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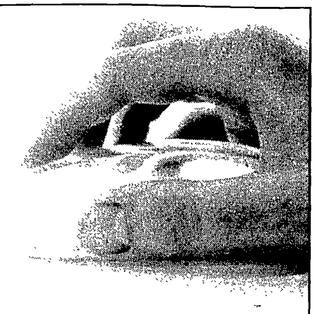

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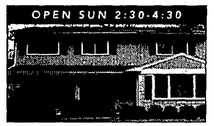
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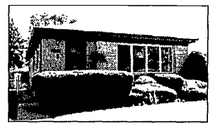
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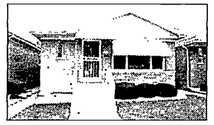
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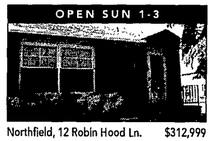
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Village considers emergency devices for seniors

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The Niles Village Board may soon be providing emergency response devices to residents over the age of 80.

In a pre-board meeting last week, Village Manager George Van Geem told village trustees that there were more than 300 residents in Niles over the age of 80 who were living alone.

Providing that group with free emergency response devices from Lifeline, a local service provider, would cost the village approximately $90,000 or $125-a-month per user, Van Geem said.

The devices are usually worn around the wrist or neck and have buttons that trigger emergency responses when pressed.

"We just spent $250,000 on rock salt that got washed down the sewer," he said. "If this saves people's lives, it's worth it."

There are also more than 1,000 people over the age of 70 living alone in Niles who might benefit from the device. But trustees could not decide if that group should receive the devices for free or if they would be given a discount.

"Seniors are generally set in their ways and they're more likely to

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Niles West to split home rooms for girls and boys

By KATHY ROUTLIFFE
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When members of next year's Niles West High School freshman class walk into their first 10-minute home room periods of the 2008-09 school year, the rooms will be girls-only, or boys-only.

District planners hope these short spans of single-gender time will provide teens entering Niles West life with a leg up academically and emotionally — by giving them somewhere they can talk about difficult or awkward social and personal issues without worrying what the opposite sex will think of them.

"We have observational psychology which tells us that the way a 14-year-old boy reacts in a class with 14-year-old girls is going to be different than if he was surrounded by his male counterparts. The same goes for young women," Niles West Principal Kaine Osburn said during an April 8 presentation to district school board members.

Niles Township High School District 219's board approved the home room change as part of Niles West's federally-mandated school improvement package. Board members Ruth Klint and Carlton Evans were positive about the idea, as was board member Sheri Doniger: "I think the board is very excited about this."

But she noted that home room teachers won't replace regular counselors, even if the new format encourages and allows them to take a stronger mentor role.

And some board members, like board President Robert Silverman, made it clear they didn't want single-gender classes to go any further than the home rooms.

"This makes me a bit nervous," Silverman told Osburn and his team. "I'd be concerned if it was the beginning of making other classes gender-neutral."

That won't happen, staff assured him: "(Home room) is an opportunity for us to get in communication with our kids in a way we think will produce a safer, healthier environment in the long run. It doesn't mean we do it for everything ... we think it stops here," Osburn said.

Counselor Hope Kracht said staff have discussed the concept over the past three years and many are willing to work with a changed home room, which currently is a time period in which students get school day information.

She, Osburn and Niles West Assistant Principal Paula Miller sketched examples of how it could benefit teens.

For instance the school holds an annual "Names Project" assembly to make students aware of, and resistant to, bullying language that might be racist, sexist or degrading, Osburn said. Some students, especially girls, might be more willing to open up about the issues in previous or subsequent discussions when no boys are present, he said. Boys, too, might feel they could talk about their own fears without losing face in front of girls.

Students who have academic or personal problems they want to approach an adult about may find it easier to do during a home room. (The home room teacher will be the same gender as his or her students, Miller said.)

Single-gender home rooms aren't a new practice locally, Osburn said. New Trier High School has used them since 1927, and there may be some schools within the Chicago system investigating the possibility, he said.

While there aren't a lot of single-gender public school settings for study, "Research does show that girls exhibit more confi-

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NEW STARS AND STRIPES Richard Orlowski, Tom Davidson and Vince Bugarin of VFW Post 7712 take down a worn flag Saturday at The Huntington building in Niles before they hang a new one the post donated to replace it.

Drunk drivers could face $500 impound fee

By TONY BERTUCA
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The Niles Village Board will consider charging a $500 impound fee for all cars seized by police during the commission of illegal activities.

For instance, if someone were pulled over for driving under the influence, their car would be towed and they would be charged $500 by the village.

Trustees could not reach a consensus, however, over when a car should be seized and when the owner should be allowed to let a sober passenger — who has a valid driver's license and is not being charged with any crime — drive it home.

Trustee Louella Preston said seizing cars could have a negative impact on the alleged offender's family and livelihood.

"I won't vote for taking the car away if there's a driver (with them) who is sober," she said.

But Mayor Nick Blase said he favored using the fee as a deterrent to drunk driving.

"We're not doing this to make money," he said. "If you want to penalize the driver, why let them get their car?"

Trustee Joe LoVerde

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Bruce Ingram welcomes this year's batch of summer movies.

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Tequila adds Mexican flair to food and drinks.

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Board looks to wand to manage 'lunatics'

By TONY BERTUCA
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The Niles Village Board, wanting tighter security at Village Hall, plans to buy a hand-held metal detector.

While Mayor Nick Blase said he was in favor of tighter security to combat "lunatics" and "weird people," he made it clear he didn't want full-sized metal detectors outside Village Hall and didn't want to see any 80-year-old ladies "frisked" before entering.

The trustees agreed that installing full-sized metal detectors would be excessive and Trustee Andrew Przybylo said doing so would be "paranoia."

The trustees eventually came to consensus over the use of a metal-detecting wand and asked Police Chief Dean Strzelecki to procure one for Village Hall. Strzelecki said he would get the wand and also said he would continue to have two armed officers at every Village Board meeting.

The security discussion was prompted by a February shooting at a city council meeting in a St. Louis suburb in which five people were killed and two were wounded.

Korean-style spa, hotel may be in the works

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A Korean-style spa and hotel could be coming to Niles' Assi Plaza, along with a new banquet facility, bank and parking structure.

The large development that would go from 8801 to 8985 N. Milwaukee Ave. is being proposed by Michael Kim, the manager of Niles Property Investments and Management and the developer of Assi Plaza.

Kim filed a $2,400 application with the Village of Niles for a Special Use Planned Unit Development at the site, which was approved by the Village Board.

Ted Park, Kim's spokesman, said he and his associates will be presenting their plans for the development at a meeting with the village Planning and Zoning Commission May 5.

Park said the plans called for a Korean-style spa and hotel on the corner of Milwaukee Avenue and Dempster Street.

"This type of spa is very popular in South Korea," he said. "Niles is a major area for Koreans to gather and this will be unique to this area."

Park said he did not expect his clients to be exclusively Korean, explaining that shoppers at Kim's Korean-themed grocery store in Assi Plaza were already starting to include large numbers of non-Koreans.

The design for the development also includes constructing an office building at Milwaukee Avenue and Ballard Road, currently the site of a Binny's Beverage Depot. Binny's will be relocated to the new building along with bank and some retail stores.

Park said he believed the Village Board will be receptive to designs for the development.

"We are very optimistic the village will allow us to proceed," Park said.

Charles Ostman, director of community development for Niles, could not be reached for comment.

POLICE BLOTTER

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

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DUI

- Hee Lee, 67, of 9365 Harrison St. in Des Plaines, was charged with driving under the influence April 24 on the 9100 block of North Milwaukee Avenue. He was released on $1,000 bond and is scheduled to appear in court May 12.

BATTERY

- Jennifer Nejad, 21, of 1293 Campbell Ave. in Des Plaines, was charged with battery April 23 on the 7000 block of West Touhy Avenue. Nejad was released on $1,000 bond and is expected to appear in court June 3.

RETAIL THEFT

- Zalakben Patel, 23, of 521 Jon Lane in Des Plaines, was charged with retail theft April 20 of $210 in merchandise from a store on the 400 block of Golf Mill Center. He was released on $2,000 bond and was scheduled to appear in court April 28.

DRUGS

- Christopher Fernandez, 19, of 8326 N. Oconto, was issued a citation for the possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia April 25 on the 8300 block of North Oconto Avenue. His companion, Steve M. Yasell, 19, of 8141 N. Odell Ave., was also issued a citation for the possession of marijuana.

THEFT

- A 78-year-old woman's purse was stolen from a changing stall at a store on the 400 block of Golf Mill Center April 18. She told police the purse contained $45.

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Gemini sleuths crack the case

School's forensics unit ends with fake crime scene

By TONY BERTUCA
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The school day began with a murder and ended with two teachers in handcuffs.

A crime scene at Gemini Junior High School was cordoned off with caution tape, the outline of a body was drawn on the floor, and footprints in a pile of baking soda beckoned teams of teenage criminalists to solve the Gemini Junior High Crime of the Century.

Last Wednesday's make-believe activity was the culmination of a special forensics unit eighth grade students had been participating in all semester.

For months, students had been learning about DNA, fingerprinting, blood spatter analysis, and even visited a mock crime lab at the Museum of Science and Industry to prepare them.

Scene of the crime

The pretend crime scene was set inside a science classroom. Students were given worksheets and told they would be scored on accuracy and the documentation of evidence.

At the scene, the young CSI's were told that the murder victim was Matthew Clark, a Gemini math teacher. They were also given the profiles of several suspects who had criminal records and were in the same vicinity as Clark at the time of his death.

Upon inspection, the investigators also learned that a second crime had occurred -- their class pet, Geico the Gecko, had been lizardnapped.

Students then examined an array of possible murder weapons collected from the scene, such as a stapler and screwdriver, and took note of the shoe prints left in the pile of spilled baking soda.

After drawing a sketch of the crime scene, the students were given DNA profiles from the scene.

In this case, the DNA profile consisted of a sheet of clear plastic with shapes drawn on it that had to be matched to a similar plastic sheet. But the only match the students found belonged to the victim. So, the investigators headed down the hall to the trace evidence lab for more information.

Trace and impressionsLab technicians, played by the criminalists' fellow students, gave the investigators Clark's phone and e-mail records. Some threatening messages revealed that Clark owed someone a lot of money.

Lisa Dahlquist, a language arts and literature teacher who supervised the trace lab, said teachers had been working hard all semester to make forensics an interdisciplinary activity.

History students investigated the 1975 sinking of the Edmund Fitzgerald in Lake Superior, language arts classes learned about graphology, or handwriting analysis, and science

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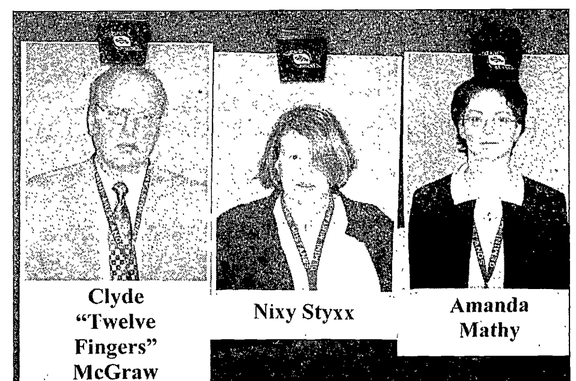
(Left to right) Niles officer A.M. Rider, teachers John Turnbow and Kathryn Sjoholm and John McLaughlin make the long walk down the halls of justice (or of Gemini School) at the conclusion of the investigations and mock arrests.



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The teachers and staff of Gemini acted as the victim and suspects for the investigation.

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(Left to right) Gemini eighth-graders Varda Ahmed, Mashial Siddiqui, Suman Choudhry and Natalia Olek take notes at the fake crime scene.

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classes studied DNA and blood spatter velocity.

"It's great because we've really been trying to tie it in to each subject," Dahlquist said. "The kids are very excited."

In the impressions lab students had to measure the shoe prints found at the crime scene. It was here they learned that there were two different prints at the scene, leading some to believe they were now searching for two suspects.

Morgue, fingerprints

The Gemini morgue was less grisly than television but still informative. The students examined several photos of Clark's corpse and watched a two-minute video of Gemini Medical Examiner Robin Olsen (actually the school nurse) describing the blunt force trauma that did the math teacher in.

The fingerprint lab allowed students to compare prints found at the crime scene to those of the suspects on file. Authorities had narrowed the list to about 25 names.

While looking through the files, students saw a regular rogues gallery of evil-doers and their mug shots. The suspects each had a criminal profile and looked suspiciously like teachers and school administrators, especially Clyde "Twelve Fingers" McGraw, who resembled Gemini Principal Scott Herrmann.

"I think this is just great," Herrmann said of the forensics activity. "We have a great staff here and they work really hard to engage the kids, and the kids are responding."

The arrests

Nearly 130 students participated in the crime scene investigation, but only two were actually able to pick the correct perpetrators of the murder and kidnapping.

Alfredo Velazquez, 14, and Luis Hernandez, 14, may not have scored the highest in the lab portion of the activity, but they nailed the bad guys anyway.

"At first I didn't know if it would be cool," Alfredo said. "But then we got started and I got into it. It was cool. I never thought I would win."

But Luis and Alfredo had to share their glory with another team of students. Ana Alva, 15, Alema Prijic, 13, and Allison Stankowicz, 14, had the highest lab scores overall.

"It was really well put together by the teachers," Allison said. "I think it's important to do things like this to help us learn."

At the very end of the activity, all of the investigators were given the opportunity to watch Niles Police Officer A.M. Rider apprehend the bad guys in the school cafeteria.

Teacher John Turnbow, a.k.a. Thor Heyerdahl, was "arrested" for the murder of Matthew Clark. Apparently, Clark owed Turnbow money, and the killer lost his temper and struck the math teacher with a stapler.

"You got nothin'," he shouted, while Rider fitted him with a pair of pink handcuffs. "You got no evidence."

But Turnbow had nothing to do with the kidnapping of Geico the Gecko. The perpetrator of the that crime was Kathryn Sjoholm, a.k.a. Ivana Steele, a die-hard PETA activist who saw a chance to lead Geico to Gecko freedom and took it.

Officer Rider led both suspects out of the cafeteria and was cheered by dozens of applauding students.

While Turnbow and Sjoholm were unavailable to comment because they were in police custody, their colleagues assured students that the teachers "legal troubles" would clear up soon and that they would, in fact, be in school to the teach the next day.

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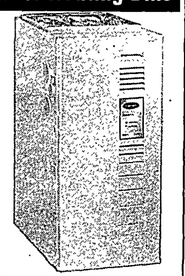

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Pioneer Press wins 2 awards for exemplary journalism

Pioneer Press' Northwest-Arlington Heights Group took home two Peter Lisagor Awards for Exemplary Journalism presented by the Chicago Headline Club on Friday.

"It is a great honor to be recognized among our Chicago-area journalism peers," said Editor-in-chief Jeff Wisser. "It reflects well on the reporters, editors, photographers, graphic artists and layout editors who worked on these pages. But it also reflects well upon everyone in our organization."

RUTHIE HAUGE/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

FIESTA TIME Children's librarian, Clara Sheffer, teaches children the Spanish words for various animals, during "Fiesta," a children's program at the Niles Public Library Saturday. The children learned Spanish, played with a pinata, made crafts, and ate traditional foods at the event.

Homelessness

An examination of homelessness, titled "No Place to Call Home: Homelessness in the Northwest Suburbs," won the award for In-Depth Reporting in a community newspaper.

The centerpiece of the series included a running narrative by reporter Todd Shields, who spent a week living among and interviewing local homeless people. The series also included reports by Mario Bartoletti, Charles Berman, Kimberly Fornek, Matt Kiefer, Katie Okon, Karen Shoffner and Josh Singer. Editors were Jennifer Clark, Joe Cyganowski, Jeffrey K. Finley, John Korinek and Amy Ondracek.

The stories were published in December in the **Arlington Heights Post, Buffalo Grove Countryside, Elk Grove Times, Hoffman Estates Review, Palatine Countryside, Rolling Meadows Review, Schaumburg Review** and **Wheeling Countryside.**

Judges for the award wrote: "A thoughtful, thorough look at a tough subject with some crisp detailed writing and obvious effort on the part of the reporters."

Greener

A collection of stories focusing on local environmental issues, known as the "Greener" series, won in the Lifestyle Reporting category for non-daily publications. The series was published in eight papers over several weeks in August and republished for the League of Women Voters.

Brown's Trial

The Northwest Group was also a finalist for Deadline Reporting in a non-daily publication for its coverage of the Brown's Chicken murder trial sentencing in May 2007.

Immigration

The **Niles Herald-Spectator,** part of Pioneer Press's Central Group, entered its four weeks of coverage from "Many Routes — One Destination," which was runner-up in the Community Newspaper "In-Depth Reporting" category, competing against the Northwest group's homelessness package.

This special series ran in October and November 2007 — including regional and local features, news stories and editorials — tracing traditional and more recent immigrations to Chicago and nearby suburbs, and how local families and communities are finding ways to assimilate these many different cultures. Selections from the package also appeared in the **Park Ridge Herald-Advocate, Norridge-Harwood Heights News, Des Plaines Times,** the **Mount Prospect Times, Morton Grove Champion, Lincolnwood Review, Skokie Review, Edison-Norwood Times Review, Edgebrook-Sauganash Times Review, Harlem-Irving Times** and **Times serving Jefferson Park, Portage Park and Belmont-Craigin.**

The awards are named after Peter Lisagor, the former Washington bureau chief for the Chicago Daily News who died in 1976. The Chicago Headline Club has presented the awards for the past 31 years.

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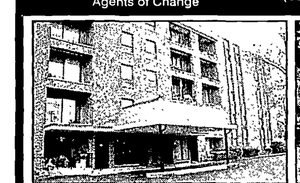

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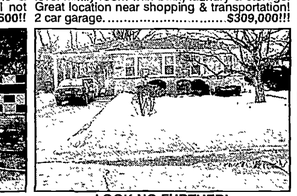

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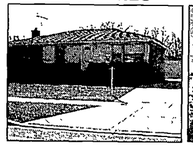

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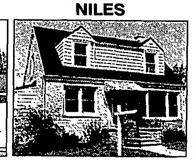

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dence and boys exhibit more willingness to explore more academic options" when they can meet in that fashion.

During their presentation, Osburn and his team cited a report, which appeared in this January's edition of the journal Education Week, stating that national surveys appear to show that girls and at-risk students benefit from this type of grouping.

Niles West administrators and teachers expect to complete planning for the home room change this summer. Once the first set of freshmen are using the schedule, "we'll begin collecting data on student attitudes and such." They will also survey staff, Osburn said.

Niles North freshmen, who will continue to have mixed-gender home rooms, will be a de facto control group against which to measure any academic or social changes which might be tracked to the Niles West group, he added.

"Will it make huge changes?" Kracht asked. "We don't know. But we will get a chance to talk about it, and get the kids' feedback, and that will help us find out."

Devices

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make a commitment (to use the device) if they have to pay something," trustee Andrew Przybylo said.

The issue is likely to be further discussed at the board's May 20 meeting.

Fee

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agreed with Blase, saying a sober passenger in a car with a drunk motorist should have better judgment.

"We should make a strong statement here in Niles," LoVerde said.

But Trustee Andrew Przybylo disagreed, saying the ordinance would not be an effective deterrent because drunk motorists were unlikely to know about it.

At the end of the discussion, Blase asked village officials to present him with six ordinances from surrounding communities so he and the board could use them to make an informed decision.

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WE SAY

A promise to stay, a promise to serve

Resurrection Medical Center, 7435 W. Talcott Ave., Chicago, broke ground last week for another addition, for new and expanded facilities to serve Chicago's Far Northwest Side and the surrounding 10 suburban communities which fall within this hospital's primary coverage area.

Sister Donna Marie Wolowicki, C.R., executive vice president and chief executive officer of the local hospital — and the third member of the Sisters of the Resurrection to serve as the hospital's administrator — reminded the audience that it was the surrounding community which had asked her order to start the hospital in the first place more than 60 years ago.

The Sisters of the Resurrection had acquired 52 acres of farmland in the early 20th century, along both sides of Talcott Avenue, and had focused primarily on education at first, starting Resurrection High School and serving at various grade schools. In the late 1940s, local doctors and community leaders began talking about the need for having a hospital closer that Swedish Covenant Hospital. They approached the Sisters of the Resurrection, asking them to branch out into health care, raised funds for a number of years to build and equip the planned facility through the formation of what is now the Resurrection Medical Center Auxiliary, and opened Resurrection Hospital in 1953.

Through the next 55 years the local hospital has continued to expand its offerings — additional wings of patient rooms, specialized facilities for imaging tests and cardiac labs and surgical centers, family practice and three wings of a professional building, more extensive outpatient and emergency room services.

From a single hospital, the Sisters of the Resurrection stepped in to build or take on additional facilities and merge them to what became a growing health care network, Resurrection Health Care. RHC added the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth as a second sponsoring congregation when Holy Family Hospital in Des Plaines joined. Now, with eight hospitals, various nursing and rehab facilities, emergency care centers and other services, RHC is now the largest Catholic health care network in the Chicago area.

It would be easy for RHC — with such a metropolitan area global focus — to overlook the needs of Resurrection Medical Center's neighborhood hospital clientele, but that is not happening.

Resurrection Medical Center's new five-story patient tower will be built above the former ground floor conference center northwest of the main entrance, and adds a cardiodiognostic center, a new conference area, and four floors more floors of private patient rooms: 30 intensive care rooms, 60 medical/surgical rooms, and 30 more rooms for the rehab unit. The new rooms will allow rooms elsewhere in the hospital to also become single patient rooms.

Some communities lose their hospitals completely. The Northwest Side is lucky to have Resurrection Medical Center willing to anchor its roots even deeper and promise to continue to serve.

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But the economy should not despair.

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And if history has taught us anything, if anything is certain, it's that somebody, someplace wants to sell us something on credit.

And we will buy, thank you very much.

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YOU SAY

Time for Democrats to get back together

This primary election season has been long and grueling with still more to come. The Democratic Party is facing serious problems as the convention nears. The constant banter between Clinton and Obama is driving the party in two, while McCain is rallying support and gaining quickly on Clinton and Obama.

There is some serious strain for voters because of the fact that the Democratic Party does not have a frontrunner. Democrats do not want to see this primary season go all the way to the convention, and I think it will seriously affect whoever the nominee ends up being. People are going to be sick and tired of hearing Obama and Clinton fight, that they might just stop listening.

At this point in the game the party needs to start minimizing the division it has created. The candidates need to rally support, but without continually attacking each other. If the candidates do not want to hurt their chances of getting elected in November, they need to focus more on the voters and the party, and less on each other.

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Major roll call votes in the Senate

Payday equality: Senators failed, **56-42,** to reach 60 votes needed to advance a bill making it easier for plaintiffs to file suits alleging pay bias based on gender, disability or race. A yes vote backed a bill (HR2831) allowing such suits to be filed within 180 days of the date of the latest paycheck.
Sen. Richard Durbin: Yes; Sen. Barack Obama: Yes

Veterans' benefits: Senators voted, **96-1,** to authorize $1 billion through 2012 for expanding veterans' benefits such as burial payments, job-training aid, pensions and disability compensation. A yes vote backed a bill (S1315) that also grants benefits to certain Filipino veterans of World War II.
Sen. Richard Durbin: Yes; Sen. Barack Obama: Not voting

Filipino veterans: Senators defeated, **41-56,** a bid to strip S1315 (above) of authority for the U.S. government to award pensions and survivors' benefits to some 13,000 Filipino veterans who fought under U.S. command in World War II. A yes vote was to remove the benefits from the bill.
Sen. Richard Durbin: No; Sen. Barack Obama: Not voting

Gene-testing bias: Senators passed, **95-0,** a bill making it illegal for parties such as employers and insurance firms to penalize individuals on the basis of their genetic-testing results. The bill also would ban employers from requiring employees to take gene tests. A yes vote backed HR493.
Sen. Richard Durbin: Yes; Sen. Barack Obama: Not voting

Major roll call votes in the House

1. Medicaid funds dispute: Members imposed, **349-62,** a hold until April 2009 on new administration rules to cut the federal share of Medicaid by $13 billion over five years and leave it up to the states to replace the funds or cut health services to the poor. A yes vote was to pass HR5613.

2. Coast Guard budget: Members passed, **395-7,** an $8.4 billion fiscal 2008 budget for the Coast Guard that funds the agency's traditional marine-safety mission along with post-9/11 national-security duties. A yes vote backed a bill (HR2830) adding 1,500 personnel slots for a total of 47,000.

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Bobby Rush, D-1st	NV	NV	Jerry Weller, R-11th	NV	NV
Jesse Jackson Jr., D-2nd	Yes	Yes	Jerry Costello, D-12th	Yes	NV
Dan Lipinski, D-3rd	Yes	Yes	Judy Biggert, R-13th	Yes	Yes
Luis Gutierrez, D-4th	Yes	Yes	Bill Foster, D-14th	Yes	Yes
Rahm Emanuel, D-5th	Yes	Yes	Timothy Johnson, R-15th	Yes	Yes
Peter Roskam, R-6th	Yes	Yes	Donald Manzullo, R-16th	No	Yes
Danny Davis, D-7th	Yes	Yes	Philip Hare, D-17th	Yes	Yes
Melissa Bean, D-8th	Yes	Yes	Ray LaHood, R-18th	Yes	NV
Jan Schakowsky, D-9th	Yes	Yes	John Shimkus, R-19th	Yes	Yes
Mark Kirk, R-10th	Yes	Yes			

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Holocaust Memorial Service set

The 63rd annual Holocaust Memorial Service will be held at 3:30 p.m. Sunday at Skokie Valley Agudath Jacob Synagogue, 8825 East Prairie Road, Skokie.

The event is traditionally the largest gathering of Holocaust survivors in the Midwest and one of the largest in the United States.

Sponsored by Sheerit Hapleitah of Metropolitan Chicago, the umbrella-organization for Chicago-area Holocaust survivor groups, the annual remembrance event is to honor the 6 million Jewish martyrs, said Sheerit Hapleitah Metropolitan Chicago President Charles Lipshitz.

"We cannot let the world forget that a modern society, Nazi Germany, was capable of committing such atrocities and to honor the contributions that the Holocaust survivors have made to society," he said.

Lipshitz said the event will also honor the heroes who valiantly fought against the Nazis in the Warsaw Ghetto uprising.

Speakers at Sunday's service will include Ambassador J. Christian Kennedy, special state department envoy for Holocaust issues, Skokie Mayor George Van Dusen, Skokie Valley Agudath Jacob Synagogue spiritual leader Gerald Teller as well as Lipshitz.

As part of the ceremony, a grandchild of survivors will pay tribute to the enormous contribution of Holocaust survivors to the Chicago community in passing their legacy of courage to future generations.

"Once again, the Children of Survivors will reaffirm their commitment to sustaining our parents' legacy," said Felicia Zieff, incoming 2008 president of the Association of Descendants of the Shoah — Illinois, Inc. "We are rapidly approaching the day when there will be no more eyewitnesses to the Nazi horror left to offer testimony, which could blunt the effectiveness of our mission to inform the world that genocide is not only possible, but that it happened only a short time ago."

A high point of the service every year is the candle lighting ceremony honoring the 6 million Jewish victims including 1.5 million children who died in the Holocaust.

The ceremony will be conducted by Sherry Rubinstein Warsaw of Dor Ledor, the Young Leadership Division of Sheerit Hapleitah, and past Vice President Barbara Pryor. Children and grandchildren of local-area Holocaust survivors and proclamations by Gov. Rod Blagojevich and Chicago Mayor Richard Daley will also be part of the ceremony.

Representatives of Sheerit Hapleitah of Metropolitan Chicago believe Skokie is an ideal venue to sustain the memory of the Holocaust. When the American Nazi Party chose Skokie in 1978 for the site of its infamous demonstration, Sheerit Hapleitah helped lead the opposition, they said.

Sheerit Hapleitah later led the movement to construct a monument in memory of Holocaust victims, which was erected on property just outside the Skokie Library. The plaque on the monument reads: "This monument will remain in perpetuity as a reminder of what hate can do to mankind if decent people are not vigilant to forestall such a calamity in the future."

But the monument was desecrated with spray

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Dr. Memmel not only
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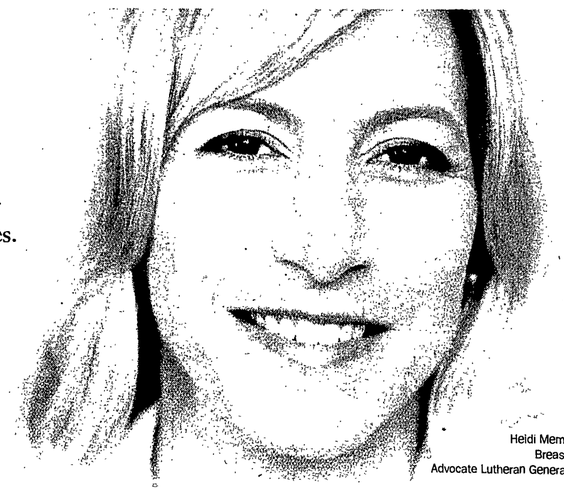

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Police still search for answers on Morton Grove man's shooting death

St. Louis police are still investigating the murder last week of two Chicago-area men including one from Morton Grove.

Daniel Wrona, 23, of Morton Grove, and Michael Aguilera Jr., 25, of Chicago, were found shot early on the morning of April 21 in a rented 2007 Hummer H30. St. Louis officers found the vehicle in an alley on the 1000 block of South Vandeventer Avenue after someone called police at 3:14 a.m. to report a shooting.

Wrona, the passenger in the Hummer, was shot in the neck and pronounced dead at the scene. Aguilera, the driver, was shot in the face and died later at an area hospital.

The two were in St. Louis to visit friends.

Police said Aguilera sent a text message to his bother in the Chicago area about 11:15 p.m. the Sunday night before the murder. Police are trying to determine what they did after that and how they ended up in the alley.

Wrona was a graduate of Notre Dame High School in Niles.

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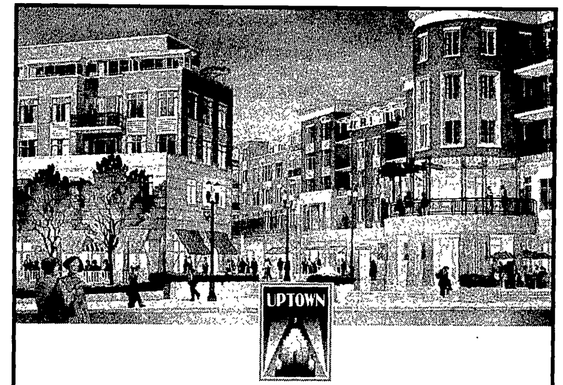
paint and other messages of hate shortly after it went up.

"This insidious act made the message on the dedication plaque even more meaningful," said Lipshitz.

Sheerit-Hapleitah includes Association of Descendants of the Shoah-Illinois, Inc., Hofesh Chapter — NAAMAT, Holocaust Memorial Foundation of Illinois, Jewish Lithuanian Club of Chicago, Laor Organization, Maccabi Sports Organization, Midwest Chestochover Society, New Citizen's Club, Workman's Circle, the United Chicago Jews of Hungarian Descent, Inc., Association of Child Survivors, Dr. Janusz Korczak B'nai Brith Lodge and Dor Laor Organization — a group that is made up of children and grandchildren of Holocaust survivors who will play an important role of carrying on the legacy.



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Car dealers may not mind the 'gap'

STEPHANIE ZIMMERMANN
THE FIXER - Chicago Sun-Times

Dear Fixer: I'm in a real fix. Last August, I bought a brand-new 2007 Sportage SUV at the Midway Kia dealership in Des Plaines. A little more than four months later, I was in a major traffic accident that badly wrecked the new car.

My insurer, State Farm, declared the Sportage a total loss and paid off the car's list price to the loan holder. However, State Farm understandably would not reimburse me for the remaining part of the loan — which was almost $7,000 carried over from the financing of an earlier trade-in.

But that refusal wasn't a problem because I had low-cost gap insurance, which was designed to pay off such "gaps" in insurance coverage. Indeed, State Farm called Kia sometime in mid-December and confirmed that I had this coverage. Hurrah! The $7,000 would be paid off, or so I thought.

But hold on — here's where the situation becomes troubling. A couple of days later, when I called the Kia dealership, they came up with a new story that I had canceled the gap coverage a month after I bought the car! Of course, that wasn't true. Why would I cancel my gap coverage when it insured the loan amount left over from my last car? Why would I cancel the coverage when it wouldn't benefit me financially until years later, AFTER the loan payout (and even then the amount would only be a few hundred dollars)? I DID NOT cancel my coverage.

I asked to see proof of the cancellation. All they could produce was a fax copy of the supposed cancellation; the original was "misplaced" and couldn't be found. The copy looks as though my signature was pasted in from somewhere else. Equally suspicious, the form is a copy of a pre-printed SERVICE CONTRACT CANCELLATION REQUEST with the words "service contract" crossed out and the word "gap" handwritten in its place. I didn't cancel either one!

I don't expect the dealer to admit to committing fraud. I just need them to call the gap insurance company and admit they made a mistake. The insurance people suggested that if Kia admitted to a mistake and provided them with certain paperwork, they would attempt to reinstate the gap policy so I could file my claim.

If they don't clear up this problem, I'll unjustly owe almost $7,000 to Kia Finance. Having that unpaid balance on my record will undermine my credit standing. Please see if you can help me!

Michael Amedeo

Dear Michael: Well, your insurance payments sure went somewhere, though Kia's corporate folks didn't want to talk about that. Company spokesman Alex Fedorak said the matter is under investigation.

The good news is they were able to determine that yes, you never did cancel your gap insurance. Because of that, they're wiping out your entire balance, about $6,900, and you're officially off the hook.

Shred it and forget it

Dear Readers: Mark this date on your calendar: June 14. That's when the third annual free shredding event will be held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. outside the United Center. You'll be able to bring old, unneeded documents and volunteers will shred them for free. It's easy — you can drive right up in your car.

The event is sponsored by the local Better Business Bureau, Chicago Department of Consumer Services, Cook County State's Attorney's Office, Federal Trade Commission, U.S. Postal Inspection Service, Chicago Police and the Illinois Attorney General's Office.

The Fixer will be there, too — shredding unwanted documents.

For more info, check out www.chicagoshreds.com.

No cashiers here

Dear Readers: The Fixer was in the grocery store last week, watching helplessly as her neighbor battled one of the automated check-out machines. Every few items, the machine would freeze up, apparently figuring she had shoplifted something because she didn't put it down on the electronic pad long enough.

Sometimes, the auto-check-out is a breeze. Other times, it's slower than the regular line — and minus the friendly conversation with the cashiers.

So The Fixer wants to know: What do you think about cashier-less check-out stations? Do you find them faster? Do you have any tips for other readers? E-mail your responses to szimmermann@sun-times.com and put "cash register" in the subject line. We'll run a future column with your answers.

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District 207

The Kern Family Foundation has awarded a grant of $62,500 to Maine Township High School District 207 to implement Project Lead the Way during the next three years at Maine East, Maine West and Maine South, the district announced in March.

Project Lead the Way is a statewide nonprofit focused on introducing and preparing middle school and high school students for engineering and technical careers of the future.

It forms partnerships with public schools, institutions of higher education and the private sector to increase opportunities for students in engineering and technical fields. Its project-based curriculum meets national science and math standards. It offers professional development for teachers and guidance counselors, and a comprehensive national support network. PLTW courses are accessible to college-bound engineering students, as well as students who may not have thought of college or a career in a technical field.

The courses aim to instill problem-solving, teamwork, communication and leadership skills in students, as well as help them build the math, science and technology skills to prepare for and succeed in tomorrow's careers. The program at Maine high schools will begin in the fall with the Introduction to Engineering Design course.

The Kern Family Foundation in Waukesha, Wis., is one source of funding for PLTW pilot sites in Wisconsin, Minnesota, Illinois and Iowa. Established by entrepreneurial engineer and businessman Robert Kern, and his wife, Patricia, the Kern Family Foundation aims to be a catalyst for change with a focus on productive citizenship.

For information about the program contact Jodie Wachowski, Applied Arts and Technology Chair or Aida Awad, Science Chair at Maine East High School, (847) 825-4484.

Maine East

A team of students representing Maine East High School recently won highest honors in this year's WordMasters Challenge, a national competition for high school students requiring close reading and analysis of many different kinds of prose and poetry. Participating with 607 other school teams from all across the country, the school's ninth graders tied for 12th place in the nation in the year's third meet, held in February.

Several of the school's students won honors for individual achievement as well:

Sophomore **Kayla Koch** and junior **Stephanie Peter**, both of Morton Grove, placed, respectively, among the 77 highest-scoring 10th graders and the 63 highest-scoring 11th graders in the entire country in the meets for their grade levels.

Freshmen **Ebboney Wilson, Jamie Short, Samantha Dosek** and **Eliza Nieweglowska**, all of Niles, and **Dominika Koziol** of Des Plaines, sophomores **Christian Manaois, Jeremy Umansky** and **Joanne Kim** of Morton Grove and **Mahek Parikh** of Niles, junior **Kori Levy** of Glenview and seniors **Katherine Kirschner** and **Suzanne Hansel** of Park Ridge and **Dana Vattanavanitkul** of Morton Grove all earned honorable mention.

More than 59,000 students from across the country participated in the meet.

The texts for the third WordMasters meet this year were a pair of poems by John Updike and A. E. Housman (for ninth and 10th graders) and a short story by David Means (for 11th and 12th graders). The students will participate in one more meet in the coming months and medals and certificates will be presented in June to those who achieved and/or improved the most in the course of the year.

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Hundreds of students met Feb. 11 at Maine East High School's Poetry Out Loud contest to hear their peers recite poetry in an effort to win the Maine East High School title and go on to compete in regional, state and national contests. Nearly 200 students listened to each contestant create characters, scenes and themes by delivering a chosen poem from memory.

Junior **Patrycja Bronowicz**, of Des Plaines, won the contest by reciting "Siren Song" by Margaret Atwood.

Four other students, all sophomores, were named runners up: **Susan Allababidi**, of Park Ridge, **Portia Bell**, of Niles, **Ashley Francis**, of Des Plaines, and **Cia Matthew**, of Morton Grove. The five winners were chosen as finalists from among 42 students after reciting their first poems. Four faculty judges independently scored all performances.

Although Poetry Out Loud's national program has existed for two years, this is the first time Maine East has selected a winner. English teachers included

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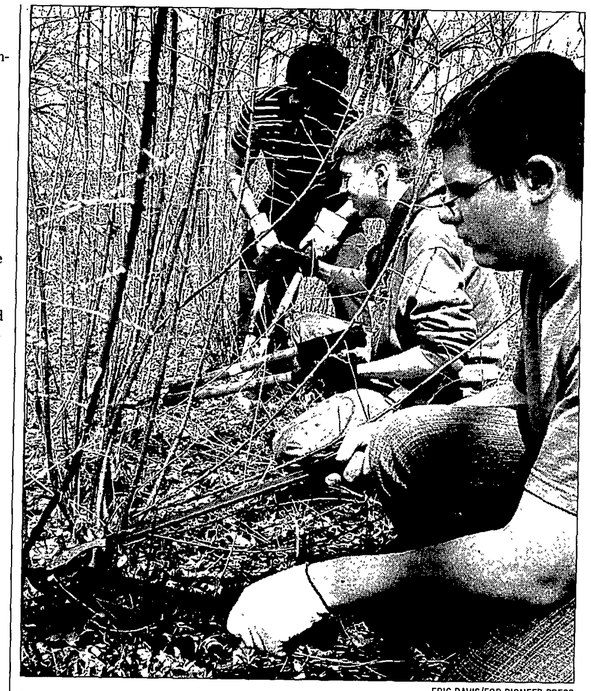

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EARTH DAY VOLUNTEERS
Sophomore Adrian Kolakowski (right), along with seniors Ed Manolache (center) and Aabad Naqvi take part in cutting down the invasive undergrowth as part of an April 19 Earth Day celebration in the 1.5-acre Oak Savannah on the Maine East High School campus in Park Ridge.

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NATURAL RHYTHMS
Greg Lundberg (right), leader of the Maine East Rythm Project, performs in a drum circle April 19 with (from far left) student Suzie Allababidi, visitor Tommy Bohac, 7, and student Seena Mathew. They were part of the Earth Day activities sponsored by the high school in its Oak Savannah conservation area in Park Ridge.

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BRUCE'S TAKE

"Hollywood is already sneaking up on us with this year's batch of summer movies — and right now that seems like a good thing."

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Baubles, bangles and a piano

RUSS LONG: A TRIBUTE TO LIBERACE!
Skokie Theatre, 7924 N. Lincoln Ave., Skokie. 7:30 p.m. May 3. $25 adults; $18 seniors; $15 children. (847) 677-7761. www.skokietheatre.com.

By JACK BESS
Contributor

Many viewers first saw Liberace on TV talk shows, where, in his outrageously glittery outfits, he looked like some exotic creature from the gaudier precincts of Las Vegas.

But lifelong Liberace fan Russ Long discovered the legendary pianist through his parents' record albums. A gifted child who began playing piano by ear at the age of 4, Long focused on Liberace's immense keyboard mastery without being distracted by his outlandish costumes.

"I would listen to the albums for hours," Long said. "I was just mesmerized. I'd think, 'That's so amazing to be able to play like that. Gosh, someday I hope I can play just like him.'"

In his Liberace tribute concert, scheduled for May 3 at the Skokie Theatre, Long will focus on Liberace's solid musicianship but won't ignore the flashy showmanship. Performing as himself, not in character as Liberace, Long will wear one of the costumes that he had made for his two-year-old show, based on the pianist's original wardrobe.

Pianist Russ Long's Skokie Theater concert will honor the showmanship of Liberace.

Dressing the part

For the Skokie show, Long will wear a ruffled shirt under a tailed jacket decorated with sequins, rhinestones, bugle beads, and appliqué patterns, complete with a matching cape that weighs around 15 pounds.

"The complete inside of the cape is all silver sequins," he said. "When I open the cape and twirl around, I look like a big mirrored ball spinning around."

Long will perform with a three-piece ensemble consisting of bass, drums, and a synthesizer to recreate the orchestral sound of Liberace's records. Based on careful study of the records and videotapes, he also has Liberace's heavily ornamented piano style down pat, with its octave runs, flourishes, and cadenza-like passages, all performed with hands flying across the keyboard.

The one-act show is composed of Liberace's signature songs, among them the "Beer Barrel Polka," "The Piano Roll Blues," "MacArthur Park," "I'll Be Seeing You," a classical medley, and Liberace's own arrangement of "Chopsticks."

The tribute also serves as a showcase for Long's solid musicianship. Like Liberace, who was classical trained and won classical competitions as a youth, Long began formal piano lessons at age 8 while living in Cincinnati and performed with several symphonies while in grade school. At age 14, Long played Tchaikovsky's Piano Concerto No. 1 in B Flat Minor, a work that calls for virtuosic talent. In 1983, he won the Van Cliburn Piano Scholarship Competition.

Versatile talent

But Long's musical chops go well beyond the stately classical and the flashy Liberace. In the mid-1980s, he came to Chicago just out of college and began work as piano accompanist for local cabaret chanteuse Denise Tomasello. They performed together for about seven years, after which Long played at various Chicago night spots including a gig at Nick's Fishmarket that lasted eight years. At Nick's, he developed medleys of contemporary show tunes for customers coming in from the nearby Shubert Theater.

Long's versatility as an accompanist is greatly prized by Oak Park singer Jillann Gabrielle.

"Russ' abilities are completely through the roof. He blows Liberace completely out of the water," Gabrielle said. "He has technique and improvisational abilities that are unbelievable and he can play in many different styles with ease. As an accompanist, he seems to know what the singers are going to do before they do it."

Whatever the style of music, Long approaches it with passion and love. In that regard, he says he has much in common with Liberace, who loved to entertain people with his over-the-top showmanship and giddy, self-mocking humor. Audiences loved Liberace, Long said, because he communicated a sense of joy and wanted to make every one of his listeners happy. He saw evidence of this desire in a videotaped Liberace concert.

Long recalled, "He finished his concert and had done two or three encores. He said, 'Actually, I don't have anything to do for the rest of the evening, so if you want to stay a while longer, I'll play for you.' Wow! He loved what he did."

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No spinach, chores: a pirate's life is 'cool'

By MYRNA PETLICKI
Contributor

Piracy has its ups and downs we learned from Joe Goldammer, who plays Jeremy Jacob in Emerald City Theatre's "How I Became a Pirate," noon and 2 p.m. Saturday, May 3, at Oakton Community College's Footlik Theater, 1600 E. Golf Road, Des Plaines.

Family Friendly: Why did you want to be a pirate?

Jeremy Jacob: Pirates are really, really cool and my baby sister was giving me a hard time.

FF: What's the hardest thing about being a pirate?

JJ: The storms are really, really scary. There's lightning and thunder, and the wind is blowing real hard and hitting your skin. The captain's not talking to you because he's trying to take care of his ship. Everyone's running around and no on really cares about me. They're just trying to lower the mizzens, whatever that is, and batten some hatches.

FF: What's fun about being a pirate?

JJ: You don't have to do anything except mop the deck. You don't have to brush your teeth, do your chores or chew up your spinach, and you get to sing shanties.

Tickets are $7, $5 for children under 12.

For details, call (847) 635-1900.

The Emerald City Theatre presents "How I Became a Pirate," on Saturday, May 3, at Oakton Community College.

Close encounter

A school bus, fire engines, construction trucks and many more vehicles will be within reach of kids during the Kohl Children's Museum's "Touch-A-Truck" festival 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Sunday, May 4, at Fields Chrysler Jeep Dodge, 670 Frontage Road, Northfield. Tickets are $25 per family of up to six people. Proceeds benefit the Glenview museum.

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Look out below

A man's life changes forever when he saves a small orphaned girl on a London sidewalk and is thrown into the magical world of London Below. The Actors Gymnasium's "Neverwhere," a tale filled with circus feats, runs through June 1 at the Noyes Cultural Arts Center, 927 Noyes St., Evanston. Performances are 7:30 p.m. Fridays, 4:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturdays and 3 p.m. Sundays. Tickets are $15, $10 for ages 12 and under.

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Who's there?

Horton the elephant is the only creature hearing the cries of the tiny Whos in "Seussical the Musical." Learn how Horton helps his microscopic friends in ArtReach Educational Theatre and Spotlite Theatrix Production Company's staging of the family show, 7:30 p.m. Friday, 3 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday and 3 p.m. Sunday, May 2-4, at Stage One Theatre, 620 Lee St., Des Plaines. Tickets are $13 in advance, $16 at the door.

For details, call (847) 372-7798.

Think fast

Families will have fun being spontaneous at "Improv for All Ages," 3:30 p.m. Sunday, May 4, at the Lincolnwood Public Library, 4000 W. Pratt Ave. Debbi Brodsky will lead theater games and pose brainteasers at this drop-in event.

For details, call (847) 677-5277.

MUSIC

The few, the proud: the Few Left

EMERGENZA
10 p.m. Friday, May 9 at the Double Door, 1572 N. Milwaukee Ave. in Chicago. Tickets: $18 at door; $12 online pre-sale. www.fewleftband.com; www.myspace.com/fewleft.

By LILLI KUZMA
Contributor

Maine South High School sophomore Chris Kulwin, 16, of Park Ridge is excited about being in the semi-finals. But he isn't on the baseball team, a wiz kid in the academic bowl or a "mathlete."

Kulwin is a talented lead guitarist who, along with four other musicians in a group called Few Left, remain viable in the highly competitive "Emergenza" music festival contest. Described as a worldwide battle of the bands, Emergenza takes place simultaneously in 36 United States, in Canada, and in 21 other countries.

Kulwin will be joined at the Double Door by Ian Kahrilas, 16, on bass; John Obershelp, 16, on electric violin; Brian Dorrans, 22, on drums — all of Park Ridge; and Mike Jarger, 25, of Chicago's Portage Park on lead vocals. They will be competing for entrance into the finals, to be held at on June 28 at The Metro in Chicago. The grand prize winner will perform at the Taubertal Arena in Germany, a 12,000 capacity venue, all expenses paid.

"We've been together about a year, and have been on a fast track since our first show," said Kulwin cites Jimmy Page, Joni Mitchell and Django Reinhardt among his influences. "I found some old vinyl, my Grandpa's, albums like 'Led Zepplin II' and Joni Mitchell's 'Blue.'"

Although Few Left's MySpace page notes the influence of contemporary rock bands like Blink-182, Incubus, Rage and Phish, Kulwin isn't the only member who appreciates older artists.

Obershelp notes "John Frigo, the great jazz violinist" as a major influence, while Dorrans acknowledges "Buddy Rich, Gene Krupa, Stewart Copeland of The Police, and Blue Man Group."

Kahrilas describes a maturing of his own musical taste: "In the beginning, I listened to bands like Red Hot Chili Peppers, but now I'm into (bassists) like Victor Wooten. I like any music that is played with conviction."

Few Left is noticeably different from other young rock bands, in that it plays a now-rare straight-ahead rock and roll sound.

"That's why we call ourselves 'Few Left,' but we mean it in a positive way," said Kulwin.

The band's mentor-manager, Christine Hickey, of Park Ridge says, "They don't play what usually appeals to 15 and 16 year-olds. They don't scream!"

Hickey, whose own background includes music, acting and producing, noted the band's rather unplanned start. "It started as a fluke. Mark Hogue of Mr. Blotto really liked Chris Kulwin's guitar playing and offered him a spot at the three-day fest, Blottopia. They did so well, and have won almost every competition they've entered. It's a very exciting time in the life of this band."

Lead vocalist Jarger hadn't originally intended on continuing with Few Left, having been brought in for the one show at Blottopia, but said: "It all kind of fell into place. They're like little brothers to me, but I look up to them, too. They have a great work ethic."

"The Metro is the number one venue in the world for Emergenza," he continued. "And everybody in Chicago wants to play The Metro! "

Bass player Ian Kahrilas has had a number of musical influences, but admits: "I like any music that is played with conviction."

Chris Kulwin (pictured) and his band Few Left go to the semi-finals of the highly competitive "Emergenza" battle of the bands.

Lead vocalist Mike Jarger was brought in for one show, but decided to stay with a band that has won almost every competition it's entered.

Brian Dorrans plays drums for the Park Ridge band Few Left.

Summer's here; pass the Visine

BRUCE INGRAM
FILM CRITIC

We might be just beginning to get a little taste of spring ourselves, but Hollywood is already sneaking up on us with this year's batch of summer movies — and right now that seems like a good thing. After a generally unimpressive batch of movies so far in 2008, we can at least look forward to a little fun.

More than 50 films are slated for release over the next four months, with an emphasis on superheroes ("Iron Man," "The Incredible Hulk," "Hancock," "The Dark Knight"), TV adaptations ("Get Smart," "The X-Files," "Speed Racer," "Sex and the City"), sequels ("Indiana Jones," "Chronicles of Narnia," "Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants," "The Mummy") and R-rated comedies ("Step Brothers," "The Foot Fist Way," "Pineapple Express," "Tropic Thunder").

Just thinking about it makes my eyes turn red and my popcorn hand twitch. Here are a few I'm personally looking forward to.

"Iron Man" (May 2) I don't know what to make of the fact that Jon Favreau, who wrote the supercool "Swingers" and directed the Will Ferrell comedy "Elf" and the family adventure "Zathura" is helming this Marvel comics mega-adventure, but I'm hoping it means a light touch and an emphasis on the offbeat. Casting Robert Downey Jr. in the title role seems a step in the right direction.

Old but bold: Harrison Ford and Shia LaBeouf in "Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull."

"Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull" (May 22) How could this one not be a blast? Well, I suppose that depends on whether or not director George Lucas took the script home for a quick rewrite. Even if he did, the idea of Indy with arthritis and an AARP card has perverse appeal.

"You Don't Mess with the Zohan" (June 6) The trailer for this Adam Sandler comedy about an Israeli counter-terrorist superagent who fakes his death so he can become a hairdresser looks outrageously stupid, but in a good way. Judd Apatow contributed to the script and that's enough for me to give it the benefit of the doubt.

"WALL-E" (June 27) This nearly dialogue-free animated film about a lonely robot eternally cleaning up trash on the abandoned planet Earth sounds like the riskiest Pixar movie to date, but they've never failed yet. From the director of "Finding Nemo."

"The Dark Knight" (July 18) The idea of the Heath Ledger (RIP) as The Joker still seems a little strange to me, but I'm still psyched about "Memento" writer/director Christopher Nolan carrying the "Batman" franchise forward. And it should be pretty cool to see the Batmobile in a chase scene on lower Wacker Drive.

"Step Brothers" (July 25) The shake-and-bake chemistry between Will Ferrell and John C. Reilly (who is rapidly becoming one of my favorite actors) was the best thing about their hit "Talladega Nights" and they're together again in this reportedly raunchy comedy about two middle-aged step-sibs who just can't get along. "Talladega" director Adam McCay also returns.

"Tropical Thunder" (Aug.15) Director Ben Stiller leads a spectacular cast (Jack Black, Robert Downey, Jr., Nick Nolte, Tom Cruise and more) in this comedy about a bunch of Hollywood action-movie divas who get caught up in a real war. Could be great if they don't spend too much time uncovering their inner heroes.

What about you? Eagerly anticipating "The Incredible Hulk," "Sex and the City," "Speed Racer" or maybe "The House Bunny"? Share at Bruce's Reel Time blog.

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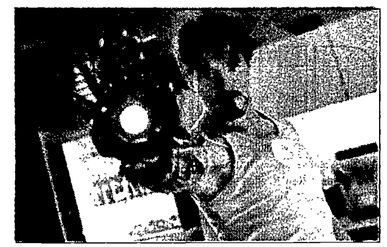

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OPENING THIS WEEK

IRON MAN

A billionaire munitions-manufacturer (Robert Downey Jr.) becomes an armored super crime-fighter. Jon Favreau ("Elf," "Zathura") directed the Marvel Comics action/adventure. Rated PG-13 for some intense sequencesof sci-fi action and violence and brief suggestive content.

MADE OF HONOR ★★ 1/2

If you've seen the Julia Roberts romantic comedy "My Best Friend's Wedding," you know exactly what to expect here, only in reverse. Instead of a gal pal who sets out to derail her BFF's wedding so she can have him for herself, we have Patrick Dempsey (of "Grey's Anatomy") trying to do the same to best buddy Michelle Monaghan, so she'll dump a rich, handsome Scottish hunk who comes with a couple of castles and a royal title or two. He's thoughtful that way. There are no surprises in "Made for Honor" and only a few laughs, but it'll serve if you're in the mood for this sort of thing. (BI) (101 min.) Rated PG-13 for sexual content and language.

REDBELT ★★

There's a rich character at the heart of this labored moral drama, but writer/director David Mamet doesn't do him justice. Chiwetel Ejiofor ("American Gangster," "Talk to Me") is first rate, as always, as Mike Terry, a jujitsu/mixed martial arts master who lives according to a samurai code of honor that doesn't fit well with the modern world. Terry doesn't believe in prize fighting because he believes it weakens the fighter, but he's gradually drawn into a position where he may be forced to abandon his principals by his greedy wife (Sonia Braga) and a couple of sleazy Hollywood types (Tim Allen and Joseph Mantegna). Mamet himself reportedly studied jujitsu for five years and his fascination with its spirit is obvious, but the machinations he uses to draw Terry into a situation where he has to choose between honor and filthy lucre are increasingly far-fetched and the combative finale devolves into to an absurd macho fantasy. (BI) (99 min.) Rated R for strong language.

STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE

A documentary on the American soldiers associated with the notorious photographs demonstrating abuse of prisoners in the Abu Ghraib military prison. Directed by Errol Morris ("The Fog of War," "Mr. Death"). (118 min.) Rated R for disturbing images and content involving torture and graphic nudity, and for language.

THEN SHE FOUND ME

After her husband leaves her and her adoptive mother dies, a schoolteacher (Helen Hunt) is contacted by her birth mother (Bette Midler) – and she finds solace with the father of one of her students (Colin Firth). Hunt makes her directorial debut with the romantic drama. (100 min.) Rated R for language and some sexual content.

STILL PLAYING

BABY MAMA ★★★

When you consider how much formula has been pumped into "Baby Mama"– it's a buddy movie, an ode to female empowerment and a heart-fluttering romance all in one – it's kind of impressive that this pleasant, reasonably amusing pregno-comedy manages to remember what it's doing. It does though, and it stays surprisingly light on its swollen feet, thanks to a script that's not particularly dazzling, but far from dumb, and a grade-A cast (including cameos by Steve Martin and Sigourney Weaver) that makes the most of the grade-B material. Tina Fey ("30 Rock," "Mean Girls") plays Kate, a 37-year-old single career woman who's suddenly gone baby crazy – and learned she's probably infertile. Naturally, the surrogate mom (Amy Poehler of "Saturday Night Live") she hires to carry her fertilized eggs to term turns out to be a gum-snapping aura reader who "terminated" high school. And naturally, they wind up living together to maximize the "Odd Couple" effect. Like Fay, writer/director Michael McCullers (who co-wrote the "Austin Powers" movies) is a "Saturday Night Live" alum and "Baby Mama" was produced by "SNL" creator Lorne Michaels. (BI) (96 min.) Rated PG-13 for crude and sexual humor, language and a drug reference.

DEAL

A cocky poker playing student at Yale (Bret Harrison) is befriended and mentored by an old pro (Burt Reynolds) until a Vegas call girl (Shannon Elizabeth) comes between them. Gil Kates Jr. ("Spent") directed the drama. (86 min.) Rated PG-13 for language, sexual content and brief drug use.

DECEPTION

After being introduced to an elite Manhattan sex club by a high-powered attorney (Hugh Jackman), a corporate auditor (Ewan McGregor) becomes innocently involved in a kidnapping and multi-million-dollar heist. (108 min.) Rated R for sexual content, language, brief violence and some drug use.

FORBIDDEN KINGDOM

A kung fu-obsessed teen (Michael Angarano) is sent back in time to ancient China to free an imprisoned warrior. Rob Minkoff ("Stuart Little") directed the fantasy adventure featuring martial arts movie legends Jet Li and Jackie Chan in their first pairing. (113 min.) Rated PG-13 for sequences of martial arts action and some violence.

FORGETTING SARAH MARSHALL ★★★

"Sarah Marshall" is the most recent production from the Judd Apatow comedy works and it's likely to score as high as "The 40 Year Old Virgin," "Knocked Up" and "Superbad" with audiences who enjoy seeing otherwise-formulaic light, sentimental comedies pumped full of high-octane raunch-ola. Apatow ensemble member Jason Segel ("How I Met Your Mother," "Knocked Up") plays a struggling musician who goes on a Hawaiian vacation after being unceremoniously dumped by his TV star girlfriend (Kristen Bell of TV's "Veronica Mars") only to find that she's trysting at the same resort with her new sex-god rock-star boyfriend. That's not a lot to get excited about, in broad outline, but there's more to "Sarah Marshall," fortunately, than its story. Segel is charming in a wounded puppy-dog sort of way, the supporting characters are likably odd, the dialogue is funny (filthy, but funny) and there's a sweetness and generosity about its overall disposition that's very appealing. (BI) (112 min.) Reviewed in this section. Rated R for sexual content, language and some graphic nudity.

HAROLD & KUMAR ESCAPE FROM GUANTANAMO BAY

The titular stoners (John Cho and Kal Penn) are mistaken for terrorists and carted off to the laughriot military prison. John Hurwitz and Hayden Schlossberg wrote and directed this follow-up to their "Harold & Kumar Go to the White Castle." Rated R for strong crude and sexual content, graphic nudity, pervasive language and drug use.

LEATHERHEADS ★★ 1/2

Is screwball comedy a lost art? Much as it would like to demonstrate that comedies in the style of Howard Hawks, Preston Sturges and Frank Capra are still a live option, "Leatherheads" is evidence to the contrary. George Clooney directed this comedy about the early days of pro football and stars as "Dodge" Connelly, the hustling captain of the down and out Duluth Bulldogs. Dodge schemes to resuscitate his team by recruiting a Princeton football star/All American war hero (John Krasinski of "The Office") then becomes involved in a romantic triangle with the kid and the lady reporter (Renée Zellweger) who's been assigned to cozy up to him and debunk his war record. Clooney works hard – a little too hard – to make "Leatherheads" play like "His Girl Friday," "Hail the Conquering Hero" or "It Happened One Night," and it's enjoyable enough as an academic exercise, but everything about it, from the snappy repartee to the battle-of-the-sexes romance, comes across like mimicry and feels slightly belabored. It's not a disaster, but "Leatherheads" does fall disappointingly flat – like fizz-less champagne. (BI) Rated PG-13 for brief strong language.

NIM'S ISLAND

When the father of a young girl (Abigail Breslin of "Little Miss Sunshine") disappears from the island where they live, she calls on her favorite adventure author (Jodie Foster) for assistance – not knowing the writer never sets foot outside her home. (95 min.) Rated PG for mild adventure action and brief language.

PROM NIGHT

A psycho killer disrupts the plans of a high school girl (Brittany Snow) and her friends at the senior dance. J.S. Cardone ("The Covenant") wrote the horror thriller. (88 min.) Rated PG-13 for violence and terror, some sexual material, underage drinking, and language.

SMART PEOPLE ★★★

The insular life of a disgruntled college professor (Dennis Quaid) and his daughter (Ellen Page) is disrupted when a former student (Sarah Jessica Parker) becomes a romantic interest and his slacker brother (Thomas Haden Church) moves in for an extended visit. The quirky comedy/drama is reviewed in this section. (95 min.) Rated R for language, brief teen drug and alcohol use and for some sexuality.

STREET KINGS

A veteran LA cop (Keanu Reeves) tries to prove he's not guilty of the killing of a fellow officer. David Ayer ("Harsh Times") directed the crime drama. Rated R for stong violence and pervasive language.

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An MIT professor (Kevin Spacey) trains gifted math students to count cards while playing blackjack and win millions from Las Vegas casinos – with dangerous results. Robert Luketic ("Monster in Law") directed the drama. Rated PG-13 for some violence, and sexual content including partial nudity.

THE VISITOR

The life of a college professor (Richard Jenkins of "Six Feet Under") is changed when he finds a young illegal immigrant couple living in his apartment. Thomas McCarthy ("The Station Agent") wrote and directed the comedy/drama. Rated PG-13 for brief strong language.

WHERE IN THE WORLD IS OSAMA BIN LADEN?

Morgan Spurlock ("Super Size Me") wrote and directed this documentary about his tour of the Middle East to discuss the war on terror with everyday people. (93 min.) Rated PG-13 for some strong language.

YOUNG AT HEART

A documentary about a senior citizens chorus that makes a specialty of rock songs by the likes of the Clash, the Ramones and Talking Heads. (107 min.) Rated PG for some mild language and thematic elements.

– Reviews by Bruce Ingram

MUSIC

Park Ridge concert reunites old friends

'SPRING POPS'
Park Ridge Civic Orchestra with Oliver Colbentson, violin.
Pickwick Theatre, 3 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge. 2:30 p.m. Sunday, May 4. $20 adults; $16 students 18 and over and seniors 62 and over, children under 18 free. (847) 692-PRCO or (847) 823-8861.

By MYRNA PETLICKI
Contributor

Violinist Oliver Colbentson and Park Ridge Civic Orchestra Music Director and Conductor Edgar Muenzer were classmates at Lane Technical High School. Their paths crossed again when they both played in the Air Force Symphony Orchestra. The long-time friends will reunite on Sunday, May 4 when Colbentson is the violin soloist at the Park Ridge Civic Orchestra's "Spring Pops" concert. The music will be followed by complimentary reception sponsored by The Wohlers Foundation.

Colbentson will solo on "Violin Concerto No. 3 in G Major" by Mozart and Sarasate's "Carmen Fantasy."

"The A Major is very often played. The G, not often, but it's beautiful," Colbentson said, noting that Mozart wrote all three concerti when he was 19 years old, so each one is "youthful." He surmised that the reason the "G Major Concerto" is played less frequently is that it is not as "symphonic" as the other two concerti. "There's more solo work," he said.

Muenzer reported that Colbentson had given him his CDs through the years. "They're really quite beautiful," Muenzer said. "They were of sonatas, performing with orchestras and some solo stuff. Then one time [my wife] Nancy and I went to hear one of his recitals and it was really a first class performance."

Back in town

Muenzer knew that Colbentson would be in town for Lane Tech's centennial in April, so he invited him to solo with the orchestra.

Although Colbentson and Muenzer shared the same violin teacher for a time in New York, they took entirely different career paths. Muenzer was first violinist of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra from 1956-2003. Colbentson became associate concertmaster of the Metropolitan Opera Orchestra when he was 26 and held that position for four years until he decided to relocate to Europe.

"I wanted to concertize," he explained. "Once you are in an orchestra, that's the end of it. That wasn't my idea of what I wanted to do with my life." He was, of course, destined to play the violin. The Chicago native had begun studying the violin at the age of 5 and won the Chicago Musical College competition when he was 16.

Every year, when the Metropolitan Opera Orchestra's season ended, Colbentson traveled to Europe on concert tours

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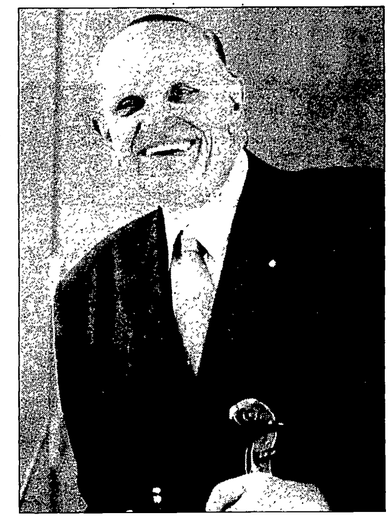
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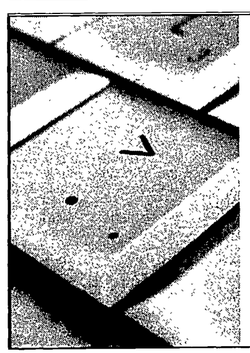
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STAGE

"Better Late," featuring John Mahoney and Mike Nussbaum, presented **through May 18** at Northlight Theatre, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie. Curtain times are Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. (except May 6); Wednesdays at 1 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Thursdays at 7:30 p.m.; Fridays at 8 p.m.; Saturdays at 2:30 p.m. and 8 p.m.; Sundays at 2:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. (except May 4, 11 and 18). Tickets: $35-$58. (847) 673-6300 or www.northlight.org.

"Botanic Garden," written by Winnetka native Todd Logan and directed by Academy Award winner Olympia Dukakis, presented **May 17-June 15** at the Piccolo Theatre, 600 Main St., Evanston. Performances at 8 p.m. Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays; 3 p.m. Sundays. Post-show discussions will be held after every performance. Tickets: $30. All seating is general admission. Call (866) 811-4111 or visit www.botanicgardentheplay.com.

"Diary of a Skokie Girl," at 7:30 p.m. **May 1**, 8 and 15 at the Wilmette Theatre, 1122 Central Ave., Wilmette. The one-woman show, performed by veteran comic Caryn Bark, is a poignant yet funny examination of growing up Jewish in the 1960s. Tickets: $22; $15 students. Discounts for groups of 10 or more. www.wilmettetheatre.com or (847) 251-7424.

"Grease," presented by The Rising Stars Theatre Co. through **May 11** at the Stahl Family Theatre (formerly the Saint Patrick Performing Arts Center), 5900 W. Belmont, Chicago. Performances at 7:30 p.m. Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays. Tickets: $15, with discounts for seniors, children and groups. Call (773) 736-2490 or visit www.risingstarstc.org.

"Home on the Mornin' Train," presented by Mudlark Theater Company at 7:30 p.m. **May** 2-3 and 3 p.m. **May 4** in the McGaw Y Childcare Center Auditorium, 1410 Maple, Evanston. Tickets: $12; $7. students. (773) 512-4187.

"Knocknashee," presented by Shapeshifters Theatre **through May 4** at the Irish American Heritage Center, 4626 N. Knox, Chicago. Curtain times are 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday; 3 p.m. Sunday. Tickets: $12 for IAHC members; $15 for nonmembers. To order tickets, call (773) 282-7035.

"The Last Days of Judas Iscariot," **through May 18** at The Gift Theatre, 4802 N. Milwaukee, Chicago. Showtimes are 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday; 2:30 p.m. Sundays. Tickets: $15-$25. (773) 283-7071 or www.thegiftheatre.org.

"Lust, Lies and Marriage" ("Il Pozzo Del Furbi"), presented by Piccolo Theatre through **May 10** at the Evanston Arts Depot, 600 Main St., Evanston. The Italian farce, in Commedia dell'Arte style, is directed by Antonio Fava of the International School of the Comic Actor in Italy. He also composed the music and designed and constructed the signature leather masks. Show times are 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays; 3 p.m. Sundays. Tickets: $25; $20 seniors; $15 students. For tickets, call (847) 424-0089 or visit www.piccolotheatre.com.

"Othello" will be presented by the Niles North Theater Department at 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. **May 2-3** in the Drama Performance Center, 9800 Lawler, Skokie. For ticket information, call (847) 626-2122.

"Seussical the Musical" will be presented by ArtReach Educational Theatre and Spotlite Theatrix Production Company at 7:30 p.m. **May 2**; 3 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. **May 3**; and 3 p.m. **May 4** at Stage One Theatre, 620 Lee St., Des Plaines. $16 at the door; $13 in advance. Reservations are recommended; call (630) 808-5852.

"Urinetown," presented by Big Noise Theatre Company, a division of Winnetka Theatre, **through May 18** at the Prairie Lakes Theatre, 515 E. Thacker St., Des Plaines. Performances at 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays; 2 p.m. Sundays. Tickets: $20; $18 for senior citizens and students; $12 for children 12 and younger. For tickets, call (847) 604-0275 or visit www.ticketweb.com.

CLASSICAL

Ars Viva, conducted by Alan Heatherington, performs at North Shore Center for the Performing Arts, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie. (847) 673-6300. www.arsviva.org. Single tickets: $60 box seats; $40 reserved; $35 seniors; $15 students. **May 4-5**, 7:30 p.m.: Copland: Suite from "The Tender Land"; Shostakovich: Symphony No. 1.

Bach Week Festival, May 2, 4 and 9 at the Music Institute of Chicago, 1490 Chicago Ave., Evanston. **May 2**, 7:30 p.m.: The Brandenburg Concerto No. 4 in G, BWV 1049, featuring violinist Mathias Tacke, with flutists Anita Rieder and Alyce Johnson. Bass vocalist Douglas Anderson and oboist Judith Kulb are soloists in the cantata "Ich habe genug," BWV 82. Richard Webster is organ soloist in the Prelude and Fugue in A Minor, BWV 543, and the program concludes with the Suite No. 4 in D for Orchestra, BWV 1069. Complimentary post-concert reception is open to all attendees. **May 4**, 7:30 p.m.: Concerto in D Minor for two violins, BWV 1043, with solo violinists Desirée Ruhstrat and Mathias Tacke. Soprano Patrice Michaels and flutist Louise Dixon are soloists in Bach's cantata "Non sa che sia dolore," and the concert concludes with the Brandenburg Concerto No. 3 in G, BWV 1048. **May 9**, 7:30 p.m.: Harpsichordists David Schrader, Stephen Alltop and Richard Webster will present the Concerto in C Major for three harpsichords, BWV 1064. The Brandenburg Concerto No. 6 in B Flat, BWV 1051, features violists Max Raimi and Melissa Trier Kirk. Soprano Patrice Michaels, tenor William Watson, and bass Douglas Anderson sing Bach's cantata "Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme." **May 9**, 10:15 p.m.: Candlelight concert – harpsichordist David Schrader plays excerpts from Bach's "Das Wohltemperierte Klavier." A complimentary champagne reception follows Schrader's performance. Subscriptions to the four-concert series are $100; $85 for seniors 65 and older; $75 for students. Single tickets for each of the concerts, except for the May 9 candlelight harpsichord concert, are $35; $25 seniors 65 and older; $20 students; $10 children 10 and younger. For the candlelight concert, tickets are $25. For tickets, call (800) 595-4849 or visit www.bachweek.org.

Baroque Band, a period-instrument orchestra, performs in Nichols Hall at the Music Institute of Chicago, 1490 Chicago Ave., Evanston. All concerts begin at 7:30 p.m. Single tickets are $30; $27 senior citizens; $15 students. Call (312) 235-2368, or visit www.baroqueband.org. **June 4**: The Beguiling Flute.

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. Single tickets are $20-$40. **May 11**: All-strings program of trios by Beethoven, Schoenberg and Brahms.

The Chicago Philharmonic Orchestra performs at Pick-Staiger Concert Hall on the Northwestern University campus, 50 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston. (847) 866-6888. www.chicagophilharmonic.org. Tickets are $70 on the main floor; $60, $50 and $35 in the balcony. Student tickets are $10, available in the lobby one hour before the performance. **May 4**, 2 p.m.: The Chicago Philharmonic Chamber Ensemble plays Septet for Trumpet, Piano and Strings by Camille Saint-Saens; the Trio in E-Flat Major by Johannes Brahms; and the Sextet in D Major by Felix Mendelssohn. **May 18**, 7 p.m.: Larry Rachleff, conductor, and Susan Lorette Dunn, soprano. Symphony #4 in G Major by Gustav Mahler, and the Mozart Symphony #36, "Linz."

Classical Symphony Orchestra of Chicago, a professionally oriented training orchestra, and its sister group, the Protégé Philharmonic of Chicago, include Katie Yee, violin, of Morton Grove, Jaimie Connelly, oboe, of Park Ridge, and Alexandra Crow, cello, and Michael Spina, trombone, both of Skokie. **May 11**, 3 p.m.: Classical Symphony Orchestra of Chicago and the Protege Philharmonic of Chicago will present the Spring Showcase Joint Concert in the Grand Ballroom at Navy Pier, 600 E. Grand Ave., Chicago. The program will include works by Suppe, Catalini, Hovhaness, Lalo, Stravinsky and Wagner. Tickets: $15; $10 senior citizens and students; $5 children under 12.

Des Plaines Public Library, 1501 Ellinwood St. (847) 376-2787. www.dppl.org. **May 4**, 2 p.m.: Pianist Mark Valenti will play a selection of classical music.

Evanston Symphony Orchestra, directed by Lawrence Eckerling, performs at 2:30 p.m. Sundays at Pick-Staiger Concert Hall, 50 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston. (847) 864-8804. www.evanstonsymphony.org. Tickets are $25; $20 for senior citizens; $5 for students. **May 11**: The program includes Jennifer Higdon's Percussion Concerto, Beethoven's Pastoral Symphony and Capriccio Espagnol by Rimsky-Korsakov.

Lincolnwood Chamber Orchestra and Lincoln Hall Middle School Orchestra will perform at 3 p.m. **May 4** in the Cadillac Showroom at the Grossinger Autoplex, 6900 McCormick Blvd. The program will include works by Mozart, Bach and Haydn. Free admission. (847) 920-9569.

Music of the Baroque performs at First United Methodist Church of Evanston, 1630 Hinman, unless noted otherwise. (312) 551-1414. www.baroque.org. Single tickets are $30-$75; $25 students/seniors. **May 11**, 7:30 p.m.: "Triple Play." Nicholas Kraemer, conductor. The program includes Mozart's triple piano concerto (performed on three fortepianos), a concerto for three trumpets by Telemann, the Brandenburg Concerto No. 5 and a triple violin concerto by J. S. Bach, and the Pachelbel Canon and Gigue for three violins and continuo.

North Shore Chamber Orchestra Society, conducted by Ya Hui Cheng, will present a Mother's Day concert at 3 p.m. **May 11** in the Alice Millar Chapel at Northwestern University, 1870 Sheridan Road, Evanston. The program includes the Overture to the Barber of Seville by Gioacchino Rossini, the Intermezzo from Pietro Mascagni's "Cavalleria Rusticana," and Ancient Dances and Airs by Ottorino Respighi. Also, 11-year-old violinist Miss Gallia Kastner will perform Mendelssohn's Violin Concerto, Op. 64, in E Minor. Admission: $10; free for those under 18 and all Northwestern University students. (847) 864-2288.

Northeastern Illinois University, 5500 N. St. Louis Ave., Chicago. (773) 442-4836. **May 14**, 10 a.m.: Piano master class with John Owings, in the NEIU Recital Hall. Free. **May 15**, 7:30 p.m.: Piano recital by John Owings, in the NEIU Recital Hall. Tickets: $25; $15 students; free for NEIU students.

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 member of the Chicago Symphony Chorus and a staff member of radio station WFMT, begin one hour prior to each concert. Individual concert tickets are $20; $15 for seniors; $10 for students. Children under age 14 are admitted free when accompanied by a paying adult. www.NorthwestSymphony.org. **May 11**: Mother's Day Pops Concert. Soloists Lauren Curnow and Edward Mout, from the Lyric's Ryan Opera Center for American Artists, will sing selections from Puccini's "Madama Butterfly" and "La Bohème," as well as songs from Bernstein's "West Side Story." Also, pianist Olga Nikova Ridgway will perform George Gershwin's "Rhapsody in Blue," and the orchestra will perform Puccini's Symphonic Prelude.

Park Ridge Civic Orchestra presents concerts at the Pickwick Theatre, 5 S. Prospect, Park Ridge. Individual tickets are $20 in advance; $16 for students and senior citizens. Tickets at the door are $25/$20. Call (847) 692-PRCO or (847) 823-8861. **May 4**, 2:30 p.m.: "Spring Pops," with Oliver Colbentson, violin. The program includes works by Mozart, Sarasate and Dvorak.

Rembrandt Chamber Players present "Music for the Next Generation," a family concert, at 10:30 a.m. **May 17** at the Northeastern Illinois University Recital Hall, 3701 W. Bryn Mawr Ave., Chicago. The concert is geared for children ages 4-12 and their families. Admission is free. Call (312) 360-3145 or visit www.rembrandtchamberplayers.org.

Segovia Classical Guitar Series, presented by the Northwestern University School of Music and the Chicago Classical Guitar Society in Lutkin Hall, 700 University Place, on the university's Evanston campus. Concerts begin at 7:30 p.m. Ticket prices listed in three categories: general public; Chicago Classical Guitar Society members, senior citizens and NU faculty and staff; and student rate. Call (847) 467-4000 or visit www.pickstaiger.org. **May 4**: "Music From the Salons of Vienna and Paris," featuring the Waller and Maxwell Guitar Duo and Friends. The program includes works by Beethoven, Rossini, Carulli, Giuliani, Berlioz and Bizet. $19/$16/$8.

Skokie Public Library, 5215 Oakton St. (847) 673-7774. www.skokielibrary.info. **Young Steinway Concert Series** features area young people with extraordinary musical talent. Concerts begin 3 p.m. in the Petty Auditorium. Free tickets distributed first come, first served, half hour before concert. **May 4**: Stella Tu, piano, Northbrook; Samantha Bennett, violin, Evanston; Ryan Meehan, violin, Winnetka; Emma Steele, viola, Chicago; and Mindy Park, cello, Palatine. **June 1**: Nathan Noh, piano, Hawthorn Woods; Shelley Liu, violin, River Forest; Ben Fried, cello, Highland Park; and Paul Juhn, piano, Mundelein.

Skokie Valley Symphony Orchestra performs at the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie. Tickets are $22-$30; $8 for children. For performance information, call (847) 679-9501, ext. 3014, or visit www.svso.org. For ticket information, call (847) 673-6300. Free pre-concert lectures begin at 1:30 p.m. **May 18**, 3 p.m.: "The New Kid: The Triumphal Conclusion." Under the baton of Francesco Milioto, the program begins with Richard Strauss' Serenade for Winds in E-flat Major, followed by the Mozart Symphony No. 40 in G Minor. The program will conclude with Brahms' Symphony No. 1 in C Minor.

"The Song of Roland: A Music Mural," presented by The Musical Offering at 7 p.m. **May 1-2** at Oakton School, 463 Ridge Ave., Evanston. Featuring the students of Oakton Elementary School. The Musical Offering Chamber Ensemble and faculty and Evanston Children's Choir, with guest artists soprano Amy Conn and tenor Hayden Muhl. Free; but reservations required. Call (847) 866-6260 or visit www.themusicaloffering.org.

POP/FOLK/JAZZ

Alistate Arena, 6920 N. Mannheim Road, Rosemont. Tickets are available at www.ticketmaster.com or (312) 559-1212; the ticket prices listed below do not include service fees. The information line is (847) 635-6601. **May 10**: The Police with Elvis Costello & the Imposters. $250, $95, $50. **May 17**, 7 p.m.: The Cure. $65, $50. **May 30**: Van Halen. **June 11**: Iron Maiden.

Bill's Blues, 1029 Davis St., Evanston. (847) 424-9800. www.billsbluesbar.com. Cover charges vary. **Sundays**, 4 p.m.: Liltest Open Mike. **Tuesdays**, 8:30 p.m.: Blues Jam hosted by Two For The Blues. **Wednesdays**, 8 p.m.: Pro Jazz Jam with Mike Finnerty. **May 1**, 7 p.m.: The Ginge (rock). **May 2**, 6 p.m.: Bill's Blues Wine and Blues Event. **May 2**, 8:30 p.m.: Eddy "The Chief" Clearwater celebrates the release of his Alligator debut CD, "West Side Strut." $10 in advance; $12 at the door. **May 3**, 8:30 p.m.: LV Banks Blues Band. **May 4**, 7 p.m.: Sassi Trio (folk). **May 8**, 6 p.m.: Big Time Entertainment (rock). **May 9**, 6 p.m.: Sidemen Big Band Jazz. **May 10**, 8:30 p.m.: Eric Davis Blues Band. **May 11**, 7 p.m.: Chad & Jeremy (folk/pop).

Black Ram Steakhouse, 1414 Oakton St., Des Plaines. (847) 824-1227. www.blackramsteakhouse.com. **Fridays** and **Saturdays**, 8-11:30 p.m.: Live jazz and dance music.

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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. **May 4** and **18**, June 8 and 29, 5-8 p.m.: Eric Lugosch. **May 10**, 10 p.m.: Sons of Susan. **May 24**, 10 p.m.: The Getouts. June 7, 10 p.m.: Naomi Ashley. June 28, 10 p.m.: Creek Road Ramblers.

Centre East in the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie. (847) 673-6300. www.centreeast.org. May 17, 8 p.m.: The Tommy Dorsey Orchestra. $50.

Chambers, 6881 N. Milwaukee Ave., Niles. (847) 647-8282. www.thechambersonline.com. **Tuesdays** and **Wednesdays**, 7-10:30 p.m.: Buddy Charles, pianist/singer. **Thursdays**, 8:30 p.m.-midnight.: Jazz Jam with John Bany, Charlie Braugham and Don Stille. Sunday music is from 5-9 p.m.; Friday-Saturday music is from 9 p.m.-1 a.m.

Famous Freddie's Roadhouse, 1799 S. Busse Road, Mount Prospect. (847) 593-2200. Shows start at 9 p.m. Fridays and 10 p.m. Saturdays. **May 2**: 7th Heaven. **May 3**: Jaktripper. **May 9**: 12 oz. Glory. **May 10**: Wingman. **May 16**: C-Factor. **May 17**: Backstage Pass. **May 23**: Metal College. **May 24**: Audio Daydream. **May 30**: Wedding Banned. **May 31**: Chicago Rock Circus.

Irish American Heritage Center, 4626 N. Knox Ave., Chicago. (773) 282-7035. www.irishamhc.com. Entertainment at 9 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays in the Fifth Province Lounge, no cover. **May 2**: Gerry Eadie. **May 3**: Bloomsday, the Band. **May 9**: Joe McShane. **May 10**: Danny Burns. **May 16**: The Celtic Groundhogs. **May 17**: Dyed in the Wool. **May 23**: Donofinn. **May 24**: Pat Daly. **May 30**: One of the Girls. **May 31**: Anish.

Kafein Espresso Bar, 1621 Chicago Ave., Evanston. (847) 491-1621. **Mondays**, 8:30-10:30 p.m.: Open mic event for musicians, poets, and light comedy sketches. Sign-up starts at 8 p.m.

Lincolnwood Jewish Congregation, 7117 N. Crawford, Lincolnwood. (847) 676-0491. **May 7**, 8 p.m.: Maxwell Street Klezmer Band will perform in honor of Israel Independence Day. **June 1**, 8 p.m.: Kol Sasson, a vocal and instrumental ensemble, will perform in celebration of Jerusalem Re-unification Day. General admission tickets for the two-concert series are $36 per person. Individual concert tickets are $20 per person; $5 for students 18 and under.

Northeastern Illinois University, 5500 N. St. Louis Ave., Chicago. (773) 442-4836. **May 30**, 7:30 p.m.: Corky Siegel's Chamber Blues, a combination of classical and blues music.

Rosemont Theatre, 5400 N. River Road, Rosemont. Tickets are available at www.ticketmaster.com or (312) 559-1212; the ticket prices listed below do not include service fees. For more information about the theater, call (847) 671-5100. **May 13**, 6:30 p.m.: Dream Theater plus Opeth, Between the Buried and Me. 3. $65, $45, $35. **May 14**, 7:30 p.m.: Duran Duran. $125, $85, $65, $49.50.

Skokie Theatre Music Foundation presents concerts in the Skokie Theatre, 7924 Lincoln Ave., Skokie. Call (847) 677-7761 or visit www.skokietheatre.com. **May 2**, 8 p.m.: Mark O'Conner Quartet. **May 3**, 7:30 p.m.: A Tribute to Liberace, presented by pianist Russ Long. **May 4**, 5 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.: Midwest Young Artists Jazz Ensembles, featuring MYA's Big Band, Jazz Orchestra and Jazz Ensemble. **May 8**, 7:30 p.m.: Bob Acri Octet presents classic swing

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Concert

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organized by a New York agent. "That was my beginning," he said. Colbentson noted that only "big stars" can keep working as a soloist in the United States. There were far more opportunities in Europe.

German career

Since settling in Germany in 1958, Colbentson has performed over 1,200 concerts and broadcasts in 28 countries. He has also served as concertmaster and soloist with the Nurnberger Symphoniker in Nurnberg, Germany, and chaired the Strings Department at the Meistersinger Conservatory in that city.

The violinist comes to the United States twice each year for concert tours arranged by his sister.

He has a commuter marriage with his wife of one year, Nancy Colbentson, who lives in Northfield. (His long, happy first marriage ended with the death of his wife.)

Colbentson's current United States tour runs through June, with over 20 performances scheduled in the local area. His next U.S. tour begins in December.

Colbentson is in the process of releasing his fourteenth CD. His albums are available at CD Baby and Amazon.com, as well as at his performances.

The May 4 Park Ridge Civic Orchestra concert will also feature Mozart's "Cosi Fan Tutti Overture," "Four Slavonic Dances" by Dvorak and Smetana's "Danse of the Comedians."

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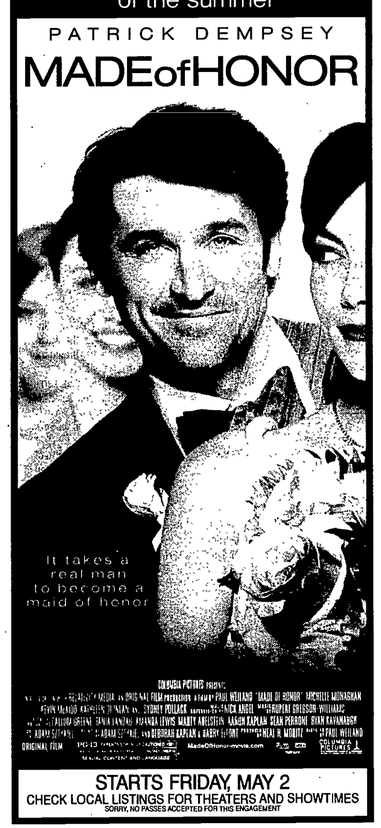

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and big band music. **May 15**, 8 p.m.: Fareed Haque Group presents jazz, world beat and jam music. **May 17**, 8 p.m.: Beckie Menzie and Tom Michael present "Cheek to Cheek with Fascinating Rhythms," featuring the music of Irving Berlin and George Gershwin. $20. **Wednesday Afternoons at the Skokie Theatre** – all shows begin at 1:30 p.m. Tickets are $5; $2 for Skokie and Niles Township senior citizens. **May 7**: Big Band Cavalcade. **May 14**: Best of Broadway. **May 21**: "Silver Screen Gold" with Peter Oprisko. **May 28**: Lance Brown paints "Strauss Waltzes."

ART GALLERIES

Block Museum of Art at Northwestern University, 40 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston. (847) 491-4000. www.blockmuseum.northwestern.edu. Open 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesdays; 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Wednesday-Friday; noon-5 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Admission to the museum is free; unless noted, admission to *all programs is also free*. Docent-Led Tours, 2 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays, May 10-25, and 2 p.m. Saturdays, May 31-Aug. 23. Block Museum docents will lead free tours of the galleries that begin in the museum lobby. Reservations are not necessary. Docent-Led Group Tours, by appointment. The museum offers free docent-led tours to groups of eight or more. The 45-minute to hour-long tours are available each day the museum is open. Scheduled tour requests should be made at least four weeks in advance. Through June 22: "The MFA Thesis Exhibition from the Department of Art Theory and Practice," in the Alsdorf Gallery. **May 9-Aug. 24**: "Design in the Age of Darwin: From William Morris to Frank Lloyd Wright." The exhibit explores the relationship between evolutionism and English and American decorative arts during the half-century following the publication of Charles Darwin's *Origin of the Species* (1859). **July 12-Aug. 9**, 1-4 p.m. Saturdays: Adult studio workshop focusing on ceramics will be held at Artica Studios, Norris University Center, 1999 Campus Drive, Evanston campus. $140 for Block Museum members; $150 for nonmembers. Call (847) 491-4852 to register.

Des Plaines Public Library, 1501 Ellinwood St. (847) 376-2787. www.dppl.org. **May**: Monoprints by Ed Dougal will be on display in the third floor magazine reading area.

Dittmar Memorial Gallery at Northwestern University's Norris Center, 1999 Campus Drive, Evanston. (847) 491-2348. www.dittmar.northwestern.edu. Gallery hours are 10 a.m.-10 p.m. daily. Admission is free. Through **May 11**: "Domestic Sunshine," contemporary art by Brandy Pudzis and Marcy Sperry. **May 16-June 20**: Northwestern University Senior Undergraduate Art Majors Exhibition. The show includes drawings, paintings, photography and sculpture. Opening reception from 6-8 p.m. May 16.

Emily Oaks Nature Center, 4650 Brummel St., Skokie. (847) 674-1500. Hours: 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday; 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturdays; and 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sundays. **May 2-June 6**: An exhibit of Illinois nature paintings by Evanston residents Noel Barnes, Rima Lockwood, Sharon Minter, Judy Cohen, Beth Gibbs and Karen Corrado, Wilmette residents Marlene Targ Brill and Jean Novales, and Sandra Lawrence-Brogren of Chicago. The exhibiting artists worked in watercolor and pastels under the direction of professional artist Leslie Hirshfield at Noyes Cultural Center in Evanston. Opening reception from 7-9 p.m. May 2.

Gallery 180 at The Illinois Institute of Art – Chicago, 180 N. Wabash, Chicago. Through **May 29**: "Next ...," works by students at Notre Dame High School in Niles, including seniors Matt Adams and Alfredo Echeverria; juniors Jonathan Mazur, Eric McClure, Pat Rodden, Russ Alexander and Zach Lewandowski; and sophomore Dan Taylor. The work includes paintings, drawings, sculpture and photography.

Oakton Community College, Koehnline Museum of Art, 1600 E. Golf Road, Des Plaines. (847) 635-2633. www.oakton.edu/museum. Through **May 2**: OakArt 2008, featuring paintings, drawings, photography, ceramics and digital art by Oakton College art students. **May 8-June 26**: "Leo Politi: Mexican Images of Olvera Street." The exhibit includes gouache drawings and carvings from 1935 to 1945, along with illustrated books. Opening reception from 5-8 p.m. May 8.

Refuge: Center for Artists in Recovery, 4811 Main St., Skokie. (847) 673-3737. www.refuge.com. Through June 27: "I'm Sorry," an exhibit of art on postcards.

Skokie Public Library, 5215 Oakton St. (847) 673-7774. www.skokielibrary.info. Through May 5: A selection of prints and tapestries by Alan Magee.

AUDITIONS & OPPORTUNITIES

STAGE

North Shore Players seek actors and singers for a new musical. Stage experience a plus. Performances in October. Call (847) 502-8916 for information.

The Open Door Ensemble invites those age 55 and over to join its group of area seniors in creating, directing and producing one-act plays and monologues. The ODE meets at the Levy Senior Center, 300 Dodge Ave., Evanston, regularly throughout the year. Playwriting and acting classes taught by professional instructors also are available. Most of the staged readings are performed in public libraries, schools, community and senior centers, and retirement and nursing homes at no charge. In addition, a more complete showcase of juried plays and monologues is presented annually. Call Norm Bowers, (773) 274-1981, or Colleen Keaveny, (847) 272-7148.

MUSICIANS

The Chicago Celtic Pipe Band, a 10-year-old band featuring bagpipes and drums, seeks drummers for membership in the band. The band rehearses from 7-9 p.m. Tuesdays at the Joseph Seib Center, 4009 N Ozark, Norridge. All are welcome, regardless of age, gender or experience. Free lessons and refresher lessons are provided. For information, call Jim Enright, (773) 286-7833.

Mount Prospect Community Band seeks new members. Rehearsals are from 7:30-9 p.m. Mondays in RecPlex Music Room, 420 W. Dempster St., Mount Prospect. Anyone with high school or college band experience may join. Music and percussion equipment provided. Call (847) 640-1000.

SINGERS

The Music Institute of Chicago will hold children's choir auditions from 5-7 p.m. May 27-28 at MIC's Evanston campus, 1490 Chicago Ave. Enter the building from Grove Avenue and sign in at lower level reception. For information or to schedule an audition, call (847) 905-1500, ext. 101.

Bjornson Male Chorus invites male singers to join in four-part choral singing. They rehearse at 8 p.m. Thursdays in the Park Ridge VFW Hall, Higgins Road and Canfield Avenue, September-June, and sing American and Scandinavian selections at various locations. Call (847) 741-4210 or (847) 546-2050.

Chicago Swedish Glee Club male chorus is seeking experienced singers who enjoy performing four-part choral music. The club annually performs a Christmas concert, spring classical concert and many summer Swedish events. There is no need to be of Swedish heritage. The group rehearses from 7-9 p.m. Wednesdays, September through June, at Diemasters, 2100 Touhy Ave., Elk Grove Village. Singers must be age 18 or older. Prospective members may attend a rehearsal and arrange an audition with the music director, Steve Burke. For information, call Walter Magnuson, (773) 631-4534.

Des Plaines Harmonaires welcome singers to join them from 9:15-11:15 a.m. Thursdays at Good Shepherd Church, Howard and Lee streets, Des Plaines. No audition needed. Call Alberta Fischer, (847) 699-0546.

The Haromonettes invite women who like to sing to join them from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesdays at 5050 W. Touhy Ave., Skokie. Auditions not required. Call (847) 677-8209.

Mount Prospect Community Chorus seeks singers. No auditions or experience required. The chorus meets from 7:15-9:30 p.m. Tuesdays at the Mount Prospect Park District Rec Plex, 420 W. Dempster St.

The Normennenes Singing Society is looking for singers who enjoy four-part choral singing. The group performs throughout the year singing Norwegian and American songs and coordinates a festival of song each spring. The chorus also participates in a bi-annual "Sangerfest," which is held in different locations around the country. Rehearsals are held from 8-10 p.m. Tuesdays at the Estonian House in Lincolnshire, September to June. Call Chuck Kessell, (773) 481-5941, or Karl Tangeros, (773) 631-9682, or visit www.norwaysings.org.

North Shore Harmonizers, an independent women's barbershop chorus, will host a Guest Night at 7 p.m. May 22 at St. Augustine's Church, 1140 Wilmette Ave., Wilmette. The Harmonizers sing a cappella four-part harmony and perform at various retirement centers, farmers' markets and social functions throughout the North Shore. The group welcomes women who love to sing; any level of musical experience is acceptable. Rehearsals are held at 7 p.m. Thursdays at St. Augustine's Church. Visit www.northshoreharmonizers.org or call (312) 409-4215 for information.

Northwest Choral Society is holding auditions on Tuesday evenings, through May 27, at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 855 Lee St., Des Plaines. Seeking bass, tenor, alto or soprano singers with previous choral experience. To schedule an audition, call Jane Peterson, (847) 438-6740, or visit www.nwchoralsociety.org.

Oakton College Hawaiian music club is seeking new members who enjoy or would like to learn Hawaiian music. The club is open to all ages. Seeking singers as well as ukulele, acoustic folk or country guitar, violin and upright string bass players. Rehearsals are from 7-9:30 p.m. Thursdays at Oakton Community College, 1600 E. Golf Road, Des Plaines. Call Earl Essig, (847) 272-0762.

Paul Lindblad Choristers, a concert children's choir for ages third grade and older, promotes musical literacy, performs quality repertoire with a high level of artistry, and offers a concert series. The program also includes instruction in vocal training/technique and musicianship. A brief audition with the musical director, Paul Lindblad, is required prior to admission. Call (847) 420-9200 or e-mail info@plchoristers.org. For information, visit www.plchoristers.org.

ARTISTS

The Des Plaines Art Guild is seeking artists for the 55th Art on the Plaza Fair to be held 10 a.m.-5 p.m. June 7-8. For an application, call (847) 824-8952 or download at http://www.dpag.org.

Artists are sought for the Skokie Art Guild's 47th annual Art Fair, to be held July 12-13 outdoors at the Skokie Village Green, downtown Skokie. For an application, e-mail skokieart@aol.com or call (847) 677-8163.

The Evanston Central Street Business Association is looking for kid crafters to sell their handcrafted items at its annual Sidewalk Sale/Family Fest, taking place July 12. There are two categories for crafters, Grades 1-8 and Grades 9-12. For information, call (847) 864-2660.

MISCELLANEOUS

The Irish American Heritage Center, 4626 N. Knox Ave., Chicago, seeks submissions for its second annual One-Page Play Festival. The top plays will be adjudicated during the Irish American Heritage Festival on July 12. All submissions will be read by a panel of judges who will select the best entries for an on-stage reading the weekend of June 21 at the IAHC. Following the reading, top plays will be selected for a performance at Irish Fest. During the Fest, winners will be chosen and prizes will be awarded. Submitted plays should be

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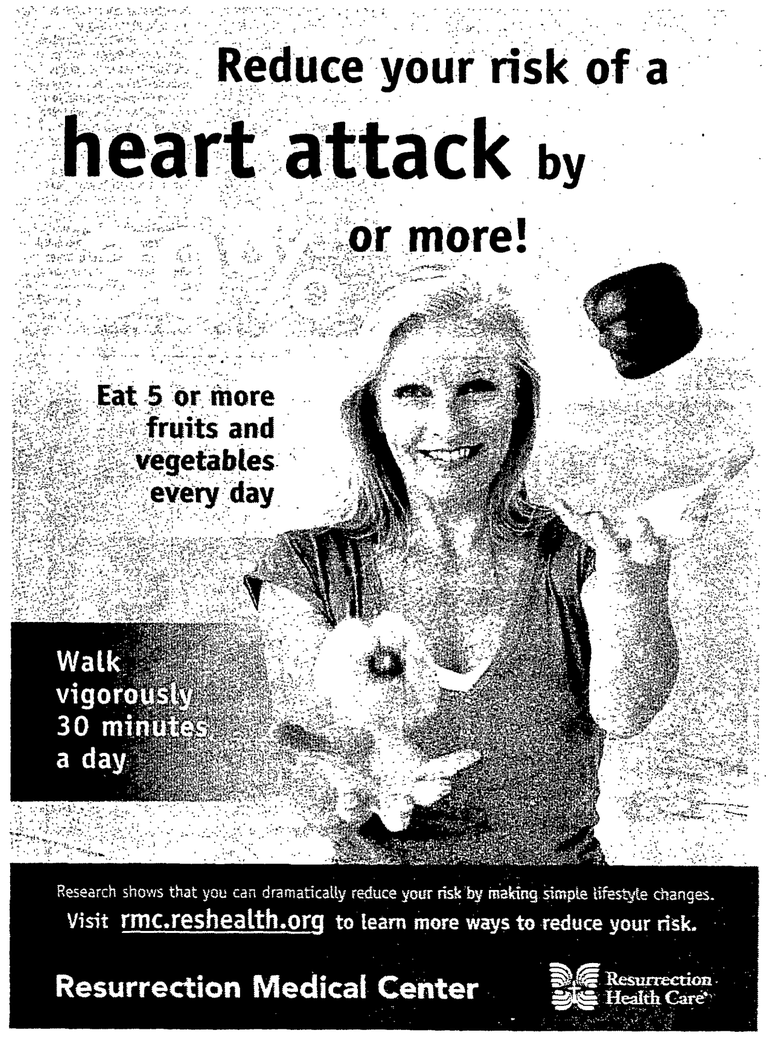

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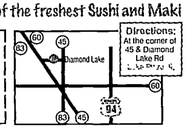

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original work, no longer than one page, that are appropriate for a general audience. Preference will be given to entries with an Irish theme, but they may be on any topic of an author's choosing. Entries can be comic or dramatic, in any style or genre. Monologues will be considered, but preference will be given to plays with more than one character. If an author is willing to produce the play and provide a cast, this should be stated in the entry. There is no fee to enter and the maximum number of entries permitted from an author is four. All entries must include a brief biography and contact information. Entries must be submitted via e-mail as an attachment in Microsoft Word format to irishquill@aol.com, no later than May 31. For information, call (773) 282-7035.

BENEFITS

Oakton Educational Foundation presents Beatles tribute band American English in concert at 8 p.m. May 17 in Oakton Community College's Footlik Theater, 1600 E. Golf Road, Des Plaines. The evening will also feature WLS-AM DJ Clark Weber. Tickets are $50, with proceeds to benefit the Student Scholarship Fund. Call (847) 635-1893.

BOOKS & POETRY

Atlas Comics, 4735 N. Cumberland, Norridge. www.acomics.com. May 3: Atlas Comics will mark 20 years in business by participating in Free Comic Book Day, a national promotion of the comic book industry. Fans will receive free comics from a wide selection offered by dozens of publishers. No purchase necessary.

Des Plaines Public Library, 1501 Ellinwood St. (847) 376-2787, www.dppl.org. Advance registration required for activities unless noted otherwise. May 6, 10 a.m.: Discussion of *The Lemon Tree* by Sandy Tolan. May 15, 7:30 p.m.: Discussion of *The Road* by Cormac McCarthy.

Ethical Humanist Society Coffeehouse, 7574 N. Lincoln Ave., Skokie. Call (847) 677-3334, admin@ethicalhuman.org. May 10: Performance poet Emily Rose, following 8 p.m. open mike (7:30 p.m. sign-up, all genres, all acoustic) $5.

Irish American Heritage Center Library, 4626 N. Knox Ave., Chicago. (773) 282-7035, www.irishamhc.com. A book discussion group, Great Irish-American Books and Authors, runs from September-May at 2 p.m. on the second Sunday of the month. Discussions are led by Virginia Gibbons, a teacher at Oakton Community College. May 4: *Irish Fairy and Folktales*, W.B. Yeats, ed.

Little City Foundation Used Book Sale, June 6-15 at the Westfield Old Orchard Shopping Center in Skokie. Admission to the event is free, except on opening night, June 6, when a $10 donation is charged. Hours are 5-10 p.m. June 6; 10 a.m.-9 p.m. June 7-14; and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. June 15. The sale will feature more than 200,000 used books, comics and collectible magazines, as well as author appearances and book signings. Events include Comic Book/Trading Card Day on June 10; Children's Day on June 12; and Friday Feature Day on June 13. All proceeds benefit Little City Foundation, based in Palatine, which offers programs for people with disabilities. For information, visit LittleCityBooksSale.blogspot.com.

Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge. (847) 825-3123, www.parkridgelibrary.org. May 2-4: Friends of the Park Ridge Public Library annual spring book sale. On Friday the sale will be open for members only from 4-8 p.m. Memberships will be available for purchase at the door. On Saturday the sale will be open to the public from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. On Sunday there will be a half-price book sale for the public from noon-2 p.m. Books, videos, CDs, DVDs and books on tape will be available. May 5, 7 p.m.: Graphic Novel Booktalk. Parents and teachers are invited to a discussion of graphic novels to use in the classroom or at home. CPDU and continuing-education credit are available. May 15 or 22, 10 a.m.: Discussion of *No Country for Old Men* by Cormac McCarthy.

CHILD'S PLAY

"Aladdin Junior," directed by Park Ridge native Mary di Leo Poole, will be presented at 6 p.m. May 9-10 and May 16-17 and 4 p.m. May 18 at the Starland Theatre, 710 Robert York Road, Deerfield. Tickets: $7. Call (847) 914-9100.

Des Plaines Public Library, 1501 Ellinwood St., Des Plaines. (847) 827-5551. www.dppl.org. Registration required for programs unless noted otherwise. May 10, 2-4 p.m.: Drop-in Mother's Day craft for all ages. Materials will be provided. No registration required.

Irish American Heritage Center, 4626 N. Knox Ave., Chicago. (773) 282-7035, www.irishamhc.com. July 8-Aug. 7: "Urban Journaling," a five-week art program designed for children ages 8-13. $275 per child includes art materials, four field trips and daily snacks.

"Jack and the Beanstalk," presented by Chicago Kids Company through July 17 in the Stahl Family Theater at the St. Patrick Performing Arts Center 5900 W. Belmont Ave., Chicago. Performances at 10:30 a.m. weekdays and 12:30 p.m. select Saturdays. Complete schedule at www.ChicagoKidsCompany.com. Tickets: $10. Call (773) 205-9600.

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 10:30 a.m.-noon on selected Saturdays. 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. May 10: Sandpainting. May 24: Fingerweaving. June 14: Fringed anklets and bear claw necklace. June 28: Dreamcatchers.

Northlight Theatre Academy, at the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie. (847) 679-9501. www.northlight.org. June 9-13: Summer Audition Workshop, for youth in grades 7-12. Fee: $675. Admittance by audition only. Call (847) 679-9501, ext. 3305, to schedule an audition. June 16-July 11 and July 15-Aug. 8: Performing Arts Camp. Students in grades 3-6 will train with professional artists in acting, improvisation and musical theatre and choose from electives such as on-camera skills, costume and set design, make-up, playwriting and more. Students in grades 7-9 will get hands-on experience in writing texts, choreography, vocal work, improvising, doing sketch comedy and more. Sessions include workshops with guest artists, trips to see plays, backstage tours and more. Cost is $835 for one session; $1,620 for two sessions or two siblings in one session. Registration is in progress.

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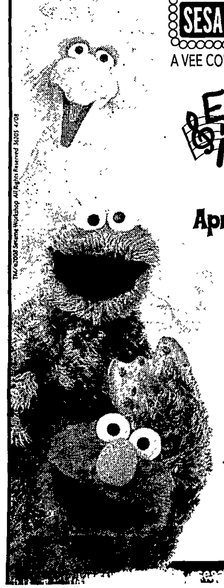
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Chicago Dance Club, (847) 622-4466. Dance to DJ music from the '50s to today from 7:30-11:30 p.m. Saturdays at American Legion Hall, 8664 W. Grand Ave., River Grove. Mostly swing dancing, some ballroom, Latin and line dancing. Open to ages 21 and older. $5 members; $9 nonmembers. Membership fee $25. Upcoming dates: **May 10; June 28; July 12 and 26; Aug. 9 and 23; Sept. 13 and 27; Oct. 11 and 25; Nov. 8 and 22; Dec. 13.**

Chicago's Windy City Jitterbug Club holds dances to the music of the '50s, '60s and more, from 8 p.m.-midnight at the American Legion Hall, 9757 W. Pacific Ave., Franklin Park, unless otherwise noted. Admission to club dances is $5 for members; $10 for nonmembers. Proper attire required; no blue jeans or shorts allowed. Must be 21 or older. Call (773) 467-0177 or visit www.jitterbugchicago.com. **May 3 and June 7:** DJ Bill Matthews.

The Flying Squares Square Dance Club dances the **first, third and fifth Saturdays** of the month, September-mid-May, at the Arlington Heights Senior Center, 1801 W. Central Road, Arlington Heights. Round dancing at 7:30 p.m. and square dancing at 8 p.m. Guest callers. The group dances Plus level. New dancers welcome. Call (847) 934-1469.

Happy Twirlers Dance Club provides round and square dancing on the **second Saturday** of the month, September-May, in Immanuel Lutheran Church, Thacker and Lee streets, Des Plaines. Rounds begin at 7:30 p.m. Call (847) 827-6500 or (773) 685-0407.

Northeastern Illinois University Fine Arts Center, 5500 N. St. Louis Ave., Chicago. **May 17**, 7:30 p.m., and **May 18**, 3 p.m.: The Civic Ballet of Chicago performs as part of the 2008 Ruth Page Dance Series. The program, "Black Tights and Spanish Rhythms," will feature world premieres, "Les Femmes en Collants Noir," by choreographer Harrison McEldowney, and "Suite Español" by Irma Suarez Ruiz, associate director of Ensemble Español Spanish Dance Theater. Tickets: $20; $15 for students and seniors. For tickets, call (773) 442-4636 or visit www.ticketweb.com.

Prairie Lakes Senior Center, 515 E. Thacker, Des Plaines. **May 16**, 8-10:30 p.m.: Alice Lowy hosts ballroom dancing to live music. Admission is $25 per couple at the door. For information, contact Lowy at (847) 825-2901 or (847) 825-6637.

Spares Sunday Evening Club holds ballroom dances from 7:30-10:30 p.m. the first and third Sunday of the month at the American Legion, 9757 Pacific Ave., Franklin Park. Admission is $8 for members; $9 guests. Call (847) 965-5730. **May 4:** Ken Jandes Band. **May 18:** Music by Chuck and Friends.

Square Spares & Pairs, a nonprofit square dance club, dances the **second and fourth Mondays** of the month all year long at the Park Ridge Senior Center, 100 S. Western Ave., Park Ridge. Rounds start at 7:30 p.m., with squares from 8-10 p.m. Admission: $5 for members; $6 for visitors. Square dance lessons are held from 7:30-9:30 p.m. **Tuesdays** at the Glen Park Center, Room 201, 2400 Chestnut Ave., Glenview. First lesson is free. For information on lessons, call (847) 663-0116 or (847) 398-8087.

Square Wheels Square Dance Club dances the **fourth Saturday** of each month, through May 24, at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, 304 W. Palatine Road, Prospect Heights. Round dancing begins at 7:30 p.m. with Howard and Anna Hoffman, and square dancing starts at 8 p.m. with guest callers. Refreshments served. Admission: $6. (847) 392-5512 or (847) 253-3206. **May 24:** Chuck Jaworski.

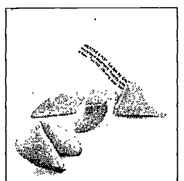
DINING

Hyatt Regency O'Hare, 9300 Bryn Mawr Ave., Rosemont. **May 11**, 10:30 a.m.-3 p.m.: Mother's Day brunch, served in O'H American Grill, the hotel's new restaurant. Dining options range from gourmet breakfast selections to an international buffet and carving station. $44.95 for adults; $22 for children 5-12; free for children 4 and under. For reservations, call (847) 663-4690.

FAIRS & FESTIVALS

An Arts & Crafts Adventure, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. **May 10** in Hodges Park, Prospect and Vine, Park Ridge. The juried event, presented by the American Society of Artists, will feature miniature sculpture, watercolors, artwear, jewelry, pottery, photography, fabric crafts, decoratively painted furniture and more. Art In Action will be included, with some exhibitors working and demonstrating at various times during the show. For information, call (847) 991-4748 or visit www.americansocietyofartists.org.

Chicago Jewish Festival, 11 a.m.-6 p.m. **June 15** at the Forest Preserve on Oakton and Lehigh, Morton Grove. The event will feature continuous music and dance on four stages, including singer/songwriter Dan Bern and Ugandan Jewish group Abayudaya, plus a separate children's stage, hands-on activities for children and adults, a juried art fair, a strictly kosher food court with cooking demonstrations, and booths with information about more than 80 co-sponsoring Jewish organizations. For information, call (847) 933-3000 or visit www.JewishFestival.org.k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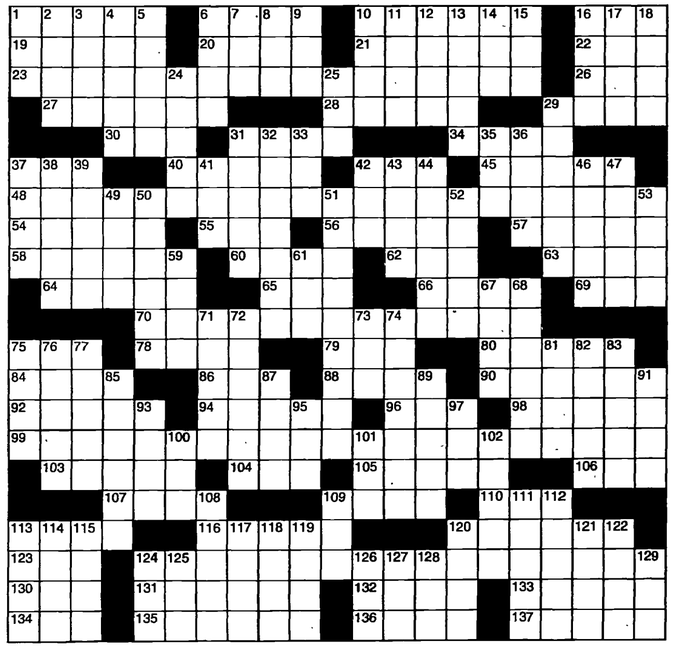

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Predictions for May 5-11

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) — You've set a fast pace for yourself. But as you approach your goal, you might want to slow down a bit in order to take time to reassess your situation and make changes while you can.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) — Patience continues to be a virtue for the Divine Bovine. So as eager as you might be to get things moving, remember that time is on your side. Make good use of it.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) — There's a wee bit of uncertainty in the early part of the week. But things clear up as more facts come to light. Spend quality time this weekend with family and friends.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) — An old friend's return could open new possibilities for both of you. But don't let yourself be rushed into anything. There could be some factors you haven't yet explored.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) — This week offers a challenge you're raring to take on. And while eager to get started, do so slowly so that you can focus those sharp Cat's Eyes on every detail.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) — Put your skepticism aside and listen to advice from colleagues who've been where you are now. What they say could be helpful as you get closer to a decision.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) — A family matter might again require your reassuring touch. Handle it, as always, with kindness and fairness, even if some of your kin prove to be especially difficult.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) — Your ability to tackle even the most intricate details of a project is likely to impress some very important people. A relative shares news later this week.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) — The Archer's aim might be focused on the big picture this week, but don't overlook checking for those details you might have missed.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) — You might feel awkward asking for assistance, but who would refuse the charming Goat's request? Do it, then go ahead and enjoy a musical weekend.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) — Pour some cold water on that simmering misunderstanding before it boils over. The sooner things settle, the sooner you can move ahead with your plans.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) — You're in a highly productive period, which you feel can go on forever. But you could be courting exhaustion. Take time out to relax and restore your energies.

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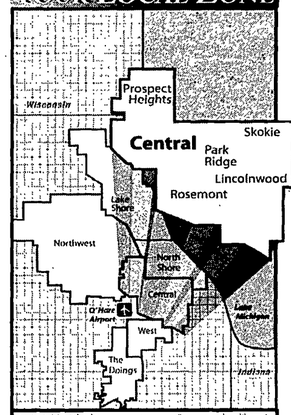

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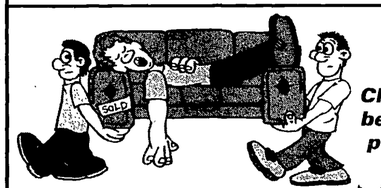

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The Sun-Times News Group is one of the 10 largest newspapers in the United States and is the largest newspaper network in the Chicago area with eight Daily and 50 Weekly paid newspapers. Its media properties include the Chicago Sun-Times and numerous dailies as well as newspapers and web sites serving 120 communities across the Chicago area. The Sun-Times News Group's primary newspaper is the Chicago Sun-Times, which was founded in 1948 and is one of Chicago's most widely read newspapers. The newspaper has won eight Pulitzer Prizes and is home to many renowned journalists. Sun-Times Online, launched in October 1995, was recipient of the prestigious John S. Dorsey Award as Outstanding Online Newspaper of 1996

APPLY
Resumes with cover letter should be e-mailed, mailed or faxed to the following address

Sun-Times News Group
Attn: Human Resources - Advertising
350 N. Orleans, 109, Chicago, IL 60654
Fax: (312) 321-2288
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Please note ACCOUNT EXECUTIVE in the subject line

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The Sun-Times News Group (Lake County News-Sun and Pioneer Press Newspapers) has an opening for a Display Advertising Sales Account Executive in our Waukegan office.

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The ideal candidate would possess a college degree in advertising & marketing. Previous newspaper experience would be helpful. Proficient in Microsoft Word, excel or similar software. Self motivated, good communication skills, organized and good math skills to calculate ad rates. Must have a car, a valid driver's license and insurance.

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440- Help Wanted

Computer/ IT

Kidney Cancer Association Web and E-Communications Coordinator

The Web and E-Communications Coordinator may be a full or part time position. Individual will be responsible for performing daily updates to the Association's web site, setting up and launching e-mail alerts and fundraising campaigns through online database management system, assisting in the planning and development of new web projects, researching new web technologies and basic general administrative support. Candidates should have Bachelor's degree or equivalent certification or experience. Must also have a strong familiarity with web-based technologies, capacity to take initiative, prioritize duties and work independently while functioning as a member of a team. Please send resume and references to ckonsky@kidneycancer.org or fax to 847-810-0290. No phone calls please.

440- Help Wanted

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Nationally recognized general contractor seeking talented individuals in all departments of our rapidly growing Schaumburg office. If you are a self-starter with good work ethic, who operates with the utmost integrity, then we have a position for you. We have openings that are full time, part-time, seasonal and year-round. We offer excellent compensation programs, rapid advancement opportunity and full company training. If you are looking to build a career with a nationally growing company or just looking for an opportunity to earn extra income, call us today. Available positions:

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Fresh Express, the leader of the packaged salads industry has several openings in production. We are hiring full time General Labor associates to help pack and train product. Must be able to work 6 days a week in a cold/wet environment. Starting pay $7.50 an hour. Apply in person to:
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Northbrook Co. seeks key person with exc. communications. Exp. in all aspects AR, AP and payroll. Exc. opportunity. Call 847-291-1222; fax resume 847-291-1223

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ENGINEERING
Littelfuse, Inc. seeks Materials Scientist to conduct new materials research and support its business functions at its Des Plaines, IL facility. Requires Master's Deg. or foreign deg. equiv. in Materials Science and Engineering, and exp. in new materials / process development and functional manufacturing process, including exp. with Scanning Electron Microscopy, Energy Dispersive Spectroscopy, Fourier Transform Infrared Spectroscopy and Thermal Analysis, incl. TGA and DSC. Interested applicants should send resumes to Michael Yorke at Littelfuse, Inc., 800 E. Northwest Hwy., Des Plaines, IL 60016.

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HEALTHCARE
Assisted Living Activities/Dementia Program Coordinator
We are seeking a 'hands-on' Coordinator with a background in Geriatrics, Psychology, Education or Recreation Therapy to lead this team.
Responsibilities:
- Facilitate Program Development & Supervise Staff
- Family Communication Liaison
- In-house Dementia Trainer

2 years management experience, and a BA degree in related field such as psychology or geriatrics required. Dementia experience preferred. To apply fax your resume to: 281-292-7585 or email: ooeswein@belmontvillage.com subject line: MPC/OP
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440- Help Wanted

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New Trier HS, Winnetka
Substitute School RN.
School days as needed. $20.80/hr. See details, apply online at: www.newtrier.k12.il.us/employment.htm

Health Care
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440- Help Wanted

ADVERTISING SALES MANAGER
HINSDALE OFFICE

Pioneer Press seeks an experienced advertising sales manager for the Springs Newspaper Group to lead staff of outside account executives in sales of print and online media.

Must be results driven professional with excellent communication and presentation skills. College degree required.

Please email resume to publisher915@comcast.net (no phone calls please)

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Editorial

PAGE DESIGNER

Pioneer Press Newspapers, a chain of 51 award-winning weekly community newspapers, has an immediate opening for an experienced page designer to join its 15-person universal layout desk.

One years' experience in a newspaper environment is required. Candidates must have strong visual design skills using Quark Xpress, working knowledge of Photoshop and Illustrator and sound copy editing experience.

This position offers a competitive salary and excellent benefits package. If interested, please send or e-mail a cover letter, resume, three page designs (in PDF format if e-mailing) to:

Meg Moore, Attn: Page Designer Position
Pioneer Press, 3781 W. Lake Ave., Glenview, IL 60026
E-mail: mmoore@pioneerlocal.com

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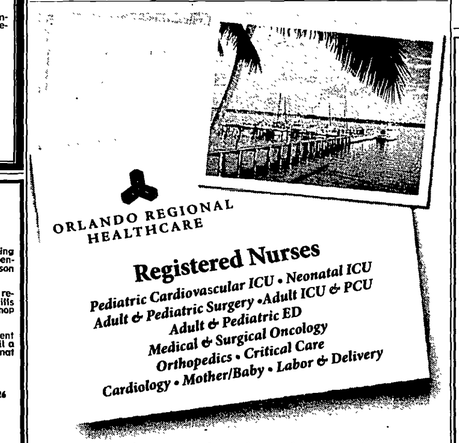

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440- Help Wanted

THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK IS SEEKING TO FILL A POSITION IN THE PARKING SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Oak Park

PARKING and MOBILITY SERVICES MANAGER
($85,492 to $110,000 DOQ)

Under general administrative direction of the Village Manager, plan, direct, oversee the activities and operations of the Parking Services Department involving coordination between the operation of parking structures and other parking resources that include surface lots, on-street and off-street, metered or pay station, and permit parking. This employee is also responsible for the allocation and coordination of parking resources in residential, business, and park districts. Evaluate, oversee and monitor parking revenue collection systems. Coordinate parking systems activities with other Village departments such as Finance, Information Technology, Parking Enforcement Division of the Police Department, Office of Administrative Adjudication, divisions in the Public Works Department, outside agencies, the commercial sector in general, and the general public. Provide highly responsible assistance and administrative support to the Village Management staff with an emphasis on effective administration of the parking system and resources, and providing courteous, user-friendly customer service.

REQUIRED EXPERIENCE AND TRAINING – Applicants must meet the following requirements:
Experience: Seven years of increasingly responsible public or private parking facility management experience, including five years of administrative and supervisory responsibility, AND
Training: A Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university with major coursework in Public Administration, Business Administration, or a closely related field. A Master's Degree in the areas listed above is preferred, but not required. AND
Licenses and Certificates: Possession of a valid Illinois driver license.

Applicants must submit a Village of Oak Park Application for Employment form, resume and cover letter. The first screening of applications is scheduled to occur May 16, 2008. This position is open until filled.

Applicants can visit our website at http://www.oak-park.us/ to obtain an Application for Employment and supplemental information concerning the Parking and Mobility Services Manager position. Submit applications/resumes to HR, Village of Oak Park, 123 Madison, Oak Park, IL 60302, HR@oak-park.us or by fax 708-383-8122. The Village of Oak Park offers a competitive benefit package that includes a retirement plan, deferred compensation plan, social security, health & life insurance, vacation & sick leave and other competitive benefits.

The Village of Oak Park is an Equal Employment Opportunity Employer committed to a diverse workforce

440- Help Wanted

Receptionist/ Administrative Assistant

Land and Lakes Company, seeks a friendly, energetic individual to provide office support to our busy Park Ridge office.

Primary responsibility of this position involves handling a high volume multi-line switchboard and providing administrative support to executives and office staff. Proficient in excel and word a must. Additional duties include assisting with credit processing, and accounts payable.

Send, fax or email resume to: **Land and Lakes Company** 123 N. Northwest Highway Park Ridge, IL 60068 Attn: Kathy Nelis, Human Resources Manager Fax: 847-825-3148 Email: knelis@land-and-lakes.com

RECEPTIONIST Busy doctor's office seeks full time front desk person to perform a variety of duties. Professional phone and basic computer skills a must. Contact Debi: 847-674-4363 or fax resume to: 847/674-4387

Restaurant
BARTENDERS and WAIT STAFF w/ experience, F/T, P/T. Apply in person: Michaels Restaurant, 113 S. Emerson, Mount Prospect. Ask for John

Restaurant
GOURMET RETAIL MGMT & STAFF needed at FOODSTUFFS Gourmet Foods & Catering. Located in the North Shore suburban location: excellent benefits - great environment. Foodies & experienced retail sales beneficial! Call Terry at (847) 328-7710 x 134 or email mail@foodstuffs.com

Restaurant
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Sales - Home Improvement exp'd. Sales Person. Must be aggressive. Highest paid commission in the industry. 708-945-8051 or fax 815-469-1101

Secretary Architectural woodworking company in Wheeling looking for a secretary with good computer skills, personable, can adapt to situations, multitask, ect. Call Tom @847.797.7000 or email thomas@arkraftcorp.com

SECURITY
EFMARK/Bantek ATM Service Company is one of the leading providers of ATMs and ATM service. We currently have openings at our Westmont, IL Branch. Visit our website **www.Pendum.com** for a complete listing of career opportunities. Armored Driver / Messenger Position requirements include:
- Current or ability to complete 40 hr security training and Firearms Permit (FOID) required
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- Valid Drivers License
- Ability to pass an extensive background check including criminal
- ATM / Security experience and PERC a plus

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For immediate consideration, please submit your resume online at http://www.pendum.com/ careeropportunities.php

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440- Help Wanted

Security

The Nation's Largest Mall Security Company is Hiring: **PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICER** **The Lincolnwood Town Center- Lincolnwood, IL** Good communication skills & a strong desire to learn req'd.; must speak & write fluent English. HS Diploma / GED, valid DL and clear criminal history req'd. 401K, vision, ESOP & health/life ins. Apply at the Mall Security Office or visit: www.ipcinternational.com/ opportunities for more info. EOE

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WAREHOUSE Buffalo Grove. Some lifting. Fax: 847/520-4268

WAREHOUSE Lincolnwood company is looking for Warehouse/ receiving employee w/ 5 yrs. exp. min. Pay will depend on experience. Full benefits- (401k, insurance, dental, vision). Apply within: 3650 W. Pratt Lincolnwood, IL- ask for Moe

443- Seasonal Positions

LIFEGUARDS Wilmette. Lakefront Highrise needs 2 Red Cross Certified Life Guards to share pool duties 7 days a week, 8 am-5 pm. Call 847-256-1300

Recreation
NEEDED: AWESOME LIFEGUARDS/SWIM INSTRUCTORS!! JCCs of Chicago Premier Day Camps Mid-June thru Mid-August M-F. Hours Vary 16 yrs or older Certified & Exp Required Apply Online at www.goicc.org

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445- Help Wanted - Part Time

Accounting/Sales We are looking for an Accounting/Sale's Representative, who can be working for us as a part time worker and get pay on every work u do and you can still keep your regular job while you are working for us, if interested you can email us at mark-scott@live.com for more information.

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CAREGIVERS!!! See our ad - full time section. Sunrise Assisted Living.

EDUCATION General Studies Teacher and a Computer Teacher needed for a Hebrew day school. Call 847-675-6777 and fax resume to 847-674-6095. Attn. J Levine.

EDUCATION Lead Teacher needed (5 days/ wk) Estbl'd. Park Ridge Christian Child Care, seeks creative, energetic, reliable, resp. teachers for 3 yr. old class. Early childhood exp. and ECC. Karen: 847-825-3767

445- Help Wanted - Part Time

EDUCATION Niles Park District is seeking a part-time teacher for a Monday, Wednesday, Friday four year old morning preschool class. Candidate must have two years of college with 6 semester hours in courses related directly to early childhood. Responsible for planning and supervision of the program and activities and implementing theme based curriculum. Position will begin August 2008. Interested candidates email resume to: laurie@niles-parks.org

GENERAL OFFICE 24 hrs/wk., 4 days. Mature person. QuickBooks Invoice Manager knowledge a must. Call: 847-678-7493

GENERAL OFFICE Est. financial planning Arlington Heights office seeks organized PT person. Possible future FT employment. Strong work ethic, attention to detail, good communication skills and computer proficiency. Salary commensurate with experience. Flex. hrs. Fax resume 847-670-0879.

GRAPHIC DESIGNER Wilmette Park District is seeking a part-time Graphic Designer to create and produce promotional materials. Please contact Human Resources, Wilmette Park District, 1200 Wilmette Ave, Wilmette, IL, 60091 or email: employment@wilpark.org

Healthcare
Medicare/Medicaid Elmwood Care, a skilled nursing facility seeks support position for admissions office. Familiarity with Medicare/ Medicaid, insurance a plus. 20 hours/week. Apply in person: Elmwood Care 7733 W. Grand Ave. Elmwood Park, IL 60707

◆ Legal Secretary ◆ For small law office in Lincolnwood for 2-3 days a week. MAC Literate. 847-675-9091

MARKETING ASSISTANT Wilmette Park District is seeking a part-time Marketing Asst. to research and write promotional materials, create e-newsletters and re-write copy for various advertising publications. Please contact Human Resources, Wilmette Park District, 1200 Wilmette Ave, Wilmette, IL, 60091 or email: employment@wilpark.org

Recycling
Scale House Operator Looking for extra income? Northbrook recycling firm seeks dependable person w/ great personality & basic computer skills. M-F, 6am-noon. Call 847-291-1222; fax resume 847-291-1223

Sales
HOME DEPOT Bath division looking for marketing promoters. Must be outgoing & good with people. Hourly wage plus comm. Promoters earn on average $17/hr or more, weekends a must. Benefits after 90 days PT/FT avail. email: jim.pwrs@yahoo.com

TELEMARKETING Great part-time positions available! Rosemont based real estate firm seeks professional individuals with great communication skills. Generous hourly rate plus bonus. No selling. No nights or weekends. Please call 847/233-2600 for further details.

TELEMARKETING, PT/FT. Exc. sal + bonus. Pd. training. Days/eves. 847-675-3600

Warehouse
P/T WORKER Albany Park storage co. 4 hrs. $30/day, 3 afternoons/ wk. or more. Good for reliable, healthy retiree & others w/ people skills. Apply in person Sat/ Sun. 12:30-2PM; Gary. Lawrence-Kedzie Storage. 3215 W. Lawrence, Chicago

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EDISON PARK 2BR garden apt. $775/mo, incl ht & appls. Avail 6/1. (312)719-3999

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HARWOOD HTS 1BR Grdn. Non smkr, $600 + sec. util incld, avl, now. 708-867-4808

HARWOOD HTS. 3BR 1½BA, AC, $1100 + sec & utils no smkg, no pets. 773-792-2777

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Niles 2BR apt for.rent, heat incl $825, J R Management 847-840-5994

NILES 2BR. hdwd flrs, nr Forest Preserve, $925/mo. 773-992-6370

Niles Apt. Golf and Washington. **1BR Garden studio** efficiency, **hdwd, Indry** in build, heat Inclu, $725mo. No Pets. 847-344-3588

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OAK PARK 2 BR Condo, new const., 2 BA, CAC, balc, htd prkg, W/D, nr trn. 708-257-1445

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OLD NORWOOD Small 2BR coach house for rent, no pets $900/mo + utils, 773-631-9393

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Park Ridge 522 Devon 2nd flr, 1BR, eat-in-kit, w/d, strg, Cleveland Rlty (847)825-2101

Park Ridge 5 room apt. Nwly Remod, $1400+utils., sec. Near Train, 847-696-9898

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Skokie 1,2&3BR,2BA, 5240 W Gollitz Elev, strg, pkg, no ht, Mst hv gd crdt, no pet 847-679-3224

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SKOKIE 2BR, 1BA, CAC, enclsd prch, W/D, strg, $900/mo, (847)722-3101

SKOKIE 2 BR 1BA Encls porch, Imm or 6/1, $895 + ht, Call Greg 847-274-6190

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SKOKIE: 4937 **CHURCH** Lrg, 1 & 2 bdrm, Central A/C, heat incl, prkg, avail, Next to park, close to Old Orchard, Call Barbara 847-673-1317 or Hollmark&Johnson773-545-6160

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Chicago/Norwood Park Plush 5rm, 3BR, Nr train & hwy, Lndry, A/C, no pets / smkg, 773-631-0123

Cumberland/Foster, Lrg 1BR heat, appls, prkg, Indry, no pets/smkg, $695, 773-693-5775

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535- Houses

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SKOKIE Nr Swift, W side, bright 3BR, 1.5BA ranch, HW flrs, skylight, 1C att, gar, $1600/mo, 847-676-3632

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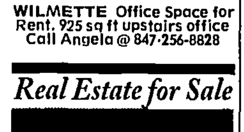

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695- Judicial Sales

HARWOOD HEIGHTS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION

SAXON MORTGAGE SERVICES INC. Plaintiff, -v.- ISABEL CUELLAR, et al Defendant

07 CH 29827 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 14, 2008, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on May 23, 2008, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as 4425 N. NATCHEZ AVENUE, Harwood Heights, IL 60706

Property Index No. 13-18-407-016

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $302,641.43.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.

If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876, between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department. Please refer to file number 14-07-M695.

THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. 192445

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION

DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR HSI ASSET SECURITIZATION CORPORATION TRUST 2007-HE1 Plaintiff, -v.- BARBARA MICHALSKI, et al Defendant

07 CH 29536 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 13, 2008, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on May 21, 2008, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as 7420 WEST LAWRENCE AVENUE #202, HARWOOD HEIGHTS, IL 60706

Property Index No. 12-12-423-025-1005

The real estate is improved with a condo unit in a 4 story multiple unit tan brick condominium building with no garage.

The judgment amount was $294,209.84.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

For information: Visit our website at http:\\service.atty-pierce.com. between the hours of 3 and 5 pm. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One North Dearborn Street Suite 1300, CHICAGO, IL 60602. Tel No. (312) 476-5500. Please refer to file number PA0715146.

THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE 192330

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HARWOOD HEIGHTS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION

DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST ASSIGNEE OF MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC AS NOMINEE FOR INDYMAC BANK, FSB; Plaintiff, vs. WANDA ROJEK; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., UNDER MORTGAGE RECORDED AS DOCUMENT NUMBER 0711511006; NONRECORD CLAIMANTS; UNKNOWN TENANTS AND UNKNOWN OWNERS Defendants.

07 CH 30778 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on March 4, 2008 Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Friday, June 6, 2008 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate:

P.I.N. 13-18-407-027.

Commonly known as 4418 N. Nagle Ave., Harwood Heights, IL 60706.

The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection

For information call Sales Clerk at Law Offices of Ira T. Nevel, 175 North Franklin Street, Chicago, Illinois 60606. (312) 357-1125.

INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 193363

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LINCOLNWOOD

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION

AMERICAN HOME MORTGAGE SERVICING, INC. Plaintiff, -v.- HORATIU SINA A/K/A HORATIU M. SINA A/K/A HORATIU MIHAI SINA, et al Defendants

07 CH 26930 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 21, 2008, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on May 23, 2008, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as 4842 W. COYLE AVENUE, Lincolnwood, IL 60712

Property Index No. 10-33-219-041

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $448,337.82.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.

If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

For information, contact Plaintiffs attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876, between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department. Please refer to file number 14-07-E448.

THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiffs attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. 192838

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LINCOLNWOOD

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION

AMERICAN HOME MORTGAGE SERVICING, INC. Plaintiff, -v.- MIRZA HAROON, et al Defendant

07 CH 27608 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 20, 2008, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on May 22, 2008, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as 6741 N. LOCKWOOD AVENUE, Lincolnwood, IL 60712

Property Index No. 10-33-302-007

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $685,776.02.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.

If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department. Please refer to file number 14-07-E136.

THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. 192426

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LINCOLNWOOD

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION Plaintiff, -v.- RICHARD WALDO, et al Defendant

07 CH 29225 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 11, 2008, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on May 20, 2008, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as 6848 NORTH HAMLIN AVENUE, LINCOLNWOOD, IL 60712

Property Index No. 10-35-131-040-0000

The real estate is improved with a brick 2 story house with a 2 car attached garage.

The judgment amount was $598,662.72.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

For information: Visit our website at http:\\service.atty-pierce.com. between the hours of 3 and 5 pm. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One North Dearborn Street Suite 1300, CHICAGO, IL 60602. Tel No. (312) 476-5500. Please refer to file number PA0714987.

THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE 191338

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MORTON GROVE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. AS TRUSTEE FOR THE HOLDERS OF SASCO 2007-MLN1 Plaintiff, -v.- BARKAT MOHAMMED, et al Defendant

07 CH 16251 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on October 2, 2007, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on May 16, 2008, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as 7109 W. BECKWITH ROAD, Morton Grove, IL 60053

Property Index No. 10-18-103-033

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was $638,142.60.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.

If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department. Please refer to file number 14-07-B349.

THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. 191940

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MORTON GROVE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION

BANK OF NEW YORK AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS CWABS,INC. ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES,SERIES 2006-19 Plaintiff, -v.- LEE R. WINDMILLER A/K/A LEE WINDMILLER, et al Defendant

07 CH 29792 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 11, 2008, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on May 21, 2008, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as 6722 HAZEL STREET, MORTON GROVE, IL 60053

Property Index No. 10-18-409-007-0000

The real estate is improved with a 1.5 story white brick single family house with detached garage.

The judgment amount was $316,455.77.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

For information: Visit our website at http:\\service.atty-pierce.com. between the hours of 3 and 5 pm. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One North Dearborn Street Suite 1300, CHICAGO, IL 60602. Tel No. (312) 476-5500. Please refer to file number PA0715326.

THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE 192324

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MORTON GROVE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION

DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST Plaintiff, -v.- IWONA GALICA, et al Defendant

07 CH 28183 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on January 16, 2008, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on May 8, 2008, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 5910 CAROL AVENUE, MORTON GROVE, IL 60053 Property Index No. 10-20-200-034-0000 The real estate is improved with a brown vinyl sdg 2 story, no garage. The judgment amount was $406,837.23. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. For information: Visit our website at http:\\service.atty-pierce.com. between the hours of 3 and 5 pm. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One North Dearborn Street Suite 1300, CHICAGO, IL 60602. Tel No. (312) 476-5500. Please refer to file number PA0715651. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE 189805

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MORTON GROVE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION

COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS, INC. Plaintiff, vs. RAYMOND RASHO; MORINE RASHO; CHARTER ONE BANK, N.A.; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS, INC.; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants.

07 CH 7412 PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on 9/14/2007, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Wednesday, June 4, 2008, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property: P.I.N. 10-17-204-033. Commonly known as 5811 Emerson Street, Morton Grove, IL 60053. The improvement on the property consists of a 1 story, brick, single family residence with an attached garage. Sale terms: 25% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale. For information: Visit our website at http://service.atty-pierce.com. Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only. Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602. Tel.No. (312) 476-5500. - Refer to File Number PA0703279. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 193310

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MOUNT PROSPECT

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION

FIFTH THIRD BANK, A MICHIGAN BANKING CORPORATION Plaintiff, vs. PLATINUM OIL COMPANY, AN ILLINOIS CORPORATION; UNITED STATES SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION; LAKHA BHASKARAN AND LEKSHMI SEUVGAN; ATLAS BUILDING, INC., JERRY P. CONROY, MARILYN CONROY; TENANTS IN POSSESSION, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS. Defendants.

07 CH 9044 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on January 22, 2008, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, June 2, 2008, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 1020 East Rand Road, Mount Prospect, IL. P.I.N. 03-35-301-020. The improvement on the property consists of commercial real estate, including an automotive service station. Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. For information call Mr. William R. Brodzinski of Plaintiff's Attorney, Mulherin, Rehfeldt & Varchetto, P.C., 211 South Wheaton Avenue, Wheaton, Illinois 60187. (630) 653-9300. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 193228

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NILES

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION

THE BANK OF NEW YORK TRUST CO., N.A. AS SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION F/K/A JP MORGAN CHASE BANK AS SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO BANK ONE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION Plaintiff, -v.- MARY L. ALCALDE A/K/A MARY ALCALDE, et al Defendant

07 CH 22740 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on March 4, 2008, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on June 6, 2008, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 7054 WEST KEOZIE STREET, NILES, IL 60714 Property Index No. 10-19-324-021-0000 The real estate is improved with a brick 1 story house with a 1 car detached garage. The judgment amount was $258,040.97. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. For information: Visit our website at http:\\service.atty-pierce.com. between the hours of 3 and 5 pm. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One North Dearborn Street Suite 1300, CHICAGO, IL 60602. Tel No. (312) 476-5500. Please refer to file number PA0711097. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE 194127

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NORRIDGE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION

DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR LONG BEACH MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2006-WL2 Plaintiff, -v.- J A C Q U E L I N E BETANCOURT, et al Defendant

07 CH 29162 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 13, 2008, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on May 16, 2008, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 4252 N. OSCEOLA AVENUE, Norridge, IL 60706 Property Index No. 12-13-420-019 The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was $571,100.64. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department. Please refer to file number 14-07-M268. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. 190901

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PARK RIDGE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS. COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION

MidAmerica Bank, FSB, a Federal Savings Bank, Plaintiff, vs. Anna Swietkowski, et al., Defendants.

Case No. 07 CH 26132 Sheriff's No. 080059-001F

Pursuant to a Judgment made and entered by said Court in the above entitled cause, Thomas J. Dart, Sheriff of Cook County, Illinois, will on June 10, 2008, at 12 Noon in the hallway outside Room 701 of the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction the following described premises and real estate mentioned in said Judgment: Address: 1405 Lahon Street, Park Ridge, IL. Improvements: Single family residence. Sale shall be under the following terms: 10% down and balance by cashier's or certified check within 24 hours. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at a foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9 (g) (1) and (g) (4). Sale shall be subject to general taxes, special assessments, and any prior first mortgages. Premises will NOT be open for inspection. For information: James P. Ziegler, Stone, Pogrund & Korey, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 221 N. LaSalle St. #3200, Chicago, IL 60601. Tel. No. 312-782-3636. This is an attempt to collect a debt pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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SKOKIE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION

DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY AS TRUSTEE UNDER POOLING AND SERVICING AGREEMENT DATED AS OF AUGUST 1, 2004 MORGAN STANLEY ABS CAPITAL I INC. TRUST 2004-WMC2 MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2004-WMC2 Plaintiff, -v.- SAEED AHMAD, et al Defendant

07 CH 29962 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 6, 2008, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on May 28, 2008, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 9330 KEDVALE AVENUE, Skokie, IL 60076 Property Index No. 10-15-219-036 The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was $332,664.77. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department. Please refer to file number 14-07-M797. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. 193727

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SKOKIE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION

DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE OF ARGENT MORTGAGE SECURITIES, INC. ASSET BACKED PASS THROUGH CERTIFICATES SERIES 2006-W3 UNDER THE POOLING AND SERVICING AGREEMENT DATED AS OF MARCH 1, 2006 Plaintiff, -v.- MARIA SAENZ A/K/A MARIA T. SAENZ, et al Defendant

07 CH 28428 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 26, 2008, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on May 28, 2008, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 9024 SKOKIE BLVD UNIT D, Skokie, IL 60077 Property Index No. 10-16-415-072 The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was $207,836.90. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department. Please refer to file number 14-07-H014. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. 193819

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SKOKIE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION

LASALLE BANK, N.A. AS TRUSTEE, RESIDENTIAL FUNDING COMPANY, LLC AS ATTORNEY-IN-FACT Plaintiff, -v.- TRACY ADRIAN LEBRUN A/K/A TRACY A. LEBRUAN A/K/A TRACY LEBRUN, et al Defendant

07 CH 14209 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on January 16, 2008, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on May 20, 2008, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 9151 LOCKWOOD AVENUE, Skokie, IL 60077 Property Index No. 10-16-304-069 The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was $175,932.47. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department. Please refer to file number 14-07-9610. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. 191311

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SKOKIE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION

AURORA LOAN SERVICES, LLC, Plaintiff, -v.- MUHAMMAD SHAHID BUTT A/K/A MOHAMMAD S. BUTT, et al Defendants

07 CH 32159 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 28, 2008, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on May 30, 2008, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 8428 N. MCCORMICK BLVD, Skokie, IL 60076 Property Index No. 10-23-224-027. Property Index No. 10-23-224-059 The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was $521,514.37. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. For information, contact Plaintiffs attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department. Please refer to file number 14-07-N993. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiffs attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. 193864

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SKOKIE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION

AMERICAN HOME MORTGAGE SERVICING, INC. Plaintiff, -v.- NATALIE BRAGINSKY, et al Defendant

07 CH 31213 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 26, 2008, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on May 28, 2008, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 3944 W. FARGO AVENUE, Skokie, IL 60076 Property Index No. 10-26-319-013 The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was $826,778.67. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department. Please refer to file number 14-07-N447. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. 193964

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SKOKIE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION

INDYMAC BANK, F.S.B. Plaintiff, -v.- BADRUDDIN S. LAKHANI A/K/A BADRUDDIN LAKHANI, et al Defendant

07 CH 28558 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 27, 2008, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on May 29, 2008, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 4726 MAIN STREET UNIT D, Skokie, IL 60076 Property Index No. 10-22-103-044 The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was $232,122.64. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, COOILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department. Please refer to file number 14-07-K677. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. 193988

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SKOKIE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION

GMAC MORTGAGE, LLC Plaintiff, -v.- VALERIAN KRAVTSOV, et al Defendants

07 CH 10855 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on September 6, 2007, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on May 27, 2008, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 8233 N. KOLMAR AVENUE, Skokie, IL 60076 Property Index No. 10-22-315-008 The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was $327,682.68. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. For information, contact Plaintiffs attorney: The Sale Clerk, COOILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department. Please refer to file number 14-07-7215. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiffs attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. 193538

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SKOKIE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION

AMERICAN HOME MORTGAGE SERVICING, INC. Plaintiff, -v.- GEORGE GRIGORAKOS, et al Defendants

07 CH 9485 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 21, 2008, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on May 23, 2008, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 9445 N. KENTON AVENUE, UNIT #411, Skokie, IL 60076 Property Index No. 10-15-110-054 The real estate is improved with a condominium. The judgment amount was $243,215.52. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. For information, contact Plaintiffs attorney: The Sale Clerk, COOILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department. Please refer to file number 14-07-5756. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiffs attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. 192882

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SKOKIE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION Plaintiff, -v.- MARY AZAM, et al Defendants

07 CH 29714 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 14, 2008, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on May 16, 2008, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 8414 KIMBALL AVENUE, Skokie, IL 60076 Property Index No. 10-23-222-050 The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was $353,741.10. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, COOILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department. Please refer to file number 14-07-M491. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. 190784

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SKOKIE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION

INDYMAC BANK, F.S.B. Plaintiff, -v.- CLEMENTE MEZA, et al Defendant

07 CH 29693 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 5, 2008, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on May 28, 2008, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 5016 JARLATH AVENUE, Skokie, IL 60077 Property Index No. 10-28-426-032 The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was $393,532.26. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sale Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM only and ask for the sales department. Please refer to file number 14-07-M602. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. 193772

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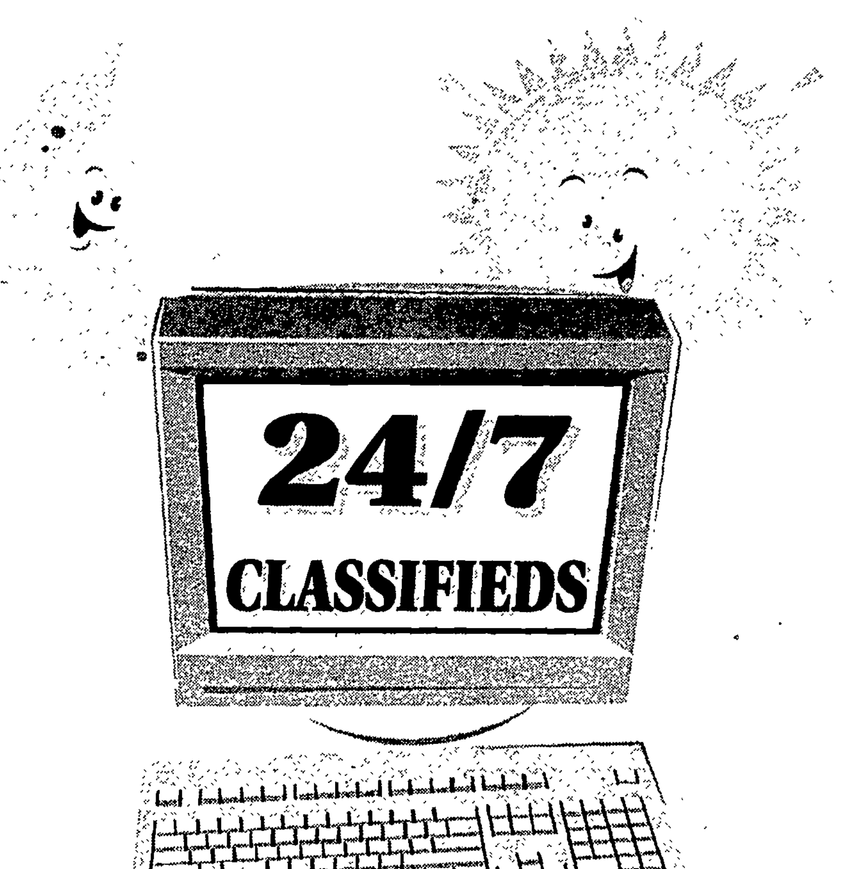

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION

CHASE HOME FINANCE LLC
Plaintiff,
-v-
HOWARD L. WILLIAMS, et al
Defendant

07 CH 29542
NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 14, 2008, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on May 16, 2008, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive -24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL. 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as 7643 LONG AVENUE, SKOKIE, IL 60077

Property Index No. 10-28-125-047

The real estate is improved with a 1 story brown brick single family house with detached garage.

The judgment amount was $292,450.20.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in 'AS IS' condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

For information: Visit our website at http:\\service.attypierce.com. between the hours of 3 and 5 pm. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One North Dearborn Street Suite 1300, CHICAGO, IL 60602. Tel No. (312) 476-5500. Please refer to file number PA0715286.

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SKOKIE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION

CITIBANK N.A. AS TRUSTEE FOR THE ALMI TRUST SERIES 2006-HES
Plaintiff,
-v-
FERIAL BOKA, et al
Defendants

07 CH 28558
NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 4, 2008, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on May 14, 2008, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL. 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as 4112 SKOKIANA TERRACE, SKOKIE, IL 60076

Property Index No. 10-15-204-042-0000

The real estate is improved with a beige brick single family 1 story home with detached 2 car garage.

The judgment amount was $417,473.69.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in 'AS IS' condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortagagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

For information: Visit our website at http:\\service.attypierce.com. between the hours of 3 and 5 pm. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One North Dearborn Street Suite 1300, CHICAGO, IL 60602. Tel No. (312) 476-5500. Please refer to file number PA0715426.

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SKOKIE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION

COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS, INC.
Plaintiff,
-v-
STALIN HERNANDEZ, et al
Defendant

07 CH 29853
NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 20, 2008, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on May 28, 2008, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL. 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as 8052 KOLMAR AVENUE, SKOKIE, IL 60076

Property Index No. 10-22-329-012-0000

The real estate is improved with a 1 story gray brick single family house with no garage.

The judgment amount was $345,609.24.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in 'AS IS' condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortagagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

For information: Visit our website at http:\\service.attypierce.com. between the hours of 3 and 5 pm. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One North Dearborn Street Suite 1300, CHICAGO, IL 60602. Tel No. (312) 476-5500. Please refer to file number PA0715426.

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SKOKIE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION

FREEMONT INVESTMENT & LOAN,
Plaintiff
v.
TEODORA V. TATAR; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR FREMONT INVESTMENT & LOAN; PSZ PARTNERSHIP; ANDREW LEE; LOAN AMERICA FINANCIAL CORPORATION,
Defendants

07 CH 25544
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
Fisher and Shapiro file # 07-5224.

(It is advised that interested parties consult with their own attorneys before bidding at mortgage foreclosure sales.)

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered on February 22, 2008, Kallen Realty Services, Inc., as Selling Official will at 12:30 p.m. on May 28, 2008, at 205 W. Randolph Street, Suite 1200, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate:

P.I.N. 10-22-426-021
Commonly known as 8052 Kolmar Avenue, Skokie, IL 60076.

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence.

Sale terms: 25% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information call Sale Clerk, Fisher and Shapiro, 4201 Lake Cook Rd., 1st floor, Northbrook, Illinois 60062, (847) 498-9990, between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. weekdays only. 184879

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SKOKIE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION

LASALLE BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR FIRST FRANKLIN MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2007-2, MORTGAGE LOAN ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-2
Plaintiff,
vs.
MOHAMMAD A. ALI; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR FIRST FRANKLIN FINANCIAL CORP. OR ITS SUCCESSORS/ASSIGNS; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF MOHAMMAD A. ALI, IF ANY; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS;
Defendants,

07 CH 31687
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on January 14, 2008 Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, June 3, 2008, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate:

P.I.N. 10-22-426-021
Commonly known as 8052 Kolmar Avenue, Skokie, IL 60076.

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence.

Sale terms: 25% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information: Visit our website at http://service.attypierce.com. Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only. Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602. Tel.No. (312) 476-5500. Refer to File Number 071656.

INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION
Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122
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SKOKIE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION

DLJ MORTGAGE CAPITAL, INC.,
Plaintiff,
vs.
LAVERNE S. FLOWERS, CURRENT SPOUSE, IF ANY, OF LAVERNE FLOWERS, AS UNKNOWN OWNER, ODESSA CONORQUE, UNKNOWN OWNERS, GENERALLY, AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS;
Defendants,

07 CH 30788
NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on January 14, 2008 Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, June 3, 2008 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate:

P.I.N. 10-16-108-042.
Commonly known as 9409 Lang Avenue, Skokie, IL 60077.

The mortaged real estate is improved with a single family residence.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection

For information call Mr. David C. Kluever at Plaintiff's Attorney, Kluever & Platt, L.L.C., 65 East Wacker Place, Chicago, Illinois 60601. (312) 236-0077.

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SKOKIE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE;
Plaintiff,
vs.
TERESA FORTUNSKI; ANDRZEJ FORTUNSKI;
Defendants,

07 CH 15922
NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on February 28, 2008 Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Thursday, May 29, 2008 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate:

Commonly known as 5325 Suffield Ct., Skokie, IL 60077.

The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, within 24 hours. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information call William E. Dutton, Jr./Sheridan & Dutton at Plaintiff's Attorney, DUTTON & DUTTON, P.C., 10225 West Main Highway, Frankfort, Illinois 60423. (815) 806-8200.

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MAREK KAZUKA CONSTRUCTION
with the business located at 1747 W. Crystal Ln Apt #210, Mount Prospect, IL 60056. The true name(s) and residence address of the owner(s) is: Marek Kazuka 1747 W. Crystal Ln Apt #210, Mount Prospect, IL 60056.

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SUBCONT-JAN ANDRZEJEWSKI

with the business located at 5852 W. Higgins Ave. Apt. 1B. Chicago, IL 60630. The true name(s) and residence address of the owner(s) is: Jan Andrzejewski, 5852 W. Higgins Ave, Apt. 1B. Chicago, IL 60630.

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MK SERVICES

with the business located at 1716 W. Robble Ln., Mount Prospect, IL 60056. The true name(s) and residence address of the owner(s) is Mieczyslaw Kamysz, 1716 W. Robble Ln., Mount Prospect, IL 60056.

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Morgan Michelson-Kelly
Age: 11
Skokie, IL

I love my mom because she is a loving person and has a special place in my heart nobody else can fill!! She's a great person to everybody. She makes me feel special in every way. Mom makes life exciting and very happy. She's fun to be with. We have a lot of great memories together, one time we spent the day together in Chicago laughing and having a great time. When I'm sad she always knows what to say to make me feel better. Her personality is just so perfect that I could not want another mom in a million years or 2!

Joshua Silverman
Age: 12
Skokie, IL WINNER!

I love my mom because she's so dependable. She's always on time to pick me up or drop me off somewhere. Whenever I need help with homework, she's willing to help. She comes to my sporting events to cheer me on. Even when we lose she's still proud of me. Her cooking is the best! The best thing about my mom is that she's trustworthy. I feel that I can tell her anything that's on my mind. I can always count on my mom for love.

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letter from the editor

The kind of woman I want my goddaughter to be

Jewel has a new song on country radio these days. If you are a mother or daughter, I highly recommend it as an iTunes purchase only because of this one line:

"I'm going to be the kind of woman I'd want my daughter to be. I'm gonna love myself more than anyone else. Believe in me, even if someone can't see there's a stronger woman in me."

I don't have any biological children yet, but I do have an incredible goddaughter who lives in Houston, Texas. Her name is Hannah Rae Hatch. (My middle name is Rae as well. This is not a coincidence.)

For me, the transition from plain-old-girl to godmother was passionate and real, and watching my dear friend transition from young lady to mother was even more radical.

Before Hannah came into my life, I wasn't sure if motherhood was in my future. Now I can clearly see I want nothing more than to be a mommy someday. Whether I marry, remain single, give birth or adopt, I can't see my life without a baby in my arms.

For now, I have Hannah, and she fills my heart with the sweetest kind of joy. She is playful and loving, and she turned 3 on Feb. 5, which just so happens to be the day before my birthday. :)

In December, my mother met Hannah for the first time. I watched my mom melt to pieces as she played with her in the snow and held her in her arms. And Hannah adored my mom.

I can't blame her. I adore my mom, too. The little ways she makes me feel loved, even when I'm erratic, are the reasons I can keep moving. She beautiful, intelligent and absolutely the best mother for me.

We find strength from our mothers and strength from our daughters. They see the very best in us, and they want us to be happy with whatever our choices may be. Their love is unconditional and forgiving. They teach us that loving ourselves is really about validating their love for us. They need to know that we realize we are worthy of that kind of unrestricted affection. I hope Hannah recognizes this when she's older.

I love my mom because she has taught me how to be a good mother and how to love myself. There's no bigger testament than that.

♡ -Tammy

Tammy Matthews
Special Sections Editor

left: My mom, Carol, and me. middle: Hannah's mom Melissa, happy Hannah and me. right: silly Hannah and my mom

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From Jordyn Diorio & her family

Why do I love my mom? Simple, she keeps our crazy family of 7 kids from going out of control and still loves us. Now let me explain to you the regular day of the supermom. My mom usually wakes me and my sister for high school at 6 a.m. Once we leave she wakes the two twins for elementary school and the other three kids (out of high school, 1 in college, other 2 employed) give my mother regular phone calls maybe 20 calls each per day! Her day also consists of helping my father and his work.

And here are 7 reasons why our mom is the bomb!

Dom – 28 – she does my laundry!

Julie – 25- She knows nothing about fashion but she never says no.

Nic – 19- She helps me with my homework.

Jen – 17- when I'm sick she always makes me get better.

Jordyn – 15- I might annoy her and she might annoy me but she still loves me no matter what.

Kara – 11 – She takes me to the park.

Kaylee – She takes me shopping.

My mom is like snow white and we are the 7 dwarfs, no matter how crazy and weird we are she will always love us. My mom doesn't know I wrote this I think she deserves this more than anyone else. And should be recognized as the MOM OF THE YEAR!

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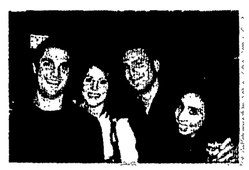
"The best thing about my mom is that she's trustworthy."

Bianca L. Kasper
Stepmother Eva Kasper

She married my father and inherited my brothers and I. She dealt with the wreckage that my mother left behind. There wasn't a memory, a tear, or occasion that she wasn't there for! When a medical tragedy struck my family 5 years ago she held us all together! As I reflect…I realize that everything good I have inside of me I have from her! 2008 officially marks that she has been in my life longer then my mother ever was, and I wanted everyone to know how thankful I am to her for the gift she gave me…a MOM!



"I could only dream of being half the Mother she is."

I not only love my Mother unconditionally, but I adore her, idolize her, and cherish her because there is no other woman that can compare to her. She is selfless, caring, energetic, friendly, and the best Mother and Wife a family could ask for. While being there for her four children and husband emotionally, she still finds time to make dinner every night, take us to our Doctor appointments, and to just watch a movie with us. She touches everyone she knows with her generosity and heart, and I could only dream of being half the Mother she is.

Candice Ciancio
Chicago, IL

Mother's day

"..She taught me what it means to love unconditionally, selflessly, passionately."

Judy Grossman Germany
Oak Park, IL

Mom of the Year: Susan Grossman

I love my Mom because she taught me what it means to love unconditionally, selflessly, passionately. She had multiple sclerosis and breast cancer, and even though she suffered terribly, she fought to live longer so she could be there for me. "A girl needs her mother," she would say. As always, she was right. She died in 2000, and whenever I feel sad that she's not here, I think about the gift she gave me. I learned everything I needed to know about love from my Mom — including how to keep living after losing the person you love the most.

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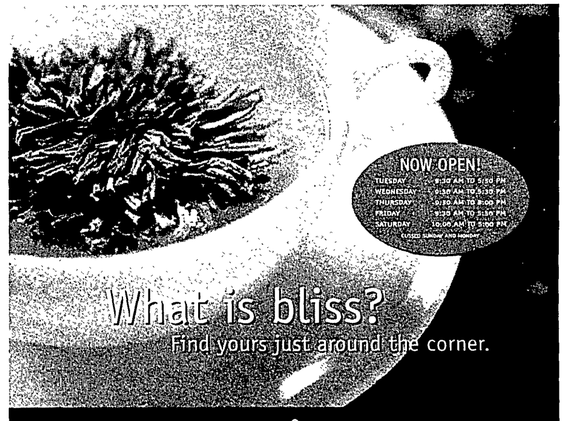

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Mother's Day Around the World

By Ellen Presman
Contributing Writer

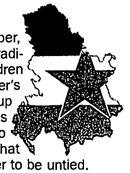
Mother's Day is celebrated in more than 40 countries around the world! The date and manner in which the holiday is celebrated, however, varies. Learn how mothers are honored internationally.

Mother's Day in Spain...
Spaniards celebrate Mother's Day December 8 on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. The holiday is considered more religious. It is a day to honor and remember the Virgin Mary, mother of Jesus.

Mother's Day in New Zealand...
The concept of celebrating Mother's Day in New Zealand was adapted from the United States in recent years. The people of New Zealand thank their mom and recognize her great efforts in bringing them up. Celebrations include family picnics and dinners. Markets become extremely busy as shoppers look for last-minute gifts and flowers.

Mother's Day in Australia...
In Australia, Mothers Day falls on the second Sunday in May. It is celebrated in a similar fashion as in the United States. Australians take Mother's Day as an opportunity to express gratitude to their moms. Children pamper their mothers by treating them to breakfast in bed, flowers and gifts. Australians also observe the tradition of wearing a carnation on Mothers Day; a colored carnation represents a mother who is living and a white carnation symbolizes a mother who has passed. Children also honor grandmothers, aunts and other women who love and care for them as a mother does.

Mother's Day in Yugoslavia...
Observed in December, the holiday is less traditional than most. Children sneak into their mother's bedroom and tie her up in bed. When she wakes up, she promises to give the children gifts that she has hidden in order to be untied.



Mother's Day in France...
Known as Fete des Meres, Mother's Day in France is a big family affair. Children make personalized card and write poems for their mothers. The entire family gathers for a special meal, and mom is usually presented with a cake decorated in flowers.

Mother's Day in Mexico...
Celebrated on May 10, Dia de las Madres is very popular throughout the country. Schools, cities and civic groups organize special events. Churches also hold a festive Mother's Day mass. Following Mexican tradition, sons and daughters present themselves at their mother's home on the eve of Mother's Day on May 9. Children create handmade gifts and give their moms flowers and cards

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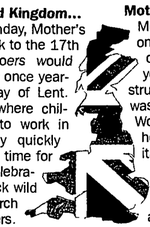

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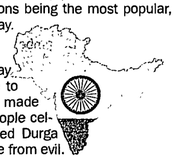
Mother's Day in India...
Observed for less than a decade, Mother's Day is a fairly new concept in India. It is a time to reflect and thank mom for sacrifices she has made and hardships she has endured. The Hindu people celebrate in October with a ten-day festival called Durga Puja, named for a goddess who protects people from evil.



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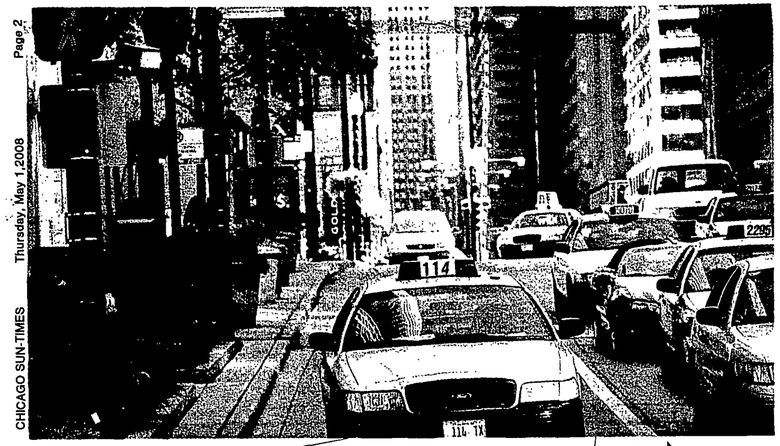

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This Mother's Day, the Volo Auto Museum invites Moms and their guests to experience these celebrity treasures close up during the first-ever Directors Tour of the "Vault," a newly constructed ground-floor showroom that's actually part of Grams' personal residence.

Grams will personally conduct tours of his million-dollar collection on Mother's Day, May 11. While the entire family is welcome on the tour, it's Mom who gets the chance to slip behind the wheel of one of Gram's select gems. Dads can be stationed close by to snap a memorable photo. Tours are scheduled every hour starting at 11 a.m. and continue until approximately at 4 p.m.

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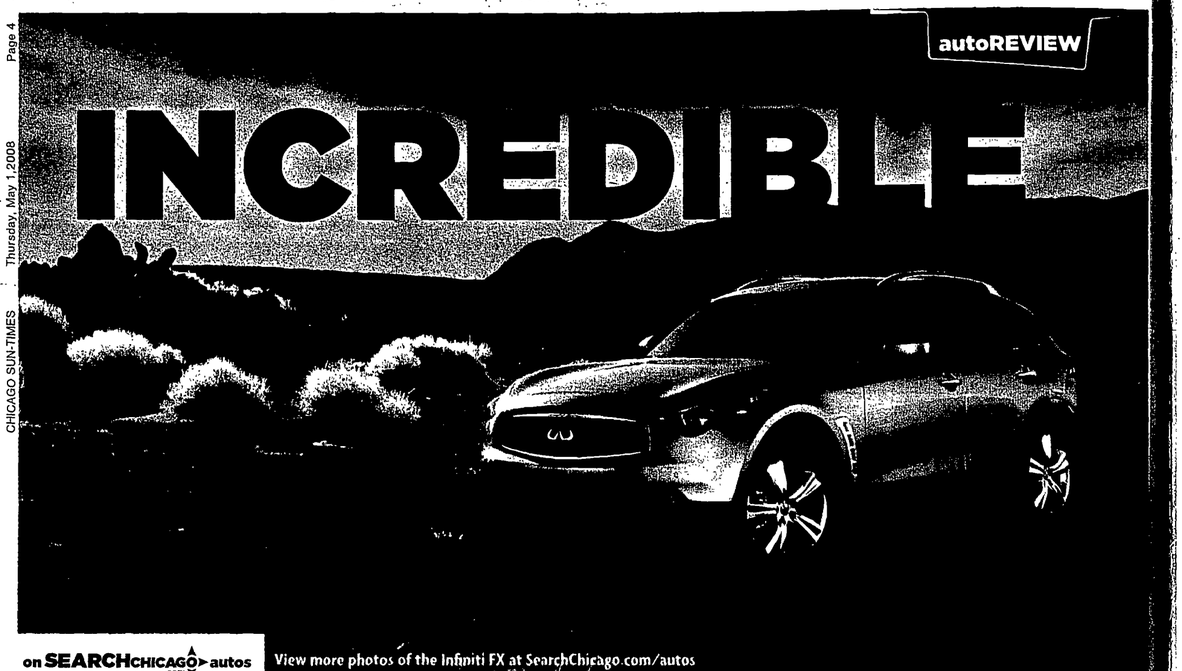

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Hot technology and design boost appeal of new FX

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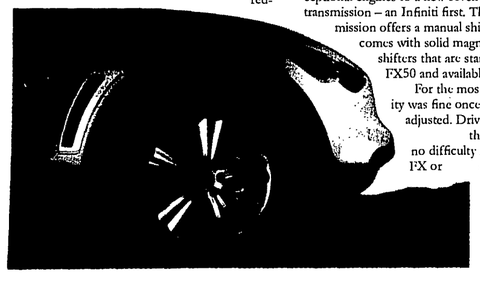
When I walked into the Hard Rock Hotel in San Diego, the first thing I saw in the lobby was the 2009 Infiniti FX. At a glance, it doesn't look that different than the outgoing model. But with a second look, you notice the details.

As I circled the vehicle, the first thing that grabbed me was the stunning black-tinted rippled grille. It sparkled in the dim lighting, and the waves gave the appearance of movement.

The new FX is pure luxury, but the façade displays a definite "don't mess with me" air. The glinty, squinty headlights add a serious face to the elegant vehicle and they are backed by malevolent red-glowing taillights.



New for 2009, the FX adds a 5.0-liter, 32-valve DOHC V-8 engine with variable valve event and lift. This newly designated FX50 delivers 390 horsepower, which is a 70-horsepower increase from the 2008 FX45. The FX35 gets a bit of a boost as well, climbing from 275 horsepower for 2008 to 303 horsepower for 2009.

During the press preview I spent most of my time in the FX35, but it could have easily been the FX50. The power was smooth and seamless, and the slightest touch of the gas pedal had the vehicle leaping forward. Through wending roads and highway straightaways, the power and performance were everything I could possibly want for a vehicle weighing a tad more than 4,000 pounds.

Also new for 2009, Infiniti is mating its exceptional engines to a new seven-speed automatic transmission – an Infiniti first. This new transmission offers a manual shift mode and comes with solid magnesium paddle shifters that are standard on the FX50 and available on the FX35.

For the most part, visibility was fine once I got the seat adjusted. Driving on the highway, I had no difficulty maneuvering the FX or seeing out my side and rear windows. It was, however, a bit difficult to see over the long, swoopy front end in tight spaces. The biggest problem I encountered centered on the large side mirrors. At a four-way stop sign I looked to my left to check for traffic. The side mirror completely obscured the area where a car would be stopped at the intersection.

I've always been a fan of Infiniti interiors. Infiniti does an excellent job with fit and finish as well as the placement of dials and controls. The new FX is no exception. The textures and surfaces were smooth and solid, and I didn't think that any of the dials, latches or cubby holes felt flimsy.

The optional navigation system is relatively easy to use, and all the controls on the center stack are easy to reach. The one control that could have had a better placement is the adjustment for the side mirrors. They were more than an arm's length away, and I had to lean forward to make the adjustment. Then when I leaned back, I found that the mirrors weren't adjusted properly for my driving position.

FX continues the technology push Infiniti instigated with the launch of the EX. In addition to the around view monitor, lane departure prevention and the scratch shield paint, the FX adds distance control assist, intelligent brake assist, advanced climate control and intelligent cruise control with full-speed range. At the moment, all these features are options, most of which are included in a package.

The 2009 FX will be available in dealers at the end of June, and specific pricing info has yet to be released. However, Infiniti execs said they expected the base price to be around $41,000, which is a couple thousand dollars more than the current FX35. If you want to add any of the technology features, you'll probably have to add an additional $5,000, at least.

The time I spent with the FX was just enough to give me a quick peek at the cool things Infiniti has in store for this vehicle and whet my appetite for more. So, if you're looking for a crossover and can spend around $50,000, I'll make your job easy: Start here.

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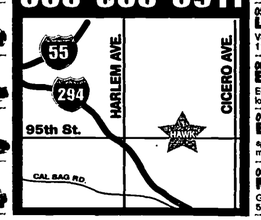

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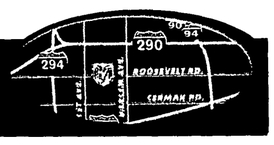

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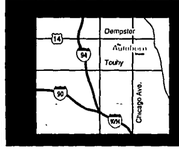

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- 07 DODGE DURANGO SLT 4X4 — LEATHER, 3RD ROW SEAT, DUAL AC, CD, LOADED! STK#N1100 — $18,989 or $359

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- 05 CHEVY TAHOE Z-71 4X4 — LP PACKAGE, LEATHER, HEATED SEATS, BOSE STEREO, POWER SEAT, CD, STK#70731A — $21,989 or $419
- 04 LEXUS GS 300 — SILVER, LEATHER, MOONROOF, ALLOYS, HEATED SEAT, 40K MILES ONLY, LOADED! STK#70222A — $21,989 or $419
- 06 FORD EXPLORER EDDIE BAUER 4X4 — LEATHER, 3RD ROW SEAT, CHROME WHEELS, POWER MOONROOF, LOADED! STK#71189 — $22,989 or $438
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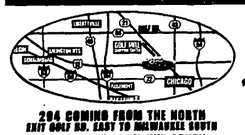

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'07 DODGE DURANGO SLT 4X4 LOADED! #P14091 — $18,979 OR $359 PER MO. WITH ONLY $500 DOWN!

'08 RAM 2500 4X4 QUAD CAB SLT LARAMIE #TBD — $27,777 OR $529 PER MO. WITH ONLY $500 DOWN!

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04 A6 #P14074	$17,995 OR $339/MO.
01 TT #P13944	$15,997 OR $299/MO.
BMW (6 TO CHOOSE FROM)	
02 X5 #P14101	$19,775 OR $379/MO.
07 328XI #P13699	$31,997
05 745I #P14173	EXTRA CLEAN!
04 545I #P13975	$28,995 OR $539/MO.
BUICK (2 TO CHOOSE FROM)	
05 LACROSSE #NP14143	$15,995 OR $299/MO.
05 LESABRE #P13784A	$7,994 OR $149/MO.
CHEVROLET (10 TO CHOOSE FROM)	
01 MONTE CARLO #7823A	$5,995 OR $109/MO
07 TRAILBLAZER LS #P14068	$15,995 OR $299/MO.
05 IMPALA #7705A	$10,775 OR $209/MO.
05 IMPALA #P13673	$9,997 OR $189/MO.
08 IMPALA LS #P14160	LOADED!
04 JIMBLIBU #P13919	$10,999 OR $209/MO.
CHRYSLER (21 TO CHOOSE FROM)	
04 CROSSFIRE #7103A	$15,677 OR $295/MO.
07 ASPEN #P13741	$22,995 OR $429/MO.
07 TOWN & COUNTRY #P14087	$16,991 OR $319/MO.
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07 SEBRING #P13719	$11,994 OR $229/MO.
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05 NEON #5819A	$8,995 OR $169/MO.
03 NEON #J0017A	$6,771 OR $129/MO.
99 CARAVAN ONLY 46K MILES, #7795A	$5,995 OR $109/MO.
07 SPRINTER #7738A	$26,995 OR $509/MO.
05 DAKOTA SLT QUAD CAB #P13979	$16,995 OR $319/MO.
03 NEON SXT #P14151	$8,995 OR $169/MO.
00 DURANGO #P14062A	$7,995 OR $149/MO.
06 RAM SLT 2500 4X4 CUMMINS DIESEL #P13998A	$20,979 OR $389/MO.
04 STRATUS #7700A	$8,991 OR $169/MO.
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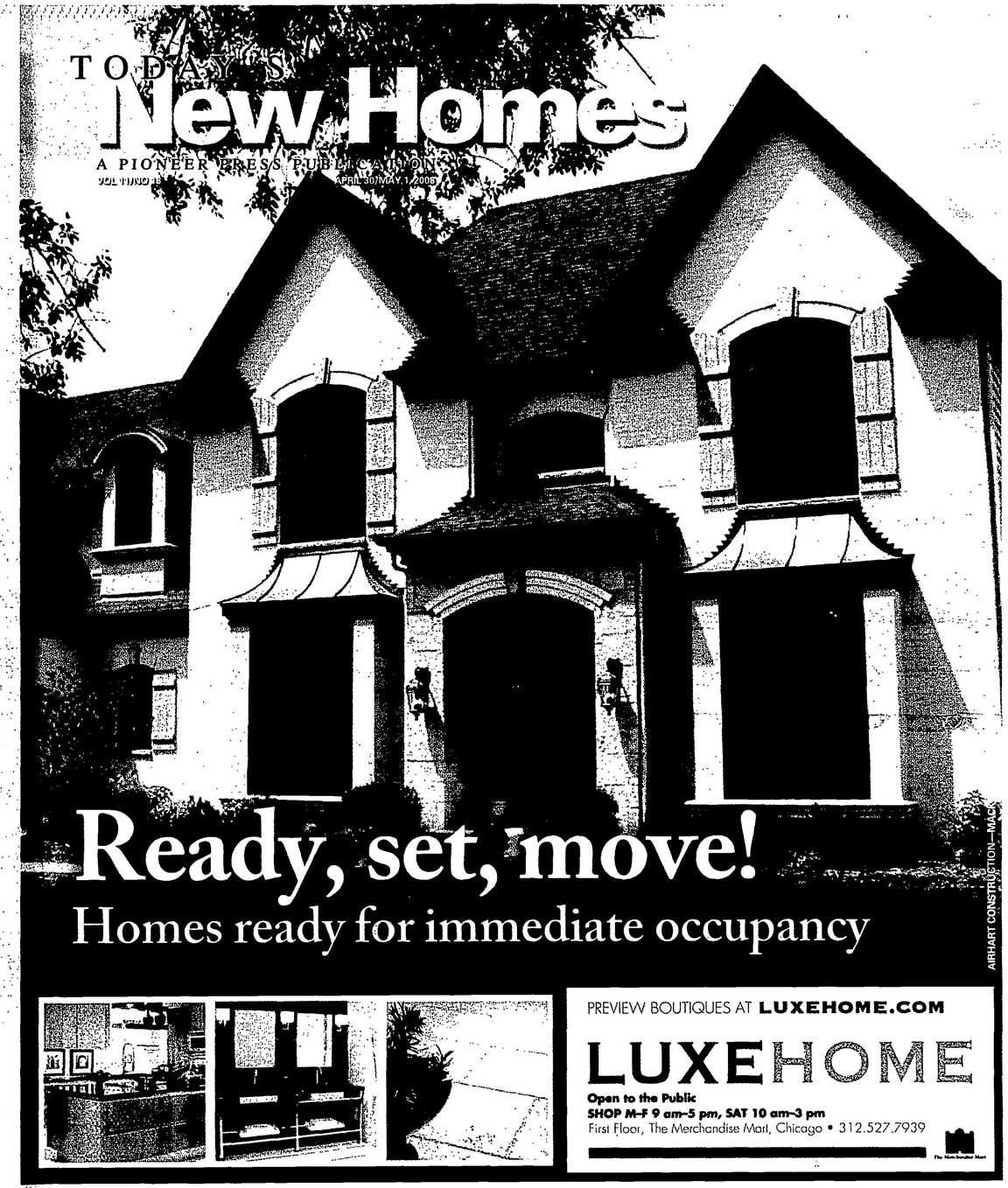

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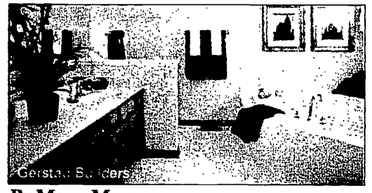
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Pinehurst II

By Marcy Marro
Special to Pioneer Press

Plenty of homes are available for immediate occupancy throughout Chicagoland. Here is a sampling of some condominiums, town homes and single-family homes ready for quick move-in.

Condominiums

Seven luxury condominiums are available for occupancy within 30 days at the **Waterford Condominiums**, a new three-building R. Franczak enclave at 799 Graceland in downtown Des Plaines. Available residences include The Lennox, The Abbey and The Pembrooke. Call (847) 297-6769 or visit www.rfranczak.com.

Eight immediate-occupancy condominiums are ready for move-in in 30 days at two Palatine developments. The **Preserve of Palatine**, located at 435 W. Wood St., has three model units that are available. Call (847) 705-2220 or visit ww.rfranczak.com for more information. The **Stratford Condominiums**, located at 190 W. Johnson St., has five residences that are available. Call (847) 705-6238 or visit www.rfranczak.com for more information.

The following selection of condominiums is now available through Jameson Realty Group.

Three units remain at **North Beach Lofts**, the 43-unit adaptive-reuse and new-construction loft condominium development in East Rogers Park. The two-bedroom, two-bath units are priced from $289,900 to $299,900. North Beach Lofts are located at 1225 W. Morse Ave.

Only two condominiums remain at this vintage red brick building at **2916-2924 W. Berteau** in the Ravenswood neighborhood. The remaining two-bedroom, two-bath duplexes are priced at $249,900.

One unit remains for sale at **Abbott Court Condominiums**, located at 2828 N. Orchard in the Lakeview neighborhood. The three-bedroom, two-bath unit has 1,800 square feet and is priced at $399,900.

Paulina Ridge Court has only one two-bedroom, one-bath residence available for sale. This beautifully rehabbed vintage condo is at 5905 N. Paulina in the Ravenswood neighborhood and is priced at $224,900.

Located at 4936-4938 N. Winthrop in the Uptown neighborhood, **Winthrop Terrace Condominiums** has only one two-bedroom, two-and-a-half bath unit remaining. The unit is priced at $244,900.

The **Grove at Greenleaf** still has a number of units available. Located at 1358-1366 W. Greenleaf in the Rogers Park neighborhood, the two-bedroom condos are priced from $164,800. A furnished model is available for touring on Sundays from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Four units remain at **Troy Court Condominiums**, located at 4333-4337 N. Troy in Albany Park. The one-bedroom-plus-den and two-bedroom floor plans are priced from $194,900 to $219,900.

Call Jameson at (312) 751-0300 or visit www.jameson.com for virtual tours.

Single-Family Homes

Three northwest Chicago communities by C.A. Development have single-family homes that are available for quick move-in.

Edgebrook Glen, located at 5200 W. Armstrong Ave., has six new homes built and ready for spring occupancy. Call (773) 631-9225.

Five estate homes are available for spring delivery at the **Residences of Old Irving Park**, located at 4000 N. Kolmar. Call (773) 777-8910.

Three homes are available at **Mayfair Crossing**, a new development of 26 new construction single-family homes at Kilpatrick and Berteau avenues in the Portage Park neighborhood. Call (773) 333-8910.

All three communities can also be seen on www.cadevelopment.com.

KLM Builders is offering a **Pinehurst II** single-family home model for immediate delivery at Sunset Ridge Estates in Richmond. Located at 10920 Partridge Trail, the Pinehurst II is priced at $324,900 and features three bedrooms, two-and-a-half baths, formal living and dining rooms, private den with custom built-ins and desk and a cozy family room with skylights. Call (815) 678-4018 or visit www.klmbuildersinc.com.

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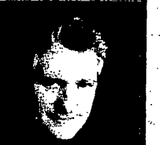

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"Chicago's housing market is full of opportunity for the smart real estate investor and knowledgeable home buyer."

That optimistic forecast comes from David Hanna, president-elect of the Chicago Association of Realtors, who also noted that the budding condominium resale market in the city is starting to show signs of life this spring.

"The Chicago condominium market continues to see significant appreciation, with the median condo price in March rising to $317,900, a gain of 8 percent from the median price in March of 2007," Hanna says.

The median price of single-family homes in Chicago during March increased by more than 5 percent, compared with the same month a year ago.

"This shows great promise for Chicago's homeowners and those interested in getting into the marketplace," Hanna says.

There were 2,045 total sales (both single-family homes and condominiums) in Chicago in March, which is a decline of 11.5 percent from 2,311 homes sold in March of 2007. However, the median price of homes in Chicago increased 5.3 percent to $300,000 compared to $285,000 in March of 2007.

According to the Illinois Association of Realtors' (IAR) latest report, total sales—including both homes and condominiums—were up a whopping 24.5 percent to 8,509 units in March of 2008 compared with February, 2008 sales of 6,832 units.

However, total sales volume was still down 29.5 percent from the 12,075 units sold in March of 2007.

"Right now is a very good time for Illinoisans waiting to buy a house to enter the market for many reasons including mortgage interest rates below 6 percent," says Realtor Kay Wirth, president of the IAR. "There is a lot of pent-up demand, even though people are being cautious given the uncertainty in the overall economy. The spring market is here and now is an ideal time to check out ample inventory in your area to purchase your dream home."

Lawrence Yun, chief economist of the National Association of Realtors says: "Existing home sales could start to show a sustained increase within a few months, unless there are some additional economic or inflationary pressures."

Yun forecast stable resale home sales in the near term before higher mortgage limits translate into sales in high-cost markets.

"The wider access to affordable credit should increase sales activity this summer as pent-up demand begins to be met," he says.

If there is one gloomy trend in the marketplace, it the nationwide freezing of home equity lines of credit at some banks, experts say. Reeling from losses on the bad loans banks made in recent years, many troubled lenders are preventing borrowers with excellent credit from tapping into their home equity.

The Home Front, Don DeBat's weekly real estate column syndicated by DeBat Media Services, unravels the complexities of home buying, mortgage shopping, homeownership, renting, building, renovation and remodeling. For more home-buying information visit his Web site at: www.dondebat.net.

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Mortgage News

Mortgage tip:
Always ask your real estate agent for recommendations to good lenders. Even though some brokerages have their own in-house affiliated mortgage lending businesses, good agents will not limit their referrals.

Bankrate mortgage update

By Holden Lewis • Bankrate.com

Mortgage rates went up this week, but not by much.

The benchmark 30-year fixed-rate mortgage rose 8 basis points, to 6.11 percent, according to the Bankrate.com national survey of large lenders. A basis point is one-hundredth of 1 percentage point. The mortgages in this week's survey had an average total of 0.43 discount and origination points. One year ago, the mortgage index was 6.27 percent; four weeks ago, it was 5.95 percent.

The benchmark 15-year fixed-rate mortgage rose 5 basis points, to 5.7 percent. The benchmark 5/1 adjustable-rate mortgage rose 7 basis points, to 5.92 percent. The 30-year fixed jumbo, for bigger loans, rose 2 basis points, to 7.34 percent.

In a week devoid of earthshaking economic news, the most noteworthy report was the one on existing home sales.

According to the National Association of Realtors, home resales tumbled in March compared with the same month a year before. Seasonally adjusted annual sales fell 19.8 percent, to an annual pace of 4.93 million units. Actual sales -- not seasonally adjusted -- fell 22.7 percent. Some 374,000 homes were resold in March, compared with the 484,000 sold in March 2007.

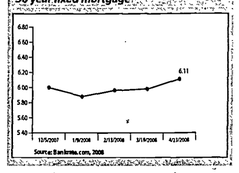
At the end of March, there were 9.9 months' worth of used homes for sale at that month's sales pace. That's a hefty supply for the beginning of the traditional sales season. With more than 4 million homes for resale (and at least another half-million new houses for sale), it's a buyer's market in many areas.

The Realtors' sales price data seem to confirm that it's a buyer's market. In March, half of home resales fetched a price below $200,700. That's 7.7 percent below the median price of $217,400 in March 2007. ■

Bankrate National Index

	30 yr fx	15 yr fx	5 yr ARM
This week	6.11	5.70	5.92
Last week	6.03	5.65	5.85
Last year	6.27	5.99	6.12

30 year fixed mortgage



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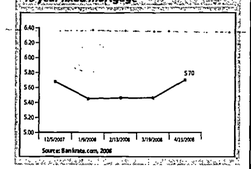

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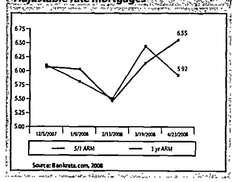
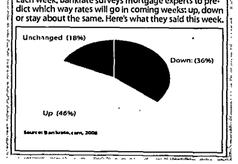


Mortgage rate trend index

Each week, Bankrate surveys mortgage experts to predict which way rates will go in coming weeks: up, down or stay about the same. Here's what they said this week.



Key definitions

5/1 ARM: A 5/1 ARM is an adjustable-rate mortgage (ARM) that has an initial interest rate for five years, and thereafter has an adjustment interval of one year. The adjustment is based on (or "indexed to") another rate -- often the yield on a Treasury note.

Closing Costs: Expenses incurred by buyers and sellers when transferring ownership of property. Closing costs include lender fees, title charges, government recording fees, escrow and pre-paid items.

Points: A point equals 1 percent of a mortgage or other loan. Some lenders charge "origination points" to cover expenses of making a loan. Some borrowers pay "discount points" to reduce the loan's interest rate.

Amortization: The payment of a debt in installments over an agreed-upon period, during which principal and interest are paid off.

APR: Annual Percentage Rate. A yearly rate of interest that includes fees and costs paid to acquire the loan. Lenders are required by law to disclose the APR. The rate is calculated in a standard way, taking the average compound interest rate over the term of the loan, so borrowers can compare loans.

Fixed: The payment of a debt in installments over an agreed-upon period, during which principal and interest are paid off.

Term: The time to the maturity of a loan or deposit, expressed in months or years.

Cost of Funds Index

The industry rates listed below are those used by financial institutions in setting their rates.

Index	Prime Rate	Fed Funds Rate	11th Dist. COF
This week	5.25	2.25	3.560
Last change	6 00	3.00	3.970
Last year	8.25	5.25	4.376

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Mortgage payment calculator

Here's what the loan payment would be on a home mortgage loan using the following programs at prevailing interest rates.

$165,000 loan amount		
Loan program	Rate	Monthly payment
1 yr ARM	6.55%	$1,048.34
5/1 ARM	5.92%	$980.79
15 yr fixed	5.70%	$1,365.76
30 yr fixed	6.11%	$1,000.96

$435,000 loan amount		
Loan program	Rate	Monthly payment
30 yr Jumbo	7.34%	$2,994.07
Home equity loan		
Loan program	Rate	Monthly payment
30K HEL	7.73%	$604.42

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Exquisitely built by North Shore builder Avis Homes, this brick Georgian home at **180 Ravine Drive** in Highland Park is situated in a private, ravine setting with wonderful views. Featuring 11 rooms, including six bedrooms and six full and two half baths, this home has limestone fireplaces in the living room and family room, along with wide-plank white oak flooring; a beautiful cherry library with a bay window; a gourmet kitchen with custom cabinetry by Coppes Napanee; and five bedroom suites on the upper level. Visit www.180ravine.com.

This new construction home at **100 Longmeadow Road** in Winnetka is on more than one acre of property on Longmeadow Lake with lake rights. This brick Colonial represents the finest in new construction, superior craftsmanship and appointments create luxury throughout the 10,000-square-foot floor plan. Some of the detailing includes hand-scraped, beveled walnut flooring, rich millwork, exquisite tiling in the baths and well-planned south-facing windows in the back of the house capturing magnificent views of the lake. A phenomenally finished lower level provides all amenities for today's luxury lifestyle, with a full pub kitchen, a custom wine cellar, a state-of-the-art home theater and more. $4,250,000. Contact Chris Downey with Koenig & Strey GMAC at (847) 784-3045.

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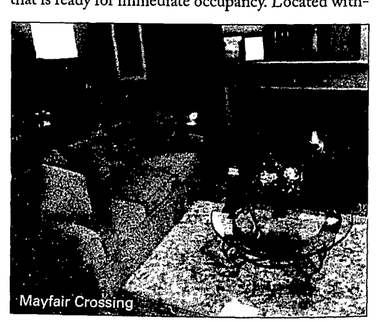
Mayfair Crossing

Town homes

Eight luxury town homes are available at **Cornelia Court**, a 63-unit development at 3001 W. Cornelia Ave. in Chicago's West Roscoe Village neighborhood. Homes range in price from $479,000 to $629,000 and may still be customized by buyers. A decorated three-story model is on display at 3009 W. Cornelia. Call (773) 477-3030 or visit www.corneliacourt.com.

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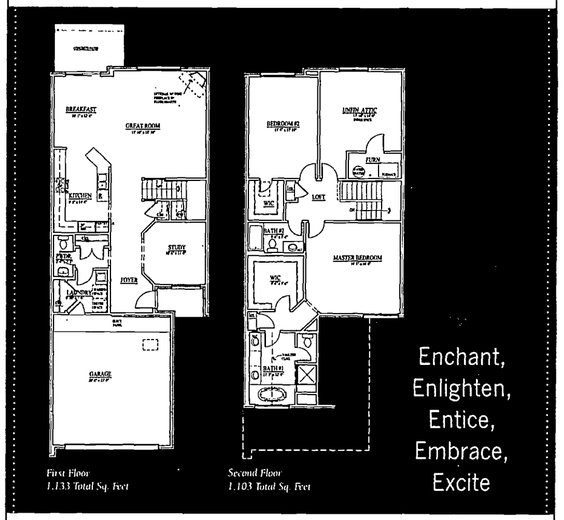

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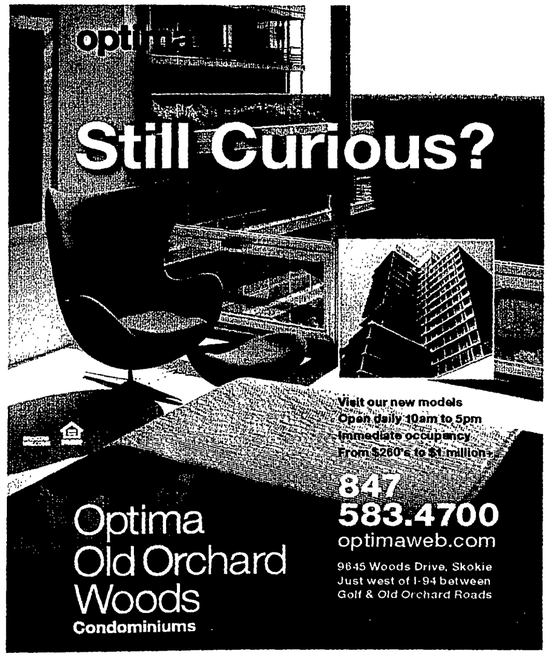

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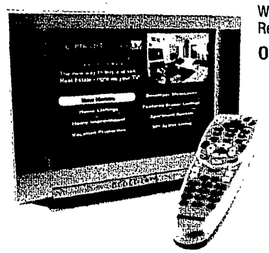

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Green Luxury Home comes to Glenview

By Marcy Marro
Special to Pioneer Press

Schmidt Luxury Homes, a division of Schmidt Associates, has completed its newest Green Luxury Home. Located in Glenview, the 2,800-square-foot home features a 6,617 kWp photovoltaic system with two Open Energy CE 4000 inverters. The home features a finished basement, four bedrooms, two-and-a-half bathrooms, a spacious and open first floor plan and a number of green alternatives including bamboo flooring, zero VOC paints, pet carpets and wheat-board cabinetry. The home's focus is on high recyclability and renewable materials, along with high efficiency mechanical systems.

The home is constructed with TechBuilt exterior wall panels that help provide savings in heating and cooling costs. Window placement and a day-lit garage also help to optimize the energy performance of this home. It is also equipped with a Carrier Heat Pump, electric instant hot water and Compact Fluorescent Lighting (CFL), allowing this Green Luxury home to push the envelope of energy efficiency. All systems have been properly sized to allow for net zero grid-based electricity usage. Natural gas is used for cooking.

The Open Energy SolarSave Roof tile photovoltaic system is provided by Pure Energy Alternative and designed by A Design Consulting. The tiles provide 6.62 kWp of AC power hourly during optimal daylight hours, and they are raised off the roof plane for natural cooling to allow the system to remain at peak operating power all year long.

The grand opening of the Green Luxury Home, located at 724 Larame Road in Glenview, is Wednesday, May 7, from noon to 3 p.m. For more information on the sale of the home, call Vicki Betsios at (847) 964-1540. For more information on green luxury homes, visit www.schmidtluxuryhomes.com.

Sanctuary Club models open

Jacobs Homes recently celebrated the grand opening of its models at The Sanctuary Club in Kildeer. The development features 62 maintenance-free semi-custom single-family homes set on the fairways of Kemper Lakes Golf Course. Call (847) 438-8158; visit sanctuaryclub.jacobshomes.net.

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Customize your home

By Marcy Marro
Special to Pioneer Press

Homebuyers are inundated with choices when they are looking to purchase a customized home. These Chicagoland communities will help alleviate the stress and find buyers a suitable abode.

Devonshire Woods

Buyers can choose from a dozen customizable ranch and two-story floor plans at the new Dartmoor Homes luxury community in Hoffman Estates, Devonshire Woods. Homes range in size from 2,446 to 5,062 square feet. Preconstruction prices range from $639,900 to $734,900. Devonshire Woods will have only 55 residences on home sites that range from one-third to one-half of an acre. A limited number of home sites are suited for a walkout or English basement. Homes will typically offer four bedrooms, two-and-a-half to four-and-a-half baths, spacious kitchens, breakfast areas, living rooms, family rooms, formal dining rooms, dens, elegant master-bedroom suites with sitting rooms (per plan) and attached three-car garages. Call (847) 289-0022 or visit www.dartmoorhomes.com.

Forest Ridge Estates

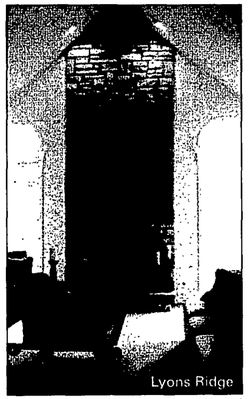
Forest Ridge Estates is a KLM Builders community of 89 single-family luxury homes in Spring Grove. Buyers can choose from 22 different floor plans each offering three to four bedrooms, two-and-a-half to four baths, three and four-car garages and full basements with 8-foot, 10-inch poured concrete walls. Homes also feature dens, family rooms or great rooms and screen porches, depending on the design. Floor plans range in size from 2,000 to more than 4,000 square feet and in price from $383,900 to $579,900. Three models are available for touring and immediate delivery, in addition to eight home sites that are still available. Land sizes range from one to three acres. A gorgeous seven-and-a-half-acre pond site can also be purchased. Call (815) 678-0804 or visit www.klmbuildersinc.com.

Lyons Ridge

Verseman Development Co. has recently introduced a new line of pre-priced designs at its Lyons Ridge community of 28 luxury homes on half-acre lots in Cary. Known as The Verseman Collection, buyers have a choice of 35 spacious floor plans that can be modified according to tastes and preferences. The Verseman Collection homes are all two-story floor plans that include four to five bedrooms, three to four baths, formal living and dining rooms, a generously sized family room, a master bedroom suite with walk-in closet and luxurious master bath, kitchen and breakfast area, three-car garage and more. Base prices, not including the lot, range from $359,475 to $613,480 and are 2,635 to 4,201 square feet. A fully furnished custom model is available for touring at Lyons Ridge at 925 Lyons Ridge Dr. in Cary. Call (847) 516-9277 or visit www.verseman.com.

Mill Creek

Shodeen Homes offers buyers a chance to live at Mill Creek, a master-planned golf course community in Geneva. Mill Creek is one of the largest residential



Lyons Ridge

developments in unincorporated Kane County. It features 127 acres of preserved wetlands, 195 acres of open parks, 15 miles of nature and bike trails and 2,000 single-family and multi-family residences in 15 different neighborhoods. The newest community, the Oakmont, is located directly across the creek from the Mill Creek golf course and features three models that are now open for touring. Oakmont offers buyers a choice of six floor plans, one of which is a ranch. Each floor plan includes three to four bedrooms, two to three-and-a-half baths, attached two- to three-car garages, spacious kitchen, family room, full basement, first- or second-floor laundry room and a sod lawn and landscaping packages. A bonus room or additional bedroom is optional. Home sizes are between 2,103 to 3,675 square feet, and base prices range from $379,430 to $483,010. Call (630) 232-0300 or visit www.shodeenhomes.com.

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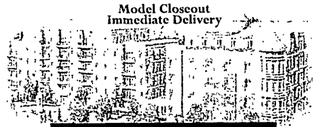

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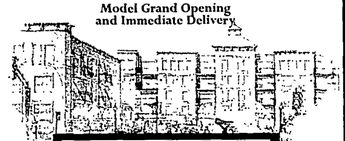

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with the business located at 4001 N. Menard Ave. Chicago, IL 60634. The true name(s) and residence address of the owner(s) is: Krzysztof Lotowski 4001 N. Menard Ave. Chicago, IL 60634.

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AK PAINTING
with the business located at 9356 Landings Ln. #206, Des Plaines, IL 60016. The true name(s) and residence address of the owner(s) is: Adrian Koszczuk, 9356 Landings Ln. #206, Des Plaines, IL 60016.

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SIVA BUSINESS GROUP
with the business located at 4316 N. Spaulding #2, Chicago, IL 60618. The true name(s) and residence address of the owner(s) is: Susan M. Fralick, 4316 N. Spaulding #2, Chicago, IL 60618.

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CHICAGOLAND CARPENTRY
with the business located at 2638 N. Mulligan Ave., Chicago, IL 60639. The true name(s) and residence address of the owner(s) is Jerzy Plata, 2638 N. Mulligan Ave., Chicago, IL 60639.

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MK Construction
with the business located at 701 W. Huntington Commons Rd. Mount Prospect, IL 60056. The true name(s) and residence address of the owner(s) is: Miroslaw Krasuski, 701 W. Huntington Commons Rd. Mount Prospect, IL 60056.

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ASSUMED NAME

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to "An Act in relation to the use of an Assumed Business Name in the conduct or transaction of Business in the State," as amended, that a certification was filed by the undersigned with the County Clerk of Cook County. File No. D08112587 on April 24, 2008. Under the Assumed Name of:
ELITE PAINTING
with the business located at 401 E. Ontario #3009, Chicago, IL 60611. The true name(s) and residence address of the owner(s) is: Dragos A. Pop, 401 E. Ontario #3009, Chicago, IL 60611.

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REDO RENEWAL
with the business located at 7844 N. Octavia Ave. Niles, IL 60714. The true name(s) and residence address of the owner(s) is: Slawomir Redo, 7844 N. Octavia Ave. Niles, IL 60714.

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SLAWEK CONSTRUCTION
with the business located at 6241 W. Montrose, Chicago, IL 60634. The true name(s) and residence address of the owner(s) is: Slawomir Bilak, 6241 W. Montrose, Chicago, IL 60634.

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ASSUMED NAME

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to "An Act in relation to the use of an Assumed Business Name in the conduct or transaction of Business in the State," as amended, that a certification was filed by the undersigned with the County Clerk of Cook County. File No. D08112580 on March 13, 2008. Under the Assumed Name of:
KG MASONRY
with the business located at 5613 W. 88th St. Oak Lawn, IL 60453. The true name(s) and residence address of the owner(s) is Krzysztof P. Galas, 5613 W. 88th St. Oak Lawn 60453.

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ASSUMED NAME

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to "An Act in relation to the use of an Assumed Business Name in the conduct or transaction of Business in the State," as amended, that a certification was filed by the undersigned with the County Clerk of Cook County. File No. D08112516 on April 22, 2008. Under the Assumed Name of:
Arkadia Woodworking
with the business located at 4051 Marmora, Chicago, IL 60634. The true name(s) and residence address of the owner(s) is: Arkadiusz Koziol, 4051 Marmora, Chicago, IL 60634.

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Notice is hereby given, pursuant to "An Act in relation to the use of an Assumed Business Name in the conduct or transaction of Business in the State," as amended, that a certification was filed by the undersigned with the County Clerk of Cook County. File No. D08112519 on April 22, 2008. Under the Assumed Name of:
STER SERVICES
with the business located at 5034 W. Hutchinson, Chicago, IL 60641. The true name(s) and residence address of the owner(s) is: Stanislaw Kozik, 5034 W. Hutchinson, Chicago, IL 60641.

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Notice is hereby given, pursuant to "An Act in relation to the use of an Assumed Business Name in the conduct or transaction of Business in the State," as amended, that a certification was filed by the undersigned with the County Clerk of Cook County. File No. D08112437 on April 17, 2008. Under the Assumed Name of:
ARODLO'S PAINTING
with the business located at 4327 N. Bernard, Chicago, IL 60618. The true name(s) and residence address of the owner(s) is Edwin A. Ramirez Chovarria, 4327 N. Bernard, Chicago, IL 60618.

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UMS GROUP
with the business located at 6225 W. Cornelia, Chicago, IL 60634. The true name(s) and residence address of the owner(s) is Petro Silyarskyy, 6225 W. Cornelia, Chicago, IL 60634.

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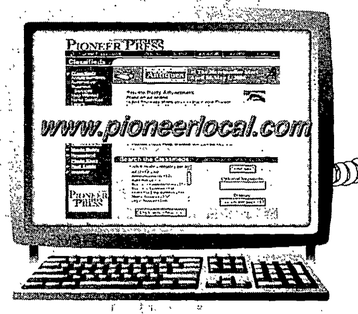

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MIRO CONSTRUCTION
with the business located at 9111 Marion Ave, Morton Grove, IL 60053. The true name(s) and residence address of the owner(s) is: Miroslaw Cygon, 9111 Marion Ave, Morton Grove, IL 60053.

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ASSUMED NAME

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MZ CUSTOM CONSTRUCTION
with the business located at 5704 W. Grace, Chicago, IL 60634. The true name(s) and residence address of the owner(s) is Martin Zemonek, 5704 W. Grace, Chicago, IL 60634.

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Notice is hereby given, pursuant to "An Act in relation to the use of an Assumed Business Name in the conduct or transaction of Business in the State," as amended, that a certification was filed by the undersigned with the County Clerk of Cook County. File No. D08112244 on April 9, 2008. Under the Assumed Name of:
PR CUSTOM CONSTRUCTION
with the business located at 4202 N. Kilpatric Ave., Chicago, IL 60641. The true name(s) and residence address of the owner(s) is Pavel Roedl, 4202 N. Kilpatric Ave., Chicago, IL 60641.

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Notice is hereby given, pursuant to "An Act in relation to the use of an Assumed Business Name in the conduct or transaction of Business in the State," as amended, that a certification was filed by the undersigned with the County Clerk of Cook County. File No. D08112234 on April 9, 2008. Under the Assumed Name of:
HUBERT'S CABINETS BY DESIGNE
with the business located at 5248 N. Mobile, Chicago, IL 60630. The true name(s) and residence address of the owner(s) is Hubert Solek, 5248 N. Mobile, Chicago, IL 60630.

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Notice is hereby given, pursuant to "An Act in relation to the use of an Assumed Business Name in the conduct or transaction of Business in the State," as amended, that a certification was filed by the undersigned with the County Clerk of Cook County. File No. D08112236 on April 9, 2008. Under the Assumed Name of:
GENESIS HOME DAY CARE
with the business located at 5231 S. Mobile Ave., Chicago, IL 60638. The true name(s) and residence address of the owner(s) is Martina Dominguez, 5231 S. Mobile Ave., Chicago, IL 60638.

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ASSUMED NAME

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to "An Act in relation to the use of an Assumed Business Name in the conduct or transaction of Business in the State," as amended, that a certification was filed by the undersigned with the County Clerk of Cook County. File No. D08112279 on April 10, 2008. Under the Assumed Name of:
BALTIC BROTHERS
with the business located at 3310 N. Nordica, Chicago, IL 60634. The true name(s) and residence address of the owner(s) is Wieslaw Mroczkowski, 3310 N. Nordica, Chicago, IL 60634.

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1008- Assumed Name

ASSUMED NAME

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T. I. CONSTRUCTION
with the business located at 6141 W. Rosedale Ave., Chicago, IL 60646. The true name(s) and residence address of the owner(s) is Toros Inoszczuk, 6141 W. Roscoe Ave., Chicago, IL 60646.

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ASSUMED NAME

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to "An Act in relation to the use of an Assumed Business Name in the conduct or transaction of Business in the State," as amended, that a certification was filed by the undersigned with the County Clerk of Cook County. File No. D08112280 on April 10, 2008. Under the Assumed Name of:
A. M. CONSTRUCTION
with the business located at 4821 W. Roscoe Ave., Chicago, IL 60641. The true name(s) and residence address of the owner(s) is Adam Molinko, 4821 W. Roscoe Ave., Chicago, IL 60641.

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Notice is hereby given, pursuant to "An Act in relation to the use of an Assumed Business Name in the conduct or transaction of Business in the State," as amended, that a certification was filed by the undersigned with the County Clerk of Cook County. File No. D08112270 on April 10, 2008. Under the Assumed Name of:
RAMS 1 CONSTRUCTION
with the business located at 3638 N. Odell Ave, Chicago, IL 60634. The true name(s) and residence address of the owner(s) is Dawid Rodziwonowski, 3638 N. Odell Ave, Chicago, IL 60634.

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ASSUMED NAME

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to "An Act in relation to the use of an Assumed Business Name in the conduct or transaction of Business in the State," as amended, that a certification was filed by the undersigned with the County Clerk of Cook County. File No. D08112184 on April 8, 2008. Under the Assumed Name of:
KB MASONRY
with the business located at 2912 N. Newcastle Ave., Chicago, IL 60634. The true name(s) and residence address of the owner(s) is Boguslaw Kolasa, 2912 N. New Castle Ave., Chicago, IL 60634.

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Notice is hereby given, pursuant to "An Act in relation to the use of an Assumed Business Name in the conduct or transaction of Business in the State," as amended, that a certification was filed by the undersigned with the County Clerk of Cook County. File No. D08112241 on April 9, 2008. Under the Assumed Name of:
Albert Dyduch Farmers Insurance Agency
with the business located at 7155 W. Belmont, Chicago, IL 60634. The true name(s) and residence address of the owner(s) is: Wojciech Dyduch, 5514 N. Mango, Chicago, IL 60630.

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Notice is hereby given, pursuant to "An Act in relation to the use of an Assumed Business Name in the conduct or transaction of Business in the State," as amended, that a certification was filed by the undersigned with the County Clerk of Cook County. File No. D08112238 on April 9, 2008. Under the Assumed Name of:
FRESH PAINT MARKET
with the business located at 5306 N. Leamington, Chicago, IL 60630. The true name(s) and residence address of the owner(s) is Pete Marinakos, 5306 N. Leamington, Chicago, IL 60630.

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LTG CONSULTING
with the business located at 4044 N. Kedvale, Chicago, IL 60641. The true name(s) and residence address of the owner(s) is Kelly Egan, 4044 N. Kedvale, Chicago, IL 60641.

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Notice is hereby given, pursuant to "An Act in relation to the use of an Assumed Business Name in the conduct or transaction of Business in the State," as amended, that a certification was filed by the undersigned with the County Clerk of Cook County. File No. D08112104 on April 3, 2008. Under the Assumed Name of:
Cincori.com
with the business located at 7425 N. Ridge Blvd., #2G, Chicago, IL 60645. The true name(s) and residence address of the owner(s) is Joy V. Rigler, 7425 N. Ridge Blvd., #2G, Chicago, IL 60645.

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Notice is hereby given, pursuant to "An Act in relation to the use of an Assumed Business Name in the conduct or transaction of Business in the State," as amended, that a certification was filed by the undersigned with the County Clerk of Cook County. File No. D08112250 on April 9, 2008. Under the Assumed Name of:
Karol's Painting Co
with the business located at 485 Courtesy Ln, Des Plaines, IL 60018. The true name(s) and residence address of the owner(s) is: Karol Krzywinski, 485 Courtesy Ln, Des Plaines, IL 60018.

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1010- Auctions

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is Hereby given that the undersigned intends to sell the personal property described below under the provisions of the Illinois Self Service Facility Act (770 ILCS 95). The sale will be conducted pursuant to the terms and conditions of said Act for the purpose of satisfying an owner's Lien for rent, labor, and other charges specified in the Act.

The sale will be conducted by competitive bid on Wednesday, May 14, 2008 on or after 10:00 AM at Extra Space Storage located at 7540 McCormick Blvd., Skokie, IL. 60076, by Jeff Brown, of Ace Auctioneers, License #4440000172.

Unit # 627, Pro-Force Plumbing: 1990 GMC 1 Ton Pickup VIN # 1GDHR34K9KJ501256
Unit # 630, Waqar Waheed: 1998 4 Door Jaguar XJ8 VIN # SAJHX124XWC852160
Unit # 1014 Janice F. Robinson: 2 chairs, bed set, boxes
Unit # 1023, Maurice I. Henning: bed set, boxes
Unit # 1065, Mandel Gomberg: boxes, bags
Unit # 1159, Howard J. Kramer: boxes, totes
Unit # 1183, Christopher Lockhart: washer/dryer, household items
Unit # 2002, Jeffery Hardy: painting, boxes
Unit # 5009, Pro-Force Plumbing: plumbing supplies
Unit # 5024, Carlos Breno: sofa set, dresser

Purchases must be paid for at time of purchase in cash. Sale subject to cancellation in the event of settlement between owner and obligated party.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Section 4 of the Self-Service Storage Facility Act, State of Illinois, the undersigned will sell at a public sale by competitive bidding on: 5/16/2008 at 4:00 p.m. On the premise where said property has been stored, and which are located at Public Storage FOSTER-RAVENSWOOD SELF-STORAGE LLC, 1800 W. FOSTER AVE., CHICAGO, IL 60651, 773-561-5003. The personal property is described below, in the matters of:

Space #16
Carol Armstrong
Misc. items, boxes, stereo

Space #43
Mahboob Ali
Household items, 27" t.v., air cond.,

Space #707
Jackson Ridge Trust
Misc. office items, vcr

Space #650
Cherlynne Fox
Household items, furniture

Space #219
Grace Baptist Church
All boxes

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1013- Bid Notices

BID NOTICE

Niles Township High Schools, District 219, will receive sealed bids for the purchase and installation of operable panel partitions at Niles North High School up to 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 20, 2008 at the Business Office of District 219, 7700 Gross Point Road, Skokie, IL 60077.

Bids will thereafter be publicly opened and read aloud. Specifications of the project may be obtained from the Business Office at the above address. A pre-bid meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 13, 2008 at 3:30 p.m. at the school.

For further information contact:
Jean Hedstrom,
Purchasing Agent
District 219 - Business Office
847-626-3978

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BID NOTICE

Niles Township High Schools, District 219, will receive sealed bids for the renovation of the baseball/softball fields at Niles West High School up to 10:30 a.m. on Monday, May 12, 2008 at the Business Office of District 219, 7700 Gross Point Road, Skokie, IL 60077.

Bids will thereafter be publicly opened and read aloud. Specifications of items to be supplied may be obtained from the Business Office at the above address.

For further information contact:
Jean Hedstrom,
Purchasing Agent
District 219 - Business Office
847-626-3978

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BID NOTICE

Niles Township High Schools, District 219, will receive sealed bids for the replacement of the field irrigation system at Niles North High School up to 11:30 a.m. on Monday, May 12, 2008 at the Business Office of District 219, 7700 Gross Point Road, Skokie, IL 60077.

Bids will thereafter be publicly opened and read aloud. Specifications of items to be supplied may be obtained from the Business Office at the above address.

For further information contact:
Jean Hedstrom,
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District 219 - Business Office
847-626-3978 .

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BID NOTICE

Niles Township High Schools, District 219, will receive sealed bids for the purchase and installation of weight training equipment up to 11:00 a.m. on Monday, May 12, 2008 at the Business Office of District 219, 7700 Gross Point Road, Skokie, IL 60077.

Bids will thereafter be publicly opened and read aloud. Specifications of items to be supplied may be obtained from the Business Office at the above address.

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1013- Bid Notices

BID NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Education of Fairview School District No. 72, 7040 Laramie Avenue, Skokie, Cook County, Illinois, 60077 will receive sealed, lump sum bids for LOCAL and LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE SERVICES at Fairview South Elementary School.

Bids will be received on or before Tuesday, May 13, 2008 at 11:00 AM at the Fairview School District No. 72 Administrative Offices, 7040 Laramie Avenue, Skokie, IL, 60077. At this time, the Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bid specifications are available at the Administrative Offices on Thursday, May 1, 2008.

The Board of Education of Fairview School District No. 72 reserves the right to reject any or all Bids, to accept Bids in whole or in part, and to waive any irregularities or defects in any Bid. The contract will be awarded, if at all, to the lowest responsible bidder, considering conformity with the Bid Specification, terms of delivery, quality and serviceability and such other factors as determined by the Board of Education. All decisions of the Board of Education shall be considered final. The Board of Education reserves the right to reject a Bid from a bidder who, in the Board of Education's opinion, does not exhibit past experience equal to the size and scope of this project or who does not submit per the Bid Specifications.

Jeffrey Brill
Secretary, Board of Education

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BID NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT sealed bids for Fire Hydrant Replacement will be received by the Village of Lincolnwood until 10:00 A.M., local time on Thursday, May 29, 2008 at the Lincolnwood Village Hall located at 6900 N. Lincoln Avenue, Lincolnwood, Illinois 60712 at which time they will be opened and read. Bids received after such time will be returned unopened. Bid packets may be examined or obtained at Lincolnwood Village Hall, 6900 N. Lincoln Ave, Lincolnwood, Illinois 60712. The Village of Lincolnwood reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any irregularities and informalities.

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BID NOTICE

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Specification and Contract Document Number: 2008-02-18 For

Pre Press, Printing, Collating and Binding of Skokie Newsletter

Proposal Due Date & Time: Tuesday, May 13, 2008 @ 3:00 p.m.

Number of Copies: Please submit one (1) original and three (3) copies of proposal

PLEASE MARK THE RETURN ENVELOPES
1. Proposal Due Date and Time
2. Title of Job: As shown above
3. Specification Number
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Village of Skokie
5127 W. Oakton Street
Skokie, Illinois 60077
ATTN : Michael Aleksic, CPPB
Purchasing Agent
Telephone : (847)933-8240
Fax : 847-568-8839 e-mail: Michael.Aleksic@skokie.org

PROPOSALS SUBMITTED BY FACSIMILE OR E-MAIL WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

TO BE HELD AT:
THE LOCK UP
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3850 W. Devon Ave
Lincolnwood, IL 60712
DATE: May 20, 2008
BEGINS AT: 10:00 a.m.
CONDITIONS: All units will be sold to the highest bidder. Bids taken only for each unit in its entirety. Payment must be made by certified check or money order only. No personal checks or cash accepted. All goods must be removed from the unit within 24 hours. Payment due immediately upon acceptance of bid. Unit availability subject to prior settlement of account.

Unit #1245
Debra Kovie
Bamboo shade, china cabinet, shelves, mirror, entertainment center, printer, other misc. items

Unit #1329
Bernadette Mancher
Night stand, tables, chairs, boxes, plastic bin, stroller, carpet, speaker, wooden stand, other misc. items

Unit #3266
Richard Wildman
Mattress, tv's, table, lamp, plastic bag, night stand, coat rack, statue, cd's, pots, boxes, other misc. items

Unit #4125
Stephanie Oudek
Mattress, lawn mower, barbeque grill, ladders, chair, lots of boxes, plastic bins, candle holder

Unit #4136
Ishaq Tunio
Chairs, computer parts, boxes, cabinet, shelves, other misc. items

Unit #4258
Thomas Strope
Lots of boxes, ladder, table, chair, computer part, shelves, trunk, cd's, discs, lots of misc. items

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PUBLIC LIEN SALE

That on 6/2/2008, a sale will be held at 3:00 p.m. at: Equitable Services Inc., 7475 N. Rogers, Chicago, IL 60626. All bids to be in writing, to sell the following articles to enforce a lien existing under the laws of the State of Illinois against such articles for labor, services, skills or material expended upon or storage furnished for such articles at the request of the following designated person(s), unless such articles are redeemed within thirty (30) days of the publication of this notice.

NAME OF PERSON(S)
Michael Grubbs
Chicago Patrolmen's FCU

DESCRIPTION OF ARTICLE
2002 Cadillac Escalade
1GYEK63N52R163942

AMOUNT: $15425.00

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PUBLIC LIEN SALE

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DESCRIPTION OF ARTICLE
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1060- Plan Commission & ZoningHearings

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held on Tuesday, May 22, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at the Park Ridge City Hall, 505 Butler Place, Park Ridge, Illinois, when the following matter will be considered:

ZONING CASE NUMBER
V-08-08

Application for a Variance to allow the Construction of a detached two car garage and rear deck to encroach into reverse corner side yard at 270 Dakton Street. Conflicting with Section 7.3, table 3, pag. 4 of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Park Ridge, on the property known as: 270 Oakton Street.

THE PROPERTY OTHERWISE KNOWN AS:
Commencing at the northwest corner of Lot 1 of owners partition of the west half of the northwest quarter of: Section 27, Township 41, North Range 12, east of the third principal meridian, according to map thereof recorded April 13, 1905 as document number 3679264 and running thence south on the east line of premises above described, a distance of 174.04 feet; thence west on a line parallel with the north line of said Lot 1, 75 feet; thence north on a line parallel with the east line of said Lot 1, 174.04 feet to the north of said Lot 1. The east 33 feet of the north 174.04 feet thereof; the north line of said Lot 1, 75 feet to the place of beginning, (excepting from said Lot 1, the east 33 feet of the north 174.04 feet thereof, the north line of said Lot 1, being the north line of the west half of the northwest quarter of said section 27), in Cook County, Illinois.

All persons interested in the above described matter are invited to attend and will be heard.

Ann Tennes, Chairman
Zoning Board of Appeal

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held on Thursday, May 22, 2008 at 7:30 P.M. in the City Council Chambers of the Park Ridge City Hall, 505 Butler Place, Park Ridge, Illinois, when the following matter will be considered:

ZONING CASE NUMBER:
V - 08-07

Application for a Variance to allow the construction of a second floor addition that will encroach into the reverse corner side yard setback.

Conflicting with Section 7.3 Table 3 of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Park Ridge, Illinois on the property known as: 235 S Dee Road Park Ridge, Illinois.

THE PROPERTY OTHERWISE KNOWN AS:
235 S. Dee Road

All persons interested in the above described matter are invited to attend and will be heard.

Ann Tennes, Chairman
Zoning Board of Appeals

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PUBLIC HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE - THE MORTON GROVE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS hearing scheduled for MONDAY, MAY 19, 2008 is hereby cancelled due to a lack of business to be conducted before the Board.

Ronald Farkas, Chairman

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1060- Plan Commission & ZoningHearings

PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing will be held by the Sign Appearance Review Board of the Village of Lincolnwood, Cook County, Illinois on the 19th day of May, 2007, at the hour of 7:00 p.m. in the Lincolnwood Village Hall, 6900 North Lincoln Avenue, Lincolnwood, Illinois for the purpose of considering the following:

1. Request by Petitioner, Brian Lane, representing Oberweis Dairy Inc. for a Variation in the B-1, Traditional Business District under Article 2, Section 12-2-9, (B), of the Village of Lincolnwood Sign Code to increase the number of allowed wall signs per street frontage for the west building facade. LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Lots 97, 98, 99 And 100 (Except The Southwesterly 17 Feet Of Said Lots Taken For Lincoln Avenue), In Proesel's Lincoln Avenue Subdivision, A Subdivision Of Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 20, 21 And 22 In John Proesel's Estate Partition, A Subdivision Of The South Half Of The Southwest Quarter Of Section 35, Township 41 North, Range 13, East Of The Third Principal Meridian, In Cook County Illinois. for the property commonly known as 6469 Lincoln Avenue, Lincolnwood, Illinois.

All persons interested in the foregoing matters are requested to appear at said Public Hearing and will be given an opportunity to be heard.

S.J. Malkin, Chairman
SIGN APPEARANCE REVIEW BOARD
VILLAGE OF LINCOLNWOOD
Dated: 04-29-08

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PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held on Thursday, May 22nd. at 7:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers of the Park Ridge City Hall, 505 Butler Place, Park Ridge, Illinois, when the following matter will be considered:

ZONING CASE NUMBER:
V-08-06

Application for a Variance to allow the front setback for a second floor addition to be 26.12 Ft. instead of required 29.32 Ft. conflicting with Section 7.3 table 3 of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Park Ridge, on the property known as: 1324 S. Grove Ave., Park Ridge , IL 60068

Lot 3 (except the Northerly 10 Feet thereof) and Lot 4 in Block 5 in the Resubdivision of Block 6 and Lots 10 to 19, in Block 5 of Foote and Lockwood's Subdivision of that part of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 1, Township 40 North, Range 12, East of the Third Principal Meridian, lying West of the Old Canfield Road (now called Ridgelawn Avenue) and North of the Tanners Road, in Cook County, Illinois

THE PROPERTY OTHERWISE KNOWN AS:

1324 S.GROVE AVE.,
PARK RIDGE, IL 60068

All persons interested in the above described matter are invited to attend and will be heard.

Ann Tennes, Chairman
Zoning Board of Appeals

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PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held on Thursday, May 22 at 7:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers of the Park Ridge City Hall, 505 Butler Place, Park Ridge, Illinois, when the following matter will be considered:

ZONING CASE NUMBER:
V-08-06

Application for a Variance to allow the construction of a second floor addition which encroaches .05 feet into the north side yard and .29 feet into the minimum front yard conflicting with Section 7.3, Table 3 of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Park Ridge, on the property known as:

320 N. Merrill Street
Park Ridge, IL 60068

THE PROPERTY OTHERWISE KNOWN AS:
Lot 10 in block 7 In Arthur T. Mc Intosh & Company's home addition To Park Ridge, being a subdivision of the west ½ of the southwest ¼ of section 25, township 41 north, range 12 east of the third principal meridian, (except the north 350 feet thereof) in Cook County, Illinois.

All persons interested in the above described matter are invited to attend and will be heard.

Ann Tennes, Chairman
Zoning Board of Appeals

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PUBLIC HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE - THE MORTON GROVE PLAN COMMISSION will hold a public hearing on MONDAY, MAY 19, 2008 7:30 p.m. in the Board of Trustees Chambers, Richard T. Flickinger Municipal Center, 6101 Capulina Avenue, Morton Grove, Illinois to consider the following case:

CASE PC08-03
Requesting a Special Use Permit for an antenna installation on the ComEd tower located in the 9600 block of Austin Avenue. The applicant is Block & Veatch, 7600 S. County Line Road, Burr Ridge, Illinois 60527, agent for Verizon Wireless.

All persons in attendance at the hearing shall have the opportunity to be heard. Any person who also wishes to appear as an interested party with the right to cross-examine others at the hearing, must complete and file an appearance with the Village of Morton Grove at 6101 Capulina Avenue, Morton Grove, Illinois 60053, by no later than three (3) business days before the date of the hearing. Hearing appearance forms are available upon request.

All interested parties are invited to attend and be heard.

Ronald Farkas, Chairman

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1062- Probate

STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS PROBATE DIVISION

In the matter of the estate of MARIE O. HARLE, Deceased

Case No. 2007 P 844
PUBLICATION NOTICE

Notice is hereby given of the death of MARIE O. HARLE of Palatine, Illinois. Letters of office were issued on 4/25/2007 to Anthony J. Arrigo, 701 C. Burr Oak Lane, Prospect Heights, IL 60070 whose attorney is THOMAS J. KOLODZ, 835 N. Sterling Ave, Suite 215, Palatine, IL 60067 (847) 358-0041.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court in Room 1202, Richard J Daley Center, Chicago, Illinois 60602 or with the representative, or both, on or before October 20th, 2008, which date is not less than 6 months from the date of the first publication of this notice and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of this claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it is filed.

/s/ Thomas J. Kolodz
Attorney

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PUBLIC NOTICE
SKOKIE SCHOOL DISTRICT 73½
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETINGS
FOR THE 2008-09 SCHOOL YEAR

JULY 8, 2008	
AUGUST 5, 2008	(HELD FIRST TUESDAY IN MONTH INSTEAD OF SECOND) (TENTATIVE BUDGET MUST BE APPROVED 30 DAYS PRIOR TO PUBLIC HEARING)
SEPTEMBER 9, 2008	(PUBLIC HEARING FOR FISCAL BUDGET '08) MEETING HELD @ MEYER
OCTOBER 14, 2008	
NOVEMBER 6, 2008	(MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY; TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, ELECTION DAY) (TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11, VETERANS DAY)
DECEMBER 9, 2008	(PUBLIC HEARING FOR LEVY)
JANUARY 13, 2009	
FEBRUARY 10, 2009	
MARCH 10, 2009	
APRIL 14, 2009	
MAY 12, 2009	
JUNE 9, 2009	

Meetings are held the second Tuesday of every month (unless noted) at McCracken Middle School, 8000 East Prairie Road, Skokie, Illinois 60076
If you have any questions regarding these dates or if you need any special accommodations for a meeting, please contact the Office of the Superintendent at 847.676.8237.
Approved by the Board of Education April 8, 2008

MEMBERS OF THE SKOKIE SCHOOL DISTRICT 73½ BOARD OF EDUCATION
Bob Quane, President; Beth Allen, Vice President; Andrea Rosen, Secretary; Karen Barr, Member; James McNelis, Member; Brian Montgomery, Member; Jennifer Polakoff, Member

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1062- Probate

STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF COOK COUNTY,
ILLINOIS
PROBATE DIVISION

In the matter of the estate of DANIEL B. O'LEARY, Deceased

Case No. 2008 P 1996
PUBLICATION NOTICE

Notice is hereby given of the death of DANIEL B. O'LEARY of Chicago, Illinois. Letters of office were issued on April 16, 2008, to EDWIN R. NIEMIRA, 1110 N. Ashland Ave., Chicago, IL 60622 whose attorney is EDWIN R. NIEMIRA, P.C., 1110 N. Ashland Ave., Chicago, IL 60622. 773-276-1322.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk on or before October 27, 2008, which date is not less than 6 months from the date of the first publication of this notice and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of any claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it is filed.

/s/ Edwin R. Niemira
(Representative)

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1066- Public Notices

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

ACA DEVELOPMENT,
Plaintiff
v.

ZURICH AMERICAN, et al.,
Defendants

No. 06 CH 19668
ORDER

This matter coming before the court for status on discovery and Kamberos' motion to dismiss. The Court being duly advised of the premises does order:
1. That this matter is continued for status on discovery and Kamberos' motion to dismiss to June 16, 2008 at 10:00AM in Room 2402.
2. That Kamberos has fourteen (14) days to answer outstanding discovery.
3. That counsel for Kamberos must appear on June 16, 2008.

Atty. No: 40621
Name: Judy Maldonado
Atty. for: Plaintiff
2835 N. Sheffield #232
Chicago, IL 60657
773-880-2414

Entered: Judge Rita M. Novak
4/14/2008
Circuit Court- 1741

Dorothy Brown Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County Illinois.

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Notice of Public Hearing
Village of Morton Grove

RE: State of Illinois Paratransit Vehicle Grant for the Village of Morton Grove

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by: Village of Morton Grove

Date: May 20, 2008
Time: 1:00pm
Place: American Legion Memorial Civic Center
6140 Dempster St.
Morton Grove, Illinois 60053
Room: 2nd Floor, Library

I. For the purpose of considering a project for which financial assistance is being sought from the Illinois Department of Transportation, pursuant to the Illinois Department of Transportation's general authority to make such Grants, and which is generally described as follows:

Description of Project

The Village of Morton Grove, Illinois is, through the Federal Transportation Authority, Section 5210, and the Illinois Department of Transportation Division of Public and Intermodal Transportation, a grant for the procurement of a 14-seat, medium duty, paratransit vehicle to transport its senior and disabled citizens. Funding for maintenance of the Village's Seniortran transportation program are provided through the Village's General Fund.

This project will be included in a Consolidated Vehicle Procurement Program undertaken by the State of Illinois on behalf of the Village of Morton Grove, with State and Federal Funds.

B. Relocation Relocation Assistance will not be required.

C. Environment This project is being implemented to minimize environmental impact.

D. Comprehensive Planning This project is in conformance with comprehensive transportation planning in the area.

E. Elderly and Disabled All new equipment included in this project will meet ADA accessibility rules for the elderly and persons with disabilities.

II. At the hearing the Village of Morton Grove will afford an opportunity for interested persons or agencies to be heard with respect to the social, economic and environmental aspects of the project. Interested persons may submit orally or in writing, evidence and recommendations with respect to said project.

III. A copy of the application for a state grant for the proposed project for the intended service area will be made available for public inspection at the American Legion Memorial Civic Center, 6140 Dempster St., Morton Grove, Illinois, 60053.

Jacqueline Walker-O'Keefe,
Director
Department of Family & Senior Services
Village of Morton Grove
6140 Dempster St.
Morton Grove, Illinois 60053
(847 470-5219

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PUBLIC NOTICE

A public hearing on the annual appropriation ordinance for the Centre East Metropolitan Exposition, Auditorium and Office Building Authority for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 2008 and ending April 30, 2009 will be held on Monday, May 12, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. in the second floor conference room of the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts in Skokie, 9501 Skokie Boulevard, Skokie, Illinois. The adoption of the appropriation ordinance will be considered thereafter. A draft of the appropriation ordinance is available for viewing at the above address.

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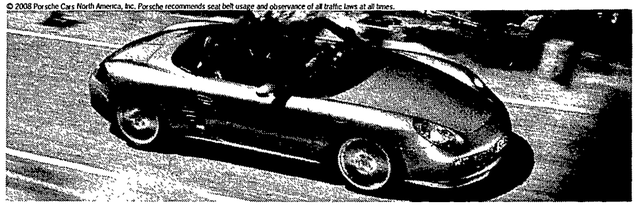

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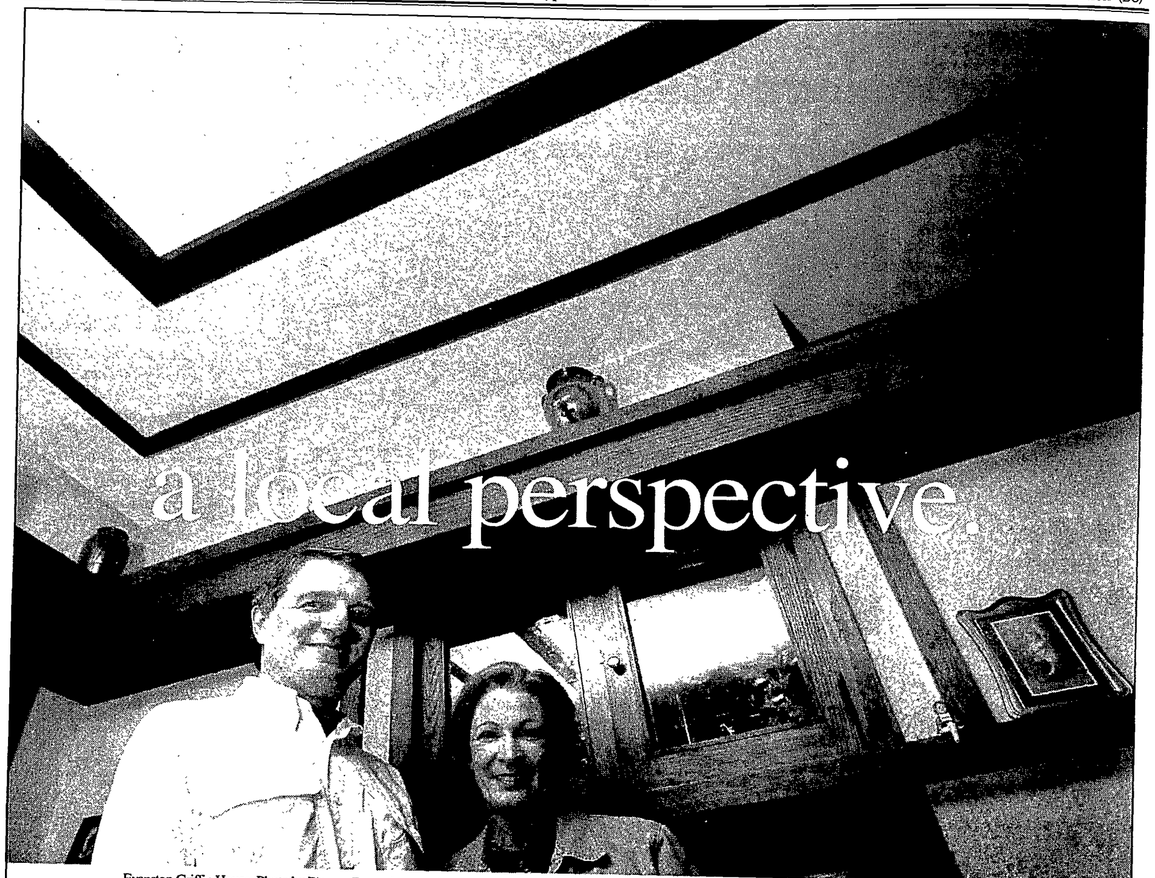

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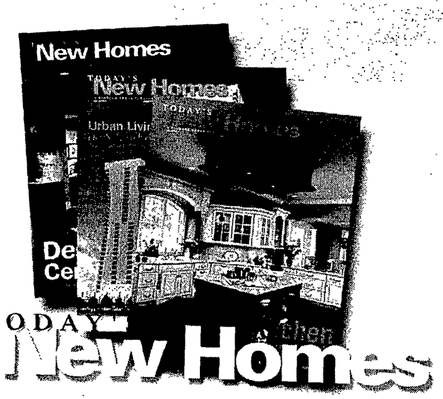

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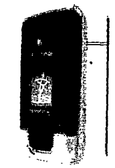

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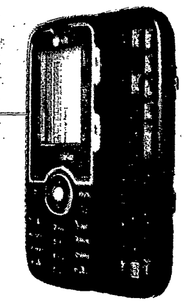

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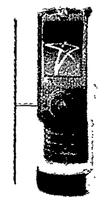

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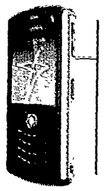

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Story by Andrew Schneider
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Next installment May 22: "No man's land."

Fine dining mainstays a draw for decades

While thousands of people every day breeze past them on Oakton Street, two high-class restaurants have, for decades, consistently attracted customers off the street and through their doors.

Riggio's Ristorante & Pizzeria 7530 W. Oakton, Niles

Hours: 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 11 a.m. to midnight Friday and Saturday; 1 to 10 p.m. Sunday.

Riggio's has drawn neighborhood residents for more than 50 years with its mix of pizza, spaghetti and fancier regional Italian cuisine. And though Mama and Papa Riggio aren't around any more, Tony Riggio and his wife Trish carry on their legacy.

In 1952 Adreana Riggio and her husband Pasquale, together with their two sons and two daughters opened a restaurant in Chicago. They expanded to Niles in 1957.

"I was in the Army at the time," Riggio said. "Mom was nosing around for another spot and found the Niles one. She liked the location, Milwaukee and Oakton."

Originally, the restaurant served old stand-bys like pizza and spaghetti, but in 1983 the Riggios went to Livorno, Italy to study with a cousin. When they came back, Trish, who Riggio describes as a fantastic French chef, was ready to expand the menu to regional Italian cuisine. Living across the street from Mama and Papa Riggio also gave her a chance to practice.

"We lived across the street from my mother for 30 years," Riggio said. "They got together."

While he couldn't pick out one dish that's his favorite, Riggio recommended the lasagna and the osso bucco, a veal shank served with vegetables.

If customer loyalty is any indicator, Riggio's is one of those Oakton institutions that isn't going anywhere.

"We've got regulars that go back years," Riggio said.

One of their most famous customers is Hillary Rodham Clinton, who Riggio said visited the restaurant as a teenager. But even those who aren't famous are loyal. Former customers who have moved to other parts of the country still call, asking Riggio to ship a pizza or two. The restaurant ships about five pizzas out of the state each year.

"One guy called from Wyoming," Riggio said. "He said, my kids don't know what pizza is. He asked us to ship 20 pizzas."

They sent him some pizza.

JOEL LERNER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Tony Riggio (center) tries to entice 11-year-old Julie Nickele (left) of Park Ridge and her grandmother Vickie Nickele to try dessert at Riggio's in Niles.

"On a Thursday night we'll have people here from all over the world."

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Dance partners Joe Cavallaro (left) of Des Plaines and Connie Grant of Buffalo Grove enjoy the music played by The Boys in the Band Saturday night at The Black Ram in Des Plaines.

Black Ram 1414 Oakton, Des Plaines

Hours: 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Friday; 4 to 11 p.m. Saturday; 1 to 9 p.m. Sunday.

Set in a modest, one-story building in Des Plaines, the Black Ram has drawn people from the neighborhood and nearby suburbs for 39 years. But its proximity to Rosemont means that it's not uncommon to serve an out-of-town guest.

"On a Thursday night we'll have people here from all over the world," said John Liapes, a member of the family that owns the Black Ram. "They come from Belgium, Germany, Australia and are in town for some convention."

You can juxtapose that, Liapes says, with people from the more immediate vicinity, some of whom have been coming in for 20 years or have just found the place.

"We had a couple come in on a Saturday night and they'd never heard of us," Liapes said. "When they pushed open the door, they said that they never thought a place like this would be on Oakton Street."

The restaurant is known for its steaks and seafood, especially their Kansas City steak and their macadamia nut-crusted halibut. But customers come for the atmosphere as much as for the food: On Saturdays the Black Ram has live music and dancing while businessmen dominate the restaurant during weekday lunches.

"We're very blessed to have a loyal clientele," Liapes said. "It's a generational thing, we had parents coming in and now we have their kids."

And Liapes bets there are still a lot of people who don't know that the restaurant exists.

"It's kind of a sleeper," Liapes said. "That's really the story of the restaurant."

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BENEFITS

An evening of dining and dancing, along with live and silent auctions, will be part of Gala 2008, the annual benefit for Norwood Life Care Foundation. The event will be May 3 at Park Ridge Country Club, 636 N. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge. WGN Radio 720 personality Orion Samuelson will master of ceremonies. Reception will begin at 6 p.m. followed by a four-course dinner at 7 p.m., and dancing to Joe Lill's Six of One Orchestra and the live auction. Deerfield resident and 40-year volunteer Judy Nelson, will be honored with the Dr. Larsandrew Dolan Award. Proceeds will benefit the renovation and repositioning of the Norwood Crossing campus. Tickets are $200 per person. For more information or reservations call Kara Mollison, (773) 577-5367.

Rush North Shore Medical Center on May 10 will host its 7th Annual Spring Gala celebrating the hospital's 45th anniversary. Guests will enjoy appetizers and cocktails, dinner, silent and live auctions, and a car raffle to win a 2008 convertible Porsche Boxster in macadamia metallic. The reception begins at 7 p.m. and dinner starts at 8 p.m. at the Ritz-Carlton Chicago, at Water Tower Place, 160 E. Pearson. Tickets cost $300 per person. For tickets call Erin Collins, (847) 933-6885.

CLASSES

Secretary of State Jesse White, in cooperation with the Niles Senior Center, is offering a free Rules of the Road Review Course for all citizens in the Niles area. The course will be from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. May 5 at Niles Senior Center, 999 Civic Center Drive. It will help participants pass the Illinois drivers-license renewal examination, preparing applicants for the general written and road examinations and also provide information on the vision screening. For more information call the center, (847) 588-8420.

CLUBS

Les Bavards, a monthly francophone dinner group, will meet again at 6:30 p.m. May 7 for dinner and conversation at a restaurant in Des Plaines to practice using the language in an informal setting. Participants, including a few native speakers, have various levels of proficiency in speaking French. Participants must have the ability to carry on general conversations in French. No membership is required. For full details, e-mail lesbavards@yahoo.com or call (847) 720-4502 by the preceding Monday evening.

National Council for Geocosmic Research, Inc., will meet at 6:30 p.m. May 6 at the Dance Building, 1330 Webford St., Des Plaines. Harriet Sheeley will lecture on "The Sabian Symbols" at 7:30 p.m. Astrologers of all levels are welcome. Members pay $8; nonmembers, $10. For information and directions go to http://geocosmic.org.whsites.net/chapters/ and select Northern Illinois, or contact the chapter president, Judy Johnson, at (630) 303-3187.

COMMUNITY

St. Andrew Life Center, 7000 N. Newark Ave., Niles, will celebrate Polish Constitution Day and host its annual Spring Open House from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. May 3. All are welcome to enjoy the free festival, which will include authentic snacks and treats, Polish music and dance, sing-alongs, tours and raffles. Plenty of free parking is also available. For more information call (847) 647-8332.

FUND-RAISERS

The Niles Fire Department will sponsor "Fill the Boot Days" May 2 and 3 in Niles. Firefighters, members of Explorers Post 28 and Village of Niles employees, will be out at several main intersections during peak traffic hours to collect donations for The Illinois Fire Safety Alliance programs, including burn camp, known as "Camp I Am Me" and St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. For questions, call Firefighter Jim Leibach or Bernadette Knapik-Fish at (847) 588-6800.

For the sixth year in a row, police officers from Niles, Deerfield, Mundelein and other police departments throughout Illinois will head to Dunkin' Donuts rooftops on May 9 to heighten awareness and raise donations for the annual Law Enforcement Torch Run to benefit Special Olympics Illinois. Beginning at 5 a.m. until 2 p.m., rain or shine, police officers will stake themselves atop Dunkin' Donuts stores at locations including 7039 Dempster St. and 7525 N. Harlem Ave. in Niles. In return for the police officers doing time at their stores, Dunkin' Donuts will donate $10,000 to the Torch Run Fund. In addition, everyone who visits a "Cop on Top" store that day and makes a donation to the Torch Run will receive a free donut. Persons who donate at least $20 will receive a Law Enforcement Torch Run travel mug and coupon for free coffee. Other items, such as Torch Run T-shirts and hats, will be sold for varying donations. Each year, more than 3,000 officers cover 1,500 miles carrying the Flame of Hope through the streets of their hometowns and to the State Summer Games in Normal in June. Last year, the Torch Run raised more than $2 million for Special Olympics Illinois. Visit www.soill.org.

Ken Lee, past grand knight of the North American Martyrs, Knights of Columbus Council 4338, announces that the effort to provide assistance to a missionary priest in Uganda, Africa, is nearly complete. The Ugandan Bishop had placed an urgent request for a motorcycle to ease this priest's movements in the 41 parishes where he operates. The council raised funds for this purpose but now finds itself within $1,000 of the total needed. If the money is secured by early May a check for the total amount can be given to a local representative planning to travel to Africa in late May. Donations in any amount may be sent to: KC Council 4338, African Assistance, Care of St. John Brebeuf Parish, 8307 N. Harlem Ave., Niles IL., 60714.

The Niles Baseball League Board of Directors will celebrate the league's 50th birthday at a Golden Anniversary Dinner Dance for the community. The event will be June 27 at Chateau Ritz. Contact Bob Nuccio, (847) 967-1955, or Joe and Mary Krueger, (847) 647-0462. The Niles Baseball League is planning to publish an ad book to offset the expenses of anniversary events. All advertisements must be submitted by May 1. To purchase an advertisement contact John Zuckerman, (847) 966-9448.

HEALTH

Advocate Lutheran General Hospital and the American Red Cross offer an Infant/Child CPR Course. The five-hour course teaches participants how to recognize and care for breathing and cardiac emergencies in infants and children. It also includes information on how to prevent injuries to infants and children at home and in play areas. The next course will be from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. May 3 at Advocate Lutheran General Hospital, 1775 Dempster St., Park Ridge. Another session will be May 18. The fee is $50. Call 1-800-323-8622, or go to www.advocatehealth.com to register. The code for this class is 8C16.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Niles Historical Museum will host a Butterly High Tea. Mark your calendars, call your friends, don your spring hat and gloves, and join them from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. June 28 and June 29, for an afternoon of tea and socializing at the museum, 8970 Milwaukee Ave. Admission is $12.

LIBRARY

Niles Public Library, 6960 Oakton St., (847) 663-1234, www.nilespublibrary.org.

Meet popular author Elizabeth Berg, author of *The Day I Ate Whatever I Wanted: And Other Small Acts of Liberation*, a book of short stories, at 7:30 p.m. May 6. Berg is the author of 10 national best-selling novels, including *Open House*, the Oprah's Book Club selection in 2000. Her fiction is known for its strong women characters, who deal with challenging circumstances in a changing world. Her books will be available purchase and signing. Register in advance at (847) 663-1234.

Free Comic Book Day is an annual event organized by the North American Comic Book industry to help bring new readers into independent comic book stores. Orbitron Comics in Niles is donating the free books available to all library visitors on May 3.

Enjoy the popular film, "Dan in Real Life," a comedy with Steve Carell and Juliette Binoche (PG-13) on May 3 at 2 p.m. Carell plays advice columnist Dan Burns, who finally finds the right girl, but she also happens to be his brother's girlfriend.

Rise and Shine Storytime will be at 10 a.m. today (May 1), and will include stories, songs, fingerplays and fun for ages 2 to 6 with a parent or caregiver. Drop in any Thursday year-round when the library is open. Registration is required.

The Go Club for ages 6 to 12 will be at 2 p.m. May 3. Participants will learn the ancient game of strategy that teaches concentration, balance and discipline, as two players alternate placing white and black stones on a large ruled board with the goal of staking out and protecting oneself. On a drop-in basis the Go Club usually meets the first and third Saturdays of each month.

PARENTING

Park Ridge/Edison Park PACES will discuss how to evaluate health-related Web sites at its parent education meeting at 9:30 a.m. today, May 1, at the Edison Park Lutheran Church, 6626 N. Oliphant Ave., Chicago. Kathryn Smart, coordinator of the Children's Health Resource Center at Advocate Lutheran General Children's Hospital, will

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Food

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Tequila dresses up for drinks, dinner

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A grand, black mustachio, a huge sombrero, a bandoleer hugging a broad chest as the mysterious *bandito* downs shot after shot of tequila, not even pausing for salt and lime. It's a hard liquor that can conjure such an image of macho adventure.

On the other hand, there's the dainty margarita: In pastel green, a sparkling tiara of salt, it's fragrant with fruit and... tequila.

"It's the mixed drinks that drive the spirit," said Peter Hirschel, spirits specialist at Sam's Wine and Spirits in Highland Park.

Some 15 to 20 years ago, tequila, "was considered a poor man's drink." Emphasis on man.

"It was sharp tasting, very harsh," Hirschel said.

Then tequila manufacturers began taking lessons from the wine industry and from the folks who make fine cognacs. They learned to age their product, which "took the rough edges off," said Hirschel.

Over the last two decades, tequila's become a valuable commodity, in and out of margaritas. According to a January, 2008 report of the Distilled Spirits Council of the U.S., in 2007, tequila represented 15 percent of spirits sales, and its sales volume grew by 10.5 percent.

Improved taste works.

The industry has had its growing pains. At one point, a scarcity of maguey plants, the liquor's basic ingredient, led to a rash of "cactus rustling. People were stealing the plants."

It's left home, too. Though it will always be a Mexican drink, named for a town just west of Guadalajara in the state of Jalisco, tequila is now made in Taiwan, China, Ukraine and the U.S. The biggest producers are still in Mexico and the U.S.

The process that gave rise to modern tequila came most likely from the Spanish conquistadors. When their supplies of European liquor ran out, they began distilling the mezcal, an alcoholic drink that's a direct ancestor of tequila. According to Ian Chadwick, the Canadian writer of "In Search of the Blue Agave" Web site, www.ianchadwick.com/tequila, that could have been about 1535.

Mezcal has been used by New World occupants for food and fiber for at least 9,000 years and is still a popular Mexican brew. Tequila is a type of mezcal. Both begin with a mash of the pinas, the pineapple-like base of the agave plant, a relation of the lily and amaryillis. While some 136 species of the plant grow in Mexico, "the best tequila is made from 100 percent blue agave," said Hirschel.

Old gold

And the best of those blue agaves are, like the liquor, well-aged. "Some manufacturers don't even cut their plants until they're 10 years old. A lot of things mellow with age," said Hirschel.

Today's tequila developed in the 19th century, and is now available in four distinct styles.

■ *Blanco* is unaged and clear, and goes well with fruits, as in margaritas.

■ *Reposado*, a well-rested, pale gold variety, ages in oak for two to 12 months and works best in heavy, spiced drinks like the Bloody Maria, a tequila version of Bloody Mary.

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Spirits Specialist Peter Hirschel, of Sam's Liquors in Highland Park, shows off the vast array of tequilas he has available.

■ *Anejo*, the old one, is a dark gold because it sits in oak for one to three years, growing smoother and more complex, and can stand on its own.

■ Extra-aged tequilas, also dark gold, are elder statesmen, matured at least three years in oak and are too good to mix.

Tequila has also found a place in the kitchen. Most commonly used as an ingredient in marinades for meats, seafood and chicken, it can flavor ceviche, the citrus-seafood cocktails, or it can flambe foods or simply deglaze a pan in the process of becoming a fragrant, peppery sauce.

"It's a different taste because it's got a different base than scotch or bourbon," said Hirschel.

That taste is still finding its way into food recipes, but in mixed drinks, it's doing quite well, thank you, and no surprise, he adds. "It's those mixed drinks that are so much more enjoyable."

Grilled Texas Wild American Shrimp

Wild American shrimp, caught off the Texas and South Atlantic coasts, are a good source of protein and cardio-protective omega-3 fatty acids. For more information, see www.wildamericanshrimp.com.

1/4 C vegetable oil
1/4 C tequila
1/4 C red wine vinegar
2 T Mexican lime juice
1 T ground red chiles
1/2 tsp. salt
2 cloves garlic, finely chopped

Grilled Texas Wild American Shrimp

1 red bell pepper, finely chopped
24 large raw shrimp, peeled and de-veined, tails left on

Mix all ingredients except shrimp in shallow glass or plastic dish. Stir in shrimp. Cover and refrigerate 1 hour. Remove shrimp from marinade, reserving liquid. Thread 4 shrimp on each of six 8-inch metal skewers. Grill over medium coals, turning once, until pink, 2 minutes to 3 minutes on each side.

In a non-reactive saucepan, bring marinade to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer, uncovered, until bell pepper is tender, about 5 minutes. Serve with shrimp.

Makes 6 servings.

Summertime Margaritas

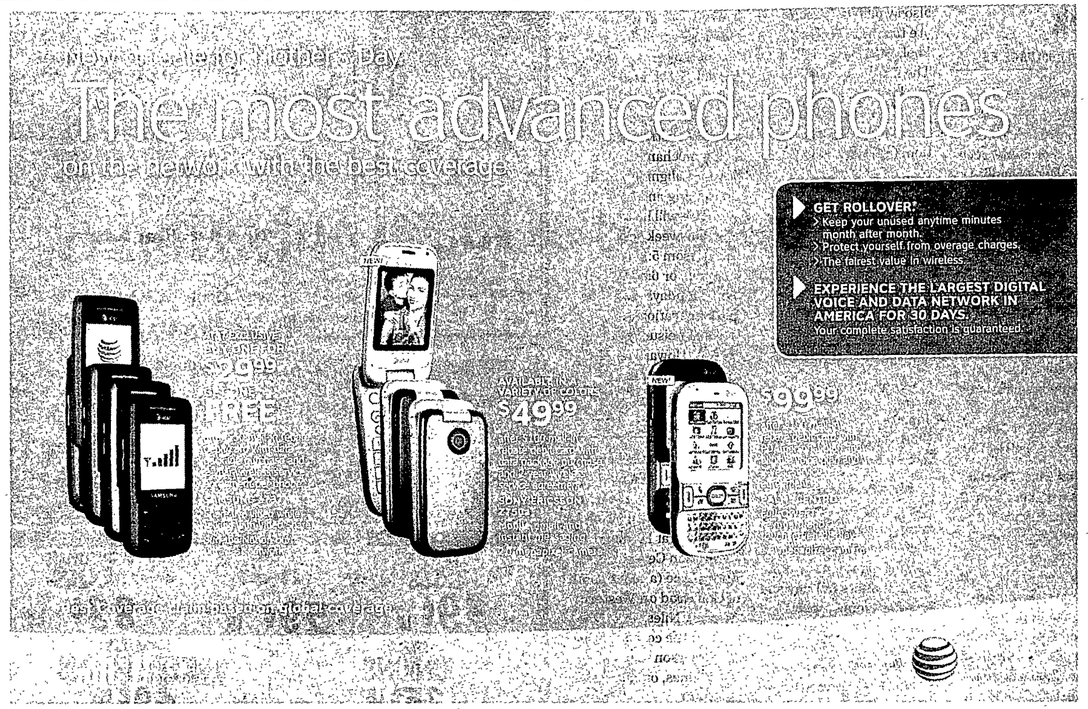
In *Chicago Cooks* (Surrey Books), Karen Levin of Highland Park, a food consultant and long-time member of Les Dames d'Escoffier Chicago, notes that her recipe can easily be doubled to serve a crowd.

8 thin lime wedges
Coarse (kosher) salt
1 1/2 C premium or gold tequila
1 1/3 C frozen limeade concentrate
2/3 C triple sec, Cointreau or Grand Marnier liqueur
6 T fresh lime juice

Rub the rims of 8 glasses with one of the lime wedges. Place a layer of salt on a small plate. Dip the lime-coated glasses in the salt to lightly coat the rims.

Combine the remaining ingredients in a large pitcher, mixing until the concentrate thaws. Serve over ice in the salt-rimmed glasses, or shake with ice cubes and strain into glasses. Garnish each margarita with a lime wedge.

Makes 8 servings.



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discuss simple standards that enable parents to evaluate whether a health Web site is credible, accurate and user-friendly. Using an online demonstration, Smart will show trusted Web sites, and provide a list of quality health-related Web sites. The meeting is free for PACES members. A $2 donation is asked of nonmembers. Babysitting is available for a fee. For babysitting reservations, contact Gail Scimeca at (847) 384-0581 or Nan Clarke at (847) 404-8730.

Special Kids, Special Families will meet from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. May 6 at Protected Tomorrows, 103 Schelter Road (at Schelter and Route 22) in Lincolnshire. Psychologists Tonya Gall, Josh Price and Peter Rastrelli will discuss "Understanding Your Child's Educational Testing." Children receive batteries of tests when a learning disability is suspected, and the results will be used to determine whether a child is eligible for special education. Topics to be discussed include understanding test scores and terms, which includes understanding and interpreting Response to Intervention data, putting a plan in place to match the student's educational need, and progress monitoring and evaluating the effectiveness of that plan. There is no charge; all are invited. Respond to Marilyn Green-Rebnord, (847) 821-7740, or Chris Eng, (847) 913-1812.

PARKS

Niles Park District offers a "Learn to Swim" lesson program this summer, designed for children of all levels and abilities, beginning at age 5. Adult lessons, private lessons, parent and tot lessons, and pre-school swim are also available. Lessons are taught at IceLand Pool, 8435 Ballard Ave. The first session will begin June 9. Call the Howard Leisure Center for additional information, (847) 967-6633.

Tam Tennis Club is gearing up for summer tennis programs. Staff will be instructing Junior Tennis Camps for ages 5 to 12 years beginning June 16 at Tam Tennis. Outdoor tennis Lessons for ages 5 to 17 at Grennan Heights begin June 20. Adult programs are also available beginning June 16. Call Tam Tennis Club, (847) 967-1400, for more information.

Niles Park District offers a variety of summer camp programs for preschool-age through incoming eighth-grade children. It offers full-day and half-day camps, sports camp, hockey and ice-skating camps. Stop by the Howard Leisure Center, 6676 W. Howard St. to register. Campers will enjoy swimming, weekly field trips, arts and crafts, and sports. Most camps will begin June 9. Call (847) 967-6633 if there are any questions.

Niles Park District is selling pool passes for the 2008 pool season at Oasis Fun Center, 7877 N. Milwaukee Ave., and IceLand Pool, 8435 Ballard Road. Attractions include the new spray pad, drop slide, water slide, diving board, concessions and new bath house. Buy a Pool Pass before May 15 and receive a $40 Park District Value Pack, good for one-day open gym, one-day of fitness, a one-day swim pass, one miniature golf game and one public skate. Purchase passes at the Howard Leisure Center, 6676 W. Howard Street. Call (847) 967-6633 if there are any questions.

Niles Park District is starting the golf season with Junior Golf Clinic for ages 8 to 14. The clinic will develop the foundation of the game. Chris Urgo, USGTF instructor, will target proper techniques of the short game and demonstrate golf-swing mechanics. Grip, posture, alignment, ball positioning and rules of etiquette will be taught. The four-week session will be from 5:15 p.m. to 6:15 p.m., or 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., Mondays, until May 21. Registration is at Howard Leisure Center, 6676 W. Howard St. For more information call (847) 967-6633.

GOLF MAINE

Registration is being taken for the following programs. For more information visit the park district office at Feldman Recreation Center, 8800 Kathy Lane (a block south of Golf Road on Western Avenue), Niles, or at Dee Park, at the corner of Dee and Emerson roads in Des Plaines, or call (847) 297-3000.

Youth Baseball — League ball is available for children ages 7 to 12 at Dee Park. There are two divisions: A and AA. Practices are under way. There's also Start Smart Baseball for 3- and 6-year-olds, where parents work one-on-one with their child. Call Josh, (847) 297-3000, Ext. 22.

Summer Girls Softball League has two divisions: Instructional for 7- to 9-year-olds and Junior Varsity for 10- to 12-year-olds. The season runs from May through July. Call Stacey, (847) 297-3000, ext. 24.

Youth Basketball — Summer basketball for sixth- to eighth-graders runs from May to July. Games are on Fridays and Sundays at Feldman Recreation Center. Call Josh, (847) 297-3000, Ext. 22.

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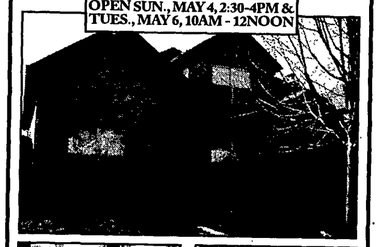

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Early registration is also recommended for preschool. A five-day morning program and a four-day afternoon program are offered for children turning 4 years old by Sept. 1.

RELIGION

A Mass for mentally ill persons and their families and friends will be celebrated in honor of St. Dymphna, the patron saint of persons with mental illnesses, at 8:45 a.m. May 15 at Queen of All Saints Basilica, 6280 N. Sauganash Ave., Chicago. A relic of St. Dymphna provided by the Franciscan Mission Associates, Mt. Vernon, N.Y., will be displayed for veneration at the Mass. For more information contact Jim and Shirley Weber, of the St. Dymphna Society, (773) 777-6022.

Mary Seat of Wisdom, at Cumberland and Granville avenues in Park Ridge, offers a once-a-month Mass for young adults at 4:30 p.m. the third Sunday of each month. A priest who works specifically with young adults and a choir that incorporates both voice and instruments to provide upbeat music for liturgies will be featured. Liturgies will be prepared and presented by young adults. All young adults, ages 22 to 40-plus, married or single, with or without children, are invited. For more information call Peg Barry, (847) 720-7914, or e-mail peg.barry@bjbpartners.com.

Ezra-Habonim, the Niles Township Jewish Congregation, 4500 Dempster St., Skokie, offers Introduction to Judaism and beginning adult Hebrew classes on Sundays and monthly Yiddish. Members and nonmembers are welcome. For more information call (847) 675-4141, or go to www.ehnt.org.

MAINE SENIORS

The Maine Township MaineStreamers program offers a variety of opportunities for residents 55 and older. Membership includes a free subscription to the MaineStreamers monthly newsletter, which details activities for the upcoming month. Most activities are at Maine Town Hall, 1700 Ballard Road, Park Ridge, unless otherwise noted. For information contact the MaineStreamers, (847) 297-2510, or go to www. Mainetownship.com.

A "May Flowers" luncheon will be at noon May 15 at Chateau Ritz, 9100 Milwaukee Ave. "Circus Boy" Bobby Hunt will entertain; bingo will follow. Women will receive a special gift. The cost is $15 for members; $16, guests; plus $2.50 more for fish.

A trip, "Mansion Murder Mystery," to Mansion West in Geneva, Ill., will be from 4:45 p.m. to 10:45 p.m. May 17. Enjoy a chicken dinner and gather clues on "whodunit." The cost is $82 for members; $87, guests. All day trips leave from Golf Mill Shopping Center in Niles.

A Taste of Madison (Wisconsin) trip will be from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. May 28. Participants will start at the Oblich Botanic Gar-

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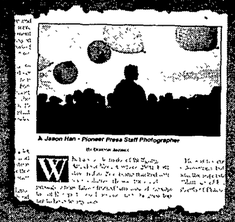

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dens, strolling through 16 acres of outdoor display gardens. Lunch will be at Quivey's Grove, a country estate. A guided tour of Frank Lloyd Wright's Monona Terrace Center will follow. A final stop downtown will be the "Museum Mile" and the State Capitol. The cost is $75 for members; $80, guests. Departure will be from Golf Mill Shopping Center in Niles.

Maine Township is asking for assistance in locating good, reliable handymen in the area. If you know of someone and would like to submit a name, contact Therese Tully, (847) 297-2510, Ext. 260, and she will forward a form to complete.

SENIOR CENTER

The Niles Senior Center offers free membership to Niles residents age 62 and older, and their spouses. Only center members may register for classes or trips, or purchase tickets. Drop by the Niles Senior Center, 999 Civic Center Drive, Niles, or call (847) 588-8420, for an application.

The Laughter Club, facilitated by Om Johari, "Certified Laughter Leader," meets from 10:30 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. the second and fourth Mondays of each month. Research shows laughter has health and social benefits. Call the center for more information.

The social Scrabble group meets at 10 a.m. every Friday in Room 231, and welcomes participants.

SINGLES

Young at Heart Singles Club (ballroom dancers of all ages) will feature a dance at 8:30 p.m. May 2 at the American Legion Hall, 9757 Pacific Ave., Franklin Park, with the Pete Martin Trio. Members pay $7 for each dance; guests, $9. Attire is semi-dressy/dressy. Call the hotline at (630) 415-3499 for more information, or for directions, call (847) 678-7068.

Spares Sunday Evening Club for all who enjoy dancing will sponsor a dance from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. May 4 at the American Legion, 9757 Pacific Ave., Franklin Park, with the Ken Jandes Band. Members pay $8; guests, $9. For more information, call the hotline at (847) 965-5730.

The Single Gourmet will enjoy a Cinco de Mayo Eve dinner celebration May 4 at LaCasa del Gordo, 2014 First St., Highland Park. Reception will begin at 5 p.m., with dinner at 5:45. Cost is $49. For reservations or information, call (773) 772-3535.

Thunderbird Singles will host a mixer dance ($7) at 8 p.m. May 2 and a dance party ($6) at 8 p.m. May 3, both in the Sheraton Arlington Park Hotel, 3400 W. Euclid Ave., Arlington Heights. Call (847) 604-3446 for information.

Private Eyes will feature a dance at 6 p.m. May 4 in the 94th Aero Squadron Restaurant, 1070 S. Milwaukee Ave., Wheeling. Admission is $7. Call (847) 604-3446 for more information.

SUPPORT

Joyful Again!, widowed ministry for those who want to find joy in living again, will present a weekend workshop/retreat program June 21-22 at Old St. Pat's Church in downtown Chicago. The suggested donation is $75, which includes all meals and workshop. Early registration is encouraged. For more information, or to sign up, call (708) 354-7211.

Advocate Lutheran General Hospital is forming a support network for women living with breast cancer. The Breast Cancer Networking Group

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poetry recitation in each class and selected a winner for the Feb. 11 contest. On Feb. 15 the winners repeated their performances at an all-school assembly, and Bronowicz advanced to the Feb. 21 regional contest in Chicago.

Poetry Out Loud is sponsored by a partnership of the National Endowment of the Arts, the Poetry Foundation and the Illinois Arts Council. The program aims to help students master public-speaking skills, build self-confidence and learn about literary heritage.

Maine South

Maine South's Adventure Club competed in the Rocks, Ropes and Boats competition in February at Northeastern Illinois University in Chicago.

About 15 schools from Chicago and the suburbs participated, and Maine South students took home several awards in competitions that included rock-wall climbing, high rope climbing and kayaking.

Medal winners included: **Tom Buzen**, first place, boys individual speed climbing; **Julie Stahl**, first place, girls individual speed climbing; **Caitlin Sullivan**, third place, girls individual speed climbing; **Marek Sadowski**, fifth place, boys individual speed climbing; **Lauren Cichowski**, second place, girls kayak slaloming; and **Katie Kinell**, fifth place, girls kayak slaloming.

The Girls Team took a second-place team medal. The co-ed team earned a third-place team medal.

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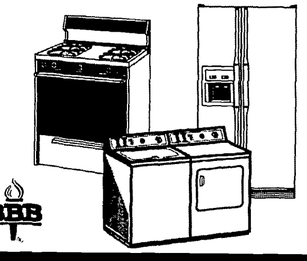

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OBITUARIES

Pearl DeRubis

Pearl Lee DeRubis, 94, of Niles died April 19 at Bethany Terrace Nursing Home, Morton Grove.

Mrs. DeRubis was a longtime member of Niles Community Church.

She is survived by her children, Milfred Story and Ruby Story; grandchildren, Glenn and Deborah Story, Christine Kirk, Michael Istambouli Jr.; and great-grandchildren, Simon Kirk and Gianna Istambouli.

Funeral service was conducted April 26 by the Rev. Steven Havery in Skaja Terrace Funeral Home, Niles. Burial was in Memory Gardens Cemetery, Arlington Heights.

Donald Franke

Donald Roy Franke, 79, formerly of Park Ridge, died April 6 in his home in Valrico, Fla., in the companionship of his family.

Mr. Franke devoted his life to teaching and public education, serving most of his 34 year career in Park Ridge-Niles School District 64. He served for 24 years as assistant principal at Lincoln Junior High, then as principal at Merrill and Jefferson schools, and finally as principal at Franklin School before his retirement in Florida.

Preceded in death by his wife, Marjolaine, he is survived by his children, Dale, Steve (Janet) of Des Plaines, and Nancy (Jeff) Wietholter; granddaughters, Jenna, Cara, and Megan Franke and Kelly and Melissa Wietholter; siblings, Joan of Sarasota, Fla., and Dick of Auburndale, Fla.

A memorial service will be planned in the Chicago area in the upcoming months.

Donations may be made to LifePath Hospice, 12973 N. Telecom Parkway, Suite 100, Temple Terrace FL 33637, or the Hope Church, 826 S. Miller Road, Valrico FL 33594.

Helen Jackim

Helen V. Jackim, 86, of Niles died April 20 at Rainbow Hospice Ark.

Preceded in death by her husband, John, she is survived by her daughters, Linda Jackim of Arlington Heights and Barbara Geraci; grandchildren, Peter and Matthew Geraci, Brother Kenneth Geraci, CPM; great-grandchildren, Connor and Riley Geraci; siblings, Mary (John) Marchewska, Leo, John (Irene), Edward (Sally), Roman (Evelyn), Stanley (Maxine) and Walter (Charlotte) Wojnarowski and many nieces and nephews.

Visitation was in Skaja Terrace Funeral Home, Niles. Funeral service was conducted April 23 at the St. Andrew Life Center. Burial was in Resurrection Cemetery, Justice.

Memorials may be sent to the St. Andrew Life Center, 7000 N. Newark Ave., Niles IL 60714; or Rainbow Hospice, 444 N. Northwest Highway, Park Ridge IL 60068.

William Zoladz

William J. Zoladz, 84, of Niles died April 22 in Advocate Lutheran General Hospital, Park Ridge.

Mr. Zoladz had been a superintendent of a machine shop. He was a Sir Knight and Past Grand Knight of the Knights of Columbus, Lafayette Council 361, and member of North American Martyrs No. 4338 and the Holy Name Society. He served in the U.S. Army.

Preceded in death by his wife, Anna, and a daughter, Theresa Bednarz-Barth, he is survived by his son, Richard Zoladz; grandchildren, Anthony Bednarz of Niles, Shawn Zoladz, Robert and Laura Bednarz; siblings, Josephine, Genevieve, Mitchell, Sigmund, Lillian, Stanley, Joseph, Mary Ann and Walter and many nieces and nephews.

Visitation was in Skaja Terrace Funeral Home, Niles. Funeral Mass was celebrated April 26 in St. Tarcissus Catholic Church, Chicago. Burial was in St. Adalbert Cemetery, Niles.

Donations for Knights of Columbus charities are appreciated.

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will meet from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month. The support group provides breast-cancer survivors the opportunity to share information and experiences with other women. The group will be at Lutheran General's Center for Advanced Care, 1700 Luther Lane, Park Ridge, in the ground-floor conference room G104. For more information call (847) 723-8130.

Families Anonymous is a free, 12-step, self-help support program for family members and friends who are concerned about the substance abuse or behavioral problems of a loved one. Families Anonymous meets weekly from noon to 1 p.m. Thursdays at the Park Ridge Community Church, 100 Courtland Ave., Park Ridge; use the side entrance on Butler Place. There are no dues or fees. First names only are used at the meetings to preserve anonymity. This is a nonprofessional and nonreligious program. Advance notice is not necessary. Visitors are always welcome. For more information call the church office, (847) 823-3164, or contact Families Anonymous, 1-800-736-9805, or www.familiesanonymous.org.

Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago invites anyone who has experienced the loss of a loved one to suicide to participate in its Loving Outreach to Survivors of Suicide Program (LOSS). Programs will be from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Sundays, May 11, June 8, July 13, Aug. 10, Sept. 14, Oct. 12, Nov. 9 and Dec. 14, at the Catholic Charities Northwest Office, 1717 Rand Road, Des Plaines. For more information call (847) 376-2118.

TEEN CENTER

The **Niles Youth Council** is a group of teenagers in sixth through 12th grade who provide support and advice on Teen Center programming, develop leadership skills and work to serve the Niles community. It meets at 5 p.m. the first and third Thursday of every month. The next meetings will be May 1 and 15. Call (847) 375-8949, for more information.

A Dinner and Movie event for teen-center members will be from 6 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. May 9. Meet at the center. Dine at the Elephant Bar Restaurant for $10 and see a movie for $5 at Kerasotes Showplace 12 Theatre. Bring extra money for snacks during the movie. Sign up by the Thursday before each event. Call or sign up at the center.

The Fourth Annual Job Shadow Day for teenagers in Niles will be June 27. Selected students will be matched by their career interests with local businesses. Youngsters will arrive with a parent at 9 a.m. at the work place and will be picked up by village employees at noon. Teenagers will be brought back to the teen center for lunch, evaluations and debriefing of their shadow experiences. The event will end at 2 p.m. Applications are available online and at the center. The applications deadline is May 23.

STARS ON ICE Members of the Notre Dame ice hockey team pose for a photo with players from Bishop's All-Stars, which includes Bishop Tom Paprocki, C.J. Korroll (son of former Chicago Blackhawk Cliff Korroll), ABC-7 news anchor Ravi Baichwal and Doug Crawford, a former player with the Los Angeles Kings. The two squads squared off recently for the second year in a row.

Tennis

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three RBIs.

"We scored four runs in the first inning and quickly took control of that one," Kostuch said. "We are 8-10 overall now and 4-4 in the league. But there is still a lot of baseball left. We have had 18 games and we have 35 scheduled."

TRACK

With 10 days off following a good performance at home, the Dons' track--and-field team should have plenty of momentum when it participates in this Saturday's Lisle Invitational.

The Dons had a successful day April 22, when they hosted Nazareth, St. Joseph and Joliet Catholic in a quadrangular meet in Niles.

"We easily won the meet," coach Mike Jankowski said. "And that was gratifying because we were doing some experimenting. We moved people around due to a number of injuries to some key guys."

Jankowski's team collected a number of first places. Winners were Matt Bascom in the 110-meter hurdles (16.7 seconds) and 300 hurdles (41.9), Ricky Szukala in the long jump (18 feet, three inches), Kyle English in the discus (117-0) and Drew Holden in the shot put (40-3). ND also won the 3200 relay with a time of 9:48.

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Steelers tab Mendenhall on 23rd pick

Perfect fit in Pittsburgh

By NEIL HAYES

Rashard Mendenhall said he harbored no bitterness toward the Bears for choosing Vanderbilt offensive tackle Chris Williams instead of him with the 14th overall selection in the NFL draft. But a guest at his private party Saturday at the House of Blues wasn't so kind.

"(Expletive) the Bears!" the partygoer shouted while videotaping a message that Mendenhall, the ex-Illinois running back, presumably would see later.

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Former Niles West standout Rashard Mendenhall conducts a press conference at the House of Blues as girlfriend Recho Omondi listens in.

23rd pick

Mendenhall said Halas Hall "felt like home" when he visited the Bears' headquarters earlier last week, but it wasn't until the Steelers made the former Niles West standout the 23rd overall pick that he learned his new home will be more than 450 miles away in Pittsburgh.

"They had needs on the offensive line," Mendenhall said of the Bears, who selected Tulane running back Matt Forte in the second round. "After talking to their offensive coordinator (and former Illini coach) Ron Turner, it was up in the air (whether they would select me), just like with every other team."

The reigning Big Ten offensive player of the year was the first player with Chicago ties taken Saturday. The Seattle Seahawks traded up to make Notre Dame tight end John Carlson the seventh pick (38th overall) in the second round, and the Philadelphia Eagles grabbed Irish defensive lineman Trevor Laws nine picks later.

Impressive interview

"First and foremost, he's a quality human being," Steelers coach Mike Tomlin said of Mendenhall, who is expected to share time with Pro Bowl running back Willie Parker. "We were thoroughly impressed with him while getting to know him through the interview process. He's a very humble, blue-collar worker. Those type of individuals don't have any problem fitting in."

Mendenhall broke seven school records at Illinois, including the single-season rushing mark with his 1,681 yards last season. During Illinois' run to the 2008 Rose Bowl, he posted eight 100-yard rushing games and averaged 6.4 yards per carry, both school records.

He ranked eighth in the NCAA in rushing and second in the Big Ten with 129.3 yards per game. His 6.4 yards per carry ranked second among running backs, nationally, and first in the conference. He was a semifinalist for both the Doak Walker and Maxwell awards.

Recruiting coup

Mendenhall was considered a recruiting coup for Turner. He verbally committed to Illinois in 2004 after his older brother Walter received a scholarship in what was widely acknowledged as a package deal. Although two running backs were ahead of Walter on the depth chart last fall, freeing up playing time for his brother factored into Rashard's decision to leave school early.

An Illinois spokesperson confirmed Walter Mendenhall is no longer participating in team activities. Rashard and Walter's mother, Sibyl Mendenhall, said the decision to leave the team wasn't Walter's.

Illinois coach Ron Zook was not immediately available for comment.

"They said they didn't need him anymore," Sibyl said when asked why Walter did not participate in spring workouts. "You'll have to ask the coaching staff. It blindsided us."

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SPORTS BRIEFS

Niles Baseball to mark 50th year

The Niles Baseball League will celebrate its 50th season beginning May 10 with the Opening Day Parade.

The league has a variety of Special Events planned to celebrate the 50th anniversary, including an adult dinner dance June 27 at Chateau Ritz in Niles. For tickets ($40) and information contact Mary at (847) 647-0462.

Niles Baseball League is searching for Niles Baseball Alumni from the past 50 years. Players, coaches, board members and sponsors are encouraged to contact Mary and to join in the celebration.

Girls basketball camp set for June

Maine East will host a girls basketball camp Monday through Thursday June 9-26 at Maine East High School.

Camp is open to any girl from 5th through 8th grade. Camp time is 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Cost is $75. Contact Maine East summer school office for further details.

9-hole golf league has openings

The Swingers Ladies 9-Hole Golf League has openings for new members, playing the back nine at the Old Orchard Country Club Golf Course, 700 W. Rand Road in Mount Prospect.

New players must have a 9-hole score, not to exceed 75 strokes to join. New members will be added to the roster in the order responses are received. Golf starts May 6.

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WGA awards Chick Evans Scholarships

Eric Boksa, Phillip Bogusz, Daniel Lescano, Martin Gembis and Joe Godziszewski, are among the 87 high school seniors from around the Chicago area, who have been awarded the Chick Evans Caddie Scholarship, a full tuition and housing college scholarship, for the 2008-09 academic year.

Boksa, a student at Notre Dame High School will attend Northern Illinois University; Bogusz, a Notre Dame High School student will attend Northern Illinois University; Lescano, a Maine East student, will attend Northern Illinois University; Gembis of Niles, a Maine South student, will attend Marquette University; and Godziszewski, a Notre Dame student, will attend Marquette University.

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The students will attend one of the 14 universities across the country where the Foundation owns and operates a Scholarship House, including the University of Illinois, Northwestern University and Northern Illinois University.

Scholarships are renewable for up to four years.

NOTRE DAME ROUNDUP

Sun is shining on tennis team

By JIM EDISON
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While the unusually harsh weather has made this spring a rough one for the outdoor sports teams, it hasn't dampened the good fortunes of Notre Dame's tennis team.

The Dons have made the most of their trips to the courts thus far and have compiled a record of 4-2 in the East Suburban Catholic Conference. That success has coach Steve Jankowski and his athletes not only happy, but optimistic about a strong finish to the 2008 campaign.

"This is the best season we've experienced since I have been coach (eight years)," Jankowski said. "I am really ecstatic and so are the kids.

"For the first time that I can remember, people around the school are talking about us and asking how we're doing. There is enthusiasm about tennis.

"Next week, we are planning a cook-out at our last home meet with Marist. We'll have hot dogs and brats for anyone who wants to stop by."

The Dons had a huge win on April 17 when they slipped past Carmel 3-2 in Park Ridge. Victories came from David Hebda (at No. 1 singles), Ronnie Wing (at No. 2 singles) and the doubles team of Ross Simkins and Brendan Connelley.

After losing a close 3-2 decision to Benet on April 22, ND bounced back with two more ESCC triumphs. The Dons edged Marian Catholic 3-2 on April 23 and then shut out St. Joseph 5-0 April 24.

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Notre Dame junior David Hebda returns a shot during a No. 1 singles match against Benet Academy's Timmy Martin.

BASEBALL

Following a solid pair of victories over St. Patrick, the Dons ran into a tough foe in Marian Catholic and dropped both ends of an ESCC doubleheader, 7-4 and 7-6.

"We played fairly well for the most part," Dons coach Bob Kostuch said. "It was just a case of not getting that one or two hits at the crucial time."

Max Kiefer was on the mound for the Dons in Game 1 and kept the Spartans scoreless until the fourth inning when they tallied four runs. ND scratched its way back to tie the game at 4-4 in the fifth inning. But Marian came up with two runs in the sixth inning and one in the seventh.

The second game was similar to the first in that it was tied at 4-4 in the fifth inning. The Dons trimmed the lead to 7-6 by the seventh inning and had bases loaded when the game ended.

Earlier in the week, things went much better for the Dons in two league games with ESCC and neighborhood rival St. Patrick. ND clobbered the Shamrocks 12-5 on April 21 in Niles as Joe Wietecha went the distance with six strikeouts. The offense was sparked by Mike Trotta, Joe Romano, Joe Ufneil and Mike Kane, who all had three RBIs.

On April 23, Billy Kerber pitched for ND and notched five strikeouts in recording the shutout of the Shamrocks. A.J. Fedoruk paced the offense, going 3-for-4 with a double and two RBIs and Romano went 2-for-4 with

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GIRLS BASKETBALL

Hanusiak to take the reigns in 2008-09

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A long time ago, a coach lit a competitive flame within Karol Hanusiak.

Now, a quarter century later, Hanusiak will be trying to do the same for Maine East's girls basketball players.

Hanusiak, who has been a physical education instructor at the Park Ridge high school for the past decade, takes over as the Demons' new varsity basketball coach. She replaces Linda Borchew, who resigned her position in February after eight years at the helm.

And while Hanusiak has been away from the sport for a while, she brings a wealth of knowledge and experience in assuming her new role. A 1982 graduate of Resurrection, where she played basketball, volleyball and ran track, Hanusiak is elated to be in the driver's seat.

Hanusiak

"I am so excited," Hanusiak said. "When I was in high school, basketball was such a positive experience for me when I was coached by Andy Pancratz. I want to pass that on to other kids.

"I was away from the sport for a while after coaching my first few years here (Hanusiak coached the freshman team for two years and sophomore team for two years). I actually thought that might be the end.

"When the job opened up, though, all the pieces were in place and the fire was rekindled in me. I started to think of what I would do differently to get the program to where it could be. All the PE people here were supportive of me. I found out I got the job April 9."

Before arriving at East 10 years ago, Hanusiak had stints as a teacher and basketball coach at Resurrection, Conant and Ridgewood high schools. She was also was a coach at Triton College for one season.

"I guess the best thing I feel about is that as a coach, I never had a losing record," Hanusiak said. "And the response from the kids has been positive. They were coming up to me in the hallways and asking 'is it true?' (that she was the new coach)."

Hanusiak is determined to hit the ground running this summer. She wants to start a summer camp for grade school students as well as have her summer session for the high school athletes.

"One of my goals is to raise our numbers by getting kids involved with basketball. Glen Olson (boys varsity basketball coach) and I are planning some joint clinics.

"We will also still be in the Maine West summer league and the Observation Tournament. I think we have some good players coming back (to the varsity next season). I expect us to be competitive and hope our players are on board with that."

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Maine E. Booster Club to host golf outing

The Maine East High School Booster Club will conduct a golf outing in an effort to raise funds for the Maine East athletic department. This year's golf tournament will take place at noon June 9 at the Sunset Valley Golf Course in Highland Park.

Cost for participation is $125., which includes golf, cart, dinner and five raffle tickets.

The boosters are also seeking help from local businesses regarding sponsorship and the donation of gift items. For more information on sponsorships or donations, call Roy Wasielewski, Karol Hanusiak or Kevin O'-Grady at (847) 692-835.

MAINE EAST ROUNDUP

Gymnasts crack 100-point barrier —again

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In athletics, as in most other endeavors, success is relative.

Just ask the members of Maine East's boys gymnastics team and coach Mark Seske. While the Demons' final team score at the Central Suburban League meet may not have been impressive, the hard work and dedication of the year was in full evidence.

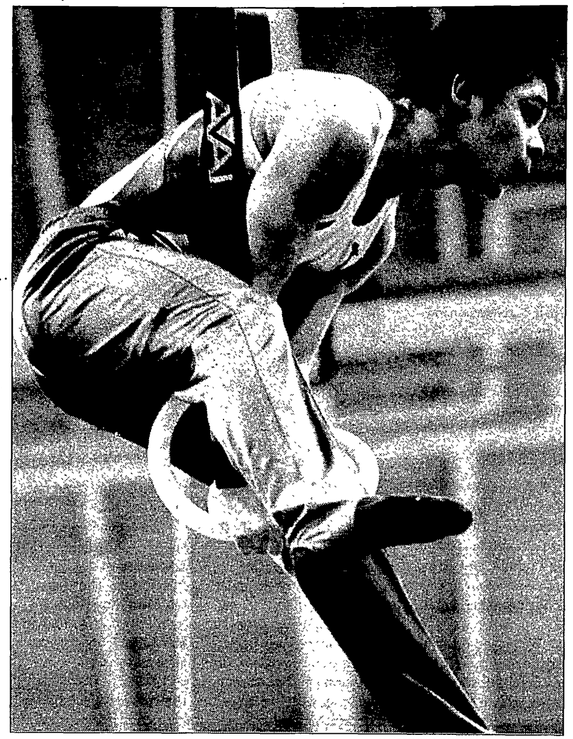
Competing with seven other CSL foes April 24 at Maine South, East managed to crack the 100-point barrier for the second time this spring and escape the cellar.

As expected, powerful Glenbrook South soared to the team championship with 151.2 points. The combined Highland Park/Deerfield team snagged the runner-up spot with 130.8, followed by Niles West (129.8), Niles North (115.9), Glenbrook North (115.3), Maine South (107.1), Maine East (104.5) and Evanston (87.1).

"This was very emotional for me to come back here as a coach," said Seske, who competed for South less than a decade ago. "I remember we (his Maine South team) hosted the conference my junior year in 2002.

"So I know the anxiety our kids are feeling tonight and can relate to that. I am so happy with the way our team has progressed from the start of the year. After tonight, I hope we can pull it all together at the (York) sectional and close the season in good fashion."

The Demons did have one medal winner in Mike Aoyagi. Aoyagi, who has been the team's top performer all year, placed third in vaulting with a score of 9.2. He also narrowly missed a medal on still rings (11th, 6.5) and horizontal bar (12th, 4.6).



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Maine East's Mike Aoyagi competes on the rings at the Central Suburban League gymnastics championships at Maine South High School April 24.

"I used to wrestle too," Aoyagi said. "But my sophomore year I developed asthma and I decided to focus on gymnastics. I feel I have come a long way. And my main goal is to make it to State."

East had a solid night overall on vault. In addition to Aoyagi, the Demons had scores of 8.2 from Erik Hagglund (16th), 8.1 from Sam Bender (17th) and 8.0 on Namanja Bojic (19th). Other top scores came from Rinel Tabamo on pommel horse (5.6, 13th) and George Joseph on parallel bars (6.3, 19th).

WATER POLO

Maine East's water polo players may not have varsity sport status, but don't tell them they don't work just as hard as the school's other athletes.

Coach Scott Guilfoil, who has been working diligently to get "full" recognition for his boys and girls teams, thinks that his program will take a giant step forward this Friday and Saturday when they host the Central Suburban League tournament in Park Ridge.

"We don't have varsity status and are still considered a club sport," Guilfoil said. "But our kids are excited about hosting this league tournament."

East's boys team has been on a surge in recent days. After a rugged start in which they lost their first seven games, the Demons (4-10) have won four out of their last seven. East's most recent win came Monday night when it downed Elk Grove 10-6. In that victory, Parthiv Patel tallied three goals, Mehul Amin, Steven Tom and John Gazlay notched two and Jacob Gazlay added one. Goalkeeper Alex Hrnjak had 15 saves.

The girls team, which had a blazing start has cooled off a bit, but has the same record of 4-10. The girls also defeated Elk Grove 7-6, as Natalia Bialecka had four goals and Megan Hively, Lauren Laluz and Marlena Kietlinska each added one. Ariel Gazlay had 18 saves.

GIRLS SOCCER

While the Demons were unable to repeat as champions of the Waukegan Invitational the weekend of April 18-19, they got the next-best spot.

East, which won the six-team tournament in 2007, placed second overall and won its first two games of the season in the process.

The Demons defeated the host Bulldogs 4-0 on Friday night and North Chicago 8-0 before losing to Maine West 1-0 and Deerfield 4-0. In that tournament, East was led by Jasmina Markovic, who notched five goals. Freshman Audrey Klepadlo tallied a pair of goals.

"We have been making continued progress," coach Julie Dickinson said. "The offense is still coming together."

The Demons were recently awarded the 15th seed in the Streamwood Sectional and will play Elgin in the first round of the postseason. Dickinson's team is scheduled to host Highland Park tonight at 7 p.m.

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MORTGAGE UPDATE

Mortgage rates rise modestly By Holden Lewis • Bankrate.com

Mortgage rates went up this week, but not by much.

The benchmark 30-year fixed-rate mortgage rose 8 basis points, to 6.11 percent, according to the Bankrate.com national survey of large lenders. A basis point is one-hundredth of 1 percentage point. The mortgages in this week's survey had an average total of 0.43 discount and origination points. One year ago, the mortgage index was 6.27 percent; four weeks ago, it was 5.95 percent.

The benchmark 15-year fixed-rate mortgage rose 5 basis points, to 5.7 percent. The benchmark 5/1 adjustable-rate mortgage rose 7 basis points, to 5.92 percent. The 30-year fixed jumbo, for bigger loans, rose 2 basis points, to 7.34 percent.

In a week devoid of earthshaking economic news, the most noteworthy report was the one on existing home sales.

According to the National Association of Realtors, home resales tumbled in March compared with the same month a year before. Seasonally adjusted annual sales fell 19.8 percent, to an annual pace of 4.93 million units. Actual sales — not seasonally adjusted — fell 22.7 percent. Some 374,000 homes were resold in March, compared with the 484,000 sold in March 2007.

At the end of March, there were 9.9 months' worth of used homes for sale at that month's sales pace. That's a hefty supply for the beginning of the traditional sales season. With more than 4 million homes for resale (and at least another half-million new houses for sale), it's a buyer's market in many areas.

The Realtors' sales price data seem to confirm that it's a buyer's market. In March, half of home resales fetched a price below $200,700. That's 7.7 percent below the median price of $217,400 in March 2007.

Prices may be firming

Sounds like a buyer's dream scenario, right? But there are a couple of indications that prices are firming.

First, the Realtors report that the median home price was $195,600 in February. March's median price was 2.6 percent higher. Almost 20 percent more homes were resold in March than in February, but that probably has more to do with the longer month and the warmer weather than with a sudden surge in demand.

Then there's the price information from the Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight, which regulates Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. OFHEO says home resale prices rose from January to February, after having fallen for seven months in a row. The 0.6 percent gain was anchored by a 2.2 percent price advance in the New England states.

In the year-over-year comparison, home prices were down 2.4 percent in February, compared with February 2007. OFHEO doesn't express home prices in dollar figures, but rather in a price index. The index was set at 100 in the first quarter of 1991. It topped out at 226.1 in April 2007, and was 219 in February.

OFHEO's data seem to lag. For example, according to OFHEO, home prices peaked in April 2007, while the Realtors have prices peaking in July 2006. For most homeowners and homebuyers, the Realtors' timeline would seem more accurate.

Lawrence Yun, the Realtors' chief economist, blames a couple of factors for the continued slowdown in sales. Even though mortgage rates are relatively low, lending standards are stricter, with higher down payment requirements and new fees. "At the same time, many buyers continue to bide their time with a large number of homes to choose from, while other potential buyers remain on the sidelines," Yun says.

Those potential buyers will run onto the field after they become convinced that prices are rising and home inventories are falling. But prices won't rise, and inventories won't fall, until more people buy.

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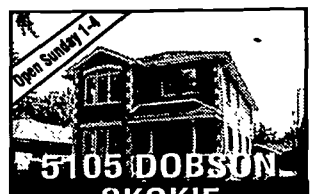

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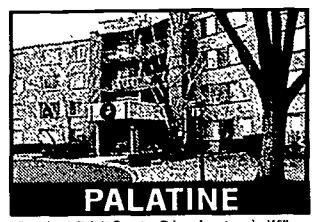
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Luxury new construction! 4br/3.5ba & 2.5c garage 1st flr eat in kit w/cooktop island, 42" walnut cabinets, granite countertops Ss appls Stepdown fam Rm w/fireplace & large deck. Hdwd flr thruout 2nd flr 3 br. 2 baths, master bath w/jacuzzi, sep double steam shower & balcony Bsmt w/br + rec room w/fp, full bath w/double shower Quality work thru-out. Close 2 xpressway! $669,900

Elena Dan
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9741 N. KEDVALE SKOKIE

Georgous New 5500 Sq FL Home Custom Built To Perfection 2nd Level w/4 BRs Beautiful Master Suite Plus Open Play Rm 1st Level w/34 Foot Liv & Din Rm Combo, Library Or Office, Main Flr Bed Suite, Huge Open Island Kitchen w/Sep Eating Area Opens To Main Floor Fam Rm w/16ft Vaulted Ceilings Custom Stair Cases Fantastic 70 Foot Lot w/Fenced Yard. Please See The Rest Before Seeing This Beauty Agent Owned And Priced Below Market. $1,175,000

Barry Benveniste
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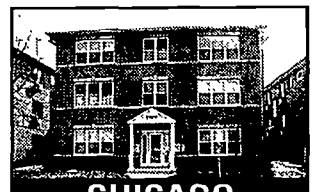
CHICAGO

This 2nd floor Jeff Park condo gives a whole new meaning to the term impeccable. Flooded with natural light, it boasts a comfortable wide-open floorplan. This condo was upgraded way beyond developer standards to include premium ceramic tile floors, Corian kitchen counters, maple cabinetry, canned lighting, glass built-ins, and side-by-side washer/dryer. A private balcony and a parking space are the icing on the cake.

Markus Azadeh
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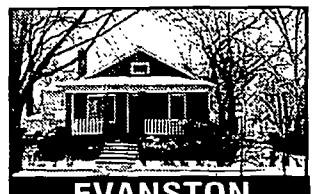
EVANSTON

Come Take A Look At This Home. It Sits On A Nice Corner LoL Living Rm Has Great Decorative Frplc Nice Formal Dining Rm. It Has Been Well Kept & Has Good Potential. Recently Painted. New Windows 05', New Roof In 06, Furnace Appox. 7 Yrs. All Original Hdwd Flrs Bsmt Has 3 Addtl. Rms As Well As A Full Bath Rm Taxes Do Not Reflect Ho Exemption Property Zoned R-3. Sold "As-Is". Close To Transportation, Schools & Parks.

Elizabeth Lindsay
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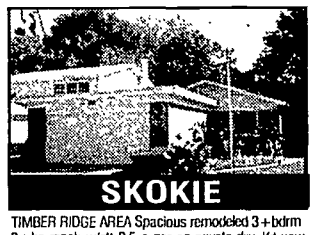
SKOKIE

TIMBER RIDGE AREA Spacious remodeled 3+bdrm 2+ba ranch w/att 2.5 c gar on private drv Kit-new wood cabinets, island, stnls stl appls, granite counters 'L' shaped lvng nn & dining nn w/vaulted ceilings Gleaming hdwd flrs in LR, DR, & BR'S. Newer bths-jacuzzi Mstr ba has mrbl/grnt tiles. Fin bsmt w/recrm, 2 bdrms/office, full bath, & sep. entrance. Deep lot Nothing to do but move right in.

David Braun
847-686-2000

MORTON GROVE

Spectacular 5 Bedrm, 5.1 Bath New Construction, Terrell Stone Front, 10' Ceilings, 3 Fireplaces, S S Appls, 42 Inch Cherry Cabs, Cherry Butlers Pantry, Brazilian Cherry Hdwd Flrs, 4 Walk-in Closets, Granite Countertops, Steam Shower & Whirlpool In Master Bth Brick Paver Driveway, Sprinkler System 1/2 Blk Frm Onole Park & 1/2 Block From Melzer Grade School

Danny Kourouklis
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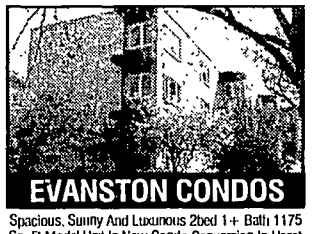
EVANSTON CONDOS

Spacious, Sunny And Luxurious 2bed 1+ Bath 1175 Sq Ft Model Unit In New Condo Conversion In Heart Of North Evanston! In Unit Washer/Dryer Central Air/ Heat! Spacious New Kit! New Bath W/Jacuzzi Tub! Huge Living/Dining Area! New Windows, Elect, Plumbing Free Outdoor Prkg, 1yr No Asmnts No Closing Cost And Free Plasma T V.

Jim Kontos
630-327-9136

DES PLAINES

DRASTIC PRICE REDUCTION

Gorgeous Custom Built Home Only 20yrs Old Curved Island Kitchen W/Recessed & Track Lighting 2 Story Front Foyer W/Porcelain Entry Hallway Dining Area Has Slide Doors To Huge Backyard W/A Fabulous Deck, Sidedrive Leading To A 2.5 Car Heated Garage W/Gym Room. Outside 2 Storage Sheds Close To Forest Preserve, Metra & I-294. All These & More. $399,900

John Dias
847-409-2382

SKOKIE

Great opportunity to own a builders home! This 4 bdr 3 bath home is completely renovated with all new windows, new plumbing with flood control, new floors, gourmet kitchen etc Enjoy the newly added huge dining/family rm adjacent to the beautiful kitchen!Huge 66x125 lot is perfectly landscaped ready for summer fun, finished bsmt with 2nd kitchen and a full bath Bigger than it looks.

Harris Ali
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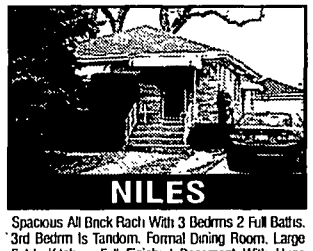
NILES

Spacious All Brick Ranch With 3 Bedrms 2 Full Baths. 3rd Bedrm Is Tandom. Formal Dining Room. Large Eat-In-Kitchen. Full Finished Basement With Huge Family Room. Very Good For Entertaining. Detached 2 Car Garage W/Side Drive. Walking Distance To Shopping, Parks, Library & Transportation. Great Location!

Ivy Moy
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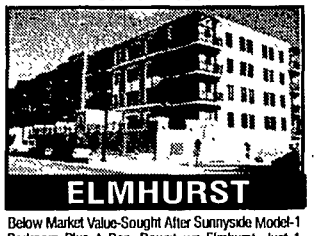
ELMHURST

Below Market Value-Sought After Sunnyside Model-1 Bedroom Plus A Den. Downtown Elmhurst, Just 1 Blk To Train Location. 42 In Hazelnut Maple Kitchen Cabinets, Deluxe Dpbon Appliance Package. Upgraded Granite Tops, & Beautiful Framburg Light Fixtures. Includes Office/Den/Sep Dining Rm, Fitness Rm, In Unit Laundry, Cable T V Monitored Building-Entry System, Heated Indoor Prkg & Storage.

Sylvana Menolascino
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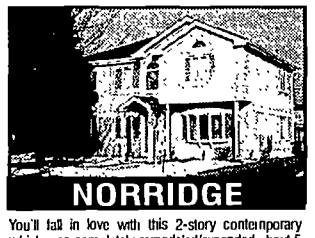
NORRIDGE

You'll fall in love with this 2-story contemporary which was completely remodeled/expanded about 5 years ago. The functionality of this residence (fully appliances kitchen, instant hot water,dual-zoned heating/cooling,steam shower, all-new plumbing and electric,dbl-insulated attic, outdoor sprinkler system etc) is only outclassed by its ambience which will instantly make you think: This is the one we've been waiting for.

ChristinaEzzo
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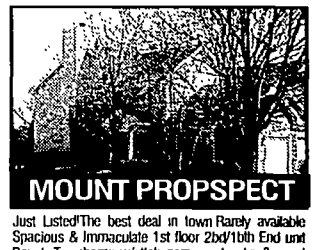
MOUNT PROPSPECT

Just Listed!The best deal in town Rarely available Spacious & Immaculate 1st floor 2bd/1bth End unit Ranch Townhome w/attch garage,pvt patio & pond views Recently rehabbed,Cherry cabs,hardwood & slate flrs,recessed lights,Extra large bath w sep shower/bath tub,Full size washer/dryer in large utility rm Too much to list.Walk to train, town, shops, eateries. A Must See!

Sam Trakas
847-921-8681

SKOKIE

Long Time Owner Who Is A Handyman Has Taken Good Care Of This Solid Brick Building Both Units Features: 3 Bedroom 1.5 Bath, 2 Newer Furnaces & Hot Water Tanks. Roof Top Deck Over Garage For The Second Floor Unit. $515,000

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