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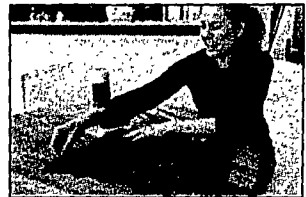
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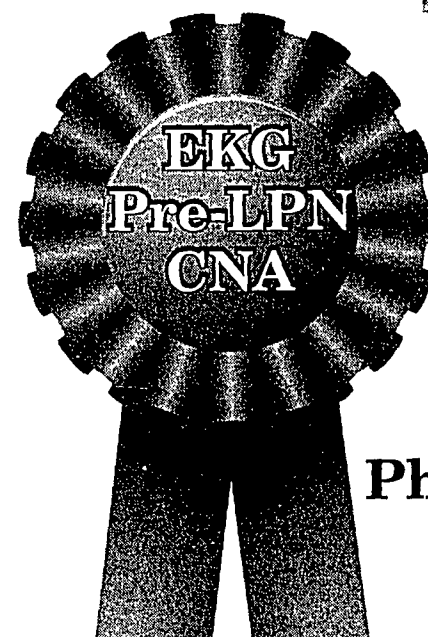
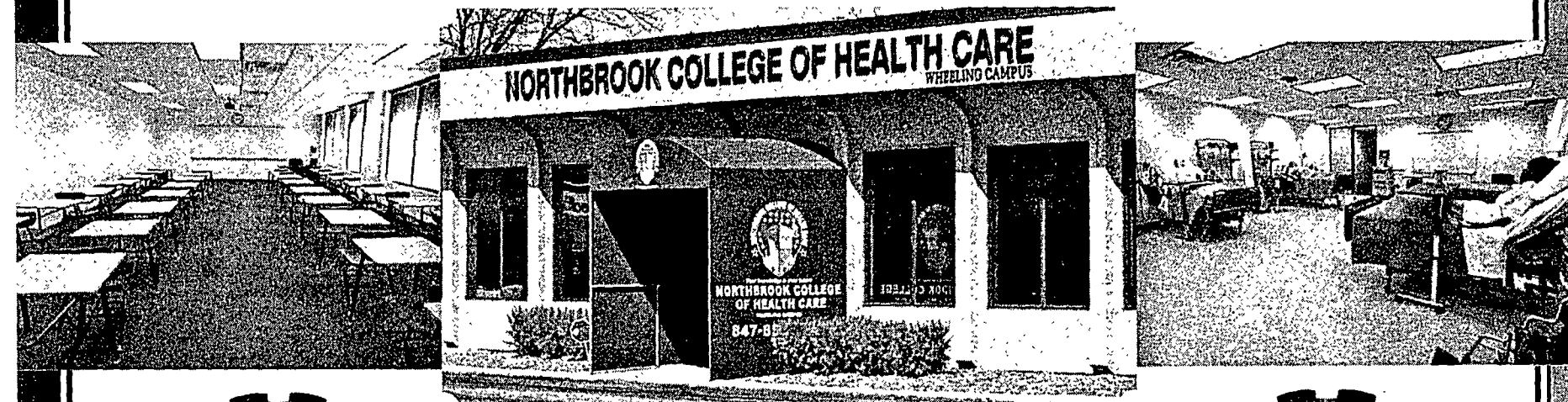
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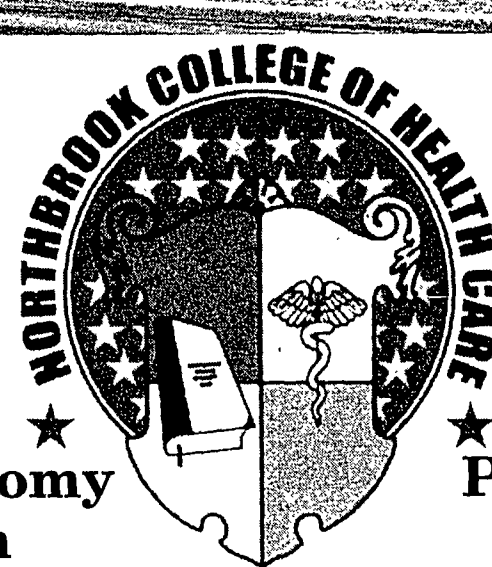
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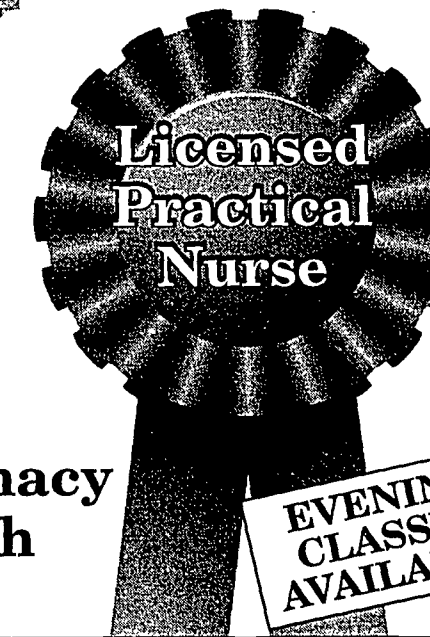
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Sign code vote tabled to May

BY TRACY GRUEN

Contributor

After a lengthy discussion on the proposed new sign code, Niles village trustees decided to table it to the May village board meeting.

The purpose of creating a new sign-code ordinance is to simplify, refine and modernize the existing code.

The proposed ordinance states that shopping centers that are larger than 200,000 square feet can have ground signs that are as much as 36 feet.

This number was changed from the original proposed amount of 22 square feet because business owners were concerned that reducing their signs' size would decrease their visibility.

Some trustees had concerns pertaining to holiday decorations, celebratory signs and political signs that led to tabling the discussion.

"This is not the wild, wild west," said Trustee Andrew Przybylo, who referred to the sections on holiday decorations, celebratory signs and political signs as an "uncivilized document."

"It makes no sense for celebratory signs to be left up for six months," Przybylo said. He felt there should be a time limit regarding holiday decorations and celebratory signs, out of respect for people's neighbors.

Resident Joe Walsh said restrictions on celebratory signs would be restricting his freedom of speech. He currently has a sign that states that he is a proud parent of a student at a local Catholic school and feels it is his right

to keep his sign up to express himself and his religious beliefs.

The Building and Zoning Committee originally recommended creating restrictions such as celebratory signs only being permitted for 14 consecutive days and holiday decorations allowed for 45 days prior to a holiday and 90 days after, but the Plan Commission recommended no restrictions for holiday decorations, celebratory signs or political signs.

Community Development Director Chuck Ostman said state law prohibits any restriction on the time limit for political signs.

Jeremiah Yeksavich, of Rolf C. Campbell and Associates, the consultant working with the village on the new proposed sign ordinance, said surrounding communities frequently place time limits on celebratory signs and holiday decorations, and some size restrictions on celebratory signs.

As a business owner in Niles Walsh told the board he was also concerned about how the sign ordinance would affect the business community and tax revenues.

"Has there been any study done as to how it affects rental vacancies?" Walsh asked.

If the ordinance is passed, established businesses will have to make changes in order to comply with the sign-code ordinance by 2026.

The discussion on the proposed sign ordinance is expected to continue at the next village board meeting at the end of May.

Bin Laden's death 'relief, not happiness'

BY MAUREEN O'DONNELL
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Nearly a decade after she died in the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks, Vanessa Kolpak's voice still greets callers to her parents' home.

Sometimes, her mother calls her own number, just to hear daughter's recorded voice.

Vivian Kolpak has a strong faith in God. She has a good life with loving family and friends. Still, she's cried every day since Sept. 11, 2001.

Because Vanessa — her brilliant, funny, violin-playing daughter who was going to make a fortune on Wall Street and then donate it to fight breast cancer and to school music programs, her little girl who moved to New York just three weeks before the attacks, who beat-out 500 other kids for a financial job in the World Trade Center — was in one of the towers when the planes hit. Her body was never found.

The last time they spoke, Vanessa, 21, was calling her mother from the second tower. "Mommy, I'm alive," she said. But she was crying. She'd seen other people fall to their deaths when the first tower was hit.

Vivian told her: Say a prayer for them, and get someplace safe. Then, Vivian went downstairs, turned on the TV and saw the tower where her daughter was at work fall. She and her husband, Paul, immediately drove east. At first, they couldn't even enter the city — they were held back in New Jersey. But nothing was going to stop them from searching for their baby. They got into New York: "I was there a month looking for her."



Vivian Kolpak, whose family founded the White Eagle Banquet Hall, talked about her reaction to the Osama bin Laden slaying. She lost her youngest child, Vanessa, who was only 21 when the twin towers fell in the Sept. 11 attacks. | AL PODGORSKI-CHICAGO SUN-TIMES

Vivian Kolpak's emotions were like quicksilver on Monday, a day after President Obama announced Osama bin Laden had been killed by U.S. forces. There was gratitude, relief and grief — but not celebration.

"It's a relief; it's not a happiness," Vivian Kolpak said of her family, the founders of the White Eagle Banquet Hall in Niles. "Nothing's going to bring Vanessa back, but we are relieved."

The rawness of 9/11 came roaring back when her daughter, Alexis, called Sunday night and asked if she was watching CNN.

"It's a little bit of closure," Vivian Kolpak said. "We never found her, so we have been lingering, sort of in a limbo."

Alexis and Vanessa were just starting their young adventures in New York. "They were roommates and planning lives together," Vivian Kolpak said.

She's sent a video about Vanessa to the 9/11 memorial and museum being built in New York. Visitors will be able to press her name and see the footage, much of it from a video the family made to mark Vanessa's graduation. "Mom," Van-

essa told her mother when it was a work in progress, "I feel like we're doing my eulogy."

"We both looked at each other, and we crossed ourselves," Vivian Kolpak said. "People ask me, 'Are you angry at God?' And I say no, no. I think God needed those people for something else."

She'll never change the answering message with her daughter's voice. "We have left it on there because we haven't found her. Sometimes, when I know no one's home, I just call because I love her voice."

"Hi, this is Vanessa," it says. "I'm not home right now."

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A Niles man was arrested on a weapons charge after police were called to his home for a reported domestic dispute that involved a rifle.
- 2. Librarians head to London for royal wedding watch**
While millions tune in long-distance Friday to the royal wedding, librarian Cecilia Cygnar of the Niles Public Library celebrated the festivities alongside the people of London.
- 3. Man fights off home intruders**
Police were looking for information regarding a home invasion that took place at a home on the 8800 block of Chester Avenue.
- 4. Athletes make play for Special Olympics support**
Students at Field School met a pair of Special Olympians and learned about the sport of bocce ball.
- 5. Village Board OKs severance payments for laid off workers**
Severance pay for four employees who were laid off was approved by the Niles Village Board April 26, but the process didn't go unquestioned.

No-kill animal shelter rallies for rescue

BY NATALIE HAYES
Contributor

Since Wright Way Animal Rescue opened its doors two years ago in Niles, the no-kill shelter has saved nearly 5,000 cats and dogs from being euthanized by finding them loving homes and giving them a chance to live full, healthy lives.

But the future of Wright Way Rescue's orphaned cats and dogs could be in jeopardy if the shelter is forced to shut down this year after losing its lease on the property at 7136 W. Touhy Ave.

The story behind Wright Way Rescue is a heartwarming one that started with a local family who decided to do something about Illinois' high euthanization rate.

Several years ago Niles resident Cathy Anderson's daughter, Christy, a student at Southern Illinois University, began volunteering at a local animal-control facility where she worked to train dogs to get them ready for adoption. After returning to the facility one day and discovering that the perfectly healthy puppies she saw the day before had been euthanized that night, she was devastated.

From then on Christy would gather together a dozen or so puppies each Friday and drive them up to her parent's house in Niles. Cathy and her husband, Todd, would work on getting each and every puppy adopted through word of mouth and classified ads.

A few years later the Anderson family signed a 13-year lease on the building that is now Wright Way Rescue. The family spent a year fixing it up and invested thousands of dollars to make the facility as comfortable as possible for the animals that would soon call it home.

A separate drainage system was installed into each dog cage, or what Cathy calls "dog suites." An air-filtration system that purifies the air the animals breathe was also installed.

When it opened in 2009, the shelter was instantly a welcome addition to the community, with more than 2,000 animals adopted in 2010 alone. The shelter is funded entirely through adoption fees, which are \$280 for puppies, including labs, golden retrievers and other breeds, and \$115 for kittens and cats. It receives no state or federal funding.

"None of us planned on this — it just sort of happened and it's growing faster than we can believe," Cathy said.

Wright Way Rescue's existence helps ease the burden of overpopulated animal-control facilities in rural areas downstate by pulling out adoptable dogs and cats that are at risk of being put to sleep. With the help of a \$25,000 donation from PetCo, the animals are sent to Wright Way's sister facility in southern Illinois, where they are given their shots, spayed and neutered, and given a clean bill of health from a veterinarian before arriving at the adoption center in Niles.

There's never a shortage of cute puppies, kittens and cats ready to be adopted from Wright Way. Each Friday about 60 new animals arrive — mostly litters of kittens and puppies — and most are adopted by loving families within a week, Cathy said.

The future of Wright Way appeared promising until earlier this year when a legal battle over increased property taxes ensued with the building's landlord.

The lawsuit resulted in the cancellation of the 13-year contract

the Anderson's had initially signed — meaning they may be given a 60-days-to-vacate notice at any time.

If Wright Way is forced to shut down, the animals likely will have nowhere to go and could be sent back to the animal-control facilities downstate that euthanize when they become overpopulated.

"Even if we had another building to move to, it would be impossible to move all these animals in 60 days," Cathy said.

A developer interested in purchasing the property, along with two neighboring buildings, has showed interest in moving forward with plans to possibly build condominium units on the land where Wright Way Rescue sits, Cathy said.

Nothing is set in stone yet, but the notice to vacate could come at any time.

"If we're forced to leave, and we don't have an outlet for the animals to go to ... it's unnerving what could happen—most would have to go back down south," Cathy said.

The Anderson's have posted a large sign on the front of the building letting passersby know that they need the public's help to stay open.

Several members of the Niles community have already expressed their concern.

"They (the Anderson's) have put so much time and effort into getting the facility ready for operation, and it would be a shame if they had to abandon it and start somewhere new," Barbara Mendelsohn, of Niles, said.

The best outcome for the Anderson's would be if they were allowed to stay put, and at the very worst, they would have nowhere to go and not enough money to relocate.

Rally seeks to save shelter

BY NATALIE HAYES
Contributor

A rally organized by local community members concerned about the future of Wright Way Rescue, 7136 W. Touhy Ave., Niles, will be at 1 p.m. Saturday on the front lawn of the shelter.

The animal rescue, which finds homes for more than 2,000 homeless cats and dogs each year, is at risk to be shut down after a property-tax discrepancy put owner Cathy Anderson's lease in jeopardy of being cancelled at any time.

Each week Wright Way Rescue takes in more than 50 animals that have been rescued from overpopulated animal-control facilities downstate that euthanize healthy animals when they run out of space.

If Wright Way is forced to shut down, the future of the animals housed at the shelter is uncertain, Anderson said.

After posting a large sign on the front of the building to notify the community of their situation, there has been an outpouring of concern from members of the community, who organized Saturday's rally to show their support.

"People have been calling us asking what they can do to help," Anderson said.

"The rally is a way for our supporters to peacefully tell the community that they support us and they want us to stay here — we're predicting about 200 to 300 people to be here with signs, and some are bringing their pets."

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Niles dollmakers recreate Kate Middleton's dress in just five hours

BY LEEANN MATON
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When the creative team at Ashton-Drake Galleries gathered at 3 a.m. in a Niles conference room to watch the royal nuptials, they weren't holding an ordinary viewing party — they were all business.

Makers of collectible dolls, they had researched and prepared for months, and were determined to create a near-exact porcelain doll replica of Catherine Middleton and her elaborate wedding dress the same day as its grand reveal. Five hours after the images of Middleton's gown were broadcast across the globe, their pint-sized princess was complete, tiara and all.

"You can't exactly replicate it because it's one-of-a-kind, but you can get pretty close," said Deb Kobak, who works in product development for the Niles-based collectibles company that owns Ashton-Drake.

Production began when hand-made dolls were painted and coiffed to resemble the bride. The designers had a bit of practice, since they created a previous Kate Middleton doll wearing her sapphire blue engagement dress. But because details about the bridal gown remained a closely-guarded secret, the team was stumped.

"None of us really had a clue what it would look like," said the company's Vice President, Leslie Joyce.

Kobak jokingly replied, "We wish it had been leaked, it would have made things easier."

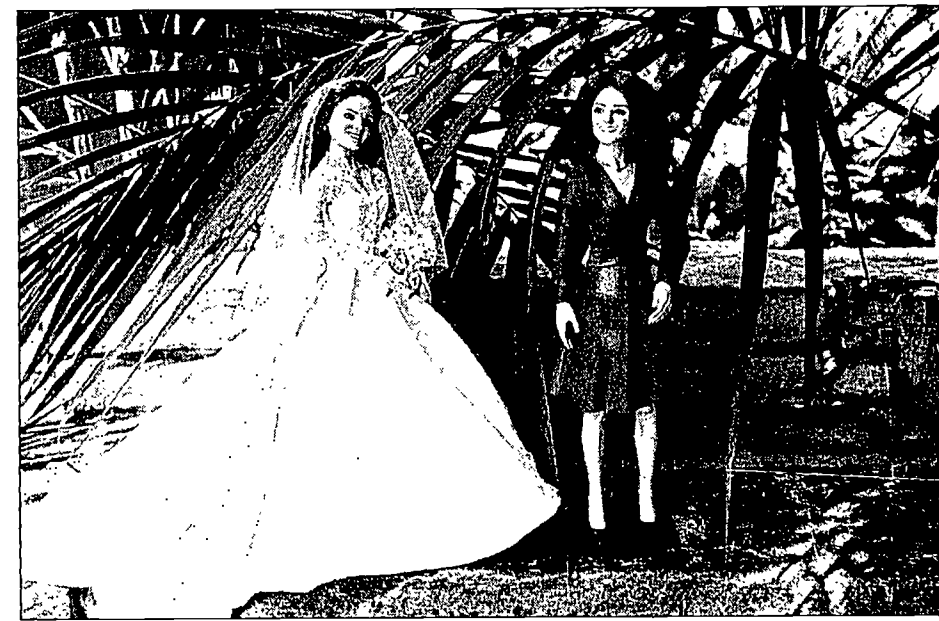
Instead, the doll-makers researched bridal fashions and Middleton's sense of style, as well as the collections of every rumored designer whose name surfaced in the press. They used the research to create several mock-ups of what they thought the royal bride might wear, and assembled a variety of fabrics and plenty of trim and accessories



Ashton-Drake master seamstress and designer Yermen Romero created the Kate Middleton replica bride doll, starting at 5 a.m. April 29 at the Niles company.



to cover any possibility. Seamstress Yermen Romero began scribbling sketches soon after Middleton stepped out in the Sarah Brighton-designed gown. "She has the eye for it, so when Kate walked down the



Ashton-Drake master seamstress and designer Yermen Romero created the Kate Middleton replica bride doll as a follow-up to their Kate Middleton engagement doll. | PHOTOS BY JEAN LACHAT-SUN-TIMES

aise, she was already taking notes," Joyce said of the seamstress, who has been costuming the company's creations for more than 20 years.

Still oohing and aahing, the designers scoured the Internet for reference photos from every angle and took notes on Middleton's appearance during the ceremony. Five hours later, at about 10:30 a.m., Romero put the finishing touches on a 16-inch tall version of the bride's ivory and white V-necked ball gown, replicated down to the daintily pointed lace sleeves and fabric-covered buttons.

The veil, a delicate, inches-

long swath of netting edged in lace, tops off the costume. Praised for her skills as co-workers admired the finished product Friday morning, Romero modestly replied, "Well, it's what I do for a living"

The designers also recreated Middleton's Cartier-made "Halo" tiara, diamond earrings and wedding band from materials already on-hand.

"After 26 years of Ashton-Drake doing dolls, we've compiled jewelry pieces of all kinds," explained Dee Gvozden, a product development manager. "You never throw anything out."

The artist's rendition will soon go into production, where each porcelain doll will be hand-painted and matched with a certificate of authenticity.

Although there's no Prince William doll in the works at the moment, Joyce said she hopes to send the Catherine doll to the bride herself to commemorate the happy occasion. Bits of lace and scraps of satin remained sprinkled across the workroom floor Friday morning, but the \$149.99 collectible is already available to order through the company's website, www.ashton-drake.com.

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Daycare can stay despite tax dispute

BY TRACY GRUEN

Contributor
A one-year lease extension has been offered to a day care service that previously had its lease terminated by the Park Ridge-Niles School District 64 Board of Education.

The board informed the public on April 25 that District 64 has offered a lease extension to Child Care with Confidence through June 2012. The extended lease will be considered by the board for approval after it has been reviewed by day care center director Lois Fisher and her attorney.

Child Care with Confidence has been a tenant of Jefferson School, 8200 N. Greendale Ave., Niles, for 28 years and serves about 70 young children.

The District 64 Board of

Education voted to terminate its lease with the day care center on Feb. 28 after Cook County informed the district that more than \$50,000 in back taxes were owed by the day care center. The board witnessed the outpouring of support from many parents who have children attending the center and decided to support the center's effort to appeal its taxes.

Fisher has reportedly retained legal counsel that has initiated an exemption application at the Cook County Board of Review due to its nonprofit status. It's anticipated to take about a year for the Board of Review to make a recommendation and the Illinois Department of Revenue. Fisher will reimburse the district \$7,197 by June 30 for a 2009 tax installment it paid.

District 64 names pupil services head

BY TRACY GRUEN

Contributor
James Even, who grew up in Park Ridge, was announced as the new director of pupil services at the Park-Ridge Niles District 64 Board of Education meeting last week.

Even is replacing Kathleen Nelson, who is retiring at the end of June.

"It's good to be home in Park Ridge," Even said. "I will give you everything that I have to give."

Even is leaving his position as the director of student services and special education for Naperville Community Unit School District 302, where he started as a special education teacher 21 years ago.

"Our observations at Naperville were phenomenal,"

said District 64 Superintendent Philip Bender.

Even started his education career at Oak Park-River Forest High School where he taught special education. During his career he has maintained an Individualized Education Program management system and supervised a technology team. For several years, he has taught as an adjunct faculty member at local universities, including graduate classes at Northern Illinois University.

Even is a graduate of Maine South High School. He has a bachelor's degree and certified public accountant certificate from DePaul University and a master's degree in special education from the University of Illinois at Chicago.

Dispute leads to gun charges

BY JENNIFER JOHNSON

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A Niles man was arrested on a weapons charge after police were called to his home for a reported domestic dispute that involved a rifle.

Robert Larson, 50, of the 6600 block of North Albion Avenue, was charged April 21 with possession of a firearm and possession of ammunition without a Firearm Owners Identification Card, Niles Police said.

According to police, Lar-

son's wife stated that her husband had returned home from work angry and agitated, and when she attempted to leave the residence in order to go to a neighbor's house, Larson picked up a loaded .22-caliber rifle.

The woman told police she was able to leave the house after she told Larson she was calling police.

Police reportedly located two "BB gun-style pistols" as well as a .22-caliber rifle hidden in the basement.

Larson has court June 1.



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Village Board OKs severance payments

BY TRACY GRUEN

Contributor
Severance pay for four full-time village employees who were recently laid off was approved by the Niles Village Board on April 26, but the process didn't go unquestioned.

The severance payments totaling \$31,247.68 go to for four full-time workers who were laid off. The positions included clerical workers for the Fire, Police and Public Works departments, and an information-technology programmer.

Some trustees complained of a lack of board input regarding the severance pay.

"I believe the entire process was flawed," Trustee Chris Hanusiak said.

Hanusiak and Trustee Jim Hynes felt the employees should have been asked to sign a release in order to eliminate the possibility of workers suing the village with claims, such as different types of discrimination.

Mayor Robert Callero said

he spoke with all trustees regarding the severance pay and Hanusiak was the only one who expressed concerns about it. Trustee Louella Preston was out of the country at the time, so she was not reached on the issue.

During the budget process, the board directed staff to identify \$1.5 million worth of proposed expense cuts, and the employee layoffs will save the village about \$250,000 a year. The laid-off workers will also receive three months of health-insurance coverage. The employees received a week of severance pay for every full year they worked for the village.

"We've never had to terminate people like this before," Village Manager George Van Geem said.

The employees were laid off the same day they were informed their positions had been cut, Van Geem said.

Trustee Joseph Loverde said he thought there should have been better communication with the trustees.

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Maine South cheerleaders place warning labels on beer at the Dominick's in Park Ridge on April 13. Student volunteers and the Maine Community Youth Assistance put stickers on packaged alcohol, warning purchasers that is illegal to provide alcohol to minors. | ROB HART-SUN-TIMES MEDIA



Danielle DiCristofano, center, and Police Chief Frank J. Kaminski put stickers on packs of beer at the Dominick's in Park Ridge on April 13. Student volunteers and the Maine Community Youth Assistance put stickers on packaged alcohol, warning purchasers that is illegal to provide alcohol to minors. | ROB HART-SUN-TIMES MEDIA

Campaign targets underage drinking

BY JENNIFER JOHNSON
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Buyers of packaged alcohol at stores in Park Ridge, Niles and Des Plaines may find a warning message attached to their purchase.

Local high school students spent the afternoon of April 13 applying yellow stickers to alcoholic beverages, each one warning purchasers that it is illegal to provide alcohol to anyone younger than 21.

The effort, sponsored by the Maine Community Youth Assistance Foundation, is part of the Illinois Liquor Control Commission's "Sticker Shock" campaign. It aims to curb underage drinking.

More than 60 students and adult chaperones affixed

stickers to packaged alcohol at 49 stores, including Dominick's in Park Ridge, where Maine South cheerleaders took part in the endeavor, and Cardinal Liquors in Niles, where students from Notre Dame College Prep participated.

Park Ridge Police Chief Frank Kaminski assisted in applying the warning stickers at Dominick's.

"I think it's important because it creates awareness," he said of the campaign. "We all know, from the information we get from (high school) surveys, that kids get alcohol from their parents' home. We want to make sure when alcohol is purchased it's a reminder to adults not to leave it around ..."



Jackie Flores, right, and Madeline Stanton with other Maine South cheerleaders place warning stickers on beer at the Dominick's in Park Ridge on April 13. Student volunteers and the Maine Community Youth Assistance put stickers on packaged alcohol, warning purchasers that is illegal to provide alcohol to minors. | ROB HART-SUN-TIMES MEDIA

SUBURBODDITY

Somehow he can't remember her face

Free of charge, we offer tales of stupid criminals, strange crimes, odd news and otherwise silly stories from around Chicagoland.

BY IRV LEAVITT
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SKOKIE, MARCH 25 — A resident of the 9400 block of Lavergne Avenue, returning from getting his cell phone out of the garage at 10:45 a.m., found a strange woman in his living room. When he asked what she was doing there, she took off. As she and another woman ran toward a car pulling up to the curb, the trespasser turned toward him and lifted up her blouse.

The Ransom of Dumb Thief

OAK PARK, APRIL 23 — A career thief, 38, stole a cell phone from a park bench, but this time, decided against hocking it.

"(The victim) received a call saying if he wanted his phone back, it would cost him X amount of dollars," Deputy Chief Anthony Ambrose said.

When the thief showed up at the arranged place and time — 7:50 p.m. on the 1100 block of Lake Street — police were on hand to welcome him.

We're in here, guarding the shampoo

LINCOLNWOOD, MARCH 25 — Burglars pried open a door of a home on the 6600 block of Circle Drive and ransacked the place, taking two boxes of gold coins, \$50 cash and checks worth \$32,000.

The residents later found their two dogs locked in an upstairs bathroom.

Why al-Qaida knows where Oketo Avenue is

NILES, APRIL 3 — An intoxicated Niles man, 39, called 911 to find out if he could burn the Koran in public. Police visited him in person on the 8200 block of Oketo Avenue and charged him with disorderly conduct.

The underworld turns to underwear

OAK PARK, MARCH 22 — Mis-

cellaneous laundry was stolen from a car left unlocked for two days on the 500 block of South Cuyler Avenue.

Letters to the editor just aren't for everybody

GLENCOE, APRIL 2 — A patrol officer noticed that the rear of Hubbard Woods Plaza, 107 Green Bay Road, was liberally decorated with blue spray-painted epithets about Illinois Speaker of the House Mike Madigan, his daughter, state Attorney General Lisa Madigan and White House Chief of Staff Bill Daley.

Redial is a dangerous thing in the wrong hands

GLENVIEW, MARCH 31 — A Palos Heights man was charged with telephone harassment after making more than 300 calls to an ex-girlfriend over a two-day period.

Squirrel epiphany

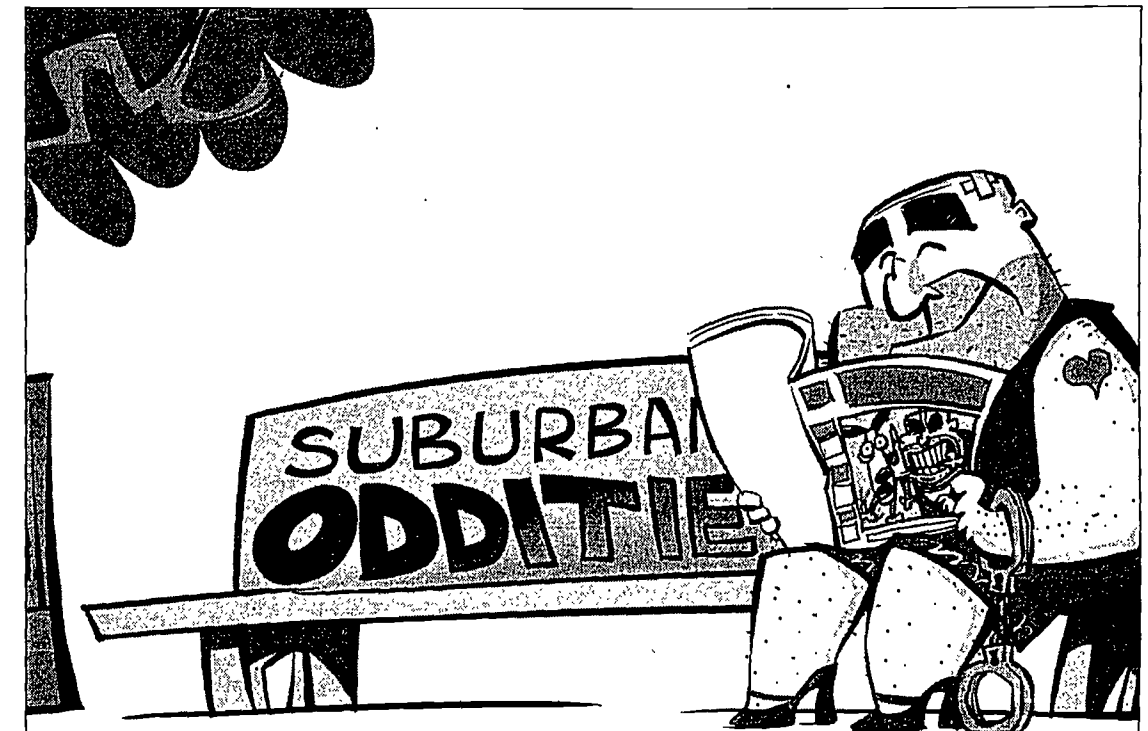
GLENCOE, MARCH 31 — A resident of the 400 block of Greenleaf Avenue reported that while taking down his Christmas lights, he noticed that all six strands were dead. Three had still worked in January, when most people remove Christmas lights. Police are unsure whether the wires were cut by people or chewed by squirrels.

Love conquers all

MAINE TOWNSHIP, FEB. 20 — The former girlfriend of a Golf Terrace Apartments resident followed him home from a bar and then punched his current girlfriend in the head.

Quibbling over nostril nibbling

BUFFALO GROVE, MARCH 20 — A nurse summoned police to help with an argumentative patient who said he just wanted



stitches, but she maintained he really needed plastic surgery. A fight had left him with a chunk bitten from his nose.

Automatic ignition

MAINE TOWNSHIP, FEB. 25 — A resident of the 8900 block of Kennedy Drive used a remote starter to get his car going, but within a few minutes, he had called the North Maine Fire Department to douse his fiercely burning automobile.

Burglary blindness

GLENCOE, APRIL 3 — The son of a vacationing couple called police to tell them that the second floor of the folks' Orchard Lane house had been ransacked. He said that he didn't know when the crime occurred — though he had checked the house several times since the vacation began March 21 — because he hadn't been looking higher than the ground floor.

Hello, DCFS? Do you have a SWAT team?

MAINE TOWNSHIP, MARCH 16 — A customer of Subway, 9201 W. Golf Road, frowned at a woman there who was yelling and swearing at a child. She took offense, indicating that she might enjoy firing bullets at him.

Machine gun of the mind

LA GRANGE PARK, APRIL 12 — A homeless man, 35, strolled around the Jewel-Osco, 507 E. Woodlawn, remarking that he had an AK-47 and was prepared to use it. Police found him to be unarmed, but they charged him with disorderly conduct and took him to get his head examined.

What once hung around her neck may have wound up in his nose

MAINE TOWNSHIP, MARCH 21 — A resident of the 9200 block of Aspen Drive accused her son, 47, of stealing her gold and pearl necklace. Police said the son denied taking the \$1,000 strand and the resident insisted she had not misplaced it.

Yeah, nobody thought of hiding it there before

PARK RIDGE, MARCH 24 — A Des Plaines man, 22, was charged with drug possession after the cops found his dope under his car's gas tank lid.

But did she tip?

BUFFALO GROVE, APRIL 17 —

A customer left the IHOP at 51 N. McHenry Road without paying her tab, got in her car and called the cops from the parking lot to complain that her waitress was rude. Police arrived and told her to relax and just pay her bill.

Must have had an interesting stove

MAINE TOWNSHIP, MARCH 11 — The owner of a furnished apartment on the 9300 block of Bay Colony Drive complained that after she evicted her tenants, they stole a variety of items, including a propane tank and fire extinguishers.

So small they didn't notice it was gone

GLENCOE, MARCH 18 — Fields Infiniti, 2100 Frontage Road, reported the theft of a \$15,000 2007 Mini Cooper from the dealership's main parking lot, occurring some time in the previous four days.

The party's over

SKOKIE, MARCH 19 — A resident of the 4800 block of Jarvis Street invited a Chicago man, 21, over for drinks, but when the guest got loud, he was asked to leave. On his way out, he beat the living daylight out of his host.

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Man, 65, robbed in Maine Township

BY JENNIFER JOHNSON
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A 65-year-old man was the victim of a robbery April 23 while walking home in unincorporated Maine Township,

Cook County Sheriff's Police reported. Police Cmdr. Anthony Brzezniak said five men confronted the victim just before midnight April 23 near the intersection of Dee Road and Noel Avenue. The men, who were reportedly wearing black hooded sweatshirts, grabbed the man's backpack and fled, Brzezniak said. The backpack contained the man's identification, a diary and miscellaneous papers. The robbery was witnessed by three individuals, Brzezniak said. The incident remained under investigation.

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.

ROBBERY
Police said a man was delivering food April 19 to a residence on the 9400 block of Sumac Road when he was approached by two men who grabbed the food out of his hands. The food spilled to the ground and the suspects fled without taking anything, according to police.

BATTERY
A woman told police

that on the afternoon of April 23 a man left his vehicle, swore at her and spit in her face following a traffic altercation on West Oaks Avenue. The woman reportedly followed the man's vehicle to the area of Hamlin Avenue and Church Street before losing sight of him.

BURGLARY
A resident of the 10000 block of Linda Lane told police she returned home the night of April 11 to find several pieces of jewelry missing from her apartment, as well as \$700, a digital camera and photographs she was planning to use in a court

case. There were no signs of forced entry to the apartment, police said. Police said a woman discovered a laptop computer and a copier missing April 15 after she returned home to her apartment on the 10000 block of Linda Lane. There were no signs of forced entry to the residence, police said.

THEFT
Two thefts from vehicles were reported April 11 and April 18 at Crestwood condominiums and apartments. The April 11 theft was reported on the 9900 block of Holly Lane and the April 18 theft was reported on the 10000 block of Linda Lane.

PROPERTY DAMAGE
Criminal damage to property reports were filed April 12 at Crestwood condominiums and apartments on the 10100 block of Holly Lane, and April 16 on the 8800 block of Robin Drive.

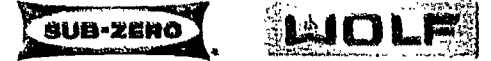
A vehicle was reported damaged April 22 on the 9200 block of Hamlin Avenue.

HIT-AND-RUN
Hit-and-run accidents were reported April 17 on the 9600 block of Bianco Terrace; April 22 on the 9700 block of North Dee Road; and April 23 on the 9000 block of Church Street.



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\$1313 proves lucky: Medical bills paid



BY STEPHANIE ZIMMERMANN
The Fixer

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The emergency room doctor noted a pancreatic mass and told me that I had to stay. I was in the hospital until Sept. 19. However, the hospital listed this as "outpatient" instead of "inpatient." This mistake has caused a lot of problems with the insurance company not paying the doctors and everything else that I was charged for. The insurance did, however, pay the hospital bill.

The insurance company said that to take care of the doctors' charges, the hospital would have to resubmit the bill as inpatient. The hospital has refused. I have done everything the insurance company has asked.

I contacted the Illinois Department of Insurance, and they transferred the case to New York. No help there. My next resort is to file

Dear Rolanda: First, the best news — you told us that the problem was not pancreatic cancer, as you had feared. So let's celebrate that.

As for the insurance snafu, The Fixer was happy to get this sorted out. We got your problem into the capable hands of Linda O'Dwyer, St. Francis' director of marketing and PR. We figured she would know whom to ask.

The hospital folks reviewed your records and found that you were coded — correctly — as an "observation" patient during your stay. That's a category of outpatient care in which the patient is seen by doctors and nurses for a limited amount of time (such as to perform tests to determine whether they need to be admitted). Often that includes staying overnight. Based on that, Blue Cross Blue Shield paid the hospital's portion of the bill on Oct. 5.

The problem appears to have been with the way the physicians reported their claims. St. Francis' people talked to their people, and they've all resubmitted their bills with the observation status listed. That should get the \$1,313 in claims paid correctly and get you off the hook, apart from a \$40 co-pay.

POLICE BLOTTER

The following incidents were listed in 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.

BATTERY
A 29-year-old Park Ridge woman said she was in her vehicle on April 23 waiting for a male motorist to back out of a parking lot on the 8000 block of Milwaukee Avenue when she was approached by him. The woman reportedly opened her window and the offender slapped her cheek and spit in her face, police said.

DOMESTIC BATTERY
Eric Anderson, 24, of 8338 Osceola, was arrested April 24 and charged with domestic battery. The man allegedly struck his wife on the right side of her face with an open hand. The court date is May 12.

BURGLARY TO HOME
Someone entered a home

on April 22 on the 7200 block of Nora and stole property including several flat-screen TVs and two video-gaming systems.

PROBATION VIOLATION
Sandra Johnson, 21, of 7640 Milwaukee Ave., was arrested April 21 and charged with a probation violation for a warrant. The subject was a passenger in a vehicle that was stopped following a hit-and-run crash.

VANDALISM
Someone spray-painted a racially offensive word with black spray paint on the east-facing wall of a condo building on April 22 on the 6900 block of Milwaukee Avenue. Police said there was a photograph of a stick figure firing a gun at another stick figure, with a figure that appeared to be laying on the ground.

BURGLARY
A 17-year-old girl said an unknown person removed the padlock from her locker at school on the 8000

block of Milwaukee Avenue between April 19 and April 29 and stole \$200 worth of hair-care products, said police.

SUSPICIOUS INCIDENT
A 22-year-old man employed by a junk-removal company called police April 21 from a parking lot on the 7700 block of Milwaukee Avenue to report that while cleaning out a residence on the 6400 block of Washenaw in Chicago they found a hand grenade. The Cook County Bomb Squad allegedly came to the scene and confirmed that it was not a live grenade.

POSSESSION
Patrick Keely, 49, of 737 N. Western, Apt. 1, was arrested April 23 on the 8200 block of Oakton and charged with possession of drug paraphernalia. Police reportedly saw the suspect smoking outside and smelled a strong odor of marijuana. Police also found a pipe commonly used to smoke marijuana.

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Award honors neighborhood leader

BY JENNIFER JOHNSON
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Audrey Nankervis

Longtime Maine Township resident and volunteer Audrey Nankervis is the recipient of the township's very first Sgt. Karen Lader Community Service award.

The award, named for the late Cook County Sheriff's Police officer who served the unincorporated Maine Township area, was presented to Nankervis April 12 at the township's annual Town Hall Meeting.

"It was an exciting night," said Nankervis, who shyly acknowledges she's not a big fan of being the center of attention.

Nankervis was nominated for the Karen Lader Award by Maine Township Supervisor Carol Teschky. In her nomination, Teschky recognized Nankervis work as an organizer for Maine Township's National Night Out, a leader within the monthly Maine Township Neighborhood Watch, a former Public Action to Deliver Shelter (PADS) volunteer at St. Mary's Church in Des Plaines, an active volunteer at First United Methodist Church in Des Plaines and a member of the Philanthropic Educational Organization that provides grants, awards and loans to women seeking educational opportunities.

Nankervis also served as Maine Township collector, an elected position, from her appointment in 1998 until 2005.

It was while township collector that Nankervis became

involved in the Neighborhood Watch. Despite losing the 2005 election when she ran for township trustee, Nankervis remained an active part of Neighborhood Watch, continuing to volunteer as a moderator for the meetings, which draw an average of about 20 or more residents each month and feature a panel of representatives from the Cook County Sheriff's Police, the North Maine Fire Department, Maine Township Code Enforcement and, more recently, the Park Ridge Police Department. On her own, she acts as the eyes and ears for her own neighborhood, reporting any public concerns, like graffiti, unkempt properties or burned-out streetlights, Teschky said.

"Audrey is a woman who always goes above and beyond. She doesn't wait for things to be perfect before she shows up to do what she can to make things better," Teschky wrote in her nomination. "Audrey is a woman who believes in the sun even when she can't see it shining and lets her optimistic approach to life shine on the situation at hand until she finds a solution. Because of her, Maine Township is a better place to live."

Nankervis has lived in unincorporated Maine Township for 50 years. She got to know Sgt. Karen Lader through her work with Neighborhood Watch and National Night Out, the township's annual crime-prevention night held in conjunction with the Cook County Sheriff's Department, which provides police protection to the unincorporated area. Lader attended Neighborhood Watch meetings to answer residents questions and report on happenings within unincorporated Maine Township, "but she was also very present in the community itself and very, very interested in helping its citizens," Nankervis recalled.

"Many of us walk together in the morning and she'd be out on patrol and she'd come up with her squad car and say hello to us," Nankervis said. "She was just very, very involved in the neighborhood and we appreciated that."

Lader died last year after a battle with cancer. She was 45. The annual award in Lader's memory was developed by township leaders shortly after her death.

In addition to receiving a plaque, Nankervis was awarded a check for \$250 which she promptly donated back to the township.

"I donated it to the Maine Township Food Pantry," she said. "I know they'll use it well."

District 71 names new Culver principal

BY NATASHA WASINSKI
Contributor

Sixty-five applicants and multiple interview rounds later, the school board of Niles Elementary School District 71 has named Peggie Maniscalco as the new principal of Culver

School, effective July 1. Maniscalco has served in her current position of the school's interim assistant principal since winter.

She previously taught science to Culver's fourth, seventh and eighth graders for the past decade. Maniscalco

gained administrative and managerial experience while developing wellness programs nationally for Baxter Healthcare and internationally for Amoco. She has master's degrees in curriculum and instruction, and public health.

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WE SAY

Workers comp changes

Years ago, a tragic accident in an Illinois mine led to a workers compensation bill to cover the medical bills and lost wages of workers who were injured on the job.

Earlier this year, a special report by the Belleville News-Democrat uncovered abuses to the state's workers compensation system by Menard Prison employees. Nearly half of the prison employees filed claims for injuries on the job, most of these for repetitive traumas like carpal tunnel syndrome injuries (blamed on turning keys in the door locks). The state blithely paid the \$10 million medical bills until the News-Democrat series broke, at which point the state legislature held hearings to examine the state's entire workers compensation package.

This delighted the business community that pays the bills and raised objections from lawyers who say workers rights will be trampled under "reform."

The hearings led to a Senate bill that Republicans embraced but that Democrats rejected. Well, kind of rejected: six Democrats voted against it and 28 spineless Democrats voted "present."

Gov. Quinn, goaded no doubt by the letter from Caterpillar warning it's being wooed by other more business-friendly states, has promised his support for reforms, including cutting doctors and hospital payments 30 percent. Even with a cut this size, however, the state's payments will still be among the highest in the country. These cuts, however, got the attention of the state's medical community, who joined the lawyers in protesting changes to workers

compensation.

Quinn's cuts appear to be justified. Illinois ranks No. 1 in many rates its doctors and hospitals charge for medical procedures covered by workers compensation, according to a study by the Workers Compensation Research Institute.

The state's business community is pushing to reform its workers compensation system. These groups would like reforms more generous to companies than the current system that requires arbitrators to interpret claims liberally in favor of the employee. They rightly say the standard should be to interpret on a "fair basis."

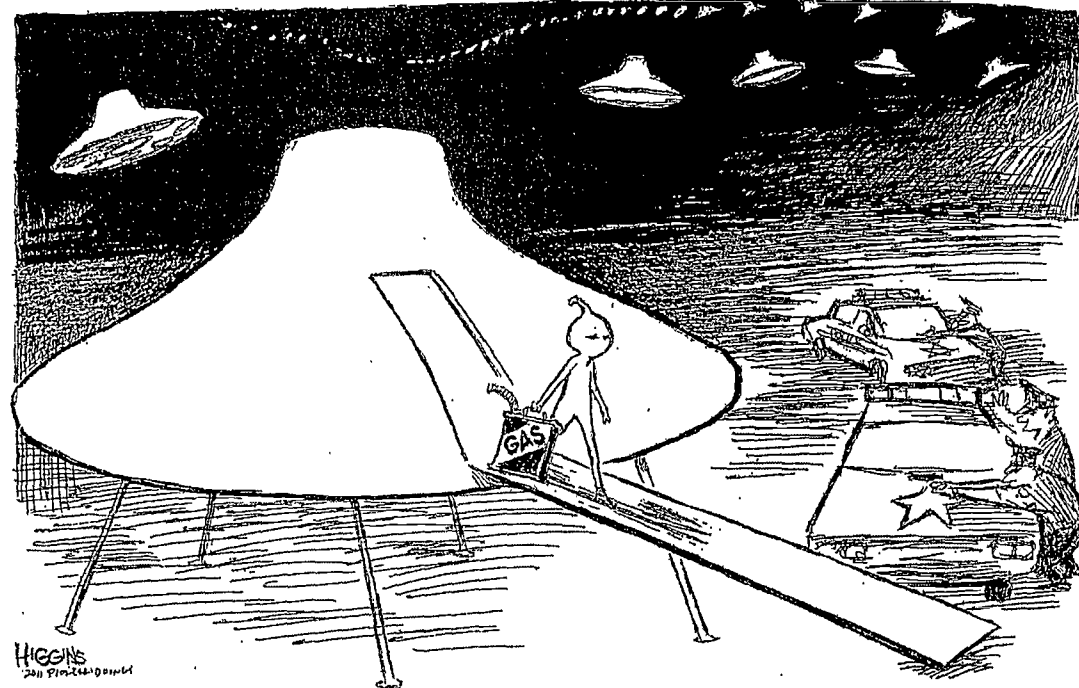
Here's what should be on the plate for reforming the workers compensation system, in addition to the governor's 30 percent cut in payments:

- An impartial mediating body to determine whether injuries are truly work related. Right now a company ends up covering most of the cost, without a fair determination of how and when the injury was caused.

- The option for a company to use a predetermined medical network of generalists and specialists to examine the employee. Critics say this would create situations where doctors would make determinations favorable to companies. But it seems reasonable the injury be observed by impartial medical specialists, and that companies have access to the discounts that come from using insurance pools.

Any changes should consider all parties, not just the business community, not just the legal community, not just the medical community, but all three as well as the legitimate claims of workers injured on the job.

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No end to the opinion parade



BY CHERYL O'DONOVAN
Van Mom Strikes Again

As we browsed in the mall, my mother pondered. "Why does everyone need to express his or her opinion? Do people really care what anyone thinks?"

And then we were mauled by a cosmetic girl. She cornered us into the frosted lipstick section and waved perfumed cards under our noses until we gasped for air. "Which fragrance would haunt you into your next life?"

"Oh, this one." My mom narrowed her eyes at the label. "This... Mildew Floral Rhapsody."

"That's Rhapsodee. We spell it with two e's for the cool factor."

"Can I give feedback on that?" I crack.

Today, every outlet possible cries out for opinions, including pundits arguing on cable. The host starts the discussion. "Food and gas prices will require most of the middle-class to pawn their firstborns. Sure, there's not much they can do about it, but still — what do you think?"

With bleak resignation, we viewers sigh, because that's exactly what they'll do, tell us what they think.

We get feedback on talk radio, we're texted, we're Tweeted, we're Facebooked... we're overcooked.

At the grocery store, I was ambushed by a woman at a display table. "Ma'am, try this free sample." "What is that?"

"Well, due to soaring gas prices, our truck shipment costs have skyrocketed. Instead of a cheddar topping, this is a polyurethane

imitation cheese Stanley here made in our stockroom. It's on sale, hon. Here, we'll squirt a sample into your palm."

"My digestive tract and I politely decline."

Online, I'm also hounded. Those confounded pop-ups ask me to rate my "shopping experience." I am lured to their websites and drawn to headlines:

"Conquer your muffin top."

"Why your hair is thinning"

"Is your memory what it used to be and if it isn't, how can we worry you until you believe there is a problem?"

We also register our feedback via votes. We vote on "American Idol" singers. After watching "Dancing with the Stars," we vote on the best celebrity samba. So I took feedback to a new level. When I went into the DMV to renew my license, I voted on who was the least disgruntled clerk.

CALENDAR

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

Benefit

The Lynn Sage Cancer Research Foundation will host the 20th Annual Play for the Cure Golf Outing on June 20 at Evanston Golf Club, 4401 Dempster St., in Skokie. With proceeds going toward breast cancer research, the event invites golfers of all skill levels to enjoy a day of fun in the sun as they "putt for pink." The 18-hole outing begins with registration at 11 a.m., followed by lunch. Tee-off is at 1 p.m., and the day is capped off with an evening cocktail and hors d'oeuvres reception. The cost is \$900 per person, and sponsorships are available from \$2,500 to \$20,000. The first golfer/s scoring an ace on any of the four Par 3 holes at Evanston Golf Club will win a luxurious automobile. Call (312) 926-7133 or visit www.lynsage.org.

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Chamber

Niles Chamber of Commerce and Industry, 8060 Oakton St. (847) 268-8180.

Civic

Wright-Way Rescue Animal Shelter in Niles has lost its lease and is holding a rally from 1-3 p.m. May 7 at the Adoption Center, 7136 W. Touhy Ave., Niles. Participants are asked to show their support by bringing posters to champion the work of Wright-Way Rescue. The organization hopes to gain the public's attention to save the space for its current use or get donations for a new space for the animals. Visit www.wrightwayrescue.net.

State Rep. Rosemary Mulligan, R-65th, has opened her new 65th District office at the following address: 1420 Renaissance Drive, Suite 306, Park Ridge IL 60068. Her other contact information remains the same: Phone: (847) 297-6533; fax: (847) 297-2978; e-mail: repmulligan@usa.net; website and E-News sign-up: http://rep-mulligan.com. The 65th District includes all or portions of Des Plaines, Park Ridge, Mount Prospect, Rosemont, Norridge, Harwood Heights, Niles, Elk Grove Village, and the northwest corner of the 41st Ward of Chicago.

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Classes

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Clubs

The Twenty-first Star Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution will hold their final meeting of the 2010-11 year beginning at 11:30 a.m. May 11 at the Park Ridge Country Club, 636 N. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge. A luncheon will be served at noon with a meeting and program to follow. Hostesses for the day are: Joy Martin, Lois Stenstrom; Mary K. Redmann, chairwoman; Dorothy Wilson, will present "The Year in Review"; delegates to the State Conference will have a report, and the newly elected officers will be installed. Past Regents will be recognized. Women in the Northwest area who are interested in membership in the DAR and are able to prove direct descent from a patriot who served during the American Revolution, may contact Betty Borman at (847) 818-9001. The Sweet Singers of

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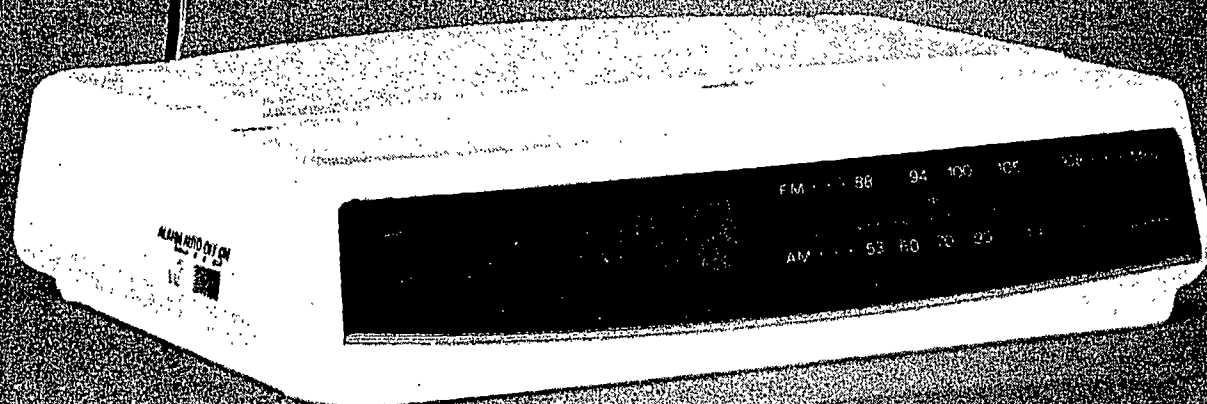
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2. **The Orion Ensemble** presents "Mahler's 150th Birthday" at 3 p.m. May 8 in Nichols Hall at the Music Institute of Chicago, 1490 Chicago Ave., Evanston. The program features Gustav Mahler's Piano Quartet in A Minor. \$26; \$23 for senior citizens; \$10 for students. Free for children 12 and younger. Call (630) 628-9591 or visit www.orionensemble.org.

3. **Jazz Invasion**, under the direction of Robert Evans, performs classics by jazz greats at 8 p.m. May 6 at Oakton Community College's Footlik Theater, 1600 E. Golf Road, Des Plaines. \$5; \$3 for students and seniors. Call (847) 635-1900.

4. **American Society of Artists** will present the 21st annual An Arts & Crafts Adventure from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. May 7 in Hodges Park, 101 S. Courtland, Park Ridge. Artists and crafters will offer photography, woodworking, garden art, fabric crafts, pottery, jewelry, glass works and more. Admission is free. Call (847) 991-4748 or visit www.americansocietyofartists.org.

Subtle set has critical role in 'The Outgoing Tide'

BY J.T. MORAND
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How to get a play set to reflect the mind of a person suffering from memory loss associated with aging sounds challenging.

But, B.J. Jones and Brian Bembridge, director and set designer, respectively, for "The Outgoing Tide," a Bruce Graham play making its world premier at Northlight Theatre, have figured it out.

The play, which takes place at a summer cottage on the shores of the Chesapeake Bay, stars John Mahoney as the elderly and forgetful patriarch Gunner, Rondi Reed as Gunner's wife Peg, who is contemplating moving the couple into an assisted living facility, and Thomas J. Cox as Jack, Gunner and Peg's son, who is divorcing his wife of many years.

Family crises

Gunner realizes his memory is failing and knows Peg has put the couple on a waiting list at an old people's home, which he opposes. He's also concerned about Jack's divorce and urges his son to quickly wrap up any loose ends in the proceedings. Gunner has a plan to help his family get through these difficult times, but it's not an idea easily accepted or even contemplated.

The action takes place at the cottage, both indoors and outdoors. There are scenes in the kitchen, on a beach, a dock and a boat. There are also scenes at the assisted living facility and glimpses into the past, when Gunner and Peg were young, as recalled by Gunner.

Transitioning between these places and times with the set can be daunting, especially when trying to avoid



John Mahoney, who plays Gunner, a man suffering from memory loss, reads over a script during a rehearsal of "The Outgoing Tide" at Northlight Theatre. | STACIA TIMONERE-FOR SUN-TIMES MEDIA

distracting the audience from the performance delivered by high profile actors Mahoney, Reed and Cox. And, considering Graham wrote the part of Gunner with Mahoney in mind can make developing the right set nerve-racking.

Light magic

Much of the set magic, which happens on three stage levels, is done with lighting designed by J.R. Lederle.

"It's not too literal, but it's evocative," Jones said.

One of the secrets, Jones revealed, is lighting the walls from behind, which gives off a comfortable, cedar shake feel. And the translucency, he said, affects the way a scene is perceived.

"So, at one moment you're standing on the dock and the next you're in 1950 or you're in the assisted living facility," he said.

Award-winning designer Bembridge found developing the set uncomplicated. It took about three months, which he said is a shot amount of time.

"I think the general shape came really quick and then I came up with a model and B.J. went, 'That reminds me of a show you did here,' and I said, 'I think you're right,'" he said. "It looked like 'Po' Boy Tango.'"

Bembridge said the set can be abstract at times, like



John Mahoney and Director B.J. Jones discuss a scene with Thomas J. Cox and Rondi Reed looking on during a rehearsal of "The Outgoing Tide" at Northlight Theatre. | STACIA TIMONERE-FOR SUN-TIMES MEDIA

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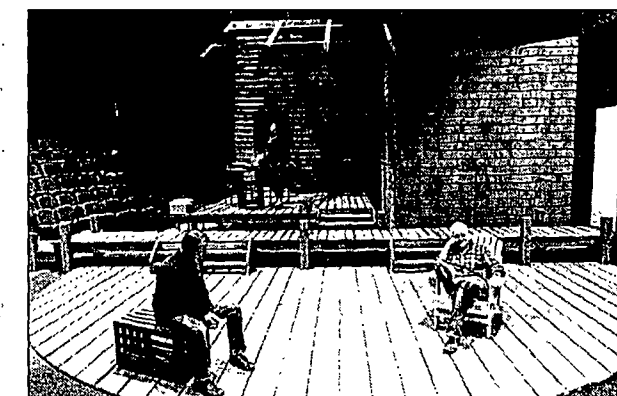
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human thoughts, and foggy, like the memories of someone suffering from memory loss. "B.J. and I have worked together before, so he knows some of the weird stuff I do and he appreciates that," he said.

There are some shows where the set makes a statement, where it's as prominent as the actors on the stage. Bembridge said the set for "The Outgoing Tide" is the opposite of that, which compliments Mahoney, Reed and Cox. The set he designed



Thomas J. Cox, Rondi Reed and John Mahoney rehearse on the set of "The Outgoing Tide" at Northlight Theatre. | STACIA TIMONERE-FOR SUN-TIMES MEDIA



Peg, played by Rondi Reed, on the set of "The Outgoing Tide" at Northlight Theatre. | STACIA TIMONERE-FOR SUN-TIMES MEDIA

for the American Theater Company's "The Big Meal" provided a similar function.

"They're really just sort of background and getting out of the way of the actors," he

said. "It's really just sort of a subtle background. It's all mostly monochromatic, so that the lights and costumes pull the people out, and it can shift really quickly."

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BY MYRNA PETLICKI
Contributor

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A box of magical birthday candles seems to be the key to happiness for Abby Jensen on her "Sweet 16" birthday but one wish causes chaos in "16 Wishes." Abby and her best friend Jay must fix things. The 90-minute, G-rated film will be screened at 3:30 p.m. Monday, May 9 at Lincolnwood Public Library, 4000 W. Pratt Ave.

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MOVIE REVIEW

I'm your puppet

BY BRUCE INGRAM
Movie Critic



Jody Foster, Mel Gibson and friend in "The Beaver"

You can say what you like about Mel Gibson, but the man's got an outsized pair of ... teeth on him.

After having achieved a public-relations meltdown that has left him pretty much universally reviled and considered to have gone crazy in a particularly unpleasant way, what does Mr. Gibson do? He decides to star in a film about a suicidally depressed man who communicates with the world through a beaver hand-puppet.

Then he takes that role, which could have been a final, beaver-tooth stake through the heart of his career, and absolutely nails it, drives a truck through it, pats it down with his big flat tail and says, "Dam, I'm good."

As a film, "The Beaver" has a couple of major problems — primarily a careening set of emotional/tonal shifts many viewers are likely to find frustrating and bizarre. But if you've got the patience, and the flexibility, it's still well worth seeing for its sheer audacity — and for Gibson's tortured, hilarious, strangely moving performance.

Gibson plays Walter Black, the middle-aged CEO of a floundering toy company, who inherited the company from his father along with a predisposition for crippling depression. The film begins at the end of the line, it seems, for Walter. After years of being (as a narrator informs us) "a hopelessly depressed individual," despite numerous attempts to right himself with medica-

advice is just the right medicine for Walter, though, and with Beaver as his spokesperson, he quickly gets back on track with his family and his business. Also the world at large, after a new beaver-themed toy sells millions and makes them a media darling.

All of which combines to make the first hour or so of "The Beaver" a charmer for the most part, a quirky semi-comedy that almost plays like a modern-day "Harvey." But The Beaver (he always introduces himself with The as part of his title, i.e. The Duke of Clarence) turns out to be considerably less benign than he first seems.

Eventually, Walter decides that The Beaver is real and The Beaver decides to take control of his life entirely, an increasingly disturbing development that has horrific consequences. Imagine the giant white rabbit in "Harvey" slapping James Stewart around, calling him a worthless drunk, basically kicking him to the curb and you'll have some idea of what happens in "The Beaver" — though there's a nasty surprise involved that's beyond easy imagining.

Is there a director alive who could have made that sort of convulsive change in tone pay off as a mainstream entertainment? (We're not even discussing the film's detours into soggy family drama and melodramatic teen romance, featuring Anton Yeltsin and Jennifer Lawrence.) Probably not, but Foster, who ultimately does fail, gets major points for trying in this era of assembly-line formulaic fare. And for coaxing deeply felt performances from most of her cast in addition to infusing the whole, strange beavery mélange with a warm glow.

And for knowing that Gibson, who has always displayed a flair for comedy and suffering, was the right man — the right maniac? — for this job.

"The Beaver" Critic's rating: Three stars Length: 91 minutes Stars: Mel Gibson, Jodie Foster

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The Beaver

Critic's rating: 3 stars
Rated: PG-13 for mature thematic material, some disturbing content, sexuality and language including a drug reference.

Length: 91 minutes
Stars: Mel Gibson, Jodie Foster
■ A suicidally depressed man recovers his emotional equilibrium by communicating to the world through a beaver hand-puppet — until sinister side effects emerge. Foster also directed the drama, featuring Anton Yelchin and Jennifer Lawrence. (All films reviewed by Bruce Ingram unless otherwise noted.)

Jumping the Broom

Rated: PG-13 for some sexual content and language.
Length: 101 minutes
Stars: Mike Epps, Angela Bassett
■ Two mismatched families converge on Martha's Vineyard for a wedding. Salim Akil (Television's "The Game") directed the comedy.

Something Borrowed

Rated: PG-13 for some sexual content including dialogue, and some drug material.
Length: 103 minutes
Stars: Kate Hudson, John Krasinski
■ A friendship is tested when a woman falls in love with her best friend's fiancé. Luke Greenfield ("The Girl Next Door") directed the romantic comedy.

Thor

Rated: PG-13 for sequences of intense sci-fi action and violence.
Length: 130 minutes
Stars: Chris Hemsworth, Anthony Hopkins, Natalie Portman
■ The Norse god of thunder is banished to Earth to learn humility — and picks up the true meaning of heroism as a bonus. Kenneth Branagh ("Henry V") directed the comic-book adventure.



GINNIFER GOODWIN as Rachel and KATE HUDSON as Darcy in Alcon Entertainment's romantic comedy "SOMETHING BORROWED," a Warner Bros. Pictures release.

STILL PLAYING

Cave of Forgotten Dreams

Critic's rating: 3.5 stars
Rated: No MPAA rating
Length: 90 minutes
■ Legendary director Werner Herzog ("Fitzcarraldo," "Aguirre, The Wrath of God") secured exclusive permission to film in France's Chauvet Cave, home of the world's oldest cave paintings, for this documentary.

The Conspirator

Rated: PG-13 for some violent content
Length: 123 min.
A young Union war hero turned attorney (James McAvoy) reluctantly takes on the defense of a woman (Robin Wright) charged with conspiracy in the assassination of Abraham Lincoln. Robert Redford directed the drama.

Fast Five

Rated: PG-13
Length: 130 min.
■ A former cop (Paul Walker) and an ex-con (Vin Diesel) join forces to defeat a drug lord and a relentless federal agent. Justin Lin ("Fast and Furious") directed the latest installment in the hard-driving action series.

Hanna

Critic's rating: 2.5 stars
Rated: PG-13 for intense sequences of violence and action, some sexual material and language.
■ Few films begin as promisingly and end as disappointingly as this enigmatic, daz-

zingly stylized, galvanically paced, ultimately frustrating and seemingly pointless ultra-violent action thriller. There's no denying, though, that "Hanna" is a blast while it's going strong. Director Joe Wright ("Atonement," "Pride and Prejudice," "The Soloist") apparently set out to prove he could apply the artfulness of his earlier films to this full-tilt pulp item about a teen girl (extravagantly talented 16-year-old Saoirse Ronan) raised by her rogue CIA agent father (Eric Bana) to become "the perfect soldier." And he goes a long way toward making that happen in the film's spectacular first half, before overindulging in freaky surrealism and allowing the story to dawdle and meander confusingly in the second. Cate Blanchett (looking cold, ruthless and plagued by mother issues) is a major plus as the CIA villainess who's out to capture or kill Daddy's deadly little girl.

Hop

Rated: PG for some mild rude humor.
■ I was a teenage Easter bunny? The adolescent son (Russell Brand) of the Big Bunny leaves home to realize his dream of becoming a drummer just as he's about to take over the family business. Tim Hill ("Alvin and the Chipmunks") directed the animated family comedy.

Hoodwinked Too! Hood vs. Evil

Rated: PG for some mild rude humor, language and action.
■ Red Riding Hood and the wolf team up to investigate

the disappearance of Hansel and Gretel in this sequel to the hit 2005 animated adventure.

Insidious

Rated: PG-13 for thematic material, violence, terror and frightening images, and brief strong language.
Length: 102 min.
■ New residents (Patrick Wilson and Rose Byrne) of a haunted house try to save their son when he's targeted by evil spirits. Leigh Whannell and James Wan (the "Saw" franchise) wrote and directed the horror.

In A Better World

Rated: R for violent and disturbing content involving preteens, and for language.
Length: 119 min.
■ The friendship between two boys turns to tragedy when one involves the other in an act of revenge. Susanne Bier ("Things We Lost in the Fire") directed the Danish drama. Winner of last year's Golden Globe for Best Foreign Film. In Danish with subtitles.

Jane Eyre

Rated: PG-13 for some thematic elements including a nude image and brief violent content.
Length: 115 min.
■ A young governess (Mia Wasikowska) moves to a mysterious estate where she uncovers disturbing secrets — and the possibility of romance with her brooding employer (Michael Fassbender). Cary Fukunaga ("Sin Nombre") directed this adaptation of the classic novel by Charlotte Bronte.

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Something Borrowed (PG-13) Fri 5:7-19-9:30; Sat, Sun 12:40-2:50-5:7-10-9:30; Mon, Tue, Thu 5:7-10; Wed 12:40-2:50-5:7-10

Fast Five (PG-13) Fri 4:40-7:15-9:50; Sat, Sun 11:30-2:40-7:15-9:50; Mon, Tue, Thu 4:40-7:15

Prom (PG) Fri 7-9; Sat, Sun, Wed 12:30-2:40-7; Mon, Tue, Thu 7

Water for Elephants (PG-13) Fri 4:50-7:20-9:50; Sat, Sun, 11:50-2:20-4:50-7:20-9:50; Mon, Tue, Thu 4:50-7:20; Wed 11:50-2:20-4:50-7:20

Rio (G) Fri 5-7-10-9:15; Sat, Sun 12:40-2:50-5:7-10-9:15; Mon, Tue, Thu 5-7-10; Wed 12:40-2:50-5:7-10

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The Conspirator (PG-13) Fri, Sat 1:30-4:30-7-9:45; Sun, Thu 1:30-4:30-7; Mon-Wed 4:30-7

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Thor (PG-13) Fri-Sun 2:15-5:7:30-9:45; Mon-Thurs 5-7:30-9:30-12:20; Sun-Thu 12:45-3:45-6:35-9:30

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Something Borrowed (PG-13) Fri, Sat 11:25-2:10-5-7:45-10:30-1; Sun 11:25-2:10-5-7:45-10:30; Mon-Thu 2:10-5-7:45-10:30

There Be Dragons (PG-13) Fri, Sat 1:30-4:15-7:05-9:55-12:40; Mon-Thu 1:30-4:15-7:05-9:55

Thor (PG-13) Fri-Sun 11:30-2:20-5:10-8-10:50

Thor in 3-D (PG-13) Fri, Sat 12:50-1:20-3:40-4:10-6:30-7-9:20-9:50-12:15-12:45; Sun-Thu 12:50-1:20-3:40-4:10-6:30-7-9:20-9:50

Dylan Dog: Dead of Night (PG-13) Fri-Thu 10:35

Fast Five (PG-13) Fri, Sat 11:05-12:25-12:50-12:55-1:25-2:05-3:30-4-4:30-5:05-6:40-7:15-7:50-8:20-9:45-10:25-10:55-11:25; Sun 11:05-12:25-12:50-12:55-1:25-2:05-3:30-4-4:30-5:05-6:40-7:15-7:50-8:20-9:45-10:25-10:55

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Prom (PG) Fri, Sat 11:10-11:40-1:45-2:15-4:25-4:55-7:40-10:15; Mon-Thu 1:45-2:15-4:25-4:55-7:40-10:15

Madea's Big Happy Family (PG-13) Fri, Sat 11:20-2-4:50-7:35-10:10-12:45; Sun 11:20-2-4:50-7:35-10:10; Mon-Thu 2-4:50-7:35-10:10

Water for Elephants (PG-13) Fri, Sat 12:45-3:45-6:35-9:30-12:20; Sun-Thu 12:45-3:45-6:35-9:30

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Something Borrowed (PG-13) Fri, Sat 11:25-2:10-5-7:45-10:30-1; Sun 11:25-2:10-5-7:45-10:30; Mon-Thu 5-7:45-10:30

Thor (PG-13) Fri-Sun 11:30-1:50-2:20-4:40-5:10-7:30-8-10:20-10:50; Mon-Thu 4:40-5:10-7:30-8-10:20-10:50

Thor in 3-D (PG-13) Fri, Sat 1:20-4:10-7-9:50-12:4; Sun: 1:20-4:10-7-9:50; Mon-Thu 7-9:50

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'Blue Valentine' now on DVD

BY BRUCE INGRAM
Film Critic

NEW THIS WEEK BLUE VALENTINE

Critic's rating: Three and a half stars
Rated: R for strong, sexual graphic content, language and a beating.



"Blue Valentine"

Love hurts, especially in retrospect. Former documentarian Derek Cianfrance makes his feature debut with this painful examination of the blissful beginning and miserable end of the once-upon-a-time sweet romance turned failed marriage of Dean and Cindy (Ryan Gosling and Michelle Williams, each trying to out-nuance the other), cutting back and forth in time for maximum bitter contrast. Cianfrance underscores naturalism to such a degree (handheld camera, natural light, semi-improvised dialogue) that "Blue Valentine" soon starts to seem self-consciously stylized, but that's easy to overlook, considering the uncomfortably truthful moments in the all-too-universal story. It's not all pain, of course. Though things are dismal near the end, they're equally charming at the start, with one scene in particular (Gosling strumming a ukulele and singing "You always Hurt the One You Love" while Williams contrives a little soft-shoe dance), reminding us why it's all worthwhile. (BI) (Weinstein/Anchor Bay)

THE ILLUSIONIST
Critic's rating: Three and a half stars
Rated: PG for thematic elements and smoking.

Gentle, wistful and sweet, this often gorgeous, hand-crafted animated film from the director of "The Triplets of Belleville" is also tinged, ultimately, with bitterness — a result of the title character's increasing inability to

maintain the illusion that his time is not past. French cinematic icon Jacques Tati wrote the screenplay for himself in the 1950s and then dropped the project — an old-fashioned music-hall magician displaced by rock 'n' roll adopts an abandoned girl as the daughter he never had, or perhaps had and sacrificed for his career — because he considered the story too personal. (Tati ended his own career in bankruptcy and reportedly regretted having neglected his daughter.) Director Sylvain Chomet's sensibility perfectly dovetails with Tati's and the eccentric, antique quality that was so charming in "Triplets" is ideally suitable here. Though it's worth noting, for the less patient, that "The Illusionist" unfolds at a slow, slow, slow pace and a couple of disappointingly clunky narrative transitions near the end. Even so, this is something special, a subtle, moving film graced by Tati's trademark whimsical, understated humor (communicated with a near-wordless screenplay), a deep sense of affection for life and a feast of achingly beautiful, water-color imagery. (BI) (Sony)

MAO'S LAST DANCER
Critic's rating: Three stars
Rated: PG for a brief violent image, some sensuality, language and incidental smoking.

The melodrama eventually goes over the top and the political posturing is generally heavy-handed and simple-minded, but "Mao's Last Dancer" still satisfies if you're looking for a good cry — or a dazzling celebration of dance. And the dance sequences are dazzling. Dancer Chi Cao makes an impressive debut in this biopic about international ballet star Li Cunxin. (BI) (Twentieth Century Fox)

ALSO NEW THIS WEEK:

CLASSIC DR. WHO

Two vintage adventures with the venerable Time Lord: "Terror of the Autons" and "Planet of the Spiders" (1971), both starring Jon Pertwee. (Warner)

THE HIT LIST

Writer/director Leslie Zemeckis (wife of executive producer and celebrated director Robert Zemeckis), scores with entertaining interviews with former stars (legendary strippers Blaze Starr and Tempest Storm among them) in this entertaining documentary on burlesque. (BI) (First Run Features)

MY LITTLE CHICKADEE

This classic 1940 comedy teams Mae West as an old-west adventuress who marries a traveling con man (W.C. Fields) for conniving reasons of her own. (Universal Cinema Classics)

NO STRINGS ATTACHED
Rated: R for sexual content, language and some drug material.

A man and a woman (Ashton Kutcher, Natalie Portman) agree to keep their relationship strictly physical, but love still barges in. Ivan Reitman ("My Super Ex-Girlfriend") directed the comedy. (Paramount)

SOMETHING WILD

Director Jonathan Demme's 1986 comedy follows the misadventures of a strait-laced businessman (Jeff Daniels) who gets more than he bargained for when he becomes involved with a mysterious woman (Melanie Griffith). The new, restored digital transfer was supervised by director of photography Tak Fujimoto. (Criterion Collection)

A man in a bar (Cole Hauser) jokingly takes advantage of a stranger's (Cuba Gooding Jr.) offer to kill any five people he cares to name — then sees them die, one by one. William Kaufman ("Sinners and Saints") directed the action drama. (Sony)

In some respects, "Heartbreak House" is more akin to a living painting than a dramatic, kinetic stage production. George Bernard Shaw's nearly three-hour rumination on frivolous Brits fiddling, like so many metaphorical Neros while the apocalypse of world war burns ever closer is a meticulously detailed character study unburdened by much action.

It is, in the most literal sense, talky. To be sure, the talk is brilliantly Shavian: literate and lucid as it nudges audiences toward pondering the profound. But despite all that intelligent verbosity, director William Brown's staging is a haul from lights up to final blackout.

The primary flaw in Writers' Theatre's staging lies in its esoteric aesthetic. This is a production that emphasizes intellectual ideas far above emotive heart. As a clutch of upper crust guests gather at Captain Shotover's ship-like home for a long weekend, their dilemmas seem more like points in

an exceedingly articulate debate than true troubles of flesh and blood humans.

Despite the much-discussed and potentially life-shaping marital decision facing young, impoverished Ellie Dunn (Atra Asadou), you never feel that there's very much at stake for her. Should she marry for love or money? The question feels purely academic here, even though Shaw's script tells us Ellie's future happiness hangs in the balance.

There are two elements

PLAY REVIEW

Love, money, and war can't energize inhabitants of 'Heartbreak House'

BY CATEY SULLIVAN
Contributor

"HEARTBREAK HOUSE"

Writers' Theatre, 325 Tudor Court, Glencoe.

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John Reeger, Atra Asdou and Tiffany Scott in "Heartbreak House" at Writers' Theatre.

that work quite well in Heartbreak House, despite the chilliness of the piece's tone. In the Tudor Court stage space, scenic designer Keith Pitts has crafted an English manor exterior that is utterly transformative.

Detailed down to the sprinkle of dead leaves on the gazebo roof, the environment is an all-encompassing world far, far away from downtown Glencoe. The effect feels like magic, a lovely, bygone world beautifully realized.

What sparks Heartbreak House does manage to kindle come from John Reeger's marvelously wise and curmudgeonly Captain Shotover,

a clear-eyed font of intuitive wisdom cloaked in the seemingly non-sequitural ramblings of an old man. There's actually nothing rambling or remotely senile about the Captain's periodic outbursts of acute observation — everything the man says, even when it sounds nonsensical, is a laser sharp observation on the state of the world in general and his often clueless family in specific.

When Ellie asks whether she should marry the business man Mr. Mangan, Shotover's response — "One rock is as good as another to be wrecked on." — is pure Shavian wit, a short, sharp shock

of wisdom delivered with the sting of a poison arrow.

The romantic tangle of Heartbreak House is in keeping with the dramatic comedy's title. The man Ellie fancies she loves turns out to be the spouse of a friend. With all parties gathered at the Shotover estate, complications — as you might imagine — ensue.

While Ellie tries to sort her marital prospects, Captain Shotover's long-absent daughter — Lady Ariadne Utterword (a brittle Tiffany Scott) attempts to return to the fold only to find none of her immediate family barely remembers her and hardly

cares whether she stays or leaves. Hanging over the insular concerns of the Shotover clan, World War II looms, a threatening reality check that seems to concern no one to any great degree.

Which brings us to the somewhat baffling final scene in Heartbreak House. It's a moment that should be laced with ecstasy and terror. Instead, it comes across with an abrupt, irrational exuberance that seems wholly unconnected to the rest of the piece.

Shaw was, perhaps, making a cautionary case for paying attention to the larger world beyond your own backyard. But Writers' take on the scene seems to have little basis in the reality of the narrative. And while Brown has moved the action from the early days of World War I (as Shaw wrote it) to the beginning of the Blitz in World War II, there's nothing beyond Rachel Anne Healy's (gorgeous) period costume design to indicate the switch. In all, Heartbreak House looks great, but makes little impact dramatically.

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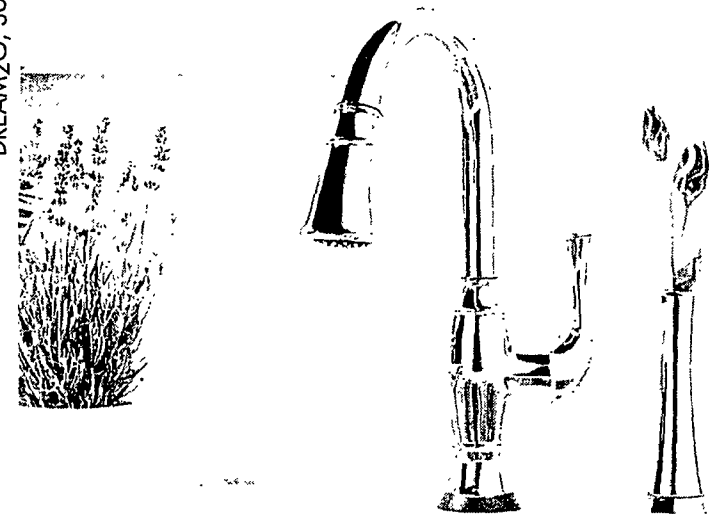
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"We've sung an Applebaum piece almost every year for 10 years," said Gregg Scalinder.

He and Coriolis, an a cappella chamber choir, will present the world premiere of three new works by Bob Applebaum: "A Penguin," "The Hen," and "Some Geese," at a May 7 performance at Evanston's Church of St. Luke.

Scalinder, 67, the Coriolis music director and also a performing tenor, is excited about the upcoming program, which also features works by Gorecki, Lauridsen, Poulenc, among others. The mixed ensemble is now in its 24th season.

Applebaum, formerly of Chicago but now living in Menlo Park, California, is an acclaimed and accomplished choral composer and jazz pianist. He taught physics and chemistry at New Trier High School from 1965 to 2000.

Whimsical songs

Scalinder described the new Applebaum works:

"They are whimsical songs about birds, based on the poetry of Oliver Herford. They are not merely novelty pieces, however, but are very witty and reflect Bob's jazz sensibilities within a classical (context).

"The first, 'The Penguin,' opens up with jazz riffs from the bass, singing 'waddle, waddle,' and lyrics like 'the penguin's mightier than the swordfish.' It is lively. 'The Hen' includes vocal clucking and 'Some Geese' has a jazzy intro and geese noises. The lyrics are ironic, with music is solid and intense, classical but with a jazz tinge."

Coriolis has a repertoire that reaches back to 16th century madrigals, but which concentrates on modern compositions.

"What we do best is 20th

century music, and of course 21st century, and we generally do serious music," said Scalinder. "Our holiday concerts are completely different, more like the King's College Choir. We're very professional in how we approach the music, but are not paid. I buy all the music myself, and our gate money covers the expenses (of preparing and putting on shows). We are people who thought they would pursue performance as a career, all terrific musicians."

Accessible music

Patrick Furlong, of Oak Park, a bass and the business manager for Coriolis, noted: "All the works are very accessible, and other than the new ones, have been pretty widely performed. Apple-

baum is the closest thing to a composer in residence, although he is not designated as such."

Coriolis didn't start off with an eye to public performance, but rather a group of talented singers getting together around Scalinder's dining room table.

"We still rehearse around that table," said Scalinder. "We have a very loyal audience that keeps coming to our shows. And we like to expose them to new things. Coriolis does really first-rate modern music performed a cappella, with a laser focus on classical."

Scalinder's family is also part of his music. "The newest is my nephew, Stephen," he said.

Scalinder's daughter, Amy, is also a member of Coriolis, and, with his grandchildren singing at St. Luke's Presbyterian in Evanston, chances are additional family songbirds will find their way into the group.

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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. May 15: "Rachleff Conducts Beethoven and Brahms," with pianist Jeffrey Siegel as guest soloist. The program includes Brahms's Symphony No. 1 and Beethoven's "Emperor" Piano Concerto No. 5 in E Flat Major.

Coriolis, an a cappella chamber choir, will perform at 7:30 p.m. May 7 at the Parish Church of St. Luke, 939 Hinman Ave., Evanston. The program includes works by Gorecki, Lauridsen, Poulenc and others, as well as three new pieces by Chicago composer Bob Applebaum. \$20 general admission; \$10 for students 18 and under. Call (847) 869-0223 or visit www.coriolisacappella.org.

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for children 12 and younger. May 8: "Suite Mother's Day," with Lawrence Eckerling, pianist and conductor, playing George Gershwin's "Rhapsody in Blue." The program also includes works by Leonard Bernstein, Edward Grieg, Howard Hanson and Aaron Copland. Musical Insights, a free lecture/recital program about the concert will be held at 1:30 p.m. May 6 at Presbyterian Homes, 3200 Grant St., Evanston.

Lutkin Hall at Northwestern University, 700 University Place, Evanston. Most ticket prices listed in three categories: general public; senior citizens and NU faculty and staff; and student rate. (847) 467-4000. May 7, 3 p.m.: Thaviu-Isaak Endowed Piano Scholarship Competition. Admission is free. May 7, 7:30 p.m.: Faculty recital, "Three in D," with violinist Almita Vamos, violist Roland Vamos, flutist Walfrid Kujala, and cellist Julian Hersh. The program will feature Beethoven's Serenade in D Major for Flute, Violin and Viola; Franz Krommer's Quartet in D Major for Flute, Violin, Viola and Cello; and Mozart's Quartet No. 1 in D Major for Flute, Violin, Viola and Cello. \$9/\$7/\$5. May 8, 3 p.m.: Samuel and Elinor Thaviu Endowed Scholarship Competition in String Performance. Admission is free. May 22, 3 p.m.: The University Women's Chorus will sing accompanied and unaccompanied sacred and secular works. \$7/\$5/\$4. May 26, 1 p.m.: Douglas Humpherys will host a piano master class.

Admission is free. June 11, 7:30 p.m.: Italian guitarist Oscar Ghiglia will perform with Northwestern University faculty guitarist Anne Waller and DePaul University faculty guitarist Mark Maxwell. The program includes solos, duos and trios by Ponce, Mertz, Falla and Barrios. \$18/\$15/\$8.

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Alice Millar Chapel at Northwestern University, 1870 Sheridan Road, Evanston. Information: (847) 491-5441; tickets: (847) 467-4000. May 8, 7 p.m.: The Baroque Music Ensemble's instrumentalists and vocal soloists will present "Cantatas of J.S. Bach." \$7/\$5/\$4. May

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Music Institute of Chicago, Nichols Concert Hall, 1490 Chicago Ave., Evanston. (847) 905-1500. www.musicinst.org. May 7, 7:30 p.m.: Cellist Wendy Warner and pianist Irina Nuzova will perform works by Nikolai Miaskovsky, Beethoven and Felix Mendelssohn. \$25; \$15 for senior citizens; \$10 for students. May 14, 7:30 p.m.: "Concerto Extravaganza." Pianist Marta Aznavoorian, violinist Desirée Ruhstrat and cellist Wendy Warner perform the top three concertos of the 2010-11 season, as voted on by MIC audiences. The program includes works by Beethoven, Mendelssohn and Tchaikovsky. \$25; \$15 for seniors; \$10 for students. May 21, 7:30 p.m.: Pacifica Quartet performs an all-Beethoven program. \$25; \$15 for seniors; \$10 for students.

North Shore Choral Society will perform J.S. Bach's Mass in B Minor, with full orchestra, at 3 p.m. June 12 at Pick-Staiger Concert Hall, 50 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston. Featured soloists are Michelle Areyzaga, soprano; Sarah Ponder, mezzo-soprano; Kurt Hansen, tenor; and Kevin McMillan, baritone. A 75th anniversary celebratory reception follows the concert. Tickets: \$25; \$22 senior citizens; \$15 students. Visit www.northshorechoral.org or call (773) 741-NSCS.

The Northwest Choral Society, under the direction of Alan Wellman, will present "Americana," featuring music by American composers, at 7:30 p.m. June 4 at Edison Park Lutheran Church, 6626 N. Oliphant Ave., Chicago, and at 4 p.m. June 5 at Trinity United Methodist Church, 605 W. Golf Road, Mount Prospect. Tickets: \$18; \$15 for students and seniors.

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Northwest Symphony Orchestra, Paul Vermeil, music director, presents concerts at 3:30 p.m. Sundays in the Theatre for the Performing Arts at Maine West High School, 1755 S. Wolf Road, Des Plaines. Pre-concert commentaries by Carolyn Paulin, a staff member of radio station WFMT, begin one hour prior to each concert. Tickets: \$20; \$15 for seniors; \$10 for students. Children under age 14 are admitted free when accompanied by a paying adult. www.northwestsymphony.org. May 22: Pops concert, showcasing military, opera and Broadway themes. Featuring Stephanie Block, viola, winner of the Paul Vermeil Young Artist Award.

Oakton Community College's Footlik Theater, 1600 E. Golf Road, Des Plaines. (847) 635-1900. May 15, 8 p.m.: Choral recital with student vocalists performing classical, contemporary and Broadway selections. \$3 for general admission.

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Pick-Staiger Concert Hall at Northwestern University, 50 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston. Information: (847) 491-5441; tickets: (847) 467-4000. www.pickstaiger.org. Most ticket prices listed in three categories: general public; senior citizens and NU faculty and staff; and student rate. May 6, 7:30 p.m.: Symphonic Band presents "New York State of Mind," a program that features four composers from the past and present New York music scene. \$7/\$5/\$4. May 12, 7:30 p.m.: Faculty member She-e Wu will conduct the Percussion Ensemble. \$7/\$5/\$4. May

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13, 7:30 p.m.: Choral Gala, featuring the University Chorale, Singers and Chorus. \$7/\$5/\$4. **May 14, 7:30 p.m.**: Northwestern University Symphony Orchestra presents "From the Shadows," featuring Prokofiev's Piano Concerto No. 1 in D-flat Major; Miaskovsky's Symphony No. 10 in F Minor; Prokofiev's Violin Concerto No. 1 in D Major; and Scriabin's Symphony No. 4 in C Major ("The Poem of Ecstasy"). \$9/\$7/\$5. **May 17, 7:30 p.m.**: Evening of Brass. Faculty member Gail Williams will conduct a program of music from around the world, including works by Ottorino Respighi and Barber. \$7/\$5/\$4. **May 19, 7:30 p.m.**: Northwestern University Saxophone Ensemble will present a program of diverse transcriptions and original compositions, including the world premiere of a work by Italian composer Claudio Gabriele. \$7/\$5/\$4. **May 20, 7:30 p.m.**: Symphonic Wind Ensemble performs Donald Hunsberger's arrangements of Shostakovich's "Festive Overture" and Bach's Toccata and Fugue in D Minor. Karel

Husa's "Smetana Fanfare" and Keith Wilson's transcription of Paul Hindemith's "Symphonic Metamorphosis of Themes by Carl Maria von Weber" also will be performed. **May 22, 3 p.m.**: Daniel J. Farris will conduct the Concert Band in a program of band standards. \$7/\$5/\$4. **May 24, 7:30 p.m.**: Robert G. Hasty will conduct the Philharmonia in a concert featuring double bassist Joshua Fink. The program will include Bottesini's Double Bass Concerto No. 2 in B Minor and Rimsky-Korsakov's "Capriccio Espagnol." \$7/\$5/\$4. **May 27, 7:30 p.m.**: Pianist Jeffrey Siegel performs the final Keyboard Conversations concert of the 2010-11 season, "Paris 1911 — A Century Celebration." The program features works by Ravel, Debussy, Faure, Erik Satie and Stravinsky. \$23/\$21/\$16. **June 4, 7:30 p.m.**: Northwestern University Symphony Orchestra and University Symphonic Choir will perform Brahms' Requiem. \$12/\$9/\$6. **Regenstein Recital Hall** at Northwestern University, 60 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston.

(847) 467-4000. Most ticket prices listed in three categories: general public; senior citizens and NU faculty and staff; and student rate. **May 11, 7:30 p.m.**: Northwestern University Flute Ensemble performs Joseph Schwantner's "Silver Halo," Andrew Downes' Symphony No. 5 for Flute Orchestra and other works. \$7/\$5/\$4. **Rembrandt Chamber Players** present "Mixed Melodies," a program of works by Schoenfeld, Fauré and Argentinian composer Ginestera, at 7:30 p.m. **May 15** in Nichols Hall at the Music Institute of Chicago, 1490 Chicago Ave., Evanston. \$37.50; \$10 students. Call (312) 360-3145 or visit www.rembrandtchamberplayers.org. **Skokie Theatre**, 7924 Lincoln Ave., Skokie. Call (847) 677-7761 or visit www.skokietheatre.com. **May 15, 7:30 p.m.**: Northshore Opera Hour. \$20 in advance; \$25 at the door. **Skokie Valley Symphony Orchestra** performs at 3 p.m. Sundays at the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie. Tickets are \$23-\$37; \$10 for children. Free pre-

concert lectures begin at 1:45 p.m. For tickets, call (847) 673-6300 or visit www.svso.org. **May 15**: "Strauss and Tchaikovsky," including the Pathétique Symphony. **POP/FOLK/JAZZ**
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. **May 6, 7:30 p.m.**: Sugarland - The Incredible Machine Tour with guests Little Big Town and Matt Nathanson. \$36, \$46, \$66. **May 10, 8 p.m.**: Rammstein. \$49.50, \$69.50, \$89.50. **May 14, 8 p.m.**: Bob Seger & The Silver Bullet Band. \$75. **May 25, 7:30 p.m.**: News Kids on the Block and Backstreet Boys. \$29.50, \$49.50, \$69.50, \$89.50. **June 3, 3 p.m.** and **8 p.m.**, and **June 4, 8 p.m.**: "Glee Live!" \$49.50, \$89.50. **July 8, 7:30 p.m.**: Katy Perry - California Dreams 2011 world tour. \$35, \$45. **Oct. 14, 7:30 p.m.**: Keith Urban and Jake Owen. \$25, \$59.50. **The Celtic Knot Public House**, 626 Church St., Evan-

ston. (847) 864-1679. www.celticknotpub.com. No cover unless noted otherwise. **Monday**, 8 p.m.-midnight: Bluegrass and roots music with The Mudflapps. **Tuesdays**, 7-10 p.m.: Celtic music session with Gus Friedlander and friends. **May 8**, noon-4 p.m.: Eric Lugosch (folk and country). **May 14, 10 p.m.**: The Mark Cleveland Band. **May 22, 5-8 p.m.**: Eric Lugosch (folk and country). **May 28, 10 p.m.**: Mad Bread. **Ethical Humanist Society** Second Saturday Coffeehouse, 5754 N. Lincoln Ave. (at Howard), Skokie. (847) 677-3334. www.ethicalhumanist.org/coffeehouse. **May 14, 8 p.m.**: Folksingers Margaret Nelson and Kristin Lems in concert, followed by a singalong of songs promoting peace, justice and ecological sanity. \$8 includes refreshments. **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. **Hogeye Folk Arts** hosts

concerts at Lake Street Church, 607 Lake St., Evanston. All concerts start at 7:30 p.m.; doors open at 7 p.m. \$15 general admission; \$13 for senior citizens; \$5 for students; free for children under 12. Admission may be paid at the door in cash or by check, or by credit card in advance from www.brownpapertickets.com. For information, visit www.hogeyefolkarts.org. **May 7**: Jim Craig & Friends. **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. Ticket prices for shows vary. For information, visit www.montroseroom.com. **May 6**: Cypress Groove, Blue Road. **May 13**: The Why Store, Watch Out for Kenny. **May 18**: The Buckingham. \$25; \$35 VIP. **May 20**: Bully the Teacher. **June 17**: Hidden Village. **June 24**: Guitarist Leo Nocentelli. \$20; \$25 VIP. **Lincolnwood Public Library**, 4000 W. Pratt Ave. (847) 677-5277. www.lincolnwoodlibrary.org. **May 15, 2 p.m.**: Steve Hashimoto leads Suenos Latin Jazz, combining

jazz improvisation with Latin and Caribbean rhythms. **Mayne Stage**, 1328 W. Morse Ave. in Rogers Park, Chicago. (773) 381-4554. www.maynestage.com. **May 7, 8 p.m.**: Electric Junkyard Gamelan plays instruments crafted from old farm equipment, turntable platters, saw blades and truck springs. **May 8, 6 p.m.** and **8 p.m.**: Karrin Allyson Trio (jazz). \$25 in advance; \$30 at the door. **May 12, 8 p.m.**: Steve Gibon's Gypsy Rhythm Project & Bulbul Ensemble (jazz). \$15. **May 13, 9 p.m.**: Chicago Afro Latin Jazz Ensemble CD release party. \$15 in advance; \$20 at the door. **May 15, 7:30 p.m.**: Tribute to Tin Pan Alley: Singers Showcase. \$15 general admission; \$20 reserved. **May 19, 8 p.m.**: Rico! performs a tribute to Santana. \$15. **May 20, 9 p.m.**: Alfonso Ponticelli Flamenco Project (gypsy jazz). \$15. **May 21, 8 p.m.**, and **May 22, 7 p.m.**: Chicago Red Line presents its spring cabaret show, "Off with Their Heads." \$15. **May 25, 8 p.m.**: English folk band Johnny Flynn & The Sussex Wit. Nashville-based country musician and vocalist Caitlin Rose opens. \$16.

May 28, 10 p.m.: Funkadesi. \$15 in advance; \$20 at the door. **June 3, 9 p.m.**: Jim Liban Trio with Joe Filisko and Eric Noden (blues/rock). \$12. **June 8, 8:30 p.m.**: Metal band Earth, on tour in support of its new album, "Angels of Darkness, Demons of Light: I." \$15. **June 12, 8 p.m.**: Afro-Peruvian electronic band Novalima. \$20. **June 25, 9:30 p.m.**: Grazyna Auguscik Project, "The Man Behind the Sun," a tribute to Nick Drake (jazz). \$25. **June 30, 7:30 p.m.**: Andreas Kapsalis and the Goran Ivanovic Duo present the live film score to Alfred Hitchcock's "BlackMail." \$15-\$20. **July 1, 10 p.m.**: Colombian fusion electronic band Systema Solar. \$20. **July 9, 8 p.m.**: Sons of the Never Wrong (folk). \$15 in advance; \$20 at the door. **July 13, 7:30 and 9:30 p.m.**: René Marie sings jazz, soul, blues and gospel. \$22 general admission; \$29 reserved. **July 15, 9 p.m.**: Latin Grammy nominee Sierra Maestra. \$25-\$35. **July 16, 9 p.m.**: Gypsy band Megitza Quartet. \$15-\$25. **Aug. 10, 8 p.m.**: WXRT presents John Mayall & the Bluesbreakers. \$35 general admission; \$75

reserved seating. **North Shore Center for the Performing Arts**, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie. (847) 673-6300. www.northshorecenter.org. **May 7, 8 p.m.**: Judy Collins. Tickets are \$50-\$60. **Oakton Community College's Footlik Theater**, 1600 E. Golf Road, Des Plaines. (847) 635-1900. **May 6, 8 p.m.**: Jazz Invasion, under the direction of Robert Evans, performs classics by jazz greats. \$5 for general admission; \$3 for students and seniors. **Pick-Staiger Concert Hall** at Northwestern University, 50 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston. Most ticket prices listed in three categories: general public; senior citizens and NU faculty and staff; and student rate. Information: (847) 491-5441; tickets: (847) 467-4000. www.pickstaiger.org. **May 18, 7:30 p.m.**: Woodwind artist and composer Ted Nash joins the Northwestern University Jazz Orchestra in "An Evening with Ted Nash." \$7/\$5/\$4. **Regenstein Recital Hall** at Northwestern University, 60 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston. (847) 467-4000. Most ticket prices listed in three categories:

general public; senior citizens and NU faculty and staff; and student rate. **May 25, 7:30 p.m.**: "Future Standards," a program of jazz works by a new generation of jazz composers, will feature Northwestern's small jazz ensembles. \$7/\$5/\$4. **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. **July 28, 7:30 p.m.**: Dolly Parton. \$60, \$85, \$150. **Skokie Theatre**, 7924 Lincoln Ave., Skokie. Call (847) 677-7761 or visit www.skokietheatre.com. Tickets are \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door, unless noted otherwise. **May 11, 1:30 p.m.**: Marcus Gentry's "Tribute to Nat King Cole. **May 13, 8 p.m.**: Roxy Bellows presents "Cabaret Sensation." **May 14, 8 p.m.**: Sons of the Never Wrong. **May 15, 2 p.m.**: Ester Hana. **May 18, 1:30 p.m.**: Jimmy Niteclub's "Cool

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Finding the art of America's byways

BY MICHAEL BONESTEEL
Contributor

The Arients are art collectors, but with a difference — well, actually, many differences. They don't buy mainstream art, at least not any more. In fact, the work they collect is often not even considered "art" in the conventional sense, either by those who make the work or by the art world in general, although that is changing. They collect self-taught art, sometimes called folk art, sometimes labeled Outsider Art.

They do not buy their art from art dealers or galleries. For the past 35 years, Jim Arient, now retired from his Naperville dentistry practice, his wife Beth and son Matt, have collected pieces directly from the artists themselves, frequently traveling to remote parts of the rural South and other parts of the country to search them out. And the Arients have stories about meeting and befriending these artists that are sometimes as colorful and outrageous as the art works themselves.

The public can enjoy the fruits of their travels when "Arient Family Collection: Self-Taught Artists of the 20th Century" opens May 5 at Oakton Community College in Des Plaines.

Guide book

It was the coffee-table book *Twentieth Century Folk Art and Artists* by Herbert Hemphill and Julia Weissman that appeared in 1974 that persuaded the Arients to switch allegiance from the contemporary art and Canadian Inuit sculpture they had been collecting to more down-home, rustic fare. "We used the Hemphill



Jim and Beth Arient with their son Matt. | JEFF KRAGE-FOR SUN-TIMES MEDIA

ARIENT FAMILY COLLECTION

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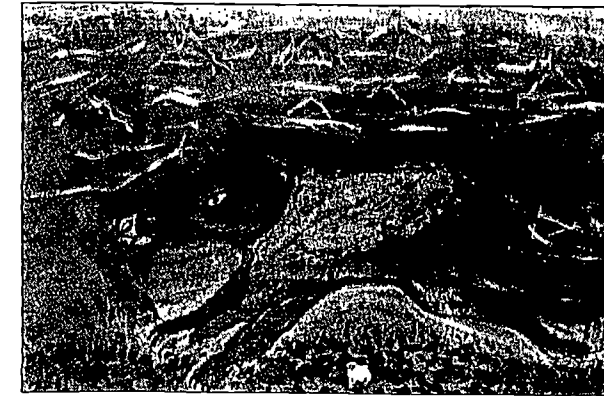
book as our first travel guide," said Beth. "From that book we visited Elijah Pierce, Jessie Howard, Edgar Tolson and Mary Borkowski. A Chicago Magazine mention led us to William Dawson and soon after we heard about Lee Godie [both Chicago artists]. We also started becoming flea market regulars in hopes of finding a great anonymous carving or a piece of tramp art. Soon after, we added other artists



Lee Godie, "Prince Charming," c. 1980s, paint and ballpoint pen on canvas

to our travels. Then the list of artists just kept growing." Matt was just three months old when he first accompanied his parents on their expeditions, and sanitary conditions became a factor when they visited America's most famous living (he died in 2001) self-taught practitioner, Rev. Howard Finster of Summerville, Ga. They were one of Finster's

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William Dawson, "Red Fox," 1981, acrylic on paper

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first patrons and had met him years before he appeared on "The Tonight Show" with Johnny Carson or painted album covers for Talking Heads and R.E.M. The Arients stayed the only motel in town and the carpeting was so moldy and decrepit that Beth wouldn't let Matt crawl on it.

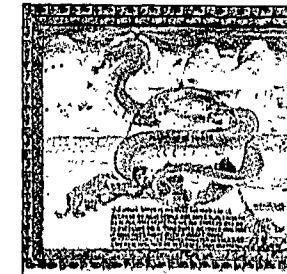
"When Matt was a baby, Howard Finster asked if we would like him to do his baptism," recalled Jim. "He said he'd use the creek running through Paradise Garden. Thanking Howard, it took us but a moment to opt for a more conventional baptism back home."

Another of the many artists the Arients encountered was Kentucky wood carver Denzil Goodpaster who lived in the small town of Ezel.

Downhome dinner "A visit to see Denzil Goodpaster brought about a dinner invitation that we were obligated to accept," said Jim. "As Beth, Matt, who was 6 years old at the time, and I sat down, Denzil announced that he had shot the entree that morning. I calmly asked what we were having and he said it was his wife's specialty: squirrel stew."

"Matt shot me a look of panic and I tried to convey to him through a glance that we would somehow get through it. Fortunately, it was loaded with vegetables from their garden and was pretty good. And no, it did not taste like chicken."

Matt, now 29, is employed as a financial analyst in



Howard Finster, "Floating in Power #2101," 1981, enamel on wood

Chicago, but his parents' passion for self-taught art has been passed on to him and is reflected in the fact that he serves on the board of Chicago's Intuit: The Center for Intuitive and Outsider Art.

"I have lots of memories — walking through Finster's Paradise Gardens, weekly visits with Mr. Dawson in Old Town, playing soccer on the dirt streets of Leland, Mississippi, outside Son Ford Thomas' house," Matt remembered. "It was a way of life, it just seemed like the normal thing to do. It wasn't until later on that I realized that other kids didn't go on these crazy kinds of trips to visit folk artists."

"It would be hard not to have been interested since I lived with it every day," he continued. "People always ask how you live in a house with so much art, and I think the stock answer is that eventually you just stop noticing it. It's the only answer that people really could understand. But the reality is that you discover something new, or look at something in a different light every single day."

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"Some Enchanted Evening: The Songs of Rodgers and Hammerstein" will be presented by Theo Ubique Cabaret Theatre through June 5 at the No Exit Café, 6970 N. Glenwood (Rogers Park), Chicago. Performances are at 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays; and 7 p.m. Sundays. Tickets: \$25-\$30. Three-course dinner available for \$20 (plus beverages, taxes and tips). Visit www.theubique.org.

S.P.A.C.E., 1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston. www.evanstonpace.com. (847) 492-8860. Shows at 8 p.m., unless noted otherwise.

May 5: Greg Brown (folk). \$25/\$35. May 6: Suzy Boguss (country/folk). \$20/\$25. May 7, 7 p.m. and 10 p.m.: An Evening with Jorma Kaukonen (folk). \$25/\$30/\$45. May 11-12: Girtyman with Coyote Grace (folk). \$20/\$25. May 13, 7 p.m.: Claudia Schmidt and Michael Smith (folk). \$15/\$20. May 13, 10 p.m.: Ed Anderson and Scott Tipping of Back Yard Tire Fire with Dave Ramont (folk/rock). \$10/\$14. May 14, 7 p.m.: Bill Frisell Quartet, featuring Ron Miles, Tony Scherr and Kenny Wollesen (jazz). \$28/\$40. May 14, 10 p.m.: Sam Bradley and Holly Conlan (folk rock). \$12/\$14. May 15, 2 p.m.: Weavermania (folk). \$15/\$20. May 17: Zoe Keating (cello rock). \$14/\$18. May 18: Walkwest (Americana). \$12/\$15. May 19: Raul Malo (salsa/country). \$27/\$30. May 20, 7 p.m.: Christian McBride & Inside Straight (jazz). \$30/\$35. May 20, 10 p.m.: Ben Sollee (folk). \$12/\$15. May 21: Timber Timbre (folk/blues). \$12/\$15. May 23: Tim Grimm Band. \$12/\$15. May 25: Crash Test Dummies (folk rock/alternative). \$20/\$25. May 26: Pieta Brown and Jim Lauderdale. \$17/\$20. May 27: Rebirth Brass Band with Luke Winslow King (rock). \$25/\$30. May 28: Troy Stetina, Second Soul and Man the Mighty. \$10/\$15. May 29: Alicia Witt. \$12/\$15. June

1: Matthew and the Atlas (indie/folk). \$10/\$12. June 2: Dee Alexander's Evolution Ensemble (jazz). \$12/\$15. June 3, 7 p.m.: Danny Barnes (bluegrass). \$15/\$20. June 3, 10 p.m.: Teddy Thompson (folk rock). \$15/\$18. June 5: Kris Delmhurst (folk). \$15/\$18. June 8: Dave Spec-ter's Adventures in Guitar with Rockin' Johnny Burgin (blues). June 9: Blisterstring: Jimmy Dawkins, Jody Williams, Billy Flynn (blues). \$15/\$20. June 10: Pinetop Perkins tribute with the Willie "Big Eyes" Smith Band, Ann Rabson, Barrelhouse Chuck, Erwin Helfer and Sunny War. \$27/\$30. June 11, 7 p.m.: Lucy Kaplansky. \$17/\$20. June 12: Stuart Rosenberg's Radiogumbo. \$14/\$18. June 13: Horse Feathers (folk). \$12/\$15. June 14: Carolyn Wonderland (blues). \$12/\$15. June 15: Charlie Hunter (jazz). \$18/\$22. June 16: Paul Thorn (country/rock). \$17/\$20. June 17, 7 p.m.: Christine Lavin and Don White. \$20/\$25. June 17, 10 p.m.: Tad Robinson and Jennie DeVoe (blues). \$15/\$20. June 18, 7 p.m.: Allen Toussaint, solo piano. \$35-\$50. June 18, 10 p.m.: Eric Lindell (soul/rock). \$18/\$20. June 19: Ingrid & the Unicorns (folk/Americana). June 22: Matt Duke and Matthew Mayfield. \$12/\$15. June 24: Gandalf Murphy & the Slambovian Circus of Dreams. \$12/\$15. June 26: Duke Robillard Band (blues). \$15/\$20. June 27: Graham Colton Band. \$14/\$18. July 1: JD Souther with Jill Andrews (country rock). \$22/\$26. July 7: The Squires (Americana). \$12/\$15. July 8: Anders Osborne (blues). \$22/\$25. July 9: Tracy Nelson (blues/folk). \$17/\$20. July 12: Carrie Rodriguez. \$14/\$18. July 13: Shawn Phillips and Steve Forbert (folk/rock). \$17/\$20. July 16: BeauSoleil avec Michael Doucet (Cajun/folk). \$20/\$25. July 17: Jambon (soul/R&B). \$18/\$22. July 23: Pure Prairie League (country/rock). \$30/\$35. July 26: Natalia Zukerman and Adrienne (folk). \$12/\$16. July 27: Los Straitjackets (rock). \$18/\$22. July 29: Chris Smither (folk/guitar). \$22/\$25. July 30: J.C. Brooks & The Uptown Sound (R&B/soul). Aug. 25: Jimmie Vaughan featuring Lou Ann Barton (blues). \$30/\$35.

ART GALLERIES
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(847) 491-4000. www.block-museum.northwestern.edu. Gallery hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesdays, Saturdays and Sundays; 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Admission to the museum is free; unless noted, admission to all programs is also free. Through Aug. 14: "I Myself Have Seen It: Photography and Kiki Smith." May 12, 7 p.m.: "A Conversation with Kiki Smith." May 21, 2 p.m.: Block Cinema presents "Kiki Smith: Squatting the Palace," a 2006 documentary film. Through Aug. 14: "Social Mobility: Collaborative Projects with Temporary Services." The Chicago-based collaborative artists' group Temporary Services has gained national and international attention for its experimental methods for making and displaying art. Through social actions, do-it-yourself projects, publications and public interventions, artists Brett Bloom, Marc Fischer and Salem Collo-julin aim to raise awareness about social, economic, environmental and political issues. This interactive installation combines older and more recent works. May 6-June 19: "MFA Thesis Exhibition from the Department of Art Theory and Practice," in the Alsdorf Gallery. An opening reception will be held from 5-7 p.m. May 6.

Dittmar Memorial Gallery at Northwestern University's Norris Center, 1999 Campus Drive, Evanston. www.norris.northwestern.edu/dittmar.php. (847) 491-2348. The gallery is open from 10 a.m.-10 p.m. daily. Admission is free. Through May 8: "On the Edge," works by Chicago-based and Nigerian-born artist Nnenna Okore. Most of the works are constructed from handmade paper layered with fibrous materials and dyes. May 13-June 13: "A Whiner's Torso," featuring the work of the Class of 2011 undergraduate art majors enrolled in Northwestern's department of art theory and practice. An opening reception will be held from 6-8 p.m. May 18. DoubleTree by Hilton, 9599 Skokie Blvd., Skokie. Through August: Simply Chicago Art will sponsor "Alternate Reality," works by local artist Adam Thomas. An opening reception will be held from 6-9 p.m. May 5. For information, visit www.SimplyChicagoArt.com.

Oakton Community Col-
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Citadel's lively musical spoofs murder mysteries

BY LILLI KUZMA
Contributor

"We're pulling out all the stops on this one," said Wayne Mell, manager and director of the Citadel Theatre in Lake Forest. "This is a wonderfully cheeky musical spoof. It's irresistibly funny. With song and dance. Great special effects."

Mell, of Deerfield, is commenting on the upcoming 5-week run of "Something's Afoot," a wacky, satirical musical murder mystery based on the Agatha Christie story, "Ten Little Indians" (also titled as "And Then There Were None"). It opens May 6. In its eighth season, Citadel is a professional, non-equity, not-for-profit theater.

"The story line is ten people on an island, the bridge washes out, and the characters start getting knocked off one at a time," said Mell. "It's an ensemble cast, so there's (the likes of) a society woman, a saucy maid, a young ingenue, the dastardly nephew, the spinster detective lady, etc. And most of the actors get a featured song to illustrate their character. Nick Sula's four-piece band provides live music, and the different musical styles include a very bluesy, jazzy New Orleans ballad, a love song, off-Vaudeville soft shoe, a peppy Ginger Rogers style, a very rich song mix."

His wife, actor and singer, Debra Criche Mell, plays the role of the "Miss Marple" sleuth.

"Something's Afoot" is the icing on the cake to Citadel's first season at the completely renovated space inside the former Lake Forest High



An ensemble cast performs "Something's Afoot" at Citadel Theatre.

'SOMETHING'S AFOOT'

Citadel Theatre, New West Campus performance space, 300 S. Waukegan Road, Lake Forest
Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays at 8 p.m., Sundays at 2 p.m., May 6-June 5. Special matinee: May 18 at 1 p.m.
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West Campus building. "This is the third play in the new space," said Mell. "And it would have been impossible to stage this play as we're doing at the old space (basement of the Gorton Center for prior seven seasons) with its eight foot ceiling. It gives us an opportunity to really stretch our muscles and show what we're capable of." As for the special effects, Scott Phelps of Lake Forest, Citadel's artistic director, didn't want to give too much away, but said, "There are booby traps throughout the mansion set that the cast is in."

Twenty-two year-old Mario Mazzetti, of Lake Zurich, is the youngest cast member, playing the role of Nigel, the greedy nephew. His rich uncle is murdered right at the top of the show, and he claims to be the only legal heir. He sings and dances, gets to visit the bar often, and hits on all the ladies.

"Nigel is partial to vodka

and gin and has a strong libido. And he's probably the most manipulative character. He's very greedy and that's his downfall. He just wants the money (from the estate of his murdered rich uncle). I was watching the movie, "Clue," and I guess he's like Mr. Green but with the snarkiness of Miss Scarlet. This is the danciest role."

Mell had high praise for Mazzetti. "I have played the role of Nigel, and Mazzetti is doing with the role what I wish I could have," he said. For Mell, the director of Citadel for the past thirty years, "Something's Afoot" is a very familiar work, and was the first play he directed out of college.

"It's where I met my wife. And some great friends. This play has brought a lot of good karma into my life," said. "It has a universal appeal on so many levels. It is a very well-written, funny script. And the story is enjoyed on both the mystery level and for the music."

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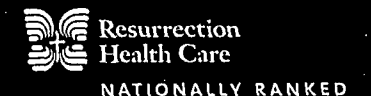
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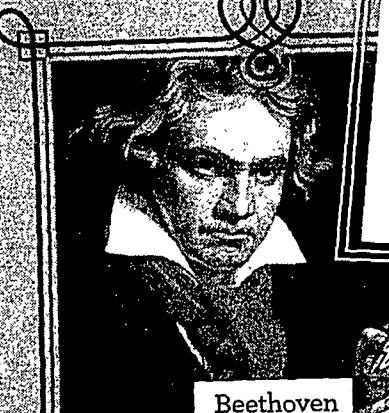
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lege, Koehline Museum of Art, 1600 E. Golf Road, Des Plaines. (847) 635-2633. www.oakton.edu/museum. Gallery hours: 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Friday; 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturdays; June through August, hours are 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday-Thursday. **Through Aug. 18:** "Ariant Family Collection: Self-Taught Artists of the 20th Century," featuring sculpture, drawing, painting, textiles, metalwork and ceramics. Opening reception will be held from 5-8 p.m. May 5.

On View, 139 N. Northwest Highway, Park Ridge. (224) 585-0503. Featured artist presentations take place from 4:30-6:30 p.m. with a short, informal talk by the artist, followed by a question and answer session. **May 21:** Painter Nancy Rosen. **June 25:** Photographer Jeff Burk.

Services for Adults Staying in Their Homes, 1123 Emerson, Suite 200, Evanston. (847) 864-7274. www.SAS1athome.org. Gallery hours are 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Wednesdays and Fridays or by appointment. **Through May 13:** "Celebrating Experience:

A Gallery of Art by Older Adults," with paintings and pottery by Marjorie Graham, Cicely Clarke Michalak, Alice Martin and Doug Collins.

AUDITIONS & OPPORTUNITIES

Stage

Fleetwood-Jourdain Theatre will hold auditions for its summer 2011 production of "From the Mississippi Delta" from 1-3 p.m. **May 14** at the Noyes Cultural Arts Center, 927 Noyes St., Evanston. Auditions are open to African-American women age 18 and older who have singing and acting talent. Rehearsals will take place weekly evenings starting June 13; show dates are weekends, July 8-24. To schedule an appointment, call (847) 448-8260.

Singers

Auditions for the Park Ridge Chorale's summer concert will be held during rehearsals from 7:30-9:30 p.m. **May 9, 16 and 23** at the Clute House, 720 Garden St., Park Ridge. The concert, to be

presented at 7 p.m. July 30, features music from past and current television shows. For more information, call (847) 825-5499.

The Evanston-based Music Institute Chorale is accepting new members for its remaining concert of this season, "Sacred Service by Ernst Bloch" on **June 18**. For information, call (847) 905-1500, ext. 120.

Artists

Advocate Lutheran General Hospital seeks artists to participate in its mural contest. Three mural designs will be selected as winners, and each winning artist will receive \$500 to donate to a not-for-profit organization of their choice. The contest is open to all community artists and students. Two of the murals will incorporate multi-cultural and/or multi-lingual expressions of "welcome," and the third mural will incorporate a multi-cultural and/or multi-lingual expression of "thank you." All paint will be provided by the hospital, and hospital painters will prepare the surface. Contest entries can be e-mailed to

Magda Scanlan at magdalena.scanlan@advocatehealth.com or sent by mail to Advocate Lutheran General Hospital, Attn. Magda Scanlan-Murals Contest, 1775 Dempster St., Park Ridge IL 60068. All entries must contain the following information: contact information including name, address, phone number and e-mail address; proposed mural sketch; timeline for mural completion including approximate number of hours required to complete the mural, as well as artist availability. Entry deadline is **May 15**.

Simply Chicago Art seeks artists to participate in a "Trunk Show" open air art market, to be held from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturdays, **May 28, June 25 and July 23**, in the Chute Middle School parking lot, 1400 Oakton St., Evanston. Artists simply pull into the parking lot, pop the trunk of their vehicle, and sell their own creations. Artists can choose to participate on one or all three dates, and will be assigned a parking space as they arrive. Participation fee is \$20 per artist, per day, or \$50 for all three dates, if paid in advance. Payment must be

received one week prior to the event date. For information, contact Mary Berg at (847) 738-0716 or mary@SimplyChicagoArt.com. **Call for artists** for the Skokie Art Guild's 50th annual Art Fair, to be held **July 9-10** on Skokie's Village Green, 5211 W. Oakton. Fine art only; prizes and awards available. For information or an application, visit www.skokieartguild.org or call (847) 677-8163.

BENEFITS

Ars Viva Symphony Orchestra will hold its annual benefit gala on **May 14** at the Exmoor Country Club in Highland Park. Hershey Felder, pianist, actor, playwright and composer, will preview his new work, "City of Light." Cost is \$225 per person. Call (847) 615-1811 or visit www.arsviva.org.

Connections for the Homeless, based in Evanston, will kick off its Connections Concert Series from 2-4 p.m. **June 4** at the Lake Street Church, 607 Lake St., Evanston. The Vermillion Trio will perform works by Chicago-based composer Robert Kriz, Beethoven and Nino Rota. A reception to meet the artists and Connections' staff immediately follows the concert. Admission is \$25. For tickets, visit www.cfthinc.org.

BOOKS & POETRY

Barnes & Noble, 55 Old Orchard Center, Skokie. (847) 676-2230. **May 7, 2-3:30 p.m.:** Seven-time Emmy winner Betty White will sign copies of her new book, *If You Ask Me (And of Course You Won't)*. Free numbered signing line tickets will be distributed beginning at 9 a.m. to customers presenting a copy of the new book and proof of purchase from Barnes & Noble.

Lincolnwood Public Library, 4000 W. Pratt Ave. (847) 677-5277. www.lincolnwoodlibrary.org. **May 9, 11 a.m.:** Discussion of *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks*.

Niles Public Library, 6960 Oakton St., Niles. (847) 663-6405. www.nileslibrary.org. **May 18, 1 p.m.:** Discussion of *April & Oliver* by Tess Callahan. **May 23, 7 p.m.:** Discussion of *Major Pettigrew's Last Stand* by Helen Simonson.

CHILD'S PLAY

Light Opera Works is currently taking enrollments for its 2011 Musical Theater

Summer Workshop, to be held at Lake Street Church in Evanston. Students ages 8-15 will learn singing, dancing and acting in preparation for a public performance of a mini-musical at the McGaw YMCA. Five separate one-week workshops will be offered, including "Annie," **June 20-25;** "High School Musical," **June 27-July 2;** "H.M.S. Pinafore," **July 11-16;** "Fiddler on the Roof," **July 18-23;** and "Willy Wonka," **July 25-30**. Each workshop meets from 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, with the performance on Saturday. Fee is \$350 per workshop. Register online at www.LightOperaWorks.com or call (847) 869-6300.

Lincolnwood Public Library, 4000 W. Pratt Ave. (847) 677-5277. www.lincolnwoodlibrary.org. **May 9, 3:30 p.m.:** Kid Flicks screens "16 Wishes." **May 16, 3:30 p.m.:** Screening of "Yogi Bear."

Niles Public Library, 6960 Oakton St., Niles. (847) 663-6405. www.nileslibrary.org. **May 28, 2 p.m.:** Screening of "Tangled," rated PG. **North Shore Center for the Performing Arts**, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie. (847) 673-6300. www.northshorecenter.org. **May 7, 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.:** ArtsPower National Touring Theatre presents "Madeline and the Bad Hat." \$18.

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. **May 12-15:** Sesame Street Live "1-2-3 Imagine! with Elmo & Friends." Performances at 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Thursday and Friday; 10:30 a.m., 2 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. Saturday; and 1 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. Sunday. Tickets: \$15, \$25 and \$30. \$40 Gold Circle seats and \$85 Sunny Seats are also available. Opening night, all seats (excluding Gold Circle and Sunny Seats) are \$15.

Skokie Theatre, 7924 Lincoln Ave., Skokie. Call (847) 677-7761 or visit www.skokietheatre.com. **May 14, 10:30 a.m. and 2 p.m.:** Three Cat Education presents "Cinderella." \$15; free for children 12 and under.

Theatergroep Max presents "Performance in Which Hopefully Nothing Happens" at 7 p.m. **May 13;** 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. **May 14;** and 2 p.m.

May 15 at Northwestern University's Ethel M. Barber Theater, 30 Campus Drive, Evanston. The performances are part of the 2011 Chicago Humanities Festival. Recommended for ages 8 and up. Tickets: \$5-\$11 in advance; \$7-\$13 at the door. Visit www.chicagohumanities.org.

Théâtre Motus presents "Baobab," based on West African legends, at 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. **May 5-6;** and noon and 7 p.m. **May 7** at Northwestern University's Ethel M. Barber Theater, 30 Campus Drive, Evanston. The performances are part of the 2011 Chicago Humanities Festival. Recommended for ages 4 and up. Tickets: \$5-\$11 in advance; \$7-\$13 at the door. Visit www.chicagohumanities.org.

COMEDY

InterContinental Chicago O'Hare Hotel, 5300 N. River Road, Rosemont. (847) 544-5300. www.montreroom.com. **May 14, June 11 and July 9, 8:30 p.m.:** Second Saturdays with The Second City in the Montrose Room. \$15-\$20 in advance; \$20-\$25 at the door.

Mayne Stage, 1328 W. Morse Ave. in Rogers Park, Chicago. www.maynestage.com. (773) 381-4554. **May 9, 8 p.m.:** "This is Your Brain on Comedy," starring comedian Jeff Garlin. Tickets: \$50 balcony; \$75 main floor and mezzanine. Proceeds benefit the Northwestern Neurosurgery Resident Education Fund. **June 9, 8 p.m.:** "The Benson Interruption" with Doug Benson and special guests. Now airing on Comedy Central, the show stars Benson interrupting his friends' stand-up comedy routines. \$20. **June 10, 8 p.m.:** "Doug Loves Movies" with Doug Benson and special guests. The podcast features comedians chatting about favorite movies and flops, and playing film-centric games. \$20.

Skokie Theatre, 7924 Lincoln Ave., Skokie. Call (847) 677-7761 or visit www.skokietheatre.com. **June 10, 8 p.m.:** Comedians Hollie and Steve Himmelman present "Memoirs of the Married Me-shuganas." \$20 in advance; \$25 at the door.

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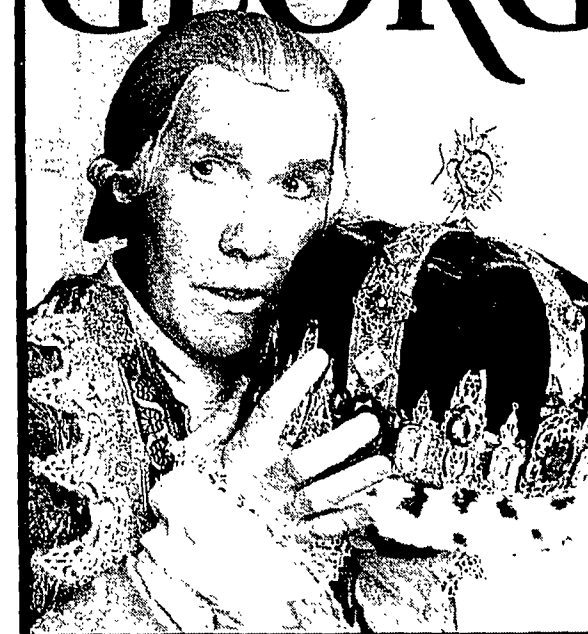
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the Performing Arts, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie. (847) 673-6300. www.northshore-center.org. **June 24-25**, 7:30 p.m., and **June 26**, 3 p.m.: Ensemble Espanol Spanish American Dance Festival. \$26-\$46.

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The Evanston Dance Ensemble will audition dancers who will be in grades 7-12 for the

2011-12 season from 4:30-6 p.m. **May 14** at Dance Center Evanston, 1934 Dempster St., Evanston. Auditions will consist of ballet, modern and jazz sections. A \$10 registration fee applies. There will be an informational session from 2:30-3 p.m. **May 7** at Dance Center Evanston. To register for auditions, please contact Paula Sjogerman at (847) 328-6683 or ede@dancecenterevanston.com. For information, visit www.evanstondanceensemble.org.

Happy Twirlers Dance Club provides round and square dancing at 7:30 p.m. the **second Saturday of the month, through May 14**, at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Thacker and Lee streets, Des Plaines. \$6 per guest. For information, call (847) 698-5501 or (773) 685-8407.

Square Spares & Pairs Square Dance Club, a club for couples and singles, dances the **second and fourth Mondays of the month** all year long at the Park Ridge Senior Center, 100 S. Western Ave., Park Ridge. Rounds start at 7:30 p.m., with squares from 8-10 p.m. \$5 for members; \$6

for guests. For information, call (773) 775-9427 or (708) 442-8646. **May 9**: "Put a Spring in Your Step." **May 23**: "Hot Dogs and Cool Tunes."

Trinity Academy of Irish Dance offers "Taste of Trinity," a six-class summer workshop designed to introduce boys and girls ages 4-12 to Irish dance. No previous dance experience is necessary. Classes will be offered **June 21-July 1 and Aug. 2-12** at the Irish American Heritage Center, 4626 N. Knox, Chicago. Fee for the six-class session is \$95, which includes a Trinity T-shirt. Registration is in progress. Contact Cynthia Oblein at (773) 529-4822, ext. 35, or cynthia.oblein@trinitydance.com. For information, visit www.trinityirishdancers.com.

DINING

Gibsons Bar & Steakhouse, 5464 N. River Road, Rosemont. (847) 928-9900. www.gibsonssteakhouse.com. **May 12**, 6:30 p.m.: 2011 Sommelier Dinner Series features a Trinchero Napa Valley Wine Dinner with Mario Monticelli. \$85 per person, all-inclusive. Reservations required.

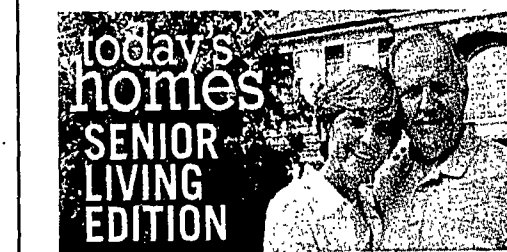
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BY REX ROY
 For Sun-Times Media

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We learned much about the new A6 while driving it in Sicily, an island crisscrossed with ribbons of asphalt tossed across mountains and valleys like perfectly cooked spaghetti.

Our tester was a fully optional European-spec sedan with the supercharged and direct-injected

3.0-liter, the fast-shifting seven-speed Steptronic dual-clutch transmission and an adjustable air suspension. It's a very nice ride.

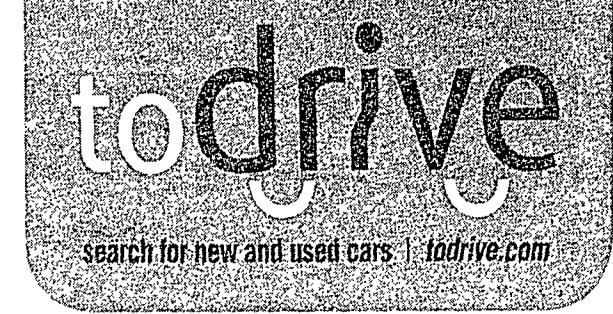
There are important differences between EU and U.S. A6s. In Europe Audi offers five powertrains: two diesels and three gas engines. We get two: the 2.0-liter gas turbo and the supercharged 3.0-liter. Respective power figures are 211 horsepower and 258 pound-feet of torque, and 310 horsepower, 325 pound-feet of torque. The front-wheel-drive 2.0-liter four-cylinder is offered with a smooth continuously variable automatic transmission, while all V-6 Quattro models get the new ZF-sourced eight-speed Tiptronic automatic.

The great news is that extra gears, overall lighter weight, plus reduced powertrain and driveline friction reduce fuel consumption compared to the 2011 models. Audi rates the 2.0- and 3.0-liter U.S. engines at 25/33/28 mpg city/highway/combined and 19/28/22 mpg.

Other differences include the fact that we don't get the air suspension. Given the system's performance on the A8 and Q7 - and on the EU A6 we sampled - we'll miss it.

Focusing on what we do get, the supercharged 3.0-liter is an impressive powertrain. Its robust and linear torque maxes out from 2,900 to 4,500 rpm, but the power plateau feels even wider. Unlike turbo engines, there's no lag to the power delivery.

Driving quickly into tight cor-



ners, the A6 does under steer. In terms of road feel, the A6 feels livelier than the new BMW 5 Series but not as tossable as BMW's 3 Series. Over Sicily's imperfect roads, the smoothness of the A6 ride was closer to the 5 Series than the 3.

Sicily's imperfect roads proved that the A6's hybrid aluminum and high-strength steel unibody could handle significant input stresses. The body felt impressively solid and allowed the suspension to smoothly soak up bumps.

Let's hope the steel-spring suspension proves as capable. We did drive a diesel-equipped A6 with a suspension similar to what we'll get and the experience bodes well for U.S. drivers.

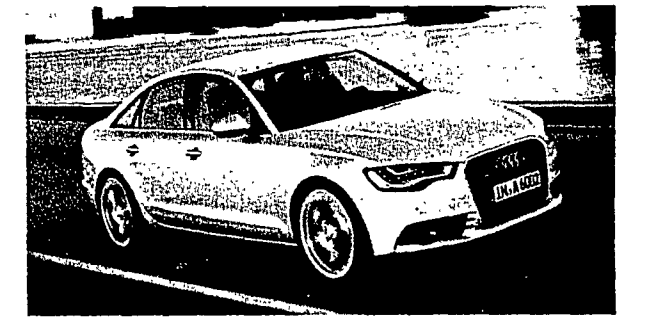
All of these driving characteristics are enjoyed in an all-new interior that is pure Audi. We particularly liked the real wood trim that was finished in a manner that left the grain touchable.

Like other Audis, most functions are controlled by the multimedia interface rotating wheel and buttons. The latest generation of MMI

features a touch pad that enables character recognition so users can spell words with the stroke of a fingertip. Providing true always-on connectivity, the A6 will be available with its own cellular data plan from T-Mobile.

So significant is the integration of piped-in information that data coming from cloud computing helps pre-aim the headlights (around bends) and illuminates "junction" lights at intersections. The A6's optional LED headlights not only react to steering wheel input but feature predictive aiming based on the navigation system and cloud-based data.

The 2012 A6 has a check in every box. The A6's shape is now in line with Audi's new corporate design language. With myriad features ranging from truly functional night vision and full-color head-up display to dynamic safety features such as lane-keeping assist, the A6 is among the world's most heavily contented vehicles at any price. Expect pricing to be about \$45,000 to \$60,000.



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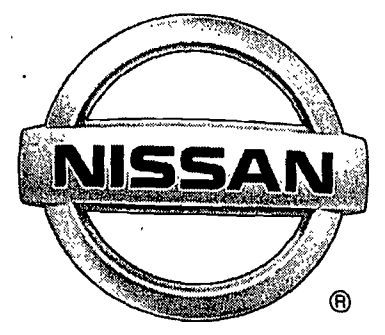
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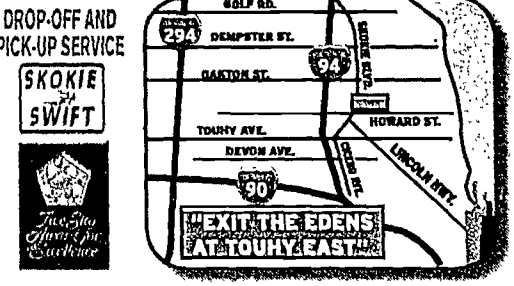
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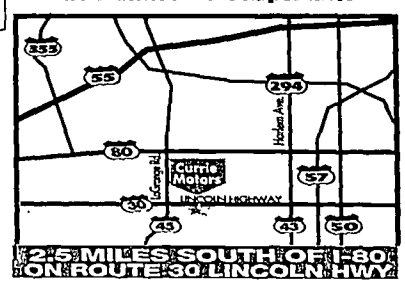
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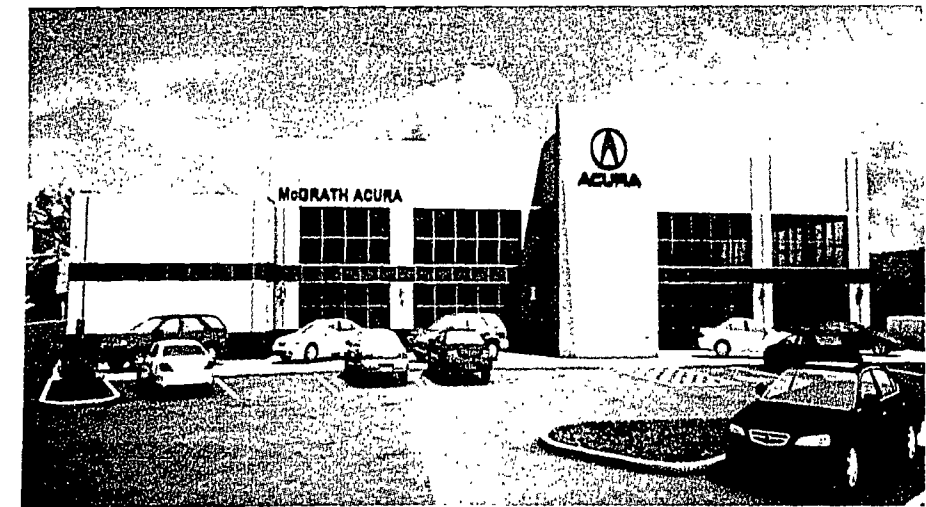


DIGGING IN: Groundbreaking attendees at the new McGrath Acura in Chicago included Steve Center (from left), vice president of market operations for American Honda; Matt Walsh, zone sales manager for Acura central zone; Stephen Smith, senior vice president of Acura financial services; Kevin McGrath, vice president of McGrath Acura of Westmont; Mike McGrath Jr., vice president of McGrath Lexus of Chicago; Alderman Scott Waguespack (32nd Ward); Mike McGrath Sr., president of McGrath Imports; Kristina McGrath; Chuck Kendig, senior manager of parts and service for Acura; Jeff Conrad, vice president of sales for Acura; and John Mendel, executive vice president of auto sales for American Honda.

McGrath breaks ground on Chicago Acura dealership

McGrath Imports recently held a ceremonial groundbreaking at 1301 Elston Ave., where it will operate the only Acura dealership within Chicago city limits. Officials from Acura and Honda, Alderman Scott Waguespack (32nd Ward) and members of the McGrath family attended. Construction of the 75,000-square-foot state-of-the-art Acura sales and service center is expected to be completed by spring 2012. McGrath Acura of downtown Chicago will be one of six dealerships owned and operated by the McGrath family. "Whenever you see the McGrath name, you can expect the same high level of quality and service," said McGrath Acura of Westmont Vice President

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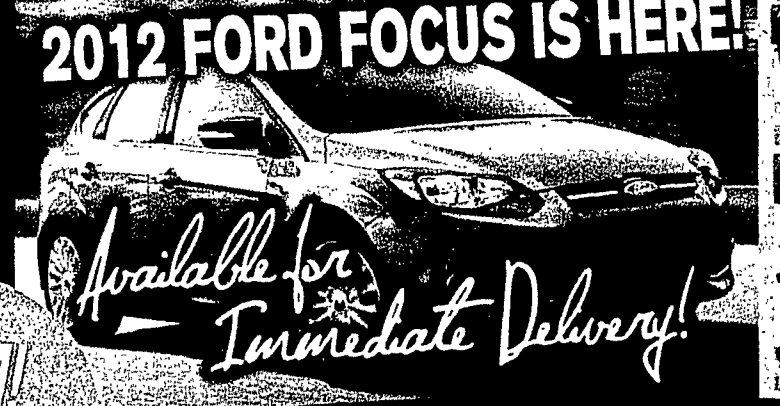
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Condo community offers magnificent views, vacation lifestyle, but only nine are left

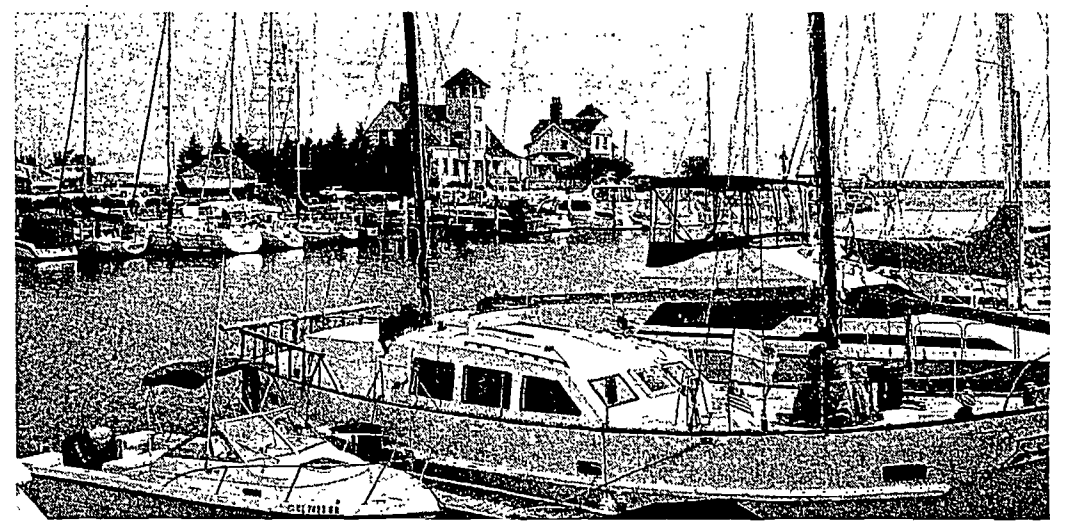
Perched on the shores of Lake Michigan, Racine, Wis., is the destination that blends the perfect amount of stimulation and relaxation," touts the Racine County Visitors Guide. It's no wonder that many Illinoisans have purchased a home at The Atwater at Gaslight Pointe and are enjoying all the amenities that living on Lake Michigan offers. With spring in the air, prospective buyers might want to think about all the festive outdoor activities that can be theirs if they lived at The Atwater. From free concerts at Monument Square to the Lakefront Art Show, Downtown Gallery Night, Summer Parades, Fishing Tournaments, the Racine Symphony Pops Concert, and the

Yacht Club Hook Race, there's never a dull moment in the downtown district. Homeowners are discovering the historic shopping district, art galleries and museums and even horse drawn carriage rides. Many events feature live local music at various locations, and people are finding that there's so much to explore in downtown Racine. With driving time only about 1½ hours from Chicago, many Illinoisans have chosen The Atwater as their vacation getaway retreat or their year-round residence. Built by New England Homes, the four-story, 40-unit condominium building features floor plans with up to 1,836 square feet of living

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Vacation views: A balcony at The Atwater gives residents magnificent views of Lake Michigan and the Racine harbor. Residents of the Atwater in downtown Racine, Wis., can also visit more than 50 downtown shops, galleries and restaurants, and listen to live music on first Fridays of the month.



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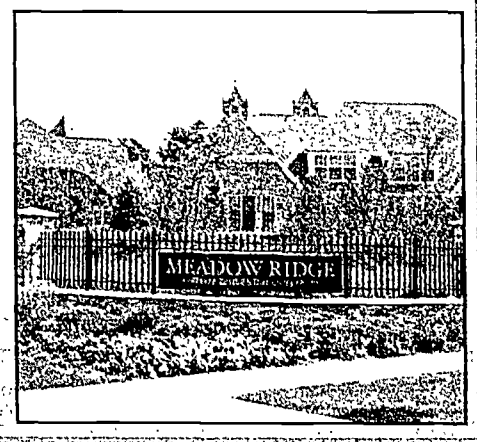
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Beach Park

- 10623 W Circle Dr: Sandahl, Jennifer S; \$157,000

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- 2450 Chamboard Dr: Versino, Anthony M & Fowler, Gabrielle L; \$485,000

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- 1154 Courtland Dr 14 W: Nai, Xueshun & Liu, Jinfang; \$138,500

- 125 N Buffalo Grove Rd 305: Tan, Elson & Catherine; \$112,000

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Deerfield

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- 1431 Dartmouth Ln: Richardson, Brian M & Jourlande G; \$253,000

- 640 Robert York Ave 302: Patel, Mauliben N; \$239,500

- 856 Rosemary Ter: Santelik, William P & Karen M; \$180,000

Des Plaines

- 9635 Brandy Ct 5: Zaharia, Florin & Brezean, Cristina; \$78,000
535 Cordial Dr: Chtioui, Adil & Massghati, Hamid; \$190,000
366 Dover Ln: Michael, Michael A &

- Putrus, Ruba; \$160,000

- 654 E Oakton St: Jordan, Kerl A; \$126,000

- 1340 Fargo Ave: Chavez, Humberto & Catarina; \$110,000

- 700 Graceland Ave 506: Penner, Esther; \$115,000

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- 841 S 6th Ave: Helgesen, Angelina A; \$140,000

- 2200 S River Rd: Panganiban, Jolly; \$150,000

- 334 Stratford Rd: Snyder, William A & Christine A; \$258,000

- 505 Trailside Ln: Szvedo, Tomasz; \$92,000

- 1084 W Grant Dr: Ganchofski, Mario; \$168,000

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- 2218 Central St 3E: Westwood, Amanda E & William R; \$110,000

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- 537 Blazing Star Dr: Somasundaram, Raj & Raj, Barath Y; \$350,000

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- 508 Garfield Ave: Bever, Robert; \$225,000

- 1324 Oxford Ct: Meller, Christopher P & Laura A; \$399,000

- 319 S Stewart Ave: Wallace, Pamela G; \$290,000

- 4561 W Gavin Ln: Kerrigan, Patrick & Katherine; \$407,500

Lincolnshire

- 400 Village Grn 307: Nortman, Benjamin; \$820,000

Lindenhurst

- 3087 Haven Ln: Mounts, Joshua & Cassie; \$233,000

- 2104 Woodlane Dr: Hayman, Chris & Dawn; \$114,000

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- 9007 Mason Ave: Applequist, Scott & Lisa; \$417,500

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- 40 E Northwest Hwy 216: Constat, Tina; \$180,000

- 220 N Elm St: Moder Jr, Mark & Buechel, Jenna T; \$250,000

- 1400 N Yarmouth Pl 307: Canonaco, John & Bobbie A; \$137,000

- 902 Persimmon Ln A: Heinz, Norine C; \$155,000

- 717 S Louis St: Bennett, James J; \$90,000

- 214 S Wille St: Iversen, Gordon E & Sandra J; \$80,000

- 506 W Sunset Rd: Conley, Dylan & Dempsey, Emily; \$187,000

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- 1205 Halifax Dr: Montgomery, Steven C; \$287,500

- 1219 Orleans Dr: Panich, Yevgeniy; \$125,000

- 225 Wilton Ln: Merchen, Kellen R & Megan B; \$165,000

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- 9842 N Glendale Ln: Bawani, Imran; \$269,500

- 6935 N Milwaukee Ave 103: Espindola, Paula; \$187,000

- 8027 N Oriole Ave: Laguna, Christopher; \$257,500

- 8046 N Ottawa Ave: Gorski, Agata; \$180,000

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- 8100 W Foster Ln 208: Taaca, Emmimarie; \$125,000

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- 1425 Kingsport Ct: Sun, Muqu & Xiao, Liufang; \$605,000

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- 3914 Raintree Ln: Reyderman, Aleksandr & Anna; \$615,000

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- 3260 Sanders Rd A11: Yook, Tae Gwan; \$100,000

- 2449 Seville Cir: Schmidt, Carol; \$245,000

- 925 Spring Hill Dr 304: Malara, Mirosława & Joanna; \$97,500

- 2804 White Pine Dr: Quant, Eduardo & Lynda; \$440,000

- 1043 Whitfield Rd: Richards, Paul W; \$217,500

Northfield

- 2166 Drury Ln: Laird, Thomas Edward & Jennifer Dennison; \$815,000

Park Ridge

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- 717 Elm St: Streit, Mark; \$145,000

- 17 Elmore St: Melby, Ryan B & Catherine E; \$375,000

- 2175 Farrell Ave: Wong, Chung Yan & Emelita Marquez; \$200,000

- 712 N Broadway Ave: Porter, Brett & Amy S; \$315,000

- 1316 S Chester Ave: Cadmus, Derek & Laura; \$192,500

- 405 S Clifton Ave: Dutton Dr, Richard & Dutton, Greykell; \$755,000

- 1526 W Talcott Rd: Gonzales, Alexcia M; \$295,000

Riverwoods

- 2280 Riverwoods Rd: Jimenez, Arthur; \$350,000

Round Lake

- 538 S Jade Ln: Lamyuen, Frank R; \$143,000

- 607 S Jade Ln: Crow, John; \$123,500

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TODAY'S HOMES

Developer wants to grow grapes, tax dollars on the South Side

When Mayor-Elect Rahm Emanuel takes office in a few weeks, one of the great challenges facing him along with an underwater budget and some of the worst schools in America will be what to do with the vast real estate wilderness called Chicago's South Side.



ON THE HOME FRONT DON DEBAT

The city of Chicago estimates there currently are about 10,000 vacant lots on the South Side, most of them stretching from McCormick Place around 22nd Street to Hyde Park and from Lake Michigan deep into Englewood.

Urban pioneer Bill Lavicka, a tough, very creative guy who served in the Seabees during the Vietnam War, has dreamed up a unique renovation venture for the landmark Raber House, an 1860s mansion at 5760 S. Lafayette Ave. about 1 1/2 miles west of Hyde Park in the Washington Park neighborhood.

The home, which is one of the city's few remaining residences built before the Great Chicago Fire of 1871, once was the residence of John Raber, a prominent businessman and early Chicago real estate developer and politician.

The four-level Italianate chateau is capped by a wooden cupola and widow's walk, and features arched bay windows and a sweeping central staircase.

Lavicka's plan not only calls for saving a historic building and putting it back on the tax rolls, it also creates a venture that dove-tails into the city's Urban Agriculture program and its plan for a public park and green space surrounding Raber House.

Lavicka is urging the city's Department of Planning to create the Raber Estate Vineyard on about two acres of vacant city owned land surrounding the mansion.

Under the plan, Lavicka would renovate the two-story mansion and transform it into a boutique winery, a wine-

making school and teaching facility that would tutor students in the art of creating wine with hearty varieties of grapes grown on vacant property surrounding Raber House. Some 5,000 grapevines would be planted on the vacant acreage surrounding the mansion.

At first blush, it sounds like a pipe dream, but 20th Ward Ald. Willie Cochran likes the idea because the venture likely will bring \$1 million in investment dollars into the Washington Park neighborhood, and generate jobs and bring in an influx of homeowners who want to live near a vineyard and a park.

The Raber Estate Vineyard is the kind of outside-the-box thinking Mayor-Elect Emanuel needs to endorse to help jump start Chicago's neighborhood economy. Phase II of Lavicka's dream calls for building a commercial wine-production facility where dozens of jobs could be created and thousands of bottles of his Chateau Chicago

wine could be made, fermented, bottled and sold. This new venture also would generate real estate tax revenue for the city.

Since 1976, the respected Chateau Chicago label has corked about 20,000 bottles of home-made wine, and the vintages produced by Lavicka with a group of his loyal wine-making friends at his Near West Side home by the Jackson Boulevard Wine Club have garnered many respected winemaking awards over the years.

When Lavicka speaks about renovating the Raber House today, he sees it as the first step in the rebirth of the entire neighborhood, which already is earmarked for a spacious park, baseball fields and other vegetable growing acreage in the Urban Agriculture zone.

"The way the South Side will be reborn is by creating islands of commerce," Lavicka said. "Developments like the Raber Estate Vineyard will bring jobs, and new retail and

residential development to Washington Park and spark a real estate revival."

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space giving homeowners a variety of choices.

Buyers can take advantage of recent price reductions. Now, one- and two-bedroom condos previously priced from \$190,900 to \$413,900, are available from \$169,900 to \$372,600. Currently, one unit remains overlooking the harbor, while eight units offer views of the lake and river from their balconies. For those who need a home for the spring season,

there are three finished units available for immediate occupancy.

Buyers can choose from a variety of homes including one-bedroom, one-bath to two-bedrooms-plus-den with 2 1/2 baths. There is still time to add personal touches by selecting the final finishes. Once final selections are made, residences are being completed in six to eight weeks.

New England Homes is sweetening the deal by offering a variety

of special incentives. Buyers can choose from 12 months of free homeowner association fees, a one-year free boat slip on the marina, elegant upgrades at no cost, or other cash incentives.

"The downturn in the housing market has taught us how to be very creative in structuring deals for our customers. We can tailor a transaction to fit the needs of just about anyone looking to buy," said Chris Rintz, managing member.

"With spring just around the corner, we invite prospective buyers

to think about new beginnings and a new lifestyle living at The Atwater offers you a stress-free environment since everything is taken care of by a Homeowners Association. When you live here, you can take advantage of warm weather months on the lakefront enjoying spectacular views of Lake Michigan," said Rintz.

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To visit the Atwater Sales Center, take I-94 north and exit Route 20. Go east for 9 miles and bear right onto 14th Street (just after Washington Park) to Lake Michigan. Take a left on Main Street through downtown, then a right on Gaslight Drive. The sales center is open Friday and Saturday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday and Monday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call 262-637-7801 or visit www.nebinc.com.

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TODAY'S HOMES

Senior Living

The Clare cares

'Lifecare' community provides strong location, lifestyle, access to health care

With their nine children grown and living independently, senior Bernie Beazley and his wife Kathleen were looking for a retirement community to call home.

However, not just any retirement community would do. Beazley was seeking a welcoming place with a new family of peers who shared his same zest for life. Even more importantly, Beazley needed a community that could provide the appropriate accommodations and care for his wife with increasing health needs.

"Finding a home with a supportive staff and community for my beloved and ill wife was most important," Beazley said. "Knowing that quality care would be there at any time was an invaluable comfort to us."

After receiving an enthusiastic recommendation from a Loyola University colleague, Beazley moved into The Clare at Water Tower, a Chicago high-rise lifecare community. The Clare proved to be just the community Beazley was looking for: a welcoming environment with residents whose lives

are social, active and built on the belief that life should be about new experiences and friends. And The Clare offered access to different levels of high-quality health and life care for Kathleen, all within the same building.

"There is a significant community connection at The Clare and an even greater connection in the community spirit," Beazley said. "It gives me a real sense of comfort. It's truly where I am supposed to be."

Beazley understands that finding the right retirement



Lifecare at the Clare: Bernie Beazley and his wife Kathleen found what they were looking for at The Clare at Water Tower, a Chicago high-rise lifecare community. They have access to amenities and activities, a location near good entertainment and dining venues, a place that is comfortable with neighbors with similar lifestyle interests, and a access to top-quality health care. 1

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community is not an easy process. To others looking, he stressed the importance of having a connection to the residents and staff and insisted that it is the bond with others that makes the golden years exciting again.

"Retirees tend to find themselves with a lot of free time on their hands," Beazley said. "Finding a group of people who are as passionate about filling that time with meaningful experiences makes all the difference."

He hopes to help others seeking a retirement residence by sharing his personal experience. Beazley recommends considering four elements as one embarks on their search to find the perfect fit.

One element is "location, location, location."

When making the decision to move to a retirement community, it is important to consider the type of neighborhood and its attributes you wish to call home. For example, the proximity to your favorite restaurants, closeness to your children, grandchildren and friends and the distance to a stroll in a park are all things to consider before closing the deal. While most lifecare communities host a variety of activities within, there are only a few that offer the vibrant atmosphere of city-living.

The Clare at Water Tower is an example of a metropolitan lifecare community. Tucked into the heart of the Gold Coast neighborhood, Beazley and his resident-friends are within walking distance to Chicago's

many acclaimed restaurants, the Magnificent Mile, historical points of interest, a world-class medical center, universities, museums and music and theater venues.

Another element is that it is a young-at-heart community.

Many social and lively seniors, like Beazley, seek diverse, active and energetic communities and consider the independent lifestyle they are accustomed to most important. He recommends visiting the retirement community you are interested in and participating in on and off-site activities with the people who live there.

Attending a personal fitness session or enjoying lunch out on the town with a group of residents provides time to ask questions and hear what they have to say about their home and what they like to do in their spare time. Beazley felt a significant bond with the residents of The Clare because they show no signs of slowing down; in fact, they are busier than ever with access to the rich culture that urban Chicago living has to offer.

Beazley and the other residents of The Clare are involved in Chicago's many philanthropic and cause-related organizations, serve on boards of local business, health, civic and education institutions and work or consult. They also participate in various common interest clubs and groups including The Friars, a men's club at The Clare that places a heavy emphasis on charity work. Beazley is a proud member.

Still another element is that it have meaningful amenities.

A major benefit of living in a lifecare community is maintenance-free living; with no house and lawn upkeep, many find the freedom to enjoy retirement to its fullest. While many lifecare community residents continue their busy lives outside of their homes, the array of amenities offered within their communities keeps their day planners overflowing with activity.

Beazley takes full advantage of the first-rate amenities provided at The Clare, including multiple dining venues, media, entertainment and business centers, a creative arts studio, performance center, day spa, and his favorite, the fitness and aquatic center. Residents of The Clare also enjoy activities designed to provoke thought and raise spirits, as well as a variety of lifelong learning opportunities through The Clare's partnership with next door neighbor, Loyola University.

The fourth major element is that it be a comfortable "lifecare" community. A top priority for Beazley was excellent health care for his wife Kathleen. A lifecare community gave the couple the comfort and security that they were looking for. While immediate healthcare services are not a concern for everyone, residents of most lifecare communities find solace in knowing medical attention is just around the corner, if and when they need it.

As a lifecare community, The Clare at Water Tower features Terraces at The Clare for lifetime access to world-class health care. This program offers assisted living, memory support, and skilled nursing and rehabilitation, all housed within the same urban location.

Beazley found The Clare's services were beneficial for him and his wife because while he lived in an independent residence, he was a short elevator ride away from spending time with his wife in assisted living. And with the supportive, family-like community at The Clare, the Beazleys received a more significant type of care than they ever could have imagined... a compassionate, caring and loyal group of people living side by side.

For more information on The Clare at Water Tower, visit www.theclareatwatertower.com/.

SENIOR LIVING

Meadow Ridge offers glimpse of new model

North Shore empty-nesters soon will have an opportunity to take a sneak preview tour of a new decorated and furnished model at Meadow Ridge in Northbrook.

The new three-bedroom model, which features a first-floor master suite, is slated to grand open this June, said Suzy Friedman, president of KZF Development, the developer.



Grand debut, sneak peek: Residence C will grand open this spring for tours at Meadow Ridge in Northbrook, featuring three bedrooms, 2½-baths and more than 3,000 square feet of living space. 1 SUBMITTED PHOTO

Meadow Ridge is a gated 164-unit community of attached single-family townhomes and duplexes sequestered on 40 acres at Waukegan and Founders roads in Northbrook.

"Meadow Ridge is a private community targeted to empty-nesters moving from large single-family homes on the North Shore," Friedman said. "Our buyers are looking for a specific maintenance-free lifestyle as well as living in a private gated community."

Unique features include lavish landscaping, two man-made lakes and active waterways, and a 1.2-mile running/biking path around the community.

According to Shannon Gibson-Giampa of Gibson and James Properties, Inc., the exclusive marketing agent for the development, the new model is the popular Residence C.

The three-bedroom Residence C features 2½-baths and more than 3,000 square feet of living space. The home showcases more than 1,844 square feet of living space just on the first floor alone.

Guests are welcomed by the entry foyer, a study, an island kitchen opening to a dining room and a great room with vaulted ceiling and optional fireplace. The first-floor master bedroom suite has two walk-in closets and a private master bath.

The upper level offers another 818 square feet of living space which includes two bedrooms with walk-in closets, a full bath and a room-sized bonus space. Residence C is base priced from \$645,000.

"Actually, four of the six plans feature a private first-floor master suite at Meadow

Ridge," said Gibson-Giampa. "The first-floor master suites with an adjoining private bath create an adult privacy zone, one of the luxury features found in many of the homes at Meadow Ridge." First-floor ceilings are nine feet high and a laundry room with washer/dryer hookups also is found on the first floor.

"Buyers should plan to come out and take a tour of the new model or one of the few completed homes which are ready for someone to move into," said Gibson-Giampa. "These 'inventory' homes are some of the best values at Meadow Ridge."

Delivery dates for these inventory homes range from 30 days to six months.

"Also if a buyer is not looking to move into a home sooner, Meadow Ridge has homes to be built but locations are increasingly limited," said Gibson-Giampa.

Delivery dates for the "to-build" homes at Meadow Ridge range from seven months to more than one year.

"This gives people a comfort level in having time to sell their current house," said Gibson-Giampa.

The Meadow Ridge residences are being built in two-unit duplex and four-unit townhome buildings in the community, which features a guard house and private streets. Base prices range from \$495,000 to \$895,000.

The 2-story duplexes have three bedrooms, 2½ baths and 2,334 to 3,700 square feet of living space. The duplex homes, which come with an unfinished bonus room, feature a private entry, soaring

ceilings and a two-car attached garage.

The two-story townhomes are available with two or three bedrooms including a first-floor master suite, 2½ baths and 2,236 to 2,617 square feet of living space. Townhomes feature grand two-story living rooms, 9-foot-first-floor ceilings and an attached two-car garage.

"Another attraction of Meadow Ridge is its location in the heart of the North Shore," said Friedman. "The Northbrook Metra train station at 1401 Shermer Road is within 1.6 miles of our community. It is about a 35-minute drive to Chicago's Loop by automobile via Eden's Expressway (Interstate 94). Interstate 294 also is nearby."

Northbrook's educational options include Glenbrook North High School, Glenbrook South High School, Countryside Montessori Private Elementary and Willowbrook and Maple Elementary and Middle Schools.

Meadow Ridge also is a short drive from the 9-hole Willow Hill Golf Course and the Willow Festival Shopping Center at Waukegan and Willow roads. Just across the street from the development are the Techny Post Office and the Techny Towers.

The Meadow Ridge sales center at Waukegan and Founders roads in Northbrook is open Wednesday through Friday 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. or by appointment. For more information, call 847-559-9800, or visit www.MeadowRidgeNorthbrook.com.

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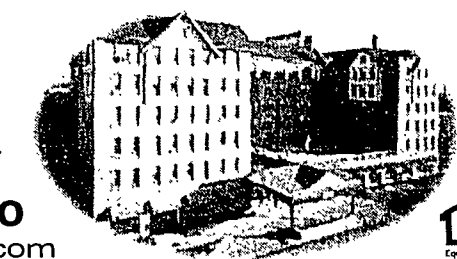
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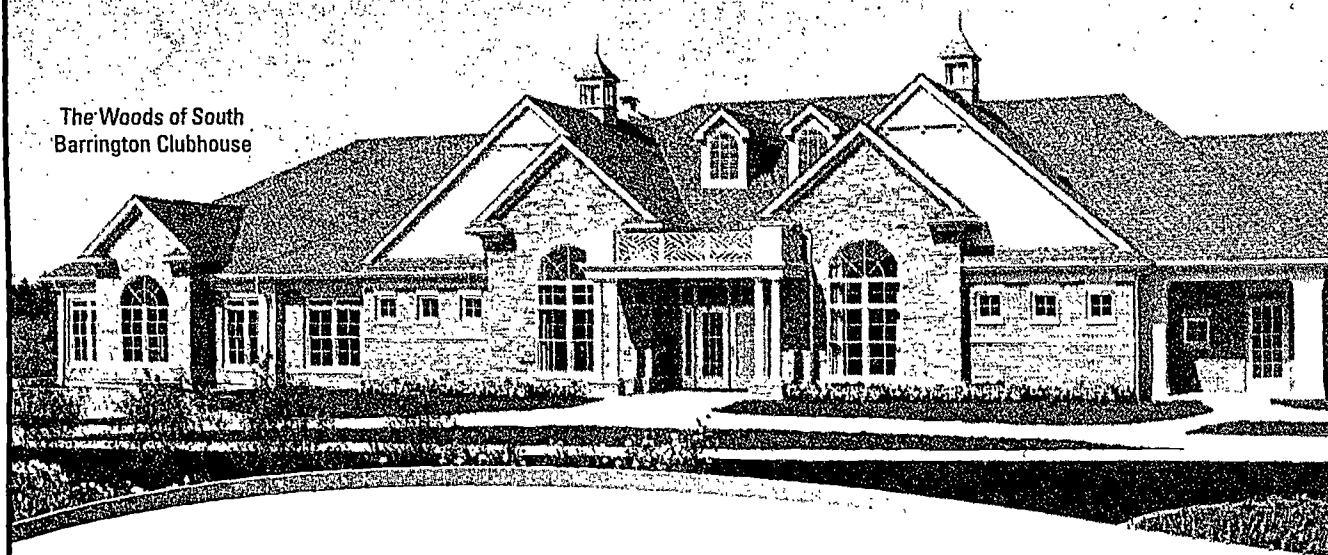
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SENIORLIVING

Independence Village stresses importance of senior activity

When searching for a retirement community, the type, quality and quantity of available activities is vital to a decision. It's proven that recreation plays a significant role in the quality of life for everyone. With seniors, it not only furthers this quality of life, but also improves mental, physical and emotional health.

When anyone stops "working out the brain," many aspects of life start to decrease. For example, isolation from the outside world causes a lack of social skills and eventually, the individual feels they're not capable. Or, not having the opportunity to be creative and "think outside the box" tends to cause a person to feel a lack of purpose.

At Independence Village in downtown Naperville, activities, events and outings that all residents and their families can participate in are numerous. Crafts, card games, off-site

outings, on-site entertainment and more are scheduled monthly.

"No matter what age you are, activities are an important part of a healthy life," said Rebecca Portwood, activity director at Independence Village. "There is always time for laughter. In fact, most of the time we learn together and laugh along the way."

Independence Village is an independent senior living community where the amenities offered are the highest quality. In addition to activities, three meals per day are offered, and the community has on-site health services, weekly housekeeping and more. It also offers a comforting atmosphere that is designed to make it feel like home to residents.

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Be proactive to delay, prevent onset of dementia

New research (Archives of Neurology) from Johns Hopkins University National Institute on Aging finds that seniors with hearing loss are significantly more likely to develop dementia over time than those who retain their hearing.

The greater the degree of hearing loss, the stronger the relationship. In fact, the link is so strong that the authors hypothesize new preventative treatment options to delay or prevent dementia may include the use of hearing aids.

There is a well accepted link between hearing loss and typical diseases often seen in aging. Diabetes, cardiovascular disease, and kidney disease are not just prevalent in our culture but are also rampant in my hearing impaired patient population, said Linda S. Remensnyder, Au.D., Doctor of Audiology.

These diseases cause specific changes in the ear that result in diminished hearing, she said. In the case of dementia, the link is reversed. Changes in the ear (hear-

ing loss) in seniors alters the brain secondary to diminished language stimulation. It is hypothesized that this lack of consistent language stimulation is what contributes to dementia.

Much of hearing is incidental hearing. Hearing colleagues greeting one another after a weekend, hearing the grocery store clerk speak to another customer, hearing a mother's dialogue with her child in a restaurant booth, and hearing the speech of others at an adjacent bridge table are all examples of incidental hearing, Remensnyder said. Incidental hearing provides a rich, diverse, and omnipresent means of language stimulation that is not deliberately sought out by the listener.

So many of my hearing impaired patients say they "hear what they want to hear," and note that they only hear others that face them, speak up, or get close before talking. Not only does the listener's range of audibility get smaller as hearing diminishes (physical

isolation from sound restricts incidental hearing) but hearing loss causes social isolation as well. Those with hearing loss may cease frequenting activities where their hearing is challenged. They might avoid certain restaurants, stop going to large gatherings, discontinue attending services at their Place of Worship, and cease speaking to certain individuals whose voices they cannot understand. As outlined in the ASHA Reader, "the strain of decoding sounds over the years may overwhelm the brains of people with hearing loss, leaving them more vulnerable to dementia."

May is Better Hearing Month, so Remensnyder recommends getting your hearing tested now and getting treatment now.

The ramifications of untreated hearing loss are very serious, she said. Linda S. Remensnyder, Au.D., Doctor of Audiology, is President of Hearing Associates, P.C., with offices in Libertyville (847-680-7580) and Gurnee (847-662-9300).

SENIORLIVING

Henning Estates ranches, eco-friendly plan attract empty-nesters

Rock Creek Development has introduced the first conservation minded residential community in McHenry Count, with stair-free ranch homes with full basements that are ideal for empty-nesters.

"We believe there are a number of active families close to retirement who are not interested in the strict rules and regulations found in a typical age-restricted retirement community," said Ryan VanLue, co-owner of Rock Creek Development. "For those people we have created an alternative lifestyle that offers the peace and serenity that can only be found in the undisturbed countryside, and the convenience that can only be found in a stair-free ranch home."

Located just west of Huntley, Rock Creek Development's mid-priced, semi-custom ranch homes provide 1,800 to 2,260 square feet of stair-free living space. Prices start



Castle is home: The New Castle model is a 1,803 square foot ranch model that has two bedrooms, two baths and three car garage. The foyer opens to a spacious family room which leads to the dinette and kitchen with breakfast bar. SUBMITTED PHOTO

in the mid \$300,000s for a home with a full basement, but for an additional cost, they can be constructed

with a lookout or walkout basement. Rock Creek's homes in Henning Estates include at

no additional cost high-end features like granite countertops, stainless steel appliances, hardwood flooring, full basements, ceramic floor tile, maple cabinetry, architectural significant ceilings and a

comprehensive landscaping package.

Rock Creek Homes also offers an extensive variety of optional features including skylights, three-car garages (per plan), stone hearth fireplace, additional volume ceilings, oversized custom millwork, home theater/music systems, wood decks, garden rooms and additional bedrooms.

Rock Creek Homes also offers homebuyers the opportunity to modify any available floor plan. Homes can be expanded, additional volume ceilings can be incorporated, and interior walls can be relocated. For homebuyers wishing to increase the living area of their homes, Henning Estates also offers finished basement option packages for its standard, lookout and walkout plans.

Homesites and homes in Henning Estates are "right-sized" for buyers looking for a smaller homesite to maintain and a more space-efficient home. Henning Estates features homesites average a third of an acre. As a result of careful

planning, 100 percent of Henning Estates homesites back up to open space. Of the community's 110 acres, 85 acres is devoted to open space, wetlands or ponds.

"We made an effort to make sure that the backyard of virtually every home opens up to some sort of green space," said VanLue. "Sometimes it might be a pond, other times it might be wetlands and then again it could be a natural prairie with tall grasses waving in the breeze. The result of this effort is that homeowners will hardly ever look out their back windows and see the back yard of another home."

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

SENIORLIVING

Dazzling designs, Naperville location draw buyers to Carillon Club

Empty-nesters and others who are 55 years old or more are often ready for a more carefree, convenient lifestyle with more time for family, friends and travel. Carillon Club in Naperville has become a popular destination community for suburban residents who desire a prestigious Naperville address with a resort lifestyle.

Being developed by D.R. Horton, Inc., Carillon Club offers four series of homes, including townhome-style condominiums and single-family detached homes. A variety of model homes represent all of the series, and homes are available for quick delivery.

"In recent years, there has been a trend toward moving into homes that better fit evolving lifestyle needs and priorities," said Paul Ivers, Chicago Division president of D.R. Horton. "Shedding that large single-family home on a sizable piece of property has been a liberating experience for many residents at Carillon Club. They can now spend their time making new friends while remaining close to family and friends in Naperville and the southwest suburbs. All homes are designed and built to the high standards that experienced homebuyers desire, with luxury features and attention to detail. In addition, the home designs have been carefully researched to concentrate space in high priority areas and provide maximum convenience."

D.R. Horton, Inc. includes Energy Star technology in all its homes built after March 1, 2010. This means that homebuyers can enjoy more comfortable interior environments while potentially saving hundreds of dollars on heat and air conditioning costs each year.

"Buyers who wish to finance all or part of their homes can take advantage of the lowest interest rates in more than 50 years, and through DHI Mortgage, a subsidiary of D.R. Horton, Inc., qualified buyers can take advantage of FHA, VA and conventional mortgage programs at attractive rates," Ivers said. Many 55-and-older buyers are interested in downsizing to condominiums or townhomes and Carillon Club offers two series of homes of attached



Home at the Club: A prestigious Naperville address, a variety of dazzling attached and detached home designs in a pool and clubhouse community is drawing 55-and-older buyers to Carillon Club. Pictured is the interior of the Smithsonian model from the Gallery Series. SUBMITTED PHOTO

homes.

The Champion Series includes three one-level floor plans, ranging in size from approximately 1,370 to 1,707 square feet with one bedroom and a den or second bedroom to two bedrooms and a den or three bedrooms, two full baths and two-car attached garage, priced from \$228,000 to \$268,500. The floor plans have spacious living areas and plenty of storage.

The Holiday Series of townhome-style condominiums provide additional choices with four one- and two-story designs, with approximate sizes ranging from 1,491 to 2,544 square feet, with two or three bedrooms, two or 2½ baths and two-car attached garages, priced from \$262,000 to \$328,000.

Two series of elegant detached single-family homes also are offered.

The Resort Series, with seven floor plans priced from \$290,000 to \$317,000, includes seven one-level homes plus one two-story plan with approximately 1,475 to 2,322 square feet, two to four bedrooms plus dens, two or 2½ baths and two-car attached garages. The range of sizes and floor plan choices make this a popular series.

The Gallery Series offers large luxury homes with approximately 2,054 to 2,575 square feet of space, two bedrooms and a den or three bedrooms, two or 2½ baths, and two-car garages. Prices range from \$365,000 to \$389,000.

The lifestyle at Carillon Club is a key reason why buyers are attracted to the

community. A clubhouse of approximately 18,000 square feet enables residents to choose their favorite forms of socializing, exercising and relaxation with numerous facilities. Indoor and outdoor pools, a hydrotherapy spa, locker rooms, an exercise room with state-of-the-art equipment, an arts and crafts center, computer lab, billiard room and library share the space with an inviting gathering room with fireplace.

Numerous clubs, crafts and community events accommodate virtually every interest. In addition to the pool, outdoor attractions include picnic areas and scenic trails, several lakes, a three-hole golf course, tennis and bocce ball courts and a playground for visiting grandchildren.

Naperville is best known for its Riverwalk, the setting for strolls along the river, concerts and other special events. The city has grown into a hub for shopping, a variety of restaurants and access to several commuter train stations and Interstates 55 and 88. In addition, another extensive shopping and entertainment area is located in the Route 59 corridor.

To visit Carillon Club in Naperville, take I-88 west to Route 59, south approximately six miles to 95th Street, right (west) one mile to the community entrance on the right. Sales center hours are Monday through Sunday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., except for Friday when hours are noon to 6 p.m. For more information, call 847-984-4887, or visit mycambridgehome.com

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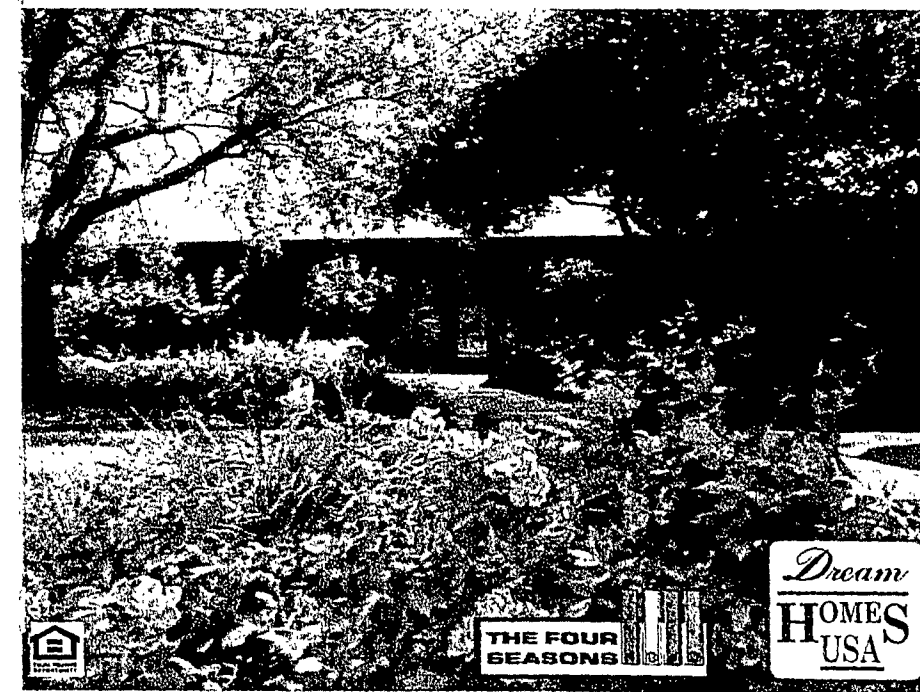
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- 160 W Providence Ln:** Kan, Yury & Alla; \$87,000
- Round Lake Beach**
100 E Green Valley Ct: Coughenour, Raymon & Julie M; \$110,000
- 45 E Rosewood Ln:** Golaszewski, Andrzej; \$100,000
- 1431 Turnbull Dr:** Hernandez, Juan Carlos; \$68,000
- 20 W Rosewood Ln:** Grude, Frederic L; \$74,500
- Round Lake Park**
300 E Washington St: Flores, Maria E; \$70,000
- Skokie**
3336 Crain St: Ahmed, Syed L; \$276,000
- 8901 Crawford Ave:** Sada, Easha; \$215,000
- 3633 Davis St:** Linh, Phan H & Tran, Trong Vinh L; \$244,000
- 8059 E Prairie Rd:** Festejo, Raquel; \$175,000
- 8422 E Prairie Rd:** Qadri, Amber & Khan, Ahsan; \$215,000
- 4240 Golf Rd:** Loggins, Mistie; \$297,000
- 7921 Kedvale Ave:** Barnes, John E & Lipka, Jacalyn K; \$290,000
- 4744 Keeney St:** Babaghshah, Romel; \$415,000
- 8247 Kenneth Ave:** Khait, Tatyana; \$168,000
- 7649 Kenton Ave:** Tiran, Mircea; \$121,000
- 8551 Keystone Ave:** Kohen, Bruria & Ruygrok, Carlo; \$175,000
- 7746 Lincoln Ave:** Verkholaz, Tatyana; \$280,000
- 9133 Long Ave:** Hemen, Maria Delrosario & Samuel F; \$240,000
- 9607 Lowell Ave:** Springer, Dennis P & Corrine N; \$490,000
- 4351 Main St:** Poposki, Julie A & Ansuini, Patricia; \$232,000
- 9655 Woods Dr 1210:** Kaplan, Carol; \$225,000
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1314 Coventry Cir: Weppler, Kathryn A; \$133,500
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820 Chopin Pl: Magee, Kristin M & Larry L; \$202,000
- 793 Singing Hills Dr:** Shiel, Brittany & Wells, Sharon M; \$156,000
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510 Leith Ave: Salcedo, Marco A; \$90,000
- 2235 Walnut St:** Escalante, Jaime & Matus, Maria Alicia; \$159,000
- Wilmette**
420 Brookside Dr: Tucker, Christopher E & Katherine Anne; \$582,500
- 1800 Forest Ave:** Rodeno, Thomas & Kristin; \$926,000
- 723 Forest Ave:** Schumacher, Mark John & Nancy Collins; \$845,000
- 1040 Isabella St:** Rao, Goutham & Susie; \$540,000
- 607 Laramie Ave:** Radovskiy, Boris & Aronoff, Olga; \$205,000
- 1141 Mohawk Rd:** Jones, Gannon J & Nicole A; \$2,150,000
- 1041 Ridge Rd 311:** Davis, Tanner & Jill; \$425,000
- 401 Romona Rd:** Kim, Peter; \$319,000
- 1500 Sheridan Rd 2H:** Schneidman, Sydney W & Tilghman, Margaret W; \$327,500
- Winnetka**
1191 Elm St: Nelson, Dean & Maureen; \$970,000
- 680 Green Bay Rd 305:** Scales, Robert J & Sulima P; \$212,500
- 650 Winnetka Mews 312:** Smith, Viola V & Eric S; \$370,000
- Winthrop Harbor**
238 Old Darby Ln: Boogaart, Derek M; \$176,500
- Zion**
1311 19th St: Devito, Anthony; \$83,000
- 2510 26th St:** Clinkenbeard, Timothy P & Clinkenbeard, Pajaree; \$70,000
- 2407 Luke Ave:** Ash, Cody & Kim; \$122,500
- 4212 Wren Ln:** Justin, Genelle A; \$118,000

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WHERE WE LIVE | New-construction home in Northbrook far less than original price

BY JEREMY SCHNITKER
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Priced nearly a \$1 million less than when it was originally marketed in August 2008, the new-construction English-style home at 4095 Sunset Lane in Northbrook is currently listed for \$2.045 million by Patricia Strong of Koenig & Strey Real Living.

The five-bedroom, 7.5 bath spread covers 7,100 square feet and occupies nearly an acre on a landscaped lot with mature trees.

The stone home was built by Skokie-based Shaf Builders, who is allowing potential buyers to make final selections on appliances to customize the home, which can be completed in 90 days.

A courtyard entrance opens to a foyer with a winding staircase. There is hardwood flooring throughout the main floor, which houses a spacious island kitchen and a great room with tall

ceilings, a fireplace and multiple windows.

There is also a master suite with closet space and a rain shower, as well as a four-car garage and a basement that is ready to be finished.

"This home is on a large lot and it sits amongst other expensive homes that have sold for close to \$4 million, so, at this point, the home is a bargain for this area," Strong said.

DATA POINT

LAKWOOD REAL ESTATE BY THE NUMBERS

5.84%

The percentage of homes for sale in Lakewood, which is the highest of all communities in southeast McHenry County.

Airline executive buys in Wood Dale

An airline executive has purchased a home in Wood Dale. Brian A. Znotins and Susan E. Regts bought a home in the 200 block of North Central Avenue from Milasin Radovanvic, Milosija Radovanvic and Snezana Radovanvic for \$820,000 on Feb. 25.

The 4,250-square-foot house was built in 2005 in White Oak. Znotins works as a managing

director of Network Strategy at Continental Airlines, a major American airline based in downtown Houston.

He recently worked as an analyst in network planning at Canadian Airlines.

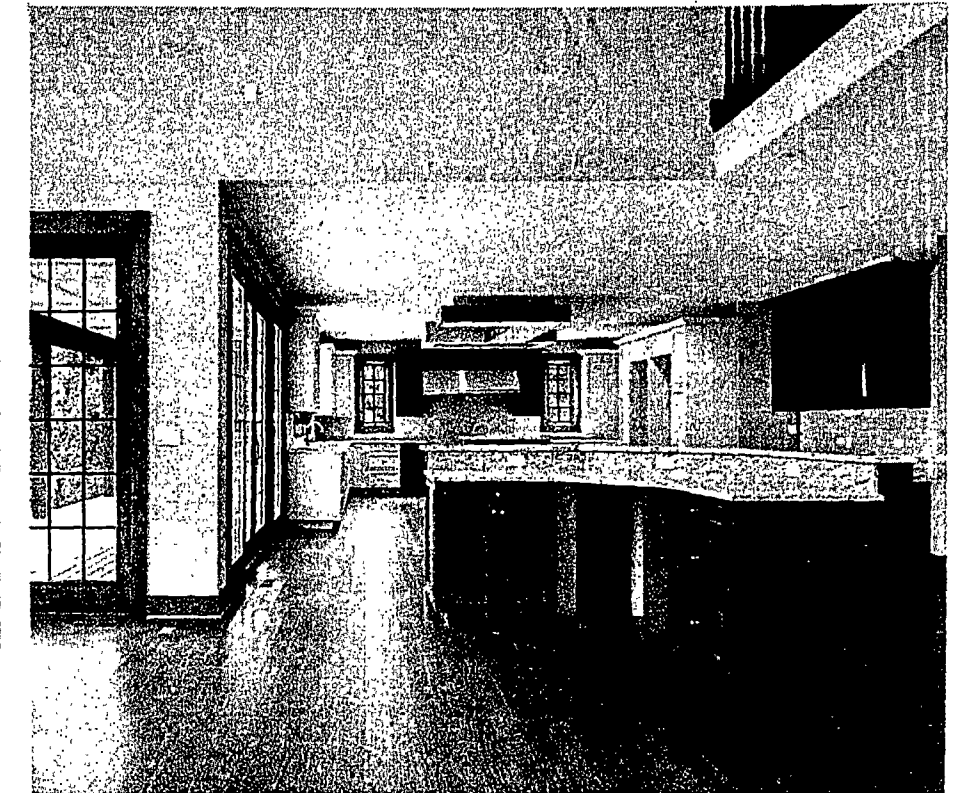
He holds a master's in business administration in finance from the University of Calgary.

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MARKET WATCH

City	For sale	Median price	Rate of foreclosure	# of sales	# of foreclosures
Barrington	3.69%	\$385,000	5.56%	162	9
Buffalo Grove	2.84%	\$242,500	13.33%	465	62
Des Plaines	2.81%	\$187,250	35.17%	725	255
Evanston	3.42%	\$316,750	16.62%	740	123
Gurnee	3.13%	\$215,000	3.88%	309	12
Highland Park	3.51%	\$400,000	4%	325	13
Lake Forest	5.16%	\$762,500	1.51%	199	3
Park Ridge	2.39%	\$350,000	10.66%	394	42
Skokie	2.57%	\$247,000	28.92%	581	168
Wilmette	2.57%	\$618,500	5.06%	316	16

Source: ChicagoBlockShopper.com. Data track last 12 months of sales.



Reduced price, not space: The builders will let the buyer make the final selections for kitchen appliances in the home, listed for \$2.045 million. The property spans 7,100 square feet and sits on almost an acre. | SUBMITTED PHOTOS

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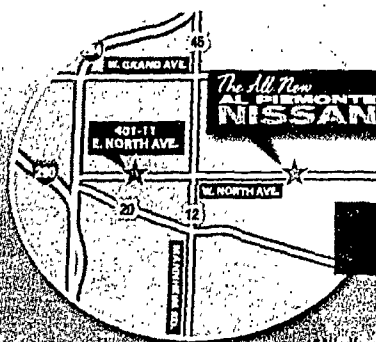


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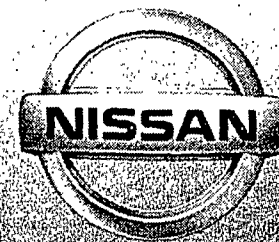
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Fountain Square Art Festival will be held from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. **June 25-26** at the intersection of Sherman and Church streets in downtown Evanston. Featuring the works of more than 225 artists, the festival also includes a jazz-centric music lineup on its entertainment stage, food by local restaurants and a children's tent with hands-on art activities. Admission of \$5 benefits the Evanston Chamber of Commerce. For information, visit www.chicagoevents.com or call (773) 868-3010.

FILM

Block Cinema, in the Pick-Laudati Auditorium at the Block Museum of Art, Northwestern University, 40 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston. (847) 491-4000. www.blockmuseum.northwestern.edu/blockcinema. Admission is \$6; \$4 for Block Museum members and students with ID, or as noted below. All films shown at 7 p.m., unless noted otherwise. **May 5:** "Lunchfilm: Film Before Food." **May 7, 2 p.m.:** "The Smallest Show on Earth." **May 13:** "A Useful Life." **May 19:** "Kings of the Road." **May 20:** **Pioneers: New Festival Shorts.** **May 21, 2 p.m.:** "Kiki Smith: Squatting the Palace." (1934). **Free. May 25, 7:30 p.m.:** "Circumstance." **Free. May 27:** **The NU Student Film Festival.** **Free. June 2:** "Comrades in Dreams." **June 3:** "Over Your Cities Grass Will Grow."

Irish American Heritage Center, 4626 N. Knox Ave., Chicago. (773) 282-7035. www.irish-american.org. **May 15, 2 p.m.:** Screening of the Tim Severin documentary, "The Brendan Voyage," about the life of Irish saint St. Brendan the Navigator, patron of mariners, sailors and travelers. \$10.

Lincolnwood Public Library, 4000 W. Pratt Ave. (847) 677-5277. www.lincolnwood.org.

CROW SINGS




Sheryl Crow presents a concert at 7:30 p.m. **May 11**, at the Genesee Theatre, 203 N. Genesee St., Waukegan. (847) 263-6300. www.genesetheatre.com. Tickets: \$46-\$96. To buy tickets, call (800) 982-2787 or see www.ticketmaster.com.

Friday Films at 1 p.m. — May 6: "127 Hours." **May 13:** "All Good Things." **May 20:** "The King's Speech." **Morning Matinees at 10:30 a.m. Thursdays — May 12:** "The Other Guys." **May 19:** "I Love You, Phillip Morris."

Niles Public Library, 6960 Oakton St., Niles. (847) 663-6405. www.nileslibrary.org. **Niles Public Library**, 6960 Oakton St., Niles. (847) 663-6405. www.nileslibrary.org. **May 7, 2 p.m.:** Screening of "You Will Meet a Tall Dark Stranger," rated R. **May 10, 2 p.m.:** Busby Berkeley's Musicals of the 1930s Film Series features "Dames" (1934). **May 19, 2 p.m.:** Closed captioned screening of "Morning Glory," rated PG-13. **May 24, 2 p.m.:** Busby Berkeley's Musicals of the 1930s Film Series features "Gold Diggers of 1935."

Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge. (847) 825-3123. www.parkridgelibrary.org. "Legends of Laughter" film series, presented at 7 p.m. Thursdays, unless otherwise noted. All showings will be accompanied by a short talk and introduction by film historian Matthew Hoffman. Admission is free. **May 12:** "The Cameraman" (1929) starring Buster Keaton. **May 19:** "Modern Times" (1936) starring Charlie Chaplin. **May 26:** "Movie Crazy" (1932) starring Harold Lloyd. **June 2:** "The General" (1927) starring Buster Keaton.

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ComboSingles, open to singles 21-plus. RSVP two days before dinners. For information about the group and upcoming events, call (847) 757-1299 or (847) 331-1066, or visit www.combosingles.org. Bowling is held the second, fourth and fifth Sundays of the month at the Brunswick Zone Mount Prospect, 824 E. Rand Road. No advance reservation required. Fee is \$20 for league members; \$25 for non-league members; \$10 cover for socializing without bowling. Upcoming date is May 15.

Spare 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. **May 15:** Music by Chuck and Friends. **Spare Club dinners**

are held at 4 p.m. on non-dance Sundays. For information, call Rosemary Bartley, (847) 806-0493. **May 8:** Omega, 9100 W. Golf Road, Niles. **May 22:** Silver Stallion, 1275 Lee St., Des Plaines. **May 29:** Kappy's, 7200 Dempster, Morton Grove.

WORKSHOPS & CLASSES

Evanston Writers Workshop will host its second annual conference, "In the Trenches with the Writer," **June 3-5** at the Winnetka Community House. The event features writers of all genres, publishers and editors participating in book signings, panel discussions and workshops. Keynote speaker will be Catherine Falk, founder and CEO of Romantic Times magazine. Other participants include New York Times best-selling author Cherry Adair and science fiction author Jody Lynn Nye. In addition to our workshops, a luncheon award ceremony for the winners of the Evie and Bard awards, a cocktail party and a book signing will also take place

at the Winnetka Community House. To register, visit www.ewwconference.com.

The Music Institute of Chicago offers a variety of summer classes and camps for children and adults. Registration deadline is **June 4**, except where noted. Musical theater camps include SmashUP!, for children entering grades K-3, meeting weekly, **June 13-July 30**, at the Evanston East Campus, 1490 Chicago Ave.; Broadway Bound, for youth entering grades 4-7, **July 5-30** at the Evanston West Campus, 2008 Dempster St.; and The Company, for youth entering grades 7-10, **June 13-July 9** at the Evanston West Campus, 2008 Dempster St. Also, Quintet Attacca Chamber Camp for Winds for ages 11-adult, **June 13-17** at the Winnetka Campus, 300 Green Bay Road; Theater Arts Camp for ages 12-17, **June 13-Aug. 5** at the Evanston West Campus, 2008 Dempster St.; Adult Piano Camp, **June 16-19** at the Evanston East Campus, 1490 Chicago Ave., and Winnetka Campus, 300 Green Bay Road; Suzuki Flute Camp for ages 5-18, **June 20-24** at the Winnetka Campus, 300 Green Bay Road;

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ET CETERA

The Celtic Knot Public House, 626 Church St., Evanston. (847) 864-1679. www.celticknotpub.com. No cover unless noted otherwise. **May 22**, 8 p.m.: Storytelling in the Snug with The Absinthe Minded Professors. **Skokie Theatre**, 7924 Lincoln Ave., Skokie. Call (847) 677-7761 or visit www.skokietheatre.com. **May 7**, 8 p.m.: David "The Almost Famous Hypnotist" Granel in See the Show or Be the Show. \$15 in advance; \$20 at the door. **May 8**, 3 p.m. and 6 p.m.: The Amazing Acrocats.

\$15 in advance, \$18 at the door; \$10/\$12 for children.

Solo Works by master puppeteer Michael Montenegro, 7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, through **May 21**, at Theatre Zarko, located in the Noyes Cultural Arts Center, Studio 213, 927 Noyes St., Evanston. Solo Works highlights both Montenegro's newest creations and old favorites, covering a wide range of puppet styles and techniques. Not recommended for children under 8 years old. Montenegro will be available for a post-show discussion after every performance. For more information, visit www.theatrezarko.org. \$15; \$10 per person for groups of four or more. For reservations, call (847) 350-9275.

MUSEUMS

Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center, 9603 Woods Drive, Skokie. (847) 967-4889. www.ilholocaust-museum.org. Admission: \$12; \$8 for students and senior citizens; \$6 for children ages 5-11. Special exhibitions are free with museum admission. **Through May 31:** "Beyond Swastika and Jim Crow: Jewish Refugee Scholars at Black

Colleges." The exhibit tells the story of Jewish professors who fled Nazism and came to America in the 1930s and 1940s, finding teaching positions at historically black colleges and universities. The exhibition explores the encounter between the scholars and students. **May 16**, 4 p.m.: Wolf Kaiser, deputy director of the Educational Department for the House of the Wannsee Conference, Berlin, Germany, will discuss keeping history alive. Free with museum admission; reservations required. **May 19**, 6:30 p.m.: Donald and Sue Pritzker Voices of Conscience Lecture features Congressman John Lewis, 2010 Presidential Medal of Freedom recipient. Reservations required. **May 22**, 1:30 p.m.: Panel discussion, "Jim Crow in the North: Restrictive Housing Practices in Chicago and the North Shore." Free with museum admission; reservations recommended. **Evanston History Center**, Charles Gates Dawes House, 225 Greenwood St., Evanston. (847) 475-3410. www.evanstonhistorycenter.org. The house is open from 1-4 p.m. Thursday-Sunday.



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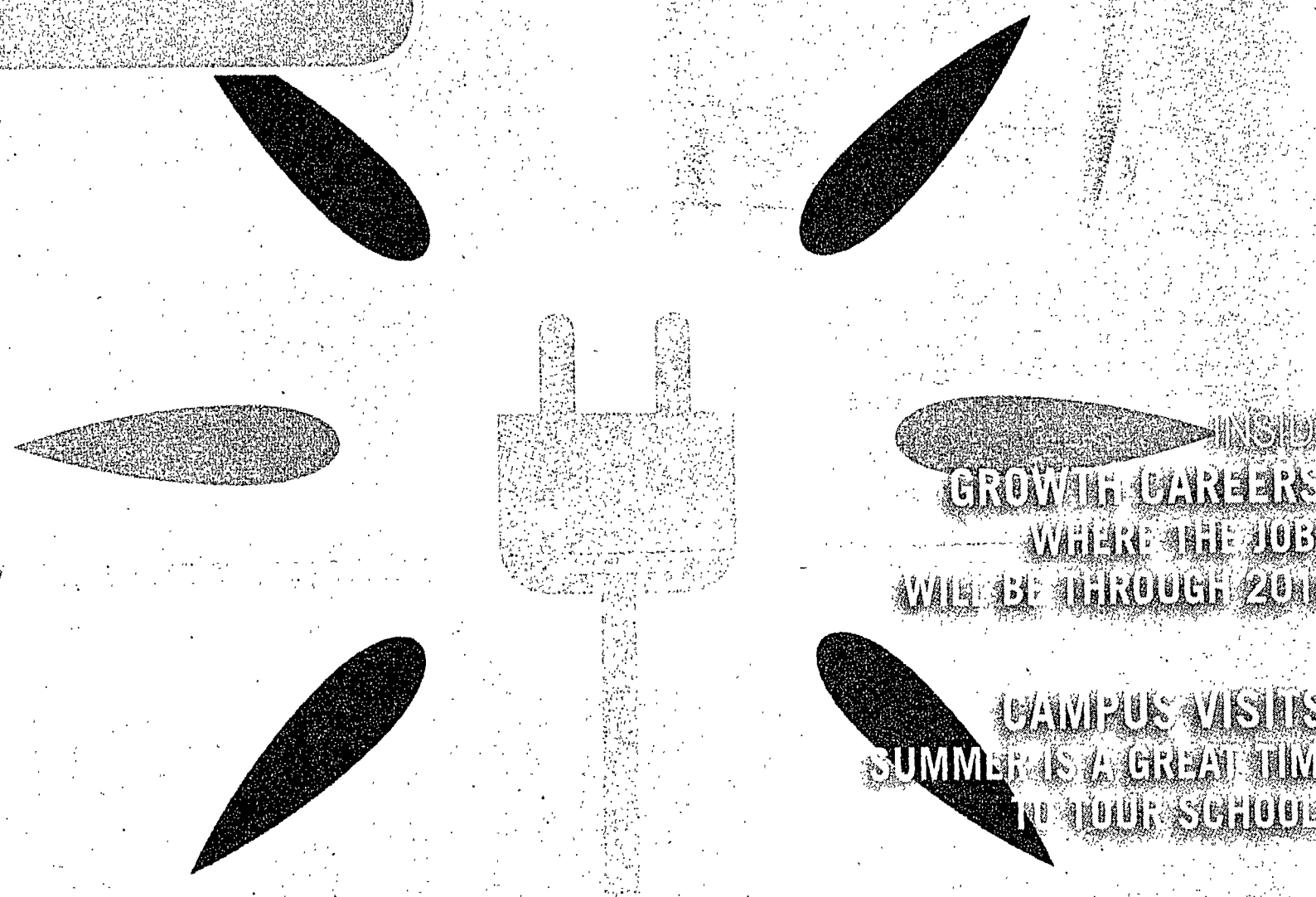
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The SAT is offered June 4 (May 10 deadline). For more information about SAT registration, call (866) 630-9305. Each testing service does provide late and standby registration for a fee; visit their websites for more information.

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Dominican University has started a free bike-sharing program for students, faculty and staff at its main and priory campuses. PHOTO COURTESY OF DOMINICAN.

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Chicago State University: Whether it is environmental health, nutrition or health education, public health is a hot topic at kitchen tables in cities across the country. According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics' *Occupational Outlook Handbook*, public health is one of the top in-demand careers now and for years to come.

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mental health.

Chicago State University's Master of Public Health (MPH) program is a practice-centered curriculum designed to prepare students for the health problems of the 21st century by focusing on the core functions of public health: health status assessments, environmental health quality assurance, behavior change strategies, health disparities and health policy development and research. The curriculum emphasizes social and scientific strategies in understanding the causality, consequences, prevention and control of diseases.

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Grimes credits CSI's education as well as key support services from the school, including assistance in applying for financial aid, coaching in IT resume writing, mock IT job interviews, guest speakers from the IT industry and referrals to IT staffing firms.

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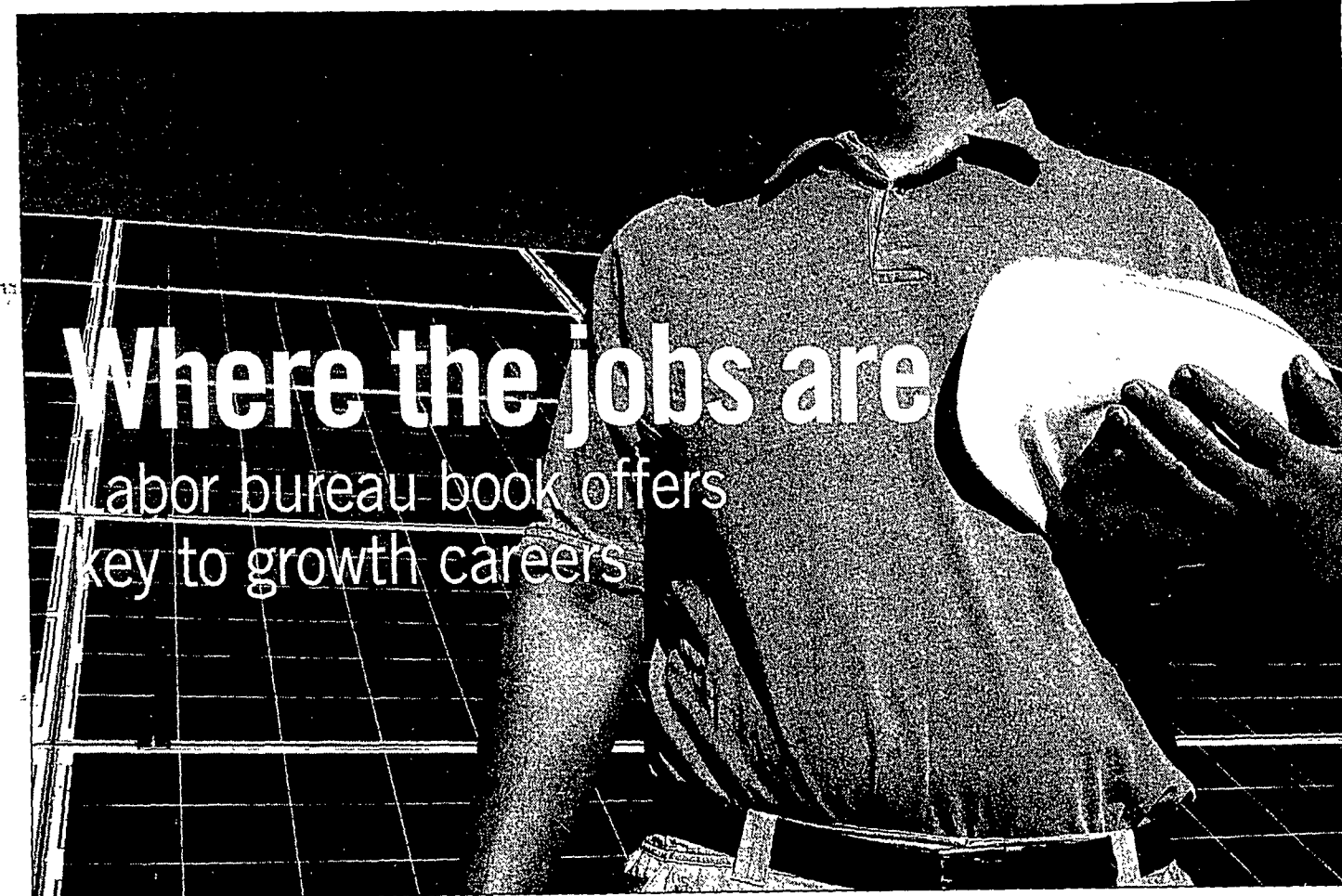


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Where the jobs are

Labor bureau book offers key to growth careers

Think green: Careers in environmental sustainability are becoming big business as more companies expand their commitment to the environment.

BY JEAN GUARINO
For Sun-Times Media

High school seniors and college students looking for careers with long-term growth – and displaced workers willing to retrain in a new field – will all find new insights into the job market through 2018 in *The Occupational Outlook Handbook* (bls.gov/oco/). This biannual report from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (bls.gov) features projections of long-term job growth and employment prospects for nearly 300 occupations.

"Although it's impossible to predict the future, we can predict employment growth or decline by analyzing trends in population growth, technological advances and business practices. And this insight is very helpful in planning a career," said Paul LaPorte, manager of economic analysis and information in the Chicago office of the BLS.

According to LaPorte, the latest *Outlook* spotlights the fastest-growing occupations in areas such as management, business and financial operations, computer sciences and health care. Employment in these fields is projected to increase 20 percent or more by 2018.

On the other hand, a projected 1.2 million manufacturing jobs will be lost over the next seven years, where the work of a dozen assembly line workers can now be replicated by a

single automated machine.

"But job growth tells only part of the story," LaPorte said. There are still opportunities for jobs in areas expecting only average or slow growth through attrition as workers retire or leave for other reasons.

Following is a summary of occupations that are projected to experience "much faster than average growth," which translates to a 20 percent increase in the number of workers in that field by 2018.

The majority of these jobs require a minimum of a bachelor's degree. But training for many other support or technician positions can be completed with a two-year associate degree or certificate from a community college.

Today computers are used in virtually all industries and in nearly every function from manufacturing and production to office finance and retail operations. The demand for information systems (IS) managers to plan and oversee the technology and computer systems of these businesses is expected to outpace other occupations.

IS managers may oversee all or part of the technical workings of the firm, including software and hardware installation, system management and upgrades, programming and network and security management.

A more stringent regulatory environment, increased account-

ability and the need for reliable financial analysis are expected to drive job growth for accountants, auditors and budget analysts who implement budgets and assess the future financial needs of a company. In addition, workers and retirees seeking advice for their individually managed retirement accounts will drive the demand for personal financial advisers.

As baby boomers continue to age, the health care industry is projected to create more jobs during this decade than any other industry according to the BLS.

Although the need for specialists such as physicians, surgeons, dentists, ophthalmologists and nurses will continue to grow, there is also a demand for technicians and other support staff to administer tests and other medical procedures. They include therapists; cardiovascular, surgical and nuclear medicine technicians; audiologists; and medical records technicians.

Jobs for health care administrators who organize and manage the delivery of health care to patients in hospitals and nursing homes are also expected to increase.

The home health industry is another strong niche within the health care field. As retirees develop health problems but prefer to live at home there is a growing need for aides, nurses and other health workers to provide health care in the home.

As the global market expands there is a growing demand for interpreters, translators and instructors in other languages, particularly non-European languages like Arabic and Mandarin. In addition to in-person interpreters, online translation is another key area of growth.

Although thousands of teaching jobs were lost in the recession, the demand for teachers from preschool to postsecondary is expected to increase during the next decade. Other teaching opportunities are projected to be in specialties such as adult literacy, special education and remedial.

Finally, careers in environmental sustainability or "green" jobs are becoming big business as more companies expand their commitment to the environment and meet the expectations of their customers. In early 2010 in recognition of the growing importance of this growing movement, the BLS announced its intention to begin measuring and reporting data on "green" jobs in future editions of *The Occupational Outlook Handbook*.

Growth areas in environmental sustainability can be found in fields of environmental law, green building and construction, renewable energy, hydrology and organic agriculture to name just a few.

Jean Guarino is a local freelance writer.

TOP U.S. GROWTH CAREERS

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Dentists

Ophthalmologists

Nurses

Therapists

Cardiovascular technicians

Surgical technicians

Nuclear medicine technicians

Audiologists

Medical records technicians

Home health care (nurses, aides)

Health care administrators

COMPUTER SCIENCE

Information systems managers/consultants

Data processing, hosting, streaming

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

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TRANSLATION SERVICES

Interpreters

Translators

TEACHING

Language instructors

Adult literacy

Special education

Remedial

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

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Green construction

Renewable energy

Hydrology/organic agriculture

Source: *The Occupational Outlook Handbook*, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

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(1000 E. 80th Place, Suite 205S) or visit brownmackie.edu.

Calumet College of St. Joseph: A transfer student visit day is offered from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. June 14. CCSJ is at 2400 New York Ave. in Whiting, Ind. Call (219) 473-4215 or visit ccsj.edu.

Chicago State University: CSU offers individual tours at 2 p.m. Fridays at 9501 S. King Drive. Call (773) 998-2513 or visit csu.edu for more information.

Computer Systems Institute: This school offers computer, health care and other certifications at 8930 Gross Point Road in Skokie. Call (888) 365-8946 or visit csinow.com to arrange a campus visit.

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Benedictine University: Campus visit events for this school year are over but students can arrange one-on-one tours of the campus with an admission counselor by calling 24 hours in advance of the visit. BU is at 5700 College Rd. in Lisle. Call (630) 829-6300 or visit ben.edu.

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campus or get more information, visit rasmussen.edu or call (888) 549-6755.

Purdue University North Central: Sign up for a campus tour at pnc.edu/admissions. The campus is located at 1401 S. U.S. 421 in Westville, Ind. Call (219) 788-5505 for more information.

South Suburban College: Call (708) 210-5718 to arrange a personal visit. SSC is at 15800 S. State St. in South Holland. For more information, visit ssc.edu.

Rasmussen College: This largely online institution has four Illinois locations. To visit a

Westwood College: The school's four Chicago area campuses offer an open house at 10 a.m. May 7. Take a virtual tour at westwood.edu or call (800) 281-2978 for more information.

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South Suburban College: Registration for the 2011 summer and fall semesters is now in progress. New students should download the SSC application form online at ssc.edu and fax it to (708) 225-8806 to begin the enrollment process. Once the placement test is completed, new students will receive an SSC e-mail account and a "My SSC" username and password via e-mail, which will allow access to the online schedule and class registration.

Students currently attending another institution are not required to take the placement test for summer semester.

SSC's Continuing Education Department is offering courses to help fill the summer days with activities that will entertain and challenge

children and young adults from preschool to high school. The majority of the College for Kids classes will begin the weeks of June 6 and July 11 at SSC's main campus in South Holland or the University & College Center in Oak Forest.

SSC also will offer a Jam Session day camp for \$329 beginning June 14. This four-week summer school session is less than \$5 per hour for academics and fun enrichment programs three days a week.

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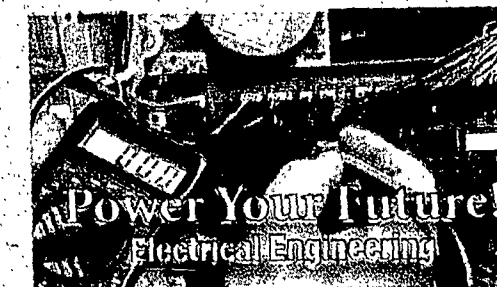
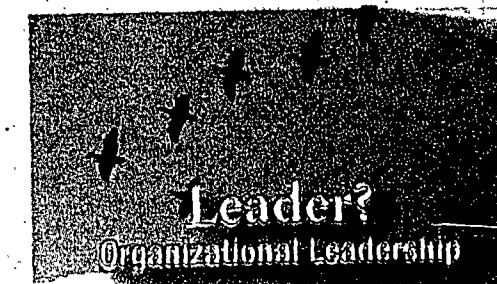
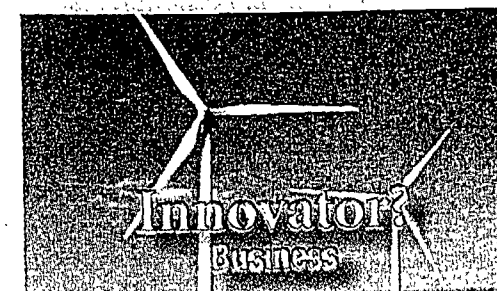
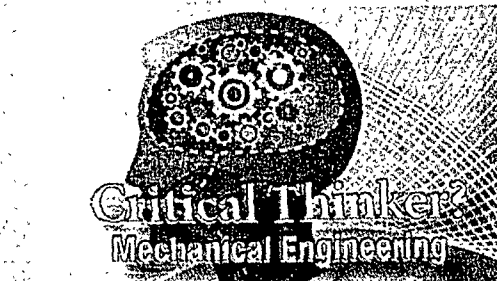
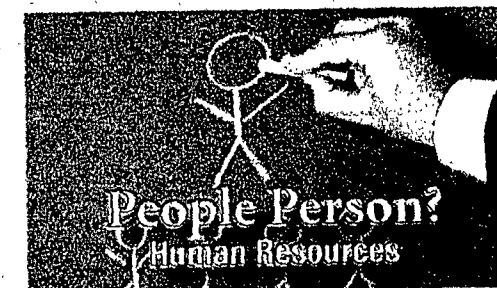


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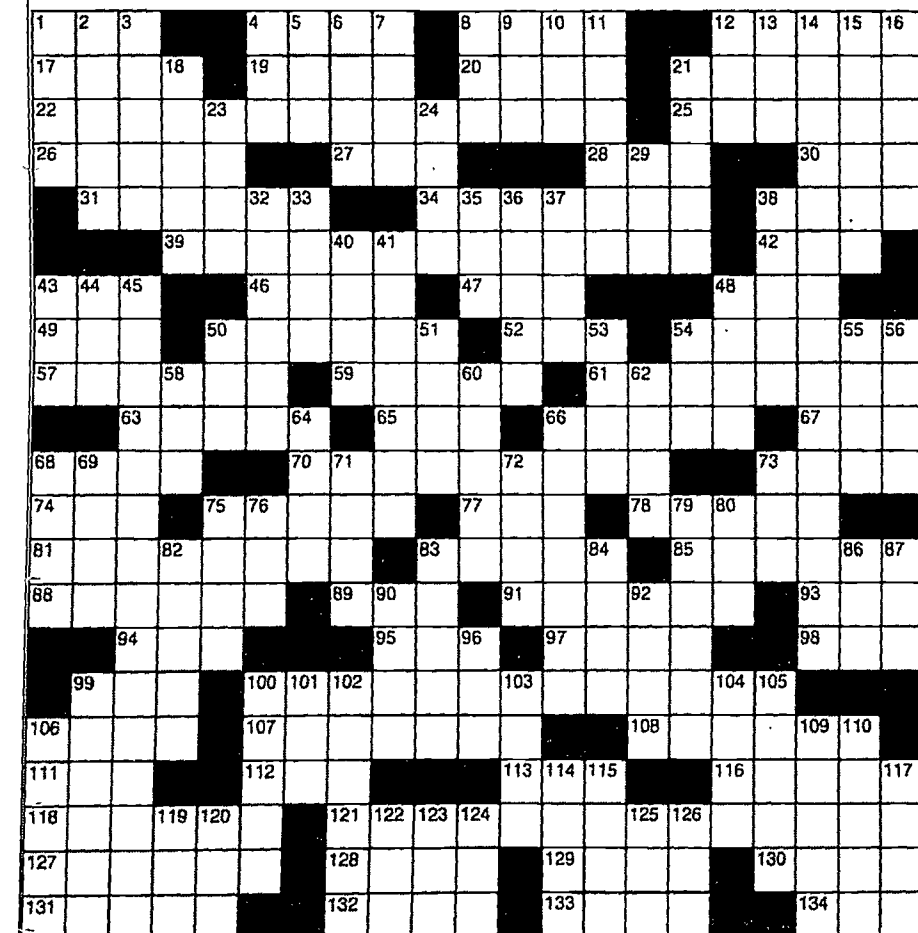
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Answers: Inside today's classified section

HOROSCOPES

for the week of May 11 - May 17

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CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You might feel that you're on an emotional roller coaster this week. Don't fret; just ride it out and let things settle down. A Pisces shows understanding.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Do something different for once — compromise. A stubborn stand on an important issue proves counterproductive. You need to be open to new ideas.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A friend offers advice that you perceive as an act of betrayal. But before you turn against the messenger, pay attention to the message.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A year of riding an emotional pogo stick finally settles down. Use this calmer period to restore frayed relationships and to pursue new opportunities.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Your words can sting, so be careful how you respond to a friend's actions. A calm approach could produce some surprising facts.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Be careful about whose secrets you're being asked to keep. They could impose an unfair burden on a straight arrow like you.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) While you prefer taking the tried-and-true course in life, be adventurous this week and accept a challenge that can open new vistas.

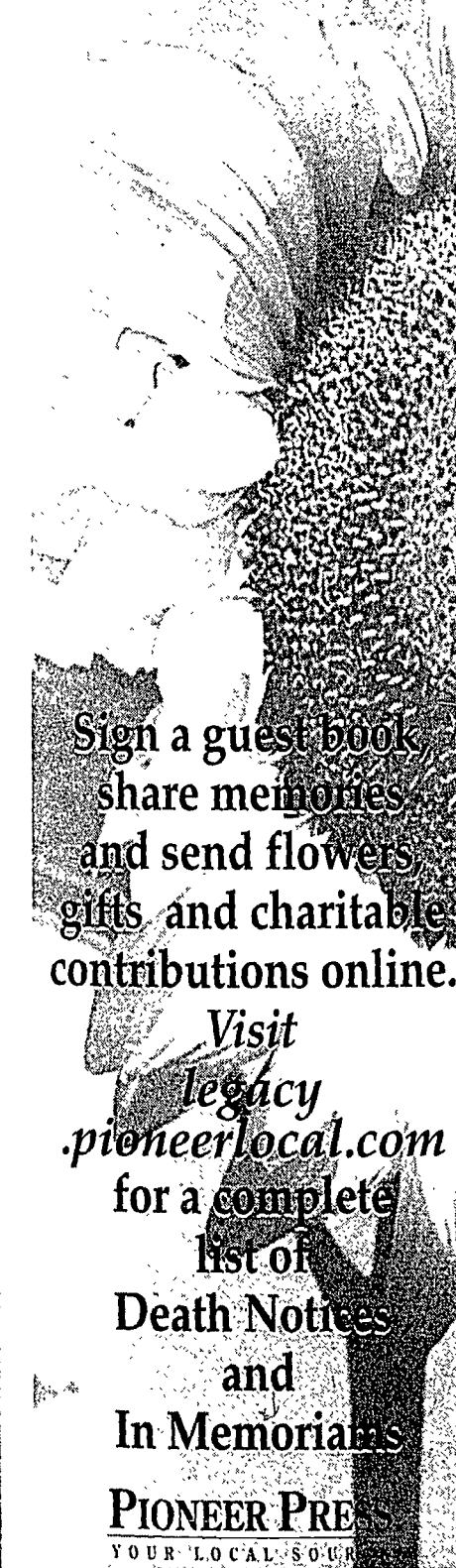
AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Your strong sense of justice helps you deal with a job- or school-related situation. Stay with your principles. A Sagittarius emerges as a supporter.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) You need to build a stronger on-the-job support system to convince doubting colleagues that your innovative proposals are workable.

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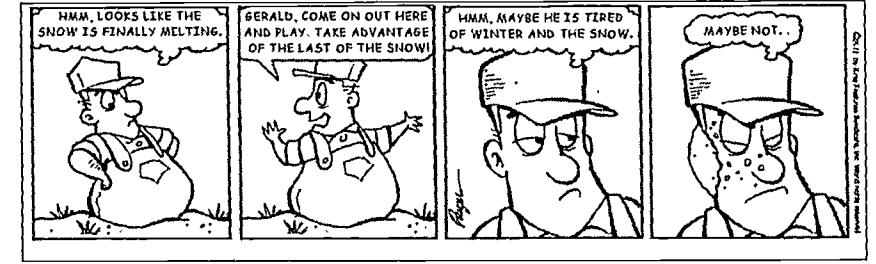
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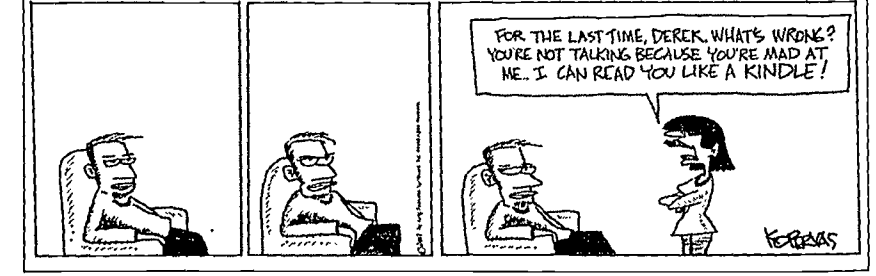
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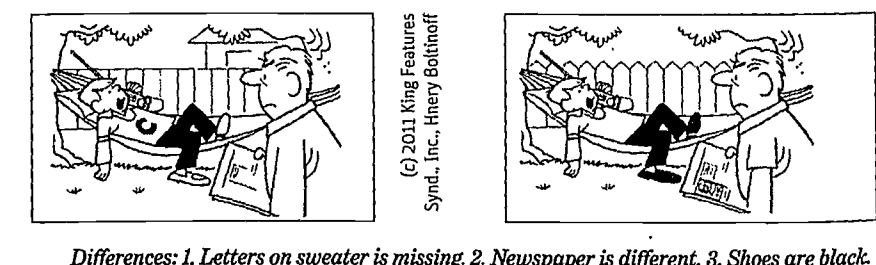
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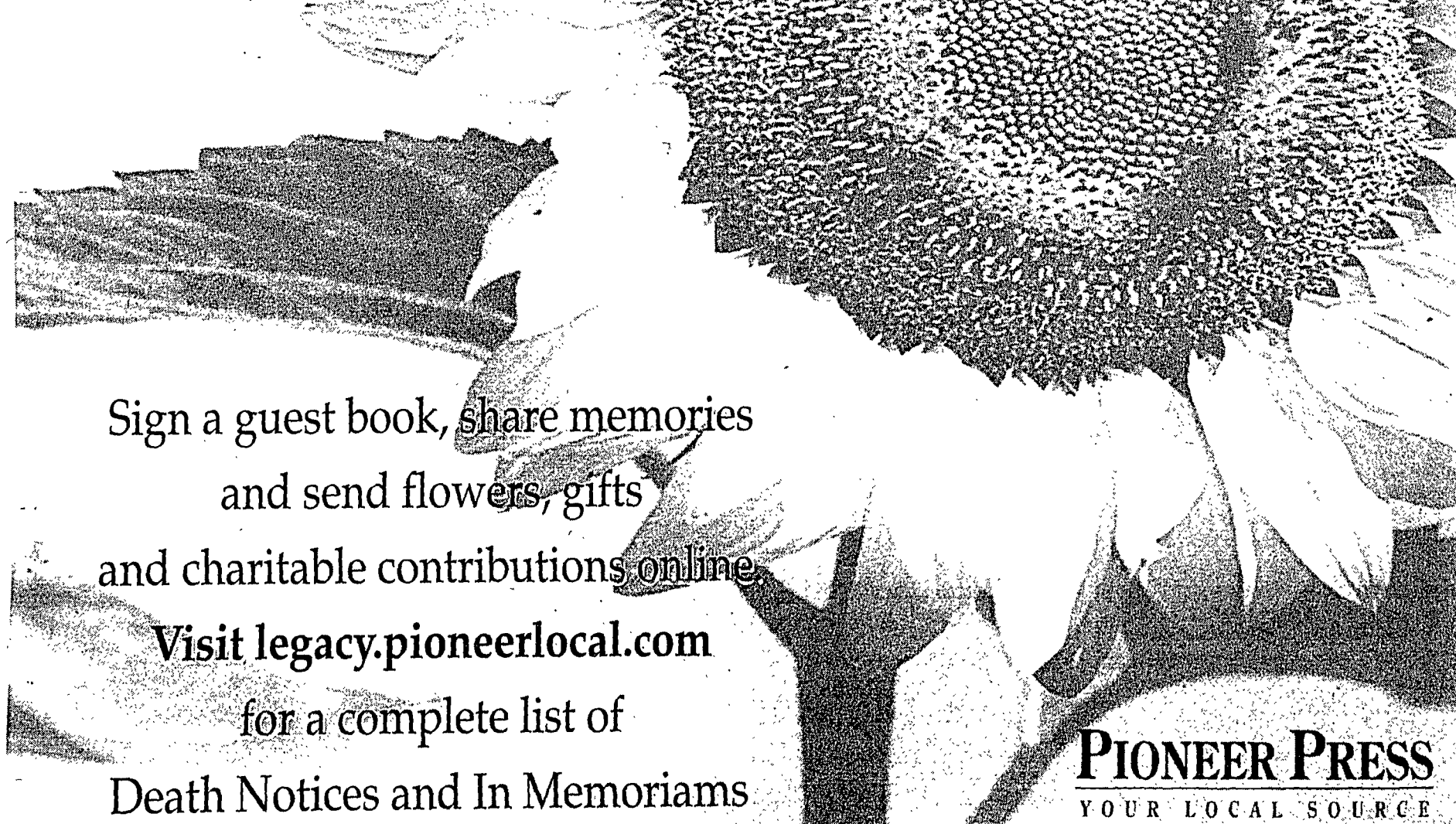


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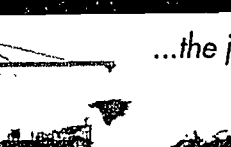
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WHEREAS, the State of Illinois has enacted "An Act Regulating wages of laborers, mechanics and other workers employed in any public works by the state, county, city or any public body or any political subdivision or by any one under contract for public works," approved June 26, 1941, codified as amended, 620 ILCS 130/1 et seq. (1993), formerly Ill. Rev. Stat., Ch. 48, par. 39-1 et seq. and

WHEREAS, the aforesaid Act requires that the Board of Education of Fairview School District No. 72 investigate and ascertain the prevailing rate of wages as defined in said Act for laborers, mechanics and other workers employed in performing construction of public works, for said Board of Education.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF FAIRVIEW SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 72: SECTION 1: To the extent and as required by "An Act regulating wages of laborers, mechanics and other workers employed by any public works by state, county, city or any public body or any political subdivision or by any one under contract for public works," approved June 26, 1941, as amended, the prevailing rate of wages in this locality for laborers, mechanics and other workers engaged in construction of public works coming under the jurisdiction of the Board of Education of Fairview School District No. 72 is hereby ascertained to be the same as the prevailing rate of wages for work in the Cook County area as determined by the Department of Labor of the State of Illinois as of April 1, 2011, a copy of that determination being attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference. As required by said Act, any and all revisions of the prevailing rate of wages by the Department of Labor of the State of Illinois shall supersede the Department's April 2010 determination and apply to any and all public works construction undertaken by the Board of Education of Fairview School District No. 72. The definition of any terms appearing in this Resolution which are also used in aforesaid Act shall be the same as in said Act.

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PASSED this 27th day of April, 2011.

APPROVED: /s/Carol Rahim President Board of Education Fairview School District No. 72 ATTEST: /s/Jeffrey Brill Secretary Board of Education Fairview School District No. 72 STATE OF ILLINOIS } S.S. COUNTY OF COOK

CERTIFICATE I, JEFFREY BRILL, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT I am the Secretary in and for the Board of Education of Fairview School District No. 72, Cook County, Illinois; that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution of the Board of Education ASCERTAINING THE PREVAILING RATE OF WAGES FOR LABORERS, WORKMEN AND MECHANICS EMPLOYED ON PUBLIC WORKS OF SAID SCHOOL DISTRICT, at a regular meeting held on April 27, 2011; the Resolution being a part of the official records of said Board of Education. DATED this 27th day of April, 2011. /s/Jeffrey Brill, Secretary Board of Education Fairview School District 72 Pub: 5-5-11 (71523) C

Public Hearings

LEGAL NOTICE

APPLICANT: William and Amy Douglas NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held on Thursday, May 26, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at the Park Ridge City Hall, 505 Butler Place, Park Ridge, Illinois, when the following matter will be considered: ZONING CASE NUMBER: V-11-09

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All persons interested in the above described matter are invited to attend and will be heard. The case file for this matter is available for review at the Department of Community Preservation and Development in City Hall. Gary Zimmerman, Chairman Zoning Board of Appeals Pub: 5-5-11 (68864)

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Personal Property Metro Self Storage

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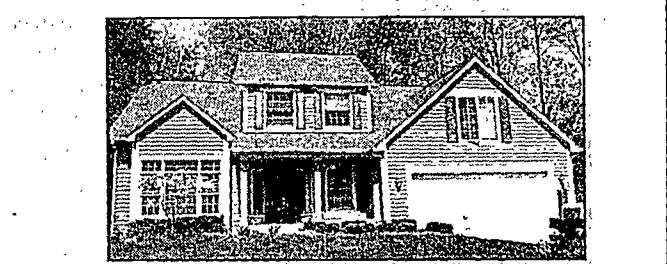
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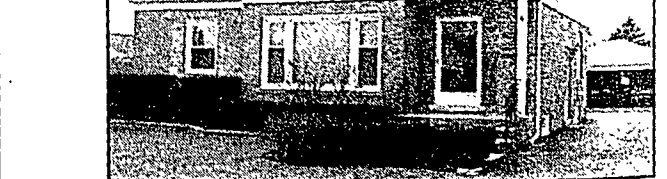
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St. Paul Lutheran Church 5650 N. Cantfield, 60631, (708)867-5044, www.stpaulcantfield.org Street Level, Air Conditioned Sunday Worship 8:15 & 10:45AM Sunday School & Adult Bible 9:30AM Saturday Worship 6PM St. Paul Lutheran Christian Day School, Pre K-Grade 8, SHARING GOD, TOUCHING LIVES EVERYWHERE

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NORTHFIELD Willow Creek Community Church North Shore Campus 315 Waukegan Road 847-441-6599 Sunday Services: 9 & 11 a.m. Promiseland (Infants - Grade 5): 9 & 11 a.m. Elevate (Grades 6 - 8): 11 a.m. Impact (Grades 9 - 12): 6 p.m. For more information visit www.WillowCreekNorthShore.org

NORWOOD PARK Norwood Park Lutheran Church 5917 N. Nina Ave. Chicago, IL 773-631-2860 Fax: 773-631-0142 Sunday Service 10AM Sunday School 9AM (September thru May) Rev. Robert C. Johnson, Pastor

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Public Notices

RESOLUTION ASCERTAINING THE PREVAILING RATE OF WAGES FOR LABORERS, WORKMEN AND MECHANICS EMPLOYED ON PUBLIC WORKS

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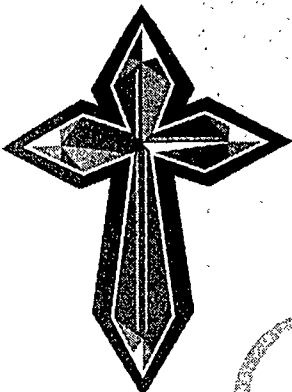


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Edison Park Lutheran Church 6626 N. Oliphant Ave. Chicago, IL (Across park from Edison Park Metra) 773.631.9131, www.edisonparkchurch.com Saturday Worship 4:30 p.m. Evensong, Sunday Worship 8:00 a.m. Traditions (Sept.-May) 9:00 a.m. Spirit Bridge, 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Rev. Dr. Michael D. Sparby, Sr. Pastor Carole Edwards, Parish Deacon Matt Haider, Worship/Music Michael Lyda, Children/Youth/Family

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Faith Lutheran Church (ELCA) 6201 W Peterson Ave. Chicago, IL (773) 631-0715 Saturday Worship 5:30PM 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

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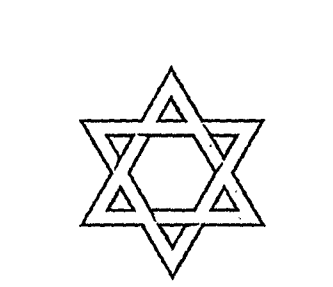
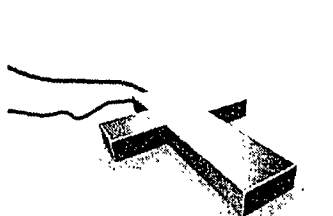
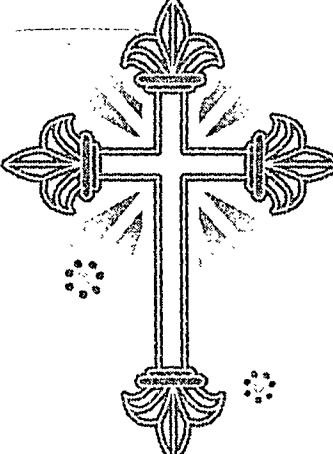
St. John Lutheran Church 7429 Milwaukee Ave., Niles 847-647-9867 www.st-john-niles.org Sunday Service 9:30AM

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Willow Creek Community Church North Shore Campus 315 Waukegan Road 847-441-6599 Sunday Services: 9 & 11 a.m. Promiseland (Infants - Grade 5): 9 & 11 a.m. Elevate (Grades 6 - 8): 11 a.m. Impact (Grades 9 - 12): 6 p.m. For more information visit www.WillowCreekNorthShore.org

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847-676-1300
www.StTimothySkokie.org
Worship: Sundays at 10AM

Congregation Bene Shalom
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www.beneshalom.org
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DES PLAINES

1064 S 6th Ave.: George R Kreegier to David In-serra George Arthur Bennett, \$300,000, April 5
1453 E Walnut Ave.: Bruce R Scholler to Thomas T-Neal, \$129,000, April 4
1951 Laura Lane: Federal Home Loan Mortgage Cor to Yong Mei Liu, \$177,000, April 4
2055 Sherwin Ave.: Carl A Lidd to Troy D Gray, \$261,000, April 7
2175 Laura Lane: Federal Home Loan Mortgage Cor to George Krzeminski, \$102,000, April 4
316 Alles St. Unit 2: Federal National Mortgage Assn to Tamara Markos, \$65,000, April 5
629 Yale Court: Tammy Greenhill to Joseph Johann Lynn Johann, \$248,000, April 6

704 E Oakton St.: Federal Home Loan Mortgage Cor to Remy Benyamin Ramin Benyamin, \$160,000, April 4
8804 Golf Road Apt 1g: Fannie Mae to Mehresh Uzma Riyaz, \$45,000, April 5
8901 N Western Ave. Apt 210: Boleslaw Rydzak to John P Barzditis, \$56,000, April 6
900 Center St. Apt 4f: Pnc Mortgage to Maria Molck, \$73,000, April 6
909 S Golf Cul De Sac St.: Rachele C Red to Brock Brondeema Susan Fratamico, \$161,000, April 4
9440 Bay Colony Drive Unit 2: Pnc Mortgage to Jacek Kisielewicz, \$78,500, April 6
9957 Linda Lane Apt 2w: Plamena Tsaneva Evtimova to Rayna Velkova, \$25,000, April 6
DUNNING
3415 N Oriole Ave.: Federal Home Loan Mtg Corp to Joseph Cutaia, \$180,000, April 6
3500 N Rutherford Ave.: Mary Speiwak Estate to Samantha Maas, \$195,000, April 4

3540 N Narragansett Ave.: Bruno F Wiecek to Paul S Reda, \$125,000, April 4
3841 N Cumberland Ave.: Federal Home Loan Mtg Corp to Delia Moisa, \$138,000, April 5
6059 W Dakin St.: Inter-county Judicial Sales Co to Pawel Wasilowski, \$155,000, April 5
6126 W Henderson St.: Federal Home Loan Mtg Corp to Irina A Yusupova, \$121,000, April 5
EDISON PARK
7318 W Touhy Ave.: Us Bank Na Trustee to Katherine C Weiner, \$193,000, April 4
7505 N Overhill Ave.: Ryan B Melby to Jon P Valadez Caryn M Valadez, \$295,000, April 7
GLENVIEW
1435 Estate Lane: Huml Trust to Stephanie Adkinson, \$211,000, April 4
2431 Saranac Court: E Thomas Wold to Kosta Skoulikaris Demetra Skoulikaris, \$605,000, April 7
3231 Ronald Road: Bank Of

Norwood Park
3844 Grace Lane: Anthony C Frankiewicz to Ernest M Gottlieb Marion R Gottlieb, \$530,000, April 4
635 Juniper Road: Raymond A Morrison to Alexander I Green Keren K Green, \$835,000, April 4
HARWOOD HEIGHTS
4652 N Narragansett Ave.: Brabant Trust to Roman Kita Danuta Kita, \$216,000, April 7
LINCOLNWOOD
6400 N Cicero Ave. Apt 402: Aiello Trust to Dennis D Schiop Anisoara Schiop, \$121,000, April 7
7000 N Kostner Ave.: Richard Wallach to Anthony Vera, \$567,000, April 6
MORTON GROVE
205 Narragansett Court: Toll Il Iv Lp to David T Tan Gimpin L Tan, \$330,000, April 4
5846 Washington St.: John Fattah to Abdel Fattah Khafer, \$250,000, April 5
8910 Mason Ave.: Myra Jean Fleming to John Dewitt Kate Dewitt, \$264,000, April 7
8938 Moody Ave.: Southstar Iii to Benny Kuriakose Shyla Benny, \$630,000, April 4
MOUNT PROSPECT
1101 S Hunt Club Drive Apt 308: Volodymyr Vorobets to Bartosz Kwicien Anna Fornal, \$118,000, April 7
113 S Albert St.: Community Savings Bank Trustee to Joseph Porcaro Mellissa Cianfaglione, \$240,000, April 4
1403 N Boro Lane: Wojciech Gorny to Jolanta Maksymiuk Michal Kosk, \$222,000, April 6
1833 E Sitka Lane: Dnv Properties Inc to George Paraskevas Tola Paraskevas, \$347,500, April 5
309 S Main St.: Fannie Mae to Alina Izvor, \$85,500, April 6
405 S Hi Lusi Ave.: James R Accurso to Mark Tack Jaime Tack, \$455,000, April 7
605 W Central Road Apt C1: Scott Trust to Maria Kedzierski, \$43,000, April 7
730 Creekside Drive Unit 101: Marion F Anstandig to Robert E Immen Eileen C Immen, \$142,500, April 7

NORWOOD PARK
6620 W Higgins Ave. Unit 2s: Bank Of America Na to Peter Drossos, \$71,500, April 7
NORTHBROOK
1028 Blackthorn Lane: Michael A Odiotti to Daniel S Caruso Carolyn P Caruso, \$470,000, April 4
1540 Orchard Lane: Schwall Trust to William S Reid Lindsey L Reid, \$930,000, April 4
1671 Mission Hills Road Apt 105 Unit S: Evelyn P Maurer to Alexander Garibashvily Ekaterina Kosinskaya, \$141,000, April 7
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8727 W Bryn Mawr Ave. Apt 501: Andrzej Frukacz to Mark A Bajerczak, \$140,000, April 7

PARK RIDGE
1900 Newton Ave.: Campobasso Trust to Alina Mikuta, \$137,500, April 4
7071 W Touhy Ave. Apt 601: Kukla Trust to John P Forde, \$250,000, April 7
7312 W Conrad Ave.: Federal National Mortgage Assn to Joseph A Jurek, \$147,000, April 5
8001 W Courte Drive Apt 510: Stein Trust to Ruth Stein Marko Milenkovic, \$128,000, April 6
8519 N Ozanam Ave.: Andrzej Nowak to Pawel Blezien Monica Ostrega, \$307,000, April 7
8703 N Osceola Ave.: Fannie Mae to Petros Georgopoulos, \$275,000, April 6
9737 N Fox Glen Drive Apt 11: Hsbc Bank Usa Trustee to Dorothy Stawiariski, \$40,000, April 6
NORRIDGE
8304 W Sunnyside Ave.: Chicago Title Land Trt Co Ttee to Marek Budzinski Bozena Budzinski, \$237,500, April 7
8308 W Winona St.: Us Bank Na Trustee to Rocco A Savaiano, \$142,000, April 7
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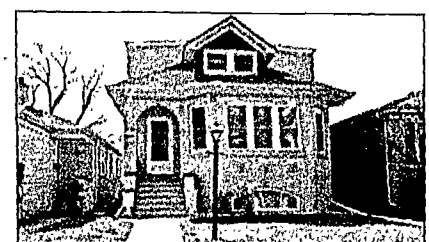
5825 W. Capulina Ave., Morton Grove — \$348,900

Constructed in 1928, this two-story brick bungalow comes with a kitchen that features modern appliances, hardwood cabinetry and floors and a ceiling fan.

There is also a breakfast area that features tile floors and extensive wood paneling and trim. A wall of windows illuminates in a living room that comes with hardwood floors, decorative trim and views of the front yard.

A wet bar is featured on the lower level, which also has wood-paneled walls, hardwood floors and storage space. The property has a two-car garage.

Listing agent: John Forsythe, Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage, (847) 525-3115, john.forsythe@cbexchange.com



The 1928-built bungalow comes with a two-car garage and numerous wood accents.

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The spacious lower level provides a gathering space as well as a wet bar and storage.

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A ROUNDUP OF NEW LISTINGS

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the back yard. Steven Nguyen of Vina Realty is the listing agent.

A three-bedroom, three-bath home at 8419 W. North Terrace in Niles is on the market for \$324,900. The kitchen has 42-inch cabinets, premium granite countertops and cherry hardwood floors. The home has newer roof, windows and exterior doors. Marty Piot of RE/MAX City is the listing agent.

A three-bedroom, two-bath home at 8907 Octavia Ave. in Morton Grove is on the market for \$295,000. The home has hardwood floors and an eat-in kitchen with newer stainless steel appliances. Other newer features include windows, storm drains and air conditioning unit. Michele Tolomeo of Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage is the listing agent.

— Matt Pelc

MARKET WATCH AS OF MONDAY

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Des Plaines	2.86%	\$183,000	34.74%	734	255
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Evanston	3.37%	\$310,000	16.46%	711	117
Forest Glen	1.08%	\$373,000	10%	20	2
Glenview	3.06%	\$420,000	14.96%	595	89
Lincolnwood	2.77%	\$282,500	14.69%	143	21
Morton Grove	2.79%	\$250,000	23.36%	214	50
Niles	2.45%	\$217,000	24.91%	265	66
Norwood Park	2.28%	\$282,000	20.22%	178	36
Park Ridge	2.27%	\$350,000	11.08%	388	43
Skokie	2.51%	\$242,000	28.42%	584	166
Wilmette	2.47%	\$610,500	4.67%	321	15

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

I Chiacchieroni Italian-language dinner group meets at 6:30 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month at

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Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7712 meet at 7 p.m. every second Wednesday of the month at the Post at 7680 Caldwell Ave. (next to Tam Tennis in Niles on Howard Street). The Post is open also on Fridays 7 p.m. until

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

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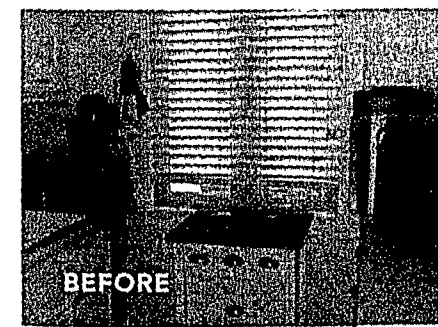
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Mother's Day crafts inspired by hardware store

Most dads I know would rather get a root canal taken care of than go to a mall. That's not to say all men hate to shop, especially when it comes to the mecca of all things shiny and cool: the hardware store. So this year I came up with a few Mother's Day craft ideas most dads will enjoy making. Each one requires a pinch of ingenuity, a lot of glue and a trip to the local hardware store.



BY BETH ENGELMAN
MOMMY ON A SHOESTRING

Kid Art Trivets

Elevate your children's artwork to a new level by turning their paintings and drawings into decorative trivets.

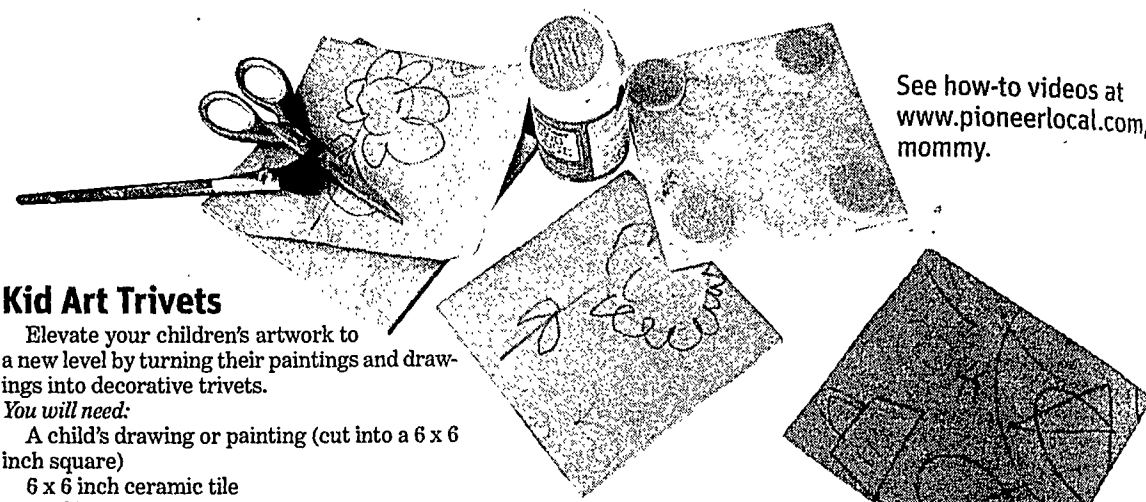
You will need:

- A child's drawing or painting (cut into a 6 x 6 inch square)
- 6 x 6 inch ceramic tile
- Mod Podge
- 4 self-adhesive felt pads
- Polyurethane spray

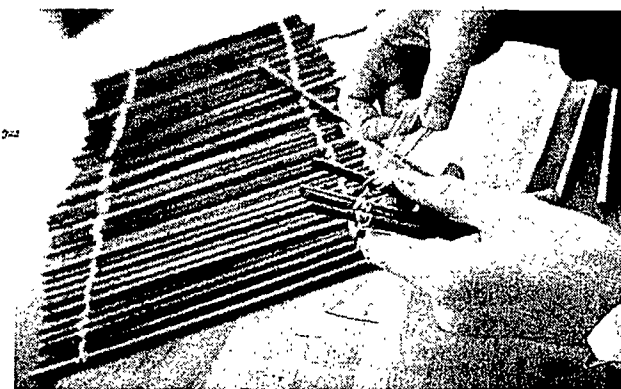
Directions:

- Center and glue artwork onto tile.
- Add 2-3 layers of Mod Podge and set aside to dry.
- Seal with polyurethane spray.
- Finally, stick felt pads onto the back of the tile (in each corner).

Thank you to Jamie and Jacinda from www.prudentbaby.com for sharing this idea.



See how-to videos at www.pioneerlocal.com/mommy.



Wooden Dowel Placemats

Wood, stain and ribbon are all you need to make these elegant placemats.

For each placemat you will need:

- About 40 wooden dowels.
- Wood stain
- 4-5 yards of ribbon (1/4 inch)

Directions:

- Stain the wooden dowels in a well-ventilated area and set aside to dry.
- Cut ribbon into two equal pieces.
- Fold one piece of ribbon in half. At the fold, tie the ribbon around the first dowel, about 2 inches from the end. Repeat this step on the other end of the stick.
- Now you are ready to go! Place your second stick next to the first and tie a knot on both ends. Continue knotting sticks beside each other until the placemat is the desired size.
- Repeat process for each placemat.

Thank you to Mark Mantano and his book Dollar Store Decor for sharing this idea. For more information about Mark visit www.markmantano.com.



Cupcake Planter

Sure, flowers are nice, but flowers in a cupcake platter will take the cake!

You will need:

- Terra cotta pots (Try using short, stubby pots for a more authentic "cupcake" look.)
- Indoor /outdoor spray-paint or acrylic paint.
- Wooden dowel and wooden ball
- Clear spray paint sealant

Directions:

- Paint flowerpot with spray paint or acrylic paint.
- Drill a hole at the bottom of your wooden ball with a drill or



Pipe Clamp Bracelet

Mom will never guess these brightly colored bangles were made from pipe clamps.

You will need:

- Pipe clamps
- Bright satin ribbon

Directions:

- Use a screwdriver to adjust the pipe clamp diameter to be between 2 1/4-2 1/2 inches.
- Loop the ribbon around the clamp and then carefully wrap it around the bangle.
- Once the bangle is covered in ribbon, tie a knot at the end and snip.

This craft comes courtesy of Erica Domesek, the creative brains behind www.psimadethis.com and the author of *P.S. I Made This*. Be sure to check out her book and website for more fabulous ideas.

electric screwdriver.

- Paint the wooden ball red and the dowel brown.
- Paint vertical brown stripes on your planter to resemble a cupcake holder.
- Weatherproof the planter, dowel and ball with clear paint sealant.
- When dry, insert dowel into ball.
- Buy a potted plant to place in the planter. Add the cherry in the center to top your sweet craft!

Thanks to Nikki, whose blog, whimsy-girl.blogspot.com is chock full of fantastic ideas.

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Burger victory for veggie lovers

Consider these meat-free burgers for Mother's Day

BY VERONICA HINKE
Contributor

You might not think of meatless burgers as standard Cinco de Mayo fare. But simple ingredients can give your grilling recipes Mexican-inspired flair.

At Fire House Grill in Evanston, black bean burger patties get a boost of color and flavor from carrots, celery and red bell pepper. They're blended into the bean mixture. A pepper jack cheese option adds Mexican influence.

"We normally put cheddar cheese on the black bean burger, but we have pepper jack cheese available to make it even more fitting for Cinco de Mayo," Greg Lamacki said.

Some chefs hesitate to cook bean burgers on the grill, because their consistency is much looser than beef patties. But the Fire House Grill chefs have a trick.

"We put the patties on frozen," explained co-owner Lamacki. "Beef

kick into black bean burgers with a little bit of cayenne pepper. Cilantro, shredded carrots and peas add color. Chickpeas, quinoa and edamame are less likely ingredients; eggs and bread crumbs hold everything together.

"You can use jalapeno peppers or pico de gallo on just about any hamburger to spice it up for Cinco de Mayo," said co-owner Mary Spagnola.

At Everest Burger and Bakery in Glencoe, chef/co-owner Margarita Challenger will add burger buns made with jalapeno peppers to her line-up of homemade bakery for a Cinco de Mayo salute.

Challenger, a Long Grove resident, knows a lot about Mexican cooking. She started cooking with her family when she was 7 years old, growing up in Dolores Hidalgo, a city in Mexico's central highlands. She and her husband, Mark, own another Mexican-inspired restaurant in Glencoe, Guanajuato. That restaurant is named after Challenger's home state.

At Everest Burger and Bakery, which opened in February, Challenger makes beef and turkey burgers, but also meatless varieties made with portobello mushrooms or black

beans. Challenger will soon roll out another option that would be suitable for Cinco de Mayo grilling: a burger patty consisting mostly of garbanzo beans.

Because of their loose consistency, bean burgers are cooked at Everest not on a grill, but in a medium non-stick pan for a few minutes on each side until golden brown.

A more unusual meatless burger is Challenger's walnut burger, which consists of a mixture of walnuts and brown rice. A lentil burger patty is also in the works.

"The bean burgers are perfect for Cinco de Mayo and home cooks can add jalapeno peppers or pico de gallo salsa to spice up nut, lentil or mushroom burgers for Cinco de Mayo flavor," Challenger said.



The portobello burger with grilled onions and jalapenos at Everest Burger and Bakery. | TAMARA BELL-SUN-TIMES MEDIA

burgers cook to medium-rare in about nine minutes, but black bean burgers cook in only three-four minutes. It's like making pancakes: You'll see them bubble on top and a crust will begin to cover the patty. Flip the bean burger when you see the crust forming."

The chefs at Back Alley Burger in La Grange put a Cinco de Mayo



Everest Burger and Bakery will have the black bean burger with cilantro and pico de gallo for Cinco de Mayo. TAMARA BELL-SUN-TIMES MEDIA

Fiesta Portobello Mushroom Burger

(From Everest Burger and Bakery)

4 medium portobello mushrooms (remove stems)

1 clove of garlic, crushed

2 tablespoons olive oil

¼ teaspoon salt

¼ teaspoon pepper

1 medium onion

2 jalapeno peppers

Mix garlic, olive oil, salt and pepper together in medium bowl. Brush mushrooms on both sides with mixture. Grill on each side for four minutes, starting with smooth side.

Thinly slice onion. Slice jalapeno peppers lengthwise.

Place mushroom on bun. Top with onions and jalapeno peppers. Add lettuce and tomato as desired.

Black Bean Burger

(From Everest Burger and Bakery)

2 cups black beans, cooked and drained

1 medium green bell pepper

1 medium red bell pepper

1 medium onion

1 clove of garlic

2 celery stems

1 medium carrot

¼ cup chopped cilantro

Olive oil, enough for sautéing

Dice bell peppers, onion, garlic, celery and carrot. In medium pan, sauté garlic and carrots for two minutes. Add remaining diced vegetables, except cilantro. Don't overcook. Vegetables should be crisp, not soggy.

In food processor, blend 1 cup of black beans. Add processed beans and remaining cup of beans to vegetable mix. Fold in chopped cilantro. Add salt and pepper to taste.

Shape into patties. In a medium non-stick pan cook 3-4 minutes on each side until golden brown.

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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.

This year the Maine South Athletic Pass, entitling bearers to admission to all home football and basketball games (except IHSA games), is available exclusively through the Maine South Athletic Boosters for \$30. See south.maine207.org, click on Organizations, then Hawk Boosters and then the membership link to obtain a membership/pass application or call Laurie Kovalcik, membership committee chairperson, at (847) 292-1665 or John Wolf, Booster president at (773) 935-5585 for more information or an application. Consider becoming a member in addition to purchasing the pass for the good and benefit of all Maine South athletics.

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.

Fundraisers

The entire family is invited to lace up their shoes and help raise funds for children fighting brain tumors at the annual Annie Ryan Run to be held May 15 in Elmhurst. In addition to the SK race, a special "Kids Running For Kids" 1-mile course also will be on the agenda to benefit the Midwest Children's Brain Tumor Center of Advocate Lutheran General Children's Hospital. Activities include face-painting, raffle prizes and ice cream. Pre-registration events will take place noon-4 p.m. May 7 at Knights of Columbus, 537 S. York St. and May 9 to 13 at The Runner's Soul Athletics, 124 N. York St., both Elmhurst, during normal business hours. The 5K/3.1 mile run will begin at York Road and South Street and proceed along a course that includes a portion of the Illinois Prairie Path. The race begins promptly at 9 a.m.

Entry fee is \$25 for pre-registered participants or \$30 on race day. The "Kids Running for Kids" one-mile dash is for children in grades 1 through 8. It will begin at 9:45 a.m. at York Road and South Street. Registration fee is \$12. Check-in for both races will take place from 7-8:45 a.m. at the registration tent. The run was established by the family of former Illinois Attorney General Jim Ryan and his wife, Marie, in honor of their daughter, Annie Marie Ryan, who passed away at age 12 from a brain tumor. Call (847) 723-5183 or go to www.annie-run.com to register online.

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

The Leukemia Research Foundation, in cooperation with Loyola University Health System and the National Marrow Donor Program hosts a free conference from 7:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. May 7 for leukemia, lymphoma, myelodysplastic syndromes (MDS) patients and caregivers. This educational program designed for blood cancer patients and their families will be held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel and Conference Center, 5540 N. River Road, Rosemont. Parking, a continental breakfast and lunch are provided. A "Be the Match" marrow registry drive will also be held on site. For updated information, agenda, and reservations, visit www.leukemia-research.org/treatmentoptions or call (847)

424-0600.

Pediatric developmental screenings offered at no cost. LYNX Therapeutics, 9436 Ozark Ave., Morton Grove, provides specialized occupational therapy services and learning instruction programs to children with physical, social, emotional, and learning difficulties. Contact: Ingrid Kenron at (847) 791-1631 or (847) 966-1505.

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

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

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.

Life-Size Snail's Pace Race – May 6, 1:30 p.m.: Play this colorful game, where "you" are the pieces. PreK-K with adult.

Mom's Day Fancy Nancy Party – Bring your favorite mom, grandma, aunt, etc. to this special Mother's Day program at 2 p.m. May 8. Enjoy treats and a craft, and be prepared to participate in your very own fashion show.

Manga Exchange and Anime Club – Fans of manga and anime attend a manga exchange and view recent anime from 2-4 p.m. May 7.

Michael Weeks presents an illustrated lecture based on his book, *The Complete Civil War Road Trip Guide*, as the library marks the 150th anniversary of the Civil War from 7-8:30 p.m. May 11.

Niles attorney Jacob K. Ehrensaff will discuss key issues of estate planning,

including existing laws and recent legislation from 1:30-3 p.m. May 14. Topics include wills, trusts, powers of attorney, living wills, probate and guardianship.

Busby Berkeley's Musicals of the 1930s Film Series! – "Dames" (1934), 91 min., 2 p.m. May 10. The story is about three relatives who stand to inherit a multi-millionaire's money if they turn against his pet hate, the theater.

"You Will Meet a Tall Dark Stranger" will be screened at 2 p.m. May 7 on the library's big screen. Four people find out how easy it is for their romantic illusions to make fools of them.

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.

During the April Niles Public Library Board meeting, the trustees voted unanimously in favor of keeping the library open on Sundays from 1-5 p.m. all year. The Niles Library will be closed May 29 and Sept. 4, but will be open on all other Sundays throughout the summer. To kick off the new hours, the Niles Public Library will have a Summer Sunday Celebration on June 12. The day will include special fun and entertainment for the entire family.

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.

Sports Reading Clubs – Stop by the Youth Services Department and pick up a reading log to win prizes from the Chicago Wolves, Chicago Bears or Northwestern

University.

Youth programs on a drop-in basis – Babytime: 11 a.m. Mondays, for babies age 2 and under. Continuous year-round drop-in program for children with an adult. Includes stories, songs, fingerplays and extended play-time afterward. Rise & Shine Storytime: 10 a.m. Thursdays, ages 2-6 with caregiver; enjoy stories, songs and more.

Maine Township

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

Parks

Maine-Niles Association of Special Recreation offers people with physical and mental challenges, behavior and learning disorders, hearing and visual impairments and emotional disabilities an opportunity to enjoy a variety of recreation activities. MNASR serves Des Plaines, Golf-Maine, Lincolnwood, Morton Grove, Niles, Park Ridge and Skokie. To receive a seasonal brochure, or to offer support for people with special needs by volunteering, call (847) 966-5522.

Niles

New 3's Preschool - This class offered at Niles Park District is for children who turned 3 after Sept. 1, 2010, missing the deadline for the regular 3-year-old preschool. Children will experience their first classroom experience. Classes are held Wednesdays and Fridays from 12:30-2 p.m. at Howard Leisure Center. Session runs to May 20. Call (847) 967-6633.

Niles Park District is offering private piano lessons (30-45 minutes) for beginning and intermediate students Wednesdays and Thursdays at Howard Leisure Center,

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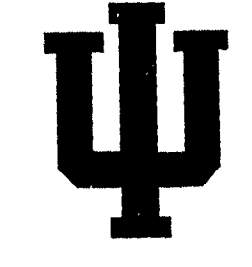
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6676 W. Howard St. Lessons will focus on the fundamentals of technique, music theory and good practice habits. Call (847) 967-6633 to reserve a lesson time.

Golf Maine
Visit one of the Golf Maine Park District offices, Feldman Recreation Center, 8800 Kathy Lane (one block south of Golf Road on Western Avenue), Niles; or Dee Park, at the corner of Dee and Emerson Roads, Des Plaines;

or call (847) 297-3000; www.gmpd.org.

Summer Camp - Sign up now for summer camp which runs from June 13-Aug. 5, 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Mondays through Fridays. Field trips included. Dee Park.

Community Garage Sale - 9 a.m.-4 p.m. May 14 at Dee Park; reserve a 10-foot by 10-foot spot.

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

Parks.

4th-6th Grade Youth Floor Hockey League - Fridays and Sundays starting in April. Feldman.

Youth Baseball - Leagues available for participants ages 7-15. Register now. Dee Park.

3rd Shift Indoor Adult Soccer League - Join this early morning indoor league Tuesday mornings. Feldman.

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.

Over-the-Rainbow - Children ages 3-5 learn colors, read stories, sing songs and more in this eight-week class on Fridays (starting April 1). 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.

Youth Soccer Leagues for children ages 4 to sixth grade are under way. Games are played at Prairie Lakes in Des Plaines. Practices at Dee Park.

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

A Mass will be celebrated in honor of St. Dymphna, the patron saint of persons with mental illnesses, at 8:45 a.m. May 16 at Queen of All Saints Basilica, 6280 N. Sauganash Ave., Chicago. A relic of St. Dymphna will be displayed for veneration. The St. Dymphna Society and the Chicago Archdiocesan Commission on Mental Illness invite all mentally ill persons and their families and friends to attend. Call Jim and Shirley Weber at: (773) 777-6022.

Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, 8201 N. Karlov Ave., Skokie, will hold Adult Christian Education classes following 10 a.m. Sunday services. Classes will be held on a variety of topics. A Fellowship Hour follows the 10 a.m. service each week with "Bring a Friend to Church and Brunch" the first Sunday of each month. Call the church at (847) 673-1434.

Temple Judea Mizpah, 8610 Niles Center Road, Skokie, will host its annual fund-raising event at 6 p.m. May 7. The festive event will feature a performance by the TJM Players, silent and live auctions, a program book, food, and lots of fun. The cost is \$36 per ticket. Call the temple at (847) 676-1566.

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

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 Maine East Class of 1969 Reunion and 60th Birthday Bash will take place from 7-11 p.m. July 16 at Marriott Lincolnshire Resort, 10 Marriott Drive, Lincolnshire. Cost is \$69 per person includes dinner and dancing with a cash bar. Contact: Anita Pedersen, anitawarrenpr@sbcglobal.net, (630) 803-7593.

Maine Township High South, Class of 1966, is spearheading a two-day "Mass Reunion" to be held Aug. 26 and 27. Accompanying classes that represented the first collective student body to attend the newly opened high school in 1964 as well as their spouses and guests are to be included. The nucleus of new students that celebrated the opening of Maine South High School migrated from both Maine East and Maine West and includes the classes of 1965, 1966 and 1967. The two-day event will be held in Park Ridge at the recently developed Uptown Plaza located at the intersection of Touhy and Prospect avenues and Northwest Highway. The Friday evening event will take place at Houlihan's Restaurant, which will be closed to the general public. The alumni festivities will reignite on Saturday evening, and the venues will include Houlihan's, Jason's Deli and various neighboring entities within the Uptown Plaza. Tickets for one or both evening events are on sale now and must be purchased in advance. For reservations, contact event coordinator, Glenn Woerz (Class of 1966), at MassReunion@gmail.com or (847) 757-8377. Maine South alumni can also subscribe to the "Hawk Droppings" newsletter via the above e-mail address to receive updates and ongoing information on classmates and relevant information.

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Niles North follows lead of its pitchers

Warda tearing up CSL pitching

BY MATT HARNESS
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BASEBALL — Ed Toledo always wonders which of his teams will show up to play.

The Niles North coach believes the Vikings have all the tools for success, but they sometimes aren't used in the most productive way.

A good example came during last week's conference series against CSL North-leading Glenbrook North. The Vikings lost the first game 15-2 before taking the Spartans to nine innings in a 3-2 loss. Niles North then was on the wrong end of a perfect game in a 10-0 loss Saturday to Maine South. The setback was the fourth in a row for the Vikings.

"Right now, it's day-to-day

with us," said Toledo, whose team entered this week 11-13 overall and 2-5 in league play. "On any given day, we can put it together. When we pitch well, we played up to it on the other end. When our pitching suffers, we also suffer and seem to add to our troubles."

One player Toledo never worries about is Adam Warda. The Southern Illinois-bound senior after the week-end was batting .500 with a team-high seven homers.

"He's our best kid," the coach said. "Our players know it, and the other teams know it. Still, he manages to get it done. He stays within himself. He's going to get walked and pitched around, but when pitchers make mistakes, he makes them pay."

"He's the guy we want at the plate as often as we can with guys in scoring position."

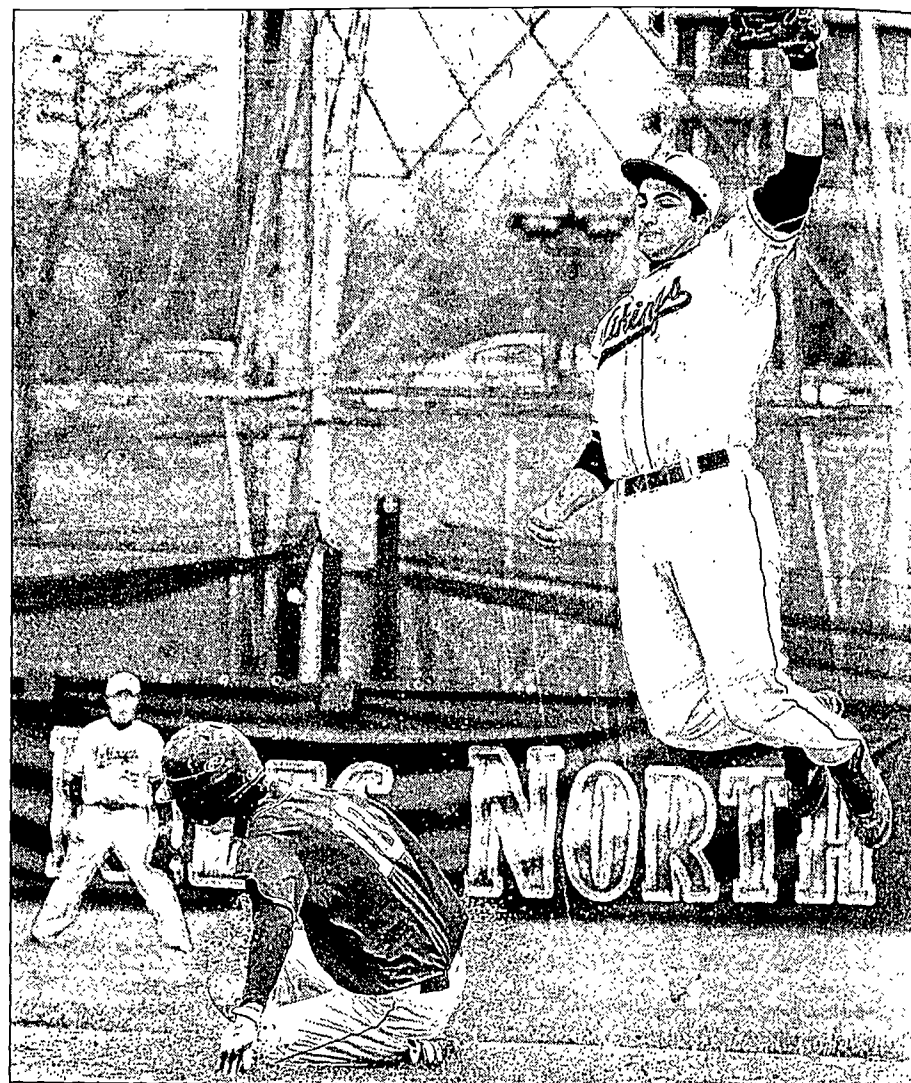
Toledo also is happy with

the development of Matt McTague. The coach figured the sophomore could make an impact on the mound, but McTague's producing at the plate, too. He came into the week hitting .304.

"That's been an added bonus," Toledo said of McTague's offense. "It's not that we didn't think he could do it, but the jump to varsity is a big one. He's handled it well."

As for the pitching, Toledo said Nick Lumley, Matt Simon, Joe Marcus and McTague all have their moments. Simon has been the ace of the staff for most of the season, but Lumley and McTague showed flashes last week.

"They all are capable of giving you a top-notch performance," Toledo said. "It's a question of consistency. It's not the worst case around, but it's always easier knowing what you are going to get."



Niles North infielder Adam Warda grabs a high throw while attempting to tag out Glenbrook North base runner Charlie Apfelbach on April 28 in Skokie.
| MICHAEL JARECKI-FOR SUN-TIMES MEDIA

Niles West shuffles relays for conference meet points

Gordon sprints to title in 100 at New Trier invite

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GIRLS TRACK AND FIELD — Niles West got one of the best warmups it could have asked for to this week's CSL South Meet.

The Wolves competed against some of the state's best teams Saturday at New Trier's 15-team invitational. Homewood-Flossmoor, which took sixth place at the State Meet last spring, won the team title with 113 points. Young, fifth at State a year ago, was third. The Wolves finished ninth with 30 points, while Evanston (fourth) registered he

highest place among the six CSL teams competing.

"For us, it's about trying to determine who to put where and how we can score the most points in conference," said Niles West coach Mark Medland, whose team hosts Friday's league meet. "We still are experimenting with our lineup."

Kellion Gordon stood out among the standouts last weekend. The senior sprinter won the 100 meters in 12.72 and took second in the 200 in a season-best 25.36.

"We all feel like her times will continue to come down," Medland said.

Hurdlers Sydney Hellwig and Jessica Sutfin also performed well against good competition. Hellwig, a sophomore, took second in the 100 hurdles in 16.78 and fifth in the 300 in 49.01. Sutfin came in eighth in the 300 hurdles in 49.66.

"Those times have been dropping, and that's what we want to see," the coach said.

Sutfin most likely will run on the 4x800 relay Friday with Annie Goudes, Lily Chapman and Tiffany Bugara.

"We're still putting it together, and it always could change from conference to the sectional," said Medland, whose Wolves compete at the Loyola Sectional on May 12, along Evanston, Glenbrook South, Glenbrook North, Maine East, Maine South, Niles North and New Trier from the CSL.

Medland also is looking for the right formula for his 4x100 and 4x400 relays. As of Monday, he still was unsure who he will pencil in for the conference meet.

"A lot of this stuff is up in the air," he said.



Niles West's Annie Goudas competes in the 4x800 meter relay at New Trier.
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CLIMBING THE RANKS

CSL Frosh Invitational
New Trier High School
Girls
TOP 5
Finals of 18 Events
Schools

Deerfield (A): 2nd, 4x100 Relay (55.39); 1st, 4x200 Relay (2:00.48); 2nd, 4x400 Relay (4:47.46)

Glenbrook North (A): 2nd, 4x200 Relay (2:04.64); 4th, 4x400 Relay (5:04.77); 5th, 4x400 Relay (5:11.88)

Glenbrook South (A): 3rd, 4x800 Relay (11:38.74); 4th, 4x200 Relay (2:08.77); 1st, 4x100 Relay (54.77)

Highland Park (A): 4th, 4x100 Relay (56.03); 3rd, 4x400 Relay (5:02.04)

Maine South (A): 2nd, 4x800 Relay (11:27.37); 5th, 4x100 Relay (56.79)

Maine West (A): 4th, 4x800 Relay (11:50.15)

New Trier (A): 3rd, 4x200 Relay (2:06.47); 3rd, 4x100 Relay (56.02); 1st, 4x800 Relay (10:55.30)

Niles West (A): 1st, 4x400 Relay (4:44.99); 5th, 4x800 Relay (12:02.13)

Women - Team Rankings - 18 Events

Deerfield: (1) 90; New Trier: (2) 79; Maine South: (3) 64; Glenbrook South: (4) 61; Evanston: (5) 60; Highland Park: (6) 47; Maine East: (7) 43; Niles West: (8) 37; Glenbrook North: (9) 34; Niles North: (10) 20; Maine West: (11) 17; Waukegan: (12) 6
DEERFIELD

Sarah Kirby: 5th, 400 Dash (1:08.27)

Lauren Klein: 3rd, 3200 Run (13:49.78)

Hadley Lloyd: 1st, 800 Run (2:34.74); 3rd, 1600 Run (6:13.26); 5th, High Jump (4-04.00); 5th, Triple Jump (28-06.50)

Sarah Mott: 3rd, Discus Throw (70-03)

Megan Petrey: 1st, 100 Hurdles (17.81); 2nd, 300 Hurdles (53.16)

Jessica Swill: 1st, 100 Dash (13.75)

EVANSTON

Jania Banks: 5th, 100 Dash (14.10); 5th, 200 Dash (29.54)

Jessie Caines: 2nd, High Jump (4-04.00)

Parker English: 1st, 400 Dash (1:00.07)

Sahara Mitchell: 1st, Discus Throw (83-10); 1st, Shot Put (28-05.75)

Elaine Simon: 5th, Long Jump (14-01.00)

Carrie White: 1st, 300 Hurdles (50.11); 2nd, Long Jump (15-07.25)

GLENBROOK NORTH

Diana Boyer: 1st, Pole Vault (6-06.00)

Amanda Graziano: 1st, High Jump (4-06.00)

Jami Weinstein: 5th, Pole Vault (6-00.00)

GLENBROOK SOUTH

Anastasia Athas: 4th, 100 Dash (13.88); 4th, Triple Jump, (29-01.50)

Jamie Studenroth: 5th, 1600 Run (6:17.94)

Danielle Yapor: 1st, Long Jump (15-10.00) 1st, 200 Dash (27.55); 2nd, 400 Dash (1:00.76)

HIGHLAND PARK



The Niles North girls 4x800 relay team brake an 11-year-old record Monday at Maine West. Coach Lauren Stump (middle) watched as Leah Wesolowski (from left), Jessica Brand, Clara Williamson and Katherine Betz clock 10:05.69. | SUBMITTED BY WARREN BRAND.

Melissa Andrikos: 4th, Shot Put (24-02.50)
Courtney Bartelstein: 4th, 200 Dash (29.39); 3rd, Long Jump (14-11.00); 2nd, Triple Jump (30-03.25)

Isabel Steinhaus: 4th, 800 Run (2:43.28)
Rochelle Toulabi: 3rd, Pole Vault (6-00.00); 4th, 100 Hurdles (19.81)

MAINE EAST

Nancy Garcia: 5th, 3200 Run (14:15.12)
Veronica Malesinski: 2nd, 100 Meter Dash (13.79); 2nd, 200 Dash (28.45)

Alexis Plezia: 3rd, 800 Run (2:41.87)
Elanta Slowek: 2nd, High Jump (4-04.00); 4th, Long Jump (14-04.00); 3rd, Triple Jump (30-00.00)

MAINE WEST

Julia Huinker: 2nd, High Jump (4-04.00)
Abbey Riportella: 3rd, Pole Vault (6-00.00); 5th, 100 Hurdles (20.17)

MAINE SOUTH

Olivia Cattau: 3rd, 100 Hurdles (18.65); 1st, Triple Jump (30-07.00)

Rosanna Giambanco: 5th, Discus Throw (65-10.25); 3rd, Shot Put (24-07.25)

Kristina Grandi: 4th, 400 Dash (1:07.20)

Mirae Mastrodonardo: 5th, 800 Run (2:43.34)

Maggie Merz: 2nd, Shot Put (24-10.75); 4th, Discus Throw (66-10.75)

Tessa Witkowsky: 2nd, Pole Vault (6-06.00)

NEW TRIER

Carina Carr: 3rd, 100 Dash (13.81); 3rd, 200 Dash (28.98); 4th, 300 Hurdles (54.14)

Kaitlin Frei: 1st, 3200 Run (12:24.64)

Molly Krueger: 1st, 1600 Run (5:40.96)

Maggie Myles: 2nd, 1600 Run (5:54.46)

Hannah Waldmann: 2nd, 100 Hurdles (18.61); 5th, 300 Hurdles (55.29)

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Maine junior John Warnock holds a move on the still rings during the CLS Championships. | MICHAEL JARECKI-FOR SUN-TIMES MEDIA

Maine happy about turning tables

BY DAN SHALIN
Contributor

GYMNASTICS — The Maine Township Co-op did not have a particularly memorable CSL Meet April 28. But there were some highlights.

From a team standpoint, the Demon Warriors, who draw athletes from Maine East, Maine South and Maine West, scored an 88.30 and came in sixth at the seven-team meet. But Maine did finish ahead of Evanston after

dropping the dual meet with the Wildkits during the regular season. "Finishing ahead of Evanston) was a big positive considering we lost to them head-to-head," Maine head coach Erick Noriega said. "It's nice to see us rebound."

Individually, senior Andrew Berg came in ninth on pommel horse (7.0) and ninth in the all-around (36.2), while classmate John Fernandez finished eighth on vault (8.5). Noriega believes both gym-

nasts have a chance to reach next week's IHSA State Meet at Lincoln-Way East in Frankfort. However, both will need to turn in improved performances at Friday's Downers Grove North Sectional.

"(At conference), Berg didn't execute (on horse) like he normally does. But he has such a good routine that he got a pretty nice score," the coach said. "The good thing for us is that (the mistakes) happened at conference rather than sectional.

"(Berg) also has a nice vault and floor routine. If he executed to the best of his ability, he could sneak in on floor. But no doubt he's got the routine on horse. He just needs to nail it when it counts."

The coach said Fernandez has a good chance to head to State on vault and could possibly qualify on floor, as well.

Meanwhile, junior Nick Robertson has an outside chance to reach State on vault. He tied for 19th on vault (8.0) at conference.

Maine East' Shields ties for 4th at Prospect

BY DAN SHALIN
Contributor

BOYS TRACK — The Blue Demons finished 17th at the 18-team Prospect Invite on Friday, an event that included such track powers as Lyons, Prospect, Barrington and Zion-Benton.

A few of the Main East youngsters shined at the event. Most notable was the team of sophomores Aayush Shah, Gabe Corey and Jalen

Lewis and freshman Eric Mendoza, which finished seventh in the frosh/soph medley relay, which included two 200s, a 400 and an 800.

"We placed seventh, and that's against the likes of some of those (state powers)," Maine East head coach Chris Peters said. "We have a nice core group of young guys in the mid-distance events. They came out and performed well against those teams."

Junior James Shields, who

is just coming back from an injury, tied for fourth in the triple jump (42-feet-10) and senior Rob Barron finished eighth in the 300 hurdles (41.9), winning his heat and running a better time than several competitors in the faster heats.

Maine East senior Jimmy Dickman clocked 10:43 in the 3,200, cutting nearly 12 seconds off his previous best time.

"That was a nice race for

him. He's a real hard-working kid, a great kid on the team and he competed well," Peter said. "He loves Maine East, loves track. He also does wrestling and cross country. He's a three-sport athlete who works tremendously hard, it's nice to see him get a chance to compete, and he competed well the other day."

The Blue Demons will participate in the Cougar Track Classic at Conant at 5 p.m. Friday.

THIS WEEK

MAINE EAST

Today
Girls badminton at IHSA Sectional, TBA
Boys baseball at Glenbrook North, 7 p.m.
Girls soccer hosts Niles North, 7 p.m.
Girls softball hosts Maine West, 4:45 p.m.
Boys tennis at Niles North, 4:30 p.m.
Boys volleyball at Niles North, 6 p.m.
Friday
Girls softball hosts Lincoln Park, 4:45 p.m.
Boys track at Conant Cougar Classic, 5 p.m.
Girls track at Maine West Outdoor Invite, 4 p.m.
Boys volleyball at Lincoln Way Invite, TBA
Boys gymnastics at Downers Grove (North) Sectional, 7 p.m.
Saturday
Boys baseball hosts Waukegan, 1:30 p.m.
Girls softball at Hersey, 10 a.m.
Boys volleyball at Lincoln Way Invite, 9 a.m.
Monday
Girls softball at Round Lake Sr. High, 4:30 p.m.
Boys tennis at Hoffman Estates, 4:30 p.m.
Girls water polo Glenbrook North Sectional vs. Maine West (Game 1), 4:30 p.m.

NOTRE DAME

Today
Boys tennis hosts St. Viator, 4:30 p.m.
Boys volleyball at St. Viator, 5 p.m.
Boys lacrosse at Marmion Academy, 7 p.m.
Friday
Boys baseball hosts Evanston, 7:30 p.m.
Boys volleyball at Glenbrook North, 5 p.m.
Saturday
Boys track at Lisle Invite (Benedictine Univ.), 9 a.m.
Boys volleyball at Glenbrook North, 9 a.m.
Boys lacrosse hosts (Senior Parents Day) vs. Lincoln Park, noon



Notre Dame batter Ken Litton puts down a bunt. | TAMARA BELL-SUN-TIMES MEDIA

Dons get kick out of McClure's motion

BY MIKE BUDA
Contributor

BASEBALL — There's a pitcher with a Juan Marchal-like leg kick gracing the mound at Notre Dame.

Just like the Giants' hall-of-famer, senior pitcher Adam McClure's unique delivery can give his opponents a major headache.

"I've been doing it all my life and it just feels natural to me," said McClure. "It bothers the hitters a little bit, so why not?"

The lefty's head-high leg snap irritates more than just opposing batters.

"It helps him and he picks off a lot of runners," said head coach Bob Kostuch. "He got (picked off) four kids at Marian Catholic so he likes the pickoff move and he works on it a lot."

Although McClure has had some recent success sniping runners, it isn't a move that came naturally.

"Every now and then an umpire will struggle with calling a balk on a pickoff move or not because of the high leg kick," McClure said. "For the most part, it's been alright."

On Saturday at home, Notre Dame (11-9, 4-3 ESCC)

split a conference double-header with Nazareth, with a 4-2 victory and a 5-4 loss.

The Dons were coming off of a pair of defeats at the hands of St. Viator.

"That's great for our morale and everything," said Kostuch. "We were a little shaken after getting beat twice to St. Viator and we didn't hit well for two games so it was nice to see us come out and hit."

Notre Dame trailed Game 1 2-0 heading into the home half of the sixth before rallying for the win.

The Dons were having is-

sues with Nazareth junior pitcher Dominic Purpura, who had thrown just 57 pitches through five innings, but was tagged for four straight hits by Jack Wietlisbach, Alex Babusci, Keenan Connelly and Matt Walsh.

"We just had better at-bats across the board," Kostuch said. "We were seeing pitches better and we got to their pitcher late in the game and I thought that was vital for us."

Dons senior pitcher Andrew Gustafson lasted six innings while allowing two runs on four hits and struck out four.

Gustafson, who will play for IIT in the fall, has been a delightful surprise.

"Andrew's been awesome for us," said Kostuch. "Almost unexpected, but we knew he was good. We just didn't think how good he would be and to hold that team down to two runs, that's awesome."

Notre Dame could not finish off the sweep as it let a 3-0 lead slip away.

Babusci, who will head to Benedictine, finished the day 2-for-6 with three RBI and a walk and Wietlisbach, who will play for Parkland, went 3-for-5 with two walks.

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Boys tennis hosts Maine East, 4:30 p.m.
Boys baseball hosts Maine West, 4:45 p.m.
Girls softball hosts Deerfield, 4:45 p.m.
Boys volleyball hosts Maine East, 6 p.m.
Girls soccer at Maine East, 7 p.m.
Friday
Girls track at Maine West, 3:30 p.m.
Girls softball hosts Niles West, 4:45 p.m.
Boys gymnastics at Downers Grove (North) Sectional, 7 p.m.
Saturday
Boys tennis hosts Invite, 9 a.m.
Boys baseball hosts Evanston (doubleheader), 10:30 a.m.
Girls softball at Resurrection (doubleheader), 11 a.m.

NILES WEST

Today
Boys tennis at Glenbrook South, 4:30 p.m.
Boys baseball hosts New Trier, 4:45 p.m.
Girls softball hosts New Trier, 4:45 p.m.
Boys volleyball hosts New Trier, 6 p.m.
Girls soccer hosts Glenbrook South, 7 p.m.
Friday
Boys track at Glenbrook South Titan Invite, 3:30 p.m.
Girls track hosts CSL South Invite, 4:30 p.m.
Girls softball at Niles North, 4:45 p.m.
Boys gymnastics at Downers Grove (North) Sectional, 7 p.m.
Saturday
Girls softball at Conant (doubleheader), 11 a.m.
Boys baseball at Glenbrook North (doubleheader), 1:30 p.m.
Monday
Boys baseball hosts Maine South, 4:30 p.m.
Boys tennis at Niles North, 4:30 p.m.
Girls softball hosts Evanston, 5 p.m.

Young specialists should help Niles North, West scores

BY DAN SHALIN
Contributor

BOYS GYMNASTICS — Niles North got ever-so-close to reaching its goal of scoring 130 points at last week's CSL Meet.

The Vikings expect to exceed that mark at Friday's Downers North Sectional, and also will be hoping to send a few gymnasts to next week's IHSA State Meet at Lincoln-Way East in Frankfort.

The Vikings scored 129.55 and finished fourth at the CSL Meet, which it hosted April 28. Highland Park/Deerfield (147.6) won the conference crown.

Despite continued rotator cuff problems, Niles North's Manny Magbanua won the conference title on rings, scoring an 8.70. At the sectional, the senior will be looking to close out his career in style by qualifying for State.

"Manny won rings (at conference), which was great to see. He's still not feeling great and that says a lot about him that he still has that opportunity to win conference," Niles North head coach Rick Meyer said. "We're still trying to get him healthy, and he's coming along."

Fellow senior Brian Oh also will be looking to earn his first trip to State. He tuned up for the sectional with a solid overall performance at conference: fourth on pommel horse (7.5); fifth on parallel bars (8.55); sixth in all-around (45.75); seventh on high bar (7.0); ninth on floor (8.10); and 10th on rings (6.7).

Meanwhile, senior teammate senior Erik Suh came in seventh on p-bars (8.2)

and junior Mendel Moskovits finished seventh on high bar (6.7) and 10th on p-bars (8.0).

At the sectional, Meyer is planning to promote two young specialists from the JV, a move which should help push the Vikings above 130. Freshman Nick Arcus is scheduled to compete on floor, while sophomore Marco Verceles should participate on p-bars and high bar.

Niles West: Wolves head coach Steve Foerch said he has five gymnasts capable of qualifying for State out of Friday's Downers North Sectional. The coach said seniors Elias Shiheiber and Chris Williams and juniors Ari Lazar,

Josh Nicolasin and Casey Mahoney-Muno all have a chance to reach their first State Meet.

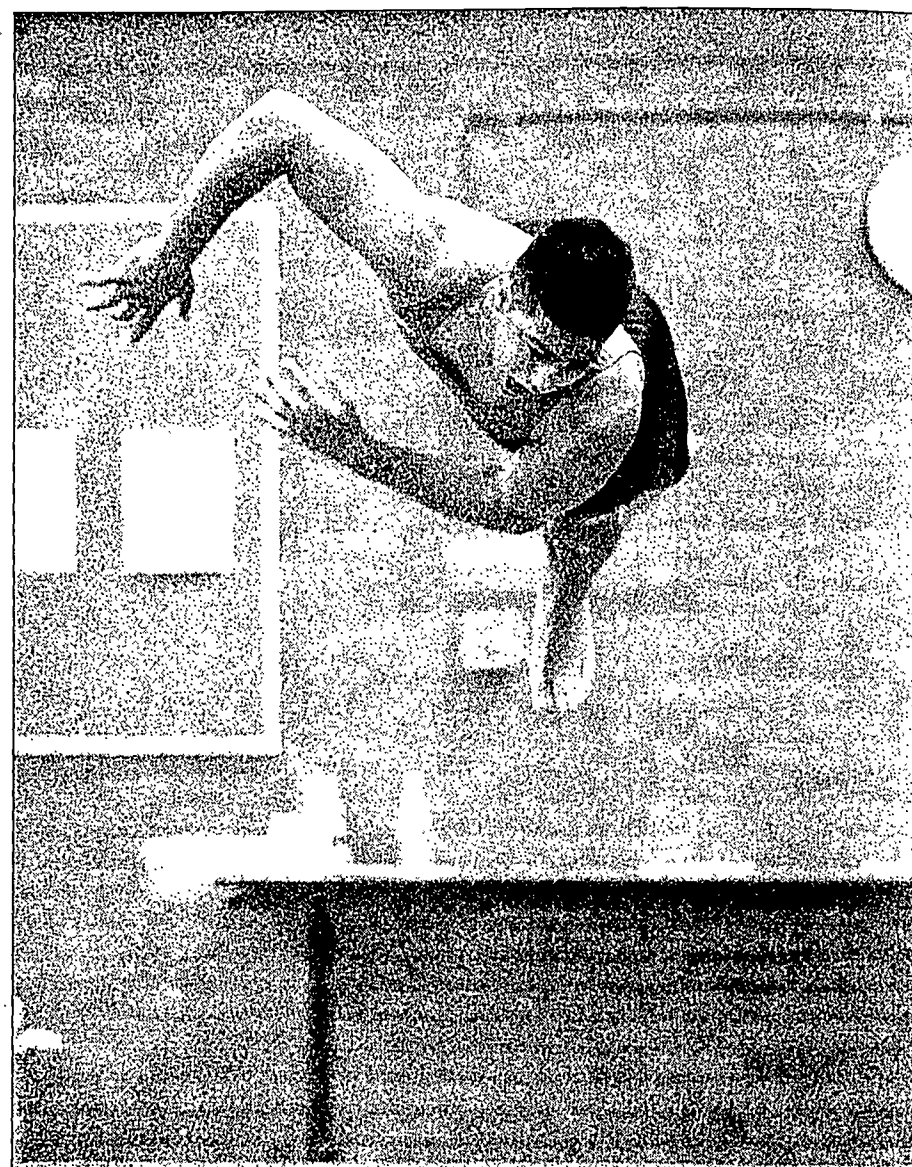
However, each will have to improve on his performance from the CSL Meet at Niles North. The Wolves scored 125.75, finishing fifth.

"To put it boldly, it was ugly for us. We had a bad meet," Foerch said. "We thought we were a better team than that. But the right team didn't show up. It happens. We'll be back for sectional."

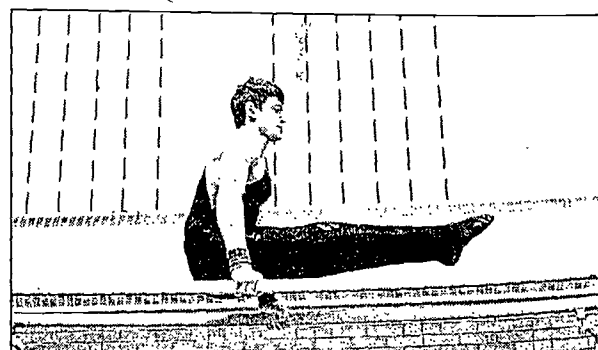
Foerch said he had a long talk with the team after the meet, and there appears to be clear solutions to the problems.

"It's just cleaning up, and there are plenty of places to clean up," Foerch said. "We don't need to add or delete anything. There is nothing wrong with the engine. It's just a matter of turning a few screws this way and that way to tune it up."

Among the highlights for



Niles West senior Eli Shiheiber competes on the floor exercise during the CLS Championships at Evanston. | MICHAEL JARECKI-FOR SUN-TIMES MEDIA



Niles North junior Mendel Moskovits works the parallel bars during the CLS Meet at Evanston. | MICHAEL JARECKI-FOR SUN-TIMES MEDIA

Meet.

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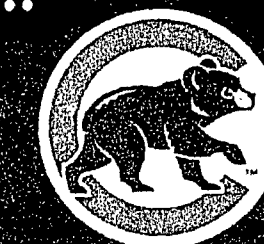
conference will send its top five seniors in each event. The event is named after Brinkworth, the long-time Evanston head coach who passed away in the early 1990s.

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