

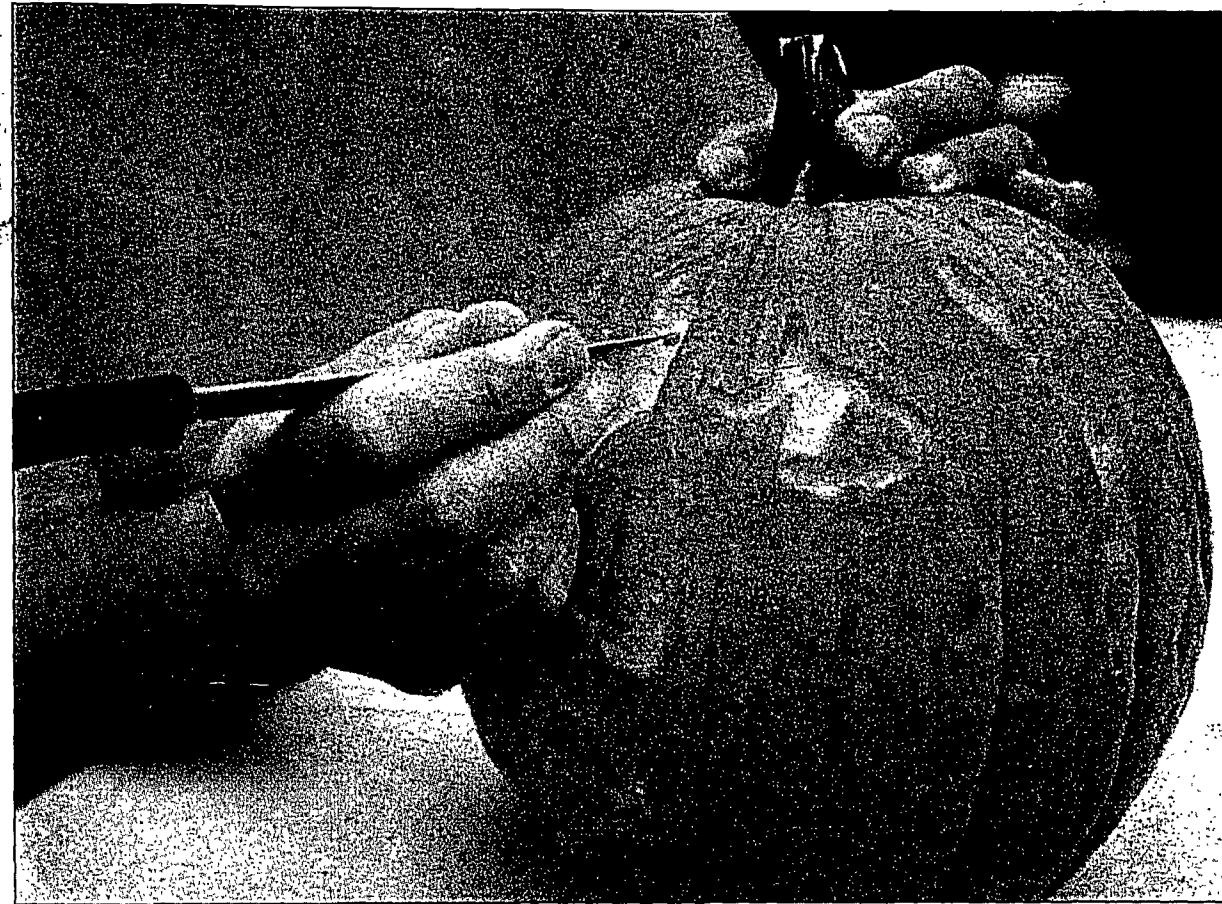
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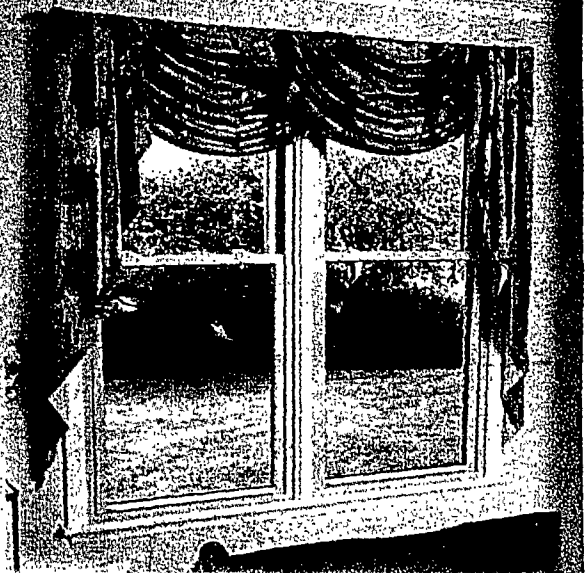
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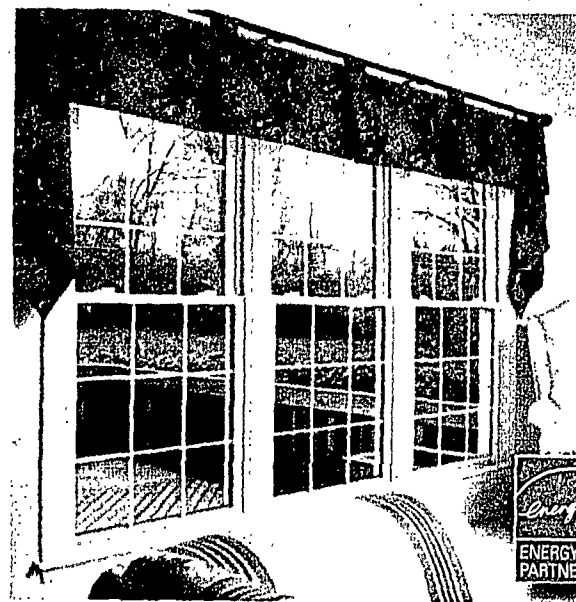
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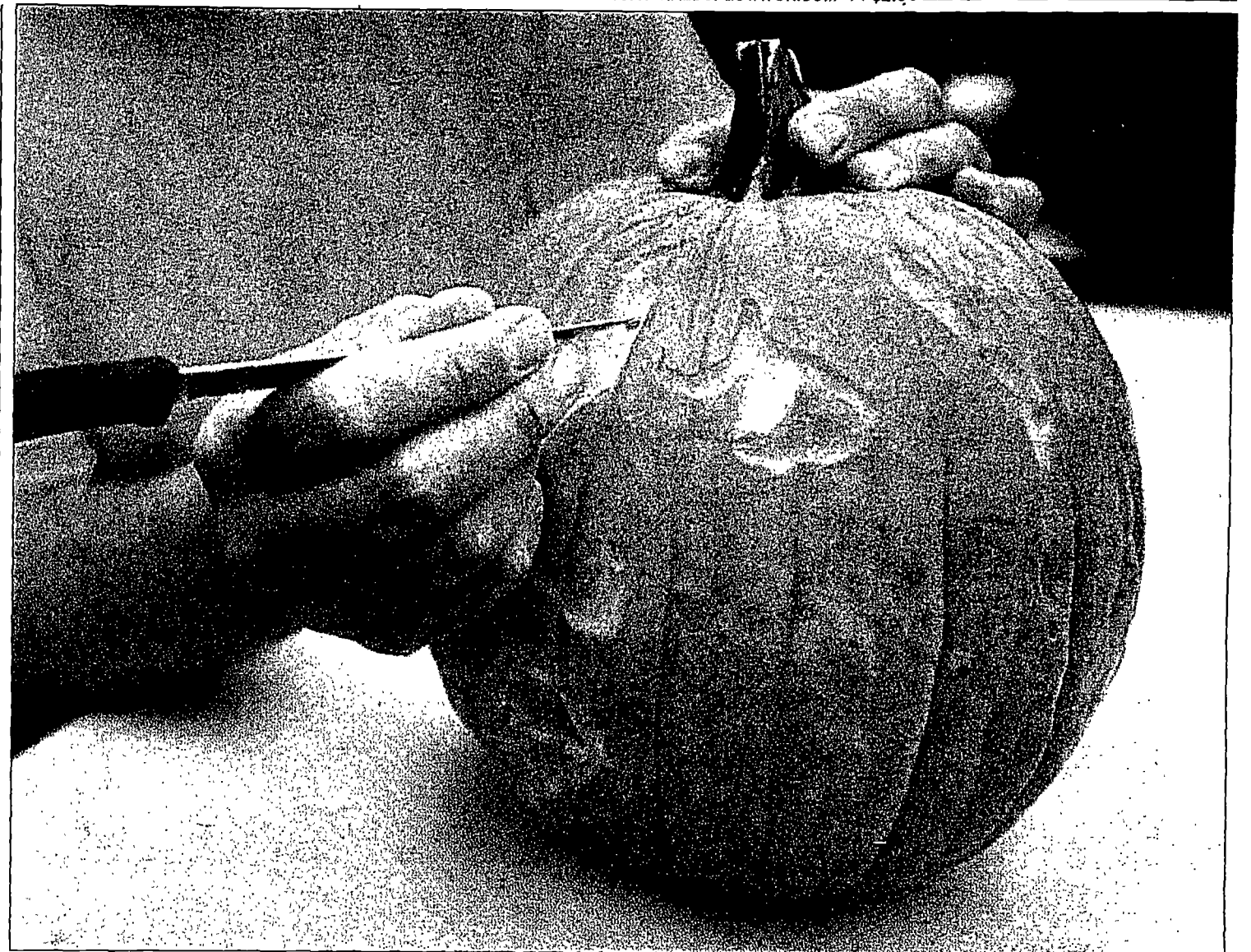
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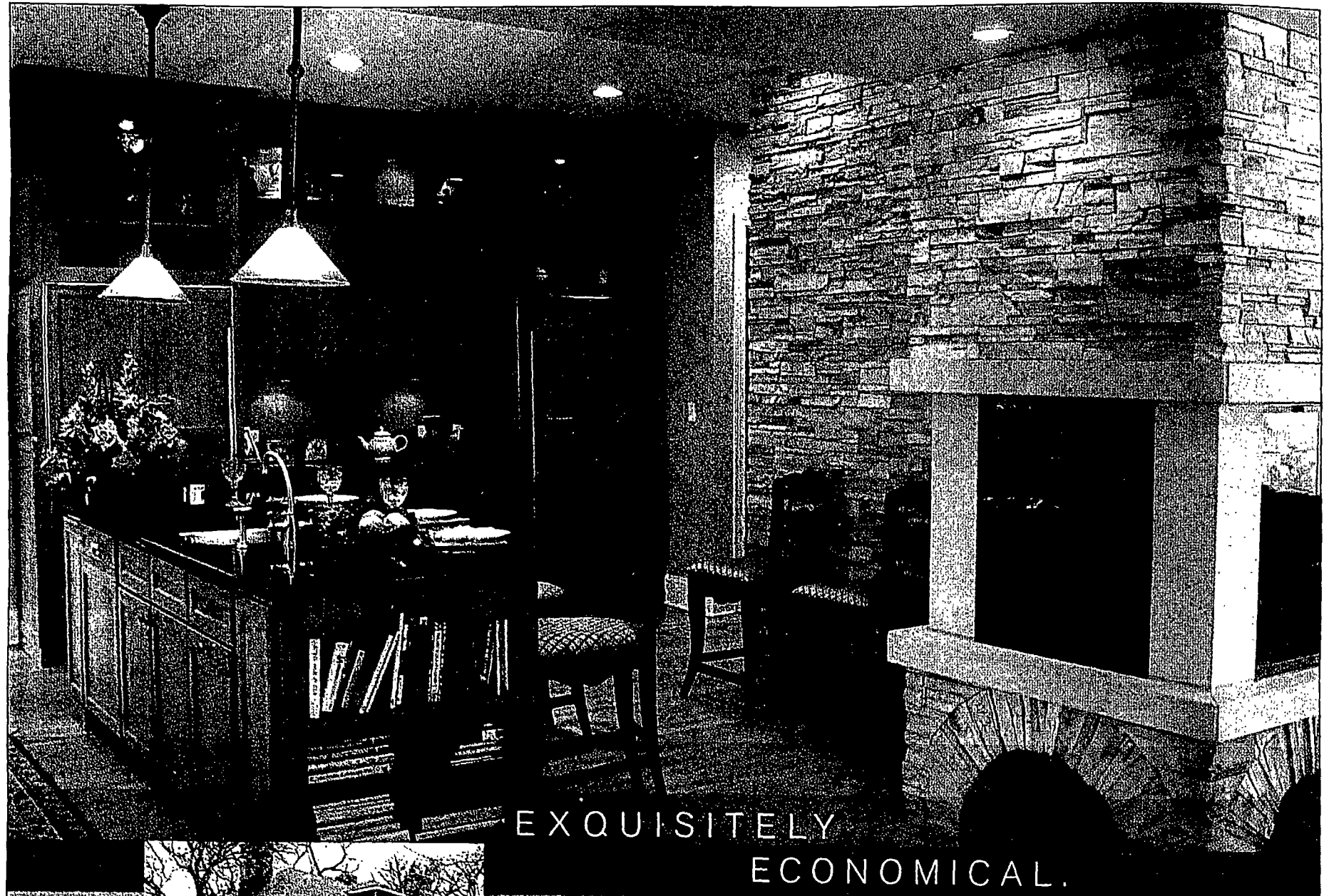


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Fall festival Twin toddlers William and Joseph Hoffman explore the pumpkin patch under a willow tree at East Maine School District 63's Total Learning Community Fall Festival the evening of Oct. 21. There were hay rides, "pumpkin sports," face painting, a witches' cauldron game and storytelling from Niles Public Library. | Dan Luedert-Sun-Times Media

SWANCC

Waste agency chief quits after 'irregularities' found

By LYNNE STIEFEL lstiefel@pioneerlocal.com

The top executive of a waste management agency serving 23 north Cook County municipalities resigned Monday after an audit discovered "a significant amount of funds" missing, agency officials said.

The Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County had placed Executive Director Brooke Beal on paid leave Oct. 18 following the discovery Oct. 15 by auditors of "potential financial irregularities" in professional development funds that Beal controlled. Beal tendered his resignation through his attorney Monday.

"No one is more angry, frustrated and disappointed about these circumstances than this body," Skokie Mayor George Van Dusen, chairman of the SWANCC board for 15 years, stated in an Oct. 21 memo to the board. "We know that nothing undermines the confidence in the work we do for taxpayers more than allegations of financial impropriety."

SWANCC officials have contacted the Cook County state's attorney's office about the missing funds, Van Dusen said, and would seek restitution from any culpable parties.

The not-for-profit corporation was created in 1988 by 23 north and northwest suburbs, including Barrington, Buffalo Grove, Evanston, Glenco, Glenview, Kenilworth, Lincolnwood, Morton Grove, Niles, Park Ridge, Skokie, South Barrington, Wilmette and Winnetka.

It developed a long-term plan to manage the region's garbage that was adopted by its board of directors in 1991. Today SWANCC operates a transfer station in Glenview where commercial and landscape contractors and other commercial entities can dispose of landscape and solid waste in addition to processing its municipal members' waste.

The agency also schedules special collections of hazardous waste, pre-

scription medications and electronic equipment and promotes recycling education.

Beal was hired by the agency at its establishment and became director in 1993.

In the Oct. 21 memo to the board, Van Dusen said no problems had been detected with the professional development reimbursements until an external auditor discovered the potential financial irregularities during the agency's annual independent audit that "prompted a closer look."

SWANCC's board launched an internal inquiry into the possibly unaccounted funds "to ascertain exactly what took place, when it took place and who is responsible," Van Dusen stated.

Van Dusen declined to give a specific dollar amount for the missing funds, other than calling it significant.

SWANCC has typically budgeted between \$25,000 and \$40,000 annually for professional development, Van Dusen said. The money is used to reimburse staff for education and courses at the executive director's recommendation and with the approval of the agency's treasurer.

Steven Schilling, the agency's assistant executive director, was named acting director after Beal was placed on administrative leave.

The board's executive committee was scheduled to meet in executive session Wednesday to determine a plan of operation.

"There will be no interruption of service," Van Dusen said.

SWANCC's early years were marked with contention. For more than 15 years, the agency attempted to build a facility near Bartlett which it intended to fill with household trash from its member communities; the dispute with the Army Corps of Engineers ended up in the U.S. Supreme Court. SWANCC abandoned the effort in 2001 after determining that recycling efforts had eased the need for landfill space.

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RALPH FRESE

Stream of conscientiousness

Defending and exploring state's waterways all in a life's work for canoe builder

By NATASHA WASINSKI
Contributor

Ralph Frese's resume reads something like this: Award-winning environmentalist, entrepreneur, and seasoned historian and lecturer. But Frese is quick to downplay these titles.

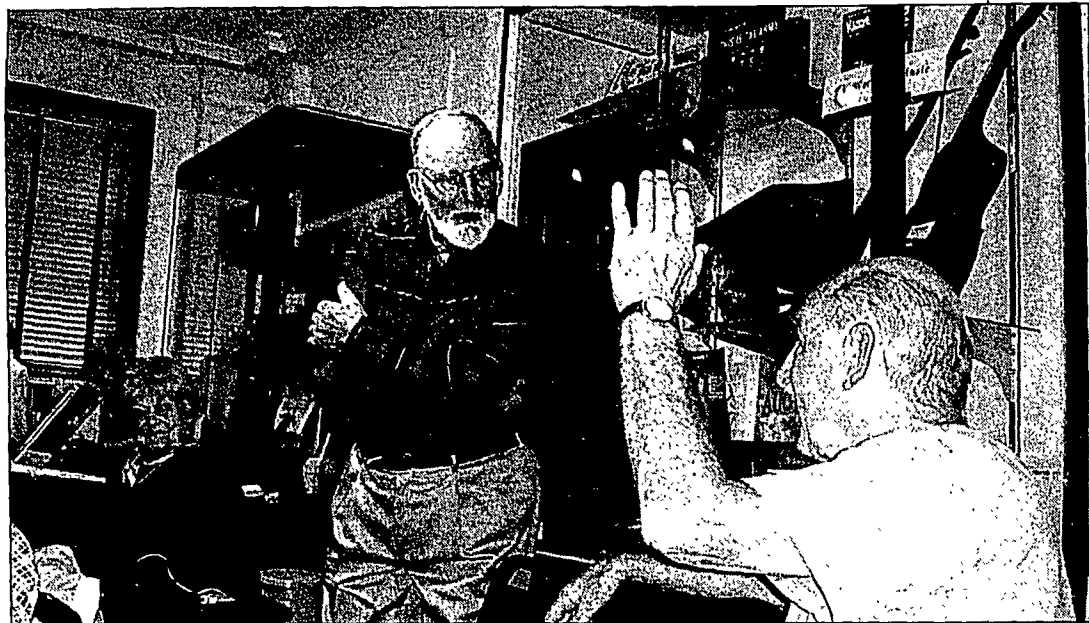
"I'm just a blacksmith with an interest in nature and history," he says.

According to his peers in the paddling community, he is the blacksmith, earning himself the nickname, "Mr. Canoe."

For more than five decades Frese has fiercely advocated for the conservation of Chicago-region waterways from the perspective of an Illinois outdoorsman who enjoys sitting in a canoe and paddling down a river. Now in his 80s, Frese's crusade to protect the rivers is unwavering.

Earlier this fall the Niles Historical Museum, 8970 N. Milwaukee Ave., hosted Frese for an afternoon presentation on river conservation. Forty audience members laughed, grumbled, and oohed and ahhed as Frese gave a historical and picturesque recap of Illinois' special waterways and the diligent efforts of many - especially his own - to preserve them.

Using an outdated slide projector ("I don't use that Power-Point stuff," Frese told an un-



On Sept. 26 the Niles Historical Museum, 8970 N. Milwaukee Ave., hosted Ralph Frese for an afternoon presentation on river conservation. | Natasha Wasinski-for Sun-Times Media

questioning crowd), he spoke admiringly and in great length and depth about each of his photos to tell the stories of the Skokie Lagoons; Niles' tributaries; the Chicago, Des Plaines and Fox rivers; and all of the sights and sounds in between. Memory and expertise served as Frese's only cue cards.

The history of Illinois' waterways, and Frese's own experience with them, begins with the canoe.

"The paddle represents the first way the first visitors came to Illinois," Frese said, noting the importance of Jacques Marquette and Louis Jolliet's upstream journey by canoe to discover the portage later known as Chicago's.

He lauded the efforts of men who worked during the Great Depression for \$30 a month to create the Skokie Lagoons For-

est Preserve. At one point 10 separate Civilian Conservation Corps companies landscaped the wetlands, making it the nation's largest CCC project.

"The project taught skills in absence of regular work that they never would have learned," Frese said.

The early 20th century saw a lot of activity on Illinois' northern rivers. Joining a canoe club was the popular thing to do in the 1920s. Water slides on riverbeds were once a common sight to see; now, they're virtually unheard of.

"By the '30s the rivers were so polluted," Frese said, explaining why people no longer swim in the rivers like they used to.

He added: "People are attracted to water like this so it behooves us to keep it clean. You can't keep them out of it."

Frese discovered his passion

for canoeing as a young adult.

"I didn't get this from my parents. I found it on my own," Frese said. "But I grew up exposed to (the rivers)."

A fourth-generation blacksmith, he began building canoes for his scout troop in his blacksmith shop, which later transformed into one of the Midwest's largest canoe and kayak specialty shops, the Chicagoland Canoe Base, 4019 N. Narragansett Ave.

In addition to making and selling canoes and kayaks, Frese encourages exploration and fun on the river by hosting several annual races.

"Twenty-four years ago, my wife and I started the silly tradition of canoeing on New Year's Day," Frese said of his annual canoe trip down the scenic North Branch of the Chicago River,

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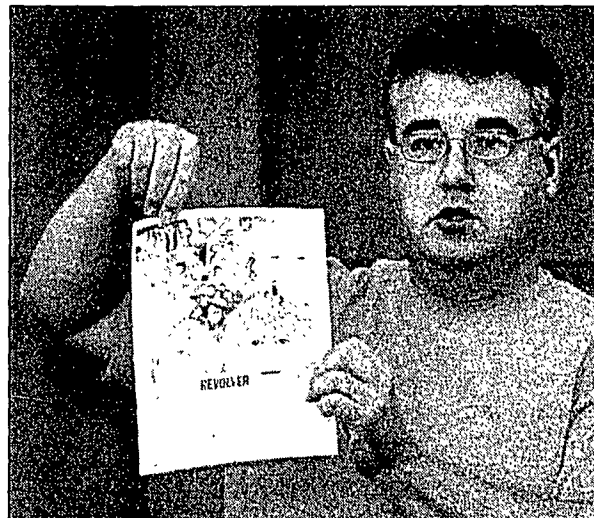
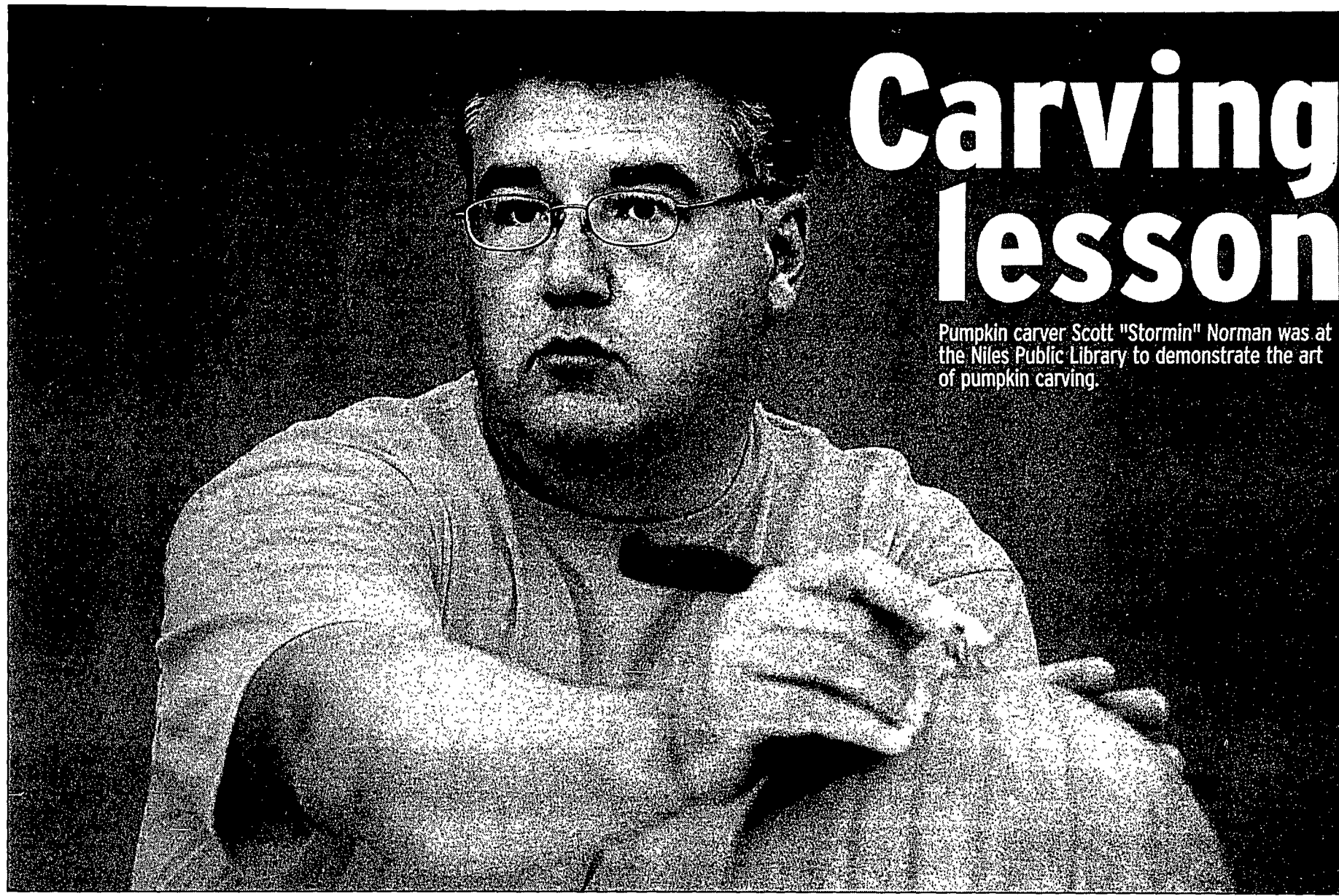
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Carving lesson

Pumpkin carver Scott "Stormin" Norman was at the Niles Public Library to demonstrate the art of pumpkin carving.



Norman demonstrated how to carve an image of Beatle Paul McCartney based on the Revolver album cover.



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Bryan Alasa of Portage Park watches "Stormin" Norman work his magic.



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Teacher charged with DUI resigns

By PAT KROCHMAL and MIKE ISAACS
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The Niles Township School District 219's Board of Education on Oct. 18 accepted the resignation of teacher Matthew Hampton.

The board members met in closed session before the regular meeting and announced Hampton's separation shortly after the regular meeting had begun with no comment about him or the charges against him.

Hampton, 52, of 1226 Sherman Ave., Evanston, was a Niles West High School physical welfare department instructor and assistant wrestling coach.

He was charged Sept. 25 by Skokie police with possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia and driving under the influence of alcohol after he was found inside his parked vehicle early in the morning.

Hampton, 52, was sched-

uled to appear in court Oct. 21 on the charges.

James Szczepaniak, Niles Township High School District 219 director of communications, said there would be no further comment about Hampton or the charges against him, because of the district's policy prohibiting the release of information about personnel.

Police said they approached Hampton's Jeep in a lot on the 8000 block of Lincoln Avenue just after 1:20 a.m. and found the suspect inside with his head down. Asked if he was all right, Hampton said he was, according to police, and then turned on the ignition and put his vehicle into reverse gear.

The sergeant at the scene told Hampton to stop because his marked car was directly behind the Jeep, police said. Hampton complied and got out of the vehicle.

Police said there was a strong odor of alcohol on

Hampton's breath. Hampton admitted that he had just consumed several white Russians at the nearby Village Inn, according to the police report.

Hampton failed a series of sobriety tests, police said, adding that he swayed back and forth during the process. He almost fell twice while performing the tests and was unaware that it was as late as it was, police said.

The sergeant on the scene then saw a clear plastic bag containing marijuana on the front seat of Hampton's Jeep, police said. Dino, the department's police canine, also sniffed out a ceramic smoking pipe used for smoking marijuana that was located under some papers inside the vehicle, they said.

Hampton was asked whether he was still under the influence of alcohol or drugs, police said, and he answered that he still might be under the influence of alcohol.

ELECTION 2010

Candidates present platforms during forum at White Eagle

By PATRICK BUTLER
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With election day finally in sight Brian Doherty began his last round of campaign stops with Saturday's Vision Illinois forum at the White Eagle Banquets, 6889 N. Milwaukee Ave., Niles.

Doherty's opponent, Democrat John Mulroe, did not appear before the bipartisan group led by Ed Kelly, former Chicago Park District Superintendent and retired "Fighting 47th" Ward Democratic Committeeman.

Doherty, the only Republican in the City Council, who decided not to seek another term 41st Ward alderman, said he is giving up the

safe seat he has held for 21 years "because the state is in a financial disaster, with a \$13-billion debt, the worst debt of any state, according to Forbes Magazine."

"While 35 states are creating jobs, Illinois continues to lose them," said Doherty, promising to focus on regulatory and litigation reform and creating new tax breaks and incentives to attract business, and "serious spending reforms" beginning with a hard look at Medicaid, which he said serves one out of every five people in the state with no asset checks or citizenship screening. "They have presumptive eligibility. If you don't bother to come in to 're-up' your Medicaid, they

just leave you on," noted the MBA and onetime Golden Gloves champion who said he has never voted for a property-tax increase and cut his own ward budget by 37 percent last year.

Pointing to his past accomplishments, Doherty said the 41st Ward was "really transformed" during his two decades as alderman.

"We got seven new playlots, two new libraries, more than \$30 million in neighborhood improvements, with seven of the city's Top 30 public schools and the lowest crime rate in the city," he said.

Like Doherty, Green Party candidate Simon Riberio also believes it's time for a political shakeup and

blamed the state's problems at least partly on runaway property taxes, which Riberio said are partly responsible for the decline in home ownership and new business startups.

"Let's cut property taxes for small homeowners and small businesses," said Riberio, a 29-year-old public-school teacher who is going after the 9th District Congressional seat Jan Shakowsky has held for the past dozen years.

"The federal tax code is 18,000 pages plus. Mine is one page," said Riberio, who wants a system streamlined so startup businesses don't start paying property taxes until they start making money.

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DISTRICT 64

Students at Washington Elementary School in Park Ridge will perform in the school's annual variety show, "Celebrate the '80s," on Nov. 5 at 7 p.m. and Nov. 6 at 2 and 7 p.m. Performances will be held in the school auditorium, 1500 Stewart Ave.

The Lincoln Middle School Cadet, Concert and Jazz Bands will perform in concert at 7 p.m. Nov. 10 at the

school, 200 S. Lincoln Ave. in Park Ridge. On Nov. 11, Orchestras I and II, String Ensemble and Chamber Orchestra will perform, also at 7 p.m.

Park Ridge-Niles School District 64 middle school student musicians have been selected to participate in two annual regional events sponsored by the Illinois Music Educators Association, including two students who won prestigious "First Chair" assign-

ments as top performers.

The IMEA District Festival will be held Nov. 6 at Wauconda High School. More than 800 of the finest band and orchestra students from more than 60 junior high schools in the North Suburban area auditioned for a position in this all-star group. First Chair designates the top student from all 60 participating schools.

District 64 students at the District festival include:

Emerson - Bridget Bonadona, Andrew Lazara, and Greta Ramsey, viola; Alec Wojda, cello; Conor Flynn, first chair bass; Timothy Kwasny and Ben Paoletti, trumpet; and Lincoln - Isabella Goldman, French horn; Brynn Keller, cello; Ernest Mato and Jacqueline Murphy, violin; and Robby Reinhard, bass. Professor Erica Neidlinger from DePaul University will conduct the band and Joanne May will conduct the orchestra.

The second event is the IMEA Jazz Festival, which will be held Nov. 20 at Lake Zurich High School. Professor Rob Parton from Capital University in Columbus, Ohio will conduct Band 1, and Emerson band teacher Eric Bachmann will direct Band 2.

District 64 participants include: **Emerson - Timothy Kwasny, Brian Talbot and Ben Paoletti, trumpet; Lincoln - Guy Olson, first chair baritone saxophone, and Tommy Deeter, tenor saxophone.**

Brian Jacobi is Curricular Specialist for Instrumental Music at District 64. Jacobi also has been tapped to conduct the top IMEA junior high jazz band for a neighboring northwest/west suburban IMEA district at its festival in Geneva, Ill., on Oct. 30.

In addition to Jacobi and Bachmann, other District 64 teachers who instruct these students include: Natalie Jacobsen, Dallas Klyta, Mary Ciccotelli, Jamie Hestead, and Erica Charous.

MAINE SOUTH

Maine South High School students will entertain with their Fall Choral Concert at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 28 in the Maine South Auditorium. All four curricular choirs are performing: Glee, Mixed Chorus, Concert Choir, and Chamber Choir. Additionally, two co-curricular ensembles, the Decibelles and Vocal Jazz Ensemble, will entertain.

Featured music includes works by Verdi and Kodaly, arrangements of traditional American and Scottish folk songs and jazz standards.

Highlighted in the concert will be the 12 Maine South

students accepted into the Illinois Music Educators Association District 7 Choir and four students in the IMEA District 7 Jazz Ensembles.

Matthew Hanes is the director and Lori Langridge the accompanist for the concert.

Maine South High School is located at 1111 South Dee Road in Park Ridge.

Maine South High School Jazz and Concert bands will present their Fall Concert with a Halloween twist at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 29 in the Auditorium, 1131 S. Dee Road, Park Ridge.

About 70 students will be performing in the concert. The audience will enjoy music from South's Concert Band, Jazz Band and the Jazz Unit, conducted by Fine Arts teacher Joel Matter. The Concert Band will perform three pieces of standard band literature. The jazz bands will present a mixture of standards and pop music.

Students will have the option to dress in costume as a fun way to celebrate the Halloween weekend.

Tickets are \$2.

Three Maine South High School seniors are among a select few students nationwide who have been recognized as outstanding writers by the National Council of Teachers of English. They are **Ariel Clark-Semyck, Nora Elderkin, and Marie Schaedel.**

During a recognition breakfast, South English Department Chair Matt Parrilli noted that these three are among only 34 winners of this prestigious award in the entire state and among only 543 winners nationally. Parrilli said the awards are particularly noteworthy because they recognize a student's ability to think and express thoughts clearly and in an engaging fashion.

The NCTE annually bestows Achievement Awards in Writing for work submitted by students during their junior year. Assessments of student writing are based on students' samples of their own best prose or verse and on impromptu themes written under supervision. Entries are

judged by a team of English teachers. Judges look especially for writing that demonstrates effective and imaginative use of language to inform and move an audience. Winning students and their schools receive certificates, and their names are posted on the MCTE Web site. Students also receive cards highlighting the achievement to attach to their college applications.

NOTRE DAME

Notre Dame College Prep, a college preparatory high school for young men, will host an Open House for grammar school boys and their families on Thursday, Nov. 4 from 5:30-8:30 p.m. The Open House includes personal tours of our outstanding on-campus facilities, meeting our faculty and staff, and learning about our excellent curriculum opportunities. Questions? Please contact LaVerne Bontempo at (847) 779-8615 or lbontempo@nddons.org or visit www.nddons.org. Notre Dame College Prep is at 7655 W. Dempster St., Niles.

Community members are also invited to submit the names of deceased parents, grandparents, siblings, children, other relatives, friends, Sisters of the Resurrection, and Resurrection College Prep High School alumnae, particularly those

who have died in the last 12 months, to be honored at the liturgy. To ensure adequate seating, or to add Mass intentions, contact Campus Ministry Team member Brad Mulick at bmulick@reshs.org or (773) 775-6616, Ext. 141. When submitting a Mass intention, specify name, the name of the deceased and whether the person was a parent, sibling, friend, etc. For more information, call (773) 775-6616, Ext. 129, or www.reshs.org.

RESURRECTION

On Nov. 1, Resurrection College Preparatory High School will celebrate an All Saints/All Souls Mass at 8:30 a.m. at Resurrection, 7500 W. Talcott Ave. in Chicago. The Rev. Daniel McCarthy of St. Tarcissus Parish in Chicago will preside. Parents, family members, alumnae and other friends of the Resurrection community are invited to join.

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Resurrection College Prep High School senior Mary-Rose Moss of Chicago has been named a Commended Student in the 2011 National Merit Scholarship Program. A Letter of Commendation from the school and the National Merit Scholarship Corporation, which conducts the program, will be presented by Resurrection President/Principal Dr. Lynne Saccaro on Nov. 1 at an all-school liturgy.

At Resurrection, Moss is a member of the National Honor Society, the Spanish Honor Society and the International Thespian Honor

Society. She is president of the Forensics Club, for which she has been a member all four years of high school and competed on the Forensics Team during her freshman and sophomore year. As an actress, she has performed in a wide variety of productions at Resurrection, including plays, musicals and holiday shows. She is also vice president of the Greek Club and vice president of the Peace, Love and Britain Club.

Moss is a Resurrection Student Ambassador, a Res Scholar, a member of the Natural Helpers Program and a Kairos retreat leader. She is currently on the staff of the student newspaper, The Res Banner, and is drawn to the challenges of writing. In April, she participated in the Script Frenzy Writers Program in which she wrote a script in 30 days. Her script, entitled "Spilled Coffee," was about the drama of high school. Moss plans to participate in the National Novel Writing Month in November. From Nov. 1 to 30, she will take on the demanding task of writing a novel.

About 34,000 Commended Scholars throughout the nation are being recognized for their exceptional academic promise. Commended scholars are placed among the top five percent of more than 1.5 million students who entered the 2011 competition by taking the 2009 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test.

Moss is a graduate of Queen of All Saints School and is involved in a youth group at Our Lady of Hope Church. Currently applying to colleges, she is undecided about where she will be attending school next year. She plans to major in linguistics and Spanish.

ST. JOHN BREBEUF

The kindergarten children of St. John Brebeuf School recently listened to the Bible story of Noah's Ark. They learned that God promised to care for people and animals. The children then painted a dazzling rainbow to celebrate God's promise that water would never again cover the entire earth. The children enjoyed

doing this special project. **The sixth-graders** at St. John Brebeuf have been busy in math class this year. "What's your favorite candy treat also helped reinforce how important data collection, statistics and graphing are to those in the "real world." During this project, data was added to those of classes as far back as 2002. A definite trend over the past eight years was seen. Their data for red, yellow, and brown M&Ms were within 0.01 percent of that posted on the M&M website. However while the company reports that the bags contain 16 percent green candies, students' data averaged 22 percent; and with blue, students averaged 18.4 percent as compared to the 24 percent stated on the website in the snack sized packs.

To continue their statistics unit, the students in fifth and sixth grade collected real data at Niles Brunswick Bowl. Once returning to school they were able to graph their results, find the mean, median, mode, range and outliers

for their scores and analyze the findings. Unfortunately, but not surprisingly, the mode score was a 0. Everyone agreed that all this means is that more practice is needed. When asked how she enjoyed the trip, **Stephanie Zalinski** said "It was fun to use our 'spare' time to go bowling." "The trip was a strike!" said **Angela Sohng** and "Bowling made math fun and pretty easy actually," **Kyle Cychosz** was overheard saying. The students are looking forward to "shopping" for their decimal unit.

ST. PATRICK

Saint Patrick High School will host actor/alum Michael Patrick Thornton '97 and the Natural Gas improv troupe at the Stahl Family Theatre on Oct. 29 at 7 p.m.

Artistic Director and ensemble member of The Gift Theatre (Jefferson Park), Thornton has developed an expansive career within the acting community that extends as far as Hollywood

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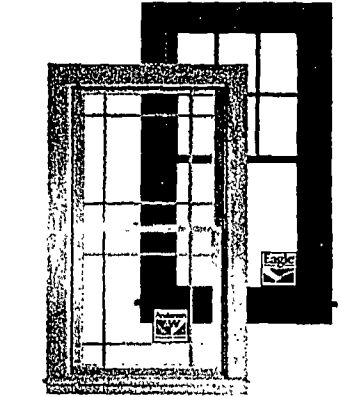
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starting at Skokie Lagoons and ending at Linne Woods in Morton Grove. This year more than 200 people in more than 100 canoes participated in the winter river ride.

"It's like floating through a living Christmas-card scene," he said. "It's wonderful to have a resource like this in our own back yard."

Frese's most well-known race is the Des Plaines River Canoe and Kayak Marathon, an 18.5-mile trek he founded in 1957, making it the second-oldest continual canoe race in the United States.

In 2007, when the marathon celebrated its 50th anniversary, the Des Plaines River Association issued a proclamation expressing gratitude for Frese's efforts and, citing an average of 1,000 participants for each of the marathon's 50 years, tallied nearly a million miles paddled because of the race.

Jim Capek, of Niles, participated in the marathon every year between 1966 and 2007. In his first race Capek paddled with brawny co-workers and finished in 4 1/2 hours. His best race time of 2 hours and 40 minutes was with his son, and they came in fifth place out of 115 participants.

"I was pumped," Capek said, especially as he considers himself an amateur canoeist. "I paddled my hardest and left it all out on the river."

Canoeing has become a passed-down tradition for Capek's family. Capek said he has taken all five of his children on river rides, and now takes his grandchildren.

Frese, too, has taken his own children on canoe rides, and continues to travel the waters with his wife, Rita.

"Rita and I have explored so many rivers," he said. "We have had so many adventures and learned so much."

For Frese's birthday in September some friends took him for a river trip, where he saw great big

heron and kingfishers flying above, which to Frese was a healthy sign that fish had returned.

"It's along these rivers we see a lot of the last refuge of these plants and animals that the early explorers had talked about," Frese said.

Frese recounted the story of a friend who once caught a 40-pound sturgeon fish near Dempster Street. Fish that size once had access to the upper reach of the rivers, Frese said, sadly adding, "We have no idea what we have lost over the years."

While there are mischievous dam-building beavers and deer aplenty, there aren't too many turtles along the rivers.

"But there is one (turtle) you can't get rid of," Frese said of a 2-foot-long snapping turtle that once managed to climb 100 feet up a steep bank and into a nearby prairie to lay her eggs.

Intertwined with Frese's descriptions of northern-Illinois nature was criticism of how people have treated the waterways and its surroundings during the past century. Frese talked about his particular disgust with the practices of dumping storm water into fresh river water; cutting down trees to reach cleanup quotas; building structurally unsound dams; and creating picnic-table logjams "so big that 10-year-old trees are growing on them."

Businesses that cut corners to save money or face thwart efforts to keep the rivers preserved and natural, Frese said.

"Engineers do what is economically and politically feasible," he said. "We need environmental engineers."

Frese did not shy away from getting political when it came to defending federally protected land. He showed a picture of "our friends up north" in Glenview who "made a lawn out of the forest preserve," pointing out how bright-green grass extended past the clearly marked border and replaced the trees that were once there.

Frese's solution is hosting a "party down river" and a picnic on the lawn, he

said.

"Let them call the police," he challenged, as an audience member called out, "I'll go with you!"

In his many years of defending Illinois' waterways and forest preserves, Frese has seen his share of victories and defeats.

He told the story of how his longtime friend, ecologist Dick Young, discovered a 1,000-year-old red cedar tree in 1950 near the lower Fox River. A state forester took a boring of the trunk and found it had more than 87 rings per inch of wood suggesting a possible age of 1,044 years. When Frese hosted an expedition in the area, a reporter tagged along and highlighted the ancient tree in her article, "The Historic Fox Valley: Can it be saved?"

For the tree the answer was no. Frese said: "A year after the article was published the landowner had the tree cut down. A thousand and 44 years to grow, a thousands seconds and it was gone."

That drawback didn't stop Frese in his mission to protect all the rivers' surrounding wildlife, flora and fauna, especially that of the lower Fox River in LaSalle and Kendall counties. His desire to protect the waterways for generations to come is inspired, in part, by the river pioneers and environmentalists that came before him.

"Stop and think: If we didn't have people years ago that had the foresight to set aside these lands as a forest-preserve system, we would have lost so much," Frese said.

Now after a lifetime of building and selling handcrafted, birchbark replica canoes, Frese is ready to retire. The Chicagoland Canoe Base is up for sale but Frese makes no mention of tossing in his paddle just yet. For Frese, canoeing down a river is always an unfinished journey.

"You sit on the water, quietly gliding by, and you see all the activity: the birds and the plant life and the changing. Every season, every year," Frese dreamily said. "It's such a b

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where he plays Dr. Fife on ABC's Private Practice.

Natural Gas performs weekly at The Gift Theatre. Proceeds from the event will benefit St. Pat's Thespi-an Society. Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased on-line at www.stpatrick.org or by calling the Box Office at (773) 286-8470. Visit www.thegifttheatre.org.

Grade school boys are encouraged to join the Shamrock Wrestling Club at Saint Patrick High School. Club practices are held two to three nights per week with Sunday tournaments beginning in December. The registration fee (\$100 per wrestler, \$80 for each additional family member) includes USA membership card, insurance, team sweats and a T-shirt. Contact club head coach Joe Moore at kjoem@comcast.net or (847) 508-1741. **LifeSource representatives**

Vicki Roge and Francisco Martinez presented Saint Patrick High School Principal Joe Schmidt and Blood Drive coordinator Rachel Kern with a check for \$3,250 for St. Pat's outstanding participation during the 2009-10 blood drives. As in past years, the contribution will be put toward St. Pat's Tuition Assistance program, which currently serves 40 percent of the student body. The 367 presenting donors (1,020 lives saved)

during last year's blood drives, combined with a community-wide push for donors under St. Pat's school code (J401), helped increase St. Pat's final donor level and increased their award. According to Kern, the school's 2010-11 drives are scheduled for Nov. 2 and March 10. Students must be 16 to donate. Students who are 16 must have a permission form signed by their parents. All students donating must have a valid state ID.

Kern also pointed out that any individual who donates blood through LifeSource can ask to have the credit for their donation applied to St. Pat's unit total. Donors need only register with St. Pat's LifeSource school code, J401. **ST. ROBERT BELLARMINE**

St. Robert Bellarmine families are invited to the annual Parents' Association Halloween Party from 7-9 p.m. Oct. 29 in Kernaghan Hall, 6036 W. Eastwood Ave. It will feature a haunted hall and fortune-teller. **Families can enjoy** great tasting food while raising money for St. Robert Bellarmine School. Dine in, pick up, or order for delivery at Phil's Pizza D'oro (5800 N. Milwaukee Ave.) tonight and Phil's will generously donate 10 percent of the bill to the school when diners mention the school upon ordering. More details can be found at <http://srb-chicago.org/Events.php>.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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The Center of Concern, 1580 N. Northwest Highway, Suite 310, Park Ridge, (847) 823-0453, calendar of events includes:
Saturday, Oct. 30 - Blood pressure and blood sugar testing, 10 a.m.-noon (no appointment needed).
Monday, Nov. 8 - Alzheimer's Caregivers support group, 10 a.m.
Tuesdays, Nov. 2 to 30 - Employment counseling, by appointment.
Tuesdays, Nov. 2 and 16 - Medicare counseling, by appointment.
Wednesdays, Nov. 3 and 17 - Grief and loss support group (call first).
Saturdays, Nov. 6 and 20 - Legal counseling, by appointment.
Saturday, Nov. 20 - Blood pressure and blood sugar testing, 10 a.m.-noon (no appointment needed).
Saturday, Nov. 20 and 21 - Holiday Boutique, St. Andrews Lutheran Church 260 N. Northwest Highway, Park Ridge; 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday and noon-5 p.m. Sunday.
The Center Of Concern sponsors an

"Autumn Leaves" brunch from 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Nov. 7 at the Hyatt Rosemont Hotel, Devon Avenue and River Road in Rosemont. There will be a breakfast buffet with cash bar and raffle. Musical Entertainment will be provided by Bill Froula, a soloist offering memories of Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, and Elvis. Cost is \$40. Register before Nov. 1. Call Dawn, (847) 823-0453, Ext. 123.

Bunko and Lunch Party to benefit the Center of Concern will be held from noon-3 p.m. Nov. 12 at the South Park Recreation Center, Talcott Road and Cumberland Avenue, Park Ridge. Tickets are \$15 and include bunko games and prizes, choice of a hot beef sandwich or mostaccioli with marinara, dessert, coffee and tea. Wine, beer and pop will be available for purchase. Call Nancy at (847) 318-1008 for reservations.

Center counselors also are available to help eligible residents apply for Illinois Circuit Breaker property-tax relief grants and license-plate discounts, Illinois Cares Rx (prescription drug assistance), the senior-citizen real-estate tax exemption and deferral, the senior-citizen tax-assessment freeze, and the longtime-occupant-homeowner property-tax exemption. **Preparation of simple wills** and durable powers of attorney for health care and property also is available by appointment. For services that require an appointment, call (847) 823-0453 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. weekdays. The Center of Concern also offers housing counseling for seniors and others

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

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

Classes

Rainbow Animal Assisted Therapy Inc., is now offering "Introduction to Animal Assisted Therapy," dog training classes at various locations, including 6042 W. Oakton St., in Morton

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Community

Century 21 McMullen, 6400 N. Northwest Highway, Chicago, is again collecting through Nov. 15 requested items for the soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan, in conjunction with www.osolil.org, an organization of volunteers aiding in shipping these items to Iraq in time for Christmas and the New Year. Items are crackers, Beef Jerky/Slim Jims, chap-stick, lotion for men, mouthwash, dental rinse, foot powder, nasal spray, anti-itch or antibiotic cremes, vitamins (100 count or less), body wash (20 ounces or less) hand lotion, baby wipes (100 count or less in flat or pocket packs). Write a personal letter to the soldier with donations. Office hours are 9 a.m.-8 p.m. weekdays; 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Call Dympra Fay-Hart, (773) 230-3800.

Advocate Lutheran General Hospital will host a Health Careers Night from 6-8 p.m. Nov. 3 in the hospital's Grainger Atrium at 1775 Dempster St., Park Ridge. Individuals of all ages considering health care careers are invited to attend this event to learn about health career choices, talk with various health care professionals and obtain information about educational requirements and salary ranges. There is no charge to attend and advance registration is not required. This is not a job fair, but a chance to

explore various career fields and ask questions of people who work in those careers. Resumes and job applications will not be accepted at this event. Parking is available in the Center for Advanced Care garage at the southwest corner of Dempster Street and Luther Lane and the main parking garage in front of the hospital. The parking fee in both garages is \$2 for the first hour plus \$1 for each additional hour. Free parking and shuttle service to the hospital is available in the surface lot north of Dempster Street. Call Jan Weller at (847) 723-8336. To explore employment opportunities visit www.advocatehealth.com.

Cinnabon is partnering with Operation Gratitude to send "Hugs from Home" holiday care packages for the troops. During October, participating Cinnabon bakeries will give a \$1 Cinnabuck coupon for every dollar donated to Operation Gratitude Cinnabon. Local stores are at the Harlem-Irving Mall, 4208 Harlem Ave., Norridge; and Golf Mill, 329 Golf Mill Center, Space #332, Niles.


Illinois residents who have fallen behind in their tax payments or who have been penalized for filing incorrectly can have their penalties and interest waived through an Illinois Tax Amnesty period until Nov. 8. The Illinois Tax Delinquency Amnesty Act provides an opportunity for taxpayers to pay certain outstanding tax liabilities and to have penalties and interest waived for taxes paid in full during the amnesty period. To partici-

pate, residents should make full payment of eligible tax liabilities by Nov. 8. Those who failed to file a tax return or incorrectly reported liability due on a previously filed return for taxes due between June 30, 2002 and July 1, 2009 are eligible. Individuals who only owe a penalty and interest, however, do not qualify for this program. Visit <http://tax.illinois.gov/Amnesty.htm>.

Crafts


The Ladies Philoptochos Society of the St. Haralambos Greek Orthodox Church, 7373 N. Caldwell Ave. in Niles, states "The Spirit of Christmas is Love" Bazaar and Holiday Bake Sale Nov. 19 and 20. Hours are 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Friday and 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday. The bazaar will feature Christmas treasures, crafts, gifts, floral arrangements, CDs, jewelry, raffle, a Coffee Shop, and homemade Greek pastries. A special visitor from the North Pole comes from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. (for a Christmas photo). The Bake Shop will feature Greek Pastries, such as Baklava, Diples, Katalifi, Galaktoboureko, Kourambietes and Melomakarouna. Lunch will be served both days from 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., and dinner will be served Friday only from 5:30-9 p.m. Call ahead to place a pastry order and it will be ready for pick up. There is no admission and plenty of free parking. Contact the church office, (847) 647-8880.

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Northwestern Women's Soccer Senior Night!



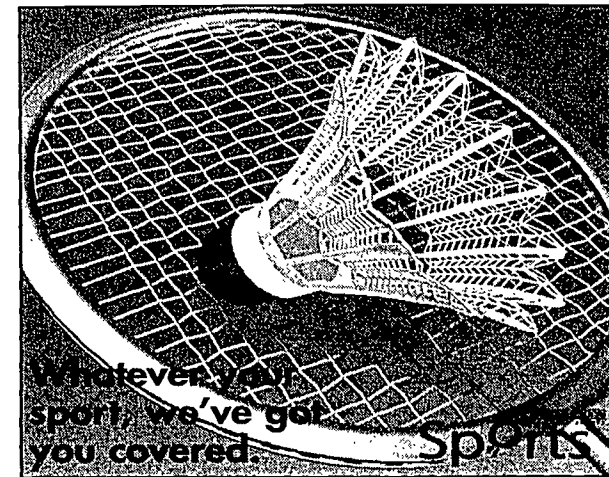
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BELMONT CRAGIN

2905 N Monitor Ave., Bettie J Nagamine to Arnold Garcia Adela Garcia, \$105,000, Sept. 22
2955 N Austin Ave., Oel Medico Trust to Blanca N Arteaga Jesus Barba, \$200,500, Sept. 22

DES PLAINES

1111 Holiday Lane Apt 18, Citibank Na to Bartlomiej Micek, \$26,500, Sept. 21
1151 Kylemore Court, Anthony L Circolone to Vipin C Mathew Bini C Mathew, \$485,000, Sept. 22
1385 Brown St., Brown Street Albany Llc to Robert G Lewandowski Teresa B Lewandowski, \$125,000, Sept. 27
1509 Webster Lane, Paula M Chouinard to William C Oebelase Theresa Oobelaere, \$283,500, Sept. 28
1547 Oakwood Ave., Raffaelli Trust to Phillip S Melzer Maureen Melzer, \$145,000, Sept. 22
1670 Mill St. Apt 208, United World Development Llc to Timothy J Burkwest Eileen M Burkwest, \$163,000, Sept. 21
1817 Linden St., Ameeta Viegas

to Rene Castellanos Martha M Castellanos, \$168,500, Sept. 27
1926 S Tures Lane, William Nicholas to Valeriu Gava, \$255,000, Sept. 28
2131 Ash St. Apt C, Suzanne E Fulcher to Sucharan K Bathula Therisa Bathula, \$110,000, Sept. 22
2260 Elmira Ave., National City Bank to Jolanta Kozlowska, \$179,000, Sept. 24
2849 Alden Lane, Christine Galuska to Andrzej Sroka Zofia Sroka, \$195,000, Sept. 21
410 S Western Ave. Unit 604, Stone Gate Of Des Plaines Llc to Andrey Maksimov, \$225,000, Sept. 23

9009 Golf Road Apt 9a, Federal Home Loan Mtg Corp to Maja Simic Oragan Simic, \$51,500, Sept. 27
9017 W Oaks Ave., Susana Gonzalez Sanchez to Babu Varghese Mariamma Varghese, \$191,000, Sept. 27
9443 Bay Colony Drive Apt 1n, Federal National Mortgage Assn to William David, \$65,000, Sept. 27
9581 Dee Road Apt 1a, Us Bank Na Trustee to Chintal S Mehta, \$68,000, Sept. 24

DUNNING

3216 N Narragansett Ave., Susana Wandemberg to Maria Y Munoz Ceballos, \$180,000, Sept. 23
3417 N Rutherford Ave., Federal Home Loan Mtg Corp to Nezir J Orabo, \$146,000, Sept. 21
3500 N Oleander Ave., Us Bank Na Trustee to Pradip Prasad, \$88,000, Sept. 22
3731 N Ottawa Ave., Jp Morgan Chase Bank to Albert Sienkiewicz Jolanta Szcwyczyk, \$76,500, Sept. 28
3738 N New England Ave., Federal National Mortgage Assn to John Cebulak Daniel Cebulak, \$180,000, Sept. 21
3812 N Oketo Ave., Tomasz Wierzchucki to Andrew A Konomi,

\$305,000, Sept. 24
6310 W Waveland Ave., Nohemi Oamian to Andre Stephens, \$225,000, Sept. 23
7441 W Irving Park Road Apt 3w, Brian Armea to Florian G Kalman, \$184,500, Sept. 22
7811 W Addison St., Ludovico Marsico to Fulgencio Mendoza Faustina Martinez, \$265,000, Sept. 21
8159 W Irving Park Road, Eileen M Galuskas to Michael M Mucci, \$245,000, Sept. 28

EDISON PARK

7320 W Greenleaf Ave., Eugene M Waller Estate to Bart Czarchor Donald T Meersman, \$216,000, Sept. 23
7324 W Greenleaf Ave., Katherine Aug.in to David Jendras Hilary Gabel, \$296,000, Sept. 24

GLENVIEW

131 Montgomery Lane, Linda Fazio to Wladyslaw Lis Wieslawa Lis, \$166,000, Sept. 27
1557 Independence Ave., Robin Roquette to Arif Merchant Waheeda M Hirani, \$830,000, Sept. 28
1721 Grove St., Astoria Federal S&I Assn to Vladimir Z Krenzal Alexandra Krenzal, \$230,000, Sept. 27
1899 Admiral Court, Chicago Title Land Trt Co Ttee to Susan L Berkoff, \$590,000, Sept. 21
2020 Spruce Drive, Grieve Trust to Thomas Thein Jennifer E Thein, \$666,000, Sept. 23
2150 Commons Drive Unit 312, Toll II Iv Lp to Shahram Tousei Kelly A Tousei, \$310,000, Sept. 23
2750 Commons Drive Unit 203, Toll II Iv Lp to Herbert Jorge Esther Jorge, \$354,500, Sept. 21
339 Taft Court, Danut Balint to Eli Akira, \$850,000, Sept. 21
3725 Countryside Lane, Glenn J Thomas to Nelson Macwan, \$850,000, Sept. 21
4646 Locust Ave., Richard H Bezdek to Phillip E Kujawinski Sheri L Kujawinski, \$245,000, Sept. 27
4711 Locust Ave., Wells Fargo Bank Trustee to Kazimierz Janusz Leja, \$139,500, Sept. 21
840 Windsor Road, Sara Kearney to John S Ramsey Christine M Ramsey, \$600,000, Sept. 23

HARWOOD HEIGHTS
4318 N Newcastle Ave., Deutsche Bank Natl Trt Co Ttee to Catherine Bermudez, \$250,000, Sept. 24
4372 N Oak Park Ave., Chicago Title Land Trt Co Ttee to Ohimitri Agolli Pavlio Agolli, \$200,000, Sept. 23
4811 N Olcott Ave. Unit 501, Parkway Bank & Trust Co Ttee to

Janice Guysayko Gemma Pelagio, \$278,000, Sept. 24
MONTCLARE
2905 N Nordica Ave., Lucas Trust to Miguel Rangel, \$178,000, Sept. 21

MORTON GROVE

5736 Reba St., Murry A Bass to Kashif Kaleem Haifa Kaleem, \$261,500, Sept. 21
8300 Callie Ave. Unit 407, Deutsche Bank Natl Trt Co Ttee to Hye Chu Choi Chang Soo Choi, \$232,000, Sept. 21
8630 Ferris Ave. Unit 204, Johnson Trust to Saleem Barhoumeih Janet Shaoul, \$114,500, Sept. 21

MOUNT PROSPECT

1042 N Wheeling Road, Maria Witkowski to Babak Esteghamat Sepideh Esteghamat, \$103,000, Sept. 23
1106 S Robert Drive, Marian Cieslik to Boguslawa Ounikowska, \$185,000, Sept. 22
1187 S Linneman Road Unit 1187, Jean Westcot Bradley to Alexander Tucker, \$160,000, Sept. 21
1405 Apricot Court Apt D, Karin E Ophus to Ewa Miller, \$199,000, Sept. 28
2 Hatten Ave., Irene Corcoran to Luis Medina Estela G Medina, \$195,000, Sept. 27
412 W Walnut St., Michael A Giannelli to Patrick B Parmenter Jennifer L Parmenter, \$195,000, Sept. 24
500 W Huntington Commons Road Apt 355, Federal National Mortgage Assn to Stefan Maslowski Anna Maslowski, \$117,000, Sept. 21
500 Huntington Apt 453, Halina Niewolik to Andrzej Niewolik, \$130,000, Sept. 23
720 W Dempster St. Unit 108, Tadeusz Oybowicz to Mukund Patel Nita Patel, \$85,000, Sept. 27
808 S Elmhurst Road, Bank Of America Na Trustee to Steven B Zanoni, \$183,500, Sept. 23
904 N Boxwood Drive Unit A, Federal National Mortgage Assn to Sarhadood Shakro, \$80,000, Sept. 23

O'HARE

8423 W Gregory St. Unit 102, Oragan Novakovic to Pankaj Gupta Poonam Gupta, \$95,000, Sept. 23
8503 W Catherine Ave. Apt 104 4, Federal Home Loan Mtg Corp to Ami Thaker Amit Thaker, \$47,500, Sept. 27
8718 W Catherine Ave. Apt A, Rocco A Savaiano to Elvis Turcinovic Snjezana Turcinovic, \$215,000, Sept. 23

PARK RIDGE

1135 Tyrell Ave., Grzegorz Stys to Brad Oietrich Daniel J Oietrich, \$220,000, Sept. 28
181 W Kathleen Drive, Bank Of America Na to John P Sullivan Heather M Sullivan, \$552,000, Sept. 21
1816 S Ashland Ave., Terence Lewensky to Hector Espitia Rebecca Espitia, \$367,500, Sept. 24
1892 De Cook Ave., Wells Fargo Bank to Sorin Lazar Alison J Lazar, \$265,000, Sept. 23
307 S Redfield Court, Janusz A Kusz Estate to Katarzyna Kusz, \$500,000, Sept. 21
701 W Oakton, Firstmerit Bank Na Trustee to Tatiana Potekhina, \$385,000, Sept. 23
918 Harrison St., John T McCauley to Todd P Trueman Elizabeth Trueman, \$392,000, Sept. 23
999 S Rose Ave., Mikos Trust to Claudio A Boyks, \$562,500, Sept. 28

NORRIDGE

7450 N Waukegan Road Apt 304, Tuleo Trust to Zeljko Sladin Ana Sladin, \$175,000, Sept. 21
9074 W Terrace Drive Apt 6n, Federal Home Loan Mtg Corp to Natalia Z Stefanowicz, \$65,000, Sept. 22

I Roman, \$153,000, Sept. 27
7307 W Montrose Ave., Owb Reo Llc to Sławomir Sokolski Kamila Szmidt Sokolski, \$156,000, Sept. 21

NORWOOD PARK

4816 N Nashville Ave., James J Jiran to Carol Apuzzo, \$173,000, Sept. 28
4917 N Normandy Ave., Bortnowski Trust to Zdzislaw Kazberuk Krystyna Kazberuk, \$217,500, Sept. 28
5847 N Mulligan Ave., Marra Trust to John M Marcatante, \$190,000, Sept. 21
6538 N Oak Park Ave., Marzano Trust to Thomas Sheehy Moira Sheehy, \$318,500, Sept. 23
6816 W Higgins Ave., Oavid R Nowak to Carmen Oefatima Arce Roberto Marcello Oominguez, \$232,000, Sept. 28
6939 W Imlay St., Federal Home Loan Mtg Corp to Robert J Schreiman, \$170,000, Sept. 27
7222 W Balmoral Ave., Parkway Bank & Trust Co Ttee to Benjamin J Huh, \$140,000, Sept. 28
7742 W Peterson Ave., Kathleen Scott to James Sang Kurth, \$297,000, Sept. 22

ORLAND PARK

8423 W Gregory St. Unit 102, Oragan Novakovic to Pankaj Gupta Poonam Gupta, \$95,000, Sept. 23
8503 W Catherine Ave. Apt 104 4, Federal Home Loan Mtg Corp to Ami Thaker Amit Thaker, \$47,500, Sept. 27
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4332 N Ottawa Ave., Carla Losik to Jaimie Roman Katarzyna



HOT PROPERTIES BY ROB PISKAC

Crisp Colonial

Brick two-story has modern polish

8648 W. Sunset Road, Niles — \$539,000

Built in 1989, this two-story brick Colonial features an updated kitchen with modern appliances, a decorative ceiling with recessed lighting, ceramic tile flooring and a wrap-around breakfast bar. Two wide arches separate the kitchen and dining room from the family room, which offers a fireplace and a picture window.

A chandelier and oak trim finish the dining room; carpeting and another picture window add finishing touches to the living room. A rear patio offers a built-in gas grill and views of a small backyard pond. The property also has a finished basement and a two-car garage.

Listing agent: Tom Pomagier, Coldwell Banker, (847) 682-0295, tom.pomagier@cbexchange.com



This Niles home offers a finished basement and a two-car garage.

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DATA POINT

MORTON GROVE REAL ESTATE BY THE NUMBERS

\$349,000

The median home sale price on the North Shore, about 40 percent more than the \$250,000 median price in Morton Grove.

IT professional sells in Niles

By David Lister

An information technology worker has sold his condo in south Niles.

Zaya Davood sold the two-bedroom, two-bath condo at 6815 Milwaukee Ave. for \$217,000 on Oct. 1 to Duck Young Song. The 1,336-square-foot condo, Unit 206 in the Eagle Point development, was constructed in 2004.

Davood has worked in IT operations for Takeda Pharmaceuticals, an international firm whose American division is based in Deerfield.

Davood holds a bachelor's degree in information technology and business management from DePaul University.

MARKET WATCH AS OF MONDAY

City	For sale	Median price	Foreclosure rate	# of sales	# of foreclosures
Chicago: Edison Park	2.30%	\$271,000	8.27%	133	11
Chicago: Forest Glen	2.81%	\$347,000	12.5%	16	2
Chicago: Norwood Park	2.68%	\$276,000	14.22%	232	33
Des Plaines	3.50%	\$172,000	28.12%	946	266
Evanston	3.64%	\$285,000	14.04%	819	115
Glenview	3.43%	\$383,000	13.43%	648	87
Lincolnwood	3.42%	\$287,500	17.9%	162	29
Morton Grove	2.71%	\$250,000	18.73%	283	53
Niles	2.69%	\$222,250	22.35%	340	76
Park Ridge	2.95%	\$340,000	11.25%	471	53
Skokie	2.83%	\$249,750	24.82%	705	175
Wilmette	2.80%	\$605,000	4.49%	379	17

Source: Chicago.BlockShopper.com. Data tracks last 12 months of sales.



The kitchen features modern appliances, recessed lighting, tile flooring and a breakfast bar.

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Trustees to run as slate

Village of Niles Trustees Joe LoVerde, Al Weel, Jim Hynes and Chris Hanusiak announced today that they have formed the United For Better Government Party for the municipal election that will be held April 5, according to a news release.

All of the candidates are now Niles trustees; LoVerde was elected in 2007, while Weel, Hynes and Hanusiak were appointed village trustees by Mayor Callero to fill vacancies.

LoVerde, Weel and Hanusiak will run as candidates

for the four-year trustee positions, and Jim Hynes will run as a candidate for the two-year trustee position.

The candidates decided to run together for the election because "although we occasionally vote on opposite sides of matters that come before the Village Board, we all have tremendous respect for each other's opinions and all share common goals as to how to make Niles a better place for our families and a welcoming environment for business," LoVerde said in the release.

The candidates will focus on continuing their work on ethics reform, stormwater controls, controlling taxes, reducing the overall cost of government and reducing the funding deficit in our pension plans among other issues. Running together as a slate, "the candidates are able to combine their individual skills and experience to achieve their common goal of a better, more efficient Village of Niles for all of our village residents and businesses," the release stated.

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.

DRUG POSSESSION

Em Bunthong, 25, of the 5800 block of North Elston Avenue, Chicago, was charged with possession of cocaine with intent to deliver and possession of marijuana on Saturday. Police said nine individually wrapped bags of suspected cocaine were discovered inside Bunthong's vehicle after Cook County Sheriff's Po-

lice stopped him for a traffic violation on the 6800 block of Milwaukee Avenue in Niles. Police also reportedly located a small amount of suspected marijuana inside the vehicle.

AGGRAVATED ASSAULT

Lawrence Williams, 26, of the 9900 block of Linda Lane, unincorporated Maine Township, was charged with domestic aggravated assault Oct. 17. According to police a woman accused Williams of entering her bedroom with a kitchen knife and screaming at her during a dispute, causing her to fear for her life. Williams was subsequently taken into custody, police said.

BUSINESS BRIEF

business. "We believe Halloween means body parts, slime and insects, things that groan and creep."

Recommendations, the release stated, include: a few dozen greasy, glow-in-the-dark, life-size maggots scattered around the furniture; lovely fountains of blood for the buffet — right next to the human brain gelatin (or chopped liver!) mold; cocktails in laboratory vessels — with a floating eyeball garnish; a welcoming skeleton in the guest closet; and severed hands, feet and hearts growing in the tub.

"And at the end of the night, a nice gooey miniature brain in guests' coat pockets will help bring the party

BURGLARY TO VEHICLE

A theft from a vehicle was reported at 4:44 a.m. Oct. 14 on the 9000 block of Embassy Lane.

FIRE

A fire was reported Oct. 17 in a flower pot on a balcony at Bay Colony condominiums on the 9300 block of Bay Colony Drive.

HIT-AND-RUN

Hit-and-run accidents were reported at 7:56 a.m. Oct. 14 at Dempster Street and Robin Drive; at 11:58 a.m. Oct. 15 at Kennedy Drive and Ballard Road; and at 2:09 a.m. Oct. 17 on the 10000 block of Linda Lane.

back to life for them on the way home," the release stated.

If you're handy, you should know that American Science & Surplus has been providing the motors for raising coffin lids and animating the living dead for generations. (The living dead, by the way, often wear our white paper coveralls, with a little blood splatter.) And remember, for AS&S Halloween customers, the only light is black light, the release stated.

"The best part? If it's disgusting, strange, vaguely moist, or apt to cause a little nausea, it's on sale right now," the release stated.

For more information go to www.sciplus.com.

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.

ASSAULT

On Oct. 17, a 21-year-old man allegedly threatened to rob a Touhy Avenue motel after becoming angry that the clerk would not refund his money, police said. The man fled before the arrival of police.

BATTERY

A 23-year-old woman told police that her "God-cousin" and two "play-cousins" proceeded to "jump on her" on the night of Oct. 15 near Lyons Street and Courtland Avenue. The woman later told police she did not think she would pursue charges against the individuals.

BURGLARY

Two residential burgla-

ries were reported the night of Oct. 21 on the 7300 block of North Neva Avenue. One residence was entered through a bedroom window and the other was entered through a basement door. No additional information was provided.

BURGLARY TO VEHICLE

A purse containing credit cards and \$100 was stolen overnight between Oct. 14 and Oct. 15 from a vehicle parked on the 8900 block of Maryland Street.

A GPS device was stolen overnight between Oct. 14 and Oct. 15 from a vehicle parked in a driveway on the 6900 block of Birchwood Avenue.

A \$500 GPS device was stolen Oct. 20 from a vehicle parked in front of a restaurant on the 8600 block of Golf Road.

PROPERTY DAMAGE

Between 4:30 a.m. and 7:20 a.m. Oct. 17 a rock was

thrown through a bedroom window on the 9000 block of Grace Avenue.

On Oct. 20 a rock was thrown through the picture window of a home on the 8900 block of Heathwood Circle. The rock was found inside the residence.

RETAIL THEFT

Monica Huminiecki, 30, of 8024 N. Odell Ave., Niles, and Monica Rubio, 33, of 8126 N. Oketo Ave., Niles, were each charged with retail theft Oct. 18. According to police a security agent at Kohl's at Golf Mill witnessed both women exiting the store Oct. 15 with \$460 worth of unpaid merchandise. The women reportedly dropped the merchandise and fled after they were confronted by the security agent, but Huminiecki left her purse at the scene and Rubio's vehicle, which was identified in the parking lot, was towed, police said. Both women reportedly turned

themselves in to police Oct. 18. Bond for each was set at \$1,500. They have a Wednesday court date.

OVERSERVING ALCOHOL

Mun Han, 23, of 9033 Capital Drive, unincorporated Maine Township, was issued a local ordinance citation for overserving a patron Oct. 18 after an allegedly intoxicated 30-year-old man slipped and fell, cutting his wrist, inside Joon Chang Dong karaoke bar, 9078 W. Golf Road. Police said Han was managing the establishment at the time and could not say how many beers the man had consumed between 11 p.m. and 1:23 a.m. The man who fell, identified as Ronny Cruces, of West New York, N.J., was issued local ordinance citations for public intoxication and cost of emergency services.

DUI

Iosif Stancs, 22, of 8209 N. Milwaukee Ave., Niles, was charged with driving

under the influence, driving with a suspended license and speeding Oct. 16. He was taken into custody on the 9400 block of Milwaukee Avenue at 4:30 a.m. Bond was set at \$3,000. He has a Nov. 5 court date.

Virginia Kontopoulos, 50, of 915 Laramie, Glenview, was charged with driving under the influence, failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident and operating an uninsured vehicle Oct. 16. Kontopoulos was taken into custody following a two-vehicle crash at 11:46 p.m. at Harlem and Cleveland avenues. Bond was set at \$1,000. She has a Nov. 29 court date.

Robert Park, 56, of 9432 Sumac Road, unincorporated Maine Township, was charged with driving under the influence and improper lane usage Oct. 19. He was taken into custody at 1:30 a.m. on the 8300 block of Milwaukee Ave. Bond was set at \$1,500. He has a

Nov. 5 court date.

Yang Kim, 38, of 8118 Central Ave., Morton Grove, was charged with driving under the influence, damage to village property and speeding on Oct. 21. Police took Kim into custody on the 8500 block of Golf Road after she reportedly clocked traveling at 61 mph in a 35 mph speed zone. While in custody Kim allegedly scratched the side of a police squad car while attempting to pull her arms away as an officer handcuffed her, police said. Bond was set at \$1,000. She has a Nov. 29 court date.

FIRE

A smoldering cigarette is believed to have caused an Oct. 20 porch fire at a residence on the 8100 block of Elizabeth Avenue. The residents were not home at the time of the fire, which was extinguished by the Niles Fire Department.

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WE SAY

Our endorsements

Voters will be choosing their Congressional and state representatives for the next two years. In addition, citizens will be electing Illinois' next U.S. senator and governor, among other races. These are the folks who will be tackling the myriad economic problems faced by the state and the federal government.

Someone will be elected, so voters should make sure they have a say in whom they want to represent their interests.

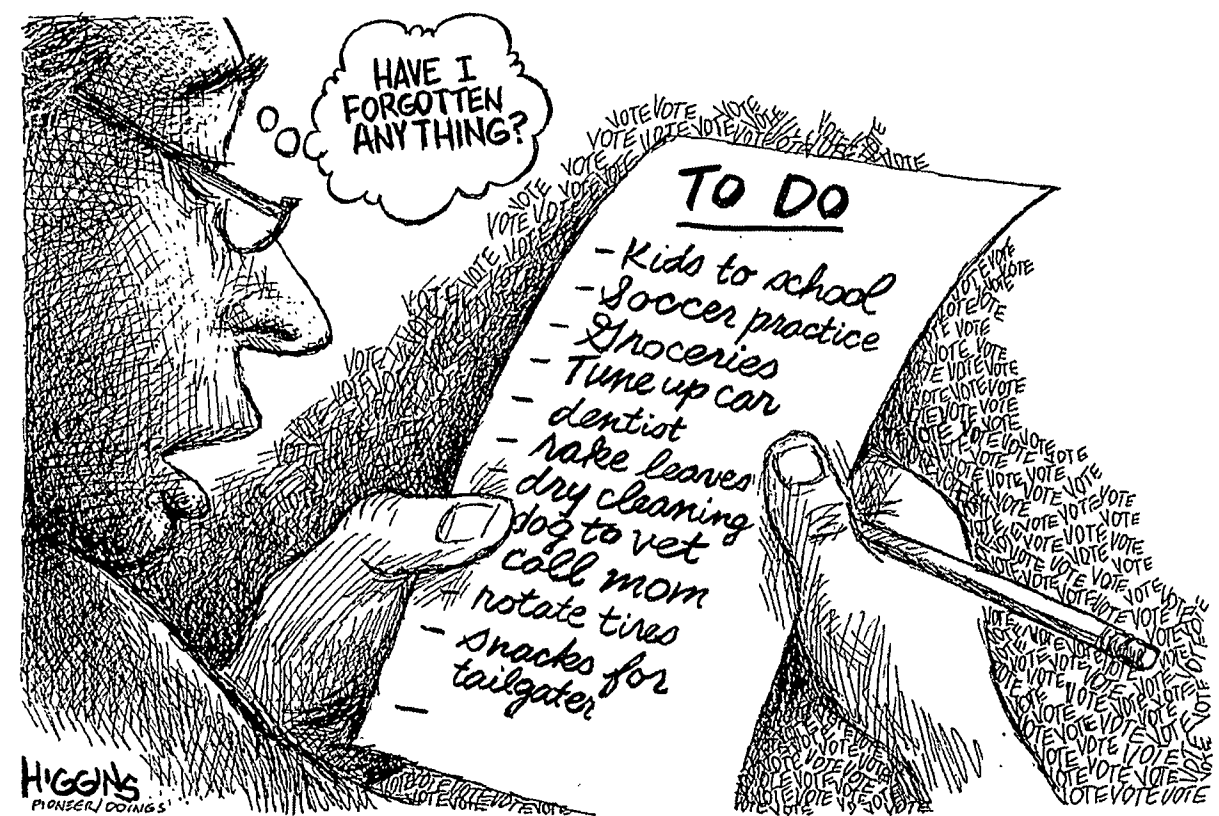
In addition many community governments are seeking voter approval for referendums.

If you need a refresher on the candidates and their position on issues, visit www.pioneerlocal.com/elections.

Following are our endorsements for Tuesday's election.

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YOU SAY

Schakowsky for 9th

We have an important election coming up which includes a Congressional election for our 9th District.

We are fortunate to have an incumbent with six terms of experience with a very enviable record of achievements vying for a seventh term in Congresswoman Jan Schakowsky, a skilled administrator, dedicated, focused in her mission and abreast of the needs in the mainstream of our district. Jan is a member of several important committees in Congress currently, which is a definite advantage. These include being Chief Whip of the Steering Committee, member of the President's Debit Committee, officially

known as the National Commission on Fiscal Responsibility and Reform, a member of the House Select Committee and chair of the panel's Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations. Jan frequently appears at publicized locations within our district regularly to meet with constituents or has a dedicated office staff to assist residents who may be experiencing difficulties. We can personally attest to the value of this service.

Her opponent is a recent law school graduate, a writer who has never served or had administrative responsibilities in elective office. Congress cannot serve as a classroom in school to teach a political novice the broad, vital responsibilities at this time in our history.

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CHERYL O'DONOVAN

VAN MOM STRIKES AGAIN

"Please, God. Make it stop." My husband pulls a pillow over his head.

I turn the channel from the negative campaign ad, where they've tinted the opponent's face an Exorcist green and claim she clubs baby seals. But to me, that photo looks suspicious.

For one thing, her head's superimposed on Larry the Cable Guy's body, and that

so-called club looks like it belongs to Fred Flintstone.

We voters should pass a law that prohibits mud-slinging.

No Demonizing of Political Enemies Settlement, or "NO DOPES" for short.

One vital clause of NO DOPES - a Pinocchio caveat. The instant a candidate lies, his or her nose grows. So they'd have to be forthright about their double lives or dirty laundry, such as: "I'm Harlan Goberman, and I approved this message, but my four sister wives and 18 children did not."

We need a truth translator who can tell voters the real story. Such as when someone from Congress says, 'my esteemed colleague,' they really mean:

(a) Bubonic-carrying scum

(b) Invertebrate

(c) My "steamed" colleague, (because of negative ads)

When a candidate blusters his opponent is sadly misinformed, he really means that the guy:

(a) Never met a Ponzi scheme he didn't like

(b) Sends enraged Tea Partiers to a Tupperware party instead

(c) Ticks off "The View" hosts and stomps off before they can

I fear today's polarization is turning us into a poisoned nation. I can't speak for everyone, but I have both Democrat and Republican friends.

Before President Kennedy was assassinated

in November 1963, he and conservative opponent Barry Goldwater planned on several public debates for the 1964 election.

The men were friendly adversaries, respected each other. They agreed to ride the same plane, because they were both headed to the same destination. They might have disagreed, but they liked each other.

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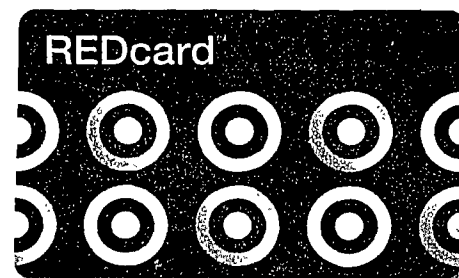
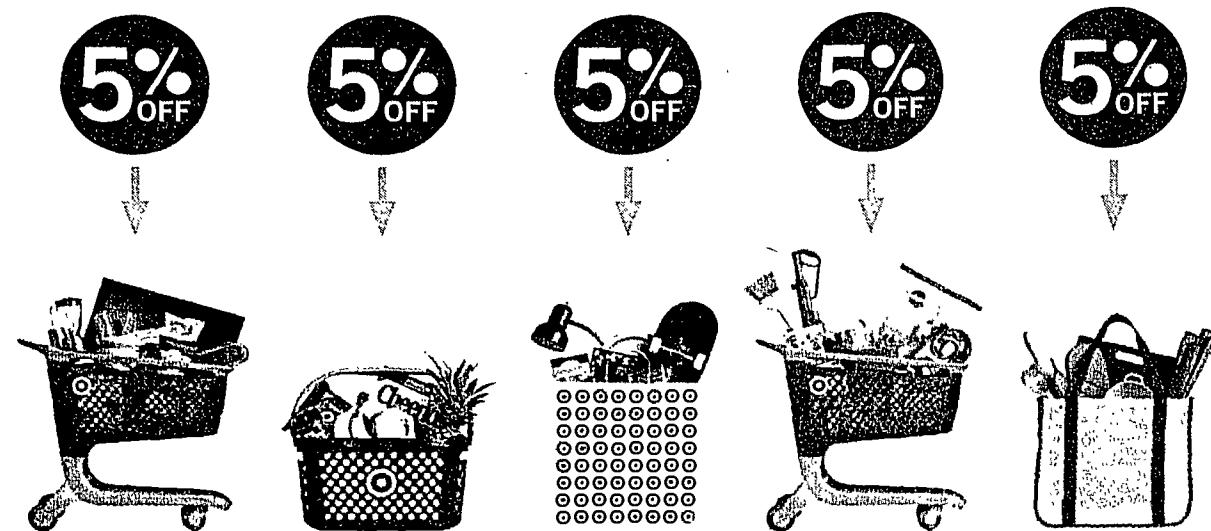
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THURSDAY,
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ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT diversions

4 For Your Consideration

A quartet of activities for the coming week

1. "Animal House" will be screened at 10:30 p.m. Oct. 30 at the Skokie Theatre, 7924 Lincoln Ave., Skokie. \$20, with proceeds to benefit the Skokie Theatre. Call (847) 677-7761 or visit www.skokieitheatre.com.

2. Jazz funk musician Mike Manson performs music from his latest CD, "Up Front," at 8:30 p.m. Oct. 28 at Mayne Stage, 1328 W. Morse Ave. in Rogers Park, Chicago. \$20. Call (773) 381-4554 or visit www.maynestage.com.

3. Skokie Valley Symphony Orchestra performs at 3 p.m. Oct. 31 at the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie. The concert features Sibelius's Violin Concerto performed by Zachary Spontak, winner of the Skokie Valley Symphony Orchestra's 30th Young Artist Competition, and Rachmaninoff's Symphony No. 2 and Sibelius's "Finlandia." \$23-\$37; \$10 for children. Call (847) 678-6300 or visit www.svso.org.

4. "A Flea in Her Ear" will be presented by the Performing Arts at Oakton Oct. 28-Nov. 7 at Oakton Community College, 1600 E. Golf Road, Des Plaines. Performances are at 7:30 p.m. Thursdays; 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays; and 2 p.m. Sundays. \$12; \$10 for students and seniors. Call (847) 635-1900 or visit www.oakton.edu/tickets.

Martians invading Skokie Theatre

"The War of the Worlds" radio play 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 31, at the Skokie Theatre, 7924 N. Lincoln Ave., Skokie. \$30 in advance, \$35 at the door. Proceeds will benefit the Skokie Theatre. (847) 677-7761; www.skokieitheatre.com.

By **LILLI KUZMA**
Contributor

A few years before the United States entered World War II, many Americans were convinced that another world war had begun — with Mars. In 1938, a Mercury Theatre on the Air episode with Orson Welles created considerable panic among its listeners, when it presented an adaptation of H.G. Wells' "The War of the Worlds" that included a series of fake news bulletins describing a Martian invasion.

Three Cat Productions will present a new version of the Howard Koch-penned radio play with a special staging of "The War of the Worlds" at the Skokie Theatre Oct. 31, starring columnist and radio host Rick Kogan, and Chicago cabaret artist and equity actor Rob Dorn.

A few tweaks

"What we're not trying to do is make it a vintage thing, no fancy old microphones or period clothes. It's in today's time," said Jason Paul Smith, the play's director and creative director for the Skokie Theatre. "The script has no specific date references. We are tweaking some things, adding a few lines, bringing in a couple more characters, and approaching this from a family-friendly perspective. The show is appropriate for all but really young children."

Smith continued:

"Younger people only know the Tom Cruise movie of 'War of the Worlds.' (The radio play) is a foreign concept with younger people, and things that are funny today are very different from before. And, unlike the people who first heard the broadcast, we all know what it is, we're all in on the joke."

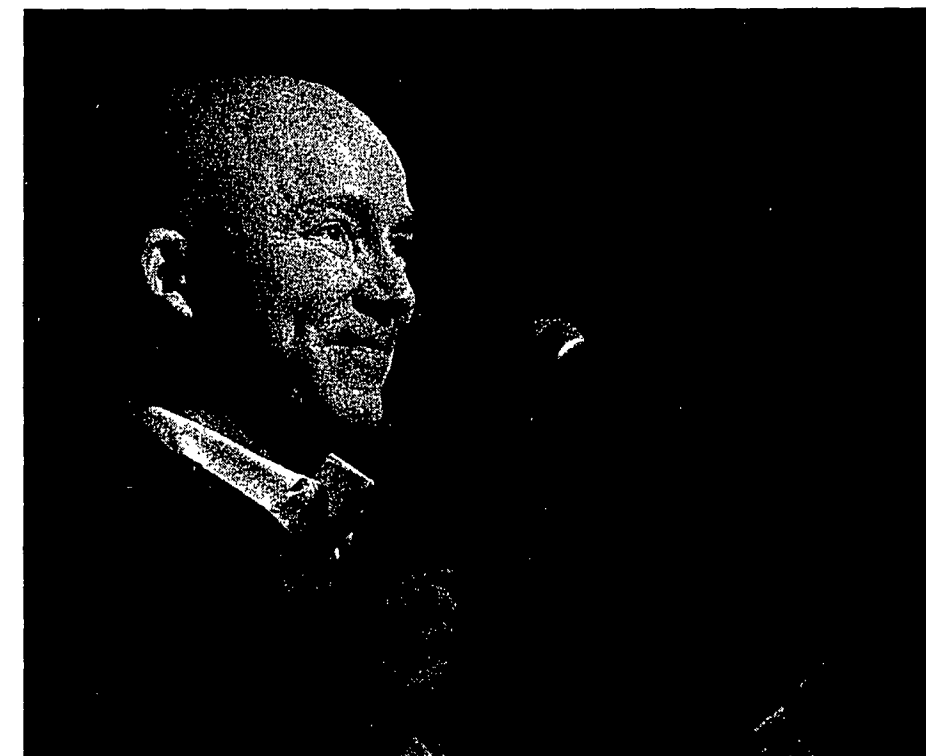
Kogan will play the part of the narrator, the role that Orson Welles had in the original broadcast. Dorn will perform multiple roles, as all the different people interviewed in the course of the play. Annalee Johnson will be in charge of technical aspects, such as sound effects and recorded music.

Many personalities

"Rob is incredibly talented," said Smith. "He can do any voice in any character. He's an equity actor, and got a waiver to perform this event as it is a benefit for the Skokie Theatre. It will be a fun visual afternoon, and humorous watching it, seeing Rob handle all the different roles, seeing it with fresh eyes."

The idea to stage "The War of the Worlds" came from Al Curtis, of Morton Grove, the Skokie Theatre Foundation's associate executive director who runs day-to-day operations. "It's a classic," Curtis said. "I think it's Orson Welles' best work, better than 'Citizen Kane.' It was originally done on October 30, so we wanted it as close to that date as possible. This event is part of our fundraising to save the theatre."

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Cabaret artist and actor Rob Dorn will take on multiple roles in the radio play of "The War of the Worlds" at Skokie Theatre Oct. 31. The performance is a benefit for the theatre.



Author, columnist and radio host Rick Kogan will narrate "The War of the Worlds" radio play, the role Orson Welles had in the 1938 Mercury Theatre on the Air broadcast.

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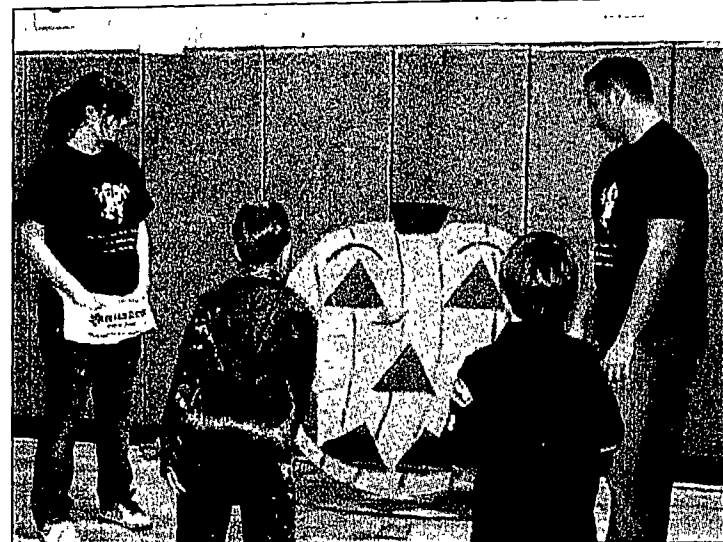
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Kids, who can come in costume, will play games and enjoy treats at Morton Grove's Halloween Family Festival.

FAMILY FRIENDLY

Games, haunted room at Halloween Family Festival

By MYRNA PETLICKI
Contributor

You never know what a child age 3-12 will find in piles of hay at the Morton Grove Park District's Annual Halloween Family Festival, Saturday, Oct. 30 at Prairie View Community Center, 6834 Dempster St. Families must register for either the 4-5:30 p.m. or 6:45-8:15 p.m. timeslots. Kids should come in costume to this free event.

"We have carnival-like games in the gym where kids can win tickets which they redeem at our prize table," said recreation supervisor Jen Tiltges. "We also have a haunted room which we completely do in-house. We have volunteers who make it a nice spooky event. This year our haunted house theme is A Wicked Party, so they'll be attending a party there thrown by witches."

Morton Grove Public Library staff members will read spooky stories. Weather permitting, kids will be looking in that pile of hay for toys. Hot apple cider will be served outdoors.

There will also be a balloon artist and a family photo opportunity. "We have a fall scene and fami-

lies can take a picture to remember the event," Tiltges said. For details, call (847) 965-1200 or visit www.mortongrovetheatre.org.

Court summons

Kids in costume, age 12 and under, will get a goodie bag filled with treats and toys at the Village of Lincolnwood's free Community Halloween Party, 4-5:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 31, near the tennis courts at Proesel Park, 7001 N. Kostner Ave. There will also be games, storytelling, hayrides and other activities.

For details, call (847) 677-9740 or visit www.lincolnwoodil.org.

M-I-C-K-E-Y

Mickey, Minnie and some of their friends will perform magic from Disney films at "Disney Live! Mickey's Magic Show," Oct. 29-31 at Rosemont Theatre, 5400 N. River Road, Rosemont. Performances are 6:30 p.m. Friday, 11 a.m., 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. Saturday, and noon Sunday. Tickets are \$15.60-\$76.55.

For details, call (847) 671-5100 or visit www.rosemonttheatre.com.

Change of venue

Skokie's Exploritorium will become the Ex-Scare-Itorium, 10 a.m.-noon Saturday, Oct. 30. The children's activity center at 4701 Oakton St. will have a Halloween costume parade, treats, art projects and other activities. Kids can also enjoy the facility's music walls, costume dress-up area, climbing wall and other play places. Cost is \$10 per child and \$4 per adult for residents, \$12 and \$6 for nonresidents.

For details, call (847) 674-1500, Ext. 2700 or visit www.skokieparkdistrict.org.

Historical holiday happening

Halloween Fun is the theme of the Sunday Craft Series event, noon-1:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 31 at the Skokie Heritage Museum, 8081 Floral Ave. Children ages 5 and older, accompanied by an adult, will make a simple historic craft project and learn about historical Halloween traditions. Cost is \$2 for residents, \$3 for nonresidents. Registration is required.

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STAGE

"Cats," presented Nov. 18-Jan. 2, 2011, by Theo Ubique Cabaret Theatre at No Exit Café, 6970 N. Glenwood, Chicago (Rogers Park). Curtain at 7:30 p.m. Thursdays; 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays; and 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sundays. No shows Nov. 25 and Dec. 24-25. Additional performances at 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Nov. 24 and Dec. 22. Tickets: \$30-\$35. Optional dinner package, \$50-\$55. New Year's Eve package, \$100. Visit www.theubique.org or call (800) 595-4849.

"A Civil War Christmas: An American Musical Celebration," Nov. 11-Dec. 19 at Northlight Theatre, located at the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie. Performances are Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. (Nov. 23, 30 and Dec. 7 only); Wednesdays at 1 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. (except Dec. 1); Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. (except Nov. 25); Fridays at 8 p.m.; Saturdays at 2:30 p.m. (except Nov. 13) and 8 p.m.; and Sundays at 2:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. (except Nov. 21, when the show starts at 6 p.m., and Dec. 5 and 12). Tickets: \$45-\$55; \$35-\$50 for previews, Nov. 11-19. Call (847) 673-6300 or visit www.northlight.org.

"Defamation," by Evanston resident Todd Logan, runs Oct. 29-Nov. 7 in three locations, with receptions following each performance. Race, class and religion collide when a South side Chicago African-American businesswoman sues a Jewish North shore real estate developer. At the production's end, the audience becomes the jury. The show is for ages 14 and up. Performances are at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 29 and 31 at Sherman United Methodist Church, 2214 Ridge Ave., Evanston; 7:30 p.m. Oct. 30 and Nov. 5 at UnLarian Church of Evanston, 1330 Ridge Ave., Evanston; and 7:30 p.m. Nov. 6 and 3 p.m. Nov. 7 at Beth Emet, The Free Synagogue, 1224 Oempster St., Evanston. \$20. For tickets, call (800) 838-3006 or visit www.brownpaperickets.com. For further information, visit www.defamationtheplay.com.

"Entertaining Guests," a one-woman play presented by Spider Saloff, 3 p.m. Nov. 7 at the Wilmette Theatre, 1122 Central Ave., Wilmette. General admission \$25; \$20 for seniors Call (847) 251-7424 or visit www.wilmettetheatre.com.

"A Flea in Her Ear" will be presented by the Performing Arts at Oakton Oct. 28-Nov. 7 at Oakton Community College, 1600 E. Golf Road, Des Plaines. Convinced that her husband is having an affair, Madame Chantebise sets up a trap at a hotel of questionable repute. Mayhem ensues when the invitation is misinterpreted and her husband instead sends an amorous friend. Performances are at 7:30 p.m. Thursdays; 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays; and 2 p.m. Sundays. Tickets: \$12; \$10 for students and seniors; \$5 for the preview, Oct. 28. Call (847) 635-1900 or visit www.oakton.edu/tickets.

"Haff, the Man & Falling Girl," presented through Nov. 21 at Theatre Zarko, located on the second floor of the Noyes Cultural Arts Center, Studio 213, 927 Noyes St., Evanston. Curtain at 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays; 3 p.m. Sundays. Tickets: \$15-\$20. Visit www.theatrezarko.org.

"Hairspray" will be presented by The

Rising Stars Theatre Co. Nov. 6-21 at The Stahl Family Theatre, 5900 W. Belmont, Chicago. Performances are at 7:30 p.m. Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays. General admission is \$16, with discounts for seniors 60 and up, children 12 and under, and groups. For tickets or information visit www.risingstarschicago.com or call (773) 736-2490.

"I Do! I Do!" through Nov. 14 on the Light Opera Works Second Stage, 1420 Maple Ave., Evanston. Performances at 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays; 3 p.m. Sundays. Tickets: \$27, \$34, \$42; half-price for ages 21 and younger. Call (847) 869-6300 or visit www.LightOperaWorks.com.

"The Lady's Not for Burning," presented by Theo Ubique Cabaret Theatre through Oct. 31 at No Exit Café, 6970 N. Glenwood, Chicago. Curtain at 7:30 p.m. Thursday; 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday; 7 p.m. Sunday. Tickets: \$25. Optional dinner package, \$45. For information, visit www.theubique.org or call (773) 347-1109.

"Little Shop of Horrors" will be presented Nov. 6-21 at Devonshire Playhouse, 4400 Greenwood St., Skokie. Performances are at 7 p.m. Saturdays and 3 p.m. Sundays. For tickets, call (847) 674-1500, ext. 2400.

"The Lonesome West," Nov. 4-Dec. 19 at The Gift Theatre, 4802 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago. Showtimes at 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday; 2:30 p.m. Sundays. Tickets: \$25-\$30; \$20 for previews, Oct. 28-31. Call (773) 283-7071 or visit www.thegifttheatre.org.

"The Music Man," Nov. 3-Jan. 9, 2011, at the Marriott Theatre, 10 Marriott Drive, Lincolnshire. The performance schedule is 1 p.m. and 8 p.m. Wednesdays; 8 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays; 4:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturdays; and 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. Sundays. Tickets: \$45-\$48, plus tax and handling fees. Discounts available for students and senior citizens. Dinner/theatre tickets available Wednesdays and Thursdays for \$55. Call (847) 634-0200 or visit www.marriotttheatre.com.

"Passing Solo," 8 p.m. Oct. 29-30 in Northwestern University's Alwina Krause Studio, Annie May Swift Hall, 1920 Campus Drive, Evanston. Nancy Cheryl Davis portrays Irene Westover Redfield and Clare Kendry Bellew, childhood friends who encounter one another as adults in 1920s Harlem and who share a secret: their birth certificates read "Negro" but both can - and do - pass as white. Admission is free. Call (847) 491-3171.

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OPENING FRIDAY:

SAW 3D
Yet more grisly horror in the vein of "Saw," "Saw 2," "Saw 3" and ... you get the idea. This time the gore splats in three dimensions. Just in time for Halloween. (90 min.) Rated R.

STILL PLAYING:

HEREAFTER ★ ★ ★
Clint Eastwood's latest film isn't so much a drama, complete with conflict, resolution, etc., as it is a mood piece. Unfortunately, it's the sort of mood you typically encounter in funeral homes. "Hereafter" is a serious piece of work about the most serious of subjects, but it takes itself so unrelentingly seriously that it comes close to flat-lining on a number of occasions. Matt Damon plays reluctant psychic George Loneyan, who tries to turn his back on his gift for communicating with the dead, but keeps getting pulled back in. A la "Crash," the plot involves George and two unrelated characters, a French TV news anchor (Cécile de France) and one of a set of twin boys (newcomers George and Frankie McLaren), who have had shocking encounters with death. The usually dazzling Peter Morgan ("The Queen," "Frost/Nixon") wrote the surprisingly bleak screenplay, perhaps to show that he can be as dreary as anyone in the business. (B) (129 min.) Rated PG-13.

FILM CLIPS

CONVICTION ★ ★ ★ 1/2
A woman (Hilary Swank) decides to put herself through law school (and college) to help her wrongfully imprisoned brother (Sam Rockwell) prove his innocence. Tony Goldwyn ("A Walk on the Moon") directed the drama. Rated R.

JACKASS 3D
More self-destructive hijinks from the Jackass crew - this time in three dimensions. Rated R for male nudity, extremely crude and dangerous stunts throughout, and for language.

RED ★ ★ 1/2
Growing old definitely isn't for sissies in "Red," which features Bruce Willis as retired CIA black-ops expert Frank Moses, who's called back into action when a South African hit squad tries to gun him down - with a reluctant lady (Mary-Louise Parker) dragged along for the world's most dangerous first date. Director Robert Schwentke ("The Time Traveler's Wife") begins promisingly and for the first hour, handles things with energy, visual flair and an agreeably light touch. Unfortunately, the contrived plot, involving a murdered New York Times reporter, a list of soon-to-be-dead people, and evil arms dealer Richard Dreyfuss, eventually devolves into a predictable, tedious thriller. On the plus side, there are Moses' fellow Retired Extremely Dangerous pensioners: John Malkovich, Morgan Freeman and Helen Mirren. Who cares about the plot, really, in a movie that includes the sight of Mirren in a ball gown working out with a heavy machine gun? (B)(111 min.) Rated PG-13 for intense sequences

of action violence and brief strong language.

LIFE AS WE KNOW IT
After settling on mutual dislike after a disastrous blind date a man and a woman (Josh Duhamel, Katherine Heigl) are named by their deceased best friends as the caretakers of an orphaned child. Greg Berlanti ("The Broken Hearts Club") directed the romantic comedy. Rated PG-13 for sexual material, language and some drug content.

SECRETARIAT ★ ★ 1/2
An uninspired inspirational horse-racing drama, which trails behind the 2003 hit "Seabiscuit" in all respects. Director Randall Wallace ("We Were Soldiers") adopts an awed attitude toward the superstar stallion - who created a national sensation in 1973 after winning the Triple Crown - and tries to whip up a similar reaction in the audience with tons of thunderous horse-eye-view turf-cam footage. But it's not a good sign when you start wondering how long your stale Milk Duds have been in storage during the running of the Kentucky Derby. "Secretariat" balances the track action with the empowering story of Penny Chenery (Diane Lane), the '60s show-woman who inherits the champ and guides his career despite interference from sexist jerks on all sides. John Malkovich is a plus as the eccentric trainer she hires, muttering imprecations in French and sporting flamboyantly tacky outfits of fluorescent pink, purple and green. (B) (116 min.) Rated PG for brief mild language.

LET ME IN
A lonely young boy (Kodi Smit-McPhee) is befriended by a lonely young girl (Chloe Moretz) of "Kick-

Ass") - who happens to be a vampire. Matt Reeves ("Cloverfield") wrote and directed this adaptation of the Swedish "Let the Right One In." (115 min.) Rated R.

THE SOCIAL NETWORK ★ ★ ★ ★
"I don't want friends," says Facebook founder/college-boy billionaire Mark Zuckerberg early on in "The Social Network," and by the end he's got his wish: The one friend he had is suing him for \$600 million. But this brilliant, fast-paced, witty film by David Fincher ("Zodiac," "Fight Club"), featuring a hyper-intelligent script by Aaron Sorkin ("The West Wing") isn't in the least bit a morality play - it's more interested in chronicling a cultural phenomenon, with the possible moral footnote that Facebook grew so quickly that it simply outstripped all personal considerations. As the story bounces back and forth from Zuckerberg's status-obsessed Harvard days to a series of depositions from fellow students accusing him of intellectual property theft, the always-reliable Jesse Eisenberg ("Zombieland") plays the prickly computer-genius as a sort of arrogant, pouty, seemingly deeply unhappy child - and somehow manages to make him strangely likable. Don't miss this one. (B) (120 min.) Rated PG-13 for sexual content, drug and alcohol use and language.

WAITING FOR SUPERMAN
A group of promising young students are tracked through a public educational system that inhibits rather than encourages them. David Guionheim ("This Might Get Loud") directed the documentary. (102 min.) Rated PG for some thematic material, mild language and incidental smoking.

Movie times are effective Friday and are compiled from information available on Tuesday. Please note that theater schedules are subject to change. If no listings are provided, please call the theater for information.

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INSIDE JOB (PG-13)
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CONVICTION (R)
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HEREAFTER (PG-13)
Fri, Sat: 11:00-1:45-4:30-7:15-10:20
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SHOWTIMES

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SECRETARIAT (PG)
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YOU AGAIN (PG)
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Sun: 9:55-12:30-2:55-5:25-8:00
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ALPHA AND OMEGA (PG)
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DEVIL (PG-13)
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MEGAMIND IN 3-D (G)
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N-SECURE (R)
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RED (PG-13)
Fri-Thurs: 11:50-2:30-5:20-8:05-10:55

IT'S KIND OF A FUNNY STORY (PG)
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Sat: 2:20-5:00-7:35-10:20-12:50
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MY SOUL TO TAKE (R)
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'Toy Story 3' new on DVD

By BRUCE INGRAM
Film Critic

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An undeniable treasure for fans of Garry Shandling's brilliant HBO late-night talk-show parody and one of the most exciting DVD events of the year. If you loved "The Larry Sanders Show" (and what right-thinking human being didn't?), you're bound to say "Hey now!" when you get your hands on this baby. In addition to compiling all six seasons of the show, an achievement that most "Sanders" true believers thought they would never savor thanks to music-licensing complications, this deluxe Shout! Factory box set throws in all the extra features from previous limited compilations of the show (including Shandling's uncomfortable confessional Q&A interviews with past cast members and guest stars from Sony's "Not Just the Best of" collection), plus a wealth of outtakes and deleted scenes. And did we mention the fab 60-page commemorative booklet? Don't think twice; just go out and get it. (BI) (Shout! Factory)

TOY STORY 3

Defying the odds, the apparently eternally reliable wizards at Pixar Animation have delivered a third installment to their flagship "Toy Story" franchise that's every bit as good as the first two. This time, cowboy Woody (Tom Hanks), galactic ranger Buzz Lightyear (Tim Allen) and the gang are donated to a daycare center ("a sad and lonely place for washed up toys who have no owners") when young Andy grows up and goes to



"Toy Story 3"

college. Daycare seems like paradise at first, then turns out to be harboring unspeakable evil (and we're not just talking about the toy-bashing toddlers). "Toy Story 2"/"Finding Nemo" co-director Lee Unkrich moves up for his solo directorial debut and keeps the toy action as funny, suspenseful and exciting as usual, without diluting the core emotional values of bravery, loyalty and family. Best of all, the new locale comes with plenty of brilliant new characters, including a disco-dancing metrosexual Ken doll, an embittered clown named Chuckles and a demented, cymbal-clapping surveillance monkey. And the extra dimension of 3D gives everything a subtle boost. Don't miss this one. (BI) (103 min.) Rated G.

BRIDGE ON THE RIVER KWAI BLU-RAY COLLECTOR'S EDITION

David Lean's 1957 classic about a British POW officer (Alec Guinness) obsessed with completing a railroad bridge that's been targeted for destruction by the Allied forces gets the super-duper "Godfather" 4K hi-resolution Blu-ray treatment. Extras include a 32-page book of on-set and behind-the-scenes photos. (Sony)

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This Universal Backlot series entry zooms in on Der Bingle, with six early films: "College Humor" (1933), "We're Not Dressing" (1934), "Here is My Heart" (1934), "Mississippi" (1935), "Sing You Sinners" (1938), and "Welcome Stranger" (1947). (Universal)

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THE SOUND OF MUSIC 45th ANNIVERSARY SPECIAL

Robert Wise's classic 1965 musical gets the deluxe hi-def treatment in this restored, remastered anniversary special. The pricier limited edition collector's set includes a soundtrack and a 100-page scrapbook. (Fox)

RECENT RELEASES

WINTER'S BONE

Writer/director Drebra Granik's devastating indie drama was a sensation at Sundance (where it won the Grand Jury and Waldo Salt Screenwriting prizes). Jennifer Lawrence, is simply a knockout as young Ree Dolly, who's searching among dangerous meth-lab moonshiners for her bail-jumping daddy, to keep the family farm from being forfeited. "Winter's Bone" is a tense, harrowing, beautifully somber hero's journey with a teenage girl as the hero, which is reason enough to see it right there. (BI) (Lionsgate)

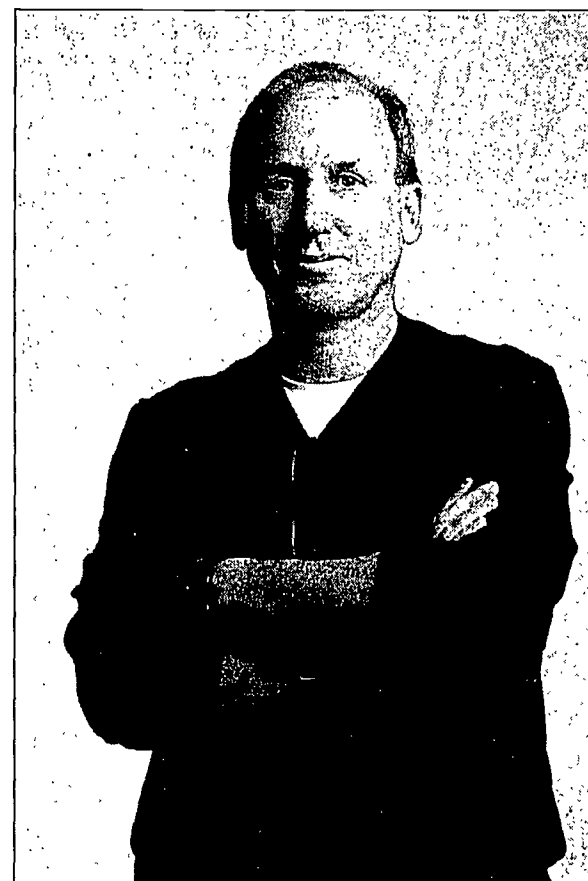
MAD RON'S PREVUES FROM HELL

A reasonably entertaining late-'80s compilation of coming attractions from 47 classic golden-age grindhouse horror and exploitation films is just now making its way to DVD, featuring silly wrap-around skits involving an audience of zombies munching on body parts while watching the trailers in an abandoned theater. The bad news is that the VHS-standard visual quality hasn't been upgraded and it therefore has a slightly decayed quality of its own. No MPAA rating. (BI) (Virgil Films)

Audience acts as jury in local playwright's 'Defamation'

'Defamation'
Oct. 29 to Nov. 7: with performances at Sherman United Methodist Church, 2214 Ridge Ave., Evanston on Oct. 29 and Oct. 31 at 7:30 p.m.; at Unitarian Church of Evanston, 1330 Ridge Ave., Evanston on Oct. 30 and Nov. 5 at 7:30 p.m.; and at Beth Emet, The Free Synagogue, 1224 Dempster St., Evanston at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 6 and 3 p.m. Nov. 7. \$20. 1-800-838-3006 or www.brownpapertickets.com.

By STEPHANIE FOSNIGHT
REGESTER
Contributor



Evanstonian Todd Logan's play, "Defamation" will be performed at three different houses of worship. | Photo by Michael Brosilow

One day, based on a friend's recommendation, you invite a potential candidate for a business project into your home. You're from different classes, cultures and even parts of Chicago, but that's OK. At least, it's OK until you realize after the visit that an heirloom watch is missing.

What would you do? Would you call your friend? Accuse the visitor? Call the police?

This scenario sets the scene for "Defamation," the new play by Evanston author Todd Logan. But the play doesn't start with the watch's disappearance. It starts in a courtroom, where a professional African-American woman from the South Side is suing a Jewish North Shore real estate developer for defamation of character.

"I believe it's generally true, regardless of race, class and politics, (that) when most people go to bed at night, it's in a segregated town, community, neighborhood, block, or building," said Evanston playwright Todd Logan. "For several years I've been trying to write a play that deals with the question: 'What does it really say about ourselves about where we go to bed at night?'"

Logan, a longtime North Shore resident, has spent four years exploring this

Although "Defamation" is a courtroom drama, it doesn't contain a smoking gun. The audience will be intrigued and pulled into the story, Logan promises, but they won't just be entertained.

"The goal is always to write a play that, when it finishes and people get into their car, they're still talking about it," he said. "But when I was writing the play I realized they didn't have to have the conversation in the car. They could have the conversation in the theater by being the jury!"

And so, after the evidence has been presented, the judge, played by Rob Riley, starts to poll the audience about what they think the verdict should be.

So far, the concept has been a success with test audiences, getting theatergoers to discuss sensitive topics of race, religion and class, right there in the venue and as part of the show.

"It's worked extremely well," Logan said. "People have a lot of opinions and, I've found that, after five minutes, even those who normally sit on their hands put their hands up. They want their say."

Each performance of "Defamation" will end with a judgment, one based on the audience's decision. But then Logan hopes to keep the conversations going even longer; not only with a coffee reception after each performance, but also with a Facebook page where he asks questions like, "Have you ever sued someone?" or "Have you ever been a witness in a civil suit?"

"We're engaging people already," Logan said, "and if, as a playwright, you can reach just one person then you've succeeded." *Comment: pioneerlocal.com*

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"Robin Hood: The Panto," presented by Piccolo Theatre Nov. 12-Dec. 19 at the Evanston Arts Depot, 600 Main St., Evanston. Everything seems to be going well after Robin rescues Marian from the evil Sheriff. But Robin's cousin Scarlet finds a magical book - and the spells start flying. Performances at 7 p.m. Fridays; 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturdays; and 3 p.m. Sundays. Tickets: \$25; \$20 for seniors; \$10 for students; family ticket \$50 (two adults, two children). For reservations, call (847) 424-0089 or visit www.pic-

colotheatre.com.

"She Loves Me," through Nov. 21 at Writers' Theatre, 325 Tudor Court, Glencoe. Performances are at 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Wednesdays; 8 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays; 4 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturdays; and 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Sundays. Added matinee at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 17. No 6 p.m. show on Nov. 21. Post-show discussions held every Wednesday. Tickets: \$45-\$70. Call (847) 242-6000 or visit www.writers-theatre.org.

"Tartuffe" by Moliere, adapted and directed by Sean Graney, at 8 p.m. Oct. 28-30 and Nov. 5-6; and 2 p.m. Oct. 31 at Northwestern University's Ethel M. Barber Theater, 30 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston. Tickets: \$25; \$22 for seniors; \$10 for full-time students. Call (847)

491-7282 or visit www.tic.northwestern.edu.

"Three Sisters," through Nov. 21 at Piven Theatre Workshop, 927 Noyes St., Evanston. Curtain at 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday; 2:30 p.m. Sundays. Tickets: \$25. Call (847) 866-8049 or visit www.piventheatre.org.

"Travels With My Aunt," Nov. 9-March 27, 2011, at Writers' Theatre, 664 Vernon Ave., Glencoe. Henry Pulling, a mild-mannered retired banker, leads a quiet life tending his beloved dahlias and never straying too far from his Southwood, England, home. But when his eccentric and outrageous Aunt Augusta suddenly appears in his life with mysterious information about his past, Henry is drawn from the safety of his flower beds into an exotic international

adventure. Performances at 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Wednesdays; 8 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays; 4 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturdays; and 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Sundays. Wednesday matinees at 2 p.m. Nov. 24, Dec. 22 and 29 and Jan. 26, March 2 and 23, 2011 only. No 6 p.m. performances on Jan. 30, March 6 and 27, 2011. No performances on Nov. 25, Dec. 24, 25, 31 and Jan. 1, 2011. Tickets: \$45-\$60. Call (847) 242-6000 or visit www.writers-theatre.org.

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The Chicago Chamber Choir presents "Canciones de Navidad: A Spanish Christmas" at 7 p.m. Dec. 12 at the Music Institute of Chicago's Nichols Concert Hall, 1490 Chicago Ave., Evanston.

Tickets are \$18 in advance; \$20 at the door; \$15 for students. For information, visit www.chicagochamberchoir.org or call (312) 409-6890.

Chicago Chamber Musicians. (312) 225-5226. www.chicagochambermusic.org. Concerts are held at 7:30 p.m. Sundays at Pick-Staiger Concert Hall on Northwestern University's campus, 50 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston. Tickets: \$20-\$40 for general admission; \$10 for students. Nov. 14: "Honoring Schumann." The program includes works by Schumann and Bruch, and Dohnanyi's Piano Quintet in C minor, Op. 1.

Chicago Master Singers, directed by Alan Heatherington, performs at Divine Word Chapel, 2001 Waukegan Road, Techy. For information, call (877) 825-5267 or visit www.chicagomasstersingers.org. Ticket prices: preferred seating \$48, general seating \$38, side seating \$28; discounts available for seniors and youth/students. Prices for the three-concert season subscription run from \$49 (students) to \$130 (preferred seating). Nov. 5, 7:30 p.m., and Nov. 7, 7 p.m.: "Celebrating the Schumann Bicentennial," with the Ars Viva Orchestra and guest soloists. The program includes Schumann: Requiem, Op. 148; and Bruckner: Mass No. 3 in f minor. A free pre-concert lecture will be offered one hour before each performance.

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. Nov. 7: "Masterworks by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart and Franz Schubert." The program includes Mozart's Horn Concerto No. 3 in E flat major and Symphony No. 38 in D Major ("The Prague"), and Schubert's Symphony No. 5.

Evanston chapter, Lyric Opera of Chicago, will host a presentation by Patrick Casali, professor emeritus of humanities and foreign language at Oakton College, on "A Masked Ball" by Verdi at 3 p.m. Nov. 14. The afternoon will include a social hour. Cost is \$10 for members; \$15 guests. New members may sign up at the program. For location and more information, call (847) 328-0158 or (847) 475-5345.

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. Oct. 29, 7:30 p.m.: Robert Schumann Festival, Piano Quintet and More. The program will include Robert Schumann's "Marchenerzahlungen," "Frauenliebe und Leben," "Adagio and Allegro" and Piano Quintet in E-flat Major. The concert will be preceded by a 6:45 p.m. student performance of a Schumann string quartet. \$9/\$7/\$5.

Oct. 31, 7:30 p.m.: Robert Schumann Festival, Clara Schumann's Piano Trio and More. The program will include Claude Debussy's arrangement of Schumann's "Etudes in Canonic Form"; Gyorgy Kurtag's "Hommage a R. Sch."; Clara Schumann's Piano Trio in G Minor; and Brahms' Piano Trio No. 1 in B Major. The concert will be preceded by a 6:45 p.m. student recital of Schumann's "Carnaval" performed by 21 pianists. \$9/\$7/\$5. Nov. 10, 7:30 p.m.: Clar-

inetist Steven Cohen will be accompanied by pianist Elizabeth Buccheri in a program including Brahms' Sonata No. 1 in F Minor, Louis Cahuzac's "Pastorale Cevenole" and "Cantilene"; Benjamin Britten's "Six Metamorphoses after Ovid"; and Bela Kovacs' "Sholem-Alekhem, Rov Feldman!" \$9/\$7/\$5. Nov. 11, 7:30 p.m.: Evelyn Dunbar Early Music Festival, Master Class for Singers and Instrumentalists. Admission is free. Nov. 18, 7:30 p.m.: Mas Sugihara and the Chicago Reed Quartet presents selections from Tchaikovsky's "The Nutcracker," Gershwin's "Three Preludes" and Piazzolla's "Fuga y Misterio." \$9/\$7/\$5. Nov. 21, 3 p.m.: University Women's Chorus performs sacred and secular works for treble voices. \$7/\$5/\$4.

Mayne Stage, 1328 W. Morse Ave. in Rogers Park, Chicago. (773) 381-4554. www.maynestage.com. Oct. 31, 11 a.m.: WFMT Live from Mayne Stage Series, featuring artists from DePaul University's School of Music. The Faculty Chamber Music Concert program includes Trio for Clarinet, Viola and Piano by Jean Francaix and Quatre Poemes for voice, viola and piano by Charles Martin Loeffler, as well as violin music by Fritz Kreisler. \$10.

The Met Live in HD, the Metropolitan Opera's series of live performance transmissions into movie theaters, includes Showplace Niles 12, 301 Golf Mill Center, Niles, and Evanston 18, 1715 Maple Ave., Evanston. Tickets are available at the theater box offices and online at www.fathomevents.co. Nov. 13, noon: "Don Pasquale." Dec. 11, 11:30 a.m.: "Don Carlo."

Alice Millar Chapel at Northwestern University, 1870 Sheridan Road, Evanston. Information: (847) 491-5441; tickets: (847) 467-4000. Nov. 14, 7 p.m.: Evelyn Dunbar Early Music Festival. Stephen Alltop will conduct the Baroque Music Ensemble, the Dunbar Festival Orchestra and the Alice Millar Chapel Choir in a performance of Monteverdi's "Vespers," the largest-scale religious composition of the pre-Baroque era. The performance includes solos and duets as well as complex 10-part choruses and the early music instrumental sounds of cornetti, sackbuts and theorbos. \$9/\$7/\$5.

Music of the Baroque performs at First United Methodist Church of Evanston, 1630 Hinman Ave., unless noted otherwise. (312) 551-1414. www.baroque.org. Tickets are \$38, \$45, \$60. Nov. 7, 7:30 p.m.: "Glorious Chorus - Vivaldi and Handel."

Music Institute of Chicago, Nichols Concert Hall, 1490 Chicago Ave., Evanston. (847) 905-1500. www.musicinst.org. Nov. 14, 3 p.m.: Lincoln Trio in a concert featuring works by woman composers, including Jennifer Higdon, Lera Auerbach, Augusta Read Thomas and Stacy Garrop. Tickets: \$25; \$15 for senior citizens; \$10 for students. Dec. 4, 7:30 p.m.: The Music Institute of Chicago Chorale celebrates the 200th anniversary of Mexican independence with a Mexican Baroque concert, featuring the Rogers Park Neighborhood Choir of Chicago Children's Choir. The program includes works by late 16th to 18th century composers Manuel Zumaya, Francisco Lopez Capillas and

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Gaspar Fernández, and concludes with a Te Deum for double choir and orchestra by Ignacio de Jerusalem. Tickets: \$15; \$10 seniors; \$7 students.

North Shore Chamber Orchestra will present a family concert at 3:30 p.m. Oct. 31 at the Unitarian Church of Evanston, 1330 Ridge Ave. The program includes J.S. Bach's Fantasy and Fugue in G minor. Also, violinist David Yonan will appear as soloist, performing the Concerto for Violin in D Major by Johannes Brahms, and guest conductor Ho Chung Yeh will conduct the orchestra as it performs Carl Maria von Weber's Overture from "Der Freischütz." Alexander Borodin's "In the Steppes of Central Asia" and Brahms' Hungarian Dance #2. Admission is \$15; free for those under age 18 and all Northwestern University students. For information, call (847) 864-2288.

The North Shore Opera Hour will present Peter Brook's adaptation of Bizet's opera "Carmen" at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 30 at the St. Joan of Arc School auditorium, 9248 N. Lawndale Ave., Evanston. Suggested donation is \$20.

North Suburban Symphony, conducted by Ron Arden, (847) 234-4150, http://northsuburbansymphony.artoflive.com. Performances are at 4 p.m. in the Gorton Community Center, 400 E. Illinois Road, Lake Forest, unless noted otherwise. Tickets: \$18; \$10 students and seniors; children 12 and under free with a paid adult. Nov. 21: "It's Classic - Because it Lasts." The program includes Rossini's "William Tell" Overture; Debussy's "Prelude to the Afternoon of a Faun"; Sibelius' "Finlandia"; Saint Saens' "Danse Macabre"; and Rachmaninoff's "Vocalise." March 13, 2011: "Two for One," including Brahms' Double Concerto; Bruch's Concerto for Clarinet and Viola; and Vivaldi's Double Violin Concerto. May 15, 2011: "A Grand Night for Singing," featuring Kristin and Michael Lyon.

Northbrook Symphony Orchestra presents "A Remix Romantique" from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Oct. 31 at Pinstripes Restaurant, 2400 Willow Road, Northbrook. Johnny "Juice" Rosado, DJ for Public Enemy, and musicians from the NSO will appear in a live mash-up performance of arrangements of Rossini's "Barber of Seville" Overture and "Danse Macabre" by Saint-Saens. Brunch and performance: \$45; \$10 for children 12 and under. Performance only: \$20, free for children. For tickets or information, call (847) 272-0755 or visit www.TheNSO.org.

Northbrook Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of Lawrence Rapchak, performs at 4 p.m. Sundays at Sheely Center for the Performing Arts at Glenbrook North High School, 2300 Sherman Road, Northbrook. Tickets: \$23-\$45; \$7 for students. Call (847) 272-0755 or visit www.TheNSO.org. Nov. 7: "The Spirituality of Music," with The Conservatory Chorus of Roosevelt University. The program includes Beethoven: Gloria from Mass in C Major, op. 86; Brahms: "Nanie," op. 82; and Delius: "Appalachia."

Northshore Concert Band performs at 3 p.m. Sundays at Pick-Staiger Concert Hall, 50 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston, unless otherwise noted. Tickets \$18; \$13 seniors; \$7 students and children. www.northshoreband.org. (847) 432-2263. Nov. 7: Fall concert, conducted by artistic director Mallory Thompson. Guest artists include Barbara Butler and Charles Geyer, professors of trumpet at Northwestern University, who will perform Georges Bizet's Carmen Fantasia for Two Trumpets. The second half of the concert features Northwestern University's Symphonic Wind Ensemble joining the NCB for performances of Morten Lauridsen's "O Magnum Mysterium" and "Dionysiaques" by Florent Schmitt.

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

radio station WFMT, begin one hour prior to each concert. Tickets: \$20; \$15 for seniors; \$10 for students. Children under age 14 are admitted free when accompanied by a paying adult. www.northwestsymphony.org. Nov. 14: "Romance of the Harp," with soloist Nuiko Wadden, principal harpist of the Pittsburgh Symphony. The program includes Gilere's Harp Concerto in E-flat Major; Liszt's "Les Preludes"; and Schubert's Rosamunde Overture and the Rosamunde Ballet Suites I and II. Jan. 23, 2011: "Music of Vienna," with soloist Daniel Gengrich, the Chicago Symphony Orchestra's co-principal French hornist. The program includes Mozart's Horn Concerto No. 3 in E-flat Major; Robert Schumann's Third Symphony ("Rhenish"); Johann Strauss Sr.'s Radetzky March; and Johann Strauss Jr.'s Emperor Waltz. April 10, 2011: "Russian Triumph," featuring bassoonist William Dawson. The program includes Mozart's Concerto in B-flat for Bassoon and Orchestra; Debussy's Petite Suite; and Shostakovich's Symphony No. 5 in D minor. May 22, 2011: Pops concert, showcasing military, opera and Broadway themes. Featuring Stephanie Block, viola, winner of the Paul Vermet Young Artist Award.

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www.pickstaiger.org. Most ticket prices listed in three categories: general public; senior citizens and NU faculty and staff; and student rate. Oct. 28, 7:30 p.m.: Lynn Harrell, cello, will be joined by pianist Kay Kim in a program that will include Bach's Cello Suite No. 6 in D Major; Beethoven's "Variations on 'Bei Mannern welche Liebe'"; Schumann's "Adagio and Allegro"; Villa-Lobos' "Bachianas Brasileiras" No. 1 for eight cellos; and Chopin's "Introduction and Polonaise Brillante." \$24/\$21/\$11. Oct. 29, 7:30 p.m.: Symphonic Band, "Music of the Americas." The program includes Charles Ives' "Variations on America" and Michael Gandolfi's "Vientos y Tangos." \$7/\$5/\$4. Oct. 30, 7:30 p.m.: Robert Schumann Festival, Northwestern University Chamber Orchestra in a concert featuring pianist Anton Nel and hornists Daniel Myers, Joshua Paulus, Katherine Smith and Gail Williams. The program will include Robert Schumann's Konzerstück for Four Horns in F Major, Piano Concerto in A Minor and Symphony No. 3 in E-flat Major. "Rhenish." \$12/\$9/\$6. Nov. 5, 7:30 p.m.: Symphonic Wind Ensemble and the Northshore Concert Band present a full-instrumentation performance of Florent Schmitt's "Olympiques." The program also includes Eugene Bozza's "Children's Overture"; selections from Tielman Susato's "The Danserye"; Arthur Bliss' "Investiture Antiphonal Fanfare"; and Morten Lauridsen's "O Magnum Mysterium." \$7/\$5/\$4. Nov. 6, 7:30 p.m.: "NU Voices: A Choral Showcase, Op. 25," featuring the University Chorale, University Singers, Alice Millar Chapel Choir, University Chorus and University Women's Chorus. \$12/\$9/\$6. Nov. 9, 7:30 p.m.: "Evening of Brass." Faculty member Gail Williams will conduct the Brass Ensemble in a program including Koetsier's Symphony for Brass as well as music by Bach, Gabrieli and others. \$7/\$5/\$4. Nov. 12, 7:30 p.m.: Keyboard Conversations. "Romantic Music of Robert Schumann." Pianist Jeffrey Siegel will present Schumann's "Fantasy Pieces," Op. 12, including "Dream Visions" and "Soaring"; and "Symphonic Etudes," in a concert with commentary. \$23/\$21/\$16. Nov. 20, 7:30 p.m.: Northwestern University Symphony Orchestra presents "Music from Kiev: A Festival of Ukrainian Composers," featuring cellist Russell Rolen. The program will include Pilyutikov's "Colors and Shadows," Lyashenko's Cello Concerto and Silvestrov's Symphony No. 5. \$9/\$7/\$5. Nov. 21, 3 p.m.: Concert Band presents band standards. \$7/\$5/\$4. Nov. 21, 7:30 p.m.: Philharmonia performs Dvorak's "Slavonic Dances," Op. 46, Nos. 1-8, and Rimsky-Korsakov's "Oance of the Tumblers" from "The Snow Maiden." \$7/\$5/\$4. Pilgrim Chamber Players perform at

the Highland Park Community House, 1991 Sheridan Road, Highland Park. (847) 266-5100. Tickets: \$20-\$16 senior citizens; \$8 students. (847) 433-0972. www.pilgrimplayers.org. Oct. 31, 3 p.m.: "Autumn Passions," works by Fauré, Chopin and Ovorak.

Ravinia Festival, Lake-Cook and Green Bay roads, Highland Park. (847) 266-5100. www.ravinia.org. Rising Stars concerts are held at 8 p.m. in Bennett-Gordon Hall. Tickets are \$25. Concert/dining packages are \$50, with dinner at 6 p.m. In Ravinia's Park View restaurant in the festival's dining pavilion. Nov. 5: Violinist Mikhail Simonyan. Nov. 12: Soprano Teresa Eickel. March 18, 2011: Musicians from Ravinia's Steans Institute. March 25, 2011: Pianist Jan Lisiecki. April 8, 2011: Ritz Chamber Players.

St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 306 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge. www.stmaryspr.org. Nov. 7: The musicians of St. Mary's Episcopal Church, under the leadership of Kevin McKelvie, will present the Requiem by John Rutter throughout the 10 a.m. Sunday worship service, in celebration of All Saints Day. The Rutter Requiem will be presented in its chamber orchestra version, which includes choir, vocal soloists, flute, oboe, cello, harp, timpani, glockenspiel and organ.

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. Oct. 31: "Sibelius and Rachmaninoff." The concert features Sibelius's Violin Concerto performed by Zachary Spontak, winner of the Skokie Valley Symphony Orchestra's 30th Young Artist Competition. The program also includes Rachmaninoff's Symphony No. 2 and Sibelius's "Finlandia." Dec. 12: "Rachmaninoff, Puccini and Wagner," including a semi-staged performance of the third act of "La Bohème." The concert also features Kate Liu, second prize winner of the orchestra's Young Artist Competition, performing Rachmaninoff's Piano Concerto No. 2. The program also includes Wagner's Overture to "Rienzi." Feb. 27, 2011: An all-Beethoven program featuring the Symphony No. 3 (Eroica) and Symphony No. 8. May 15, 2011: "Strauss and Tchaikowsky," including the Pathétique Symphony.

Wilmette Theatre, 1122 Central Ave., Wilmette. (847) 251-7424. www.wilmettheatre.com. Opera in Cinema series features performances from opera houses throughout the world. Tickets are \$20, unless noted otherwise. Nov. 11, 7 p.m., and Nov. 13, 2:30 p.m.: "Carmen," by Georges Bizet, from the Gran Teatre del Liceu, Barcelona, Spain. Sung in French with English subtitles. Nov. 18, 7 p.m., and Nov. 21, 2:30 p.m.: "Cosi Fan Tutte," by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, from the Royal Opera House, London, England. Sung in Italian with English subtitles.

Irish American Heritage Center, 4626 N. Knox Ave., Chicago. (773) 282-7035. www.irish-american.org. Nov. 5, 8 p.m.: The Four Courts in concert, featuring Paddy Homan, Jimmy Moore. \$15. Entertainment at 9 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays in the Fifth Province Lounge, no cover - Oct. 29; John Oevlin. Oct. 30: Gavin Coyle.

Lincolnwood Public Library, 4000 W. Pratt Ave. (847) 677-5277, ext. 236. Nov. 7, 1:30 p.m.: Character Fleadh, a

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Allstate Arena, 6920 N. Mannheim Road, Rosemont. Tickets are available at www.ticketmaster.com or (800) 745-3000; the ticket prices listed below do

not include service fees. The information line is (847) 635-6601. Oct. 29: Shakira. Tickets are \$9.50, \$39.50, \$69.50, \$99.50, \$149.50. Nov. 26, 3 p.m. and 8 p.m.: Trans-Siberian Orchestra. Tickets are \$25-\$61. Dec. 4, 8 p.m.: Michael Bublé. \$49.50, \$75, \$95.

"Bon Jovi-The Circle Tour," featuring footage shot at the band's performances at New Jersey's New Meadowlands Stadium in May, will be shown at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 8 at Showplace Niles 12, 301 Golf Mill Center, Niles, and Evanston 18, 1715 Maple Ave., Evanston. The event will kick off with a sneak preview of Bon Jovi's new music video, "What Do You Got." Tickets are available at theatre box offices and online at www.fathomevents.com.

The Celtic Knot Public House, 626 Church St., Evanston. (847) 864-1679. www.celticknotpub.com. No cover unless noted otherwise. Mondays, 8 p.m.-midnight: Bluegrass and roots music with The Mudflapps. Tuesdays, 7-10 p.m.: Irish music session. Oct. 30, 10 p.m.: Mad Bread entertains at the All Hallows Eve Party.

Ethical Humanist Society Second Saturday Coffeehouse, 7574 N. Lincoln Ave. (at Howard), Skokie. (847) 677-3334. www.ethicalhuman.org. Nov. 13: Folk and popular music of the '60s and '70s with David and Gail Hardesty, Lisa Crowe and others. \$8 donation includes refreshments.

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InterContinental Chicago O'Hare Hotel, 5300 N. River Road, Rosemont. www.icohare.com/montrose-room. (847) 544-5300. Friday Nights Live, featuring music from 8:30 p.m.-midnight in the Montrose Room. \$5 cover, unless noted otherwise. Oct. 29: Halloween Bash featuring Rodie & the Masked Marauders. All Rights Reserved, standup comedian Tim Baker and a costume contest. Oct. 30: Up Close and Personal Concert Series features Shawn Mullins. \$20 in advance through www.ticketmaster.com, or \$22 at the door; VIP tickets \$25/\$30.

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Cabaret artist pairs with sign language interpreter

"Confessions of a Cabaret Cantor!" performer Charlene Brooks with sign language interpreter Donna Reiter Brandwein at 8 p.m. Nov. 6 at the Skokie Theatre, 7924 N. Lincoln Ave. Program will include blues, country, Broadway and Latin music. \$20 in advance. \$25 at the door. (847) 677-7761; www.skokie theatre.com.

By MYRNA PETLICKI
Contributor

It's no secret that Charlene Brooks of Skokie engages an audience with her marvelous voice, amusing real-life stories and playful manner onstage. So you may wonder what will be revealed when she presents "Confessions of a Cabaret Cantor!" on Saturday, Nov. 6 at the Skokie Theatre.

Well, for one thing, you'll learn about her work as a cantorial soloist at Congregation Bene Shalom, a Skokie synagogue founded by people who were deaf, and that still has a number of deaf congregants.

Because some of those congregants will be in the audience, and Brooks doesn't want them to miss a thing, American Sign Language interpreter Donna Reiter Brandwein of Lincolnshire will also be in the spotlight.

Brandwein is an animated interpreter, which is not surprising given her background. "I was an actress from the time I was 11," she said. Brandwein earned a bachelor's degree in acting from Loyola University.

"My first play as a professional, where I was actually paid real money, was with Chicago Theater of the Deaf and Black Ensemble Theater," she said. "I met my first deaf person, who was our coach, and I met my first interpreter and they taught us how to sign our lines."

The show toured Illinois. "All I knew were my lines," Brandwein recalled.

"When you tour the state,

afterwards you have lunch in the cafeteria with the kids. They would start talking with me and I didn't know what they were saying. I felt so handicapped."

Around this time, Brandwein was working as a legal assistant during the day and taking professional acting classes at night. She wanted to find a way to use her sign language experience when, while she was home recovering from chicken pox, she learned from a friend about the role of interpreter.

Brandwein took three adult continuing education classes "and really had a good feel for the facial expressions because of my acting background," she reported, explaining, "In American Sign Language, all the grammar and all the adjectival and adverbial information is in your face and your body."

"After I did a couple of

classes, I realized how much I didn't know," Brandwein continued. She attended the University of Wisconsin in Milwaukee, earning a master's degree in sign language interpreting.

Since then, Brandwein has interpreted at every major theater in Chicago and for three Presidents. She was also the coordinator of sign language interpreters for 15 years at the Illinois Storytelling Festival.

"What's fun about interpreting is you get to go places you would never go," she said. "I always say, 'Yes, I interpreted for Bush, Clinton and Obama, but I've also interpreted for the lady who was learning to fold towels the right way at the hotel!'"

Brandwein first interpreted for Charlene Brooks at a concert last year. "We had a blast and the audience loved it," she said.



(Lower left) Sign Language interpreter Donna Reiter Brandwein of Lincolnshire will serve as interpreter for (right) Charlene Brooks' show "Confessions of a Cabaret Cantor!" Nov. 6 at the Skokie Theatre.

Brooks noted that even the hearing audience members appreciated Brandwein's presence. "She is so interesting to watch, even if you don't know sign language," Brooks said. "So many people told me how much

they enjoyed it, even if they didn't know what she was signing because she's very dramatic. And the deaf members really appreciated it because they can watch me and see her at the same time." *Comment: pioneerlocal.com*

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Band, a nine-piece, horn-driven ensemble, opens. \$12. Nov. 21, 8 p.m.: Singer/songwriter Bleu. \$10. Nov. 23, 7:30 p.m.: Indie band Seryn. The Numbers, a Bolingbrook-based alternative country band, opens. \$10. Dec. 1, 7:30 p.m.: Asian-American singer/songwriter BettySoo (folk-rock). Singer/songwriter Imelda de la Cruz opens, followed by Sarah Vonderhaar. \$10. Dec. 2, 8 p.m.: Shannon McNally and Hot Sauce (rock and Americana). \$10 in advance; \$12 at the door. Dec. 7, 8 p.m.: Singer/songwriter Darrell Scott. \$20 in advance; \$25 at the door; \$40 for VIP seating. Dec. 8, 8 p.m.: Eastern Blok plays world music. \$15. Dec. 9, 8 p.m.: Geoff Muldaur and Jim Kweskin (folk and Americana). \$20 in advance; \$25 at the door. Pick-Staiger Concert Hall at North-

western 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) 491-5444; tickets: (847) 467-4000. www.pickstaiger.org. Nov. 3, 7:30 p.m.: Jazz Orchestra presents "The Music of Tommy Dorsey." \$7/\$5/\$4. Nov. 13, 7:30 p.m.: "An Evening of Jazz," with Patricia Barber and Kenny Werner. \$18/\$15/\$8. 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. Nov. 16: The Australian Pink Floyd Show, featuring Pink Floyd's

greatest hits. \$25, \$35, \$45, \$55. Sing to Live Community Chorus will present "To Music: A Tribute to Music's Worth and Value in Life." at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 30 in Nichols Concert Hall, 1490 Chicago Ave., Evanston. General admission tickets are \$20; \$15 for senior citizens and students. Complimentary tickets for breast cancer survivors. Visit www.singtolive.org. Skokie Theatre Music Foundation presents concerts in the Skokie Theatre, 7924 Lincoln Ave., Skokie. Call (847) 677-7761 or visit www.skokie-theatre.com. Tickets are \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door, unless noted otherwise. Oct. 29, 8 p.m.: Jimmy Niteclub in "Music of Tony Bennett and Dean Martin." Oct. 30, 8 p.m.: Sons of the Never Wrong (folk). Nov. 6, 8 p.m.: Charlene Brooks presents "Confessions of a Cabaret Cantor." Nov. 7, 7 p.m.: "An Evening with Neil Diamond," starring Steve Richards. Nov. 14, 2 p.m.: Bounding Main. Nov. 14, 8 p.m.: SMS Trio (jazz). Nov. 19, 8 p.m.: SamaSama Project presents "Sarsuela Ni Lola" ("Grandma's Musical") (Filipino folk fusion). Nov. 21, 2 p.m.: Jimmy Damon's "Happiness Show." Nov. 21, 7 p.m.: Ron Estrada and Rick Hunt perform songs by Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, Tony Bennett, Tom Jones and others. S.P.A.C.E., 1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston. www.evanstonpace.com. (847) 492-8860. Shows at 8 p.m., unless noted otherwise. Oct. 28, 8 p.m.: Shawn Mullins. \$22/\$25. Oct. 30, 10 p.m.: The Weepies (folk rock). \$20/\$25. Oct. 31: Joe Firstman. \$12/\$15. Nov. 3: Eden Brent (blues). \$12/\$15. Nov. 4: Jay Farrar with Bobby Bare Jr. (rock). \$20/\$25. Nov. 5, 7 p.m.: Pinetop Perkins with the Willie "Big Eyes" Smith Band. \$22/\$25. Nov. 5, 10 p.m.: Honey Island Swamp Band (bayou funk). \$12/\$15. Nov. 6, 7 p.m.: Corky Siegel's Chamber Blues featuring Rollo Radford (blues). \$25/\$30. Nov. 6, 10 p.m.: Peter Rowan Bluegrass Band. \$20/\$25. Nov. 7, 7 p.m.: Kat Eggleston and Kate MacLeod (folk). \$12/\$15. Nov. 8, 7 p.m. and 10 p.m.: Dr. John & the Lower 911 (funk/jazz). \$30/\$35. Nov. 10: Green River Ordinance (rock). \$12. Nov. 11: TFDI: Tony Lucca, Jay Nash, Matt Duke. \$12/\$15. Nov. 12: Mindy Smith (country). \$18/\$22. Nov. 13, 7 p.m.: Ellis Paul (folk). \$20/\$25. Nov. 13, 10 p.m.: Tab Benoit (blues/rock). \$20/\$25. Nov. 14: The Chapin Sisters and The Pines (indie folk). \$10/\$12. Nov. 15: Melissa Manchester. \$25/\$30. Nov. 16, 8 p.m.: Bobby Long. \$12/\$15. Nov. 18: Guitarist Pete Huttlinger. \$15/\$20. Nov. 19: Bill Frisell's Disfarmer Project (jazz/guitar). \$15/\$20. Nov. 21: Isaac Russell. \$8/\$12. Nov. 25: Dave Specter's Adventures in Guitar with Mark Wydra. \$12/\$15. Nov. 26: American English (Beatles tribute). \$17/\$20. Nov. 27: Andrew Ripp. \$10/\$14. Nov. 28, 7 p.m.: Paul Geremia and Jim Craig (folk). \$12/\$15. Dec. 1: Jenny Scheinman with Nels Cline, Jim Black and Todd Sickafoose (Americana). \$25/\$30. Dec. 2-3: Hot Buttered Rum and The Lee Boys (bluegrass). \$20/\$25. Dec. 8: Jeffery Foucault. \$12/\$15. Dec. 9: Lucy Kaplansky (folk). \$17/\$20. Dec. 11: Joe Krown Trio with Walter Wolfman Washington and Russell Batiste (New Orleans/funk). \$15/\$18. Dec. 15: Josh Hoge and Todd Carey. \$12/\$15. Dec. 17: Girllyman (folk/rock). \$20/\$25. Dec. 30: Ezra Furman: Solo Acoustic. \$10/\$12. Dec. 31, 6 p.m.: Jill Sobule and Julia

Sweeney. \$20/\$25. Dec. 31, 10 p.m.: She-mieka Copeland (blues). \$40/\$45. Jan. 14, 2011: Eddy "The Chief" Clearwater (blues). \$15/\$20. Jan. 18, 2011: Gullarist Charlie Hunter. \$18/\$22. Jan. 21, 2011: Leo Nocentelli's The Meters Experience (soul). \$20/\$25. Jan. 30, 2011: Freedy Johnston and Darden Smith. \$17/\$20. Feb. 12, 2011: James Hunter (soul). \$24/\$28. Feb. 18, 2011: 7 p.m.: Rory Block (blues). \$15/\$18.

ART GALLERIES

As You Like It Gallery, 825-B Chicago Ave., second floor, Evanston. (847) 864-3101. www.asyoulikeitsalon.net. Through October: "Coalescence," featuring interior landscapes on paper and canvas by Evanston artist Patt Murray. Block Museum of Art at Northwestern University, 40 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston. (847) 491-4000. www.blockmuseum.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 Dec. 12: "Leon Golub: Live & Die Like a Lion?," featuring late drawings by the American artist, in the main gallery. Nov. 11, 6 p.m.: Gallery Talk, Brett Littman, executive director of the Drawing Center, New York, and curator of "Leon Golub: Live & Die Like a Lion?," leads an in-gallery discussion of the exhibition. Through Dec. 12: "Shirin Neshat: Rapture," a video and sound installation by the Iranian-born and U.S.-based photographer, video artist and filmmaker, in the Alsdorf Gallery. Nov. 3, 5 p.m.: Block Book Club. "Women without Men" by Iranian author Shahrnush Parsipur. Brian Edwards, associate professor of English and comparative literary studies at Northwestern's Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences, will moderate a conversation about the book. A \$25 fee includes a copy of the novel. To register, e-mail blockeducation@northwestern.edu. Nov. 13, 2 p.m.: "Art and Oppression: Leon Golub and Shirin Neshat." Eduardo Cadava, professor of English, Princeton University, and Rannanna Khanna, Margaret Taylor Smith Director of Women's Studies, Duke University, discuss the treatment of oppression in the artwork of Golub and Neshat. Nov. 17, 10 a.m.: Educating the Eye series. "Barbara Crane and Brad Temkin: Choices in Contemporary Photography." \$10; free for Block Museum members. Reservations are required; call (847) 491-7540. Central Street East, 1810-1814 Central St., Evanston. Oct. 28, 6-9 p.m.: "An Evening of Art & Antiques," with works by artists Brian Bourke, Denise Bizot, Bob Danon, Mark McMahon, Patricia Mejia, Robin Pendergrast, Sari Shein and Joan Taxay Weigner. For information, e-mail bob@rcdanon.com. 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 Nov. 1: "Caged Dresses, Floating Kimono," 19 pieces by Patricia Otto, an artist who puts needle and thread to innovative use and "repur-

posed" materials and everyday objects in creative "green" and affirming ways. Nov. 4-Dec. 9: "Intense Brightness," works by Licha DeLaPena. Chicago-based artist DeLaPena creates textured, vibrant acrylic paintings inspired by her Logan Square neighborhood. An opening reception will be held from 6-8 p.m. Nov. 5. Evanston Art Center, 2603 Sheridan Road. www.evanstonartcenter.org. (847) 475-5300. Gallery hours: 10 a.m.-10 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays; 1-4 p.m. Sundays. Through Nov. 7: "Through the Looking Glass." Oct. 28, 7 p.m.: Discussion of "The Critical Importance of Visual Arts Education." \$10. Lincolnwood Village Hall, 6900 N. Lincoln Ave., Lincolnwood. Gallery hours: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday. Contact Shirley Engelstein, fine arts coordinator, (847) 674-3806. Through Nov. 5: "A Passion for the Fine Arts," works by Robert G. Lyon. Lyon's work is inspired in part by photographs taken locally and while traveling in the United States and overseas. He reflects his interests in subjects as varied as dancers, musicians, landscapes and portraits. Northwestern University's Frances Searle Building, 2240 Campus Drive, Evanston. Through Dec. 6: "Stroke and Beyond," works by Len Upen. The collection of portraits and personal stories shows how lives are changed due to a stroke. Noyes Cultural Arts Center Gallery, 927 Noyes St., Evanston. (847) 448-8260. Open 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday-Saturday; 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Sundays. Admission is free. Through Nov. 30: "Life After," works by Nnenna Okore, a Nigerian-born sculptor working with woven fiber and recycled materials. Oakton Community College, Koehnline Museum of Art, 1600 E. Golf Road, Des Plaines. (847) 635-2633. www.oakton.edu/museum. Gallery hours: 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Friday; 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturdays. Through Nov. 6: The Women's and Gender Studies Program at Oakton presents "No Place Like Home: Examining Changing Landscape in Our Lives," a juried exhibition featuring works by more than 60 women artists. Perspective Group and Photography Gallery, 1315-1/2B Chicago Ave., Evanston, a not-for-profit, community-oriented cooperative whose purpose is to promote photography as fine art. Gallery hours are noon-6 p.m. Thursday-Saturday; noon-5 p.m. Sundays. Visit http://perspectivegallery.org or call (224) 200-1155. Through Oct. 31: "Flowers - Uncut," photographs by Suzanne Metzel, and "Provence: Portes, Fenêtres et Volets," works by Marie DeLeau. Nov. 4-28: "Reflections," photographs by Mark Kaufman, and "Imagined Landscapes," photographs by Bob Tanner, as well winning photographs from the sixth annual Faces of Evanston contest. Opening reception will be held from 5-8 p.m. Nov. 6. Seniors Action Service, 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. Nov. 14-Feb. 11, 2011: "Celebrating Experience: A Gallery of Art by Older Adults," with works by Diane File, Patience Kramer and Baila Miller. Artists' reception will be held

from 2-4 p.m. Nov. 14. Simply Chicago Art, 1318 Oakton St., Evanston. (847) 864-0716. www.simplychicagoart.com. Gallery hours are 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Saturdays; 1-5 p.m. Sundays. Oct. 30-Nov. 21: "A Sick Mind is a Terrible Thing to Waste," works by Steve Hafziger. Halloween party and artist's reception will be held from 7 p.m.-midnight Oct. 30. Costumes encouraged. Skokie Art Guild's 2010 Members Only Fall Exhibit will be showing through Nov. 20 at the Skokie Public Library, 5215 Oakton St. Visit www.skokieartguild.org.

AUDITIONS & OPPORTUNITIES

MUSICIANS Music Institute of Chicago is sponsoring the Generation Next Young Com-

poser's Competition. Prizes range from \$75 to \$350 and include a concert of the winning works, a CD recording of the performance, and scholarships to participate in MIC's Composer's Lab. Application deadline is Dec. 15. For information, visit www.musicinstitute-ofchicago.org. The Oakton String Ensemble is recruiting violin, viola, cello, and double bass players with experience. Those interested in joining a serious, mixed-level group may audition by appointment. Weekly rehearsals are held from 7:30-9:30 p.m. Mondays. The Oakton String Ensemble is directed by Daniel Golden, principal viola of the Lake Forest Symphony and a member of the Ars Viva Symphony and Chicago Philharmonic. For information, contact Golden at (847) 635-1937 or dgolden@oakton.edu.

SINGERS

Skokie Concert Choir seeks male and female singers at any level of choral experience. No auditions are held. The choir performs a variety of music, from classical to Broadway, and performs two concerts annually, under the direction of Candice Crane, with accompanist Adrian Metzger. Rehearsals are held from 7-9 p.m. Mondays, September through June, at Old Orchard Junior High School, 9310 Kenton Ave., Skokie. Visit www.skokiechoir.org or call (847) 674-3219.

ARTISTS

Seeking vendors, artists and craftsmen for a holiday boutique to be held from 11 a.m.-8:30 p.m. Nov. 11 at Ezra Habonim the Niles Township Jewish Congregation, 4500 Dempster St., Skokie. Call the synagogue office at

(847) 675-4141 or e-mail Judy@tscorp.com. The Christmas in Park Ridge Boutique, sponsored by The Center of Concern, seeks participants for its boutique and craft show, to be held Nov. 20-21 at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, Park Ridge. Space rental is \$20-\$80, plus 10% of sales. Call (847) 823-0920 (evenings). Application deadline is Nov. 12.

BENEFITS

Singer-songwriter Mark Cleveland and his Mark Cleveland Band will present a benefit concert for Evanston's Mitchell Museum of the American Indian from 6:30-9 p.m. Nov. 4 at Prairie Moon restaurant, 1502 Sherman Ave., Evanston. Tickets are \$60 per person, which includes entertainment, appetizers and one beverage. A split-the-pot cash raffle will be held, with raffle tickets costing \$5 each or six for \$25. The winner need not be present. Call (847) 475-1030 or visit www.mitchellmuseum.org.

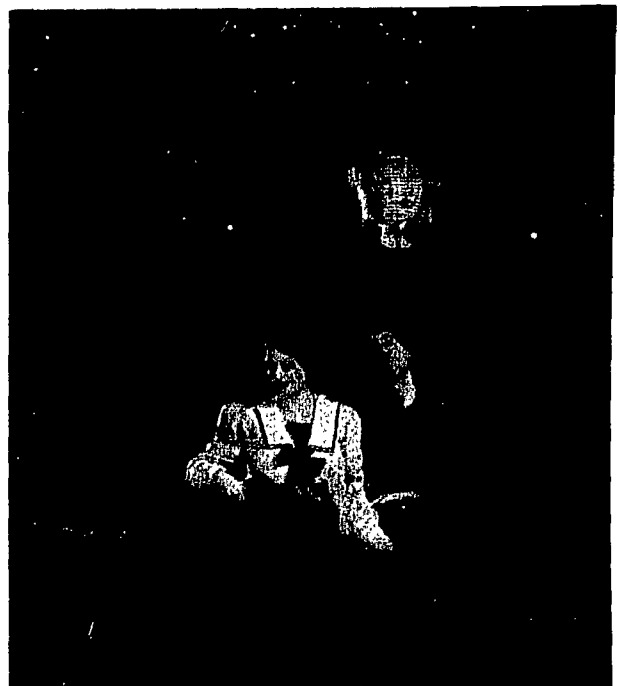
The Chicago Stereo Camera Club will host its 62nd annual "Chicago Lighthouse International Exhibition of Stereo Photography" at 2 p.m. Nov. 20 at Oakton Community College, Hartstein Campus, Room A151, 7701 N. Lincoln Ave., Skokie. The international juried exhibition features 3-dimensional photographic slides viewed through polarized glasses, set to a musical background, and 3-dimensional cards and anaglyph prints to be viewed during the intermission. A minimum donation of \$6 is requested at the door. Proceeds benefit The Chicago Lighthouse for People Who Are Blind or Visually Impaired. For information, visit http://chicagostereocameractub.org/llgh1.htm. The Musical Offering of Evanston will hold a benefit from 2-4 p.m. Nov. 21 at SPACE, 1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston. The day includes crafts and activities for children, food and drinks, a silent auction and a performance of "O Saci," a musical theater piece. Tickets: \$15; \$10 students and seniors. Visit www.evanstonpace.com or call Rick Ferguson, (847) 866-6260.

BROADCAST

Quartet Danae, an ensemble comprised of Chicago teens that study at the Music Institute of Chicago in Evanston, will appear on the NPR radio program "From the Top" at 7 p.m. Nov. 7 on WFMT 98.7. Quartet Danae includes violinists Zachary Spontak, 18, from Fairbanks, Alaska, and Sophia Cho, 18, from Park Ridge; violist Leah Ferguson, 17, from Wilmette; and cellist Ben Fried, 17, from Highland Park.

CHILD'S PLAY

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Husband and wife folk rock duo The Weepies will perform at 10 p.m. Oct. 30 at SPACE in Evanston, 1245 Chicago Ave. Visit www.evanston-space.com or call (847) 492-8860.

slide show and sign copies of his latest book, Chicago's Jewish West Side. Borders Bookstore, 2817 N. Clark St., Chicago. (773) 935-3909. Nov. 5, 7 p.m.: Skokie resident Debbie Sue Goodman will discuss and sign her books, My Husband the Stranger, Still Single and Still Dating. Lincolnwood Public Library, 4000 W. Pratt Ave. (847) 677-5271. www.lincolnwoodlibrary.org. Nov. 8, 1 p.m.: Discussion of Let the Great World Spin by Colum McCann.

Church St., Evanston. (847) 864-8164. www.boocoo.org. Oct. 30, 6-8 p.m.: Jr. Open Mic, for singers, poets, entertainers or musicians ages 10-18. Advance registration required. "Ex-SCARE-torium" will be held from 10 a.m.-noon Oct. 30 in the Exploratorium at the Oakton Community Center, 4701 Oakton St., Skokie, featuring a Halloween costume parade, treats, art projects and more. For fee information, call (847) 674-1500, ext. 2700. Fairy Tale Trail, an alternative Halloween experience for children, will be open from 4-7 p.m. Oct. 29 and 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Oct. 30 at the Woman's Club of Evanston, 1702 Chicago Ave., Evanston. Mermaids, princesses, safari guides and other characters welcome children into a maze of eight "rooms," each of which is designed to feature a different children's story or theme. The trail is ideal for children up to age 8, who are encouraged to come in costume. Cost per person (adult or child) is \$5; tickets may be purchased at the door. Attendees may also purchase light snacks and refreshments at the Trail's Pumpkin Patch Café. For information,

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Advertisement for The Skokie Valley Symphony Orchestra's 49th Concert Season. It features a portrait of Sibelius and text: "My violin concerto will dazzle and delight! October 31, 2010 at 3 p.m. Sibelius: Finlandia Sibelius: Violin Concerto in D Minor Zachary Spontak, Young Artist Competition 1st Prize Winner Rachmaninoff: Symphony No. 2 in E Minor". It also includes box office information: 847.673.6300 and website www.northshorecenter.org.

Advertisement for Oktoberfest at Edelweiss German American Cuisine. It says "Serving Lunch & Dinner Every Day!" and "Live Entertainment Thursday thru Sunday". It lists "16 Import Beers On Tap" and "Weekend Beer Specials". The event is "OKTOBERFEST SEPT 11 THRU NOV 6 MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS NOW". It also lists "HUNTERS FEAST NOV 12-21 SMOKED ELK VENISON RABBIT WILD BOAR CHOPS PHEASANT". The address is 7650 W. IRVING PARK RD., NORRIDGE, with phone 708-452-6040.

Advertisement for Rialto Square Theatre. It says "ON SALE NOW!" and "THIS SATURDAY! AN EVENING WITH JETHRO TULL'S IAN ANDERSON". It also features "SATURDAY OCT 30 8PM" and "GEORGE JONES SATURDAY NOV 6 8PM". It includes a photo of George Jones and text: "Tickets available at the Rialto box office, all Ticketmaster outlets, ticketmaster.com, rialtosquare.com, or charge at 815 726 6600".

Advertisement for Blueman Theatre. It says "AN ECSTATIC EXPERIENCE!" and "USA TODAY". It includes the website "Visit BLUEMAN.COM/CHICAGO for a complete schedule." and contact information: "BRIAR 3133 North Halsted STREET 773.348.4000", "ticketmaster 800.982.2787", "Group Sales 773.348.3300", "1.800.BLUEMAN", "BLUEMAN.COM", and "BLUE MAN GROUP".

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Kids Fare series, featuring hour-long concerts for children ages 3 to 8 and their families, are held at Pick-Stanger Concert Hall at Northwestern University, 30 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston, unless noted otherwise. Information: (847) 491-5446; tickets: (847) 467-4000, www.chicago.gov. All Kids Fare concerts begin at 10:30 a.m. Tickets: \$7 for senior citizens; \$4 for children. Nov. 6: "Rebellious Rhythms." The Northwestern University Percussion Ensemble will showcase the diversity of instruments such as drums and rattles. **Lincolnwood Public Library**, 4000 N. Pratt Ave. (847) 677-5277. www.lincolnwoodlibrary.org, Nov. 4, 7 p.m.: Teen Booktalkers for grades 6 and 7. Nov. 9, during library hours: *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* event, featuring trivia and prizes. Nov. 9-Dec. 14, 10:30 a.m., Tuesdays: Stories & More, an interactive storytime for children ages 3-5. Nov. 10-Dec. 15, 10 a.m., Wednesdays: Beginning with Books, featuring stories, songs and activities for infants to 2-year-olds and a caregiver. **Monday Kid Flicks**, at 3:30 p.m., Mondays - Nov. 8: "Hoodwinked." Nov. 8: "Diary of a Wimpy Kid." Nov. 15: "Planet 51."
Mitchell Museum of the American Indian, 3001 Central St., Evanston. (847) 475-1030. www.mitchellmuseum.org. Suggested donation is \$5 adults; \$2.50 senior citizens, students and children. Maximum suggested admission per family is \$10. **Kids Craft Mornings** are offered from 11 a.m.-noon. Museum staffers and volunteers lead informal workshops where children learn to construct simple versions of traditional Native American objects and engage in other hands-on activities related to native culture. Admission is included with an entrance donation to the museum. **Kids Craft Workshops** are recommended for children ages 5 and up, but there is no minimum age requirement. Participants must be accompanied by an adult. No pre-registration is necessary. Oct. 30: Children's bolo ties. Nov. 6: Dream catchers. Nov. 13: Seminole patchwork. Nov. 20: Northwest Coast button blankets. Nov. 27: Special Native Heritage Weekend activity - native foods word search. Dec. 11: Lakota star quilts. Dec. 18: Inuit snow goggles. **Music Institute of Chicago**, Nichols Concert Hall, 1490 Chicago Ave., Evanston. (847) 905-1500. www.musicinst.org, Dec. 11, 10 a.m.: Award-winning musician and storyteller Susan Reed presents a special program for families. The concert is preceded by a 9 a.m. open house featuring an instrument petting zoo, early childhood music demonstrations, student performances and refreshments. Tickets are \$10 per family. **Hiles Public Library District**, 6960

Dakota St., Niles. (847) 663-3405. www.nileslibrary.org, Mondays: 11 a.m.-3 p.m.: Baroque for children ages 2 and under, accompanied by an adult. The continuous year-round program includes dance, songs, fingerplays and playtime. Thursdays, 10 a.m.: Rose & Shine Storytime for children ages 2-5, accompanied by an adult.
North Shore Center for the Performing Arts, 2501 Oakton Blvd., Skokie. (847) 573-8100. www.northshorecenter.org, Nov. 5-Dec. 2, 11 a.m., Saturdays and Sundays: The Chicago Children's Theatre presents "The Hundred Dresses." Additional performances at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m., Nov. 25 and 7 p.m., Nov. 27. Tickets: \$25-\$35. On Saturday, Nov. 6, following the 11 a.m. performance, Pecon Covey and 3. Riley Mills, the authors of Chicago Children's Theatre's "The Hundred Dresses," will participate in a free post-show discussion about the creation of the musical. After the discussion, Chicago Children's Theatre will host a reception with the cast and crew. While there is no charge for the talk back, there is a surcharge for the party. The arranged package is \$45 for adults; \$30 for children. To order tickets, contact Maria Gray at mgray@chicagochildrenstheatre.org or (773) 227-1160.
Rosemont Theatre, 5400 N. River Road, Rosemont. Tickets are available at www.rosemonttheatre.com or (800) 745-3000; the ticket prices listed below do not include service fees. For more information about the theater, call (847) 675-5100 or visit www.rosemonttheatre.com. Dec. 10, 7 p.m., and Dec. 11, 10:30 a.m., 2 p.m., and 8:30 p.m.: Barney Live in Concert - Birthday Bash! Tickets: \$35, \$25 and \$35. A limited number of \$45 Gric Circle Seats also available.

FAIRS & FESTIVALS

IBAM! a celebration of Irish books, arts and media, will be held from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Nov. 6-7 at the Irish American Heritage Center, 4626 N. Knox, Chicago. More than 100 Irish and Irish-themed authors, artists and musicians will participate, including broadcaster and author Frank Delaney and The Bogside Artists from Derry, Northern Ireland. The event includes a "live" mural painting, book signings, panel discussions, workshops, a poetry competition, art exhibits, lectures, theatre performances, live music and Irish dance, and children's activities. Admission is \$10 for one day; \$15 for both days. Admission is free for IAHC members and children 12 and under. For tickets, call (773) 282-7035 or visit www.irish-american.org.

Ethnic Fest: The Many Faces of Lincolnwood, 1-4 p.m. Nov. 7 at the Lincolnwood Public Library, 4000 W. Pratt Ave., featuring international cuisine, cultural entertainment by Valeriy Beludzhiev, Character Fleadh, Lamajamal, Patchouli, Natraj Dance and Special C Revival, and activities for all ages. Call (847) 677-5277 or visit www.lincolnwoodlibrary.org.

Norwood Park Historical Society will host Victoria's Holiday Craft Boutique and Café Dec. 2-5 at the Noble-Seymour-Crippen House, 5624 N. Newpark Ave., Chicago. Hours are 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Thursday and Friday; 7-10 p.m. Friday for the Girls' Night P.J. shopping party; 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday; and 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday. \$1 admission fee; participants in the society's Dec. 4 Holiday House Tour will be admitted at no extra charge with their tour ticket. For information, call (773) 631-4633 or visit www.norwoodparkhistoricalsociety.org.
Native Arts Holiday Bazaar will be held from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Dec. 4 and noon-4 p.m. Dec. 5 in the Mitchell Museum of the American Indian's 3009 Central Street building, next door to the Evanston museum. Native artists will sell work ranging from paintings, ceramics and baskets to jewelry, bead work, clothing, leather work and more. Admission to the bazaar is \$5, which includes museum general admission. Bazaar admission is \$3 for Mitchell Museum members. Children under 12 are admitted free to the bazaar but pay \$2.50 if they wish to visit the museum. For information, call (847) 475-1030 or visit www.mitchellmuseum.org.

DANCE

The Centre at North Park, 10040 Addison Ave., Franklin Park. Nov. 14: Sunday dance, sponsored by BallroomChicago.com. Lesson from 2-2:30 p.m.; open dancing from 2:30-5:30 p.m. \$12 per person. For further information, call (847) 579-9361.
Chicago Barn Dance Company sponsors contra dancing from 8-11 p.m. Nov. 22 at S.P.A.C.E., 1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston, with live music and calling. No partner is needed, and there is a lesson at 7:30 p.m. \$7: \$5 for students. Visit www.chicagobarnanddance.com.
Happy Twirlers Dance Club provides round and square dancing at 7:30 p.m. the second Saturday of the month, through May 14, 2011, at Immanuel

www.blockmuseum.northwestern.edu/block-cinema. Admission is \$6; \$4 for Block Museum members, senior citizens, and students with ID, or as noted below. All films shown at 7 p.m., unless noted otherwise. Nov. 3: "Women without Men." Director Shirin Neshat depicts the lives of four women struggling against the backdrop of the 1953 coup that toppled Iran's fledgling democracy. In Farsi with English subtitles. Admission is free. Nov. 19: "Hugh Hefner: Playboy, Activist and Rebel." **American Architect in Focus film series** - Oct. 28: "Louis Sullivan: The Struggle for American Architecture." Nov. 5: "Strangers When We Meet." Larry Coe (Kirk Douglas) is an ambitious modern architect who's building a home for the arrogant, best-selling novelist Roger (Ernie Kovacs). Nov. 6, 2 p.m.: "A Girl is a Fellow Here: 100 Women Architects in the Studio of Frank Lloyd Wright" and "Regular or Super: Views on Mies van der Rohe." Nov. 12: "The Fountainhead." Nov. 18: "Infinite Space: The Architecture of John Lautner." Nov. 20, 2 p.m.: Free matinee of "Building Blocks: Architecture Shorts." **Revivals and Rediscoveries series** - Oct. 29: "Demon Lover Diary." Nov. 17: "Polo and Cabengo." **Miguel Gomes series**, featuring the works of Portuguese director Gomes - Nov. 4, 6 p.m.: "Meanwhile" ("Entretanto") and "Christmas Inventory" ("Inventário de Natal"). In Portuguese with English subtitles. Admission is free.
"Bon Jovi - The Circle Tour," featuring footage shot at the band's performances at New Jersey's New Meadowlands Stadium in May, will be shown at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 8 at Showplace Niles 12, 301 Golf Mill Center, Niles, and Evanston 18, 1715 Maple Ave., Evanston. The event will kick off with a sneak preview of Bon Jovi's new music video, "What Do You Got." Tickets are available at theatre box offices and online at www.FathomEvents.com.
Irish American Heritage Center, 4626 N. Knox Ave., Chicago. (773) 282-7035. www.irish-american.org, Nov. 13, 7:30 p.m.: World premiere of Mike Houlihan's new documentary, "Her Majesty, 'da Queen," a backstage look at the annual Chicago St. Patrick's Day Parade Queen Contest. The screening will begin with introductory remarks by Houlihan and wrap up with a post-screening party in the Fifth Province Pub. Tickets are \$10.
Lincolnwood Public Library, 4000 W. Pratt Ave. (847) 677-5277. www.lincolnwoodlibrary.org, Friday Films at 1 p.m. - Oct. 29: "The Wolfman." Nov. 5: "Dear John." Nov. 12: "The Ghost Writer." Nov. 19: "Green Zone." Morning Matinees at 10:30 a.m. Thursdays - Nov. 4: "Wonderful World." Nov. 11: "The Back-up Plan." Nov. 18: "Letters to Juliet." **Skokie Theatre**, 7924 Lincoln Ave., Skokie. Call (847) 677-7761 or visit www.skokiethatre.com. Oct. 30, 10:30 p.m.: Screening of "Animal House." \$20, with proceeds to benefit the Skokie Theatre.

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Nissan strengthens its luxury lineup for 2011 model year

BY KIRK BELL
 SearchChicago-Autos Correspondent

For the first 14 years of its existence, Nissan's luxury arm Infiniti followed the Lexus formula. The cars were guided versions of Nissans, used front-wheel-drive platforms and skewed more toward luxury than sporty.

In 2003 that started to change. That year Infiniti introduced the rear-wheel drive G35 coupe and sedan and the sporty FX crossover, which was based on the 350Z sports car. The 2004 model year saw the introduction of the QX56 full-size SUV; 2006 marked the release of an M sedan that could truly compete with the best midsize sports cars on the market; and 2008 saw the release of the likable EX35, a small, sporty crossover. With these product changes, Infiniti was suddenly a slightly less rich man's BMW.

For 2011 Infiniti takes another step toward the BMW model by introducing the Infiniti Performance Line G37 coupe, the first car in a new line of performance vehicles. At the same time, Infiniti is introducing a lower power version of the G series sedan and completely redesigned

versions of the M and QX56. Let's take a look at what's new for the 2011 Infiniti lineup.

IPL G37 coupe (above)
 Although the IPL G37 coupe is a special model along the lines of BMW's M series, it isn't as much of a serious performance machine as an M vehicle. The engine is the same 3.7-liter V-6 as other G37s, but in the IPL it makes 348 horsepower (compared to 330) and 276 pound-feet of torque (instead of 272) thanks to a larger dual exhaust and more aggressive computer programming. It is mated to a six-speed manual or seven-speed automatic transmission, the latter with manual shift capability, and a pair of nicely placed steering wheel shift paddles. Environmental Protection Agency fuel economy ratings are unchanged at 19 mpg city/27 mpg highway with the automatic and 17/25 with the manual. BMW's M vehicles have their own, far more powerful engines, but they also drink more fuel.

Underneath, the IPL G37 coupe gets front springs that are 20 percent stiffer than those of the base G37 coupe and rear springs that are 10 percent stiffer. The shocks are also firmer, but that's the extent of the chassis changes. The brakes are the same as those in the sport package, with 14-inch front discs with four-piston calipers and 13.8-inch rear discs with two-piston rear calipers.

Inside, the IPL coupe is equipped like a G37 Journey model with the premium, sport and navigation packages. In other words, it combines

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Mallinckrodt In The Park now open to 'pre-retirees'

Mallinckrodt in the Park, located in Wilmette, has won approval from the Wilmette Board of Trustees to lower its resident age restriction from 62 years to 55 years.

"That opens the door to buyers from the North Shore and other areas who are of 'pre-retirement' age and have expressed an interest in the community," said Reuben Warshawsky, manager of Mallinckrodt Renaissance LLC and president of Chord Realty Group, who added that the new lower age limit will apply to all new home purchases at Mallinckrodt in the Park, effective immediately.

The community, located at 1041 Ridge Road just north of Lake Avenue, is set on a 14-acre landscaped park with walking trails and gardens maintained by the Wilmette Park District. Available floor plans include one bedroom, one bedroom plus a den, two bedrooms or two bedrooms plus a den, one to 3.5 baths, and 1,148 to 2,952 square feet. Prices range from \$235,000 to \$750,000 including one or two deeded indoor heated parking spaces.

A sales center and decorated model for Mallinckrodt in the Park are open Saturday and Sunday from noon to 4 p.m. and by appointment during the week. For more information or to schedule an appointment, visit www.mallinpark.com or contact Don Shea of @properties at 847-910-0268, or donsheia@atproperties.com.

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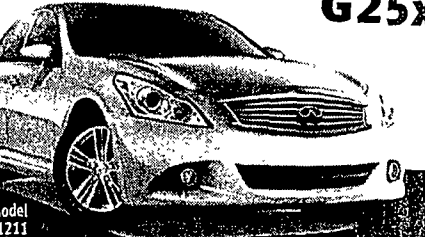
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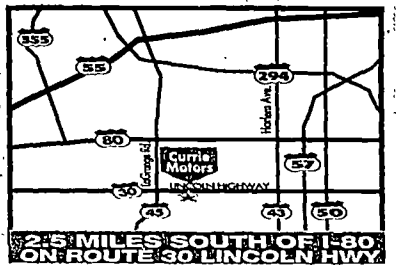
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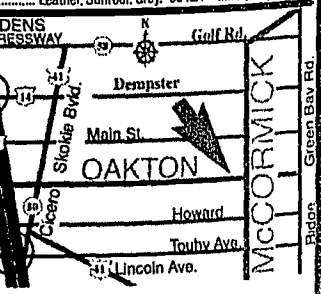
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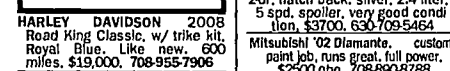
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BY MARCY MARRO
For Sun Times Media

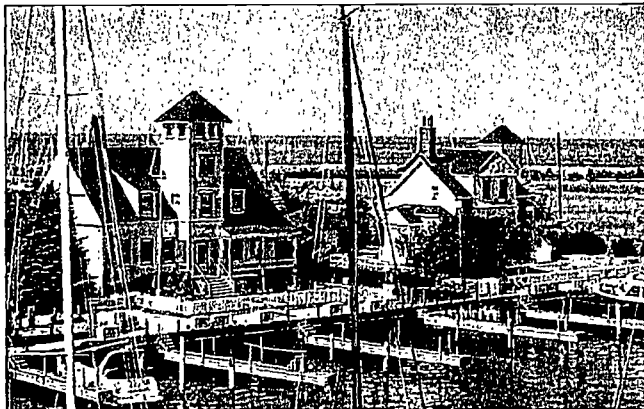
You don't have to give up all the fun of any season you can spend at or near the lake. At The Atwater at Gaslight Pointe in downtown Racine, you can own a beautiful condominium, just steps from Lake Michigan and take advantage of lakeside amenities throughout the year. Whether you are searching for the perfect year-round residence, or just looking for a vacation getaway, The Atwater is only an hour from Chicago.

Located in downtown Racine, there's a lot to do year round. The downtown district has plenty of shopping and restaurants to keep everyone happy. In the spring and summer enjoy live concerts at Monument Square and a diverse cultural scene, with gallery openings and opportunities to meet the artists. In the fall and winter, there's a Holiday Parade, Tree Lighting Ceremony, Holiday Pops Concert and Winterfest Snow Sculpting Festival.

"Racine is an old lakefront community with lots of history and heritage," explained Chris Rintz, executive vice president of New England Homes. "We have something for everyone. That's why half of our buyers are full-time residents who enjoy lakefront living, while the other half purchased here for a second home getaway."

With its New England single-style architecture, the four-story, 40-unit condominium building reflects Racine's historic waterfront landmarks. In addition to an architectural shingled roof, The Atwater at Gaslight Pointe is covered in cedar shake siding and features a stone water table made up of all natural materials that were selected to seamlessly blend into the surrounding neighborhood.

New England Builders is offering a variety of



Views include the Coast Guard facility, breakwater and Lake Michigan beyond.

special incentives making now the best time to buy. Rintz invites buyers to take advantage of below market 30-year fixed rate financing, interest rates as low as 2.5 percent and low 3.5 percent down payments.

Featuring one- and two-bedroom condos previously priced from \$199,900 to \$419,900, units are now available from \$169,900 to \$372,500. Some units overlook the harbor, while other units offer views of the lake from their balconies. Floor plans range in size from 757 to 1,836 square feet for one-bedroom, one-bath homes to two bedrooms plus den and 2½ baths. Buyers still have time to add their personal touches by selecting the final finishes. Once final selections are made, residences are being completed in six to eight weeks.

Residences include 9-foot ceilings with colonial-

style painted wood base, trim and casings throughout, along with painted raised, six-panel solid core smooth interior doors, designer-selected polished brass or satin nickel lighting fixtures, and plenty of closet space.

Elegantly appointed kitchens feature stainless-steel double basin sinks, a Moen faucet with spray, Corian solid surface countertops, Frigidaire stainless-steel appliance package with self-cleaning sealed burner gas range, microwave hood, dishwasher and refrigerators, along with the buyer's choice of maple, birch, oak or white cabinets in a variety of finishes.

Master baths feature oversized showers with clear glass doors; porcelain or ceramic floor and wall tile;

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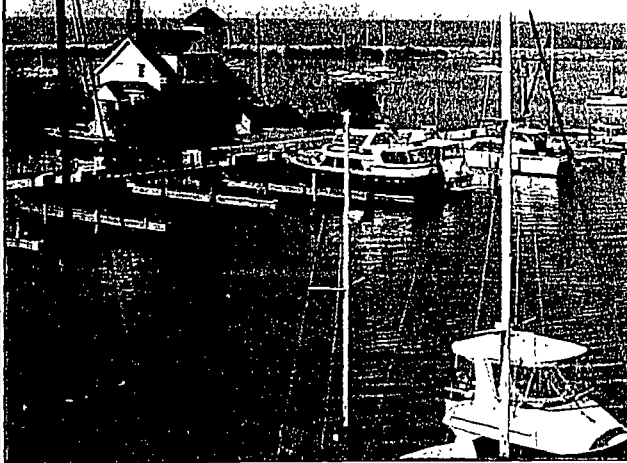
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Low mortgage rates, value pricing, brick and stone make Millbrook Pointe a best buy

Today's value-conscious homebuyers are looking for the best buy in town. At Millbrook Pointe in Wheeling, they may have found it.

At this established community, both first-time buyers and mature adults are discovering all brick-and-stone townhomes priced from \$269,900, and they can take advantage of the lowest mortgage rates in years. These factors have contributed to continued high traffic every weekend at this impressive Wheeling community.

Spring and summer months brought an increase in sales leading to a flurry of construction activity. Now that Phase 1 is almost complete, Gary Levitas, president of Northfield Group, attributes this stellar sales of 15 homes in the last few months to customers recognizing the opportunity of a lifetime.

He advises his customers to take advantage of today's historic low mortgage rates by locking in a 30-year fixed rate mortgage as low as 3.5 percent.

"Low mortgage rates coupled with Millbrook Pointe's all brick and stone quality construction provides you with the best deal in town," he said.

Now that prices are lowered, new buyers who were previously priced out of the townhome market can move up to a home of their dreams. People looking for condos can aspire to a charming three-story rowhome or two-story townhome priced from \$269,900.

You can move right into a spacious three-bedroom, 2½-bath, 2,200-square-foot townhome in prime Wheeling location that includes granite countertops, stainless steel appliances, Pella wood windows and a full basement. Several homes are now available for quick occupancy, while others may be customized to a buyer's preference. That's an amazing value not found any-

VISIT THIS COMMUNITY

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where in the vicinity according to Levitas.

Before purchasing a home, resident Joe Prokop said he toured countless developments and nothing came close to what he got for his money at Millbrook Pointe.

"It has everything, great prices, great location, quality building materials, and open floor plans. There's no better place to live for the price."

What convinced first-time homebuyer Jeff Wolfson to buy now rather than later was all of the great incentives he received at Millbrook Pointe.

"But the all brick-and-stone construction, Pella wood windows, stainless steel appliances, and two car garage didn't hurt either," he said.

"Our buyers are also impressed by our innovative floor plans and complete customization," said Levitas.

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

Since every buyer has their own set of preferences, Northfield



Fully appointed kitchens feature stainless steel appliances, 42-inch designer wood cabinets and granite countertops, and Pella wood windows and wood floors.



Millbrook Pointe, a new community of all brick and stone townhomes and rowhomes featuring three to four bedrooms, has four decorated models open for touring from \$269,900.

Group offers buyers total customization within the footprint of the floor plan. Owners have redesigned a floor plan layout,

modified their kitchen, revamped a bathroom, enlarged a bedroom, plus made a host of other changes.

"The sky is the limit. We address their expectations and offer many choices to help buyers make their home into a true reflection

of their lifestyle," Levitas said.

Buyers can choose from two upscale townhome plans. One offers four bedrooms and 3½ baths with a first-floor master suite. The other is a three-bedroom, 2½-bath traditional layout. Features include separate living room with a Juliette balcony, two-story great room, spacious kitchen with granite countertops and a center island, vaulted ceilings, deck, and basement with 9-foot ceiling.

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

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New windows a big move for energy savings

Putting off that home improvement project? Waiting too long could be detrimental to your wallet.

On Dec. 31, the federal tax credit worth up to \$1,500 for energy-efficient home improvements will expire, leaving procrastinating homeowners out in the cold... or at least chilly from their old, drafty windows.

In addition to tax credit savings, many window sellers are offering savings on qualifying windows this month, which happens to be National Energy Awareness month.

"The timing couldn't be better for value shoppers to make the investment into new energy-efficient windows for their homes," said Erin Johnson, window expert for Edgetech I.G. "Special offers and tax credits will add up through December, but the long-term savings on energy bills will be long-lasting if consumers do their homework to find the right windows to meet all of their needs."

"The first rule of thumb when shopping for new sustainable windows is to understand what the labels mean, and to read them carefully. Windows that bear the 'Energy Star' label are proven to reduce heating and cooling costs, and are National Fenestration Ratings Council (NFRC) approved for U-factor (the rate of heat loss through the window) and solar heat gain (how well the window blocks heat from the sun).

To meet the federal tax credit requirements, windows must achieve a 30 U-factor and 30 solar heat gain coefficient, and this information should be clearly marked on the windows. But to ensure the long-term performance of replacements, there are a number of other factors that should be considered, including condensation resistance.

"The existence of condensation on windows is a sign that a window is inefficient," Johnson said. "This can even occur in newer, poorly constructed windows and will tend to alter problems, including mold and damage to curtains, walls, carpet and the window itself. Most importantly, moisture can lead to seal failure and the need to replace the entire window system."

Some NFRC labels include

condensation resistance (CR), which is reported as a scale from one to 100, and measures the ability of a product to resist formation of condensation on the interior surface of the product. The higher the CR rating, the better tint product is at resisting condensation formation.

While this rating cannot predict condensation, it can provide a credible method of comparing the potential of various products for condensation formation. This rating is not required to be posted on new windows, so be sure to do your homework if it isn't there.

The primary component to watch for to prevent condensation is the spacer, the window component that separates and seals the two panes of glass. According to the NFRC, an important step toward reducing the potential for condensation is the use of a warm edge spacer system that reduces the conductivity through the edge of the window.

"Non-metal, dual-sealed warm edge spacer systems, such as Super Spacer, are less conductive than metal spacers, which leads to less condensation in insulating glass windows," Johnson said. "Because of its all-foam, non-metal design, Super Spacer offers the highest condensation resistance in the industry."

According to Johnson, all-foam spacers have other benefits that will ensure the long-term energy performance of replacement windows.

"Rigid, metal spacers do not bend, so over time pressure from wind, snow and barometric pressure changes can cause the seal to crack. A flexible spacer will expand and contract with weather changes, keeping the seal intact and the window performing longer," she said.

A survey conducted by the Alliance to Save Energy found that 64 percent of homes in the U.S. have single-pane windows, which contribute up to 35 percent of energy wasted in buildings. In cold climates, energy-efficient, dual-pane windows with low-e coatings can reduce heating bills by as much as 34 percent. In warm climates, they can cut cooling costs by 38 percent.

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Some of the many features at 770 Lofts are hardwood flooring in living areas, track lighting and a private balcony or terrace with city views.

770 Lofts debuts with head-turning prices

West Loop location offers one-bedrooms from \$170,000

Sales are under way for 770 Lofts, a new loft development offering some of the lowest prices on new-construction in Chicago's West Loop.

Located at 770 W. Gladys St., a half block south of Jackson and a half block east of Halsted, 770 Lofts features five stories of adaptive reuse lofts topped by two stories of new construction. A total of 47 condominiums are for sale, offering one to three bedrooms, one to 2½ baths, and 740 to 1,816 square feet.

Prices start in the \$170,000s for one-bedroom, one-bath plans, the \$220,000s for homes with

one bedroom plus a den and one bath, and the \$270,000s for two-bedroom, two-bath plans. Three-bedroom, 2½-bath penthouses with more than 1,800 square feet are priced from \$474,900. Parking is offered at \$10,000. Financing is available with 3.5 percent down, and homes are ready for immediate delivery.

"This is the best value to come along in some time," said Michael Golden, co-founder of @properties, the exclusive brokerage firm for the development. "These homes are being offered at prices we haven't seen in years for new construction in the West Loop, and these are not stripped-down units. The finishes are very current, and the building is a total rehab inside and out."

Homes at 770 Lofts feature hardwood flooring in living areas, oversized 8-foot solid-core interior doors, washer/dryer hook-ups, track lighting and a private balcony or terrace with city views.

New kitchens include 16-inch granite or quartz countertops, stainless steel appliances and 42-inch European-style cabinets. Master baths feature raised-height vanities with under-mount sinks, and granite, marble or quartz countertops per plan.

Lofts in the existing structure feature exposed brick walls and heavy timber beams, and all units have exposed ductwork and high ceilings ranging from 9½ to 15 feet. The building also has a new lobby and corridors and a fitness center with cardio equipment.

770 Lofts is located in the heart of Greek Town, across from the new National Hellenic Museum, opening late next year. The restaurants and bars of Greek Town, Randolph Street and Fulton Market are all within walking distance. The building also provides easy access to the Loop, UIC campus, Rush University Medical Center,

the Illinois Medical District and Chicago-Kent College of Law. Transportation is also convenient with Union Station, Ogilvie Transportation Center and the Halsted stop on the CTA Blue Line located nearby. Interstates 90/94 and 290 are accessible within seconds.

"This has always been a vibrant area, and it's becoming more so. The Hellenic Museum will be an attractive addition to the neighborhood, and the residents of 770 Lofts will benefit from streetscape improvements and other infrastructure projects planned in conjunction with the museum," said Thaddeus Wong, co-founder of @properties.

Two decorated models for 770 Lofts are located on site. Sales center hours are Saturday and Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. and by appointment. For more information, visit the 770 Lofts Web site at www.770lofts.com or call 312-345-0770.

Save energy big and small in every room of the house

Saving the environment can be an overwhelming task.

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In fact, if everyone did just a few little things, the earth would see a gigantic benefit, so you can still do your part even if it doesn't mean retrofitting your entire home. And a few small measures, like taking the Energy Star "Change the World" pledge, can result in you seeing immediate savings.

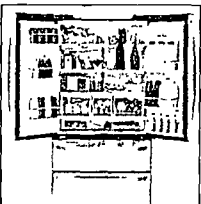
Some of the world's leading brands recently teamed up with energy-savings experts to build an energy-neutral house to test earth-friendly practices in Boulder, Colo. Lifestyle experts were then invited to live in The Green House for three days, test its environmentally friendly products and experience the benefits of eco-friendly living.

Another energy-neutral and energy-efficient home project is under way at Prairie Ridge Estates in New Lenox.

The main takeaway from Colorado Green House project is that there are a variety of steps you can take, big ones and smaller ones, to make each room in your home more eco-friendly:

Bathroom

Big: Install a low-flow aerating showerhead. Most models allow you to save around 30 percent on water usage without compromising on your shower experience.



Some new refrigerator models use new technology to save energy, and still have plenty of capacity for the family's needs. | ARACCONTENT PHOTO

Smart: Avoid using toxic cleaning products, as chemicals find their way into the atmosphere and waterways. As you run out of old cleansers, replace with nontoxic cleaning products.

Kitchen

Big: Replace your old refrigerator or dishwasher with an energy-efficient model. Look for models that either meet or go beyond Energy Star levels. Some models achieve efficiency through linear compressor technology that alters output based on demand from the refrigerator. This means fewer temperature swings, ultimately using less energy and saving you money.

Smart: Plant a garden, as the food out of your garden will be fresher and won't need to be transported to the store or to your home.

Bedroom

Big: Buy all-natural bedding

that is made from earth-friendly materials.

Smart: Unplug gadgets like cell phone chargers and unused appliances before going to bed, since they can use energy even when they are plugged in and not in use.

Laundry room

Big: Buy an energy-efficient washer and dryer. Consider a high-efficiency front-load machine. Some use more than 50 percent less water per load and is roughly 86 percent more energy-efficient than conventional top-load machines.

Smart: Clean your dryer vent after each load, because even a partially clogged vent will hurt your dryer's efficiency.

Energy center

Big: Invest in a programmable thermostat, which can save you money by setting temperatures lower when you plan to be away or while you sleep. Some even can be controlled remotely while you are away.

Smart: Replace incandescent light bulbs with more energy-efficient CFL or LED bulbs.

Garage

Big: If you're in the market for a new car, buy a gas-sipping hybrid.

Smart: Take public transportation. Better yet, where possible, bike or walk on one trip each week where you would usually drive.

Living room

Big: Buy an Energy Star-rated TV that will save you money when it's both on and off. With very low standby and on-mode power consumption, some new LED HDTVs use only about 7 cents of electricity a day for average viewing of six hours daily.

Smart: Unplug your DVD player or other accessories when they are not in use, especially when leaving for an extended time.

Whether they are big or small, your energy-saving contributions won't go unnoticed by Mother Nature or your pocketbook.

For more on The Green House project and more helpful home energy tips, visit www.SmartHouseSmartLiving.com.

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6460 W Higgins Ave 2A; Olaer, Nelda C & Corezo, Arthur; \$94,000

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Evanston

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982 Kensington Dr; Kovalik, Katalin I; \$265,000

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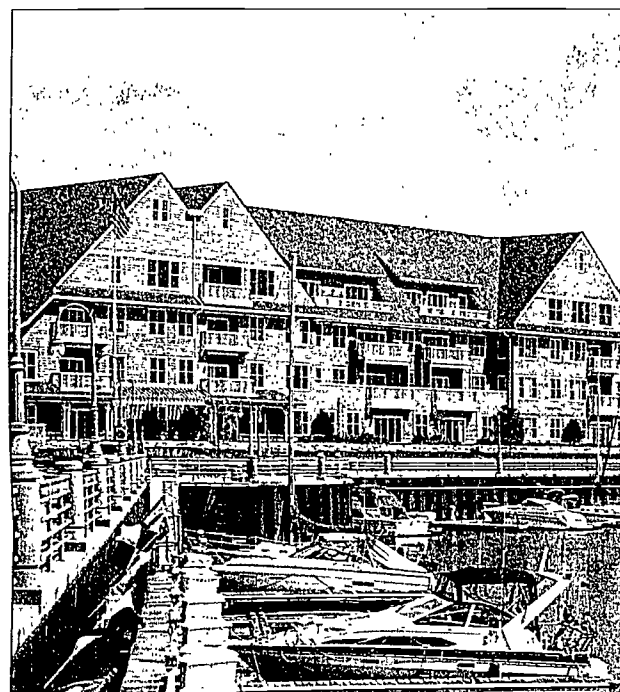
5010 Fairview Ln; Strashko, Igor & Nudelman, Zoya; \$450,000

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Wilmette

1924 Wilmette Ave A; Yu, Chengchang & Wang, Yuxuan; \$307,500

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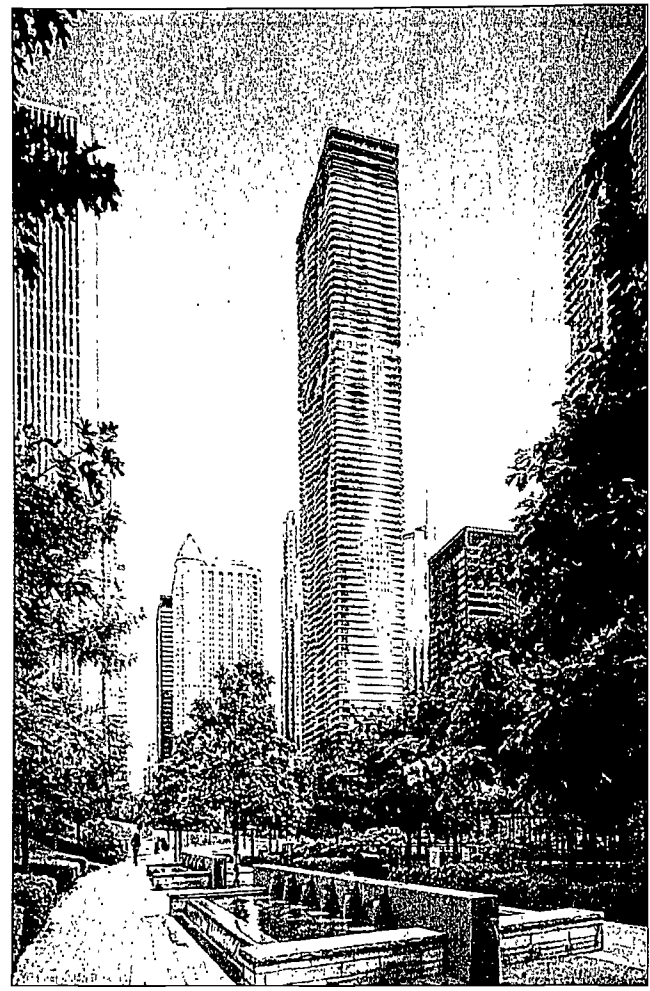
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Moen chrome faucets; Corian vanity tops with drop-in sinks; and maple, birch, oak or white raised height vanity cabinets.
The state-of-the-art elevator building also includes spacious balconies or expansive paver terraces, along with heated underground parking with private storage and a secured lobby entrance. Additionally, the entertainment deck on the rooftop of the entrance house may be reserved for special functions. For residents with boats, boat strips are available for purchase in Racine Harbor.

"There is not another community like this anywhere between Chicago and Milwaukee," Rintz said. "Maintenance-free multifamily living and a diverse community make Racine an ideal neighborhood for everyone."
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Lakeshore East's Aqua is one of five finalists for the International Highrise Award. PHOTO FOR SUNTIMES MEDIA/STEVE HALL, HEORICH BLESSING

Aqua gets nod as finalist for International Highrise Award

The internationally acclaimed mixed-use Aqua tower that anchors Chicago's Lakeshore East neighborhood has been selected as one of five finalists for a new International Highrise Award. It is the only U.S. representative.

The Aqua tower designed by Studio Gang Architects for developer Magellan Development Group was selected by an international jury of architects, engineers and property specialists.

In addition to Aqua, the other 2010 finalists are Burj Khalifa, Dubai by SOM Skidmore, Owings & Merrill; Mode Gakuen Cocoon Tower, Tokyo, by Tange Associates; the Met, Bangkok, by WOHA Architects with Tandem Architects; and Shanghai World Financial Center, Shanghai, by Kohn Pedersen Fox Associates.

The prestigious international architectural prize for high-rises, now in its fourth year, is open to architects and engineers whose buildings must be at least 100 meters (328 feet) high. On the basis of extensive research, Deutsches Architekturmuseum nominated 27 high-rise projects from 16 countries for the competition. The jury judged the structures along six fundamental criteria: pioneering design, aesthetics, integration with the urban setting, sustainability, innovative technology and cost efficiency.

"city within a city," our five finalists are all examples of mixed-use high-rise buildings," said Spencer Greig, jury chairman and head of design at Foster + Partners, London.

In social, urban and also in ecological terms, the five finalists were selected for demonstrating "a positive trend that has the opportunity of exploring new building forms."

The jury also noted that Aqua and the Met in Bangkok address the concept of high-rise living outdoors and in green settings, developing new unusual designs.

"The jury decided that the over 200-meter buildings with balconies, terraces and communal open spaces fostered an augmented, vertical way of life which delivers long-term savings in energy resources," the jury wrote.

The curvaceous Aqua tower designed by the Studio Gang team, headed by Jenne Gang with Magellan affiliate Loewenberg Architects as architects of record was inspired for form by the eroded shoreline of the Great Lakes.

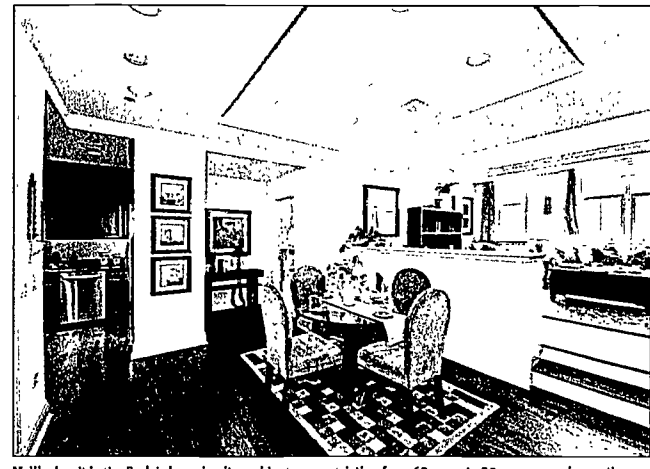
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For additional information on Magellan Development Group and Aqua and Lakeshore East, visit www.magellandev.com.

hotel companies, will develop its first Radisson Blu in the United States in the Aqua tower. Already proclaimed Chicago's most exciting new architectural landmark, Aqua's amenities package is equally imposing, offering an unrivaled 80,000-square-foot friendly outdoor deck with lush gardens, gazebos, pools and cabanas, hot tubs, running track, fire pit and grill.

Indoors, a 35,000-square-foot amenity floor provides fitness facilities, a basketball court, group fitness studio, indoor lap pool, spa featuring a hot tub, sauna, steam and massage rooms, private party suites with catering kitchens, sky garden lounge, media room, billiards and game area and business center.

As a result of its unique design, Aqua's residences command dramatic views of three of Chicago's greatest attractions: Lake Michigan, the Chicago River and Millennium Park. Lakeshore East is believed to be the largest parcel of downtown land under development in a major U.S. city.



Mallinckrodt In The Park is lowering its resident age restriction from 62 years to 55 years, opening up the stylish residences and community amenities to more homebuyers. Available floor plans include one bedroom, one bedroom plus a den, two bedrooms or two bedrooms plus a den, one to 3 1/2 baths, and 1,148 to 2,952 square feet. Prices range from \$235,000 to \$750,000 including one or two deeded indoor heated parking spaces. Pictured is a model great room.

Mallinckrodt In The Park succeeds in lowering age limit to 55

Wilmette community looks to get a boost from pre-retirees

Mallinckrodt in the Park, located in Wilmette, has won approval from the Wilmette Board of Trustees to lower its resident age restriction from 62 years to 55 years.

"The new guidelines require one member of the household to be at least 55 years of age. There is no age restriction on any other member of the household. The petition to lower the age restriction at Mallinckrodt was proposed by Mallinckrodt Renaissance LLC, the owner of the remaining 22 condominium units, with the full

support of Mallinckrodt in the Park Condominium Association and the other owners at the property.

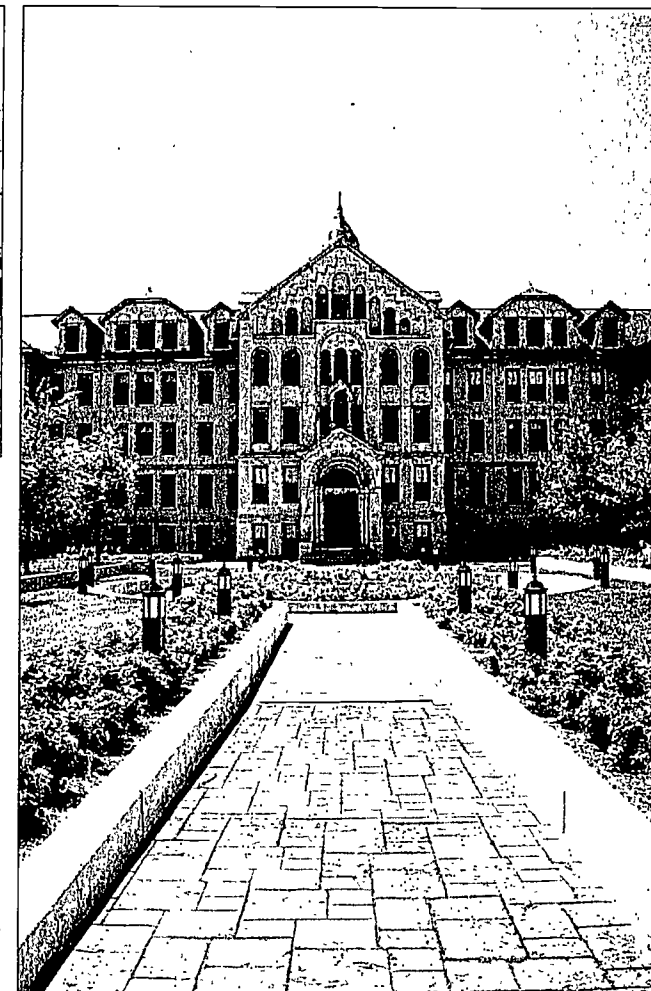
Reuben Warshawsky, manager of Mallinckrodt Renaissance LLC and president of Chord Realty Group, said the new lower age limit will apply to all new home purchases at Mallinckrodt in the Park, effective immediately.

"We have successfully lowered the age requirement in response to interest from younger buyers on the North Shore, particularly these pre-retirement," Warshawsky said. "We're confident that the younger entry threshold will attract a new pool of buyers as there are very few options for homebuyers on the North Shore and even fewer that offer the ease of condominium living, classic styling and modern luxuries available at Mallinckrodt in the Park." Mallinckrodt Renaissance

LLC and brokerage firm @properties are selling the remaining 22 units at Mallinckrodt in the Park, which is the adaptive reuse and conversion of the historic Mallinckrodt College, built in 1918. The community, located at 1041 Ridge Road just north of Lake Avenue, is set on a 14-acre landscaped park with walking trails and gardens maintained by the Wilmette Park District.

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Nearly every floor plan at Mallinckrodt in the Park is unique. Some include a balcony or walk-out patio and many offer views of the park or Mallinckrodt's signature fountain. Buyers



of unfinished units can choose from a range of amenity packages, while other units are finished and available for immediate delivery.

Since acquiring the final 33 units in the project, Mallinckrodt Renaissance LLC has reduced prices on the condominiums by an average of 35 to 40 percent from the initial developer offering and stepped up marketing. Its efforts have yielded seven closings since the beginning of the year along with four additional units

currently under contract. The new lower age requirement will provide an additional boost to sales for the remaining units.

"We are really hitting our stride now with new press, new marketing and a new younger entrance age," said David Rosen, manager of Mallinckrodt Renaissance LLC and managing director of Long Grove Capital. "With only about 22 units left, this is an unbelievable opportunity to acquire a luxury residence at a tremendous

value and enjoy all of the lifestyle amenities available to residents of the North Shore."

A sales center and decorated model for Mallinckrodt in the Park are open Saturday and Sunday from noon to 4 p.m. and by appointment during the week. For more information or to schedule an appointment, visit www.mallinckrodt.com or contact Don Shen of @properties at 847-910-0268, or doshen@atproperties.com.

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Prairie Ridge Estates offers living beyond 'green'

Luxury home engineering, design aims to cut power bills to zero

BY PAUL KELMA
Sun Times Media

Imagine a brand-new custom luxury home that has an electric utility bill of near zero, generates enough electricity to earn credits with the power company, qualifies for a lower-than-market energy-savings mortgage rate, brings in thousands of dollars in federal tax credits, and costs less to insure.

Sounds like nirvana for the buyers of a home in the high \$400,000s on up, but Energy Smart Home Builders says it is doing just that at Prairie Ridge Estates in New Lenox.

Every home in the 132-home-site community, located on Gougar Road north of Route 6, is designed from the ground up to save, generate and control energy use. The goal is to go beyond "green living" to "net-zero" or zero home energy consumption.

Although a lot depends on how homeowners control their use of electricity and other energy sources, Energy Smart representatives say they need to start with a home that is built with net-zero in mind.

That is what Energy Smart and its consortium of partners is building, and they will open a model home in December to show off and explain to prospective clients how the home will "work" for the owners.

Jim Regan, principal of Energy Smart Home Builders, said the home price can be kept in the same range as similar homes because of economies of scale: because so-called zero-energy homes have been built in the past, the cost was enormous because one home at a time was built that way. But at Prairie Ridge Estates, "we brought in all this technology and commercial vendors and said 'you are going to be suppliers for 132 homes, not just one.' We committed to the whole subdivision. Now we've got pricing power," Regan said.

That pricing power converts to a custom luxury home that costs no more upfront than similar homes without net-zero features — the range of about \$500,000 on up — and has all the features, floor plans, fixtures and other design and style elements buyers in this market expect.

Thus, a 2,500-square-foot home at Prairie Ridge Estates can be expected to have four bedrooms, three baths, full basement (standard, walkout or lookout, depending on home-site), stainless steel kitchen appliances, three-car garage, granite kitchen countertop, semi-custom cabinetry, the customer's carpet-tile- hardwood selections, and master suite with master bath including whirlpool tub, separate shower and dual-bowl vanity.

What a home at Prairie Ridge Estates adds, however, is the net-zero technology built into the structure and its systems.

These elements include:

- Basic construction with Insulated Concrete Forms (ICFs), exterior walls encased in highly engineered insulating foam from foundation to roofline. These are warmer in cold weather and cooler in warm weather, meaning less cooling and heating costs to make the home comfortable. Coupled with that is making the home a "tight envelope," using such fen-



From the outside, Prairie Ridge Estates homes under construction in New Lenox will look like a lot of other luxury homes priced in the upper \$400,000s.

tures as engineered wood window framing that does not allow "leakage" of cold and hot air.

- Seventy percent of the home heating/cooling costs are eliminated by the structure itself, Regan said.
- Using the earth's average temperature of 52 to 58 degrees as an energy source through a closed-loop geothermal heating and cooling system. Less energy is required to warm or cool the house to the desired temperature.

- Wind turbines or solar panels in combination, to take advantage of wind and sunlight to generate electricity. This depends on which way a home faces — south or east exposures, for example, would make use of more solar panels.
- Light-emitting diode (LED) lighting and Energy Star-compliant appliances to reduce electricity use.

- Kohler water fixtures designed to reduce water consumption.
- Home monitoring station to track energy use. Homeowners can get credit for excess energy generated by the home, but not used. Credits then can be used when the home needs to draw power from traditional sources, such as Commonwealth Edison.

The aim, Regan said, is "that what the house consumes, the house produces."

Steve Arwandy of Green Power Systems, a major energy-saving technology partner, said the house also will have a heat recovery system that draws air in or out depending on temperature.

Such a house as designed will use about 14 kilowatt hours of electricity per year, compared to 66 kilowatt hours in a house of the same size with the same power usage needs, he said. That 14 kilowatt hours could be covered by wind and solar power, and some other fine-tuning of appliances, lighting and homeowner-controlled usage.

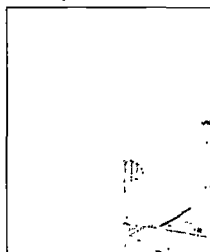
Consumer education about net-zero living remains a difficulty, Regan said, but to help with this the home could be equipped with a metering system that shows when, how much and from what source is using energy, and

control system that allows the homeowner to adjust energy use for times when no one is home, no one is using a part of the house, and other options.

Regan and Arwandy also stressed other benefits of the net-zero home, including:

- Qualification for federal tax credits that could reach \$30,000 or more in the year of purchase depending on the buyer's income, tax bracket and value of the home purchased.
- Availability of an Energy Efficiency Mortgage from Bank of America that could include a reduced rate, even lower than today's historically low rates.
- Lower home insurance costs, because the ICF structure is more fireproof.

Even the landscaping is "powered" to save energy. At the decorative entry driveway off Gougar, a one-shafted wind turbine spins, generating electricity for the lights and watering pumps.



Some homes at Prairie Ridge Estates will have rooftop or backyard wind turbines to help produce electricity; others will have solar panels. All will be built from foundation to roofline with "ICFs" or insulated concrete forms, which are concrete walls encased in highly engineered insulating foam. The combination of these and other built-in technologies aim to produce a home that have a "net-zero" energy use.



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A true 'community'

Social activities bring residents together at Belle Plaine Commons

GET MORE INFO

The Belle Plaine Commons sales center and model are located in the building at 2335 W. Belle Plaine. Hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday through Wednesday. The center is closed Thursday and Friday. Call 773-442-6995 or visit www.belleplainecommons.com for more information.

Residents 55 years old or better can enjoy a full social life at Belle Plaine Commons, an affordable 92-unit condominium development at 2335 W. Belle Plaine Avenue in the North Center neighborhood.

The community room at the five-story Belle Plaine Commons is the heart of the development and it offers an expanding selection of activities including parties, games, a book club, movie nights, luncheons and lectures.

"In fact, a sense of community and a true lifestyle change were the inspiration behind this new construction, affordable condominium development," said Ronn Appel, development coordinator for North Center Associates LLC, the developer.

The Girlsfriends is a group of Belle Plaine Commons women who get together every Tuesday in the community room to catch up with each other. They share lunch, conversation, swap recipes and play games.

"The ladies group was started by resident Kay Borovinn about two months ago and at first there were about five of us, but the group has grown to about 15 to 20 who get together on a regular basis," said Susan Thomas, a resident of Belle Plaine Commons.

"We like to play games of chance while having good conversations. Sometimes the Girlsfriends plan luncheon outings at neighborhood restaurants such as Barba's, Vinny's, Microgro, Greenhouse Inn, and especially have fun at the Lincoln Restaurant on Monday night with live banjo music and other entertainment," she said.

All women in the community are welcome to come join the group. Susan Thomas and Resident Carole Thomas is the founder of the Belle Plaine Commons Book Club.

"There are about six of us in the group, give or take a few, and we have been meeting for about a year now," Carole Thomas said. "We read new books as well as the classic novels, and we meet in the

community room once a month."

When asked what books she's recently read, Carole Thomas replied, "Let me fire up my Kindle and see."

Apparently about half of the book clubbers have Kindles as well.

According to fellow book clubber Pat Kussmann, her Kindle can hold up to 3,500 books and she has 75 downloaded already. She said the Kindle is perfect for condo living because it saves space — no need for cumbersome bookshelves.

Some of the books the group has read include The Gurnsey Literary Potato Peel Pie Society, The Help, The Art of Racing in the Rain and most recently A Passage to India.

"We also typically rent the movie after we have read the book so we can discuss it further," Helen Dickson said.

Social activities are not limited to things for women to do. Men can get in on the act, too. Residents Jerry Perkins and Ann Coulson really enjoy Belle Plaine Commons' social atmosphere and emphasize an environment anchored by a spacious landscaped park.

"We liked the idea that it was for people in our age group. There gets to be a point when you just want to live with people your own age. We like the quiet. When you're reading, sometimes it can be loud," said Perkins, who said both he and Coulson made the decision to be first-time buyers at Belle Plaine Commons.

"Belle Plaine Commons has great activities, such as evening movies where we sometimes see our neighbors," Perkins said. "The themed movie schedule even includes Testosterone Tuesdays where the flicks are more geared for guys. We also have pancake breakfasts in the community room, and people



Above: The Belle Plaine Commons Book Club — Claire Grobark (clockwise from back row), Mary Terres, Lois Stanley, Carole Thomas, Pat Kussmann and Helen Dickson — has been active for about a year.



Left: Margaret Jacobus gets ready to roll the dice during a Tuesday lunchtime meeting of the Girlsfriends at Belle Plaine Commons in the North Center neighborhood.

is still available. Prices for the remaining 10 residences range from \$194,990 to \$298,990. All prices include one outdoor parking space. Heated garage parking is available for an additional \$15,900.

"We have 10 units available for immediate occupancy and most of them offer amazing, picturesque views of fountains, flowering gardens, open green space or green tree-tops with virtually no obstruction from other buildings," said Judy Westerberg, sales manager for Garrison Partners Ltd., the exclusive sales and marketing agent.

"At these prices, this is a rare opportunity that won't last," said Westerberg, who noted that one member of the household has to be 55 years of age or older, but the other member may be as young as 48 years.

Belle Plaine Commons is a focal point of the North Center Senior Campus, which recently received one of four nationwide "Livable Communities Awards" from the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) and the National Association of Home Builders.

The Belle Plaine Commons community anchors the north end of the five-acre North Center Senior Campus, bounded by Irving Park Road, Western Avenue, Oakley Avenue and Belle Plaine Avenue. The campus also includes the 104-unit Martin Washington rental apartments, and the 86-unit St. Vincent DePaul Residence.

Convenience is key at Belle Plaine Commons. Right outside the Belle Plaine Commons doors is the North Center Satellite Senior Center, a facility provided by the Chicago Department of Senior Services.

The senior center offers a range of health, learning and social activities, including exercise programs with personal trainers, wellness education, computer training courses, art classes, dance lessons, group trips, and more.

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percent mark, a selection of one-bedroom, one-bedroom-plus-den and two-bedroom residences

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Impacts of a foreclosure freeze raise costly questions

The mortgage foreclosure moratorium — the financial boon created by banks too big to fail — could take hundreds of thousands of potential resale homes and condominiums off the market while Congress, state attorney generals and the courts sort out the mortgage mess, experts say.



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On the home front

Homeowners nationwide may be clearing while officials are enlisting "foreclosuregate." The change is that banks supplied shoddy and often falsified documents via a "robo-signing" process to support evictions of delinquent borrowers.

The poor documentation issue was amplified because many lenders relied on the Mortgage Electronic Recording System (MERS), a lending industry shortcut to avoid recording fees that allowed properties to change hands without the necessity of recording each transfer. With no recorded title, the mortgage holder has no proof of ownership.

More than 62 million mortgages are now held in the name of MERS. When thousands of these loans went into default and banks targeted them for foreclosure, servicers may have rubber-stamped thousands of false foreclosure affidavits without having personal knowledge of or verifying the underlying loan file information.

A class-action lawsuit filed recently in Kentucky claims that MERS and the banks violated the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act (RICO), a law originally passed to fight organized crime.

But what effect will the foreclosure moratorium have on the nation's housing market, which already is battered by the Great Recession? Renters are asking: "If the nation's inventory of foreclosures suddenly disappears, what happens to the housing's supply and demand when the

market's bottom drops up?"

Analysts and lobbyists for Wall Street securities investors are saying a long-term national foreclosure moratorium would be "antagonistic" because the freeze could deny the housing recovery for years.

Experts say the foreclosure freeze likely will hurt the pocketbooks of Realtors, appraisers, lenders, home inspectors, and rehab people who currently are busy working on transactions in the foreclosure market.

The foreclosure moratorium also has created a bevy of tough consumer questions seeking answers:

- What about buyers who are caught in the middle with a contract pending on a home with its foreclosure frozen? Probably the only alternative is to back out of the deal and start shopping for a short sale, a traditional existing home or new construction.
- What if a prospective buyer paid a lender a fee to lock-in the rate on their loan for a closing that is in limbo? Will the rate-lock extend? Is the loan application dead? Let's hope reputable lenders extend the rate lock, or return the lock fee and cancel the application.
- What about the home-buying families who are ready to close and move into a foreclosed house? Who will provide temporary housing for them? Better lease an apartment or move in with your parents or brother-in-law.
- And, prospective home buyers are asking: With less inventory

in the marketplace, will home prices rise?

- "Home prices — for both new and existing residences — could stabilize and would likely even rise 10 percent to 15 percent because of the shortage of listings if foreclosures are removed from the marketplace," predicted Chicago Realtor Stan Benson, president of Boston Stanley Realty.
- Will short sales increase to fill the void because of the foreclosure freeze?
- "The foreclosure moratorium likely will increase short sales activity," Benson said. "Lenders will be under more pressure to approve short sales if a foreclosure is not an option."
- What about new construction? Aren't there hundreds of new homes and condos on the market at bargain prices? Chicago developers have marked down standing inventory homes and condos from 25 percent to 40 percent. Could this be an once-in-a-lifetime chance to purchase a new home at a hefty discount?

"Buying a new home in a good neighborhood certainly is better than any risky 'as-is' short sale or foreclosure, and you don't have the difficulty of waiting for a bank response — plus you get a full one-year warranty," said Chicago developer Paul Bertacchi of C.A. Development, which recently cut prices by up to 40 percent on 11 homes at Edgemoor Glen and Myntir Crossing developments in its "Curmudgeon Lowest Price Savings Event."

"The total savings generated in these final price reductions can be as much as \$451,000 savings on a new luxury home with granite, marble, hardwood floors and stainless-steel appliances," Bertacchi said. Visit www.cendev.com.

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Homes at The Enclave at The Reserve at the Merit Club in Libertyville include high-level standard features such as site-stained oak flooring, Kohler fixtures, granite countertops and all major appliances.

There has never been a better time to buy at The Enclave at The Reserve at the Merit Club in Libertyville. Prices on the award-winning two- to four-bedroom ranch and two-story homes with first-floor master bedrooms have dropped up to \$100,000, making the luxurious homes affordably priced from the upper \$400,000s.

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There are two models open for touring at The Enclave, the two-bedroom, two-bath Carrington and the three-bedroom, 2 1/2-bath Forester ranch.

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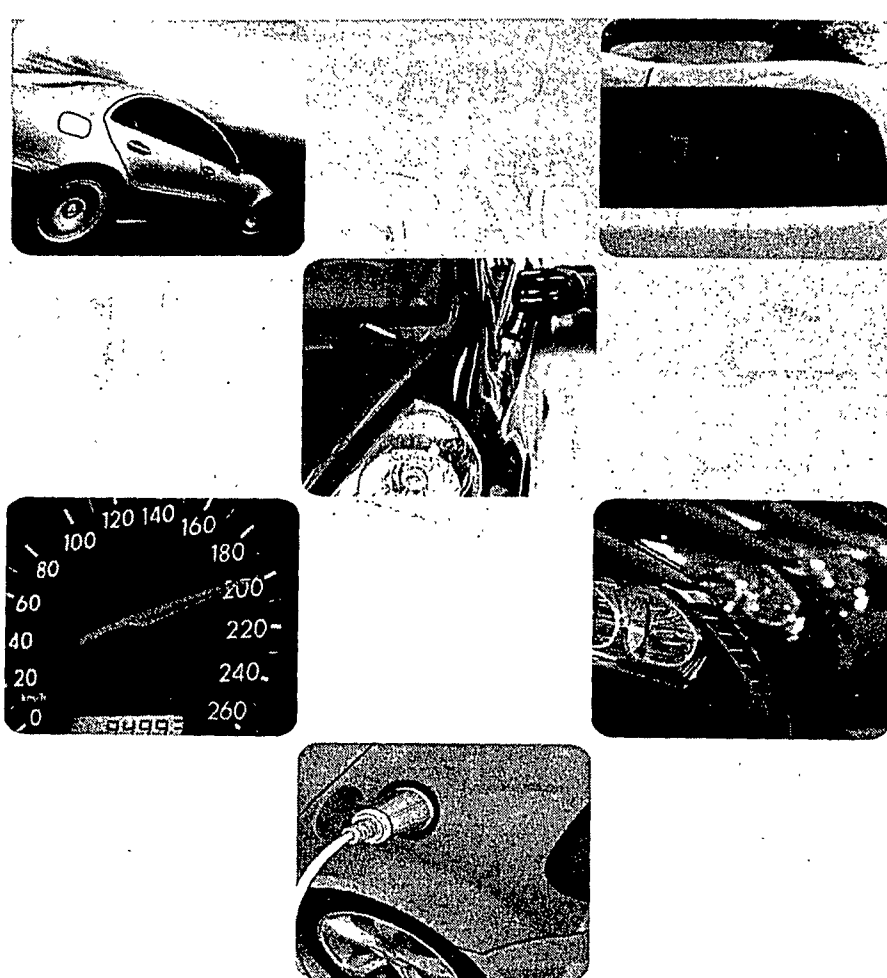
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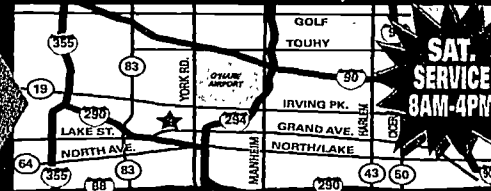
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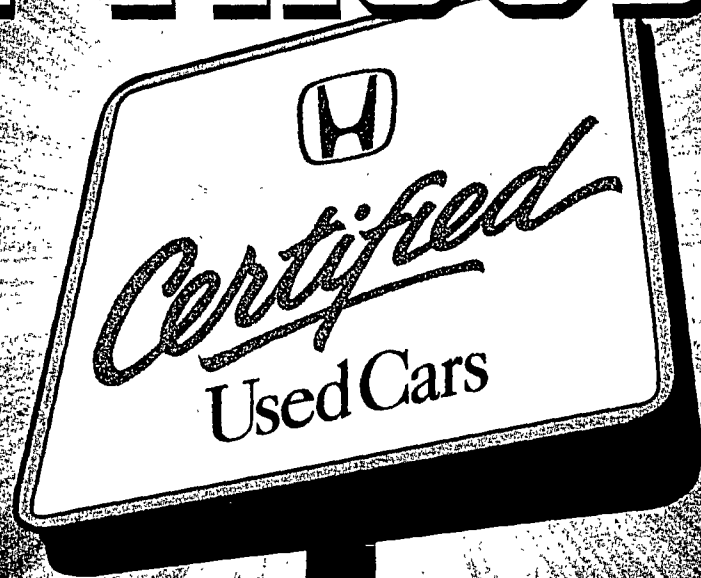
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Des Plaines Art Guild meets at 7 p.m. on the second Friday of the month at the Prairie Lakes Community Center, 515 Thacker St., Des Plaines. New members are welcome. Visit www.dpag.org. Nov. 12: Brian Sauerland will present a pastel demonstration.

Skokie Art Guild meets on the fourth Tuesday of March, April, May, June and September at the Skokie Public Library, 5215 Oakton St. Visitors welcome. For further information, visit www.skokieartguild.org.

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Skokie Theatre, 7924 Lincoln Ave., Skokie. Call (847) 677-7761 or visit www.skokietheatre.com. Oct. 31, 2 p.m.: "War of the Worlds," a radio play starring Rick Kogan and Rob Dorn. \$30 in advance; \$35 at the door. Nov. 5, 8 p.m.: "Conversation with Teddy Roosevelt," starring Joe Wiegand. \$20 in advance; \$25 at the door. Nov. 26-28, noon, 3 p.m. and 7 p.m.: The Amazing Acro-Cats. \$15 in advance; \$18 at the door; \$10 for children.

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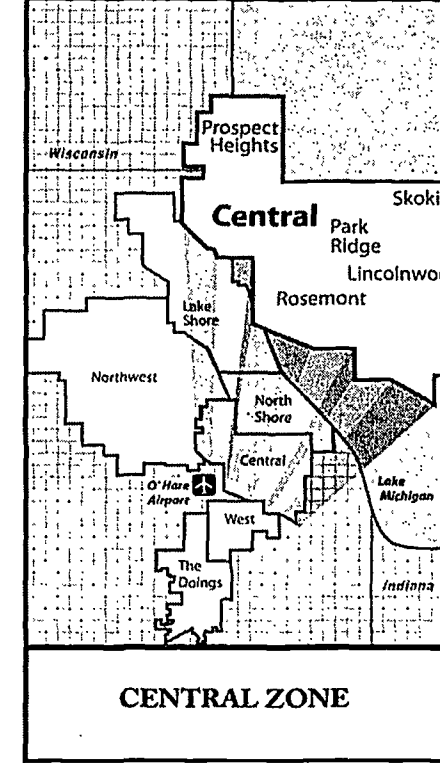
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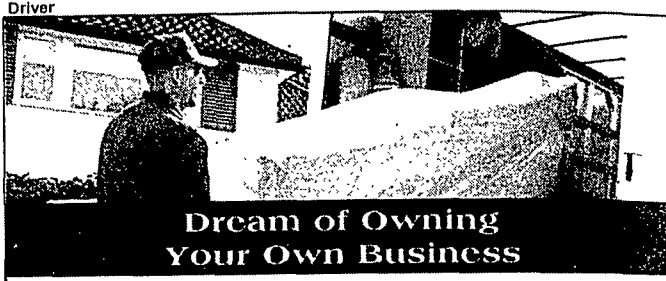
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Great scoop

Fleming's Prime Steakhouse & Wine Bar sous chef Ryan Charabowski adds pumpkin into a bread pudding at the Lincolnshire eatery.

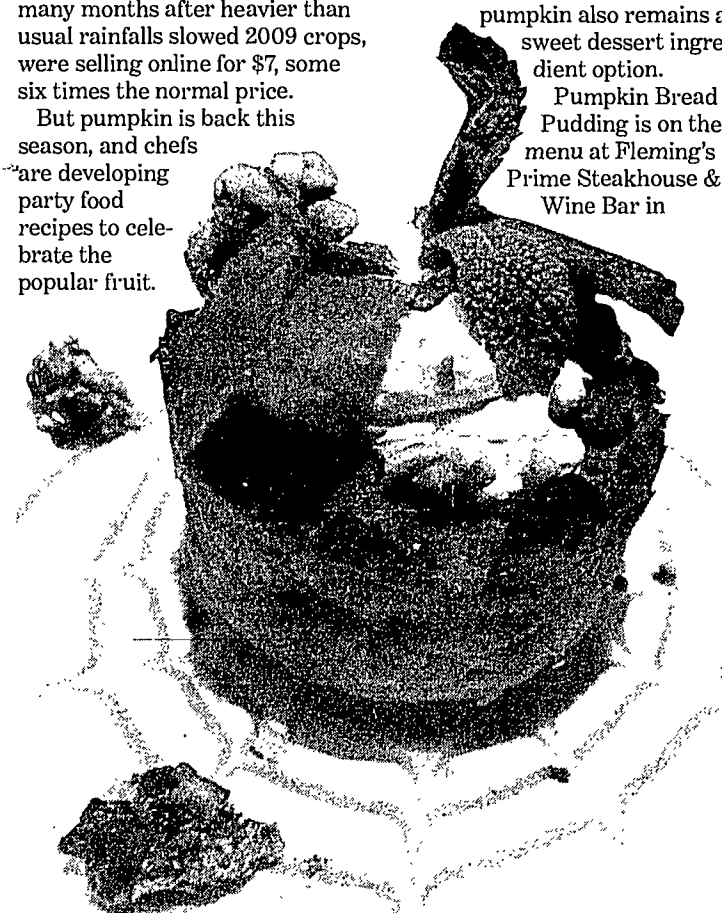
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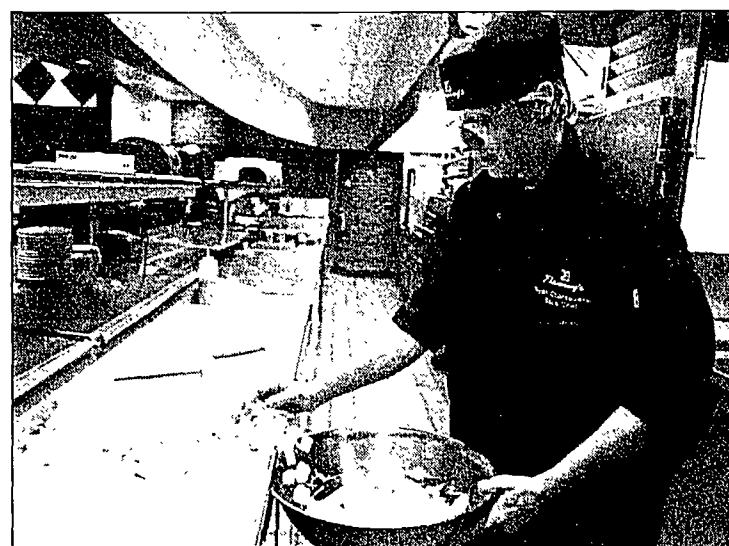
By **VERONICA HINKE**
Contributor

It's the great pumpkin return. Fifteen-ounce cans of the classic autumn ingredient, scarce for many months after heavier than usual rainfalls slowed 2009 crops, were selling online for \$7, some six times the normal price. But pumpkin is back this season, and chefs are developing party food recipes to celebrate the popular fruit.

Savory or sweet
Taste and texture make this time-honored pie and bread ingredient a surprising pick for traditional party treats like dips, savory bites and cocktails. But pumpkin also remains a sweet dessert ingredient option. Pumpkin Bread Pudding is on the menu at Fleming's Prime Steakhouse & Wine Bar in



Fleming's Prime Steakhouse & Wine Bar chef/partner Roger Abuan created this Pumpkin Bread Pudding as a seasonal treat.



Sous chef Ryan Charabowski combines diced baguette pieces with other ingredients for Pumpkin Bread Pudding.

Lincolnshire. "The recipe screams fall," said sous chef Ryan Charabowski. Because this offering, a recipe of chef/partner Roger Abuan, calls for airy, absorbent baguettes, it has a lighter pumpkin taste allowing other seasonal ingredients such as caramel, nutmeg and cinnamon to shine.

Pumpkin punch bowl

For parties he hosts at home, Charabowski has served hot cider in a pumpkin. "The thickness of the pumpkin insulates the cider, keeping it warm," he pointed out. "As the pumpkin deteriorates, its taste seeps into the cider."

At Guanajuato, a contemporary Mexican restaurant and tequila bar in Glencoe, executive chef/owner Margarita Challenger blends pumpkin — or the taste of it — with tequila. Two of her fall signature drinks are gooseberry-garnished pumpkin margarita and cinnamon-accented "autumn."

Challenger has added pumpkin to her noteworthy list of unusual ice cream varieties as well.

Super side

And when serving entrées such as red snapper, Challenger will

roast slices of the nutrient-rich "super food" in brown sugar, maple syrup, nutmeg and cinnamon on a buttered cookie sheet at 450 degrees for 20-25 minutes. The sweet, savory side complements this dish.

Making pumpkin tamales, a hot feature on Challenger's menu, could spook home cooks without a tamale steamer. But Challenger, a Mexican native, said most people don't have a steamer there anyway, but you can improvise inexpensively: Steam pumpkin-enhanced cornmeal bundles in a stainless steel strainer in a large pot of water on the stove.

Stoli Bombshell

October signifies more than Pumpkin Bread Pudding at Fleming's. There's still time for you to order one of their bright pink-colored \$6 Stoli Bombshells to celebrate Breast Cancer Awareness Month. The restaurant will donate all proceeds to the Avon Breast Cancer Crusade.

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Pumpkin Bread Pudding

- 1/2 lb. baguettes
 - 2 C heavy cream
 - 1 1/4 C canned pumpkin
 - 5 whole eggs
 - 1 1/2 C corn syrup
 - 1/4 C 2 T sugar
 - 1/4 tsp vanilla extract
 - 1/2 tsp ground ginger
 - 1/4 tsp ground cinnamon
 - 1/4 tsp nutmeg
 - 1/4 tsp salt
- Lightly salted butter, room temperature as needed
- Caramel Whipped Cream
 - 1/2 C heavy cream
 - 3 powdered sugar
 - 2 dashes vanilla extract
 - 2 T caramel sauce

For the bread pudding: Dice baguette into 1/2-inch squares and place on cooking sheet. Cook at 250 degrees for 8 minutes to dry. Place cream in sauce pot. Bring to low simmer, reduce heat.

In large mixing bowl, combine pumpkin, eggs, corn syrup, sugar, vanilla extract, ginger, cinnamon, nutmeg, and salt. Whip ingredients to blend well, including cream. Set at room temperature for 8 minutes.

In large mixing bowl, pour cream mixture over the baguettes and mix well. Spread butter inside 5 (12-oz.) coffee cups. Coat with sugar. Fill each cup to 1/2-inch from top.

Place cups in 2-inch-deep baking pan. Fill halfway with water. Bake at 325 degrees. Set oven on high fan for 35-40 minutes or until a toothpick comes out dry. Cool for 5 minutes. Invert cup to remove bread pudding.

Set bread pudding in the middle of the plate. Top with Caramel Whipped Cream.

For the whipped cream: Place all ingredients except caramel sauce in electric mixing bowl. Whip on medium speed for 6-8 minutes until light and fluffy. Hold in caramel sauce. Hold in refrigerator until serving.

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Resurrection College Prep High School, 7500 W. Talcott Ave., Chicago, will host its annual Arts & Craft Fair from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Nov. 13. Get in the holiday spirit while shopping for unique hand-crafted gifts, seasonal and holiday items, housewares, jewelry and tasty treats. Admission is \$3 for adults; \$1 for seniors; children under 10 are free. Call (773) 775-6616. Ext. 129, or go to www.resprep.org.

St. Thecla Woman's Council annual Craft and Gift Show takes place from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Nov. 13 in Falcon Hall, 6725 W. Devon Ave., Chicago. Hand-

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The Norwood Park Historical Society will host Victoria's Holiday Craft Boutique and Café at the Noble-Seymour-Crippen House at 5624 N. Newark Ave., Chicago, Dec. 2 to 5. Hours are: 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Thursday and Friday plus 7-10 p.m. Friday. Special Girls' Night P.J. shopping party: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday; 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday. There is a \$1 admission fee; participants in the society's Dec. 4 Holiday House Tour will be admitted at no extra charge with their tour ticket.

The Holiday Café will serve soup, sandwiches, and other lunch fare, homemade desserts and pastries and hot and cold drinks. Call (773) 631-4633 or e-mail info@norwoodparkhistoricalsociety.org.

Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Women's Club Queen of Peace Guild will hold its annual Holiday Craft and Bake Sale Nov. 6 and 7 in Paluch Hall (elevator accessible), 8300 Greenwood Ave., Niles. Hours are 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday and 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Sunday. There will be a variety of handmade crafts, ornaments, wreaths, afghans, baby knit quilts, dolls, baby knit sets, home decorations, jewelry and more plus a grand raffle, bake sale, a turkey booth, Christmas stocking tree and a candy guessing jar for added chances at gifts and items. Coffee

and rolls will be served. A luncheon menu will be available. Free admission. Proceeds benefit the parish. Call the Ministry Center, (847) 823-2550.

St. John Brebeuf's Catholic Women's Club will hold its annual Holiday Craft Fair 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Nov. 14 in the May Parish Ministry Center, 8307 N. Harlem Ave., Niles. Any crafter wishing to receive an application may call Judi Stephens, (847) 296-6421.

The Parents Club of Guerin College Preparatory High School will hold its annual Holiday Craft and Gift Show scheduled 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Oct. 30 throughout the first floor of the school at 8001 W. Belmont Ave., River Grove. Admission is \$2; children under 12 free (strollers are not permitted). Refreshments are also available for purchase.

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Pilates Beginning is a 35-minute class, beginning with Pilates fundamentals and core activation. Classes are from 7:20-7:55 p.m. Wednesdays, Nov. 3 to Dec. 15; Cost is \$47 mem-

bers, \$57 nonmembers.
Pilates Barre Fusion - Combines Pilates mat exercises with barre exercises that shape the thighs, calves, booty, arms and abs. It runs from 7:40-8:20 p.m. Mondays, Nov. 1 to Dec. 13, or 11:20 a.m.-noon Tuesdays, Nov. 2 to Dec. 14; \$57 members, \$67, nonmembers.
Parent Tot Yoga, ages 2-5, is offered from 8:30-10:30 a.m. Fridays, Nov. 5 to Dec. 17; \$36, members; \$46, nonmembers. Youth Yoga, ages 5-9, runs from 4:15-5 p.m. Thursdays, Nov. 4 to Dec. 16; \$36, members; \$46, nonmembers.

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**Knepper/Nagle
Wedding**

October 2 was a glorious autumnal afternoon, and on the lawn of the Snowmass Club under the majestic shadows of Daly Mountain in front of two hundred guests, in Aspen, Colorado, Heather Rowena Knepper and Sean Patrick Nagle, both of Denver, were united in holy matrimony. The Anglican ceremony was conducted by the Reverend Charis Caldwell of Glenwood Springs, CO. Michael Cassidy and Scott Nagle, the groom's brothers, both from Chicago, stood as Best Men. Mrs. Jonathan (Kelly Knepper) Stephens, of Washington, D.C., the bride's sister, was her Matron of Honor. The couple was also attended by eight bridesmaids and groomsmen. Heather and Sean were surprised during the ceremony's musical interlude, when a bagpiper, dressed in full Irish tartan, appeared from the top of the hill to serenade the guests to "Be Thou My Vision" and later, to lead the wedding party recessional to the sounds of "Ode to Joy".

Following the ceremony and cocktail reception on the upper lawn, the guests enjoyed a formal dinner and dancing to the music of the Hazel Miller Orchestra under a candle-lit tent on the club's deck. The bride and groom were surprised once again, when Mrs. Michael (Lisa) Sandner of Chicago, a promising young opera talent, sang the Puccini aria "Mio Caro Bambino" to the delight of all in attendance.

The couple had met three years before at a business convention in Denver (when they were both employed by Qwest) and discovered they had both grown up in the Chicago area. They share a mutual affection for the Rocky mountains and had spent much time in the Aspen/Snowmass area.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Rudolf Edward Knepper of Chicago, IL, formerly of Barrington, IL. Ms. Knepper graduated from Barrington High School in 1999 and subsequently attended the University of Wisconsin in Madison where she joined Gamma Phi Beta sorority and was a member of the Women's Varsity Golf Team. Ms. Knepper graduated in 2004 with a BA in History. She is currently employed by All Copy Products, Inc., of Denver, CO, and serves as a Business Solutions Consultant.

The groom, the son of Mr. & Mrs. Mark Nagle of Lake Forest, IL, and Basalt, CO, graduated from the Brooks School in North Andover, MA in 1999. He attended Denver University where he was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity, and in 2004, graduated with a BS in Marketing and cum laude with an MBA, in 2009. He is employed as an Account Development Manager in the Denver office of Czarnowski, Inc., a global Exhibit & Event Services company.

The wedding festivities kicked off on Friday morning with a 9-hole scramble golf tournament at the Snowmass Club. Thirteen foursomes enjoyed the beautiful fall foliage and views as they played the front nine and finished with a picnic lunch hosted by the Knepper Family.

That same evening a Rehearsal Dinner was hosted by the groom's parents at the Roaring Fork Club in Basalt. An authentic Colorado beef and salmon dinner was served and the wedding party and guests danced and sang to the music of Twerp Anderson & Timberhills.

Following Saturday's nuptials and festivities, on Sunday morning the celebrations continued when the couple was honored at a Snowmass Club brunch given by Mr. & Mrs. James Marks of St. Helena, South Carolina, Mr. & Mrs. Marshall Field V. Mr. & Mrs. Samuel Henry, Mr. & Mrs. Elard Pfäelzer, and Mr. & Mrs. Merle Trees, all of Lake Forest, IL. Immediately following the brunch, the newlyweds left for a honeymoon in Ireland.



**Bohac & Kelleher
Wedding**

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew J. Kelleher, Jr. (Robin Bohac Welgat) are pleased to announce their wedding which took place on August 14, 2010 at Wynstone Golf Club in North Barrington. Andrew is the son of Mrs. Rita Kelleher and the late Dr. Andrew J. Kelleher. Robin is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bohac of Owosso, Michigan. The groom's daughters, Maddie Kelleher, Mary Grace Kelleher, Catherine Kelleher and Eleanore Kelleher served as bridesmaids. The bride's sister, Theresa Barnes of Westminster, Colorado, served as matron of honor. The bride's daughters, Maris and Rose Welgat, were flower girls. The groom's best man was long time friend, Jim Richert. The groom's nephews, Robert Holland and Ryan Holland ushered the ceremony. Both bride and groom are practicing attorneys in Barrington and make their home in Deer Park.



**Daube/Zepeda
Wedding**

Danielle Elyse Daube of Bannockburn, Illinois and Sergio Zepeda of Granville, Michigan were married Saturday August 28, 2010 at the home of Lorrie and Jeff Daube with Rabbi Herbert Bronstein officiating.

Danielle is the daughter of Jeffrey and Lorrie Daube. She is a graduate of Deerfield High School and Indiana University. She is currently a National Accounts Manager at AFN - a logistics solutions provider, located in Niles, Illinois.

Sergio is the son of Jorge Zepeda of Mexico City and Karen Khaleghi of Clearwater, Florida. He is a graduate of Grandville High School, and DePaul University. He is a retired Navy SEAL and is a member of the Class of 2012 at the University of Chicago Booth School of Business.

The Best Man was Navy Special Warfare Operator Chief (Seal) Ryan Owens from Virginia Beach, Virginia, and the Maid of Honor was Andrea Sara Daube, the Bride's sister-in-law from Lincolnshire, Illinois.

The couple will be honeymooning in San Maarten and residing in Chicago.



**Holihan/Georgakis
Wedding**

Rachel Holihan of Chicago and Billy Georgakis of Lincolnwood were married on August 21, 2010 at Highland Park Country Club. Rachel graduated from Maine South High School and Syracuse University and is currently working as an Educator in Chicago. Billy graduated from Niles West High School and Chicago Kent Law School and is currently working as an Attorney in Wilmette. The bride is the daughter of Penny Donchoo and Mark Holihan. The groom is the son of Kathy & Spyros Georgakis. The couple honeymooned in San Francisco and Napa Valley and currently lives in Chicago.

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The St. John Brebeuf Gala Benefit, "Teaming Up for a Better Tomorrow," will be held Nov. 6 in the St. John Brebeuf Parish May Ministry Center, 8305 N. Harlem Ave. Tickets are \$65 per person and include cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, dinner, live and silent auctions, live entertainment, and dancing. The \$10,000 Gala Grand Raffle prize will be awarded this evening. Raffle tickets may be purchased for \$25 each or five for \$100 by calling Maureen Polcyn at (847) 583-8821. All proceeds benefit the St. John Brebeuf Parish School. For ticket sales, contact Jackie Emilio at (773) 677-4727 or Les Zsizinger at (847) 966-6733.

Our Lady of Ransom Parish in Niles is selling Entertainment 2011 Books at \$25. The book offers a variety of values, mainly two-for-one deals at many restaurants and establishments. Discounts cover a variety of areas: travel, restaurants, car rentals, movie theaters, hotel discounts and more. The sale of these books benefits the

parish. To obtain a book, contact Josephine Box at (847) 823-8984. **Like New Auto Spa, Inc.**, 1050 Busse Highway, Park Ridge, has introduced a special fund-raising program that benefits Advocate Lutheran General Hospital/Advocate Lutheran General Children's Hospital. Anyone who visits Like New to have their car washed or detailed, or buys a gift card from the company - and also asks for the Lutheran General discount - will receive a price cut for the service, with a portion of the proceeds going specifically to benefit the Older Adult Services program of the hospital. Call Aimee Madden, Lutheran General Development Office, (847) 723-8518; Steve Radakovic at Like New Auto Spa, (847) 823-9274; or visit www.likenewautospa.com. The fundraising program is featured on the homepage 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.

The Knights of Columbus Council 4338 is conducting a Wheelchairs for the Needy campaign. The public is invited to help others by providing donations for a wheelchair. For as little as \$75, the needy can gain their mobility with a new wheelchair. Donations may be sent to: Wheelchairs for Needy, c/o KC Council 4338, 8307 N. Harlem Ave., Niles IL 60714.

Health

Individuals can take advantage of free, confidential memory screenings and educational materials sponsored by Senior Helpers of Niles-Lincolnwood as part of National Memory Screening Day, an annual initiative of the Alzheimer's Foundation of America, to promote proper detection of memory problems from noon-2 p.m. Nov. 16 at the Levy Senior Center, 300 Dodge Ave., Evanston. No charge. Call (847) 679-7900.

The District 63 Health and Wellness Fair takes place from 6:30-8 p.m. Nov. 4 at Washington Elementary School, 2710 Golf Road, Glenview. The district has invited local businesses, professionals, teachers and volunteers to give health and fitness demonstrations and presentations. Highlights will include: helmets on sale; Walgreen's will provide flu shots - call (847) 657-9863 for pre-registration; presentations on home fire safety/prevention, dental hygiene, dance classes, how to find reliable health information on the Internet, autism awareness and education and more.

Women age 35 and older are invited to participate in a national research study of the Hologic, Inc. tomosynthesis 3-D mammography system. The study is conducted at the Advocate Lutheran General Center for Advanced Care, 1700 Luther Lane, on the campus of Advocate Lutheran General Hospital, Park Ridge. This is the only site in the Chicagoland area selected to conduct this multicenter clinical trial. The principal investigator for the study at this site is Dr. Sarah Friedewald, section chief, breast imaging and co-medical director of the Caldwell Breast Center at Advocate Lutheran General Hospital. The study is being done to see how breast to-

mosynthesis mammography, a 3-D imaging exam, compares to a conventional digital 2-D mammography exam. Women ages 35 and older who are planning to have a routine mammogram may be eligible to participate in this research study. Participants will have additional 2-dimensional and 3-dimensional views taken of the breast. The study will take about 15-30 minutes, which includes the time it takes to read and complete a consent form. If interested in participating in the research study, call HealthAdvisor, 1-800-323-8622 and mention Code 8W35. There is no cost to study participants.

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.

Historical Society

The Niles Historical Society, 8970 Milwaukee Ave., is hosting another High Tea to celebrate its new look from 2-4 p.m. Nov. 7 and 14. As usual, hats and gloves are requested. Seating is very limited and tickets are available by calling (847) 390-0160 or contacting any member of the historical society.

Kids

The Twenty-First Star Chapter of NSDAR (National Society Daughters of the American Revolution) is looking for students to compete in this year's annual American History Essay Contest. All fifth- through eighth-grade students in a public, private, or parochial school, and those who are home schooled are eligible. This contest is conducted without regard to race, religion, sex, or national origin. Topic for 2010-11 is "Memoirs of Paul Revere" in celebration of the 275th anniversary of the birth of Paul Revere. (Pretend you are Paul Revere writing your memoirs: relate various accomplishments for which you wish to be remembered in the annals of American History.) One essay at each grade level is selected as the chapter winner and forwarded to the district American History chairman for further competition. Judging will be

based on historical accuracy, adherence to topic, organization of material, interest, originality, spelling, grammar, punctuation and neatness. (Pictures, maps, drawings, graphics and other such additions will not be considered in judging and should not be included.) Deadline for submission is Dec. 1. Contact Twenty-first Star Chapter Historian Nancy Meyer at (847) 824-1150 or nwmeyerin@aol.com for specific guidelines for this year's contest.

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.

Youth programs on a drop-in basis - *Babytime*, 11 a.m. Mondays, for babies age 2 and under. Continuous year-round drop-in program for children with an adult. Includes stories, songs, fingerplays and extended playtime afterward. *Rise & Shine Storytime*: 10 a.m. Thursdays, ages 2-6 with caregiver; enjoy stories, songs and more.

Maine Township

Maine Township's FISH (Friends Indeed Serve and Help) is in need of volunteer drivers to provide residents free transportation to medical facilities in and near Maine Township. Volunteers may choose how much time they wish to devote. Requirements include a current drivers license and proof of auto insurance. The program

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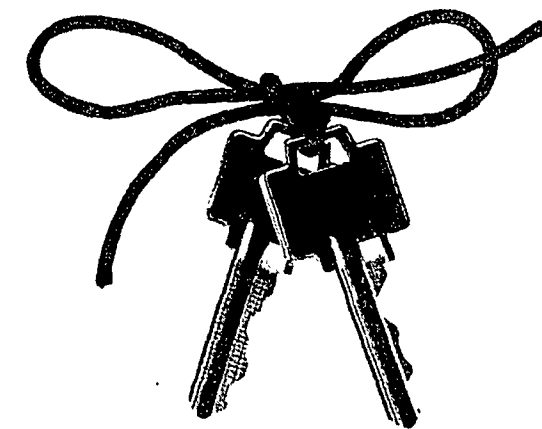
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SCARY STORIES

FIRST PLACE
AUDRY KESSLER
Willard School, River Forest
Doll Trouble

Once upon a time there was a girl named Emaily. She wanted a doll that had red nails. So her mom got her a doll with black nails. But Emaily didn't want the doll so she threw the doll in the basement. That night she heard, "Emaily I am coming to get you." So the next day she threw the doll farther in the basement. That night she heard again, "Emaily I am coming to get you. Emaily I am on the first step. Emaily I am on second step. Emaily I am on the fourth step. Emaily I am in the hallway. Emaily I am at your door. Emaily I am on your bed. Emaily I have red nails now."

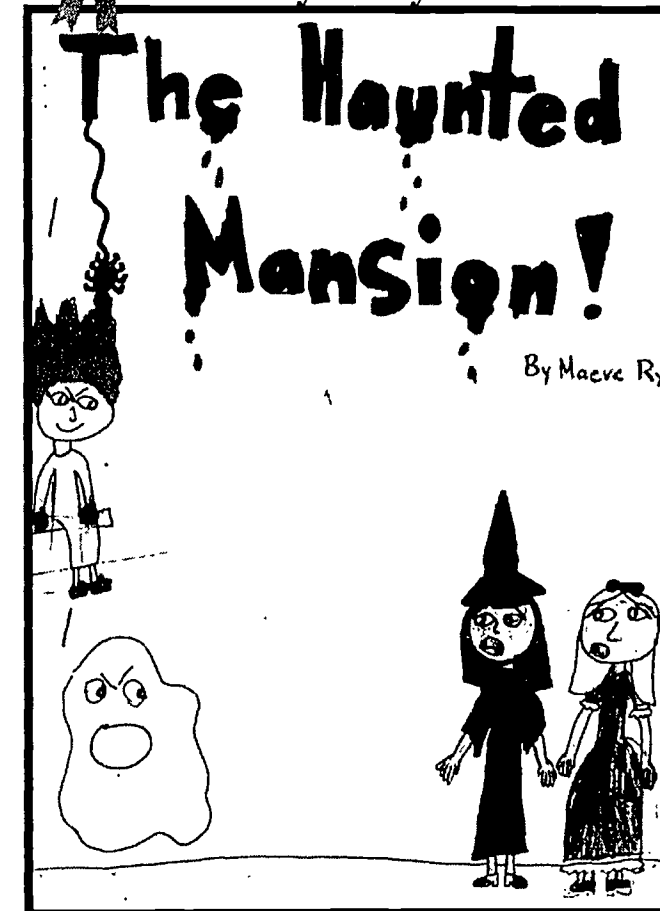
The doll got red nails because the doll stuck her nails in Emaily's throat.

THE END

SECOND PLACE
ANNIE ALLAN
Willard School, River Forest
Homeless

Once there was a little girl. She saw a dog acting homeless in the middle of the street. "Can we keep him?" Fine, said the mom. Then she called the babysitter to come and watch her (little girl). When the mom came home, she saw the babysitter dead with a knife in her back and the dog waving his paw with one

Third-grade winners of our Scary Story contest



The Haunted Mansion! By Maeve Ryan, 4th grade, Beye School, Oak Park

finger up. Then she called the grandpa to watch the girl.

When the mom came home, she saw the grandpa dead with a knife in his back and the dog waving his paw with two fingers

up. Then she called the grand-ma to watch the girl and the grandma agreed.

When mom got home, she saw the grandma on a floor with a knife in her back and the dog

waving his paw with three fingers up. The mom called the dad and asked him to watch the little girl. He agreed.

When the mom got home, she saw the dad dead on the floor with a knife in his back and the dog waving his paw with four fingers up. So the mom just left the girl alone and left.

When she got home, she saw the little girl on the floor with a knife in her back and the dog was waving his paw with five fingers up.

Then the dog starts acting homeless in the street.

THE END

THIRD PLACE
VERONICA BROOKS
Willard School, River Forest
The Freaks of Nancy

It began on Halloween night and ended on Halloween night.

Nancy was an angel for Halloween and she acted like one. She trick or treated perfectly fine until she came to a house. A bloody hand pointed down a hall and said "That is where the candy is!" Nancy went down the hall. A statue sat. She said "trick or treat." Then she yelled and stamped her foot and said "Trick or treat!" The statue got up. The statue was a slimy green skeleton. It walked toward Nancy. Inside Nancy was yelling and screaming. She wanted to run but she knew this was the way to get the candy. She must stand and she did.

Finally the slimy green skeleton let her in. She followed along the spider arrows wishing she had not entered but she knew this was the way to the candy. Suddenly she saw a divide. One way was the candy way. The other way was a deep dark cobweb arrow way. She took the deep dark cobweb arrow way because she felt like the candy was down that way. Suddenly there was a big row of tarantulas, first small and then they grew huge. They stepped toward her. She felt like yelling and running but she knew she must stand.

THE END

FIRST PLACE
AARON KAUFMAN-LEVINE
Beye School, Oak Park
Teddy Bears Must Have Freedom

Once on a dark scary night in August the teddy bears were waiting for Billy and his parents to go out to dinner. Finally his parent and Billy, their son, went to dinner.

Toggle the teddy leader rang his cowbell and the teddy citizens and the teddy forces all gathered into the "conference room." After a long hard talk, they decided to take over the

house because they wanted freedom.

The teddy bears wanted freedom because even though they have food, water, shelter, oxygen and love they still didn't have a lot of living space because all they had was under the bed or any control over what they could do.

Just then they heard a CRASH! One of the teddy citizens asked in a scared voice,

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"What was that?!" "I don't know," said one of the teddy forces troops.

"I think there's only one smart thing to do," said Toggle. "Run!" So they started running while screaming to their 'houses'.

One minute later when all the teddy bears were panting they realized that it was just Billy and his parents who were back from their dinner.

Then Billy went upstairs to

his bedroom to play on the computer and he thought he saw one of his teddy bears move. "What was that?" asked Billy to himself.

"It was me," said Toggle. Then he rang his cowbell and the Teddy Forces came and fought Billy. Then his parents heard a scream and saw Billy dead on the floor. Nobody knows what the teddy bears killed Billy with except for Billy. Billy's parents looked for who killed Billy but couldn't find anything but some teddy bears.

THE END

**SECOND PLACE
BRIA TELL**
Beye School, Oak Park
Haunted

Mary and her family moved into an apartment. The apartment already had beautiful furniture. The bedrooms were large. The walls were tomato red. Mary goes upstairs to explore the large apartment. She finds six old and dusty blankets, nine CDs, five clean snowglobes and 10 dolls. The dolls were made of yarn and had buttons for eyes. There clothes were made of soft fabric for shirts and pants. Mary ran back downstairs to show her mom the dolls she had found. Two weeks later Mary and her mother had a yard sale. The dolls were the best sellers. Mary's best friend, Katie came over. Katie asked for a doll and Mary said yes. But when Mary gave Katie a doll, Mary saw blood dripping from the doll's moth. Mary and Katie ran like the wind to the front yard. The doll started to chase the girls. Mary and Katie both screamed loudly and hid under the deck. The doll was looking for the girls. All of a sudden the



By Rocco Sabadosa, 4th grade, St. Luke School, River Forest

**THIRD PLACE
JULIA EISNER**
Longfellow School
The Bloody End of the Earth

One cold, musky Halloween day in New York there was a boy named Harold walking to Fred's Farmers' Market to get a chicken dinner. As he trudged down the sidewalk, he felt a drop of rain on his head. When he looked up, the sky was turning blood red and he saw a menacing, blood-sucking spaceship. Then he took a glance at the rain. It was no rain. It was fresh human blood. He turned around in horror and saw his friend Jake being sucked up along with the rest of the people on the block. Harold

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skyy was very dark and foggy. "I knew there was something creepy about that doll!" whispered Mary. The doll ran back into the apartment. Mary and-

searched for Mary and Katie. "I think one of the dolls saw me," mumbled Katie. Now the dolls were coming toward the girls. Mary and Katie came from under the deck and into the apartment.

Once inside the apartment the girls looked for Mary's mother. The lights started flickering on and off. While running, Katie fell. The dolls began to pull on Katie's leg. She screamed. Mary grabbed Katie's hands. The dolls were pulling so hard. All of a sudden, Mary's mother appeared. The dolls vanished! Mary's mother asked why the girls were screaming. Mary and Katie told her about the dolls. Mary's mom laughed and said that she knew they were kidding about the dolls.

The three of them went back outside to the yard sale. The rest of the dolls were lying on the table waiting to be sold. Mary and Katie took the dolls from the table and cut the dolls into shreds with scissors.

THE END

**HONORABLE MENTION
MARCO IZRAEL**
Benjamin Franklin School, Park Ridge
The Mystery of the Missing Flowers

There was once a boy named Marco who would go with his mom to the cemetery to visit his great-grandmother and baby cousin who died. Each time they went there, a flower or a special sticker would be placed on their tombstone. For special holidays, they would meet up with other family relatives who also wanted to visit the graves. It was a time to share special memories with each other.

Each time that Marco and his mom visited the cemetery, they noticed that the flowers and stickers would not be where they left them. The marble tombstones were bare. Nothing but the name was left on there. Marco could not figure out where all the stuff went. They would go early in the morning to try and catch who was doing this, but nothing was found. They would go late at night, but nothing was found either. Who was taking all the stuff that they were leaving behind?

Marco had an idea. He asked his dad to take him to the spy store so he could get a camera to install at the cemetery. When he got to the store, there were so many cool cameras to choose from. He picked out one that looked like a tree branch.

The next day, Marco and his mom went back to the cemetery to install the new spy camera that he bought. Marco put it on the tree closest to the graves. Nobody would ever know that the branch was a real camera. That night, Marco went back to get his camera. The flowers and stickers were gone, AGAIN! When he pressed play to check the camera on the branch, there was nothing recorded. The screen was blank. Marco forgot to press record before he left. So this time, he pressed record before he left for the day.

The following day, he went back with his mom and noticed that the flowers and stickers were gone, AGAIN! He went to the tree branch and pressed play. He looked at the video and he saw a really bright movement going by the camera. At

first he thought it was a person but he couldn't tell for sure. He thought that maybe if he camped out that night near the tombstones, maybe he could find out who was taking the stuff.

That night, Marco and his mom stayed really late. They had flashlights and a video camera to catch the one who was taking the stuff off the tombstones.

They heard a crackling noise. It was getting closer and closer. Finally, they saw a shadow. It was a big and scary shadow. It looked like a bear. They looked closer and noticed that it was only a chipmunk.

Then, when they got closer to the tombstones to check them, they noticed that the flowers and stickers were gone, AGAIN! Marco and his mom put more flowers and stickers on the tombstone and waited to see what would happen.

Hours and hours went by and nothing happened. It was a long night and Marco was getting tired. Marco and his mom finally fell asleep. When they woke up. It was morning. They looked at the graves and the flowers and stickers were still there. Then, they noticed a small man walking around the graveyard. He had a small bag with him and moved very quickly between the graves. He finally came to Marco's great-grandmother's and baby cousin's grave and he took the flowers and stickers. Why would he do that? Who was he?

Marco's mom went up to him and he said in a soft voice, "Sorry Ma'am, there are no flowers or stickers allowed to be placed on the marble tombstones. I'm the groundskeeper and I'm in charge of keeping the cemetery clean." Marco's mom apologized and told him that she wouldn't tape anything on the tombstones again.

The mystery was solved. It wasn't a ghost. It wasn't a chipmunk. It was the groundskeeper just doing his job.

The next time that Marco and his mom visited at the cemetery, they wouldn't bring anymore flowers or stickers. They would just read poems and tell stories instead.

THE END

**FIRST PLACE
SAM KLEVGARD**
Ascension School, Oak Park
Face Off

One day there was a little boy named Simon. He was a normal boy going to Ascension School. One day, something changed his life forever. After school, he finished his homework and was about to go to his friend Michael's house. Simon's mom said, "Wear a jacket!"

Simon went into his closet and he saw something odd. "Mom, there is something evil in the closet. HELP ME!" he shouted.

Simon's mom ran to the closet and peered in. She saw Simon's face being eaten by a monster. The monster was nearly 10 feet tall, and he was huge.

Simon appeared to be alive, but the curse of the monster had been passed on. Now, Simon had become his minion. Every time he saw someone's face, he ate it off too. The curse would be passed on to each and every victim.

Simon saw his mother's face and began to eat it off. Next, Simon ran to Michael's house and began eating their faces off too.

The following day, Simon went to school. The first person

he saw was the crossing guard. He promptly ate his face off. The next group of people were fourth-graders waiting to go into school. Guess what he did? He ate faces off too. The first bell hadn't even rung yet, and most of his classmates were already faceless.

His teacher saw him and his classmates but before she had a chance to scream, Simon ate her face off.

Finally, someone was able to call the police. When the squad cars showed up, they did not know what to look for. Nearly everyone was faceless. Simon and his classmates suddenly stepped forward and began to eat the police officers' faces off. It wasn't pretty.

By the end of the day, most of Oak Park was faceless. This continued to spread, and by the end of the week half the Midwest had lost their faces. A month later, there was only one survivor in the United States.

It was a man named Bob and he lived in a desert. He only had cable television and never watched the news. One morning he went out to feed his dog. To his surprise, when his dog looked up at him, he noticed one strange detail.

His dog had no face!
THE END

**SECOND PLACE
MARY CLARE NAGAI**
Ascension School, Oak Park
My Neighbor Across the Street

Everyone always tells me that there is no such thing as a "ghost." However, I know it's not true. Every morning at 7 a.m., at 1 p.m. and at 10 p.m., we would hear funny noises. The noises would be banging, shouting, glass shattering and screaming. I know that these noises are coming from the house across the street.

My neighbor who lives in the house across the street is a very old woman and kind of creepy. No one knows anything about this old woman and not even Fred Quinks, the real estate agent who sold her the house, didn't know much about her. The old woman used to own a cat, but it died. Sometimes my

neighbor would sit near the

front room window and would knit.

Recently the old woman died and because she didn't have a family, the town gave her a cheap burial, just like a homeless person. Fred Quinks has been trying to sell the house for a long time and Fred was finally able to sell it. The people who bought the house had a daughter about my age. The girl is white as chalk and has white-yellow hair. At first she looks kind of creepy, but she is normal ... I think. The girl has always been the weird one who looks and acts funny. The girl's name is Shalane. She is kind of awkward but is very smart and flexible. Shalane is a figure skater. Sometimes she would practice her jumps in her room on the second floor. Since she would not always land the jumps she would hit the ground with a thump.

Shalane comes over a lot and

Fifth-grade winners of our Scary Story contest



By Rebecca D. Lu, 4th grade, Lincoln Elementary, Oak Park

**THIRD PLACE
ANTHONY MESI**
Field School, Park Ridge
The Grim Sweeper [Grim Reaper]

Once upon a time on Halloween there was a lonely women. She was also very lazy and she did not like cleaning. She lived in a dark abandoned eerie apartment. She was going to call the cleaning company the Grim Sweepers to clean. But she didn't notice she dialed the wrong number. She accidentally called the Grim Reaper. Ring ring ring the phone rang. The Grim Reaper picked up the phone.

Then the lonely lady said, "can you come and clean up? I

we talk about the house. She said that Fred said no one ever owned the house before. She complains that there are noises at the same times we used to hear them before the old lady died. She also said she felt like she was being watched and sometimes she would see two yellow eyes glaring at her. Sometimes at a quick glance we would see the old lady in the front room window, but when you look twice there is no one there.

Then one horrible day Shalane died in the house. I don't know, how or why. Shalane's family then moved out and Fred Quinks sold the house again. The next family would complain about the sounds at the same times as we heard them and the yellow eyes, but something new, thumping on the second floor.

THE END

would rather live in a graveyard, it's just so dirty."

On the other end of the line there was only a dry gasping breathing. Then the Reaper spoke "I'll be right over." Then she hung up the phone and waited.

The phone rang, it was the Grim Reaper, but when she heard it ringing it sounded like Don! Don! Don! She picked it up.

"I am in the building make sure you know what you are leaving for your family." But he hung up before she could say anything. The women started to get scared. She thought about what it meant. She waited for a long time. "This guy must be really old since he is taking this long," she thought. Then she heard something outside her door. Eeeeeerrrrrr! The door creaked open. Then outside the door there stood the Grim Reaper! She examined him. He had more wrinkles on his face then the days the lady was old. The grim reaper was holding a scythe. The lady stared at him and said "that's not a broom how can you sweep with that." He said "I'm here to clean up remember," he said with a grin. She then knew who he was and why he was here. Then she said "before you do anything I must go to the bathroom."

She was in the bathroom thinking of a plan and saw an old booger monster costume. She walked out dressed up in the costume. Then when she saw the Reaper she said "bet you didn't know I'm the booger monster." The Reaper stopped and said "no I did not know that." With that said the Reaper ran away faster than his legs could carry him. He was screaming the grisiest scream ever. After that he stopped reaping forever. But now there is a new creeper that comes around at night. That monster is the lonely lady dressed in the booger monster costume.

THE END

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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.

Parenting

"What's a Parent to Do?" The Facts About Teen Drug and Alcohol Use," a free parent seminar, will be held from 7-9 p.m. Nov. 4 at Maine Township Hall, 1700 Ballard Road, Park Ridge. Guest speaker is Dr. James Guidi, licensed psychologist and CEO of the Youth Campus in Park Ridge. Also highlighted will be "Stay Out of My Room!" - step inside a typical teen's bedroom and look for clues of alcohol or drug use, hidden in plain sight. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. This seminar is sponsored by the Maine Community Youth Assistance Foundation. Registration is requested by calling (847) 297-2510 x271 or go to www.maine-township.com/services/mainestay/communityeducation/teendruguse.shtml.

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
Relive some old memories at the annual Classic Cruisers Car Shows. The shows take place every Thursday night, weather permitting, 7-9 p.m. at Pioneer Park, 7135 N. Harlem Ave. Resident and nonresident registration for Niles Park District Bright Beginnings Preschool for 2010-11 is still being accepted. Spaces are still available in the morning and afternoon for 3- and 4-year-old classes. Registration is accepted at the Howard Leisure

Center, 6676 W. Howard St., until classes are filled. Call (847) 967-6633.

Niles Park District New 3's Preschool is offered for children who turned 3 after Sept. 1, 2009, missing the deadline for the regular 3-year preschool. Classes are held Tuesdays/Thursdays or Wednesdays/Fridays, 12:30-2 p.m. at Howard Leisure Center. Call (847) 967-6633.

Niles Park District is offering private piano lessons (30-45 minutes) for beginning and intermediate students Wednesdays and Thursdays at Howard Leisure Center, 6676 W. Howard St. Lessons will focus on the fundamentals of technique, music theory and good practice habits. Call (847) 967-6633 to reserve a lesson time.

Golf Maine
 Visit one of the Golf Maine Park District offices, Feldman Recreation Center, 8800 Kathy Lane (one block south of Golf Road on Western Avenue), Niles; or Dee Park, at the corner of Dee and Emerson Roads, Des Plaines; or call (847) 297-3000; www.gmpd.org.

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.

Parent's Night Out - Parents can enjoy a "night off" Saturday, Nov. 20, from 6-9:30 p.m. Staff will supervise children in grades K-6. Includes dinner, games, sports and arts and crafts; Feldman Park.

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Nezirevic discovers his scoring touch

West advances to
Maine South
Sectional

By DAN SHALIN
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SOCCER — Niles West received a goal from a freshman and one from a senior to capture the program's first regional title since 2006.

Freshman forward Dzenan Nezirevic struck in the first half and senior midfielder David Dawood capped off a fine second-half performance with a goal to defeat Maine South 2-0 in Friday's Evanston Regional final.

The Wolves improved to 16-2-4 and advanced to the Maine South Sectional semifinal against Mather scheduled for Tuesday.

Maine South (6-11-4) may have experienced fatigue in the second half, said Hawks head coach Dan States, after playing four overtimes in its 4-3 regional semifinal win over Evanston three days earlier.

Niles West got on the score-



Niles West's Jaime Zepeda (2) navigates around Maine South's Stevan Gacanovic during the Evanston Regional final on Friday. | Eric Davis-for Sun-Times Media

board in the 27th minute when sophomore midfielder Robert Orosev slid a pass to junior forward Jaime Zepeda, who fed Nezirevic. The big freshman beat keeper Richard Balek for his fourth goal of the season.

Wolves head coach Scott Ackman said his young striker had been inconsistent in front of the goal this season, but Nezirevic buried the shot when it most counted.

"Dzenan has been in that (scoring) position all year long," Ackman said. "But he's just a freshman and he's learning our system. He's had a lot of opportunities like that. The kid had to be nervous as heck."

Niles West had a number of other scoring chances in the second half, but most ended up in Balek's capable hands. Then, with 20 minutes remaining, the Hawks failed to clear a corner

kick and it landed at the feet of Dawood. The midfielder made up an earlier missed opportunity, hammering the ball into the net from 18 yards out.

"Dawood was a little shaky in the beginning, so we took him out and talked to him," Ackman said. "He said, 'Coach, I'm going to go in and I'm going to get a goal.' From that point on, he was really focused."

Dawood has been overshadowed by midfield partner Thomas Villamil, the team's leading scorer. But Ackman said Dawood's contribution has been key to West's success and in the regional final, Dawood had his turn on center stage.

"Usually, David does the work and Thomas gets the goals," Ackman said. "(Dawood) is usually the one behind the scenes helping Thomas create stuff. Usually the goals are a combination play between the two of them. But in the second half, Dawood took it and went."

Maine South's best scoring opportunity came 14 minutes into the second half when senior forward Richard Mullane was thwarted by West senior

goalkeeper Danny Niedzielski.

Maine South played with three forwards — Mullane, senior Ben Hannon and senior Mike Termena — for much of the second half, but couldn't solve the Niles West rearguard.

"Niles West is a strong team, solid defensively," States said. "They don't break down in the back. We pushed three front-runners forward, and it did cause some confusion. But we weren't able to capitalize."

Semifinals: The Wolves used seven different goal scorers in their 7-0 win over Northside Prep in the regional semifinal on Oct. 19. Finding the net were sophomore Chris Tomuta, Zepeda, senior Pero Jovic, senior Liam Ryan, sophomore Daniel Rozen, Nezirevic and Orosev.

Maine South senior Marc Zaparanik scored the game-winner in the fourth OT against Evanston that same night. Mullane, senior Kevin Murphy and senior Stevan Gacanovic also found the net.

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Olen holds hope for Niles West feeder programs

By MATT HARNESSE
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FOOTBALL — Niles West's football season didn't go as the Wolves planned, but at least one player was always happy to be on the field.

Ryan Olen tore the MCL in his left knee during the team's 14-12 win over Maine East in Week 3 and missed the next five games. The third-year senior was cleared to play the final game of the season, for the Wolves' 26-14 loss to Waukegan on Saturday.

Olen didn't require surgery, but he did work with the school's athletic trainer during rehab.

Despite missing most of his senior season, Olen piled up plenty of good memories playing with the Wolves.

"Just the brotherhood and the bond I have with the guys," said the receiver and punter. "That's something you have for the rest of your life."

After giving up basketball two



Niles West's David Galimore cuts through Waukegan defenders during the Wolves' homecoming game. | Curtis Lehmkuhl-Sun-Times Media

years ago, Olen turns his attention to preparing for baseball with a knee fully healed.

The utility player believes coach Garry Gustafson will use

him in the outfield.

"I'm trying to decide what I want to play in college," Olen said. "I am leaning toward baseball right now, but we will see."

Niles West (1-8, 0-5 CSL South) dug itself a hole early in its homecoming contest. The Wolves turned the ball over on each of their first two possessions and

trailed 14-0 in the first quarter.

They pulled within seven at the half, but fell behind 26-7 and never recovered.

Seve Loubriel threw two touchdown passes, one to Santiago Ochoa and another to Lavelle Jordan.

All three ran for Niles West's 4x100-meter state championship relay last spring.

Although the Wolves are 3-15 in the last two seasons with two wins over Maine East and one against Waukegan, Olen sees a bright future under two-year coach Scott Baum.

"For sure," Olen said. "He's doing a great job with the feeder teams. The players that are coming up are more knowledgeable. I am not saying the feeder program was bad before, but they are a lot better now."

Olen will have rooting interest in the program's success. His younger brother Adam played on the freshman team as a receiver and linebacker.

Notre Dame blanked in playoffs

By DAN SHALIN
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SOCCER — Notre Dame head coach Chris Caudill said that although his team played well, it lost to a better team in the IHSA Class 3A Loyola Regional semifinal against Maine West on Oct. 19.

The No. 15-seeded Dons (3-8-7) managed to keep the No. 2 Warriors off the scoreboard for 65 minutes before Maine West scored a late goal and advanced as a 2-0 winner.

"I was happy with our team in the first half. We executed extremely well, defending their long crosses," Caudill said. "We had some counterattacks, but just didn't put the ball in the net. (Maine West) was a little superior to us, and it showed in the end. Give credit to Maine West."

Caudill said senior midfielder Mike Cunningham,

junior midfielder Joe Hancock, sophomore forward Brett Bartes and senior goalkeeper Kristian Acosta all played well in the contest.

"At times (when) we were poor, we also got some positive results," said the second-year coach as he looked back on the season. "We'd raise our levels to some teams and play down to others. I guess that's a sign of inconsistency. We're still looking to build long-term. Last year, we had just a few kids with very good skills. This year, we had a more well-rounded team, but maybe we were lacking that killer instinct. We didn't have (2009 stars Mike Henry and Ciaran Robinson) to finish."

ND did have a talented junior midfielder in Hancock, the team's only all-conference selection.

"He was consistently

good, solid decision making, covered a lot of ground and left it all on the field," Caudill said. "We knew he would be exhausted at the end of a match because he works so hard."

Hancock is one of several talented players scheduled to return in 2011. Bartes will be back after leading the team with seven goals this year.

Sophomore attacker Erick Hernandez is capable of putting the ball in the net, and juniors Mark Nadolny and Anthony McDermott are hard-working defensive midfielders who also can play on the backline. Junior midfielder Rafa Mora is another regular expected back next fall.

Sophomore defender Ryan Zoeller put together some nice performances after a late-season varsity call-up. Classmates Andy McGinn and

Matthew Bracey-Sherman are expected to make smooth transitions to varsity, while freshman Lucas Carlson appears to have a bright future as well.

Caudill said it will be hard to replace the leadership of senior tri-captains Alex Babusci, Sam Hamilton and Nick McNutt.

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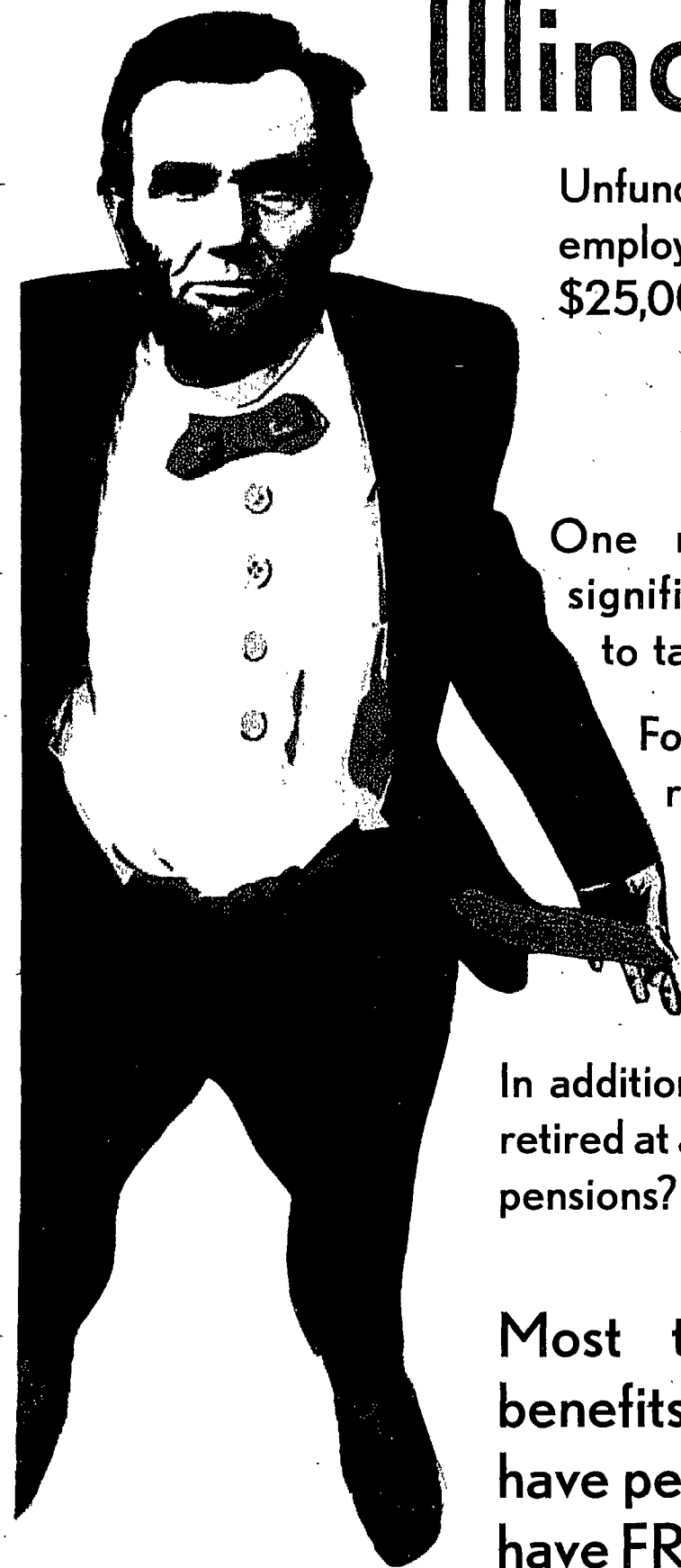
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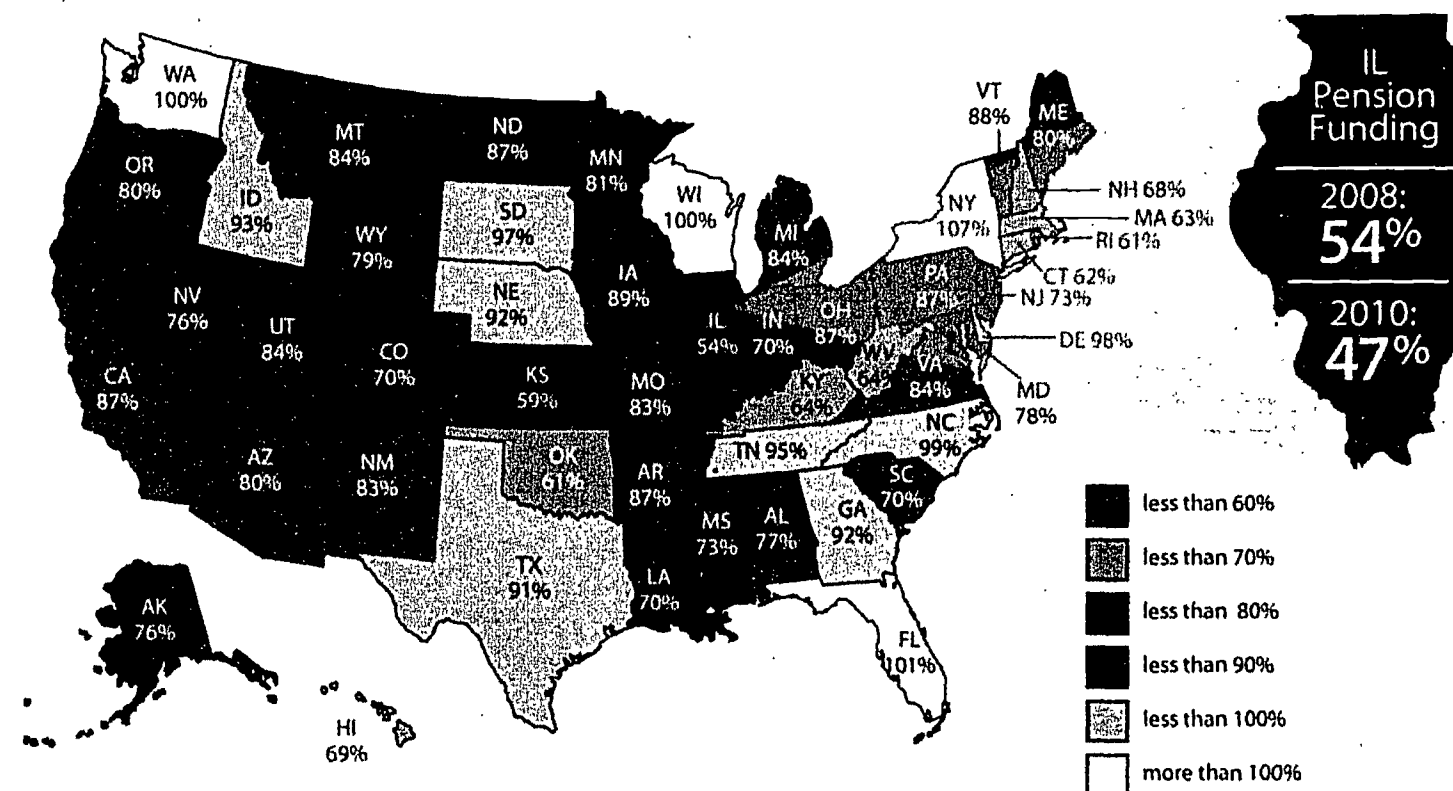
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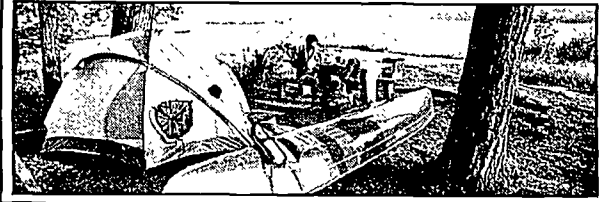
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Niles West and North on collision course in regional

Showdown of record-setting opponents

By DAN SHALIN
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VOLLEYBALL — Niles West enters today's 4A playoff opener against Lincoln Park knowing each victory will be a school record.

The Wolves (20-11) broke their previous mark of 19 with a two-game triumph over Waukegan on Oct. 19.

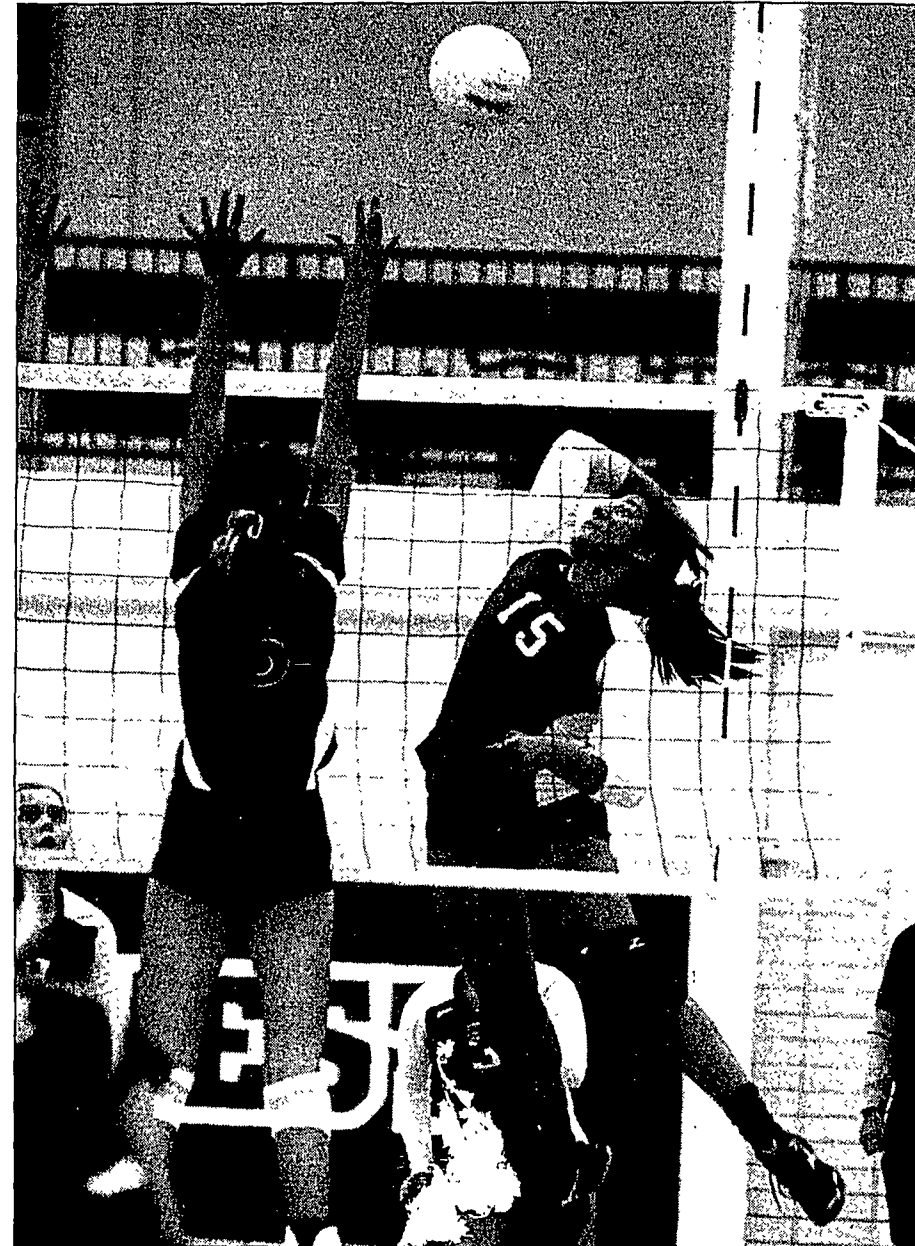
Two nights later, Glenbrook South put a damper on Niles West's Senior Night festivities with a three-game victory. West had little answer for Wisconsin-bound hitter Ellen Chapman and dropped to 4-5 in the South and finished fifth.

"She's such a force," West head coach Stacy Metoyer said. "She's such a great player. When she can get on the ball, they are a great team. That's why they won conference. When we took her out of the game, we won. Team-wise, we match up pretty well with them. But she is their extra weapon."

Outside hitter Jordyn Toia, right side Denise Tossi and outside hitter Nicole Moy all have been playing well lately, Metoyer said. All three are members of a senior class that made significant contributions to the program.

"Talent-wise and attitude-wise, they are one of the best groups we've had in the 10 years I've been here," the coach said. "They respect each other, get along and know what it means to be a team. There are no selfish individuals and you don't have the typical drama you find on many teams."

Game Day: The No. 4-seeded Wolves will face No. 16 Lincoln Park in the Class 4A Lincoln Park Regional semi-



Niles West's Jordyn Toia (15) winds up for a spike against New Trier. | Curtis Lehmkuhl-Sun-Times Media

final at 6 p.m. today. The winner meets either No. 5 Niles North or No. 12 Von Steuben at 2 p.m. Saturday in the regional final.

At Niles North

North will bring a 21-14 record into its 7 p.m. regional semifinal after wrapping up the regular season with a loss at Deerfield and win over Maine East to finish 6-4 in the CSL North. With a victory tonight, the Vikings would tie their single-sea-

son record for wins. After taking Deerfield to three games, head coach Mike Cott felt his team played well.

"It was encouraging, the best we've played in a little while," he said. "We've still been winning matches, but we haven't been playing great. The first game, they took it to us, but we responded and played well. We were just a couple of points short in the third game. If we can play with

that level of intensity and focus, we should be successful going forward."

Senior outside hitter Keiko Sugihara led the Vikings with 11 kills and six digs.

In the defeat of Maine East, Sugihara and senior middle hitter Enela Palavra had seven kills apiece, Palavra recorded four blocks and senior right side Rebecca Gilbert registered four aces and eight digs. *Comment: pioneerlocal.com*

Karp to represent Wolves at Niles West Sectional

Entire Wolves boys team makes cut

By DAN SHALIN
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CROSS COUNTRY — Niles West girls team sophomore Michelle Karp is not among the favorites to earn an individual state berth out of Saturday's Niles West Sectional.

But if Karp is within a shout of one of those spots late in Saturday's race, Wolves head coach Ann Heselton said not to bet against the youngster.

"I feel that if she puts herself in striking range, nobody out-kicks Michelle," the coach said. "If she's with those girls, I feel sorry for them. She will pull it together and out-kick them. But

she has to be with them. If she's there, she has a shot."

Karp finished 11th (19:14) in the IHSA Class 3A Loyola Regional, at Harms Woods in Glenview on Saturday, helping her team to third place (109) and a sectional berth.

While the Megumi Hoshi-led Wolves reached the state meet last year, the team's goals will be more modest when the race begins 10 a.m. Saturday.

"I don't have any delusions of grandeur, but the top 10 would be great, with everybody running their personal-bests," Heselton said. "We have a list of the top performances on our home course since they went to three miles. I'd like to see a lot of the girls get in the top 10 on the all-time list. That is our motivation."

West junior Annie Goudes finished 18th (20:00) at the regional, sophomore Rachel Bender crossed 25th (20:33), junior Jes-

sica Sutfin came in 28th (20:46) and freshman Gillian Flippo was 33rd (personal-best 21:05).

Boys

Niles West finished fourth (120) at the Loyola Regional to earn qualify for the Niles West Sectional, 11 a.m. Saturday.

Junior Neal Omar ran to ninth (15:52), eclipsing 16:00 for the first time.

"The main thing is (Omar) got out hard and tested himself on the first mile," said West head coach Vachee Loughran. "He was in the thick of it, not with the top guys, but the second sort of pack. He just got stronger and the third mile was faster than the second, which always is a good sign."

West junior Marc Julien, still nursing an injury, finished 11th (15:59), junior David Iverson was 27th (16:42), junior Mas Hoshi took 32nd (16:56) and senior Vishal Piryani placed 41st (17:18).

North boys, girls advance to State en masse

Both squads qualify from regionals

By DAN SHALIN
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BOYS CROSS COUNTRY — Niles North boys team head coach Dan Horyn and his squad achieved their objective of advancing out of Saturday's IHSA Class 3A Loyola Regional.

The coach also knows the Vikings will need a much stronger performance if they are to grab one of the five at-large spots for the State Meet when it competes in the Niles West Sectional, 11 a.m. Saturday.

The Vikings (79 points) ended up third at Harms Woods in Glenview, but only one runner had a personal-best.

"It was a tough day for us. We didn't run particularly well," Horyn said. "Maybe there was not enough of a sense of urgency on our part. The bigger concern is that guys looked sluggish and did not look like they were having much fun. We



Niles West's Neal Omar broke 16 minutes for the first time this season at Saturday's Loyola Regional. | Joel Lerner-Sun-Times Media

have to make sure we're rested and rejuvenated by the time we go back on the course (at sectionals)."

The Vikings were led by senior Kosta Papazoglou, who finished sixth in 15:31. Junior Aron Sebat was 15th (16:16), senior Muhammad Chattha placed

17th (personal-best 16:20), sophomore Justin Suh finished 18th (16:21) and sophomore Micah Beller came in 23rd (16:32).

"It's good to see (Chattha's) hard work pay off. He's contributing well," the coach said. "He (narrowly) missed all-conference and was upset by that.

It's nice to see him use that setback as a motivator."

If the team doesn't qualify, both Papazoglou and Sebat could advance Downstate on their own. Both ran at the IHSA state track meet last spring.

"So Niles North will have a boys cross country team — or

individuals — at the State Meet," Horyn said. "Barring some major letdown, I feel good about our chances in that regard."

Girls

Niles North finished fifth at Saturday's Loyola Regional, earning the final qualifying spot for the Niles West Sectional at 10 a.m. Saturday. It marks the program's first trip in five years. Leading the way for North was junior Clara Williamson, who finished 12th (19:18).

North head coach Lauren Stump said the first year runner has a chance to earn one of seven individual State berths.

"I think she has gotten the hang of race strategy and pacing, and she's ready to push herself," Stump said. "She's just a rookie, but she's excited to be where she's at. She's going to have to improve her time if she wants to (advance)."

North senior Leah Wesolowski finished 20th (20:06), junior Katherine Betz was 30th (20:49), sophomore Jessica Brand placed 36th (21:19) and freshman Trinette Lopez crossed 41st (21:48).

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ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

FOOTBALL

Paul Masnica, Taft junior
Linebacker's first career interception in the fourth quarter helped the Eagles secure their second consecutive playoff trip for the first time in program history.

John Ferro, Maine South senior

Was in on two blocked punts in the first half - one of which he returned for a TD - as the Hawks captured their 10th CSL South championship in a row.

Daveed Carter, Loyola junior
Interception with less than a minute to play clinched the Ramblers' 24-21 win over St. Rita that gave them a share of their first Catholic League Blue title since 1993.

James Brown, Evanston senior
Receiver caught two TDs in the third quarter to help the Wildkits rally from 31 points down in 34-31 victory over Glenbrook South.

BOYS SOCCER

Dzenan Nezirevec, Niles West freshman

Scored the first goal in a 2-0 win over Maine South that earned the No. 1-seeded Wolves a regional championship.

Alex Underwood, New Trier freshman

Scored a goal and assisted on two others as the Trevians beat Niles North 3-0 to win a regional title.

GIRLS TENNIS

Hanna Yu, Glenbrook North senior

Earned third place in singles at the state tournament by beating Mundelein's Ari Dechter 7-5, 7-6 (7-4). Dechter had upset top-seeded Maddie Lipp earlier in the tournament.

Mari Georgiadis and Emily Barretta, New Trier

Placed fourth in doubles at the state tournament as the Trevians came in third overall in the team standings.

Dons' defeat draws tough foe

Nazareth scores with 14 seconds remaining

By ELI KABERON
Contributor

FOOTBALL — Notre Dame was 84 seconds from winning its sixth game of the season and locking up a solid IHSA playoff seed Friday night.

Then it all came crashing down.

The Dons allowed two Nazareth touchdowns in the final 1:24 and fell to the Roadrunners 25-21 in a dramatic East Suburban Catholic affair. The loss dropped Notre Dame to 5-4 overall — and to the No. 13 seed in the Class 8A playoffs.

ND will open postseason play on the road against fourth-seeded Maine South. The Hawks (7-2) have won back-to-back Class 8A state championships and are on a seven-game winning streak after losing their first two games in 2010.

"We're just going to have to work hard (in preparation)," said Dons quarterback Tim Whalen. "No game's going to be easy, and we have a lot to improve on."

Up 21-11 with less than five minutes left in Niles, Notre Dame punted and downed the ball on the 6-yard line, seemingly locking up the conference win against a Nazareth team that had struggled to move the ball all half. But Roadrunners quarterback Matt Behrendt completed eight passes on the drive to move the ball downfield and running back Joe Yruegas scampered into the end zone from three yards out with 1:24 left, cut-



Notre Dame ball carrier Jack Meyer tries to shed Nazareth Academy defenders Kevin Reardon (left) and Kalium Ewing. | Kevin Tanaka-for Sun-Times Media

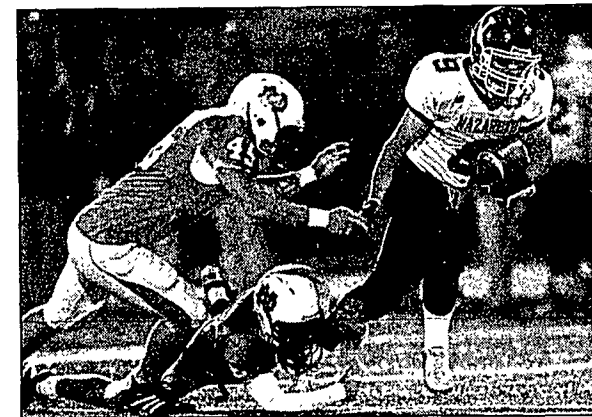
ting the deficit to three points.

An onside kick followed, but when the ball failed to travel the necessary 10 yards, the game appeared to be over once again.

But a fumble by Notre Dame running back Connor Thomas as he tried to run out the clock gave the Roadrunners renewed life. Led by their senior quarterback, Nazareth finished off the drive with a 12-yard pass from Behrendt to receiver Joey DeSimone with 14 seconds left to give the visiting team a dramatic win.

"After the third quarter, I don't really know what happened," said Whalen, who finished with 92 passing yards. "We just couldn't move the ball after that. You have to give them a lot of credit."

Thomas had 154 yards rushing, including a 60-yard touchdown straight through the Nazareth defense. Nicholas Pieruccini and Jeremy Burgos added rushing



Notre Dame's Andrew Franzen (45) and Jack McAndrew team up to bring down Nazareth Academy's Brian Duranty during Friday's game in Niles. | Kevin Tanaka-for Sun-Times Media

touchdowns for the Dons.

Nazareth head coach Tim Racki said that despite the outcome, Notre Dame is not the type of team schools want to face, come playoff time.

"They have the ability to score points and move the ball, and they have a tough defense," Racki said. "They're dangerous as a 5-4 team and that can be good for them, because they have

nothing to lose. The ability on their roster is clearly there."

The last time Notre Dame met Maine South, the Hawks defeated the Dons 25-0 in 2002. The Dons also fell to the Hawks in 2001.

"They are a battle-tested team that plays great fundamental football and are very explosive," Hennessey said. "It's going to be a great challenge for our kids, and

we are looking forward to it. Everybody is 0-0 now, and everybody has a chance. That's all you can ask for."

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GAME DAY

CLASS 8A PLAYOFFS
FIRST ROUND

Who: No. 13 Notre Dame (5-4) at No. 4 Maine South (7-2)

When: 1 p.m. Saturday

Where: 1111 S. Dee Road, Park Ridge

What to look for: The Hawks scored at least 42 points in all seven wins. Their most impressive effort was a 49-8 victory over Evanston in Week 6. The Wildkits then won three in a row to get to six wins. The Dons lost back-to-back games to end the regular season, but of their four losses, two were by three points or less. Notre Dame lost in Week 3 to Marist, which Maine South beat in Class 8A title game a year ago. This is the second season in a row Notre Dame will play a team from the CSL South in the first round. The Dons lost to Glenbrook South 28-27 in 2009. This is the first meeting between the neighboring schools since 2002.

HAWKS SCHEDULE

L Schaumburg 29-17
W Wheaton Warrenville South 44-0
W Highland Park 42-0
W Maine West 49-0
W Niles West 55-21
W Evanston 49-8
W Waukegan 48-12
W Glenbrook South 55-16
W New Trier 42-21

NOTRE DAME SCHEDULE

W Fenwick 23-19
W Mt. Vernon 40-6
L Marist 27-15
W Benet 35-31
L Marian Catholic 21-20 (OT)
W St. Patrick 28-20
W Glenbard South 42-15
L Carmel 40-7
L Nazareth Academy 24-21

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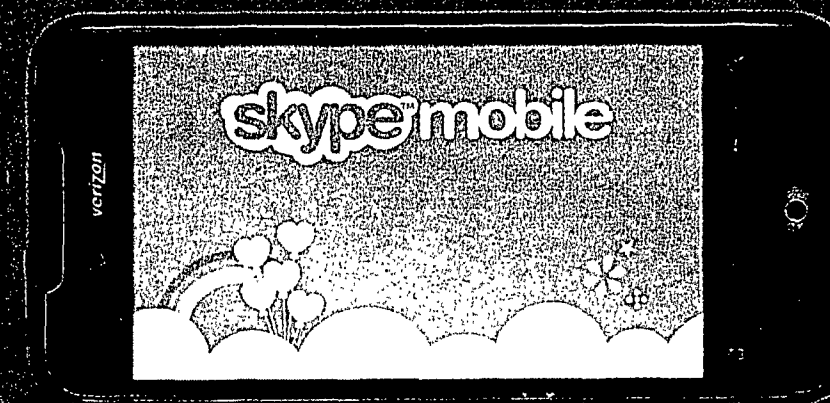
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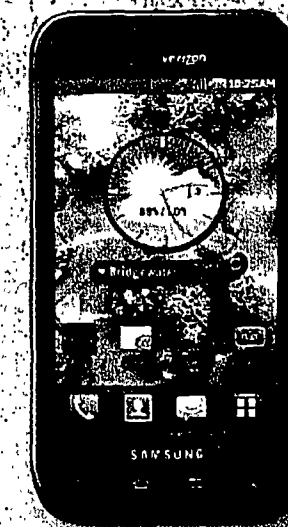
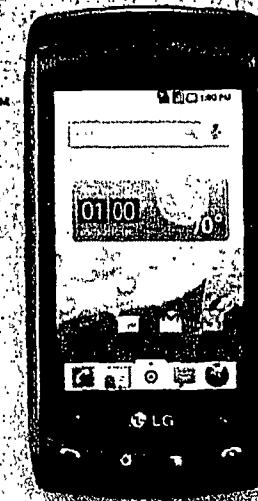
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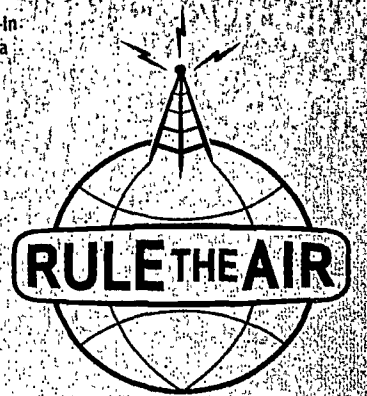
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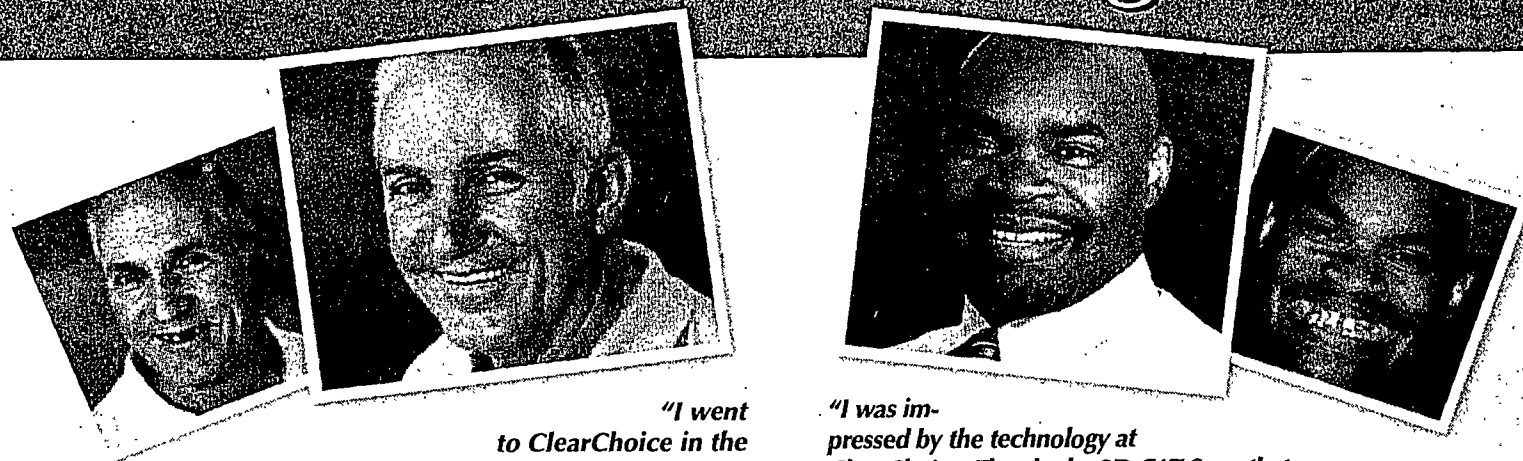
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