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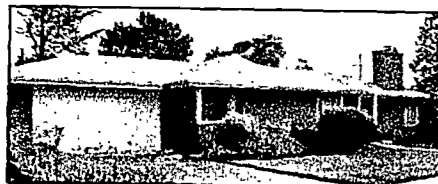
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Morton Grove...Rare Opportunity to own this sprawling 9 rm Ranch on 3 lots with gorgeous park-like, beautifully landscaped yard! 100' frontage! Huge living rm w/FP large kitchen w/separate eating area facing yard. 3 large brs & 1 1/2 baths. Newly re-finished hardwood flrs. Finished bsmt w/23' family rm & workroom. 2 1/2 car attached garage 'Won't Last'\$247,500



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Morton Grove...Rare Offer! Fabulous 7 rm brick BI-level in Golf School Dist. #70! Living rm with FP, dining rm with sliding glass doors to greenhouse. Kitchen with breakfast rm, vaulted ceiling & wall of windows overlooking beautiful yard & patio. Newly remodeled lower level family room. New ceramic tile bath with shower stall. 200 amp electric. 3 car attached garage. See Today!!\$390's



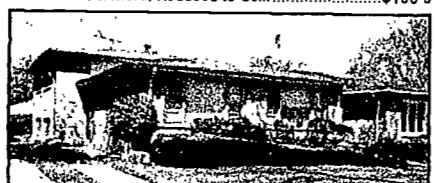
TRULY ONE OF A KIND HOME!

Morton Grove...Price just slashed! Unique multi-level home in Park View School District 70! Coved ceilings & arched doorways. Living rm with WBFP formal dining rm. Kitchen rehabbed in '01. 4 brs & 2 1/2 baths. Large main floor family rm addition '03, half bath, 2nd WBFP & sliding patio doors to huge 35'x12' deck. Master br addition has vaulted ceiling, 5 skylights, Jacuzzi tub, shower, dressing area & walk-in closet. Hardwood floors, new windows & roof. 2 car attached garage w/direct entry\$340's



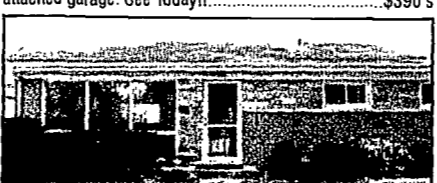
NEED MORE SPACE?

Morton Grove...Then this is the house for you! Solid built face brick 8 rm Ranch with 2nd floor additional Living rm with fireplace, formal dining rm & updated kitchen. 4 brs & 2 1/2 baths. Full finished bsmt with huge rec rm, fireplace, bath & tons of storage. New roof 2010, newer windows, furnace & central air in 2006. Park View School District! Garage & patio. Great location! Price Reduced to sell!!\$269,000



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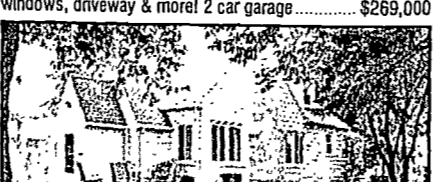
COMMUTER'S DREAM!

Morton Grove...Breathtaking views of St. Paul Woods/Forest Preserves! Convenience of the Metra Train directly across the street! Spectacular 5 room - 5th floor Condo with every amenity. Custom marble kitchen with 42" cabinets. Newly painted & decorated. In-unit washer & dryer. Pella windows. 1 car heated indoor garage. 19' master br w/walk-in closet. Perfection Plus!\$219,000



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 7430 DAVIS - \$214,900 - Nice 3 br brick Ranch on large lot w/fenced yard & patio - Main floor family rm w/full bath - Garage
 8340 CALLIE - \$224,000 - Largest & best Location - 2 br - 2 baths + family rm - Granite, maple & SS appls in kitchen - Garage
 9011 MANGO - \$249,000 - Spacious 3 br - 2 bath Ranch - Fully remodeled - HW flrs - Beautiful kit - FP - Mas br w/Jacuzzi - Gar
 6022 SOUTH PARK - \$269,000 - 7 rm red brick Georgian - Livrm w/FP - 3 brs - Newly painted - Near Metra & schools - 2 c gar
 9320 MANSFIELD - \$289,900 - Immaculate 3 br - 2 bath BI-level - Overlooks green vistas - Custom

designed kit - Famrm - Gar
 9371 OSCEOLA - \$297,000 - Huge Tri-level - 5 brs & 3 baths - Famrm w/FP & wet bar - Fin bsmt - 2 car gar - Fenced yard
 9314 MENARD - \$299,000 - Custom built 3 br - 2 bath BI-level-Oak flrs - Livrm w/FP-Kit w/SS appls - Fam rm - Garage
 5901 CAROL - \$299,500 - Charming brick Bungalow - Hardwood floors - Main floor family rm - Finished bsmt - 2 car gar
 7634 ARCADIA - \$389,00 - House Beautiful - Mortionaire Split w/ 4 brs - 2 1/2 redone baths Split - Totally updated - 2 c att gar
 7932 FOSTER - \$399,000 - 100'x 144' Lot-Value in land - Can build 2 homes on 50' lots - 7 rm Ranch - Add on/Build up
 5944 MONROE - \$399,000 - Dramatic 4 br - 3 bath Split-level - Remodeled kit w/42" oak cabinets - 23' master br - Att gar
 9109 AUSTIN - \$449,000 - Majestic 2 story home located across from forest preserve - All brand in 2003 - 4 brs - 4 baths
SKOKIE
 4649 BRUMMEL - \$140,000 - Located across from Emily Oaks Nature Center-End unit Townhouse - HW flrs - 3 brs

4201 CLEVELAND - \$290,000 - Huge corner Ranch with 3 brs - Full finished basement - 2 car attached garage - Oakton Park!
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DES PLAINES
 8894 KNIGHT - \$68,900 - Beautiful renovated 4 rm Condo - Freshly painted - Remodeled kit w/42" cabinets & Granite
 647 METROPOLITAN - \$149,000 - Nice Condo located in Downtown Des Plaines - Granite & SS in Kit - In-unit laundry
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656 PEARSON - \$199,000 - 2 Br - 2 Bath Condo Near Metra, restaurants & shopping - In-unit laundry - Garage - Balcony
 501 ALLES - \$199,000 - Exquisite 2 br - 2 bath Condo in Downtown-in-unit laundry-Mas br suite w/bath-Garage
 2270 SCOTT - \$249,999 - Price Just Slashed! 5 br Ranch in convenient location - Full basement - Recently redecoreated
EVANSTON
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GLENVIEW
 3925 TRIUMVERA - \$104,000 - Newly decorated 5 rm Condo at Triumvera with skyline views-2 brs-2 baths-Garage
 3700 CAPRI - \$135,900 - 2 br-2 bath Condo-Kitchen w/SS appliances-Garage parking space-Fabulous clubhouse!
LONG GROVE
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MELROSE PARK
 901 HELEN DR - \$224,000 - Spacious 3 br Tri-level on huge corner lot-Lower level family rm-Finished sub-bsmt-Garage
NILES
 6660 WOODRIVER - \$149,900 - Unique 2 story Townhome w/full bsmt-HW flrs-Near Golf Course, paths & forest pres.
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ROUND LAKE BEACH
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SCHAUMBURG
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Morton Grove
New 5 br, 4.5 ba home w/Braz cherry flrs, marble foyer, gour kit w/granite tops, ss appl, fam rm w/rflc. Over 4500+ sq ft, 3-car gar & more.



Morton Grove
Stylish 4-7BR, 4.1BA offers hardwood flrs, gourmet maple & granite kitchen, 1st flr BR & BA, stunning master, finished lower level, & more



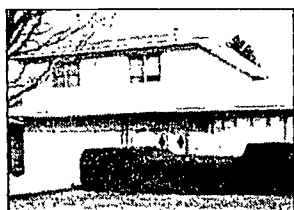
Morton Grove
3 br, 3 ba Georgian. Awesome addition & rehab in 2005. Hdwd flrs, mstr w/balc, island kit. Newer 2-car gar, roof, appl, furnace, air.

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Niles
Multi-level 4 br, 2.5 ba. Lrg foyer, liv rm w/ cath cell & fam rm. Sliders to patio. Wblp. EA. Hdwd flrs. Furn&ac 2005/roof 2002. 2-car gar.



9116 Mansfield Ave, Morton Grove
Spacious 3 br, 1.5 ba home on tree-lined street. Main flr fam rm w/vaulted ceiling. New roof, carpet & refn hdwd flrs. 2-car gar. Lrg mstr.



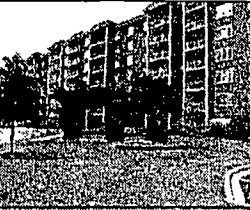
306 Caille Ct, Morton Grove
2 br, 2.5 ba townhome unit in a desirable location. Double vaulted & 9' ceilings. Huge finished bsmt. Master suite w/walk-in closet.



Morton Grove
Newer 3 br, 2.5 ba townhome w/morning sunrise views. Liv rm & din rm w/multi-sided flrc. Granite eat-in kitchen. Opens to large balcony.



Niles
Spectacular 2 br, 2 ba sun-drenched top floor corner unit w/finest upgrades. 9 ft ceilings, cherry hdwd flrs. Fabulous kitchen. Heated gar.



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Morton Grove
Huge 4 br, 2 ba home on quiet tree-lined street in close-to-all loc. Huge fam rm, wblp, brkfst rm, sep din rm, bsmt & gar. Newer furn & ac.



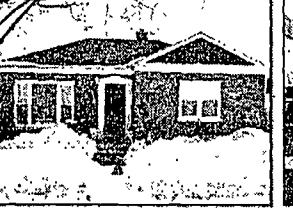
New Listing
Well-maintained 3 br, 2 ba bi-level w/sub-basement. Eat-in kitchen. LL fam rm. New a/c. 1 year home warranty. 1 block to Oriole Park!



Morton Grove
Beautiful 2 br, 2.5 ba unit with \$40,000 of upgrades. 42 inch cherry cabinets and hardwood floor in the kitchen with sliding door to patio.



Morton Grove
2 br, 2 ba unit w/open floor plan. Eat-in kitchen & bright living/dining room w/new oak window casing. Large master suite & heated garage.



Morton Grove
Home in a great neighborhood and schools in Morton Grove! Updated w/new bath, newer windows, new 2-car garage & new fenced yard.



Niles
3 br solid brick ranch located in Park Ridge School District. 3rd br/sep din rm. Many recent appl. Extra-lrg 2.5-car gar. Deep yard w/washed.

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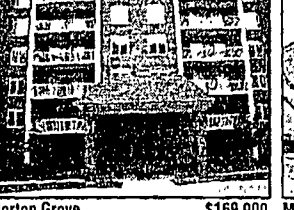
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Morton Grove
Charming 2 br Cape Cod w/spacious sunny living rm, din rm & eat-in kit, 1st flr br + lrg 2nd flr mstr. Full bsmt, 2-car gar. Many updates!



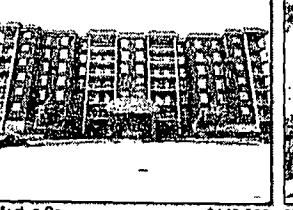
Morton Grove
Spacious 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath ranch with finished basement and 2-car garage. Good condition.



Morton Grove
Spacious 2 br, 2 ba condo w/many upgrades & open split flr plan. Mstr w/ba & lrg walk-in closet, eat-in kitchen, in-unit laundry, gar prkg.



Morton Grove
Nicely updated 2 br, 2 ba top floor unit w/wood laminate flrs & ceramic tile kitchen. Huge balcony. New light fixtures. Heated prkg.



Morton Grove
1 br unit w/den & terrific layout. Kitchen w/42 inch cabinets. Laundry room w/w/d & sink. Large balcony. Indoor heated garage.



Morton Grove
Lovely 2 br, 2 ba condo w/neutral decor. Newer appliances & countertops in kit & balcony from eating area & liv rm. Spacious master suite.

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Morton Grove
Recently painted & carpeted updated bright 2 br, 2 ba 4th flr end-unit. Large liv/dm w/loads of nat light, lrg mstr w/walk-in closet & ba.



Niles
Largest unit in complex 2 br, 2.5 ba unit feat new carpet, window treatments, fresh paint, newer a/c units. 2 balc. Ample closets & ba.



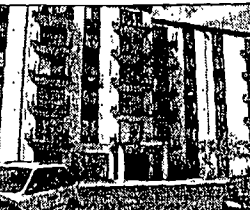
6020 Lincoln Ave 204, Morton Grove
Impeccable 2 br, 2 ba spacious condo w/dbl balcony, large eat-in kit, oversized pantry, fab master w/ba & walk-in. 1 in dr gar space & more!



Morton Grove
Recently updated 2 br, 2 ba top floor unit w/treetop views. New neutral carpet & freshly painted. Spacious liv rm/din rm. Eat-in kitchen.



Morton Grove
Very spacious 1 br unit w/in-unit side-by-side washer and dryer. Central air is 5 yrs old. Garage parking is included. 100% owner occupied.



Niles
Beautiful 1br condo w/fresh paint. New carpeting in neutral colors. Large guest & linen closets in foyer. Eat-in kit opens to liv/din rm.

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POLICE

Hit-and-run kills Niles woman on her 82nd birthday

On Margaret Heffernan's 82nd birthday Sept. 17, the Niles resident and a friend headed to a beauty salon on Chicago's Northwest Side to get their hair cut.

As they crossed the 5700 block of West Lawrence at 11:51 a.m., her 78-year-old friend saw a dark-color pickup truck speeding toward them and tried to warn Heffernan to get out of the way.

But police said Heffernan couldn't walk fast enough and she was run over and later died. Her friend was injured. The pickup sped off.

"It makes no sense — it's a terrible thing," Jefferson Park Police Lt. John Lewison said.

The pickup fled east on Lawrence and was last seen turning north on Major, police said. The driver was described as a man in his 20s or 30s wearing dark clothing. Pieces of plastic truck molding were found at the scene.

The two women were taken in serious condition to Advocate Lutheran General Hospital in Park Ridge. Heffernan was pronounced dead at the hospital at 12:26 p.m., the Cook County Medical Examiner's Office said. Her friend was in critical condition late Sept. 17, police said.

An autopsy Sept. 18 determined Heffernan died of multiple injuries she suffered when hit by the motor vehicle, according to the Medical Examiner's Office. Her death was ruled an accident.

Heffernan, of 7000 Newark Ave., was identified by the nuns who run St. Andrew Life Center, a retirement home where she lived for several years in north suburban Niles.

"She was quiet," said Sister Malvina Gill, the support services director at St. Andrew, a religious home sponsored by the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth and the Sisters of the Resurrection. "She was a good person and a very good Catholic, and she attended Mass daily."

Police released surveillance photos of the pickup, described as a newer model black or dark blue four-door Ford F-150 with a spare tire on the rear passenger side. The pickup has tinted rear-windows and a silver ladder in its flatbed, police said.

Police think it had an Illinois license plate with green numbers or letters on a white background.

Anyone with information is asked to call (312) 745-4521.

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READY TO SHOP



Casimira Pacholski, 2, of Chicago, is ready to do some serious shopping as American Science & Surplus holds its annual warehouse sale. | JOEL LERNER-SUN-TIMES MEDIA

Chicago woman, 63, dies in Niles car crash

A 63-year-old woman died last week following a three-car crash in Niles.

The Niles Police Department said Bertille Schultz, of Chicago, died Sept. 13 from complications related to the accident, which occurred the previous afternoon on the 8100 block of Milwaukee Avenue.

According to police Schultz was driving a 2002 Honda about 2:35 p.m. northwest on Milwaukee Avenue when her vehicle collided with a 1995 Jeep that was attempting a left turn onto Milwaukee from Oriole Avenue.

Schultz's car then crossed into oncoming traffic on Milwaukee and struck a 2002 Ford SUV driven by a 35-year-old Niles woman, police said.

Schultz was reportedly pinned inside her vehicle following the crash and had to be extricated by Niles firefighters. She was transported to Advocate Lutheran General Hospital in Park Ridge, where she later died.

The driver of the Ford was also transported to Advocate Lutheran General Hospital and treated for minor injuries, police said. Two children inside the car, ages 3 and 6, were also taken to the hospital for observation.

The driver of the Jeep, a 27-year-old Chicago woman, reportedly refused medical attention.

Milwaukee Avenue was closed to traffic for about 45 minutes after the accident, police said.

All three drivers were ticketed by police.

According to police the driver of the Jeep was cited for failure to yield while entering an intersection, the driver of the Ford was cited for not having valid proof of insurance and Schultz was initially cited for driving in the wrong lane because her car had crossed into oncoming traffic.

VILLAGE HALL

Updated comprehensive plan envisions Niles of 2030

BY TRACY GRUEN
Contributor

What will the village of Niles look like in 15 or 20 years?

The draft of the 2030 Comprehensive Plan, a long-range guide for growth, development and changes in the village, paints a picture of what the village might be like in the future.

An open house to present that plan was held at the Niles Senior Center on Sept. 14. It was attended by a few residents, village staff and village trustees, all of whom had the opportunity to review the document and share their thoughts.

"It's definitely a living document," said Courtney Kashima, senior asso-

ciate with consultant Houseal Lavigne Associates. "It shouldn't be a historical document that gets put on the shelf."

Kashima said that the village's previous long-range plan was created back when President Richard Nixon was in office.

The plan includes wide variety of topics, such as land-use, parks and recreation, transportation, a facilities plan and more. There are also sections dedicated to the economic development and aesthetic improvements in the Milwaukee Avenue, Dempster Street, Touhy Avenue and Golf Road corridors.

Through various forms of community outreach a list of issues and

strengths were created and included in the plan.

For example, many participants noted that the village lacks a "true" downtown and feel that has a negative impact on the village's sense of community, image and identity. Residents and business owners are also concerned about the lack of adequate parking in the village, want to see improvements made regarding pedestrian and bike mobility, and want to improve the circulation of the Milwaukee Avenue Corridor.

One component of the plan is to widen Milwaukee Avenue to five lanes with a center turn lane in order to help alleviate traffic congestion on from Oakton to Monroe streets. The

plan includes creating parallel parking in that area, as well.

Bill Greve, of traffic consultant Ge-walt Hamilton Associates, said: "The village of Niles is blessed with really good transportation."

Greve said one idea in the plan is to extend the designated bike lane on Shermer in Glenview to continue on Shermer through Niles.

Resident Linda Kudert attended the open house Sept. 14. "It's going to make Niles look a lot better and be more accessible," she said.

Niles Mayor Robert Callero approved. "I think it's very good," he said, noting he would have liked to see more residents at the open house. "I think they've done a good job."

NILES HERALD-SPECTATOR

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FIELD SCHOOL
Patriot Day event celebrates America's heroes

BY JENNIFER JOHNSON
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Dressed in red, white and blue and singing songs celebrating America and respect for others, the student body of Field Elementary School in Park Ridge took part in an outdoor Patriot Day ceremony Sept. 9.

"I think it's important to celebrate because it's in honor of all the people who helped us and are heroes," said fifth-grader Isabella Delanavarre.

The ceremony opened with an all-school performance of "This is America," followed by a procession of three members of the Park Ridge Police Department's Honor Guard, who were accompanied by Field students Margaret Edsey, Matthew Herguth and Sophia Post.

The school's flag was raised as music teacher Eric Bachmann performed a trumpet solo and students then chanted a reworked version of the Pledge of Allegiance to music.

The "Star Spangled Banner" was sung by Park Ridge-Niles School District 64 Superintendent Philip Bender.

Field School Principal Susan Walsh recognized students for being everyday heroes to each other at school and acknowledged the events of Sept. 11, 2001, and its aftermath.

"Although it was a time of great sadness, it was also a time of hope, a time to celebrate heroes," she said.

In remarks to the students Park Ridge Mayor David Schmidt used the analogy of a government forcing Cubs fans to change their allegiance to the White Sox — and



Students of Field Elementary School entertain the crowd during Patriot Day ceremony at their school before the start of classes the morning of Sept. 9 in Park Ridge. | KEVIN TANAKA-FOR SUN-TIMES MEDIA



Margaret Edsey, Matthew Herguth and Sophia Post watch Lt. Duane Mellema raise the American flag at Field Elementary School during their Patriot Day ceremony on Sept. 9 in Park Ridge. | KEVIN TANAKA-FOR SUN-TIMES MEDIA

POLICE DEPARTMENT
Bulk of holiday tickets for seatbelt, child seat violations

Niles Police issued a total of 63 tickets and made four arrests during a traffic-enforcement initiative conducted during Labor Day weekend, the Police Department reported.

According to the department, po-

lice charged two drivers with driving under the influence and made two arrests of drivers with suspended licenses.

Police also issued 32 tickets for seatbelt violations, two tickets for child-seat violation and 25 other ci-

tations for traffic-related offenses.

"The amount of citations for occupant restraint are a clear indication that drivers are not heeding the warning about traffic enforcement, especially when it comes to occupant restraint of children," said

Niles Police Sgt. Robert Tornabene in a press release issued by the department.

The enhanced traffic enforcement was paid for through a grant from the Illinois Department of Transportation.

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NILES POLICE
When you gotta go, you gotta go ... to jail

What started as a possible citation for public urination ended with charges for two men suspected in more than three-dozen burglaries across the area, according to a news release issued by the Niles Police Department.

On Sept. 6 an alert patrol officer from Mount Prospect Police Department observed Seong Lee, 43, of 8504 N. Waukegan Road, Morton Grove, and Nelson Cotto, 45, of 2721 N. Merrimac, Chicago, behind a strip mall at Algonquin and Busse roads, in Mount Prospect, the release stated.

The two men at that time stated that they had to urinate and went behind the strip mall to do so, the release stated.

Inspection of their vehicle turned up several pry bars, a mask and gloves, all seized by Mount Prospect Police.

The men were released as no charges were leveled against them at that time.

"Investigators from area police agencies took interest in the two subjects due to the fact that numerous commercial burglaries were occurring at Asian food stores and their vehicle matched the description of vehicle used in an Asian restaurant burglary in Niles," the release stated.

Investigators from a multi-jurisdictional task force conducted surveillance on the men and in the early Sept. 17. Investigators observed the pair committing a burglary at a food store at Potter and Ballard roads in Des Plaines, the release stated. The suspects threw a large rock through the glass door of the premises, entering and taking about \$180 from the cash register, police said.

The two suspects were taken into custody immediately after the incident without resistance by the surveillance team, police said. The two suspects allegedly were also seen throwing a large rock through a glass window at R&W Manufacturing, at Oak Park and Jarvis avenues, in Niles, before the Des Plaines burglary, but entry was not gained at that time.

Investigators from numerous area police agencies conducted interviews with the pair after their arrest, at which time they acknowledged committing about 40 burglaries in Niles, Lincolnwood, Glenview, Wheeling, Skokie, Northbrook, Prospect Heights, Mount Prospect, Buffalo Grove, Skokie, Des Plaines, unincorporated Cook County and Chicago, police said.

Niles police were able to clear up nine burglaries as a result of the arrest.

The suspects had a bond hearing at Skokie Court on Sept. 19.

You've gotta go back to see the Harley plaque



BY STEPHANIE ZIMMERMANN
 The Fixer

Dear Fixer:
 Before the Harley-Davidson Museum opened in Milwaukee, they asked the Harley Owners Group (HOG) lifetime members if they would care to donate to the museum. Donors would then receive a "rivet" plaque on a museum wall with an inscription of their own wording. I was among the first to do this. But when I went there to visit, I discovered that I do not have a "rivet" on their wall.

A museum representative told me they have a record of the transaction, but the company they hired to do this for them dropped the ball. The donation was around \$250. Can you help?

Bart Halper

Dear Bart: You told us you donated the money before the museum opened in 2008, but when you finally got up to Milwaukee for a visit last year, you were disappointed by the absence of your rivet.

We figured this was probably just an oversight and quite frankly, we hoped we wouldn't

SHERIFF'S POLICE
Man stabbed, robbed in Maine Township

BY JENNIFER JOHNSON
 johnson@pioneerlocal.com

A 22-year-old Wheeling man reported that he was stabbed and robbed of his jewelry while walking in unincorporated Maine Township, Cook County Sheriff's Police reported.

Deputy Cmdr. Anthony Brzezniak said the man told police he was walking about

9 a.m. Sept. 10 on the 9000 block of Potter Road when he was stopped by three men, one of whom demanded \$3.

When the victim refused to give the men money they allegedly punched and kicked him.

Brzezniak said the victim suffered two puncture wounds to his back and one to his arm, indicating he had been stabbed. The man's silver-neck chain, valued at \$85, was also reported stolen.

The victim reportedly told police that a man he did not know stopped his car and drove him to Advocate Lutheran General Hospital in Park Ridge.

The victim provided descriptions of the robbery suspects to police and was interested in pursuing charges against them, Brzezniak said.

NEWS BRIEF

North Maine Fire Department's open house is Sept. 24

The North Maine Fire Department will host its annual Open House from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sept. 24 at the fire station, 9301 Potter Road, in unincorporated Maine Township.

The event will feature fire-safety activities and information, a chance to use a fire extinguisher and an auto-extrication demonstration at noon.

At 2 p.m. the Fire Department will demonstrate the benefits of home sprinklers by setting fires in two side-by-side rooms, one equipped with a sprinkler and one without.

Representatives from the North Maine Fire Department, as well as the Cook County Sheriff's Police, Maine Township Highway Department, Advocate Lutheran General Hospital and Nicor are expected to be in attendance.

Parking will be available across the street at Chicago Mar Thoma Church, 240 Potter Road, Des Plaines.

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PROGRAM PROFILE

Parks' youth b-ball nets big numbers in Niles

BY NATASHA WASINSKI
 Contributor

On a late summer evening in Niles, Golf View Recreation Center is packed. It's playoffs week, and young basketball players have brought their A-game.

In the fifth-grade boys division the semifinals between fourth-seed Glory and first-place Monstars has turned intense. Down nine points with four minutes to go, the Monstars are rallying late.

Parents stand and shout from their seats: "Just shoot the ball!" and "Go, go, GO!"

Then the Monstars' point guard hits a desperate three-pointer with 46 seconds left and ties the game at 30.

When no team scores before the fourth period ends, the match turns to sudden death.

The Monstars throw up a shot and miss. The Glory get the rebound and, after a series of air balls, finally sink it in.

The game ends 32-30 and the teams quickly fall into line to slap their opponents' hands and say "good game."

The Glory went on to defeat the Thunder the next night to become division champs.

Paul Nielsen, athletic administrator of Niles Park District, said just about every playoff game that week came down to one or two points.

"That's the best way," he said.

Nielsen helps manage the Park District's indoor youth basketball program, one of the largest and most competitive programs around.

Between June and August 650 youngsters in second

through eighth grades spent the summer playing b-ball almost daily at the recreation center.

The Park District's winter league attracts 2,200 child athletes.

"We've yet to find another league in the Midwest that is as big as ours," Nielsen said. During the school year, he added, "We pretty much use every single gym that's available in Niles."

The youth basketball league has attracted teams outside Niles, including Glenview, Carpentersville, Libertyville, Streamwood, River Forest and Bridgeview.

Nielsen estimates about 15,000 people pass through Niles weekly for youth basketball games.

"That shows how much this helps the Niles business industry," he said.

Nielsen said teams from Gurnee can't find comparable competition anywhere else so they travel south to Niles to play.

"We're capable of providing them with the talent level they need," he said. "We have a great league because of the sheer size of it."

A large pool of participants and wide range of talent allows the district to create separate divisions within single grade levels.

In some grades there are upwards of 36 boys teams. In that instance, Nielsen said, the district creates four separate divisions with nine teams each. Teams are grouped based on their players' skill levels.

Putting children in games with peers who play like they

do ensures they don't get overpowered or discouraged, he said.

Nielsen said he has seen teams stay and grow together for six years, which shows them "the best of the game."

"They're seeing what a team is really like," he said. "It's not a one-time thing and they're out."

The youth basketball league isn't just renowned for its size, but for the quality of the program, overall.

"We put a lot of care into the program to nurse it to this size," Nielsen said.

Its basketball academy is led by Octavius Parker, a Chicago basketball instructor who has worked closely with NBA and NCAA Division I players.

The league's referees are licensed by the Illinois High School Association and during the winter teenagers are trained to oversee second- and third-grade games.

Nielsen said refereeing helps teenagers build confidence, patience and communication skills because they have to work with both children and parents.

"It's harder than doing the older kids' games, and they do a wonderful job," he said.

Nielsen points out one of the district's biggest accomplishments is keeping basketball-registration fees stable. The Park District hasn't raised its fees in four years, he said, thanks to the leadership of Joe LoVerde and the Board of Directors.

"It's beneficial to everybody," he said. "There's a lot of satisfaction in providing a product like this to people."

DISTRICT 219 NOTES

Debate tourney draws top teams

What is policy debate and why do so many successful leaders in the medical field, the law, the business world and the government credit their success to being involved in policy debate? The community is invited to attend the Niles Township Invitational Debate Tournament at Niles West High School, 5701 Oakton, Skokie to view the fascinating world of policy debate and watch many of the top high school debate teams in the state argue about space exploration. The tournament will be held Sept. 23 through 25. Round 1 begins at 5 p.m. Sept. 23. The Final round will begin at 3 p.m. Sept. 25. The tournament schedule can be viewed at www.joyoftournaments.com under Niles Township Invitational.

This year's policy debate topic is: "Resolved: The United States federal government should substantially increase its exploration and/or development of space beyond the earth's mesosphere."

According to Eric Oddo, the Niles West Head Debate Coach, "What that means is up for debate and that's called topicality, where you argue whether the affirmative is within the bounds of the resolution or not."

Oddo, along with Assistant Coach Matt Fahrenbacher, led a new Niles West team through a very successful season of policy debate last year, such as being crowned tournament champions at the Thomas Kelly, Lane Tech and Iowa City contests, as well bringing home second place finishes at the Illinois Speech and Theatre Association State Debate Tournament and Iowa City competition.

Oddo encourages the public to watch a few of the debates, not only because the tournament will bring competitive teams but because, "I think it's important that the community realizes what policy debate is and why it increases academic

achievement."

"A debate can cover so many topics," said Oddo, "A debate can talk about metaphors and similes and the colonization of space and the U.S. hegemony, but also philosophy, poststructuralism, Marxism, capitalism and realism. There are no limits as to what you can talk about. In an educational setting that's great." He also said that debate helps with critical thinking skills and analytical abilities, all of which help when writing papers and doing research assignments for class.

This summer, several Niles West Debate members attended debate camps at schools such as Stanford University and Northwestern University where they listened to lectures, attended seminars and did research.

"If you think of preparation for college, being able to achieve and succeed in college, I can't think of any other thing that I've ever experienced that could

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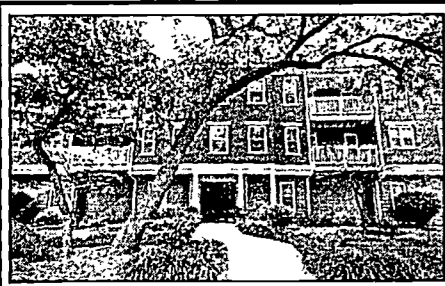
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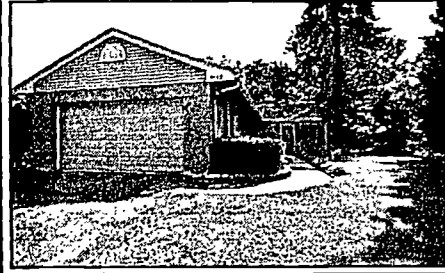
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Adam M. Tandez, of Niles, earned a bachelor's degree in nursing from Marquette University.

Niles students Katherine Gembis and Martin Gembis were named to the spring dean's list at Marquette University.

Graduating from Clarke University were Niles students Andrew M. Bishop,

summa cum laude, with a bachelor's degree in English, mathematics and secondary education from the Honors Program, and Jeremy S. Bishop with a bachelor's degree in art. Bishop also was named to the spring-semester dean's list.

Michael M. Gorski, of Niles, qualified for the winter semester dean's list at Northern Michigan University.

Jessica M. Joyce and Christopher J. McNichols, of Niles,

were named to the dean's list at Knox College.

Jessica Fay Youusif, of Niles, made the spring dean's list at Iowa State University.

Susan Borkowski, of Niles, earned placement on the dean's list at Lawrence University.

Jessica M. Joyce, of Niles, earned a bachelor's degree in educational studies/secondary and environmental studies from Knox University.



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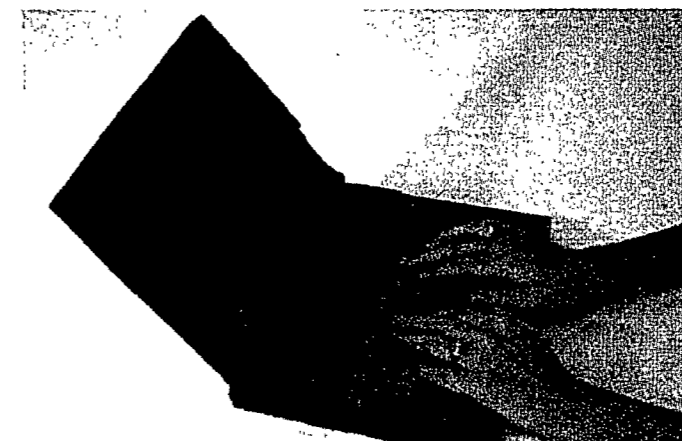
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MAINE SOUTH

Homecoming lives up to 'Greatest Show' theme

A football victory and perfect parade weather helped make Maine South High School's Homecoming feel much like this year's theme: the Greatest Show on Earth.

Senior Emily Valdez was crowned Homecoming Queen during an outdoor pep assembly Sept. 16 at Wilson Field. Valdez was chosen for school royalty by her peers, who cast online ballots earlier in the week.

Valdez is a Maine South cheerleader and a member of the school's Art Club. She was the recipient of an outstanding artist award and is a Maine South Student of the Month.

Rounding out the Homecoming Court were seniors Kristie Daniels, Emily Kelly, Michelle Larocha and Vicki Viola. Last year's Homecoming Queen, Molly Amelse, also made a special appearance during the pep rally.

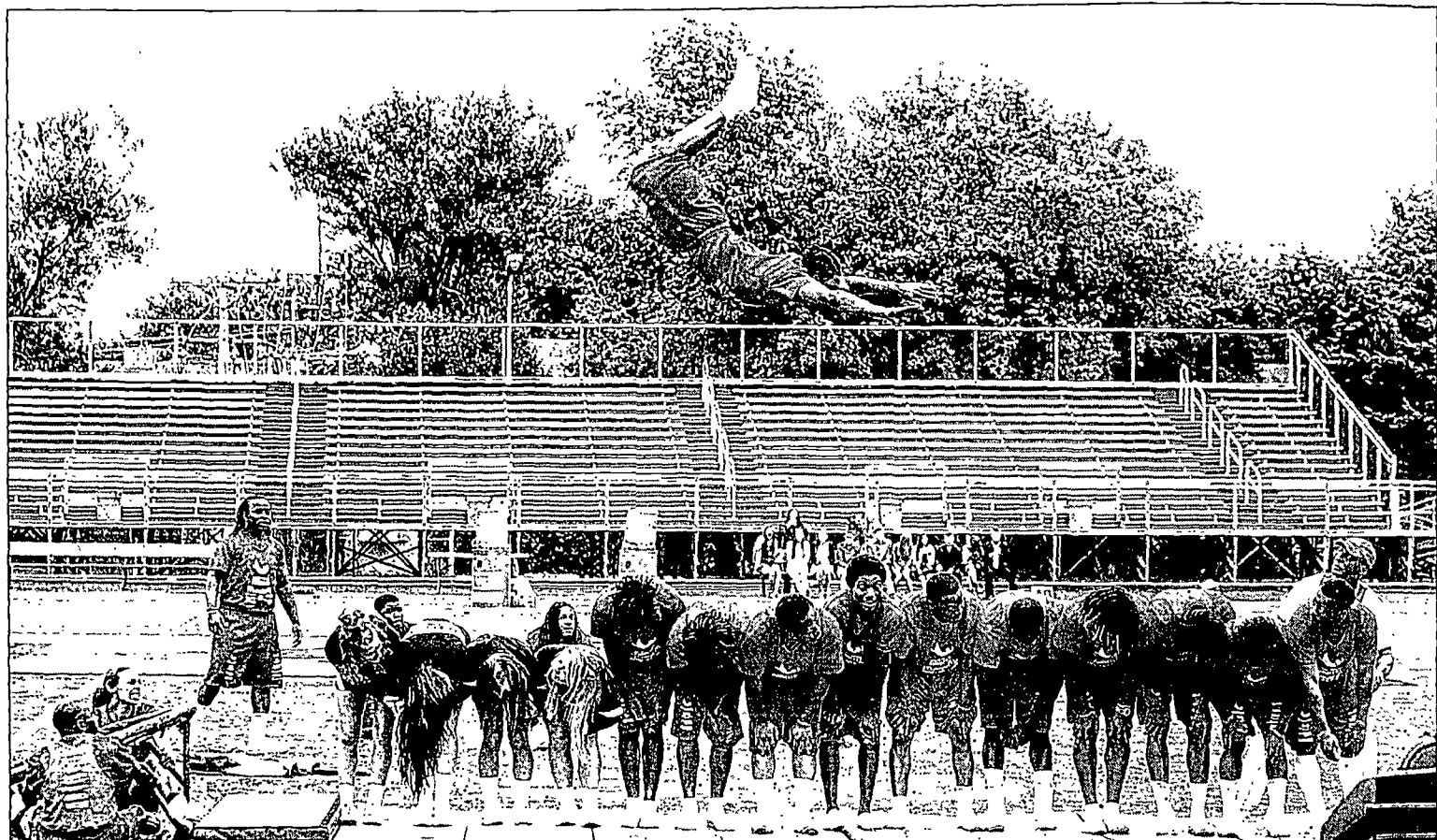
The rally had plenty of ways to spark school spirit in members of the student body, from pom routines to acrobatics by the Jesse White Tumblers.

That night the Hawks took on Niles North for a 42-6 victory, the varsity football team's fourth consecutive win of the season.

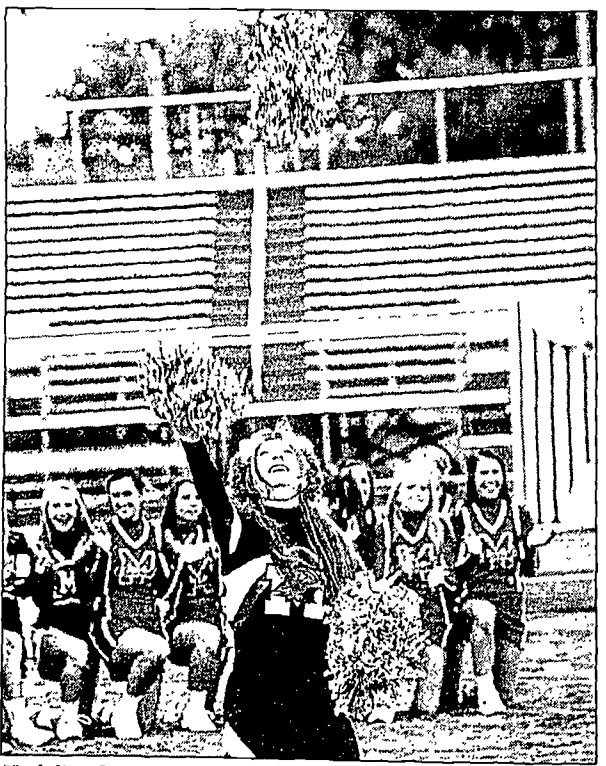
The Sept. 17 annual Homecoming parade featured dozens of Maine South clubs, athletic teams and performers, who turned the two-mile route from the school to Upperton Park Ridge into a sea of red and black.

The weekend concluded with the Homecoming Dance the night of Sept. 17 at Maine South.

Maine South High School senior Emily Valdez is cheered by students after being named Homecoming Queen during a Sept. 16 pep rally to kick off homecoming weekend. | JOE CYGANOWSKI-FOR SUN-TIMES MEDIA



The Jesse White Tumblers perform during Maine South High School's homecoming pep rally Sept. 16 at Wilson Field. | JOE CYGANOWSKI-FOR SUN-TIMES MEDIA



Madeline Stanton performs a pom routine during Maine South High School's homecoming pep rally Sept. 16. | JOE CYGANOWSKI-FOR SUN-TIMES MEDIA

MAINE EAST

Homecoming kicks off this week

"Arabian Nights" is the theme of Maine East High School Homecoming taking place this week at the Park Ridge school.

A firelight rally on the school grounds at 2601 W. Dempster St. is scheduled for 8 p.m. tonight (Sept. 22).

It will follow the varsity soccer game against Niles North.

Students will celebrate school spirit Sept. 23 and then watch the Blue Demons take on Niles North in the Varsity football game at 7:30 p.m.

The Homecoming dance will take place Sept. 24 at the school.

ST. JOHN BREBEUF

A golden opportunity

Among them, they have 15,000 years of marriage under their collective belt.

About 300 couples renewed their vows at the Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass at St. John Brebeuf church in Niles.

The Archdiocese of Chicago holds the annual event for couples across Chicagoland who are celebrating 50 years of marriage.

Cardinal Francis George led the special Mass that was followed by a reception attended by the couples and their families on Aug. 28.

During the Mass, husbands and wives faced each other and while holding hands, renewed their vows.

"The church rejoices with you and in you," George said.

"I thank you for this moment; I thank you for 50 years."

George talked about marriage being a natural institution.

"There was marriage before there was a state," he said. "There was marriage before there was a church."

Many of the couples shared stories that illustrated some of the challenges they have gone through as a married couple, such as finances, lack of time and even separation due to certain circumstances.

George emphasized the fact that despite the challenges and difficult times, they managed to get through it all together.

"It was a very wonderful event," said Paul Szczurek, of

Norridge, who is celebrating his golden anniversary with his wife, Patricia. "It brought back memories. We embarked on a 50-year journey."

Szczurek said though there have been some rough seas, they've been blessed by the with a wonderful life and family.

Szczurek and his wife said mutual respect and understanding have been key to their successful marriage.

"I think it was very holy and it was wonderful to renew our marriage after 50 years," said Joe Simeo, of Palatine, who attended the special Mass with his wife, Barbara.

So what's Simeo's secret to a successful marriage?

"You have to pray to God



About 300 couples renewed their vows at the Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass at St. John Brebeuf church in Niles. | TRACY GRUEN-FOR SUN-TIMES MEDIA | TRACY GRUEN-FOR SUN-TIMES MEDIA

and never stop loving your spouse," he replied.

"It's a gorgeous day," said Carole Bolger, of Mount Prospect, as she left the re-

ception.

Bolger said she was happy to be able to renew her vows at such a beautiful church. When asked what advice

he would give young married couples in order to have a long, happy marriage, her husband, Brendan, chuckled: "Bite your tongue."

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Consultant to finish building needs study half-year early

An architectural consultant acknowledged the Park Ridge-Niles District 64 school board's desire to prioritize the needs of each of its buildings as soon as possible at the "Roles, Goals and Controls" workshop Sept. 12 at Emerson School in Niles.

Fanning Howey Associates have been conducting physical assessments this summer at Carpenter, Field, Emerson and Jefferson schools, and assessing structures, such as the roof at Franklin School and mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems at Carpenter and Field schools.

At the "Roles, Goals and Controls" workshop, attended by staff members and a few district parents, the architects decided to complete the physical assessments of the remaining district buildings much sooner than the planned date of next July and August.

Due to the board's urgent desire to prioritize issues in each of its buildings, physical assessments of all district buildings will take place and a report will be made to the Board of Education by December or January.

District 64 board members have heard from several parents at past school-board meetings about their concerns over the lack of air conditioning at Carpenter and Field schools.

Board President John Heyde said he is sympathetic to the parents and students at those schools without air conditioning.

"But I don't want to advance those projects to the front of the line only to find out there's a roof that's going to collapse somewhere," Heyde said.

The firm presented the board with a list of possible goals from the architects' experience working with other school districts, and the District 64 board agreed with the majority.

The board agreed that some of the global issues regarding the master plan of all of its facilities are older buildings, understanding and building community trust, funding, "providing 21st-century spaces" for students and poor indoor-air quality.

Some of the goals of the facilities master plan are to design schools to support the district's educa-

tional philosophy and curriculum, design schools so they are aligned with the district's strategic plan and ensure that schools will be energy efficient.

"I'd like to understand the use of real estate across the district," said board member Scott Zimmerman, who feels it's important to make sure buildings are being used in the most efficient way.

Parents of students at Carpenter and Field schools approached the school board, once again, to reiterate their concern for their children's health and ability to learn in hot temperatures without air conditioning.

Mary Cunningham, parent of a 6-year-old at Carpenter School, questioned her son's ability to learn on those really hot days.

"Did he learn anything in those afternoon hours?" she wondered. Fanning Howey has worked with several school districts, such as Deerfield schools, Round Lake schools, Libertyville schools and others.

The entire facilities master plan is scheduled to be presented June 2013.

SCHOOLS DIGEST

St. John Brebeuf begins its new school year with Liturgy

The St. John Brebeuf Middle School challenged all SJB students not just to achieve, but to excel in the coming school year.

The middle-school students in the sixth, seventh and eighth grades worked together to prepare and lead the Opening School Liturgy.

Celebrated by SJB pastor, the Rev. Michael Meany, the Mass included a choir composed of students from all three grades. Sixth-graders welcomed the congregation and noted that of all the things at SJB what is done best is praying and giving glory to God. They also reminded attendees that the day of the Mass, Sept. 8, is the birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Referring to the school uniforms, one student noted, "Our school is dedicated to Mary and we proudly wear colors that remind us of her importance in our lives."

Seventh-grade students called all to pray for families and parishioners, teachers and classmates, and for those "who strive to ensure our health and safety; for police officers and firemen, doctors and nurses, coaches and mentors, and all who serve in the military."

Middle-school students also made colorful "fruit baskets" for

every classroom to commemorate the liturgy and to remind students of this year's theme, "Reaching for the Higher Fruit."

In handing out the baskets, eighth-graders encouraged students to "climb to the top of the tree, because that is where the best fruit awaits us; that is how we celebrate our gifts and talents, that is how we give glory to God."

Parish/school hosts movie on the lawn

The 8300 block of Harlem Avenue, in Niles, was all aglow Sept. 2 as dozens of families from Chicago, Niles, Skokie, Glenview, Park Ridge, Morton Grove, Des Plaines and Mount Prospect gathered on the south lawn of St. John Brebeuf School for their Parish/School Association's first ever "Drive-in Movie on the Lawn."

Families camped out on blankets and in lawn chairs to spend time together watching the family-friendly movie, "Rio," on a giant screen.

Admission to the movie was free and everyone in the community was invited.

School parents and teachers worked the concessions, selling fresh hot popcorn, chips, drinks, nachos and glow sticks.

Children played and parents mingled.

Once the show began, the concessions closed and everyone sat down together to enjoy a summer night and family movie.

BUSINESS

Rainbow Hospice chief celebrates 15 years on the job

BY NICKY MARIA PRIVOLOS
Contributor

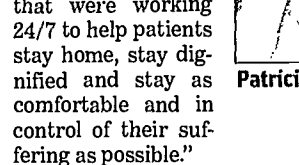
Rainbow Hospice and Palliative Care President and CEO Patricia Ahern celebrated 15 years with the northwest-suburban-based center. Ahern began her career in health care as a nurse at St. Francis Hospital in Evanston in 1976, where she worked for

13 years, serving as the Patient Care director. She also spent time working in the Cardiology unit, the ER and community medicine department of the hospital. After graduating from St. Scholastica High School, Ahern attended St. Francis Hospital School of Nursing. She later received her bachelor's degree from Northeast-

ern Illinois University. Before becoming CEO of Rainbow Hospice, Ahern was part of the Daughters of Charity health system at St. Joseph Health Centers & Hospital in Chicago. According to Jeff Okazaki, a spokesman for Rainbow Hospice and Palliative Care, "She was also part of the transitional team to move St. Joes with the Catho-

lic Health Partners to merge St. Joes with the Columbus/Cabrini Health System." Ahern said she learned about hospice care during the years she was in charge of the HIV/AIDS and Oncology programs at a major Chicago hospital during what she called "the most difficult years of the AIDS epidemic." "We needed a trusted com-

munity partner to help us return patients to their homes," she said. "Those patients wanted to die at home with the loved ones present and surrounded by the mementos and important reminders of the life they had lived." "So, I grew a great deal of respect for the hospice people that were working 24/7 to help patients stay home, stay dignified and stay as comfortable and in control of their suffering as possible."



Patricia Ahern

In 1996, after earning her Master of Business Administration from North Park University, Ahern was eager to find a job where her nursing background and business insight could be put to use. She was looking for an opportunity to "lead people who were a little closer to everyday life in the community." The opportunity came later that year when she was recruited to become CEO of Rainbow Hospice and Palliative Care.

"At that time it was very small and there was real risk that the agency would close," Ahern said. "In my previous clinical jobs in hospitals I worked in Trauma and Critical Care Nursing primarily." As president and CEO of the nonprofit organization, Ahern's duties include "connecting the purpose and value of hospice and palliative care to more patients, medical professionals and supporters, to the long-term growth of the organization" Okazaki said. She was responsible for extending the main offices of Rainbow Hospice and Palliative Care through the purchase of a new building in Mount Prospect.

"It's the best gig ever," she said of her position. Of her future with the organization, Ahern said she hopes "Rainbow Hospice and Palliative Care (will) be at the leading edge of all matters related to navigation during one of the most tender and memorable times of life, from a family's point of view." "Because the work is so personal and intimate, we only get one chance to 'get it right.' So we must constantly be ready to parachute into the life of a family and help them as they journey

through an end of life experience. "Our community has come to depend on Rainbow Hospice and Palliative care for these formative experiences and we have to be sure we never disappoint." Ahern has had a lot of accomplishments in her 15 year tenure as CEO, Okazaki said.

"The highlights would be: a much lower than average employee turnover; 2010 selection as a Best Place to Work in Healthcare; the opening of the Rainbow Hospice Ark Inpatient Unit; and the creation of the LIFE Institute for Education."

Okazaki said of Ahern: "Often times she's the one getting thank-you notes from grateful families or hearing touching stories from our staff talking about an individual patient or family's hospice experience."

The CEO's interest in community service extends beyond her work with Rainbow Hospice. "Because of my deep affection for Maine East High School, I currently sit on the School Based Health Clinic Board," said Ahern, a mother of two. "And I am very proud of what they have accomplished."

Another aspect of community involvement that Ahern enjoys participating in is the Park Ridge Rotary Club. She is the club's president this year.

Ahern, who has lived in the area near Maine East High School since her children were young, said, "It is my hope that our children — along with millions of others — will help the world grow more sensible and hospitable because they have learned — through their lessons of diversity — that people are more the same than they are different."

"Rainbow Hospice maintains offices in Mount Prospect, Park Ridge and Chicago," Okazaki said. "Pat Ahern has been instrumental in making all of that growth possible."

A ceremony was held the past summer honoring Ahern's 15 years with Rainbow Hospice and Palliative Care in Morton Grove.

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POLICE BLOTTER

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

SUSPICIOUS INCIDENT

A neighbor of a resident of the 8100 block of Overhill said that on Sept. 15 three unknown male teenagers entered the residence. Police said a check of the residence showed no teenagers.

DECEPTION

A 47-year-old from Des Plaines reported that while shopping for a new computer Sept. 10 at a retail store he was approached by a male in the parking lot of Golf Mill Shopping Center who claimed he worked for a store in the mall and could get him a discount on a computer and gaming system. The stranger said he could get the victim the items for \$350. Police said the victim gave the stranger \$350 and the stranger entered, then existed, the store. The victim reportedly waited an hour and then asked to speak to a manager.

CRIMINAL DAMAGE

A 95-year-old Niles man said that sometime between Sept. 10 and Sept. 12 someone removed

a window frame from the south side of his home on the 8000 block of Ozark.

THEFT

Two males reportedly removed four metal carts Sept. 12 from the rear of a grocery store on the 7900 block of Milwaukee Avenue. The offenders reportedly fled south on Milwaukee in a light-colored pickup truck. The estimated value of the carts is \$800.

A former employee on Sept. 11 allegedly entered his former workplace, on the 9300 block of Milwaukee Avenue, using a key assigned to him, and removed numerous sales leads from the business.

A man reported Sept. 12 that an unknown man in his 20s grabbed the victim's cell phone from his hand while he was using it in the Golf Mill Shopping Center parking lot and then fled north through the lot.

A diamond ring valued at \$5,000 was stolen between Aug. 15 and Aug. 26 from a home on the 8800 block of Golf Road, according to a report made by an 82-year-old resident Sept. 13.

BURGLARY

Someone forcibly entered a 2006 Jeep and stole a radar detector Sept. 15 on the 7100 block of Wright Terrace. The radar detector is valued at \$300.

POLICE BRIEF

Niles police offer fraud-prevention seminar for seniors

The Niles Police Department in conjunction with the Niles Senior Center will host a Senior Fraud Prevention Seminar at 10 a.m. today (Sept. 22) at the Niles Senior Center, 999 Civic Center Drive. The focus of the seminar will be scams that frequently target the el-

derly. These scams include home-repair fraud and telemarketing fraud. This is the second event the Niles Police Department has held on the topic. The seminar is free and open to all residents of the village of Niles and their family members. For more information contact Sgt. Robert Tornabene at (847) 588-6505 or rgt@vniles.com.

SHERIFF'S REPORTS

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

ASSAULT

Police said an 8-year-old boy reported that a classmate threatened him on a school bus Sept. 2 at Bay Colony Condominiums on the 9300 block of Bay Colony Drive. According to police the classmate, also 8 years old, allegedly told the victim he was going to shoot him with a shotgun. Parents of the victim reportedly told police that they suspect the other boy's parents are members of a street gang. Police were investigating.

OBSTRUCTION

Michael Diaz, 23, of the 9900 block of Linda Lane, in unincorporated Maine Township, was charged with obstruction and resisting a police officer Sept. 14 after he allegedly interfered with a police investigation. According to police, officers were investigating a domestic disturbance and property-damage complaint at Crestwood condominiums and apartments on the 9900 block of Holly Lane when Diaz, who had no connection to the incidents, began shouting at the people police were speaking with. Police reportedly told Diaz to leave the area but he allegedly returned and shouted threats and obscenities at police officers and others. According to police Diaz then challenged a police officer to a fight and when the officer attempted to arrest him, Diaz fled. He was

apprehended nearby, but he allegedly resisted the officer's attempts to take him into custody. Diaz was in custody in Cook County Jail on \$7,500 bond. He is scheduled to appear in court Oct. 26.

DRUG POSSESSION

Robin Lawson, 30, of the 5400 block of North Monitor, Chicago, was charged with possession of marijuana and disorderly conduct Sept. 6. According to police an officer observed a man, later identified as Lawson, urinating behind Stevenson School, 9000 Capitol Drive, while students were playing on the playground. When the officer placed Lawson under arrest for disorderly conduct, a small amount of suspected marijuana was found in his possession, police said. He is scheduled to appear in court Oct. 26.

PROPERTY DAMAGE

Three vehicles were reported damaged Sept. 11 near the corner of Emerson Street and Oak Avenue.

A property-damage complaint was filed Sept. 7 on the 10000 block of North Potter Road.

THEFT

Thefts from vehicles were reported Sept. 7 on the 9000 block of Federal Court and Sept. 10 at Bay Colony on the 9400 block of Bay Colony Drive.

HIT-AND-RUN

Hit-and-run accidents were reported Sept. 7 on the 8900 block of Kennedy Drive and Sept. 10 on the 8600 block of Josephine Lane.

FIRE BRIEF

Niles firefighters assist at Park Ridge office blaze

The Park Ridge Fire Department was continuing its investigation into the cause of a Sept. 4 fire that damaged an office in the Park Ridge Office Center complex. Firefighters responded just after 11 p.m. to 1460 Renaissance Drive when a fire alarm activated within the building. Inside, firefighters discovered light smoke on all four floors of the office building and heavier smoke coming from a

vent on the second floor, the Fire Department reported. The fire was eventually discovered inside a locked office on the second floor and was under control within 5 minutes, according to the department. The entire office unit is considered a loss, he said. Damage was initially estimated at \$35,000. The 24-unit office building has a value of nearly \$3 million. Park Ridge firefighters received assistance from the North Maine Fire Department, and the Niles Fire Department provided backup coverage for any Park Ridge ambulance calls.

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1837 Fargo Ave.: Fannie Mae to Michael Tortorello, \$133,000, Aug. 23

8828 Robin Drive: Deutsche Bank Natl Trt Co Ttee to Ghanesh Patel Neha Patel, \$72,000, Aug. 23

8844 Robin Drive: Federal National Mortgage Assn to Bassem Chabchoubi, \$83,000, Aug. 22

8905 Knight Ave. Apt 304 Unit F: Federal Home Loan Mtg Corp to Stanislaw Kucmierz, \$70,000, Aug. 23

9062 W Emerson St.: Fannie Mae to Khorshed Khan, \$91,500, Aug. 24

935 Clark Lane: Gary Lobbell to Jerry A Hanntula Danette Hanntula, \$175,000, Aug. 22

9401 Sumac Road: Bank Of

New York Mellon to Randy Kash Jeffrey Kash, \$66,500, Aug. 22

9457 Bay Colony Drive Apt 1n: Greg Martin to Karama Thiab, \$89,500, Aug. 24

9978 Holly Lane Apt 1s: Federal National Mortgage Assn to Diana Mehrabian, \$38,000, Aug. 22

EDISON PARK

7446 N Oriole Ave.: Wallace Schejbal to Andrzej Lewandowski Malgorzata K Lewandowska, \$245,000, Aug. 19

7515 N Oriole Ave.: Donna Furlan to Geoffrey L Kieres Monica Kieres, \$207,000, Aug. 22

7542 N Ozark Ave.: Mark J Fedorak to Matthew J Barrett Alyssa M Barrett, \$550,000, Aug. 19

GLENVIEW

1010 Longmeadow Drive: Matthew L Doetsch to Arkadiusz R Wozniak, \$300,000, Aug. 23

1020 Indian Road: Taranur Trust to George T Vass, \$462,500, Aug. 19

1330 Canterbury Lane: Gage Trust to Michael Stratton Erin Stratton, \$425,000, Aug. 23

1503 Huntington Drive: Fannie Mae to Georgette Shabaz,

\$275,000, Aug. 19

1780 Brush Hill Lane: Betty Rodgers Casties to Donald P Rand Marlene D Rand, \$560,000, Aug. 22

1783 Camden Drive: Eve Trust to Howard S Hahn June S Hahn, \$619,000, Aug. 23

2446 Saranac Lane: Bradley J Wolf to Lindsay A Desantis Lorence H Slutzky, \$595,000, Aug. 24

312 Nellie Court: Irene Banas Estate to Delonix Canunayon Sheila Canunayon, \$257,000, Aug. 22

3511 Countryside Lane: Alexander Velblum to Paul D Patrow Danielle Yao Patrow, \$730,000, Aug. 23

3702 Central Road: North Community Bank Trustee to Akshay Patel Pritesh Patel, \$547,500, Aug. 22

3850 Lindenwood Lane: Tae Hwan To to Alfredo Troncoso, \$432,500, Aug. 24

815 Wagner Court: William R Chambers Jr to Barton L Eilts Laura S Eilts, \$1,140,000, Aug. 19

LINCOLNWOOD

4701 W Arthur Ave.: Carl Maniscalco to Ann P Kalayil, \$360,000, Aug. 19

7315 N Crawford Ave.: Beltway

Capital Llc to Ami B Gheewala Ushaben Gheewala, \$240,000, Aug. 22

MORTON GROVE

8926 Cherry Ave.: Val Rahlhin to Audrey Chu Luen Wu, \$350,000, Aug. 22

9215 Austin Ave.: Northern Trust Co Trustee to Victor Virat Sutti Somchit Sutti, \$221,500, Aug. 22

9342 Central Ave.: Bruce J Kraus to Derrick Taylor La Shaun Taylor, \$310,000, Aug. 22

NILES

6801 N Milwaukee Ave. Apt 707: David P Doerner to Katrina E Mueller, \$188,500, Aug. 22

7034 W Carol Ave.: Larry Hanauer to Evan Sher Azad Handola, \$185,000, Aug. 22

8027 W Lyons St.: Citibank Na Trustee to Joanna Kupiec Adam Not Provided, \$120,000, Aug. 19

9062 W Heathwood Circle: Paul L Chester to Joanna D Matynia, \$145,000, Aug. 23

NORRIDGE

4412 N Redwood Drive: Aneta Pescatore to Maria Spanos Peter Spanos, \$155,000, Aug. 19

8122 W Winnemac Ave.: Federal National Mortgage Assn to Ralph Russo, \$195,000, Aug. 22

NORWOOD PARK

4908 N Nagle Ave.: Marianna Dudzinska to Mariusz Konopka, \$215,000, Aug. 24

4924 N Nagle Ave.: Snyder Trust to Nancy Arroyo, \$195,000, Aug. 19

5109 N Neva Ave.: Kathleen Danko to Ivan Vaclav, \$120,000, Aug. 22

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5109 N Neva Ave.: Michael Danko Estate to Ivan Vaclav, \$120,000, Aug. 19

5246 N Nagle Ave.: Us Bank Na to Dahyabhai D Patel Dhiren D Patel, \$225,000, Aug. 19

6110 W Peterson Ave. Apt 1s: Fannie Mae to Alina B Lawson, \$57,000, Aug. 23

PARK RIDGE

1021 S Aldine Ave.: Alan Jacobson to James Fusco Melissa Fusco, \$433,000, Aug. 19

1525 N Talcott Road: Us Bank Na Trustee to Timothy Saewert Patricia Saewert, \$305,000, Aug. 23

175 Boardwalk Place: Korn

Trust to Edward J Kaleta Jr Carol A Kaleta, \$210,000, Aug. 22

500 Warren Ave.: Sean J Slocum to Zachary Judd Kathleen Judd, \$834,500, Aug. 19

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4949 Church St. Apt 304: Hsb Mortgage Services Inc to Chun Bok Shin, \$58,000, Aug. 24

7927 Kenton Ave.: Jason Smith to Edmond Young Jessica L Young, \$310,000, Aug. 22

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HOT PROPERTIES BY ROB PISKAC

Brilliant bungalow

2-story comes with finished lower level

8113 N. Osceola Ave., Niles — \$349,900

This two-story bungalow, situated in the Grennan Heights subdivision, comes with a lower-level recreation room featuring carpeted floors, recessed lighting and an abundance of storage space.

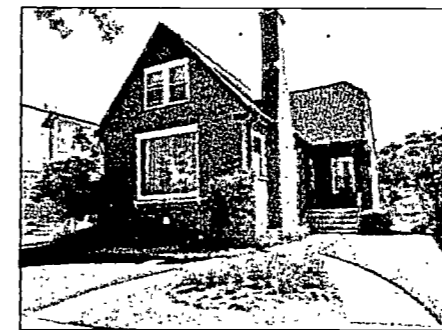
Highlights of the kitchen include stainless steel appliances, built-in cabinetry with granite counters and a separate breakfast room.

The living room is equipped with a floor-to-ceiling brick fireplace accompanied by hardwood floors and windows with trim.

Crown molding with rope lighting is found in the dining room, which comes with hardwood floors and large windows.

The property provides a two-car garage and is just over a mile from the Morton Grove Metra station.

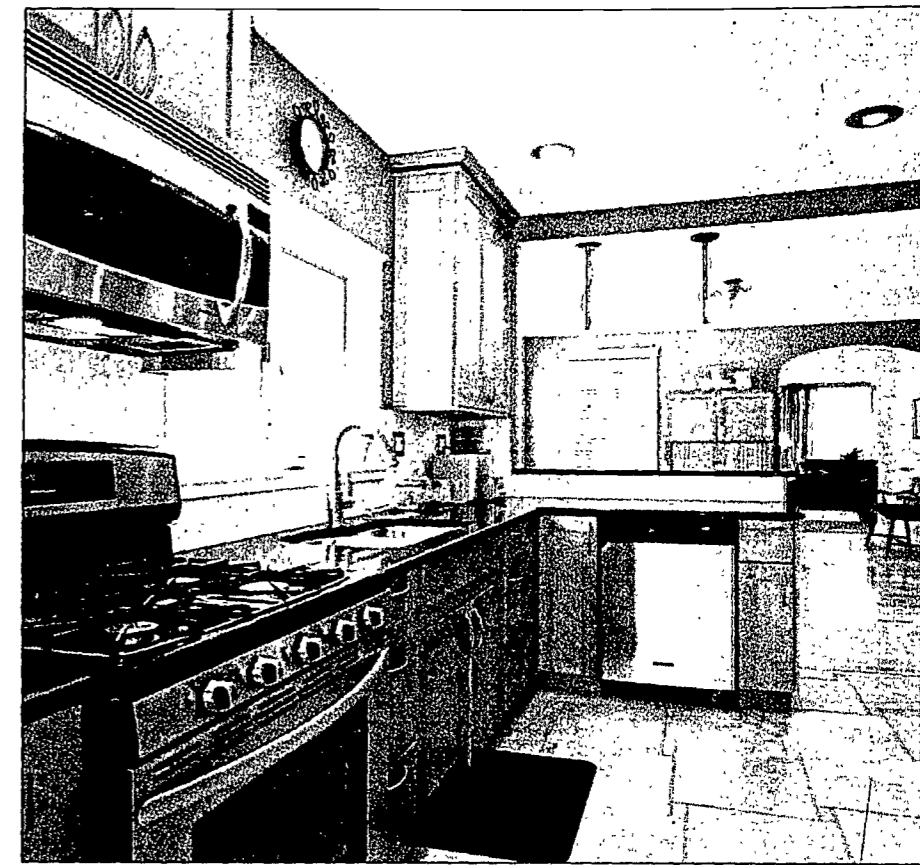
Listing agent: Jennifer Barcal, Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage, 847-414-2006, jennifer.barcal@cbexchange.com



A split walkway and manicured landscaping accent the brick bungalow's front lawn.

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This open kitchen is complete with an over-the-sink window and recessed and pendant lighting.

ON THE MARKET

A ROUNDUP OF NEW LISTINGS

A three-bedroom, one-bath home at 8507 W. North Terrace in Niles is on the market for \$230,000. Built in 1965, this bi-level house features vaulted ceilings and a full, finished basement. The dining room is L-shaped, and the kitchen has an eating area. Janet Baier of RE/MAX Destiny is the listing agent.

A four-bedroom, 2.5-bath home at 6432 Hoffman Terrace in Morton Grove is on the market for \$413,000. This split-level house includes hardwood floors in many rooms. A family room includes an entertainment area and a stone fireplace. An eating area is in the kitchen. Irene Dominelli of Keller Williams Realty Partners is the listing agent.

A three-bedroom, 1.5-bath home at 7480 Davis St. in Morton Grove is on the market for \$214,900. Built in 1955, this ranch home has a kitchen with Corian counters and hardwood floors. There is a living room/dining room combo as well as a large fenced yard with a patio. Lee Grosky of Century 21 Marino is the listing agent.

— Nathan Spicer

MARKET WATCH AS OF MONDAY

City	For sale	Median price	Foreclosure rate	# of sales	# of foreclosures
Edison Park	1.89%	\$250,000	10.99%	91	10
Forest Glen	1.3%	\$378,500	8.33%	12	1
Norwood Park	2.3%	\$278,000	18.18%	165	30
Des Plaines	2.95%	\$180,000	33.23%	665	221
Evanston	3.03%	\$322,000	13.26%	641	85
Glenview	3.09%	\$400,000	15.23%	558	85
Lincolnwood	2.7%	\$300,000	14.18%	141	20
Morton Grove	2.28%	\$240,000	19.37%	191	37
Niles	2.27%	\$195,000	19.67%	239	47
Park Ridge	2.53%	\$323,000	14.74%	346	51
Skokie	2.45%	\$225,000	28.01%	539	151
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compare," said Oddo. College admissions will look for debate experience on a student's transcript because "they know how high level it is academically and the rigor it takes to actually understand the arguments. They know that a lot of successful alumni attribute debate to their success," Oddo said.

For questions about the Niles West Debate Team or the Niles Township Invita-

tional Debate Tournament, contact Eric Oddo at (847) 626-2870 or eriodd@d219.org.

Niles West pre-school accepting new students

The Niles West Pre-school is accepting new students for the 2011-12 school year. Sessions are held Tuesday through Thursday and begin

Tuesday, Oct. 18 and run through mid-May 2012. The morning session meets from 9 a.m. until 10:40 a.m. and the afternoon session is from 10:55 a.m. until 12:55 p.m. The preschool is located within Niles West High School, 5701 Oakton, Skokie. Classes are supervised by Child Development teachers Michelle Kline and Kay Coughlin. Children must be three to 5 years of age to attend. There will be an Open House

Wednesday, Oct. 12 from 9 a.m. to 10:40 a.m. for parents and preschoolers to meet the teachers and register for the year. Parents should bring the first semester's tuition of \$200 and a completed physical examination form to the Open House. Please make checks payable to Niles West High School. Second semester tuition (also \$200) is due on Feb. 1, 2012. Forms may be found on the NW Preschool webpage at: <https://sites.google.com/a/d219.org/mickl/nw-preschool>.

google.com/a/d219.org/mickl/nw-preschool. For questions about the Niles West Preschool, contact Michelle Kline at (847) 626-2074 or mickl@d219.org.

Niles West alumnus reaches MLB

Niles West High School alumnus George Kontos, a 2003 graduate, has been promoted to join a Major League Baseball team from its Triple-A team. A right-

handed pitcher, Kontos was announced as a call-up for the New York Yankees after a 4-4 record with a 2.62 ERA in 40 appearances this season with the Scranton/Wilkes-Barre Yankees. Kontos was a Rule 5 Draft pick of the San Diego Padres following the 2010 season but he was returned to the Yankees for spring training. He was drafted by the Yankees in the fifth round of the 2006 Major League Baseball June Amateur Draft.



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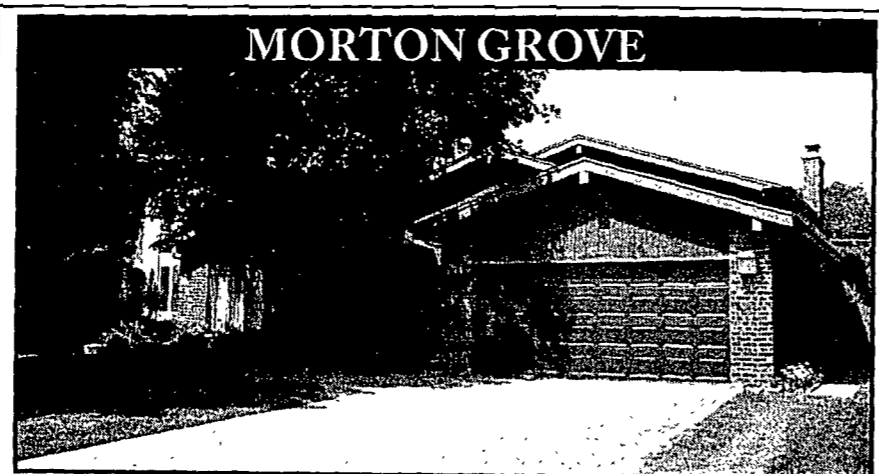
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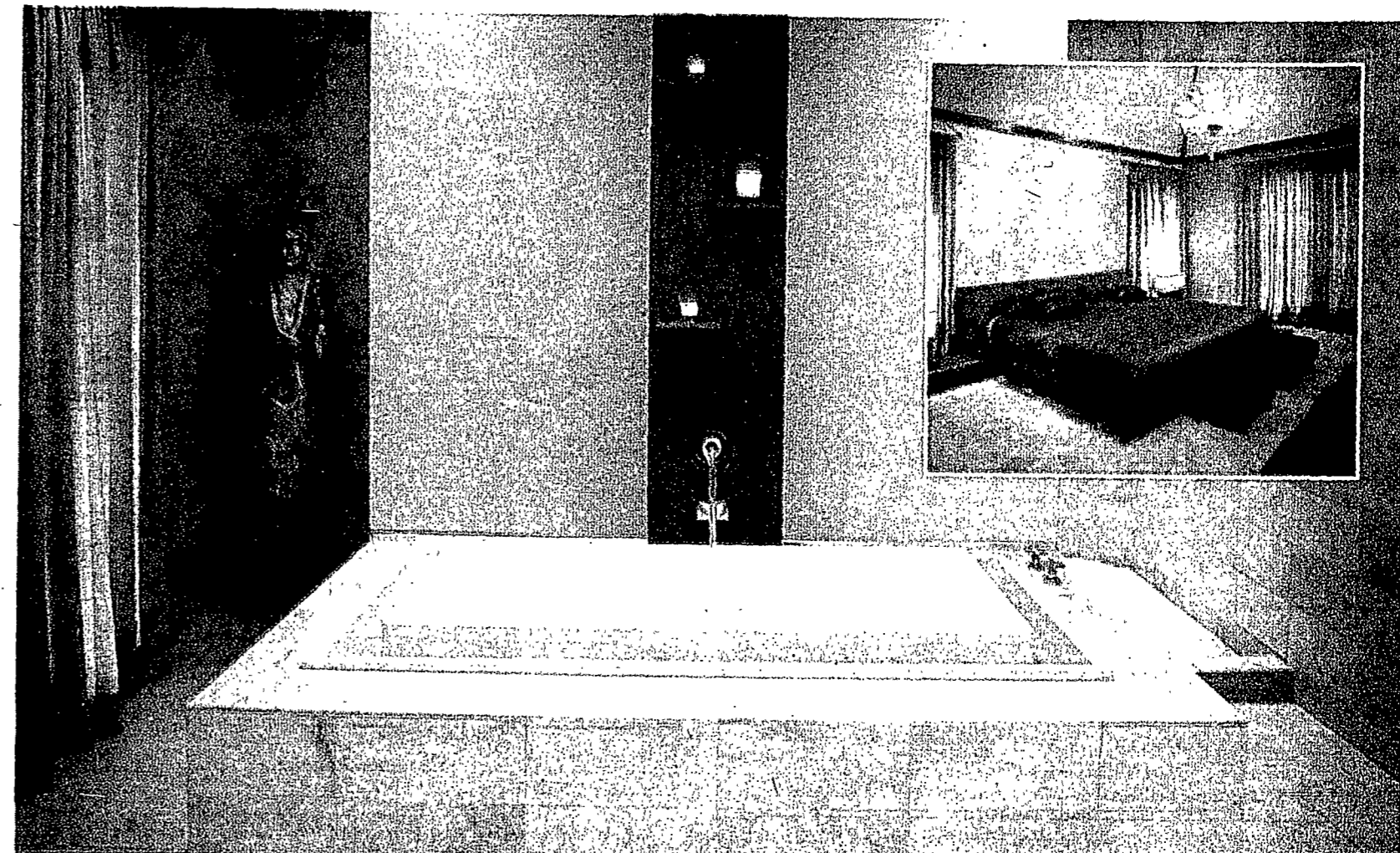
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TO YOUR GOOD HEALTH

Don't stress out: Men, women just wired that way

BY TERRI SCHMIDT
Contributor

Kathy was trying to make it home in time to make dinner before Tim ordered takeout for everybody again.

Takeout was running up some serious money, and that was in short supply since both she and Tim had recently had their salaries cut. What were the chances that both of them would take a hit like that? Apparently the chances were pretty high, because Kathy knew quite a few friends who were in similar situations.

Holding her breath as she opened the door, Kathy did all she could do to keep from losing her temper once she saw what was going on inside. There was Tim and their two sons, happily eating several large pizzas in front of the TV. Dishes were all over the living room, and the kitchen was a mess.

Now why couldn't Tim cook dinner himself before she came home? Why couldn't he set a better example for the boys in terms of being helpful? Why couldn't Tim think more like her? What was wrong with him?

In a word, nothing. Men and women do not think the same way. Never have, never will. Our brains are not designed in the same way.

This may be due to the fact our very early ancestors needed to develop very different skill sets in order to survive. Our ancestors hunted, traveling long distances to get necessary food. Highly competitive men with superior navigational skills were also superior providers. They learned to be quiet so that prey would not be alerted to their presence.

Women stayed behind, nurturing children, hunting and gathering wild edibles. Women talked with other women, because helping each other through childbirth and child-raising insured survival.

Flash forward, and what do we have? Competitive, highly focused men who aren't very verbal and feel ashamed to ask for directions. Women who like to talk to their friends and hunt and gather (aka shop).

Our brains have been slow to keep up with the times. Dr. John Grey, in his book "Why Mars and Venus Collide," states that physiologically a woman's brain compared to a man's brain has a 25-percent larger corpus callosum, the bundle of nerves that connects the right and left hemispheres of the brain. In practical terms this means that women are much more able to connect feelings and thoughts than are men.

This difference enables men to be highly specialized, using a specific part of the brain to handle a single task. When he is under stress, he focuses on how to get that promotion and forgets everything else. He gets very cranky when interrupted because it is difficult for him to shift gears. When his focused task is done, he rests.

A woman's brain is more diffuse, enabling her to use both hemispheres for many different tasks. Because she is never really "done," her brain never rests. She handles stress by talking and processing many different kinds of information to help her find a solution. She feels insulted when her husband tries to narrow her conversation down to single point because to her it is so much bigger than that.

My next column will take a look at some things that make it easier to live with someone with a brain that is different than yours.

And that is a big part of the reason that ongoing stress can really take a toll on a marriage.

— Terri Schmidt, a licensed clinical social worker, writes "To Your Good Health" for the Park Ridge Health Commission. Send comments to terrinschmidt@sbglobal.net.

1000 WORDS BY JACK HIGGINS



Pet's cross-country adventure? That dog don't hunt



BY CHERYL O'DONOVAN
Van Mom Strikes Again

On the news is a touching tale of a calico named Willow that disappeared from her Colorado home and wound up thousands of miles away, on a Manhattan street.

They found her outside the home of that prissy white Persian that always eats from a crystal dish.

That TV Persian drives my husband bonkers because he's convinced the cat is living better than most of the middle class. Separated for five years, Willow was reunited with her tearful owners, meowing, tail twitching and hissing that this wasn't covered in the contract. While flashbulbs popped, TV producers eagerly pressed the family for potential film deals.

Yes, there are always these movie tearjerkers, where a lost animal limps to its heartsick owner. We animal lovers sit in our cinema seats

and weep until our noses swell. Exiting, we must dodge the glaring eyes of those waiting for the next show. All that warm-fuzzy sentiment evaporates once we're in the parking lot and some yokel blocks us from backing out.

Highly unlikely that our pooch, Kirby, would attempt such a journey. He wouldn't trudge across wild plains or boggy marshes, or launch pine-cone missiles at hostile raccoons.

Willow the cat likely eluded coy-

otes and ravenous hawks, the feline version of Bear Grylls, the "Man vs. Wild" dude. No, Kirby is the canine equivalent of Bart Simpson. If he got lost, he'd cruise over to the neighbor's house where he sniffed barbecue."

"Does he listen? Sit, stay, retrieve?"
"No."
"That's him, all right. OK, where is he?"
"McDonald's. He just ordered the Double Quarter Pounder with Cheese."

The phone would ring. "Er, hi. Do you own an Airedale Terrier?"

I would run to the kitchen and glance at the back yard. Fence post loose. He's pulled another Shawshank. All I need is Morgan Freeman behind me, narrating.

"Are his ears pointed?" I ask. "Huh?"
"Airedale ears are supposed to flap over, but Kirby's didn't."
"Yeah. I guess so."

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

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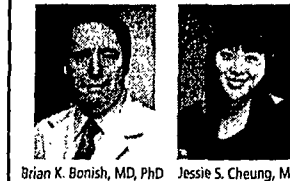
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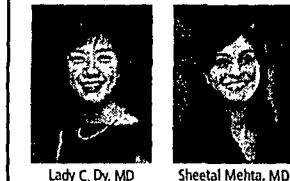
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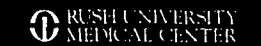
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2. The Orion Ensemble opens its 19th season of concerts, Chamber Treasures Meet Chicago Jazz, at 7:30 p.m. Sept. 25 in Nichols Hall at the Music Institute of Chicago, 1490 Chicago Ave., Evanston. The program, "Spanish Flair," features works by Cassadó, Granados, Khachaturian and Stravinsky. Tickets are \$26; \$23 for senior citizens; \$10 for students. Free for children 12 and younger. For information, call (630) 628-9591 or visit www.orionensemble.org.

3. Jazz pianist Jon Hey presents "Better Get Hit In Your Soul — The Music of Charles Mingus" at 7:30 p.m. Sept. 25 at the Skokie Theatre, 7924 Lincoln Ave., Skokie. Accompanied by a group of musicians, Hey plays songs by Mingus, as well as Duke Ellington, Billy Strayhorn, Eric Dolphy and Rahsaan Roland Kirk. Tickets are \$20 in advance; \$25 at the door. For information, call (847) 677-7761 or visit www.skokietheatre.com.

4. Friday Concert on the Green featuring The Committee Band will be held at 6 p.m. Sept. 23 on the Village Green in front of Mount Prospect Village Hall, 50 S. Emerson St. The band covers Motown standards through contemporary hits. Bring blankets or chairs for seating on the green. For information, visit www.experiencemountprospect.org.

Felder, Ars Viva introduce 'Aliyah'

BY DOROTHY ANDRIES
Classical Music Writer

Will the real Hershey Felder please stand up? Or rather, will he sit down at the piano as himself and play a work of his own composing?

Felder is known for creating one-man shows in which he takes on the persona of such interesting musical characters as Chopin, Beethoven, George Gershwin and Leonard Bernstein. Area fans have seen his portrayals of these iconic composers at the Ravinia Festival and in Chicago's Royal George Theatre.

But on Sunday afternoon and Monday evening Felder, sans wigs, props or peculiar accents, will play with Ars Viva Symphony Orchestra, the Chicago premiere of "Aliyah," a piano concerto he wrote in 1996.

"It was written just after I returned from a trip to Poland and Israel during the 50th anniversary (1995) of the liberation of Auschwitz. I was a lead interviewer for Steven Spielberg's SHOAH Foundation," Felder explained, referring to the Academy Award-winning filmmaker's project to record the words of Holocaust survivors.

"Following that," Felder continued, "our group made our way to Israel, as so many survivors had done years before. The sense of coming to a country brimming with possibility and life, a Jewish home, influenced the creation of this piece."

The Hebrew word *aliyah* means "ascent" or "to rise up," and, he continued, "To the Jewish people, Jerusalem is considered the highest point in the world."

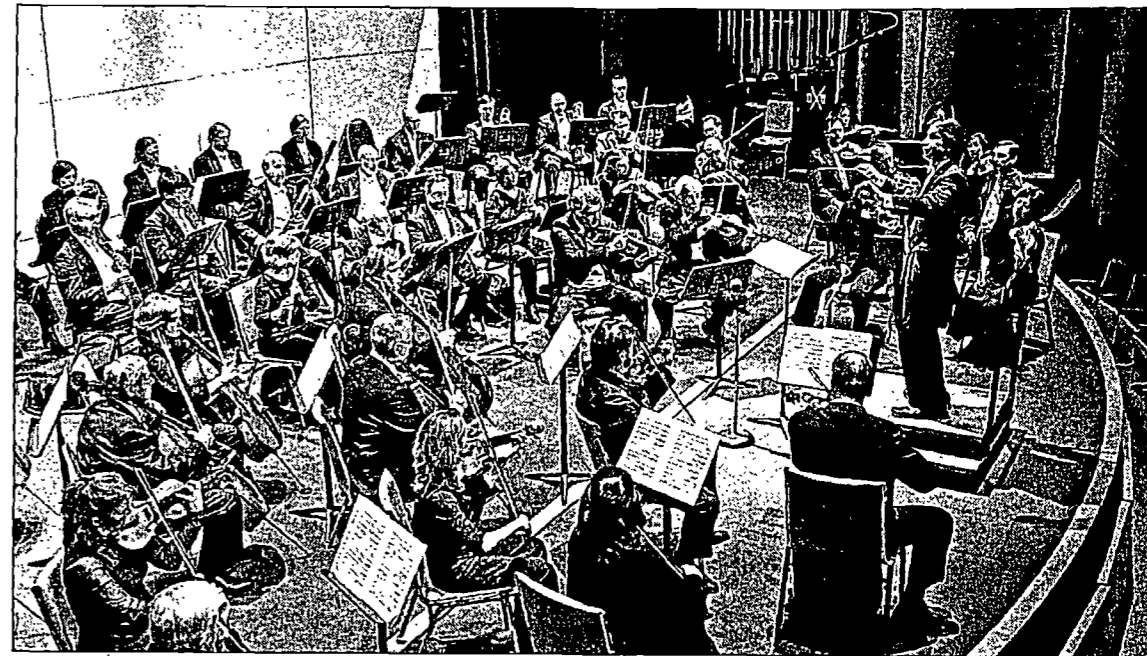
The 20-minute concerto is in three parts, evoking three years: 1939, just after Kristallnacht and at the start of the deportation of Jews to concentration camps; 1945, when World War II ended; and 1948, the official birth of the country of Israel.

Consistent theme

Ars Viva's artistic director Alan Heatherington will conduct the concerto, which pairs well with another work on the program, "Music of a People" by Stanley Black, an award-winning British composer and conductor, who scored more than 200 movies.

"This is a fit made in heaven," said Heatherington, obviously pleased. "Black decided in 1965 to write arrangements of Jewish melodies from various sources, Yiddish and Ashkenazi, for example. He put them all together in his 'Music of a People,' and it was performed on the BBC, but never published."

Heatherington had heard the



Alan Heatherington and the Ars Viva Symphony.

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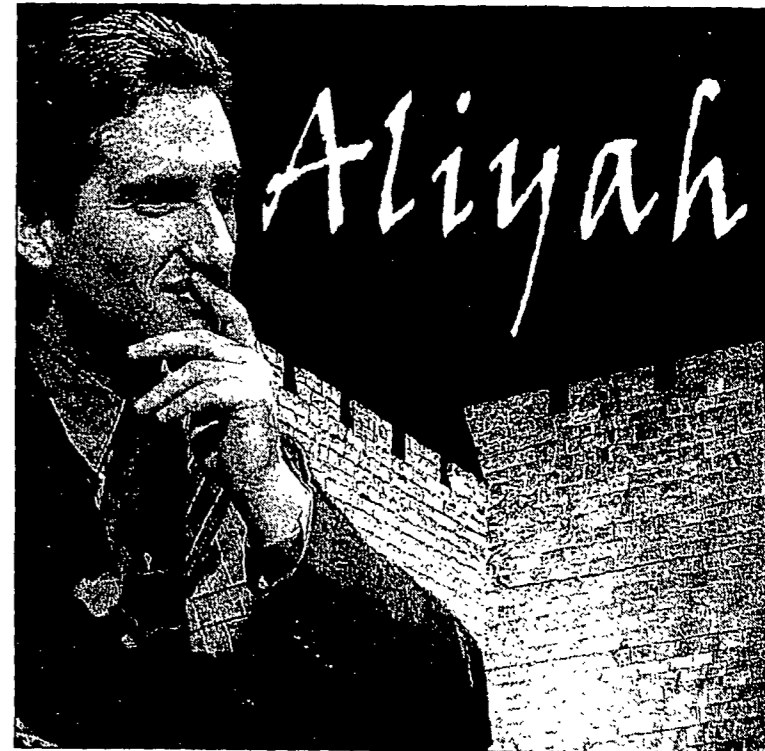
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work and asked Steve Marcus of the Chicago Master Singers, which the maestro also directs and conducts, to find the score and the vocal parts. "He contacted the composer's widow Edna Black, who directed him to the BBC's head librarian," he said. "Eventually, he found the scores and the parts, so these performances will be the United States premiere of this music."

Several numbers required a chorus, so members of the Chicago Master Singers will be joined by Kol Zimrah, the Jewish Community Singers, whose director is Richard Boldrey, a long-time musical colleague and friend of Heatherington's.

Program change

In an early announcement of the Ars Viva season, another work by Felder, titled "City of Light," was listed for the opening concert. "It is



Hershey Felder brings his "Aliyah" to the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts.

about Mrs. O'Leary, known to Chicagoans because of her cow and the great fire in 1871," Felder explained. "But what started out as a 20-minute work turned into an opus an hour long! So I'll probably present it later as an evening unto itself."

Violinist David Taylor, a member of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, who plays with Ars Viva,

introduced Felder to Heatherington, sparking an instant desire to collaborate.

"We hit it off immediately," the conductor said. "We're now working on other projects with him as well." He paused and then added, "At our concerts, the audience at last will be able to see the real Hershey Felder!"

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Morton Grove's upcoming hoedown will have enough attractions and fun to put an extra bounce into the steps of kids and grownups alike. The event takes place Sunday at Harrer Park.

Hoedown, hayride on tap in Morton Grove

BY MYRNA PETLICKI
Contributor

Round up the family for a free Hoedown, noon-4 p.m. Sunday at Harrer Park, 6250 W. Dempster St., Morton Grove. "We'll have a petting zoo from 12:30 to 3:30," said Morton Grove Park District Facility and Recreation Manager Kelly Smith. "We'll have an inflatable the entire time and we'll have hayrack rides going around the park, weather permitting."

There will be hoedown-related arts and crafts projects and other activities. Everyone is invited to dress in Western attire. "Our staff will be cowpokes," Smith said.

According to Smith, the park district decided to stage a hoedown because one of its most popular activities is the hayride at their Halloween event. They're hoping September weather will be better for the rides.

While you're at the park, stop in at the Morton Grove Historical Museum, between 2 p.m. and 4 p.m., to see its new exhibit, "Women in History."

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Take a two-day tour at the Niles Public Library's Third Annual International Weekend, 2-4 p.m., Saturday and Sunday at 6960 W. Oakton St. There will be ethnic dance performances from Chinese, Romanian, Polynesian, Bolivian, Indian and Mexican troupes and ethnic food tastings from local restaurants.

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Return of the nanny

Your family can be crooning a tune about "A Spoonful of Sugar," 10 a.m. Saturday at Wilmette Theatre, 1122 Central Ave. They're bringing back by popular demand the Mary Poppins Sing-a-Long. Tickets are \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door.

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MOVIE REVIEW

Throwing a curve

BY BRUCE INGRAM
Film Critic

MONEYBALL

★ ★ ★ 1/2

If the seemingly devastated Oakland Athletics had won the World Series in 2002, that story would have made for a classic root-for-the-underdog baseball movie. And it probably would not have taken nearly 10 years to reach theaters.

Instead, the A's had a season that could be described as a solid triple, ending with a record-breaking 20-game winning streak and a berth in the playoffs, but not the sort of grand-slam third act that sends the audience out of theaters believing in miracles. Dramatically, that's both a challenge and an opportunity for "Moneyball," which almost completely ignores the game of baseball in favor of the business of baseball and the players on the field in favor of the players in the front office. Including a hero who antagonizes fans, coaches, players, scouts and sportscasters by appearing to threaten cherished traditions about the way the game is played.

We've been conditioned, through countless films about pretty much any sport you'd care to mention, to expect the no-hope scenario facing the A's to end in exultance, a surge of adrenaline and emotional catharsis, joy and triumph, hosannas in the highest. In its place, "Moneyball" gives us a bit of a miracle, but with a built-in anticlimax, and a qualified triumph by a complicated character who is not necessarily motivated by a love of the game.

Yet "Moneyball" also gives us a story about stubborn determination and willingness to defy conventional thinking, and a gradually revealing portrait of a man willing to risk everything to back a new idea, that is inspirational in itself. And it does it in a way that is smart, funny, understated but not undynamic, and even quietly moving.

Which shouldn't be too surprising, considering that Oscar winners Aaron Sorkin ("The Social Network") and



Brad Pitt plays Oakland A's executive Billy Beane and Jonah Hill is his statistics-crunching sidekick in "Moneyball."

Steven Zaillian ("Schindler's List") contributed to the script after director Bennett Miller ("Capote") inherited the project from Steven Soderbergh (whose part-documentary/part-dramatic re-enactment concept was rejected by Sony Pictures).

Brad Pitt is at his best here as Oakland general manager Billy Beane — combining his usual, easygoing charm with some of the intense internal focus and emotional complexity he demonstrated in the Cannes Film Festival-winning "The Tree of Life. In other words, he makes Beane likable, but hard to read: Outwardly smiling, confident, even brash, but nagged by self-doubt after failing as a player when the Mets signed him as a hot prospect straight out of high school. Beane may or may not love baseball (he doesn't watch games, either because he doesn't want to jinx them or he simply doesn't particularly care about them outside of business), but he clearly hates to lose. And that's the almost certain situation he finds himself in after the A's falter in the 2001 playoffs and have their three top players hired away by richer teams.

His only potential way to win involves listening to the advice of Peter Brand, a young, number-crunching, Yale economics graduate (nicely played by Jonah Hill),

who has never played the game, and gambling his salary budget on under-valued players — including a side-arm pitcher who's considered a joke and a catcher with a lame arm that he substitutes for a star first baseman. Brand's theory is simple, but radical: If you field players who get on base a lot, no matter how they do it, you will greatly increase your chance of scoring. That's a system that values drawing a walk as much as a solid line-drive single, however, and ordering your star base-stealer to stay put instead of risking an out. It's a philosophy that seeks safe, modest gains instead of glory. And one that is instantly opposed by Beane's old-school scouts and coaches and his on-field manager (a cold, implacable, bull-headed Phillip Seymour Hoffman), who does his best to thwart the plan.

Despite the cries that Beane's approach (which has subsequently been incorporated into the strategy of many major-league teams) is de-humanizing the sport, "Moneyball" makes it clear that the game is still about people and that statistics have their own sense of drama — occasionally presenting a marginal hitter, for example, with the chance to hit a game-winning home run.


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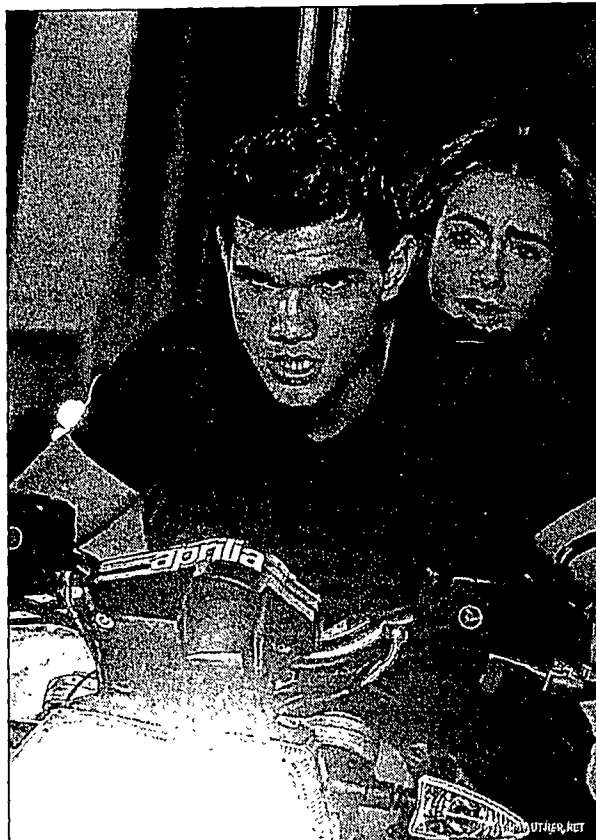
Rated: PG-13 for sequences of intense violence and action, brief language, some sexual content and teen partying
Length: 106 minutes
Stars: Taylor Lautner, Lily Collins, Alfred Molina
A young man (Lautner) who investigates a childhood picture of himself on a missing person's list, finds himself involved in the deadly world of international espionage. John Singleton ("Boyz n the Hood," "Four Brothers") directed the action thriller.

DETECTIVE DEE AND THE MYSTERY OF THE PHANTOM FLAME

Rated: PG-13 for violence, disturbing images and some sexuality
Length: 119 minutes
Stars: Andy Lau, Bingbing Li, Tony Leung Ka Fei
OK, the title might suggest a middling Scooby Doo outing, but this is actually a magnificently entertaining return to form for Tsui Hark, one of the visionary directors responsible for Hong Kong cinema's worldwide acclaim in the 1980s. Like his classics "Zu: Warriors of the Magic Mountain," "The Swordsman" and the "Once Upon a Time in China" trilogy (which introduced the world to Jet Li), "Detective Dee" is an ultra-stylized, visually dazzling, almost apologetically action-packed adventure set in China's apparently feverishly fantastic past. Veteran HK star Lau stars as the Holmes-like detective who is summoned by a seventh-century empress to investigate the death of court officials by spontaneous combustion. The plot is smart, funny and suspenseful, the special effects are mind-boggling and the action scenes were choreographed by the great Sammo Hung (Hong Kong actor/director/stuntman extraordinaire). Don't miss it.

DOLPHIN TALE

Rated: PG for some mild thematic elements
Length: 113 minutes
Stars: Harry Connick Jr., Ashley Judd, Brad Pitt, Jonah Hill, Phillip Seymour Hoffman
The general manager of the Oakland Athletics (Pitt), desperate to compete on



Taylor Lautner and Lily Collins star in "Abduction," a new action adventure from John Singleton ("Boyz n the Hood").

sparcs her husband (Damon) but looks likely to wipe out up to 70 million people around the world unless the Centers for Disease Control (represented by near-saintly Laurence Fishburne, Winslet and Jennifer Ehle) can whip up a vaccine in record time. Soderbergh and screenwriter Scott Burns keep the grim plot developments scooting along almost as rapidly as the virus multiplies, while generally resisting the urge to get exploitative (aside from a few shockers including the death of a child and one of the stars being autopsied). Even so, you'll find it hard to just say no to Purell.

DRIVE
★ ★ ★

Rated: R for strong, brutal, bloody violence, language and some nudity
Length: 100 minutes
Stars: Ryan Gosling, Carey Mulligan, Bryan Cranston, Albert Brooks, Ron Perlman
In its own lean, mean, occasionally bloody way, "Drive," which was nominated for the Palm d'Or at this year's Cannes festival, is almost as much a cinematic show pony as the winner, Terrence Malick's "The Tree of Life." Which, it must be said, did not feature even one halfway decent car chase. This ultra-stylish, ultra-tough, yet almost sociopathically understated modern film noir from Denmark's Nicolas Winding Refn (the "Pusher" trilogy, "Bronson"), who did win the best director prize at Cannes, features an intense, tightly controlled performance by Gosling as a Hollywood stunt driver who works nights behind the wheel of getaway cars.

STRAW DOGS

Rated: R for strong brutal violence including a sexual attack, menace, some sexual content
Length: 110 minutes
Stars: James Marsden, Kate Bosworth, James Woods
An L.A. screenwriter (Marsden) relocates with his wife (Bosworth) to her Southern home town, where they encounter thugs who threaten their marriage and their lives. Rod Lurie ("The Contender") adapted and directed the remake of Sam Peckinpah's controversial 1971 thriller.

ley Judd, Nathan Gamble
After losing her tail in a crab trap, a female dolphin is restored to health by a dedicated boy (Gamble) and the doctors at a marine hospital. Charles Martin Smith ("Air Bud") directed the drama.

KILLER ELITE

Rated: R for strong violence, language and some sexuality/nudity
Length: 105 minutes
Stars: Jason Statham, Clive Owen, Robert De Niro
When his mentor (De Niro) is captured, a retired British Special Air Service operative (Statham) sets out on a personal rescue operation. Gary McKendry (Oscar-nominated for the short film "Everything in This Country Must") makes his feature debut with the action thriller.

MONEYBALL

Rated: PG-13 for some strong language
Length: 133 minutes
Stars: Brad Pitt, Jonah Hill, Phillip Seymour Hoffman
The general manager of the Oakland Athletics (Pitt), desperate to compete on

a low budget after losing three star players to richer organizations, assembles a team in 2002 with the help of a numbers-crunching young Yale grad (Hill), that threatens the status quo of major-league baseball. Bennett Miller ("Capote") directed the sports drama, based on the nonfiction book by Michael Lewis. Reviewed in this section.

STILL PLAYING

CONTAGION

Rated: PG-13 for disturbing content and some language
Length: 102 minutes
Stars: Matt Damon, Kate Winslet, Jude Law, Gwyneth Paltrow
Director Steven Soderbergh's cool, competent and surprisingly calm bio-thriller argues for the best side of humanity (self-sacrifice, dedication, generosity) while occasionally milking the worst (rioting, looting, trampling) to keep things hopping. A globe-trotting executive (Paltrow) contracts a killer virus in Hong Kong and brings it back stateside. The resulting epidemic

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Dolphin Tale (PG) 4:45-10:20
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Killer Elite (R) 1:15-4:15-7:15-10:15
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Straw Dogs (R) Fri: 1:45-4:20-6:50-9:15; Sat 11:15-1:45-4:20-6:50-9:15; Sun 11:15-1:45-4:20-6:50; Mon-Thu 4:10-6:40
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NEW THIS WEEK

BAD BOYS II (BLU-RAY)
★ 1/2

Rated: R for strong violence and action, pervasive language, sexuality and drug content

Length: 147 minutes

Stars: Will Smith, Martin Lawrence

■ A spectacularly bad film redeemed somewhat by a few demented comic set pieces (picture a morgue wagon dumping vivisectioned corpses on our heroes during a high-speed chase) and the natural chemistry of Martin Lawrence and Will Smith. Against all odds, considering the maelstrom of bullets in which they frolic on any given workday, bully boy undercover cops Mike (Smith) and Marcus (Lawrence) are still in the game after their first 1995 action/comedy hit, though Marcus' nerves are shot and he's seriously considering a transfer to a less gun-crazy partner. First, though, they have to save Marcus' sister, an FBI undercover agent in over her head with a psycho Cuban drug dealer (Jordi Molla). Directed with typical subtlety by Michael Bay.

EXTRACT (BLU-RAY)
★ ★ 1/2

Rated: R for language, sexual references and some drug use

Length: 147 minutes

Stars: Jason Bateman, Kristen Wiig, Ben Affleck

■ Employee relations — of the traditional and very nontraditional sort — become a major source of aggravation in this mildly satiric, but basically toothless comedy about capitalism and marriage. Bateman is routinely likable as Joel, a benign factory owner and sexually frustrated husband whose life unravels just a bit for a couple of uncomfortable days — just enough to be amusing but not enough to really provoke a reaction from him. First, Joel's drug-dealing, bartending spiritual advisor and best friend (Affleck) convinces



Will Smith reprises his role as Mike in "Bad Boys II." The film, directed by Michael Bay and co-starring Martin Lawrence, is being released on Blu-ray.

performances as a couple of eccentric hayseeds in the 1947 Fred MacMurray/Claudia Colbert comedy "The Egg and I," Ma and Pa Kettle (Marjorie Main and Percy Kilbride) and their enormous brood of unruly kids were featured in nine spin-off films over the next 10 years, all included in this box set. Titles include "Ma and Pa Kettle Go to Town," "Ma and Pa Kettle Back on the Farm," "Ma and Pa Kettle at the Fair," "Ma and Pa Kettle on Vacation." As Ma used to shout, "Come and get it!"

THE PHANTOM CARRIAGE

■ Swedish director Victor Sjöström's 1920 silent classic ghost story about an alcoholic, abusive ne'er-do-well (played by Sjöström) and the Salvation Army sister who hopes to save him from being doomed as Death's chariot driver, inspired the young Ingmar Bergman to become a filmmaker. In addition to a new digital transfer, restored in collaboration with the Swedish Film Institute, this Criterion Collection release features two scores, an interview with Bergman on Sjöström and a visual essay by Bergman scholar Peter Cowie on the film's influence on Bergman.

3 BY THEO: THE THEO VAN GOGH COLLECTION

■ This three-DVD set collects films of the controversial Dutch film director, producer and author Theo Van Gogh, who was assassinated in 2004 by a religious extremist. Titles include "Blind Date" (a bartender observes a married couple role-playing as strangers to work out their pain over their daughter's death), "Interview" (when a political journalist is forced to interview a famous actress, both end up revealing their darkest secrets), and "1-900" (a young woman's escape in the anonymous world of phone sex turns dangerous when a regular client says he wants to meet her in person).

CARLOS

■ French director Olivier Assayas' ("Irma Vep," "Demon Lover") five-hour epic drama about the life of the international terrorist Ilich Ramirez Sanchez, aka Carlos the Jackal (Edgar Ramirez) — a violent left-wing activist throughout the '70s and '80s. In addition to a new digital transfer, this Criterion Collection release includes video interviews with Assayas and Ramirez, a documentary on the filming of Carlos' raid on OPEC and biographies of historical figures portrayed in the film.

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Festival of tales for kids of all ages

BY LARA JACKSON
Contributor

During these tough economic times more and more people are turning back the clock as far as entertainment is concerned. And you can't go back much farther than the ancient — and still quite lively — art of storytelling that offers companionship and inexpensive fun for all ages.

A celebration of this venerable art takes place Sept. 24 in River Forest, when Dominican University hosts the Illinois Storytelling Festival. An all-ages performance begins at 1:30 p.m., and an adult show will be at 7:30 p.m. Three Chicago-area residents will be among the tale spinners on stage, offering fables, personal reflections, thoughtful pieces, funny stories and more to intrigue audience members.

Hooked on stories

Ever since Northbrook resident Lainie Levin attended a storytelling festival in her hometown of St. Louis, she's been captivated by the art. "I was hooked on storytelling; I knew that was what I wanted to do," she explains.

A freelance story artist for approximately 11 years, Levin's repertoire consists of folk tales, especially those from the Jewish tradition; tall tales and personal tales, which come from, according to the Illinois Storytelling Inc.'s website, "the villages of Appalachia to the shtetls of Europe and beyond."

"Tall tales are always a lot of fun to tell — it's great to take the audience on a

wild ride," says Levin. "For the Storytelling Festival I'll perform a mixed bag of stories — from funny stories for the kids to more serious stories that will make people think more."

Attendees at Saturday's performance can expect a mixed bag of stories from Levin, who at the time this article was written, was still planning her program.

"I enjoy bringing joy and building a connection with an audience. My stories affect people differently. For some they may carry that story and remember it and continue to pass it on to other people," says Levin.

And who can resist repeating a good story?

A retired school library media specialist, Anne Shimojima of Morton Grove uses her storytelling skills to weave Asian folk tales or literary tales.

She also has historical pieces in her repertoire including a piece titled "Hidden Memory: One Family's Journey During World War II," which recounts her aunt's experiences living in an internment camp for Japanese-Americans during World War II. Originally just a project to collect photos, it turned into a story after Shimojima interviewed her then 91-year-old aunt and developed the tale based on those interviews.

Shimojima's performance on Saturday will include two Asian folktales for the afternoon performance and a new literary story in the evening, which will convey

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Susan O'Halloran

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Evanston's Susan

O'Halloran has been a professional storyteller for about 33 years. She began her performing career as a dancer, but, when an injury sidelined her, she turned to storytelling.

"I love the creation of the story, I love pulling it all together. Creating a story is like creating a sculpture — it can be very magical," explains O'Halloran.

O'Halloran's collection of stories include fables



Anne Shimojima

she has written, historical stories and many personal stories, some of which stem from growing up as a white, Irish-Catholic woman on the South Side of Chicago. Her tales range from humorous, nostalgic growing-up stories to tales of social injustice.

So what can the audience expect from O'Halloran on Saturday? She won't know until she's standing on the stage, she says. "I wait until

I get the audience in front of me. But, I have so many stories to choose from that I am ready for any situation and can then adjust."

So there will be a tale for everyone at the Storytelling Festival, where the program also includes Jasmin Cardenas, a Chicago storyteller, and Glenda Zahra Baker and Emily Hooper Lansana, collectively known as In the Spirit, also from Chicago.

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PLAY REVIEW

Getting it wrong is just right at Piccolo Theatre



Michael Coale (from left), Berner Taylor, Max Ganet and Joe Bianco in Piccolo Theatre's "The Comedy of Errors."

BY TOM WITOM
Contributor

Piccolo Theatre's snappy rendition of "The Comedy of Errors" gets its 11th season off to a rousing start with inspired direction by Christopher Marino.

The Evanston-based company, whose specialty is physical humor, finds plenty of gold to mine in this early work of William Shakespeare.

Imagine two sets of identical twins who were accidentally separated at birth and had no knowledge of each other. Years later fate brings all the siblings to the same town, though until they run into each other face to face, neither

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is aware of the other's existence.

Mistaken identities inevitably lead to all manner of confusion. That's what happens when Antipholus of Syracuse (Joe Bianco) and his servant Dromio of Syracuse (Michael Coale) find themselves in Ephesus, long the home of their long-lost brothers, Antipholus of Ephesus (Max Ganet) and Dromio of Ephesus (Nick Amdor).

Though she's put off by her "husbands" odd behavior, not even Adriana (Berner Taylor) can tell that the Antipholus who comes to her house is really the new arrival from Syracuse. He's confused as

well but goes along with the unexpected hospitality, even though he's attracted to Adriana's sister Luciana (Nicole Keating).

Meanwhile, Dromio of Syracuse is flabbergasted to discover that a kitchen maid in the household claims to be his wife. And Antipholus of Ephesus, barred from his own home, finds comfort with a courtesan (Vanessa Hughes).

The farce moves at a fever pitch from one misadventure to another. Identity confusion leads to servants being walloped for supposed misdeeds, charges of infidelity and theft, and eventually the arrest of Antipholus of

Ephesus, who is suspected of madness and even subjected to an exorcism by Pinch (David W.M. Kelch), a conjurer.

Antipholus of Syracuse finds refuge in a nearby priory, where the Abbess (Kaitlin Chin) sorts out the situation. Egeon (Jason Martin), an elderly trader in custody for violating a law barring the presence of merchants from Syracuse, steps forward to affirm that he's the father of the twins, who are then reunited.

Marino's dynamic 13-member cast has talent to spare. Their work, in the narrow confines of the historic Evanston Arts Depot, brings the performers and the fun up close to the audience.

Joshua D. Allard's funky Commedia dell'Arte costumes, Eric Branson's mood-enhancing lighting and Ana Prillaman's magical rolling set all contribute immeasurably to this delightful production, as does the polished quartet led by Mark Winston that provided incidental music and special sound effects.

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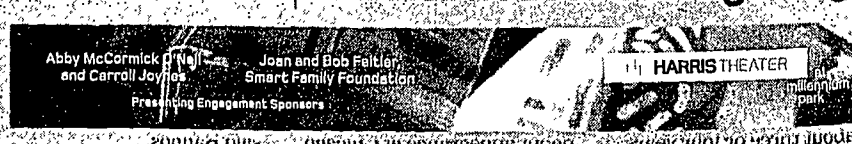
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Park Ridge resident Chef Jimmy Bannos Jr., at his restaurant, The Purple Pig. He'll be at Chicago Gourmet. | JOHN KIM-SUN-TIMES MEDIA

Chicago Gourmet, a three-day veritable "munchapalooza," erupts across the great lawn of Millennium Park on Sept. 23.

The self-styled "interactive, epicurean affair" will feature more than 100 of the finest Chicago and suburban restaurants, chefs, sommeliers and premium wine purveyors offering everything from samples of gourmet victuals and spirits to live cooking demos, book signings and an exclusive Grand Cru tent featuring luxe vintages and premium nosh.

With many more rock-star chefs and restaurants added this year, the star-studded line-up show is divided into quarters, with each exhibitor getting a total of three hours on a half day (morning or afternoon) in which to feature samples of their signature creations.

"This is a great event that showcases Chicago as a leading restaurant city in America," said Chef de Cuisine Mark Grosz, owner of Oceanique in Evanston. He will be serving his Day Boat Sea Scallops with a citrus Yuzu marmalade and watercress on Sunday from noon-3 p.m. "Last year we served about 1,000 people. This year they are advising us to prepare for 1,500," he said.

Faunting the freshest

From Northbrook, chefs Sara Stegner and George Bumbaris of Prairie Grass Café "really wanted to do food that was fresh and local and to show off something that is cooked right there," said Stegner. On Saturday from 12:30-3 p.m., the cafe will feature homemade Italian sausage from Maple Creek Farm grilled to order with peppers, onions and tomatoes from Green City Market, co-founded by Stegner. "Please come and say hello!" urged Stegner. Hailing from Western Springs, on Saturday from 3-5:30 p.m., Chef Nathan "Nate" Sears of Vie will be featuring a smoked pork sausage with wood-grilled peppers, pressed eggplant and butter-braised lilies.

"We have done this event for about three or four years

now," said Sears, attributing Vie's repeat participation to the amount of "face time" the event allows between chefs and patrons. "It's great to help the cause of showcasing Chicago as being one of the top food cities, as well," said Sears.

Returning for a second year is owner Louie Alexakis of Avli Estiatorio in Winnetka who, along with consulting chef and noted cookbook author Diane Kochilas, will be serving his popular Pulled Lamb Sandwich.

Marinated overnight and braised for six hours, the lamb is pulled apart by hand then topped with fried leeks and served on an onion ciabatta. "The dish can be found on our menu any day of the week and since we're there from noon-3 on Sunday we thought it would fit in just great," said Alexakis.

From Lake Bluff, chef/proprietor John des Rosiers of Inovasi will be making his debut appearance at Chicago

Gourmet on Sunday from 2-5 p.m. serving a chilled local tomato soup, goat cheese ice cream, Grenache vinegar reduction and a micro mint-green fennel petite salad.

Local best

"Chicago Gourmet is one of my favorite culinary events of the year because it brings together the best that Chicago has to offer in terms of food, wine, spirits and beer," said Park Ridge resident Jimmy Bannos Jr., fourth generation restaurateur of The Purple Pig and Heaven on Seven renown. Bannos, with Chef Stephanie Izard, winner of Bravo TV's Emmy Award-winning series "Top Chef" and chef/proprietor of Girl and the Goat, will lead "Beast Feast," a cooking demonstration on the Bon Appetit Main Stage at 1 p.m. Saturday.

"There's such a diversity of offerings and I can't think of a better backdrop for this occasion than Millennium Park," said Bannos.

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Chicago a cappella performs in the Nichols Concert Hall at the Music Institute of Chicago, 1490 Chicago Ave., Evanston. Tickets are \$35 for preferred seating, \$28 for general admission, \$22 for seniors; and \$12 for students. For tickets, call (773) 281-7820 or see www.chicagoacappella.org. **Oct. 15, 8 p.m.:** "Days of Awe and Rejoicing: Radiant Gems of Jewish Music," featuring music from ancient chant and sacred masterworks to pieces by Chicago composers.

Chicago Chamber Musicians. (312) 225-5226. www.chicagochambermusic.org. Concerts are held at 7:30

p.m. Sundays at Pick-Staiger Concert Hall on Northwestern University's campus, 50 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston. Tickets: \$25-\$45; \$10 for students. **Sept. 25:** Chicago Chamber Musicians begins its 25th anniversary 2011-12 season with a special concert showcasing resident quartet CCM BRASS and the American Brass Quintet. **Oct. 16:** All-French concert featuring Saint-Saëns' Sonata in G Major, Op. 168; Ravel's Piano Trio in A minor; and Messiaen's Quartet for the End of Time. **Nov. 6:** "Memories of Florence," with guest violist Hsin-Yun Huang and cellist Sophie Shao. The program includes Domenico Cimarosa's Quartet No. 3 in C Major; Bela Bartók's String Quartet No. 1 in A minor; Clancy Newman's "Non-Periodic Passacaglia"; and Tchaikovsky's String Sextet in D minor, Op. 70 "Souvenir de Florence."

The Chicago Philharmonic Orchestra performs at 7 p.m. Sundays at Pick-Staiger Concert Hall on the Northwestern University campus, 50 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston. (847) 866-6888. www.chicagophilharmonic.org. Tickets are \$20-\$75. **Oct. 2:** Lucia Matos, guest conductor, and Fareed Haque, guitar soloist. The program includes Rodrigo's "Concierto de Aranjuez"; Villa-Lobos' Guitar Concerto; De Falla's "The Three-Cornered Hat"; and Villa-Lobos' Sinfonietta No. 1.

Chroma Chamber Orchestra performs at 4 p.m. **Oct. 2** in Nichols Concert Hall at the Music Institute of Chicago, 1490 Chicago Ave., Evanston, featuring Elizabeth Futral, soprano, and Baird Dodge, violin. The program includes Stravinsky's "Pulcinella Suite"; Honneger: "Pastorale d'ete"; Barber: "Knoxville: Summer of 1915"; and Vaughan Williams: "The Lark Ascending." \$42; \$37 seniors; \$20 students. Call (847) 905-1500, ext. 108, or visit www.chromaorchestra.org.

Mayne Stage, 1328 W. Morse Ave. in Rogers Park, Chicago. (773) 381-4554. www.maynestage.com. Live from Mayne Stage a weekly Sunday morning series, sponsored by WFMT. Performances are from 11 a.m.-noon. Admission: \$10. **Sept. 25:** Gaudete Brass Quintet.

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Music of the Baroque performs at First United Methodist Church, 516 Church St., Evanston. (312) 551-1414. www.baroque.org. Tickets are \$30-\$75. **Oct. 2**, 7:30 p.m.: "Glover Conducts Mozart ... and Beethoven!" featuring the Music of the Baroque Chorus and Orchestra, Jane Glover, conductor, and Imogen Cooper, piano. The program includes Mozart: Piano Concerto No. 20 in D Minor; and Beethoven: Symphony No. 1 in C Major.

Music Institute of Chicago, Nichols Concert Hall, 1490 Chicago Ave., Evanston. (847) 905-1500. www.musicinst.org. **Sept. 24**, 7:30 p.m.: Music Institute faculty member James Baur will perform a solo guitar recital featuring 20th century Spanish, French, Mexican and American works. \$25; \$15 for seniors; \$10 for students. **Oct. 9**, 3 p.m.: The Calidore String Quartet, 2011 Grand Prize winners of the Fischhoff National Chamber Music Competition, will perform works by Brahms, Shostakovich and Wolf. \$25; \$15 for seniors; \$10 for students. **Oct. 20-22**, 10 a.m., and **Oct. 23**, 1 p.m.: "Liszt 200 Chicago" International Duo Piano Competition, in celebration of Franz Liszt's 200th birthday. Approximately 25 piano duos from around the world will compete. Tickets to the preliminary rounds are free; admission to the final round is \$25; \$15 for seniors; \$10 for students. Visit www.ChicagoDuoPianoFestival.org. **The Northwest Chicago Symphony Orchestra** will present "Colors of Spain" at 3 p.m. **Oct. 9** in the Events

Building at Wright College, 4600 N. Narragansett Ave., Chicago. The program includes Chabrier's "España, Rhapsody for Orchestra"; Rodrigo's "Concierto Andaluz" for Four Guitars and Orchestra, featuring the Avanti Guitar Trio with guest Jesse Mazzoccoli; H. Villa-Lobos' "Bachianas Brasileiras No. 5"; and Turina's "Danzas Fantasticas." Tickets: \$12; \$6 for students and senior citizens. Visit www.nwco.org.

The Orion Ensemble performs in Nichols Hall at the Music Institute of Chicago, 1490 Chicago Ave., Evanston. Tickets are \$26; \$23 for senior citizens; \$10 for students. Free for children 12 and younger. (630) 628-9591 or www.orionensemble.org. **Sept. 25**, 7:30 p.m.: The ensemble's 19th season of concerts, Chamber Treasures Meet Chicago Jazz, opens with "Spanish Flair," featuring works by Cassadó, Granados, Khachaturian and Stravinsky.

Park Ridge Civic Orchestra presents concerts at the Pickwick Theatre, 55. Prospect, Park Ridge. Tickets are \$25; \$20 for students and senior citizens. Visit www.parkridgecivicorchestra.org

or call (847) 692-PRCO or (847) 823-8861. **Oct. 19**, 7:30 p.m.: "Let's Dance," with Peter Van de Graaff, narrator. The program includes Von Weber: "Invitation to the Dance"; Delibes: "Coppelia" Ballet Suite #1; Stravinsky: "The Fairy's Kiss"; and Tchaikovsky: Sleeping Beauty Suite.

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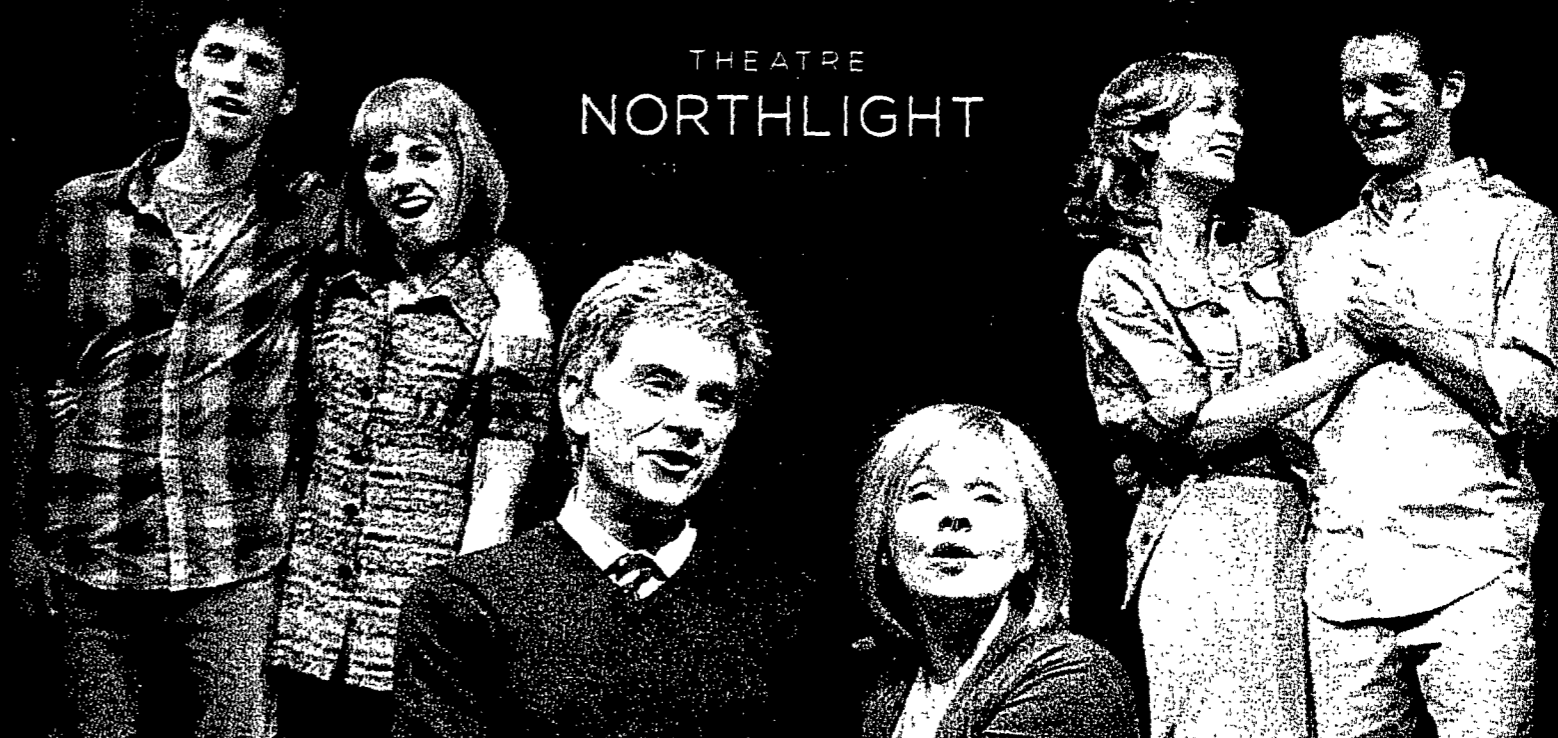
Allstate Arena, 6920 N. Mannheim Road, Rosemont. Tickets are available at www.ticketmaster.com or (800) 745-3000; the ticket prices listed below do not include service fees. The information line is (847) 635-6601. **Oct. 1**, 7 p.m.: Enrique Iglesias Euphoria Tour with Pitbull and Prince Royce. \$19.50-\$129.50. **Oct. 14**, 7:30 p.m.: Keith Urban and Jake Owen. \$25, \$59.50. **Nov. 18**, 7:30 p.m.: Furthur. \$39.50, \$49.50, \$59.50. **Dec. 3**, 8 p.m.: Trans-Siberian Orchestra Winter Tour 2011. \$28-\$68.

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Sounding the season

Classical concert picks for fall

BY DOROTHY ANDRIES
Classical Music Writer

In the world of classical music, there is plenty of low-hanging fruit this fall, ready to be picked and savored. A serious devotee can easily construct a whole season of interesting concerts without going south of Howard Street, and the parking is always free. Below are interesting, full orchestral programs taking place between now and the winter holiday season.

Beethoven Fest

Six and five — two of Beethoven's most powerful symphonies will be played by the Lake Forest Symphony led by Alan Heatherington, at 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 14 and Saturday, Oct. 15. Symphony No. 6, the beloved "Pastorale," is first, followed by the immensely popular Symphony No. 5. Concerts given by this ensemble, the only fully professional orchestra in Lake County, are in the acoustically excellent James Lumber Center for the Performing Arts on the campus of the College of Lake County in Grayslake. Call (847) 295-2747 or visit lakeforestsymphony.org.

Listen to Liszt

Interested in celebrating the 200th anniversary of the birth of Franz Liszt one more time this year? The Evanston Symphony Orchestra, under the baton of Larry Eckerling, will present the composer's Piano Concerto No. 1 with 17-year-old Colin Peltier as soloist. The concert, which includes Schubert's "Unfinished" Symphony and Dvorak's Symphony No. 8, will be held at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 23 in Pick-Staiger Concert Hall, 50 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston. Call (847) 864-8804 or visit www.evanstonsymphony.org.

Fiddlers three

Three string players will share the spotlight at the Highland Park Strings' opening concert. Conductor Francesco Miloto will conduct Mozart's Sinfonia Concertante, featuring concertmaster Aurelien Pederzoli and violist Doyle Armbrust. Armbrust will be joined by violist Dominic Johnson as soloist in Bach's Brandenburg Concerto. This free concert will be held at 3 p.m. Oct. 23 at Highland Park High School, 433 Vine Ave, Highland Park. Call (847) 831-3622 or www.hpstrings.org.

National pride

Northbrook Symphony Orchestra artistic director Larry Rapchak has assembled a series of concert pieces celebrating national identity and spirit, including Tchaikovsky's 1812 Overture, Two Slavonic



Francesco Miloto

Dances by Dvorak, Elgar's "Polonia," Grainger's "Colonial Song," Borodin's "In the Steppes of Central Asia," and "Becoming America" by Rapchak. The performance at 4 p.m. Oct. 23 will be held at Glenbrook North High School, 2300 Shermer Road, Northbrook. Call (847) 272-0755 or visit northbrooksymphony.org.

Small-scale gems

Chamber music programs have a special charm. They are usually in smaller halls, every seat is a good one, and parking is free. We've picked out some interesting programs this fall that are close to home and should not be missed.

Days of awe

A new CD by Chicago a cappella will be issued as part of the opening of the vocal ensemble's 18th season. Titled "Days of Awe and Rejoicing," the program includes Jewish chants, High Holiday prayers and sacred writings, set to music by contemporary composers Shulamit Ran, Paul Schoenfield and artistic director Jonathan Miller. Plus, singers will perform a new version of "Hava Nagila," which Chicago a cappella commissioned Stacy Garrop of Evanston to compose in 2007. The concert will



Yuan-Quin Yu



Chicago a cappella

be held at 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 15 at Nichols Concert Hall, 1490 Chicago Ave., Evanston. Call (773) 281-7820 or visit www.chicagoacappella.org.

Sunny course

Four centuries of music in one night? That's what the Chicago Chamber Musicians will play during their concert at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 6 at Pick-Staiger Concert Hall in Evanston. The variety includes Cimarosa's Quartet No. 3 from the 18th century, Tchaikovsky's String Sextet from the 19th, Bartok's String Quartet No. 1 from the 20th, and Clancy Newman's "Non-Periodic Passacaglia," written in 2007. Guest artists will be violist

Hsin-Yun Huang and cellist Sophie Shao. Call (312) 819-5800 or visit www.chicagochambermusic.org.

Sunny Spain

Music from the Mediterranean, specifically Spain, will open the 19th season of the Orion Ensemble at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 25 at Alice Millar Chapel, 1870 Sheridan Road, Evanston. Peter Van De Graff and Amy Conn are guest soloists in the quirky Coffee Cantata and the lovely Wedding Cantata. CSO assistant concertmaster Yuan-Quin Yu is with guest artist in two concertos for oboe and strings. Call (312) 860-3145 or visit www.rembrandtchamberplayers.org.

Fall fantasy

Pianist Carol Honigberg and cellist Steven Honigberg will play Shostakovich's Sonata for Cello and Piano on the opening concert of the 15th season of the Pilgrim Chamber Players, at 8 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 30 in the Highland Park Community Center, House, 1991 Sheridan Road, Highland Park. They will also play Ravel's Trio for Violin, Cello and Piano with violinist Gerardo Ribeiro. Grieg's Sonata No. 3 for Violin and Piano will be played by Honigberg and Ribeiro. Call (847) 438-0972 or visit www.pilgrimplayers.org.

Bach to basics

Do you like coffee? How about J.S. Bach's Coffee Cantata? The Rembrandt Chamber Players dedicate an entire concert to the music of that great master at 4 p.m. Dec. 4 at Alice Millar Chapel, 1870 Sheridan Road, Evanston. Peter Van De Graff and Amy Conn are guest soloists in the quirky Coffee Cantata and the lovely Wedding Cantata. CSO assistant concertmaster Yuan-Quin Yu is with guest artist in two concertos for oboe and strings. Call (312) 860-3145 or visit www.rembrandtchamberplayers.org.

Park Ridge band still tops with bottles

BY SARA BURROWS
Contributor

Some 81 years ago, the genie, along with the beer, got out of a bottle in Park Ridge.

Just in time, too, because that's when Paul Phillips, a member of St. Luke's Lutheran Church there developed a strong interest in bottles — empty ones.

He'd helped out during a church dinner at which the entertainment was a bottle band.

"It was so funny," Phillips recalls, "I thought 'We could do something like that.'" It was clear to him that St. Luke's needed its own bottle ensemble.

Today, the St. Luke's Bottle Band has appeared on local and national television, twice on David Letterman and this summer, on "America's Got Talent," uncounted appearances for worthy causes, as well as for regular performances at St. Luke's, like its "New and Improved" show, coming up Sept. 23-25 and Sept. 30 and Oct. 1-2.

They're also on YouTube, where St. Luke's Bottle Band video clips have had more than 2 million hits, and counting.

Giving it away

But to its greatest satisfaction, the group has donated more than \$200,000 taken in through its performances to charities. "We give everything we earn away," says Kyle Cartwright, lead kazooist and one of the band's founding members. "I love it, because I can be so much more philanthropic through the band than on my own."

Not bad stats for a motley crew of musicians and non-musicians of all ages.

What's important, says Phillips, "is having the desire to have fun and make people laugh."

Thus, a knack for silliness is a quality band members take seriously, for instance, include such thrift store marvels as a man's royal blue jacket with large, white polka-dots, and women's full-length shimmery, sparkly gowns in primary reds, greens and turquoise, topped with hats sporting magnificent feathers.

And, as Phillips notes, there's something inherently funny in watching a person blow into a bottle and produce music.

But in performance, the group employs professional precision in timing, comic and musical, stage business that involves skilled clowning, and a genuine musicality that Phillips is justly proud of.

"Over the years, our music has gotten so much more sophisti-



Brian Scerba of Park Ridge, Jan and Jim Beyreis of Prospect Heights, and Iris Olsson of Park Ridge rehearse with the Bottle Band at St. Luke's in Park Ridge. | RUTHIE HAUGE-SUN-TIMES MEDIA

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ated," he says. They're producing complex harmonies and rhythms, and the band's repertoire includes work ranging from Bach and Mozart to ragtime and Broadway. They're rehearsing the dramatic William Tell Overture for "New and Improved."

Forever blowing bottles

To create this fine music, band members use several techniques. There are treble and bass blowers, and the pluckers, who



Paul Phillips directs the St. Luke's Bottle Band at a recent rehearsal. | RUTHIE HAUGE-SUN-TIMES MEDIA

pop their fingers out of the bottles for special effects, and double as blowers.

Then there are specialists on what Phillips calls "the bottle-telephone," a connected set of bottles that are hit with a mallet. As he explains in one of the YouTube segments, "It sounds something like a xylophone and looks something like a bar."

Band members also play other instruments, like violins, drums, keyboard or cymbals, or



Kyle Cartwright of Park Ridge rehearses a solo with the Bottle Band at St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Park Ridge. | RUTHIE HAUGE-SUN-TIMES MEDIA

sing, as needed.

All this music is jolled along by Phillips' understated comic shtick. He's had some club experience as a comedian, and studied at The Second City. But because the band is church-affiliated Phillips keeps the comedy within family-friendly bounds. However, he says, it does,

at times, teeter "a little bit on the edge."

And while Phillips is delighted that the band has endured all these years, he's not surprised at the success they've achieved through their talent, enthusiasm and dedication. "It's just a great group of people to work with," he says.

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22, 8 p.m.: Adam Pascal and Anthony Rapp, stars from the original Broadway cast of "Rent," perform musical theater hits. Tickets: \$60-\$30.

Chambers, 6881 N. Milwaukee Ave., Niles. (847) 647-8282. www.thechambersonline.com. Sept. 23, 9 p.m.-1 a.m.: The Ronnie Ross Show, no cover. **Sept. 24, 9 p.m.-1 a.m.:** The Meteors (oldies), \$5. **Sept. 25, 6:30-10:30 p.m.:** Connie & Johnny. **Sept. 27, 6-9 p.m.:** Jerry Owings, pianist/singer. **Sept. 28, 8:30-10:30 p.m.:** Rick "Elvis" Saucedo, \$10. **Sept. 30, 9 p.m.-1 a.m.:** Tony Smith Show (Motown/blues), \$5.

Ethical Humanist Society Second Saturday Coffeehouse, 7574 N. Lincoln Ave. (at Howard), Skokie. (847) 677-3334. www.ethicalhumanist.org/coffeehouse. Oct. 8, 8 p.m.: Baritone singer/songwriter Andrew Calhoun. \$8 includes refreshments.

Friday Concert on the Green featuring The Committee Band will be held at 6 p.m. **Sept. 23** on the Village Green in front of Mount Prospect Village Hall, 50 S. Emerson St. The band covers Motown standards through contemporary hits. Bring blankets or chairs for seating on the green. For information, visit www.experiencemountprospect.org.

Gibsons Bar & Steakhouse, 5464 N. River Road, Rosemont. (847) 928-9900. www.gibsonssteakhouse.com. Wednesdays and Thursdays, 8 p.m.-midnight: Lenny Capp. **Fridays and Saturdays, 8 p.m.-midnight:** Lenny Capp Trio.

InterContinental Chicago O'Hare Hotel, 5300 N. River Road, Rosemont. (847) 544-5300. Friday Nights Live, featuring music from 8:30 p.m.-midnight in the Montrose Room, \$5. Ticket prices for other shows vary. For information, visit www.montroseroom.com. **Sept. 23: Watch Out for Kenny. **Sept. 24:** Up Close @ Montrose with Jim Peterik. \$30 VIP; \$20 general admission. **Sept. 30 and Oct. 1, 9 p.m.:** Up Close @ Montrose presents "An Evening of Reading and Music" with Bob Mould playing his hits and reciting passages from his new memoir, *See a Little Light*. \$30 VIP; \$20 general admission. **Oct. 7:** Rico (Santana tribute). **Oct. 14:** Up Close @ Montrose with Bill Chase and Chase Revisited. \$40 VIP; \$25 general admission. **Oct. 21:** 3D Symphony with crim-**

son reign. **Nov. 4:** Fingers of Lightning and The Joyryders. **Nov. 5:** Up Close @ Montrose with folk rocker Michael McDermott. \$17 VIP; \$12 general admission. **Nov. 11:** In Bound Kennedy and Andrew Pitman. **Nov. 12:** Up Close @ Montrose with Robbie Fulks & the Country Allstars. \$20 VIP; \$12 general admission. **Nov. 18:** Mr. Blotto.

Mayne Stage, 1328 W. Morse Ave. in Rogers Park, Chicago. (773) 381-4554. www.maynestage.com. Sept. 22, 8 p.m.: Guitarist Billy McLaughlin. \$20-\$25. **Sept. 23, 8:30 p.m.:** Indian rock band Indian Ocean. \$25-\$100. **Sept. 25, 7 p.m.:** The Famous Brothers Honky-Tonk Hootenanny. \$10 general admission; \$15 reserved seating. **Sept. 30 and Oct. 1, 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m.:** Comedy-folk duo Garfunkel and Oates. \$15 general admission; \$20 reserved. **Oct. 16, 7 p.m.:** Forro Party with Swing Brasileiro. **Oct. 28, 10 p.m.:** Eyes Manouche & Bombonne (gypsy jazz). \$12 general admission; \$25 reserved seating. **Nov. 25, 8 p.m.:** Henhouse Prowlers (bluegrass). \$12 general admission; \$18 reserved.

Myron & Phil's Steak, Seafood & Piano Bar, 3900 W. Devon Ave., Lincolnwood. (847) 677-6663. Sept. 30, 7-11 p.m.: Mark Burnell & guests. No cover.

Rosemont Theatre, 5400 N. River Road, Rosemont. Tickets are available at www.ticketmaster.com or (800) 745-3000; the ticket prices listed below do not include service fees. For more information about the theater, call (847) 671-5100 or visit www.rosemonttheatre.com. **Oct. 2, 7 p.m.: Dream Theater with Trivium. \$35, \$45, \$65. **Nov. 5, 8 p.m.:** Sting — Back to Bass Tour. \$84.50-\$143.95. **Dec. 4, 7:30 p.m.:** Straight No Chaser. \$27.50, \$37.50, \$47.50. **Dec. 11, 3 p.m.:** Celtic Thunder Christmas. \$34.50, \$49.50, \$75.**

Sing to Live Community Chorus will perform "A Celebration of Gratitude" at 8 p.m. **Nov. 5** at Northwestern University's Alice Millar Chapel, 1870 Sheridan Road Evanston. Tickets are \$20 general admission; \$15 for students and seniors; free for breast cancer survivors. Visit www.singtolive.org.

Skokie Theatre, 7924 Lincoln Ave., Skokie. Call (847) 677-7761 or visit www.skokiethatre.com. Tickets are \$20 in advance; \$25 at

BEETHOVEN AND MOZART



"Glover Conducts Mozart ... and Beethoven!" a concert featuring conductor Jane Glover, pianist Imogen Cooper and Music of the Baroque, will take place at First United Methodist Church, 516 Church St., Evanston, at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 2. The program includes Mozart: Piano Concerto No. 20 in D Minor; and Beethoven: Symphony No. 1 in C Major. Tickets are \$30-\$75. Call (312) 551-1414 or see www.baroque.org.

the door. **Sept. 22, 8 p.m.:** The Internationale presents world music. \$15. To purchase tickets, visit <http://tktwb.tw/kfaruntxsk>. **Sept. 24, 8 p.m.:** Abba Salute (ABBA tribute band). **Sept. 25, 7:30 p.m.:** Jon Hey presents "Better Get Hit In Your Soul — The Music of Charles Mingus." **Sept. 30, 8 p.m.:** "Under 50 Need Not Apply," featuring Margaret Stewart backed by The Bobby Schiff Band (jazz/blues). **Oct. 1, 8 p.m.:** "With A Twist!," pop tunes sung in three-part harmony by cabaret and theater performers Kevin Bishop, Steve Kimbrough and Paul Motondo. **Oct. 2, 2 p.m.:** "Blonde on Blonde," Broadway and jazz by vocalists Laura Freeman and Heather Moran. **Oct. 2, 7 p.m.:** Tenor/pianist Richard Gersten in "A Tenor's Art — Be My Love." **Oct. 8, 8 p.m.:** The Heisenberg Uncertainty Players perform original compositions and arrangements.

Oct. 9, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.: "Motown and More" featuring High Performance Vocal Group. **Oct. 23, 7 p.m.:** Kfar Jewish Arts Center presents Vagabond Opera, offering a Bohemian cabaret of jazz, swing, tango, klezmer and more. \$15 in advance; \$20 at the door. **S.P.A.C.E., 1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston. www.evansonspace.com. (847) 492-8860. Shows at 8 p.m., unless noted otherwise. **Sept. 23, 7 p.m.:** Andrew Ripp with Steve Moakler. \$10/\$12. **Sept. 23, 10 p.m.:** Andre Williams & the Goldstars (R&B). \$12/\$15. **Sept. 24:** Star Anna & the Laughing Dogs. \$10/\$14. **Sept. 25:** Ambassadors to Earth (surf rock). \$10/\$14. **Sept. 27:** Lucy Wainwright Roche and Anne Heaton, \$12/\$15. **Sept. 28:** The English Beat (ska). \$38/\$42. **Sept. 29, 6:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.:** Patrizio Buanne (Italian pop). \$28**

standing; \$40 general admission seated; \$58 reserved table seating. **Sept. 30:** Tony Lucca, Jay Nash, Matt Duke, \$12/\$15. **Oct. 1, 7 p.m.:** Dala (acoustic pop). \$15/\$18.

Oct. 1, 10 p.m.: The Wood Brothers (Americana/folk). \$20/\$22. **Oct. 2, 6 p.m. and 9 p.m.:** Gary Burton (jazz). \$25/\$35. **Oct. 4:** The Mekons: An Evening of Pechakucha & Mekons Acoustic (punk). \$18/\$20. **Oct. 5:** Paul Sanchez and Davis Rogan, \$12/\$15. **Oct. 6:** Cameron McGill with String Quartet (indie rock). \$10/\$14. **Oct. 7:** Dick Dale (surf rock). \$30/\$35. **Oct. 8:** Priscilla Ahn, \$12/\$15.

Oct. 9, 7 p.m.: Tony Furtado (folk). \$12/\$20. **Oct. 12:** Randall Bramblett, \$12/\$15. **Oct. 13:** Tinsley Ellis (blues). \$20/\$25. **Oct. 14:** Lonnie Brooks (blues). \$20/\$25. **Oct. 16:** Redwood Landing with Claudia Schmidt (folk). \$22/\$25. **Oct. 20:** Terrence Blanchard Quintet (jazz). \$25-\$45. **Oct. 20, 10 p.m.:** Rhett Miller. \$20/\$25. **Oct. 21, 7 p.m.:** So Fine: An AmazinGrace Celebration of Steve Goodman & John Prine (folk). \$15/\$18. **Oct. 22:** Siegel Schwall Band (blues). \$25/\$30. **Oct. 28:** Tom Rush (folk/blues). \$27/\$30. **Oct. 30, 7 p.m.:** Lou & Peter Berryman (folk). \$12/\$15. **Oct. 31:** Communion: Featuring Matthew & the Atlas, The David Mayfield Parade and Lauren Shera (Americana/folk). \$12/\$15. **Nov. 3:** Richie Furay of Buffalo Springfield (country/rock). \$27/\$30. **Nov. 4:** Catie Curtis (folk). \$18/\$22. **Nov. 5:** Dave Barnes (pop/rock). \$15/\$18. **Nov. 6, 7 p.m.:** David Wilcox (folk). \$18/\$22. **Nov. 8:** John Nemeth and Pete Anderson (blues). \$12/\$15. **Nov. 9:** Michael Kaeshammer (jazz). \$15/\$18. **Nov. 10:** Robbie Fulks (alt country). \$18/\$22. **Nov. 11-12:** 93XRT welcomes Sonny Landreth (blues/rock). \$27/\$30. **Nov. 13:** Suzanne Vega (folk rock). \$30-\$60. **Nov. 15:** Freedy Johnston with Alison Scott. \$18/\$20. **Nov. 16:** Sweetback Sisters (country/rockabilly). \$10/\$14. **Nov. 17:** Eric Lindell (R&B/rock). \$18/\$20. **Nov. 18:** Charlie Musselwhite (blues). \$20/\$25. **Nov. 23:** Dolly Varden and Phil Angotti Band (indie rock). \$12/\$15. **Nov. 29:** Breathe Owl Breathe with Little Wings (folk/indie rock). \$12/\$15. **Nov. 30:** Edie Carey. \$12/\$15.

Ye Olde Town Inn, 18 W. Busse Ave., Mount Prospect. www.yeoldetowninn.net. Oct. 28, 9 p.m.-1 a.m.: Project At-

lantis CD release show (prog metal). Guest bands include Xanadu (Rush tribute) and Broken Arrow (Neil Young tribute). Halloween costumes encouraged.

ART GALLERIES
Brickton Art Center, 306 Busse Highway, Park Ridge. (847) 823-6611. www.bricktonartcenter.org. Through October: Works by mixed media artist Beverly Ellstrand of Park Ridge. The show will include pencil drawings, watercolor, collage, pastels, prints and acrylics.

AUDITIONS & OPPORTUNITIES
Canzonetta Youth Orchestra is holding auditions for the 2011-12 music season. Directed by Hilel Kagan, Canzonetta is a chamber orchestra that offers specialized instruction for children interested in developing their orchestral skills. Training orchestra, for 7- to 10-year-olds with beginning orchestral experience, meets from 1:30-2:30 p.m. Saturdays. The Intermediate orchestra, for 10- to 13-year-olds with more advanced training, meets from 3-4:30 p.m. Sundays. The Senior orchestra, a high school group for advanced musicians, meets from 1-3 p.m. Sundays. There will be at least four concerts throughout the year. All orchestras meet at the Wilmette Recreation Center, 3000 Glenview Road. To schedule an audition, call Helia Schramm, (847) 328-0570.

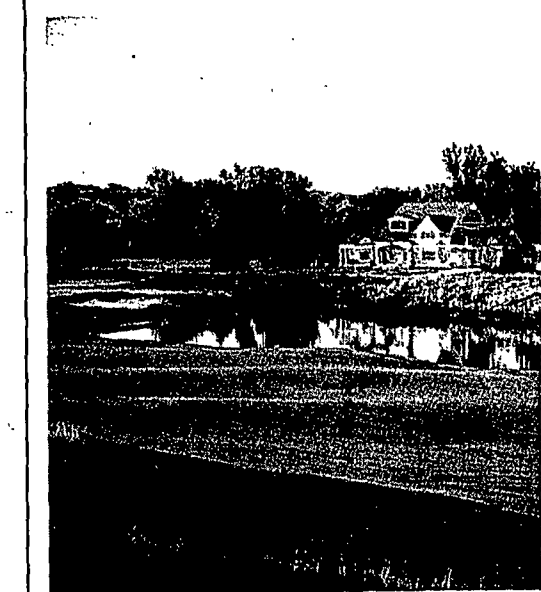
Park Ridge Chorale will hold auditions for its winter concert from 7:30-9:30 p.m. **Sept. 26** at the Park Ridge Non-Profit Center, 720 N. Garden St., Park Ridge. The concert will be at 7 p.m. **Dec. 10** at St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 205 N. Prospect, Park Ridge. For information, visit www.parkridgechorale.com.

The Caroling Party, a professional caroling group, will hold auditions for singers in all voice ranges on **Oct. 13** in Evanston. Seeking good sight-singers who work in a pop style. Singers must have a car and provide their own costume. For the audition, prepare one a cappella Christmas solo; you may also be asked to sight-sing. For information and to make an audition appointment, e-mail PLupoMusic@aol.com.

Crafters needed for the annual Holiday Fair, to be held **Oct. 22** at Martin Luther Church, 6850 W. Addison, Chicago. There is a table

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Kia debuts sleeker, carlike Sorento

BY IRA SIEGEL
For Sun-Times Media

With an all-new platform, sleeker styling and available third-row seat, Kia hopes its totally redesigned Sorento will gain more respect in the competitive crossover utility segment.

In a segment dominated by vehicles like the Honda CR-V and Toyota RAV4, the new 2011 Kia Sorento is much improved over its predecessor, offering consumers an impressively styled vehicle packed with value.

Thanks to a unitized structure instead of the dated body-over-frame construction it previously had, the 2011 Kia Sorento now delivers a much more refined carlike ride. Plus it includes a long list of safety features.

With a starting price of \$21,145, the 2011 Kia Sorento is sure to appeal to those on a tight budget, especially when you consider its price of admission also includes a

10-year/100,000-mile powertrain warranty and five-year/60,000-mile roadside assistance plan.

While the base Sorento features a four-cylinder engine and six-speed manual transmission, you can step up to higher trim levels with goodies like heated leather seats, a voice-activated navigation system with real-time traffic data and a wonderful dual sunroof.

You also can opt for an Infinity premium surround sound system with 10 speakers and 550 watts of power.

Built in the United States, the 2011 Kia Sorento is based on the KND-4 concept vehicle that Kia first displayed at the 2007 Los Angeles Auto Show.

The all-new Sorento features the same swept-back lines and dynamic presence as the concept and I like what I see.

Sorento's cabin is nicely sized with plenty of room up front, and adequate room in the second and available third row. The cab-

in offers versatility and plenty of room for hauling items.

The 2011 Kia Sorento is offered in four trim levels: base, LX, EX and the sporty SX. The base is powered by a 175-horsepower 2.4-liter four-cylinder engine mated to a six-speed manual transmission sending power to the front wheels.

The base includes full power accessories, air conditioning, a tilt and telescopic steering wheel, trip computer, Bluetooth and CD sound system with USB audio jack.

Stepping up to the LX gets you a six-speed automatic transmission, body-color heated mirrors with LED turn signal indicators and the availability of a V-6 engine and/or all-wheel drive.

The EX adds larger (18-inch) wheels, fog lamps, rear spoiler, dual zone automatic climate control, keyless starting, rear view camera, eight-way power driver's seat and more.

The SX features the 276-horsepower 3.5-liter V-6 engine (which is optional in LX and

EX), a sport-tuned suspension, rear LED tail lamps, navigation system and leather seats.

I recently drove a 2011 Kia Sorento EX with the V-6 and AWD. While the four-cylinder offers better fuel economy, I'd recommend the V-6 for those with a family or those who have the need to haul or tow.

The AWD system is rated to tow only 1,680 pounds while the V-6 is rated to tow 3,600 pounds. Also, I did test drive a four-cylinder Sorento late last year and it's noticeably noisier and the engine seems taxed when loaded with passengers.

The AWD system is nice and provides a locking center differential for improved low-speed traction.

I'm very impressed with the new Sorento. It's stylish, roomy, versatile and it delivers a nice carlike ride, making it enjoyable to drive around town and across town.

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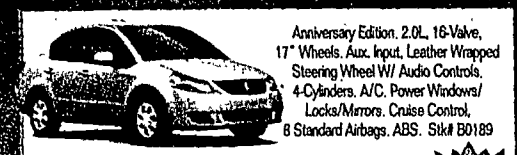
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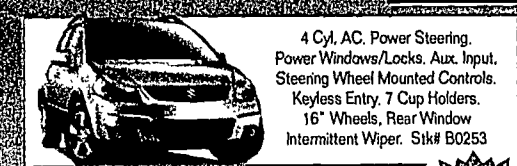
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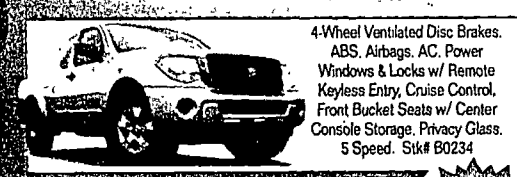
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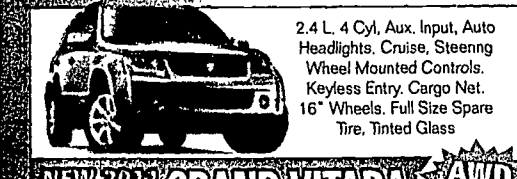
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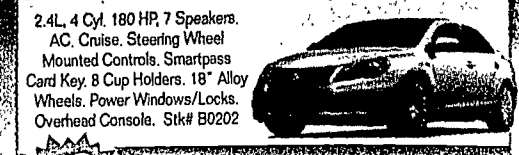
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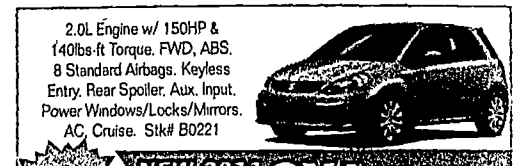
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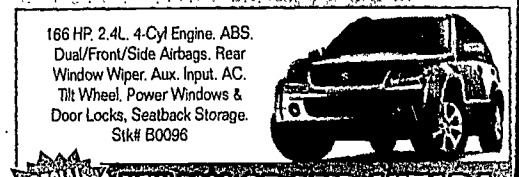
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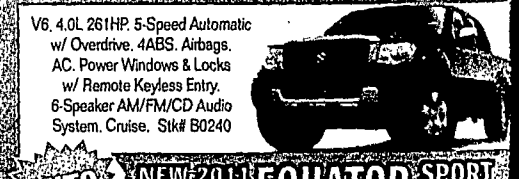
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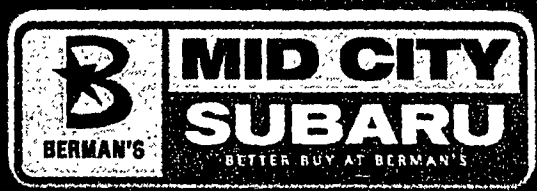


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Small town, big time

HARBOR SHORES ALONG LAKE MICHIGAN IS A NEW OPTION FOR TRANQUIL LIVING

Only about 90 minutes east of Chicago sits a new oasis for home-seekers looking to escape for a weekend, a season ... or longer.

Harbor Shores, Lake Michigan's first beach and golf community, located in Benton Harbor/St. Joseph, Mich., features neighborhoods of varied natural surroundings and amenities wrapped around its crown jewel. This is an 18-hole, public Jack Nicklaus Signature Golf Course so impressive it was chosen to host the 2012 and 2014 Senior PGA Championships.

The 530-acre master-planned community is a small-town and yet big-time destination, providing a new option for Chicagoans looking for a nearby second home, a new primary home or place to retire. Harbor Shores will have nearly 800 residences, including cottages, signature homes, town homes and condominiums. Nestled in southwest Michigan, it sits a short drive — and even walking distance — from five Lake Michigan beaches, picturesque downtowns with quaint shops and cafes, award-winning wineries, local produce/farmers markets, year-round art and cultural events, world-class entertainment and more.

In addition to its neighborhoods, Harbor Shores plans to feature a full calendar of events and amenities, including a marina village and riverwalk, town center with restaurants and shops, health and fitness center, deep-water marinas, a boutique hotel and spa, miles of recreational trails and rivers and acres of green space. The entire community will be built out over the next 20 years.

Harbor Shores' four neighborhoods feature a variety of lifestyle and residential choices. All neighborhoods are within walking distance of the beach at Jean Klock Park on Lake Michigan, the golf course and a 12-mile collection of walking/biking trails. Residents can enjoy activities as diverse as sailing, winter skiing, bird and wildlife watching and more.

The Fairways neighborhood, consisting of 29 custom single-family home sites, is geared toward golf enthusiasts with sites overlooking the course. Starting at \$400,000, the homes in this maintenance-friendly community offer locations adjoining Holes 3, 4 and 5, as well as along the Paw Paw River. The neighborhood is designed to be friendly and intimate.

The Hideaway neighborhood features maintenance-friendly cottage homes tucked in the woods along a scenic bend in



Crown jewel: Harbor Shores, a beach and golf community located in Benton Harbor/St. Joseph, Mich., features neighborhoods of varied natural surroundings and amenities wrapped around a crown jewel, its own 18-hole public golf course. The Jack Nicklaus Signature Golf Course has been chosen to host the 2012 and 2014 Senior PGA Championships. 1 SUPPLIED PHOTO

the Paw Paw River. Hideaway has 48 sites (26 have been sold), with cottages priced from the mid-\$300,000s to the \$600,000s. It features a river clubhouse, swimming pool and hot tub, fire pits and private kayak/canoe docks.

The Trailside Cottages neighborhood consists of 19 maintenance-friendly cottages (seven have already been reserved) located near the Paw Paw River, Jean Klock Park and alongside Harbor Shores' walking trails. Priced from \$199,000 to \$350,000, sites offer views of Hole 6, towering sand dunes and undisturbed marshland. The neighborhood also features a fire pit and bocce court.

Those who reserve a Trailside unit by the end of 2011 will receive an incentive package of up to \$10,000 in options and upgrades.

The fourth neighborhood, The River Club, features 45 condominium units and one-, two- and three-bedroom homes — all priced from \$280,000 to \$715,000 — along

the St. Joseph River. The neighborhood includes a swimming pool and hot tub, exercise facility, underground parking and a 57-slip marina.

At the center of the development sits The Golf Club at Harbor Shores, one of only two public Jack Nicklaus Signature Golf Courses in Michigan.

This daily-fee course runs over diverse terrain. Three holes offer dramatic views of Lake Michigan, 11 holes border the banks of the Paw Paw River, Ox Creek and its wetlands, and four parkland holes wind through rolling hills, natural ravines and a hardwood forest. Links magazine called its debut one of its most significant course openings of 2010.

In addition, the course offers a special connection to art and to the local community. Each tee marker features a metal and glass sculpture, created in partnership with the Benton Harbor Arts District, that represents native foliage and holds a plaque describing one of Jack Nicklaus' 18 major

championships. The clubhouse, set to open in spring 2012, will feature casual and outdoor dining, a full-service golf shop and multiuse area available for parties or business meetings.

To complement the course, Harbor Shores will build the first and only Jack Nicklaus Academy of Golf in the Midwest (opening in 2012). The course also hosts The First Tee of Benton Harbor, a program that uses golf as a backdrop for teaching kids important values they can use throughout their lives.

A one-of-a-kind, VIP incentive package gives Fairways and Hideaways home buyers who purchase by the end of October 2011 special access to the 2012 Senior PGA Championship when it's hosted by the Golf Club at Harbor Shores. Plus, home or lot purchasers will get five years of free golf.

For more information about the Harbor Shores community and golf course, visit www.harborshoreslife.com.



Primed for the party: The party room at 474 North Lake Shore Drive offers a large space for residents to entertain all year round. | SUPPLIED PHOTO

Primary secondary

474 North Lake Shore residents find a larger home ... at 474 North Lake Shore

Many buyers struggle with the choice of whether to buy a second home in the city and keep their existing home or sell their home in the suburbs and buy a downtown condominium as their primary residence.

There has been a significant trend at 474 North Lake Shore Drive of buyers upgrading to larger homes within the building. Several people purchased a second home and then, later, bought a larger residence to make it their primary home. The location, views and quality of the building were deciding factors in the majority of these decisions.

It always speaks well of a building when buyers purchase a second home and then a few years later, they sell the second home and purchase a larger home in the same building. This is a complimentary testimonial to the developer and the management of the building.

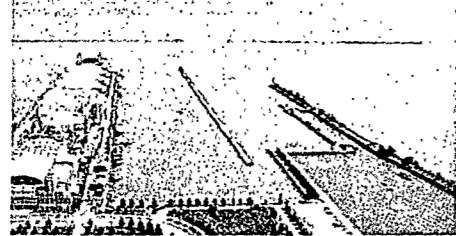
There are currently several small one-bedrooms available at 474 that would make an ideal second home or pied-a-terre. Spacious three-bedrooms are perfect for those making the transition to a primary residence downtown, while versatile two-bedrooms could work for either purpose.

The prices are currently very competitive. With one-bedrooms starting under \$250,000 and three-bedrooms starting under \$550,000 with a Lake Shore Drive address, every prospective buyer should include 474 as part of their search.

Dr. Sudip Bose decided to make 474 his primary home due to the location of the building. "I need to live in a central location so I can get on Lake Shore Drive immediately. Please do not get me wrong. The views and the amenities are amazing but for logistical purposes, I wanted to live in a central area on Lake Shore Drive," Dr. Bose stated. "As an emergency care physician, I need to travel quickly."

Dr. Bose also spends a great deal of time on his not-for-profit organization, The Battle Continues. His short commute allows him more time to devote to this cause. The Battle Continues is an association that, according to Dr. Bose, "continues to preserve our most valuable possession, our health and well being."

Dr. Bose is committed to aiding soldiers in



Second look: 474 North Lake Shore Drive offers stunning views for second homes. Shown is Lake Michigan looking east from a mid-floor home. | SUPPLIED PHOTO

the transition of returning to life as a civilian and helping the bereaved families of fallen soldiers. For more information on this organization, please visit TheBattleContinues.org.

Dr. Bose's need, like any doctor, is to live in a centralized location to access any of the city hospitals quickly and as effortlessly as possible. 474 is a practical building for health care professionals working downtown or the surrounding areas. The location provides easy access to every freeway and Lake Shore Drive.

After work, 474 is also a great place to exercise, take a walk along the lake or just relax. Amenities include a 4,000-square-foot, state-of-the-art fitness center with professional equipment, an indoor pool, Jacuzzi, steam room and sauna.

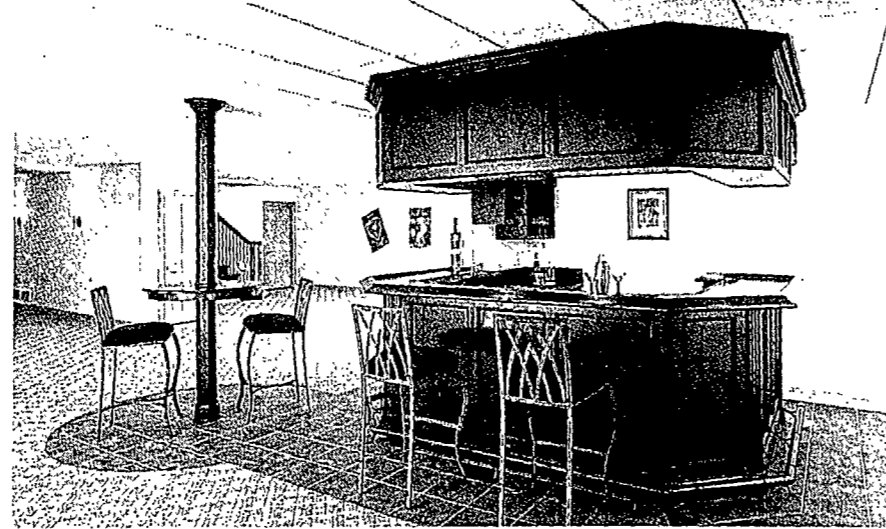
The building also offers indoor and outdoor entertaining options on the 16th floor ... an indoor 1,200-square-foot party room and catering kitchen, which opens out to an impressive furnished sun deck with gas grills and awe-inspiring views. This entertainment suite is the perfect place to host friends all year round.

Another great feature of 474 is the ability for a buyer to select finishes and customize their home to their taste. 474 is one of the few buildings currently offering buyers this opportunity to choose their desired type of cabinets, color of their granite countertops, hardwood flooring and appliance package.

Most buildings that are complete already have selected finishes that force buyers to compromise their own personal taste or go through the expense to remove the finishes and the additional expense to install brand new finishes. This gives 474 a competitive edge in the condominium market.

474 North Lake Shore Drive has an on-site sales center, which is open Monday to Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. Prices start at \$249,900 for one-bedrooms, \$429,900 for two-bedrooms and \$549,900 for three-bedrooms and penthouses.

Call the sales center at (312) 245-7200 or visit the web site www.474lsccondo.com for additional information.



Classic design: Architectural columns adorn both sides of the Carrington great room, which opens to the kitchen and family room. The home is modeled at The Enclave at the Reserve, at the Merit Club in Libertyville. | SUPPLIED PHOTO

Buyers 'Reserve' more space for the grandkids at The Enclave

When it's time to downsize into a new home, adults must think ahead to when grandkids arrive. They can sell their large single-family home and move into a smaller condominium or townhome, or they can find a maintenance-free single-family ranch home that's compact but sizable enough for grandkid's visits.

A recent buyer at The Enclave made the wrong decision when they traded their large two-story home for a smaller condo. It only took a few years to realize they had outgrown the space because their family had blossomed with the birth of several new additions. Their new home was simply not large enough to accommodate the little ones.

Now that they had become grandparents, they were forced to rethink their choice and selected The Enclave at the Reserve at the Merit Club in Libertyville.

"They needed indoor and outdoor space to entertain their grandkids and that space was just not available in their cramped condo," said Jeri Szatko, director of sales and marketing for Merit Homes.

The Enclave is a perfect choice for buyers who want to downsize into a low-maintenance life style, but still have space to see their grandkids grow and flourish. The established community, dubbed by owners "the most beautiful community in Lake County," offers grounds surrounded by the fairways of the Merit Club golf course, rolling

hills, ponds, rock gardens and wildflowers.

Featuring 1,800 to 2,900 square feet of space, homes have two to three bedrooms and up to 3½ baths, and are priced from \$494,900 to \$625,900. Buyers who appreciate the convenience of single-level living can choose from five ranch plans or two two-story designs sporting first-floor master bedrooms.

Large basements are perfect for creating a recreational environment for grandchildren. And when they grow older, they can enjoy sports activities or video games in their own private quarters. The lower level can also be transformed into an in-law suite with a full bath.

"When out-of-town guests remain for an extended stay, you can still maintain your privacy," said Szatko.

"Since prices have been substantially cut by \$100,000 on all our stunning designs, we're seeing an increased interest in our homes and have chalked up four sales in the last few months," said Szatko. She believes there is a large pent-up demand among young professionals who desire single-level living and "mature" buyers who are ready to downsize and that this major price reduction has helped stimulate sales.

Traditional design graces home exteriors, but interiors are adorned in contemporary flair and provide all the living space one needs in a smaller footprint, according to Szatko. Visitors are invited to tour

the two-bedroom, two-bath Carrington model offering views of a nationally-acclaimed golf course, and the groves of mature trees through a 9-foot rear window wall. Visitors enter through the covered front porch into a foyer. Straight ahead is a great room adorned with three arched openings on both sides.

To the right is a large kitchen with cherry cabinets, a granite-covered island with a cozy eating nook. KitchenAid appliances and breakfast area. The deck is reached through French doors from either the kitchen or family room.

Surrounded by windows, the master bedroom suite sits adjacent to a master bath, with its soaking tub, walk-in shower and double-bowl vanity. Merit Homes offers finished basements, and the Carrington model showcases an English basement and third full bath.

Every home at The Enclave features upgraded luxury features standard, such as stained oak flooring, Kohler fixtures, maple, oak, cherry, and alder cabinets, granite countertops, major appliances, full masonry fireplace, extensive trim details, Pella wood windows, cedar shake roofs, and zoned temperature control.

To visit, take I-94 to Route 137, go west to Route 21 (Milwaukee Avenue), then north 1½ miles to the entrance. Follow the signs to the sales center, which is open Friday to Monday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call (847) 680-0090 or visit merithomes.net.

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Antioch

600 Pondview Dr: Ultsch, Amanda & Thomas A; \$187,000

Beach Park

13124 Birmingham Ct: Pahl, Olga D; \$156,000

13027 Bucksburn Ct: Alcocer, Ricardo; \$159,000

39250 Castleford Ln: Toledo, Elvia & Gilberto; \$186,000

Deerfield

626 Orchard St: Gerber, Paul & Sabra; \$560,000

432 Pintail Ln: Levin, Luba; \$270,000

Evanston

848 Forest Ave 1: Schwarz, Daniel G & Vicky J; \$312,000

2005 Grant St: Glynn, Damien & Jaclyn; \$285,000

680 Hinman Ave 2F: Attia, Hamdi & Winegar, Jessica; \$235,000

1212 Judson Ave: Reed, Stephen & Campbell, Jessica; \$1,110,000

2806 Lincoln St: Murnighan, J Keith & Keegan, Elizabeth H; \$1,410,000

1310 Maple Ave 2C: Sinsic, Gil; \$190,000

1310 Maple Ave 4D: Walsh, Maureen A; \$220,000

1116 Mufford St: Webb, Matthew E & Tara; \$372,000

1834 Ridge Ave 116: Reichel, Aaron; \$125,000

2228 Washington St: Matthews, Albert; \$110,500

71 Williamsburg Rd: Mikkelsen, Klaus S & Hart, Jacqueline R; \$355,000

Glencoe

120 Rockgate Ln: Lantz, Brian C & Darcie J; \$1,075,000

910 Vernon Ave: Adrian, Laura K; \$1,125,000

131 Elm St: Lomer, Daniel R & Julie K; \$765,000

1723 Elmdale Ave: Manches, Eugenia & Daniel; \$150,000

4107 Florence Way: Mamon, Sarah J; \$260,000

3215 Greenbriar Dr: Lee, Ho Yeung & Dong Hwa; \$530,000

1745 Henley St: Ku, Jee Myeong & Naoko Hashimoto; \$372,000

930 Kings Ln: Fitzgibbon, John & Lorie; \$1,437,000

1242 Prairie Lawn Rd: Murnane Jr, Joseph H; \$420,000

2226 Robincrest Ln: Monie, Babu; \$215,000

1739 Stevens Dr: Greenlee, John R & Heather B; \$960,000

2730 Virginia Ln: Kopec, Anna; \$107,510

828 Wagner Rd: McWilliams, Gregory S & Janet L; \$900,000

211 Washington St: Danko, Daniel; \$258,000

5647 Theobald Rd: Ahd, Abdul & Qamar; \$148,000

700 York Rd: Winter, Jeremy N & Julie A; \$1,300,000

Grayslake

1277 Berkshire Ln: Gruber II, Donald E; \$190,000

1174 Blackburn Dr: Mansfield, Brian J; \$140,000

773 Cherry Creek Dr: Demyanovich, Craig & Sandra Lynn; \$145,000

219 Penny Ln: Gode, Carolyn P & OrNSTead, Steven J; \$175,500

Gurnee

4215 Waterford Way: Patel, Biren & Haggerty, Jennifer; \$225,000

1452 Woodbury Cir: Marion, Jon Edward & Maria C; \$225,000

Highland Park

1415 Bordeaux Ct: Welindt, Erika; \$215,000

1442 Chantilly Blvd: Rapoport, Yevgeny; \$152,000

1831 Lawrence Ln: Gomez Gracia, Eva M & Latour, Jean Francois; \$875,000

1900 Old Briar Rd: Saratovsky, Ian & Shari; \$380,000

1614 Park Ave W: Brenner, Blair L; \$383,000

1808 Richfield Ave: Pickel, Benjamin J & Lucia; \$305,000

Lake Bluff

100 Woodbury Ln 41C: Ji, Ming; \$165,000

Lake Forest

90 Franklin Pl E 110: Pegg, Vicki D; \$290,000

320 S Green Bay Rd: Winters, Patrick & Megan; \$910,000

Lake Villa

1410 Benton Rd: Wilson, Paul K & Michelle L; \$229,000

139 Fieldstone Ct: Parpan, Daniel J & Anne M; \$185,000

21339 W Morton Dr: Foiles, Julie; \$77,000

Lindenhurst

3187 Falling Waters Ln: Blomgren, Lynne; \$111,500

1828 Maplewood Dr: Burton, Brandon L; \$147,500

Morton Grove

8400 Callie Ave 111: Santos,

Mariano; \$122,000

5647 Theobald Rd: Ahd, Abdul & Qamar; \$148,000

Mundelein

3539 Canton Cir: Scofield, Robert E & Lynn E; \$385,000

3262 Epstein Cir: Boebel, David L & Lynn A; \$403,500

3432 Epstein Cir: Lamprich Jr, Roy F & Lamprich, Dyann D; \$344,500

523 N Midlothian Rd: Vargas, Alejandro; \$87,000

3796 Ogden Ln: Rappaport, Richard

J & Roberta; \$476,000

3817 Ogden Ln: Glassberg, Arnold & Ida; \$386,500

Niles

8333 N Oketo Ave: Mitchell, Arthur & Bridget; \$173,000

7202 W Conrad Ave: Khoshaba, Al; \$170,000

7013 W Main St: Crocker, Leanne; \$205,000

7158 W Niles Ave: Biner, Burhan; \$165,000

Northbrook

2371 Asbury Rd: Lester, Michael & Laura; \$1,154,500

1722 Chapel Ct: Goldfarb, Gregory; \$335,000

1415 Chartres Dr 1F: Charmelo, Luisa M; \$140,000

314 Forestway Dr: Taber, Daniel S & Corrine M; \$222,500

654 Helen Dr: Eisner, Robert & Coleman, Joy L; \$1,090,000

1706 Illinois Rd: Hoffman, Arthur I & Anne M; \$290,000

3751 Mission Hills Rd: Brunner,

Kathylynn; \$386,000

3110 Pheasant Creek Dr 210: Sim; Sangjoo N; \$92,000

1766 Tudor Ln: Ann, Steve C & Haehwan K; \$365,000

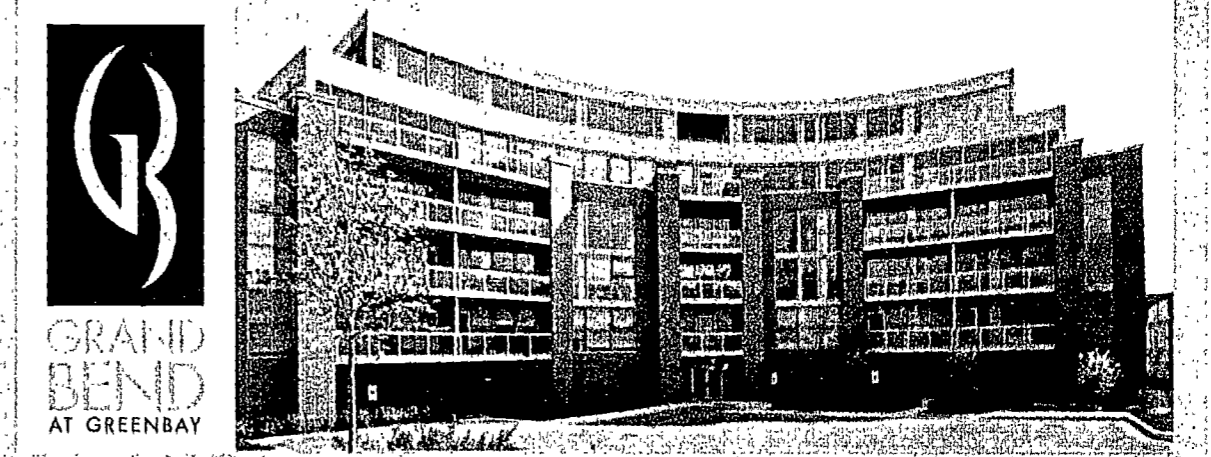
1215 Voltz Rd: Appel, Andrew; \$1,225,000

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2010 Arbor Ln: Hoffman, Jon T & Mary H; \$525,000

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- 9 N Savannah Pkwy; Bellei, Terrance A; \$134,500
- 1443 S Abington Ln; Levy, Piet & Christy M; \$145,500
- 1447 S Dalton Dr; Murphy, Lisa L; \$173,000
- 1460 S Eagon Ln; Gayden, Jacklyn; \$207,000
- 2034 S Jonathan Dr; Humage, Gladys M; \$200,000
- Round Lake Beach**
- 1285 E Komar Ln; Kvinta, Lydia A; \$149,000
- 883 Fox Chase Dr; Rowe, Candi L; \$107,000
- 2164 N Cheswick Ct; Krasinikova, Inna; \$85,000
- Skokie**
- 4901 Golf Rd 305; Vossel, William R; \$90,000
- 4148 Howard St; Cuellar, Alfredo & Estela; \$155,000
- 9345 Kolmar Ave; Newfield, Kyle & Daria; \$228,500
- 8610 Trumbull Ave; Brand Jr, George & Brand, Darlene; \$278,000
- 9715 Woods Dr 1210; Debates, Mary Josephine & Krystal, Paul M; \$300,000
- Vernon Hills**
- 201 Autumn Ln; Talaty, Pooja & Nari; \$302,500
- 386 Birchwood Ct; McDonnell, Christopher B; \$78,000
- 101 Country Club Ln; Lillo, Georgina; \$101,500
- 1015 Creek Bend Dr; Osowski, Mark L & Lisa M; \$510,000
- 940 N Lakeside Dr 2D; Reggio, Robert; \$78,500
- 495 Saddlebrook Ln; Gao, Jiajing; \$250,000
- 309 Westmoreland Dr; Sandoval, Cecilio; \$155,000
- Volo**
- 865 Singing Hills Dr; Arraji, Aaron E & Sikora, Agnieszka A; \$271,500
- Waukegan**
- 2304 Edgewood Rd; Cadle, Hector V; \$100,000
- 811 N Ash St; Perez, Alejandro & Noyola, Rosibel; \$107,000
- 415 S Fulton Ave; Vega, Carmen C Quijada; \$78,000
- 2620 W Grove Ave; Kabiling, Edgardo R & Nora D; \$85,000
- 444 Whidden Ave; Corona, Oscar & Adonia; \$110,000
- Wilmette**
- 415 10th St; Murphy, Timothy & Sarah; \$1,235,000
- 600 Forest Ave; Miller, Max J & Dilorenzo, Maria F; \$1,350,000
- 2033 Greenwood Ave; Kim, Joo Yong & Ju, Younjin; \$655,000
- 424 Lake Ave; Ferdinand, Eric M & Marieanna A; \$975,000
- 310 Wilshire Dr E; Hayden, Paul A & Emily M; \$530,000
- 354 Wilshire Dr E; Landon, Vincent R & Alexandra M; \$385,000
- Winnetka**
- 1160 Chatfield Rd; Witala, John; \$925,000
- 764 Locust St; Robison, Proctor H & Robinson, Amy S; \$975,000
- 195 Mary St; Richman, Chad J & Rebecca L; \$1,082,000
- 385 Ridge Ave; Elias, Scott D & Christina S; \$853,000
- 459 Sunset Rd; Mitchell, Adrian & Wubendanchi T; \$1,315,000
- Winthrop Harbor**
- 222 Danbury Cv; Hoppe, Patrick & Sharon; \$195,000
- 913 E Broadway Ave; Wilkinson, Richard C & Bonnie D; \$160,500
- Zion**
- 4017 Franklin St; Gomez, Gilberto; \$90,500

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Idyllic future

New Lake Park Place condo will rise above majestic lake and river views

There is an idyllic location for breathtaking views of Lake Michigan to the west, the St. Joseph River flowing gracefully to the north, and the enchanting beauty of a Victorian-era resort town all around.

In November, a new, seven-story condominium will begin to rise in stately elegance at 301 Lake Blvd., St. Joseph, Mich. It will be called Lake Park Place.

The architect, New York City's Stephen F. Byrnes, has designed the Arts & Crafts style burgundy brick building to harmonize with the vibrant lake town that has attracted people to its shores for centuries. His interiors imbue a contemporary sleekness, infused with natural light and upscale inclusions.

Each of the 33 luxury units and three penthouses will showcase a gourmet kitchen. Ample granite countertops, spacious crafted cabinetry, quarter-sawn, white oak hardwood floors and signature KitchenAid appliances will aim to please the owner who loves to cook as well as the one who delights in serving takeout meals prepared by chefs from

an eclectic collection of restaurants just around the corner.

Other interior amenities will include hardwood-floor living rooms with inviting gas-log fireplaces designed with authentic Pewabic tile mantels (in select residences). Sliders will open to private balconies where the fresh lake air is the best aromatherapy. Bedrooms will be lined with plush carpet.

Each master bath will feature natural stone slab countertops, hand-set natural stone tub/shower surround and roomy cabinetry. Super-insulated, sound-absorbing walls will contribute to the comfort and privacy of this lake retreat.

Lake Park Place has 10 home plan styles offering from 1,384 to nearly 4,000 square feet of indulgent living space. One-, two- and three-bedroom residences will look out on the city, river or Lake Michigan shore. Penthouses will provide the most dramatic vistas and added entertainment space in private rooftop terraced gardens. The homes are priced from \$350,000 to more than \$1 million. Since

each home will be brand new, Rockford Construction of Grand Rapids, Mich., can build it with custom amenities requested by the owner.

In addition to the private residences, Lake Park Place will also bring neighbors together in shared areas. There will be an indoor heated pool, a fitness center and street-level retail shops. A private, indoor, climate-controlled parking area will provide two spaces per residence so owners can come and go with ease even when this vibrant city is at its liveliest.

Lake Michigan naturally will take center-stage from sunrise to stary night at Lake Park Place. Just yards below this luxurious bluff location, it offers soft sand beaches, a picturesque lighthouse, magnificent ice formations in the winter and evening after glorious evening of crimson and gold sunsets.

As Lake Michigan is, Lake Park Place residents will find charm in St. Joseph. A walkable city, it celebrates through its Live music drifts through its tree-lined parks. Shopkeepers

and art gallery owners entice locals and visitors with delightful finds. A farmer market sets up next to Lake Park Place and brims with luscious, just-picked fruits and vegetables from spring through fall. Festivals, art fairs and seasonal events fill nearby streets with ageless entertainment. Steamy lattes, pastries, fresh-dipped caramel apples and creamy fudge convince passers-by to linger in coffee cafes and sweet shops. Cultural centers, a magnificent hand-carved carousel and miles of paved trails are moments away.

Within a short drive, residents and their guests can play on golf courses, including a public Jack Nicklaus Signature Golf Course selected to host the 2012 and 2014 Senior PGA Championships. Scattered throughout the nearby countryside, winemakers invite guests to taste their award-winning vintages.

The Lake Park Place developer is offering special pre-construction incentives until Oct. 31. Those reserving a unit or penthouse by the fall deadline



This is the Place: Lake Park Place in St. Joseph, Mich., will be an Arts & Crafts-style burgundy brick building that blends in harmony with the lake town. Lake Park Place will offer 10 luxury home plan styles from 1,384 to nearly 4,000 square feet with one-, two- or three-bedrooms, priced from \$350,000 to more than \$1 million. Pre-construction incentives are being offered through Oct. 31. SUPPLIED PHOTO

will receive a 5 percent price reduction on their selected units plus a choice of three reservation incentives: three-year golf privileges at Point O' Woods or The Golf Club at Harbor Shores; space for a third vehicle in the indoor, climate-controlled parking structure; or no condominium association fees for the first three years.

Individuals and families interested in living in a luxurious lakeside home only about 90 minutes from Chicago are encouraged to spend a day or two in St. Joseph. Accessible by car or train, the city offers lodg-

ings and beach houses within walking distance of downtown and Lake Michigan.

Prospective buyers can learn more about Lake Park Place's location amenities, the 10 floor plans, pre-construction price incentives and privileges, plus available retail space by talking with the Heaps Team, Realty Executives Pro Brokers at the 518 Pleasant Street sales center, at (269) 429-4663.

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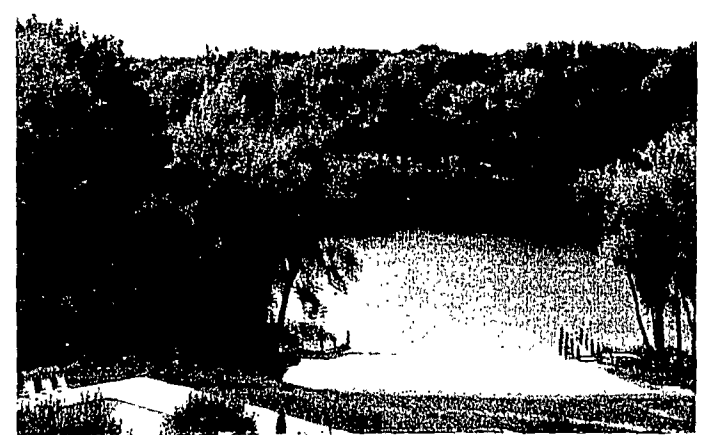
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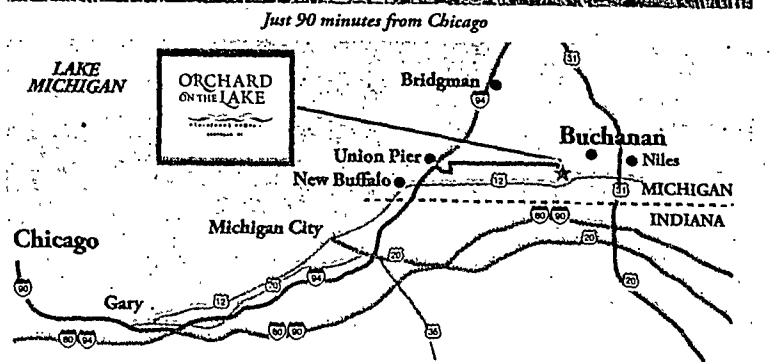


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TODAY'S HOMES

@properties Summer Soiree raises money for local non-profits

The @properties Friends and Neighbors Community Fund (FNCF) held its second annual "Chicago Revealed" fundraiser last month benefiting two local non-profit organizations: Deborah's Place and Barrel of Monkeys.

The event was held at the historic Saddle & Cycle Club on the city's North Side. This year's theme was "A Taste and History of Chicago Breweries & Distilleries." More than 250 guests enjoyed a private tasting of beers and spirits, as well as silent and live auctions, and live music by Maggie Speaks, presenting Spoken For. Guaranteed Rate, The Hechtman Group and Burke Warren MacKay and Serritella, P.C., headlined more than 30 sponsors.

@properties co-founders Michael Golden and Thaddeus Wong established the @properties Friends and Neighbors Community Fund, a 501(c)(3), to manage the Chicago real

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"The philanthropy of our agents, our staff, our business associates and our friends is incredible. Their generosity will be directly felt by the women, children and families supported by Deborah's Place and Barrel of Monkeys," said Thaddeus Wong, co-founder of @properties.

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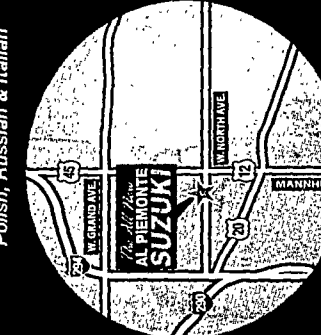


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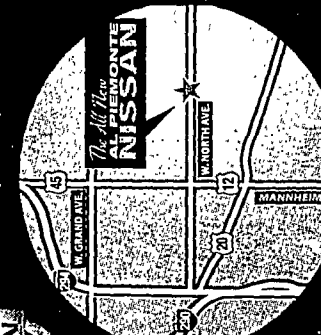
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The excitement continues this month. Rivers Casino is rewarding customers in its generous loyalty program — Rush Rewards — with a chance to win a share of \$200,000

in free slot play being awarded throughout the month of September. By simply earning 25 slot points on their Rush Rewards card, members earn an entry for September's "\$200K Giveaway." Every other hour, from 2 p.m. to 10 p.m. on Mondays in September, members can win a share of \$25,000 in free slot play. On Thursday's drawings at the same time this month, you can win a share of \$20,000 in free slot play.

Rush Rewards members can also receive invitations to other promotions, special events, discounts, priority lines and more (based on play). Guests can sign up for free by visiting the Rush Rewards booth inside the casino.

Rivers Casino guests are also treated to dining options for every palate, from Hugo's Frog Bar and Chop House, featuring Gibson's famous steaks; to FLIPT, the casual grill serving specialty burgers; to MianBar and its Asian cuisine; to Canopy Buffet and Coffee Spot.

In addition to gaming action, Rivers' guests also enjoy Lotus, a sophisticated cocktail lounge at the center of the casino floor, and Cube, which easily transforms from a state-of-the-art sports bar to a live performance venue featuring hot local bands or a night club with DJ entertainment.

Rivers Casino is located at 3000

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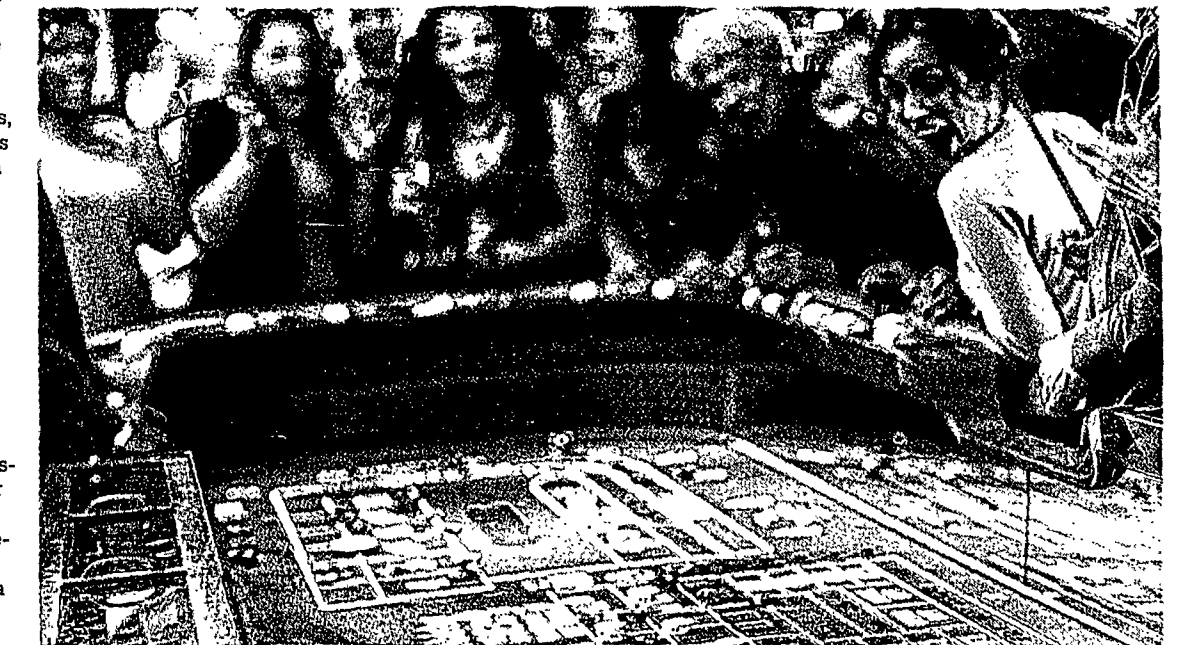
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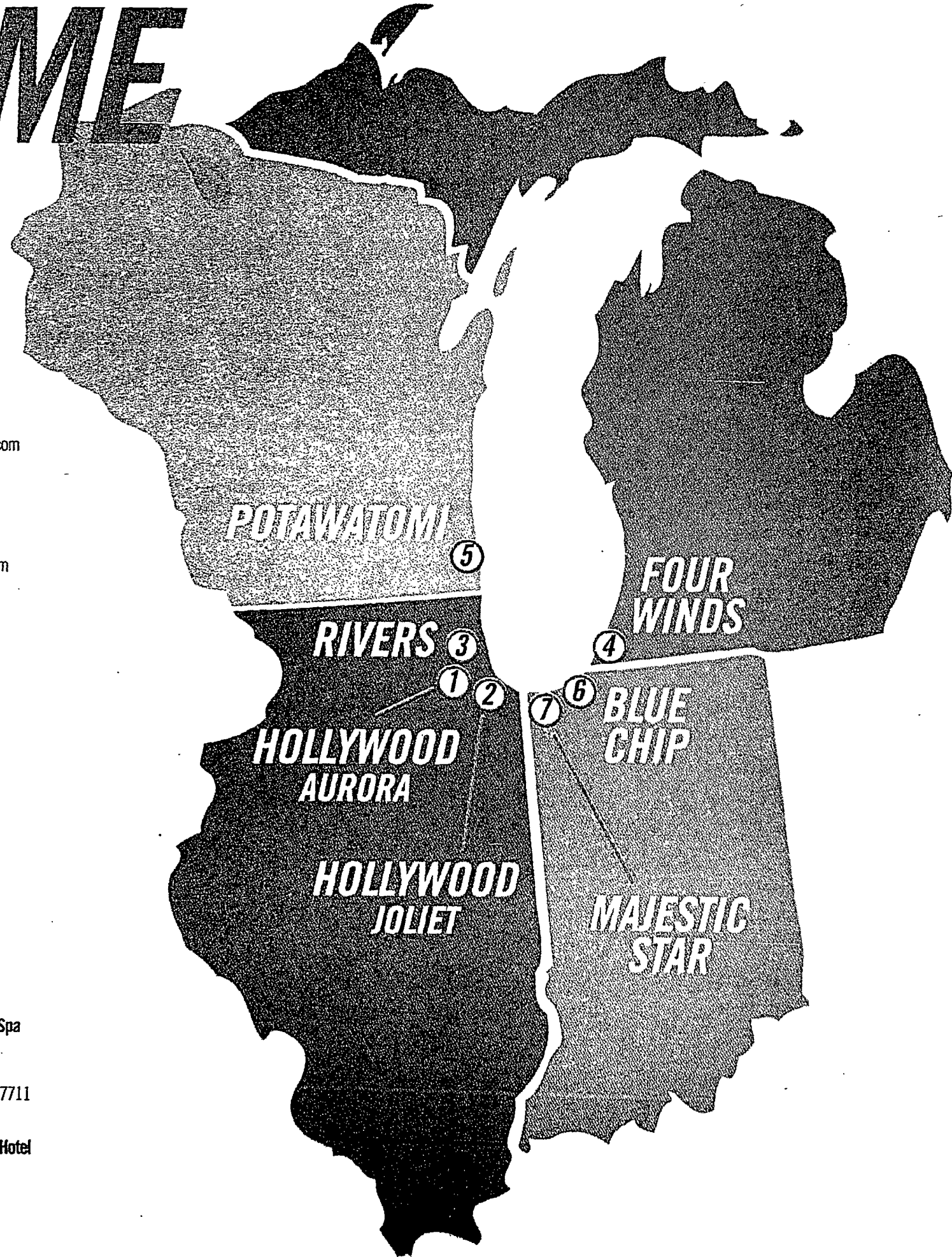
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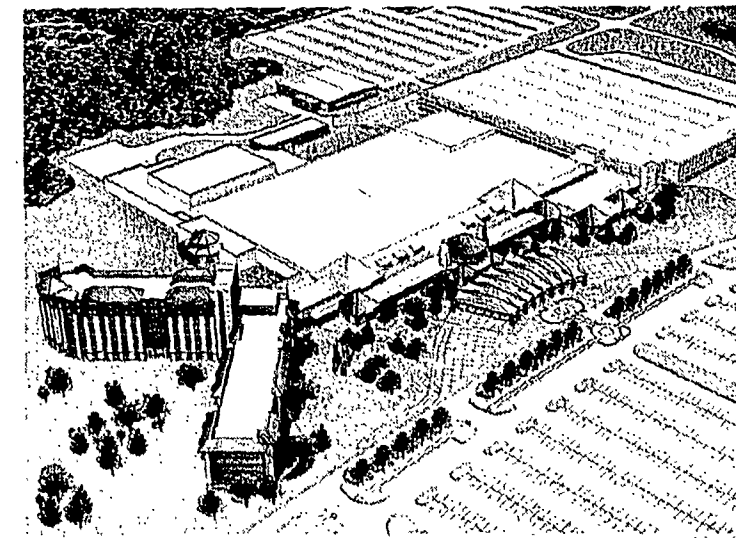
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FROM THE FRONT



Gamers' little rituals may or may not be winners, but don't tell them that

BY JOHN GROCHOWSKI
For Sun-Times Media

I'm not a great believer in changing your luck with little rituals, except, of course, that I KNOW my alma mater plays better defense when I sit forward instead of leaning back. I know that if I play long enough, I'm going to win and lose in proportions very close to the odds of the game.

That doesn't stop me from switching from pushing the button to pulling the handle on slot machines, or waiting a few extra seconds to deal that next hand of video poker to break a losing streak. It's human nature to try to make something happen.

Take my brother Jay and his ritual that goes far beyond any switch from button to handle. In fact, the first time was a bit of a shock. He, my dad Jerry and I were in Las Vegas together and paused for some family time at video poker. We were sharing one machine, with one guy making the draws until he drew a losing hand, then yielding to the next.

It was my turn to play, and I was dealt three Aces. Before I could hold and draw, my brother jumped up and started shaking his booty, shimmying and back turned to the screen, pointed behind with both index fingers.

I snorted. "What was that?"
"That was the jackpot dance," he said. "You have to have the jackpot dance."

It's just for fun, of course. I know, my dad knows, and I think even my brother knows. That the random number generator has no idea whether he's boogeying or not.

Nonetheless, he's not the only player out there with a good luck ritual.

Carmen: It used to be that whenever I got off the plane in Las Vegas, I'd head straight for a slot machine and spend my first roll of quarters. I'd carry rolls of quarters in my purse for the trip, and the first roll was always reserved for the airport.

I'd never spend more than one roll of quarters at the airport, but it just felt right. It started as just being excited to be in Vegas when that was the only place to play, and then turned into a kind of superstition.

One time, I actually hit a \$1,000 jackpot at the airport. That was the start of a great trip. I never even had to dip into the paper money I brought. I played and played and played, all slots, for four days straight, and came home with a nice profit. THAT was fun.

It's different now that you don't drop

quarters in the machine anymore. I still play my first \$10 at the airport, but it's different sliding money into a bill validator instead of cracking open a roll of quarters. A little less fun.

Tom: I had a thing back when there were boarding times on the riverboats, where I had to be the 11th person in line.

I remember waiting to get on the boat one day, and my wife counted the people ahead of us. She said, "You're number 11." I must have won that day, though I don't remember. But we developed this whole big ritual where we'd get there way early, and stand to the side so we could follow the 10th person into the line.

Alice: My first trip to Las Vegas, in the 1990s, my husband and I stopped at a place called the Lady Luck. The first thing we did was sign up for their slot club, and they gave us each a keyring with this 2-inch plastic figurine on it. I don't know if she was supposed to be Lady Luck or what, but she was kind of homely... big-nosed and dressed in this awful yellow.

It was too big and clunky for my husband to use as a keyring. I carried mine around in my purse, but it wasn't practical to carry around in a pocket. But he unwrapped his and put it on top of his machine when he played video poker. Wouldn't you know it, he drew a royal flush, the first one either of us had ever had.

Well, that did it. She became our good-luck charm. When we go to the casino, I carry both of them in my purse. We don't use them as keyrings. They're just our lucky charms.

Clara: I'm not superstitious. I just like to have fun, so I have fun with those bonuses where you pick things. When it goes to the bonus, I wave my hands over the screen, like I'm working magic. My daughter Megan saw me do it, and said, "What's that about?" I told her I was seeing into the future of my bonus. Now she calls me Clara-voyant.

Does it work? Who cares?
Have a good time.

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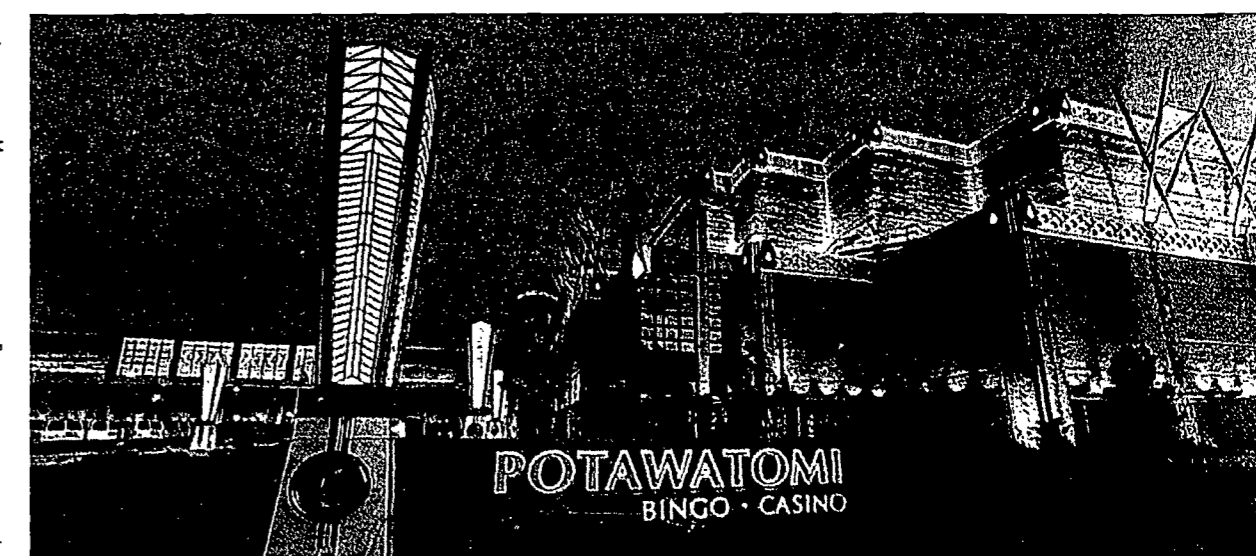
If poker's your game, Potawatomi Bingo Casino's distinguished Poker Room, located on the third floor just off the Casino's skywalk entrance, is the only place to play. Guest favorites include Texas Hold'em, Omaha and Seven

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Blackjack: strategy makes all the difference

BY JOHN GROCHOWSKI
For Sun-Times Media

Blackjack has been the most popular table game in casinos since the 1960s, when it overtook craps. A big part of the attraction is that your strategy makes the difference. You affect the outcome, and to get the most out of the game you have to know how to take advantage of the choices available to you.

The game has a whole subset of optional rules, and different casinos put different sets of rules into effect. Any rule that increases player options is good, provided the player knows how to use the options.

All casinos allow the basic options of splitting pairs and doubling down.

When dealt two cards of the same denomination, you place a second bet equal to the first on the table and tell the dealer to split. Each card is then the start of a separate hand. For instance, dealt 8, 8, instead of playing it as a 16 you can split and have two hands that each start with 8.

To double down, after you see your first two cards, you can make a second bet equal to your first. After that, you get just one more card, so it's

an option reserved for hands where you're trying to press home an edge. And some casinos offer a surrender option, where you can give up half your bet instead of playing it out. It can save you money on the hands most likely to bust.

But casinos have options within the options.

What if you're dealt a third 8? Can you split again? Can you double down on any two-card total, or only on certain hands? Those options and restrictions change the way a player in the know approaches the game.

Permitting the player to split pairs more than once decreases the house edge if the player knows when to split. The surrender rule cuts the house edge if the player knows when to surrender.

On the other hand, restrictions on player options raise the house edge. We want to double down on any situation in our favor, and casinos that restrict double downs to totals of 9, 10 and 11 make the game that much tougher on us.

So beyond basic hitting and standing, how do we best use the options we'll sometimes encounter?

Let's check it out:

Resplitting pairs

Nearly all casinos will allow us to split any pair. Dealt a pair of 8s, we'll make an additional bet to play two hands starting with 8, instead of one hand of 16. Most also allow us to resplit. If another 8 is dealt on top of one our split 8s, we can make another bet and split again.

We're better off if the casino allows resplits—the more, the merrier. For non-card counters, figure that if it's the right play to split the initial pair, it's right to resplit subsequent pairs, too. In a multiple-deck game in which the player is permitted to double down after splitting pairs, that means always splitting Aces and 8s, and never splitting 5s and 10s.

Split 4s only if the dealer shows a 5 or 6. Split 2s, 3s and 7s if the dealer shows a 2 through 7, split 6s against 2 through 6, and split 9s if the dealer shows 2 through 6, 8 or 9.

If doubling down after splits is not allowed, do not split 4s at all, do not split 2s or 3s against a dealer's 2 or 3, or 6s against a dealer's 2.

Late surrender

Some casinos allow players to surrender half their bets instead of

playing out the hand and risking losing the full wager. If the surrender is allowed before the dealer checks to see if he has a blackjack, it's called "early surrender." If the dealer checks for blackjack first, and collects losing bets if he does, it's "late surrender."

Late surrender is the version you'll see from time to time. Early surrender is very favorable to the player, and is rarely offered.

The idea when using surrender is to cut your losses on hands in which you are at an extreme disadvantage. In a multiple-deck game in which the dealer stands on all 17s, we surrender with hard 16 if the dealer's face-up card is a 9, 10-value or Ace, and we surrender with hard 15 if the dealer's up card is a 10-value.

If the dealer hits soft 17, we surrender just slightly more often. We still surrender hard 16 against a 9, 10-value or Ace, but we surrender on hard 15 if the dealer has either a 10-value or an Ace.

Don't overdo surrender. I've seen players surrender all "stiff" hands of hard 12 through 16 anytime the dealer had a 10 or Ace. That's going down without a fight too often. Such

plays cost the player more money than if surrender wasn't offered at all.

Restricted double downs

The double-down option where players may double their bets while receiving only one more card is one of the most important weapons players have to whittle the house edge. It's used to press home an advantage, to double bets when odds say the player has a greater than 50 percent chance of winning.

Players usually are allowed to double down on any two-card total. But some casinos restrict double downs to two-card totals of 10 or 11, or to 9, 10 or 11. That hurts.

If such restrictions are in place, the first thing you should do is eliminate the idea of doubling on soft totals. Better to play Ace-8 as 19 or Ace-9 as 20 than to double. In a multi-deck game, just double on hard 11 vs. a dealer's 2 through 10 or hard 10 vs. a dealer's 2 through 9. In a single-deck game, also double hard 11 against a dealer's Ace.

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Video poker: Play the odds the way the 'experts' do

BY JOHN GROCHOWSKI
For Sun-Times Media

Whenever I write about video poker payback percentages, I add the cautionary phrase "with expert play."

Jacks or Better with a 9-6 pay table, meaning full houses pay 9-for-1 and flushes 6-for-1, will return an average of 99.5 percent of coins wagered to players, with expert play.

Most players don't play at expert level, so their returns will be a few percent lower.

But just what is "expert play"?

Determining which play is "expert" for a given hand means weighing all possible holds, all possible results, and picking the one that will bring the highest average return.

There is no one "expert play" method that covers all video poker games. Each change in the pay table changes the odds of the game. Expert play is different for Jacks or Better than for Double Bonus Poker or Deuces Wild. Even within the same game, expert strategy changes with pay tables... 9-7 Double Bonus Poker has some key strategy differences from 9-6 Double Bonus.

Those numbers, by the way, are not part of the game name on the machine. A video poker machine glass or screen will just say "Jacks or Better;" or "Double Bonus Poker." The "9-6" part is the player-in-the-know's way of telling a higher-paying game from a coin gobbler.

Look at the pay table on the screen, and the full house and flush payoffs give you a reference point. If the returns on those hands are 9-for-1 and 6-for-1, you have a 9-6 game that pays more than a 9-5 or 8-5 game of the same type, but less than a 9-7 game.

Let's try a few sample hands to show how expert play works, starting with a hand we play one way in Jacks or Better, but another in Double Bonus Poker. Say we're dealt 5-5-6-7-8 of mixed suits. We have two reasonable draws: either we hold the pair of 5s, or we hold 5-6-7-8 and hope for a straight.

In either game, holding the four-card straight leaves 47 potential draws, with 39 losers and eight straights that come with any of the four 4s or four 9s. Holding the pair of 5s leaves 16,125 possible draws, with 11,559 losers, 2,592 draws that will leave us with two pair, 1,854 that give us three of a kind, 165 full houses and 45 four of a kind draws.

So if the potential outcomes are the same, why do we change strategies from game to game?

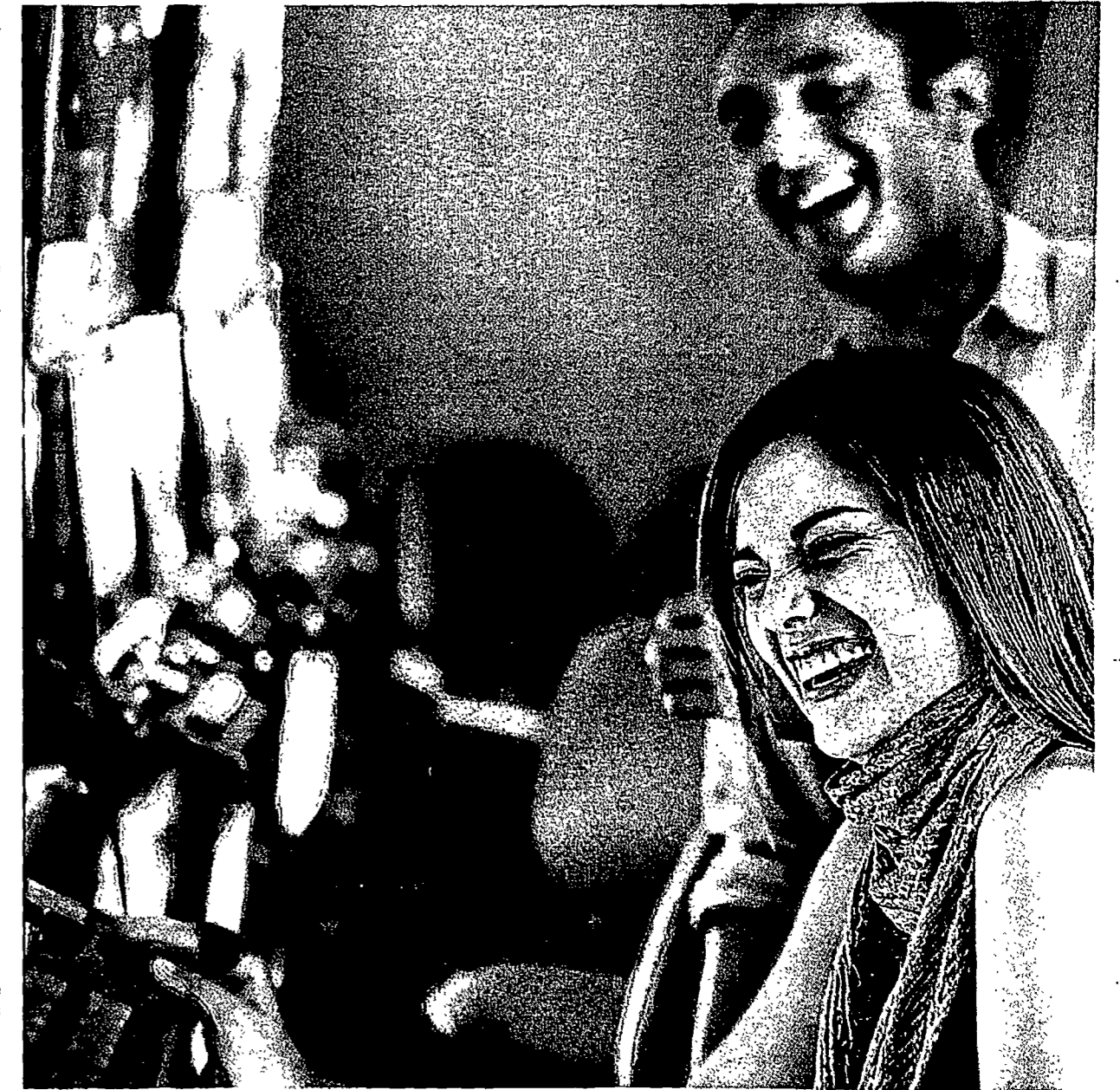
Because the rewards are different.

In Jacks or Better, two pair pays 2-for-1, while in Double Bonus two pair pays only 1-for-1. That makes holding a low pair, with loads of two-pair potential, more valuable in Jacks or Better. On the other hand, Jacks or Better pays only 4-for-1 on straights, while most Double Bonus games pay 5-for-1. (If you find a Double Bonus machine that pays only 4-for-1 on straights, don't play it.)

If we're playing 9-6 Jacks or Better, holding the pair earns us an average return of 4.12 coins per five wagered, while holding the four-card straight brings us 3.40 coins. But in 9-7 Double Bonus, holding the four-card straight brings an average return of 4.26 coins, while holding the low pair brings only 3.67. Expert play is to hold the pair in Jacks or Better, but to hold the small straight in Double Bonus as long as the straight pays 5-for-1.

Without quite so much detail, let's look at a couple of more examples.

In Jacks or Better or Bonus Poker, where two pair pays 2-for-1, we wouldn't think of breaking up two pairs to chase something bigger. But in Double Double Bonus Poker, where two pair drops to 1-for-1 and we have a chance at a 2,000-coin bonanza if we draw four Aces with a 2, 3, or 4 as the fifth card, we'll keep



a pair of Aces while discarding a second pair.

It's not a close call in either game. In Jacks or Better, with its 2-for-1 two-pair pay, we'll always hold two pairs. We'll hold 'em most of the time in Double Double Bonus, too, but break 'em up to hold just a pair of Aces.

Here's one more example.

In full-pay Deuces Wild, four of a kind pays 5-for-1 and full houses 3-for-1. In that game, we break up two pair, keeping just one twosome, and hope for four of a kind. But in most of the country, the best Deuces versions pay 4-for-1 on either four of a kind or full houses. That makes holding both pairs for a better

chance at a full house more valuable.

Expert strategy is not something to master overnight, or something one person can master for all games and all pay tables.

If you want to play like an expert, pick a favorite game or games, then put in your bookwork and practice on the computer before you play.

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DESTINATION: FUN

Blue Chip Casino, Hotel & Spa blends gaming with unlimited fun

Located just off the beautiful Lake Michigan shore only an hour's drive east of Chicago, Blue Chip Casino, Hotel & Spa provides the ultimate in entertainment in Northwest Indiana, with gaming, dining, music, a spa, fitness center and salon as well as special events and exhibitions.

Blue Chip, which recently took 12 top honors among Chicagoland casinos including Best Overall Gaming Resort, Best Hotel, Best Buffet, Best Reel Slots and Best Concerts in Casino Player Magazine's 2011 reader survey, features a 65,000-square-foot, one-level full-service casino. There are five restaurants, an entertainment lounge, a spa with full-service salon and fitness center, two gift shops, two hotel towers with a total of 486 rooms, and the Stardust Event Center for conventions, meetings and special events.

The 22-story Spa Blu Tower, which has 272 guest rooms and 30 suites, provides the latest in stylish, yet comfortable decor, with floor-to-ceiling windows and rich millwork in bold contemporary styling with soft cream and white organic textures and finishes. Guests can also stay at The Blue Chip Hotel, located on the other end of the 30-acre property, with its 184 spacious and tastefully decorated rooms, including four grand suites and eight luxury suites.

Dining options

Blue Chip's five restaurants, which provide guests with virtually unlimited dining choices, include a sandwich shop, an extensive buffet, a steakhouse for fine dining and Vegas and sports-themed eateries. The restaurants include:

- The Options Buffet, a 333-seat restaurant featuring more than 150

items, including soups, salads, entrées, side dishes and desserts.

- William B's Steakhouse, a sophisticated restaurant serving classic Midwest favorites, such as prime steaks, fresh seafood and seasonal specialties.

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

- It's Vegas Baby!, a lively, Vegas-themed restaurant offering American classics and an extensive specialty drink selection.

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

Music, gaming and special events

At Rocks lounge Friday through Sunday, and It's Vegas Baby! on Friday and Saturday, guests can enjoy the best local and regional bands, with musical genres that range from pop to rock to oldies to country.

For top national artists, Blue Chip features the 1,300-seat Stardust Event Center. Recent headliners include Joan Rivers, Legends in Concert and Gin Blossoms.

Gaming excitement abounds at Blue Chip, with a spacious casino floor and a bright, friendly atmosphere. The casino features 1,940 slot machines with denominations from one penny to \$100, 48 table games, and an eight-table live poker room. Weekly poker events, Texas Hold'em Poker tournaments and slot tournaments round out the fun.

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Slots: new machines, games let the gamers play it their way

BY JOHN GROCHOWSKI
For Sun-Times Media

When it comes to playing the slots, what do you look for? Do you like to just watch the reels spin, or do you want to make choices that influence the outcome?

Do you want to push the buttons and let 'em roll, or do you want to interact via the touchscreen?

Do you want to play on your own, or do you want a full-out "community experience," winning together or competing with each other? Well, have it your way.

That's the biggest trend in electronic gaming today, to give the players what they want. Slot manufacturers know that not every player is the same, so they try to give us choice among

the ways we play. Trends within the trend give us plenty of variety in the games people play.

Hands-on experience

At Bally, games are a tactile experience from the main screen right down to the button panels. The new iDeck panel replaces traditional buttons with images on a video screen. One physical button remains. Bally developers figured players would still like to push a physical button to start the reels spinning.

One game where the touch panel is an important part of the main game is Betty Boop's Love Meter. In the How Hot Are You bonus, images of hands appear on the panel. You place your hands on the iDeck outlines, and the outlines change colors a la the mood ring fad of the 1970s. Then a meter in the top box

rises, from lovable to romantic to sexy to wild to smokin' and beyond. The higher it rises, the hotter your bonus.

Touch really comes into play in Bally's U-Spin games. When you go into a bonus event, an image of a wheel appears on the screen, mirroring a physical wheel on top of the machine. You touch the on-screen wheel to spin.

But this is no touch-and-go experience. Drag your finger and the wheel fast and let go, and you get a long, fast spin. Go slow, take it easy, and the wheel spins slowly. And while your virtual wheel spins on screen, the top box wheel spins at the same speed, showing the same numbers.

Choose your volatility

Some players like frequent small wins. Others

scoff at the little 'uns, wanting a better shot at a big jackpot even if it means long losing streaks.

We're starting to see games that let the player choose. A new slot manufacturer, Incredible Technologies, made its casino debut in 2010 with Magic Touch themes including Money, Fish Store and Cars. The player is asked, "How would you like to win?" The player then can touch the screen to choose "Often," "Steady" or "Big."

No matter what the player's choice, game play and graphics remain the same.

What changes is the volatility. Depending on your choice, you'll get frequent small hits, or more losing spins with a better chance at a big win, or something in between.

Bally is also going the choose-your-volatility route with the spin of a bonus wheel in Hot Pick. You can touch a single-bar symbol for the lowest volatility, with the most frequent bonus events and the lowest totals on the wheel. Touch a Wild symbol instead, and watch the numbers on the wheel change as the game shifts into the highest volatility level.

Do you want a lot of chances to spin the wheel, or do you want the chance at a really big jackpot when the wheel comes up? You get to choose.

Playing together

WMS Gaming has been at the forefront of the Community Gaming, with games where players win together, and sometimes compete with each other, in bonus events played on big, overhead plasma screens.

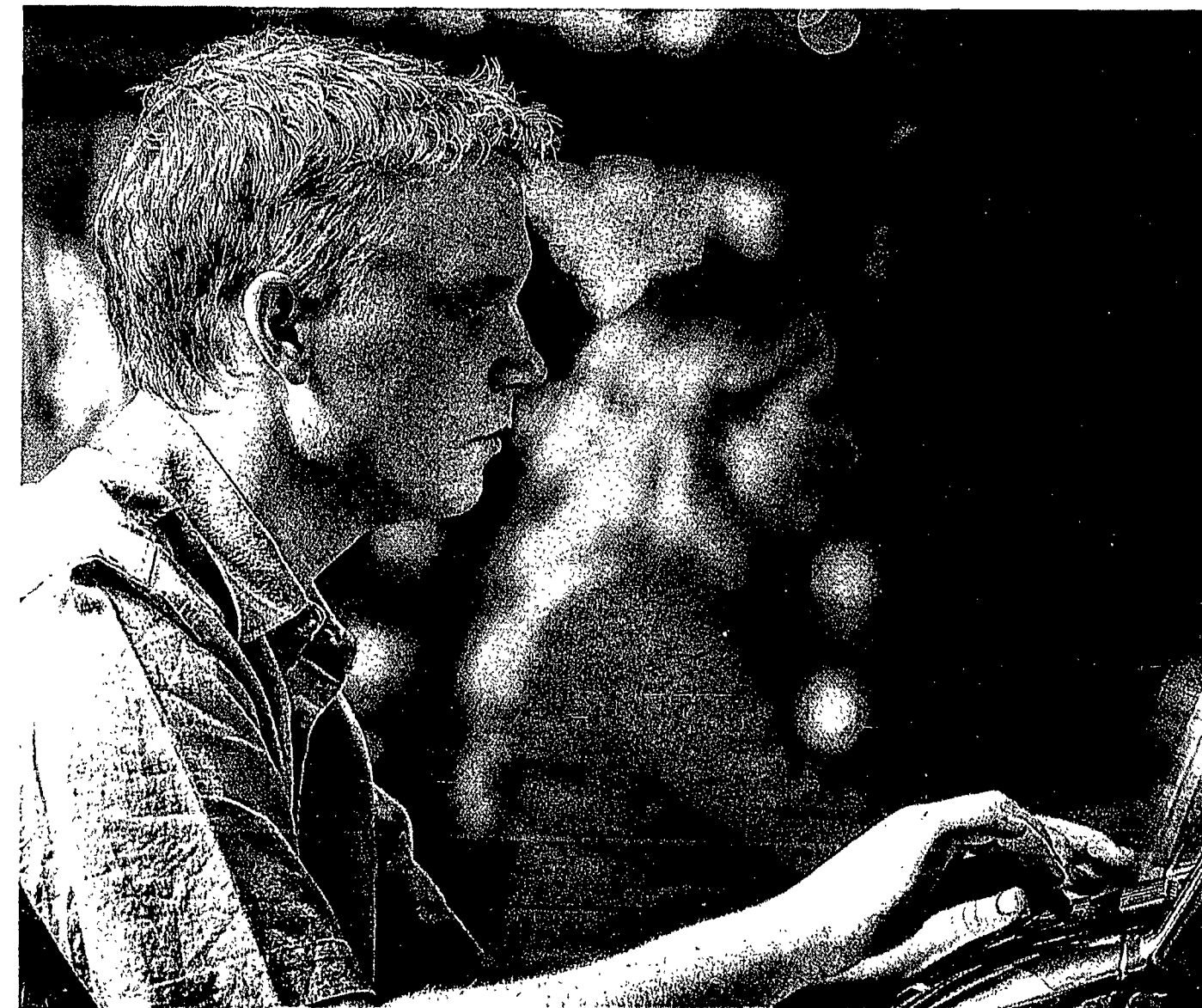
The Waukegan-based company ramps that up a notch with its new Collaborative Gaming line in which players take actions that affect each others' bonuses. In a trip around the game board in Monopoly Bigger Event Big Money Spin players, take turns rolling the dice, touching them on the screen, dragging and lettin' em fly. Land on Boardwalk, and you're a hero. Or in Community Chest and Chance bonuses, your neighbors are rooting for you to flip over a big-money card, as you're doing the same for them.

Every slotmaker is getting involved in the "community trend." At International Game Technology, The Dark Knight lets players compete as Batman and the Joker in a race through Gotham City. The game is on IGT's Center Stage platform, with a giant 108-inch screen over the bank of machine, and the effect is spectacular.

In the Battle for Gotham City bonus, you can be Batman on his Batcycle or Joker in his truck labeled "Slaughter is the Best Medicine" in a chase through the streets.

Which one to choose? Have it your way.

John Grochowski's Gaming column appears Fridays in the Chicago Sun-Times Weekend section. His Casino Answer Man Q&A appears monthly in Midwest Gaming and Travel magazine.



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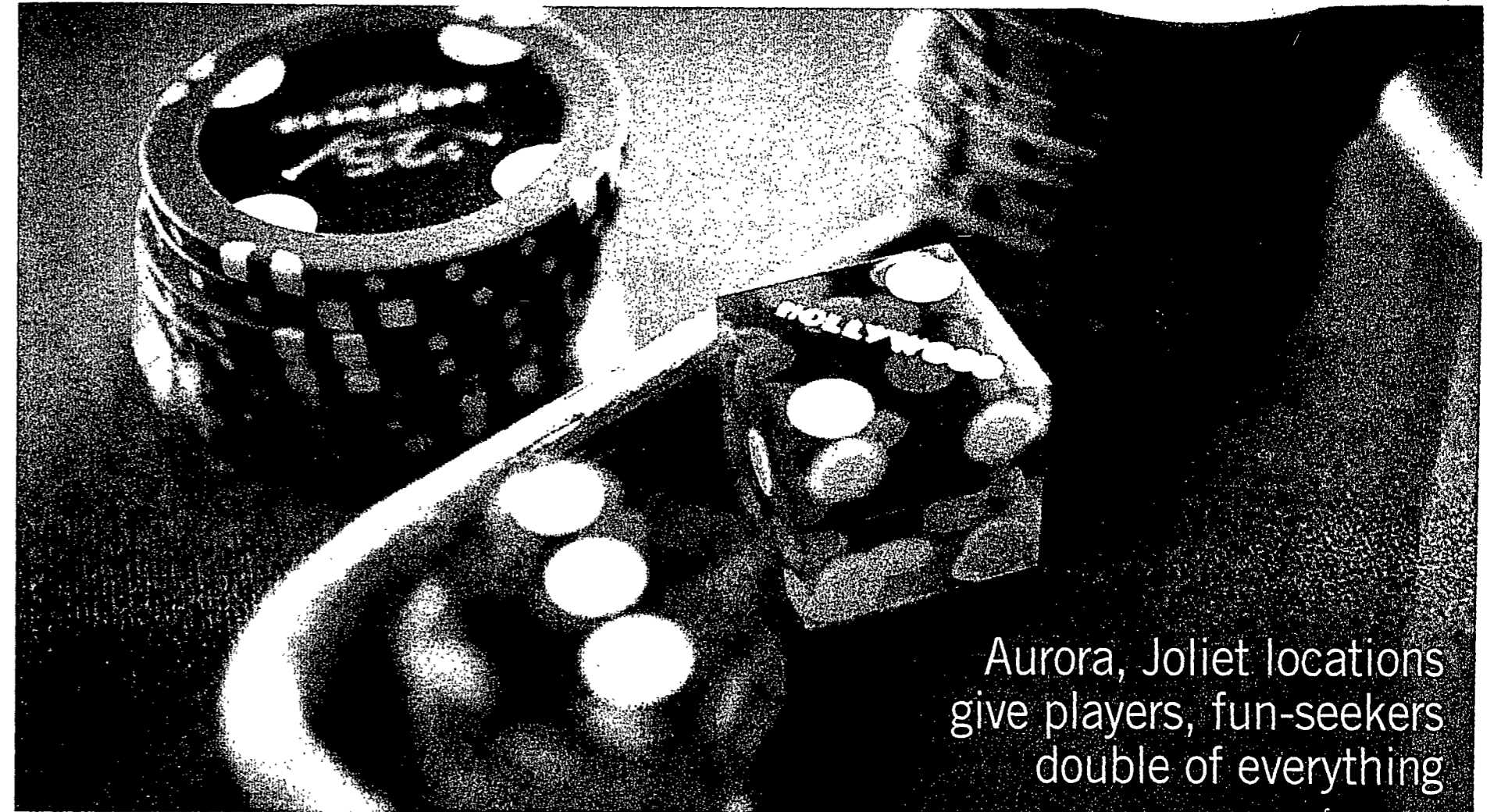
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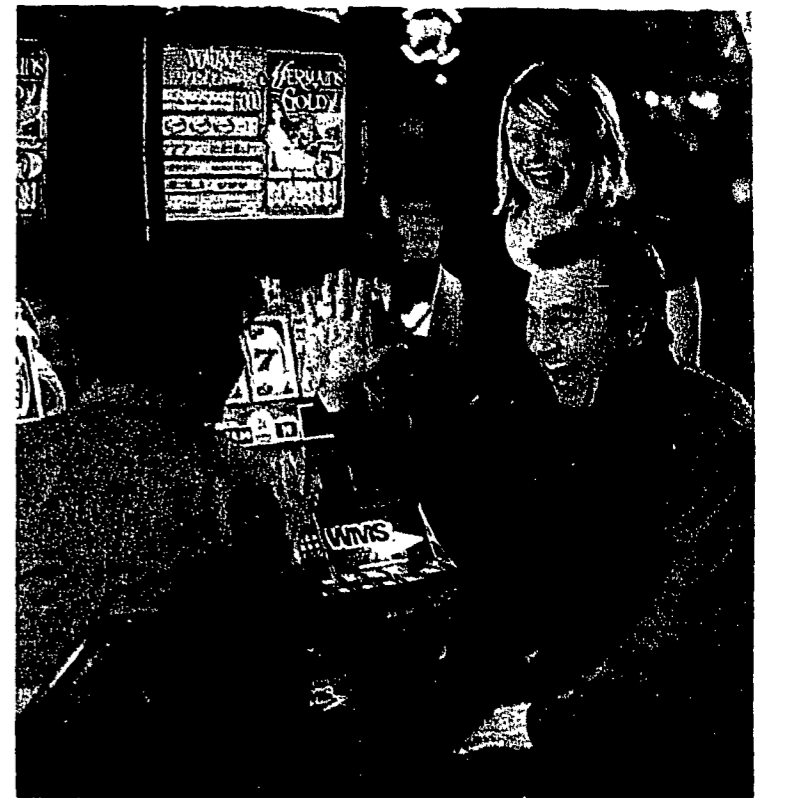
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BENEFITS

"Bachtoberfest" will be held from 6:30-9 p.m. **Oct. 9** at Nichols Concert Hall, 1490 Chicago Ave., Evanston. The evening features live music, including selections from Bach's "The Musical Offering," as well as a Bach sonata and arias. Proceeds benefit the 2012 Bach Week Festival, the 39th consecutive edition of the Evanston-based festival. Tickets to the casual-dress fundraiser range from \$50 to \$150, which includes drinks and hors d'oeuvres. A \$50 general admission ticket includes one drink; a \$100 Bachtoberfest Patron ticket includes two drinks; and a \$150 Bachtoberfest Champion ticket includes three drinks. For information and reservations, call (847) 293-6686 or visit www.bachweek.org.

CHILD'S PLAY

Rosemont Theatre, 5400 N. River Road, Rosemont. Tickets are available at www.ticketmaster.com or (800) 745-3000; the ticket prices listed below do not include service fees. For more information about the theater, call (847) 671-5100 or visit www.rosemonttheatre.com. **Oct. 30, 2 p.m.:** "Halloween Magic," featuring The Magic Dentist, Dr. Mark Kaschube. Also on the program is "Quick Change," a costume change act by David Mass and Dania Kaseeva. Tickets: \$20; \$10 for children ages 12 and younger. \$30 VIP tickets include a backstage meet and greet with the cast and some of the animals used in the production. Proceeds benefit Salute, Inc., a non-profit organization that provides financial support for military men and women and their families.

COMEDY

Centre East in the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie. (847) 673-6300. www.centreeast.org. **Oct. 21, 8 p.m.:** The Morning Show

Comedians, featuring WGN Morning News personalities Pat Tomasulo, Ana Belaval and Mike Toomey. Tickets: \$42-\$38.

"Late Nite Catechism" will be presented at 7 p.m. **Oct. 1** at Our Lady of Victory School, 4434 N. Laramie (at Sunnyside), Chicago. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., open seating. Tickets cost \$30. Food/drinks will be available and babysitting is free of charge. For ticket information, call (773) 286-2950.

Skokie Theatre, 7924 Lincoln Ave., Skokie. Call (847) 677-7761 or visit www.skokietheatre.com. **Oct. 7, 8:30 p.m.:** Edge Comedy Club. \$15 at the door.

DANCE

Happy Twirlers Dance Club provides round and square dancing at 7:30 p.m. **the second Saturday of the month, through May 2012**, at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Thacker and Lee streets, Des Plaines. \$6 per person. Happy Twirlers offers square dance lessons from 7-9 p.m. **Sept. 26** at the Summit of Uptown, 10 N. Summit, Park Ridge. First lesson is free. For information, call (847) 272-6344 or (773) 685-8407.

Line dancing for all ages is held from 7-10 p.m. **every Tuesday** at the White Eagle Banquet Hall, 6839 N. Milwaukee Ave., Niles. Beginner lessons are at 7:30 p.m. and new dance or review at 8 p.m. Admission: \$7; \$5 for ages 17 and under. For more information, call (847) 965-6353 or e-mail at somedaydd@att.net.

DINING

Edison Park Restaurant Week will be **Sept. 19-25**, with restaurants offering a prix-fixe meal at \$15 for lunch, \$25 for weekday dinner, and \$30 for Friday/Saturday dinner. Meals will include an appetizer, entrée and dessert. Prices are per person; beverages, tax and tip are not included. Reservations are strongly encouraged for dinner. Participating restaurants include Café Touche, Zia's Trattoria, Don Juan's, Nonno Pino's, The Curragh Irish Pub and Restaurant, Elliott's Seafood Grille & Chop House, The Mecca Supper Club, Moretti's, and The Snuggery. For more information, visit www.eprestaurantweek.com or call (773) 631-0063.

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Hoedown at Harrier Park,

noon-4 p.m. **Sept. 25** at Harrier Park, 6250 Dempster St., Morton Grove, including a petting zoo, obstacle course, hay rack rides, arts and crafts and more. Admission is free. In conjunction with the event, the Morton Grove Historical Museum will celebrate the opening of its "Women in History" exhibit from 2-4 p.m. The museum is located at 6148-6240 Dempster St., at the south end of Harrier Park. Visit www.morton-groveparks.com.

Howard Street Farm Hula-laloo, 3 p.m.-dusk **Oct. 1** at Howard Street Farm, 3701 Howard St., Skokie. The open house will include music, apple cider tastings, an enclosed observation beehive and more. Free, but registration is requested. Visit www.thetalkingfarm.org.

ORGANIZATIONS

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

SINGLES

ComboSingles, open to singles 21-plus. For information about the group and upcoming events, call (847) 757-1299 or (847) 331-1066, or visit www.combosingles.org. Bowling league at 6 p.m. **Oct. 9, 23 and 30, Nov. 13 and 27 and Dec. 11** at Brunswick Zone, 824 E. Rand Road, Mount Prospect. \$20 for members, \$25 for nonmembers, for bowling and shoes.

Spares Singles Sunday Evening Club holds ballroom dances from 7:30-10:30 p.m. the first and third Sundays of each month at the American Legion Hall, 9757 Pacific Ave., Franklin Park. Admission is \$8 for members; \$9 guests. **Oct. 2:** Music by Chuck and Friends. **Oct. 16:** Music by The Music Men.

TOURS & OUTINGS

The Skokie Northshore Sculpture Park, located along the east side of McCormick Boulevard, between Dempster on the north to Touhy on the south, offers free, docent-led public tours featuring a different section of the two-mile long park each month. Tours last approximately an hour and feature discussions of the sculptures, their creating artist, types of materials used and tech-

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"Fear City" haunted house, Oct. 1-31 at 8240 N. Austin Ave., Morton Grove. The 40,000-square-foot environment features more than 50 live characters roaming stages with audio, lighting and video effects. Tickets: \$25; \$35 VIP. Group discounts available. For hours of operation, visit www.fearcitychicago.com.
SCREAMS in the Park at Rosemont, a haunted house, will be open Oct. 1-31 at the Park at Rosemont, just west of River Road between Bryn Mawr and Balmoral, next to Muvico, in Rosemont. The indoor attraction operates

rain or shine, 7-11 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday and 6-10 p.m. Sundays. General admission is \$20. The attraction is wheelchair accessible. Parental discretion is advised. For tickets or information, visit www.screamsinthepark.com or call (847) 868-9279.

Skokie Theatre, 7924 Lincoln Ave., Skokie. Call (847) 677-7761 or visit www.skokieetheatre.com. **Sept. 23**, 8 p.m.: An Evening with Teddy Roosevelt. \$20 in advance; \$25 at the door.

MUSEUMS
Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center, 9603 Woods Drive, Skokie. (847) 967-4889. www.ilholocaust-museum.org. Admission: \$12; \$8 for students and senior citizens; \$6 for children ages 5-11. Special exhibitions are free with museum admission. **Sept. 25-Jan. 15, 2012**: "The Art of Gaman: Arts and Crafts from the Japanese American Internment Camps, 1942-1946." **Sept. 27**, 4-8 p.m.: 2011 Elementary Educator Open House, for elementary and middle school teachers and administrators. Free. RSVP required by Sept. 23.

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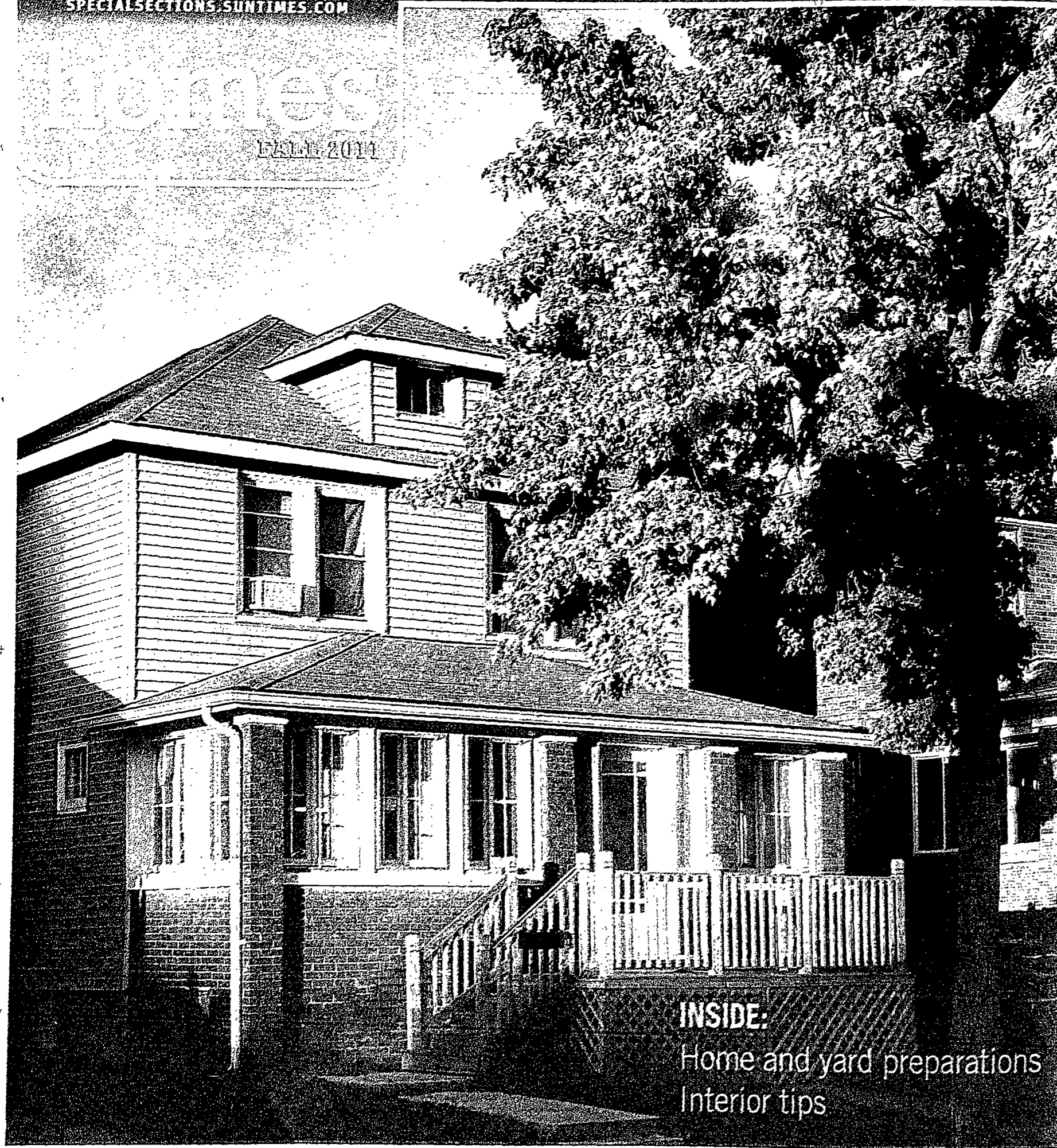
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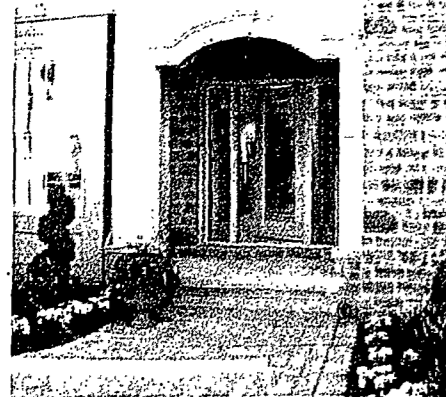
Down spout: Decorative rain gardens manage water and runoff next to your home. | COURTESY OF IAN WAGAN ASLA, CHALET

BY KIMBERLY ELSHAM
For Sun-Times Media

Fall is here. Here are a couple ideas from local home and lawn experts on how to equip your home to deal with cooler temps and the forthcoming dreary weather.

Home
Replace windows before cold weather rolls around. The signs are obvious if a window needs to be replaced such as rattling, drafts or on that doesn't shut correctly, said Bill Bobbitt, owner of Classic Installations of Illinois in Hinsdale. He said energy-saving glass is a popular item right now.

"This glass now has been improved so greatly that it really does save you up to between 25 and 50 percent on your energy costs, heating



Update your entry. Let in some fresh fall air with new vented sidelights. | COURTESY OF THERMA-TRU

costs and air conditioning costs," he said. Many types of glass are available with a special coating called low-E, which reflects heat waves off the glass. Some double- and triple-paned glass windows now come with argon gas in between the panes. This gas insulates the window, which helps stop the conduction of heat and cold as well as insulates sound to cut down on exterior noise, he said.

Bobbitt said all window types have an advantage, depending on where they will be installed on your home. "With a triple-glass, it's usually just used on the west and the south sides because that's where you have the most sun exposure. That's where it's more beneficial," Bobbitt said.

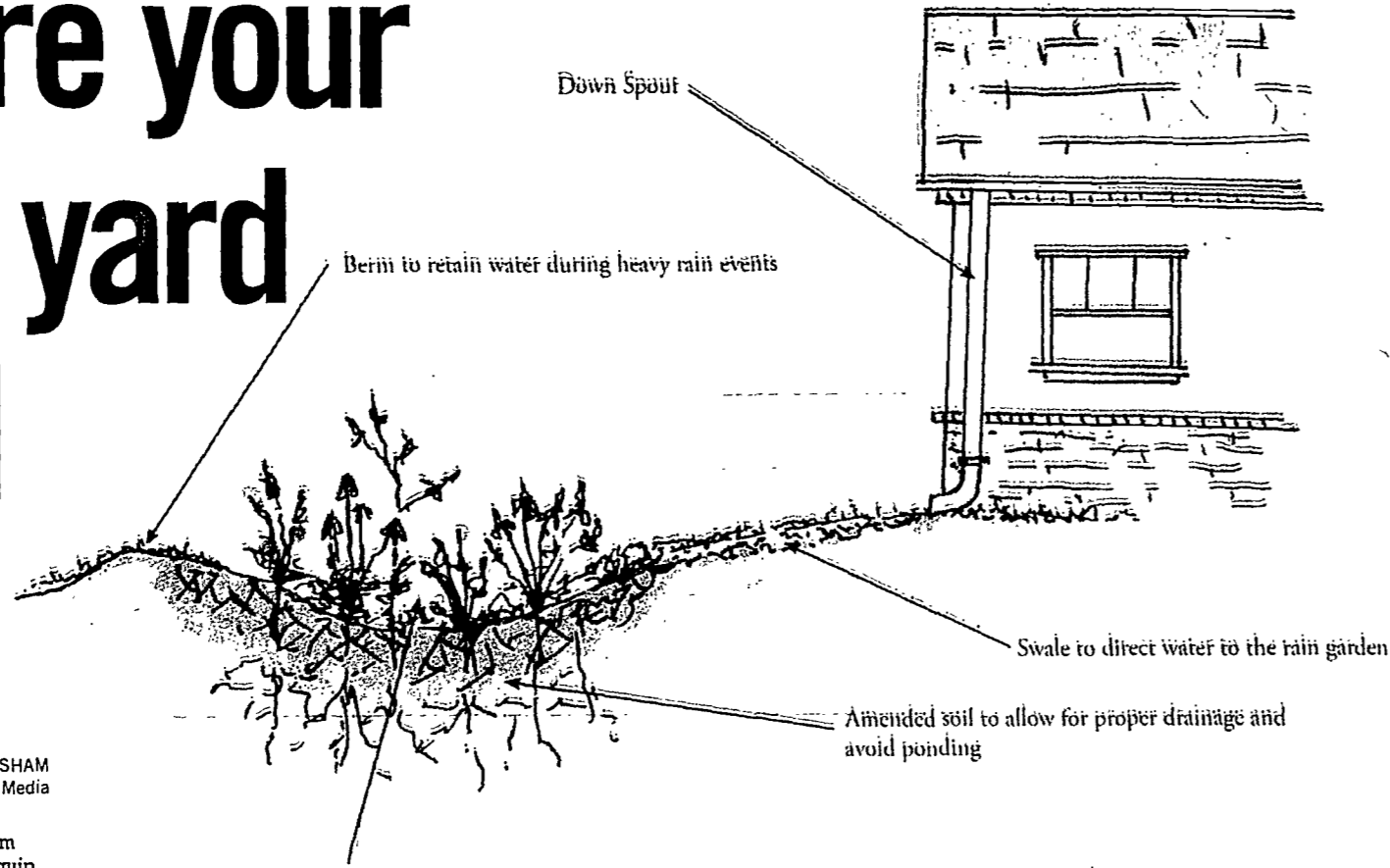
The same energy-saving glass can be used on doors, and it is especially beneficial for sliding glass doors, he said.

A new, more decorative item is an entry door with vented sidelights. Traditionally, sidelights have been stationary, decorative glass panels that run vertically and are the same height as the entry door. However, these new doors, made by Therma-Tru, now come with sidelights that can open independently.

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After a particularly rainy summer, checking your home's draining systems is a good idea, and autumn is no different.

"This is a great time to start thinking about it because we're getting to the rainy season," said Robert Milani, senior landscape architect at Chalet Nursery in Wilmette. Think about how you wish to manage water in your yard, and think about where the problems are, he said.

"This is a great time of year to be installing rain gardens, draining and grading in general."

Draining systems can be downspouts installed to help direct water run off of a house to the yard. They can also include series of PVC pipes that can run underground to take the water to a low area of the yard.

Another water-management option is grading, or slopes built or excavated in the yard that help water run away from the house.

Rain gardens are excavated depressions in a yard that follow a slope to catch and hold water, Milani said. The water is held in this depression and allowed to soak naturally, usually within a few hours after rainfall, into the ground thanks to a layer of special gravel or soil beneath it. They can be built near a home to catch runoff from a roof or father out in a lawn to collect all runoff. This system prevents water from collecting around the foundation of a building, which can lead to flooding or other problems.

Rain gardens can be landscaped with different kinds of plants or left as grass. Milani said the water from rain gardens can seep naturally back into the ground water, be directed to a sump or be captured and used to irrigate a lawn.

"The whole trend is a parallel development with sustainability, reduction of erosion and storm water management," he said.

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Create a cozy indoors to combat the autumn chill

BY TERRA COONEY
For Sun-Times Media

As the weather cools, your time indoors will inevitably increase. Make your habitat homier, give it a makeover and maximize your comfort with a few easy tweaks and small projects. Soon, those cold nights will send you happily into a cozier environment.

Reorganizing Routines

Your closet has begun to reflect your swanky fall wardrobe. Take this opportunity — the season of change — to transform and reorganize your home.

Thicken your bedding. Experiment with a new duvet or chic throw blankets. Add comfort and warmth into your sitting areas. Snuggle.

Morning bathroom and grooming routines also need updating for the cold weather.

"As we consider these shifts, mirrored storage cabinets are a great solution to organize your bathroom products and corral the clutter in your grooming space," said Lynn Schrage, marketing

manager for The KOHLER Store at the Design Center by Abt in Glenview.

She said mirror also add illumination into smaller spaces.

Shining Lights

Swap out old light fixtures. Schrage said pendant lights give rooms, especially bathrooms, a new, elegant feel.

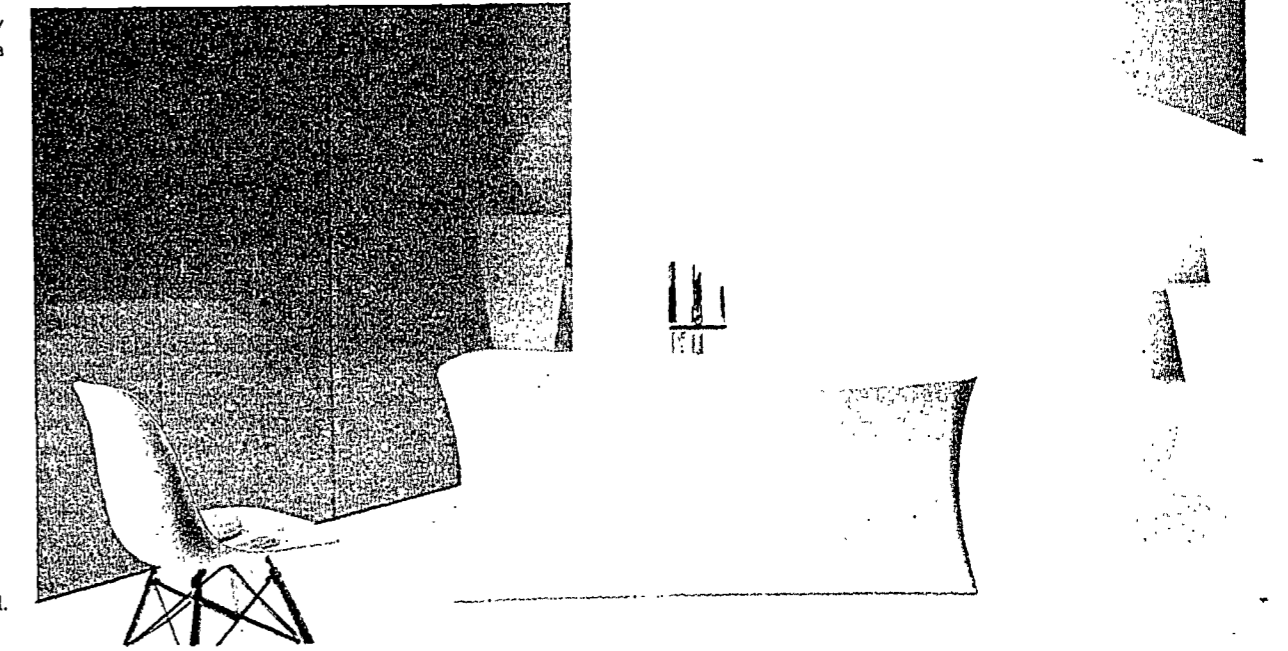
"Up-lighting draws the eyes upward and creates the sense of an open atmosphere," she said. "And under-counter lights bring definition to a vanity."

Incorporating a dimmer creates a warmer feel. Dimmers can also help save money on your electricity bill.

"Incandescent lights are still the warmest," said Skip and Kathy Leigh, owners of Lighting by Fox in the Design Center at Abt.

They agree that dimmers can set the perfect mood in any room.

Table and floor lamps also bring more warm and ambi-



Reflection: Mirrored storage cabinets help organize a bathroom while adding illumination to smaller spaces. | COURTESY OF THE DESIGN CENTER BY ABT

ent lighting to the home, they said.

Another thought: Time your light with sundown.

"As it starts to get darker earlier this time of year, it's

a nice idea to add timers to your indoor lighting so that the lights inside welcomes you when you come home," said the lighting experts.

This brings about a warm feeling when you step in from the chillier weather.

Autumn Accents

Reassess what's on your walls and your conversation pieces. Lighting by Fox features hand-painted lighting fixtures from the Ulla Darni Studios in New York, which can add uniqueness to your abode, as well as local art from Glenview artist Elisa Boughner.

"The changing season is a great time to move accessories and art from room to room and consider new art for your walls," Schrage said. In the bathroom, change your rugs, shower curtains or towel colors to breathe new life into your space.

While bold home accents create major impact, sometimes changing smaller things can make as big of a difference. Schrage said swapping cabinet knobs or drawer pulls would freshen up your bathroom or kitchen.

Color and Contrast

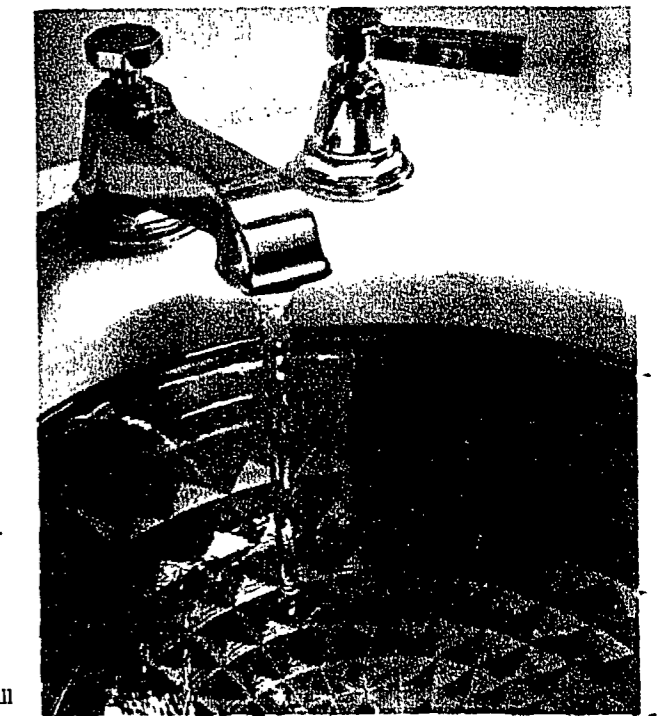
Embrace the leaves of change, and surround your interior with new hues. Try a new paint color to add in warmth. Create an accent wall or repaint an entire room. KOHLER recently launched Dune, a new finish for the

bathroom and kitchen. The shade of Dune — deeper than a traditional white — is a large multi-material hue that spans the entire range of kitchen and bathroom plumbing products.

"The gentle hue of Dune captures the quality of reflected light that glows from shifting desert sands," Schrage described. "It is soft and natural; the clean, neutral tone of an artist's canvas."

Mosaics — a new trend — introduce a quite mélange of color into any environment. Imagine an oriental rug — its rich, saturated colors and patterns that accent, not overpower, the rest of a room. Mosaic can have a similar power.

"Explore using a mosaic as a rug inset on the floor, an accent panel in your shower or in something as detailed as a chair rail inset," Schrage suggested.



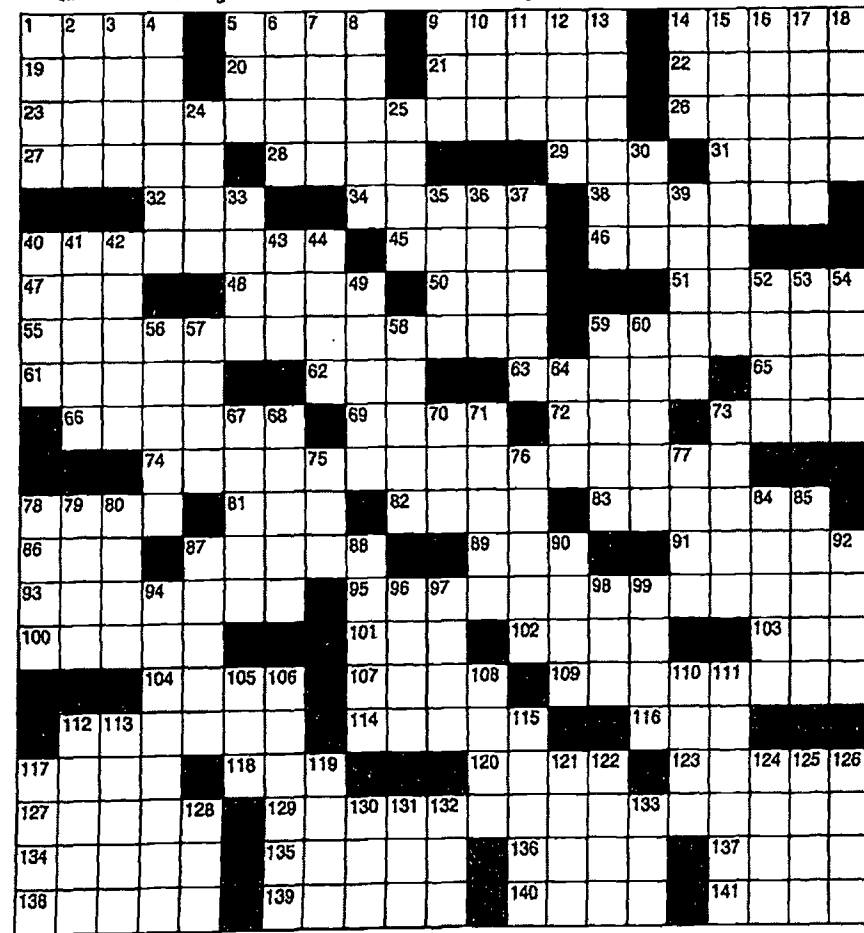
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Answers: Inside today's classified section

HOROSCOPES

For the week of September 28 — October 4

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Cosmic changes create a potential for disruptions in your travel plans. In the meantime, you might want to consider shifting your focus to another area of your life that needs attention.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) It's a good time for beauty-loving Bovines to enjoy something special for the senses. It will restore your spirit and return you to the workaday world ready for the next challenge.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) With your planetary ruler, Mercury, going retrograde, you might want to slow down the pace in pursuing some of your projects. Rushing things could be counterproductive.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Tensions begin to ease in those once-testy relationships. This helps create a more positive aspect all around. Expect to hear news that could lead you to rethink a recent decision.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) The pace of activity that had slowed last week now begins to pick up. This is good news for Leos and Leonas who have career-building plans that need to be put into operation.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Venus offers encouragement to romance-seeking Virgos who are ready to get up, get out and meet more people, one of whom could be that long-sought soul mate.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) An ongoing problem with a co-worker might

need to be sent to arbitration. Get all your facts together so that you have a solid base from which to make your argument.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) You are usually decisive about most matters. But you might want to defer your decision-making this week until you get more facts. Someone is holding out on you.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) That quiet period is ending, and a new burst of activity creates some problems at the workplace. But things are soon resolved, and everything goes back to normal.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Relationships could be either helpful or hurtful as you pursue your career goals. You might have to make some difficult choices depending on what your priorities are.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) You might still have some doubts about a career move that could involve a lot of travel. If so, continue to check things out until you feel secure about making a decision.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Love rules, as Venus continues to exercise her cosmic influence on both single and attached Pisces. New developments might cause you to change your travel plans.

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She is survived by her five children, Susan, David, Cathryn, Laura, and Bob; 13 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and a family extending across this country and into Europe. She was preceded in death by her parents, Celene Rowe Bean and Azel Edward Bean; her first husband, Harold David Chastain; and her second husband, Harold Blowers.

A memorial service will be held at ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 4011 Major Avenue, Madison, at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 25, 2011, with Mother Paula Harris presiding. Visitation will be held at the church from 2 p.m. until the time of service on Sunday.

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Three Ways to Recover from a Blown Salary Negotiation

By Dona DeZube, Monster Finance Careers Expert

You lowballed yourself during your salary negotiation and now your paycheck is smaller than you'd like. In some cases, you can go back and ask for a higher salary without jeopardizing your job, experts say.

Of course, the best time for negotiating salary is before you accept the job offer. Asking for more soon after you're hired is not without risk.

"Going back to renegotiate areas about which you have already agreed does have the risk of making you look like someone who doesn't honor your agreements," says Janet Civitelli, PhD, a workplace psychologist and career coach in Houston.

Instead of asking for more money, consider negotiating compensation and benefits not addressed in the initial round, such as a signing bonus, more vacation time, tuition reimbursement, professional memberships or a flexible schedule.

"This way, your total compensation package goes up and your reputation remains intact," Civitelli says.

Still want to go for it? Try one of these three negotiation strategies:

Argue Pay Parity

Sometimes you don't realize you should be earning more until you find out what your coworkers are making. That's what happened to Ashley Baxter, a Texas marketing professional who found a male coworker was getting \$10,000 more for doing less.

"I put my resume on the market and received a job offer from another company," she says. "I then went to my employer and let them know that I felt slighted by the way they treated my salary negotiation and did not appreciate being monetarily undervalued in comparison to my coworker who did less work."

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absolutely necessary," Baxter says.

Three months later, she left for a job offering a better salary and benefits package. "I'm very glad I went through the experience, as it has given me the confidence to not be afraid of asking for what I deserve in business situations."

Have suggestions ready, such as a new title or a new area of responsibility that will bring you to where you should be financially while staying within company salary bands.

Get a Competing Offer

Using a competing offer to increase your current salary is a wonderful, but tricky strategy because nobody likes being threatened, says Lee Miller, author of *Get More Money on Your Next Job...In Any Economy*.

"Be nonthreatening, nice and positive and yet let them know that you know you're below market," he says.

A good line for this tactic comes from Richard Deems, PhD, coauthor of *Make Job Loss Work for You: Get Over It and Get Your Career Back on Track*: "I realized that this job is paying well under the market for what I do, and it's my fault for not asking for more going in. I have another job offer, but I don't want to take it because I love it here and working here is right for my career. In light of where the market is, can you adjust the salary to bring it more in line with the market?"

Don't have a competing offer? Don't lie and say you do. Use this line instead: "I have been talking to other professionals in this same position and they say the going rate is \$X."

Blame It on the Cost of Living

If you're relocating, blame the high cost of living in the local market, says Dianne Durkin, president of Loyalty Factor, a corporate consulting and training firm in Portsmouth, New Hampshire.

Try this line: "After a more careful scrutiny of local financials, I underestimated the cost of living. Would it be possible for me to accept the position at X dollars?" And X should be no more than 10 percent higher than the original offer, Durkin says.

Not all companies will accept this strategy, so consider carefully whether it's worth pursuing, she adds.

Keep Looking

If you try one of these tactics and it doesn't work, be on guard. Work extra hard to repair any damage you may have done to your relationship with your new boss. Keep your resume updated, your network fired up and continue to seek better-paying opportunities.

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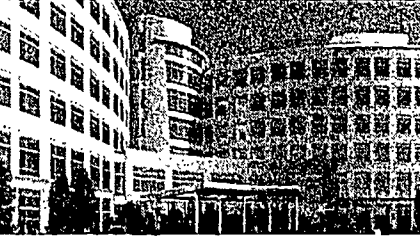
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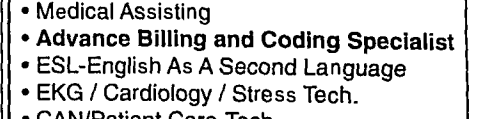
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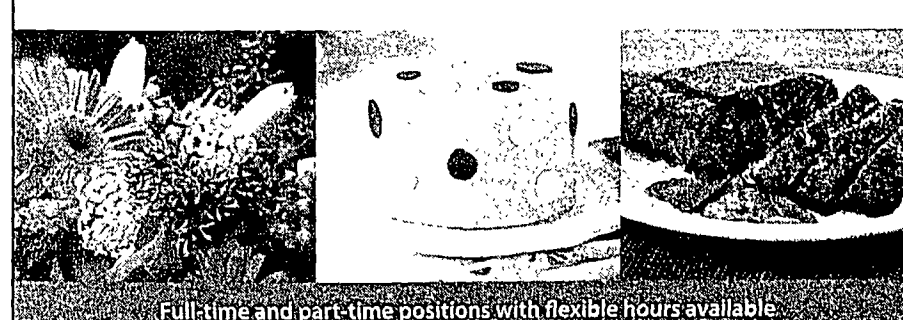
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Chicago West, 1001 Laramie - 773-287-0060
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Garage Sale Guide

Table with columns: Address, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday. Lists various garage sale locations and dates.

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Real Estate Auctions Cook County - Suburban. Includes an advertisement for an auction at Hilton Orrington Hotel, 1710 Orrington Ave., Evanston, IL 60201.

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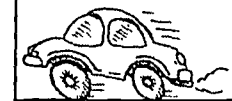
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Public Notices

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
On Wednesday, October 5, 2011 at 10:00am, a meeting conducted by LASEC on behalf of the member districts listed below will take place at the LASEC office located at 10401 W. Grand Ave., Franklin Park, IL. The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss the District's plans for providing special education services to students with disabilities who attend private schools and home schools within the Districts for the 2011-12 school year. If you are a parent of a home-schooled student who has been or may be identified with a disability and you reside within the boundaries of the School Districts listed below, you are urged to attend this meeting. If you have further questions pertaining to this meeting, please contact Dr. Michael McElhenna at (847) 455-3143.
Rosemont District 78
Pennoy District 73
Mannheim District 83
Franklin Park District 84
Rhodes District 84.5
Union Ridge District 86
Ridgwood District 234
Pub: 9/22/11 #134745

PUBLIC NOTICE
Board of Trustees Semi-Annual Meeting Town of Maine Cemetery September 23, 2011 4pm at 2101 W. Touhy Ave. Park Ridge II Public Invited.
Pub: 9/15, 9/22/11 #126313

LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held before the Planning and Zoning Commission on Tuesday, October 11, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, Park Ridge City Hall, 505 Butler Place, Park Ridge, Illinois, when the following matter will be considered:
Zoning Case Number TA-11-03: Application is by the City of Park Ridge for text amendments to the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Park Ridge to consider various changes to Section 14 (Signs) to the Zoning Ordinance in accordance with the requirements of Section 4.6 of the Zoning Ordinance.
All persons interested in the above described matter are invited to attend and will be heard.
The case file for this matter is available in the Department of Community Preservation and Development at City Hall.
Alfredo Marr, Chairman
Planning and Zoning Commission
Pub: 9/22/11 #134905 C

Public Hearings
LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Skokie Planning Commission, Thursday, October 20, 2011, Village of Skokie, 5127 Oakton Street, Skokie, Illinois 60077, at 7:30 P.M., to consider the following:
NEW ACTION
2011-26P - Special Use Permit: 8219 Christiana
Mintz Morrison Building Corporation, on behalf of Tony and Enka Deube, requests a special use permit for a motor vehicle repair and body repair facility in an M3 industry district at 8219 Christiana Avenue (currently addressed 8225 Christiana Avenue) and any relief that may be discovered during the review of this case.
2011-27P - Alley Vacation
Bounded by Golf Road, LeClaire Avenue, Foster Street, and Leamington Avenue
The Village of Skokie is requesting to vacate the following unimproved public alley in an area

Public Notices
LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
The Village of Skokie Sustainable Environmental Advisory Commission will hold a meeting on Tuesday, September 27, 2011, at the Village of Skokie, 5127 Oakton Street, Conference Room A, Skokie, Illinois 60077, at 7:00 P.M.
NEW
The Village of Skokie Sustainable Environmental Advisory Commission, appointed by the Mayor, will conduct a meeting on Tuesday, September 27, 2011, in Conference Room A of Village Hall, 5127 Oakton Street, Skokie, Illinois 60077. The meeting will commence at 7:00 PM. The Commission will discuss organizational issues.
SPECIAL AID: Available upon request for the disabled. Call (847) 673-0500 or TDD (847) 933-8455.
Interested parties are invited to attend this meeting. This notice is for information purposes only. Published in the Skokie Review on September 22, 2011.
Pub: 9/22/11 #134626

Public Hearings

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This notice is for information purposes only. Published in the Skokie Review on September 22, 2011.
Pub: 9/22/11 #134914

Storage - Legal
NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE
To Be Held At: The Lock Up Self Storage Centers
3366 N Kedzie
Chicago, IL 60618
773-539-3366
Date: 9/30/2011
Begins at: 11:30 am
CONDITIONS: All units will be sold to the highest bidder. Bids taken only for each unit in its entirety. Payment must be made by certified check, cash or money order only. No personal checks accepted. All goods must be removed from the unit within 24 hours. Payment due immediately upon acceptance of bid. Unit availability subject to prior settlement of account.
Unit 308, WILLIAM KRANTZ
Approx: chairs, decorative trees, boxes
Unit 310, WILLIAM KRANTZ
Approx: file boxes, appliances, rugs
Pub: 9/15, 9/22/11 #131280

NEW ACTION
2011-20Z - 3400 Cleveland St. Keckley Company requests two variations in order to construct a building addition replacing an existing building of 69.1% and an offstreet parking requirement of 41 parking spaces rather than the 60% maximum building coverage and 31 required off-street parking spaces as required by Sections 118-174(5) and 118-216(4) of the Zoning Chapter of the Skokie Village Code in an M3 industry district.
FOR YOUR INFORMATION: Plans and related documents are available at the Village's Community Development Department, Planning Division (847) 933-8447 Monday through Friday from 8:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.
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Interested parties are invited to attend this meeting. This notice is for information purposes only. Published in the Skokie Review on September 22, 2011.
Pub: 9/22/11 #134909

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Skokie Zoning Board of Appeals, Wednesday, October 19, 2011, Village of Skokie, 5127 Oakton Street, Skokie, Illinois 60077, at 7:30 P.M., to consider the following:
NEW ACTION
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Pub: 9/22/11 #134909

Storage - Legal
NOTICE OF AUCTION
Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Illinois Self-Storage Facilities Act, a sale will be held on October 12, 2011 at 11:00 a.m. at Life Storage Centers of Elgin, 4520 West Rd, Elgin, IL 60123 (847)988-1634. The contents of the below spaces will be sold at a public sale for cash, credit card or certified funds. If there is no market value or no bids received, the goods will be otherwise disposed of.
Diana Quesada Unit # 406
Jeffrey T. Chapman Unit # 557
Pub: 9/22, 9/29/11 #132283

Storage - Legal
NOTICE OF AUCTION
Life Storage Centers of Morton Grove will hold a public sale to enforce a lien imposed on said property, as described below, pursuant to the Illinois Self-Service Storage Facility Act Illinois Code 770 ILCS 95/1 to 95/7, at 1:00 PM on Thursday, October 13, 2011, at Life Storage Centers of Morton Grove, 6505 West Oakton Street, Morton Grove, Illinois 60053, 847-965-1899. Management reserves the right to withdraw any unit from sale. Registered or motor vehicles are sold "As Is / Parts Only," no titles or registration.
Dragan Kuzmanovic 1674
Alejandro Garcia 1596
Krislin Ward 1586
Anthony Chmilenko 1381
Pub: 9/22, 9/29/11 #133576

Storage - Legal
NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY
Notice is hereby given that the undersigned will sell, to satisfy lien of the owner, at public sale by competitive bidding on October 12, 2011 at or after 10:00 AM at the Extra Space Storage facility located at:
7540 McCormick Blvd
Skokie, IL 60076
The personal goods stored therein by the following may include, but are not limited to general household, furniture, boxes, clothes and appliances.
1068 Ricardo Leonle
1120 Gilbert Georges
3001 Tyrone Gibbs
016 Bernard Jazrawi
Purchases must be made with cash only and paid at the time of sale. All goods are sold as is and must be removed at the time of purchase. Extra Space Storage reserves the right to re-lease any bid. Sale is subject to adjournment.
Pub: 9/22, 9/29, 10/6/11 #134049

Storage - Legal
NOTICE OF AUCTION
Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Illinois Self-Storage Facilities Act, a sale will be held on October 10, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. at Life Storage of Little Village, 3245 West 30th Street, Chicago, IL 60623 (773) 376-8577. The contents of the below spaces will be sold at a public sale for cash, credit card or certified funds. If there is no market value or no bids received, the goods will be otherwise disposed of.
Unit # 2398 --- Luis E. Gonzalez - Household Goods, Furniture, Boxes
Unit # 2118 --- Manuel J. Juarez - Toys, Clothes
Unit # 2046 --- Ricardo Medina - Furniture, Tools
Unit # 1181 --- Angel L. Miller - Household Goods, Furniture, Boxes
Unit # 3229 --- Yajaira Rodriguez - Household Goods, Furniture, Boxes
Unit # 2142 --- Betty Stanton - Household Goods, Furniture, Boxes
Pub: 9/22, 9/29/11 #133655

Storage - Legal
NOTICE OF AUCTION
Life Storage Centers of Homewood will hold a public sale to enforce a lien imposed on said property, as described below, pursuant to the Illinois Self-Service Storage Facility Act, Illinois Code 770 ILCS 95/1 to 95/7, at 4:00 PM on Monday, October 10, 2011, at Life Storage Centers of Homewood, 4500 West Grand Ave., Chicago, Illinois, 60638, from sale. Registered or motor vehicles are sold "As Is / Parts Only," no titles or registration.
Unit # 012
Tina Crawford 051
Robert C. Romes 123
Nakisha Pico 146
Earl Roberts 174
Marla Gandara 332
Angela D. 344
Midred Maldonado 346
David Chamberlain 359
Jose Garcia 404
Loutesia Wright 415
Karin Henry 444
Sean Hoski 587
Thermita Cole 593
Roberto Palino 624
Samantha Bates
Pub: 9/22, 9/29/11 (134833)C

Storage - Legal
NOTICE OF AUCTION
Life Storage Centers of Wrigleyville will hold a public sale to enforce a lien imposed on said property, as described below, pursuant to the Illinois Self-Service Storage Facility Act, Illinois Code 770 ILCS 95/1 to 95/7, at 12:00 PM on Monday, October 10, 2011, at Life Storage Centers of Wrigleyville, 2323 West Addison Street, Chicago, Illinois, 60618, (773)478-0803. Management reserves the right to withdraw any unit from sale. Registered or motor vehicles are sold "As Is / Parts Only," no titles or registration.
Tenant Name Unit #
James Rosenthal 1056/1146
Marquita Harris 3135/2068
Cory Clifford 4067
Anthony Kabeirine 2010
William Thurm 1145
David Carrillo 1201
Andrew Palmer 1300
Patricia Brooks 1153
Ricardo Sanchez 1238
Alex Rodriguez 2180
Marius Ledosma 4059
James Parvin 4168
Joseph Krueger 1226
Pub: 9/22, 9/29/11 #133862

Storage - Legal
NOTICE OF AUCTION
Life Storage Centers of South Loop will hold a public sale to enforce a lien imposed on said property, as described below, pursuant to the Illinois Self-Service Storage Facility Act, Illinois Code 770 ILCS 95/1 to 95/7, at 10:00 AM on Friday, October 14, 2011, at Life Storage Centers of South Loop (312)842-0004, 2361 S. State St., Chicago, Illinois 60616. Management reserves the right to withdraw any unit from sale. Registered or motor vehicles are sold "As Is / Parts Only," no titles or registration.
Tenant Name Unit #
Imary Belandria 5061
Angela Raspe 4163
Amelia Richardson 1094
Amelia Richardson 1095
Amelia Richardson 1096
Sandra Jackson 3154
Michael Bowen 1129
Wauriece Cole 5080
Judith Kratochvil 2207
Arlene Lewis 1931
Alana Mike 2149
Charles Stevenson 2197
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HHG, Furniture, Boxes
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HHG, Boxes, Electronics
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HHG, Boxes
HHG, Furniture, Boxes
Pub: 9/22, 9/29/11 #133935

Storage - Legal
NOTICE OF AUCTION
Lifestorage Centers of Rogers Park will hold a public sale to enforce a lien imposed on said property, as described below, pursuant to the Illinois Self-Service Storage Facility Act, Illinois Code 770 ILCS 95/1 to 95/7, at 11:00 AM on October 13, 2011 at Life Storage Centers of Rogers Park, 7524 N. Paulina Street, Chicago, Illinois 60626. Phone number 847-1-773-38-1411.
Management reserves the right to withdraw any unit from sale. Registered or motor vehicles are sold "As Is/Parts Only," no titles or registration.
Tenant name Unit #
Melinda Corbin 201
Jorge Bourzo 229
Maurice Dawson 311
Louella Wright 314
Ray Royler 369
Rita rounds 369
Dorothy Watson 434
Dorothy Bakhtiet 438
Lawrence Davis 482
Jorge Bourzo 469
Richard Rose 584
Shirley Robinson 589
William Dorsch 599
Jafar Kosary 696
Lolla Johnson 710
Debra Ann Mackerel 730
Curtis Wilson 862
Harold Braxton 800
Almaria Venegas 991
Cyrill D Aranda 1001
Deborah Washington
Pub: 9/22, 9/29 #133772

Storage - Legal
NOTICE OF AUCTION
Life Storage Centers of Humboldt Park will hold a public sale to enforce a lien imposed on said property, as described below, pursuant to the Illinois Self-Service Storage Facility Act, Illinois Code 770 ILCS 95/1 to 95/7, at 2:00 PM on Monday, October 10, 2011 at Life Storage Centers of Humboldt Park, 4014 West Grand Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, 60651. Phone number is 773-235-2800.
Management reserves the right to withdraw any unit from sale. Registered or motor vehicles are sold "As Is/Parts Only," no titles or registration.
NAME Unit #
Jeanette Williams 26
Laura Guzman 107
Tishawn T. Wilson 131
John Carter 161
Mark W. Krieglstein 192
Talisssa L. Coles 354
Ayesha M. Lamom 404
Chiquita M. Carroll 550
Janita Duncan 558
Sharon Harris 610
Erica J. Franklin 625
Dimir Council 638
Betty Whitty 645
Georgia Wyatt 697
Alamako Tracore 749
Quantless L. Mitchell 768
Dexter J. Shorter 769
Candyl B. Brown 784
Maribel Rodriguez 842
Tina F. Frazier 883
Pub: 9/22, 9/29/11 #133640

Storage - Legal

Taesoo Kim --- 248 Menzel Court --- Schaumburg, IL 60194
RM #166 --- Skis, Coffee Table, Bags, Boxes
Carmelia Edmonds --- 1811 Sessions Walk --- Hoffman Estates, IL 60169
RM #197 --- Boxes
Lorrie Jones-Hassel --- 639 Pinecroft Dr. --- Roselle, IL 60172
RM #200 --- Mattress, Boxes, Bins
Eugene Bobroff --- 1333 Cumberland Circle East --- Elk Grove, IL 60007
RM #267 --- Boxes, Mini Fridge
Judith Murphy --- 101 Pine Village Dr. --- Bardonia, NY 60165
RM #294 --- Boxes
Randy Knecht --- 1093 Atlantic Ave. --- Hoffman Estates, IL 60165
RM #345 --- Dresser, Work Benches, Mattress
Erica Gordon --- 20 Oxford Apt. --- Carolansville, IL 60110
RM #372 --- Couch, Mattresses, Loveseat, Table, Bags
Graft Jordan --- 1900 East Golf Rd. --- Hoffman Estates, IL 60173
RM #382 --- Office Chairs, Box-Table, Remaining Items Blocked
Yvonne Davis --- 60 East Beach Street --- Schaumburg, IL 60194
RM #390 --- Futon, Mattresses, Lamp
Robert Mulert --- 2238 First Pinewood --- Naperville, IL 60563
RM #440 --- Table, Chairs, Mattress, Painting, Boxes, Bins
Jura Kim --- 1700 Maple Place --- Schaumburg, IL 60173
RM #527 --- Bed Frame, Mattresses, Couch, Remaining Items Blocked
Milton Kelly Wright --- 3415 Fulton Ave. --- Chicago, IL 60624
RM #528 --- Boxes, Futon Frame, Remaining Items Blocked
Cornelius Savoy --- 6 Joyce Court --- Algonquin, IL 60102
RM #614 --- Dresser, Mattress, Boxes, Bins
Pub: 9/15, 9/22/11 #131178

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Pub: 9/22, 9/29, 10/6/11 #134049

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Joseph Krueger 1226
Pub: 9/22, 9/29/11 #133862

Storage - Legal
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Life Storage Centers of South Loop will hold a public sale to enforce a lien imposed on said property, as described below, pursuant to the Illinois Self-Service Storage Facility Act, Illinois Code 770 ILCS 95/1 to 95/7, at 10:00 AM on Friday, October 14, 2011, at Life Storage Centers of South Loop (312)842-0004, 2361 S. State St., Chicago, Illinois 60616. Management reserves the right to withdraw any unit from sale. Registered or motor vehicles are sold "As Is / Parts Only," no titles or registration.
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Pub: 9/22, 9/29/11 #133935

Storage - Legal
NOTICE OF AUCTION
Lifestorage Centers of Rogers Park will hold a public sale to enforce a lien imposed on said property, as described below, pursuant to the Illinois Self-Service Storage Facility Act, Illinois Code 770 ILCS 95/1 to 95/7, at 11:00 AM on October 13, 2011 at Life Storage Centers of Rogers Park, 7524 N. Paulina Street, Chicago, Illinois 60626. Phone number 847-1-773-38-1411.
Management reserves the right to withdraw any unit from sale. Registered or motor vehicles are sold "As Is/Parts Only," no titles or registration.
Tenant name Unit #
Melinda Corbin 201
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Curtis Wilson 862
Harold Braxton 800
Almaria Venegas 991
Cyrill D Aranda 1001
Deborah Washington
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Storage - Legal
NOTICE OF AUCTION
Life Storage Centers of Humboldt Park will hold a public sale to enforce a lien imposed on said property, as described below, pursuant to the Illinois Self-Service Storage Facility Act, Illinois Code 770 ILCS 95/1 to 95/7, at 2:00 PM on Monday, October 10, 2011 at Life Storage Centers of Humboldt Park, 4014 West Grand Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, 60651. Phone number is 773-235-2800.
Management reserves the right to withdraw any unit from sale. Registered or motor vehicles are sold "As Is/Parts Only," no titles or registration.
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Laura Guzman 107
Tishawn T. Wilson 131
John Carter 161
Mark W. Krieglstein 192
Talisssa L. Coles 354
Ayesha M. Lamom 404
Chiquita M. Carroll 550
Janita Duncan 558
Sharon Harris 610
Erica J. Franklin 625
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Betty Whitty 645
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Quantless L. Mitchell 768
Dexter J. Shorter 769
Candyl B. Brown 784
Maribel Rodriguez 842
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Pub: 9/22, 9/29/11 #133640

Storage - Legal
NOTICE OF AUCTION
Life Storage Centers of Elgin will hold a public sale to enforce a lien imposed on said property, as described below, pursuant to the Illinois Self-Service Storage Facility Act, Illinois Code 770 ILCS 95/1 to 95/7, at 11:00 AM on October 13, 2011 at Life Storage Centers of Elgin, 4520 West Rd, Elgin, IL 60123 (847)988-1634. The contents of the below spaces will be sold at a public sale for cash, credit card or certified funds. If there is no market value or no bids received, the goods will be otherwise disposed of.
Diana Quesada Unit # 406
Jeffrey T. Chapman Unit # 557
Pub: 9/22, 9/29/11 #132283

Storage - Legal
NOTICE OF AUCTION
Life Storage Centers of Morton Grove will hold a public sale to enforce a lien imposed on said property, as described below, pursuant to the Illinois Self-Service Storage Facility Act Illinois Code 770 ILCS 95/1 to 95/7, at 1:00 PM on Thursday, October 13, 2011, at Life Storage Centers of Morton Grove, 6505 West Oakton Street, Morton Grove, Illinois 60053, 847-965-1899. Management reserves the right to withdraw any unit from sale. Registered or motor vehicles are sold "As Is / Parts Only," no titles or registration.
Dragan Kuzmanovic 1674
Alejandro Garcia 1596
Krislin Ward 1586
Anthony Chmilenko 1381
Pub: 9/22, 9/29/11 #133576

Storage - Legal
NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY
Notice is hereby given that the undersigned will sell, to satisfy lien of the owner, at public sale by competitive bidding on October 12, 2011 at or after 10:00 AM at the Extra Space Storage facility located at:
7540 McCormick Blvd
Skokie, IL 60076
The personal goods stored therein by the following may include, but are not limited to general household, furniture, boxes, clothes and appliances.
1068 Ricardo Leonle
1120 Gilbert Georges
3001 Tyrone Gibbs
016 Bernard Jazrawi
Purchases must be made with cash only and paid at the time of sale. All goods are sold as is and must be removed at the time of purchase. Extra Space Storage reserves the right to re-lease any bid. Sale is subject to adjournment.
Pub: 9/22, 9/29, 10/6/11 #134049

Storage - Legal
NOTICE OF AUCTION
Life Storage Centers of Wrigleyville will hold a public sale to enforce a lien imposed on said property, as described below, pursuant to the Illinois Self-Service Storage Facility Act, Illinois Code 770 ILCS 95/1 to 95/7, at 12:00 PM on Monday, October 10, 2011, at Life Storage Centers of Wrigleyville, 2323 West Addison Street, Chicago, Illinois, 60618, (773)478-0803. Management reserves the right to withdraw any unit from sale. Registered or motor vehicles are sold "As Is / Parts Only," no titles or registration.
Tenant Name Unit #
James Rosenthal 1056/1146
Marquita Harris 3135/2068
Cory Clifford 4067
Anthony Kabeirine 2010
William Thurm 1145
David Carrillo 1201
Andrew Palmer 1300
Patricia Brooks 1153
Ricardo Sanchez 1238
Alex Rodriguez 2180
Marius Ledosma 4059
James Parvin 4168
Joseph Krueger 1226
Pub: 9/22, 9/29/11 #133862

Storage - Legal
NOTICE OF AUCTION
Life Storage Centers of South Loop will hold a public sale to enforce a lien imposed on said property, as described below, pursuant to the Illinois Self-Service Storage Facility Act, Illinois Code 770 ILCS 95/1 to 95/7, at 10:00 AM on Friday, October 14, 2011, at Life Storage Centers of South Loop (312)842-0004, 2361 S. State St., Chicago, Illinois 60616. Management reserves the right to withdraw any unit from sale. Registered or motor vehicles are sold "As Is / Parts Only," no titles or registration.
Tenant Name Unit #
Imary Belandria 5061
Angela Raspe 4163
Amelia Richardson 1094
Amelia Richardson 1095
Amelia Richardson 1096
Sandra Jackson 3154
Michael Bowen 1129
Wauriece Cole 5080
Judith Kratochvil 2207
Arlene Lewis 1931
Alana Mike 2149
Charles Stevenson 2197
Brandee Yung 2003
HHG, Furniture, Boxes
HHG, Clothes, Boxes
Office furniture & supplies, Boxes
Office furniture & supplies, Boxes
HHG, Furniture, Boxes
HHG, Furniture, Boxes
HHG, Boxes, Electronics
HHG, Boxes
HHG, Boxes
HHG, Furniture, Boxes
Pub: 9/22, 9/29/11 #133935

Storage - Legal
NOTICE OF AUCTION
Lifestorage Centers of Rogers Park will hold a public sale to enforce a lien imposed on said property, as described below, pursuant to the Illinois Self-Service Storage Facility Act, Illinois Code 770 ILCS 95/1 to 95/7, at 11:00 AM on October 13, 2011 at Life Storage Centers of Rogers Park, 7524 N. Paulina Street, Chicago, Illinois 60626. Phone number 847-1-773-38-1411.
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Jorge Bourzo 229
Maurice Dawson 311
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Storage - Legal

Taesoo Kim --- 248 Menzel Court --- Schaumburg, IL 60194
RM #166 --- Skis, Coffee Table, Bags, Boxes
Carmelia Edmonds --- 1811 Sessions Walk --- Hoffman Estates, IL 60169
RM #197 --- Boxes
Lorrie Jones-Hassel --- 639 Pinecroft Dr. --- Roselle, IL 60172
RM #200 --- Mattress, Boxes, Bins
Eugene Bobroff --- 1333 Cumberland Circle East --- Elk Grove, IL 60007
RM #267 --- Boxes, Mini Fridge
Judith Murphy --- 101 Pine Village Dr. --- Bardonia, NY 60165
RM #294 --- Boxes
Randy Knecht --- 1093 Atlantic Ave. --- Hoffman Estates, IL 60165
RM #345 --- Dresser, Work Benches, Mattress
Erica Gordon --- 20 Oxford Apt. --- Carolansville,

Taking a wait-and-see attitude

A Johnny Come Lately hustles drinks, dinners as tables are turned

BY IRV LEAVITT
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The platter on the service counter was a yard long and groaning with steaming food. It looked like the final resting place of several large meaty animals, their days of life and freedom having ended in fields of semolina and french-fried potatoes.

I was the waiter who had taken the orders for all that nourishment, so I walked up to carry it to table 81.

"Uh-uh," ace waitress Janie Sick-as said as she darted in front of me, hoisted the platter onto her right shoulder, and took off.

Several of the other servers gave me a look.

The look did not say, "Oh, you big sexy hunk of man, you."

Carrying on

I shrugged. This is the world of The Unemployee, where people may trust you to do a day's work with zero training, but not necessarily when it could entail the launch of \$75 worth of food onto a previously healthy regular customer.

At the start of my night at Johnny's Kitchen & Tap, my carrying technique had been weak.

The first things I had to deliver were a bourbon-rocks and a Grey Goose martini, extra cold, with blue cheese-stuffed olives on the side.

As I carried the tray, my eyes were riveted on the rim of that big martini glass, but I couldn't prevent an ounce or so from sloshing over.

"Hey, can I give you a tip?" fellow server Ella Niewiarowski asked.

Sure.

"Don't look at it," she said. "Just forget about it and look where you're going, and you'll never spill anything."

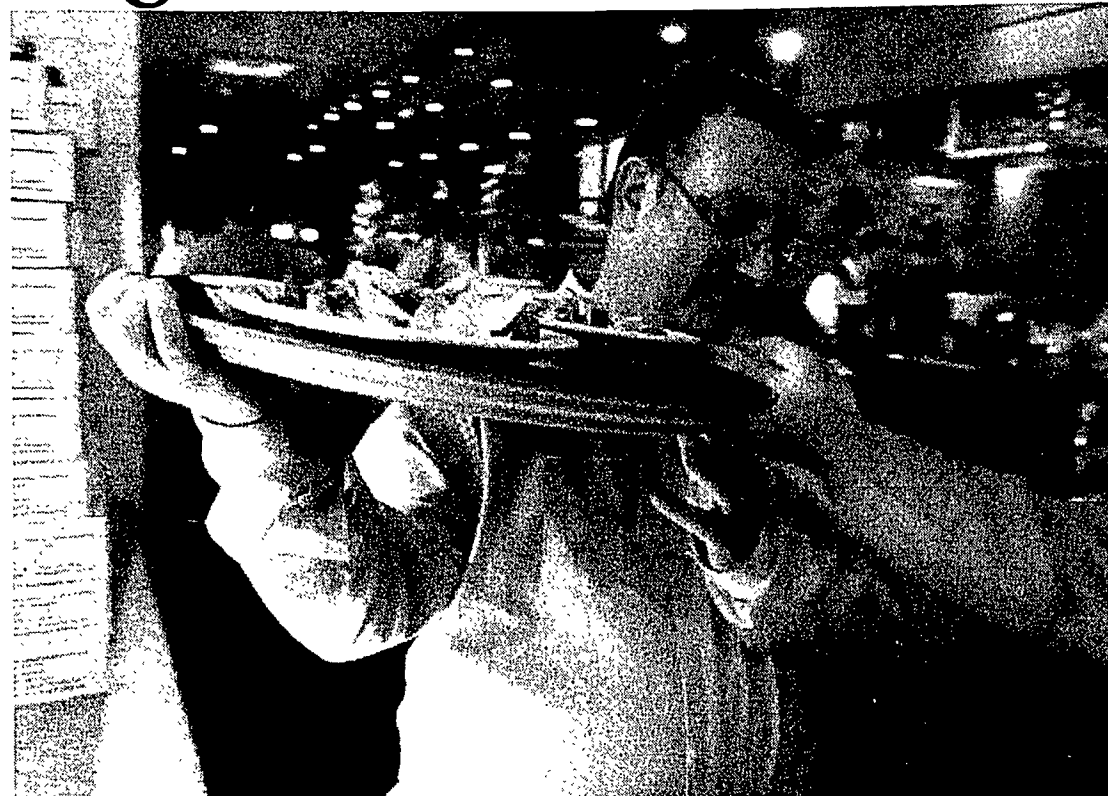
She was right. When I stopped looking at the glasses, I could even carry a light tray on the tips of my fingers.

And yes, you're supposed to learn this when you're about 6 years old. But I was busy then.

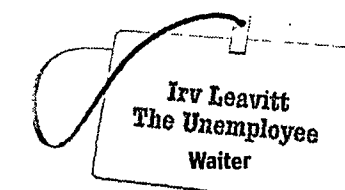
Team players

In some ways, it's easier to wait tables at the Glenview restaurant than some other places. They have a guy, called an expeditor, who puts the plates together for each table as they come out of the kitchen. The gent working on my night, Tino Sanchez, moves like the White Sox's Omar Vizquel, only faster. If I have to go to war, I want him beside me.

I never had to wait as long as a minute for either of the two bartend-



Pioneer's Irv Leavitt picks up his first tray. | JOEL LERNER-SUN-TIMES MEDIA



Johnny's Kitchen & Tap
1740 Milwaukee Ave., Glenview

ers, Sam Abraham and Kelly Garcia, to make my drinks, flawlessly.

Didn't matter. I could foul up food and beverage prep all by myself.

For instance, I had to fill my own pops from the beverage gun. The second time I did that, after I picked up my soda straws and bar napkins and took off, I saw that both glasses were three-quarters full.

Ah, yes. The law of diminishing fizz.

So I refilled them. Then I looked down, and the napkins were wet.

So I got new ones and set sail again for the table, where I set down the drinks.

But I still had the new napkins in the hand I was gripping the tray in.

"Those go under the drinks," Janie told me.

It's kind of like finishing assembling a bicycle on Christmas morning and having a couple of important-looking parts left over.

"Here," I said, handing the napkins to the nice young couple. "These go underneath. When you get a chance."

They were the same people to whom I would soon bring a steak

'And secondly, you are slow. Really, really slow.'

sandwich and a big hamburger 10 minutes before they got ketchup and mustard. They were the same people who left a \$1 tip.

Salad days

"Hey," Janie said. "What're you doing?"

She looked at the two big bowls I had lined up for side salads. "While I took over all that food, you couldn't get two salads done?"

I got news for you. I just realized that one of the salads is a dinner salad, and the cooks make that. So I couldn't get one salad done.

That salad was for a nice lady who had said, "No salt, no spices," adding that she wanted chopped onions. She said something else, but she had whispered that to Janie, and I had no idea what it was.

So first I had to figure out which onions to chop (were they chopped already?), and what had been whispered, which presumably had something to do with how she wanted the salad dressed.

For all I knew, she wanted it dressed in gingham and lace.

"Give her the lemons," Janie said. "Four of them, like this."

Janie is a great server trainer. She apparently does it for all seven of Jim Panagakis' restaurants, as well as Black Cow Kitchen & Bar, about to open in Mount Prospect. The same night I was fumbling around Johnny's, Janie had assigned three new Black Cow servers to follow around

experienced Johnny's waiters.

Two of them were named Jennifer. One of the Jennifers, until recently, sold new-construction homes, she said.

So it goes. Four people sat down at table 81, and immediately ordered beers. Very smart-alecky.

One of them wanted a Bell's Oberon.

"What's that?" I asked. "Do you drink it?"

The guy looked up. "You haven't been doing this very long, have you?"

"That's real big ..."

I wound up telling them about The Unemployee, and then I could do no wrong, as long as they were drinking.

"Would you please bring me another Heineken, sir?" one of the customers asked, feigning respect.

I took a long look at him. "No," I said, and turned on my heel.

Chris Rock never got a bigger laugh. Mr. Bell's Oberon switched from the fancy wheat ale to Coors Light for his second drink, and then ordered Chicken al Forno Pasta. That only costs \$14.95 and only has a quarter chicken, but that's very misleading.

"That's real big, my man," I said. "Can I get mashed potatoes with that?" he asked.

"Well, you could ..."

You could also sculpt a side order of Johnny's homemade mashed into the shape of a Princess Phone and still have some left over to make a Nokia.

"Cheese on that?" he asked. Whoa. Okay, cheddar or Parmesan?

"Both. How 'bout both?"

Before I put the orders in, I had to take mercy. "I can bring you those taters, but I think I was unclear. When I said the Chicken al Forno was big, I meant amaze-your-friends big."

\$20 tip.

Lost in Glenview

My biggest problem was remembering where stuff was. Where are the bus pans? Water glasses? To-go boxes? Which bowl for baked onion soup, and which for merely-crou-toned near-naked onion soup?

And mostly, which screen of the automated guest check is any particular item hiding on?

I was standing staring at the main computer when fellow server Tina Yamovska grumbled, "Aren't people not allowed on the floor until they learn the computer?"

Janie told her it was my first and last day. After that, Tina leaped to my aid every time she saw me scratching my head. Janie, Ella and Tina conspired to help me get out of there alive.

At around 8 p.m., my stomach told me it had been about seven hours without attention, so I poured some split pea soup into a coffee cup, took a sip, and decided it would be a good time to ask manager Jimmy Aggelopoulos how things were going.

"Well for one thing, you'd be terminated immediately for holding a coffee cup," he said.

"And secondly, you are slow. Really, really slow."

I'm doing better than you think. I tried this in an old folks' hotel dining room in 1971, and didn't make it through one sitting of chicken dinner. Asking "A leg or a breast?" was too complicated for me.

I didn't screw up any of Johnny's orders until the last one, our photographer's \$12.95 three pork chop meal. It came up to the service line nestled against an enormous plate of rotisserie-roasted pork, stuffing and mashed potatoes, also \$12.95, which I had apparently punched into the computer, too.

Fortunately, I like pork roast.

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portrays Burnham will lead the audience through the city he loved so much at 1:30 p.m. Sept. 22 at The Summit of Uptown, 10 N. Summit, in Park Ridge. Guests are invited to the free event and may make reservations by calling (847) 825-1161, ext. 129. Light refreshments will be served. Lynch's live re-enactment of Burnham's life will introduce you to the people and events that shaped the "Windy City," from the Fort Dearborn Massacre to the Columbian Exposition of 1893. From the Union Stockyards to the city's fabulous architecture, come and find out how Chicago was transformed from the "Wild Onion" to the "City of the Big Shoulders" through the eyes of Daniel Burnham. Stay for tours of the newly renovated retirement community. Parking is available in the City's Central Parking Lot and the Uptown lot across the street. For a list of other entertaining events at Summit, visit www.summitofuptown.com.

Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center, 9603 Woods Drive, Skokie, (847) 967-4800, www.ilholocaustmuseum.org. Sept. 25, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.: Special Exhibit Opening — The Art Of Gaman: Arts And Crafts from the Japanese American Internment Camps, 1942-1946. While in these bleak camps, the internees used scraps and found materials to make furniture and other objects to beautify their surroundings. Exhibit runs through Jan. 15, 2012. Free with museum admission. Sept. 27, 4-8 p.m.: Elementary Educator Open House — Learn about the museum's character education and Holocaust-based resources for elementary and middle school educators. Enjoy self-guided tours of the museum, including "Make a Difference: The Miller Family Youth Exhibition"; student and teacher program information, free resources and materials, and refreshments. RSVP by Sept. 23. Free for elementary and middle school teachers and administrators.

The Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County has established a location for residents to drop off electronics on a weekly basis at no cost at the Glenview Transfer Station, 1151 N.

River Road, 9-11:30 a.m. Saturdays. Under the new Electronics Products Recycling and Reuse Act (SB2313), only the following items will be accepted: Computers — PCs and laptops, scanners, computer monitors, mobile phones, peripherals — mice, keyboards, zip drives, MP3 players, televisions, PDAs — printers, VHS players, fax machines, DVD players, video game consoles, and DVR/cable boxes. Electronics from businesses, institutions or schools will not be accepted. Visit swancc.org.

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

Avenues Thrift Shoppe offers great prices and specials on gently used clothing for infants, children and adults, shoes, household items, books and small furniture. On Wednesdays, seniors 60 years and older receive 10 percent off all regularly priced items. The main shop is located at 7710 W. Touhy Ave. in Chicago, and the "boutique" shop at 7700 Touhy Ave. features upscale clothing, outerwear, collectibles and finer merchandise. Hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays and 1-8 p.m. Thursdays. Donations are accepted 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays only. Donate only gently used clothing; broken or obsolete electronics cannot be accepted. Purchases help adults with developmental disabilities. Avenues to Independence is a nonprofit organization based at 515 Busse Highway in Park Ridge that offers a variety of programs to enhance an individual's work, social, and daily living skills. For

information on donations or to volunteer, contact Michael Frustini, (773) 631-6230.

St. John Brebeuf's Catholic Women's Club will sponsor its annual Holiday Craft Fair from 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Nov. 13 in the May Parish Ministry Center, 8307 N. Harlem Ave., Niles. Crafters wishing to receive an application for the fair are asked to call Judi Stephens at (847) 296-6421.

Crafters are needed for the annual Holiday Fair at Martin Luther Church, 6850 W. Addison St., Chicago, which will be 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 22. A table rental fee and a sample for the raffle are required. Call (773) 777-8821.

The Kalo Foundation of Park Ridge invites the public to "Arts and Carafes," its annual evening of fine wine, fine food, friends and fundraising, starting at 6:30 p.m. Sept. 23 at the Park Ridge Country Club, 633 N. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge. Tickets are \$60 per person. Six wines will be presented for tasting, paired with mini-courses from appetizers to dessert (this is not a full meal), along with expert descriptions of each wine and its background. Each of the wines will be available to purchase at the end of the evening. A silent auction is also planned. Also part of the evening will be an exhibit of works created for the Kalo Shop and an update on Kalo's plans to create the Iannelli Studios Heritage Center in Park Ridge. Reservations are requested by Sept. 20. Checks should be made payable to Kalo Foundation of Park Ridge; reservations should include names of those attending, address and phone/email. Information will be available on the Kalo web site at www.kalofoundation.org. Call (847) 823-5314.

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

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call Josephine Bax, (847) 823-2550.

Our Lady of Ransom Parish in Niles is selling raffle tickets for its annual fund-raiser. First prize is \$50,000; second prize, \$7,500; third prize, \$5,000; plus five prizes of \$1,000 and five of \$500. Tickets are \$100 each. Only 1,500 tickets will be sold. Call the Ministry Center, (847) 823-2550.

Like New Auto Spa, Inc.,

1050 Busse Highway, Park Ridge, has introduced a special fund-raising program that benefits Advocate Lutheran General Hospital/ Advocate Lutheran General Children's Hospital. Anyone who visits Like New to have their car washed or detailed or buys a gift card from the company and also asks for the Lutheran General discount will receive a price cut for the service, with a portion of the proceeds

going specifically to benefit the Older Adult Services program of the hospital. Call AiMee Madden, Lutheran General Development Office, (847) 723-8518; Steve Radakovic at Like New Auto Spa, (847) 823-9274; or visit www.like-new-autospa.com. The fundraising program is featured on the home page with a link to a more detailed flyer containing the discount and donation matrix. This offer is not valid with an outside wash only, or any other promotion/program.

Health

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

Pediatric developmental screenings offered at no cost. LYNX Therapeutics, 9436 Ozark Ave., Morton Grove, provides specialized occupational therapy services and learning instruction programs to children with physical, social, emotional, and learning difficulties. Contact: Ingrid Kenron at (847) 791-1631 or (847) 966-1505.

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

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

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.

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

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

Weekly, counselors from the Chicago Chapter of SCORE, the Service Corps of Retired Executives, will be at the Library to help small business owners and anyone considering starting a small business. SCORE counselors are successful executives and business owners who can help with a wide variety of business issues. These experienced businesspeople offer private one-hour sessions of business coaching. SCORE is a nonprofit association of volunteers. Weekly sessions are held on alternating Tuesday evenings or Wednesday mornings. Sessions are free but an appointment is required. To set up an appointment online, visit the counseling page at www.scorechicago.org.

If there are questions, call (312) 353-7724 or e-mail info@scorechicago.org.

Youth programs on a drop-in basis — Babytime: 11 a.m. Mondays, for babies age 2 and under. Continuous year-round drop-in program for children with an adult. Includes stories, songs, fingerplays and extended playtime afterward. Rise & Shine Storytime: 10 a.m. Thursdays, ages 2-6 with caregiver; enjoy stories, songs and more.

Maine Township

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

Parks

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

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

Golf Maine
Visit one of the Golf Maine Park District offices.

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LEGAL NOTICE OF PROPOSED CLASS ACTION CONSENT DECREE AND HEARING

If you are a person in Cook County, Illinois, who is 18 years of age or older, Medicaid-eligible and living in a nursing facility, a class action lawsuit may affect your rights.

This Notice is being published by order of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois to inform you of the proposed settlement of a class action lawsuit (*Colbert v. Quinn, Case No. 07 C 4737*) set forth in a proposed Consent Decree ("Consent Decree") against the Governor of the State of Illinois, the Secretary of the Illinois Department of Human Services, the Director of the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services, the Director of the Illinois Department of Aging, and the Director of the Illinois Department of Public Health regarding services provided to individuals with disabilities residing in nursing facilities in Cook County, Illinois. The parties to that lawsuit have reached a proposed Consent Decree that, if approved by the Court, would provide certain rights and benefits to eligible individuals. The Court will hold a hearing to consider whether to approve the proposed Consent Decree on December 20, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. before the Honorable Joan Humphrey Lefkow, United States District Judge, in the Dirksen Federal Building, 219 S. Dearborn Street, Room 1925, Chicago, Illinois 60604.

Who's Included? You are a Class Member whose rights may be affected by the proposed Consent Decree if you are a Medicaid-eligible adult with a physical disability or a primary diagnosis of serious mental illness that causes you to be substantially functionally limited in certain respects, who lives in a nursing facility located in Cook County, Illinois, and who, with appropriate supports and services, may be able to live in the community.

What Does the Proposed Settlement Provide? Plaintiffs and Defendants have asked the Court to enter an order that, if approved, would provide certain rights and benefits (as more fully described in the proposed Consent Decree) to eligible Class Members living in nursing facilities. The Consent Decree provides eligible Class Members the opportunity to make meaningful informed choices about where they live; requires Defendants to ensure that supports and services are available to individuals with disabilities in integrated, non-institutional settings; and establishes procedures to avoid unjustified institutionalization.

How Can I Get More Information? A detailed Notice describing the proposed Consent Decree, the rights of class members and a copy of the proposed Consent Decree itself are available on the website of the Division of Mental Health of the Illinois Department of Human Services <http://www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=29728>. Division of Rehabilitation Services of the Illinois Department of Human Services <http://www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=29764>. Equip for Equality www.equipforequality.org; Access Living www.accessliving.org and the American Civil Liberties Union of Illinois www.aclu-il.org. If you have any questions for plaintiffs' lawyers, you may contact Patti Werner at Access Living, 115 W. Chicago Ave., Chicago, IL 60654, (312) 640-2148, TTY (312) 640-2102

Dated: August 30, 2011

/s/ Joan Humphrey Lefkow
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Progressive pastries are leaving the tarte tatin in their flour dust

The broken-hearted tart

BY VERONICA HINKE
Contributor

Alors! Julia Child's beloved pet project, the classic open face fruit pie, glorified by her and now known to all as *la tarte tatin*, is being left in the competitive flour dust by new tart varieties. Modern chefs are thinking outside the apple basket, making tarts with eggplant, potato and other surprising ingredients. Port wine is even featured in one recipe.

Saul Maya, head chef at Il Poggiolo, an Italian restaurant housed in a former silent movie theater in downtown Hinsdale, dresses up his *tortino di fichli* (fig tart) with a port wine cream sauce that is as decadent as the fig-loaded tart.

"Because of the port, it is richer than other cream sauces," said Anthony Romanazzi, a manager and server at Il Poggiolo.

Tarted up veg

Ann Heinz and Kate Rooney, the two ladies at the helm of Three Tarts Bakery and Café in Northfield, make unexpected tart varieties like eggplant and tomato, salmon and dill; and roasted potato and mushroom.

"It might seem like carbs on carbs," Heinz said of the potato tarts. "But because of the butter flavor in the crust, they are just delicious."

One starchy combination, and one anticipated to appear on their menu into colder months, is potato, parsley and Swiss cheese. Heinz and Rooney take special orders from their long list of other such tarts, and offer one or two types each week in their bakery and café.

Like some versions of the classic *tarte tatin*, pears are featured in an onion tart at Zingarella in Glenview. Zingarella chef Armando Esquivel tops his tarts with thin slices of honey-roasted pears and hearts of palm. He serves the tart with greens dressed in tangy Dijon vinaigrette and a little sweet balsamic reduction.

"I continued a sweet-tart idea throughout the entire dish," Esquivel said. "All of these opposing flavors come together and just work."

Gift to savor

The onion tart was inspired by a gift from Esquivel's friend.

"I created the recipe while thinking about what to do with two large bags of Vidalia onions. Someone brought them to me as a gift from their travels south," he explained. "I was already making a Mediterranean tart with tomatoes, olives



Chef Armando Esquivel's Vidalia Onion Tart at Glenview's Zingarella Cafe. | JOEL LERNER-SUN-TIMES MEDIA

and eggplant. At first, I thought I would just add the onions, but after I caramelized the onions and tasted their intense sweet flavor, I knew they should be the focus of the dish. I made the tarts with only the sweet onions, added a little goat cheese to balance the sweet-tart flavor profile, and went with it."

A literary tart

Esquivel's Vidalia onion tart was a "feature dish" at a recent meeting of Zingarella's Culinary Book Club, which has some 90 members. The classic French tart was served during a discussion of *Five Quarters of the Orange* (Black Swan, 2002), a book about a mother struggling to provide wholesome and delicious meals for her children despite food scarcity during the German occupation of France during World War II.

"The book club participants loved the tart and all wanted the recipe. In fact, one member ordered them in a mini-size for her July 4th picnic," Zingarella owner Bonnie Bock recalled.

C'est dommage (this is all too bad) for *la tarte tatin*. Even though apple tart, *tortino di mele*, still tops the dessert's list at eateries like Il Poggiolo.

But what would Julia say about the more unexpected, modern tarts?

Undoubtedly, she would sing out her signature cry: *Bon appétit!*

Onion Tart

(From Zingarella)

Makes 6 4-inch tarts

- 1 package of puff pastry sheets
- 2 Vidalia onions, thinly sliced
- 1 tomato, diced
- 2 ounces goat cheese
- 3 ounces heavy cream
- 1 egg
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 tablespoon fresh herbs of your choice, finely chopped

Salt and pepper, to taste

Cut puff pastry sheets in circles and press into tart pan. Sauté onions in olive oil until translucent, add tomatoes and sauté one minute more. Add goat cheese and herbs to pan and stir to dissolve. Take off heat and let mixture cool to room temperature. Use fork to mix heavy cream and egg together and then add to onion mixture. Spoon mixture into tart shells and bake at 250 degrees for 30 minutes. Take cooled tarts out of pan. Serve reheated or at room temperature.

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Feldman Recreation Center, 8800 Kathy Lane (one block south of Golf Road on Western Avenue), Niles; or Dee Park, at the corner of Dee and Emerson Roads, Des Plaines; or call (847) 297-3000; www.gmpd.org.

Youth Mile/Senior Walk - Young and old come together to get fit and have fun while walking around Dee Park; Oct. 15, must register by Oct. 7.

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

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

Sixth through eighth-grade Fall Basketball League - Fall league begins in early September. Games on Fridays and Sundays at Feldman. This league fills up fast.

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Golf Maine Park District offers a selection of ENERGY STAR qualified compact fluorescent light bulbs for sale to the public from a Lights for Learning kiosk. Proceeds from the sale of every bulb will directly fund the scholarship program sponsored by the district. The scholarship program allows children the

opportunity to attend camp when they may not have the resources to do so on their own. The kiosk will also house the Lights for Learning teacher tool kits, designed for educators and organization leaders, to provide informational materials on the overall Lights for Learning Program. ENERGY STAR Activity Books for children, as well as ENERGY STAR home energy-conservation and electronics information, will also be available. A recycling bin for used CFLs will also be available. CFLs may be purchased at Feldman Park, 8800 Kathy Lane, Niles, 8:30 a.m.-10:30 p.m. Call (847) 297-3000.

The Golf Maine Park District offers the community an opportunity to recycle paper products. A recognizable green-and-yellow container supplied by Abitibi Bowater was dropped off in the Feldman Park lot, 8800 Kathy Lane, near the corner of Western Avenue and Kathy Lane. Products that can be recycled in this container include: newspapers, magazines, office paper (fax and copy), shopping catalogs, mail and envelopes, catalogs, folders, colored paper and shredded paper (bagged); no cardboard or phone books. All money raised will fund the scholarship program, allowing children to attend summer camp and other programs. Call (847) 297-3000 or go to www.paperretriever.com/.

Religion

Temple Judea Mizpah, 8610 Niles Center Road, Skokie, will offer its K'tonim Pre-School Program of Judaic Arts and Play, for children ages 2 and older.

Children will enjoy Judaic arts and crafts, stories, games, singing, and snacks with their parents and/or grandparents. Siblings are welcome. Children under 2 are free. The 2011-12 classes will be held two Sundays per month from 9:45-11:15 a.m. Schedule to be determined. Tuition per semester will be \$60 and \$75, respectively, for members enrolling one or two children; and \$85 and \$100, respectively, for non-members enrolling one or two children. Call the temple office at (847) 676-1566.

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Ave., Skokie, will hold Adult Christian Education classes following 10 a.m. Sunday services. Classes will be held on a variety of topics. A Fellowship Hour follows the 10 a.m. service each week with "Bring a Friend to Church and Brunch" the first Sunday of each month. Call the church at (847) 673-1434. Messiah Lutheran Church, 1605 Vernon Ave., Park Ridge, holds a Christian education hour at 9 a.m.

each Sunday, with worship service at 10:15 a.m. During the hour, Sunday school is in church parsonage; children from preschool-sixth grade welcome. Childcare services are available during worship. Call (847) 823-6984. St. John Brebeuf Adoration Chapel in the Parish Ministry Center, 8307 N. Harlem Ave., is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week, for spiritual devotion, prayers and meditation. Call

(847) 966-8145. Ezra-Habonim, the Niles Township Jewish Congregation, 4500 Dempster St., Skokie, offers Introduction to Judaism and beginning adult Hebrew classes on Sundays and monthly Yiddish. Members and nonmembers are welcome. Call (847) 675-4141, or go to www.ehnt.org.

Reunions

John W. Garvy Elementary School, Chicago, Class of June 1961, is sponsoring a

50-year class reunion on Sept. 25. Contact Judi (Luga) Stephens at (847) 296-6421. Saint Patrick High School Alumni who graduated during years ending in "1" or "6" (from 1966 to 2006) are invited to a reunion celebration at the school, 5900 W. Belmont Ave., Chicago, on Oct. 15. The evening will begin with cocktails at 5 p.m. Register online at stpatrick.org or by calling Marybeth Nowak, (773) 282-8844, Ext. 268, or emailing mnowak@stpatrick.org. Cost is \$55 per person.

Addison Trail High School Class of 1971 will hold its 40th reunion Sept. 24 at Monty's in Bensenville. Email addisontrail71@gmail.com or see facebook page. USS Columbus CA-74/CG-12/SSN-762 Reunion will be held from Sept. 21-24 at Sheraton National Hotel-Arlington, Va. Contact Allen R. Hope, president, 3828 Hobson Road, Fort Wayne IN 46815-4505. Call (260) 486-2221 from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Eastern time, fax: 260-492-9771 or e-mail: Hope4391@frontier.com.

The 1966 Class of Ridgewood High School is planning a reunion and looking for graduates. Anyone with information concerning alumni is asked to e-mail haydelju@comcast.net or call (217) 352-7254. St. John Brebeuf is looking for all St. John Brebeuf School alumni. Alumni should contact Libby Ryder, (847) 966-3266, or e-mail lryder@sjschool.org, and submit their name, year graduated, address, phone number, maiden name (if applicable) and e-mail address,

and may share a story or tell how St. John Brebeuf made an impact on their life.

Maine Seniors

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

Maine Township is asking for assistance in locating good, reliable handymen in the area. If you know of someone and would like to submit a name, contact Therese Tully, (847) 297-2510, Ext. 260, and she will forward a form to complete. Maine Township, in cooperation with the Cook County Sheriff's Office, is collecting used cell phones to be converted for emergency 911 use for seniors. Donate phones at Maine Town Hall.

Senior Center

The Niles Senior Center offers membership to Niles residents age 55 and older, and their spouses. Drop by the Niles Senior Center, 999 Civic Center Drive, Niles, or call (847) 588-8420, for an application. Visit www.vniles.com, click on Departments and then Senior. Registration required for most programs. Niles Senior Center and the Niles Public Library are looking for volunteers to assist seniors and low-income residents in preparing 2011 taxes. AARP Foundation Tax-Aide volunteers will receive free tax training at the Niles Senior Center in January and will help taxpayers at the Center as greeters and client facilitators/tax preparers beginning Feb. 7 to April 12. Niles Senior Center tax appointments are based on volunteer availability and generally are offered Monday through Friday mornings and afternoons. Volunteers choose the day(s) and time(s) they are available. Niles Public Library is also looking for volunteers for evening or weekend assistance. For more information, contact MaryAnn Borucki at the Niles Senior Center (847) 588-8420 or Judy McNulty

at the Niles Library (847) 663-6431.

A trip to Joliet for "Murder at the Mansion" will be from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Oct. 18. This trip includes lunch (fresh garden salad, entrée with sides, warm rolls and whipped garlic-chive butter, coffee or tea and dessert), deluxe motorcoach transportation, show, and talk and tour of the mansion. Advance registration is required; tickets are \$66, members; \$71, nonmembers.

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

Weekly dinner and a movie schedule: 5-8 p.m. with registration required for movie and/or dinner. Sept. 20: "The Conspirator" (PG-13), hot dog, chips and dessert; \$2, members, \$3, nonmembers. Movie starts at 5:15 p.m.

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

A Caregivers support group is available at the center; contact Bev Wessels, (847) 588-8420.

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Mather's—More Than a Cafe, 7134 W. Higgins Ave., invites adults 55 and older to experience professionally taught, free-to-moderate-priced programs such as lifelong learning programs, fitness classes, free blood-pressure checks and health screenings, free consumer seminars, special-interest workshops, special events and day trips. Call (773) 774-4804 for more information, except where noted. Chess Club for checkmate champs and new people who want to learn the rules and basic strategies. Sessions are Wednesdays, at 1 p.m. Jazzercise—Jazzercise is a fitness program that combines aerobic exercises with elements of jazz dance. A series of dance routines is set to popular music while

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Groups offer steps to battle a weighty issue



BY BETH ENGELMAN
Mommy on a Shoestring

Organizations in the area set their sites on growing crisis regarding childhood obesity

Childhood obesity is on the rise. According to a report by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, "the number of adolescents who are overweight has tripled since 1980 and the prevalence among younger children has more than doubled." Although there are many contributing factors, poor eating habits and a sedentary lifestyle are most certainly at the top of the list. The folks at the Kraft Great Kids foundation and CLOCC (Consortium to Lower Obesity in Chicago Children) are well aware of this problem and are working together to reverse the trajectory. As a result a new message has been crafted to help kids and their parents make healthier choices. The message is easy to remember and a great way to help everyone stay on track. The message? 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 GO!



Janine Gin and Delaney Gin (below) play a game of "Head and Shoulders, Knees and Toes" while showcasing activities for Mommy on a Shoestring. | PHOTOS BY DAN LUEDERT-SUN-TIMES MEDIA

'Made to Move' at Kraft Free Family Night

Join us tonight, Sept. 22, at the Kraft Great Kids Foundation Hoopla at the Chicago Children's Museum at Navy Pier. The foundation's partners including Ravinia Festival, Kohl Children's Museum and After School Matters will be on hand to facilitate games and activities that reinforce the message, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1, GO!

The event is from 5 to 8 p.m. and is free and open to everyone. For more information visit www.kraftgreatkids.com/events/hoopla/#hoopla-september.

5 servings of fruits and vegetables

Both kids and adults should consume five servings of fruit and vegetables a day. I know when it comes to kids it might sound easier said than done. In my house baby carrots are the only vegetable my son eats and even then it's hit or miss. So to compensate, I try to increase servings of fruit. Mommy blogger Christine Candelaria, of www.theaums.com, is the mother of four kids ages 2 through 7. Not only are her kids veggie eaters, they're veggie lovers. Candelaria recommends exposing kids to a variety of vegetables rather than serving them the same ones over and over again. She also advocates serving a DIY salad bar as much as possible. "Put out a variety of toppings that have different flavors, colors and textures," said Candelaria. "Then let your kids pick and choose as they wish." By empowering your kids to make their own dish, they'll be more likely to eat it!

3 servings of low-fat dairy

Low-fat string cheese, yogurt and chocolate milk are great dairy snacks because they're portable, tasty and easy to prepare. If your kids like dips, try Catherine McCord's Low-Fat Ranch Dip recipe. Not only is it a great accompaniment to raw vegetables, it's a perfect way to sneak in an extra serving of dairy.

- Low-Fat Ranch Dip**
- 1/4 cup Greek yogurt
 - 2 tablespoons Vegemise or mayonnaise
 - 1 tablespoon fresh chives (chopped)
 - 1 teaspoon lemon juice
 - 1 teaspoon Dijon mustard
 - 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
 - 1/2 teaspoon onion powder
 - Salt to taste

Place all the ingredients in a bowl and stir to combine. Serve immediately.

Thank you to Catherine McCord of www.weelicious.com for sharing this recipe.

2 hours or less of screen time

I know this rule may go over like a lead balloon but it's important to limit TV and non-schoolwork-related computer time to a maximum of two hours per day. The more time spent in front of the TV or computer, the less time kids have to be active. This becomes an endless cycle, as the less time kids are active, the more lethargic they'll become which further limits their physical activity. To get your kids onboard, talk to them about the importance of leading an active lifestyle and brainstorm ways they can fill the void with new activities and family outings.

1 hour or more of physical activity

Whether it's shooting hoops, doing yoga or playing at the neighborhood park, kids need to be active at least one hour a day. The Kraft Great Kids foundation is doing their part by offering free activities for kids and families. Visit www.kraftgreatkids.com/events for a complete listing of events, which include kid-friendly yoga classes, bowling contests and free family nights at the Chicago Children's Museum.



4 servings of water

Drinking water is the closest thing we have to a "fountain of youth." Not only is it good for your skin, but water can also offset fatigue, constipation and poor concentration. To add a little flavor, substitute fruit cubes for ice cubes. To make fruit cubes, simply fill an ice cube tray with small bits of fruit such as raspberries, blueberries or watermelon. Add chopped mint or basil if desired. Then top with water and place in freezer until ready to use.

Mommy on a Shoestring writer Beth Engelman is a Glenview resident, single mother, and lifelong reader of Pioneer Press who grew up in Highland Park. Engelman was a kindergarten teacher and has written children's books.

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incorporating yoga, Pilates, cardio-kickboxing, and other fitness styles. The classes move incrementally through different intensity levels, so anyone is welcome to join. Classes are held at 11 a.m. Wednesdays, \$5.35. **Line Dancing** is offered at 11:15 a.m. on the first and third Tuesdays of each month. Each class costs \$3.25. A variety of exercise classes fit for every level is available. Try the gentle-moderate exercise class, 11:15 a.m., Mondays and 10 a.m., Tuesdays that features a combination of seated and standing exercises for a complete cardiovascular workout. The moderate-high energy class is at 11 a.m. Thursdays and Fridays, giving more of a challenge with cardio, strengthening, stretching, and toning routines. Each class costs \$3.25. **Computer Classes** - All classes are four weeks and meet once a week for two hours. Begin with level one and advance through to level four. Classes are regularly forming and are offered every month. **June Sawyers** from the Newberry Library will address "Songs

That Change Lives" at 1 p.m. Sept. 28. Suggested donation is \$5. **John Eskota**, vocalist, and **Pat Rusk**, pianist, will perform songs from Broadway in the '50s on Sept. 30. Dinner is at 4:30 p.m.; show at 5:30. Meal cost is \$10; program is \$8. **Mari Zurek**, assistant director of the Chicago Tax Assistance Center, will discuss "Property Taxes and You: Tax Year 2010" at 12:30 p.m. Sept. 29. She will provide information on tax breaks for older adults and explain programs available. Free.

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

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

Super Seniors, a Jewish Seniors group for people older than 60, meets 3-4:30 p.m. the first and third Sundays at the North Shore University Health System Skokie Hospital, 9600 Gross Point Road, Skokie. Topics include current events,

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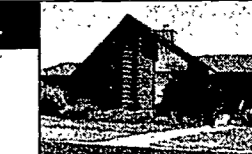
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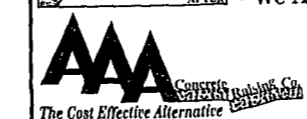
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Weight No More, a friendly weight loss support group, welcomes new members. Discussions include weight loss tips, recipes, and helpful ideas to help participants reach their goals. Fees are \$5 monthly to defray the room rental costs, and small fines for weight gain. Meetings take place from

9:15-10:15 a.m. Fridays at the Howard Leisure Center, 6676 Howard St., Niles (elevator accessible). Call (847) 679-4229.

Widowed Support Group is an ongoing support group that addresses losses faced by persons, as a general guideline, who have been widowed less than two years. This group meets from 7-8:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at Rainbow Hospice and Palliative Care,

444 N. Northwest Highway, Suite 145, Park Ridge; \$5 per session. Call (847) 692-8884 to register.

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

Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago

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

also on the second Wednesday of each month.

Families Anonymous is a support group for family members and friends who are concerned about and affected by the substance abuse or behavioral problems of a loved one. Group 831 meets at 10 a.m. every Friday at Carter Westminster Church, 4950 W. Pratt Ave., Skokie, in the basement; enter from parking lot in the rear. Group 173 meets at 7:30 p.m. every Monday (except holidays) at First United

Methodist Church, 418 W. Touhy Ave., Park Ridge, in Parlor Room, south portion of main level; use entrance at rear (Grant Place), across from parking lot. No dues or fees required. First names only used at meetings to preserve individual anonymity. This is a nonprofessional and non-religious program. Call (773) 777-4442 or visit www.familiesanonymous.org.

NorthShore Hospice will sponsor grief support groups. Soul Mates is an ongoing support group for

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

office, 4901 Searle Parkway, Skokie. Handicap accessible and parking available. To preregister for the programs, call Thom Dennis, (847) 982-4364 or e-mail dennis@northshore.org. Tops Club, Inc. (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), an international weight-loss network of support groups, holds a local meeting weekly on Monday beginning at 5 p.m. at the Niles Park District Center, 6676 W. Howard St., Niles, on the lower level. The building is handicap accessible. TOPS

has helped individuals live healthier lives since 1948 with a combination of sensible eating, regular exercise, and ongoing support to help members achieve and maintain their weight-loss goals. Women, men, teens and preteens committed to attaining and maintaining a healthy weight are all invited to join. Visitors are welcome to visit their first TOPS meeting free of charge. For more information about this meeting call (847) 966-4871 or, to find another local chapter, visit

www.tops.org or call 1-800-932-8677.

MOMS Club of Northern Chicagoland holds weekly activities (such as playgroups, 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 e-mail chicagomomsclub@gmail.com.

One Hope United, formerly Kids Hope United, is seeking foster, adoptive parents to provide homes

for at-risk children. Call (847) 245-6543 or visit www.onehopeunited.org.

The Maryville Crisis Nursery, 4015 N. Oak Park Ave., Chicago, offers twice-monthly tours of the facility. Tours are held on the first Tuesday of each month at 10 a.m. and on the fourth Tuesday at 4 p.m. The Maryville Crisis Nursery is a safe haven for children, newborn to age 6, whose families are experiencing crises in their lives, such as: job/medical issues, homelessness, domestic violence

or other stressful situations. The nursery cares for children for up to 72 hours while parents concentrate on resolving the problems that are the root cause of the stress. There are no charges for services. Children are cared for by professionals and skilled childcare volunteers. The Maryville Crisis Nursery is available to those in need 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The 24 hour help line number is (773) 205-3637. For additional information, call (773) 205-3600.

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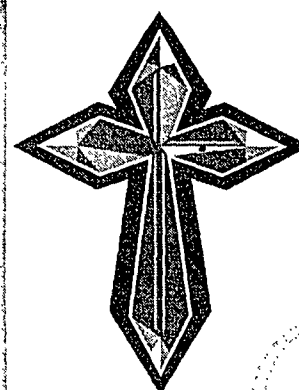
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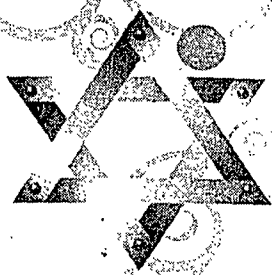
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Edison Park Lutheran Church

6626 N. Oliphant Ave. Chicago, IL
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773.631.9131, www.edisonparkchurch.com
Saturday Worship 4:30 p.m. Evensong,
Sunday Worship
9:00 a.m. Spirit Bridge
10:30 a.m. Contemporary
Rev. Dr. Michael D. Sparby, Sr. Pastor
Carole Edwards, Parish Deacon
Matt Halder, Worship/Music
Michael Lyda, Children/Youth/Family

St. Paul Lutheran Church

5650 N. Canfield, 60631,
(708)867-5044, www.stpaulcanfield.org
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Sunday School & Adult Bible 9:30AM
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Faith Lutheran Church (ELCA)

6201 W Peterson Ave.
Chicago, IL (773) 631-0715
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Sunday Worship 10:30AM
Holy Communion Weekly
Pastors: Barbara Berry-Bailey
and Jeffery King

DEERFIELD

North Shore Unitarian Church

Deerfield, IL Phone: 847-234-2460
www.nsuc.org
Every Sunday at
9:15AM & 11:15AM

MORTON GROVE

Morton Grove Community Church Presbyterian Church (USA)

8944 Austin Avenue
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9 & 11 a.m.
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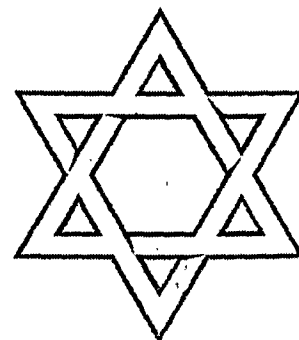
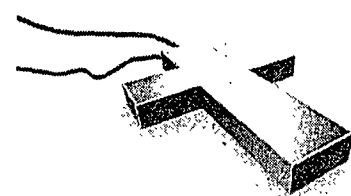
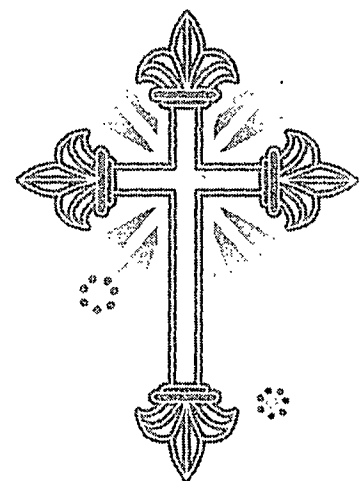
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Chicago, IL
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Fax: 773-631-0142
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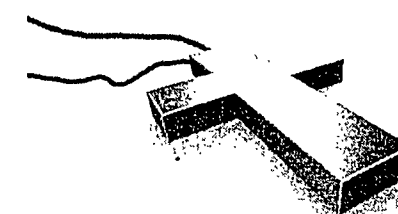
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3220 Big Tree Lane, 847-256-1213
www.bhcbe.org
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Shabbat Service - Saturdays 9:15 AM
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www.skokiecentralumc.org
Worship: Sundays at 10:30 AM

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9000 Kildare Ave. Skokie
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www.StTimothySkokie.org
Worship: Sundays at 10AM

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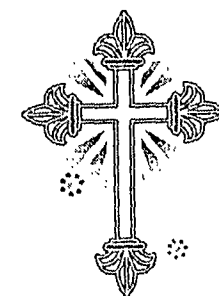
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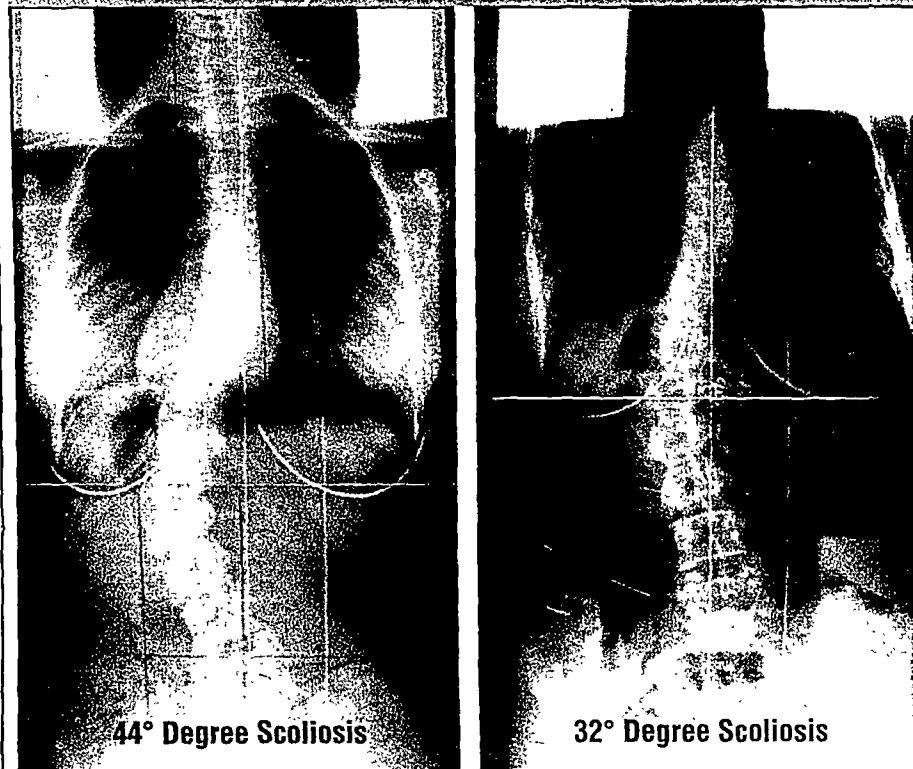
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Demons goalkeepers are dropping like flies

BY DAN SHALIN
 Contributor

With the third-string goalkeeper having recently left the team, the backup away on a personal commitment and the sophomore team's goalie playing at a different location, the Maine East soccer team went to Maine West on Sept. 13 with just one netminder, starter David Patyk.

On the bus ride over, Blue Demons head coach Vic DiPrizio told assistant Jeff Bishop he hoped Patyk would stay healthy against the Warriors.

He didn't. Patyk got injured before the game.

A collision a minute before the end of pregame warmups left the keeper unable to bend his knee and Maine East scrambling to find a replacement.

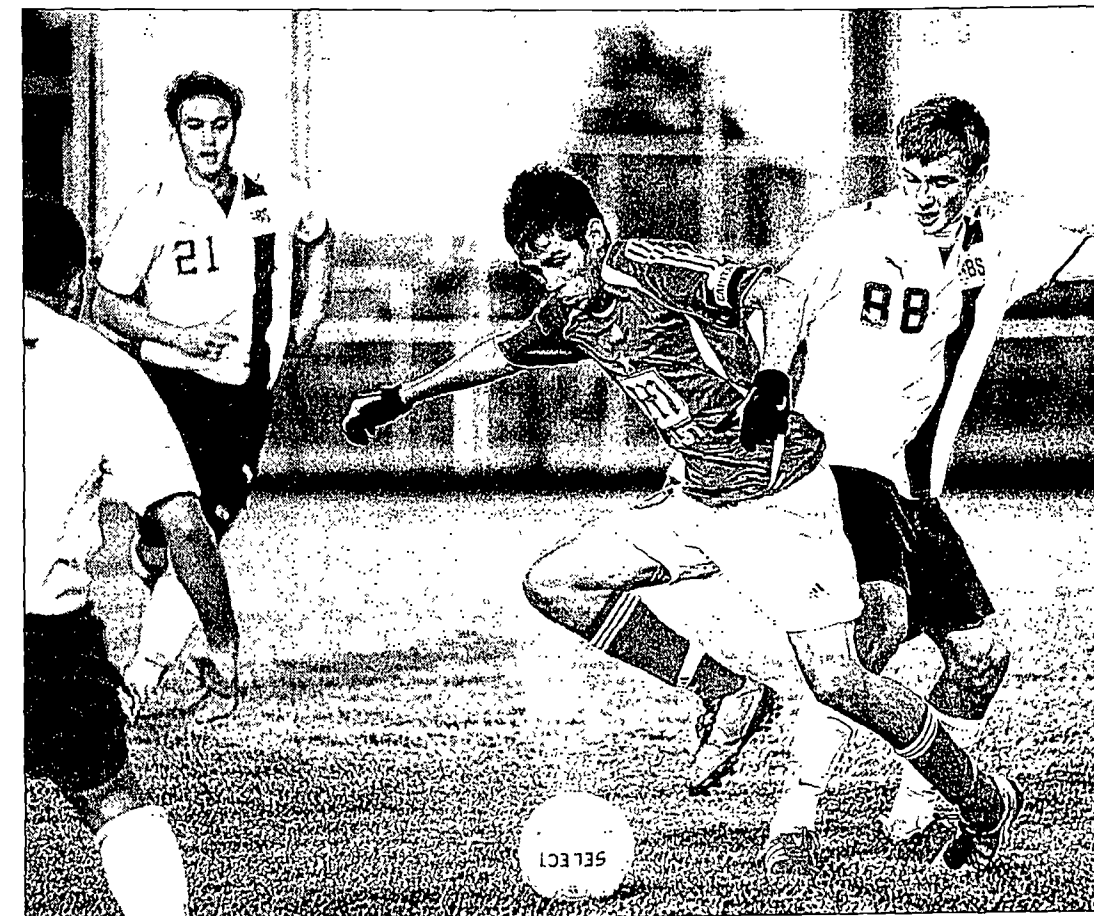
"I was so upset," DiPrizio said. "It's one of those things you see happen, but you don't believe what just happened."

During the national anthem, DiPrizio and the coaches were still trying to determine who would go in goal for their CSL North opener. They finally settled on a backup defender who never had played the position.

But his inexperience, coupled with the shock of losing Patyk right before the game, proved impossible to overcome. Maine West scored three times in the first seven minutes, led 5-1 at halftime and won 6-1.

Maine East's goal was scored by junior Rami Dajani, who notched his 12th of the season.

Up until then, the Demons (3-4 entering this week) had been playing



Maine East's Alexis Chavero dribbles through the Glenbrook South defense. | CURTIS LEHMKUHL-SUN-TIMES MEDIA

well, especially offensively. The highlight of the season came on Sept. 8 when East knocked off a previously undefeated Evanston team 5-2 on goals by Dajani (2), senior Michal Walaszek, senior Alexis Chavero

and sophomore Marco Marin.

"We played well in that game and have been scoring some goals," DiPrizio said. "We have guys who know how to score. Offense is one of our strong points. Our three main

scorers have been doing a great job for us."

In Dajani, who scored 18 goals during an honorable mention all-sectional campaign in 2010, Chavero (5 goals this season) and Walaszek (5

goals) the Demons have no shortage of players who can put the ball in the net.

Returning all-CSL selection Tom Malitz, a junior, and Dino Tjanic, a sophomore, have been controlling the midfield, while freshman midfielder Matt Pytel has impressed with his vision and soccer brain.

The defense was the biggest question mark entering the campaign, with just one backline, senior Edward Cisneros, returning from last year's team that went 15-7-2.

As expected, the defense has shown its inexperience, like during the 5-0 defeat to Glenbrook South on Sept. 6.

But DiPrizio said he has seen progress from the group that includes seniors David Coldea, Gabe Patino and Cervando Mercado and sophomore Adam Debowski.

"They're coming along," DiPrizio said. "I expect a lot out of the defense and I think we're going to be OK."

Maine East, which was scheduled to face Highland Park on Tuesday, plays a lot of soccer in a short period of time this week. The Blue Demons host Niles North at 7 p.m. today (Thursday) before heading to Lake Geneva, Wis., to defend its Badger Tournament title. The Demons play a game on Friday and two on Saturday.

DiPrizio said Sunday he did not know if Patyk would be healthy and available this week, but was staying optimistic. Second-stringer Farhad Sattariyghdam, a senior, would be the likely replacement, while the program's sophomore goalkeeper will be poised to step in.

Upset of Deerfield shows Demons' potential

BY MIKE CAMERON
 Contributor



Maine East junior libero Klaudia Pajak registered 12 digs during the Demons' CLS North opener with Deerfield. | JOEL LERNER-SUN-TIMES MEDIA

No one expected Maine East's young, inexperienced girls volleyball team to rack up a bunch of victories early in the season, but the rebuilding Blue Demons' considerable potential emerged quickly when they defeated Deerfield for the first time in many years in the teams' CSL North opener.

The Demons (2-10) upset the visiting Warriors 16-25, 28-26, 26-24 on Sept. 12, despite getting significant minutes from only one senior, co-captain and outside hitter Olivia Ellsworth (5 kills, 3 digs).

In the second set, Maine East surmounted a 24-20 deficit on a serving blitz by junior setter and co-captain Kate Gebultowicz, who sparked in the match with 13 assists, three

kills, five aces and three digs. Again belying their youth, the Demons prevailed in a tight third set.

Freshman Hannah Farley, a 5-foot-11 outside hitter, showed why she's a future force with seven kills and eight digs. Setter Sarah Huapham, another promising freshman, produced eight digs, two kills, an ace and a solo block. Sophomore middle hitter Veronica Malesinski added four kills and two solos.

Rapidly improving junior libero Klaudia Pajak notched 13 digs and two aces. Junior middle Kayla Diaz aided the cause with two kills and two solo blocks.

The Blue Demons also will get contributions this season from seniors Samantha Lopez and Nicole Kim, as well as juniors Maggie Wierzchucki and Hallie On Chong.

"The girls know we're kind of an

up-and-comer," said third-year head coach Chris Broska. "But they have to learn to push to win the close ones until they get more experienced. Against Deerfield, they started to grow into their positions, and they showed poise by coming back from a deficit. What we're looking for is to see incremental growth in every match. Our main goals going into the season were for them to maintain energy on the court and play together as a team. We want them to keep a competitive edge."

The new team is almost a total makeover. Last year's Demons finished 6-21 overall (4-6, 1-4th CSL North) behind six seniors and talented outside hitter Pat Wardynski, who since transferred to district rival Maine South.

Maine East prevailed 25-12, 25-22 over Maine West (1-14) in the

15th-place match of the Demon Invite Saturday afternoon. Serving proved the difference as Pajak sizzled five aces and Gebultowicz added four.

The Blue Demons were defeated by South Elgin and Leyden on Friday. They moved to the consolation bracket at co-host Maine West on Saturday and lost to Normal West and Warren before salvaging a tourney win at the expense of the Warriors. Maine South (14-4) vanquished Trinity 25-14, 25-18 in the title match.

Maine East visits formidable Highland Park today (Thursday) and competes in the Prospect Invite on Saturday. Maine East and Maine West again will hold a breast cancer awareness fundraiser in a rivalry rematch on the Warriors' court Sept. 30.

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Vikings well-settled at top

BY DAN SHALIN
Contributor

A month into the season, Niles North girls tennis head coach John Amaro could not be more pleased with the top of his singles and doubles lineups.

"I have not had a No. 1 singles and No. 1 doubles combination like this for long time, like I have this year," said the fifth-year coach.

On the singles side, senior Erica Markovitz is playing No. 1 for a third straight season. She entered this week with an 8-1 record and is striving for postseason honors and a spot in the IHSA State Meet.

"(Erica's) goal is to impress CSL coaches and get all-conference. She didn't get it last year, but the conference was so stacked," Amaro said. "Her other goal is to get to the state tourney. She hopes to get seeded in the sectional and to fight her way into the (sectional) semifinals and make state."

already is showing she has closed the gap between herself and the elite-level players in the area.

"This year against Deerfield, she lost 6-2, 6-2, but she had the (Deerfield) girl on the run and (the Deerfield player) was showing her frustration," Amaro said. "It's encouraging that Erica has been able to get under the elite girls' skin. She just needs to keep pushing (against elite players) and she'll start winning sets and matches."

Markovitz also is the Vikings' respected captain. "She's definitely a team leader," Amaro said. "In practice, she'll play singles, doubles, anything and everything to fine-tune her game. It definitely helps the others too."

In doubles, seniors Maddy Neuhaus and Jolene Strauss are paired again after spending last season apart. The two had been a tandem as freshmen and sophomores, but were matched with the graduated Krystine Hoang (Neuhaus) and Aileen Mar-

zalado (Strauss) last season. "(Neuhaus and Strauss) are the best doubles team I've ever coached," Amaro said. "Whether they get to State or not, they are still the best. They have really good instincts and good reflexes."

With Strauss recently nursing some injuries, senior Anna Marzalado (Aileen's cousin) has been playing with Neuhaus on the No. 1 team. Marzalado is expected to be a big part of a No. 2 doubles team once Strauss returns to the court.

The Vikings entered the week with a 6-3 record. Last season, the team went 10-5, its best record for some time. Amaro hopes to see his team equal that mark, though he admits it will be a challenge due to a few weather-related cancellations and tough upcoming opponents.

Results: The Vikings went 1-2 last week, defeating Maine West 5-2 on Sept. 13 and losing to Deerfield and Maine South.

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Injuries expose Wolves' lack of depth

DAN SHALIN
Contributor

The Niles West soccer team has been bitten by the injury bug, and at just the wrong time.

The Wolves (5-7, 0-1 entering this week) have faced a loaded schedule of late, and played recent games missing almost half their regulars.

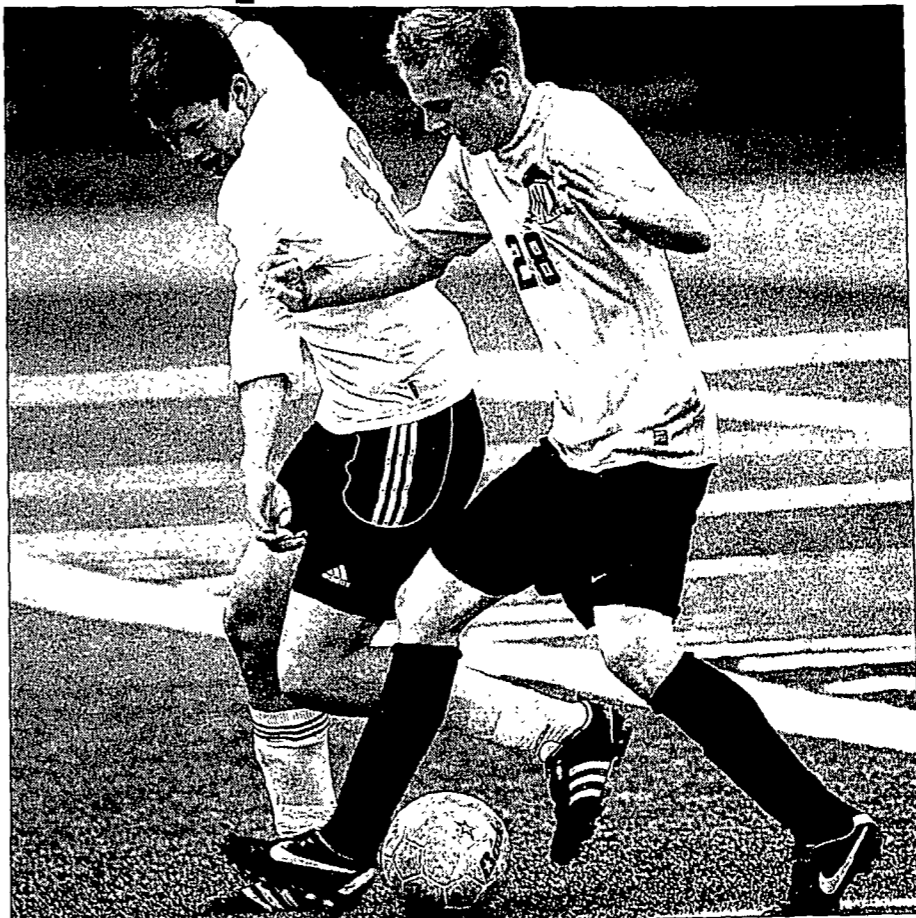
"For the last two weeks, every game, we've had at least four starters out," West head coach Scott Ackman said. "It's tough. We're not super-deep, so it's going to be tough against great teams with even one guy out, and we've had four out."

Perhaps the player the team misses most is senior captain Michael Tabar. The central defender sprained his MCL in the third game of the season against Glenbrook East.

Tabar is undergoing physical therapy and will be reevaluated by his doctor on Sept. 26. He is hoping to be back for the post-season.

Another experienced defender, senior Lane Mita, sat out Saturday's 5-2 Pepsi Showdown loss to Bartlett with an illness.

For the attack, talented sophomore forward Dzenan Nezirevic missed time with hamstring trouble, which he sustained one game after returning from an overseas trip.



Niles West's Robert Ljubic (left) is pushed off the ball by Metea Valley's Zachary Baval during the Pepsi Showdown. (JOE CYGANOWSKI-FOR SUN-TIMES MEDIA)

The speedy and powerful front-man, expected back in the line-

up this week, played only one of the team's first 12 games.

Junior midfielder Daniel Rozen (hamstring) and sopho-

more midfielder Robert Ljubic (broken toe) also are on the injured list.

With Tabar and Mita out on Saturday, Ackman was forced to drop forward Jaime Zepeda to an outside back in order to stabilize the defense.

Zepeda had been forming a solid forward partnership with freshman Johnny Baban, who was promoted to the varsity during Nezirevic's absence. Senior Jake Uyeda was employed alongside Baban in attack.

Both players found the net last week for their first varsity goal.

Baban's tally came in the first half against Bartlett, tying the game 1-1. Bartlett led 2-1 at the break and then scored two more goals within 10 minutes of the re-start.

"The game was pretty much over 10 minutes into the second half," Ackman said. "All five of their goals were defensive breakdowns."

On Thursday, Deerfield's Northwestern-bound striker Joey Calistri scored twice as the Warriors defeated the Wolves 2-1 in another Pepsi

Showdown game. But Niles West did create a fair number of scoring chances

Trailing 1-0 early in the second half, Niles West drew a penalty kick when Zepeda's cross was handled in the box by a Deerfield player. Freshman Mario Ljubic converted from the spot to tie the score.

But a wide-open Calistri scored the Deerfield winner with 15 minutes remaining. West did have a few opportunities after that, especially in the final minute, but could not find the net.

West also was punished for its inability to convert chances in its 1-0 defeat to Glenbrook South on Sept. 13 in the CSL South opener for both teams.

The only goal came on a Titans penalty kick 15 minutes into the contest.

"Jaime (Zepeda) and Johnny (Baban) did well up front together (creating chances)," Ackman said. "It was another one of those games where we had a lot of chances and we played really well. Their goalie had to make some good saves."

Lee, Hester remain consistently good

BY DAN SHALIN
Contributor

Niles West golfers Nate Lee and Nick Hester have one major goal this season: get to The Den.

The Den at Fox Creek Golf Course, in Bloomington, is the site of the Class 3A State Tournament on Oct. 14 and 15. Lee was there last year as a freshman, tying for 93rd. Hester, meanwhile, did not qualify, but traveled to support Lee.

Both Hester, a senior, and Lee are playing like state qualifiers this season.

"Both are very good players and have been working hard trying to get there," Niles West head coach Mitch Stern said. "(Hester) has had a really good season and medaled in a lot of matches. He's averaging a 77 for 18 holes

and has been (our) most consistent player this season. (Lee) has been a little more up-and-down, but nothing really high for him."

The pair already has helped the Wolves to a 4-1 record and second-place finish in the CSL South regular-season standings, perhaps the program's best showing ever.

West will be looking to maintain its No. 2 spot in the conference behind New Trier at the CSL South Meet, Sept. 27 at Sportsman's Country Club.

The following week, the Wolves will attempt to be one of three teams to advance out of the Notre Dame Regional, which will be held Oct. 4 at Mission Hills Country Club in Northbrook. The regional also will include teams like New Trier, Loyola, Notre Dame, Evanston, Maine South and Niles North.

"(At conference), we'd like to knock off New Trier, but they are so talented, top-to-bottom," Stern said. "(At regionals) we don't just want to have a couple individuals getting out, we want to make a run as a team. There are good teams there, but we are as good as anybody."

The play of senior Matt Crawford this season has made Stern optimistic about his team's chances to advance in the postseason. After only picking up the game as a sophomore, Crawford has surprisingly established himself as the team's No. 3 player in 2011.

"(Crawford) has been the sleeper of the year for us," Stern said. "He wasn't slotted in as our No. 3, but he's been playing great. He's averaging 40 every nine holes, you can almost count on him to shoot

40 every time. "He wasn't shooting those scores before. He was playing bogey golf at best (in the last two seasons). But he worked hard, got better, got a little stronger and is hitting the ball farther."

Recap: On Saturday, the Wolves finished 14th at the 26-team Wheeling Invite at Chevy Chase Country Club.

West senior David Lotsford led the way with a career-best 79, Hester shot an 83 and Lee recorded an 89.

New Trier defeated the Wolves 152-166 on Sept. 14 at Winnetka Country Club. Crawford and Lee both shot 40 in that dual.

A day earlier at their home course of Willow Hill in Northbrook, Niles West posted a 152-167 win over Waukegan. Lee (37) was the medalist.

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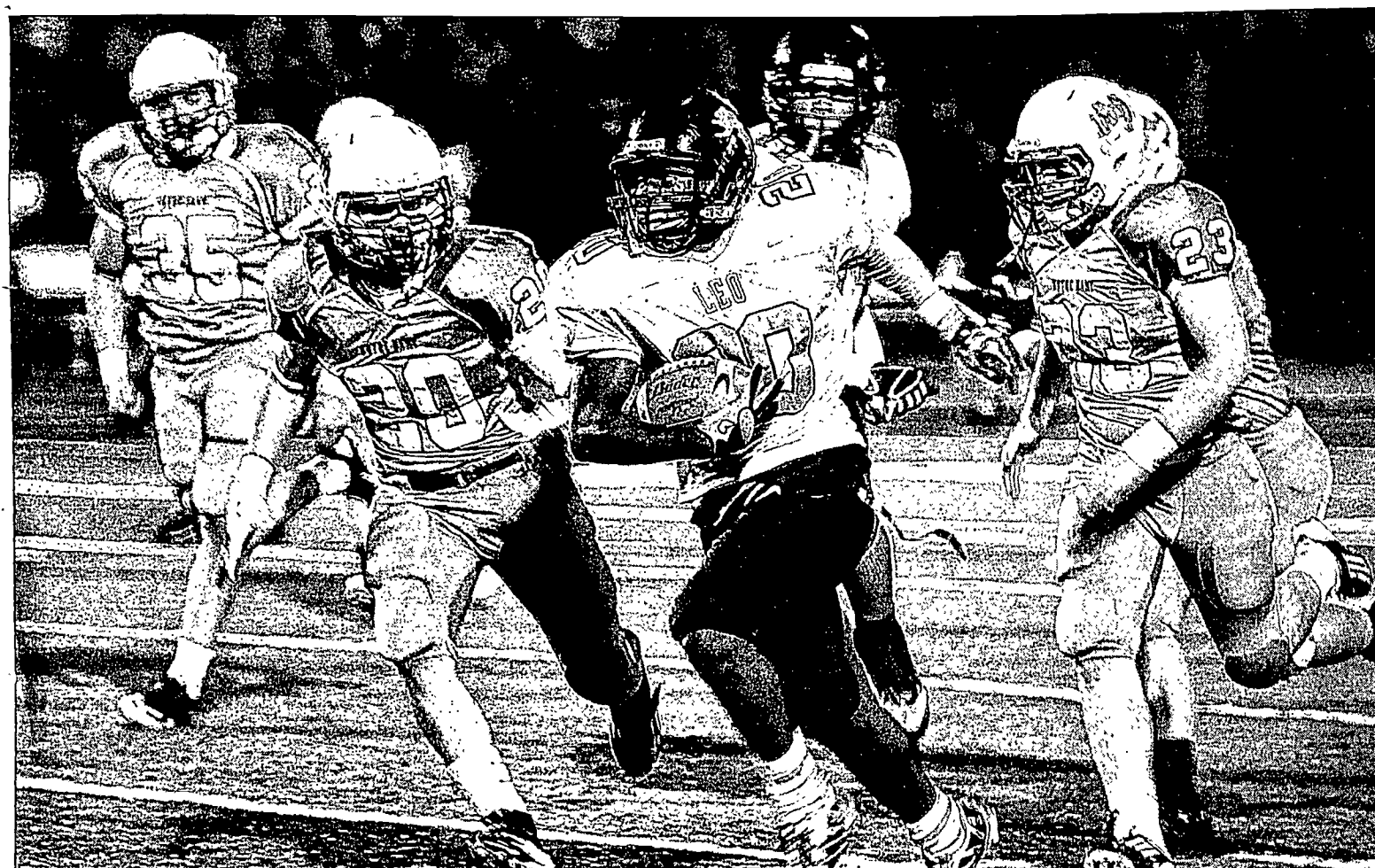
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Notre Dame's Tom Simon (left) and Sean Flaherty (right) close in on Leo ball carrier Keith Harris Jr. during the Dons' victory in Niles. | SHAUNA BITTLE-FOR SUN-TIMES MEDIA

Pieruccini's arm, legs deliver Dons to first win

BY MIKE WOJTYCHIW
Contributor

It took four games, but Notre Dame finally got that elusive first victory of the 2011 season Friday night as they held on to defeat visiting Leo 27-8 in Niles.

"It's a really good feeling to get it," said quarterback Nick Pieruccini. "We needed it and we just have to take it one game at a time to get to

the goal of the playoffs." Notre Dame (1-3) rushed out to a quick 7-0 lead in the first quarter, as sophomore running back Chris James scored on a 32-yard run. His run capped off a six-play, 86-yard drive, in which James rushed for 59 yards.

Down 14-0 before the half, a fumble on a failed double reverse gave Leo (2-2) its best starting field position it would have all night, at

the Notre Dame 32. Quarterback Jarod Cooper threw four incomplete passes and the threat was thwarted.

Leo was able to hold the ball for the majority of the third quarter, for more than 10 minutes, but was unable to capitalize. Both drives ended inside the Notre Dame 25.

After 3 1/2 quarters, the scoreboard stood at 14-0. During the last six minutes

of the game, the two teams combined for 21 points, as the Dons widened their lead to 20-0 on a 15-yard pass from Pieruccini to Joe Parrinello.

Leo answered on a 61-yard screen pass from Cooper to speedy running back Keith Harris Jr.

The Dons would find the end zone one final time four plays later, when Nick Lato broke through for a 38-yard touchdown to cap the scoring.

"Our offense works much better when the run is setting up the pass," said Pieruccini. "As you can see, it makes it flow a lot more easily and makes us look better."

Pieruccini completed 8-of-14 passes for 99 yards and a touchdown, while adding a 1-yard touchdown plunge. James finished with 118 yards on 13 carries.

Harris Jr. led the Lions with 74 yards on 22 carries.

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Friday
Soccer hosts Parker, 6:30 p.m.

Football vs. St. Viator at Forest View, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday
Golf at Central Cath. Tourn at Weibring G.C., 8 a.m.

Monday
Soccer at Northside, 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday
Soccer at Joliet Catholic, 4:30 p.m.

MAINE EAST

Today
Boys soccer hosts Niles North, 7 p.m.

Girls tennis hosts Deerfield, 4:30 p.m.

Girls volleyball at Highland Park, 6 p.m.

Friday
Football hosts Niles North, 7:30 p.m.

Boys soccer at Zion-Benton Badger Tourn., 4:30 p.m.

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Saturday
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Girls volleyball hosts Glenbrook North, 6 p.m.

Tuesday
Boys and girls cross country at Highland Park, 4:30 p.m.

Boys soccer at Glenbrook North, 7 p.m.

Girls tennis hosts Niles North, 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday
Girls tennis at Resurrection, 4:30 p.m.

Wolves unable to corral runaway Sledd

BY MARK PERLMAN
Contributor

It was a historic night at Basrak Field on Friday when Niles West hosted Highland Park in a Central Suburban crossover.

Unfortunately for the Wolves (2-2), history was mostly made on the Highland Park (1-3) side of the ball in a 47-14 Giants victory.

In a Gayle Sayers-like performance — the NFL Hall-of-Famer scored six touchdowns for the Chicago Bears against San Francisco on Dec. 12, 1965 — Highland Park junior running back Andrew Sledd found the endzone six times.

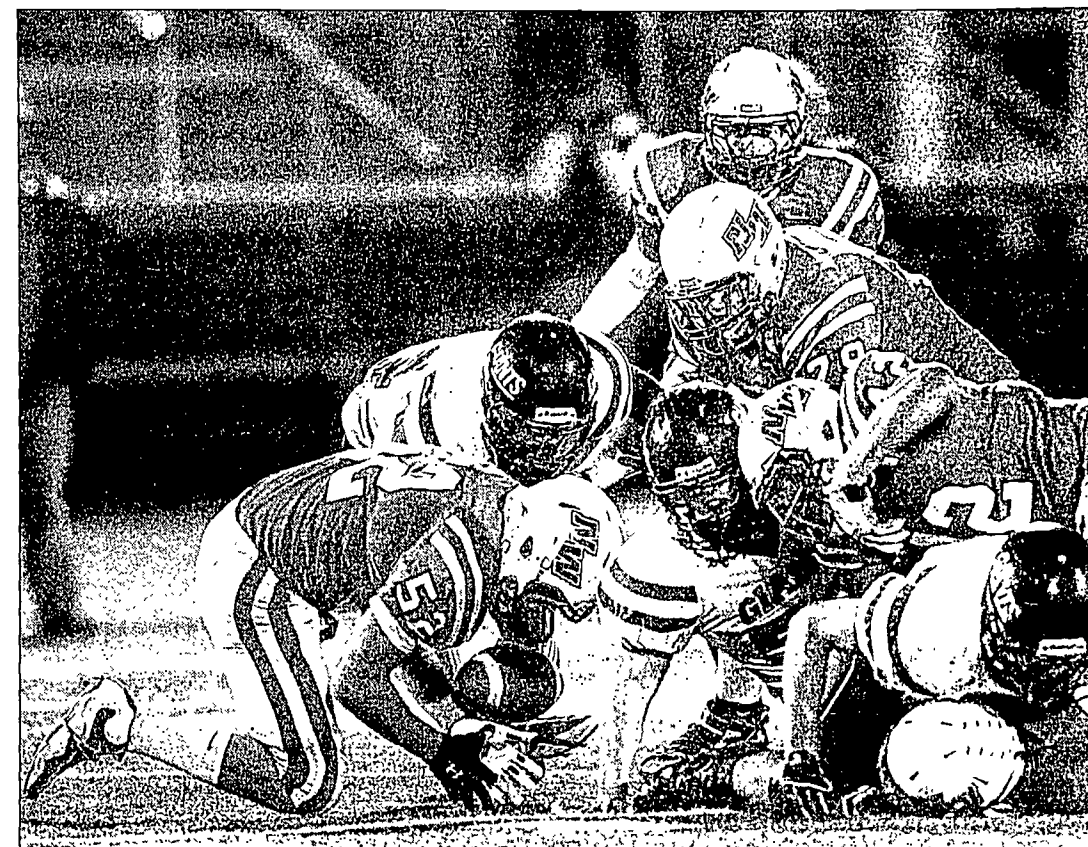
But, there were plenty of records to go around, as Niles West speedster Jeremiah Jordan returned a second-half kickoff 92 yards for a touchdown and then added a 61-yard punt return for another TD. On both returns, Jordan received solid blocking from the Wolves' special teams, and once he weaved around the first wave of Giants, Jordan sped past them untouched.

"I was able to break out because of the blocking, and then I just put it in second gear. Individual stats are nice, but the important thing is the outcome of the game," Jordan said.

"Jeremiah is very talented. A real, real good football player," said Niles West coach Scott Baum. "We try to move him around to make sure he gets the ball."

Actually, Jordan teamed up — sort of — with Sledd, causing the fans and coaches alike to ponder, "Did we see that?"

With the Giants leading 20-0, Sledd took the opening kickoff of the second half 87 yards to the end zone. On the ensuing kick, it was time for Jordan's 92-yard burst. And then — you guessed it — Sledd took the next kick for an 88-yard TD. Back-to-back-



Niles West's Vaughn Monreal-Burner (52) recovers a fumble against Highland Park during the Giants' win in Skokie. | KEVIN TANAKA-FOR PIONEER PRESS

to back kickoff returns.

"That was crazy," Baum said. "It was like watching a ping-pong match."

The players were also impressed.

"You have to give him credit," Jordan said about Sledd, who also scored on runs of three and four yards, and on a 16-yard pass reception. "I didn't expect that (three straight kick returns) to happen."

Added Sledd: "I just had to come back and try to do it again. It was a

little upsetting to see (Jordan) run his kick back after I had mine."

Four turnovers by Niles West (2 interceptions, 2 fumbles) stymied the Wolves offense, which did manage to drive into Giants territory on a few occasions.

"Our offense has been struggling, especially now with the turnovers," Baum said. "We were putting our defense in a bind."

Defensively, Niles West held the

Giants in check for the most part, but Sledd's kick returns and the turnovers were too much to overcome.

Niles West linebacker Terrance Bramlett halted a Giants drive deep into Wolves territory with an interception, while linebacker Vaughn Monreal-Burner recovered a fumble. Defensive end Andrew Matias returned to action from a dislocated shoulder to lead all defensive players with 11 tackles.

"I had an adrenaline rush. I was a little nervous coming back," Matias said. "We've just got to keep playing hard."

Next up: Niles West will open Central Suburban South play at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at Waukegan. The Bulldogs (2-2) lost to Deerfield 33-14 last week.

STANDINGS

CSL NORTH

Niles North	0-0	1-3
Glenbrook N	0-0	1-3
Highland P	0-0	1-3
Deerfield	0-0	0-3
Maine West	0-0	0-4
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Last week's results

Maine South 42, Niles North 6
New Trier 62, Maine West 0
Highland Park 47, Niles West 14
Glenbrook South 63, Maine East 12
Evanston 35, Glenbrook North 7
Deerfield 34, Waukegan 13

Top performer

Andrew Sledd, Highland Park
The junior reached the end zone six times in the team's first win of the season. He rushed for three TDs, ran two kickoffs back for TDs and caught a TD pass.

This week's games

Glenbrook North at Deerfield, 7:30 p.m. Friday
Maine West at Highland Park, 7 p.m. Friday
Niles North at Maine East, 7:30 p.m. Friday

CSL SOUTH

Maine South	0-0	4-0
Evanston	0-0	3-1
Glenbrook S	0-0	3-1
New Trier	0-0	3-1
Waukegan	0-0	2-1
Niles West	0-0	2-2

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Top performer

Ray Bahr, Evanston
Senior running back carried for a career-high 136 yards and registered three TDs in team's third consecutive win.

This week's games

Glenbrook South at Evanston, 7:30 p.m. Friday
Maine South at New Trier, 7:30 p.m. Friday
Niles West at Waukegan, 1:30 p.m. Saturday

Minus Voitik, Vikings toppled by Maine South

BY MATT HARNESSE
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During the week prior to traveling to Maine South, Niles North knew it lost its starting quarterback.

According to a teammate, Billy Voitik was knocked unconscious during a practice, leaving the junior out of action for Friday's game against the top-ranked Hawks with a concussion.

Still, the Vikings battled. They showed gusto by going for an on-side kick to start the game.

The play didn't work, as Maine South recovered and scored 36 seconds later on its way to a 42-6 vic-

tory. Hawks quarterback Matt Aliviti, already a major-college recruit as a junior, threw three touchdown passes in the first quarter to help the team to a 35-0 advantage by the half. The last time these two teams played, Maine South won 66-0 in 2002.

Niles North senior Oshayne Brown looked on the bright side.

"That's the best team in the state, and we got to see what the best team looks like," the running back said of the three-time defending state champions. "We want to be more like that."

Brown ran for at least 100 yards for the fourth game in a row, finish-

ing with 156 yards on 27 carries. Following Brown's 52-yard dash, Vincent Rodriguez got the Vikings on the board with a 1-yard TD dive midway through the fourth quarter.

"We're a wing-T team, and we pride ourselves on our ability to run," said Niles North coach Scott Smith, whose club fell to 1-3. "We're not very big, and other teams are thicker than us. But we are proud of our offensive line. Oshayne's a hard runner, and he's really developed himself."

Brown was the first to applaud his O-line. He went on to say how united the Vikings are this season.

"On and off the field, we are

building friendships that will allow us to battle together on the field," Brown said. "I wouldn't have done what I did without my teammates.

The offensive line did a great job. Backup quarterback Kris Achim and Mychael Henley were phenomenal."

Smith, who coached against Maine South for the first time, shared Brown's enthusiasm.

"Our kids went in there and didn't give up," the coach said.

Smith believes Friday's effort will help the Vikings as they head into CSL North play this week. Since 2000, Niles North's best record in league play was 3-2 for



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Boys soccer at Maine East, 7 p.m.
Friday
Girls dive at Elk Grove Dive Invite, 8 a.m.
Girls swim at Niles West, 5:30 p.m.
Football at Maine East, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday
Girls volleyball at Northside, 8 a.m.
Boys cross country at Palatine Invite at Deer Grove, 9 a.m.
Girls cross country vs. Oak Park at Schiller Woods, 9 a.m.
Girls tennis at Niles West Quad, 9 a.m.
Girls swim at Elk Grove Invite, 11 a.m.
Boys soccer hosts Niles West, noon
Monday
Girls tennis hosts Resurrection, 4:30 p.m.
Girls volleyball at Highland Park, 6 p.m.

NILES WEST

Today
Girls tennis at Waukegan, 4:30 p.m.
Boys soccer hosts Waukegan 7 p.m.
Girls volleyball at Maine South, 6 p.m.
Friday
Girls swimming hosts Niles North, 5:30 p.m.
Saturday
Girls volleyball at Northside Tourn., 8 a.m.
Boys and girls cross country at Oak Park-River Forest, 9 a.m.
Boys soccer at Niles North, noon
Football at Waukegan, 1:30 p.m.
Monday
Girls tennis hosts Fenton, 4:30 p.m.
Tuesday
Golf at CSL South Meet at Glenview Park Dist., TBA
Boys and girls cross country at Maine South, 9 a.m.
Girls tennis hosts Glenbrook South, 4:30 p.m.
Boys soccer at Evanston, 7 p.m.
Girls volleyball hosts Evanston, 6 p.m.

Sophomore Louis lights Niles North attack

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Contributor

Niles North is transitioning as quickly as possible from the Keiko Sugihara era to the age of Taylor Louis. The taller, but younger, Vikings (7-9) have nearly broken even against tough competition in the first three weeks of the new season.

"We knew Taylor would be good, but she's getting better very fast and turning into a monster out there," said fourth-year head coach Mike Cott of Louis, a 6-foot-2 sophomore outside hitter who's already averaging nearly nine kills per match. "She just needs to work on her defense."

The consummate team leader, Sugihara graduated in June after leading Niles North to records of 21-15 and 19-18 in her last two seasons. Sugihara ranks first in career digs and second in kills and aces on the Vikings' all-time leaderboard.

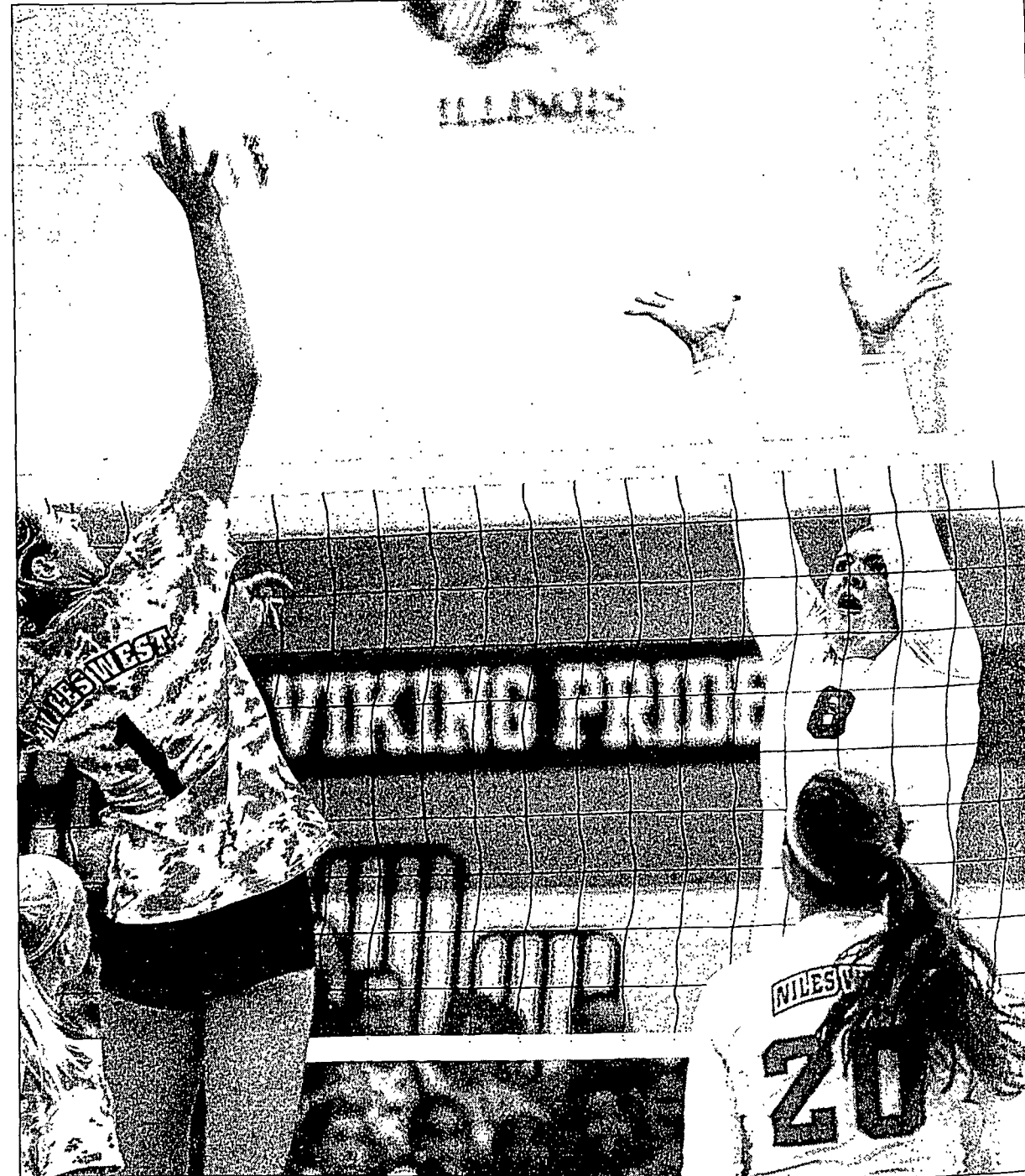
"It just takes time for a team to find its identity and a new leader," said Cott. "For now, we've kind of spread that responsibility around."

Cott has only four players with significant varsity experience, but all 11 of his rookies were on a JV team that shared the CSL North title with Deerfield and Glenbrook North last fall.

The strength of the Vikings is their duo of outside hitters Louis and talented 5-9 junior Andrea Lopez. Louis' 11 kills and Lopez's nine led Niles North to a 21-25, 26-24, 15-13 victory over Stagg in the opener of Maine East's Demon Invite Friday. That kept the Vikes in the winners' bracket for the duration. They lost their next four matches but benefited by being tested against better teams.

Another asset of Niles North's new-look team is its unusual height. Past Vikings teams rarely have had a 6-footer, but this edition presents matchup challenges with 6-2 Louis, 6-1 junior Emma Ciborowski and 6-1 sophomore Alethea Busch.

The co-captains are Lopez, senior and second-year starter Marissa Matesi and



Niles North's Alethea Busch (right) jumps to block a spike by Niles West's Olivia Rusch during the annual Skokie Skirmish, won by the Wolves. | DAN LUEDERT-SUN-TIMES MEDIA

two varsity returnees in senior Kayla Ockrim and junior libero Rachel Matesi. Matesi and Busch are deployed as right-side hitters. Ciborowski and 5-10 junior Karime Assaf man the middle. Setters are juniors Samantha Acance and Holly Betke.

"Sam has become an on-court leader with her hus-

tle and ability to save bad plays," noted Cott after the 5-3 Acance racked up 65 assists in five matches in the Maine East tourney.

Louis pounded 57 kills in the Demon Invite. Lopez produced 36 kills and 49 digs while playing through a sore knee. Assaf registered 14 blocks.

The Vikings' roster is a

quality-deep 15 members and includes juniors Ednee Mae Else, Daye Danelle, Alice Montague, Michelle Tanaka and 5-10 Kailey Wirth.

"We just need to get more consistent defensively. The passing, setting and hitting have been OK. Our block is starting to get better," observed Cott, whose squad lost the annual Skokie Skir-

mish to Niles West earlier this month but turned right around to post a solid victory over Regina.

Niles North has a big week in its quests toward a third straight winning season and top-three finish in conference. The Vikings compete in the Northside Prep Invite Saturday and visits Highland Park Monday.

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