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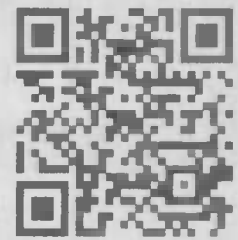
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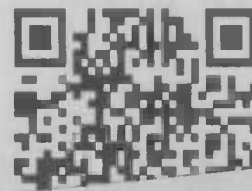
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Cover Story

Lantern-making workshop adds traditional Christmas touch

BY TRACY GRUEN | Contributor

NILES

A large bag filled with colorful, sparkling decorations sat on the table before Tina Velasco and her two young children, Mateo and Sofia.

The family members, of Chicago, were ready to participate in a parol-making workshop at St. John Brebeuf parish in Niles, an activity that has become a family tradition.

Parols are star-shaped Christmas lanterns from the Philippines made out of bamboo and colored paper. Fred DeAsis, a Filipino artist, has been holding parol-making workshops at St. John Brebeuf for the past seven years. He said that it is a great way for families to carry on a significant Filipino tradition and make new friends at the same time.

Some of the people who attend the workshop only see each other during the once-a-year event, DeAsis said, so it serves as a reunion for them, as well as a way to prepare for the upcoming holiday.

"It's a symbol of getting ready for Christmas," said DeAsis.

Velasco's son, Mateo, was excited to make an "Angry Bird" parol this year. The family has been participating in the parol workshop at St. John



Artist Fred DeAsis instructs how to make a parol, a traditional Christmas lantern from the Philippines, during the 7th annual parol festival at St. John Brebeuf Church in Niles. | JOEL LERNER-Sun-Times Media

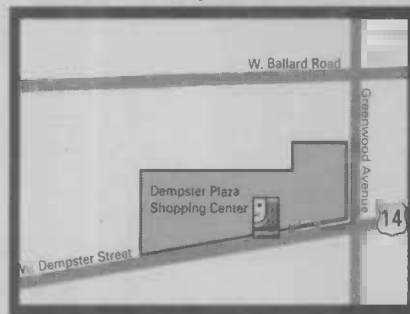
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Justin Buhay-Casteo, 16, of Glenview gets the framework for his parol, a traditional Christmas lantern, during a parol-making festival at St. John Brebeuf Church in Niles on Nov. 18. | **JOEL LERNER**-Sun-Times Media



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Brebeuf for the past few years.

Velasco said her children are Filipino and Latino and she participates in the parol workshop so that they stay connected with their Filipino culture.

"It's just fun, too," Velasco said of parol-making.

Parols are often hung inside the windows of homes or outside the home. In the Philippines, parols can be very extravagant — even electronic with lights — and it is not unusual for an artist to spend several months making a parol so it is bigger and better than the previous year's decoration.

Centuries ago, the parol lanterns were used to light the way to the local church on Christmas.

During the Nov. 18 workshop DeAsis taught participants how to make the star-shaped frame of the parol using five bamboo sticks. Then participants used colored paper and vibrant decorations, including glitter, snowflakes and bells, to finish off the lantern. The parols also feature two large tassels that hang from the bottom of the star.

DeAsis said he encourages people to bring photographs of their children

or pets to use for the parols and make them more personalized.

The hope is that families will keep the tradition alive and teach family members and friends how to make the parols once they learn how.

"It's a great way for her to be exposed to the Filipino culture," said Patricia Reyes, who brought her six-year-old daughter, Amanda, to the event.

Reyes, of Des Plaines, said that when she was younger she remembers seeing parols displayed at her grandparents' home in the Philippines.

"It's nice for her to be able to have the same experience," Reyes said of her daughter.

Reyes added that it is also good for her daughter to spend time with other children who share a common heritage.

"It's an experience for them that they can relate to and pass along to their kids," noted DeAsis.

DeAsis said he was happy with the turnout at this year's event. He also gives similar workshops at other churches in the area and teaches Filipino writing classes as well.

St. John Brebeuf, he said, is a good, centralized location for members of the greater Filipino community to attend the parol-making workshop. ■



New political parties vie for Niles leadership

BY TRACY GRUEN | Contributor

NILES

Two slates of candidates have announced plans to run in what will be a highly-contested election for Niles mayor and trustees next April.

The Responsible Leadership for Niles Party announced its slate of candidates in a press release issued Nov. 26, while the New

Niles Party 2013 held a press conference Dec. 3 to present its slate.

The Responsible Leadership for Niles Party is led by Trustee Chris Hanusiak who is throwing his hat into the ring for mayor. The slate also consists of trustee candidates Louella Preston and Jim Hynes, both incumbents on the Village Board, and candidate Mary Marusek, a former Niles Park Board member who ran unsuccessfully for trustee in 2011.

"There are no hidden agendas, only a desire to increase the participation of Niles

"There are no hidden agendas, only a desire to increase the participation of Niles residents in the governance of their community."

residents in the governance of their community," the party announced.

Hanusiak, who also ran for mayor in 2009, will face off against long-time Niles Trustee Andrew Przybylo who is heading up the New Niles Party in a bid for mayor. Trustee candidates on the slate include George Alpo-gianis, owner of Kappy's

Restaurant in Morton Grove; Danette O'Donovan Matyas, a two-year member of the Niles Library Board; and John Jekot, vice president of the East Maine School District 63 Board of Education on which he has served since 1999.

The New Niles Party's announcement took place at the White Eagle Banquet Hall which Przybylo owns.

"We will get elected," Przybylo said. "We're going to run hard, we're going to run fast."

The Niles municipal election will take place April 9. Mayor Robert Callero, appointed to the position in 2008 following the resignation of Nicholas Blase and elected mayor the following year, has not announced whether he will run to retain his seat. ■



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Maine South grad shows off football skills at Soldier Field

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Park Ridge native Sarah Madden, a student at the University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point, won an opportunity to take part in a football-passing competition during halftime at the Oct. 22 Chicago Bears game at Soldier Field. The 19-year-old Maine South High School graduate ended up tying with her competitor, winning a grand prize of \$10,000 in tuition.

Q: What were you required to do during the preliminary competition at Halas Hall and then during the final at Soldier Field?

A: For the competition we had to throw as many footballs into a giant can of Dr. Pepper in 30 seconds. We had to do the same for the final. It was me and another girl who were the final two.

Q: What was it like being on the field during the Bears game?

A: It was nerve-wracking! There were so many more people (than during the semi-finals). Everyone in the stadium was watching me. I'm bad in front of crowds in the first place, but it was really nice, besides that.

Q: How many footballs did you get in the can?

A: At the semi-finals I got 13, which was the highest, and the other person got 13 as well so we were the top two to go on to the next phase. At Soldier Field I got eight and she also got eight.



Park Ridge native Sarah Madden at Soldier Field during an Oct. 22 football pass contest. | CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Q: You were not initially named the winner. What happened?

A: Both of us shot a ball after the buzzer went off and they counted hers and didn't count mine. She had nine and I had eight. My dad filmed it...I e-mailed a manager at Dr. Pepper and asked him if he could look over the video and see what he could do. Then I got a call and they said they looked at the video and we were right — the one ball (thrown after the buzzer) shouldn't have counted, so they decided

to add \$7,700 to my \$2,300 win so we could both get the \$10,000.

Q: How did you feel about that?

A: I was excited. I was jumping up and down and my roommate was like, 'What?' I was running around and telling everyone.

Q: How did you become so good at passing?

A: I played baseball and softball for many years when I was a kid and I also throw footballs around with my friends. I was also in Powder Puff football at

my school (Maine South).

Q: What are some of your other interests?

A: I love hiking and doing adventurous stuff. In high school I was in Adventure Club which is rock-climbing and stuff. I just love the outdoors and I love animals. Soon I'm going to be volunteering at an animal shelter with my residence hall.

Q: What are you plans after college?

A: I would like to work at a zoo or at an animal rehabilitation center. My major is wildlife ecology. ■



Vinezeano to be named acting village manager

BY TRACY GRUEN | Contributor

NILES

With the announcement that Niles Village Manager George Van Geem will be leaving his leadership position this month, Assistant Village Manager Steve Vinezeano is preparing to step up to the plate.

Vinezeano is expected to be appointed acting village manager at the Dec. 11 Niles Village Board meeting.



Steve
Vinezeano

"I'm like an old soldier," Vinezeano said. "If someone asks me to stand in and help the community I'm going to salute and do the best I can."

Vinezeano said he is not yet sure if he will apply for the permanent position of village manager.

Niles Mayor Robert Callero has formed a village manager search committee that includes himself and Trustees Louella Preston and Andrew Przybylo, the two longest-standing village trustees. A professional search firm could be hired to find qualified village manager candidates.

Village Attorney Joe Annunzio said Callero will appoint the next village manager with the consent and approval of the Village Board.

Van Geem was hired as the new finance director for the village of Skokie. His last day as the Niles village manager is Dec. 7.

As acting village manager, Vinezeano expects to receive an increase in his salary, but it is not yet known what the amount will be. According to village documents his current annual salary is \$108,000.

"It's an exciting time in the community," Vinezeano said. "The only thing I'm concerned about is keeping all of the dishes in the air."

Vinezeano said that as acting

village manager he will first establish the village's top priorities.

Vinezeano joined Niles in 2000 and has been the assistant village manager for the past 10 years. During his time with the village Vinezeano was the project manager for a 10-member Comprehensive Plan Committee and project manager for the eight-member Storm Water Commission formed to help relieve flooding issues in the village. He is also responsible for developing and managing the largest community rain garden project in Cook County and proposed and created a commercial refuse program that reduced costs by more than 20 percent and increased recycling. ■



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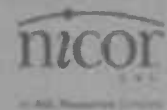
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Term-limits question will go to voters next spring

BY TRACY GRUEN | Contributor

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Niles voters can expect to see the issue of term limits on the April 2013 election ballot.

At the Nov. 27 Niles Village Board meeting trustees unanimously approved a resolution to put a referendum question on the ballot asking voters if trustees should serve a maximum of three full terms, equal to 12 years, and if the mayor should serve no more than two full terms, or eight years.

Mayor Robert Callero said he would prefer that trustees and the mayor are allowed to serve up to three full terms.

"I've seen in other communities that two terms is not enough to get things done," Callero said.

Resident Joe Makula attempted to put a term-limit referendum on the November ballot after obtaining more than 1,000 citizen signatures, but the village clerk did not certify the petitions. Makula took the village to court, but a judge in September ruled in the village's favor, stating that the petitions did not conform to the Election Code.

Makula's referendum had called for limits of four, four-year terms.

When contacted this week Makula said he had expected trustees to approve the resolution putting a term-limit referendum on the April ballot. He said the big difference between what he had proposed and what the trustees voted on is that he wanted to see term-limits as retroactive so current trustees who had already exceeded the limit would not be able to serve another term.

"We're going to get term limits one way or another," Makula said.

At a recent board meeting long-time Trustee Louella Preston stated that she was not in favor of any type of term limits. Trustee Rosemary Palicki, elected in 2011, expressed support.

"I believe term limits encourage people to get involved in the process of government," she told the Niles Herald-Spectator. "It is too easy to let others make decisions for us."

Palicki said citizens may feel intimidated to run against an established incumbent and she believes term limits "level the playing field."

"There is always the danger that longevity can lead to complacency," said Palicki. "The village of Niles can't afford that anymore."

Niles Mayor Nicholas Blase served the village for 47 years before he resigned amid corruption charges in 2008. ■



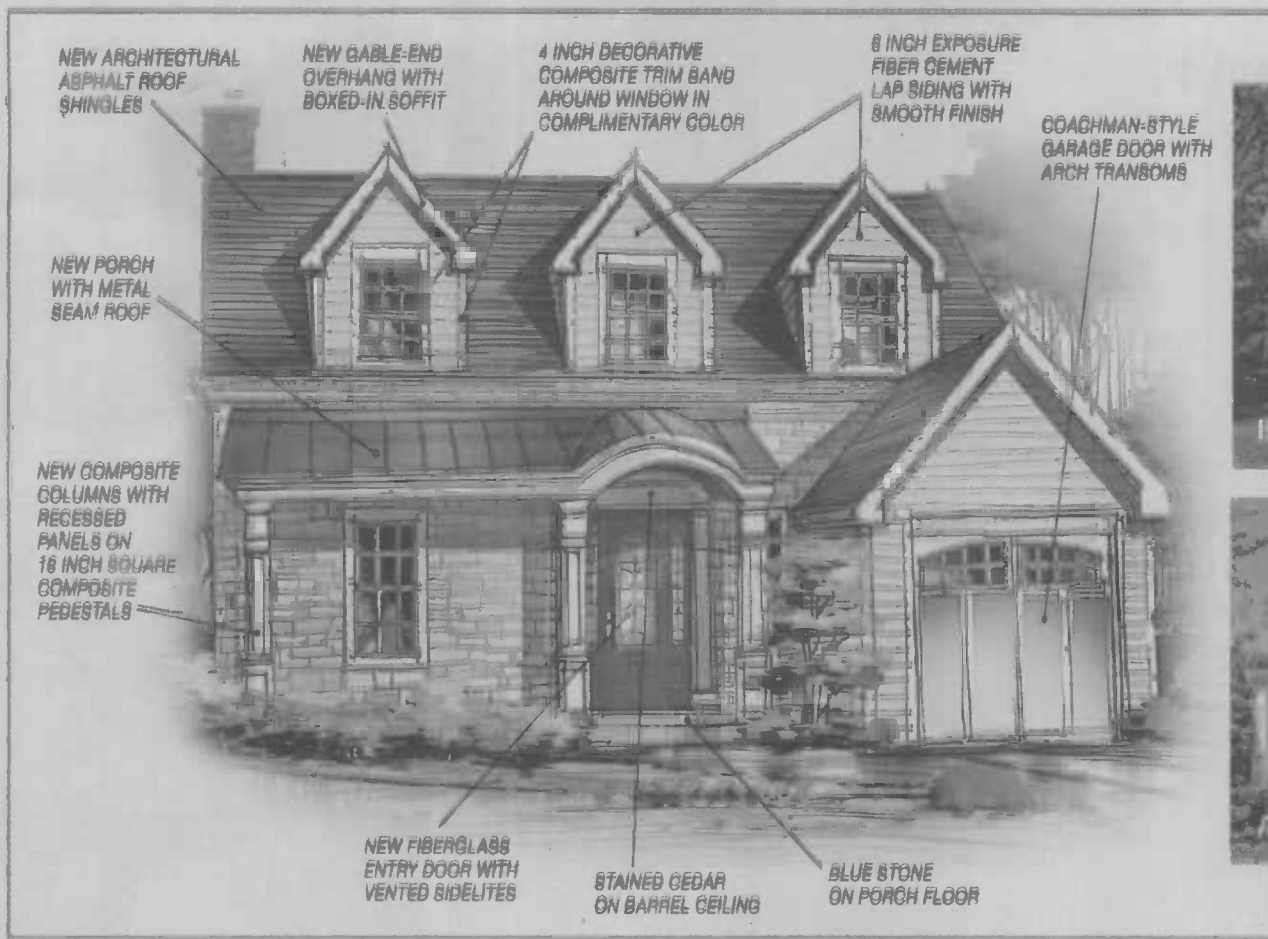
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The following incidents were listed in the reports of the Niles Police Department. Readers are reminded that an arrest does not constitute a finding of guilt. Only a court of law can make that determination.

BATTERY

Arturo Salazar-Guerrero, 22, of 8262 Elizabeth Ave., Niles was arrested on Nov. 28 and charged with domestic battery. A 34-year-old woman told police that Salazar-Guerrero punched her in the face after they got into an argument while playing cards. He has a Dec. 7 court date.

RETAIL THEFT

Michael Deles, 18, of 2202 N. 74th Ct., Elmwood Park, and a 15-year-old from Park Ridge were each charged with retail theft on Nov. 29 at Golf Mill Shopping Center. Police said Deles worked with the 15-year-old to steal two watches valued at \$25 each from a mall store.

Dariusz Swistak, 48, of 1105 S. Roberts, Mount Prospect, was charged Nov. 28 with retail theft on the 5600 block of Touhy Avenue. Police said Swistak was accused of placing various office supplies inside a "bed in a bag" and then purchasing just the bedding. The value of the items was \$290.74, police said. Swistak has a Jan. 14 court date.

DUI

Martin Villanueva, 40, of 2546 W. Rascher, Chicago, was arrested on Nov. 28 and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol and leaving the scene of an accident at Touhy and Milwaukee Avenues. Niles police officers responded to the intersection for a report of a car accident when Villanueva allegedly fled the scene. He has a Dec. 12 court date. ■

Crime briefs: stolen debit card leads to \$2,209 loss

DECEPTIVE PRACTICE

A 21-year-old Niles woman told police on Nov. 26 that she lost her wallet somewhere in the last 10 days. Police said someone used the woman's debit card to withdraw \$2,209.28 on four separate occasions. Police said two ATM withdrawals were made at unknown locations and some items were purchased at a retail store in Chicago.

CRIMINAL DAMAGE TO VEHICLE

A 34-year-old man from Buffalo

Grove said that someone threw a small concrete rock at his vehicle while he was driving south on Caldwell Avenue near the 7900 block on Nov. 29. The rock reportedly shattered the victim's passenger-side front window.

RETAIL THEFT

The loss prevention agent for a retail store at Golf Mill Shopping Center said someone removed a coffee maker on Nov. 13 from a display and left the store without paying for the

item. The coffee maker has a value of \$230.

LOST/STOLEN PROPERTY

A 67-year-old woman from Northbrook said that while she was shopping at a store on the 9000 block of Golf Road on Nov. 29 she put her purse that contained her wallet inside of a shopping cart. When she went to pay for her items, she found that her wallet was missing. Her wallet contained her driver's license, a social security card, credit cards and \$15. ■

Law allowing teens to serve alcohol nixed

BY TRACY GRUEN | Contributor

NILES

An ordinance that would have allowed 18-year-old waiters and waitresses to serve alcoholic beverages in restaurants was turned down by the Niles Village Board of Trustees on Nov. 27.

Mayor Robert Callero said he had spoken to a few restaurant owners in town who expressed an interest in hiring more college-age students to work as waiters and waitresses, prompting the board's discussion.

But some trustees were concerned with what they felt was a blurry line between 18-year-olds serving alcohol and selling alcohol.

"The sale takes place at the cash register," Village Attorney Joe Annunzio told the trustees. "The sale

does not take place at the table."

Annunzio said a state law allows people 18 to 20 years old to serve, but not sell, alcohol. Many municipalities have set their own laws stating that servers must be at least 21. Annunzio said Niles has had this requirement for as long as he can remember.

Katie Schneider, executive director of the Niles Chamber of Commerce, said that Tony Riggio, owner of Riggio's restaurant, informed her that allowing 18- to 20-year-old waitresses and waiters to serve alcohol would benefit his business.

Schneider said that Riggio wanted to increase his pool of potential part-time employees. She added that she also reached out to Amici's and Chambers restaurants and they agreed with Riggio.

"All small business and businesses in general are struggling," said Schneider.

Trustee Rosemary Palicki said she felt the village would be sending a

mixed message to teens by allowing them to serve alcohol in restaurants. She said the village should be focused on sending the message that teens shouldn't be drinking alcohol.

"It's our responsibility to not weaken that message to our teens," Palicki said.

A resident who spoke out against approving the ordinance said he felt drinking is a big problem and expressed concerns that an underage waitress or waiter may serve alcohol to underage friends who come into a restaurant.

Schneider said that places such as Riggio's that are well-respected and have been in the community for many years would not risk their reputations by hiring the wrong person.

Niles Police Chief Dean Strzelecki said that the current law, requiring servers to be at least 21 years of age, is easier to enforce than the new ordinance would have been if it had been approved. ■



Oakton students open door to homeless awareness

BY NATASHA WASINSKI | Contributor

DES PLAINES

Des Plaines resident Ryan Alm woke up last week with a wicked cold after sleeping outdoors on the hard ground in a cardboard shack.

"I spent most of the night tossing and turning," he said. "My face was freezing."

But Alm couldn't call in sick or skip class. The 20-year-old Oakton Community College student went about his business and, by 4 p.m., was completely exhausted.

"It's a shame that people have to go through this every day," said Alm, who along with 26 peers spent the night in crudely constructed shanties to raise awareness about the plight of the homeless.

The Oakton chapter of Habitat for Humanity created an on-campus "shantytown" to expose the varying degrees of poverty experienced locally and abroad.

Every night in Illinois an estimated 14,000 people experience homelessness, reported the National Alliance to End Homelessness' State of Homelessness report. A majority of those people live in shelters and transitional housing, while about 16 percent go unsheltered. Families comprise 41 percent of the overall homeless population in the United States.

Marvin Bornschlegl, faculty advisor of Oakton's Habitat chapter, said the school's second overnight event, held

Nov. 27, reflected a "tremendous philosophical change" for the project.

Participants last November camped out the eve of Veterans Day, staying up late and socializing. They took down the temporary shelters the next morning before returning to their real homes.

"It took away from the dynamic of the experience," Bornschlegl said.

This year the chapter shifted gears and, with the help of 30 school clubs, created and left the shanties to dot Oakton's Des Plaines campus for a week. Sleep-out participants had a more true-to-life experience by not having the luxury of immediately returning home.

"How is it going through a day with that chill inside of you?" Bornschlegl said. "How do you do that after a rough night and internally you're still a little cold?"

Skokie native Sahil Pruthi, 23, said he got a handful of hours of sleep that night in the shanty. A friend who also participated had left by 5 a.m. to pick up her siblings for school before heading to class.

"I learned not to take things for granted," said Pruthi.

Though he didn't feel well afterward Alm acknowledged that it was "a cool experience."

And quite literally so. For most of the night the temperature hovered around 30 degrees. If it had dipped below 27 degrees students would have been ushered inside a school building.

Bornschlegl said that, too, would have revealed another struggle people have: the need to leave their few



Oakton Community College students gather around a fire at the "shanty village" they created in the courtyard of Oakton Community College in Des Plaines on Nov. 27. Students built the village to help raise awareness about homelessness. | MICHAEL JARECKI-for Sun-Times Media

possessions unattended for the night in exchange for a temporary roof over their heads.

"It's not so beyond reality for them to have things that we accept to be an item of value," he said.

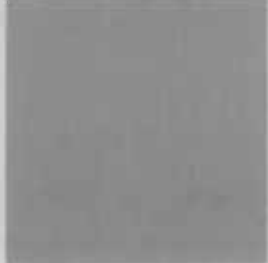
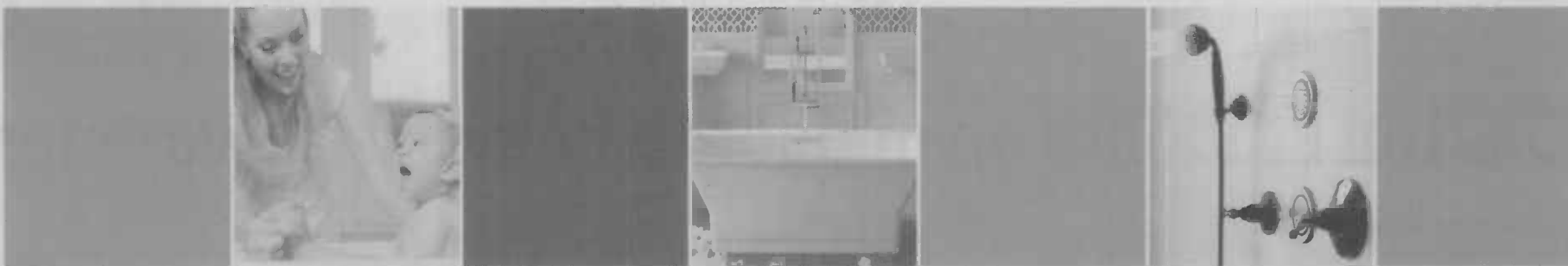
Challenging biases toward poverty was precisely the point of the project, Bornschlegl said.

Generations of family members packed into a house designed for four people are just as homeless as an individual sleeping on the street. So, too, are underemployed workers living out of their cars.

"There are different grades of homelessness," he said. "That's what I think students should learn." ■



Elizabeth Adcox, 23, of Des Plaines, arranges her cardboard box "home" in the courtyard of Oakton Community College in Des Plaines on Nov. 27. Students built a "shanty village" to raise awareness about homelessness. | MICHAEL JARECKI-for Sun-Times Media



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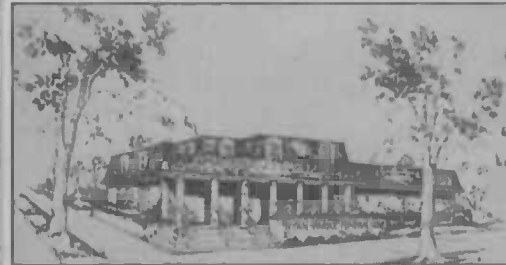
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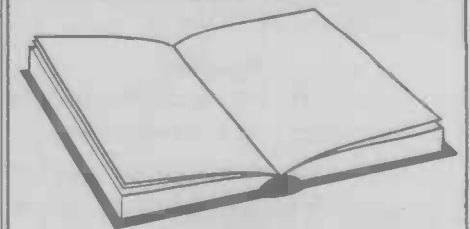
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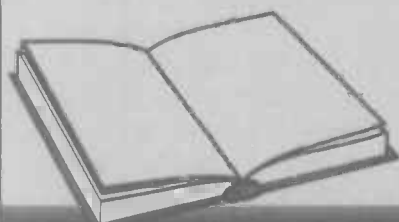


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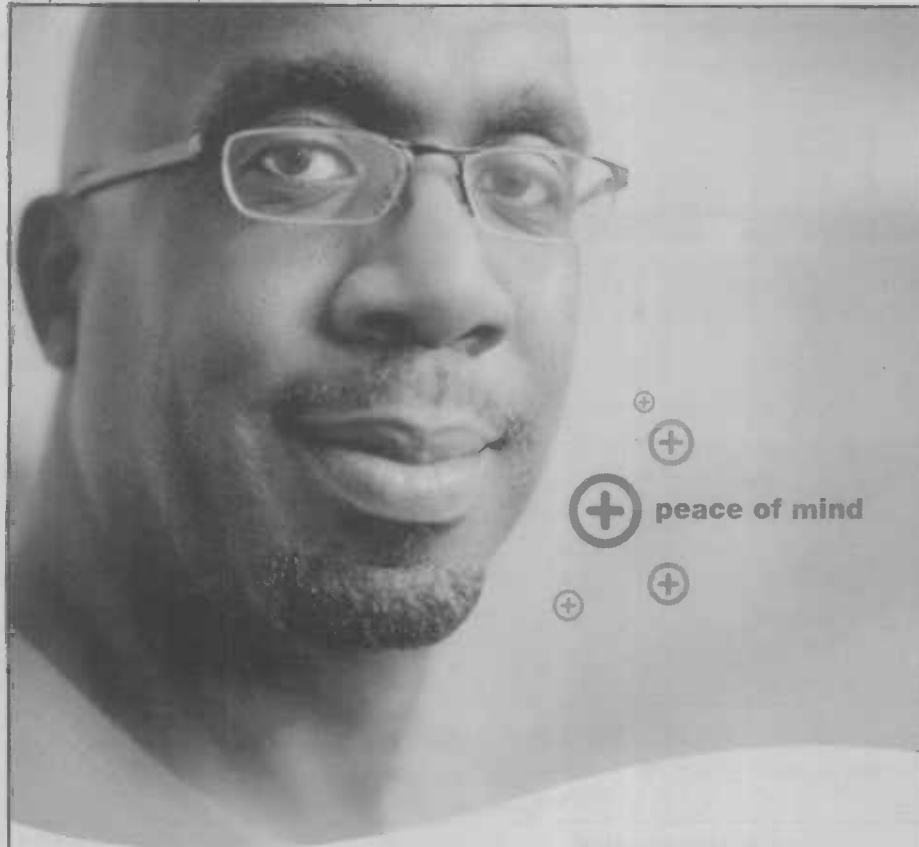


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This is why we studied decimals in school

BY STEPHANIE ZIMMERMANN | The Fixer

Dear Fixer: I don't know where else to turn.

On June 30, I purchased \$190.04 in fireworks from Johnny Rockets Fireworks in Highland, Ind. I paid with a credit card. But when I got my credit card bill, I saw that I was charged \$1,900.40.

To my horror, I realized I had signed a credit card slip for an extra \$1,710 due to an apparent error with the decimal point.

I admit I signed for the incorrect amount. I called my credit card company and Johnny Rockets to try to remedy this error. The credit card company says that I signed for that amount and I'm stuck. Johnny from Johnny Rockets finally answered my repeated messages and told me that this type of mistake is not unusual; he said he would get back to me in a week.

After several weeks of not hearing from him (and repeated calls by me), I finally spoke with him again and he told me he needed to retrieve the video of the transaction. He said he would call me in a week.

Several weeks later, he told me he needed the exact time and date of the transaction. I readily supplied this info. He said he would get back to me shortly.

Again after repeated messages left by me and over three weeks later, I got him on the phone again and now the story is they don't have video-tapes from the day in question — only from July 1 on.

He told me he spoke with the cashier, who assured him that he would "never make a mistake like that."

Johnny said he can't credit me back on my card because they are in the middle of some type of remodeling and he doesn't have access to the credit card system. He told me he

would have to talk with his accountant but that he is going out of the country and I will have to wait until after the first of next year before he can tell me anything.

As you can imagine, this is a complete nightmare.

Emmett Williamson

Dear Emmett: Ohhhh, The Fixer is shuddering, thinking of how many times we've quickly dashed off a signature on a credit card slip without really looking at the decimal point in the total. Yikes!

You told us that you and your son had bought ordinary stuff like bottle rockets, firecrackers, Roman candles, sparklers and smoke bombs — not the arsenal implied by a \$1,900 credit card bill.

The funny part is you have a graduate degree in finance and handle the books for several area churches.

So apparently, this sort of mistake can happen to anyone.

The good news is we had a much easier time reaching John Panchisin, president of Johnny Rockets. Panchisin said that as a small businessman, he has to be wary; he's been scammed before by people claiming they need a refund. It's true that he's between seasons and is renovating, which has complicated things, he said. He added that it's impossible to prove what happened by checking inventory records, as the store had many loose sale items during that period.

That said, Panchisin said he believes an error occurred and you weren't pulling a fast one. He promised to send you a refund for the difference — and he was true to his word, mailing you a check for \$1,710. (You said he even offered you the full \$1,900 back but you insisted on paying for the fireworks.) ■

What it means to you

TAX DOLLARS AT WORK

CHICAGO



City won't abandon retirees on health care, Mayor Emanuel says

Mayor Rahm Emanuel said he's not about to walk away and leave thousands of retired city employees without city-subsidized health care, but changes must be made to control skyrocketing health care costs.

Active city employees will see their monthly health insurance premiums rise by \$50 unless they participate in a "wellness program" to manage chronic health problems such as obesity, diabetes and high blood pressure.

That has led to overwhelming levels of participation and what Emanuel has claimed as "north of \$100 million" in savings for the city.

Retirees are a more difficult population to control. They are older, more sedentary and more sickly. Their health care bills are higher. Their doctors visits are more frequent.

But, Emanuel said, they are not immune from cost controls.

"I'm not [gonna walk away]. We're gonna make sure people have health care," he said. "But, there's a lot of options available to do it and do it in a cost-effective way. ..."

The mayor noted that a court-approved "10-year settlement agreement" that calls for the city to share costs with retirees is due to expire on June 30, 2013. ■

- Chicago Sun-Times

SPRINGFIELD



Lt. Gov. Simon: More disclosure would help regain public trust

Lt. Gov. Sheila Simon says requiring politicians and other elected officials to disclose more information about their financial interests is needed to help restore faith among Illinois residents who've seen their last two governors sent to prison.

Simon and state Sen. Dan Kotowski, D-Park Ridge, are planning to introduce legislation that would overhaul a 40-year-old financial disclosure system that critics have long scoffed at as meaningless. They say the proposal would allow more scrutiny of whether conflicts of interest exist, in part by requiring politicians to fill out more specific financial disclosure forms.

"I think many (Illinois residents) are hesitant to put faith in elected leaders because they think we're self-dealing," Simon told The Associated Press. "The vast majority of folks are in office for the public good. But I don't think you'd know it from our current forms."

Thousands of elected officials, high-ranking government employees and candidates are required to file financial disclosure forms each year. The forms are officially known as a statement of economic interest. But they often are referred to as "none sheets" because people typically answer the eight questions about conflicts with "none" or "not applicable." ■

- The Associated Press

WASHINGTON



Committee passes email privacy legislation despite objections

Over objections from law enforcement officials, the Senate Judiciary Committee approved legislation that would require police to obtain a search warrant from a judge before they can review a person's emails or other electronic communications.

The bill makes it slightly more difficult for the government to access the content of a consumer's emails and private files from Google, Yahoo, Facebook and other Internet providers. Under the current law, the 1986 Electronic Communications Privacy Act, a warrant is needed only for emails less than 6 months old.

The committee chairman and the bill's sponsor, Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., said digital files on a computer should have the same safeguards as paper files stored in a home. Americans "face even greater threats to their digital privacy, as we witness the explosion of new technologies and the expansion of the government's surveillance powers," Leahy said during the committee's vote on the legislation. The full Senate is expected to vote on the bill early next year. A House committee hasn't yet voted on a similar bill.

Privacy advocates and civil liberties groups applauded the action, saying the law is outdated in an era of cloud computing, cheaper electronic storage, social networking and wireless phones. ■

- The Associated Press



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Court rules wisely

The U.S. Supreme Court took an important step toward lifting an unreasonable Illinois ban on people recording police officers on the job.

The justices upheld a lower court ruling that the state's eavesdropping law violates free speech when used against people who audio record law enforcement officers.

Until now, Illinois had one of the stiffest anti-eavesdropping laws in the nation. Violators could be prosecuted for a felony and face up to 15 years in prison.

Technically, the ruling applies only to the American Civil Liberties Union, which filed a lawsuit in 2010 against Cook County State's Attorney Anita Alvarez to block prosecution of ACLU staff members for recording police officers performing their duties in public places. But lawyers say the courts are likely to apply it to all citizens.

In an era when people are used to recording their lives with smartphones and seeing the results on YouTube, it's time for the law — never a fair one, anyway — to catch up with reality. ■



Hazing incidents are more than a little troubling

When people make a move to the suburbs, local schools are always an important factor.



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People want to know if the local school is a good school and if it is safe.

In other words, the main question on the mind of parents is this: Will my child get a good education here and not get beat up?

For educators, job one is high academic standards and a safe learning environment.

That is why the recent news coming out of Maine West, allegations of

a ritual of hazing, bullying and sex assault, perpetrated by older soccer players on freshmen, is so troubling to everyone involved in a school community.

The idea that just one incident as the one alleged to have happened this past September — a

lawsuit filed last month alleges that three boys had their underwear pulled down and were sexually assaulted by other players — is infuriating. The lawsuit has been filed on behalf of two of those boys, according to the Chicago Sun-Times. Six teenagers have been charged so far in the incident.

It is now alleged that similar hazing and assaults have happened before.

The earliest allegations stem from 2007 and 2008.

It is also alleged that officials at Maine West were informed of the 2008 incident. But officials at the district level — School District 207 runs

How does this happen?

two other high schools besides Maine West — were not told about it until November.

How does this happen?

How does a school administrator not tell his or her boss of allegations this significant going on at a school? How do you not alert the proper legal authorities about allegations of a crime happening at your school?

Does “cover up” come to mind? Turning a blind eye?

This story is still developing as I write this and new information may have emerged by the time you read it. We don't know what is to come.

But what I have heard is bad enough.

What kind of educator allows, encourages and witnesses this type of thing? What about the teammates who took on the roles of bully and perpetrator? Where would they get the idea this was something you do to another kid who makes the team? Were they so victimized years ago?

There's a lot of questions to be answered at Maine West. Now that a lawsuit has been filed and legal authorities are involved, there might be some answers. ■

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The Cyber Monday head-scratcher

I searched for the headlines of doom.



PAUL SASSONE

But I couldn't find any. See, I read that on Cyber Monday workers spent all their time **not** working, but shopping online. So, I figured that since no work was being done on Cyber Monday, that lack of things getting done would be reflected in the news of the day.

So, as I said, I searched for the headlines of doom:

"BLAZE ENGULFS HOME AS FIRE-FIGHTERS SHOP"

"PIZZA DELIVERIES SLOW"

You know, news items that show how Cyber Monday slows down stuff.

That I couldn't find any made me wonder:

1. Does Cyber Monday really slow down production? Or,
2. Since Cyber Monday does not result in workplace catastrophe, does whatever we do at work really matter if we do it slower?

Your guess is as good as mine.

But while I was in the Cyber Monday frame of mind, I also started to wonder what the people who worked at online shopping sites did on Cyber Monday.

Did they sneak away from their computers and go out shopping at

local retail stores?

"Can I help you, sir?"

"Yes, I want to buy that necklace. Gift wrap it and hurry up. I have to get back to Amazon headquarters. My boss thinks I'm in the bathroom."

Or do the online order-takers also shop online on Cyber Monday?

A lot of people shop on Cyber Monday. I read that sales were more than \$1.5 billion. And that sales this year were up 25 percent over last year.

But though online shopping is a sizable chunk of Christmas shopping, most people still buy from stores.

I find that comforting, and for the usual reasons:

I also started to wonder what the people who worked at online shopping sites did on Cyber Monday.

Sales made locally put sales tax dollars into local municipalities.

Local stores provide local jobs.

So, now that you have Cyber Monday out of your system, get back to work. And — on your own time — go out and do some Christmas shopping at local stores. ■

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Question of the Week

Q At Maine South High School we asked, "What is your favorite holiday tradition?"



A **Marlah Link**
Park Ridge

"Making a gingerbread house with my mom." ■



A **Alex Paluch**
Park Ridge

"Spending time with my family." ■



A **Kate McGinnis**
Park Ridge

"Baking Christmas cookies." ■



A **Samantha Golbeck**
Niles

"I like to decorate the Christmas tree with my family." ■

People Poll

LAST WEEK'S QUESTION

"When do you put up holiday decorations?"

RESPONSES

- 1) Before Thanksgiving: 8%
- 2) First week of December: 54%
- 3) Mid-month: 18%
- 4) I don't: 20%

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

"What is your favorite holiday movie?"

RESPONSES

- 1) "A Christmas Story"
- 2) "Christmas Vacation"
- 3) "It's a Wonderful Life"
- 4) "Elf"
- 5) Other

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Education in Focus

'Freddie the Frog' leaps onto Niles West stage

BY NATASHA WASINSKI | Contributor

SKOKIE

Young children wrapped up in the musical adventures of a frog and his over-sized elephant friend may not realize by listening they're actually building life skills.

For the first time the music-loving creatures are jumping from book to stage in the Niles West High School Theatre Department's adaptation of the widely-acclaimed children's book series "Freddie the Frog."

"The Musical Adventures of Freddie the Frog" will be performed Dec. 6-8 at the Skokie high school. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$7 for students, seniors, and children.

Sharon Burch, a music teacher in Iowa, developed the five-book CD set to make music learning more accessible for children and their parents.

Set on the fictional Treble Clef Island, the stories and songs teach children about aspects of music such as notes, rhythm and tempo.

"They enter into Freddie's musical world and once they fall in love with him, they fall in love with music," said Burch, who this week visited local elementary schools to introduce kids to the play's characters.

Former Niles West director of fine arts Mary Jo Papich is serving as the musical director of the musical.

Papich, who was Burch's childhood music teacher, introduced her to Niles West High School Theatre



Niles West junior Cameron Broderick runs his lines as Freddie the Frog during a rehearsal for "The Musical Adventures of Freddie the Frog" on Nov. 29. | CURTIS LEHMKUHL-Sun-Times Media

Director Andy Sinclair. Beginning in May, they began working on a script to weave together the books' plots. A narrating group of "red brass army ants" became the central characters charged with interacting with the audience.

Taking a cue from the Broadway musical "The Lion King," the Niles West production features both puppets and actors in full costume, Sinclair said.

"This is free theater that is well-designed," he said. "It is a fully realized production."

The "Freddie the Frog"

interactive musical is made possible by a nine-member pit orchestra, 23 crew members, and a cast of 24 actors who play 40 animal characters.

Students from Niles West feeder schools, as well as children of schools in Chicago and Evanston, are attending the high school's annual kid-friendly production.

Sinclair said younger audiences are often the most energetic, albeit honest, viewers. He encourages his actors to make what is often the children's first experience with theater fun in a non-patronizing manner.

UP CLOSE

What: "The Musical Adventures of Freddie the Frog"

When: Friday, Dec. 7 at 4 p.m. and 7 p.m., and Saturday, Dec. 8 at 2 p.m.

Where: Niles West High School, 5701 Oakton St., Skokie

For ticket information visit www.nileswesttheatre.com/ticket-information.html or call (847) 626-2633

"We are exposing them to a world that is what a visit to Laramie, Wyo. would be for us," he said, alluding to the theater troupe's kickoff production for the season, "The Laramie Project."

"This just happens to be on a tropical island," Sinclair added.

To prepare for Burch's visit and a trip to Niles West for the musical, Kelli Murphy's third-grade class at Park View School in Morton Grove began reading about Freddie the Frog.

The students are also currently playing the recorder at their twice-weekly, 30-minute music sessions. Some have shown progress in other areas of learning because of the class.

"A lot of our students that may not be great readers tend to read music more easily," Murphy observed.

Burch believes music's beauty lies in its ability to trigger happiness while simultaneously activating all parts of the brain.

"Once those connections are built in your brain, they don't disappear," she said. "It spills over into other areas of your life." ■

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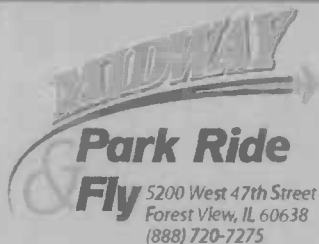
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For a complete listing of Winterim class offerings, visit www.oakton.edu/winterim.

Also, it is not too early to think spring. Registration for spring 2013 classes at Oakton is underway. Most classes begin the week of Jan. 14, 2013.

Find spring class listings as well as late-start courses online at www.oakton.edu, or in the Spring 2013 Credit and Noncredit Class Schedule, available at the Des Plaines and Skokie campuses.

Register in person at either campus 8:30 a.m.-7 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays; 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Fridays; and 9 a.m.-noon Saturdays. Students with a current application on file may register at my.oakton.edu.

For more information about classes, contact Advising and Counseling at (847) 635-1741 (Des Plaines), or (847) 635-1400 (Skokie).

Get on top of nanotechnology

By 2015, the nanotech industry will need two million workers and approximately six million supporting positions worldwide. Get in on the ground floor with "Fundamentals of Nanotechnology," a new course at Oakton Community College that explores the "nanoworld."

Nanotechnology is the science of manipulating matter on an atomic and molecular scale. Increasingly common in the computer, energy,

biotech, and transportation fields, nanotechnology can improve just about any process, tool, or piece of equipment by vastly increasing the amount of information stored on a computer chip. This process speeds up any computer-based application and can even help doctors target specific cancerous cells for chemotherapy treatment, eliminating potential damage to healthy cells nearby.

"Fundamentals of Nanotechnology" kicks off the new Nanotechnology Employment, Education, and Economic Development Initiative (NE3I), a collaborative effort to bring nanotechnology education to Oakton and area high schools. Other partners include the village of Skokie; the Illinois Science + Technology Park (IS+TP), housing more than a dozen science and technology companies; NanoInk, Inc., which develops nanotechnology curriculum; and the North Suburban Educational Region for Vocational Education (NSERVE), a career and technical education consortium of nine high schools in Chicago's northern suburbs.

Ultimately, NE3I will establish a nanotechnology laboratory at IS+TP, located just four blocks from the Skokie campus. Oakton faculty will staff the lab, training students from the college and nearby high schools via video link to be nanotechnicians.

Apply and register now for "Fundamentals of Nanotechnology"; the course meets 6-8:50 p.m. twice weekly. On Mondays, students meet at IS+TP, 4901 Searle Parkway, Skokie, and on Wednesdays, class takes place at Oakton's Skokie Campus, 7701 N. Lincoln Ave.

Class begins Jan. 14. Find this course, listed as PHY 140-050 (CRN 12232) and any Oakton class online at www.oakton.edu. Register in person at either campus, 8:30 a.m.-7 p.m. Mondays to Thursdays; 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. on Fridays; and 9 a.m.-noon on Saturdays. Students with a current application on file may register at my.oakton.edu. ■

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District 207 schools to require 'anti-hazing pledge'

BY JENNIFER JOHNSON | jjohnson@pioneerlocal.com

PARK RIDGE

Maine Township High School District 207 says all students and coaches will be required to sign an "anti-hazing pledge" in light of sexual assault allegations made by sports players at Maine West High School.

Two written statements dated Nov. 30, one attributed to Board of Education President Sean Sullivan and the other to Superintendent Ken Wallace, indicate that District 207 has developed an action plan following alleged criminal incidents described as "hazing" at Maine West in Des Plaines.

The plan calls for students and coaches to sign a pledge issued by the Illinois High School Association stating they will not engage in hazing practices.

District 207's Student Discipline Handbook defines hazing as "initiating or disciplining fellow students by means of horseplay, practical joke or tricks; to harass by banter, ridicule or criticism; (or) to play abusive and/or humiliating tricks."

The pledge that coaches will be asked to sign indicates that they will notify the athletic director or a building administrator if they witness or hear about any "hazing/initiation activities."

The district also plans to launch a hotline allowing students to "report and find adult help on a variety of issues, including bullying and hazing." It was not immediately known when this hotline will be established, according to District 207 Spokesman Dave Beery.

"In general, I'd say we'll be moving as quickly as possible," he said.

In addition, District 207 plans to conduct focus groups with administrators, staff, students and parents at each high school "to study policy, practice, climate and culture as it relates to bullying and hazing" and develop recommendations; review all district policies related to bullying and hazing to determine if any changes need to be made; implement additional, required staff training "to stress the importance of and ensure that staff are aware of mandated reporting duties;" and, with approval from the Board of Education, hire an independent investigator to analyze district policies, procedures and training.

In his letter to parents, Wallace wrote that while officials do not believe bullying and hazing is widespread among the district's three high schools, "one

student bullied or hazed is one student too many. Like students, educators must learn from everything, including difficult circumstances, and take steps to always get better."

Three Maine West soccer players claim they were sodomized on the Des Plaines campus Sept. 27 as part of an initiation into the soccer team, according to a lawsuit filed against District 207 on behalf of two of those boys.

Police reports and an attorney for two of the players said their teammates pulled down the victims' underwear and sodomized them with fingers and sticks.

The lawsuit also includes allegations of hazing on the soccer team in 2007 and the baseball team in 2008. ■

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- 9 Social levels
- 15 Set of morals
- 20 Food of the gods
- 21 Orange-and-black bird
- 22 Hotel queen Helmsley
- 23 Camp shelter with a rounded roof
- 24 1982 Fleetwood Mac hit
- 25 City on the Rhone River
- 26 Start of a riddle
- 29 Skiing need
- 32 Sterile hosp. areas
- 33 Make believe
- 34 Mag. team
- 35 Riddle, part 2
- 44 Category
- 45 Off-dunked cookie
- 46 Knocked off
- 47 "Hava —" (Jewish folk song)
- 50 12-step affiliate group
- 52 Neutral, e.g.
- 54 Certain Scot
- 55 Riddle, part 3
- 62 Congeal
- 63 Here, to Pierre
- 64 Help wrongly
- 65 Riddle, part 4
- 76 Anecdote
- 77 Roxy
- 78 "— Rock" (Simon & Garfunkel hit)
- 79 Riddle, part 5
- 89 Guesstimate words
- 90 Gas in lights
- 91 Nebraska natives
- 92 Neighbor of Croatia
- 95 Jury's event
- 98 "The heat —"
- 99 Longoria of TV
- 102 End of the riddle
- 106 "Gimme —" (start of a cheer at Iowa)
- 108 Cartoon shriek
- 109 "— Town"
- 110 "I do," e.g.
- 111 Riddle's answer
- 120 Part of POW
- 121 City in southwest Ireland
- 122 "Get Smart" star
- 126 — -Turkish War
- 127 Some fishers
- 128 Optometric exams
- 129 Paint coat
- 130 Can't stand
- 131 Sudden drop

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- 9 Accomplices
- 10 Stimulation
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- 12 Rundgren or Bridges
- 13 Tickled red Muppet
- 14 Spotted in the vicinity of
- 15 Hyundai model
- 16 Byte beginner
- 17 Of detective Sherlock
- 18 "— some advice"
- 19 Houses, to Jorge
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- 28 Inflation subj.
- 29 Biol. or zool.
- 30 Bobby Orr's org.
- 31 With 113-Down, acorn producer
- 36 — me tangere (touch-me-not)
- 37 Port near Algiers
- 38 — shui
- 39 Carrot, e.g.
- 40 Othello's betrayer
- 41 Gladly
- 42 Speak sharply to
- 43 Waffle brand
- 48 Grassy tract
- 49 Wholly
- 50 High: Prefix
- 51 Film style
- 53 Yank rivals
- 55 Learning loc.
- 56 1960s TV Tarzan Ron
- 57 Kirk's diary
- 58 M.Sgt., e.g.
- 59 Cube's six
- 60 Home: Abbr.
- 61 Erwin of early films
- 66 King James Bible suffix
- 67 Rural "uh-uh"
- 68 Personal flair
- 69 Old Spanish money
- 70 Pa's bro
- 71 North Pacific salmon
- 72 Smokes
- 73 Old witch
- 74 — Darya River
- 75 Singer Cooke
- 79 Irate crowd
- 80 Spanish gold
- 81 Ill-fated 1940s warship
- 82 "Sula" author Morrison
- 83 Tooted thing
- 84 Camelot wife
- 85 Discharge
- 86 Seattle loc.
- 87 Flapjack eatery, briefly
- 88 Mama's ma
- 93 Not correct
- 94 To — (perfectly)
- 96 Penitent types
- 97 Least soft
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- 104 Sky sphere
- 105 Laid turf on
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- 107 U.S.-Can.-Mex. pact
- 112 Cube of hay
- 113 See 31-Down
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- 115 Sheltered, nautically
- 116 Garden west of Nod
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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★

(★: Moderate; ★★: Challenging;

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HOROSCOPES

For the week of December 12 to December 18

ARIES (March 21 to April 19)

Make a start on that new workplace challenge. But get more information before you find yourself too deeply involved without knowing in which direction you should go.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)

You might find things becoming tedious as your schedule slows down for the holidays. Use this time to get information about a possible post-New Year job change.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)

The creative Twin finds outlets for her or his ideas in the early part of the week. The practical Twin takes it a step further and rallies support to turn the ideas into reality.

CANCER (June 21 to July 23)

It's time to stop being intimidated by someone's negative behavior. Start taking positive steps on your own to help strengthen your position down the line.

LEO (July 23 to August 22)

Look closely at that so-called golden opportunity. Better to be a cautious Cat who approaches things slowly, than one who pounces without knowing where you'll land.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)

Your apology can resolve that personal situation before it overshadows the holidays. You'll feel better, even if you're only partly to blame for what happened.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)

Avoid overtaxing yourself, even if your energy levels are high and you feel that you can do it all. Best to pace yourself so you won't run yourself down before the holidays.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)

Your sense of humor helps get you through a stressful period. Some of your quick quips can take the edge off any remaining negativity being aimed at you.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)

Your artistic talents not only help you express yourself these days, but they also set

up a line of communication between you and someone very special.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)

It's fine to appreciate the importance of "proper form" for doing things. But relax a bit in order to allow newcomers on the project to feel less intimidated by you.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)

Use your boundless reserve of optimism to persuade others to work with you to resolve a difficult workplace problem before it can ruin your holiday fun.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20)

You brim over with self-confidence as you begin to tackle a new challenge. And, before you know it, you're not alone: Others have taken the plunge with you.

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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:

Mondays, Dec. 10 and 17 — Employment counseling, by appointment.

Monday, Dec. 10 — Alzheimer's caregivers support group, 10 a.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 18 — Medicare counseling, by appointment, sponsored by the federally-funded Senior Health Insurance Program.

Wednesday, Dec. 19 — Grief and loss support group (call first).

Saturday, Dec. 15 — Legal counseling, by appointment.

Note: The Center of Concern is closed Dec. 24, 25 and Jan. 1; it will be open from 9 a.m.-noon Dec. 31.

CIVIC

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

Childbirth lessons

18+

Lutheran General Hospital, 1775 W. Dempster St., Park Ridge, offers a variety of classes for new and expectant parents. Call (800) 323-8622 to register — Bootcamp for New Dads: Teaching important skills, 9 a.m.-noon Dec. 8, Class code 8B29.

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CLUBS

Bring cookies

18+ 65+

The Park Ridge Catholic Woman's Club will meet at 12:15 p.m. Dec. 12 at the South Park Recreational Center, 833 Talcott Rd., Park Ridge. There will be a musical program presented by the Harmonaires. Members are asked to bring their favorite Christmas cookies to share and enjoy with punch, tea or coffee.

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.

MOMS Club

18+

Northern Chicagoland group holds weekly activities (such as play groups, outings, museums, park dates) and monthly member meetings and Moms Night Out. Call (773) 853-2834 or visit <http://sites.google.com/site/momclubofnorthernchicago> or email chicagomomsclub@gmail.com.

Niles Chapter Toastmasters

18+

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FAM 65+

The Polish National Alliance, Alliance Printers & Publishers and PNA Bank are accepting donations of new toys and games or money for local needy children at Christmas for the annual "Toys For Kids At Christmas" drive. There will be collection boxes in

the lobbies of the Polish National Alliance Home Office, 6100 N. Cicero Ave., Chicago; Alliance Printers & Publishers, 5711 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago; and PNA Bank, 7840 N. Milwaukee Ave., Niles. Toy donations will be accepted until Dec. 7, when the toys will be delivered to the Women's Center in Chicago. Monetary donations will go to purchase additional toys and gifts for the children in the name of the donor. Call the Polish National Alliance, (773) 286-0500. Ext. 316, or visit www.pna-znp.org.

Holiday Drive

18+ 65+

The Village of Niles and Niles Fire Department have kicked off the annual U.S. Marine Corps Reserve/Toys for Tots Drive and Community Food Drive. Toys for Tots is a charitable program run by the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve that provides toys to children in need during the holiday season. The following Niles locations are collecting non-perishable food items benefiting Niles Family Services and new toy donations during regular business hours through Dec. 16: Niles Village Hall, 1000 Civic Center Drive; Niles Fire Department, 8360 W. Dempster St. and 6611 Jarvis Ave.; Niles Police Department, 7000 W. Touhy Ave.; Niles Senior Center, 999 Civic Center Drive; Niles Fitness Center, 987 Civic Center Drive; Niles Public

Works, 6849 W. Touhy Ave.; Niles Teen Center, 373 Golf Mill Center; Niles Public Library, 6960 W. Oakton St.; CitiBank, 8400 W. Dempster St.; and Parkway Bank, 7601 N. Milwaukee Ave. Per U.S. Marine Corps guidelines, all toys must be new and unwrapped. Used toys cannot be distributed.

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; 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 — Dec. 11: Healthy Holidays: Staying Positive Through the Season, Dr. Laura Segalite, psychiatrist, and Dr. Adriana deJulio, psychiatrist resident.

Exercise/Nutrition for Cancer Patients

18+ 65+

A variety of exercise and well-being classes for cancer patients is

offered at Lutheran General Hospital, 1775 W. Dempster St., Park Ridge. Call (800) 323-8622 to register — Gentle and Restorative Yoga: 6-7 p.m. Mondays, can be done in a chair if needed, Class Code 8C49. Exercise for Cancer: 9:30-10:30 a.m. Tuesdays, improve strength, stamina and flexibility, Class Code 8C47. Gentle Yoga: 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Wednesdays, Class Code 8C46. Stress Reduction: 10:30-11:30 a.m. Thursdays, Offers stress reduction techniques, Class Code 8C48. Nutrition for Optimal Cancer Wellness: 9:30-10:30 a.m. Fridays, Discusses foods and nutrients to help cancer patients and survivors eat healthy, Class Code 8C45.

Whooping Cough Vaccine

4-12 FAM 13+ 65+ 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

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www.reshs.org or call Alisa Martorano, (773) 775-6616, Ext. 127.

Senior Coffee Hour - Concert

65+

The Niles Library welcomes back vocalist Robbie Malkowski and jazz pianist Dave Turner for a live holiday "sing-a-long" concert of "The Merriest Songs of Christmas, Hanukkah, and Broadway" from 10:30-11:30 a.m. Dec. 11.

LIBRARY

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

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Hours for the public

FAM 65+ 18+

Niles Historical Museum: 8970 N. Milwaukee Ave., is open 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. Call (847) 390-0160.

Gingerbread House Decorating

4-12 13+

Through Jan. 6, come to the Niles Public Library Youth Services Department and make a decoration for the giant gingerbread house.

Green Spa Gifts for Teens

13+

Make all-natural spa products from 4:30-6 p.m. Dec. 14. Recipes include oatmeal bath, mint shower gel, and fragrant stress-relief oil. For seventh- to 12th-graders.

Teen Gingerbread House Workshop

13+

Construct a centerpiece gingerbread house from 2:30-4:30 p.m. Dec. 8. Baker Kathy Cherie will provide all materials and guide teens in design and decoration. For sixth- to 12th-graders.

PARKS

Niles Park District, 6676 W. Howard St., (847) 967-6633.

Holiday events

FAM

Breakfast with Santa - Join Santa for his annual breakfast Dec. 15 at the Howard Leisure Center, 6676 W. Howard St.; seatings are at 8:30, 10 and 11:30 a.m. Children will enjoy eating breakfast, make a special craft, visit and take a picture with Santa. All adults and children in attendance must register for this event. A child resident is \$8, a child non-resident is \$10 and adults are \$8.

Holiday Storytelling

4-12

Family entertainer Chris Fascione brings winter holiday tales from around the world to life at 2 p.m. Dec. 9. For ages 5 and older. Pick up tickets 30 minutes before the program in the Youth Services department.

KIDS

Breakfast with Santa

FAM

The Resurrection College Prep High School Alumnae Association presents Breakfast with Santa from 9-11:30 a.m. Dec. 8 at the school, 7500 W. Talcott Ave., Chicago. The event will also include face-painting, a theater production by Resurrection drama students and Christmas arts and crafts. Children and families can have their photos taken with Santa and each child will receive a special gift from Santa. Tickets are \$8 per child and \$6 per adult and available at

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PUZZLE ANSWERS

See page 26 for this week's Super Crossword and Sudoku puzzles.

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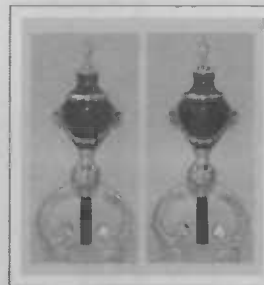
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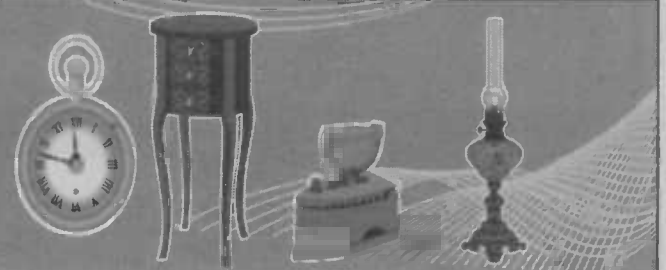
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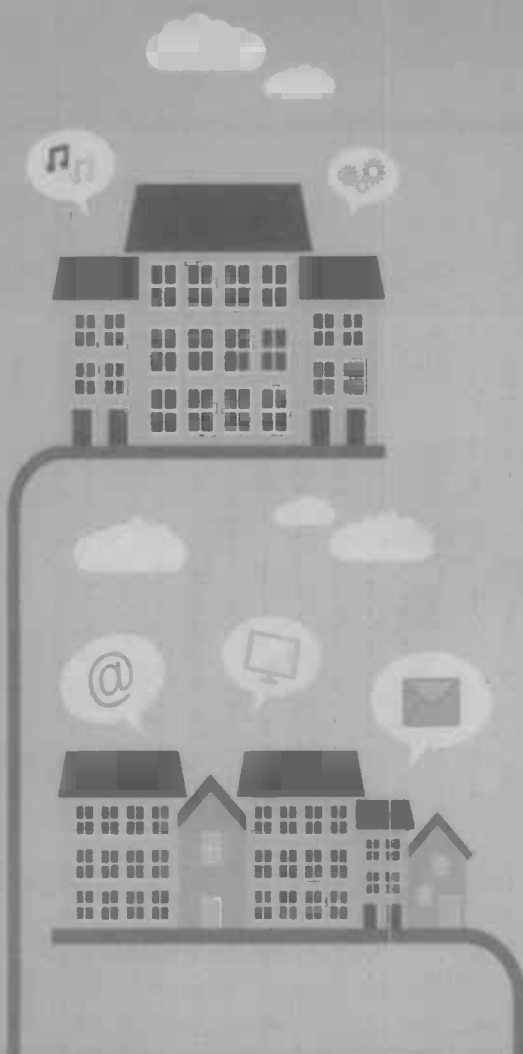


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Business Spotlight

Illinois CyberKnife offers new way of treating cancer

BY TRACY GRUEN | Contributor

PARK RIDGE

Oscar Schnetzer, 85, is now cancer-free and says he owes it all to Illinois CyberKnife in Park Ridge.

Like many other cancer patients, Schnetzer was referred to Illinois CyberKnife at Advocate Lutheran General Hospital to treat his inoperable lung cancer. After only five, one-hour sessions, Schnetzer is happy to say that he's tumor free.

Illinois CyberKnife recently celebrated its one-year anniversary and has treated about 160 patients during that time. It is located at 1700 Luther Ln. in Park Ridge.

"It's a very sophisticated technology that offers precise delivery of radiation," shared Dr. Arica Hirsch, medical director of radiology oncology at Advocate Lutheran General Hospital.

She added: "Biologically it has a much greater effectiveness on the tumor itself."

Some of the most common types of conditions treated at Illinois CyberKnife in the past



Some of the tungsten apertures used to focus radiation during cancer treatments at Illinois CyberKnife in Park Ridge. | **JOEL LERNER**-Sun-Times Media

year ere lung tumors, spinal tumors and brain tumors. Brain tumors make up 40 percent of the cases at the clinic.

The procedure, which uses a robotic arm delivering high-energy, targeted radiation, is noninvasive, side effects are minimal and there is no need for a stay at the hospital, according to Hirsch.



Drs. Majid Mohiuddin and Arica Hirsch are radiation oncologists at Illinois CyberKnife, a cancer-treatment center in Park Ridge. | **JOEL LERNER**-Sun-Times Media

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"Side effects are less because we're really treating such a scant amount of normal surrounding tissue," she explained.

Hirsch said what would take six to nine weeks of regular radiology may only take three to five treatments at Illinois

CyberKnife due to advancements in technology.

She added that patients of all ages are candidates for this new form of radiology.

"This gives hope to people when there was no hope," said Schnetzer who found that he responded well to the treatment, with some fatigue as the only side effect.

"It's people like him that really encourage me," said Hirsch.

Normally Hirsch said lung cancer patients could experience a cough, shortness of breath and swallowing issues after being treated with conventional radiology.

Illinois CyberKnife also treats patients with other conditions, such as trigeminal neuralgia, a rare nerve disorder, in only one visit without any surgery or recovery needed.

"A lot of these patients aren't always the healthiest patients," said Hirsch. "They can't go through surgery."

Hirsch said this procedure doesn't disrupt patients' quality of life or daily activities because it is an outpatient service.

"It's advanced so much in the last two to three years," she said of the technology. ■



Childhood tinkering leads to Antique Clock Shoppe

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MORTON GROVE

Don Behles admitted that his Antique Clock Shoppe is not the place to be at noon on Friday.

On Friday morning, he winds all of the clocks — wall clocks, mantle clocks, grandfather clocks, clocks on tables and shelves — and at noon all of the chimes and bells go off.

"It gets loud," Behles said.

The rest of the time, though, the Morton Grove shop is a bit of a trip back in time. A variety of clocks, from dozens of countries and several centuries, are on display.

As for unusual clocks, Behles pointed out a small version made by the Swiss firm Jaeger-LeCoultre. Its Atmos clock never needs to be wound. Instead, it has a brass bellows kind of device that expands and contracts with changes in barometric pressure and temperature, and uses that movement to wind the clock.

In order for the concept to work, Behles said the clock has a very small movement.

"It's smaller than what you would find in an old wrist watch," Behles explained.

Also in the shop, Behles has several clocks made in the 1800s, including one made in Ansonia, New York. There also is a brass clock made by JE Caldwell in France.

But his personal collection at home goes back much further, including a floor-standing clock



Don Behles, who owns the Antique Clock Shoppe in Morton Grove, has been tinkering with clocks since he was a kid. | **BRIAN O'MAHONEY**-for Sun-Times Media

made in 1681.

"It tells time with one hand," Behles said.

While he sells the antique clocks, Behles reported that most of his business is maintenance and repairs.

Tinkering with clocks came naturally to Behles, who said he began taking things apart as a kid. But unlike many kids who do that, he also was able to put them back together so they worked.

"When I was a little kid I'd pick up bicycles in the alleys of Chicago and fix them and give them away or sell them," he said.

"I started to tear apart radios and TVs when I was 11 or 12," he added. "My parents were afraid I was going to blow up the place."

His first experience working on a clock came when one of his grandparents had a mantle clock that didn't run.

"I took it apart and got it to run and I was hooked," Behles said.

He has run the shop at 6022 Dempster St. in Morton Grove for 17 years. It was located in Niles for five years before that.

If he has one problem with clocks, it's not really the clocks themselves, but their owner who ignores routine maintenance for their often-expensive timepieces.

"A clock should be oiled at least once every three years," he said. "Most people don't do it."

"They run their clocks until they die," Behles added. "Anything mechanical has to be lubricated. If you lubricate a clock at least once every three years it will last for 200 years."

There is one other clock-related item that bugs him: cuckoo clocks. He suggested those may have been some form of revenge by Germany on the United States following World War II, when many soldiers returned home with the noisy devices.

"They really have very little value," Behles said. ■

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Agent: Connie Dornah, Prudential

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COOKING WITH THE CAKE BOSS BROWNIE COOKIES

This recipe comes courtesy of Buddy Valastro, owner of Carlo's Bakery and star of the hit series "Cake Boss" on TLC. These cookies are a dream for both expert and novice bakers as they're made with just a few simple ingredients.

You need:

- 3 extra large egg whites
- ½ teaspoon freshly squeezed lemon juice
- 1½ cups powdered sugar
- ¼ cup unsweetened Dutch-process cocoa powder
- 1½ cups unsalted, raw walnut halves

Directions:

Position rack in the center of the oven and pre-heat to 325°F.

Place egg whites and lemon juice in a bowl and whip on low speed for 2 minutes, then on maximum speed until stiff peaks form (about 5 minutes). Sift sugar and cocoa powder together and fold into batter until batter is smooth and shiny. Fold in walnuts.

Line two cookie sheets with parchment paper, using nonstick spray or a dab of butter in each corner to glue the paper in place.

Drop heaping tablespoons of dough (½ inch apart) being sure to include about the same number of walnuts (3 or 4) in each one. Bake until the outside has crisped and the bottom starts to pull away from the parchment paper (15 to 20 minutes).

Remove cookie sheets from the oven. As soon as clusters can be moved, use a spatula to transfer them to a rack and let them cool.



Chocolate, Oreo and Candy Cane Bark (from left), Elf Hat Trail Mix, Cooking with the Cake Boss Brownie Cookies and simple cake quick gifts. | RYAN PAGELOW-Sun-Times Media

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CHOCOLATE, OREO AND CANDY CANE BARK

In a perfect world, Oreos would be a vegetable, but until then we can at least enjoy this festive candy bark.

You need:

- 1 cup semi-sweet chocolate chips (melted)
- ½ cup white bakers chocolate (melted)
- 10-12 Oreo or chocolate-sandwich cookies (roughly chopped)
- 4 candy canes (crushed)

Directions:

Cover a baking sheet or shallow pan with waxed paper. Pour semi-sweet chocolate into pan and spread with spatula. Place in the refrigerator for 10-15 minutes.

Remove pan from fridge and add a layer of

crushed cookie and candy cane pieces. Top with a drizzle of melted white chocolate.

Place in refrigerator for up to two hours. Break bark into pieces and place on a decorative plate or in a colorful box.

ELF HAT TRAIL MIX

I love gifting trail mix because it's a snap to make (no baking) and always looks great in a glass container. To add a whimsical touch, try adding colorful elf hats to your favorite mix.

You need:

- Red candy melts (available at most craft stores)
- Bugles
- Mini marshmallows

Directions:

Melt candy melts in the microwave on medium heat for about 1 minute. Stir

and continue cooking at 15-second intervals until melted. Stir melted candy well and place in a small bowl.

Working quickly, dip Bugles in the melted candy and top with a marshmallow pompom. Place hat on waxed paper and set aside until candy hardens.

SIMPLE (AND THEN SOME) CAKES

When it comes to giving gifts, it's the thought that counts, and if that thought includes delicious cinnamon swirl cake or pumpkin bread, even better.

These days, food companies as well as supermarkets and big box stores are listening to our pleas to help simplify our lives with easy to make (i.e., open box and stir) mixes that taste as good as homemade.

The key is to wrap them in pretty foil or cellophane and add a festive bow (of course, keeping the "it's from a mix" part a secret helps too).



For your favorite chef: A batch of the year's best cookbooks

BY TOM WITOM | Contributor

Some of the year's best cookbooks, perfect for holiday gift giving, should satisfy all the foodies on your list whether they're novices or veteran home chefs.

Here are 10 contenders worthy of anyone's cookbook library:

Aida Mollenkamp's Keys to the Kitchen

(Chronicle Books, \$35)

Food expert Aida Mollenkamp's new book, a self-help resource for the kitchen, includes suggestions on what to know before you start cooking, including what not to buy and preparation techniques for bread, eggs, chicken and fish.

The Smitten Kitchen Cookbook

(Alfred A. Knopf, \$35)

Self-taught cook Deb Perelman works culinary magic in a postage-stamp-size Manhattan kitchen, and is widely known through her popular food blog that draws a whopping 8 million views a month. Perelman's debut book contains tutorials and more than 100 recipes, new ones and a few favorites from her website.

The author shares her secrets for everything from light-as-a-feather gnocchi to



the perfect birthday cake.

Herbivoracious

(Harvard Common Press, \$24.95)

Food blogger Michael Natkin makes a good case for how globally inspired flavors and a flurry of creative, sophisticated new recipes have sparked interest in a vegetarian lifestyle.

Examples of his "new generation" fare include Caramelized Apple and Blue Cheese Crostini; Persimmon, Parsley and Olive Salad; and Swiss Chard and Tomatillo Enchiladas.

From a Southern Oven

(Wiley, \$32.50)

Prolific writer Jean Anderson pays tribute to the South's tradition of baking, both savory and sweet. Mushroom tassies, chicken jambalaya casserole, and Old Dominion tea cakes — they're

all included in this fine collection.

Modern Sauces

(Chronicle, \$35)

Food writer Martha Holmberg regards a sauce as not just an afterthought, but something substantive that's added to make a dish sing.

Illustrated with eye-popping photos, Holmberg's book walks home chefs through standards such as hollandaise, bearnaise and marinara to caramelized onion coulis and maple-rum sabayon.

Canal House Cooks Every Day

(Andrews McMeel Universal, \$45)

Don't let the elegant volume fool you: The latest addition to the Canal House Cooking series by Christopher Hirsheimer and Melissa Hamilton isn't meant to serve

as a coffee-table cookbook.

Its 384 pages offer delicious and easy-to-prepare dishes that celebrate the practice of simple cooking. Recipes are arranged by month — for example, among December's offerings are Lasagne Bolognese, Pappardelle and Mushrooms and Marmalade Cake.

Muy Bueno

(Hippocrene Books, \$22.50)

The warmth of Mexico manifests itself in this appealing volume co-authored by Evangelina Soza and her daughters Yvette Marquez-Sharpnack and Veronica Gonzalez-Smith.

Traditional regional home-style dishes stand alongside innovative fusion recipes and heartwarming family stories.

Salty Snacks

(Ten Speed Press, \$16.99)

Ready to take your love of

salty snacks to the next level? That's the question Cynthia Nims poses in this handy new paperback appropriately subtitled: "Make your own chips, crisps, crackers, pretzels, dips and other savory bites."

Nims favors the homemade route as a way of avoiding excess salt and hidden preservatives lurking in prepackaged foods. Here, she shares recipes for Spicy Tortilla Crisps with Queso Fundido, Bacon-Chive Bread with Goat Cheese, Salami Chips with Grainy Mustard Dip and 72 others.

Gran Cocina Latina: The Food of Latin America

(W.W. Norton & Co., \$45)

Culinary historian Maricel E. Presilla packs nearly 30 years of research into this authoritative reference. Cuban-born Presilla has traveled extensively to more than 20 Latin American countries, studying their culture and eating habits.

The hefty, 901-page book contains some 500 authentic recipes that highlight the diversity of Latin techniques, styles and flavors.

Turkey

(Stewart, Tabori & Chang, \$35)

Trained chef and globetrotting photographer Leanne Kitchen shares her discoveries of the rich bounty of Turkey's thriving food culture. Her keen eye focuses on the country's little known regional specialties, culinary techniques and eateries. ■



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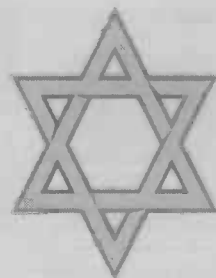
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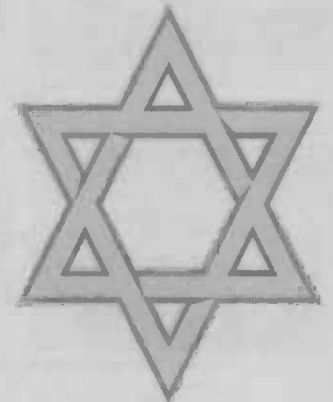
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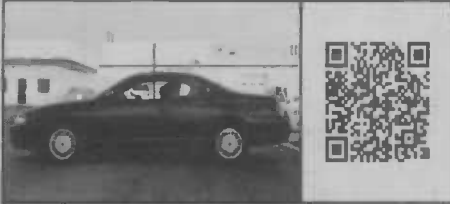
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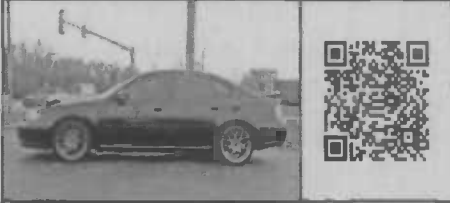
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Acting is real thrill of 'The Letters'

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"The Letters" is an example of truly exceptional performances in the service of a script that's not always on the level of the acting.

Directed by Kimberly Senior at Glencoe's Writers' Theatre, the two-person piece is something of a political thriller. The trouble is, playwright Jonathan Lowell's end-game twist is visible from a distance. It's evident early on that the roles of predator and prey will reverse at least one before the hunt ends.

The primary reason to see "The Letters" is the bravura performance by Kate Fry.

Fry is at the height of her considerable powers here, depicting a highly intelligent, wary woman trying to stay one step ahead in a high-stakes mental chess match she's forced to play blindfolded.

Mark L. Montgomery, also excellent, conveys menace in the most innocuous-sounding bits of dialogue, eventually going in for the kill with sinister, uncompromising authority.

From the start, Fry conveys a seemingly infinite spectrum of emotions, often without uttering a word. A shift in posture, an arch in the eyebrow, a glaze of barely contained tears — she's a master of subtle emoting and her performance is little short of thrilling.

Fry shows us precisely what the fallout is when a totalitarian regime strong-arms its way into an individual's private life. Not quite the Orwellian nightmare of 1984, when "thoughtcrimes" were cause for severe, catastrophic punishment, it's close enough to be chilling.

Lowell sets his 75-minute piece in Russia of 1931, entirely within the office of the unnamed Director (Montgomery), head of a ministry that deals with censorship.

At lights up, Anna (Fry) has been called into the Director's office. Not knowing why she's been summoned, Anna is anxious. But she's also steely and smart, her toughness and wiles



Mark Montgomery and Kate Fry in "The Letters" at Writers' Theatre. | PHOTO BY MICHAEL BROSILOW

'The Letters'

Writers' Theatre, Books on Vernon, 664 Vernon Ave., Glencoe

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gleaming as the Director parcels out information like a hunter carefully baiting a trap. He's called Anna in for a promotion, he says, but just underneath his professional commendations is an undertow of pure danger.

As matters untwist (and twist), we learn

that Anna is an editor whose department has been charged with censoring the highly incriminating letters of a renowned artist. Should their salacious contents reach the public, it would reflect badly on both the Ministry and, indeed, Russia. The urgent trouble is that a copy of the letters has gone missing.

The play takes on the relentless rhythm of a vice tightening into a terrifying interrogation with revelations of murder, threats of torture and increasing claustrophobia.

Dominated by portraits of Lenin and Stalin, Jack Magaw's back-of-the-bookstore set is both nondescript and threatening. It's a shame Lowell's plotting isn't on a par with the production values or the performances. ■

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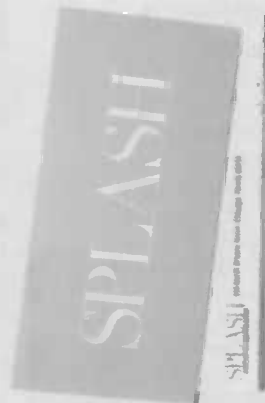
It's certainly not traditional, but when the Young Leadership Division of the Jewish United Fund/Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago celebrates the first night of Hanukkah with a comedy show, it must be kosher. Taking place at the Sheraton Chicago, the event features an open bar, appetizers and a stand-up set from comedian **Aziz Ansari**. The co-star of "Parks and Recreation" and a vet of Judd Apatow films such as "Funny People," Ansari ranges from testosterone-turvy riffs to deconstructing the trials of the heart. *Chag sameach!* \$80 per person, advance registration required. 301 E. North Water. Call (312) 357-4880 or visit Juf.org. —*Thomas Connors*



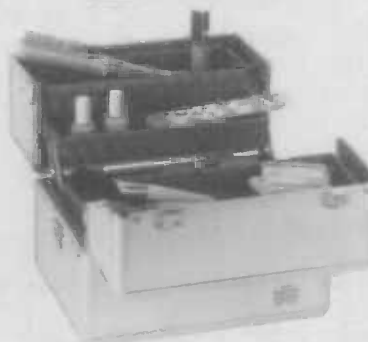
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Seasonal Celebration

On Dec. 6 at 6 p.m., celebrate the best of the season — friends, food and shopping — at Fête Chicago, a new night market. Presented by lifestyle editors **Emily Fiffer** (Daily Candy), **Heather Sperling** (Tasting Table) and **Jessica Herman** (formerly of Time Out Chicago), the event brings together local artisan food and design vendors in a West Loop event space. Sip bubbles from Illinois Sparkling Co. while picking up delectables from Bang Bang Pies, Old Town Social charcuterie and Pear Street Preserves, beauty goods from Arch Apothecary, jewelry from Dorus Mhor and much more. Tickets: \$5, with a portion of proceeds benefiting Fresh Moves, a Chicago non-profit organization that helps food deserts receive fresh food. 1520 W. Fulton. For more details visit Feteinchicago.wordpress.com.

Men at Work

Since 2005, Chicago men have been privy to the sophisticated, masculine collection of clothing and accessories at Haberdash boutique (611 N. State). But now

dapper dudes from around the globe can scoop up toggle coats from Gloverall, blazers from L.B.M. 1911 and Baldwin denim, thanks to the launch of Haberdash's e-commerce site. The store's supreme customer service goes global as well, as online shoppers can book by-phone appointments with the store's wardrobe experts, free of charge. Start shopping now at Haberdashmen.com.

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THE SPLASH SEVEN

PLAN YOUR WEEK

BY THOMAS CONNORS

1 'Mistletoe Mixology'

Dec. 5: Eggnog may be the official beverage of the holiday season, but why stop there? With family and friends gathering round, it couldn't hurt to expand your offerings. And here's your chance: Death's Door Spirits ambassador and educator **Meg Bell** sets up bar in Allium at the Four Seasons to whip up a selection of libations that are sure to whet anyone's whistle (including such '50s-era favorites as the Palm Beach Special, Vesper and Moscow Mule). Executive chef **Kevin Hickey** will send out appropriately festive snacks. \$100 per person. 120 E. Delaware. For reservations, call (312) 799-4900.



2 Hubbard Street Dance Chicago

Dec. 6-9: Thirty-five years young this season, Hubbard Street Dance Chicago — under the direction of **Glenn Edgerton** — remains ever on the lookout for new, challenging and exciting work to add to its impressively eclectic repertoire. For its holiday engagement at the Harris Theater, the group offers a richly varied program that includes the company premiere of "Casi-Casa," a compelling, psychologically driven work by famed Swedish choreographer **Mats Ek**. Tickets: \$25-\$94, 205 E. Randolph. Call (312) 850-9744 or visit Hubbardstreetdance.com.

3 Open Doors Gala

Dec. 7: Fostering creativity is key to the programs at Columbia College, and countless young people have honed their talents in its classrooms, studios and performance spaces. The Open Doors Gala supports scholarships for Chicago Public Schools graduates and includes an award presentation to **John Bryan**, former chairman and CEO of Sara Lee Corp. (and one of the city's greatest cultural supporters), who will be honored with the Chicago Legacy Award in memory of Johnson Publishing founder John H. Johnson. The event — held in Columbia's Jeanne Gang-designed Media Production Center — showcases student works in the visual arts, dance, theater and fashion, and includes a performance by the Columbia College Gospel Choir. Tickets: \$1,000. 1600 S. State. Call (312) 369-8188 or contact Bcaburnay@colum.edu.

4 'The Nutcracker'

Dec. 7-27: One of the most fanciful holiday traditions ever, the "Nutcracker" ballet comes alive at the Auditorium Theatre as the Joffrey Ballet presents its exquisitely executed production. Choreographed by company founders Robert Joffrey and Gerald Arpino, and set to the inimitable Tchaikovsky score (performed live by the Chicago Philharmonic), "The Nutcracker" — like Handel's "Messiah" and "A Christmas Carol" — is one of those year-end treats we just can't do without. Tickets: \$31-\$132, available at the Joffrey Ballet Box Office, 10 E. Randolph; by phone at (800) 982-2787 or online at Ticketmaster.com. Performance at 50 E. Congress.

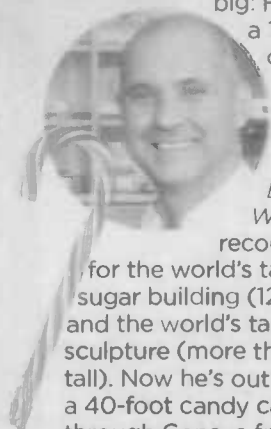


5 Spirit of St. Nicholas Ball

Dec. 7: Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago, one of the largest private, not-for-profit social service agencies in the Midwest, has been lending a helping hand for 95 years. And for the past 23, its December fundraiser has been a holiday tradition. This year's event at the Hilton Chicago, which benefits numerous children's programs, begins in the Great Hall, where Cardinal **Francis George** and Monsignor **Michael M. Boland** will welcome guests. Then, it's on to dinner and dancing and the chance to do a little good. Not a bad way to begin the season. Tickets start at \$400. 720 S. Michigan. Call (312) 655-7912 or email [Ashley Owen at Aowen@catholiccharities.net](mailto:Aowen@catholiccharities.net).

6 World's longest candy cane

Dec. 8: As viewers of the Food Network know, chefs like a challenge. Chef **Alain Roby** is no exception — and he thinks big: He's created a 1,250-pound cake for "The Martha Stewart Show," and *The Guinness Book of World Records* recognized him for the world's tallest cooked sugar building (12 feet high) and the world's tallest chocolate sculpture (more than 20 feet tall). Now he's out to fashion a 40-foot candy cane running through Geneva from his All Chocolate Kitchen. Do we smell a three-peat? Free. 33 S. Third. 7 p.m. For more information, call (630) 232-2395 or visit Allchocolatekitchen.com.



7 Holly Ball

Dec. 8: Fox News Channel's **Bret Baier** headlines the second annual Holly Ball for Barrington Children's Charities. The 2-year-old nonprofit was founded by Barrington residents **Tom and Darby Hills** with the goal of funding need-based causes for children in the area, such as Blessings in a Backpack (which provides weekend meals for children on federal meal programs). The black-tie event will include dinner, dancing to the Pete Fleming Orchestra and a live auction with tickets to the 2013 Grammy and Emmy awards. Tickets: \$200. Barrington Hills Country Club, 300 W. County Line, Barrington. Barringtonchildrenscharities.com.



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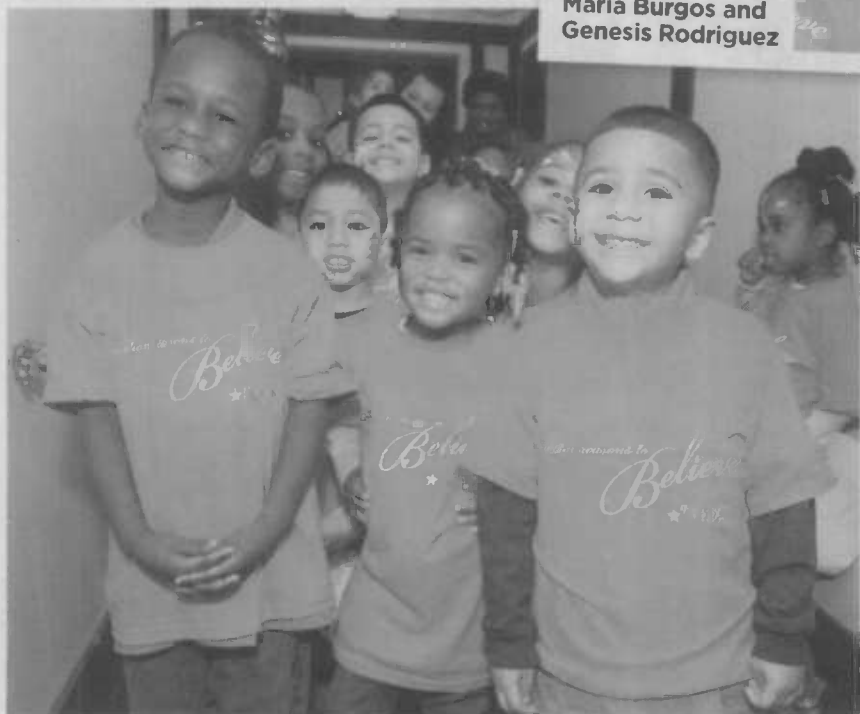
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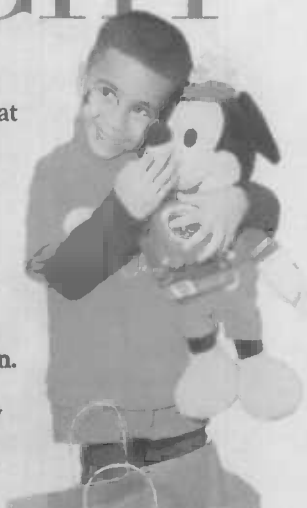
Andrea Schwartz and Dan Valliere

MACY'S 'OPERATION HAPPY CHILDREN'

MAKING SPIRITS BRIGHT

BY KATERINA BIZIOS

The holiday lights at Macy's on State Street always dazzle, but on Nov. 20 the store was even brighter than usual with the additional smiles of 200 preschool-aged kids participating in Operation Happy Children. Before the store opened, they were invited to enjoy a private breakfast in the Walnut Room (where Macy's executives such as **Andrea Schwartz** served as waitstaff), followed by face-painting, a visit with Santa and goody bags brimming with gifts. For the fifth year Macy's paired with the Chicago Commons Head Start Program, a full-day preschool for young children in underprivileged neighborhoods.



Erik Coquet

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CHICAGO CHILDREN'S MUSEUM GALA

CHILD'S PLAY

BY BIANCA BETANCOURT

The Chicago Children's Museum came of age on Nov. 3 when one of the city's top cultural institutions dedicated to children celebrated its 30th birthday. Host committee members **Joan Harris** and members of the Crown, Goodman and Pritzker Pucker families welcomed more than 550 guests to the annual gala held inside the Navy Pier Grand Ballroom (600 E. Grand). With sponsors including Allstate and BDT Capital Partners, the party raised more than \$870,000 to help support the museum's mission of connecting the importance of learning through play for children.

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SILVER BELLES

There's no better time to shine than the holidays, and these silver-clad Chicago women are giving the city's shimmering lights a run for their money. Dresses range from subtle to sexy, but bold clutches and sky-high heels can add an extra punch. The key is to look glam without overdoing the sparkle; but then again, diamonds are a girl's best friend.

CHICAGO UNITED: BRIDGE AWARDS DINNER

UNITED COLORS

BY MADELINE SKAGGS

On the heels of the 2012 Changing Color of Leadership Conference, more than 900 business leaders gathered at Chicago United's ninth annual Bridge Awards Dinner Nov. 15, presented by BMO Harris Bank at the Chicago Hilton. Johnson & Johnson Chairman **William Weldon** and Walgreen Co. President and CEO **Gregory Wasson** were honored for their commitment to diversity and economic inclusion. The evening was emceed by WLS-Channel 7's **Ravi Baichwal**, who introduced presenting sponsor **Ellen Costello**, CEO of BMO Financial Corp., and Gov. **Pat Quinn**. The event raised \$725,000 for Chicago United.

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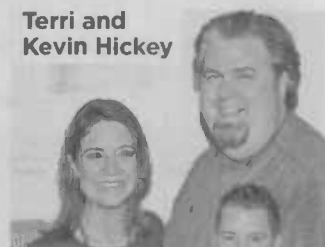
NEWS WORTHY

BY BIANCA BETANCOURT

Reporters rocked the Park West Nov. 10 for the third annual "Newsapalooza," a variety show and charity concert featuring Chicago's most musically talented media personalities. The event — a collaboration between WSL-AM 890 radio host **Roe Conn** and Grammy Award-winner **Richard Marx** — featured performers such as "Windy City Live" hosts **Ryan Chiaverini** and **Val Warner**, "ABC World News Now" anchor **Paula Faris** and WMAQ-Channel 5's **Daniella Guzman**. This year's proceeds benefited Clearbrook, which provides aid to people with developmental disabilities.

The Sun-Times was the media sponsor of this event.

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Terri and Kevin Hickey



Stacy and Rob Johnson

VERSAILLES '73: AMERICAN RUNWAY REVOLUTION

FRENCH TWIST

In 1973 five American fashion designers battled five French designers at an epic runway show benefiting the restoration of the Palace of Versailles. Nearly 40 years later, a documentary celebrating the American designers' dominance — and heralding the rise of African-American runway models — was shown at Columbia College Chicago's Film Row Cinema at 1104 S. Wabash. Attendees included the executive producer of "Versailles '73," **Deborah Riley Draper**, as well as documentary stars and former runway models **Mikki Taylor**, **Pat Cleveland**, **Norma Jean Darden** and **Charlene Dash**.



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Hoop Dreams

Jewelry designer **Lana Bramlette** polishes off a perfect day

BY ZAK STEMER

Diamonds might be forever, but for **Lana Bramlette**, the designer behind Chicago-based line Lana Jewelry, it's glittering gold that's the symbol of eternal love. "In the beginning, I wanted to let the world know that I was committed to my boyfriend, who is now my husband, so I designed a nameplate necklace with his name on it," she says. It wasn't long before her designs became a staple of Hollywood starlets — Cameron Diaz, Jennifer Lopez and Rihanna are all well-documented fans. InStyle magazine has even crowned her the reigning queen of hoops.

Despite being sold in more than 300 stores like Nordstrom, Neiman Marcus and Bloomingdale's, her majesty has never forgotten her roots. "I wanted to make jewelry for a girl like me," she says. "[When I started] I was 27 years old and finally making my own money. Fake jewelry just wasn't appealing. I felt like I was worth more."

This September marked the 10th anniversary of Lana Jewelry and to celebrate, Bramlette brought back her signature nameplates with a twist: They have romantic words like "Love" (pictured above right), "Taken" and "Luck." "It's like that idea in the '50s when girls got pinned," she says. "The nameplates are so personal."

And there's much more on the horizon: The spring 2013 collection will be "very, unbelievably colorful," Bramlette teases. "It's extremely new for Lana because we're so known for gold." Whatever colors the future might bring, it's sure to set the gold standard.

To recharge her creativity, she spends Sunday with the people who make her shine.



Lana Bramlette and her daughter Blake

Love nameplate necklace by Lana Jewelry

8 A.M.

After Bramlette, her husband, Rob, and 2-year-old daughter Blake wake up, they take their golden retriever, Rocco, for a walk around the city.



9 A.M.

In mom-mode, Bramlette treats everyone to homemade pancakes for breakfast. If she doesn't feel like cooking, her husband takes the gang out to Wishbone (1001 W. Washington) or Meli (540 N. Wells).



10 A.M.

It's time to take Blake on an educational field trip; favorites include the polar bears at Lincoln Park Zoo (2001 N. Clark), butterflies at the Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum (2430 N. Cannon) and the sea lions at the Shedd Aquarium (1200 S. Lakeshore).

NOON

Lunch is served. "We love Greek Islands [200 S. Halsted] for a little saganaki. Opa!"



Urban Oasis

1 P.M.

Naptime for Blake. "Every parent knows this is a sacred, happy time. I get to rest, watch all my housewives on Bravo, eat ice cream in bed and run out and get a massage at Urban Oasis [939 W. North]."



6:30 P.M.

Dinner at their favorite spot: Piccolo Sogno (464 N. Halsted). "We like places where you are treated like gold, because you know I am into that."

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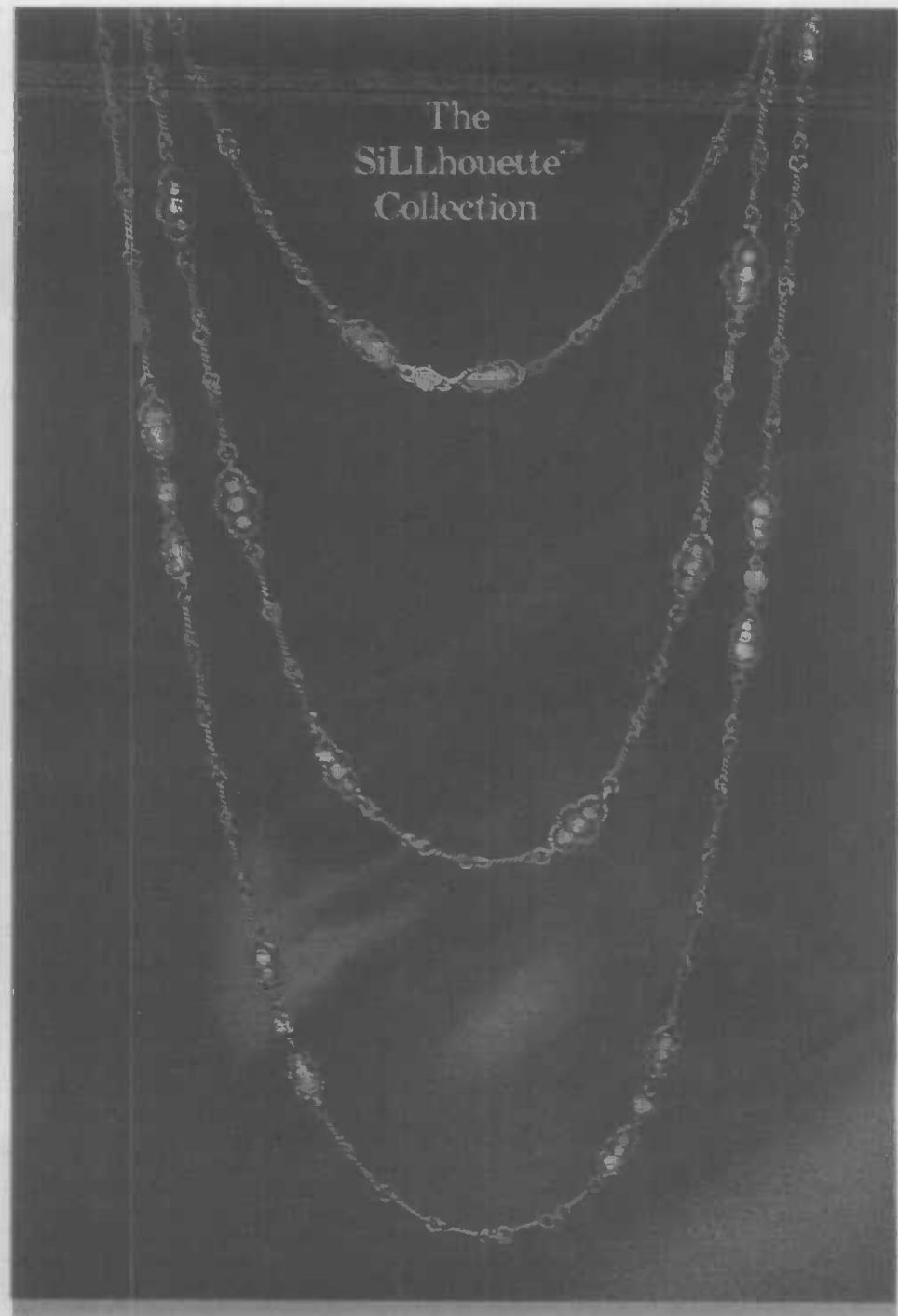
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Angel eyes

Erin Heatherton gives
us the inside scoop on
life as a Victoria's
Secret Angel

BY MOLLY EACH



WINGING IT

Heatherton struts
her stuff at this
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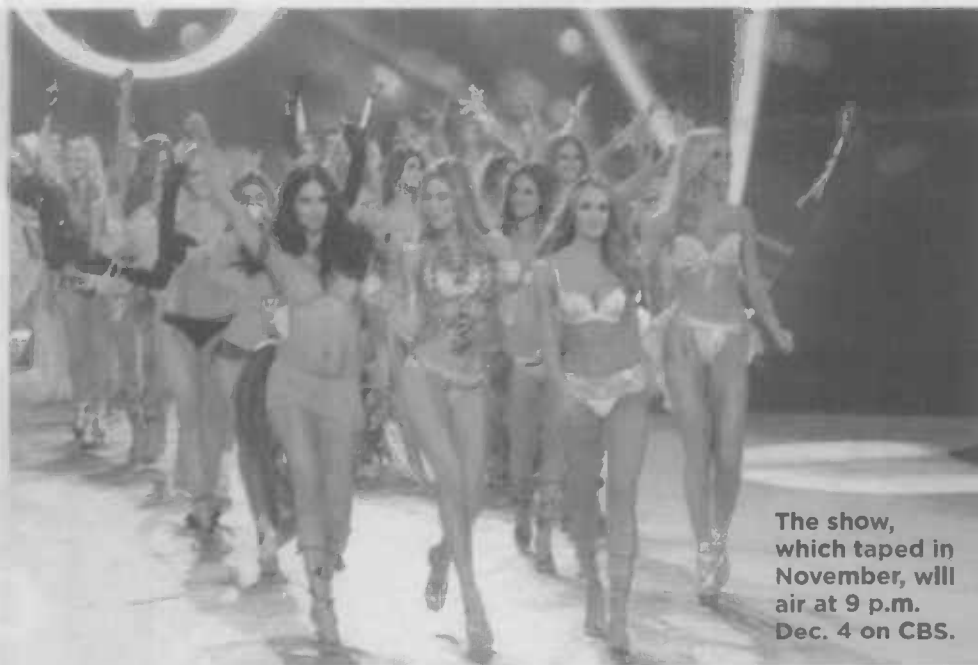
In movies the modeling industry is portrayed as a cold, cutthroat world full of catty co-workers and razor-tongued bosses. But Skokie native Erin Heatherton's experience has been far different. In

her job as a Victoria's Secret Angel, the supermodel has found a much warmer community, one that — at the core — is reminiscent of her own family.

"It's like an oasis in the modeling world," says Heatherton of the Angel experience. "There's a lot of love. You don't feel like a clothes hanger, you feel like a family member and you're embraced for who you are." On Dec. 4 Heatherton will show the world exactly who she is when she struts her stuff for the fifth time in the annual "Victoria's Secret Fashion Show," a televised multimedia extravaganza that blends a runway presentation and a concert. But while it's a star-studded event, taking center stage are the Angels, a six-member model group that counts Heidi Klum, Tyra Banks and Gisele Bündchen among its alumni and Adriana Lima and Alessandra Ambrosio in its current ranks. It's one of the most coveted gigs in the business, as it not only pays well, but can launch a model's career to new heights.

"It's the best job in the world," she says. "I've met some of my best friends in the world working for Victoria's Secret. When we go on trips together the atmosphere is like being on vacation with your family, and we all keep in touch when we're not working. They embrace us growing together and that's unparalleled to any other career you can follow as a fashion model."

The family environment is the perfect fit for 23-year-old Heatherton. Born as Erin Heather Buble to a close-knit Jewish family in Skokie, she grew up a self-described "nerd" who competed in science fairs and played basketball for Niles North High School. But her life took a major detour when she was discovered while visiting Florida with a friend her junior year. She soon signed with Marilyn Agency, moved to New York City and since then she's appeared in Marie Claire, Italian Vogue, British GQ and British Elle and walked the runway for some of the biggest designers in the business, including Diane Von Furstenberg, Oscar de la Renta and Marc Jacobs. But while getting glammed up for magazine covers and runway shows is fun, Heatherton relishes the way she can embrace her down-home



The show, which taped in November, will air at 9 p.m. Dec. 4 on CBS.



Heatherton (center) and her fellow Angels Lindsay Ellingson (left) and Doutzen Kroes.

personality as an Angel.

"They've really been able to portray me as me," she says. "I'm different from the other girls. I'm not from Brazil. I'm a home girl; I grew up playing sports. And they've allowed me to be comfortable in that space and just have a casual, cool sexiness." It also means that her anti-glam style is celebrated, not altered. She favors great-fitting jeans, boots and floral dresses (she calls it "grandma grunge") and takes a minimalist approach to beauty. "It's not about makeup," says Heatherton. "It's about having great skin and really healthy hair. You can put in a curl or put on a lip color or mascara, but the important thing is that the health of your skin and hair is shining through. It's the most beautiful thing a woman [can do]."

While she spends the year jetting around the world for photo shoots, commercial spots and runway shows, the last few months of the year are centered around the Victoria's Secret's holiday

show, a super-sized event that combines a lingerie runway presentation with a killer concert. It's hands-down Heatherton's favorite gig of the year. "It's like a combination of Christmas and my birthday," she says. "It's a team sport. We all get ready together, we're all rooting for each other, we want everyone to do well. It's so much fun." This year's installment is set to outdo the rest, with six runway segments and performances by Bruno Mars, Justin Bieber and Rihanna. "Her energy on stage was so powerful," says Heatherton of the singer. "She inspired so much energy in the show and pushed us to really bring it."

After wrapping up the show, the newly single Heatherton will spend the holidays traveling to visit friends and fellow angels, including best friend Lily Aldridge (Heatherton is godmother to her daughter). She'll also channel her energy into philanthropic projects: She works heavily with the Global Poverty Project, and in September she helped produce the Global Citizen Festival, a concert to combat poverty held in Central Park that attracted 60,000 attendees.

While she won't be swinging back through Chicago over the holidays, she does travel back to see her family and friends whenever possible. "I love being in Chicago," says Heatherton, fresh off a trip home for Thanksgiving where she hit only the homiest haunts, like Second City, Flat Top Grill and Caffeine coffee shop in Evanston. She also meets up with friends for a drink or two. "Tommy Nevin's [1454 Sherman, Evanston] is a great place to hang out and run into people you went to school with — they just don't have spots like that in New York."

And a girl like Erin could only come from Chicago.



Getting ready backstage.

REVVING FOR THE RUNWAY

As the clock ticks toward the big fashion show, Heatherton tweaks her routine to ensure she's in top form.

One Month to Go: "I work out all year for the show, but the weeks before you really start picking it up," she says. To keep in stellar shape she mixes running with Pilates and yoga.



One Week to Go: Heatherton takes her workouts down a notch to rest her body, but keeps nimble with yoga. She drinks a lot of water and gets enough sleep.

One Day to Go: "It's really about enjoying the moment. You're already ready, so you don't want to get too caught up in trying to change yourself." To chill out, Heatherton takes a bath with Epsom salts, lights a candle and listens to good music. On her playlist? The Black Keys,



Kings of Leon, Led Zeppelin and George Harrison (left).



One Minute to Go: "I don't get nervous

anymore because it's so much fun," she says. "The short amount of time I'm out on the runway is like going on a rollercoaster. It's such a happy, exciting feeling. I'm more like a racehorse ready to go — I just want to get out there."

Behind the Design

A pair of local collectors open up their respective jewelry boxes to reveal the pieces that got them hooked — and what keeps them coming back for more

BY JOURDAN FAIRCHILD

LAURIE DAVIS

It's addictive, like a drug," admits Laurie Davis of her obsession for collecting costume jewelry. Lucky for her, she can get her fix while making a living as the owner of Lulu's at the Belle Kay, a high-end vintage shop in North Center. To fill the racks in her elegant boutique, Davis has spent the past 10 years traveling the world spotting top-notch pieces to sell alongside luxurious fur coats and couture gowns.

How did she develop such a keen eye for accessories? An entire lifetime of admiration. Influenced by her half-Italian and half-Spanish heritage, Davis began receiving gifts of gold jewelry at birth. And when her father, an international businessman, returned home from trips, he'd have charms for his daughters' bracelets and jewelry for his wife. But Davis's love for jewelry jumped up a notch while the family was living in Mexico for four months, and a 16-year-old Davis spied a sterling silver bracelet that made her heart skip a beat. That stunning piece — along with at least 250 others — make up her current personal collection, which fills rows of custom-built shelves in her dressing room at home.

"These days, it takes a lot to rock my world," says Davis, who's partial to designers such as Selro, Napier and Ciner. "But unless you own the crown jewels or you're Elizabeth Taylor, fine jewelry cannot do what this stuff can do," she says. "Why would I want to wear some 'twinkie' diamond necklace when I could put on something extraordinary?"

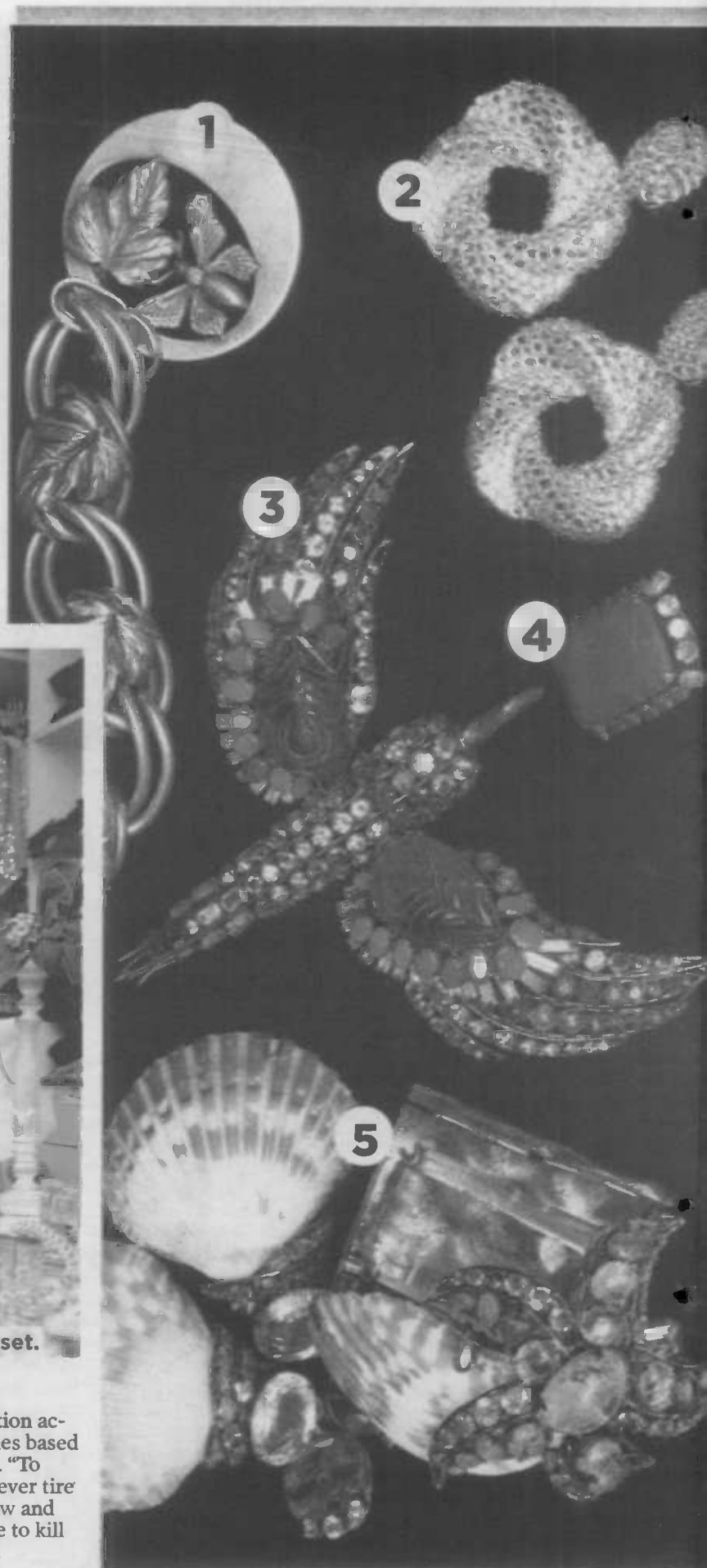
Davis does admit that the bigger-is-better mentality can be a bit intimidating at first. Years ago, a woman came into the shop and declared that costume jewelry just "wasn't her." But she wanted to branch out, so Davis sold her a chunky bracelet. The customer wore the bracelet while dining at Gibsons Bar & Steakhouse a few days later, and at least five people paid her compliments. "That was her turning point," Davis says, "and



Laurie Davis inside her home closet.

she never looked back."

Davis and her team rotate the collection according to season, displaying the baubles based on color along a table near the register. "To me, these are pieces of art, and I don't ever tire of looking at them," she says. As for how and where she finds her treasures? "I'd have to kill you if I told you," she says with a wink.



Davis' Collection

1. Napier: "This comes from one of the oldest manufacturers in jewelry. When I saw this and put it on, it just felt right."

2. Richard Kerr: "They're very classic. They give the right amount of punch to an outfit."

3. Iradj Moini: "This bird is a work of art. I've worn it once to a private preview of Elizabeth Taylor's jewelry auction."

4. Iradj Moini: "I have a penchant for square rings. I'm very attracted to green and love this stone. It's very important looking, isn't it?"

5. Iradj Moini: "I love shell jewelry; there is something very organic about it."

Levy's Collection

6. Gevril: "This is a limited edition, No. 13 out of 500 made, and the first nice watch I bought for myself."

7. Stührling Original: "I wear this a lot. It's not too fancy or gaudy; it's easy on the eyes."

8. Red cufflinks: "They're slightly reflective. I can't figure out what it was, but it looks like a coin, which is interesting."

9. Black and white cufflinks: "My brothers got these for me at Haberdash [611 N. State]. My name means 'son of a lion' in Hebrew, which you can see on the cuffs, and they're two sided so you can pick which ones you want to wear. They've turned out to be my good luck cufflinks so I wear them for special occasions."

10. Stanley Cup watch: "Some people have their rings from the Stanley Cup, but some of the staff received watches. If you look on the back it says 'Ari Levy.' Nobody else has it."

ARI
LEVY

Ari Levy doesn't have much time on his hands. He's the co-CEO of Engaged Health Solutions, a team doctor for the Chicago Blackhawks, a husband and father to a 1-year-old daughter. So it's a good thing he wears a watch to keep him on track. In fact, Levy owns a handful of fine timepieces, plus a growing collection of cufflinks.

And while he claims to be more of a consumer than a connoisseur, his taste reflects sophistication far beyond his 33 years.

Born to Israeli immigrants, Levy was exposed to the glitzy world on Wabash Avenue as a young boy, thanks to his father's best friend, Israel Levy, a heavy hitter in Chicago's diamond district. "Men in [their] generation showed their affluence by wearing a Rolex and gold jewelry," Levy says. At 14, Levy received his own Movado, which had a classic leather strap and a flat face. "I was fascinated by the fact that something with such small parts could be handcrafted to run forever," he says.

Levy's obsession grew with the purchase of a limited-edition Gevril, a Swiss luxury brand, and then next, a Rothenschild from Germany. "You'll see young guys all wearing Panerai and Baume & Mercier," he says, "but I like to spend time searching for something different." Levy trolls online sites such as *Watchxl.com*, compares notes with other collectors and relies on local jewelry boutique Marshall Pierce to get his finds appraised. In 2010, when the Blackhawks team received rings for winning the Stanley Cup, Levy was gifted with a more fitting piece: a custom Swiss watch engraved with his name.

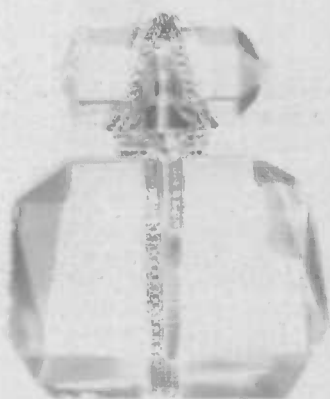
When it comes to finding cufflinks, he's adopted a more laid-back approach. "They're much easier to buy on the fly," Levy says. But for the most part, each pair still tells a story. Take the set his brothers gave him five years ago, featuring a lion design in reference to his name (Ari is Hebrew for lion). Ask Levy what his dream piece of jewelry would be, and he'll say with a sigh "Jaeger-LeCoultre," the iconic — and incredibly pricey — Swiss brand. "But, until then, I've got a daughter I need to put through college." Who says you can't dream big?





Graff: Bombe Collection sapphire and diamond earrings, price available upon request, 103 E. Oak; Graffdiamonds.com

"Glowing with the colors of the winter night sky."



Marchesa: Parfum d'Extase, \$85, Sephora, 520 N. Michigan; Sephora.com

"Looks like rock crystal in person ... gorgeous."

Emitations: Zoelle's pink elephant cocktail ring, \$416; Emitations.com

"This pink and yellow diamond elephant cocktail ring brings out my inner Auntie Mame — perfectly whimsical when you need a little Christmas spirit."

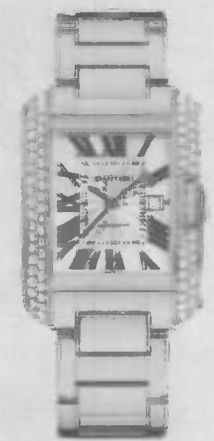


The season to SPARKLE



Guest editor and jewelry collector **Whitney Lasky** gives us her picks for the hottest ways to shine

Anthropologie: Pearled mercury collar, \$58, 111 E. Chicago; Anthropologie.com
 "Takes a simple black cocktail dress to evening elegant — I'd love it with a T-shirt and jeans, too!"



Cartier: Tank Anglaise, medium model, \$47,800, 630 N. Michigan; Cartier.com

"'50 Shades of Grey' has nothing on Cartier. Check out the film 'L'Odyssee de Cartier for the absolute holiday fantasy. A timepiece in my stocking wouldn't hurt either! These scream *joyeux noel* forever."



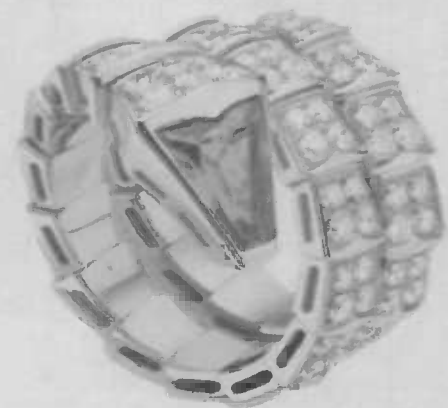
Sequin: Beaded ring, \$48, 845 W. Armitage; Sequin-nyc.com

"Sleigh bells ring, are you wearin' them? Beaded '60s-inspired rings remind me of a cluster of Italian lights — they would make fabu napkin rings and favors for a New Year's Eve dinner party."



Kate Spade: Kaleidoball encrusted bangle, \$198, 56 E. Oak; Katespade.com

"Reminds me of the lights down Michigan Avenue."



Bulgari: Serpenti double coil ring in 18-karat pink gold with rubellite and full pavé diamonds, \$23,600, 909 N. Michigan; Us.bulgari.com

"Yes, I ate the apple and I am damn proud of it!"



J.Crew: Lulu Frost for J.Crew tangerine resin petal necklace, \$278, 900 N. Michigan; Jcrew.com

"Baby, it's cold outside! Layer J.Crew chunky statement necklaces for optimum warmth."



Lester Lampert Vintage diamond and emerald 1920s necklace, \$165,000, 57 E. Oak; Lesterlampert.com

"Nothing says you've been a little bit naughty like this piece from the Prohibition era."



Dana Rebecca Designs: Courtney Lauren earrings, \$3,960 at Marshall Pierce & Co., 335 N. Michigan; Danarebeccadesigns.com

"Every time a bell rings an angel gets their wings! One-of-a-kind tourmaline earrings set in 14-karat yellow gold."



Harry Winston: Rosebud diamond watch, price available upon request, 55 E. Oak; Harrywinston.com

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ALYCIA BURGNER & ERIK WHITE

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Erik White, digital director at CBS, first laid eyes on Alycia Burgner, an event coordinator at Bottleneck Management, in 2008 in the lobby of the building where they both worked. For two years he kept his casual crush quiet until his friends ran into Burgner at a local bar — and put in a call to White. On his drive home to the suburbs White decided to take a chance, turned around and headed back to the city where his friends made the introduction and the two chatted the night away. Within a year the couple was engaged, and they tied the knot on Sept. 22 at the J.W. Marriot with 270 guests in attendance. At the reception, the couples' parents took to the dance floor for their own song to honor their long marriages — Burgner's parents celebrated 30 years a few days before the wedding and White's parent's celebrated 39 years a few months prior — and wish the newlyweds just as many years of happiness. The couple said it was a stand-out moment they'll never forget. "To have them all there was truly amazing," says Burgner. In fitting tribute to the way they met, guests partied the night away at Old Town Pour House, one of the bars owned by Burgner's employer, and finished the weekend festivities off with a close-knit Sunday brunch. —Katerina Bizios

CHEERS!



We're thrilled for local jewelry designer **Meredith Marks**, whose Melissa stud earrings were featured in the annual "Oprah's Favorite Things" issue of O Magazine.

Congratulations to 13th District State Sen. **Kwame Y. Raoul** — also a lawyer at Quarles & Brady — who was recently honored by the African American Alumni Association at the Illinois Institute of Technology for his commitment to civic engagement.



Kudos to friend-of-Splash **Catie Keogh**, who won a Midwest Emmy as host of "24/7 Secrets of the City" on WMAQ-Channel 5. The show airs on Saturday nights at 12:30 a.m.

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sunday brunch

Catching breakfast



GT Fish & Oyster baits us with an innovative seafood-based brunch

BY MOLLY EACH

When it comes to dining out, few things inspire as much excitement as the news that an adored chef is launching a brunch menu. So when award-winning chef Giuseppe Tentori began serving up brunch at his restaurant GT Fish & Oyster, which was recently awarded the 2012

Bib Gourmand, local foodies came in waves — and social media exploded, with photos of shrimp and grits, French toast and crab Benedict peppering the Twitterverse.

In sync with Tentori's dinner dishes, the brunch is a whirl of flavor pairings that keep seafood at the center. But while GT's dinner menu is designed for small plates sharing, Tentori has taken a more traditional entrée ap-



Crab Benedict



Chilaquiles

proach to brunch. Even so, it will be hard not to reach over and nab a bite from your companion with dishes like creamy smoked whitefish quiche (\$12) served with a frisée and radish salad, or biscuits and lobster gravy (\$15) atop a lobster and potato hash. For brunchers with a more land-based palate, there are offerings, too. The chilaquiles (\$12) are topped with tender duck, and the open faced pork belly sandwich (\$12) takes the BLT concept to new heights, with lettuce, tomato, avocado and burrata cheese. Sweet items come courtesy of lauded pastry chef Sarah Jordan, and range from simple, fluffy pancakes with apples and maple syrup (\$10) to French toast with yuzu curd and mascarpone cheese (\$11). Of course, no brunch is complete without a boozy beverage: Sip on a house-made Bloody Mary (\$11) — kick it up a notch with a shot of Weller Bourbon instead of Weller Bourbon instead of vodka — or a white peach bellini (\$9).

And as if GT's weekend offerings couldn't get any more delicious, we were thrilled to discover that the restaurant takes reservations — a saving grace when family comes to town.

531 N. Wells, (312) 929-3501, Gtoyster.com

Brunch, Ahoy!



If you're unwilling to change out of your pajamas and schlepp over to GT Fish & Oyster for their fantastic seafood brunch, try ordering-in from one of these restaurants — hand-picked by GrubHub staffers for their seafood-focused breakfast fare.

Ann Sather

909 W. Belmont Ave.

A GrubHub favorite at Ann Sather is the Cajun Crab Cake Benedict. It comes with two sides, so give the Hash Browns and their famous Cinnamon Roll a try.

The Bourgeois Pig

738 W. Fullerton Ave.

The Bagel and Lox is a seafood breakfast staple, and The Bourgeois Pig does the 'old reliable' well with fresh Nova Smoked Salmon.

E. Leaven Food Company

54 E. Ontario St.

If you're craving a more unique take on smoked salmon for breakfast, try E. Leaven's Lox, Eggs, Onion and Sour Cream scramble served with house potatoes and half a bagel.

Steve's Deli

354 W. Hubbard St.

For a full seafood breakfast spread, try the Trio Plate at Steve's Deli — complete with cured nova lox, white fish salad, sable and all the fixings.

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50 W. Schiller, Unit 2H is \$489,000.

PERSONALITY PLUS

For individualists, the way to go may be a place with a distinct point of view

BY LISA SKOLNIK

According to conventional real estate wisdom, a place should be “pristine” when it goes on the market. Decoded, that means devoid of character and color so buyers can visualize their own possessions in the place. Yet it’s not hard to make the case that noted Chicago architect **Andrew Rebori**, best known for his art moderne landmark **Fisher Studio Houses** at 1209 N. State and patrician high-rise at 1325 N. Astor, wouldn’t approve of the “white out” approach at the 1923 neoclassical co-op he designed at 50 W. Schiller. The original clients were a group of tony Lake Foresters “who wanted extraordinary pied-à-terres for their in-town excursions,” notes Koenig & Strey broker **Helen Beller** (773-314-3444; Hbeller@koenigstrey.com). To meet their high standards, Rebori made every unit a duplex complete with high ceilings, different square footage and a unique layout. Clearly the owners of 2H, a 1,500-square-foot two-bedroom two-bathroom, down to \$489,000 from \$595,000, take such provenance seriously. They’ve done a remarkable job giving the unit an authentic Parisian jazz-age demeanor “that looks even better in person,” says Beller. Not surprisingly, the owners behind this décor are design stars in their own right: It’s **Mark and Linda Heister**, the husband-and-wife duo who dressed socialites for years under the clothing label **Mark Heister Designs**.

CHARISMATIC ABODES

Intrigued by the idea of a home with built-in personality? Here are a few more market options that fit the bill.

- 3400 N. Lake Shore, Unit GB: a three-bedroom, three-bathroom condo that was part of the lobby of this prewar beaux-arts building. It has 13-foot-high beamed and arched ceilings, and exquisite millwork throughout for \$499,000. Contact Prudential Rubloff broker **Brad Lipplitz**, (773) 230-5100.

- 928 N. Howe, Unit 928: a two-bedroom, two-bathroom town house loaded with thoughtful decorative touches that enhance its contemporary design for \$379,000. Contact Baird & Warner



3400 N. Lake Shore, Unit GB

broker **Shella Troy**, (312) 560-6321.

- 351 W. Dickens, Unit 4E: a two-bedroom, two-bathroom condo with 16-foot ceilings, exposed brick walls, two fireplaces and

a lofted crow’s nest right in the middle of the living room for \$499,000. Contact Baird & Warner broker **Maria Boncza**, (312) 833-3233.

ACCEPT THE MANTEL

Add instant panache to a room with the Sarreid Coromandel mantel box, a hand-carved, gilded box with a painted interior. It’s designed to grace a fireplace, but is classic enough to go anywhere. It measures 24¼ inches wide, 5¼ inches deep and 4¼ inches high. \$359 at **Walter E. Smithe**, Smithe.com.



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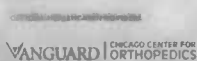
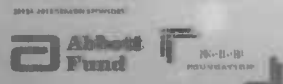
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Jenny reveals the secret weapon against ogling

Dear Jenny: I have insecurities like anyone else, but I find it so hard to be a girl. There is so much competition! Especially being in a relationship with a red-blooded, ogling man. How do you have confidence when your man is looking at everyone else who walks by? What can I do so that all of these pretty girls don't make me feel like an ugly duckling? Please give me some of your confidence tips!
— Alyssa

Jenny says: Well, I have an answer for you, but it's certainly not easy due to the fact that this is one of life's biggest lessons. I suffered for years from what I named "Why-can't-my-man-think-I'm-the-hottest-thing-in-the-world-and-only-look-at-me?" syndrome.

Let me start with the obvious: It's because they are men. There's no doubt they are wired differently. Example: My son, Evan, said to me, "I don't understand why I can't have multiple girlfriends; there is just so much to love that's different in each one of them." He is 10 years old. I rest my case. It's embedded in their genetic code to spread their seed across the kingdom.

Due to the fact that it's not humanly possible to control your man's thoughts, you are left with only one choice: Change you. OK, I know, you just dry-heaved a little, but I swear to you that I suffered greatly from this problem and I have cured myself of this syndrome. I'm going to tell you how.

In my blog (Splash.suntimes.com) I keep mentioning this guru named Byron Katie. This bitch has changed my life. She wrote a book called *I Need Your Love — Is That True?* It hands down shifted my thinking to make me realize life's most important lesson, which is that it's not my partner's job to think I'm awesome. It's mine.

You are putting so much energy into worrying about what he is thinking that I want you to imagine what would happen if you unplugged that cord and plugged it into loving you and feeling confident about yourself. I'll tell you what will happen: In no time you will not give a rat's ass whose ass your man is looking at. I promise.

Let me finish by telling you this: After hanging around some of the most physically beautiful women in the world, time and again, I've noticed men are sexually attracted to the most confident, not the most beautiful. So go get Katie's book, along with some peace of mind, and the discovery that your own beauty awaits you!

Send questions
to askjenny@suntimes.com



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DISPATCHES FROM OUR CHICAGOAN
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Ben & Kristen on-set chemistry is 'electric'

I reported in a recent column that Ben Affleck and Kristen Stewart were out on a dinner date discussing their upcoming film project, "Focus." I wrote that I wouldn't be surprised if a romance blossomed between the two off set, because let's face it, both stars are notorious for hooking up with their co-stars. The movie's script has now been leaked, and it looks like Ben and Kristen are slated to share some steamy love scenes. According to reports, Ben will play a veteran grifter who takes an attractive young woman, played by Kristen, under his wing. Kristen has a nude scene and the two have hot makeup sex after their characters get into an explosive fight.

Another racy scene reads as follows: "Looking up at the man in front of her, the young woman whispers, 'Just kiss me.' He lowers his lips to hers, her back pressed against the hotel room door. After fumbling for the lock, the pair stumble through the hallway to the bedroom, never breaking their embrace. They fall onto the bed in a tangle of limbs."

I hear that the chemistry between Kristen and Ben is electric. "If you saw them together and didn't know who they were, you would definitely think that they were a couple," my source said. One thing is certain: The sparks will be flying between the sheets for these two actors — on set at least.

Jay's secret weapon

As the saying goes, what a difference a year makes, and it



Ben Affleck and Kristen Stewart share racy love scenes in the upcoming "Focus."

couldn't ring truer for Jay Cutler. Sources tell me that Jay's stable family life with fiancée Kristin Cavallari and their first child, Camden Jack (born Aug. 8), has helped the Bears quarterback on and off the field.

"Having a stable family life at home and the joy of a newborn baby boy has been therapeutic for Jay," a source said. "Their lifestyle has changed for the better. Their lives are low key

now and focused around the baby."

That hasn't always been the case for Kristen and Jay. Before the couple temporarily split up in July 2011, they were fighting all the time. "They would go out and party super late all the time and end up getting into

huge screaming matches," the source said. "Their tumultuous relationship affected Jay's performance on the field. However, the baby has brought tranquility to their relationship and now they rarely go out and party as much. They seem very happy together."



Jay Cutler and Kristin Cavallari

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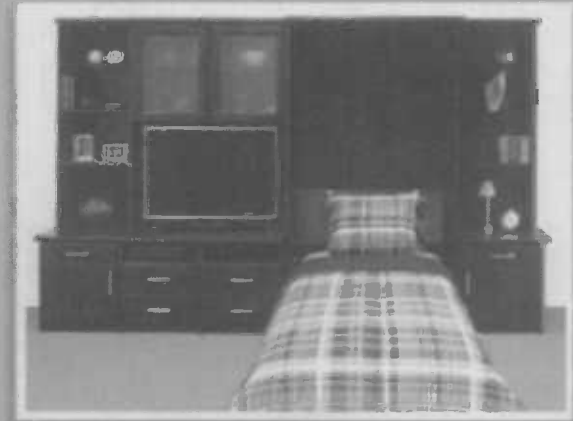


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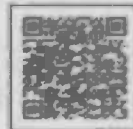
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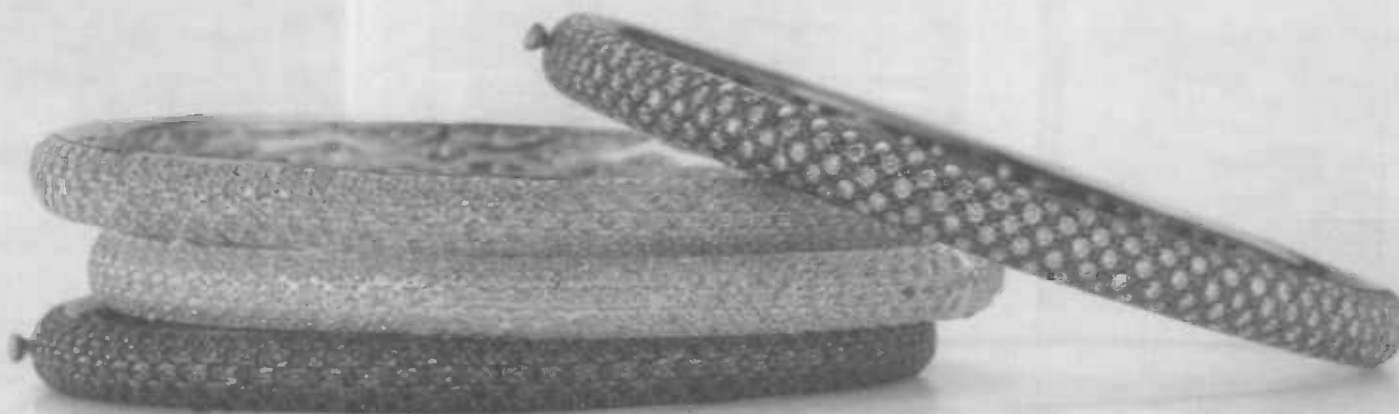
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NEW CRASH TEST 'Small overlap' test could save 10,000 motorists

BY CHERYL JENSEN
For Sun-Times Media

The Insurance Institute for Highway Safety has added a new frontal crash test to its list. It's the new, more severe "small overlap" test, designed to replicate what happens when the front corner of a vehicle collides with another vehicle or an object such as a tree or a utility pole.

This test is unlike any the institute — or the federal government's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration — has used before, although NHTSA has been studying such a test.

While most automakers have been routinely getting the insurance institute's highest rating of good on current tests, it did not happen this time when the agency, financed by the insurance industry, conducted the new test on 11 midsize luxury and near-luxury vehicles. Luxury cars were chosen for the small overlap test because they are generally the first available with all the advanced safety technologies.

Only two of the 11 (all 2012 models) received the coveted good rating: the Acura TL and Volvo S60.

One, the Infiniti G, was

rated acceptable. Four were rated marginal; they were the Acura TSX, BMW 3 Series, Lincoln MKZ and Volkswagen CC. Four models receiving the lowest rating of poor were the Audi A4, Lexus ES 350, Lexus IS 250/350 and Mercedes-Benz C-Class.

Interestingly, all of these vehicles had received a good rating in the frontal offset crash test, which the institute has been conducting since 1995. That test involves 40 percent of a vehicle's total width striking a barrier on the driver's side at 40 mph. It will now be called a "moderate overlap" frontal test.

The small overlap frontal test involves 25 percent of a vehicle's front end striking a 5-foot-tall rigid barrier on the driver's side at 40 mph.

The test is trying to determine why 10,000 people still die each year in frontal crashes, despite seat belts, airbags and vehicles that get top ratings in current frontal crash tests.

A 2009 institute study of newer vehicles that got good frontal crash test ratings found that these small overlap type crashes accounted for approximately 20 to 25 percent of these fatalities.

In the new test, the edge

of a vehicle hits a barrier at the inside corner of the headlights. It misses the main crush zone structures that help manage crash energy and reduce the forces on the occupant compartment. These structures are located in the middle 50 percent of the car, which is where the current frontal crash test hits.

In this new test, the crash forces are concentrated on the front wheel, suspension and firewall, the partition between the engine and passenger compartment.

This means that the wheel can be forced back into the foot well, causing more intrusion into the interior and resulting in serious leg and foot injuries.

Also, when the vehicle hits the barrier it rotates, moving sideways and away from it. The dummy

heads toward the A pillar, the pillar that supports the windshield, and the A pillar heads toward the dummy.

In some cases the airbag doesn't protect the dummy because the steering wheel, which houses the driver airbag, moves so far to the right the airbag misses the dummy. Even if a side curtain airbag is set to deploy in a frontal crash, it may not extend far enough forward to provide head protection. In this case, the head of the test dummy falls in between the two airbags.

In the past, the power of bad publicity from doing poorly in insurance institute tests has prompted automakers to make the changes necessary to get a good rating. The good news is the same thing is likely to occur with this new round of crash test studies.



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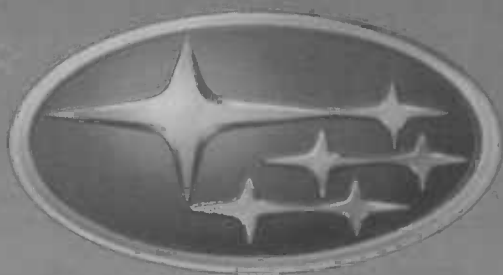
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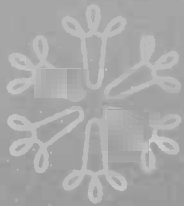
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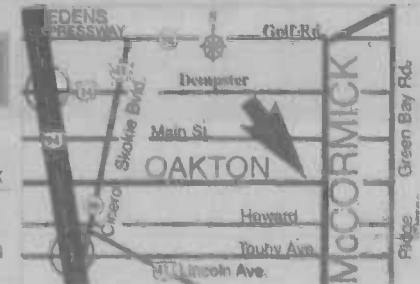
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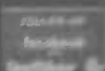
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Add nature, and the combo makes Prairie Park a favorite

Great design and upscale finishes, a walk-to location and a welcoming clubhouse ... Prairie Park in Wheeling offers the whole package for downsizing empty-nesters and professional singles and couples looking for maintenance-free living.

And right now the package also includes compelling incentives that make this popular community more attractive than ever.

Comprising four midrise buildings artfully arranged around eighteen landscape acres and a large lake, Prairie Park offers a choice of views and locations.

"Buyers in our 115 Building will receive a second indoor parking space, a \$20,000 value, plus a \$15,000 credit towards upgrades and a year of free association fees," said Jamie Smith of Smith Family Construction, builder of Prairie Park. "In the other buildings, a \$10,000 credit toward upgrades is currently being offered."

Buyers also choose from twelve distinct floor plans, ranging from 1,289 to 2,254 square feet, with one to three bedrooms. All offer bright, open living areas and large expanses of windows in buildings that are beautifully designed in a sophisticated prairie style. Each home includes a private terrace with gas line for outdoor grilling. Stylish kitchens include top-of-the-line appliances and



Natural lifestyle: Fountains, native plantings and Prairie-style architecture combine to make Prairie Park in Wheeling a special place to live. The condo community also includes a clubhouse with indoor pool, exercise room, party room with kitchen, and an expansive terrace with views of a lake with fountains. 1 SUPPLIED PHOTO

fixtures, and nearly three feet of insulation between floors ensure peace and quiet.

"In many of our plans, such as the Kenilworth, the master bedroom and the secondary bedroom are on opposite sides of the home, providing maximum privacy for family members and guests," Smith said.

The 1,573-square-foot Kenilworth has

two bedrooms and two baths, including a luxurious master suite with multiple closets and a bath with dual sinks and separate shower and tub.

Both the living/dining room and the open kitchen are exceptionally spacious, and the balcony is large enough for al fresco dining. A convenient storage space holds outdoor accessories in the off season.

With three bedrooms and two baths, the 2,254-square-foot Falling Water is popular among empty-nesters, according to Smith.

"The large master bedroom and bath, the 3rd bedroom which can be used as a den, the separate breakfast area, the double-size balcony ... these are

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Buyers at Lake Chapin Shores share words of wisdom about custom luxury

Lake Chapin Shores property owners have some advice for families considering a second home in the Midwest: if you are looking for someplace special, this could be it.

Lake Chapin Shores is a quiet community of waterfront and woodland homes located on a 600-acre all-sports lake, just 90 minutes from downtown Chicago in southwest Michigan. Each homeowner selected their homesite and one of 12 different models as the foundation for their vision. They then worked with the builder to customize their home for maximum benefit from the open space and spectacular views to meet their individual needs and lifestyle requirements.

Here's a sampling of what they had to say about their personal experiences building their dream home at Lake Chapin Shores.



Customized life: Depending on lifestyle, home buyers at Lake Chapin Shores can choose hilltop, woodland or lakeside homesites. In any case, they have access to the 600-acre all-sports lake, community features and the amenities of surrounding southwest Michigan. | SUPPLIED PHOTO

"We chose a hilltop setting overlooking Lake Chapin and the builder helped us take complete advantage of the expansive views of lake and woods by designing the home with lots of large windows and wraparound

deck space," said owners Barb and Ken, who live high on the hill. "Wherever we are in the home, we can see the colors and seasonal beauty that surrounds us here. It's peaceful. We're having the best time together in this relaxed setting."

Their advice: "Find a winning location, one that makes you comfortable and that you are proud to share with family and friends. For us, it was the combination of water access and views at Lake Chapin Shores that won us over."

There there are Carole and

Gary, who chose a homesite on the shore.

"We enjoy views of the water on three different levels, with enough indoor and outdoor space to accommodate our large family and entertain comfortably. We worked with the builder on a regular basis to make adjustments that we knew would work well, but couldn't have known until we began building."

The builder, Greg Fenner of Fenner Homes, was thoughtful about his response to their requests, applying his 30-plus years of construction knowledge to their desire for open spaces within a private setting.

Their advice: "Make sure you're working with a builder who listens to your needs and ideas and maintains tight communication throughout the building process. It is so critical to the finished product and to the final cost of your project."

Betsy and Paul chose a woodland getaway. "We appreciate quiet privacy, surrounded by mature trees, and living in a community where we can readily socialize with other couples and families, just by walking down the road to the lake or pool. The views from every

room are absolutely rejuvenating and make the home more inviting for everyone who visits."

Their advice: "Do your homework on the community and surrounding area to make sure it's a place that offers what you want in terms of social setting, access to activities that interest you and easy proximity to the shopping and services you'll need. We chose Lake Chapin Shores because it is a quiet country setting with all of the advantages and amenities of the city."

A lakeside hill site was chosen by Cheryl and Gary.

"Being on top of a hill overlooking the lake and the pool, just steps down to the gazebo and private dock, and having several levels of living space make our home the setting for non-stop family fun. We live very busy business lives, so our lakeside home gives us a chance to exhale and take in the breathtaking beauty of the lake. And our small children seem to be just as happy playing at the heated pool."

Their advice: "Make a list of all of the wants and needs you have for your perfect family getaway and choose a setting where you can work

with the developer and the builder to make it happen. At Lake Chapin Shores, we were impressed by the cooperation, communication and respect for our wishes we experienced through the entire process."

Homes at Lake Chapin Shores are built to accommodate any size family, ranging from 1,300 to 3,200 square feet of contemporary living space (not including decks and porches). Homeowners enjoy boating and water sports, nearby golf and vineyards, antique shops and quaint small communities and great restaurants as well as the convenience of community services, including year-round maintenance of a heated pool, docks and roadways, common area landscaping and a concierge option to prepare the home and/or boat for each visit or special event.

Visit the Website at www.LakeChapinShores.com for a look at each of 12 model home options, photos and video of Lake Chapin Shores living or call 888-TO-MICHIGAN (888-866-4244) for an appointment to tour the available model home and take an up-close look at the Lake Chapin Shores community.

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'474' condos offer stellar views, location

In today's real estate market, condominiums generally come as they are. New construction virtually stopped in 2008 and very few new condominiums have entered the market. In most residential buildings, the developer completed the interiors of the unsold homes with basic, standard finishes.

The ability to customize a home for a new buyer in an existing building is a rare opportunity. This benefit was generally only available for buyers during the pre-construction phase of the development.

One developer of a high rise in the Streesterville

neighborhood understood the wants and needs of condominium buyers and has continued to allow customization of the homes that are currently on the market. The development is 474 North Lake Shore Drive, commonly known as "474."

Buyers at 474 have the opportunity to choose from a variety of kitchen cabinets, granite countertops, hardwood flooring and stainless steel appliances to create homes that suit their tastes.

One option at 474 is residence 5108. This home on the southwest corner has three bedrooms, three bathrooms plus a spacious kitchen

and dining area. There are amazing views from every vista. All the boats in Monroe Harbor and the renowned architecture of the Museum Campus and Soldier Field can be seen from the master bedroom. The living room features a bird's eye view down the Chicago River, while the second and third bedrooms showcase the city skyline. With 1,590 square feet, 5108 is a spacious home and the price is definitely right at \$599,900.

With 493 out of 505 residences sold, 474 North Lake Shore Drive is 98 percent sold. The 12 remaining homes range from a 741-square-foot

one-bedroom with spacious bedroom and walk-in closet to a three-bedroom penthouse that is over 2,000 square feet with three large walk-in closets and stunning skyline and lake views.

In addition to the beautiful interiors offered at 474, it is a full-amenity building. Amenities include a state-of-the-art fitness center with professional equipment, an indoor pool, steam room and sauna.

The building also offers indoor and outdoor entertaining options on the 16th floor sundeck. An indoor 1,200-square-foot party room and catering kitchen, opens out to the impressively furnished sundeck with gas

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grills and awe-inspiring views. This entertainment suite is the perfect place to host friends all year round.

474 is a highly desirable development at the intersection of Lake Shore Drive and Illinois Street. The building sits just west of Navy Pier, allowing for stunning views of the lake and the city.

The development is located in the heart of Streeterville. The neighborhood includes some of Chicago's best restaurants. Residents can walk from 474 to a breakfast hotspot like Yolk, lunch at RL or dinner at Maison overlooking Lakeshore East Park. For gourmet groceries, Fox and Obel is located on the same block and world-renowned shopping on the Magnificent Mile is minutes away. Nearby are a 21-screen AMC theater and Chicago

Shakespeare Theatre on Navy Pier. The lakefront path, for biking or jogging, is across the street, while The Art Institute and other museums are in walking distance.

474 is also located near Millennium Park, where the very popular ice-skating rink recently opened for the season. People from around the world come to Chicago to experience all of the culture, which is always available to the fortunate residents of the downtown area.

The central location of the building is particularly attractive 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.

With the floor plan options still available, the ability to customize a new home and the unbeatable location in the Streeterville neighborhood, 474 is a great place to own a home, however since only a dozen residences remain, those interested should act quickly for the best selection.

The on-site sales center 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 for additional information.

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all features that appeal to people who are downsizing from a single-family home."

When it comes to activities, Prairie Park offers still more choices. Residents can swim, exercise and meet their neighbors for parties and special events at the stylish clubhouse. They can stroll the landscaped grounds, enjoying the tranquil beauty

of the lake and the prairie-style plantings of flowers and native grasses. Or they can enjoy the many shopping, dining and recreation choices — many within walking distance — that the Wheeling area has to offer.

The homes of Prairie Park are priced from \$229,900 to \$455,000.

To learn more, contact

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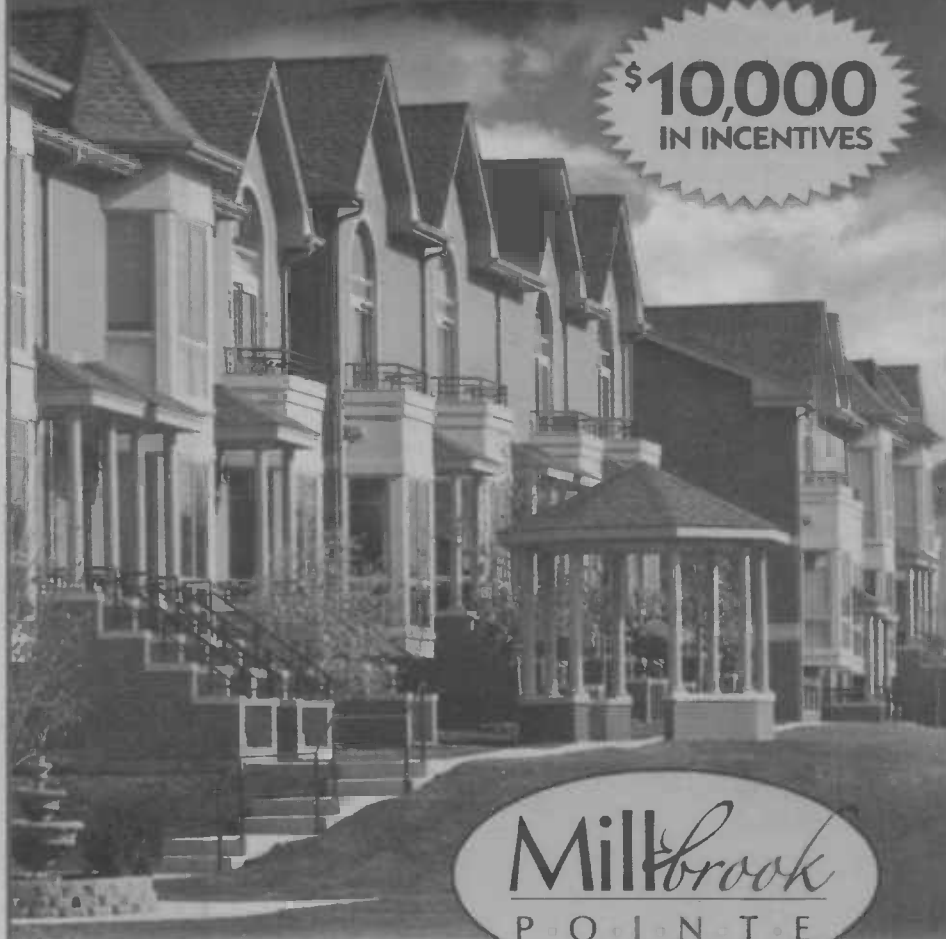
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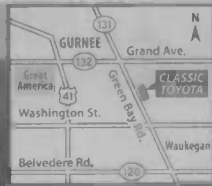


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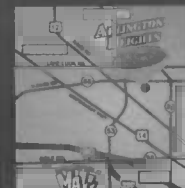
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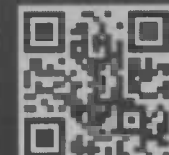
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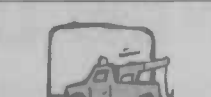
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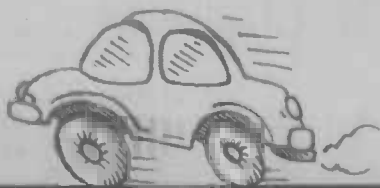


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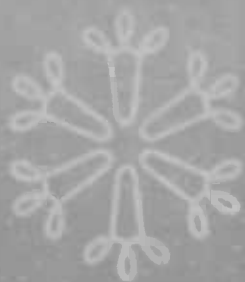
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'It's Christmas Charlie Brown!

The Musical' is on stage at 10 a.m. and noon Dec. 8 and 15 at the Wilmette Theatre, 1122 Central Ave. See wilmettetheatre.com.

Polish Carols, Song & Dance

by the Lira Ensemble takes place at 3 p.m. Dec. 9 at the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts in Skokie. Visit northshorecenter.org.

'A Christmas Carol'

will be performed as a one-man show with music at 3 p.m. Dec. 9 at St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Park Ridge. See stlukespr.org.

'It's a Wonderful Life:

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Eat



Opera comes with dinner at La Tavola

BY LEE A. LITAS | Dining Columnist

Juan Carlos, Eddy and Mario Montiel insist they are just simple folks, proud of what they do.

The brothers, proprietors of four area eateries, are grateful for their success and say so. "When you open (a new business), you open with all your dreams and you don't know really how long it will take for people to get to know you and love you," explains oldest brother Juan Carlos.

The family's most recent baby, La Tavola in Niles, opened this spring and offers Italian, trattoria-style fare. "If you have ever been in a trattoria (you know that) it's noisy, full of life, full of ambience. The music is a bit loud and the food is still gourmet but not as fancy, and it's moderately-priced and has a larger menu," said Juan Carlos.

While he and middle brother, Mario, are front-of-the-house, the youngest brother, Eddy, mans the kitchen. "Mario and I, we love to serve, we love to see people happy. That is our calling," said Juan Carlos. He stresses that Eddy's cooking comes from his heart. "He blends herbs and spices with such a delicate touch that it's very difficult not to understand that he enjoys what he does for a living."

Try Tavola's succulent filet mignon, cooked to order and finished with Béarnaise sauce, then topped with jumbo lump crab meat au gratin (\$27) and you'll agree.

Every Friday and Saturday at La Tavola, Chef Montiel emerges from his kitchen to treat guests to opera selections. No surprise he's been nicknamed "the singing chef."

Patrons come from as far away as Park Ridge, Glencoe and Highland Park to soak up the atmosphere and enjoy the food and the value. "Here we give you a great portion for a fair price," said Montiel.

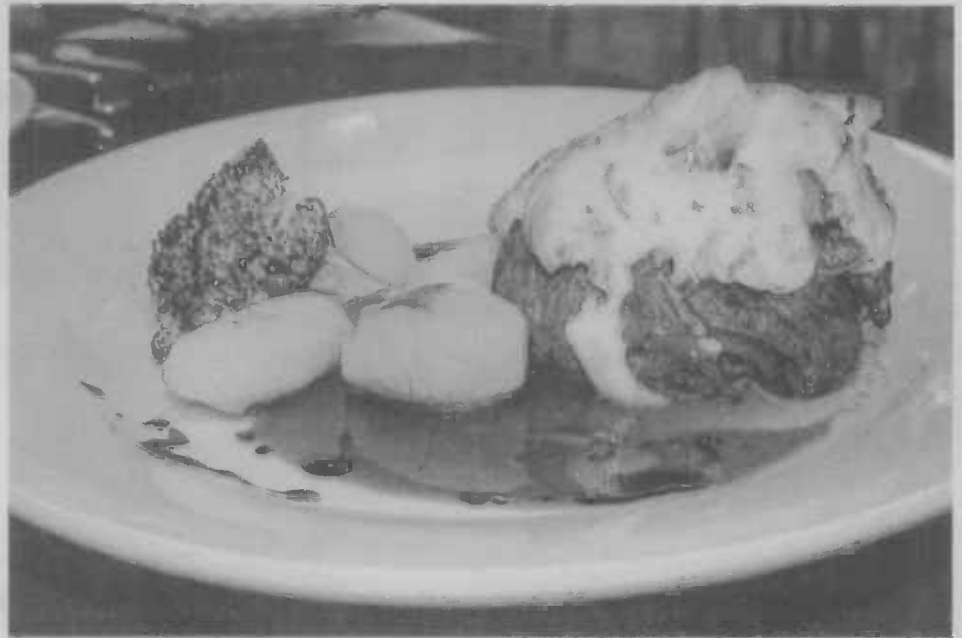
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Don't hesitate to go off-menu here.

Salmon Genovese offers a moist filet of salmon topped with prawns and cherry tomatoes. It's drizzled with white wine, a touch of lemon, and a sprig of fresh basil adds a burst of flavor (\$21). It's a special, so just ask the chef and he'll be glad to make it for you.

"We try to give terrific food, great services and good atmosphere," said Montiel.

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A standout dish is the succulent Filet Mignon alla Tavola finished with Bernaise sauce and topped with jumbo lump crab meat au gratin (\$27). | PHOTOS BY LEE A. LITAS-for Sun-Times Media



La Tavola's brain trust includes: veteran server Nick Montiel (top), Eddy Montiel, executive chef (bottom, from left), Juan Carlos Montiel and Mario Montiel, general managers.



All martinis are \$9 at La Tavola. Try the Pretty in Pink made with Malibu rum, a bit of Grand Marnier, cranberry and pineapple juices; or The Ultimate with Belvedere vodka, blue Curacao, Grand Marnier and a bit of orange juice; both created by mixologist Amanda Luikaart.



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Stage

Father, son share talent and a stage

BY MYRNA PETLICKI | Contributor

Andre' Teamer's relationship with his 13-year-old son Destin changes when the two actors are in a play together.

"When we're in rehearsal, I'm not 'Dad,'" Andre' said. "We're actually peers and we have to work together. I have to give him the same respect I give the other actors. It's not my place to tell him what to do."

Andre' and Destin share the stage for the second time in Theatre Seven of Chicago's world premiere of Carter W. Lewis' "American Storm," through Dec. 16.

The play is set in 1962 in a small Ohio town and centers around Weldon Downs, a racetrack where a prize thoroughbred has been discovered. It chronicles the struggle of the track workers when big business gets involved, changing the small town forever.

Andre' plays Arthur Figgets, whom he described as a facilitator sent in by the government to assist in the merger of the racetrack and its new corporate sponsor. "I come in with the best of intentions, to work for the government," Andre' said, "but I slowly come to realize that business can be kind of dirty."

Destin plays Martin, "an outgoing and outspoken 12-year-old boy who really wants to share his knowledge with the world. He adds comedy to the play," Destin said. "Martin is goofy, silly and mischievous."

Andre', who grew up in Evanston, first stepped on the stage when he was in fourth grade and was hooked. He was active in theater during his years at Evanston Township High School. A company member of MPAACT (Ma'at Production

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Destin Teamer and his dad, Andre' Teamer, in "American Storm."

Association of Afrikan Centered Theatre), Andre' has performed with numerous local theater companies.

Destin, an eighth-grader at North Shore Country Day School in Winnetka, has performed with Bowen Park Theatre and is cast as Mowgli in Diller Street Theatre's 2013 production of "The Jungle Book."

Destin particularly enjoys being in shows with his father. "It's really fun," Destin said, "because my dad is always there to give me some advice whenever I need it."

Andre' is impressed with Destin's professionalism. "He's really good at taking direction," he said. "He has really good instincts and makes interesting acting choices." ■



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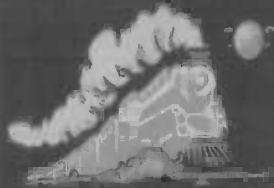
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Members of the Normennenes Singing Society of Chicago are holding their next concert/party in Northbrook Dec. 7.

Singing society seeks new members to carry on tradition

BY JOANNA BRODER | Contributor

It's not often a singing society stands the test of time for nearly 150 years.

But the all-male Normennenes Singing Society of Chicago — a chorus where most of the singers have roots in Norway — recently celebrated its 142nd anniversary.

"We're a continuous singing organization, in other words we never stop during the wars or the depression or anything else," Society President Thor Fjell said.

A group of Norwegian immigrants founded the Society in 1870. Normennenes means North men in Norwegian. "In Norway, all male choirs are a big, heavy, very old tradition," said 78-year-old Jerry Jensen, the society's membership chair who lives in Mount Prospect. Like most of the other 14 singers, Jensen has family ties to Norway. His grandparents emigrated from the country.

This kind of chorus in America is rare, Fjell noted. "Not too many ethnic choruses are around anymore because of lack of immigration." So it has become important to recruit new members. "We have a lot of fun at our choir and we're very strong and very serious about our

Normennenes Singing Society of Chicago concert/party

7 p.m. Dec. 7; cocktails at 6 p.m., dinner at 8 p.m.
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heritage," said Jensen.

The society generally holds two to three big parties each year with a 45-minute concert followed by a dinner. The next one takes place Dec. 7 at Allgauer's Restaurant in Northbrook. The repertoire includes Norwegian folk songs and good old-fashioned American tunes.

The group tries to perform monthly, September through May, at nursing homes and churches. To join, you don't need to be Norwegian, no audition is required. You don't even need a singing background. "With people's time being so short, if they have an interest, we'll teach them," Fjell said. ■

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BY MYRNA PETLICKI | Contributor

Terran Doehrer thinks Holiday Music with Jutta and the Hi-Dukes is perfect family entertainment.

"The band is a family," said Doehrer, guitarist for the trio which includes his wife Jutta Distler on mandolin and their daughter Zoï on percussion. The Evanston residents will perform an eclectic

seasonal concert, 2 to 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 9 at Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave.

"We are presenting a blend of Hanukkah and Christmas music done through an ethnic lens," Doehrer said. "For instance we'll do a Hanukkah song from Bosnia in Ladino. We try to get

everybody to sing along on the chorus because it's pretty simple and a lot of fun. Then we might follow it by a French-Medieval Christmas song, 'Noel.' The idea is to present a different kind of Christmas music experience."

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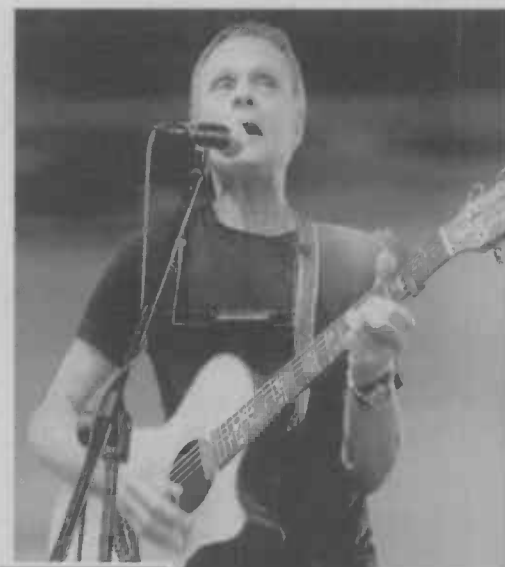
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Stars

Gerard Butler, Jessica Biel, Dennis Quaid, Uma Thurman

A former sports star (Butler) who's fallen on hard times tries to regain his relationship with his wife and son by coaching the boy's soccer team. Gabriele Muccino ("The Pursuit of Happyness") directed the comedy romance.



Jessica Biel and Gerard Butler star in "Playing for Keeps."

that makes it work as well as it does.

THE COLLECTION

Rated

R for strong, bloody violence, grisly images, language and brief nudity

Stars

Josh Stewart, Emma Fitzpatrick, Christopher McDonald

A man who has escaped from the serial killer known as The Collector is blackmailed into returning to the killer's booby-trapped warehouse to rescue an innocent girl. Marcus Dunstan wrote and directed the horror.

LIFE OF PI

★★★★½

Rated

PG for emotional thematic content throughout, and some scary action sequences and peril

Stars

Irrfan Khan, Gérard Depardieu, Suraj Sharma

Yann Martel's international best seller has been brought to the screen with breathtaking beauty thanks to recent advances in digital special effects. Director Ang Lee's most sumptuous film since "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon" tells the story of a spiritually minded Indian teenager named Pi (Sharma) who finds himself adrift on a lifeboat after a shipwreck with only a hungry Bengal tiger for company. On one level, "Life of Pi" functions nicely as a fairly standard survival at sea story. Its larger purpose, though, is to function allegorically as "a story

that could make you believe in God," celebrating the wonders of life with grand-scale visual splendor and its most severe challenges with the always threatening presence of the tiger.

RED DAWN

★★

Rated

PG-13 for sequences of intense war violence and action, and for language

Stars

Chris Hemsworth, Isabel Lucas, Josh Hutcherson, Josh Peck

If you can get over the fact that it's entirely preposterous and you happen to be in desperate need of a macho fantasy fix, "Red Dawn" might not be a complete drag to sit through. But don't count on it. There are two major problems with this weak remake of director John Milius' 1984 Cold War-era hit. First, full-scale armed invasions probably don't rank high any longer on most people's lists of nail-biting anxieties. Second, the producers changed the attacking nation in the new "Red Dawn" from China to North Korea. Iraq vet Hemsworth and his commando squad of high schoolers confront the ambitious North Koreans.

SILVER LININGS PLAYBOOK

★★★★½

Rated

R for language and some sexual content/nudity

Stars

Bradley Cooper, Jennifer Lawrence, Robert De Niro, Jacki Weaver
Writer/director David O. Russell has returned to the source of his early love-crazy successes with this heavily medicated screwball romance. "Silver Linings Playbook," which does have its funny moments, is swept along by darker currents. After doing time in a mental institution, unnaturally optimistic Pat (Cooper) plots a campaign to regain his life and his wife. He makes the acquaintance of dark, glowering Tiffany (Lawrence). Despite their

instant attraction, Pat stays away until Tiffany makes him an offer he can't refuse. Though it's occasionally uncomfortable and never a rosy-cozy depiction of mental illness, "Silver Linings" does work its way toward a fairly conventional, yet still satisfying, romantic-comedy conclusion.

HITCHCOCK

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PG-13 for some violent images, sexual content and thematic material

Stars

Anthony Hopkins, Helen Mirren, Scarlett Johansson

At the height of his success, director Alfred Hitchcock (Hopkins) has to struggle, with the help of his wife Alma (Mirren), to film the alarming script for "Psycho." Sacha Gervasi ("The Terminal") directed the drama.

RISE OF THE GUARDIANS

Rated

PG for thematic elements and some mildly scary action

Stars

Hugh Jackman, Alec Baldwin, Isla Fisher, Jude Law

When an evil spirit (Law) attempts to take over the world, guardians including Santa Claus, the Easter Bunny and Jack Frost join forces to defeat him. Veteran storyboard artist Peter Ramsey directed the animated adventure for his theatrical feature debut.

THE TWILIGHT SAGA: BREAKING DAWN—PART 2

Rated

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Stars

Kristen Stewart, Robert Pattinson, Taylor Lautner

When Edward and Bella's child is born, vampire clans gather to protect her from the governing Volturi. Bill Condon ("Breaking Dawn - Part One," "Kinsey") directed the drama. ■

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Rated

R for violence, sexual references, pervasive language and some drug use

Stars

Brad Pitt, James Gandolfini, Richard Jenkins, Ray Liotta

The standard moral that crime doesn't pay certainly applies to this ultra-stylish, ultra-savage, utterly downbeat crime drama, but director Andrew Dominik ("The Assassination of Jesse James by the Coward Robert Ford") stretches out to suggest that nothing else pays either — and to draw a fairly strained comparison between life in the underworld and America in general. Against a backdrop of woeful news reports about the economic meltdown in 2008 and ironic sound bites from the Obama/McCain election, amiable yet entirely ruthless hit man Jackie Cogran (Pitt) quietly goes about his business, whacking all the participants in a heist of a mob-controlled card game in Philadelphia. Dominik makes a show of several flashy set pieces involving exceedingly brutal violence, but it's Pitt who provides the dramatic ballast

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NEW THIS WEEK

HOPE SPRINGS

★★★½

Rated

PG-13 for mature thematic content involving sexuality

Stars

Tommy Lee Jones, Meryl Streep, Steve Carell
Dour, grumbling hubby Arnold (Jones) would probably be content to ride out his all-but-dead 31-year marriage to his grave but desperately lonely, under-appreciated wife Kay (Streep). She has a different plan: to drag Arnold into a week of intensive couples therapy. The best thing about this is the way Jones and Streep and Carell work their way through the often-excruciating therapeutic process. Special features include commentary with director David Frankel, a gag reel, featurettes, and alternate takes.

THE DARK KNIGHT RISES



Tom Hardy as Bane and Christian Bale as Batman grapple in "The Dark Knight Rises."

★★★

Rated

PG-13 for intense sequences of violence and action, some sensuality and language

Stars

Christian Bale, Tom Hardy, Anne

Hathaway
The final installment in director Christopher Nolan's billion-dollar "Batman" trilogy has all the spectacle a \$250-million budget can buy. Unfortunately, though, a soul-weary superhero (Bale) and an equally impassive and phlegmatic super-villain (Hardy) keep the bat-drama from clicking until the final act, which concludes the

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Stars

Will Smith, Tommy Lee Jones, Josh Brolin, Jemaine Clement
Smith and Jones return as bickering feds charged with keeping unruly alien visitors in line, including recent lunar prison escapee Boris the Animal (Clement), who plans to jump back to the '60s and kill young K (Brolin), who previously prevented Boris's relatives from invading — thus re-setting history. The best thing about it, though? Smith's wise-guy reaction to '60s scenes like Andy Warhol's Factory — and old-school racism. Extras include numerous featurettes including "The Evolution of Cool," four scene progressions, five progression reels, a gag reel, commentary with director Frankel, and an alternate-takes gallery.



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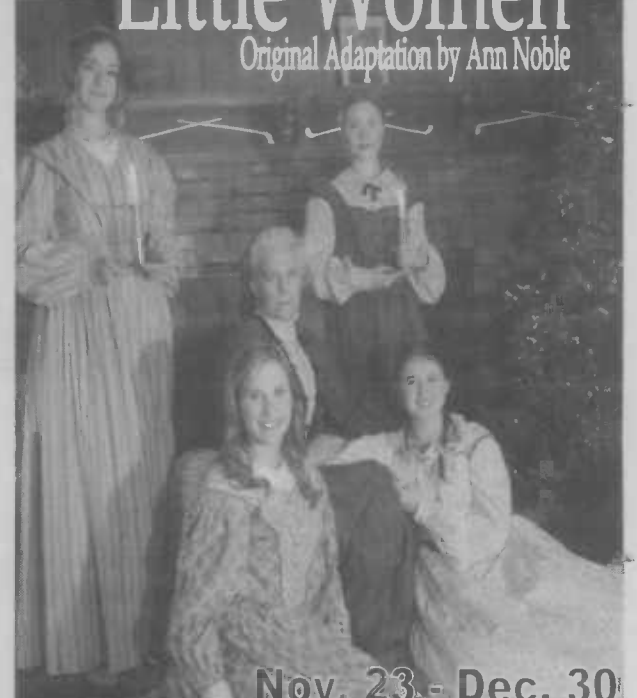
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An Evanston Symphony Christmas will be presented at 3 p.m. **Dec. 9** in the Evanston Township High School auditorium, 1600 Dodge, Evanston. The event features the North Shore Choral Society, Evanston Dance Ensemble, Evanston Children's Choir and the ETHS Concert Choir and A Capella Singers. Tickets are \$25-\$40; \$10-\$15 children under 18; Family Package \$70-\$100. Visit www.evanstonsymphony.org.

the Youth Services department. **Dec. 11**, 10:30 a.m.: Senior Coffee Hour features a holiday concert, "The Merriest Songs of Christmas, Hanukkah and Broadway."

Santa's Breakfast

FAM

Dec. 8, 9-11 a.m., at Maggiano's Old Orchard, 4999 Old Orchard Center, Skokie. Featuring a visit from Santa, music by the Niles North High School Choir, face painting, and breakfast buffet. \$14.95. For reservations, call (847) 933-9572.

The Radio City
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Spectacular

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Dec. 14-30 at the Akoo Theatre at Rosemont, 5400 N. River Road, Rosemont. \$47.70-\$102.55. Tickets at www.ticketmaster.com.

Handel's "Messiah"

18+ 65+

Performed by the Apollo Chorus of Chicago at 7 p.m. **Dec. 8** at the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie. \$45, \$55. Visit www.northshorecenter.org.

Bittersweet
Christmas Band

18+

Performing at 8 p.m. **Dec. 8** at the Ethical Humanist Society Coffeehouse, 7574 N. Lincoln, Skokie. \$8. Visit www.ethicalhumanist.org/coffeehouse.

"The Lost Christmas
Eve"

18+

Performed by the Trans-Siberian Orchestra at 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. **Dec. 8** at Allstate Arena, 6920 N. Mannheim Road, Rosemont. \$30, \$39,

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"Candles and
Carols"

13+ 18+ 65+

The Park Ridge Chorale presents its holiday concert at 7 p.m. **Dec. 8** at St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 205 N. Prospect, Park Ridge. Advance tickets \$16, \$14 seniors; at the door \$18, \$16 seniors; free for children under 18. Call (847) 825-2216 or (847) 823-3958.

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The Irving Park Fine Arts Committee presents a fast-paced holiday musical revue at 2 p.m. **Dec. 9** at Irving Park Lutheran Church, 4100 N. Harding Ave., Chicago. Free admission; donations welcome. Visit www.carlsoncommunityservices.org.

[carlsoncommunityservices.org](http://www.carlsoncommunityservices.org).

Christmas concert

18+

Chicago Grandstand Big Band will perform a Christmas concert, 4-6 p.m. **Dec. 9** at the Edison Park Lutheran Church, 6626 N. Oliphant, Chicago. \$10. Call (773) 631-9131.

"Holiday Delights"

18+ 65+

Presented by Bella Voce at 4 p.m. **Dec. 9** at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 939 Hinman Ave., Evanston. \$30-\$38; \$15 students. Visit <http://bellavoce.tix.com>.

Holiday concert

18+

Second City Brass performs Christmas and holiday music at 7:30 p.m. **Dec. 22** at St. Paul of the Cross Church, 320 S. Washington St., Park Ridge. Free-will donations accepted. Call (847) 825-7605.

STAGE

Gorilla Tango's
Skokie Theatre

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a family that adopts a homeless man for the holidays. \$15. **Through Dec. 21**, 7:30 p.m. Fridays: "The Tale of Danny Tanner: A Full House Musical." \$15.

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"The Odd Couple"

13+ 18+ 65+

Northlight Theatre presents the Neil Simon comedy **through Dec. 16** at the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts, 9501 Skokie Blvd, Skokie. \$25-\$72; \$15 students. Visit www.northlight.org.

"Up"

18

The dramatic comedy will be presented at 8 p.m. **Dec. 6-8** and 2 p.m. **Dec. 9** in Studio One at Oakton Community College, 1600 E.

Golf Road, Des Plaines. \$10; \$8 students and seniors. Call (847) 635-1900.

CLASSICAL

Music Institute of Chicago

18+

Nichols Concert Hall, 1490 Chicago Ave., Evanston. www.musicinst.org. **Dec. 12**, 7:30 p.m.: MIC's Community Symphony performs works by Strauss, Bruch and Dvorak. Free. **Dec. 13**, 7:30 p.m.: New Horizons Band plays works by Reinhold Gliere and Julie Giroux-West, and holiday favorites. Free.

POP/FOLK/JAZZ

Akoo Theatre at Rosemont

18+

5400 N. River Road, Rosemont. Tickets at www.ticketmaster.com. **Dec. 7**, 8 p.m.: Distant Worlds: Music from Final Fantasy. \$57.45-\$180.45. **Dec. 8**, 8 p.m.: Johnny Mathis. \$77.95-\$108.70. **Dec. 9**, 7 p.m.: Multi-platinum rock bands Daughtry and 3 Doors Down, with P.O.D. \$40, \$50, \$60.

Mullen's Bar & Grill

18+

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452-3190. **Dec. 18**, 7-10 p.m.: Jazz Community Big Band plays the music of Count Basie, Duke Ellington, Stan Kenton and others. No cover.

North Shore Center for the Performing Arts

18+

9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie. (847) 673-6300. www.northshorecenter.org. **Dec. 6**, 8 p.m.: Jazz artists Chick Corea (piano) and Gary Burton (vibraphone) are joined by the Harlem String Quartet to present fused jazz and classical chamber music. \$60-\$80.

Oakton Community College

18+

Footlik Theater, 1600 E. Golf Road, Des Plaines. (847) 635-1900. **Dec. 7**, 8 p.m.: "Jazz Invasion." The Oakton Jazz Band performs classics by Duke Ellington, George Gershwin and others. \$5; \$3 students and seniors.

S.P.A.C.E.

18+

1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston. www.evanspace.com. Shows at 8 p.m., unless noted otherwise. **Dec. 6**: Melissa Ferrick (folk). \$25/\$30. **Dec. 7**: Bonnie

Koloc (folk). \$20-\$40. **Dec. 9**, 3 p.m.: Christine Lavin and Uncle Bonsai (folk). \$15/\$18. **Dec. 9**, 7 p.m.: Raul Midon (Latin). \$18/\$20. **Dec. 10**, 7:30 p.m.: Foiled Again (jazz/folk). \$15/\$20. **Dec. 11**, 7:30 p.m.: Adrienne Gonzalez, Maia Sharp, Garrison Starr (pop/rock). \$12/\$14. **Dec. 12**: Dave Specter Holiday Blues Party with Tad Robinson. \$12/\$15. **Dec. 13**, 7:30 p.m.: Mindy Smith (alt country). \$18/\$22.

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CHILD'S PLAY

"Annie"



At 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. **Dec. 8**; 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. **Dec. 9**; 7 p.m. **Dec. 14** and 1 p.m., 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. **Dec. 15** at the Youth Company Chicago Studios, 5340 W. Lawrence Ave., Chicago (Jefferson Park). Visit www.youthcompanychicago.org.

COMEDY

Allstate Arena



6920 N. Mannheim Road, Rosemont.

Tickets at www.ticketmaster.com. Parking is \$20, cash only. **Dec. 27**, 7:30 p.m.: Standup comedian Jeff Dunham — "Disorderly Conduct" World Tour. \$46.50.

Gorilla Tango's Skokie Theatre


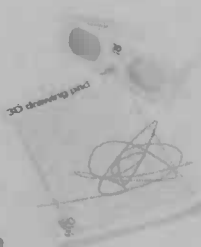

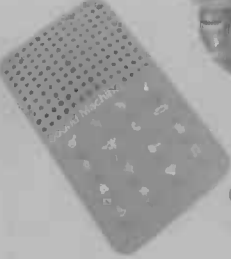


7924 Lincoln Ave. Skokie. www.gorillatango.com. (773) 598-4549. **Through Dec. 29**, 9 p.m. Saturdays, except show starts at 11 p.m. **Dec. 15**: "Holy Bouncing Boobies! A Batman Burlesque." 18 and over. \$20. **Dec. 15**, 9 p.m.: "The Meshuganas," a

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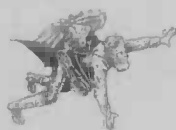
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"Jingle Bell Hop," Dec. 8 at The Centre at North Park, 10040 Addison, Franklin Park. Cha cha lesson at 7 p.m.; open dancing 8:15 -11 p.m. \$10; \$8 members; \$6 students. Visit www.usadancechicago.org.

FILM

Lincolnwood Public Library

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4000 W. Pratt Ave. (847) 677-5277. www.lincolnwoodlibrary.org. Dec. 7, 1 p.m.: "The Queen of Versailles." Dec. 13, 10:30 a.m.: "People Like Us."

LECTURES

Niles Public Library

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6960 Oakton St., Niles. www.nileslibrary.org. Dec. 10, 7 p.m.: Lyric Opera Lecture Series — "Hansel and Gretel."

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Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center

13+ 18+ 65+

9603 Woods Drive, Skokie. www.ilholocaustmuseum.org.

(847) 967-4889. Admission: \$12; \$8 for students and senior citizens; \$6 for children ages 5-11. Special exhibitions are free with museum admission. **Through Jan. 6:** "Spies, Traitors and Saboteurs: Fear and Freedom in America," a creation of the International Spy Museum. **Dec. 6,** 6:30 p.m.: Holocaust scholar and Northwestern University History Department chairman Peter Hayes will discuss "What Took So Long? The Wrangle Over Holocaust Restitution Since 1945." Free with museum admission; reservations recommended. ■

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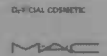
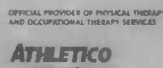
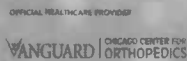
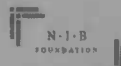
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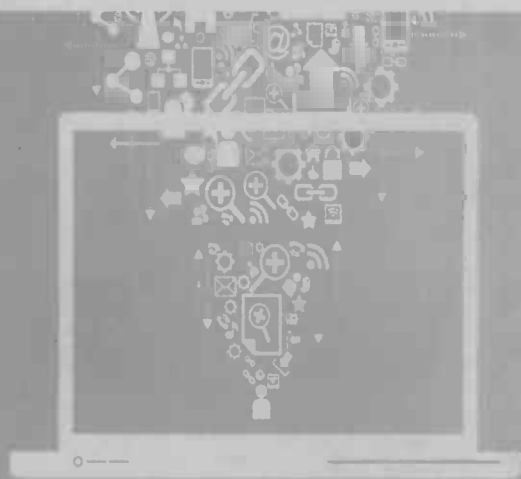
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NOTICE OF PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX LEVY FOR MORTON GROVE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 70

I. A public hearing to approve a proposed property tax levy for Morton Grove School District No. 70 for 2012 will be held on December 17, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. at the Park View School, 6200 Lake Street, Morton Grove, Illinois.

Any person desiring to appear at the public hearing and present testimony to the taxing district may contact Dr. Phil Collins (847/965-6200).

II. The corporate and special purpose property taxes extended or abated for the year 2011 were \$10,381,824.

The proposed corporate and special purpose property taxes to be levied for 2012 are \$10,857,604. This represents a 4.58% increase over the previous year.

III. The property taxes extended for debt service and public building commission leases for 2011 were \$557,171.

The estimated property taxes to be levied for debt service and public building commission leases for 2012 are \$525,000. This represents a -5.77% increase over the previous year.

IV. The total property taxes extended or abated for 2011 were \$10,938,995.

The estimated total property taxes to be levied for 2012 are \$11,382,604. This represents a 4.06% increase over the previous year.

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX INCREASE FOR MORTON GROVE PARK DISTRICT

I. A public hearing to approve a proposed property tax levy increase for the Morton Grove Park District for 2012 will be held on December 20, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. at 6834 Dempster St. Morton Grove, IL 60053.

Any person desiring to appear at the public hearing and present testimony to the taxing district may contact Richard Grodsky, Interim Executive Director, 6834 Dempster St. Morton Grove, IL 60053 at 847-965-1200.

II. The corporate, recreation, debt service and special purpose property taxes extended or abated for 2011 were \$3,149,785.

The proposed corporate, recreation, debt service and special purpose property taxes to be levied for 2012 are \$3,286,780. This represents a 4.4% increase over the previous year.

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A Look Ahead to 2012 Tax Changes for Small Business

By: John Rossheim, Monster Senior Contributing Writer

With the 2011 tax deadline behind us and special Recovery Act incentives phasing out, small businesses need to reassess their strategies for upcoming 2012 tax changes.

Here are five key 2012 tax changes of Federal tax law provisions for small businesses.

What a Boon: Small Business Health Care Tax Credit

With unemployment down substantially from its peak, even very small businesses should consider offering at least partially paid health insurance to retain high potential employees.

The good news is that, if conditions are met, small employers can claim a tax credit of up to 35% of the employee premiums they pay in 2012. Add in a deduction for the remaining 65% of employer-paid premiums and your company could get back in tax savings more than half of what you invest in this coveted employee benefit.

Even better news: the maximum Small Business Health Care Tax Credit is scheduled to rise to 50% on Jan. 1, 2014.

The Incredible Shrinking Section 179 Deduction

The Section 179 deduction for tax year 2012 should be filed under "half full, half empty." For tax year 2011, business could immediately deduct up to \$500,000 in certain business equipment purchases, rather than depreciate it over a period of years.

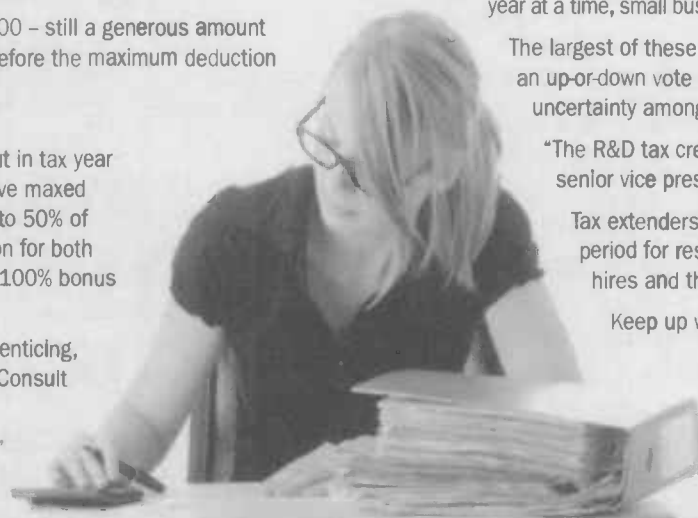
For 2012, the ceiling on this deduction drops to \$139,000 – still a generous amount for a very small business. And it's a brass ring to grab before the maximum deduction drops again, to \$25,000 in 2013.

A Smaller Bonus for Small Business

The bonus depreciation deduction is also taking a haircut in tax year 2012. This business deduction, which applies after you've maxed out your Section 179 deduction, enables you deduct up to 50% of certain equipment investments, up to a total of \$2 million for both Section 179 and bonus deductions. That's down from a 100% bonus deduction for tax year 2011.

Keep in mind that a big current-year deduction, however enticing, isn't always superior to depreciation over the long haul. Consult with a tax professional.

"The government is providing these generous incentives," says Mike D'Avolio, a senior tax analyst at Intuit in



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Keep an Eye on Perennial 'Tax Extenders'

Because of Congress's annoying habit of repeatedly renewing dozens of tax incentives for just one year at a time, small business owners need to keep an eye on these so-called tax extenders.

The largest of these tax savers, the research and development tax credit, has faced an up-or-down vote annually for about 30 years, creating economically destructive uncertainty among business owners.

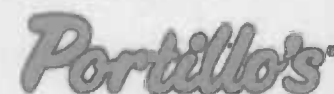
"The R&D tax credit seems likely to be extended, but who knows," says Valerie Colin, senior vice president with accounting firm Gumbiner Savett in Santa Monica, Calif.

Tax extenders of particular interest to small business include a 15-year write-off period for restaurant and rental-property renovations and a \$1,000 credit for new hires and the 100% exclusion of gains on small business stock.

Keep up with legislative action on the tax extenders by subscribing to IRS newsletters or asking your tax professional. And don't forget to check on changes to state and local tax law.

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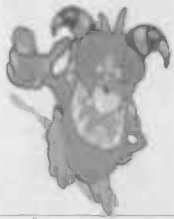
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SKOKIE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION CITIMORTGAGE, INC., Plaintiff,

-v-
ZDENKO SELAK, BILJANA SELAK, BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. AS SUCCESSOR TO LASALLE BANK, N.A., UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS
Defendants.
11 CH 34372
4824 WEST KIRK AVENUE, UNIT C SKOKIE, IL 60076

NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on September 26, 2012, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on December 28, 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 4824 WEST KIRK AVENUE, UNIT C, Skokie, IL 60076 Property Index No. 10-28-209-034-0000. The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was \$196,905.90. 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

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in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: HAUSELMAN, RAPPIN & OLSWANG, LTD., 39 South LaSalle Street - Suite 1105, CHICAGO, IL 60603, (312) 372-2020. Please refer to file number 11-2222-18291. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION - One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-5500. You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.jscc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. HAUSELMAN, RAPPIN & OLSWANG, LTD. 39 South LaSalle Street - Suite 1105 CHICAGO, IL 60603 (312) 372-2020 Attorney File No.: 11-2222-18291 Case # 11 CH 34372 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
The Peoples' Bank of Arlington Heights, Plaintiff,
vs.
Joshua M. Atlas, individually and d/b/a LJ Development Co., Optima Old Orchard Woods Oak Condominium Association, Dana Atlas, Unknown Owners, Non-Record Claimants, Defendants.
11CH 36067;
Sheriff's No. 120799-001F.
Pursuant to a Judgment made and entered by said Court in the above entitled cause, Thomas J. Dart, Sheriff of Cook County, Illinois, will on January 3, 2013, at 1 P.M. in Room LL06 of the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction the following described premises and real estate mentioned in said Judgment:
PIN No.: 10-09-304-026-0000.
Address: 9655 Woods Dr., Unit 1402, Skokie, IL 60077.
Improvements: Condominium.
Sale shall be under the following terms: The sale offer shall offer for sale the real estate described above with all improvements, fixtures and appurtenances thereto, or so much of said real estate which may be divisible and sold separately without material injury to the parties in interest. The real estate shall be sold at public auction to the highest bidder requiring payment of not less than ten (10) percent at the time of sale, and the balance within twenty-four (24) hours plus interest at the statutory judgment rate on any unpaid portion of the sale price from the date of the sale to the date of payment.
All payments of the amount shall be in certified funds payable to the sale officer. In the event the bidder fails to comply, all funds submitted shall be forfeited to the bank as liquidated damages and the bank has the option to have the property sold to the next highest bidder.
The purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by 765 ILCS 605(g)(1) and (g)(4). Sale shall be subject to general taxes, special assessments, and any prior first mortgages.
Premises will NOT be open for inspection.
For Information: Caren A. Lederer, Golan & Christie LLP, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 70 W. Madison St., Ste. 1500, Chicago, IL 60602, Tel. No. (312) 263-2300.
This is an attempt to collect a debt pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.
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12/6, 12/13, 12/20/12 #456647

SKOKIE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
WELLS FARGO BANK, NA, Plaintiff,
vs.
LEWIS S. HELLER; CARLY K. HELLER; CHICAGO TITLE LAND TRUST COMPANY; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; UNKNOWN BENEFICIARIES OF CHICAGO TITLE LAND TRUST COMPANY; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants,
11 CH 7621
NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on May 14, 2012, Intercountry Judicial Sales Corporation will on Friday, January 4, 2013 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:
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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, Freedman 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. F11020269
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SKOKIE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION CITIMORTGAGE, INC., Plaintiff,

-v-
PETER C. SHIRE, TERESA A. FAIDLEY, THE WOODLANDS OF MORTON GROVE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, HARRIS, NA Defendants,
11 CH 021111
8300 CALLIE AVENUE UNIT #408 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 September 27, 2012, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on January 3, 2013, 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 8300 CALLIE AVENUE UNIT #408, MORTON GROVE, IL 60053 Property Index No. 10-20-121-045-1260. The real estate is improved with a condominium. 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

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Address: 9655 Woods Dr., Unit 1402, Skokie, IL 60077.
Improvements: Condominium.
Sale shall be under the following terms: The sale offer shall offer for sale the real estate described above with all improvements, fixtures and appurtenances thereto, or so much of said real estate which may be divisible and sold separately without material injury to the parties in interest. The real estate shall be sold at public auction to the highest bidder requiring payment of not less than ten (10) percent at the time of sale, and the balance within twenty-four (24) hours plus interest at the statutory judgment rate on any unpaid portion of the sale price from the date of the sale to the date of payment.
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The purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by 765 ILCS 605(g)(1) and (g)(4). Sale shall be subject to general taxes, special assessments, and any prior first mortgages.
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ANNUAL STATEMENT OF AFFAIRS SUMMARY FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2012

Copies of the detailed Annual Statement of Affairs for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2012 will be available for public inspection in the school district/joint agreement administrative office by December 1, 2012. Individuals wanting to review this Annual Statement of Affairs should contact:

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Also by January 15, 2013 the detailed Annual Statement of Affairs for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2012, will be posted on the Illinois State Board of Education's website at www.isbe.net.

SUMMARY: The following is the Annual Statement of Affairs Summary that is required to be published by the school district/joint agreement for the past fiscal year.

Statement of Operations as of June 30, 2012

REVENUES	Operations & Debt Services				Municipal Retirement	Working	Fire Prevention &
	Educational	Maintenance	Services	Transportation	Social Security	Cash	Tort Safety
Local Sources	\$4,616,739	\$573,280	\$150,564	\$56,539	\$197,587	\$82,650	\$80,433
State Sources	873,594			62,933			
Federal Sources	294,690			0			
TOTAL DIRECT REVENUES	5,785,023	573,280	150,564	119,472	197,587	82,650	80,433
TOTAL DIRECT EXPENDITURES	5,354,218	565,601	136,000	80,755	231,164	152,801	76,554
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES & (USES)	90,000	0	0	0	90,000	(200,000)	0
FUND BALANCES - JULY 1, 2011	1,070,235	191,487	46,109	59,540	16,744	152,719	5,344
OTHER CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
FUND BALANCES - JUNE 30 2012	\$1,501,040	\$289,166	\$60,673	\$98,257	\$73,167	\$3,521,807	\$29,223

Certified Salaries Under \$25,000: S. Battaglia; L. Bergstrom; G. DeSio; P. DiLalla; K. Dreyer; C. Forester; J. Funkhouser; E. Garcia; G. Giannini; J. Hanson J. Holmes; J. Howard; A. Marsh; A. MacLone; C. Mico; S. Monaco-Wenzel; M. Moy; S. Musial; K. Nicasio; J. Pearson; A. Spiro; J. Steve; M. Timmers J. Veros; N. Wilk; \$25,000-\$39,999: N. Auclair; L. Mayfield; S. Pietrzyk; J. Schott; \$40,000-\$59,999: M. Aebis; T. Corrigan; M. Duffy; K. Ligas; M. Martin; A. Milner; P. Pukstas; J. Reiter; N. Swante; A. Trowbridge; E. Zgardinski; \$60,000-\$89,999: J. Bergholtz; T. Bonfiglio; S. Brown; D. Chambers; L. DeLeonardis; M. Grzeskiewicz; C. Haller; S. Jenkinson-Cope; K. Johnson-Russ; L. Kudart; M. Kyne; E. Malicki; K. Maciuba; G. Magnelli; N. Manning; S. McCormick; N. Musiak; C. Panos; R. Plaza; J. Price; P. Richards; J. Rooney; B. Rudel; I. Santana; E. Tenglin; J. Walst; K. Whitey; J. Wilk; Over \$90,000: K. Dawson; J. Kosiro; D. Kubiniac; C. Lanzini; M. Maguire; S. Schoenfuhs
Non-Certified Salaries Under \$25,000: J. Anglini; D. Bazzoli; J. Bilek; L. Bohman; K. Borgardt; E. Carrasquillo; J. D'Avanzo; L. Deceglie; J. Divito; J. Ejnik; D. Faldierean; M. Faldierean; A. Giannini; R. Grimaldi; R. Henry; P. Hinman; M. Kelly; D. Jorgenson; A. Lostumbo; T. Pazdan; M. Pawlak; A. Scarsella; E. Schmitt; M. Timmers; N. Veith; \$25,000-\$39,999: L. Divito; M. Kacprzynski; L. Kosydar; C. Martin; H. Moskro; M. Orrico; J. Petrocchi; \$40,000-\$59,999: D. Ayres; E. Constantin; M. Marsh; M. Treia; \$60,000 and over: C. Castel; A. Faldierean; J. Gilley; T. Simmons
VENDOR'S OVER \$2,500 A & B BUS SERVICE 24,725.60; ADDISON SCHOOL DIST 18,100.00; ADVANCE ELECTRIC SUPPLY CO., INC 5,391.20; ALLIED PLUMBING & HEATING 2,947.02; AMALGAMATED BANK OF CHICAGO 4,100.00; AMEREN ENERGY MARKETING 49,101.00; AMS MECHANICAL SYSTEMS INC 8,907.57; ANDERSON LOCK 2,994.64; APPLE EDUCATION 15,754.27; ARLINGTON HEIGHTS DIST 25 18,100.00; AT & T 11,815.65; AXA EQUITABLE EQUI-VEST 119,581.33; BMO HARRIS BANK, N.A. 2,727.88; BOBS DAIRY SERVICE 14,852.70; CDW GOVERNMENT INC 6,201.78; CONSTELLATION NEW ENERGY GAS DIVISION, LLC 8,389.89; DE LAGE LANDEN PUBLIC FINANCE 3,201.12; DE LAGE LANDEN PUBLIC FINANCE 3,560.80; DIST 86 EDUCATION ASSOCIATION 25,875.00; E2 SERVICES, INC 6,555.00; EDUCATIONAL BENEFIT CO-OP 586,170.33; ELMWOOD PARK CUSD #401 15,334.87; FLOORING RESOURCES CORP 9,704.00; FOLLETT EDUCATIONAL SERVICES 4,760.05; FOOD SERVICE PROFESSIONALS 112,865.87; FRANKLIN PARK SCHOOL DIST #84 10,929.37; GE CAPITAL 31,392.68; GMB CONSTRUCTION 5,085.00; GRAPHIC EDGE 3,602.44; GRAPTECH SYSTEMS LLC 4,448.00; GROOT RECYCLING & WASTE SERV. 6,749.21; HARRIS BANK CORP 664,433.27; HARRIS TRUST & SAVINGS BANK 7,899.27; HARWOOD HEIGHTS WATER DEPT 5,334.42; IASB PUBLICATIONS 2,818.00; IKON OFFICE SOLUTIONS 3,499.96; ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE 181,012.23; ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT 154,956.05; ILLINOIS PAPER CO 11,980.00; ISDLAF 35,476.00; KNUTTE & ASSOCIATES 8,750.00; LEYDEN AREA SPEC ED COOPERATV 60,522.86; LEYDEN CREDIT UNION 84,370.00; MANNHEIM DISTRICT 83 SCHOOLS 124,571.31; MAREK TRELA 2,673.38; MARIA GRZESKIEWICZ 4,035.00; MURPHY & JONES CO INC 6,798.94; NASCO 4,116.22; NORRIDGE SCHOOL DIST 80 6,587.26; NWEA 5,000.00; OPPENHEIMERFUNDS 2,833.00; PENNYOOR SCHOOL DIST 79 45,214.78; R. RUDNICK & CO 154,341.74; RAMROD DISTRIBUTORS INC 9,795.11; REBECCA PLAZA 5,540.38; RICHLÉE VANS 29,251.42; RIGON AMERICAS CORPORATION 8,447.59; RIVER FOREST DIST 90 10,700.00; RIVER FOREST SCHOOL DIST. 90 7,400.00; RIVER GROVE SCHOOL DIST. 85.5 10,113.68; ROSEMONT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 10,731.36; ROSEMONT SCHOOL DISTRICT 78 7,400.00; ROWLAND READING FOUNDATION 7,234.76; SANTA LUCIA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 9,150.00; SKYWARD INC 19,252.58; SUBURBAN SCHOOL COOPERATIVE 41,078.00; TEACHERS RETIREMENT SYSTEM 351,200.75; TEACHERS' HEALTH 50,636.40; THE BANK OF NEW YORK 131,900.00; THE MCGRAW HILL COMPANIES 13,168.04; TRU-SEAL INC 4,731.64; UNION RIDGE IMPREST FUND 37,337.52; UNION RIDGE SCHOOL DIST. 86 9,998.47; VALIC 106,270.00; WHITE PINES RANCH 5,400.00; WIGHT & CO 10,441.73; AD#455003, Pub:12-6-12

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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., 15W303 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527 (630) 794-9876. Please refer to file number 14-11-0717-1. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE You can also visit www.jisc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. 15W303 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100 BURR RIDGE, IL 60527 (630) 794-9876 Attorney File No.: 14-11-0717 ARDC# 00468002 Attorney Code: 21762 Case # 12 CH 002373 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. 1488310 12/6, 12/13, 12/20/12 #456546

SKOKIE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois, County Department, Chancery Division. U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee, successor in interest to Bank of America, National Association as Trustee as successor by merger to Lasalle Bank, National Association as Trustee for WaMu Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates Series 2005-AR10 Trust Plaintiff, vs. Dov H. Carl aka Dov Carl; Amy Carl; JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A.; Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants Defendants. 12 CH 15982 Sheriff's # 120720 Pursuant to a Judgment made and entered by said Court in the above entitled cause, Thomas J. Dart, Sheriff of Cook County, Illinois, will on January 16, 2013, at 10m in room LL06 of the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction the following described premises and real estate mentioned in said Judgment: Common Address: 3715 Arcadia Street, Skokie, Illinois 60076 P.I.N: 10-14-301-025-0000 Improvements: This property consists of a Single Family Home. Sale shall be under the following terms: payment of not less than ten percent (10%) of the amount of the successful and highest bid to be paid to the Sheriff by cashier's check or certified funds at the sale; and the full remaining balance to be paid to the Sheriff by cashier's check or certified funds within twenty-four (24) hours after the sale. Sale shall be subject to general taxes, special assessments. Premise will NOT be open for inspection. Firm Information: Plaintiff's Attorney FREEDMAN ANSELMO LINDBERG LLC 1807 W. DIEHL, Ste 333 Naperville, IL 60566-7228 630-983-0770 866-402-8661 fax 630-428-4620 This is an attempt to collect a debt pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. 1485079 12/6, 12/13, 12/20/12 #456502

LINCOLNWOOD IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION LIBERTY BANK FOR SAVINGS Plaintiff, vs. SYED MOHIUDDIN, ELM LIMITED, LLC, FNA CARDINAL 09, LLC, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants. 12 CH 01412 6540 N. KEATING 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 October 16, 2012, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on January 17, 2013, 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 6540 N. KEATING AVENUE, Lincolnwood, IL 60712 Property Index No. 10-34-113-010. The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was \$294,424.64. 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. For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: DYKEMA GOSSETT PLLC 10 SOUTH WACKER DRIVE, SUITE 2300 CHICAGO, IL 60606 (312) 876-1700 ATORNEY CODE: 42297 Case # 12 CH 01412 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. 1483589 12/6, 12/13, 12/20/12 #456499

LINCOLNWOOD IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON F/K/A THE BANK OF NEW YORK, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATE HOLDERS OF THE CWALT, INC., ALTERNATIVE LOAN TRUST 2007-23CB MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-23CB, Plaintiff, vs. BARRY BERNHARDT, MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR AMERICAN MORTGAGE NETWORK, INC., D/B/A AMNET MORTGAGE Defendants 12 CH 4066 6906 NORTH KNOX 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 September 19, 2012, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on December 20, 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 6906 NORTH KNOX AVENUE, Lincolnwood, IL 60712 Property Index No. 10-34-113-010. The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was \$499,635.22. 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. For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: NOONAN & LIEBERMAN, 105 W. ADAMS ST., SUITE 1100, CHICAGO, IL 60603 (312) 212-4028. Please refer to file number 11-1749. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE You can also visit www.jisc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. NOONAN & LIEBERMAN 105 W. ADAMS ST., SUITE 1100 CHICAGO, IL 60603 (312) 212-4028 Attorney File No.: 11-1749 Attorney Code: 38245 Case # 12 CH 4086 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. 1485276 11/29, 12/6, 12/13/12 #452023

SKOKIE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION Plaintiff, vs. MARK A. CONTON, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants. 12 CH 015653 8718 KIMBALL AVENUE SKOKIE, IL 60076 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on October 1, 2012, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on January 3, 2013, 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 8718 KIMBALL AVENUE, SKOKIE, IL 60076 Property Index No. 10-23-203-032. 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 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. For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: DYKEMA GOSSETT PLLC 10 SOUTH WACKER DRIVE, SUITE 2300 CHICAGO, IL 60606 (312) 876-1700 ATORNEY CODE: 42297 Case # 12 CH 015653 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. 1484887 11/29, 12/6, 12/13/12 #452012

SKOKIE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION Plaintiff, vs. VICTORIA GARCIA SKOKIE TERRACE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION Defendants. 12 CH 10442 8712 SKOKIE BLVD., UNIT 2KN Skokie, IL 60076 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on October 9, 2012, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on January 10, 2013, 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 8712 SKOKIE BLVD., UNIT 2KN, Skokie, IL 60076 Property Index No. 10-21-229-002-10. The real estate is improved with a residential condominium. The judgment amount was \$157,535.27. Sale terms: The bid amount, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate immediately by the highest and best bidder at the conclusion of the sale. 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. For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: HEAVNER, SCOTT, BEYERS & MIHLAR, LLP, 111 East Main Street, DECATUR, IL 62523 (217) 422-1719. Attorney Code: 40387 Case # 12 CH 10442 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. 1479751 11/29, 12/6, 12/13/12 #451951

SKOKIE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION ING BANK, FSB, Plaintiff, vs. OAKJOO LEE, HARRIS N.A., THE OPTIMA OLD ORCHARD WOODS ELM CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION Defendants 12 CH 09173 9715 WOODS DR., UNIT 1002 Skokie, IL 60077 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on October 3, 2012, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on January 7, 2013, 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 9715 WOODS DR., UNIT 1002, Skokie, IL 60077 Property Index No. 10-09-304-035-1070 Vol. 0110; 10-09-304-029-1070 Vol. 0110; 10-09-304-035-1322 Vol. 0110. The real estate is improved with a condominium. The judgment amount was \$389,283.52. 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 common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: HEAVNER, SCOTT, BEYERS & MIHLAR, LLP, 111 East Main Street, DECATUR, IL 62523 (217) 422-1719. Attorney Code: 40387 Case # 12 CH 10442 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. 1479751 11/29, 12/6, 12/13/12 #451951

TO PLACE A CLASSIFIED AD, CALL 847-998-3400 OR VISIT PIONEERLOCAL.COM/CLASSIFIEDS

Storage - Legal
NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY
Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Section 4 of the Self-Service Storage Facility Act, State of Illinois, the undersigned Public Storage/PS OrangeCo, Inc. will conduct sale(s) by competitive bidding on December 26th, 2012 at 11:00 a.m. on the premise where said property has been stored, and which are located at Public Storage #22336/2835 N. Western Ave., Chicago, IL 60618. 773-772-9209 in the matters of the personal property for the individuals listed below:
0078 - Janik, Ursula 0102 - SPALUK, ALLISON 0115 - SPACIO LLC / Patricia Feeley 0141 - Montes, Julio 0162 - Cruz, Maritza 0182 - Salgado, Sandra 0258 - Fuentes, Margarita 0283 - HUNTER, JAMES 0317 - ST. JOHN, TRISTA 0333 - ST. JOHN, TRISTA 0342 - Figueroa, Jeffrey 0351 - Gray, Ricky 0415 - HUDSON, IDA 0512 - SEIBER, JOANN 0646 - Dion, Derek 0653 - Convey, Mary 0669 - MILLER, CHERYL 0695 - Garcia, Carlos 0742 - SMITH, IDELLA 0765 - Ayende, Juan 0823 - WILSON, NEKETA Public Storage/PS OrangeCo, Inc. Purchases Must Be Made With Cash Only And Paid For At The Time Of Sale. All Goods Are Sold As Is And Must Be Removed At The Time Of Purchase. Sale Is Subject To Adjudgment.

Pub:12/6, 12/13 459532
NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY
Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Section 4 of the Self-Service Storage Facility Act, State of Illinois, that Public Storage/PS OrangeCo, Inc. will conduct sale(s) by competitive bidding on December 26th, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. on the premise where property has been stored, which are located at Public Storage #22331/4072 N. Broadway, Chicago, Illinois 60613. 773-4048592 the personal property described below. In the matters of:

A011 - McCarty, Victoria A018 - COHN C/O R. WEISBACH, ARLENE A057 - Fulbright, Toya A059 - Labo, Tiffany A063 - MENDEZ, ARTURO A064 - Galloway, Anthony B026 - Cargill, Denise B051 - Hood, Isaac B064 - Tharrington, Gregory B070 - Hambric, Robyn B152 - Miles, Michael C016 - IBRAHIM, ALI C025 - BELL, AMIR C048 - KOULIAS, WILLIAM C067 - Frempong, Michael D027 - HARRIS, KENT D057 - ROBERTS, JEFFREY D123 - BOYLAN, ANTHONY Public Storage/PS OrangeCo, Inc. Purchases must be made with cash only and paid for at the time of sale. All goods are sold as is and must be removed at the time of purchase. Sale is subject to adjudgment.

Pub:12/6, 12/13 459520
NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY
Notice is hereby give that pursuant to Section 4 of the Self-Service Storage Facility Act, State of Illinois, that Public Storage/PS OrangeCo, Inc. will conduct sale(s) at Public Storage by competitive bidding on: December 26, 2012 at 11:30am on the premise where said property has been stored, and which are located at Public Storage, property # 21807 1916 N. Elston Ave, Chicago IL 60642 773-227-3114. In the matters of the personal property for the individuals listed below:

A266 - Acevedo, Jose A320 - HOSKINS, CYNTHIA A347 - WILLIAMS, GEORGINA A375 - DEGAN, GIL A481 - BERNSTEIN, GAIL C067 - ZUPANCICH, CJ D531 - GARRIDO, JOE D598 - CRISCIONE, ROB D634 - PIERCE, MARVIN D749 - BLAKLEY, JAMES

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Public Storage/PS OrangeCo, Inc. Purchases must be made with cash only and paid for at the time of sale. All goods are sold as is and must be removed at the time of purchase. Sale is subject to adjudgment.
Pub:12/6, 12/13 459513

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY
Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Section 4 of the Self-Service Storage Facility Act, State of Illinois, that Public Storage/PS Orange Co, Inc., will sell at public sale by competitive bidding on December 26th, 2012 at 10:30 A.M. on the premises where property has been stored, which is located at Public Storage #20620/4430 N. Clark, Chicago, IL, 60640. 773-989-4619. In the matters of the personal property for the individuals listed below:

A039 - Tanner, Alec B037 - Rose, Melissa C069 - Meltzer, Howard D054 - Loevy, Nathaniel D055 - Loevy, Nathaniel Public Storage/PS OrangeCo, Inc. Purchases must be made with cash only and paid for at the time of sale. All goods are sold as is and must be removed at the time of purchase. Sale is subject to adjudgment.

Pub:12/6, 12/13 459494
NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY
Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Section 4 of the Self-Service Storage Facility Act, State of Illinois, that Public Storage/PS OrangeCo, Inc. will conduct sale(s) at Public Storage by competitive bidding on December 27th, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. on the premises where property has been stored, which are located at Public Storage, #20485,1414 S. Wabash, Chicago, IL 60605 312-427-1043 in the matters of the personal property for the individuals listed below:

0023 - Gibson, Ruthie B1001 - Boyd, Vernita B1019 - Diaz, Veronica B1023 - WHEELER, STEPHEN B1028 - TYLER JR., THEOTIS B1032 - Franklin, Roseanna B1038 - James, Charles B1048 - Wiggins, Lisa C2007 - JOHNSON, BERTRAND C2014 - Davis, Sundraria C2053 - Paramasivam, Divya C2061 - Rainey, Maurice D3004 - Fitzgerald, Larnie D3061 - Mallory, Ethan D3062 - Hinton, Anthony E4036 - Hepburn, Felicia E4066 - Wheat, Bessie E4138 - HAMMOND, HOWARD E4142 - Haywood, Clifton E4146 - HOOKS, ROWELONDA E4150 - Verzannon, Demetria F5014 - Jordan, Brian F5095 - Hinton, Anthony F5112 - Thompson, Nikia F5133 - HARPER, SARAH G6038 - ADAMS, TRACEY G6040 - Fleming, Laura G6081 - Harris, Yvonne G6128 - Joseph, Cheryl G6132 - Kidd, Tjyan H7032 - Kattner, Tom H7043 - HADLEY, SHERYL H7059 - Roberts, Sanford

H7064 - Donald, Betty H7069 - Bosh, Milo H7075 - Popp, Tom H7099 - DAVENPORT, DORIS H7112 - Johnson, Maurice H7121 - Chapron, Lillian H7128 - Walton, Soraya Public Storage/PS OrangeCo, Inc. Purchases must be made with cash only and paid for at the time of sale. All goods are sold as is and must be removed at the time of purchase. Sale is subject to adjudgment.

Pub: 12/6, 12/13 459485
NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY
Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Section 4 of the Self-Service Storage Facility Act, State of Illinois, that Public Storage/PS OrangeCo, Inc., will conduct sale(s) by competitive bidding on: December 26th, 2012 at 12:00 p.m. On the premise where said property has been stored and which are located at Public Storage, Property # 08067, 1711 W. Fullerton, Chicago, IL 60614, Phone: 773-525-5518, Fax: 773-248-3702. In the matters of the personal

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property for the individuals listed below:
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Unit#5035 Paula Weisberg Unit#5220 Shawn Brandt Unit#6009 Manuel Narvaez Pub:12/6, 12/13 456016
NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE TO BE HELD AT: THE LOCK UP SELF STORAGE 2525 West Armitage Ave, Chicago, IL 60647 DATE: Friday December 21, 2012 BEGINS AT: 2:00PM

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Unit 1061 Barton Faist Unit 1062 Barton Faist Unit 1063 Barton Faist Unit 1064 Barton Faist Unit 2111 Ryan Carizales Unit 3225 Melody Cuen Public:12/6, 12/13 455969
NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE TO BE HELD AT: THE LOCK UP SELF STORAGE 750 Busse Highway, Park Ridge, IL 60068 DATE: December 28, 2012 BEGINS AT: 1:00PM

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE TO BE HELD AT: THE LOCK UP SELF STORAGE 3850 West Devon Ave, Lincolnwood, IL 60712 DATE: 12/21/2012 BEGINS AT: 10:00 AM

Storage - Legal
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Pub: 11/29, 12/6 447712

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COLLEGE ROUNDUP

Strickland named to defensive first team



Glenbrook South alumnus **John Strickland**, a defensive back for the Indianapolis football team, was named to the 2012 All-Great Lakes Valley Conference First Team. The sophomore from Glenview finished the season third on the team in total tackles with 98. He also finished with 19 tackles for a loss.

After winning the conference championship, Strickland's Greyhounds made it to the second round of the NCAA Division II Playoffs. They finished the season with a 10-3 record.

Indianapolis' John Strickland was named to the All-Great Lakes Valley Conference First Team for his defensive play this season. | PHOTO COURTESY RYAN THORPE

Illinois Wesleyan wide receiver **Alex Garvey**, also a Glenbrook South graduate, was named his team's offensive Most Valuable Player for the 2012 season. The junior from Glenview also won the team's Best Skill award, as he finished the season with team highs in catches (50), yards (751) and touchdowns (10). He was also named to the All-College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin Second Team.

Highland Park alumna **Emily Feldman** was recently named University Athletic Association Offensive Athlete of the Week for women's soccer.

The Emory sophomore forward scored two goals for the No. 16-ranked Eagles while helping the team reach the NCAA Division III Women's Soccer Championship semifinals for the first time in school history.

Hinsdale South alumnus and St. Cloud State hockey player **Jimmy Murray** led the Huskies to a 4-3 overtime win against Alaska Anchorage Nov. 30 in Anchorage. The freshman forward finished with two goals, including the game-winner.

The goals were Murray's second and third of the season. He also has three assists through 13 games,

all of which he started for the Huskies.

Jewell Lloyd, a Niles West alumna and a freshman guard on the Notre Dame women's basketball team, was recently named Big East Conference Freshman of the Week.

In victories against Mercer and No. 19/22 UCLA, the Lincolnwood native averaged 19 points, 6.5 rebounds, 5 assists and 2 steals per game. She also shot 72.7 percent from the field and 60 percent from beyond the three-point line. ■

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Here are some NFL Hall of Fame stats to win bets on as of the start of the 2012 season. The most popular jersey number – 22, worn for all of part of the career of 11 enshrinees. The state with the highest percentage of members – Pennsylvania at 10.6 percent, 29 natives. And how about the draft class that produced the most Hall of Famers? It was 1964, with an incredible 10 – Roger Staubach, Carl Eller, Paul Warfield, Bob Hayes, Charley Taylor, Mel Renfro, Paul Krause, Bob Brown, Leroy Kelly and Dave Wilcox.

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The Monday blues can apply to athletes as well as the rest of us. Entering the 2012 season, the Atlanta Falcons had the NFL's worst winning percentage on Monday Night Football -- .273 (9-24). The 2011-12 Montreal Canadiens were the first NHL team in four years to go winless on Mondays, contributing to their first last-place conference finish since 1940. In baseball, Atlanta went almost a year without a Monday win – 0-16 from mid-2010 to mid-2011. And in the NBA, J.R. Smith of the Knicks averaged 4.3 points per game on Mondays in 2011-12, 13.2 on other days, the largest margin in the league.

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Can you name the only quarterback in NFL history to throw for at least 4,000 yards and rush for at least 500 in the same season? Incredibly, the player was a rookie – 2011 Rookie of the Year Cam Newton of Carolina. Despite a lockout-shortened preseason, the former Heisman Trophy winner opened the season with back-to-back 400-yard passing games, and went on to set the single-season record of 14 rushing touchdowns by a QB.

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Don't Miss

Friday

Girls basketball: Maine West at Maine East, 6 p.m.

The teams were at opposite ends of the CSL North last season. Maine West won the North with a 9-1 record. Maine East finished 1-9. This season, Maine East won its league opener by 13 points over Glenbrook North.

Friday

Boys swimming: Lane, Notre Dame at Maine East, 5 p.m.

The strength of the Maine East swimming and diving program has been its divers in recent years. Maine East finished with 85 points at last year's meet against Notre Dame and Lane, finishing 55 points behind event-winner Lane.

Gonzalez has team playing at different speed

BY JONAH ROSENBLUM | Contributor | @Pioneer_PrepsJR

NORTHBROOK

If the basketball appears to fly around the court a little quicker when the Maine East girls have possession, there's good reason for that.

"It's two words: Jazlene Gonzalez," Blue Demons coach Karol Hanusiak said. "She is probably one of the best point guards I've coached. She sees the court so well. She sees openings, and what we've told everyone on this team is you'd better be ready at any time to catch a pass, even if you don't think that pass is open, because she will find that spot."

It's something her teammates have grown used to, particularly Gonzalez's favorite target, Shaylee Sloan. The junior center acknowledged that she has been caught unaware a couple of times. Yet, Sloan's laughter-filled recollections aside, Gonzalez said that her teammates have nothing to fear, regardless of how much velocity she puts



Maine East's Jazlene Gonzalez passes the ball during Friday's game at Glenbrook North in Northbrook. Visit parkridge.suntimes.com/sports to view a photo gallery from the game. | CHANDLER WEST-For Sun-Times Media

on her passes.

"At first, I went easy on them and then little by little I kept forcing it and now they got the hand of grabbing it

and not being scared of the ball," Gonzalez said. "I tell them, look, I'm going to give it to your hands. Don't worry, I'm not going to hit your face.

Let's get in the motion of catching it, and I'll go easy."

Gonzalez, a junior, accounted for more than one-third of her team's points on Friday

night, finishing with 18 points in Maine East's 49-36 victory over Glenbrook North, but that's not what stood out about Gonzalez. Instead, it was the way she appeared to be on a different plain from everyone else on the court, calmly crossing the ball between her legs and maneuvering around the court — and firing passes in all different directions, of course.

Yet, if Gonzalez's game appears easy, it certainly didn't come easy, according to Hanusiak.

Take her impressive dribbling, which allowed her to maneuver around the defense for a spot-up jumper and allowed her to evade a double team on the left sideline.

That took something a little extra, something a little beyond her natural gifts.

Hanusiak said that she approached Gonzalez at the end of her sophomore season with a simple message. If the point guard didn't learn to dribble with her left hand, she'd be red meat.

"To her credit, she has worked and worked and worked and she's a completely different player from a skills standpoint and a confidence standpoint this year



This Week Maine East

BOYS BASKETBALL
Friday
Hosts Maine West, 7:30 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL
Friday
Hosts Maine West, 6 p.m.
Tuesday
Hosts Waukegan, 7:30 p.m.

GIRLS GYMNASTICS
Today
At Maine West, 5:30 p.m.
Tuesday
Hosts Niles North, 5:30 p.m.
Thursday (12/13)
At "A Star is Born", 6 p.m.

BOYS SWIM/DIVE
Friday
Hosts Triangular w/Lane Tech,
Notre Dame, 5 p.m.
Saturday
At St. Patrick's Relays, noon

WRESTLING
Friday
Hosts Glenbrook North, 7 p.m.
Saturday
Hosts Maine East Quad, 9 a.m.



Maine East's Maria Protic yells to her teammates as she dribbles the ball against the Glenbrook North Spartans on Friday in Northbrook. | CHANDLER WEST-For Sun-Times Media

than she was last year," Hanusiak said. "That part doesn't come natural. That part was hard work." As hard as the work was, the motive was simple.

"I wanted to be a better point guard," Gonzalez said. "I have a left. I wanted to go left so I worked hard on it."

Indeed, the Blue Demons' whole team dynamic is the result of hard work and experience. Such comfort wasn't created overnight. Such a seamless ability to fire hard passes all over the court isn't the result of one practice or even two. Sloan, Gonzalez, Elanta Slowek and Maria Protic, all starters, have been playing together since they were in grade school.

Occasionally, they miss, such as when Gonzalez

"zipped one in to Maria and Maria just wasn't ready," in Hanusiak's words. More often than not, they succeed. And when they do, it allows Maine East to exploit the post.

There's no bigger beneficiary of that than Sloan, who scored eight points in the first half against Glenbrook North and finished with 10.

"It's the guard's job to help me," Sloan said. "Since I'm bigger than them, it's easier for me. I don't know. I don't think about it. I just do it." ■



Maine East's Janelle Alba Garner gets her hands on a pass intended for Glenbrook North's Rachel Dress during their game on Friday in Northbrook. | CHANDLER WEST-For Sun-Times Media

Power Rankings

Pioneer Press Basketball Power Rankings

As voted on by the Pioneer Press/Doings sports staff. First place votes are worth 10 points, second place 9, etc.

BOYS

1. St. Joseph 40 (4)
 2. Notre Dame 36
 3. Lake Forest 32
 4. Fenwick 25
 5. Maine South 23
 6. Niles West 21
 7. Leyden 15
 8. New Trier 9
 9. Hinsdale Central 8
 10. Carmel 3
- Others receiving votes: Oak Park-River Forest 1

GIRLS

1. Trinity 39 (3)
 2. Maine South 36 (1)
 3. Fenwick 32
 4. Vernon Hills 26
 5. Evanston 25
 6. Glenbrook South 22
 7. Hinsdale Central 16
 8. Lyons 12
 9. Carmel 6
 10. Nazareth 4
- Others receiving votes: Barrington 2

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BOYS BASKETBALL
Friday
Maine West at Maine East
7:30 p.m.

Saturday
Libertyville at Lake Zurich
7 p.m.

Sunday
Niles West vs Ridgewood in the
Ridgewood Shoot-Out
11 a.m.

Carmel vs Gordon Tech in the
Ridgewood Shoot-Out
12:30 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL
Friday
Maine West at Maine East
6 p.m.

HOCKEY
Saturday
Loyola Gold at New Trier Green
High School Hockey
7 p.m.



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Don't Miss

Friday**Boys Basketball: Marist at Notre Dame, 7:30 p.m.**

The Dons lost 61-53 Sunday to Morgan Park, the Sun-Times' No. 3-ranked team. Seniors Justin Halloran (14 points), Matt Mooney (12) and Eddie Serrano (nine points, six boards) played well in defeat. Marist is ranked No. 6.

Saturday**Wrestling: Notre Dame at Hoffman Estates Tournament, 9 a.m.**

Notre Dame defeated Conant 50-20 and Addison Trail 40-22 at Saturday's tri-meet. Eight Dons won both of their matches and sophomore Niko Portokalis (195 pounds) and senior Gino Orlandi (285) earned the full 12 points by pinning both their opponents.

Stephenson's defense disrupts opponents

BY MATT HARNESS | mharness@pioneerlocal.com | @harnesspreps

Notre Dame coach Tom Les said he has six starters on his team.

It's hard to argue with him.

The five seniors and one junior have the Dons 6-1 and ranked No. 12 by the Sun-Times.

"All six deserve to start," said Les, who almost relies exclusively on his small, veteran core. "It puts me in a tough spot, but the playing time generally evens out. It takes care of itself."

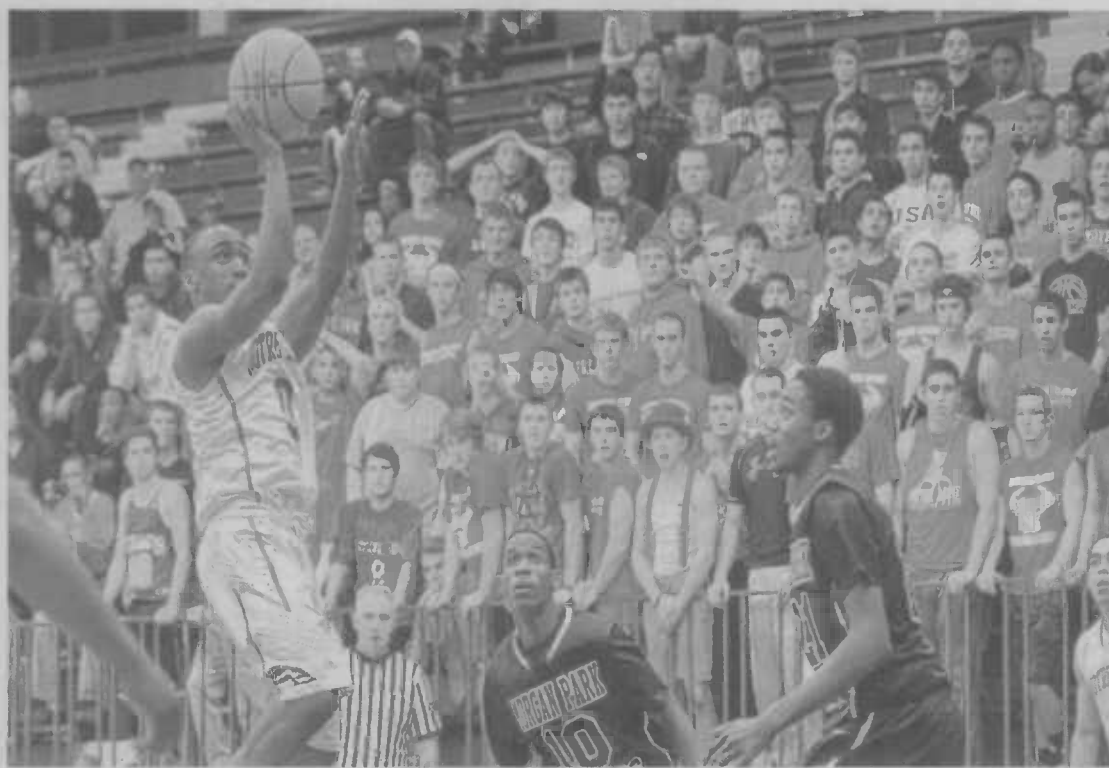
Donte Stephenson is among that collection of players. The senior guard came off the bench in the team's opener against Lane, but he played minutes like a starter.

"We are a team," he said. "We challenge each other in practice to get better every day."

On varsity since his sophomore season, Stephenson does his part on defense. He usually guards the other team's top perimeter player.

"I know (Les) expects a lot from me," Stephenson said. "There was a lot of pressure on me to get me here. He's been pushing me since I was a sophomore."

Les likes what Stephenson



Notre Dame's Donte Stephenson puts up a shot over Morgan Park defenders during Sunday's game in Niles. Visit seasonpass.suntimes.com/pioneer to view a photo gallery from the game. | PATRICK GLEASON-For Sun-Times Media

brings to the floor, especially on the defensive end.

"That's his best attribute," the coach said. "He's a great on-ball defender. He helps create problems for the other team and keeps players out of their comfort zone."

"When you put him on somebody, he doesn't lose him. His speed and quickness are awfully good."

Stephenson also chipped in on offense Sunday against Morgan Park, which is ranked No. 3 by the Sun-Times. Stephenson's drive to the basket gave Notre Dame a nine-point lead with just over two minutes to play in the third quarter.

From there, Morgan Park's speed, athleticism and length exhausted the Dons and the Mustangs won 61-53 in the

Cyrus McGinnis Jump Ball Showcase in Niles.

"We are very team-oriented, and we have good chemistry," Les said. "They all look to do things like make the extra pass, anything that makes it exceedingly difficult on the other team."

"I do say I have six starters, all of whom are major contributors." ■

This Week Notre Dame

BOYS BASKETBALL

Friday
Hosts Marist, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday
At Crane, 3 p.m.

BOYS BOWLING

Today
At Habetler Bowl vs. Lyons Twp., 4 p.m.
Saturday
At Stardust Bowl (Addison) vs. South Division, 10 a.m.
Monday
At Habetler Bowl vs. Taft, 4 p.m.
Tuesday
At Habetler Bowl vs. St. Patrick, 4 p.m.
Thursday (12/13)
At Glenbrook North, 4 p.m.

ICE HOCKEY

Saturday
At Ridgeland vs. Fenwick, 7:45 p.m.
Monday
Hosts Marist at Niles-Ballard, 8 p.m.
Thursday (12/13)
At Niles-Ballard vs. Maine, 8:15 p.m.

SWIM/DIVE

Friday
At Maine East, 5 p.m.

WRESTLING

Today
At Marion Cath. w/ St. Viator, 5:15 p.m.
Saturday
At Hoffman Estates Tourn., 9 a.m.



Niles North

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Don't Miss

Friday**Boys basketball: Highland Park at Niles North, 7:30 p.m.**

The Vikings get another chance to Integrate 6-foot-4 senior BJ Beckford into the lineup. He struggled at times in his first game of the season — a loss Saturday to Niles West — but also got to the rim and grabbed seven rebounds.

Saturday**Girls basketball: Niles North at Regina, 2:30 p.m.**

After hosting Glenbrook North on Tuesday and traveling to Highland Park on Friday, the Vikings close a busy week with a trip to Wilmette. Niles North suffered a 44-35 loss Saturday to Niles West and dropped to 0-7. Like Niles North, Regina has battled waves of inconsistency so far.

Voitik embraces late-game situations

BY ERIC VAN DRIL | Contributor | @EricVanDril

SKOKIE

There's little debate regarding who's Niles North's most feared player in crunch time.

Malachi Nix, with a lightening-quick first step and the ability to score from anywhere on the court, has established himself as the star of the Niles North boys basketball team. The senior point guard is the player the Vikings regularly rely on to score in fourth quarters, but in Saturday's 67-63 loss to Niles West, Billy Voitik proved that he too isn't afraid of big moments.

Voitik collected 17 points in the second half of the back-and-forth game, including four field goals in the fourth quarter. While Voitik's second half scoring output wasn't enough to end the Wolves' recent dominance of the Vikings, the 6-foot-4 senior's performance showed that he shouldn't be overlooked.

Voitik's willingness to accept the responsibility of leading his team to victory is something he said he developed as a quarterback.

"The mentality to win is just toughness from football," said Voitik, who was Niles North's starting quarterback in 2011 and 2012. "A lot of guys, in the end of the games when we're down a couple points, they just want to give up and I keep trying to tell them that it's not over and they've just got to

fight until the end.

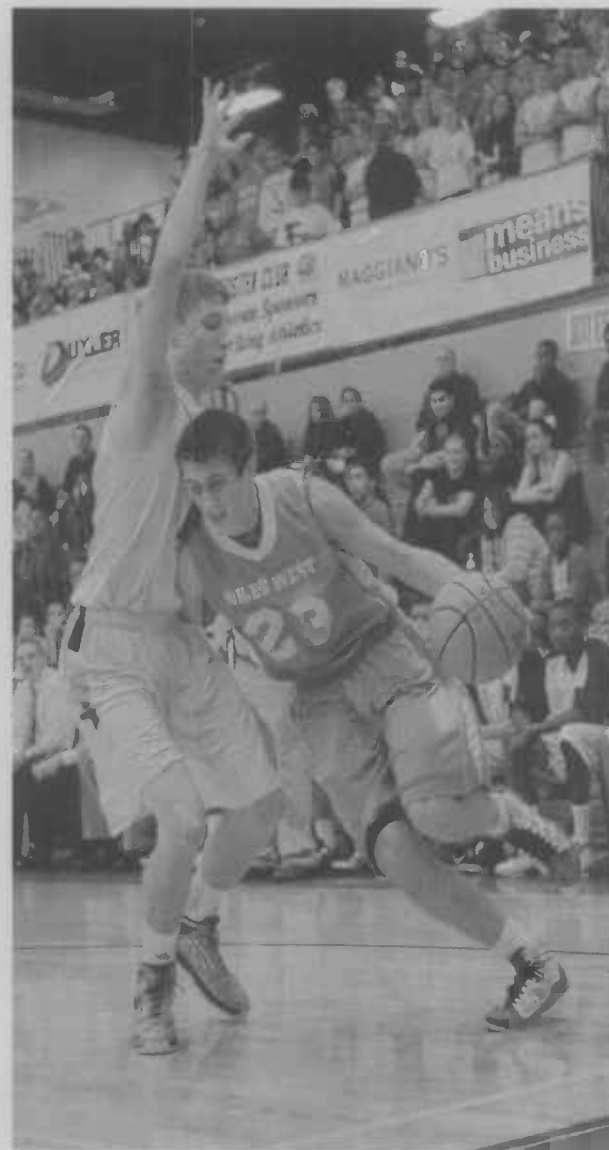
"I think I had a big leadership role on the football field. I had to pretty much lead our football team and ... that kind of (translates) to basketball. It helps me be more of a leader for basketball and help my teammates out because last year I didn't have the biggest leadership role for basketball and this year I started to do that more."

While Voitik is a complementary player on the Vikings' basketball team, stepping up in crucial moments is something which Niles North coach Glenn Olson said is part of his personality.

"I think that's just who he is," Olson said. "He's never been one of the guys; when people talk about Niles North basketball, they talk about Malachi Nix and a lot of people talk about Lorenzo Dillard ... Billy gets it. Billy's been part of (last year's Sweet 16) team and he knows what he's doing."

Voitik not only has the mindset to step up in big situations, he also has skill set to do so. The senior scored a career-high 19 points against Niles West by using his length, quickness and a delicate touch at the rim to consistently score in the paint.

"Billy rebounds really well," said Niles West forward Alex Darville, who had to guard Voitik during stretches of Saturday's game. "He always hits the boards; you always have to put a body on him or else he's going to get it and score. He's strong and he's athletic." ■



Niles West's Alex Darville is defended by Niles North's Billy Voitik during Saturday's game in Skokie. Visit suntimes.com/sports to view a photo gallery from the game. | DAVID BANKS-Sun-Times Media

This Week Niles North

BOYS BASKETBALL
Friday
Hosts Highland Park, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday
Hosts Highland Park, 9:30 a.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL
Friday
At Highland Park, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday
At Regina, 2:30 p.m.
Tuesday
Hosts Crossover-Maine South, 7 p.m.

GIRLS GYMNASTICS
Saturday
At Glenbrook North Invite, 11 a.m.
Tuesday
At Maine East, 5:30 p.m.
Thursday (12/13)
At Niles West "Star Is Born", 6 p.m.

BOYS SWIM
Friday
At Niles West, 5 p.m.

WRESTLING
Friday
At Deerfield, 6 p.m.
Saturday
At Prospect Tourn., 9:30 a.m.
Tuesday
Hosts Meet, 6 p.m.
Thursday (12/13)
Hosts Maine West, 6 p.m.



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Friday

Boys Swimming: Niles North at Niles West, 5:30 p.m.

The Wolves will try to improve upon last season's meet against the Vikings, which Niles North won 124-61. Niles North figures to once again be the class of the CSL North this season with seniors Karol Mlynarski and Javed Avdic back.

Friday

Boys Basketball: Niles West at Maine South, 7:30 p.m.

Although the boys basketball season is still in its early stages, both Niles West and Maine South seem to be viable candidates to win a seemingly wide-open CSL South. This game appears to be vital in providing either the Hawks or the red-hot Wolves an inside-track in reaching that goal.



Kleppin fills leadership role for Wolves

BY ERIC VAN DRIL | Contributor | @EricVanDril

SKOKIE

The Niles West girls basketball team is in its first year of the post-Jewell Loyd era, a reality which has significantly altered players' roles and responsibilities on the court.

At the forefront of that transition is three-sport star Molly Kleppin, who has shifted from a defensive stopper to a player expected to score consistently and provide senior leadership.

But Kleppin's impact on her teammates and several members of the Niles West community has extended far beyond the court over the last two seasons.

For the second consecutive year, Kleppin is the leader of a fundraiser in which the Niles West girls basketball program raises money to buy gifts for

families in need. The members of the school's freshman, sophomore and varsity teams plan on raising \$25-\$30 apiece to buy presents for three separate families and send care packages to soldiers with ties to District 219 who are serving overseas.

Kleppin "pushes us to be better people," said Niles West sophomore Katherine De Lara. "She always pushes for us to do charity, for Christmas or for Thanksgiving. ... We're selling baked goods at school, enough to raise 25 to 30 dollars for a family. We're pushing to raise more (this year) because she has made us realize that we're very lucky to live in the area we live in, to have a house to live in."

Kleppin and Loyd came up with the idea to buy gifts for a less-fortunate family last year, and the Wolves' varsity squad was able to raise enough to provide presents for each member of a 13-person family.

Kleppin has been working with fellow captain Alex Galanopoulos on the fundraising details this year. Once the

In this Feb. 7 photo, Niles West's Molly Kleppin maneuvers around Lincoln Park's Donan Jackson during the Class 4A Niles West Regional final. Visit skokie.suntimes.com/sports to view a photo gallery from Niles West's game Saturday at Niles North. | TRACY ALLEN-for Sun-Times Media



This Week Niles West

BOYS BASKETBALL

Friday
At Maine South, 6 p.m.
Sunday
At Ridgewood Invite, 11
a.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Friday
Hosts Maine South, 6
p.m.
Tuesday
At Maine West, 7:30 p.m.

GIRLS GYMNASTICS

Today
At Evanston, 5:30 p.m.
Saturday
At Glenbrook North, 11
a.m.
Tuesday
Hosts Glenbrook South,
5:30 p.m.
Thursday (12/13)
Hosts "A Star is Born",
6 p.m.

BOYS SWIM/DIVE

Friday
Hosts Niles North, 5:30
p.m.

WRESTLING

Friday
Hosts Maine South, 6
p.m.
Saturday
Hosts Quad, 9 a.m.
Thursday (12/13)
At Evanston Twp., 6 p.m.

required money is raised, Kleppin and Galanopoulos will buy the gifts and wrap them. Niles West coach Tony Konsewicz, who works with the school's counselors to identify which families are in need at Niles West, will deliver the presents.

Community service has been one of the pillars of the Niles West girls basketball program under Konsewicz, and Kleppin has helped take that to a new level over the last two years.

"She gives us so much more than stats on paper," Konsewicz said. "There are some intangibles



Niles West's Jasmine Townsend (left) battles Niles North's Keinya Jones (21) for the ball Saturday in Skokie. | DAVID BANKS-Sun-Times Media

> Inside

Read about Niles West alumna Jewell Lloyd, who was named Big East Conference Freshman of the Week.

that she really lives up to:"

On the court, Kleppin said she has made it a point to help leave her team stronger than she found it. As the only returning starter from last year's team, she has embodied several positive characteristics — steady defense, poise under pressure and leadership — that also figure to have a lasting impact after she graduates.

"I think I've stepped in and taken a big role," said Kleppin, who scored five points in Saturday's 44-35 victory at Niles North. "We have a lot of young players that don't have a lot of experience, which is not exactly a bad thing. They'll build with time. I think it's my job to help them build experience for the coming years." ■



Niles West's Julia Easter (45) is defended by Niles North's Karime Assaf during Saturday's game in Skokie. | DAVID BANKS-Sun-Times Media



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Pioneer Press Boys Cross Country All-Area Team

RUNNER OF THE YEAR

Billy Bund

Billy Bund didn't even run during the first three weeks of the 2012 season after missing last year's postseason because of a hip injury.

The Lake Forest senior made quite a comeback to not only reach the state meet, but finish fifth (in a school-record 14 minutes, 17 seconds) to become the first Scouts runner to medal in Class 3A. He also became Lake Forest's first medalist since Jim Gibson won the Class AA title in 1985.

Bund started running as a sophomore, but as a freshman, he was a wide receiver in football and a baseball outfielder.

IS THERE ANYTHING YOU MISS ANYMORE ABOUT FOOTBALL OR BASEBALL? "I miss a lot of the players and coaches on both the football and baseball teams. I miss eating sunflower seeds with the guys and listening to pump up music in the locker rooms before games."

DID YOUR RELATIVE LACK OF WEIGHT (BUND IS 6-FOOT, 140 POUNDS) BECOME THE DECIDING FACTOR IN YOU GIVING UP FOOTBALL AND BASEBALL? "Actually, I did a running camp at the high school the summer after my freshman year and just fell in love with the sport. There is just something about running that makes me feel good. It never gets old. The thing that I really like about running is that if you put in the work and you are truly dedicated to the sport, it can be incredibly rewarding."

WHAT HAS BEEN THE BIGGEST KEY TO COACH NATE SWEET'S DEVELOPMENT OR TRANSITION FOR YOU TO BECOME AN ELITE CROSS COUNTRY RUNNER? "Coach Sweet has been there for me through the entire process. From Day One, he was set on bringing out the best in me and the best in my teammates. Cross country runners are a long-term investment, from a coach's perspective. Since Coach Sweet is a very accomplished runner himself, it was easy for me to look to him for guidance."

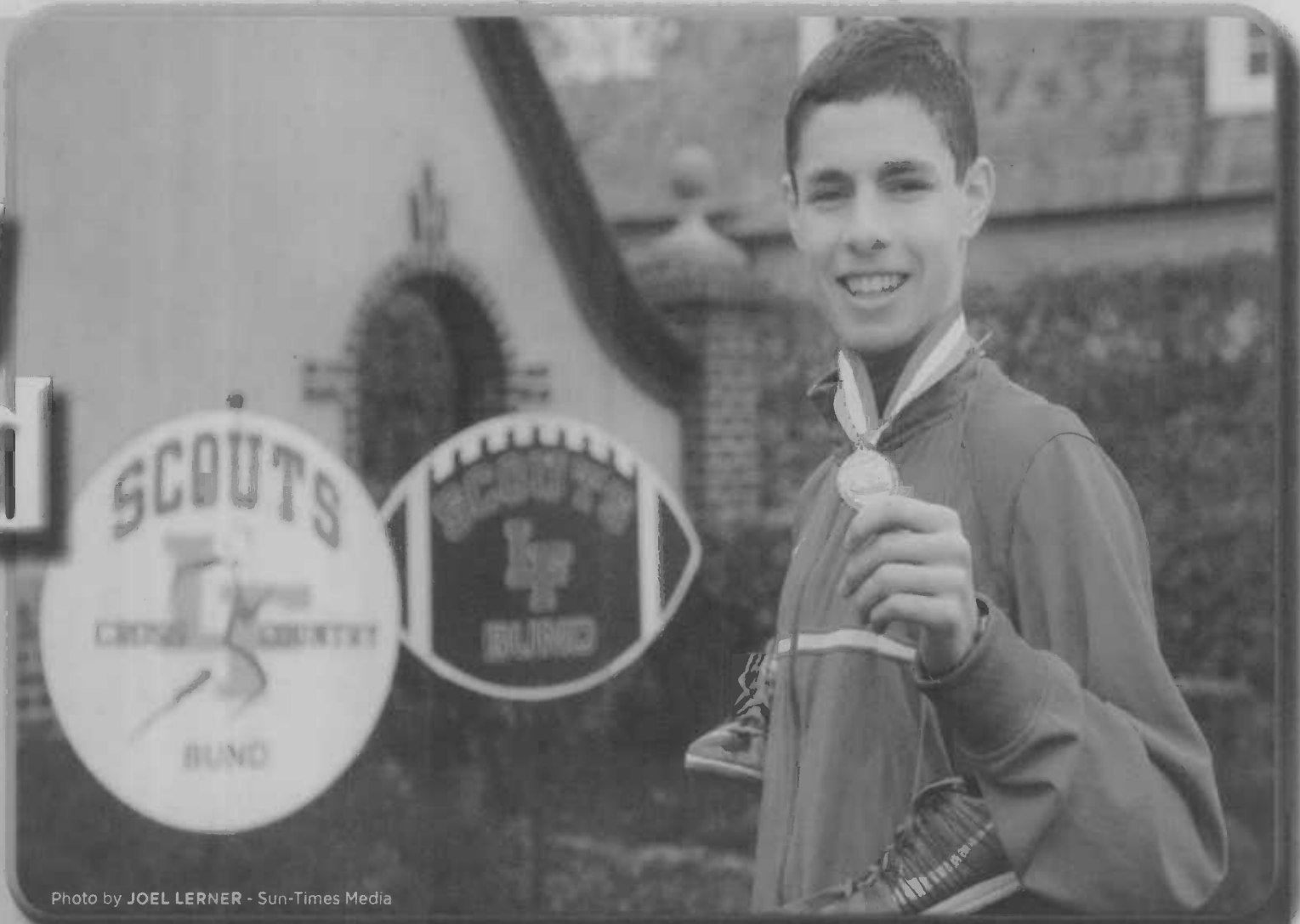


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ALL-AREA FIRST TEAM

MICAH BELLER



The Niles North senior's first major win was a title at the season-opening Hornet-Red Devil meet in Hinsdale. He also won at St. Charles North, the Niles

North quad, the Maine West quad and the Central Suburban North championship. His 10th-place finish at Class 3A state (14:38) was the second-fastest and second-best finish in school history.

RYAN BURGOON



The Barrington senior saved his best for last, running a personal-record 14:40 to place 12th at the Class 3A state meet. Burgoon was 19th at Peoria's Spring

Invite Sept. 15 and 16th at the Palatine Invite Sept. 22, but took off late in the season with fourth-place finishes at Wheeling Oct. 6 and at the Schaumburg Sectional.

MICHAEL MATUSIAK



Matusiak, the leader of a Lyons team that placed third at Class 3A state, was a regular top finisher for Lyons this season. Matusiak struggled at the regional and sectional, but was first again for Lyons at state, taking 11th (14:38). He won the season-opening Lyons Invite.

ALEX MILNER



The Lake Zurich senior bounced back after finishing 14th at the Schaumburg Sectional to place 16th at the Class 3A state meet with a personal-best 14:42. He placed

25th at the Springs Invitational in Peoria Sept. 15 and was sixth at Wheeling Oct. 6. "Being able to achieve a goal I set four years ago (making the all-state team) is unbelievable, and the memory of being on that state stage will always be an amazing memory," Milner said.

STEVEN SALVANO



Just a junior, Salvano will return to run next year for Buffalo Grove coach Jamie Klotz. Salvano finished ninth at the Class 3A state meet with the second-fastest

time in school history (14:37). He was the Mid-Suburban League runner-up, second at the regional and third at the sectional

JON VACCARO



The Loyola Regional champion, Central Suburban League South champ and District 207 titleist carried his success into the Class 3A state meet, where

he finished 15th (14:41) for Maine South. "Jon displays an excellent work ethic year round," coach Greg Nordahl said.

BILLY BUND



See player of the year Q & A

SECOND TEAM

ALEX GOLD (Sr.)
Deerfield
JONAH HANIG (Sr.)
Highland Park
TREVOR KUEHR (Sr.)
Lake Zurich
Dan Lupano (Jr.)
Lyons
BILLY MAGNESEN (Jr.)
Hinsdale Central
RYAN SPEIR (Sr.)
Lyons
ROBERT TAYLOR (Sr.)
Maine South



Pioneer Press Girls Cross Country All-Area Team

ALL-AREA FIRST TEAM

COURTNEY ACKERMAN



See player of the year Q & A

MIMI SMITH



New Trier's next great runner has already earned back-to-

back all-state honors, finishing 12th at Class 3A state (16:56) this year and 10th in 2011. The sophomore was a back-to-back runner-up at Libertyville and Wheaton North in September.

OLIVIA RYAN



The two-time East Suburban Catholic champion became

the highest finisher in Fenwick history at the Class 3A state meet by finishing fifth (16:43). The sophomore started the season with titles at Joliet, St. Ignatius and Oak Park-River Forest and took second at the Peoria Invite Sept. 29.

EMILY LEONARD



The Junior won the season-opening District 207 meet and was

the runner-up at the Central Suburban South meet and at the Class 3A Loyola Regional. She finished ninth (in a school-record 16:51) at the state meet. Leonard became the first Maine South runner to earn all-state in three seasons. "She has been very consistent, and it is quite impressive for her to have back-to-back top 10 finishes (at state)," coach Jeffrey Downing said.

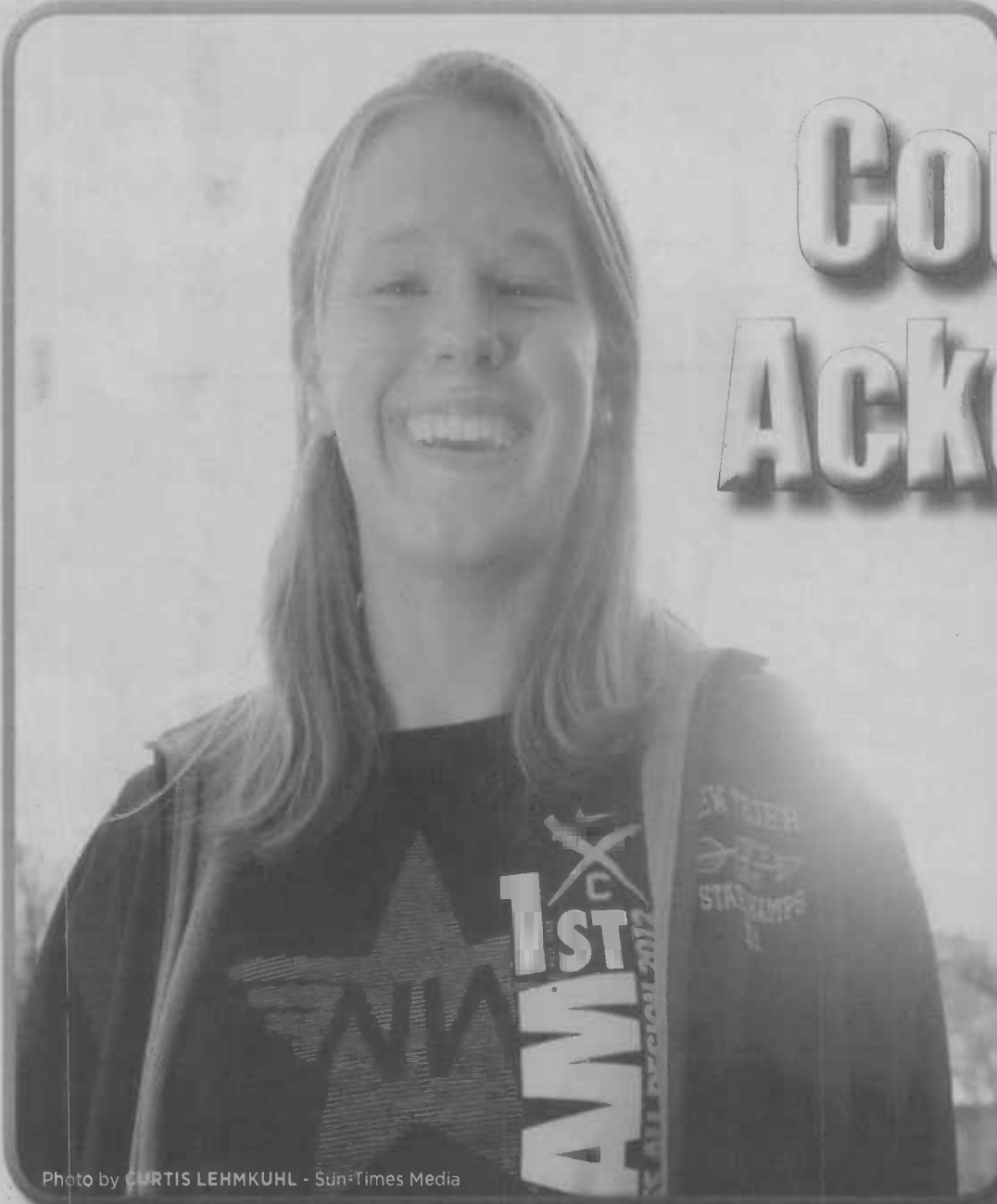


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RUNNER OF THE YEAR

Courtney Ackerman

Illinois-bound New Trier senior Courtney Ackerman — who became the first Trevians cross country runner to earn four all-state honors at the Class 3A state meet — was named Pioneer Press' female Runner of the Year after taking third at state this year.

Ackerman won four consecutive major meets this season at Peoria Woodruff Sept. 8, Libertyville Sept. 15, Wheaton North Sept. 29 and the Central Suburban League Oct. 13. She finished fifth at the Nike Midwest Cross meet Nov. 11 in Terre Haute, Ind., and she placed sixth at the national meet in Portland, Ore., on Dec. 1 (finishing in 19 minutes, 43 seconds).

Her sister, Jessica, was there for every stride, but the twins will go their separate ways next season (Jessica will run at Princeton).

WHAT IS THE EARLIEST MEMORY YOU HAVE OF RUNNING CROSS COUNTRY WITH YOUR SISTER JESSICA? "The first time I ran cross country was the summer before my freshman year. Jess and I ran with the New Trier cross country team, and there was only one other freshman running in the group with us, so I was very intimidated by the older girls. I was a really shy freshman and did not know anyone, but the upperclassmen were so nice and welcoming to us right from the start."

ONE OF YOUR TRADEMARKS IS THE LONG PINK SOCKS YOU WEAR DURING A RACE. IS THERE SOMETHING SIGNIFICANT ABOUT THAT? "Since my sophomore year cross country season, I have had pretty consistent shin pain. My grandma bought me my first pair of pink compression socks to help minimize the stress on my shins. At first, I used to only wear them during practice, but she would ask me why I did not wear them during races and I could never come up with a response. Finally, I just started wearing them in all my races, and I think they really do help." One of your interests is downhill skiing. Is there any similarity between skiing and long-distance running? "It's a tradition of my family to go snow skiing out in Colorado every year. Jess and I have gone since we were 8 (years old). Snow skiing is really different from running but it is fun to go out there and do something a little different for a change."

— George M. Wilcox

JILL HARDIES



The first Hinsdale Central runner to finish all-state for three years ended

her career with an eighth-place result at Class 3A state, finishing in 16:49 despite running with a stress fracture in her left foot. The senior won the Lyons Regional title, took fourth at Wheaton North Sept. 29 and was second at Peoria Woodruff Sept. 8.

LAUREN CONROY



The Barrington freshman made quite a debut this season and

became the Mid-Suburban League champion. She was second at the Grant Regional and came back from a disappointing Schaumburg Sectional finish (11th) to take 19th at the Class 3A state meet in 17:01.

JESSICA ACKERMAN



The Princeton-bound senior became the second-most

decorated runner at New Trier — behind twin sister Courtney — with a 16th-place finish at the Class 3A state meet (17:00). That made Jessica Ackerman a three-time all-state runner.

SECOND TEAM

VALERIE BOBART (Sr.)
Glenbrook North
BRIANA DALEY (Jr.)
Fenwick
KAITLYN KO (Fr.)
Buffalo Grove

MEGAN LEMERSAL (Sr.)
Maine South
ELLIE PALACIOS (Sr.)
Mundelein

HALEY PROKASKI (Sr.)
Lyons
CAROLINE REYNOLDS (Jr.)
Barrington

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OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Matt Alviti

Pioneer Press Football Offensive All-Area Team

MAINE SOUTH IS FASTER



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ALL-AREA FIRST TEAM



QB
See player of the year Q & A.

RB
A workhorse runner, the Notre Dame junior ran for 2,089 yards and 29 TDs during his breakout fall.



RB
Rushing averaged more than a first down every handoff and ran for 1,662 yards and 24 TDs.

RB
The Oak Park-River Forest senior ran for 300 yards against York and finished with 1,605 yards and 20 TDs.



WR
The Lyons senior showed why he is slated to play football at Northwestern next year. In Week 2, he touched the ball nine times and scored four TDs.

TE
Rhoades, a senior, caught 10 passes for 290 yards and two TDs for Leyden.

SECOND TEAM

DEVIN BOEHM (Sr.) New Trier, WR
IAN BUNTING (Jr.) Hinsdale Central, TE
ANDREW CLIFFORD (Sr.) Lake Forest, QB
JACK DEICHL (Sr.) Libertyville, QB
D.J. DEOLITSIS (Sr.) Hinsdale South, QB
ZACHARY GURITZ (Sr.) Hinsdale South, OL

JOE MARCHESE (Sr.) Stevenson, OL
JOSHUA MOORE (Sr.) Nazareth, RB
DAN POULOS (Sr.) Maine South, OL
PETER PUJALS (Sr.) Loyola, QB
ROCCO STEFANINI (Sr.) Fenwick, OL



OL
Maine South coach Dave Inserra called Maloney the "best lineman" he's coached in 12 seasons. The Ball State-bound, 6-3, 275-pounder senior had 31 pancake blocks and was a two-time lineman of the year in the CSL South.



OL
The 6-4, 270-pound Lyons senior anchored the team's line and assisted in the Lions getting back to the state quarterfinals for a second consecutive season. He plans to play at Penn.



OL
The 6-5, 265-pound Stevenson junior tackle paved the way for an offense that averaged 136.2 yards on the ground and 219.4 yards through the air. The Patriots won at least one playoff game for a fourth year in a row.



OL
The 6-2, 245-pound Evanston senior was a big part of the team's recent turnaround, which included three consecutive playoff appearances during his time on varsity.



OL
The 6-4, 270-pound senior from Hinsdale Central started at left tackle and is receiving interest from several colleges, including those in the Big Ten.



PK
The Fenwick senior was a weapon for the Friars on both offense and defense. He finished 36-for-38 on PATs and 5-for-7 on field goals, including two game-winners. He also notched 30 touchbacks.



KR
The Glenbrook South junior averaged 28.8 yards per return. Laurie scored 10 rushing TDs, four receiving TDs, returned two interceptions for TDs and scored on a punt return.

A three-year starter, the Maine South senior threw for 2,877 yards and 29 touchdowns this season. The Northwestern-bound signal-caller also ran for another 971 yards and 19 scores for the 11-1 CSL South champions. Alviti, a 2012 Class 8A all-state selection, finished his high school career 33-4 and won a state title as a sophomore.

Alviti's favorite class right now is marketing. After spending so much time with Nike representatives throughout his playing career at Maine South, he said he considers working for the company to be a dream job. The Hawks were one of eight prep teams in the country to be issued the brand's Pro Combat uniforms this year for the playoffs.

WHAT DO YOU PLAN ON STUDYING AT NORTHWESTERN? "There's no undergraduate business program, so I applied to the communications school. But I want to get into the business world someday."

DO YOU KNOW WHO YOU WOULD WANT TO WORK FOR ONCE YOU'RE DONE WITH SCHOOL AND SPORTS? "Probably Nike. They've been around us so much, and I have liked all of the people who have been at our school. They really seem to give back and care about the kids."

YOU WILL HAVE A TREMENDOUS OPPORTUNITY WHILE AT NORTHWESTERN, WHICH ALWAYS HAS BEEN A TOP-NOTCH ACADEMIC SCHOOL AND NOW HAS A FOOTBALL PROGRAM RANKED AMONG THE COUNTRY'S BEST. WAS HAVING THAT BALANCE IMPORTANT TO YOU? "Definitely. That was a big reason why I picked Northwestern. They are getting better and better each year. Plus, it's one of the best universities to get in education."

— Matt Harness



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Pioneer Press Football Defensive All-Area Team

DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Luke Ford

ALL-AREA FIRST TEAM

LUKE FORD



DARBY GOODWIN



DB

See player of the year Q & A.

DL

The 6-0, 225-pound Loyola senior posted 10 sacks and was named the Catholic Blue's defensive MVP.

MARK ROSENQUIST



BRIAN ALLEN



DL

The 6-3, 300-pound Lake Forest Academy senior finished with seven tackles for loss, one sack and one forced fumble. Rosenquist was named the Catholic White's defensive player of the year.

DL

The Hinsdale Central junior has separated himself from older brother Jack Allen, now playing at Michigan State. The 6-2, 275-pounder was one of the most dominant linemen in WSC.

TOM KUTSCHKE



NOAH MEYER



DL

The 6-5, 240-pound senior, and NSC Lake's defensive player of the year, finished with 19 tackles for loss and 14 1/2 sacks.

LB

The 5-10 195 pound senior was the CSL South's co-defensive player of the year and helped Maine South to 21 wins in two seasons.

PATRICK HART



CODY SULLIVAN



LB

The 6-1, 225-pound Fenwick senior, and Catholic White's MVP, recorded 19 tackles for loss, three interceptions and two fumble recoveries. Hart scored three defensive TDs.

LB

The 6-0, 220-pound Loyola senior averaged nearly eight tackles a game, finished with six picks on the 11-2 season.

ADAM MORRISON



Called the "heart and soul" of the defense by Ley-

LB

den coach Tom Cerasani, the 6-2, 225-pound senior was the WSC Gold's defensive player of the year. He is drawing interest from several Mid-western colleges.

JAMES WILLIAMS



An important piece of the Niles West Wolves' first

DB

playoff team since 2004, the 6-0, 180-pound senior had 12 tackles for loss and earned the CSL South's co-defensive player of the year.

JOEY SALATA



Libertyville coach Mike Jones said the 5-10 195 pound

DB

senior was the "face of Wildcat football." On defense, Salata had three interceptions and two tackles for loss.

CAMERON GREEN



Also a receiver for the Stevenson Patriots, the sopho-

P

more averaged nearly 37 yards per punt. The 6-3, 180-pounder caught 31 balls for 516 yards and six TDs.

ROBERT SPILLANE



A threat to score any time the ball was in his hands,

PR

the 6-2, 215-pound Fenwick junior finished with 15 TDs on 140 touches and totaled 1,036 yards.

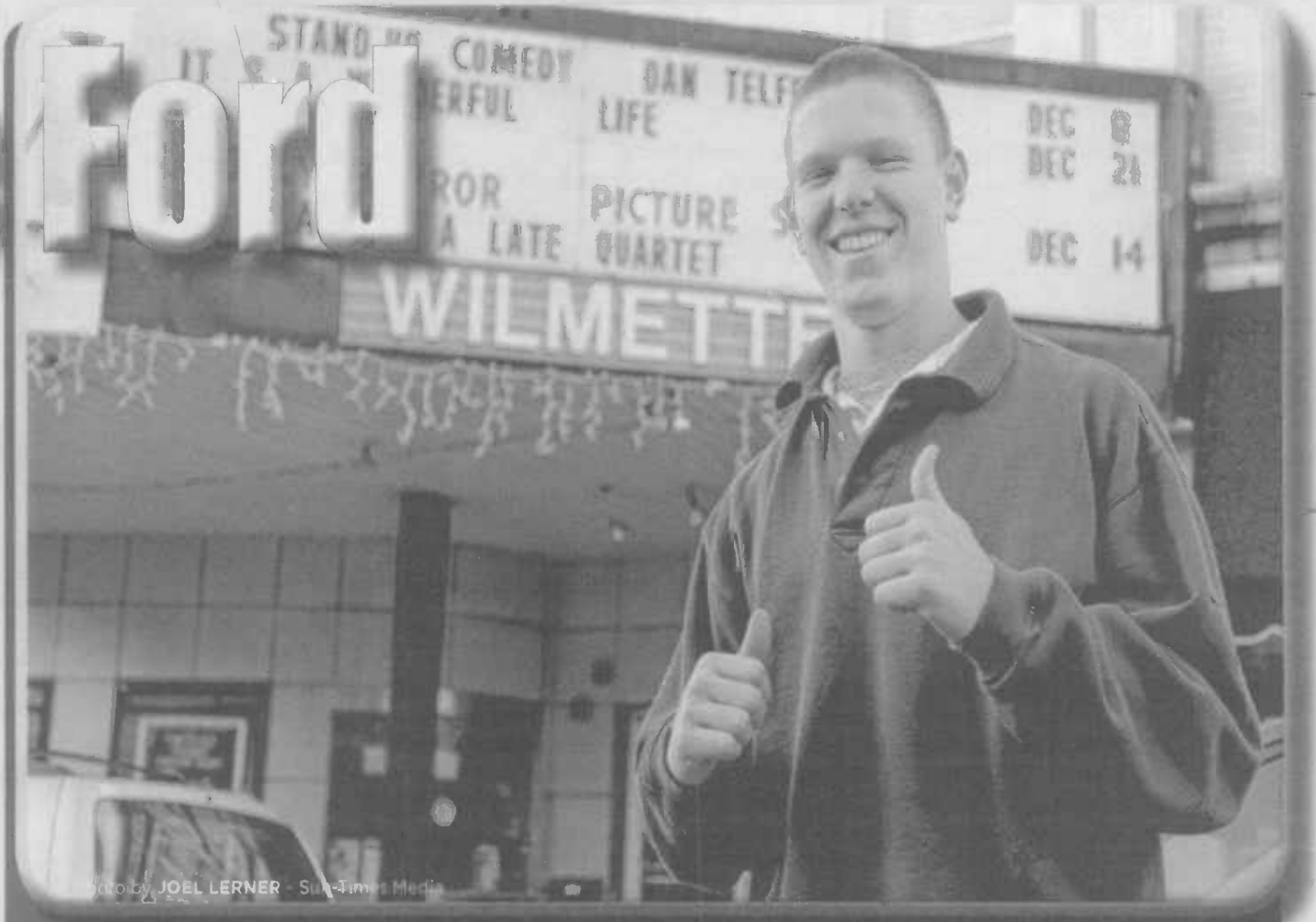


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Simply one of the best all-around players in the Chicago area, the 6-foot-3, 200-pound Loyola safety was the Catholic Blue's MVP and headlined one of the best defenses in the state. Ford, who will play at Holy Cross, had four interceptions and also scored 11 offensive TDs on 35 catches to help the Ramblers advance to the state quarterfinals for a fourth season in a row.

In his free time, Ford enjoys going out to see movies with family and friends.
WHEN DID YOUR LOVE OF CINEMA START?
 "My dad used to take me to the theater when I was younger, and it was — and is

— something we've been able to do together."
WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE MOVIE? "I am a fan of the classics, and I like seeing the movies that won an Oscar for Best Picture. But I am all over the board. Sports movies also interest me. My favorite movie is 'Amadeus.' It was an award-winner in the 1980s."
WHAT ARE SOME CURRENT MOVIES YOU RECOMMEND AND/OR WANT TO SEE SOON? "I saw the new James Bond movie 'Skyfall' on Thanksgiving. Javier Bardem was one of the best Bond villains I've ever seen. I'm really looking forward to seeing 'Lincoln.'"
 — Matt Harness

- SECOND TEAM**
 PAUL BOIDANIS (Sr.) Glenbrook North, DL
 NICK DILLON (Sr.) Stevenson, DL
 DANNY FRICANO (Sr.) Niles North, DL
 MATT MORRISSEY (Jr.) Stevenson, LB
 COLTAN MOSKAL (Jr.) Lake Zurich, LB
 ANDREW PYLE (Sr.) Hinsdale Central, LB
 CONNOR SCHRADER (Sr.) Lake Zurich, DL
 SAM TULLMAN (Sr.) North Shore Country Day, LB
 KEVIN VERKLER (Sr.) Libertyville, LB
 AENEAS WHITE (Sr.) Nazareth, S
 TRENT WILLIAMS (Jr.) Lake Forest, LB

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