learned of his situation.

And they decided to do something to make sure the life of their former substitute teacher improved.

The four created a page at www.giveforward.com on Labor Day. The site is designed to let people or groups raise money for a good cause with some help from a coach who can offer advice on the best way to encourage giving.

So far the group has raised more than \$33,000 that will be used to help Wolfson find a permanent place to live.

"We just want him to have a place he can call home," said Anita Zaia, one of the four former students who started the fundraiser.

After teaching for 26 years as an almost daily substitute at Niles North and McCracken Middle School, both in Skokie, Wolfson, 66, ended up in the homeless shelter as a result of medical costs, high insurance premiums and rent.

Zaia said as a sub he did not have the same benefits as regular full-time teachers. He also lacked support from family that might have helped him through the rough times, she said.

"He doesn't have that family support. He's part of our family now," she said.

In addition to Zaia, Wolfson's former students Adam and Tony Youhanna and Christina Audisho created Team Mr. Wolfson on the website.

Zaia said Wolfson was not the kind of substitute that got the class in a mood to play around when he walked in. Instead they



Henry Wolfson, a substitute teacher, enjoys a cup of coffee and a laugh. The students decided to help Wolfson after learning he was living in a homeless shelter. | CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

looked forward to seeing him and knew they would learn a valuable lesson. Attempts to reach Wolfson were not immediately successful.

Some of the comments on the www.giveforward.com site also reflect that.

Nikki Turbin made a donation, adding, "This is such a great cause. I hope this gets Mr. Wolfson the living conditions and support he deserves. Thank you, Mr. Wolfson."

Four people chipped in another \$500 with the comment: "Stories like this, remind us that God sometimes uses the toughest situations to demonstrate limitless beauty. We are so proud of the organizers of Team Wolfson, particularly our 'teacher' Tony."

Anita said the group originally set a goal of \$40,000, but plans on going past that if donations continue to come in.

In addition to a new apartment, she said Team Mr. Wolfson would like to help him with a cell phone he can use to call in for substitute

teaching jobs and a car he can use to get there.

Erica Trzeciak, director of user relations and the www.giveforward.com coach for the four students, said it is unusual to raise so much money so quickly.

"They followed all of our recommendations perfectly," she said.

What helped, she said, is that the group started with some donations in hand. Also, students were able to reach out to other former students of Wolfson.

"He's helped so many people in the past, with a fundraiser like this it's going to go viral," Trzeciak said.

That's what Zaia said happened. "It shows how much of a great person Mr. Wolfson is," she said.

"He's always been there for us. We'll always be there for him. It's time for us to take care of him."

Donations to help Wolfson can be made at: <http://www.giveforward.com/teammrwolfson>. Visitors can also leave stories about Wolfson at the site. ■

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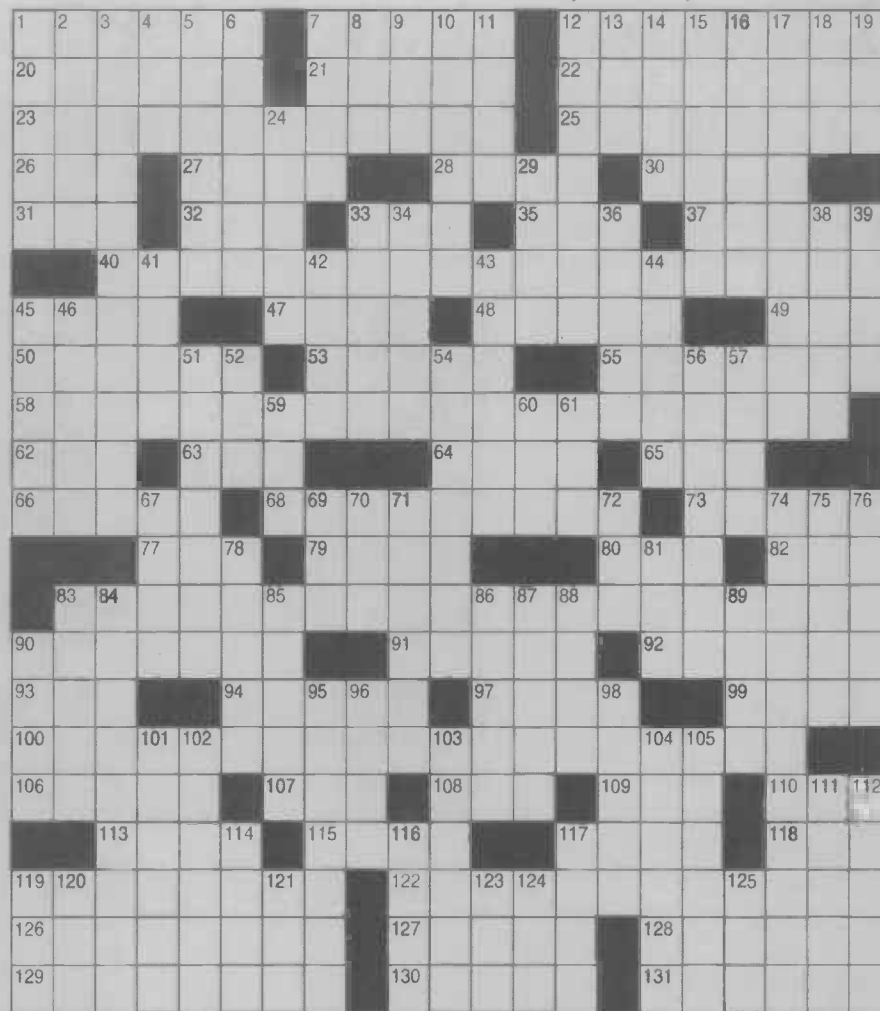
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- 23 Start of a riddle
- 25 Smart alecks
- 26 Bailed-out insurance co.
- 27 Cousin of -ette
- 28 Garment with a watch pocket
- 30 German city on the Rhein
- 31 Swinger's stat
- 32 Little fellow
- 33 "Cry — River"
- 35 Shielded
- 37 Milk, in Cádiz
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- 45 Dual radio designation
- 47 Manfred of rock
- 48 Final Greek letter
- 49 Pal, in Cannes
- 50 Sub meat
- 53 Northern French city
- 55 Spurred on
- 58 Riddle, part 3
- 62 Hem and —
- 63 Brewing tank
- 64 Reverse or neutral
- 65 No, in Scotland
- 66 Borden's cow
- 68 Line of Swanson meals
- 73 Signs of fatigue
- 77 Letters before Q
- 79 Figure skater
- 80 Even if, informally
- 82 — polloi
- 83 Riddle, part 4
- 90 Philanthropic giver
- 91 Free-for-all
- 92 Attend to
- 93 Hoppy quaff
- 94 Persian-founded religion
- 97 Fella
- 99 Fed Eliot
- 100 End of the riddle
- 106 Shorthand whiz
- 107 — Lanka
- 108 — Paul's (frozen fish brand)
- 109 "— pro nobis" ("pray for us")
- 110 Cash cache
- 113 Castro's land
- 115 Island of Hawaii
- 117 2007 A.L. MVP
- 118 British lav
- 119 Former Big Apple mayor
- 122 Riddle's answer
- 126 Spiritual being
- 127 Soft pillow fill
- 128 Waiting for a phone agent
- 129 Part of a U.S. political map
- 130 Very thick, as fog
- 131 Very little

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- 6 Lacking a key center, in music
- 7 Gomer of TV
- 8 Directed
- 9 Prince — Khan
- 10 Hungarian's neighbor
- 11 Little grimace
- 12 It's a shore thing
- 13 Here, in Haiti
- 14 Robin's face wear
- 15 Ocular ring
- 16 Young oinker
- 17 Speak articulately
- 18 Bit of sunlight
- 19 Naval vessel abbr.
- 24 Stop blocking, as a river
- 29 Noah's eldest son
- 33 See 96-Down
- 34 Bored feeling
- 36 "Eat up!"
- 38 "Iliad" author
- 39 Sooner city
- 41. Amo, amas, —
- 42 Ranch pal
- 43 Baboon, e.g.
- 44 Religious law
- 45 — crow flies
- 46 India's Taj —
- 51 Pack up and leave
- 52 — wink
- 54 Imprint on a hard surface
- 56 Colored marker brand
- 57 Brainchild
- 59 Biblical suffix
- 60 Golfer
- 61 "Mad About You" cousin
- 67 Cuzco inhabitant
- 69 Hagen with three Tonys
- 70 Bread of India
- 71 Wallace's canine sidekick
- 72 To the — power
- 74 Game fish of California
- 75 Taboo deeds
- 76 Autographs
- 78 Delve into
- 81 Use an ax on
- 83 "Rooms —" (vacancy notice)
- 84 "Just a moment"
- 85 Devilkins
- 86 Composer Edward
- 87 Is very dizzy
- 88 Didn't stay
- 89 Chinese dynasty
- 90 Poppas
- 95 Insulin, e.g.
- 96 With 33-Down, most of Turkey is in it
- 98 Complete, briefly
- 101 Accustoms
- 102 Poet Burns
- 103 "Tex" actor
- 104 Isaac Asimov classic
- 105 Novelist
- 111 Hardware store buys
- 112 Fungus-infested
- 114 — mater
- 116 Wahines' guitars
- 117 "Give it —"
- 119 Spruce kin
- 120 Ending for opal
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BY LINDA THISTLE

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★

(★: Moderate; ★★: Challenging; ★★★: HOO BOY!)

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HOROSCOPES

For the week of Sept. 26 to Oct. 2

ARIES (March 21 to April 19)
Someone has some suggestions to offer regarding your new project. You might find them helpful. Remember to avoid speculation and to stick with just the facts, Lamb.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)
An old friend suddenly reappears. Whether this proves to be a boon or a bane in the Bovine's life depends on the reason for this surprising reappearance. Be cautious.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)
Vital information finally emerges, allowing you to make that important personal decision. You can now move your focus to an upcoming professional development.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22)
You might not like seeing so many on-the-job changes. But some of them could open new opportunities for the Moon Child's talents to shine to your best advantage.

LEO (July 23 to August 22)
An apparently solid-gold opportunity beckons the Lion. But check to see if all that dazzle isn't just a sprinkling of surface glitter. Check it out before making a commitment.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)
A close friend could offer advice on how to handle a difficult family matter. But in the end, the decision has to be made based on what is best for you and those you love.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)
Family problems are best worked out with all those concerned contributing suggestions that will ease tensions. Stay with it until a workable solution is found.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)
Expect to hear more about an offer that has piqued your interest. You earn respect for insisting on solid facts, not just a fancy talk about potential opportunities.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)
What seemed to be a reasonable workplace request might need to be defended. Don't

fret. You have both the facts and a surprise ally on your side.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)
A bit of capriciousness might be just what you need. Plan to kick up your heels in a round of fun and games with family and friends this weekend.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)
Although some of your plans might have to be put on hold, things do begin to take a turn for the better by midweek. Your financial crunch also eases.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20)
Your financial picture begins to brighten by week's end. There are also favorable changes in your personal life. Someone you care for has good news to report.

BORN THIS WEEK: You seek balance, but not at the expense of justice. You would make a fine judge.

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Toddlers **0-3** Kids **4-12** Family **FAM** Teens **13+** Adults **18+** Seniors **65+**

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CENTER OF CONCERN

Schedule

65+

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

Saturday, Sept. 22 - Legal counseling, by appointment.

Monday, Sept. 24 - Employment counseling, by appointment.

Friday, Sept. 21 - Octoberfest 2012 benefit (buffet dinner, cash bar, raffle, entertainment), 6:30-11 p.m., Fairway Banquets, 6676 W. Howard St., Niles.

Saturday, Sept. 29 - Blood pressure and blood sugar testing, 10 a.m.-noon (no appointment needed).

CIVIC

Meet the Candidates

18+ 65+

The Niles Township Regular Republican Organization will host a "Meet The Candidates" Open House from 3-5 p.m.

Sept. 23 at headquarters, 8010 Lowell Ave., Skokie. Refreshments will be served. Members of the NTRRO will assist and new voter registration will be available for the upcoming elections. Yard signs and campaign literature will also be distributed. Call Committeeman Joe Hedrick at (847) 675-6745 or email: joe@nilestownshipGOP.com.

Niles Township Clerk

18+ 65+

Niles Township Clerk's Office is open 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.

CLASSES

Animal assisted therapy

3 18+ 65+

Rainbow Animal Assisted Therapy Inc. offers "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.

CLUBS

Korean War Vets

18+ 65+

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

Knights of Columbus

18+

North American Martyrs Council Chapter, 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

18+

Meets 7:15 p.m. the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month at the Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave. Members learn how to feel comfortable and have self-confidence

talking to an audience. Call (847) 583-9328.

COMMUNITY

Kids Baby Resale

18+ 65+

Twice As Nice Moms Kid's Baby Resale takes place from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Oct. 6 at First United Methodist Church, 418 Touhy Ave., Park Ridge. Items will include gently used baby and children's clothing, baby equipment, toys, books, coats, costumes and more. Admission is \$1; no strollers. The group also will be accepting donations for the Bear Necessities Pediatric Foundation, a national organization dedicated to eliminating pediatric cancer. Twice As Nice Moms is a non-profit support group for families with multiple birth children. Visit twiceasnicemoms.com.

Take Back Day

18+ 65+

Dispose of expired, unused or unwanted medications safely and anonymously from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Sept. 29 at the Park Ridge, Niles or Des Plaines Police Stations. Drop off prescription and over-the-counter medications in their original containers.

Do not remove labels. Personal information (name, address, doctor) should be crossed out, but information about the medication should be legible. Contact the Maine Community Youth Assistance Foundation, www.mcyaf.com or (847) 858-7090.

Chili 'Cook Off'

FAM

St. John Brebeuf Holy Name Men's Club is hosting a Family Event to be held Sept. 21 in the Parish Ministry Center, 8305 N. Harlem Ave. Niles. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Adults can taste and vote for their favorite chili. Hot dogs will be served for children and a movie will be shown for them. Tickets are \$7 for adults; \$2 for children ages 6 to 12; or \$20 family; ages 5 and under are free. To enter the "Cook Off," contact John Jekot, (847) 651-7624.

Kids Sale

18+ 65+

Park Ridge Newcomers Club is sponsoring its semi-annual Fall/Winter Kids Sale from 9:30-1 p.m. Sept. 29 at St. Andrews Lutheran Church, 260 N. Northwest Highway (at Elm) in Park Ridge. Shop the large selection of brand-name, gently used children's clothing, shoes, toys, games, books, videos, furniture, and equipment. There is a \$2 entrance fee per adult; no strollers.

Donated items will go to several local charities. Anyone interested in selling may visit www.parkridgenewcomersclub.org/kidssale.

Holocaust Museum

FAM 65+

Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center: 9603 Woods Drive, Skokie; information: (847) 967-4800; reservations: (847) 967-4889; www.ilholocaustmuseum.org. Museum admission prices: General Admission, \$12; seniors (65+), \$8; students (ages 12-22), \$8; children (ages 5-11), \$6. Reservations required for programs. To Jan. 6, 2013: Special exhibition, "Spies, Traitors and Saboteurs: Fear and Freedom in America," a creation of the International Spy Museum, explores this vital question through video, film, interactive displays and artifacts, offering an unprecedented perspective into the stories of espionage, treason, and deception that Americans have contended with since the founding days of the republic. Reservations recommended.

CLASSES

Money Smart Series

18+ 65+

This four-week series will be held from 6:30-8 p.m. Thursdays, Oct. 4 to 25, at Maine Township Town Hall, 1700

Calendar

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Ballard Road, Park Ridge. Topics include a description of deposit and credit services offered by financial institutions, choosing and maintaining a checking account, spending plans, the importance of saving, how to obtain and use credit effectively, and the basics of building or repairing credit. Registration

is free but required by calling the Main-eStreamers at (847) 297-2510. This program is offered in cooperation and sponsored by the Niles Public Library's Smart Solution initiative.

FUNDRAISERS

Maine Twp. Garage Sale

The annual Maine

Township Community Garage Sale will be held, rain or shine, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Oct. 6 in the parking lot of Maine Township Town Hall, 1700 Ballard Road, Park Ridge. Donations of small working electronics, children's games, children's furniture and accessories, garden tools and small hand tools are especially needed. Donations of clothes, large and/or heavy furniture

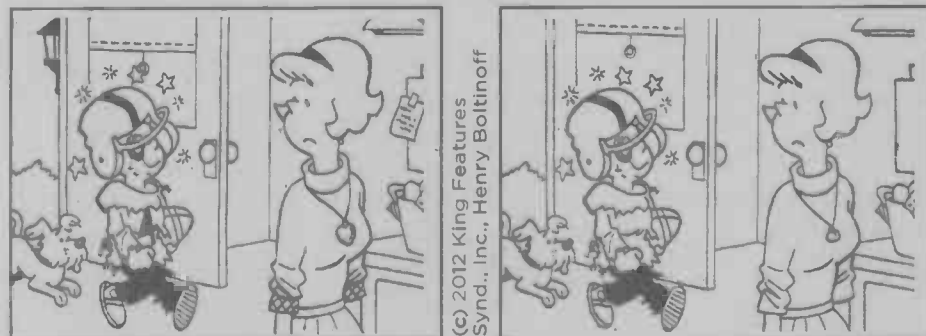
cannot be accepted. Drop-offs will be accepted from Oct. 1 to 4 only. Cash donations are also accepted. Call Ed Beauvais, (847) 297-2510, Ext. 270, or email him at ebeauvais@mainetownship.com. Information is also posted at www.maintownship.com. This event is organized by the MaineStay Department of Maine Township. Proceeds benefit the MaineStay Adventure Camp for disadvantaged youth and the Township's Emergency Food Pantry.

A benefit golf outing will take place Sept. 20 at Harry Semrow Forest Preserve Golf, 1150 E. Golf Road, Des Plaines. Registration will begin at 6 p.m., with shotgun start at 7; dinner and awards follow at 8. Tickets are \$60 per golfer (\$220 foursome) and include 18 holes of golf, appetizers, dinner, beverages and prizes. Use of your own putter is encouraged. Online registration is available at maryvilleacademy.org. Contact Nancy Woulfe at (847) 294-1982 or woulfen@maryvilleacademy.org.

4-12 FAM 13+ 18+
Whooping Cough Vaccine: All three of the Jewel-Osco Pharmacies in Niles are offering the whooping cough vaccine booster in response to recent whooping cough outbreaks across the state. It is recommended that all individuals ages 11 and older receive the vaccination, called Tdap, which specially-trained and certified pharmacists are available to administer. Consumers can obtain the vaccination at Jewel-Osco Pharmacies seven days a week and no appointment is necessary.

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PUZZLER ANSWERS

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Streisand Ticket Raffle

18+ 65+
Raffle tickets are available for the Resurrection College Prep High School Barbra Streisand Premier Concert. Four tickets (\$2,000 value) are being raffled for the Oct. 26, 2012 Barbra Streisand concert at 8 p.m. at the United Center. Raffle tickets are \$25 each or three for \$50 and are available for purchase on the Resurrection website at www.reshs.org or by calling (773) 775-6616, Ext 112. The seats are on the main floor, Section 122, Row 13, Seats 1-4. A drawing for the concert tickets will be held Oct. 12. All proceeds benefit the students of Resurrection College Prep High School.

Maryville's Jen School

18+ 65+

HEALTH

Healthbeat lectures

18+ 65+
Advocate Lutheran General Hospital is hosting a weekly Community Healthbeat lecture series at 7 p.m. Tuesdays at Advocate Lutheran General Hospital's West End Conference Center, 1775 W. Dempster St., Park Ridge. Free valet parking is available and refreshments will be served. There is no charge to attend; however registration is required. Call 1-800-323-8622 and mention the class code 8G52 or visit www.advocatehealth.com/luth click on "I need a class or support group" and type in the class code - Sept. 25: "Hematopoietic Stem Cell Transplantation- From Here to Eternity."

Whooping Cough Vaccine

Hearing exams

4-12 FAM 13+ 18+ 65+
Golf Mill Hearing Aid Center: 8856 N. Milwaukee Ave., offering free hearing evaluations during September. All who come in will receive a comprehensive audiological evaluation. Call (847) 296-3344.

HISTORICAL

Old-time radio presentation

FAM
The Creek Church RATS are bringing the "Who's On First?" dialogue from old-time radio to the Niles Historical Museum, 8970 N. Milwaukee Ave., on Sept. 23. This zany presentation follows a short business meeting at 2 p.m.; then refreshments and socializing. Call (847) 390-0160. Tours are available with advance



notice.

Hours for the public

FAM 65+ 18+

Niles Historical Museum: 8970 N. Milwaukee Ave., is open to the public 10:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Drop in, make arrangements for a tour, drop off artifacts and collections, or just come to visit. The new magnetic elevator makes the auditorium easily accessible. Call (847) 390-0160.

KIDS

13+

The Twenty-First Star Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution encourages fifth- through eighth-grade students to compete in this year's annual American History Essay Contest. Topic is "Forgotten Patriots Who Supported the American Struggle for Independence" - with focus on the often unrecognized people and groups,

including African-Americans, American Indians, French, Spanish, German and others, who provided military, patriotic and public service in support of the American Revolution. Explain why it is especially important to honor the unsung heroes and often forgotten Patriots. One essay at each grade level is selected as the chapter winner and forwarded to the district American History chairman for further competition. Judging will be based on historical accuracy, adherence to topic, organization of material, interest, originality, spelling, grammar, punctuation and neatness. (Pictures, maps, drawings, graphics and other such additions will not be considered in judging and should not be included.) Deadline for submission is Nov. 5. Contact Linda Andrews at (847) 692-6961 or lamsw06@att.net.

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Movies

FAM 18+ 65+

"Big Miracle" (family movie) will be screened at 2 p.m. Sept. 22. "One for the Money" in closed caption will be shown from 2-3:30 p.m. Sept. 20; this film is about a tough-as-nails bounty hunter who gets her first big assignment and it involves tracking down an on-the-lam ex-flame.

Lego Club

Create Lego masterpieces at the Lego Club at 4 p.m. Sept. 24; for ages 5-7 with an adult or older sibling in attendance.

ACT Math Workshop

13+

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18+ 65+

Songwriters meet to share their songs, practice performing, and get encouragement in a supportive environment from 7-9 p.m. Sept. 20. Bring a song; use the library keyboard, bring your guitar, sing acapella, or bring a recording of your song on your laptop.

The Shakespeare Project

18+ 65+

Hear an overview of the 2012-13 theatrical reading season for The Shakespeare Project of Chicago from 7-8 p.m. Sept. 21. This program opens at the Niles Library in October.

Refreshments will be served.

Chatting with the Chiefs

FAM

Visit with both Village of Niles Fire Chief Steve Borkowski and Police Chief Dean Strzelecki from 1:15-3:15 p.m. Sept. 23. Children are welcome to attend. Refreshments will be served.

Civil War and Chicago

65+ FAM

Dr. Theodore J. Karanski of Loyola University explains the profound effect of the Civil War upon Chicago's development as a major city in a slide-lecture format from 2-3:30 p.m. Sept. 23.

Book on Blase

18+ 65+

Andrew Schneider, award-winning Chicago

journalist and the author of *Nick Blase: The Prince of Niles, Illinois* will give a 45-minute presentation of the life and work of Niles' and the United State's longest-serving mayor (at retirement) on Sept. 26 at the Niles Public Library. Question and answer period will follow as well as a book-signing. Limited copies will also be available for sale.

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Business Spotlight

Niles dancewear company expands

BY TRACY GRUEN | Contributor

NILES

The name says it all.

Seventeen years ago, Revolution Dancewear started something that **no** other dancewear manufacturer was doing — working exclusively with dance studios to sell dance shoes at a cost lower than retail.

Today, it is still committed to the concept of partnering solely with dance studios but the business has expanded to include dancewear, costumes and more.

The company was started in the basement of its founder, Scott Harris, and then was located in a couple different facilities in Glenview for 10 years before moving to its current location in Niles at 6100 Howard St. about five years ago.

“It’s been a great move for us,” said CEO Robb Lippitt, about its 72,000-square-foot building in Niles that houses its offices and warehouses.

Revolution Dancewear sells leotards, tights, jazz pants, shoes and more for all genres of dance including ballet, jazz, tap and hip-hop, as well as costumes for recitals.

Lippitt said the company has always believed that working with the dance studio owners as opposed to retail stores is the best way to address the needs of the studios as well as the students.

Another way that Revolution Dancewear is unique is its commitment to speedy service.

In 2006, the company became the first in the industry to ship costumes the same day they are



Viki Panchisin, an associate in fabrication, removes wrinkles from an item in Revolution DanceWear’s 2014 costume collection, while working inside Revolution DanceWear’s warehouse. | MICHELLE LAVIGNE-for Sun-Times Media



ordered, as opposed to costumes taking 8 to 12 weeks to receive.

Lippitt said this way people don't have to worry and be nervous they won't receive their costumes in time for a recital.

Revolution Dancewear was also the first to ship the costumes on a hanger "ready to wear" in a free vinyl garment bag and include

all the accessories with the costumes, free of charge.

The company serves more than half of the more than 18,000 dance studios in the United States and Canada, and its revenue has grown 275 percent since 2007. In 2010, Revolution Dancewear launched its active-wear product line.

The dancewear, active-wear and recital costume

collections include more than 390 designs, with 328 designs in its costume collection. In 2006, there were only 16 designs in the costume collection.

Lippitt said the company has a full inventory of all the costume styles.

The company believes in providing high quality, beautiful, but affordable dancewear, which is

sometimes as much as 50 percent below retail costs.

Continuing to grow, on Sept. 12, the company announced that it has acquired Melsham, UK-based dance Direct, which is the largest online retailer of dance apparel in the United Kingdom and Europe.

"It's going to give us a great opportunity to bring our costumes to the

European market," said Lippitt.

Lippitt said that Niles has been a great location for the company because of its central location and supportive community.

"We are able to attract and grow great talent here," said Lippitt. There are about 60 employees working at the headquarters in Niles. ■

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BETH ENGELMAN
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Restore sanity to your dinnertime

If dinnertime at your house looks a lot less like “Top Chef” and more like an episode of “Survivor,” you’re not alone.

Between work, carpool, homework and children, parents barely have time to breathe let alone make something healthy, delicious and warm. Fortunately, Aviva Goldfarb understands this dilemma.

The Glencoe native and mother of two is the founder of The Six O’Clock Scramble, (www.thescramble.com), an online weekly menu planner that is dedicated to restoring sanity to the dinner table one meal at a time.

I recently caught up with Goldfarb and asked her to share her top tips for frenzy-free family dinners.

KEEP A CENTRALIZED GROCERY LIST



Beth Engelman (center) looks at a recipes app on her iPad with son Jackson Berner, 7, and Rachel Peterman, 11, of Deerfield. | RYAN PAGELOW-Sun-Times Media

Goldfarb believes a centralized grocery list is the cure to what ails most families — repeated and unnecessary trips to the grocery store. “Your goal is to buy everything you need in one trip,” says Goldfarb. To save time

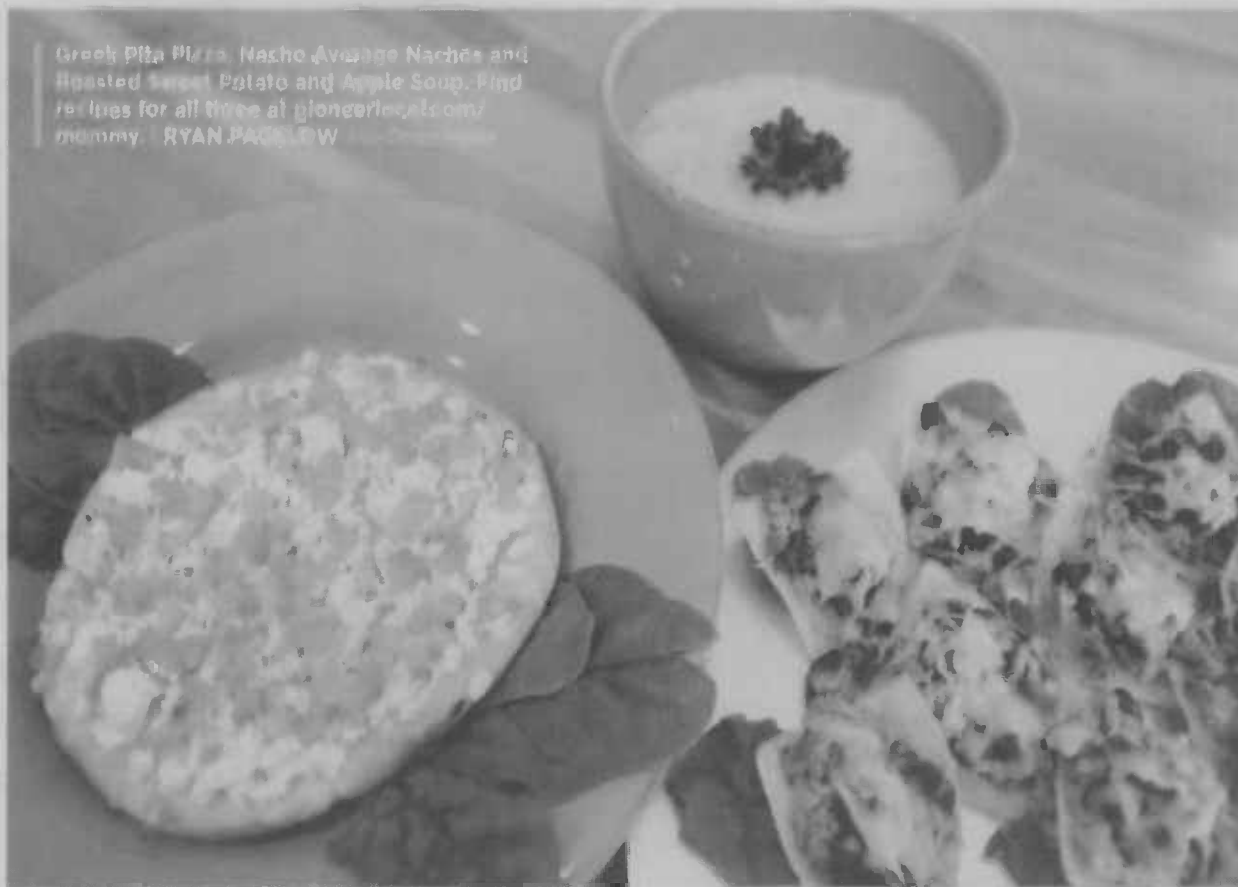
and energy, place your list in a centralized location in your home and teach your spouse and kids to add to it as needed. For tech savvy families, check out Ziplist (www.get.ziplist.com), which is an online app that maintains and stores your ongoing list and limits the “I misplaced my grocery list” blues.

SAVE TIME AND MONEY WITH PLANNING

When it comes to planning, be mindful of your family’s needs. Goldfarb suggests reviewing your calendar once a week. Note how many dinners you will need to make based on outside events and activities and don’t forget to include one night when you can get creative with leftovers. Another tip is to go through your pantry and refrigerator, highlighting the expiration dates of ingredients you have on hand. If an expiration date is looming, figure out how to incorporate that item into an upcoming meal.

PUT TOGETHER A WEEKLY MENU

Now that you have a sense of how many meals you need to make and what ingredients you need, it’s time to have some fun. Look for recipes in favorite cookbooks or magazines, or use online sources such as epicurious.com or allrecipes.com. Goldfarb



Greek Pita Pizzas, Nacho Avocado Nachos and Roasted Sweet Potato and Apple Soup. Find recipes for all three at pioneerlocal.com/mommy. | RYAN PAGELOW

Greek Pita Pizzas

(By Aviva Goldfarb)

- 6 ounces feta cheese (crumbled)
- 4 pita pockets (whole wheat or white)
- 3 plum or roma tomatoes (diced)
- 2 teaspoons dried oregano, (or use 1-2 tablespoons fresh oregano or basil)
- 4 teaspoons extra virgin olive oil

Preheat the broiler and put the rack 4-6 inches from the heat source. Sprinkle the feta cheese evenly over the pitas. Top each with a quarter of the tomatoes, 1/2 teaspoon oregano and drizzle 1 teaspoon oil on top. Broil the pizzas on a baking sheet for 5-8 minutes until the cheese is bubbly and the pitas start to brown. Serve the pizzas halved or quartered.

suggests keeping things simple by planning for one easy main dish and one or two simple sides. Planning your weekly menu is also a great activity for your kids, so put them in charge of coming up with a dish or two each week. They’ll love the challenge and the added responsibility.

STOCK FREEZER FOR EMERGENCIES

We’ve all had those days when the best-laid plans fly out the window. That’s why Goldfarb advocates keeping your freezer stocked with a few easy items, which you can use as needed. “Soup, lasagna, chili and meatballs are easy-to-make meals that freeze well,” says Goldfarb. But remember to label and date each container to avoid serving pork chops for dessert and ice cream for dinner.

For more information about Aviva Goldfarb and The Six O’Clock Scramble, visit www.thescramble.com.



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Sour note not a bad thing for Oktoberfest

BY VERONICA HINKE | Contributor

Pucker up! Sour beer is one new flavor that more and more people will experience as cultures around the world continue to embrace Germany's autumnal celebration of Oktoberfest.

And while Americans gain exposure to tastes of old-world Deutschland, local chefs also are introducing food recipes that reflect their non-German heritage. (German pizza, anyone?) In short: Our Oktoberfest has a new flavor wheel.

One of the fastest-growing flavors is sour, which is most obvious in the tart beers that are popping up on menus. One reason: They pair well with almost any food, sweet or savory. "They're so food-friendly," said Jared Rouben, brewmaster at Goose Island in Chicago.

"They are as palate-cleansing as sorbet and emulate qualities of sauvignon blanc, Gewurztraminer or other wines commonly paired with food."

But price may be holding sour brews back. Wooden barrels required for producing them properly can cost as much as \$110 each. Managing the necessary special yeast strain is also costly. Similar to the wild yeast first

used by medieval brewers to introduce sour beers, the yeast can easily contaminate other yeasts.

And not everyone appreciates the tart taste of the brews, which are challenging to balance. "A sour beer shouldn't be overly sweet, but should still have that 'pucker up' flavor," explained Anthony Carollo, brewmaster at The Lucky Monk in South Barrington.

Sour brews are an extension of lambics and other fashionable beers that filtrated onto the U.S. scene from Germany and Belgium many years ago. Like lambics, they have been enjoyed by mainstream Europe for centuries. "Sour beers are not a trend," Carollo said. "Americans are just being introduced to them. They are here to stay."

The segment of beers known as Oktoberfest beers followed a similar path. This year, Carollo crafted an amber-colored 2012 Oktoberfest Lager Beer. The beer, which was released on Sept. 18, is made with hops, malts and other ingredients that were imported



Chef Ricky Soto of Lucky Monk in South Barrington takes his German Pizza out of the oven.



The finished German Pizza. | PHOTOS BY ROB DICKER-Sun-Times Media

from Germany. Carollo blended them together to create a slightly bittersweet flavor with hints of caramel.

The new brew works well with a German Pizza made with cheese, ground beef, potatoes, onions and a white sauce that Chef Ricky Soto has developed for The Lucky Monk's Oktoberfest menu.

Soto thinks the pizza, which intertwines German influences with his personal inspirations, makes sense. "After all, what's more German than potatoes and beef?" he asked.

Soto's menu, which will be available through Oct. 31, also features more expected fare like schnitzel, bratwurst and potato pancakes.

Whether it holds beer brewed in wood or stainless steel, raise a stein to Oktoberfest, a tradition that began as a royal wedding celebration in Munich in 1810. Prosit! ■

German Pizza

BÉCHAMEL PIZZA SAUCE (ADAPTED FROM RICKY SOTO'S PERSONAL RECIPE)

2 tablespoons butter
2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
1 cup milk, heated
Salt, to taste
White pepper, to taste
Freshly ground nutmeg, to taste (optional)

Melt butter in saucepan over medium heat. Add flour and stir until mixture is well blended. Gradually stir in hot milk. Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly, until sauce begins to boil and thickens. Simmer, stirring frequently, over very low heat for five minutes. Season with salt and pepper, to taste. Add a little nutmeg, if desired.

DIRECTIONS FOR ASSEMBLING PIZZA

Use a prepared pizza crust or favorite pizza crust recipe. Spread béchamel pizza sauce evenly across crust. Add very thin slices of potatoes and onions. Cook ground beef on stovetop; drain fat. Evenly spread beef crumbles over potatoes and onions. Cover ingredients with a favorite shredded cheese. Follow directions for baking pizza crust.

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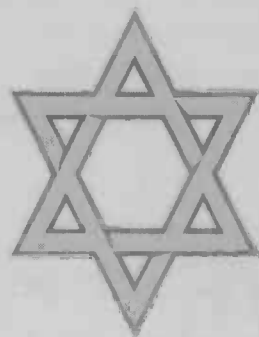
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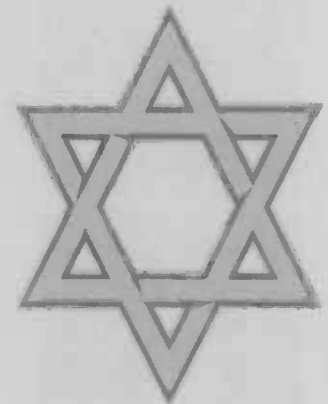
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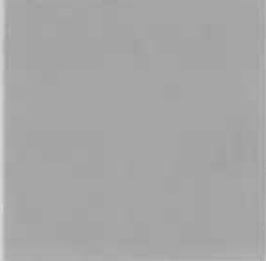
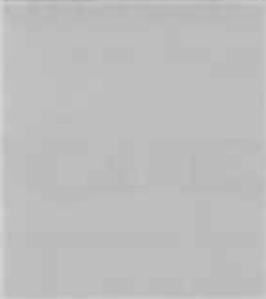
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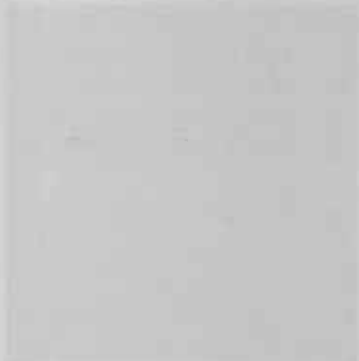
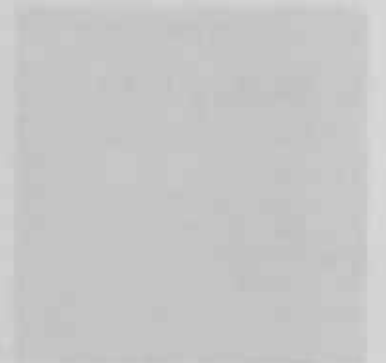
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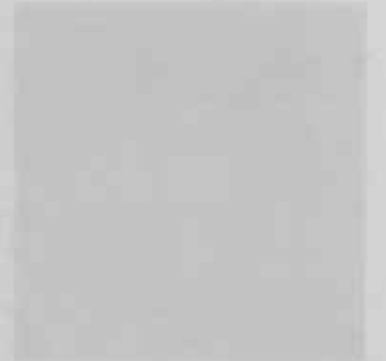
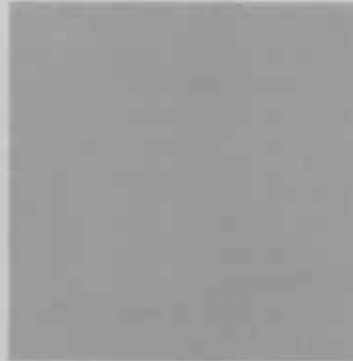
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Debut director has no 'Trouble'

BY BRUCE INGRAM | Contributor

Growing up in Park Ridge and Norridge, Rob Lorenz, a 1985 William Fremd High School grad, loved movies and dreamed of becoming a director one day.

Now, after more than 20 years of working in Hollywood as an assistant director and producer (mostly with Clint Eastwood's Malpaso production company), that day is here.

Lorenz is making his directorial debut Friday with the baseball/family drama "Trouble with the Curve," in which Eastwood plays an old-school scout. On what could be his final recruiting trip, the cantankerous old cuss is reluctantly accompanied by his semi-estranged daughter (Amy Adams), because he is rapidly losing his eyesight.

We caught up with Lorenz, who learned his trade on films such as "Mystic River," "Million Dollar Baby" and "Letters from Iwo Jima," the up side of the grueling movie-production business, and why he chose "Trouble with the Curve" for his directorial debut.

Question: How long have you known you wanted to be a filmmaker?

Rob Lorenz: I loved movies when I was a kid. Though it didn't occur to me until high school to think of it as a career. Until then, I was into art and drawing and I thought I might end up as a graphic artist, which is what my mother did. Eventually I realized film was what I really loved and if I was going to have to do something for a living, that's what I wanted to do.

Q: How did you become involved with Clint Eastwood?

RL: Like so many things out here, through a connection. A friend who had worked with Clint as an assistant director had to pass on "Bridges of Madison County," so he recommended me. I became his first A.D. for several years, then he asked me to help produce "Blood Work" and "Mystic River" and "Million Dollar Baby,"



Director Rob Lorenz and Clint Eastwood in the baseball drama, "Trouble with the Curve."

for which I was also assistant director. I stopped doing that for "Flags of Our Fathers" because it was such a big logistical deal and, since then, I've overseen everything in production.

Q: Was "Trouble with the Curve" written for Eastwood?

RL: The writer, Randy Brown, says no. But when Randy came in for our first meeting, I told him I liked it a lot and I wanted Clint to really like it. So, instead of giving him the script right away, I asked Randy if we could work on it a little bit — to take out some of the stuff I knew wouldn't appeal to Clint and build up some of the stuff I knew he would like.

Q: What appealed to you about the story?

RL: It's a very straightforward story that could be told in a fairly simple way, without depending on tricks or visual effects. I also was attracted to the rich characters and the relationships they develop.

I've always had a nostalgic fondness for baseball and I thought this film could capture that pure spirit, the enjoyment we had from playing the game when we were kids. And contrast that pure spirit with the less appealing aspects of professional

baseball: the commercialization, the endorsements and all that.

Q: Was "Trouble with the Curve" developed pre- or post-"Moneyball"?

RL: We got the script just before "Moneyball" came out. The whole idea of the old scout vs. the new technological approach to scouting was a popular topic of conversation in the baseball world even before "Moneyball" came out, but I knew that people would draw comparisons between "Moneyball" and our film. In many ways, "Trouble" is sort of the flip side of "Moneyball." You can explore new ways of getting the job done, but you shouldn't lose sight of the wisdom that comes from experience.

Q: So, what's it been like, finally fulfilling your dream?

RL: It's been great, really great. If Clint hadn't kept me giving me more and more responsibility and kept giving me all those great projects over the years, I would have moved on to direct long ago. But all that great experience made me feel very prepared to make the move now. My only fear is that it will never be this much fun again. ■

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Commuting with style: National luxury home builder Toll Brothers is hosting a special fall open house event at all eight of its new home communities in South Barrington, Elgin and Morton Grove. The event takes place from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., this Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 22 and 23. In addition to touring 12 decorated model homes, the event offers a rare opportunity for visitors to walk through homes under construction. Toll Brothers is known for the customization opportunities it offers to home buyers, with every home offering hundreds of pre-priced options. Pictured are the rowhomes of The Crossings at Morton Grovexurious living, at the same time providing convenient access to Metra commuter rail. | SUPPLIED PHOTO

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HIGH-TECH V-6 POWERS 2012 CHEVY TRAVERSE

BY DAVE VAN SICKLE

Motor Matters

Chevy's Traverse is a popular choice for those who want—and need—lots of space to haul people and cargo. It's also affordable to own and operate.

With fuel economy and efficiency top on the minds of all auto buyers, the 2012 Traverse addresses those expectations with a high-tech 3.6-liter V-6 that uses direct injection and continuously variable valve timing to produce performance similar to many V-8 engines while using regular grade gasoline.

This state-of-the-art engine is rated at 288 horsepower and 270 pound-feet of torque. Ninety percent of the engine's peak torque is available from approximately 2,500 rpm to more than 6,000 rpm.

Mated to a six-speed automatic transmission, this power plant delivers 24 mpg on the highway. It's an advanced transmission with clutch-to-clutch shift operation, automatic grade braking, shift stabilization and precise shift control.

For 2012, Traverse is offered in LS, LT and LTZ models. Prices start at \$29,510, but the sticker price on our well-equipped LTZ tester was \$45,895. Product high-

lights include a four-wheel independent suspension, 17-, 18- and 20-inch wheels, easy access to the third-row seats, rear-seat entertainment system with second-row controls, XM satellite radio, Bluetooth hands-free phone connectivity and a towing capacity of 5,200 pounds.

On the road the 2012 Traverse's powertrain performs flawlessly. Acceleration is more than adequate for merging. Steering has a good on-center feel and requires just the right amount of effort for various driving situations. The brakes have good pedal feel and can stop this relatively large vehicle in a surprisingly short distance.

The sheer size of the 4,720-pound Traverse with a curb-to-curb turning circle of 40.4 feet makes it a bit difficult to maneuver in tight spaces, but its ride characteristics and interior comfort and convenience features make Traverse the kind of vehicle you would want for a long-haul vacation trip.

Traverse rides on a long 118.9-inch wheelbase, a 67.8-inch front track and 67.4-inch rear track. The front suspension uses a MacPherson strut design with a direct-acting stabilizer bar and aluminum knuckles. The multilink rear suspension uses an isolated mounting

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system to reduce noise and vibration transmitted to the passenger compartment.

Power-assisted rack-and-pinion steering is standard with variable-effort steering available. Four-wheel antilock disc brakes are standard on all models.

There's plenty of space inside with seating for up to eight. And with up to 116.4 cubic feet of maximum cargo space, there's room for all of the stuff those passengers think they need to take along.

Three rows of seating are standard on Traverse models, with the second row offered as a bench or a pair of bucket seats. Premium cloth seating surfaces are standard on LS and LT models. Perforated heated and

cooled leather seating is standard on the LTZ.

The Traverse has a complete safety system that helps protect passengers before, during and after a crash, including anchor pretensioners for outboard occupants and pelvic-thorax seat-mounted side airbags.

OnStar is also standard, on all Traverse models. It uses GPS and cellular phone technology to automatically call for help in the event of crash. A new OnStar mobile app allows owners with Android or Apple smart phones to remotely start the engine, lock and unlock doors, and view vital vehicle information such as tire pressure, fuel tank level, range and remaining oil life.



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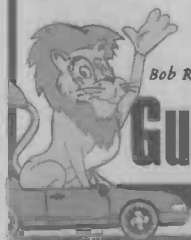
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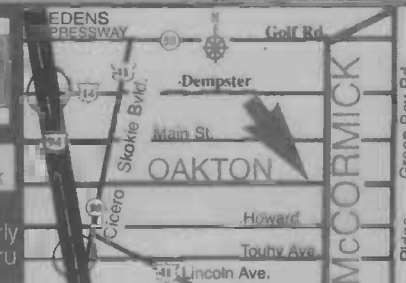
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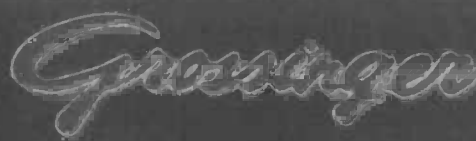


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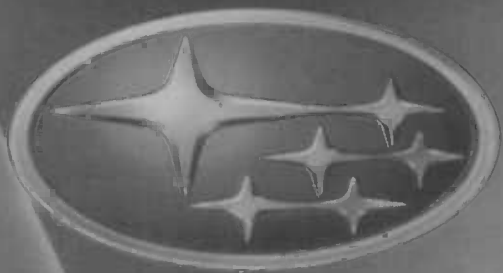


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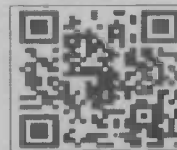
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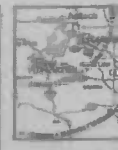
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FALL BUILDER SHOWCASE

Hot sales, big deals

Northfield offers discounts at Millbrook Pointe community

“We offer a winning combination at Millbrook Pointe,” said Northfield Group developer Gary Levitas. “By combining well-designed three to four bedroom townhomes with tremendous values starting from \$289,900 in a premier Wheeling location, we have created a community that people want to call home.”

The results speak for themselves.

“We sold 15 homes so far this year and interest continues to be strong,” he said.

To celebrate a successful year, Levitas is offering \$10,000 worth of incentives that include upgrades such as a finished basement, hardwood floors, high-end appliances and elegant kitchen cabinets, plus more. In addition, special financing is now available at 2.75 percent.

With the opening of Phase II construction at this upscale townhome community, construction activity is under way on four buildings, providing customers with an abundance of choices in home style and location.

Not only are Millbrook Pointe customers impressed by the innovative floor plans, but are expressing excitement regarding all the new features and improvements to existing townhome designs, Levitas said. Premium



Grand offer: Millbrook Pointe, a community of all brick and stone townhomes and rowhomes priced from \$289,900, is celebrating the grand opening of its final phase of construction with special discounts. | SUPPLIED PHOTO



Cook's delight: Kitchens at Millbrook Pointe feature stainless steel appliances, 42-inch designer wood cabinets, granite countertops, and Pella wood windows and wood floors. | SUPPLIED PHOTO

SEE MILLBROOK POINTE, PAGE 12

Just for you

Toll Brothers hosts special open houses this weekend

National luxury home builder Toll Brothers is hosting a special fall open house event at all eight of its new home communities in South Barrington, Elgin and Morton Grove. The event takes place from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., this Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 22 and 23.

In addition to touring 12 decorated model homes, the event offers a rare opportunity for visitors to walk through homes under construction.

"With all the construction activity we have under way, buyers have a unique chance to tour a range of home designs at various stages of construction and see various combinations of our customizing options," said Chris Nickel, senior project manager for Toll Brothers' Chicago Division. "It's the ideal time to come out and see all the possibilities you have when you build a Toll Brothers home."

Toll Brothers is known for the customization opportunities it offers to home buyers. Every home offers hundreds of pre-priced options, from altering floor plans with structural options such as a first-floor in-law suite, expanding the kitchen, finishing the basement, or adding a play room. Pre-priced options also include such personalizing interior appointments as cabinetry, countertop, backsplash, flooring, trim and lighting choices.

The builder has seen a noticeable up tick in interest recently.

"The once-in-a-lifetime mortgage rates are driving buyers to check out what they can afford," Nickel said. "It's exciting to show them how

much more they will get if they buy today."

The fall open house event takes place at all eight Toll Brothers communities across Greater Chicagoland.

In Morton Grove, buyers can take advantage of the final opportunity to own one of the stunning rowhomes at The Crossings at Morton Grove. These stylish residences are located just steps from the Metra and start at \$347,995, offering three levels of living plus a rooftop deck and a two-car garage. Fall occupancy is available.

In Elgin, buyers can enjoy country club living without the fees at Bowes Creek Country Club, a premier golf club community surrounding the award-winning Rick Jacobson-designed public golf course. Buyers can choose from spacious townhomes or single-family homes with prices starting at \$199,995.

Age 50+ buyers will want to find out more about Regency at Bowes Creek Country Club, a gated enclave of ranch and two-story single-family homes and townhomes within the Bowes Creek community designed for those 50 years of age or older. Residents of Regency enjoy access to the private clubhouse which features a pool, fitness center, tennis and bocce courts, a putting green, and a billiard room. Prices start at \$199,995.

In South Barrington, Toll Brothers is offering luxury single-family homes from the \$700,000s at The Woods of South Barrington. These grand homes include an impressive list of features and the largest home sites offered anywhere in Chicagoland by Toll Brothers.

Regency at The Woods of South Barrington is the community in South Barrington catering to those 50 years of age or better. Regency features a private gated entry — a big comfort for "snow birds" — and a well-appointed



Luxurious dreams: Toll Brothers' two-day open house and home tours feature some of the finest in luxury homes and luxury living. Guests can tour models as well as many homes under construction during this unique event. Pictured is the Harding Farmhouse. | SUPPLIED PHOTO

clubhouse affording residents the luxury of an on-site gym with scheduled classes, tennis, bocce, and shuffle board courts, a heated pool, and social rooms for banquets, billiards or cards. Adding to the resort-class atmosphere is an on-site social director that keeps a busy and well-rounded schedule of social events. Low-maintenance single-family ranch and two-story homes offer up to 3,400 square feet of living space and begin in the upper \$400,00s.

The builder also will build on privately owned lots. For community information and maps, visit www.TollBrothers.com/IL.

Toll Brothers, which began building is reputation for integrity, value, timeless design and high quality in 1967, was ranked No. 1 in 2010 and 2011 in Financial Soundness, Long-term Investment and Quality of Product/Services in FORTUNE magazine's annual World's Most Admired Companies survey in the home building category.



Commuting with style: The rowhomes of The Crossings at Morton Grove offer luxurious living, at the same time providing convenient access to Metra commuter rail. | SUPPLIED PHOTO



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History renewed

Richelieu Flats condos offers historic lifestyle

Chicago-based Metropolitan Properties of Chicago has announced that sales are under way at Richelieu Flats, an adaptive reuse of an eight-story building that is part of the historic South Michigan Avenue "streetwall."

Named for the Richelieu Hotel the building housed during the time of the Columbian Exposition, Richelieu Flats is at 318 South Michigan Ave. and includes four fully renovated 2,650-square-foot, full-floor residences and one 4,300-square-foot duplex penthouse.

"Nowhere else in the city will you find this type of intimate boutique building paired with all the benefits of a Michigan Avenue address. Residents will have unparalleled access to one of the most vibrant areas of downtown Chicago," said Louis D. D'Angelo, president and founder of Metropolitan Properties of Chicago. "Our buyers are actively seeking quality, distinctive homes. There is always a market for quality."

Richelieu Flats represents the final piece of Metropolitan Properties' much-acclaimed redevelopment of the entire 300 block of South Michigan



Showplace showcase: Residences at Richelieu Flats feature expansive views from oversized windows overlooking Michigan Avenue and Grant Park. One furnished model, designed by noted designer Kara Mann, showcases the full-floor floor plan. | SUPPLIED PHOTO

Avenue, which has also included neighboring Metropolitan Tower at 310 South Michigan Ave. and The Residences of 330 South Michigan Ave.

"In the 1990s, when low demand for office space threatened the viability of vintage office buildings along Michigan Avenue, we recognized the potential for introducing luxury residences," said D'Angelo. "Today, with its prestigious Michigan Avenue address, historic architecture, protected views of Grant Park and unparalleled access to the lakefront, Millennium Park and the city's cultural offerings, Richelieu Flats fulfills our vision in every way. We're proud to have preserved this important part of the cityscape."

In addition to an exclusive location, Richelieu Flats offers a full array of luxury interior features and finishes. Priced from \$1.35 to \$1.45 million, the full-floor residences are located on floors three through six and feature private elevator access and a split floor plan with two en-suite bedrooms, plus a bonus room with a full bath. Featuring high ceilings and solid oak floors in the main living spaces, the residences also take advantage of the magnificent view from oversized windows overlooking

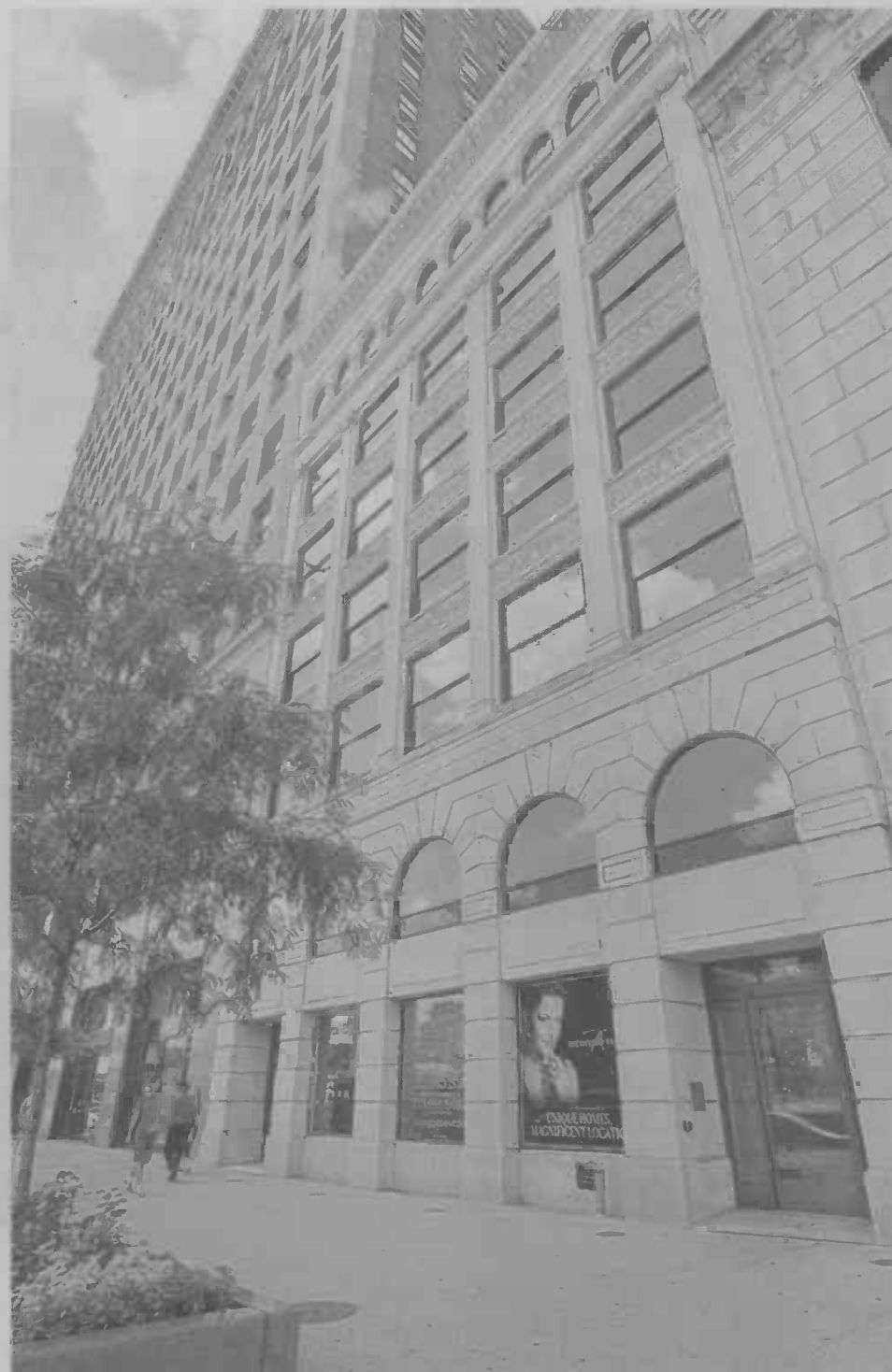
Michigan Avenue and Grant Park.

Each residence is equipped with upscale finishes and appliances, including gourmet kitchens with top-of-the-line SubZero, Bosch and Wolf appliances, custom rift-cut oak cabinetry and a large island. Buyers can also choose from a range of pre-selected options for cabinetry finish, countertops, tile and flooring, and also have the opportunity to upgrade some features. Once final finishes are selected, homes are available for delivery within 45 to 60 days.

One furnished model, designed by noted designer Kara Mann, showcases a full-floor floor plan.

Located on the seventh and eighth floors, the duplex penthouse is being offered as raw, customizable space and also includes a 1,000-square-foot terrace with panoramic views of Grant Park, Millennium Park and the lakefront. It is priced at \$2.3 million.

"The penthouse is really in a league all its own," said D'Angelo. "The terrace alone, with its view of Millennium Park's Pritzker Pavilion and the lakefront, is one of the most breathtaking residential spaces I've ever seen in the city. Combine that with the chance



History reborn: Metropolitan Properties of Chicago has begun sales at Richelieu Flats, an eight-story building that is part of the historic South Michigan Avenue "streetwall." The building includes four renovated full-floor residences, as well as a 4,300-square-foot duplex penthouse. | SUPPLIED PHOTO

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Pappageorge Haymes is the architect for the development. Baird & Warner is providing exclusive sales and marketing for the residences.

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- 41786 N Crawford Rd: Farmer, Pamela; \$390,000
41450 N Westlake Ave: Maggio Jr, Paul G & Maggio, Jennifer L; \$485,000
39595 N Wittenburg Rd: Caringella, Joseph; \$350,000
26228 W Mallard Ave: Divincenzo, Joseph & Margaret; \$340,000

Deerfield

- 1260 Carol Ln: Weile, Jason M & Lesley B; \$650,000
667 Carriage Way: Vernier, Marcie & Trevor; \$1,000,000
1200 Dartmouth Ln: Rotstein, Brooke M & Jason L; \$952,500
237 Forestway Dr: Voracek, Matthew & Castro, Elizabeth; \$400,000
1110 Montgomery Dr: Junaid, Muhammad; \$333,000
225 Oakmont Dr: Venamore, Andrew & S Heather; \$682,000

820 Oxford Rd: Woodson, Jay J; \$459,000

146 Plumtree Rd: Gattleson, Scott & Kerensky, Jennifer; \$665,000

Evanson

- 731 Asbury Ave: Schalet, Benjamin D & Madaliene E; \$430,000
1411 Cleveland St: Maguire, Allison P & Macarthur, Kyle P; \$370,000
1016 Dempster St: Reel, Monte & Mei Ling Hopgood; \$495,000
1024 Hinman Ave: Bingham, Joshua & Bianco, Justine; \$591,000
1620 Lake St: Dombeck, Daniel & Elizabeth; \$585,000
838 Michigan Ave 3 A: Grindheim, Sigurd & Melissa; \$272,500
2617 Park Pl: Poulakidas, Mark & Tracy; \$605,000
9231 Springfield Ave: Robertson, John H & Lupia, Lynette L; \$445,000
1303 Washington St: Porter, Benjamin J & Weems, Lea A; \$560,000
1830 Wesley Ave: Goulding, Evan Hayward & Choi, Connie Gil Eun; \$608,000

Glencoe

- 1201 Fairfield Rd: Gorczyk, Jaroslaw; \$582,500
371 Madison Ave: Mehlman, Neal & Susan; \$900,000
140 Rockgate Ln: Wan, Xiaochaun; \$1,058,000

955 Valley Rd: West, Anne L; \$549,500

Glenview

- 1533 Basswood Cir: Stevens, Peter N & Effie M; \$547,000
3816 Brett Ln: Fensler, David K & Lindsey P; \$485,000
10414 Michael Todd Ter: Leyderman, Berta; \$357,000
1207 Raleigh Rd: Vukas, Elisabeth; \$457,000
1033 Terrace Ln: Schwartz, David A & Lesley A; \$385,000
2561 Violet St: Rajagopalan, Ramesh & Ramesh, Priyadarsini; \$785,000
4293 Westview Dr: Rayyan, Michael; \$520,000

Grayslake

34144 N Tangueray Dr: Thompson, Walter R & Audrey L; \$310,000

Gurnee

- 515 Calvin Ct: Gliatta, Rachna & Nicholas; \$358,500
36341 N Old Woods Trl: Webb, Timothy M & Deirdre A; \$470,000
17876 W Pond Ridge Cir: Antonetti, Jeffrey O & Jane L; \$356,000

Highland Park

- 1276 Arbor Ave: Tigue, James & Kathryn; \$401,000
940 Augusta Way 201: Chaitin, Anthony & Nina; \$302,500
1375 Cavell Ave: Barnett, David & Sarah; \$355,000
1067 Centerfield Ct: Gilbert, Jeffrey & Jennifer; \$525,000
1695 Cloverdale Ave: Winshall, Brain & Maggie P; \$361,000
1556 Eastwood Ave: Stamas, George & Marcey; \$950,000
1441 Glencoe Ave: Larsen, Bryan C; \$407,000
848 Highland Pl: Bloom, Jonathan & Kristi; \$417,000
660 Hill St: Brownstein, Brita L & Rick; \$505,000

90 Lakeside Pl: Lescosky, Leonard J & Mccann, Megan L; \$590,000

112 Maple Ave: Unruch, Joel S & Alisa; \$870,000

1809 Mccraren Rd: Hunt, Elizabeth A; \$385,000

299 Moraine Rd: Reese, S Howard & Susan L; \$570,000

335 Oakland Dr: Palmer, Graham & Brook; \$335,000

885 Pleasant Ave: Pickering, Nancy A; \$335,000

1651 Saint Johns Ave: Grossberg, Terry C & Marla S; \$1,000,000

1860 Waterford Ct: Samson, Linda F & Mark I; \$750,000

Highwood

11 Exmoor Ct: Thiel, Brian & Danielle; \$740,000

Kenilworth

- 619 Park Dr: Dunn, Daniel & Abigail; \$660,000
708 Park Dr: Brown, Jack W. & Tanya Hernandez; \$972,000
635 Ridge Rd: Paine, Andrew & Monica; \$680,000

Lake Bluff

- 12596 Meadow Cir: Fischer, Amanda; \$350,000
190 Norwich Ct: Green Iv, Matthias O & Green, Jennifer M; \$775,000
321 Winchester Ct: Morris, Tim & Susan; \$635,000

Lake Forest

- 1800 Amberley Ct 110: Loksa, Frank C & Mary D; \$322,500
1442 Arcady Dr: Hill, David E & Michele E; \$535,000
230 Brampton Ln: Yang, Bo & Yu, Qi; \$760,000
861 Carroll Rd: Suarez Santos, Andres R & Villegas, Adriana Jaramillo; \$630,000
555 Cherokee Rd: Wood, Trevor E & Katherine O; \$500,000
602 Glenwood Rd: Watts, Walter & Halligan, Meghan L; \$761,000
349 Hilldale Pl: Proffitt, Brian David; \$475,000
830 Lane Lorraine: Mclaughlin, Joseph M & Lori M; \$650,000
208 Marion Ave: Long, Ryan D & Jenna G; \$745,000

1133 N Green Bay Rd: Kovas, Colin B; \$960,000

1230 N Western Ave 210: Yoder, Margaret M; \$2,750,000

285 Rose Ter: Robinson, Henson & Anna Pecori; \$360,000

1056 Sir William Ln: Najjar, Eliah S & Mccauley; \$1,115,000

314 Surrey Ln: Korostynski Jr, Charles E & Korostynski, Charlotte A; \$700,000

99 W Alden Ln: Nehring, Carl Mark & Lisa Marie; \$900,000

1024 W Deerpath: Walker, Mark A & Vascik, Brittany; \$395,000

1340 Wild Rose Ln: Oneil, Kristin; \$850,000

1975 Windridge Dr: Crowley, James P & Susan W; \$1,585,000

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Lake Villa

18773 W Meadow Grass Dr: Mishra, Sasmitha & Jyoti Prasad; \$325,000

636 Wildrose Cir: Shales, Timothy & Andrea; \$352,000

Libertyville

1756 Arrowwood Way: Cota, Mary & Mccarten, Jane; \$480,000

1702 Belmont Dr: Hanley, Mary Catherine; \$550,000

193 Blueberry Rd: Laabs, Neal & Amanda; \$520,000

308 Camelot Ln: Collins, Michael C & Colleen; \$925,000

1137 Dawes St: Russell, Andrew P & Megan J; \$365,000

1520 Elderberry Dr: Wagner, Derek & Rebecca; \$875,000

1113 Sussex Ln: Reinhofer, Thomas J; \$385,000

1708 Tall Pine Way: Carey, Robert H & Susan M; \$718,000

1561 Thorneberry Ct: Campos, Jose J & Athena; \$650,000

1344 Trinity Pl: Wardak, Ahmad Farid; \$340,000

14305 W Lyle Ct: Osayimwen, Osasumwen & Uchenna; \$512,000

Lincolnshire

19 Cambridge Ln: Deng, Xiaoqing & Lu, Yun; \$732,000

10 Court Of Fox River Vly: Cetin, Stacey; \$330,000

23161 N Apple Hill Ln: Kupchenko, Victor & Elena; \$330,000

170 Old Mill Rd: Caner, Millie & Richard; \$1,375,000

23 Victoria Ln: Prindes, Mark & Colleen; \$530,000

Lindenhurst

2315 Kelsey Ct: Ryan, Tobias J & Heather D; \$345,000

1309 Meade Dr: Wisseh, Fannoh Steve & Lerverne Philippa; \$309,000

2830 Trail Crest Ln: Vicari, Joseph & Sarah; \$378,500

Mettawa

26720 N Trail Ct: Danforth, Chad & Janet; \$585,000

Morton Grove

7621 Church Hill St: Feser, Mlke; \$307,500

8522 Major Ave: Satti, Zulfiqar A; \$425,000

9419 Neenah Ave: Novak, Brad & Leah; \$460,000

Mundelein

1217 Hampton Ln: Martinez, Jose R; \$315,000

3881 Melody St: Monti, James & Doyle; \$390,000

Northbrook

1126 Adams St: Grosso, Michele & Janna; \$500,000

2820 Beckwith Ct: Lee, Leslie Murray & Hoalong; \$625,000

2919 Floral Dr: Becker, Tracey B & David S; \$510,000

3111 KayJay Dr: Kim, Eun Hee & Grant H; \$560,000

2550 Melanie Ln: Ryskin, Timur & Levi, Yuliya; \$735,000

224 Southgate Dr: Sheffler, Anthony & Jennifer; \$365,000

1345 Sunburst Ln: Jariabka, Daniel S & Linda R; \$532,000

3479 Techny Rd: Roudometkine, Alexei & Ratkovsky, Alexandra; \$482,500

3471 Whirlaway Dr: Jakubczyk, Aneta; \$310,000

Northfield

2050 Arbor Ln 302: Reed, James J & Trudy C; \$425,000

259 Bristol St: Kaitchev, Borislav D & Petya D; \$475,000

838 Camden Ln: Al Abosy, Amir & Bhan Al; \$480,000

2401 Dorina Dr: Galvin, John S & Anne M; \$1,220,000

610 Earl Dr: Share, Eli C & Jessica L; \$512,000

390 Meadowbrook Dr: Paez, David & Hiroko O; \$407,000

2005 Valley View Rd: Sullivan, Brian D & Mullig, Maureen E; \$400,000

Park Ridge

165 Michael John Dr: Ahrens, Matthew C & Elizabeth H; \$425,000

211 N Western Ave: Galfano, Christopher J & Karen; \$330,000

313 S Northwest Hwy 1: Zenkovich, Edward J & Lori A; \$446,500

313 S Northwest Hwy 5: Schlichting, David A & Roberta Joellen; \$444,500

822 S Prospect Ave: Powell, Todd R & Maureen; \$450,000

2600 Virginia St: Meredith, Jason G & Brook; \$388,000

Riverwoods

1792 Clendenin Ln: Knauz, David A & Kitty H; \$714,000

1365 Kenilwood Ln: Seffren, Randal

L; \$520,000

1305 Studio Ln: Lall, Kulwant S & Amardeep K; \$962,500

Skokie

8036 E Prairie Rd: Ward, Daniel J & Jennifer D; \$340,000

8025 Lowell Ave: Mansour, Lida & Talya, Ramsen G; \$319,000

Vernon Hills

295 Evergreen Dr: Nejab, Alex & Traktengarts, Alla; \$361,500

1095 Pine Meadow Ct: Baker, Daniel B & Sarah E; \$490,000

365 Stone Fence Rd: Oh, Hyuk Joon; \$445,000

428 Sutcliffe Cir: Hsieh, Andrew K & Thaihshieh, Leng; \$350,000

Wilmette

415 9th St: Lannan, Sean K & Leslie; \$1,430,000

2232 Beechwood Ave: Kirley, Jonathan Morgan & Katherine Anne; \$660,000

1103 Elmwood Ave: Schretter, Alfred E & Jennifer; \$1,229,500

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2033 Greenwood Ave: Valenti, Daniel & Dgretchen; \$685,000

908 Illinois Rd: Michi, Maurizio & Nandita; \$400,000

3039 Indianwood Rd: Sherman, Myrna; \$675,000

621 Knox Ave: Ji, Peng & Yang, Jing; \$408,000

1133 Lake Ave: Jons, Carter M & Ashley M; \$431,000

2139 Thornwood Ave: Gibbons, Matthew J & Amanda L; \$639,000

3201 Wilmette Ave: Gao, Yuhang & Ma, Shuo; \$770,000

208 Woodbine Ave: Tilmont, Andrew C & Kathleen; \$1,080,000

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720 Humboldt Ave: Wimer, Ross; \$2,200,000

753 Mount Pleasant St: Wolter, James & Moke Chee; \$700,000

582 Provident Ave: Billups, Corey & Laura; \$675,000

138 Woodland Ave: Kulp, Yann A & Beatrice N; \$505,500

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This community features bike paths, parks, and a scenic pond with an overlook. Nearby amenities feature the Centennial Park Aquatic center, Sportsplex, and Lake Sedgewick. Additionally, this community is within walking distance of the Metra commuter rail system. These new homes in the Orland Park area also have easy access to the Loop, O'Hare & Midway Airports. Sheffield Square offers new homes in the Orland School District 135 with students attending Carl Sandburg High School.

Gerstad adjusts plans to fit popularity of ranches

There is a housing trend emerging in Boone and McHenry counties.

According to Gerstad Builders, over the past five years, more than 50 percent of its new home sales have been to families seeking a stair free lifestyle.

So for 2012 Gerstad has been offering the largest selection of ranch plans available in Boone and McHenry. Within its three communities in Illinois — The Trails of Pheasant Ridge in Richmond, The Trails of Dawson Creek in Poplar Grove, and Liberty Trails in McHenry — Gerstad offers customizable ranch homes that provide 1,382 to

2,170 square feet of living space.

Depending on the community, homes can be base-priced from as low as the \$130,000's to as high as the \$250,000's. These eight plans can be extensively customized by Gerstad to meet each homebuyer's needs or desires. With 30-year fixed rate mortgages at an all time low near 3.55 percent or less, the time is right for first-time buyers, families with young children and retired couples looking to downsize.

"Different age groups are rediscovering the lifestyle and architectural advantages that can only be found in

ranch plans," said Roger Gerstad, president of Gerstad Builders. "They also appreciate the huge basements that can provide desirable storage space and additional living space if it is finished as a game room, additional bedrooms and more."

Another reason families seem to be drawn to Gerstad's ranch plans is that it is one of the few in the area that still allows homebuyers the opportunity to alter the basic floor plan to meet their individual lifestyles.

Homebuyers can request customization by adding options like skylights, three-car garages (per plan),

additional volume ceilings, custom millwork, imported ceramic tile, Corian or granite countertops, hardwood flooring, and finished English or walkout basements. The builder is also willing to enlarge garages, push out a home's exterior walls to increase living space, or add a four-season room to the rear of any floor plan.

Gerstad said his company offers its customers the flexibility typically found with a custom homebuilder but the pricing normally associated with large production builders.

Representing one of its more value driven plans



Biltmore, built better: The 1,382-square-foot Biltmore model by Gerstad Builders is base-priced with homesite at \$139,990 at Trails of Dawson Creek in Poplar Grove, and can be constructed with an optional tray ceiling in the master bedroom suite. | SUPPLIED PHOTO

is the 1,382 square-foot Biltmore model that is base priced (with homesite) at

\$139,990 at Trails of Dawson

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Nestled in a private cul-de-sac community, Garfield Court is just minutes from several interstate highways and a short drive from Winfield Metra Station — an easy ride to downtown Chicago. Winfield's charm and character provide a convenient location away from the City's chaotic happenings. A great selection of established restaurants, quaint shopping, forest preserves and prairie paths highlight Winfield's beauty and appeal.

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Live, play in nature

Henning Estates tees up golf and natural serenity

Anyone who wants a ranch home in a stunning environmentally sensitive rural community, yet craves the convenience of access to a golf course and new clubhouse, might want to pay a visit to Henning Estates in rural Huntley.

"Many people searching for a new home community that offers the peaceful serenity found in the rural countryside, assume that it must be located in the middle of nowhere, and difficult to reach by car or train," said Ryan VanLue, co-founder of Henning Estates. "Well, our community offers all of the benefits you seek plus quick and easy access to a top-notch golf course and its new clubhouse."

Golf enthusiasts will enjoy



Private treasure: All ranch homes in Henning Estates feature spacious master bedroom suites with large walk-in closets and sumptuous bathrooms.

Henning Estates close proximity to the Blackstone Golf Club and its new clubhouse/restaurant. Only one mile from Henning Estates, the lush fairways and greens

of Blackstone Golf Club meander through some of the most distinctive natural landscape of any course in the Chicagoland area. The seasoned golfer will find



Vista venue: Henning Estates offers stunning vistas, yet the community is located where access is convenient to nearby amenities. | SUPPLIED PHOTO

challenge in avoiding the 54 sand bunkers while the more novice golfer will enjoy the spectacular visual setting with generous fairways.

For a limited time the owners of Henning Estates has worked out a deal with the club, and families who purchase a home in the community will get a one-year "gold" membership to the golf club for free. This membership at Blackstone will give the new homeowners an opportunity to enjoy a country club feeling without having to pay an expensive initiation fee or costly monthly dues.

Besides a nearby golf course and clubhouse, Henning Estates is near a variety of stores, shops, and other important destinations. Within 10 minutes of backing out of the driveway, families can be shopping at department stores, grocery stores, pharmacies and fast food establishments.

A vast array of medical facilities, schools, churches, restaurants and parks are only minutes away from each Henning Estates home owner's doorstep as well. Families who live at Henning Estates also have easy access to Chicago via various road networks and train lines, with service from

the Union Pacific Northwest Line Metra trains or by car via an Interstate 90 tollway interchange.

With the purchase price of a semi-custom ranch home, starting in the mid \$300,000s, Henning Estates offers environmentally conscious homebuyers an opportunity to secure the home of their dreams. Interest rates are at a historic low of approximately 3.6 percent for a 30-year fixed-rate mortgage.

At Henning Estates, 80 percent of the one-third-acre homesites are suitable for the construction of a home on a walk-out or look-out basement. Each homesite backs up to a pond, mature woods or natural tall grass prairies.

"We made an effort to make sure that the back yard of every home opens up to some sort of green space," said VanLue. "Sometimes it might be a pond, other times it might be mature stands of trees and then again it could be a natural tall grass prairie. The result of this effort is that homeowners will very seldom ever look out their back windows and see the back yard of another home."

All houses built by Rock Creek Homes in Henning Estates offer architectural

elevations, which could include brick, stone, cedar, and architecturally interesting rooflines. Each 1,800- to 2,200-square-foot home will include two or 2½ baths, two to three bedrooms, separate breakfast area, a grand family room, formal dining room, and attached two-car garage.

Standards include a basement, hardwood floors, stainless steel appliances, vaulted ceilings, energy-efficient furnace and air conditioning, insulated windows, finished insulated garages, staggered maple cabinets, ceramic floor tile in baths, luxury master baths, and landscaped front yards.

Options include stone hearth fireplaces, walk-out basements, three-car garages, stamped concrete patios, and additional bedrooms.

To reach Henning Estates, take Route 20 west from the I-90 Tollway for two miles and then turn right (east) on Church Road. The community entrance is on the north side of Church Road about a quarter mile from Route 20. The models and sale center are open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., or by appointment. For more information, call (847) 338-3821 or visit www.henningestates.com.

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Having it your way

'474' offers luxury homes with buyer choices

There are not many completed, luxury, high-rise buildings in downtown Chicago, which allow buyers to choose their own finishes. Most buyers are faced with having to replace their finishes to suit personal tastes after closing on their new homes.

At 474 North Lake Shore Drive, that is not the case. A new buyer can purchase a luxury home that is available now and still have the home completed with the finishes they have always wanted.

Buyers can customize their homes by choosing the type of cabinets, the color of the granite countertops, hardwood flooring and the appliance package. 474 is one of the few buildings currently offering the opportunity to do this type of customization.

Only 15 homes remain for sale at 474. The building is 95 percent sold, and while a selection of sizes and views are still available, the time to act is now.

For example, residence No. 5108 is being offered for \$599,900. This is a spacious three-bedroom, 2½-bath condominium with breathtaking southwest views of Lake Michigan, Millennium Park and the Chicago River, as well as abundant sunshine. The buyer will also have the opportunity to customize the kitchen, bathrooms and flooring in this home.

There are great views from almost any vantage point in the building. Skyline landmarks can be seen in every direction. East-facing condos overlook the Navy Pier and the Lake. Chicago city lights illuminate from the west and north sides. The south views feature a combination of both Lake and city views.

Amenities are abundant at 474, including an indoor lap pool, an equipped fitness



Skyline show: The southwestern views of the city and the Chicago River from "474" are fabulous by day and even more spectacular by night as dusk falls and the city skyline lights up. | SUPPLIED PHOTO

center, a spacious clubroom and an outdoor sundeck. The renovated sundeck just opened this summer and serves as an oasis for residents to enjoy with four new grills, a bar area and several places to sit and relax.

474 North Lake Shore Drive is located in the heart of the Streeterville neighborhood, on the Near North side of Chicago. Streeterville is bounded by the Chicago River on the south, Michigan Avenue on the west, and Lake Michigan on the north and east.

The neighborhood includes some of Chicago's best restaurants. Walk from 474 to a breakfast hotspot like Yolk, lunch at RL or dinner at the new Maison overlooking Lakeshore East Park. For gourmet groceries, Fox and Obel is located on the same block. Shopping on the Magnificent Mile is minutes away.

The 21-screen AMC theater and Chicago Shakespeare Theatre on Navy Pier are a just down the street, and the lakefront path, for biking or strolling, is across the street, while Millennium Park and The Art Institute are within walking distance.

There are many more entertainment and cultural options in the area. The symphony and all of the great theaters such as the Cadillac Place Theatre, The Ford Oriental Theatre, The Bank of America Theatre are nearby, as is the Museum Campus with the Shedd Aquarium, The Field Museum and the Adler Planetarium.

The central location of the building is attractive, particularly for commuting to work. There are many ways to get to multiple destinations in Chicago from Streeterville. The various bus routes and the "L" make public transportation a breeze. Access to the highways via Lake Shore Drive or through the north side of downtown is also easy for those traveling to the suburbs or outside the center of the city.

The proximity to the hospitals in the Chicago area has been a particular selling point for many of the buyers at 474 who work in the medical profession. Northwestern Memorial Hospital and many of its facilities are within walking distance, while many other hospitals are a short ride away.

"My commute from the north side of Chicago to Rush used to be a nightmare. Going home in the evening was twice as bad as going there in the morning," said Gilda Patel, a nurse at Rush

"My commute from the north side of Chicago to Rush used to be a nightmare. ... After purchasing at 474 ... it takes me ten minutes."

GILDA PATEL, a nurse at Rush University Medical Center



Sunny oasis: The newly remodeled, furnished sun deck on the 16th floor at 474 North Lake Shore features awe-inspiring views that create a perfect outdoor oasis for residents and guests to entertain and relax. | SUPPLIED PHOTO

University Medical Center. "After purchasing at 474, I jump on South Lake Shore, make my way over to Congress and exit on Ashland, which is the second exit. It takes me ten minutes."

Dr. Ben Thompson said that his commute is so much easier for traveling out of state and to his work at the University of Chicago Medical Center.

"My work takes me to seminars out of state on a regular basis. Taking Lake Shore Drive to 55 to Midway is a piece of cake. It reminds me of traveling in the 1980's when it wasn't an all-day affair to take a one-hour flight."

"Going to the medical center is even easier," Thompson said. "Going south on Lake Shore Drive all the way to the hospital is so easy, especially for those emergency calls that come in at 2:00 a.m."

474 North Lake Shore Drive has an on-site sales center, which is open Monday to Saturday from 10

a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. The prices start at \$299,900 for one-bedrooms, \$529,900 for two-bedrooms and \$599,900

for three-bedrooms and penthouses. Call the sales center at (312) 245-7200 or visit the Website at www.474lsccondo.com.

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TODAY'S HOMES

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Creek and showcases the latest design trends found in today's most desirable ranch homes.

Curb appeal is important to today's homebuyers, and Gerstad's Biltmore model excels in this regard. Optional brick can cover the front elevation and on the roof a variety of gables and valleys provide all the ingredients necessary to create a stunning exterior.

Due to the impressive roof pitches found on the Biltmore, the interior ceilings of the home are equally inspiring. Without a second floor in these homes to interfere, the roof's design directly impacts the interior of the home. The volume in the roof can be translated into a wide variety of custom ceilings inside the home. For example, the Biltmore can be constructed with an optional cathedral ceiling in the great room, a tray ceiling in the master bedroom and nine-foot flat ceilings throughout the rest

of the home if desired.

Windows do more than dress up the exterior of the Biltmore; they also let an abundance of natural light into the home and provide spectacular window scapes in great room, master bedroom and breakfast room.

Also included in the three-bedroom, two-bath Biltmore is furniture-quality cabinetry, GE appliance package (stove, dishwasher, food disposal and range hood), and Kohler bathroom fixtures and faucets.

The largest ranch plan at 2,170 square feet offered by Gerstad Builders is the Jefferson model, a two- or three-bedroom home with stair-free living space. Base-priced \$201,990 at Pheasant Ridge, the Jefferson ranch plan was designed to be attractive to a wide range of homeowner lifestyles. For those with growing families, the den can be converted into a third bedroom. For empty nesters, the floor plan

eliminates the need to climb stairs and the living room at the front of the home can be appointed with dual French doors. The Jefferson model can also feature an optional four-season room for additional living space.

Because of clever architectural details like a cathedral ceiling in the great room, 9-foot ceilings in all other rooms and the elimination of unnecessary walls between the kitchen, dinette and great room, the feeling of spaciousness is emphasized significantly. The Jefferson also includes furniture-quality cabinetry, General Electric appliance package (stove, dishwasher, garbage disposal, and range hood), Kohler bathroom fixtures and faucets, and a one year warranty program.

For further information, visit the Website at www.gerstadbuilders.com, or call Liberty Trails at (815) 385-4495, the Trails of Dawson Creek at (815) 547-0800, or The Trails of Pheasant Ridge at (815) 385-4495.

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lots are available and construction can be completed in as little as four months, giving buyers enough time to make their finish selections and customize their homes to their personal preferences.

Since every buyer has their own set of preferences, Northfield Group offers buyers total customization within the footprint of their floor plan. Owners have redesigned a floor plan layout, modified their kitchen, revamped a bathroom, enlarged a bedroom, plus made a host of other changes.

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

Buyers can choose from two upscale townhome plans. One offers four bedrooms and 3½ baths with a first-floor master suite. The other is

a three-bedroom, 2½-bath traditional layout. Features include separate living room with a Juliette balcony, two-story great room, spacious kitchen with granite countertops and a center island, vaulted ceilings, outdoor deck, and basement with 9-foot ceiling.

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

A new floor plan that has garnered a lot of attention is the three- or four-bedroom home featuring a spacious kitchen with a breakfast bar; separate dining room

and expansive great room. Upstairs, owners can choose a three-bedroom configuration that offers a huge master bedroom with a deluxe bathroom and his and hers walk-in closets, or an elegant four-bedroom plan with a smaller bath.

At Millbrook Pointe, spacious townhomes are crafted to feel like single-family homes. With up to 2,700 square feet of space, they have an abundance of windows that let the outdoors in. Kitchens are roomy and accommodate center islands, while master bedrooms are quite sizeable and are separated from the other bedrooms giving the owner added privacy.

To visit Millbrook Pointe, from Interstate 294 North, exit Lake Cook Road, and go west to 516 N. Milwaukee Ave. The sales office is open daily from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call (847) 347-2300 or visit millbrookpointe.com.

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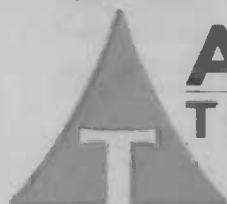
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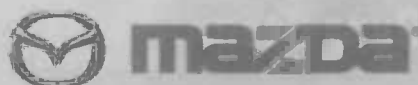
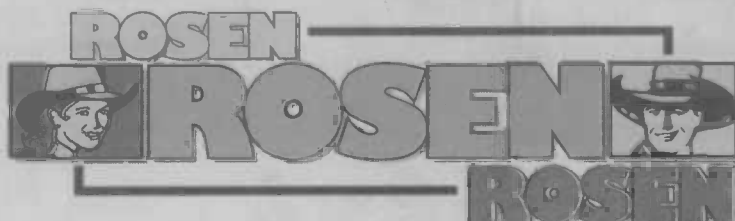
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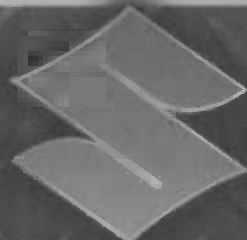
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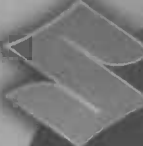


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Not all odds are even

Know the game, the odds and how to play to win

BY JOHN GROCHOWSKI

For Sun-Times Media

Not all casino games are created equal.

Oh, they're all designed to make money for the casino by paying the winners at less-than-true odds. And they're all designed so that players will win sometimes, enough to keep us entertained, and keep us coming back.

But some pay the winners at closer-than-true odds than do others. The way we measure and compare is in a statistic called the house edge. In double-zero roulette, the odds on most wagers will lead the house to keep an average of \$5.26 per \$100 wagered. That's a 5.26 percent house edge.

On the other hand, baccarat is designed so the odds of the game will lead the house to keep \$1.06 per \$100 wagered on banker, or \$1.24 per \$100 wagered on player. Those are house edges of 1.06 and 1.24 percent.

Games with lower house edges give players a better shot to win. Let's check a few with the lowest house edges.

Blackjack: The most popular table game can be the best game in the house, and it can be a middling game. The key is in how well you play.

Skilled card counters with knowledge, disciplined and backed by a large enough bankroll, can get a mathematical edge on the game. Few players are that good, just learning basic strategy for playing decisions leaves a good game with about a 0.5 percent house edge, a few tenths more or less depending on variable house rules.

An average player who just tries to make common sense decisions faces a house edge closer to 2 percent. And some bad players can face a house edge of 4 percent or more.

So while blackjack is often touted as the best bet in the house, it's mainly a good one for those who will take the time to at least learn basic strategy.

Craps: Here's another one that can be a great bet, and can be really bad. There are a number of good bets on the table: the pass line (house edge 1.41 percent); come (1.41); don't pass and don't come (1.40); place bets on 6 and 8 (1.52). You can reduce the edges on pass/come and don't/pass don't come

to 0.8 percent or less if you learn about free odds or laying the odds.

On the other hand, craps has some of the worst bets in the casino. Any 7 — a bet that the next roll will be a 7 — has a house edge of 16.67 percent. The house keeps \$16.67 per \$100 wagered. That's horrendous. Or you could bet any craps, a wager that the next roll will be 2, 3 or 12. House edge: 11.11 percent. Ugh.

Craps can be one of the best bets in the casino, but only if you learn the best bets and stick to them.

Baccarat: This is the best no-brainer bet in the house. The only decision you need to make is whether to bet on banker or player ... the only two hands that are dealt, no matter how many players are at the table. Decisions on whether to add a third card to each of the two-card hands are automatic, dependent on the totals of the first two cards. It's all posted at the table so you can follow along.

To enjoy the game, what you need to know is that the hand closer to a total of 9 wins. Aces count as 1, 2 through 8 as face value, and 10s and face cards as zero. You'll pick up the rest as you play.

Banker hands win more often than player hands, but the house charges a 5 percent commission on winning banker bets. That leaves a house edge of 1.06 percent on banker and 1.24 percent on player. There's a third option: betting that the hands tie. Don't go that route. The house edge of 9.5 percent makes it one of the worst bets around.

Video poker: It's possible for skilled players to get an edge on certain video poker games. There are none of these high-paying games in the Chicago area that I know of, BUT there are a few here with 99-percent payback if you play at expert level. In this area, you'll occasionally see 9-6 Jacks or Better (99.5 percent with expert play), where full houses pay 9-for-1 and flushes 6-for-1. Some casinos have 9-7 Double Bonus Poker (99.1) and 9-6 Double Double Bonus Poker (98.98).

The key is not only doing a little online research or checking out a good video poker book to learn the best games, but also practicing with computer software to learn when to hold 'em and when to fold 'em.

Getting the most out of any of these games other than baccarat requires study and practice.

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Times to remember

Back-to-back wins make big marks in gamers' memories

BY JOHN GROCHOWSKI
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It was one of those all-too-rare days, a close encounter of the winning kind. Several wins, in fact, were encountered close together.

I was playing Super Aces on a quarter Five Play Poker machine, and just a few hands after I started I drew four Aces for 2,000 credits. I relaxed. I wouldn't be going back to my wallet at all on this day.

A couple of minutes later, quad Aces came up again. Three plays later, two of my five hands showed for Aces. Shortly thereafter came a royal flush to pad my bankroll by 4,000 more credits.

Finally, after about 15 minutes of play, I was dealt three Aces. I turned to a woman next to me who had hit the Aces a couple of times herself, and said, "Do you think I can get them again?"

She smiled and said, "I hope so."

Up they came. Twice.

When it comes to electronic gaming, all things are possible on every play. Some are more possible than others. There are a lot more blank-space combinations than lifestyle-changing jackpots hidden in those random numbers on a three-reel slot, more

little wins of less than your wager than bonus events on a video slot, more low pairs than royal flushes in video poker.

Still, the random-number generator that determines what we see on screens or reels is as random as humans can program computers to be. It leaves open the possibility of big wins encountered close together, and even back-to-back wins.

For years, I've collected stories of other players' close-together wins, tales like these:

Robin: "On my birthday, I was playing the \$1 Wheel of Fortune. I was on a Red, White and Blue machine, and I hit the Red, White and Blue 7's for \$1,600! While I was waiting for the payout, I put \$20 in the machine and within two spins I hit the Red, White and Blue 7s again for another \$1,600!"

"I also had a day to remember one month later. I was playing a \$1 Double Double Bonus Poker machine. I hit four Aces with a kicker for \$2,000 followed two hands later by a Royal flush for \$4,000. I couldn't believe my luck."

Paula: "My big thrill came on Super Jackpot Party, the video game, on nickels. I hadn't been doing too well, and I had a losing spin, but suddenly I heard 'Surprise Party!' It took me to the bonus, and I just couldn't miss. I got this thing called Whack a Pooper where you hit



One, two, yeah: Back-to-back wins are a real reason to celebrate, no matter what the game. FILE PHOTO

the pooper characters with a mallet, and got another bonus where this character dances and you get more credits, I got multipliers. When it was all over, I'd won more than 2,000 nickels."

"It went back to the regular game, and would you believe on the next spin I got a Jackpot Party? Back to the bonus! It didn't go quite as well this time, but I won another 500 nickels and a few more. It was fun!"

Anna: "I always save some time for Blazing 7s, I seem to hit a lot of jackpots on that. One day, my husband and I were playing next to each other, and I hit the Blazing 7s for an \$1,137 progressive. I was screaming, my husband was hugging me, and we didn't even notice that his

spin had landed on the 7s, too! He got \$1,000. He was just a few second after me."

Dave: "I was playing a quarter Bonus Poker progressive. The meter was up to \$1,480 when I was dealt a pair of jacks but also three to a royal. For some reason, I went for it and got the royal. The sad part was, I was driving on a ticket and didn't have a photo ID, so all they would do is give me a receipt until I got my license back."

"The following Sunday, I went back to collect my winnings and brought along \$200 to play with."

"Anyway, I hit another royal on a Double Bonus Machine. After they paid me, I turned around and played the Bonus Poker Deluxe machine right behind me and got another. I walked off with \$3,800."

Diane: "I was playing at a quarter Triple Play game. I was dealt three deuces, and I held them, and threw away the other two cards. On one line, I drew the fourth deuce. After the attendant paid me the \$250, they asked me to play again to clear it off. I was dealt one deuce and threw away the other cards, and on one line, I caught the other three deuces. Back-to-back hands on the same machine, so it does happen."

Close together, back-to-back ... it does happen, as Diane said. Not often, but when that close encounter of the winning kind happens, it makes for a day to remember.



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On the horse: Whether it's thoroughbred or harness racing, a day at the races can be far more enjoyable if you know the best, the odds ... last but not least, how to pick 'em. | FILE PHOTO

A day at the track always more enjoyable if you know how it works

BY JOHN GROCHOWSKI

For Sun-Times Media

When it comes to enjoying a day at the races, there's a style for everyone, expert and newbie alike.

Take a look around, whether you're at a thoroughbred track with jockeys aboard the horses' backs or the harness races with a driver in a two-wheeled sulky behind. You'll find veteran horseplayers studying intently, as they weigh the past performances of horses, jockeys and trainers, the type of race and caliber of competition, the weather and more.

Others will be checking out the opinions of handicappers in print or online, trying to sort out the likely winners. Some just play hunches, betting names or lucky numbers.

But any novice can have fun at a price as low as \$2 a race without getting too deep into handicapping themselves.

One thing first-timers need to understand is that wagering on the horses is parimutuel. Each winning bet is paid according to the share of the betting pool wagered on that outcome. The odds are constantly changing, and are displayed on a big board at the center of the track as well as on video screens around the facility.

There are as many ways to bet a race as there are styles in picking the horses. You can bet individual horses to win, place or show ... that is, to finish first, second or third. You can bet on combinations of horses to finish 1-2 or 1-2-3 in the same race, or on horses to win consecutive races.

The combinations are harder to pick and usually have longer odds and higher payoffs than the one-race bets. For a racing newcomer, it starts with knowing what bets are available and how to make them. Here are some of the basics:

■ **Win, place and show:** These are the basics, the one-horse wagers. You pick your horse, go to the window or to the video betting terminal, and make your bet. When making your bet, always refer to the horse by the number listed in the track program. If you've picked the No. 1 horse in the first race and want to make a \$2 bet to win, you tell the clerk at the betting window, "First race, number 1, \$2 to win."

Easy enough, right?

If you bet the horse to place instead, you win if the horse finishes either first or second. And if you bet the horse to show, you win if he finishes first, second or third. Payoffs almost always are lower on show bets than on place

bets, and lower to place than to win. That's the tradeoff for winning more often when you bet to place or show.

■ **Exacta, perfecta, quinella:** Exacta and perfect are different terminology for the same bet. It just depends on what the track wants to call it. You're picking two horses, one to finish first and one to finish second, in the exact order. Tell the clerk, "\$2 exacta, 1-2," and you'll win if the 1 horse finishes first and the 2 horse finishes second.

A quinella also is a two-horse bet, but you win if your horses finish first and second in either order. Not every track offers a quinella, but you can get the same effect with an "exacta box." If you ask for, "\$1 exacta box, 1-2," you hand over \$2 get a \$1 exacta on the horses finishing 1-2, and another on the horses finishing 2-1. If your combo comes in, you get half the \$2 exacta payoff. If you want to go for the full pay, then you need to ask for a \$2 exacta box, and that'll cost you \$4.

Some bettors include more than two horses in the box. Just understand that increases the number of possible combinations, and so also increases the overall bet size.

■ **Trifecta:** One step beyond an exacta, the trifecta is a three-horse bet, and the three horses

you pick have to finish in exact order. Bet "\$2 trifecta, 1-2-3," and you win only if the 1 horse finishes first, the 2 second and the 3 third.

Like the exacta, the trifecta can be boxed. A \$1 trifecta box will cost you \$6 and give you half the trifecta payoff if your horses finish first, second and third in any order. Also like the exacta, including more horses in a box costs more money.

You'll occasionally also see a "superfecta" offered. That asks you to pick the first four horses, in order. Payoffs can be enormous. So is the degree of difficulty.

■ **Daily double:** A two-race bet, the daily double asks bettors to pick consecutive winners. If the track has a daily double on the first and second races, telling the clerk, "\$2 double, 1-2" gets you a \$2 bet if the 1 horse wins the first race, then the 2 horse wins the second race.

Some tracks offer multiple doubles over the course of a day. Check the track program to be sure.

The daily double has spawned other multi-race bets, such as the pick 3, challenging you to pick winners of three consecutive races, pick 4, pick 5 and on up the ladder.

Even for a first-timer, walking in to the track for a day at the races becomes a much more enjoyable experience knowing the basics.

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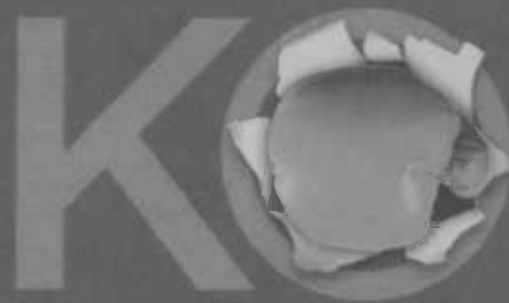
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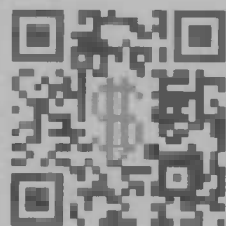
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Tales of the table

Hints of blackjack strategy surface during a few unguarded moments

BY JOHN GROCHOWSKI

For Sun-Times Media

Blackjack players can be a bit uncomfortable talking strategy during breaks at the table. The more advanced players may not want to tip the casino off to how good they are, though it really doesn't take much observation to tell those who know their basic strategy from those who don't.

So the table talk at shuffling time often turns to asking the dealer about their hometown, or finding out if other players have tried the steakhouse, and the occasional gem about something unusual that's happened at casinos games.

But every once in a while, players let their guard down, and a little strategy is mixed in with the tales people tell at the table. The table talk that follows was collected on three different casino trips.

Bradley wanted to talk about the even-money form of insurance. When you have a blackjack and the dealer has an Ace face up, you can call for even money, and take a win equal to your bet. If you don't take even money, you could wind up with no win at all if the dealer has a 10-value card face down to complete a blackjack, or you could get a 3-2 payoff if the dealer doesn't have blackjack. The better percentage play is to turn down even money and play out the hand.

"You know how dealers are telling you to take insurance?" Bradley asked as dealer Tom exchanged one six-deck pack for another in the shuffling machine.

"What about you, Tom? Do you tell players to take insurance? No? Well, I hear a lot of dealers saying that."

"I was playing some \$15 a hand blackjack, and was on a hot streak. I got a blackjack, and the dealer had an Ace face up, and he asked if I wanted to take even money. I shook it off, the dealer didn't have blackjack and I won \$22.50. It happened a couple of more times within 15 minutes, and I won those, too."

"Then another guy got a blackjack, and the dealer had an Ace, and the guy asked the dealer what he thought. The dealer told him he was sure to win if he took even-money, that it was the only sure thing in the casino. So the other guy took the even money, and sure enough, the dealer had a blackjack. And the guy said, 'I guess that's why you make that play,' and the dealer smiled and nodded. I shook my head, but didn't say anything. I was happy with my wins."

Jonas knows basic strategy calls for the player to hit soft 18 whenever the dealer's face up card is a 9, 10-value card or Ace. A "soft" 17 has an Ace being counted as an 11, such as Ace-7 or Ace-2-5. If you draw a 4 or higher, you don't go over 21 and bust the hand, the Ace just counts as 1 instead and you go from there.

"I had Ace-7, and the dealer had a King face up," he recalled. "I signaled to hit, and a lady called out, 'Wait!' The dealer looked a little startled and looked at my card while the lady called out again, 'You have 18!' I signaled to hit again,

and the dealer nodded and dealt me a 3. I had 21 and I needed it all, because the dealer had a 10 down."

"That other player said, 'You got lucky this time, but you shouldn't be hitting 18.' I just smiled and took my chips. I wasn't going to go through the whole strategy explanation."

But for Gina, the strategy play where the reactions of other players get her every time is when she hits 12 when the dealer has a 2 face up. That's the correct basic strategy play, but she said a couple of other players had been downright peeved the night before when she took a hit.

"I was sitting at third base," she said, referring to the position all the way to the players' left, making her the last to play her hand before the dealer. "I had a 7 and a 5, and the dealer had a 9 face up. I hit, and this man and woman both groaned at once, 'What are you doing?' I drew a 9 and made my 21. The dealer had a 2 down. If I hadn't hit, she'd have made 21. Instead, she drew a 4, then an Ace for 17. A couple of players won, a couple lost, but if I hadn't taken the hit the dealer would have beaten the whole table."

"Well, this pair didn't notice that. They told me that third base was a team spot and I had to stand on those hands and not risk taking the dealer's bust card."

"I said, 'Unless you're funding my bets, there is no team. I'm going to make the right plays for my hand.' They made a couple of snippy remarks and left, the other guys laughed, and I kept right on playing basic strategy."

A little to say: Blackjack players sometimes get so excited they forget the "usual" chit-chat and reveal some helpful hints about their own methods of play. | FILE PHOTO



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Blue Chip Casino, Hotel & Spa is Northwest Indiana's entertainment hotspot

For the best in gaming excitement, entertainment, dining and relaxation, look no further than Blue Chip Casino, Hotel & Spa.

Located in Michigan City, just off the beautiful Lake Michigan shore and only an hour's drive east of Chicago, Blue Chip is Indiana's choice entertainment destination.

Blue Chip offers numerous world-class amenities that include a 65,000-square-foot casino, two hotel towers with 486 total rooms, five restaurants, a 1,300-seat venue for headliner entertainment, a spa and salon, two entertainment lounges and retail shops.

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Dining options

Visitors seeking to satiate their palates have numerous dining options. The restaurants include:

- William B's Steakhouse, a sophisticated, upscale restaurant serving classic Midwest favorites, such as prime steaks, fresh seafood and seasonal specialties.
- It's Vegas Baby!, a lively, Vegas-themed

restaurant offering American classics and an extensive specialty drink selection.

- The Game, for delicious game-day meals and snacks, an unrivaled array of sports viewing options and weekly drink specials.

- Options Buffet, a 333-seat restaurant featuring more than 150 items, including soups, salads, entrées, side dishes and desserts.

- Nelson's Deli, a casual diner serving breakfast, piled-high sandwiches and salads. Nelson's is open 24 hours a day.

Music, gaming, special events

Live entertainment lovers can enjoy outstanding local and regional bands that perform live on weekends at Rocks lounge and It's Vegas Baby!, and top names in music and comedy at the Stardust Event Center, which has hosted headline acts such as Kathleen Madigan, Kellie Pickler, 38 Special and Paul Revere & the Raiders.

Upcoming concert dates include legendary music entertainer Bobby Vinton on Oct. 20 and pop sensation Wilson Phillips on Nov. 10.

At Blue Chip, gamblers can try their luck on the gaming floor with 42 table games, eight live poker tables and more than 1,900 slot machines. Weekly poker events, Texas Hold'em Poker tournaments and slot tournaments round out the fun.

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Winning some fun

Win or lose, it's the extras that 'make' casino exploits

BY JOHN GROCHOWSKI

For Sun-Times Media

When readers share stories about their casino exploits, it's usually about big wins.

Let's face it, the wins are more memorable and more memorable to talk about than the more common losing sessions. Still, every now and then a reader looking for a sympathetic ear will email me with a tale of a day when nothing went right.

Take Marcia. She loves the low-denomination video slots, especially ones with pick'em-style bonus rounds.

"I don't need to win big," she wrote. "But when I go to the bonus, I like to win SOMETHING. If I get five free spins and they're all losers, that's not really a bonus, is it?"

She started with a Jackpot Party machine, but lost \$20 on a penny machine without getting to the bonus event. On to Goldfish. Another \$20, no bonus.

"I thought I'd change my luck and play The Hangover. Every time I looked, one of my neighbors was playing a bonus. Not me."

With losses at \$60, she was reaching her tolerance point.

"Then I saw a slot called Kilauea. I figured it was fate. My husband and I got married in Kauai, cruised around the islands and saw Kilauea's lava flow twice. Once on land, once at night from onboard ship. This had to be it."

"This time I did get to go to the bonus. But it was free spins, and I didn't win anything. After that, I just walked around until my husband was ready to go. He broke even on video poker and had a good time. I didn't break even, but that doesn't bother me so much. It was just a little downer that I didn't get to play the bonuses on the games I like.

"When the bonuses come, I have a good time."

So it goes on video slots. The entertainment comes from the extras, the animation, the sights and sounds, and the bonus events. Even a losing session is fun if you get to good run at a bonus or two.

Marcia limited her losses on penny machines.

Nick emailed to say he learned an expensive lesson on a three-reel, \$5 game.

"I'd always heard that the \$5 slots paid more than the dollars or quarters," he wrote. "So I decided to take one big shot at the \$5 games. Instead of going every week and taking a couple hundred to play the dollar slots, I decided to make one trip at the end of the month, and bring a thousand.

"I have to admit I was a little nervous, but I put five \$100 bills in. It took that much to get the 100 credits that I like to start with. I bet two coins at a time. Betting \$10 on a slot machine sure seemed like a lot, but I figured that if I hit the 7s, or even the triple bars, even once, I could win a few hundred dollars. I mean, the jackpot would have been nice. But a middle-sized win or two was really all I was looking for.

"Well, the win never came. It can't have taken more than 15 minutes. I never got anything bigger than three mixed bars, and by the time I got that, I only had half my money left. When that first \$500 ran out, I put in another \$300, figuring again that one middle-sized hit would get my money back, and if I lost it, at least I had \$200 left to go play dollars or quarters. If anything, my money went down the drain even faster.

"I decided to get out of there with what I had left, and take it as a lesson that I'm not cut out to be a \$5 slot player."

Those \$5 slot machines do tend to have higher payback percentages than lower-denomination machines. But those percentages are compiled over hundreds of thousands of pulls, and short-term cold streaks are a normal part of play. If losing \$800 in a session makes you queasy — and it would do just that to most of us — you're better off sticking to lower denominations.

I wrote back to Nick and asked if that was the end of his \$5 slot career.

"Probably. Maybe if I was way ahead sometime. But I'm sticking to the three-reel slots. Those are the games I have fun at, as long as they're giving a little back."

And Marcia?

"Oh, of course I'll be back. I lost more this time than I like, but it was only \$80. It's the price of the day's entertainment. I just want to have some fun. That means actually getting to play the bonuses. Most of the time, it's fun."



Intensely fun: The look of concentration aside, slots gamers enjoy the thrill of the spin, the twirl, the sights and sounds, and all the other extras that casinos offer their guests. | FILE PHOTO

Four Winds offers great atmosphere to go with top-notch gaming

Premier destination

Rockin' for you: A highlight of Four Winds New Buffalo is the Hard Rock Cafe Four Winds, which spans two floors, includes seating for more than 275 people, and features live music from Thursday to Sunday. | SUPPLIED PHOTO

Four Winds News Buffalo is the premier gaming destination in the Midwest and offers an unparalleled gaming experience that is matched by its gourmet restaurants, luxury hotel and Silver Creek Event Center.

It is also located in the heart of Harbor Country, only three miles from historic downtown New Buffalo and beautiful Lake Michigan beaches.

Four Winds New Buffalo features a 130,000-square-foot gaming floor and is home to 3,000 slot machines, including a smoke-free slot room, and a variety of table games.

The casino also features wide-area progressives, which link to other Native American casinos around the country and produce some of the highest jackpots in the region. Players can also gain access to unique promotions and offers through the W Club, which is the ultimate player loyalty club, offering more flexibility and more control of earned points and complementaries. Enrollment is free and player cards are available at any W Club booth in the casino.

Four Winds New Buffalo also has a High Limit Room featuring the very best in service, comfort and excitement. It is an exclusive area discreetly located off the casino floor and includes a variety of high-energy slots and table games such as Blackjack, Craps, Baccarat, Pai Gow Poker and more.

The new Silver Creek Event Cen-

ter is a 1,500-seat, multi-use facility that is located next to the casino floor. In addition to hosting concerts with music legends such as Rod Stewart and Sheryl Crow, the 70,000-square-foot event center can be reconfigured to host a variety of meetings, special events, conferences and banquets. Details on all concerts at Silver Creek Event Center are available at www.fourwindscasino.com/events.

In addition to its gaming and entertainment attractions, Four Winds New Buffalo offers four restaurants including the new Hard Rock Cafe Four Winds, which spans two floors, includes seating for more than 275 people, and features live music from Thursday to Sunday. It also includes more than 150 pieces of rock 'n' roll memorabilia from Hard Rock's unmatched collection. Guests of Hard Rock Cafe Four Winds enjoy fresh, high-quality items from Hard Rock's scratch-based menu, including the favorite Legendary Experience menu, featuring a mouth-watering selection of 10-ounce Legendary Burgers. Reminiscent of good old-fashioned Southern barbecue, Hard Rock's Smokehouse Menu items offer unique flavors including a variety of regional Bar-B-Que styles, from the classic pulled pork to the exotic Asian-style "Shang Hi" sandwich. A selection of 24 draft beers complements two full service bars.

The Copper Rock Steakhouse is a five-time recipient of the Wine Spectator Award of Excellence and features a gourmet dining experience. The menu features certified USDA prime beef, aged in-house, as well as hand-crafted desserts created by an award-winning pastry chef. The Copper Rock Steakhouse also has a private dining room for up to 20 guests and a private Chef's Table near the kitchen

for a truly unique experience.

The Buffet at Four Winds New Buffalo offers seating for up to 500 people. It offers several menu options throughout the week including an International Buffet on Sundays through Wednesdays; a Prime Rib and Shrimp Buffet on Thursdays and Fridays; and the Signature Seafood and Prime Rib Buffet on Saturdays. Timbers Fast Food and Deli features

an array of menu items including pizza, burgers, hotdogs and fries alongside pastrami and rye and-mile high deli sandwiches.

Four Winds News Buffalo also offers 415 hotel rooms, including a mix of suites and standard rooms. Each room includes granite countertops, leather-wrapped headboards, 14½-inch-deep pillow-top mattresses, flat-screen high-definition televisions, coffeemakers and complimentary Starbucks coffee.

Additionally, a second location, Four Winds Hartford, is located in Hartford, Mich., between exits 41 and 46 on Interstate 94, approximately 45 miles northeast of Four Winds New Buffalo. The casino features 560 slot machines, nine table games, and a second location of the popular Timbers Fast Food and Deli.

Round trip chartered bus service to Four Winds New Buffalo is available from several locations in Chicagoland and Northern Indiana. Schedules, bonus packages and directions are available by calling (866)711-1997 or at www.fourwindscasino.com.

For more information on Four Winds New Buffalo, or to make a reservation, call 1-(866)-4WINDS1 or (866)494-6371, or visit www.fourwindscasino.com.

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Silver is gold: The Silver Creek Event Center is a 1,500-seat, multi-use facility next to the casino floor that offers concerts and can be reconfigured for a variety of meetings, special events, conferences and banquets in its 70,000 square feet. | SUPPLIED PHOTO



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THINGS WE LOVE THIS WEEK

How sweet it is: **Sprinkles** promotes its new **Cupcake ATM** on Sept. 19 by mixing in five surprise \$100 gift certificates to lucky cupcake buyers. 50 E. Walton, Sprinkles.com



When **Madonna** takes over the United Center Sept. 19 and 20, she'll be rocking a custom Make Up For Ever lipstick created by her makeup artist, Gina Brooke, for the MDNA tour. Get Aqua Rouge #8 Iconic Red at Sephora or Sephora.com, \$24.



On Thursday, Nordstrom debuts a new skin "miracle": **Miracle Skin Transformer's new Triple Active Night Treatment**, which works to replenish, reverse and revitalize while you snooze. \$78, Nordstrom.com.



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Blue Jean Baby

Stock up on fall denim while supporting the Joffrey Ballet at "Beer, Blue Jeans and Ballet Slippers," hosted by Cheeky Chicago. Stop by CityBlue Apparel & Denim (1444 N. Wells) on Sept. 19

from 6 to 8 p.m. for Peroni beer, hors d'oeuvres from Benchmark plus discounts and goodies, with 10 percent of proceeds benefiting the Joffrey Auxiliary Board.

Get It Together

Fashion aficionado Robbie Laughlin of E!'s "Who Wore It Best" will stop by Macy's (111 N. State) on Sept. 20 at 5:30 p.m. for a "Putting It All Together" event. The star will dish out style rules, talk top fall fashion and show attendees how to pull together a fabulous head-to-toe look. After the presentation, sign up for a post-show style appointment with Laughlin. Learn more at Macys.com.

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the calendar

THE SPLASH SEVEN

PLAN YOUR WEEK

BY THOMAS CONNORS



1 'Sunday in the Park'

Sept. 16: As a teaser to Chicago Shakespeare Theater's upcoming production of "Sunday in the Park with George" (opening Sept. 26), the theater has teamed up with the Art Institute of Chicago — home of the Georges Seurat canvas that inspired the show — for a multimedia showcase. At around 11 a.m., performers dressed as figures from the painting will wander through the galleries before converging on the grand staircase to create a life-size reproduction of the pointillist masterpiece and deliver musical numbers from the play. Free with admission; 111 S. Michigan, (312) 443-3600. Visit chicagoshakes.com.



2 'Revolution'

Sept. 17: The "Revolution" will literally be televised this week as "Lost" co-creator J.J. Abrams debuts his new post-apocalyptic television show, set partially in Chicago. Fifteen years after all the electricity on Earth was shut off for good, ivy has overtaken Wrigley Field, the Hancock Building is little more than a rusted block and society has devolved into vicious militia states. It's up to the Matheson family to uncover why the power went off and how to turn it back on. Tune in at 9 p.m. on NBC-5.

3 Debbie Reynolds' One-Woman Show

Sept. 16-17: Unsinkable screen star Debbie Reynolds' one-woman show is a mix of song and chatter that combines knock-'em-dead showbiz sensibility with anecdotal intimacy. At one moment a savvy celeb, the next just a girl who got a break, Reynolds shares saucy memories of the Golden Age of Hollywood, screens her own film clips, offers spot-on impressions of Jimmy Stewart and Katharine Hepburn, and pokes fun at her own dotage. See the show on Sept. 17-18 at Drury Lane Theatre (100 Drury Lane, Oakbrook Terrace). For tickets call (630) 530-0111 or visit drurylaneoakbrook.com.

4 David Byrne and St. Vincent

Sept. 18: David Byrne could have called it quits after Talking Heads, but his creative itch proved too powerful. He paired up with choreographer Twyla Tharp and stage director Robert Wilson, and worked with Fatboy Slim to fashion a disco opera about Imelda Marcos. Now he's found an artistic soul mate in St. Vincent, the singer/songwriter whose eclectic arrangements are an apt counterpart to Byrne's own singular strategies. On the heels of their brass-centric "Love This Giant," the two hit the Chicago Theatre (175 N. State) on Tuesday. Tickets: \$38 to \$78. Visit thechicagotheatre.com.



5 Charlie Foundation

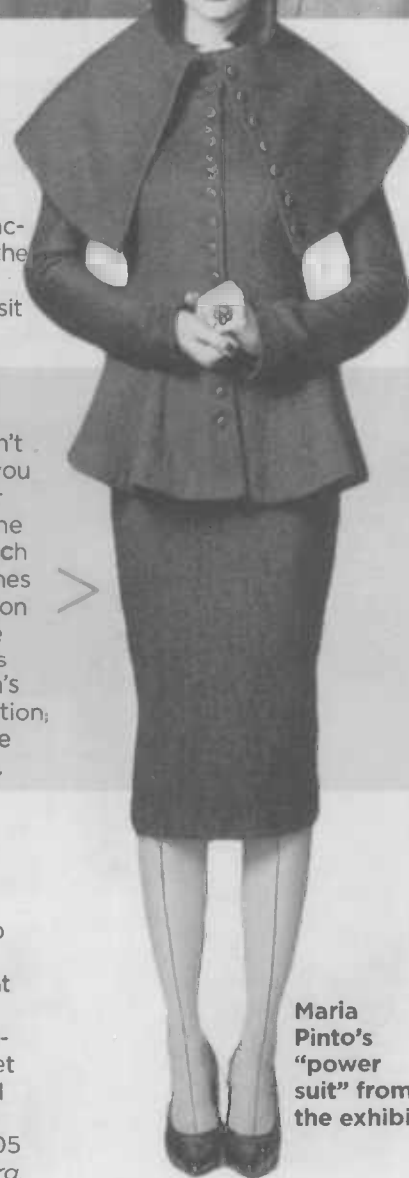
Sept. 21: The Charlie Foundation to Help Cure Pediatric Epilepsy will honor three-time Academy Award-winner Meryl Streep Friday at the Chicago Hilton Indian Lakes Resort in Bloomingdale. The iconic actress will be recognized for her work with the foundation, and actor Jeff Garlin will serve as Master of Ceremonies. Tickets: \$200. Visit charliefoundation.org

6 Fashion at the Field

Now Open: Eye-catching attire isn't the first thing that pops to mind when you think of the Field Museum. But designer Maria Pinto has taken inspiration from the rich array of garments housed there (such as an Inuit raincoat made of seal intestines and a parka made of bird skins) to fashion her own unique collection, which will be on display through June 16. Her fashions will be displayed alongside the museum's pieces, giving new meaning to the question, "Who are you wearing?" At 1400 S. Lake Shore, (312) 922-9410, fieldmuseum.org.

7 Opera Underground

Sept. 21: Ditch that run-of-the-mill happy hour for a post-work outing that combines cocktails and culture, thanks to Opera Underground. With Friday's presentation of Mozart's "The Magic Flute" at the Harris Theatre, the company hosts a pre-show reception for young professionals, where fans and novices alike can meet and mingle while enjoying beer, wine and opera-tinis, plus half-price tickets to the show for first-time subscribers; 6 p.m., 205 E. Randolph. Visit chicagooperatheater.org.



Maria Pinto's "power suit" from the exhibit

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HEAVENLY PARTY

Success must have been written in the stars for the Adler Planetarium's 10th annual Celestial Ball on Sept. 8. More than 800 partygoers — including **Jim Lovell**, the commander of NASA's Apollo 13 mission — filled the planetarium's Café Galileo and the adjacent Sundial Terrace, which offered a sweeping view of the Chicago skyline. Attendants dressed as astronauts sold raffle tickets and encouraged guests to bid on auction items, including an adorable puppy named Luna. Co-chairmen **Erika Bartelstein**, **Donna More**, **Laura Myntti** and **Meg Sauer** were thrilled as the evening rocketed past the \$1.2 million fund-raising target before the silent auction started, making it the most successful Celestial Ball ever.

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Guests mingled in Café Galileo.



Michael Stewart and Luna



Erika Bartelstein and Donna More



Meg Sauer



Scott and Rhonda Swanson



Left: Justin and Nina Woo

Above: Marilyn and Jim Lovell

Right: Mary Elizabeth DeYoung



Thomas Dent and Laura Myntti



Azeeza Desai Khan and Monika Dixon



Diana Palomar and Leah Hope



Brooke Johnson, Julie Selakovich and Lindsay Avner



Jennifer Lane



Whitney Lasky



Rich February



Laurie Davis

OUT TO LAUNCH

It was a particularly stylish Fashion's Night Out downtown at Saks Fifth Avenue on Sept. 6 as partygoers celebrated not only the latest trends, but also the launch of Splash. The celebration filled three floors of the mega department store as Chicago's best-dressed sipped, shopped and splashed through our premiere issue. **Amanda Puck, Kimberly Burt, Kristina McGrath, Lauren Buxbaum, Lisa Frame, Sam Saifer Bergard and Sherri Hoke** were the honorary hosts of the night, lending their names to one of the most attended events on Michigan Avenue. More than 800 guests mingled with Daily Splash columnists **Justine Fedak** and **Jim Karas**, as well as Chicago notables like **Alexi Giannoulis, Azeeza Desai Khan** and **Lindsay Avner**.

MORE OF THE EVENING'S FASHIONS ON OPPOSITE PAGE.

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AMANDA PUCK
in Veronique
Branquinho

NICOLE FEBRUARY
in Ralph Lauren blazer
and Citizen jeans

MAMIE WALTON
in Armani

FALLON RYAN
in Akira

JUSTINE
FEDAK
in Brenda Beddome

JULIE NERENBERG
BLOCK
in Cavalli

INDIGO GIRLS

F all leaves soon will start to burn fiery red, but Chicago ladies are keeping their styles cool on the other end of the spectrum. Saks Fifth Avenue's Fashion's Night Out on Sept. 6 saw the city's glam girls in regal hues of **PURPLE** and **BLUE**. From blazers to floor-length dresses, when deep shades are kept tame with simple accessories, your skin and eyes get the chance to shine.

sunday in the life

the art of *Relaxation*

Weekends are smooth sailing for Expo Chicago's **Tony Karman**

BY MADELINE SKAGGS

Starting Sept. 20 the iconic Ferris wheel won't be the most eye-catching thing on our lakefront as the inaugural Expo Chicago — an international exposition of contemporary and modern art and design — brings more than 100 of the world's best artists to Navy Pier.

The event is the brainchild of Tony Karman, former head of the now-disbanded Art Chicago and an art aficionado with 30 years of experience under his belt. His goal? To return Chicago to the forefront of international art fairs.

"Our city has a great art fair legacy and I believe strongly that Chicago deserves to once again have a leading fair on the international art fair calendar," Karman says.

Karman's experience, combined with a uniquely Chicago location, has attracted some of the biggest names in art, including: contemporary New York City-based artist Byron Kim; Jenny Holzer, creator of large-scale public displays; installation artist Dahn Vo; and local photographer Dawoud Bey. Such top-tier artwork deserves the perfect home, so Karman brought in renowned architect Jeanne Gang of Studio Gang Architects to design the interior of Festival Hall specifically for the fair.

Karman hopes that the four-day Expo event will spark a resurgence in the Chicago art scene.

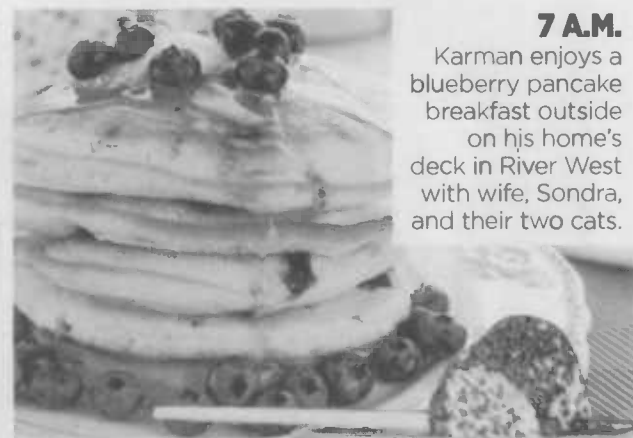
"It is my great hope that everyone from institutions to galleries to artists benefits greatly from the international exposure generated by Expo Chicago," he says. "I hope that this week of activities has a lasting impact on Chicago's arts and cultural community."

With just a few days to go before the big event, Karman takes a break to chronicle his perfect Sunday routine.

Check out Expo Chicago on Sept. 20-23 at Navy Pier (600 E. Grand).



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7 A.M.

Karman enjoys a blueberry pancake breakfast outside on his home's deck in River West with wife, Sondra, and their two cats.

8 A.M.

The perfect laidback ritual, Karman reads the Sunday New York Times and watches "CBS Sunday Morning" with hot coffee, preferably from Big Shoulders (1105 W. Chicago).



11 A.M.

Bike up the drive. What's more beautiful than the lakefront?



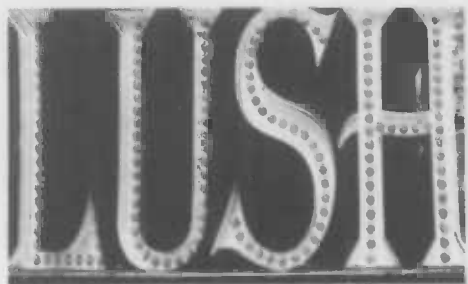
5 P.M.

Karman cooks a healthy dinner with Sondra; they love shrimp pasta.



NOON

Karman sets sail on Nighthawk, his friend Carl Hammer's classic '46 wooden sailboat.



7 P.M.

Dinner outside on the deck with Sondra, the cats and a great bottle of wine from Lush Wine and Spirits (1412 W. Chicago). Then early to bed and early to rise.

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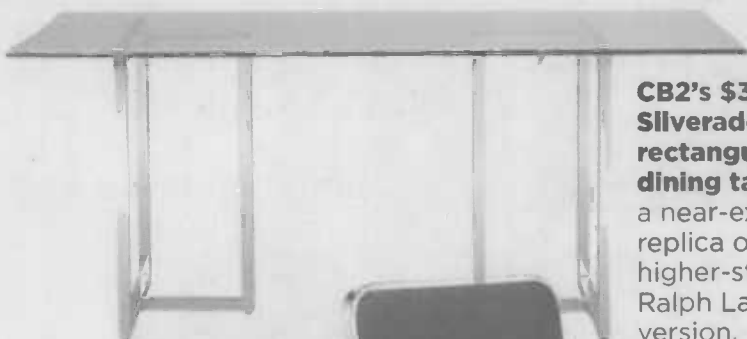
MEET THE 'FABULO

AFFORDABLE ALTERNATIVES

Pickart designed this South Loop dining room for one of her clients. Here, she shares her picks for home pieces that look just like the designer goods, but for a fraction of the price:



The Ether 150 S chandelier is a modern classic, but rings in at a pricey \$10,000. For the same high-end look try the **Glass Links Chandelier from ZGallerie** for a reasonable \$299 (left).



CB2's \$349 Silverado rectangular dining table is a near-exact replica of a higher-stakes Ralph Lauren version.



Dark chairs help ground a glass-filled room. Check out the **Alta Chair from CB2**, a relative bargain at \$199.



US FAKER'

Interior designer Alison Pickart can create a glamorous space at any price

BY SHERRY THOMAS

Long before decorating lush multimillion-dollar homes in London, Paris and Chicago, interior designer Alison Pickart was just trying to make her 10-person college house at the University of Dayton more livable.

"It got trashed constantly and I couldn't stand it," says Pickart. "So one weekend I taught myself how to reupholster. I took apart this sofa so I could understand how it all worked and how it fit together."

A part-time job at a local fabric store had her all set up with the perfect material to experiment with — a cotton graphic print from the, ahem, children's department.

"It had elephants on it, or something silly like that, but it actually ended up looking really cool on this sectional," she says, adding that her once-skeptical roommates were thrilled with the result.

Could that have been the beginning of Pickart's playful alter ego, "The Fabulous Faker"?

Well, maybe. She's always believed that it's easy to swap budget-friendly options for their high end counterparts. And if you chat long enough with the woman whose talents are now in demand around the world, you realize that she was probably born with this talent.

"For me, design is like breathing. I've always wanted to live in a space that looked and felt very glamorous, even when I didn't have any money," she says. "I think the origin of The Fabulous Faker was me wanting to have the look that was in the magazines, but not being able to afford it."

It was an obsession, one that she wanted to share.

Soon after graduating from Uni-

versity of Dayton, Pickart opened Alison Pickart LLC and began studying at the Harrington College of Design in Chicago. Today, she divides her time between Chicago and San Francisco, designing interiors for homes around the world. Some are very glamorous and expensive, while some are more eclectic and creative, mixing a few select high-end treasures with affordable chic.



Alison Pickart

"My career has led me into projects that many designers aspire to," Pickart says. "At the same time, every client at every level wants the same thing. They want quality and they want value. It's very indicative of the economy we're in as well."

So what's Pickart's approach when clients come to her with a look that they want

for less? She does what she's always done — improvise.

"There's no excuse anymore not to have a totally fabulous environment to live in," she adds. "There are just so many sources, so many ways to figure something out. And [then] you can do it yourself."

For more information about Alison Pickart's design projects, including her latest FRIPPERY collection of custom jewelry, visit alisonpickart.com.

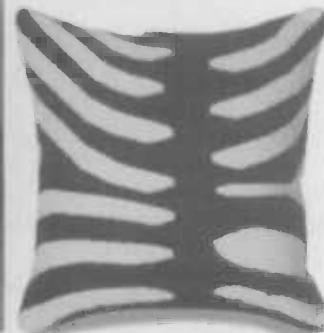
ALISON'S CHEAT SHEET

MIX AND MATCH: "Mixing materials and textures is huge, but it doesn't have to be the most expensive thing you do," Pickart says. She recently paired a plush upholstered settee with an ordinary wood table to create an inviting kitchen sanctuary. She also has been known to pop a sparkly chandelier into an unexpected space — such as a powder room or kitchen — for a touch of glamour.



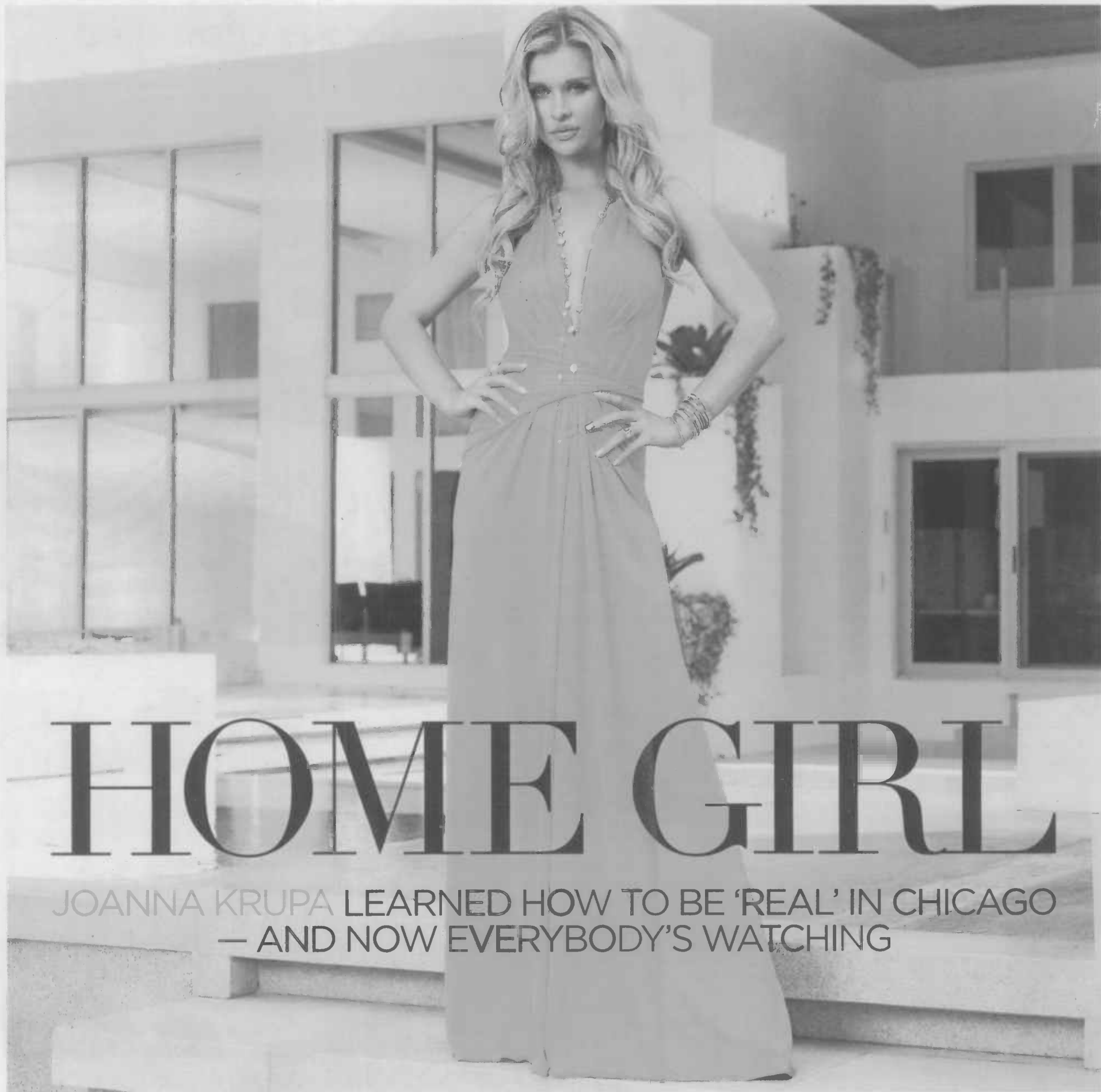
ATTENTION TO DETAIL:

A gorgeously saturated blue can transform a room for the cost of a few cans of paint. (Pickart suggests Benjamin Moore's Bold Blue.) And for a playful pop, add accessories. Animal prints are always in style and can be found in a range of prices. A \$500 zebra pillow, for example, is easily switched out with the \$115 Jonathan Adler Black Zebra version.



UNEXPECTED ACCENTS: A clever found object can give character to any room. Pickart loves mixing clamshells and succulents or filling a basket with concrete mushrooms. When in doubt? She says moss spheres are always an excellent source of "green."





HOME GIRL

JOANNA KRUPA LEARNED HOW TO BE 'REAL' IN CHICAGO
— AND NOW EVERYBODY'S WATCHING

She was born in Poland, reared in west suburban Lombard and now divides her time between luxurious homes in Los Angeles and Miami. But whether she's making waves as an activist for People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals or as one of Bravo's "Real Housewives," supermodel Joanna Krupa's trademark is her Chicago point of view.

"I've noticed from my fans that they like me to be real," says Krupa. "They like me to be honest and truthful."

And being real means she is both joyously unfiltered and just fine with being disliked — if people don't get her, that's their problem. It's also one of the reasons her career has skyrocketed since she moved from Chicago to L.A. 13 years ago, starting out as a swimsuit model, then becoming a cover girl for magazines including GQ and Shape, and finally launching a reality television career with her 2009 appearance on "Dancing with the Stars."

This week, she debuted on the cast of the "Real Housewives of Miami," where she has lived part time ever since she met her fiancé five years ago, and her tell-it-like-it-is approach is already setting her apart. Previews show her stirring things up all season — from heated arguments with other cast members (face it: the catfights are the reason the "Housewives" are such delicious viewing) to confronting her fiancé, Mynt nightclub owner Romain Zago, about rumors of his infidelity.

Subjecting her personal life to the cameras was a calculated risk.

"Who wouldn't want to do the show?" she asks. "It's one of the top franchises out there. I also wanted to show the real side of me. I'm like everybody else — I don't wake up in the morning and look the way I do on a magazine cover. I want people to see that."

You could say that Krupa's self-assuredness was cultivated during her formative years in Chicago. Her parents moved here when she was 5, and at first they lived in a Polish neighborhood at Belmont and Milwaukee.

"I had to grow up fast, taking care of my little sister while my parents worked seven days a week, 12-15 hours a day," she says. "That's why I speak my mind and I'm fearless."

That fearlessness is evident from the opening credits ("I'm a model, but



New "Housewives" (from left) Karent Sierra, Joanna Krupa and Ana Quincoces make nice during a toast.

not always a model citizen," she teases). Krupa takes on Miami society dames, letting them know whenever she gets the chance that there's a new girl in town. During the course of the season, "You'll see how a lot of the old Miami

[women] think they ruled Miami, and then they have new girls stepping in their territory."

And truly, nothing was off limits for the cameras.

"When I signed up for the show, I decided that I had no doubt in my mind I wanted the whole world to know

what I'm going through," she says. "So many things happened in the months we were shooting. Some moments were tough, but you know, that's life. And I'm glad people will be able to live that with me."

Krupa says her closest friend on the show is another new character, Lisa Hochstein (the wife of a prominent Miami plastic surgeon known as the "boob god"), and admits she has enemies on the show — though she doesn't want to name names.

"Some girls I like more than oth-

ers," she says carefully, "some I had situations with that hopefully we can work out."

Despite the network's many promos that hint toward relationship trouble, Krupa and her fiancé, who wrapped up filming in May, are still together.

"We haven't set a wedding date yet," she says. "We've been together for five years and I feel like we're married. But we have the same issues as everybody else. We have our ups and downs, but [a wedding] is definitely in our future."

Also in her future: Krupa's third campaign for PETA, which debuts in October. Krupa has a soft spot for animals — she has four dogs and is fostering an abandoned 8-year-old Yorkie — and activism is what she considers her life's work. While she can't talk about the campaign yet, she promises it'll get tongues wagging.

"It has a huge comedic side to it," she says. "We'll see how people respond to it. Hopefully we'll get some positive feedback."

And even if it doesn't, she'll be just fine.

—Susanna Negovan

CHICAGO VERSUS MIAMI

"It's such a quick and easy trip," says Joanna Krupa. "I have some Chicago friends who any time they find an excuse to come out, they come to Miami — especially during the winter season."

ON FACES

"In Miami you see a lot of plastic, a lot of women you're like, 'Wow, what have you done to yourself?' In Chicago, they're more subtle with it." (Winner: Chicago!)



ON FASHION

"Women in Miami just flaunt it; they just go for it. In Chicago, if they shouldn't wear something, they don't." (Winner: Chicago!)



ON FAVORITE PLACES

In Miami: the Bal Harbour Shops, Nobu restaurant and the poolside cabanas at the SLS Hotel. **In Chicago:** shopping on Michigan Avenue and visiting relatives in Wooddale, Bensenville and Itasca. (Winner: Miami)

WATCH IT
"The Real Housewives of Miami" airs Thursdays at 8 p.m. on Bravo

ANIMAL HABITAT

Wilderness-inspired style jumps off the runway and into our homes



FLIGHT OF THE COUTURE
This Ralph Lauren dress is one of many animal-inspired designs for fall.
| FRAZER HARRISON-GETTY IMAGES



1. Walter E. Smithe: woodland bench, \$1,549; Smithe.com

2. Jayson Home: shield mirror, \$3,995; 1885 N. Clybourn; Jaysonhome.com

3. John-Richard Collection: contemporary horn lamp, \$1,025; Neimanmarcus.com

4. Jonathan Adler: burnt orange feather headress, \$725; 676 N. Wabash; Jonathanadler.com

5. Lauren Ralph Lauren: margeaux faux fur throw blanket, \$220; Bloomingdales.com

6. Denby: Praline dinnerware collection, \$142; Macys.com

7. Room and Board: Cowhide brindle pillow, \$109; 55 E. Ohio; Roomandboard.com

WEAR THE WILD THINGS



1. LuLu's at the Belle Kay: Repurposed vintage horse medallion, \$350; 3862 N. Lincoln; Lulusbellekay.com

2. Giuseppe Zanotti: Calf hair and suede metal heel pumps, \$895; 700 N. Michigan; Saksfifthavenue.com

3. Alexis Bittar: Siyabona gold pyrite panther ring, \$275; Intermixonline.com

4. Meredith Marks: Tamara yellow gold earrings, \$1,595; Meredithmarks.com;

5. Coach hinged zebra bangle, \$138; 625 N. Michigan; Coach.com

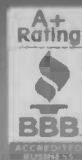
6. DSW: Poppie Jones Side V snake flap clutch, \$26.95; Dsw.com

7. Lana Jewelry: Primal bracelet, \$1,280; lanajewelry.com

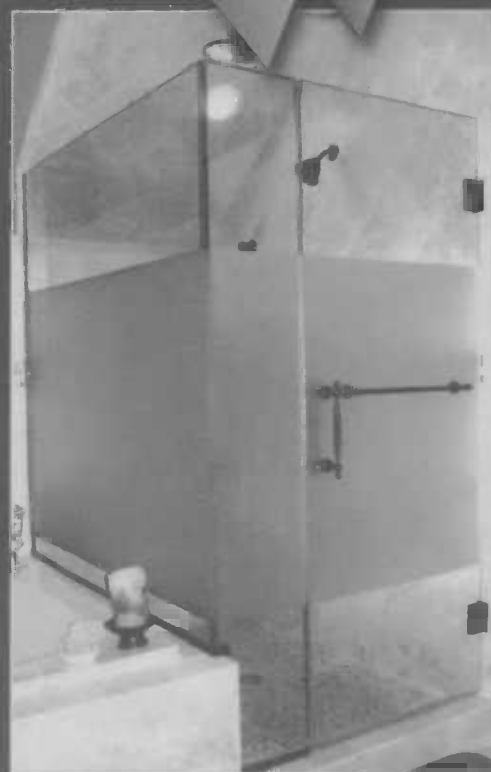
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Helen Berkun and Dennis Vishnevskiy

To say that the wedding of fashion stylist Helen Berkun and property manager Dennis Vishnevskiy was intimate is an understatement. There were only six close friends present, with almost all playing roles such as officiant, caterer and musician. “We wanted to be raw and authentic,” says Berkun. “And that’s hard to do when you’re in front of many people.” The duo wed at Millard Park, an English-style garden in suburban Highland Park, in a ceremony inspired by Berkun’s loves of fashion and Tim Burton. “We came up with a fairy-tale story about lovers in a forest,” says Berkun. The theme translated to Berkun’s attire, too; she donned an ethereal off-the-rack Tadashi Shoji gown, Manolo Blahnik shoes, a 12-foot veil and a floral wreath on her head. One of the most memorable moments of the day happened while the bride walked down the aisle. “Our friend played guitar, and I forgot to tell him what song I wanted so he played ‘Inside of You’ from the movie ‘Forgetting Sarah Marshall,’” she says. “We were laughing so hard!” — *Molly Each*

For more of their story and photos, go to Splash.suntimes.com | PHOTOS BY BILLY ROOD

CHEERS!



Congrats to friend-of-Splash **Azeeza Desai Khan**, who celebrated the one-year anniversary of her fashion line, Atelier AZZA, with a bash at Public hotel, co-hosted by *GlossedandFound.com*'s **D. Graham Kostic** and publicist **Monika Dixon**. Attendees included style-savvy Chicagoans **Anna Davlantes**, **April Francis**, **Jenn Lake** and **Marla Ponce**. While a sparkler-topped cake and birthday serenade from alumni of the Chicago Children's Choir dazzled, it was the preview of AZZA's new collection that stole the show.

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sunday dinner



UNDERWATER, ELEVATED

Jellyfish's Rocco Tacos

Jellyfish makes a splash in the Gold Coast

Sunday nights can be complicated: You're craving one last night on the town before a week of meetings, yet looking for an eatery that skews low key. Enter Jellyfish (1009 N. Rush). Combining sleek urban design with the mellow mood of a seaside retreat, it's miles away from the Gold Coast hustle and bustle — yet chic enough to start the week off on a stylish note.

At Jellyfish, managing partners **Joseph De Vito** and **Josh Carl** have brought together a youthful culinary team to create a restaurant unlike any other in the city.

"What's cool about the restaurant is that it takes you on a tour of Asia," says De Vito. Executive chef **Harold Jurado** (of Japonais and Chizakaya) and sushi chef **Andy Galsan** (of SushiSamba Rio) have come together to create a menu that features fresh sushi, classic maki rolls and standard Asian dishes such as Mandarin orange duck (\$30). But there's also a selection of nontraditional dishes topped with traditional flavors, such as the rocco taco with hamachi, radish, red onion, citrus, ponzu and wontons (\$13).

Pair dinner with an equally flavorful cocktail such as the Mad Dragon (beer, sriracha, worchestershire, lime, barbecue bitters, \$8) and sip it while surrounded by the melodic colors of whitewashed beechwood, creamy-white booths and ocean-blue tiles, and it's easy to forget it's the end of the weekend — almost.

GOURMET TO GO

Looking for a sushi fix at home, but haven't yet mastered the bamboo roll method? Check out these suggestions from **GrubHub**, the Chicago-based takeout and delivery site.



SUNDA NEW ASIAN, 110 W. Illinois

The fresh, imaginative rolls from award-winning Sunda combine flavors such as creamy lobster, wagyu sashimi and truffle-foie aioli. Don't miss the crispy rice appetizer topped with spicy tuna and jalapeno (pictured).



RA SUSHI, 1139 N. State

Ra's eclectic flavors are evident in maki rolls like the Pacific roll with avocado and mango salsa (pictured).

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real estate

LIVING LARGE & LUXE

The Chicago housing market is showing signs of life, and among the new listings there are a handful of million-dollar abodes awaiting the perfect buyer — or just offering a dose of real estate eye candy.

Like this lavish 6,200-square-foot waterside retreat. The 19 expansive townhouses that wrap around The River-view's two soaring towers at 415 and 445 E. North Water — a striking complex designed by DeStefano and Patners and finished in 2006 — are little-known gems that rarely languish on the market for long thanks to their size, services and ideal location overlooking the Chicago River, Lake Michigan, skyline and Navy Pier. But the townhome's architecture and design is also notable: It includes four bedrooms, 4.5 baths, floor-to-ceiling bay windows, two private

balconies, a 1,500-square-foot roof deck, an eat-in kitchen with Wolf appliances and burnished copper countertops, two working fireplaces, a fully loaded media room and a state-of-the-art 1,500-bottle wine room. Factor in amenities such as a 24-hour doorman, concierge, two indoor parking spots, a full-service fitness center and proximity to Michigan Avenue (two blocks), the Loop (across the river) and the lake, and it's hard not to at least steal a glance — and daydream away.

\$2.999 million, Joanne Nemerovski at Prudential Rubloff, 312-264-1100



The townhouses at 415 and 445 E. North Water feature private balconies and a wine room.

DOWN BY THE RIVER

Here are a few additional offerings perfectly situated on the river:

450 E. Waterside, Unit 202: A 1,950-square-foot, two-bedroom, 2.5-bathroom condo for \$699,000; Naomi Wilkinson at Magellan Realty, (312) 622-1002

450 E. Waterside, Unit 2406: A 900-square-

foot, one-bedroom, one-bathroom condo for \$325,000; Bhavna Sharma at Charles Rutenberg Realty, (630) 618-8661

416 E. North Water: A 1,965-square-foot, three-bedroom, three-bathroom townhouse for \$749,000; David Boyyn at Kale Realty, (312) 939-5253



450 E. Waterside

HOME STYLE

Our pick of the week: Give any home the royal treatment with Molten Metallics, the newest addition to Benjamin Moore's Studio Finish paint line. The glossy hues can create the look of hand-hammered metal on any wall, object or piece of furniture — plus it's rustproof, so you can take the upscale look to your favorite outdoor space, too. Choose from gold, copper, bronze, gun smoke, silver and charcoal; \$15.95 a pint or \$22.95 a quart at benjaminmoore.com or (855) 724-6802.



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START YOUR ENGINES

Chicago got a major horsepower boost as the 15th annual Ferraris in the Loop benefit parked itself on Monroe between Clark and Dearborn on Sept. 9. The event, which celebrated the Italian Village restaurant's 85th anniversary, was hosted by the Ferrari Club of America and featured 50 cars ranging from a vintage 1962 250 GTO to a brand-new 2012 FF. Guests of the restaurant and passersby posed next to the sleek sports cars and raised funds for Lurie Children's Hospital and Inspiration Corp., an organization dedicated to helping the homeless by providing job training and housing services.



Brock and Liz Haldeman with sons Becksen and Aksel



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NO OVERHEAD LIGHTING! Make sure to stand where the light is in front (and not on top) of you, says Jenny.

Q What's your secret to looking good in pictures?
—Kathlene from Hoffman Estates

Jenny McCarthy: Duh, airbrushing. The only celeb I know who doesn't need it on her face is Kim Kardashian. Her skin is flawless. The first time I met her it was like I had never seen a human before. My hand stretched out and literally grabbed her cheek to see if her skin was real. The b--- has a face that should never be retouched. Her butt, on the other hand, I'm sure has been airbrushed to look good. But whose butt hasn't in Hollywood?

Another tip I can give you to look good in pictures is to just make sure you are powdered. There is nothing worse than a greasy forehead to not only age you, but accentuate the pores on your face.

Also, know your lighting. So many women groan when they see someone take a camera out, knowing they are going to hate themselves in the photo. If you want to minimize what you might think is a flaw, don't take a picture under an overhead light. Move to a spot where the light is coming directly at you, not on top of you.

Last but not least, get an airbrush app on your phone camera. My favorite is morebeaute2. That app turns me from looking like Jimmy Carter to Jenny McCarthy in no time!



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DISPATCHES FROM OUR CHICAGOAN IN HOLLYWOOD, LIZ CROKIN

Rock 'n' roll romance

One of the perks of living in Los Angeles is that on any given night you can stumble into a local West Hollywood hot spot with the very good chance you're going to bump into a rock star. That happened to me the night I went to a Steel Panther show at the House of Blues only to find myself sitting next to **Gene Simmons** and his family. But sometimes the opposite happens and a small piece of the Sunset Strip lands in the Windy City.

Last weekend the members of KISS and Mötley Crüe descended on Chicago for their Sept. 7 concert in Tinley Park. Crüe bassist **Nikki Sixx** and his girlfriend, **Courtney Bingham**, spoke exclusively to me about their adventures and shared some of their private photos.

The hard rockin' Sixx is sweet on Courtney — who was celebrating her 27th birthday — and spoiled her with a spa day, then surprised her by filling their Trump Chicago Hotel room with bouquets of roses and rose petals scattered all over the bed. Later that night, the couple headed to Alinea to meet up with the band's drummer, **Tommy Lee**.

"We had Courtney's birthday dinner at the best restaurant in the country [with] a 21-course meal at Alinea," says Sixx, who added that he's a big fan of our town. "[Chicago] is the most beautiful city I've been to in the U.S. So clean and everyone is so friendly."

Bingham — who met Sixx on a blind date two years ago — said that they also spent time bike riding on Michigan Avenue and sampled the Chicago-style eats at O'Brien's and Uno. She says that Sixx' wild days are over (he's been sober for years) but she can't say the same about some of the fans she saw at their concert.

"There are a lot of crazy



Nikki Sixx and girlfriend Courtney Bingham stopped for a quick photo along the Chicago River (above). Sixx surprised Bingham with rose petals scattered on the bed of their hotel room.

women in their 50s flashing the band and it's so not appropriate!" she jokes.

Say it ain't S-Oprah!

You know times are tough when Lady O does what she vowed she never would do: interview the Kardashians! Sources tell me **Oprah** has little respect for the fame-hungry family, especially momager **Kris Jenner**. "She despises the Kardashians and never even considered having them on the Oprah show," my source says. "She only booked them because she knew they'd help draw in the ratings." The decision paid off because the interview brought in a huge ratings boost for OWN.

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TOP FIVE



Managing Editor Jennifer Thomas' entertainment picks for this week



Two-hour bike tours of Frank Lloyd Wright structures in Oak Park begin at 9:30 a.m. Sept. 22 and 23 at Greenline Wheels, 105 S. Marion St., Oak Park. See go-wright.org/pedal.

Agape Ringers handbell ensemble performs at 4 p.m. Sept. 23 at Edison Park Lutheran Church, 6626 N. Oliphant, Chicago. Call (773) 631-9131.

Spotlighters at the Mette presents an inter-generational salute to movie musicals at 3 p.m. Sept. 23 and 29-30 at the Wilmette Theatre. See wilmettetheatre.com.

Tempel Lipizzan stallions (above) perform from 1 to 3 p.m. Sept. 23 at Tempel Farms, 17000 Wadsworth Road, Wadsworth. Call (847) 623-7272 or see tempel-farms.com.

Movie and TV historian Steven Frenzel will give a program on Lucille Ball at 10:30 a.m. Sept. 25 at Niles Public Library. Call (847) 663-6405 or see www.nileslibrary.org.



Kids film fest brings Hollywood to Skokie

Bailey Kapel holds the slate while Kevin Johnson and Darshan Bhatt wait for action while filming "Power of the Youth."

BY BRUCE INGRAM | Contributor

No one's going to think they're too old.

Hollywood worships youth, and the young actors, directors, screenwriters, camera operators and sound specialists of the Skokie Kids Film Festival certainly have that on their side if they decide to head off to Hollywood after their cinematic debut.

Fourteen kids ages 6 to 14 got together for the first (possibly annual) Skokie Kids

Film Fest, produced by Gorilla Tango Theatre and directed by Jessica Alldredge of Chicago. Splitting into three groups, they made three original short films. The 10-minute productions will be given the red-carpet treatment at showcase screenings Sept. 22 and 23, with two kids emceeing and everyone dressed to kill.

"They really did great job," said Alldredge, who led a similar project in a Montessori school in her native

The Skokie Kids Film Festival: An Evening with the Stars

Gorilla Tango's Skokie Theatre, 7924 Lincoln Ave., Skokie
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Birmingham before pitching the festival to Gorilla Tango as part of the company's children's programming.

"Everything had to be done quickly because school started smack in the middle of the time we had open for this



Steve-O to reveal giant tattoo of himself

BY DAN PEARSON | Contributor

Expect outrageous stunts and filthy stories when “Jackass” veteran Steve-O makes his first visit to the Zanies comedy nightclub in Rosemont this weekend.

“It is clearly a comedy-variety show. I would be betraying my brand if I just stood there and talked the whole time,” he said about his act.

Steve-O said the latter portion of each show will be devoted to stunts and tricks which could include setting his hair on fire.

“I wouldn’t rule it out as a possibility,” said Steve-O, a London native born to an American father and a Canadian mother in 1974.

Ever the consummate showman, Steve-O will also reveal the larger than life-size tattoo of himself on his own back.

“I generally have included a back tattoo reveal into the top of each show,” he said.

That Steve-O portrait was conceived as a stunt for the first “Jackass” movie. It took 16½ hours to complete over the course of four sessions with an ink artist.

Steve-O, a former student at Ringling Brothers-Barnum & Bailey Clown College, first considered



Steve-O of “Jackass” fame will do his stand-up/variety act at Zanies in Rosemont Sept. 21 and 22.

doing stand-up in 2006 when he was invited to perform a crazy stunt at an L.A. comedy club.

“I figured the craziest stunt I could do would be to try stand-up. I had some crazy beginner’s luck and I got some legit laughs. So I made a conscious decision to pursue it more.”

In 2008, following an intervention by Johnny Knoxville and his fellow “Jackass” performers, Steve-O

entered rehab and kicked some of his demons.

“I have been really, really fortunate every step of the way. I owe a major debt of gratitude to those guys for stepping in the way they did,” he said. “Even though I have been free of drugs and alcohol for four and a half years, there are some incredibly intense issues that don’t go away.”

Steve-O

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Doing stand-up, he said, is one way to cope.

“You’ve got to have a sense of humor about things. The direction of my new material is very much about looking back to childhood. In many ways, I am still this damaged little child.”

As a teenager, Steve-O started to document his perilous skateboard stunts with a video camera but he said the urge to show off goes back even further.

“I can remember being 8 years old and consuming shakers of salt for the entertainment of my peers. Ironically, I stuck with that behavior and it turned into a career for me.”

Next up for Steve-O is hosting “Killer Karaoke,” which debuts Oct. 19 on the truTV cable channel.

“People sing karaoke while horrible things happen to them. Such as they get electrocuted consistently throughout their performance and they have to keep singing no matter what.”



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Big sister Maggie (Olivia Cygan) comforts little brother Finn (Gabriel Stern) in "Tusk Tusk," about siblings living alone after their mentally ill mother vanishes.

Young actors elevate dark 'Tusk Tusk'

BY CATEY SULLIVAN | Contributor

The descent from *The Boxcar Children* to *Lord of the Flies* comes steep and fast in Polly Stenham's "Tusk Tusk."

For the three abandoned siblings left to fend for themselves after their mother goes missing, the degeneration of the eldest from caring, supportive brother to rage-filled abuser is as rapid as it is alarming. Eliot, 16, may have the best intentions but it's only a short journey before he's locking his 14-year-old sister Maggie and 7-year-old brother Finn in a dark, dank basement.

Directed by Jennifer Green for Piven Theatre, "Tusk Tusk" is a flawed play elevated by a cast that captures the overwhelming desperation, fear, frustration and the intense, wrenching longing of the three youngsters as they try to keep their mother's disappearance a secret and avoid being split up and sent "into care" as wards of the state.

When their troubled mother vanishes, Eliot, Maggie and Finn enter into a dire secret agreement: They'll care for themselves, no matter how spectacularly ill-equipped — emotionally and financially — they are to do so.

Subsisting on potato chips and Chinese take-out, the three start out well enough. Finn bounds through the apartment joyfully pretending he is Max, hero of *Where the Wild Things Are*, seemingly oblivious to the fact that something is very, very

wrong. Maggie finds a stash of money in the unpacked boxes that fill the apartment, giving at least a temporary illusion of security to the children. And Eliot takes on the duties of provider, heading out at night to buy food for his brother and sister.

In the slow first act, Stenham provides a detailed portrait of the relationship between the three, especially Eliot and Maggie. The children are intensely close. He's the adored big brother, she's the trusting

co-conspirator.

The primary fault with "Tusk Tusk" lies in its overlong first act. Stenham takes her time setting up the complex dynamic between siblings; it's not until the second act that they em-

bark on their cataclysmic emotional journeys. The piece would be far more powerful pared to a taut 90 minutes.

Still, with the latter half of "Tusk Tusk," Green's cast delivers some thrilling performances, work that belies their young ages. As Eliot, Bryce Lunskey, 16, captures all the emotionally and physically fraught contradictions of a young man forced early into shouldering responsibilities he just can't handle. In Maggie, Olivia Cygan, 18, portrays a girl caught in a trap of early adulthood, at once fervently trying to shoulder the burdens of adult responsibility, secrets and shame and passionately longing to confess all to an adult. Cherubic Gabriel Stern (Finn) is a wholly believable bundle of energy, laughter and tears as a 7-year-old at the mercy of a scary, grown-up world. ■

'Tusk Tusk'

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Musicians take on church and state at S.P.A.C.E.

BY MICHAEL MARTINEZ | Contributor

In presidential election years, political activism takes on many forms.

Americans United for the Separation of Church and State, an activist organization dedicated

to that cause, has put together a concert series called Voices United for the Separation of Church and State.

The group has a goal of holding 50 concerts in 50 states, Sept. 26-Oct. 1, to promote the First Amendment right. S.P.A.C.E. in Evanston is the venue for Illinois' showcase for the cause, scheduled at 7 p.m.,

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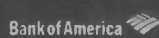
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Steve Dawson

"I wish I could be in all 50 states to see all 50 concerts," Gaudins said.

And while music will highlight the evening, Gaudins said there could be pause for discussion about the issue.

"It's about what is important and unites people," Gaudins said. "What is important is freedom. And the separation of church and state is a freedom that is important to everybody."

Further, Gaudins believes the show will encourage people to celebrate the best of America instead of the worst.

"I've seen a lot of appealing to people's fears during the campaign already," she said. "We want people to celebrate things that they love. If you love someone or something, you shouldn't be afraid to celebrate it." ■



Nichols Hall celebrates 10 years of music

BY DOROTHY ANDRIES | Contributor

In May of 2003, the Music Institute of Chicago opened a new concert hall in the meticulously repurposed Christian Science Church at the corner of Chicago and Grove in Evanston.

To mark that milestone, the Nichols Concert Hall's 2012-13 concert season celebrates its 10th anniversary with a schedule packed with performances by world class artists, faculty members and alumni running through next July.

Among the stellar musicians performing this season are the Pacifica Quartet, Feb. 16, former Quartet-in-Residence at the MIC; alumnae violinist Rachel Barton Pine, May 18; cellist Wendy Warner, Nov. 17; and pianist Sergei Babayan, April 21. The Brotherhood Chorale of the Apostolic Church of God in Chicago, returns Jan. 20 for its annual Martin Luther King, Jr. birthday concert. And the Chicago Duo Piano Festival will celebrate its 25th anniversary season with concerts July 12-21.

"The first time I physically walked into the hall, it took my breath away," said Mark George, president and CEO of the Music Institute of Chicago since 2010. "I was being interviewed for the job, and I thought as a musician, you can't ask for anything better."

In addition to running the music school, which serves more than 10,000 students at all levels of ability, George collaborates on the concert schedule with Fiona



LEFT: The Lincoln Trio is just one of many groups and artists celebrating 10 years of Nichols.

BELOW: Violinist Rachel Barton Pine will perform May 18 to celebrate the 10th anniversary of Nichols.

Queen, director of the Music Institute of Chicago's performance activities.

"She is very resourceful and has so many connections in the music world," he said.

That is particularly important, he said, not only for the community but for the students who study at the Winnetka-based music school, one of the three largest community music schools in the country. "All our students can attend our concerts free of charge," George said, observing that until the young people can travel the world, the MIC can bring the musicians of the world to them.

As performance manager, Queen is particularly proud of some of the innovative programs coming up this season. "There will be a jazz festival Oct. 26, 27 and 28, celebrating the life and music of Billy Strayhorn, Duke Ellington's long time collaborator," she said. "Our own jazz program at the Music Institute is steadily growing, and on the festival's opening night we're screening the documentary 'Billy Strayhorn: Lush Life.'"



The film will be followed by a panel discussion with Strayhorn biographer David Hajdu and filmmaker Robert Levi.

"We've got an exceptional faculty here," Queen said, "and they have put together a program called 'Opus 10.' On March 24 more than 20 members of our violin and piano faculty will play 10 Hungarian Dances by Brahms and 10 Chopin Études, Op. 10."

George agreed, adding, "They could all play every piece on that upcoming program. In fact, the pianists are drawing straws to see which one they will play!" ■

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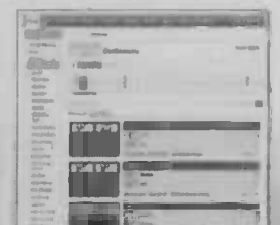
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Fox and Branch bring folk music to library



Musicians Will Branch and Dave Fox will be playing folk music at the Morton Grove Public Library Sept. 24.

BY MYRNA PETLICKI | Contributor

Kids keep busy during concerts by award-winning family entertainers Will Branch and Dave Fox.

"We play traditional folk music with a strong emphasis on getting kids involved and

participating in the music," Branch said.

Your children can get into the act at Fox and Branch: Family Folk Music, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Monday, Sept. 24 at Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave.

"We're going to be playing banjo, guitar, fiddle and washboard; and doing a lot of singing," Branch said.

While that's going on, the duo will have audience members dancing, singing, playing instruments and participating in stories.

"The goal is to get kids and parents really involved, enjoying the music — and helping us to make the music," Branch said.

The two musicians have been performing family shows for about a dozen years.

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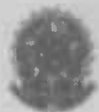
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BY BRUCE INGRAM | Film Critic

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★★★½

Rated

R for strong bloody horror violence and gore, language, drug use and some sexuality/nudity

Stars

Anna Hutchison, Chris Hemsworth, Kristen Connolly
This knowing, frequently brilliant, thoroughly entertaining meta-parody of the horror-movie genre from debut director Drew Goddard and co-writer Joss Whedon dazzles with the sheer ambition of its conceit. Five teens visit a spooky cabin in the woods for a little illicit fun — and run into something far, far worse than just your run-of-the-mill dismembering monsters. A must-see for genre fans with strong stomachs who appreciate a good, deconstructive laugh. Extras include audio commentary with writer/director Goddard and writer/producer Whedon.

HYSTERIA

★★★½

Rated

R for sexual content

Stars

Maggie Gyllenhaal, Hugh Dancy, Jonathan Pryce
Tanya Wexler's delightful (and often very, very funny) romantic comedy gets considerable mileage from the exquisitely ironic historical fact that the personal vibrating massager was invented in Victorian England. Dancy and Gyllenhaal are nicely

matched as a progressive, yet somewhat priggish, young doctor and an outrageously outspoken suffragette (also the daughter of our hero's employer, a physician who treats unhappy, well-to-do ladies with a highly specialized and minutely focused form of massage). As charming as it is hysterical (literally and figuratively), "Hysteria" toys with the early days of a risqué revolution. Extras include deleted scenes and commentary with Wexler.

ALSO NEW THIS WEEK

The PBS documentary series "American Experience" explores the effect the death of 750,000 people in four years had on America and its psyche.

THE BABYMAKERS

Desperate to impregnate his baby-crazed wife (Olivia Munn), a man (Paul Schneider) who believes he is now infertile asks friends to help him rob a sperm bank where he made a deposit years ago. Jay Chandrasekhar ("Supertroopers") directed the comedy.

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Two highly competitive brothers (Mark Kelly, Steve Zissis) stage their own private 25-event Olympics. Brothers Jay and Mark Duplass ("Cyrus") co-wrote and directed the comedy.

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"Raiders of the Lost Ark" has been restored in ultra-high definition (under the supervision of Steven Spielberg) and combined with remastered versions of all three sequels for the series Blu-ray debut. Extras include seven hours of bonus features including rarely seen footage from "Raiders."

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A famous Western novelist (Morgan Freeman) struggling with alcoholism takes up residence in a lakeside cabin in Belle Isle and befriends the single mom (Virginia Madsen) living next door with her daughters. Rob Reiner ("The Princess Bride") directed the inspirational drama. Extras include commentary and deleted scenes.

THE REVENANT

A horror-buddy-comedy about Joey (Chris Wylde) and his best friend Bart (David Anders) — who has come back to life as a rapidly deteriorating blood-drinking zombie. D. Kerry Prior ("Roadkill") directed. Extras include audio commentaries,



"The Cabin in the Woods"

deleted scenes and a photo gallery.

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PG-13 for crude and sexual content, thematic elements and language

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Jennifer Lopez, Cameron Diaz, Dennis Quaid, Chris Rock, Chace Crawford
This over-crowded, intermittently amusing film, featuring five couples coping with babies on the way, turns out to be more or less exactly what you might expect. So long as you're not expecting too much. If you're satisfied to chart some emotional ups and downs while chuckling at cutesy-crude, prego-comedy and gross-out gags along the way to a group birth-a-thon (with all the awe-inspiring moments you could wish for), it's a pretty safe bet. Extras include deleted scenes.

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Stars

Karl Urban, Olivia Thirlby, Lena Headey

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END-OF WATCH

Rated

R for strong violence, some disturbing images, pervasive language including sexual references and some drug use

Stars

Jake Gyllenhaal, Michael Pena, Anna Kendrick

Two police officers (Gyllenhaal and Pena) are marked for death after confiscating money and weapons from members of a crime cartel during a routine traffic stop. **David Ayer** ("Training Day") wrote and directed the crime drama.

HOUSE AT THE END OF THE STREET

Rated

PG-13 for intense sequences of violence and terror, thematic elements, language, some teen partying and brief drug material

Stars

Elizabeth Shue, Jennifer Lawrence
A mother and daughter (Shue and Lawrence) move next door to a house where a young girl murdered her parents, and the daughter befriends the surviving son. **Mark Tonderai** ("Hush") directed the thriller.

TROUBLE WITH THE CURVE

★★½

Rated

PG-13 for language, sexual references, some thematic material and smoking

Stars

Clint Eastwood, Amy Adams

An aging baseball scout (Eastwood) becomes reacquainted with his estranged daughter (Adams) on what could be his last scouting trip. Producer **Robert Lorenz** makes his directorial debut with the drama.

STILL PLAYING

ARBITRAGE

★★★½

Rated

R for language, brief violent images and drug use

Stars

Richard Gere, Susan Sarandon, Brit Marling, Nate Parker

Less a high-finance thriller than an elaborate morality play (in which few players take the moral high ground), "Arbitrage" basically wants to remind us of the terribly tangled web we start to weave when we deceive. It does confuse the issue somewhat by demonstrating it's possible to prevail with deception, if you lie hard enough and smart enough — though in the end a price has to be paid. Gere is impressive as a billionaire hedge-fund magnate who finds his fortune and public reputation are up for grabs when book-cooking and philandering leave him open to charges of fraud and manslaughter — unless he can brazen his way out with lies and outwit a zealous detective (Tim Roth). The strange thing is, though he's cold, ruthless, manipulative, arrogant and basically a world-class sleaze, you're likely to find yourself rooting for him. ■

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Strictly down the middle 'Curve'

BY BRUCE INGRAM | Film Critic

"Trouble with the Curve"

★★½

Straight down the middle with nothing especially tricky on the ball, "Trouble with the Curve" gets the job done, more or less, as a feel-good, baseball-themed romantic family drama and as a late-innings vehicle for star Clint Eastwood.

Eastwood plays Gus Lobel, an aging old-school baseball scout who can tell a fastball from a curve by the sound it makes and "spot talent from an airplane" according to his old buddy and boss Pete (John Goodman). Remember the hopelessly old-fashioned scouts in "Moneyball" who opposed Brad Pitt's computer-generated recruitment program? Gus is one of those guys, back to get some respect.

This time around, the computer guy (Matthew Lillard) is one of the film's two villains, a treacherous yuppie who has no love for the game and no understanding of the human factor. And "Trouble with the Curve" is all about the human factor.

Such as: Gus is a cantankerous old cuss who's done a good job keeping people at a distance most of his life, including his semi-estranged daughter Mickey (Amy Adams), now a hot-shot lawyer who's in line for a partnership at her firm if she can win a big case. He's accustomed to being alone and he lives for his work, but now, with his eyesight failing from glaucoma, he



Amy Adams and Clint Eastwood star in "Trouble with the Curve."

might need a little help for the first time in his life.

Enter Mickey (named for Mickey Mantle), who puts her big case on hold to accompany Gus on what may be his last scouting trip. Mickey has baseball in her blood just like Gus, of course, which makes it seem like fate may have taken a hand when Johnny "The Flame" Flanagan (Justin Timberlake), a nice-guy former pitching sensation discovered by Gus, shows up as a young scout.

At this point, "Trouble with the Curve" spends equal time developing the budding romance between Mickey and Johnny and the long-postponed rapprochement between Mickey and Gus. At the same time, Gus's evaluation of obnoxious minor-league slugger and movie villain No. 2 (Joe Massingill), is being tracked.

Will Gus's instinct and experience help him make the right call, even when he can't see? Will Mickey remember her love of baseball and give up her cold, corporate ambitions? Will Johnny find the way to her heart through her labyrinth of daddy issues?

That would be telling, of course, but this much seems fair to say: When life throws curves in movies like this, the good guys generally knock the ball out of the park. ■

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STAGE

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13+ 18+

Presented by Big Noise Theatre Company, a division of Winnetka Theatre, **Sept. 28-Oct. 21** at Prairie Lakes Theatre, 515 E. Thacker St., Des Plaines. Curtain at 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays; 3 p.m. Sundays. Tickets: \$25; \$23 for students and seniors. Visit www.big-noise.org.

"Tusk Tusk"



Chicago Symphony Orchestra cellist Richard Hirschl will perform Brahms' Concerto for Violin and Cello during Ars Viva Symphony Orchestra's concert at 3 p.m. Sept. 23 at the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie. The program also includes works by Khachaturian and Vaughan Williams. Tickets are \$36-\$70, with discounts for seniors and youth. Call (847) 673-6300 or visit www.arsviva.org.

18+

Through Oct. 7 at Piven Theatre Workshop, 927 Noyes St., Evanston. British newcomer Polly Stenham's play tells the story of London siblings left to fend for themselves after their bipolar mother goes missing. Performances at 7:30 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays; 2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturdays; and 2:30 p.m. Sundays. Tickets: \$25. Call (847) 866-8049 or visit www.piventheatre.org.

"Woody Sez — The Life and Music of Woody Guthrie"

13+ 18+ 65+

Through Oct. 21 at Northlight Theatre, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie. Featuring more than 30 of Guthrie's ballads and anthems, the production celebrates the colorful life and rich musical legacy of America's great folk troubadour. Curtain times are Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. (except Sept. 25 and Oct. 2 and 16); Wednesdays at 1 p.m. (except Sept. 26) and

7:30 p.m. (except Oct. 10); Thursdays at 7:30 p.m.; Fridays at 8 p.m. (except opening on Sept. 21 at 7:30 p.m.); Saturdays at 2:30 p.m. and 8 p.m.; Sundays at 2:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. (except Sept. 23, Oct. 7 and 21). \$25-\$72. Student tickets are \$15, any performance, subject to availability. Call (847) 673-6300 or visit www.northlight.org. Hootenannies, informal post-show "jam sessions" with the artists from the production, will be held following the performances Sept.

30 (after 7 p.m.), Oct. 7 (after 2:30 p.m.) and Oct. 14 (after 7 p.m.). Audience members are invited to bring their own instruments and join the artists onstage to play for approximately one hour after the performance.

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The handbell ensemble of 15 musician-ringers wielding 203 bronze handbells and 73 aluminum handchime instruments performs at 4 p.m. **Sept. 23** at Edison Park Lutheran Church, 6626 N. Oliphant, Chicago. \$10. Call (773) 631-9131.

Ars Viva Symphony Orchestra

13+ 18+ 65+

Performing at 3 p.m. **Sept. 23** at the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie. The program includes Brahms' Concerto for Violin and Cello with Chicago Symphony Orchestra soloists David Taylor, violin, and Richard Hirschl, cello; as well as works by Khachaturian and Vaughan Williams. Tickets: \$36-\$70, with discounts for seniors and youth. Call (847) 673-6300 or visit www.arsviva.org.

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p.m. **Sept. 30** at Music Institute of Chicago's Nichols Concert Hall, 1490 Chicago Ave., Evanston. The program includes works by Vivaldi, Respighi and Verdi. Tickets: \$25-\$45; free for college students with a valid student I.D. Call (312)-225-5226 or visit www.chicagochambermusic.org.

The Chicago Philharmonic

13+ 18+ 65+

Opening its 23rd season with "Bravo Brazil!" at 7 p.m. **Sept. 30** at Pick-Staiger Concert Hall on the Northwestern University campus, 50 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston. Featuring conductor and oboist Alex Klein and pianist Arnaldo Cohen, the program includes works by Antonio Carlos Gomes, Osvaldo Lacerda and Tchaikovsky. Tickets are \$25-\$75; \$10 for students. Call (847) 866-6888 or visit www.chicagophilharmonic.org.

Music Institute of Chicago

18+ 65+

Nichols Concert Hall, 1490 Chicago Ave., Evanston. (847) 905-1500. www.musicinst.org. **Sept. 23**, 3 p.m.: The Lincoln Trio performs Brahms' Trio in C Major; Turina's Piano Trio No. 1 in D

Major, Op. 35; and other works. \$30; \$20 seniors; \$10 students. **Oct. 21**, 3 p.m.: The Barkada Quartet performs works by Handel, Johann Sebastian Bach, Philip Glass and others. \$30; \$20 seniors; \$10 students.

Rembrandt Chamber Players

18+ 65+

Open their 23rd season with "Jazzy and Mellow Cellos" at 3 p.m. **Sept. 30** in Nichols Hall at the Music Institute of Chicago, 1490 Chicago Ave., Evanston. The program includes works by Stravinsky and Schubert. Tickets: \$35; \$25 for young adults ages 18-30; \$10 for students. Call (312) 360-3145 or visit www.rembrandtchamberplayers.org.

POP/FOLK/JAZZ

InterContinental Chicago O'Hare Hotel

18+

Montrose Room, 5300 N. River Road, Rosemont. (847) 544-5300. www.montroseroom.com. **Sept. 22**, 8:30 p.m.: Cathy Richardson Band. \$18-\$28 in advance; \$23-\$33 at the door. General admission \$12 in advance; \$17 at the door.

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Norridge. (708) 452-3190. **Sept. 25**, 7-10 p.m.: Jazz Community Big Band, an 18-piece big band, plays the music of Count Basie, Duke Ellington, Stan Kenton and others. No cover.

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18+

1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston. www.evanspace.com. (847) 492-8860. Shows at 8 p.m., unless noted otherwise. **Sept. 21:** Dirty Dozen Brass Band, \$25/\$30. **Sept. 22**, 7 p.m.: Lori McKenna (folk). \$15/\$18. **Sept. 22**, 10 p.m.: Roomful of Blues, \$20/\$25. **Sept. 23**, 7 p.m.: Gary Louris of The Jayhawks (folk). \$25/\$27. **Sept. 24:** Pearl & The Beard (indie/folk). \$12/\$15. **Sept. 25:** Matthew Perryman Jones and Matthew Mayfield, \$12/\$15. **Sept. 26-27:** 93XRT Jazz Transfusion welcomes John Scofield Trio, \$26-\$48. **Sept. 27**, 10 p.m.: Dry The River (folk). \$12-\$15. **Sept. 28:** Chris Hillman and Herb Pedersen (folk/bluegrass). \$25/\$30. **Sept. 28**, 10 p.m.: Michael Tolcher (pop). \$12/\$15. **Sept. 29:** Siegel Schwall Band with Johnny Burns (blues). \$22-\$42. **Sept. 30:** Chicago Blues Harp Bash #5, \$15/\$20. **Oct. 1**, 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.: Taj Majal Trio (blues). \$32-\$74. **Oct. 2:** Ben Taylor with Grace Weber. \$15/\$18. **Oct. 3:** Molly Lewis (acoustic pop). \$15/\$18/\$25. **Oct. 5**, 7 p.m.: Garnet Rogers, \$15/\$18. **Oct. 6:**

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Holding auditions for its holiday concert from 7:30-9:30 p.m. **Sept. 24** at the Park Ridge Non-Profit Center, 720 Garden St., Park Ridge. The concert will be performed at 7 p.m. Dec. 8 at St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Park Ridge. Call (847) 647-7116 or visit www.parkridgechorale.com.

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Members of The Shakespeare Project of Chicago and The Friends of the Niles Library kick off the Shakespeare reading season with a preview of the 2012-2012 presentations and refreshments at 7 p.m. **Sept. 21.** No registration required. The 2012-2013 theatrical reading season opens at the Niles Library at 7 p.m. **Oct. 26** with "Othello, The Moor of Venice." Register for the free readings at (847) 663-1234 or online at nileslibrary.org/calendar.

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6960 Oakton St., Niles. (847) 663-6405. www.nileslibrary.org. **Local history author events include — Sept. 23,** 2 p.m.: Theodore J. Karamanski of Loyola University discusses his book, *Rally 'Round the Flag*. **Sept. 26,** 7 p.m.: Journalist Andrew Schneider discusses his new book, *Nick Blase: The Prince of Niles*. Registration required for programs. A question-and-answer period and book-signing follows each presentation.

CHILD'S PLAY

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13+
7924 Lincoln Ave. Skokie. (773) 598-4549. www.gorillatango.com. **Sept. 22-23,** 5 p.m.: The Skokie Kids

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COMEDY

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FILM

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18+

4000 W. Pratt Ave. (847) 677-5277. www.lincolnwoodlibrary.org. **Sept. 21**, 1 p.m.: "Salmon Fishing in the Yemen."

Northwest Chicago Film Society

Classic Film Series is held at 7:30 p.m.

Wednesdays, unless otherwise noted, at the Portage Theater, 4050 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago. Admission is \$5. Visit www.northwest-chicagofilmssociety.org. **Sept. 26:** "The Great Gabbo" (1929) plus the cartoon "Ventriloquist Cat" (Tex Avery, 1954). **Oct. 3:** "Chad Hanna"

(1940) plus the short "Notes on the Circus."

LECTURES

Niles Public Library

18+

6960 Oakton St., Niles. (847) 663-6405. www.nileslibrary.org. **Sept. 25**, 10:30 a.m.: Steven Frenzel, movie and television historian of Marquee Movie Presentations, presents a program on Lucille Ball. **Sept. 27**, 7 p.m.: Lyric Opera Lecture Series features "Elektra."

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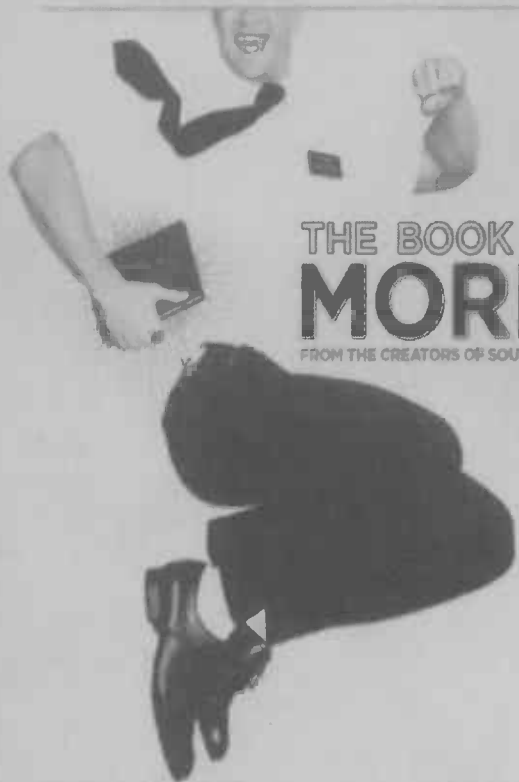
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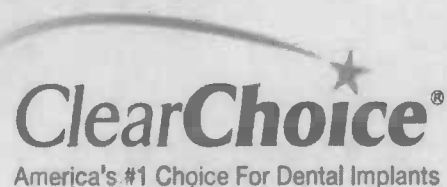


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How to Eat Better at Work

By John Rosshelm, Monster Senior Contributing Writer

Why is it so hard to eat right? "When you're hungry, you're not a philosopher," explains Dr. Daisy Merey, a physician and authority on eating habits.

Indeed, food – and especially the lack thereof – brings out our animal nature. And when we homo sapiens find ourselves in the artificial environment of the workplace, complete with its stresses, catered temptations, psychosocial dramas, smelly refrigerators, bureaucratic tedium and, yes, vending machines, we are animals who eat badly more often than not.

"You're sitting in a room with no windows for hours, and sometimes you just get bored and eat," says Natalie Davis-Runyan, a regional vice president for staffing firm Today's Office Professionals. And if you eat what's within reach, such as cafeteria food, high-calorie snacks and so on, you're alarmingly likely to develop health problems.

What can you do to improve what you eat at the office, which for many of us is the bulk of what we consume all day? Here are a few approaches to better nutrition in the land of heartburn and the pizza-sized chocolate chip cookie.

Bring Your Own Food

The consensus of health and nutrition professionals is that you'll eat much better if you plan ahead and pack a lunch. "You have to be prepared and bring food that's healthy," says Merey. "A brown bag is always better than a restaurant or vending machines."

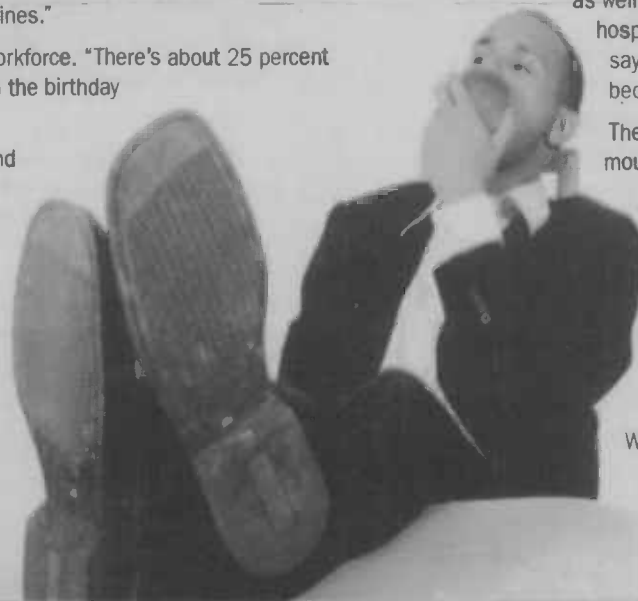
Brown baggers are a small but significant contingent of the workforce. "There's about 25 percent of the people who bring their own lunches and walk away from the birthday cake," says Davis-Runyan.

Your planning should go beyond a lunch that includes fruits and vegetables and not too much sugar or fat. "Ideally, you want snacks with fiber, protein and carbs," says Elysse Lakatos, a registered dietitian.

Control Portions to Control Your Waistline

Whether it's a meat entree or guilty snack in a bag, you've got to control portions to eat healthfully at the office. The key is to portion out at home what you'll be eating in the break room.

If you must snack on fat-infused carbohydrates, try pre-portioned 100- or 150-calorie bags. "We have a tendency to finish the bag, whatever the size, even though people can satisfy cravings with small amounts," says Miriam Pappo, director of clinical nutrition at Montefiore Medical Center.



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Get Real About What's Healthy

Educate yourself to understand what's really nutritious. Those little cheesy fish-shaped crackers may be less nutritionally damaging than most potato chips, but they're still not health food. "There are a lot of foods that we think are healthy, but they're not," says Pappo. "One of the biggest is muffins; even a regular doughnut can have many fewer calories."

Advocate for Institutional Change

Employees should bring their nutritional needs to management, which often controls the cafeteria as well as the vending machines. "The food service is a money maker for hospitals, so they want to balance what is healthy with what is profitable," says Pappo. Unfortunately, unhealthy foods often make the most money because they sell so well.

Then there are catered lunches, those stacks of meaty sandwiches and mountains of desserts mandated by executives looking to trigger each others' budget envy. The first solution to try is the simplest: "Ask the people who are ordering if they can change the food," says Tammy Lakatos, a registered dietitian and sister of Elysse Lakatos.

Take Special Care If You're a Woman

Finally, women should remind themselves that their cardiovascular health is of great concern, media emphasis on men's heart attacks notwithstanding. "More women than men die of heart disease each year," says Dr. Aliya Browne, clinical director for the Hainesport Women's Heart Center.

And women may have more difficulty staying away from unhealthy foods at the office, according to Browne: "We can become a bit more stressed than men, and that can make us more emotional eaters."

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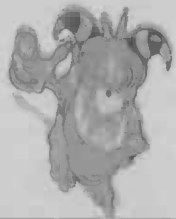
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Fri and Sat, Sept. 21st & 22nd, 9am-3pm. Clothes, toys, furniture, antiques, & much misc

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GLENVIEW 3725 Timbers Edge Lane, Thurs-Sat, Sept 20th-22nd, 9am-4pm. Clothes, desks, poker table, furn, baby clothes, kitch and bath items and much more. Come and See. Everything Must Go!

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Must See

Hinsdale Moving Sale 440 S Grant St. Saturday September 22nd, 9am-3pm. Armoire, bedroom furniture, family room furniture, desk, and misc.

HINSDALE MOVING SALE!
Saturday, September 22nd, 8am-2pm. 14 East 6th Street. Furniture, sports goods, miscellaneous items and more!

La Grange, 100 W Cossitt, First Methodist Church of La Grange. (1 block west of La Grange Road on Cossitt) Thurs, 9/20, 5pm-8pm. (20% Mark-up) Fri, 9/21, 5pm-8pm. Sat 9/22, 9am-noon (Half off! Bag Sale). The Methodist Attic Rummage Sale. Clothing, Toys, Housewares & MUCH MORE

LA GRANGE Block Sale! 900 Block of Community Dr. Sat, 9/22, 9-3. Something for Everyone. 1000's of Beautiful items. One Day Only. Don't Miss This One!

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Lake Forest 303 Butler Dr., Garage Sale, Friday-Saturday Sep 21st-22nd, 9am-5pm. Books, furniture, toys, bikes, clothes, porcelain china, collectibles, LPS + CDs

LAKE FOREST - Moving sale. Household items, furniture, books, collectibles and clothing. Sept. 21 and 22 from 9am-4pm. 125 Blackthorn Lane

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SKOKIE - Multi family garage sale. Sat 9/22 & Sun 9/23, 10a-4p. 4223 Sulfid Ct. Household, clothes, misc items. A little bit of everything, something for everyone

SKOKIE RUMMAGE SALE
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WADSWORTH - 3044 N. Southern Hills Dr. Fri Sept 21st & Sat 22nd 8am-4pm. Lots of crystal and crystal bells, mini-Indge, microwave, fan, books, and misc.

Waukegan 2310 N Jackson St Sat 9/15 9-6 Sun 9/16 10-5 Bar stools, DVD Player, Printer, Play pens, Tons of Misc items. Lots of Christmas decor, Plus size Wm clothes. Must See!

Waukegan - 801 Cedar Ave (4 blks N of 10th St). Sept. 20th-22nd, 9am-5pm. Humidifiers, pasta machine, tools, 18 inch jigsaw, toys, books, men's clothing, ladies plus sizes, Christmas items, and many other miscellaneous items!

Waukegan - BIG MULTI-FAMILY SALE 2640 Peppertree Ln. 9/21 & 9/22, 9-4PM. Womens plus sz auto body tools, 4 foot sheet metal brake, too much to list.

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mortgage foreclosure sales.) PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered on July 26, 2012, Kalien Realty Services, Inc., as Selling Official will at 12:30 p.m. on October 29, 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 8137 Laramie Avenue, Skokie, IL 60077. Permanent Index No.: 10-21-408-041

The mortgaged real estate is improved with a dwelling. The property will NOT be open for inspection. The judgment amount was \$ 958,097.17. Sale terms for non-parties: 10% of successful bid immediately at conclusion of auction, balance by 12:30 p.m. the next business day, no refunds by cashier's checks; and, no refunds. The sale shall be subject to general real estate taxes, special taxes, special assessments, 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, Bannockburn, Illinois 60015, (847) 498-9990, between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. weekdays only. 1460780 9/20, 9/21, 10/4/12 #400849

Judicial Sales-Real Est.
SKOKIE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF THE CWABS INC., ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-21; Plaintiff, vs. SANCHIR TSERENPIL; OLD ORCHARD WEST CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS INC.; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF SANCHIR TSERENPIL, IF ANY; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants, 08 CH 28694 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on July 11, 2012 Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Friday, October 12, 2012 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate: P.I.N. 10-10-100-028-1042. Commonly known as 4700 Old Orchard Road, Unit 409, Skokie, IL 60076.

The mortgaged real estate is improved with a condominium residence. The purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by subdivisions (g)(1) and (g)(4) of Section 9 of the Condominium Property Act. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance by certified funds, within 24 hours. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. For information call the Sales Clerk at Plaintiff's Attorney, The Wirbicki

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MORTON GROVE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION ONEWEST BANK, FSB Plaintiff, vs. UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES FOR GERALDINE J. MONINGER, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA - DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, WILLIAM P. BUTCHER, AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE, CACV OF COLORADO LLC, MADELINE MONINGER Defendants 09 CH 042842 7125 GREENWOOD STREET MORTON GROVE, IL 60053 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on July 23, 2012, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on October 25, 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 7125 GREENWOOD STREET MORTON GROVE, IL 60053 Property Index No. 10-18-326-001. 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/wire transfer, is due

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Judicial Sales-Real Est. 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For information: Visit our website at service.atty-pierce.com between the hours of 3 and 5 p.m. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One North Dearborn Street Suite 1300, CHICAGO, IL 60602. Tel No. (312) 476-5500. Please refer to file number PA0914008. 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. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One North Dearborn Street Suite 1300 CHICAGO, IL 60602 (312) 476-5500 Attorney File No.: PA0914008 Attorney Code: 91220 Case # 09 CH 34328 1463171 9/6, 9/13, 9/20/12 #389171

Judicial Sales-Real Est. COLN AVENUE UNIT 12-5, MORTON GROVE, IL 60053. The mortgaged real estate is improved with a townhouse residence. The purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by subdivisions (g)(1) and (g)(4) of Section 9 of the Condominium Property Act. Sale terms: 25% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale. For information: Visit our website at http://service.atty-pierce.com. Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only. Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602. Tel.No. (312) 476-5500. Refer to File Number 0935119. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 1467969 9/20, 9/27, 10/4/12 #401055

Judicial Sales-Real Est. IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION THE BANK OF NEW YORK AS TRUSTEE FOR THE NOTE HOLDERS CWABS, INC. MORTGAGE-BACKED NOTES, SERIES 2005-HYB9, Plaintiff v. ALEX AVAKIAN; SUNDUS AVAKIAN; PREMIER BANK; VILLAGE OF SKOKIE, AN ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, Defendants 09 CH 8392 Property Address: 7355 NORTH LAMON AVENUE LINCOLNWOOD, IL 60712 NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE Fisher and Shapiro file # 09-017010 (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 July 12, 2012, Kallen Realty Services, Inc., as Selling Official will at 12:30 p.m. on October 15, 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 7355 North Lamon Avenue, Lincolnwood, IL 60712 Permanent Index No.: 10-28-420-001 The mortgaged real estate is improved with a dwelling. The property will NOT be open for inspection. The judgment amount was \$821,757.38. Sale terms for non-parties: 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, special assessments, 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, Bannockburn, Illinois 60015, (847) 496-9990, between 1:00 p.m. and 3:55:00 p.m. weekdays only. 9/6, 9/13, 9/20/12 #389113

Judicial Sales-Real Est. MORTON GROVE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION ONEWEST BANK, FSB Plaintiff, vs. JUANA Q. ANGUIANO; MOHAMED TALEB AKA MOHAMED TALEB; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR INDYMAC BANK, FSB; THE WOODLANDS OF MORTON GROVE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION FKA/LINCOLN AVENUE CONDOS; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants. 10 CH 43562 PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on July 18, 2012, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, October 23, 2012, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property: P.I.N. 10-20-121-045-1382. Commonly known as 6317 LIN-

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Judicial Sales-Real Est. BUFFALO GROVE 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. ZAKHAR KOZACHUK, YELENA KOZACHUK, HARRIS N.A., UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants 10 CH 30598 234 MOHAWK TRAIL 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 July 24, 2012, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on October 26, 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 234 MOHAWK TRAIL, BUFFALO GROVE, IL 60089 Property Index No. 03-04-303-023-0000. The real estate is improved with a frame house, no 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/wire transfer, 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 common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by subdivisions (g)(1) and (g)(4) of Section 9 of 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: Visit our website at service.atty-pierce.com. between the hours of 3 and 5 p.m.

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PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One North Dearborn Street, Suite 1300, CHICAGO, IL 60602. Tel No. (312) 476-5500. Please refer to file number PA10107070, 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.

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LINCOLNWOOD
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
BAYVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC, AS SERVICER FOR FIRST MIDWEST BANK, ASSIGNEE OF FIRST DUPAGE BANK Plaintiff,
-v-
DEJAN CVEJIC, TANJA CVEJIC AND RAVENSWOOD BANK, UNDER MORTGAGE RECORDED AS DOCUMENT NUMBER 0728255040 Defendants
10 CH 17422
4453 W LUNT AVE Lincolnwood, IL 60012

NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on January 11, 2012, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on October 24, 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 4453 W LUNT AVE, Lincolnwood, IL 60012 Property Index No. 10-34-124-045. The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was \$1,510,181.55. 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/wire transfer, 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 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: LAW OFFICES OF IRA T. NEVEL, LLC, 175 N. Franklin Street, Suite 201, CHICAGO, IL 60606, (312) 357-1125. Please refer calls to the sales department, 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.

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LAW OFFICES OF IRA T. NEVEL, LLC 175 N. Franklin Street, Suite 201 CHICAGO, IL 60606 (312) 357-1125 Attorney Code: 18837 Case # 10 CH 17422 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.

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SKOKIE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.; Plaintiff,
vs.
MARIAMMA GEORGE; DENSY GEORGE; JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A.; DIJU GEORGE AKA GEORGE DIJU;
UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS;
Defendants,
10 CH 42608

NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on July 12, 2012 intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, October 16, 2012 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate:
P.L.N. 10-21-207-073-0000. Commonly known as 8718 Niles Center Road, Skokie, IL 60077. The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence. If the subject mortgaged real estate is a unit of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by subsection (g-1) of Section 18.5 of the Condominium Property Act. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information call Mr. Anthony Porto at Plaintiff's Attorney, Freedom Anselmo Lindberg LLC, 1807 West Diehl Road, Naperville, Illinois 60563-1890, (630) 983-0770. For Bidding Instructions call (630) 453-6713 24 hours prior to sale. W10970321
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Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122
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MORTON GROVE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION WELLS FARGO BANK, Plaintiff,
-v-
LAURA CUDZIK A/K/A LAURA WINDMILLER, HOWARD WINDMILLER, MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO COUNTRYWIDE BANK, N.A. F/K/A COUNTRYWIDE BANK, FSB Defendants
10 CH 015652
6939 CHURCH STREET MORTON GROVE, IL 60053

NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on July 17, 2012, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on October 19, 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 6939 CHURCH STREET, MORTON GROVE, IL 60053 Property Index No. 10-18-304-005 & 10-18-304-006. The real estate is improved with a single family 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/wire transfer, 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 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: LAW OFFICES OF IRA T. NEVEL, LLC, 175 N. Franklin Street, Suite 201, CHICAGO, IL 60606, (312) 357-1125. Please refer calls to the sales department, 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.

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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 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 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, examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876. Please refer to file number 14-10-12191. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive,

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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. CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100 BURR RIDGE, IL 60527 (630) 794-9876 Attorney File No.: 14-10-12191 ARDC# 00468002 Attorney Code: 21762 Case # 10 CH 015652 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.

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LINCOLNWOOD
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. Plaintiff,
-v-
RAMON VELAZQUEZ, EMILIA VELAZQUEZ Defendants
10 CH 25204
7331 NORTH KENNETH AVENUE LINCOLNWOOD, IL 60712
NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on July 16, 2012, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on October 18, 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 7331 NORTH KENNETH AVENUE, LINCOLNWOOD, IL 60712 Property Index No. 10-27-323-005. The real estate is improved with a single family 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/wire transfer, 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

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NORRIDGE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION ONEWEST BANK, FSB Plaintiff, UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF GLORIA D. REIMER, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA - SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, WILLIAM P. BUTCHER, AS PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE Defendants 12 CH 006643 7829 W. CARMEN AVENUE NORRIDGE, 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 July 12, 2012, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on October 16, 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 7829 W. CARMEN AVENUE, NORRIDGE, IL 60706 Property Index No. 12-12-317-003. The real estate is improved with a single family 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 or to exceed \$300, in certified funds or wire transfer, 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 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. Where a sale of real estate is made to satisfy a lien prior to that of the United States, the United States shall have one year from the date of sale within which to redeem, except that with respect to a lien arising under the Internal Revenue laws the period shall be 120 days of the period allowable for redemption under State law, whichever is longer, and in any case in which, under the provisions of section 505 of the Housing Act of 1950, as amended (12 U.S.C. 1701c), 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 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, examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876. Please refer to file number 14-11-39707. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE You can also visit

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The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.jtsc.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.: 14-11-39707 ARDC# 00468002 Attorney Code, 21762 Case # 12 CH 006643 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. 1465952 9/13, 9/20, 9/27/12 #396241 LINCOLNWOOD IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION FIFTH THIRD MORTGAGE COMPANY Plaintiff, NAHREIN S. MANDO AKA NAHREIN MANDO, GEORGE Y. MANDO AKA GEORGE MANDO, FIFTH THIRD BANK (WESTERN MICHIGAN) Defendants 12 CH 016551 6702 N. EAST PRAIRIE ROAD LINCOLNWOOD, IL 60712 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on August 13, 2012, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on October 16, 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 6702 N. EAST PRAIRIE ROAD, LINCOLNWOOD, IL 60712 Property Index No. 10-35-301-058. The real estate is improved with a single family 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 or wire transfer, 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 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, examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: JOHN SON, BLUMBERG & ASSOCIATES, LLC, 230 W. Monroe Street, Suite #1125, Chicago, IL 60606, (312) 541-9710. Please refer to file number 11-0566. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE You can also visit

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Code, Case # 12 CH 02724 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. 1465551 9/13, 9/20, 9/27/12 #396168 NORRIDGE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION PENNYMAC MORTGAGE INVESTMENT TRUST HOLDINGS I, LLC Plaintiff, LARRY W. HENDERSON, GAIL J. HENDERSON AKA GAIL L. HENDERSON Defendants 12 CH 005760 4847 N. PROSPECT AVENUE NORRIDGE, 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 July 2, 2012, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on October 16, 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 4847 N. PROSPECT AVENUE, NORRIDGE, IL 60706 Property Index No. 12-11-421-097. 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 or wire transfer, 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 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, examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876. Please refer to file number 14-11-43088. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE You can also visit

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005760 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. 1465443 9/13, 9/20, 9/27/12 #396149 LINCOLNWOOD IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. Plaintiff, BRAHIM HAFID IDRISSE, ZAHIRA HAFRAY Defendants 12 CH 007529 7311 N. EAST PRAIRIE ROAD LINCOLNWOOD, IL 60712 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on June 28, 2012, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on October 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 7311 N. EAST PRAIRIE ROAD, LINCOLNWOOD, IL 60712 Property Index No. 10-26-313-043. 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 or wire transfer, 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 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, examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876. Please refer to file number 14-12-03993. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE You can also visit

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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. 1465424 9/13, 9/20, 9/27/12 #396120 NORRIDGE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION ING BANK, FSB, Plaintiff, RALPH E. SLIWA, DECEASED, VIRGINIA WATT, AS INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATOR AND AS HEIR TO THE ESTATE OF RALPH E. SLIWA, NORMAN SLIWA, AS HEIR TO THE ESTATE OF RALPH E. SLIWA Defendants 12 CH 00924 8264 W. AGATITE AVENUE NORRIDGE, 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 July 23, 2012, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on October 25, 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 8264 W. AGATITE AVENUE, NORRIDGE, IL 60706 Property Index No. 12-14-206-029-0000. The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was \$323,799.53. 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 or wire transfer, 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 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: JOHN SON, BLUMBERG & ASSOCIATES, LLC, 230 W. Monroe Street, Suite #1125, Chicago, IL 60606, (312) 541-9710. Please refer to file number 11 9754. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE You can also visit

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LEGAL NOTICE VILLAGE OF MORTON GROVE Cook County, Illinois NORTH PUMPING STATION PUMP AND MOTOR REPLACEMENT INVITATION FOR BIDS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the President and the Board of Trustees of the Village of Morton Grove, Cook County, Illinois, that sealed bids will be received for the NORTH STATION PUMP AND MOTOR REPLACEMENT. Bids will be received up to the hour of 10:00 a.m. Local Time, on the 11th day of October 2012, at the office of the Director of Public Works, at the Public Works Facility, 7840 Nagle Avenue, Morton Grove, Illinois, and will be publicly opened and read at that time. The bidding forms and documents are available at the office of the Director of Public Works, Village of Morton Grove, Illinois, upon payment of the sum of twenty and 00/100 dollars (\$20.00), which is non-refundable. Bids must be submitted on the forms provided. The Director of Public Works reserves the right to refuse to issue Plans, Specifications and Proposals to any person, firm, or corporation that he considers to be unqualified. All bidders must be pre-qualified with the Department of Transportation, State of Illinois. All companies submitting bids must attend a Mandatory Pre-Bid On-Site Meeting on Thursday, October 4, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. All bids offered must be accompanied by a bid bond, cash or certified check made payable to the President and the Board of Trustees of the Village of Morton Grove in the amount of not less than five percent (5%) of the aggregate of the bid as a guarantee that if the bid is accepted, a contract will be consummated. The right to waive any irregularity and to reject any or all bids is reserved to the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Morton Grove. All contracts for the construction of Public Works are subject to the Illinois prevailing wage act (820 ILCS 130/1-12). General questions regarding the Contract Documents should be directed to Mr. Joe Dahm, Superintendent, Public Works Department, via fax to (847) 965-9511. All detailed questions concerning the actual bid specifications should be forwarded in writing via fax no less than five business days prior to the scheduled bid opening date. Dated at Morton Grove, Illinois, this 19th day of September, 2012, by Order of Mr. Andy DeMonte, Director of Public Works, Village of Morton Grove. Pub:9/20/12 400763

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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. D12131672 on the 6th day of September, 2012 under the Assumed Name of Creative Weaves with the business located at 4845 W. Washington Blvd., Chicago, IL 60644. The true name(s) and residence address of the owner(s) is: Samantha Paris, 4845 W. Washington Blvd #2, Chicago, IL 60644. 401559 Pub: 9/20, 27, 10/4/12 ASSUMED NAME 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. D12131608 on August 30, 2012. Under the Assumed Name of THE DOG ROOM with the business located at 7340 W. Addison St., Chicago, IL 60634. The true name(s) and residence address of the owner(s) is: Yuri Hennelly, 4921 N. Karlov Ave., Chicago, IL 60630. Pub: 9/13 9/20 9/27 392528

Bid Notice PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT The Village of Lincolnwood ("Village") is seeking a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) to retain the services of a qualified and experienced engineering firm to prepare a complete Project Development Report (PDR) / Phase I engineering study for the construction of a pedestrian and bicycle overpass for the Skokie Valley Bike Trail over Touhy Avenue ("Overpass Project") for submittal and approval by the Illinois Department of Transportation ("IDOT") and other agencies as required. Submittals must be received no later than 4:00 p.m. CDT, October 18, 2012. Please deliver one digital copy of the submittal via email to aengelmann@lwd.org. Proposals will not be opened publicly. Submissions received after closing time will not be opened. No oral, telephone, or facsimile submittals will be considered. For a copy of the RFQ contact Ashley Engelmann at 847-745-4859 or via e-mail at aengelmann@lwd.org. 9/20/2012 402097

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Bid Notice

LEGAL NOTICE VILLAGE OF MORTON GROVE Cook County, Illinois NORTH PUMPING STATION PUMP AND MOTOR REPLACEMENT INVITATION FOR BIDS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the President and the Board of Trustees of the Village of Morton Grove, Cook County, Illinois, that sealed bids will be received for the NORTH STATION PUMP AND MOTOR REPLACEMENT. Bids will be received up to the hour of 10:00 a.m. Local Time, on the 11th day of October 2012, at the office of the Director of Public Works, at the Public Works Facility, 7840 Nagle Avenue, Morton Grove, Illinois, and will be publicly opened and read at that time. The bidding forms and documents are available at the office of the Director of Public Works, Village of Morton Grove, Illinois, upon payment of the sum of twenty and 00/100 dollars (\$20.00), which is non-refundable. Bids must be submitted on the forms provided. The Director of Public Works reserves the right to refuse to issue Plans, Specifications and Proposals to any person, firm, or corporation that he considers to be unqualified. All bidders must be pre-qualified with the Department of Transportation, State of Illinois. All companies submitting bids must attend a Mandatory Pre-Bid On-Site Meeting on Thursday, October 4, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. All bids offered must be accompanied by a bid bond, cash or certified check made payable to the President and the Board of Trustees of the Village of Morton Grove in the amount of not less than five percent (5%) of the aggregate of the bid as a guarantee that if the bid is accepted, a contract will be consummated. The right to waive any irregularity and to reject any or all bids is reserved to the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Morton Grove. All contracts for the construction of Public Works are subject to the Illinois prevailing wage act (820 ILCS 130/1-12). General questions regarding the Contract Documents should be directed to Mr. Joe Dahm, Superintendent, Public Works Department, via fax to (847) 965-9511. All detailed questions concerning the actual bid specifications should be forwarded in writing via fax no less than five business days prior to the scheduled bid opening date. Dated at Morton Grove, Illinois, this 19th day of September, 2012, by Order of Mr. Andy DeMonte, Director of Public Works, Village of Morton Grove. Pub:9/20/12 400763

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Village of Skokie Notice to Bidders
The Village of Skokie is now accepting sealed BIDS for Provision and Installation of Ornamental Steel Fence
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 a.m. local time on Thursday, October 4, 2012. A pre-bid meeting is scheduled for 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 27, 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.
Bidders will be required to certify that all work to be performed pursuant to the Contract Documents, at least the prevailing rate of wages as found and determined by the Illinois Department of Labor for Cook County will be paid to all workers and employees employed and working on the project.
Any bid or proposal submitted unsealed, unsigned, fax transmissions 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 9/20/12 #401895

Mechanics Liens

That on 10/29/2012, a sale will be held at 3:00 p.m. at: Auto Center of Des Plaines Inc. 1254 Rand Road Des Plaines, IL 60018
All bids to be in writing, to sell the following articles to enforce a lien existing under the laws of the State of Illinois against such articles for labor, services, skills or material expended upon or storage furnished for such articles at the request of the following designated person(s), unless such articles are redeemed within thirty (30) days of the publication of this notice.
NAME OF PERSON(S)
Malgorzata Smalec Grzeborz Smalec
Krzysztof Smalec
Gabe of the West
DESCRIPTION OF ARTICLE
2009 Outback Lite
4YDT23K259B450023
AMOUNT \$5854.00
Pub:9/13,9/20,9/27 394304

TO PLACE A HELP WANTED AD IN THE CLASSIFIEDS, CALL 847-998-3400

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NOTICE OF LIEN
Notice is hereby given that on OCTOBER 11, 2012, a sale will be held at:
IYAD AUTO & BODY REPAIR
4949 W. ARTHINGTON ST.
CHICAGO, IL 60644
773-261-0100
To sell the following article to enforce a lien existing under the laws of the State of Illinois against such article for repairs and storage furnished for such article at the request of the following designated persons, unless such articles are redeemed prior to the designated sale date:
OWNER(S):
IMADI, ABUGHALI
5201 W. ARGYLE AVE.
CHICAGO, IL 60630
LIEN HOLDER: USA ONE CREDIT UNION
4749 LINCOLN MALL DR.
MATTESON, IL 60443
Vehicles: 2007 TOYOTA TUNDRA DOUBLE C PICK-UP
VIN # 5TFRV54167X015189
Amount of Lien: \$8203
9/13 9/20 9/27/12 #396333

Probate

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT, PROBATE DIVISION
THE ESTATE OF
Ronald E. Ross, Deceased.
NO: 12 P 4195
PUBLICATION NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of Ronald E. Ross, of Arlington Heights, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on August 9, 2012, to Denise M. Ross of Arlington, Virginia, whose attorney is Michael J. Moran, 121 S. Wilke Road, Suite 201, Arlington Heights, IL 60005, 847-577-8556.
Claims against the estate must be filed on or before March 6, 2013, 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.
Pub: 9/6, 9/13, 9/20 381159

STATE OF ILLINOIS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS PROBATE DIVISION
In the matter of the estate of Carla S. Sutker, Deceased
Case No. 12 P 4394
PUBLICATION NOTICE
Notice is hereby given of the death of Carla S. Sutker of Skokie, IL. Letters of office were issued on August 23, 2012, to Nina Handeland, 5 Whitman Terrace, Lake Zurich, IL 60047, whose attorney is Laurie J. Wasserman, 9933 Lawler Avenue, Suite 122, Skokie, Illinois 60035, 847-674-7324
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 March 6, 2013 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/ Laurie J. Wasserman (Attorney)
Pub: 9/6 9/13 9/20 386108

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CLAIM UNDER DOLLAR LIMIT CASE CODE: 31001
Case No. 12-SC-3297
STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT
KENOSHA COUNTY
TO: LARRY MCMURRAN
477 N. NORTHWEST
HIGWAY PARK RIDGE, IL 60068

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LEGAL NOTICE
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SKOKIE SCHOOL DISTRICT 73 1/2
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
Notice of Time and Place for Filing Nominating Petitions
Notice is hereby given that on Tuesday, the 9th day of April 2013, an election will be held in Skokie School District 73 1/2, Cook County, Illinois, for the purpose of electing five (5) members to the Board of Education. Five (5) seats on the seven-member board of education will be filled at the April 9 election. Four (4) of these seats are for four-year terms and one (1) seat is a two-year unexpired term. Candidates elected for the four-year terms will serve beginning with the reorganizational Board Meeting in May 2013 and ending with the reorganizational Board Meeting in April or May 2017. The candidate elected for the two-year unexpired term will serve beginning with the reorganizational Board Meeting in May 2013 and ending with the reorganizational Board Meeting in April or May 2015.
To be eligible to serve as a Board of Education Member, candidates must on the date of the election, be 18 years of age or older, a registered voter, a citizen of the United States, a resident of the State of Illinois, and a District 73 1/2 resident for at least one year immediately preceding the election.
Elections are non-partisan and board candidates do not indicate a political party affiliation. Candidates should be aware of financial conflict-of-interest limitations set forth in State law. Information for candidates and nominating petition forms for the April 9, 2013, school board election in Skokie School District 73 1/2 are now available. Forms may be picked up in the District Office at 8000 East Prairie Road on any business day between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.
The first day on which candidates may circulate nominating petitions for signatures is Tuesday, September 25, 2012.
A school board candidate's petition must be filed in the District Office no earlier than 8:00 a.m., on Monday, December 17 and no later than 5:00 p.m., Monday, December 24, 2012.
The filing period begins when the office opens for business at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, December 17. Illinois law states that candidates' names will be listed on the ballot in the order in which petitions are filed. Any candidates in line when the office opens on the first day for filing, and any petitions received in the first mail that day, are to be regarded as filed simultaneously. In the event two or more candidates qualify for this "simultaneous filing," a lottery will be held to determine the order of their names on the ballot.
Nominating papers may be filed by the candidate in person, by mail or by an agent. They consist of the following:
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2.) Statement of candidacy, which includes a request that the candidate's name be placed on the official ballot, the address of the candidate, the office sought, and a statement that the candidate is qualified for the office and has filed (or will file before close of the petition filing period) a statement of economic interests as required by the Illinois Governmental Ethics Act.
3.) A receipt from the county clerk showing that the candidate has filed the Statement of Economic interests.
4.) A loyalty oath, which is optional. A candidate may file it or not.
Further information on becoming a candidate in the April 9, 2013, board election may be obtained by contacting Laurie Kolpas by e-mail at lkolpas@sd735.org or by phone at 847.676.8237.
Brian Novak
Secretary
Skokie School District 73 1/2 Board of Education
9/20/2012 400417

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2012-46P - Site Plan Approval: 8216 Kilpatrick
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Public Hearings

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 0279 - Moore, Christopher
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Storage - Legal
 Skokie, IL 60076-2919 (847) 675-4604. In the matters of the personal property for the individuals listed below.
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 B019 - Ellingson, Cofin
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 D078 - Angulo, Gary
 E013 - Igwe, Charles
 E025 - Kim, Jae
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Unit - Customer
 1091 - bynum, samantha
 2062 - Cortez, Cecilia
 3042 - Figurelli, Jason
 3049 - bynum, samantha
 3113 - Ederer, David
 4094 - Mcallister, Scott
 4197 - ardales-kurita, suzette
 6049 - Castellon, Alex
 6090 - Dosenbac, Nicole
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 Pub: 9/13, 9/20 391580

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 A016 - raulston, michael
 A166 - Hernandez, Joseph
 A183 - Kamone, Joe
 A202 - Martinez, Carlos
 A209 - Lewis, Kevin
 A288 - Izquierdo, Carmen
 B007 - romero, juan r
 B033 - LUZURIAGA, FRANK
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 B123 - Williamson, David
 C019 - Asllan, Ali
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 E006 - agute, John
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Unit - Customer
 1088 - Lamantia, Anthony

Storage - Legal
 1091 - JOEY'S MOVERS
 1097 - Tamrazi, Ramsis
 2001 - Vasquez, John
 2026 - Yucel, Oytun
 2093 - Johnson, Ceceilia
 2131 - Oneal, Jenine
 2161 - Feferman, David
 2221 - Prielozny, Peggy
 3000 - Kelly, Jane
 3008 - JOEY'S MOVERS
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 Pub: 9/13, 9/20 391510

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Unit #601
 Catherine A Ziko
Unit #5101
 Tyreshia Harper
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Life Storage Centers of South Loop will hold a public sale to enforce a lien imposed on said property, as described below, pursuant to the Illinois Self-Service Storage Facility Act, Illinois Code 770 ILCS 95/1 to 95/7, at 10:00 AM on Friday, October 12, 2012 at Life Storage Centers of South Loop, 2361 S. State St., Chicago, Illinois, 60616. Management reserves the right to withdraw any unit from sale. Registered or motor vehicles are sold "As Is / Parts Only," no titles or registration.
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 Marion Clark 231
 Eric Young 267
 Beverly A. Everett 1030
 Antrion Lewis 1031
 Barbara Minniefeld 1060
 Latoya Madiock 1073
 Mark Hopkins 111516
 Michael Bowen 1129
 Benjamin Tan 1158
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 Sabrina Morgan 2016
 Louis Jenkins 2024
 Millard Davis 2026
 Sabrina Morgan 2066
 Katondria McCarter 2098
 James Jefferson 2128
 Debbie Patterson 2153
 Antonia Rowe 2155
 Jacqueline Davis 2177
 Tijuana Robinson 3004
 Regina Battles 3022
 Demetria Kirk 3025
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 Gwendolyn Vann 3180
 Tiffany I Williams 3184
 Jason Vuletic 4016
 Tischa Thomas 4048
 Joseph Phillips 4085
 Angela Milton 4100
 Eric Lewis 4120
 Brenda MacMillan 4134
 Booker T. Jones 4162
 Marcus Tabb 4171
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NOTICE OF AUCTION
 Life Storage Centers of Morton Grove will hold a public sale to enforce a lien imposed on said property, as described below, pursuant to the Illinois Self-Service Storage Facility Act Illinois Code 770 ILCS 95/1 to 95/7, at 1:00 PM on Thursday, October 11, 2012, at LifeStorage Centers of Morton Grove, 6505 West Oakton Street, Morton Grove, Illinois, 60053, 847-966-1899. Management reserves the right to with-

Storage - Legal
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Tenant Name Unit #
 Jonathan Bogseth 1373
 Jerrold LeVine 1031
 Elyse Murray 1407
 Ahmed Mohamed 1651
 Richard Spandiary 1724
 Pub: 9/20, 9/27/2012 400758

Life Storage Centers of Wrigleyville will hold a public sale to enforce a lien imposed on said property, as described below, pursuant to the Illinois Self-Service Storage Facility Act, Illinois Code 770 ILCS 95/1 to 95/7, at 12:00 PM on Monday, October 8th, 2012, at Life Storage Centers of Wrigleyville, 3323 West Addison Street, Chicago, Illinois, 60618. (773)478-0805 Management reserves the right to withdraw any unit from sale. Registered or motor vehicles are sold "As Is / Parts Only," no titles or registration.
Tenant Name Unit#
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 Dean Zitzewitz 1128
 James Rosenthal 1146
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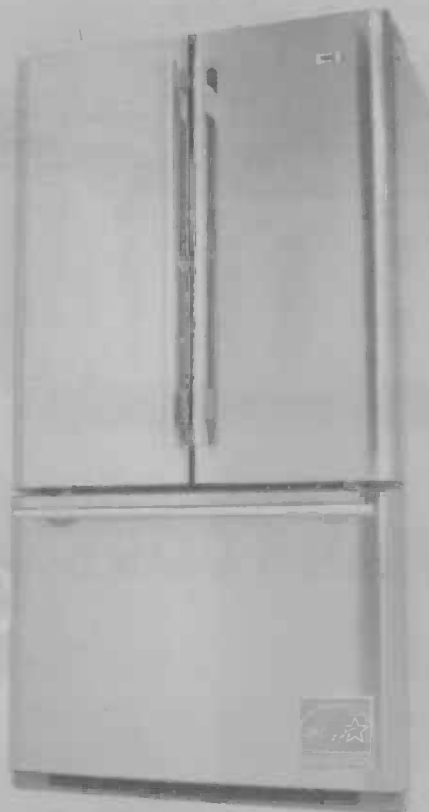
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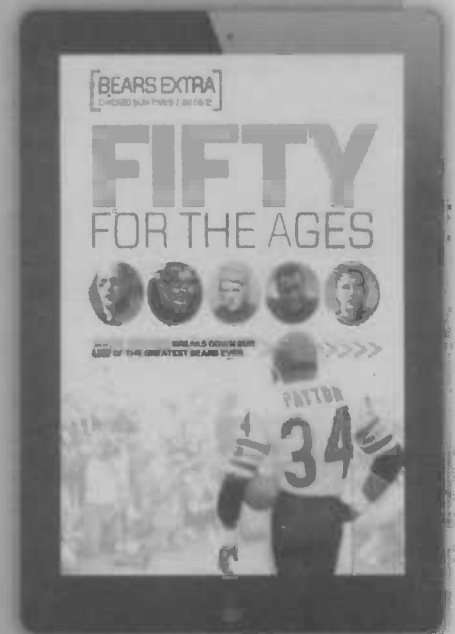
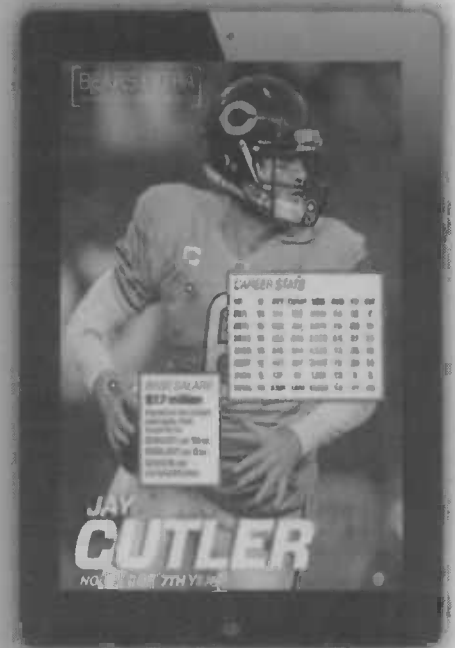
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Competitive personality pushes Gibson

BY KEN RYAN | Contributor | @KenRyan15

As a cross country runner, Notre Dame senior Mike Gibson knows there is no one to blame but himself for a poor performance.

He uses that as motivation.

"I used to play soccer," Gibson said. "In soccer, you rely on your teammates for everything. After switching to cross country, it's all on you if you want to be the best. I try to put my best effort out there knowing it's all on me. How I do doesn't depend on how anyone else does and I really like that I can control what I do."

Gibson has emerged as a leader for the Dons.

After running a career-best time of 16 minutes, 34 seconds, and placing 10th at the East Suburban Catholic Conference Pre-Championship Meet on Sept. 12, Gibson placed 18th individually with

a time of 15:58.4 on a shorter, 2.9-mile course at the David Brady Invitational Saturday in Summit.

"Mike Gibson has been our best runner all year," Notre Dame coach John Barrett said. "He never wants to lose, whether it's against his teammates or other teams. He's a very good competitor. He practices hard and comes to race hard."

Gibson credits teammate Matt Siemanowski for his improvement.

"I compete with Matt and we really push each other," Gibson said. "The competitiveness makes us both better. I like to be up front and I like to be a leader. It's something that makes me feel good and I do the best I can to help the team."

Gibson trains at Dick Pond Athletics and has altered his game plan by running his first two miles at a quicker pace.

He's hoping that pays dividends by the end of the season.

"I'm learning how to take the pain and learning how to survive," Gibson said. "I hope to go to state. That is a major goal for me."

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It's unusual for a consistent 1,000-yard running back to bounce around the NFL. In fact, only two players in league history have gained at least 1,000 yards in a season with three different teams. Any guesses? The first to do it was Ricky Watters, who topped the mark in 7 out of 10 seasons from 1992 through 2000 for San Francisco, Philadelphia and Seattle. The other is the still-active Willis McGahee, who has done it with Buffalo, Baltimore and Denver since being drafted in 2004.

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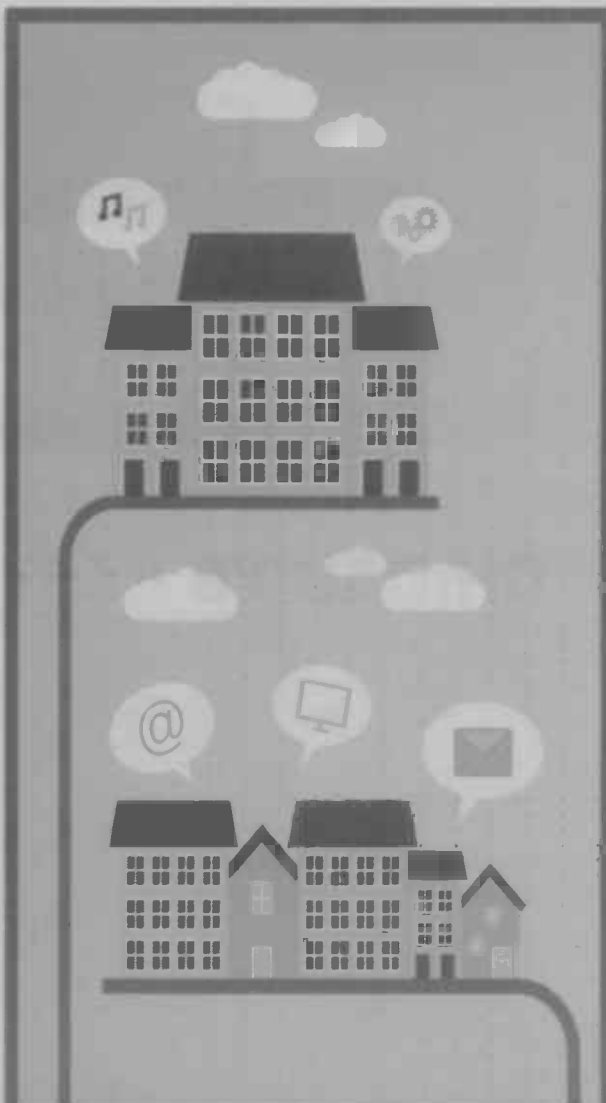
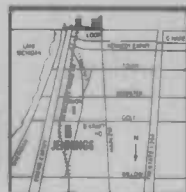
Here's one from the remarkable coincidence department. Every year, the ACC gives out the Brian Piccolo Award to the conference's most courageous player, named of course for the late Brian Piccolo, who died of cancer while still a player for the Chicago Bears. In 2011, the award was given to North Carolina running back Giovani Bernard, who tore up his knee in 2010 but came back to rush for 1,222 yards last season. So get this! Bernard graduated from Fort Lauderdale High School. So did Brian Piccolo.

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If you're a Formula One race car fan, remember the name Lance Stoll. Just 13 in the summer of 2012, the Montreal native was signed by Ferrari, the sport's oldest team, at the tender age of 11 after dominating the Canadian go-kart circuit. Stoll will race go-karts in Europe until age 15, when he can get behind the wheel of a car. Until then, he'll make monthly visits to Ferrari's Driver Academy in Maranello, Italy, for reflex drills, breathing exercises and strategy sessions.

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Notre Dame

Names and Faces

**RICKY BERNABEI**

Noteworthy efforts: The Notre Dame soccer player helped the Dons move further above .500 with a game-winning goal in overtime to beat Joliet Catholic 1-0 on Sept. 12. The Dons were on the opposite end of a 1-0 match on Sept. 15, losing to Nazareth in La Grange Park.

**SEAN FURMAN**

Noteworthy efforts: Notre Dame senior golfer Sean Furman shot a 1-over 73 at Wheeling's tournament at Chevy Chase Country Club on Saturday. Furman has been the Dons' top golfer throughout the season, but played his first 18-hole tournament of the season on Saturday.

Bargione a do-it-all Don

BY RON BROW | Contributor | @Pioneer_Press

CHICAGO HEIGHTS

When you go watch Notre Dame play this season, don't look for Nick Bargione on the sidelines.

The senior lineman is always on the field, playing both on offense and defense and also handling the kickoff duties for the Dons.

"I just do whatever they need me to do," Bargione said.

Take last Friday as an example as Notre Dame opened East Suburban Catholic Conference play with a 22-9 victory over Marian Catholic. It put the Dons at 3-1 on the season.

Offensively, junior running back Chris James, behind a dominant performance by the line, rushed 25 times for a career-high 243 yards and three touchdowns. It was the fourth straight game James had rushed for over 100 yards this season.

"Our offensive line did a great job of blocking,"

James said. "I had some huge holes to run through. Those guys did a great job up front of dominating the line of play."

Defensively, Notre Dame also dominated the host Spartans, allowing them just 26 yards rushing and forcing them to punt nine times.

"It was a good team effort," Bargione said. "We come out early and dominated the line on both sides of the ball. It was a good team effort. We thought if we could



Notre Dame senior Nick Bargione (60) takes a break on the sidelines during the game at Marian Catholic on Friday. Notre Dame defeated Marian Catholic 22-9. **MICHAEL JARECKI** for Sun-Times Media

dominate the game up front we could win and that's what we did tonight."

It was also Bargione and his linemates who got the Dons fired up in the second half after Notre Dame led just 14-3 at the break. Notre Dame kept Marian Catholic in check until the final minute when the Spartans scored on a 72-yard touchdown pass from Eric Hurley to Ki-Jana Crawford with 59.2 seconds left in the game.

"We knew we had to control their quickness and I thought our defensive line did exactly that," Notre Dame coach Mike Hennessy said. "We made some adjustments at the half, based mainly on what Nick and the defensive players told us. They saw what was happening out there and let us know."

As Bargione said, "I just do whatever they need me to do." ■

Quick Hits

Big Numbers

243 | Notre Dame junior running back Chris James carried the ball 25 times for 243 yards and three touchdowns in the Dons' 22-9 victory against Marian Catholic (0-4, 0-2) on Sept. 14. With the win, Notre Dame improved to 3-1 this season. James has carried for over 100 yards in each of the Dons' first four games. He has been aided by solid offensive line play from Mike Mulcrone, Nick Bargione, Mike Maligranda, Bobby Deleonardis, and Sean Nicholson.

Sound Bites

"I was very happy with how the team performed at Argo. They are really starting to perform and they are working very hard to become better."

— Notre Dame cross country coach John Barrett on the Dons' performance at Sept. 15's Argo Invitational.

Don't Miss

Wednesday

Boys soccer: Benet Academy at Notre Dame, 6:30 p.m. Benet has a quality team this season, having upset IHSA Class 4A squads Neuqua Valley and Naperville North earlier this season. The Dons want to prove themselves before entering a rivalry game against St. Patrick on Sept. 29 and as the postseason nears.

This Week Notre Dame

FOOTBALL
Friday
Hosts St. Viator, 7:30 p.m.

BOYS GOLF
Thursday (9/27)
At ESCC Conf. Champs at Old Orchard C.C., 8 a.m.

SOCCER
Saturday
At Marist, 11 a.m.
Monday
Hosts Northside Prep, 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday
Hosts Benet, 6:30 p.m.

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Maine East

Names and Faces



KATE GEBULTOWICZ

Noteworthy efforts: Gebultowicz, a senior setter, had seven consecutive service points against Trinity when the teams played in the Blue Demon Invitational. Maine East finished its tournament eighth out of 16 teams.



ALYSSA KAEWWILAI

Noteworthy efforts: Swimmer Alyssa Kaewwilai won two individual events at the Hoffman Estates Invitational on Sept. 15. Kaewwilai won the 100-yard butterfly and the 100-yard breaststroke.



Maine East's Woody Corey (7) attempts to tackle Glenbrook South's Matt Hoshaw during their game at Maine East on Friday. | **CURTIS LEHMKUHL**-Sun-Times Media

This Week Maine East

BOYS CROSS COUNTRY
Saturday
At OPRF Invite, 9 a.m.

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY
Saturday
At OPRF Invite, 9 a.m.

FOOTBALL
Friday
At Niles North, 7 p.m.

BOYS GOLF
Today
At Evanston Match at Wilmette/Peter Janus C.C., 4 p.m.
Monday
At HP Conf. at Glencoe G.C., 8 a.m.
Wednesday
At Northridge Prep at Willowhill G.C., 4 p.m.

BOYS SOCCER
Today
At Highland Park, 4:45 p.m.
Friday
At Badger Tourn., 4:30 p.m.
Saturday
At Badger Tourn, 10 a.m.
Tuesday
At Niles North, 4:30 p.m.

GIRLS SWIM/DIVE
Friday
Hosts Waukegan at 5:30 p.m.
Thursday (9/27)
At Maine West, 5 p.m.

GIRLS TENNIS
Today
Hosts Glenbrook North, 4:30 p.m.
Monday
At Proviso West, 4:30 p.m.
Wednesday
Hosts Resurrection, 4:30 p.m.
Thursday (9/27)
Hosts Highland Park, 4:30 p.m.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL
Today
Hosts Niles North, 6 p.m.
Saturday
At Prospect Invite, 9 a.m.
Thursday (9/27)
At Deerfield, 6 p.m.

Quick Hits

Big Numbers

329 | Sophomore Jessica Ilc is currently ranked as the 329th best junior player nationally, according to tennisrecruiting.net.

Sound Bites

"Our No. 1 player, Jessica Ilc, played exceptionally well. She defeated the No. 1 player from Hoffman Estates (Junior Courtney Lang) who she lost to the prior week. She was the Rolling Meadows Sectional champion and (the MSL) conference champion last year, so it was a quality win." -Tennis coach John Schwan.

Don't Miss

Saturday
Cross Country: Maine East at Oak Park-River Forest Invite, 9 a.m.

A busy stretch wraps up for the Blue Demons on Sept. 22 at the Oak Park-River Forest Invite.

Monday
Boys Golf: Maine East at CSL North Tournament, Glencoe Golf Club, 8 a.m.

A meet that figures to be one of the toughest of the year, the timing of the CSL Tournament is important, because the Blue Demons will only have a dual meet with Northridge Prep before the postseason begins.

Demons regrouping

BY NATHAN LURZ | Contributor | @Pioneer_Press

PARK RIDGE

After starting out the season 2-0 for the first time since 2004, the Maine East Blue Demons had hopes of a winning season for the first time in decades.

With a powerful run game, Maine East stepped up to face a pair of heavily favored opponents, Evanston and Glenbrook South.

But there were to be no upsets, as the early-season momentum came to a screeching halt when they lost the games by a combined score of 96-7. Even playing a large number of snaps against the opponents' back-ups, the

Blue Demons were unable to muster much.

Going into conference play this week against Niles North Maine, East Head Coach Gabe Corey said that while he is disappointed, he sees hope at the end of the tunnel in the return of three key players from injury: running back, wide receiver and defensive back Christian Lopez; star fullback and defensive tackle Javed Lukovic; and strong safety, fullback and captain Mike Kuzebksi. All three were out in the GBS game, Lopez out for the last two weeks with a hip pointer injury and Lukovic for most of the last three with a high ankle sprain. Kuzebksi has been out with a concussion.

"We went into the game kind of light, we had to move some people around because we're thin to begin with," Corey said after the loss to Glenbrook South.



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Niles North

Names and Faces



DANNY MIRANDA

Noteworthy efforts: The senior has been the boys soccer team's starting goalkeeper for four years. This season, he has five shutouts. Recently, Miranda helped the Vikings to a 1-0 win over Glenbrook South (Sept. 4), a 2-0 victory over Schurz (Sept. 7) and a 0-0 tie with CSL North-rival Deerfield (Sept. 11).



IVAN KORKES

Noteworthy efforts: The junior forward scored in Niles North's 2-0 triumph over Schurz on Sept. 7. Korkes leads the team with three goals.

Quick Hits

Big Numbers

15:01 | The time Niles North senior Micah Beller ran at Saturday's Woodruff Invite in Peoria. Beller finished third in the event held at Detweiller Park, the site of the IHSA State Finals.

Sound Bites

"(Goalkeeper Danny Miranda) is one of the strong, silent types. He's a four-year starter and college-bound. Without him, our record would be worse than what it is. I don't know who will fill his shoes next season. He'll leave some big shoes."
— Boys soccer coach Yoon Lee talking about goalkeeper Danny Miranda

Don't Miss

Friday

Football: Maine East at Niles North, 7 p.m.

The Vikings look to celebrate Homecoming with a win over the Blue Demons. Niles North defeated Maine East 42-14 in Park Ridge last season.

Monday

Boys Golf: CSL Invite, 8 a.m.

Vikings seniors Dan Ammer and Ross Drucker will look to lead their team at the conference meet, which will be held at Glecoe Golf Club.



Niles North senior Dan Fricano is tackled by Maine South senior Alberto Rossi during a game at Niles North in Skokie on Friday. | **RYAN PAGELOW**-Sun-Times Media

Fricano playing big

BY DAN SHALIN | Contributor | @danshalin

SKOKIE

Niles North's Dan Fricano began his varsity career as a sophomore safety.

But that changed at an early-season practice in 2010, when he was asked to play defensive line for the scout team. Though undersized, Fricano impressed coaches with his speed and tenacity. By week four, he was in the starting lineup.

Two years later, Fricano, now a senior, remains a fixture on the Vikings D-line despite measuring just 6-foot, 195-pounds.

"He's had a motor since Day One," said Vikings' first-year head coach Mark Egofske, who was an assistant when Fricano's varsity career began. "(He may not be big) but you can't measure a kid's heart. He has a will to get the job done."

These days, Fricano has plenty of jobs for the Vikings, who fell to 2-2 Friday with a 45-0 loss to nationally-ranked Maine South.

Fricano spent that game moving between



Culture Grid: Rupal Desai

The senior has been Niles North's No. 1 singles tennis player for much of the season:

YOU ARE THE EDITOR OF CALLIOPE, THE SCHOOL'S LITERARY MAGAZINE. WHO ARE YOUR FAVORITE AUTHORS? "I am a big Harry Potter fan, so I admire J.K. Rowling. I also like James Patterson."

WHO IS YOUR FAVORITE TENNIS PLAYER? "Roger Federer, no question. I've been a fan of his since 2002. I guess I like his style and elegance on the court."

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE PLACE TO VACATION? "That's hard. I can think of two. One is India, where I last went to see my relatives in 2008. Second, is the Rocky Mountains (went there in 2006)."



Niles North senior Kris Achim (center) runs the ball through the Maine South defense during Friday's game at Niles North High School in Skokie. | RYAN PAGELOW-Sun-Times Media

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defensive tackle and defensive end, and was credited with six tackles and a forced fumble. He also played

fullback and lined up at receiver, carrying three times for 25 yards and catching two passes. Niles North's No. 8 also can be a terror on special teams, having blocked a big punt in a Week Two defeat to Niles West.

"Defense is my main thing, but wherever they need me, I'll go," said Fricano, who spent his freshman year at Gordon Tech in Chicago. "I

just love being on the field every play I can get."

Fricano also is one of five team captains, and Egofski calls him the "alpha" of the defense.

Next season, Fricano said he hopes to play Division II or Division III football, though he almost certainly will do so as a defensive back or linebacker.

Niles North senior Kris

Achim, a fellow captain, said Fricano would be an asset to just about any team.

"He does everything a coach would want," Achim said. "He's relentless and puts it all on the field. He gives 110 percent every down. That's what every single person on the defense and offense should do. That's the kind of play we need from everyone to be successful as a team." ■

This Week Niles North

BOYS CROSS COUNTRY
Saturday
At Palatine Invite at Deer Grove, 9 a.m.

FOOTBALL
Friday
Hosts Maine East, 7 p.m.

BOYS GOLF
Monday
At CSL Invite at Glencoë, 8 a.m.

BOYS SOCCER
Today
At Maine West, 7 p.m.
Tuesday
Hosts Maine East, 4:30 p.m.
Thursday (9/27)
Hosts Waukegan, 7 p.m.

GIRLS SWIM/DIVE
Friday
At Niles West Dual Meet, 3:30 p.m.
Saturday
At Elk Grove Invite, TBA
Thursday (9/27)
At Highland Park Dual Meet, TBA

GIRLS TENNIS
Today
Hosts Deerfield, 4:30 p.m.
Saturday
At Niles West Quad, 8:30
Monday
Hosts Resurrection, 4:30 p.m.
Thursday (9/27)
Hosts Maine West, 4:30 p.m.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL
Today
At Maine East, 6 p.m.
Thursday (9/27)
Hosts Glenbrook North, 6 p.m.

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Niles West

Names and Faces



KRISTA GRUNST
Noteworthy efforts: Grunst, a senior outside hitter, finished second on the girls volleyball team in kills (27) and aces (eight) at Maine East's Demon Invite on Friday and Saturday. "Especially when Olivia (Rusek) goes to the back row she becomes our go-to person," Wolves coach Stacy Metoyer said.



CHRIS TOMUTA
Noteworthy efforts: The senior has done a little bit of everything for the injury-riddled boys soccer team (2-7-2 through Monday). The forward played goalie for five straight games and coach Scott Ackman said he planned to move him to center back for Tuesday's home game against New Trier. "He's doing fantastic," Ackman said.



Niles West's Dennis Gargovic (79) puts pressure on Westinghouse's Eugenio Dejesus during the Wolves' season opener on Aug. 24. | **CURTIS LEHMKUHL**-Sun-Times Media

Quick Hits

Big Numbers

44.5 | Points scored by Niles West at the Glenbrook North Sprint Classic on Saturday. The Wolves finished eighth in the eight-team field. Niles West's Edan Scott won the 50- and 25-yard freestyle. She touched the wall in 24.29 and 11.16 seconds, respectively.

Sound Bites

"He made an amazing eagle on the eighth hole. He holed one from 190 yards out." — Boys golf coach Mitch Stern on junior Nate Lee, who shot a 72 and finished ninth as an individual Saturday at the Wheeling invitational.

Don't Miss

Saturday

Boys cross country: Niles West at Oak Park-River Forest Invite, 9 a.m.

The meet at Schiller Woods Forest Preserve will allow Niles West to see how it compares to sectional foes such as OPRF, New Trier and Buffalo Grove. Niles West hosts the sectional meet on Oct. 27.

Tuesday

Boys golf: CSL South meet at Sportsmans Country Club, Northbrook, 8 a.m.

Niles West is coming off a 16th-place finish Saturday at the 24-team Wheeling invitational. The Wolves shot a 324. This is the final conference meet of the season. The IHSA regionals are one week later on Oct. 2.

Gargovic takes down Giants

BY MARK PERLMAN | Contributor | @markdavidperlma

HIGHLAND PARK

Standing 6-foot-2 and weighing 275 pounds, Niles West junior defensive tackle Dennis Gargovic will intimidate most people on the football field. Except for maybe his defensive line teammate Vaughn Monreal-Berner.

After Gargovic helped Niles West win its fourth game to start the regular season for the first time since 1974, the two were joking with each other about the upcoming wrestling season.

Monreal-Berner wrestles at 182, while Gargovic is a heavyweight.

When Monreal-Berner, a senior, was asked who usually wins in practice, he smiled and looked over at Gargovic, saying, "You should ask him."

"I've beaten him twice," Gargovic said, though he wouldn't reveal how many times they've grappled with each other on the Wolves wrestling mats.

No matter, Gargovic displayed his strength Friday at Highland Park during the Wolves' 25-20 victory, clogging up the running lanes. Last year Giants (0-4) running back Andrew Sledd had six touchdowns and over 100 yards rushing, as Highland Park defeated Niles West 47-14. On Friday, he was held to one rushing touchdown and just 76 yards on 21 carries.

"Our coaches said to hit them and stay there to stop the run," Gargovic said about trying to limit



Culture Grid: Smita Jain

The junior teams with senior Amy McBride to form the No. 4 girls doubles team. They're 9-1 through Monday:

YOU HAVE A 4.0 GPA. WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE CLASS RIGHT NOW?: "My favorite class right now has to be physics, probably. AP Physics. ... It incorporates calculus into physics so I'm really enjoying that class."

WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE BOOK?: "The Count of Monte Cristo" by Alexandre Dumas. I just love the way he tells the story of the count, and just the whole plot. It's fun to read."

IF YOU WON THE LOTTERY TOMORROW, WHAT WOULD BE THE FIRST THING YOU'D BUY: "I wouldn't actually buy anything right now. I'd donate part of it to my temple (Jain Temple in Barlett). And then I'd give the rest to my parents to decide what to do with."



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Nazareth at Joliet Catholic
Glenbrook S. at Maine East

Sledd and the Giants ground attack. "I think we did a pretty good job of doing that."

"I hate to use the term finely tuned athlete, but even though Dennis doesn't appear to be, he is a very good athlete, strong and physical," Niles West coach Scott Baum said. "And he goes. A great motor for a big kid."

Gargovic was in on five tackles, but also forced the Highland Park offense to run away from his side.



Niles West quarterback Mike McGivern throws a pass during his game against Highland Park on Friday in Highland Park. | BUZZ ORR-Sun-Times Media

"I knew he (Sledd) was quicker, so I tried not to get up field as much," Gargovic said. "If I saw him coming I got an angle and tried to get him."

When the Giants started to run away from Gargovic to the outside, Monreal-Berner (7 tackles) or the Wolves linebackers were there for the stop.

"He brings everything out there," Monreal-Berner said about his teammate. "He brings the attitude. He brings the intensity. The size of course. Just everything."

Much of those qualities can be traced to Wolves wrestling practices.

"The wrestling helps," Gargovic said. "When you're up against (offensive) linemen, it

helps you to get underneath them. In wrestling you need to get inside a lot."

When he wrestles, Gargovic has a couple of patented moves that he likes to use.

"Arm drags and slide-bys are his stuff (wrestling)," Monreal-Berner reported on Gargovic.

The way Gargovic is playing on the football field, not too many runners are going to slide by the line of scrimmage.

The Wolves will look to keep their undefeated season rolling, when they open up Central Suburban South play by hosting Waukegan (2-2) at 7:30 p.m. Friday. Waukegan, coming off a 14-7 win over Deerfield, has a defense that's allowed just over 14 points per game. On offense,

Power Rankings

Pioneer Press/Doings Football Power Rankings

As voted on by the Pioneer Press/Doings sports staff. First place votes are worth 15 points, second place 14, etc.

1. Maine South 60 (4-0) (4)
2. Loyola 56 (3-1)
3. Hinsdale Central 51 (3-1)
4. Stevenson 47 (3-1)
5. Hinsdale South 39 (4-0)
- 6t. Lake Zurich 32 (3-1)
- 6t. Nazareth 32 (2-2)
- 8t. Lake Forest 25 (3-1)
- 8t. Fenwick 25 (3-1)
10. Glenbrook North 16 (3-1)
11. Notre Dame 13 (3-1)
12. OPRF 12 (3-1)
- 13t. Lyons 10 (3-1)
- 13t. Barrington 10 (2-2)
15. Evanston 9 (3-1)

Others receiving votes:

Niles West 8; Carmel 3; New Trier 2; Leyden 1.

Waukegan sophomore quarterback Melvin BoBo IV leads the way.

Niles West averages just over 34 points per contest, but Waukegan should be the best defense the Wolves faced thus far in 2012. A Wolves victory will put them right on the brink of a playoff spot.

Monreal-Berner left Friday's game in the third quarter after making a tackle, ■

This Week Niles West

BOYS CROSS COUNTRY
Saturday
At OPRF, 9 a.m.

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY
Saturday
At OPRF at Schiller Woods, 9 a.m.
Monday
At Glenbrook South at Schiller Woods, 4:30 p.m.

FOOTBALL
Friday
Hosts Waukegan, 4:30 p.m.

GOLF
Tuesday
At CSL Conf. at Sportman's C.C., TBD

BOYS SOCCER
Today
At Maine South, 7 p.m.
Saturday
Hosts Glenbrook South, 10 a.m.
Tuesday
At Waukegan, 4:45 p.m.

GIRLS SWIM/DIVE
Friday
Hosts Niles North, 5:30 p.m.

GIRLS TENNIS
Today
At Evanston, 4:30 p.m.
Friday
Hosts Waukegan, 4:30 p.m.
Saturday
Hosts Quad, 9 a.m.
Monday
At Fenton, 4:30 p.m.
Tuesday
At Francis W. Parker, 4:30 p.m.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL
Today
Hosts Deerfield, 5 p.m.
Saturday
At Niles North, 8:30 p.m.
Monday
Hosts Waukegan, 5 p.m.

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Unbeaten

Defensive linemen help Niles West to first 4-0 start since 1974

Niles West's Nick Johnson (left) scores a touchdown in front of Highland Park defender Grant Paley (right) during their game on Friday in Highland Park. | **BUZZ ORR**-Sun-Times Media

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