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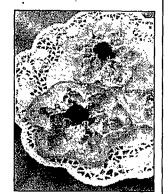


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Mayoral hopeful Callero's brother skewers trustees in resignation from zoning board

By TONY BERTUCA tbertuca@pioneerlocal.com

James Callero announced Dec. 2 he will resign as chairman of the Niles Zoning Board, a day after his brother, Acting Niles Mavor Robert Callero, announced a run to retain his job as mayor

in the April 7 consolidated — possibly his brother election.

Callero said he was leaving due to "existing health issues," but the zoning chairman of 14 vears did not go quietly. James Callero leveled serious charges against the Village Board of Trustees, predicting the next mayor

would step into a Village Hall rife with mistrust and

opportunism.

"With past administrations you could count on a majority of the trustees' support, approving our decisions dealing with these important zoning issues," he said. "Now that

the mayor (Nicholas Blase) has retired. I believe this cohesion will no longer exist."

Callero said all of the

current trustees, with the

exception of Bart Murphy. have designs on the mayor's seat.

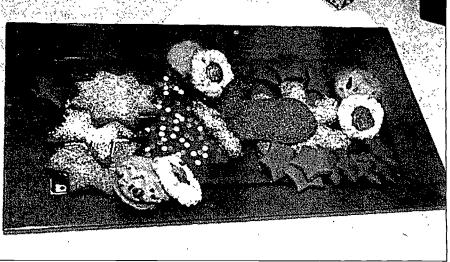
"In my opinion at least three of the five trustees

have their own best interest at heart and not the people of Niles," he said. "So, after the April election, the newly elected mayor will have his hands full trying to control a Board of Trustees who, in

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most instances, each

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Biederman throws hat in ring for mayor's seat

By TONY BERTUCA tbertuca@pioneerlocal.com

Several hours after Acting Niles Mayor Robert Callero announced on Dec. 1 that he would run in the Apr. 7 consolidated election to retain the mayor's seat, Trustee Kim Biederman announced she was considering running for the post herself.

"I've been giving serious consideration about running for Mayor of Niles," she said in an email to Pioneer Press.

in our community, like low taxes and great services, that need to be protected as we begin a new chapter in Niles' history. I've been talking with a lot of Niles' residents to hear about their priorities and concerns, and have been very encouraged by the response I've received. I hope to make an official decision in the next few

"We have traditions here

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Her position as trustee is not in jeopardy for this election, and she would remain in Village Hall even

after an unsuccessful run for mayor.

The fact that Biederman's announcement came on the same day as Callero's is evidence that a power vacuum has been created in Village Hall in the wake of former Mayor Nicholas Blase, who retired in August after 47 years and amid federal corruption charges. Blase has since pleaded guilty to counts of mail fraud and tax evasion, and is due to be sentenced Jan. 29.

While Biederman was careful to say she didn't

think Callero was a poor choice, she was confident in her own abilities.

"I think I definitely have what it takes," she said. "My education, my background, and my experience make me a good person for the job."

A lifelong resident of Niles, Biederman served on the Niles Plan Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals for four years before she was appointed village trustee by Blase in 2005. She later won reelection.

Biederman has served

for Congressman Sidney Yates in Washington, D.C., and also worked for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Biederman was operations manager for the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons. She now operates a smal business, KSB Organization Support Services.

as a legislative assistant

Biederman also describes herself as a "fulltime mom of two chil-

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District 63 looks to shore up security CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING C1 CROSSWORD

School board approves 2008 property-tax levy.

By TONY BERTUCA tbertuca@pioneerlocal.com

East Maine School District 63 is mulling over structural changes to four schools that would leave the district more secure, but could cost between \$2.2 million and \$3 million.

Consultants from Wight & CO. architects and Ameresco Inc. told board and district officials at a Dec. 2 meeting that four schools - Washington, Melzer, Nelson and Mark Twain — would need to build security vestibules for visitors to register with the administration office

All four schools now have security setups that allow visitors to enter buildings without reporting directly to the administration areas, which are not near the entrances of the schools.

would create new entrances at each school that would house the administration area, where visitors would register and be "buzzed" inside.

The cost of the project is a rough estimate, according to Wight architect Jim Mark, whose company-drew up four construction plans for free.

Mark said if the board voted to do the project that work could not begin until summer 2010.

District 63 official David Bein said he did not foresee problems financing the project, which he said would be paid for through the issuance of

In other business, school board members also voted to approve the 2008 property-tax levy of \$33.62 million, about a 5percent increase over last

District 63 official

David Bein said the increase was standard and Building the vestibules represented rising salaries, material costs

> The board also started a "long good-bye" to Kathleen Williams, who has served as district superintendent for nine years and recently announced she will retire in June.

and maintenance.

While School Board President Jane Wojtkiewicz noted Williams still has several months left with the district, she said the board would be remiss to not acknowltions.

"When Superintendent Williams accepted the job we knew we were getting the best of the best," she said tearfully. "We owe so. so much to our leader." Board members each

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took turns praising Williams for her professionalism and dedication. Williams, for her part, hugged Wojtkiewicz and said she would save her official farewell to the board for a later date.

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Burglar steals \$150K worth of equipment

Niles police are investigating a burglary at a grocery store on the 8900 Block of West Greenwood Avenue. where three large climate-control units and an air condenser - val-

ued at a total of \$150,000 - were reported stolen Dec. 2. Police said burglars used a ladder to climb to the roof of the store to remove the ma-

- By Tony Bertuca

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Cops say two sandwich shop employees stole lots of bread

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Niles police arrested two men Dec. 2 in connection with an August burglary at a Niles Jimmy John's Gourmet Sandwich shop that allegedly netted suspects \$5,000.

Mario Cardenas, 24, of 7901 Niles Ave., Skokie, and Jeffrey Siegel, 22, of 3849 N. Lavergne Ave., Chicago, were both employees at the sandwich shop, at 5612 W. Touhy Ave., Niles, and both also worked together at a Highland Park Jimmy

John's, according to police. til he saw the safe at 10:45 The authorities allege

Cardenas and Siegel used their employee keys to enter the Niles Jimmy John's Aug. 18 after store hours and opened a safe, to which they had the security code, and stole \$5,000.

The alleged burglars did not have the store's alarm code, however, and police responded to an alarm at the shop shortly after 2:30 a.m. Officers found nothing disturbed at the time and the store manager did not discover anything was missing una.m. the next day, police reported.

Cardenas was arrested at the Niles sandwich shop Dec. 2, and Siegel was the same day while working at the Highland Park store, at 332 Skokie Valley Road. Both appeared in court Dec. 3 and were released on \$10.000

Police said both men could face three to seven years in prison and fines up to \$25.000 if they are

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Rain garden snags \$5K grant

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The Niles Community Rain Garden has been awarded a \$5,000 grant by the Royal Bank of Canada Blue Water Project, village officials reported.

The rain garden was installed the past summer near the corner of Harlem and Touhy avenues by community volunteers with funding from the Coca-Cola Enterprising Bottling Company, the

Niles Lions Club and Groot Industries. "We are very pleased

to receive this highly regarded international grant for our local efforts to promote water stewardship here in Illinois," Acting Mayor Robert Callero said in a statement. "These funds will allow us to further develop the rain garden site and to establish an educational plan to encourage residents, businesses, and institutions to construct and maintain their own rain gardens."

Niles' community rain garden is maintained by volunteers and students from the Notre Dame High School Environmental Adventure Club.

The RBC Blue Water Project is "a wide-ranging, multi-year program to help foster a culture of water stewardship, so that people have clean fresh water today and tomorrow," according to the organization's Web site. www.rbc.com.

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Dist. 71 to discuss levy Tuesday

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Board is scheduled to discuss the 2008 propertv-tax levv.

The district, which includes only Culver School, has proposed levying about \$7.9 million in property taxes in 2008, a 7.52-percent increase over last year.

is likely to only get a

cent increase (the county cap), but had asked for more based on estimates of new construction in the district.

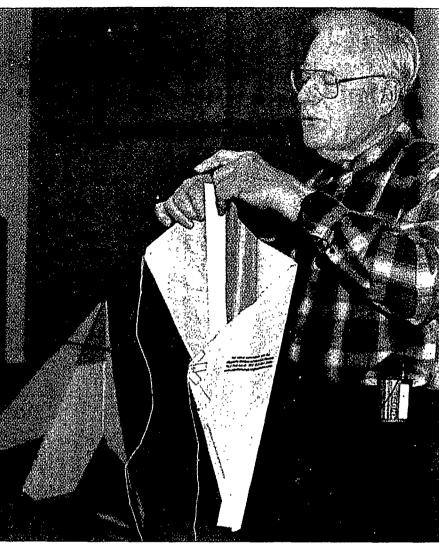
. "You never know how the 4.1-percent increase.

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salaries, which was negotiated with the union, as well as various materials and maintenance costs.

lar cost increases," she said. "We have one of the lowest tax rates around because we are so small and we pride ourselves on being fiscally conservative."

The hearing to discuss the tax levy will be at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at Culver School.



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KITE CREATORS John Krupka, of Chicago Kite, demonstrates how to build a kite last nonth at Niles Public Library



Jimmy Eng helps his sons, Matthew and Marcus, build kites last month at Niles Public Library dur-Comment: pioneeriocal.com | ing a presentation by Chicago Kite.

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thinks they should be the mayor."

So far, only Callero's brother has announced that he would run for mayor, but Trustee Kim Biederman said Dec. 1 that she is considering it. Trustee Andrew Przybylo had publicly stated interest in running, but decided to back Callero's brother instead, along with Trustee Louella Preston, who was rumored to be considering a run but also decided to back Callero's brother. Trustee Joe LoVerde has stated publicly that he would like to be mayor but has yet to comment on his political future.

Conflicts anticipated

Callero said that the controversial Assi Plaza zoning ruling was a perfect example. Two trustees. Preston and Biederman, voted against his zoning board's recommendation to allow an \$80 million expansion that some

with some residents," he anyone have for voting The Zoning Board needs a Board of Trustees that votes with them."

Callero said his own

"What kind of support will the Zoning Board get from this type of Board of Trustees pertaining to tough zoning cases?" Callero asked, rhetorically.

residents opposed.

"It was good for the village but it was unpopular said. "What reason could against that? It's politics.

"My brother had no idea I was even stepping down," James Callero said. "I am backing my brother 100-percent for mayor but I just had open-heart surgery. I don't need the un-

'That's his opinion'

wishes the zoning chairman would reconsider

stay on the board," Robert said. "He has been a great asset and he has done great things for the vil-

When asked about is brother's skewering of some of his fellow trustees, the acting mayor responded: "That's just his

opinions in no way reflect the feelings of his brother, Robert.

warranted stress."

Robert Callero said he

accounting firm, Callero &

"I would prefer that he

The acting mayor said he expects his brother to assist with his upcoming campaign. Both brothers are semiretired from their

> Callero said a new zoning chairman will have to be appointed by the Board of Trustees. He did not know who might replace

"It was an honor for me

to serve," he said. "It's a tough job because you take all the heat for the trustees and mayor on cases where the correct decision is what is best for the majority of Niles residents, but not popular with Niles residents which live near the zoning issue. I have some issues, but I enjoyed my 19

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years of service."

By TONY BERTUCA

The Niles Elementary School District 71 School hold a hearing Tuesday to

Superintendent Amy Kruppe said the district number close to a 4.1-per-

much new construction comes on the books," she said. "So you always ask for more than the 4.1-percent cap because if you don't and there's more, you don't get it. But if there's less, you still get

Kruppe said most of the levy increase repre-

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Bus suit set for January call

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More than a year has passed Alltown Bus Service — dumped in May, 2007, by Niles Township High School District 219 in favor of new service provider Positive Connections — responded by twice suing the district, but lawyers for both sides are expected back in Cook County Circuit Court Jan. 7.

Alltown owner Greg Polan and District 219 Superintendent Nanciann Gatta confirmed last week that a suit filed by Alltown attorneys in September of 2007 is still open. The case is set on a pre-trial call before Cook County Circuit Court Judge Ronald F. Bartkowicz.

It was the second of two the Skokie-based company filed against District 219, after board members approved a

three-year \$1.47 million transportation contract with Homewood-based Positive Connections and ended their five year rela-

tionship with Alltown. The first suit filed by Polan asked courts to take the contract from Positive Connections and give it back to Polan's firm. A judge threw that request out in August 2007, but Alltown's lawyers filed the second action a month

This suit charged that the district had failed to pay hundreds of thousands of dollars it owed to Alltown, bills generated during Alltown's contract. The company asked for those bills to be paid, with interest, and also sought at least \$1 million in dam-

The same night District 219 board members voted to hire Positive Connections, Polan complained that Alltown had

"I can confirm the fact that Alltown (Bus Service) believes they are owed money."

Gerry Yeggy

not been paid \$300,000 to \$400,000 it was promised in 2005. He said the money was to cover losses his company incurred in consolidating some bus runs at the district's re-

He acknowledged that he never got the promise in writing and Gerry Yeggy, then the district's business manager said at the time, "I can confirm the fact that Alltown believes they are owed

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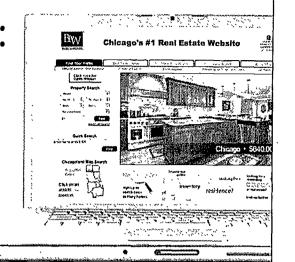
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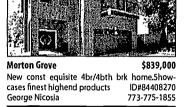
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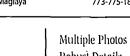


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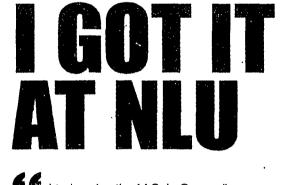




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Russ Gentile announces run for Dist. 64 board

By JENNIFER JOHNSON iiohnson@pioneerlocal.com

Former Park Ridge Recreation and Park District commissioner Russ Gentile has announced he will be running for a seat on the Park Ridge-Niles School District 64 Board of Education in April.

Gentile, a resident of Park Ridge for six years, said he has "always had a general interest" in serving on the school board, but made his decision to run after receiving a call from the District 64 and 207 general caucus, asking him if he would be interested in being a candidate.

"I have no specific agenda I am pushing: pointed to a park board vacancy in June 2006 and rather, I am focusing my time on attending board served as a commissioner meetings to learn what it until April 2007. takes to be an effective serves on the city's Electriboard member." Gentile said in his announcement

cal Commission, as well. A father of three children If elected to the school enrolled in District 64 board Gentile said he wants schools, Gentile has coached to ensure a smooth transiyouth sports in the commution upon the retirement of nity, served as a chief in local Superintendent Sally Pryor Indian scouts, and is presiin June 2010. He also sup-

ports the implementation of a strategic plan for the district and believes the district. should continue in the progress he believes has been made in its initiative to educate "the whole child." More text books are being published supporting that type of instruction, and Gentile said the district must update its teaching materials accordingly.

Four seats are up for election on the District 64 School Board.

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Village to collect latex paint for recycling The free service will be

By TONY BERTUCA tbertuca@pioneerlocal.com

The village of Niles announced Friday that it will collect latex paint for recycling from 4-8 p.m. the first Wednesday of every month in front of the Public Services Department, 6849 W. Touly Ave.

for latex paint only; oilbased or unlabeled paints will be turned away. Collection is only open to village residents and Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook

County residents. Earth Paints Collection Systems, based in Grayslake, is partnering

with SWANCC communities across the area to pro-

vide the service.

dent of Park Ridge Junior

Tennis, a sports affiliate for

the Park Ridge Recreation

Gentile was also ap-

An engineer, Gentile

and Park District.

Village officials said Earth Paints Collection Systems picks the paint up and transports it to a facility where it is separated and bulked into 55-gallon drums. The reusable bulk paint is then reprocessed

into new, useable latex paint for resale.

Unusable latex paint is turned into filler product that is used in the manufacturing of concrete, and the empty steel paint cans are crushed at the Earth Paints facility and recycled locally, according to the village.

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Village won't skimp on snow removal

Niles' acting mayor has promised residents the village will not cut corners on snow removal and road salt this winter, despite news that some neighboring communities, includ-

■ James Gillen, 61, of 7101

Grove, was charged

influence of alcohol

Dec. 4 on the 6100

Avenue. He was

court Jan. 9.

released on \$1,000

bond and is due in

■ Daniel Migely, 38, of

3353 N. Kedvale Ave..

block of West Touhy

with driving under the

W. Simpson St., Morton

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ing Chicago, will. Robert Callero issued a

POLICE BLOTTER

The following incidents were listed among the official reports of

the Niles Police Department. An arrest does not constitute a find-

ing of guilt. Only a court of law can make that determination.

statement Monday saying he and the Village Board had no plans to cut back on snow plowing or salt. "The cleaning and salting

Chicago, was charged

with driving under the

Milwaukee Avenue. He

was released on \$1.000

influence of alcohol

Dec. 2 on the 7800

bond and is due in

■ Andres Cajigal Jr., 54,

of 862 W. Golf Road.

charged with driving

under the influence of

alcohol Nov. 30 on the

Des Plaines, was

court Dec. 26.

block of North

of our streets is an important service for our community and it will be done in the same efficient and timely manner this winter as accomplished in the past years," he said.

at \$25,000 and he is

due in court Dec. 11.

■ Grace Cumba, 37, of

THEFT

Callero's statement also said: "Drivers always knew when they arrived at the Niles village boundaries because of the cleaner condition of the streets."

8500 block of West Golf Des Plaines, was Road. His bond was set charged with retail

5646 N. Jersey Ave., Chicago, was charged with retail theft Dec. 4 after she allegedly stole \$331 worth of merchandise from a store on the 6100 block of West Touhy Avenue. She was released on \$1,000

■ Kevin Purpura, 28, of 10159 Meadow Lane.

bond and is due in

court Jan. 9.

theft Dec. 1 after she allegedly stole \$263 worth of merchandise from a store on the 2000 block of Golf Mill Center. His bond was set at \$25,000 and he is due in court Dec. 11.

■ Joseph Giancaspro, 34, of 8800 Root St., Niles, was charged with retail theft Nov. 30 after he allegedly stole \$324 of merchandise from a store on the 2000 block of Golf Mill Center. His bond was set at \$50,000 and he is due in court Dec. 17.

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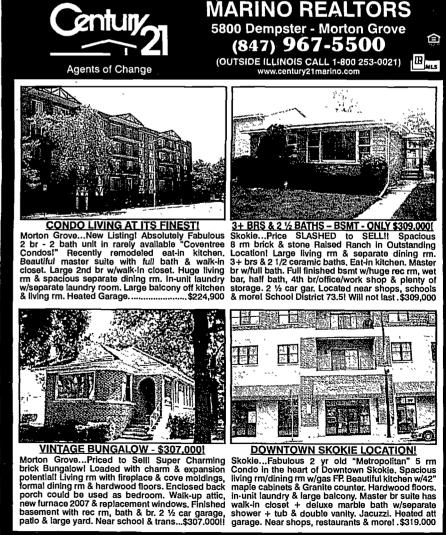
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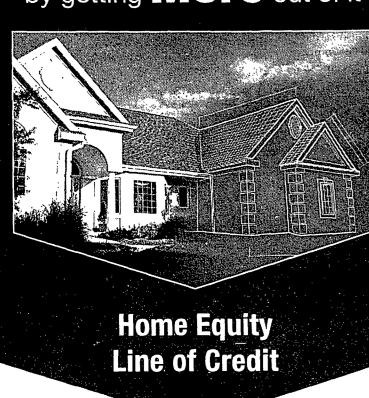
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DEADLINES

e-mailed to mbottari@pio-

Dunkin' Donuts and radio

station B96 will host 12

Days of Christmas for Toys

for Tots and a Jingle Bash

ticket giveaway. Afternoon

team Stylz and Roman will

appear from 2 to 7 p.m.

7039 W. Dempster.

coffee will be given to

everyone who donates a

Dec. 15 at the Niles store,

Coupons for a free medium

new unwrapped toy during

the live remote. Also, two

tickets to B96's annual Jin-

gle Bash with Rihanna and

David Archuleta (Dec. 16

at Allstate Arena) as well

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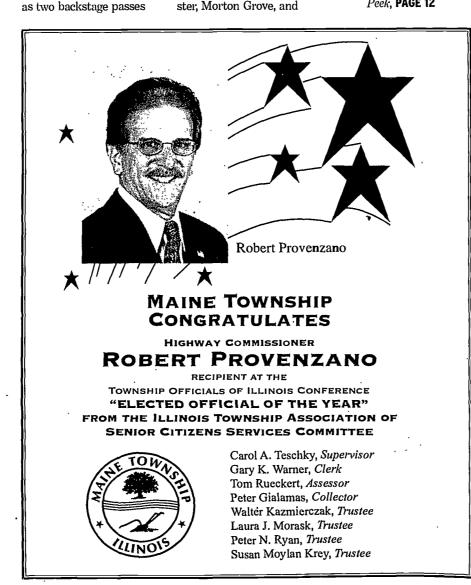
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season will receive gifts and companionship through the fifth annual "Be a Santa to a Senior" program. Non-profit organizations, senior agencies and area retailers are partnering with event sponsor Home Instead Senior Care of Skokie to brighten the lives of more than 600 seniors in Skokie, Wilmette, Winetka, Niles, Morton Grove, Park Ridge, Des Plaines, Evanston and Chicago. Through Dec. 19, shoppers can select ornaments from "Be a Santa to a Senior" giving trees at Sears, Golf Mills Shopping Center in Niles, Dominick's locations at 6931 W. Dempster, Morton Grove, and

2748 Green Bay Road, Evanston, and at Jewel-Osco, 411 N. Green Bay Road, in Wilmette. Each ornament lists the first name of a senior in need, along with a gift request. Holiday shoppers can purchase gifts and return them unwrapped, along with the ornament, to the tree location. For more information about the program and tree locations, log on to www.beasantatoasenior.co

For the eighth consecutive year, Harris Bank is sponsoring The U.S. Marine Corps "Toys for Tots" toy drive. The toy collections are taking place through Dec. 18. All Harris branches in Illinois, Indiana and Wisconsin will be accepting donations, with the exception of limited service and stand-alone ATM locations. A new unwrapped toy can be dropped off at the nearest Harris location. For more

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Limo bus ditches teens after dance



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STEPHANIE ZIMMERMANN

THE FIXER - Chicago Sun-Times

Dear Fixer: Twentysix 15-year-old kids were abandoned by the limousine that they hired from My Chicago Limousine Inc. for Homecoming night.

Here's what happened: On Oct. 9, I called My Chicago Limousine to reserve a limo bus for Oct. 25, which was Homecoming night at Glenbrook North. It was booked for 6:45 to 10:45 p.m. for 26 kids, and a \$140 deposit was put on my credit card. I was told the balance of \$700 was due at pickup.

On Oct. 25, we talked to their rep twice — once

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to confirm the evening's reservation, and once so she could tell us the name and cell phone number of our driver. The driver, Max, called us on his cell phone that afternoon to introduce himself and to ask for the pickup address. He called back later that afternoon for the exact itinerary, addresses and times.

rived, he was given a printed, detailed itinerary and the \$700 balance of the evening's fee in the cash that was collected from the kids. Many of the boys worked hard and saved to be able to have a special evening with their friends.

When the driver ar-

From dinner, they arrived at the high school at 8:45 p.m. At this time, they were told to remove their belongings from the limo bus because another driver would be picking them up at 10:30. However, when they

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was no bus

They called Max on his cell number and he informed them that he was NOT even their driver, that he did not know who took them that night, and that he could do nothing for them. The kids saw a limo hus from the same company in the high school lot and when they got to it, they found their driver from earlier in the evening with a busload of other kids!

After the kids' first call to me that they were stranded, I called the limo company and left a message. I heard nothing back, but still believed that they would be picked up. As 11 p.m. was quickly approaching, I called yet again and left an angry message. A few of us went to pick up the kids and get them to the after-event, but by this time they had already

missed half of their prepaid time at this event.

In total, the kids were outside in the cold and kids at 6:45 p.m., taking dark, most without jackets, and past curfew for them to dinner and then 45 minutes! To this day, leaving them at the school we still have no idea who at 8:45 p.m. equals four was in charge of transhours, but maybe the peoporting our kids that ple at My Chicago Limounight, and the company sine use a different system refuses to give me this of time. information.

I have spent countless hours on this. Over and over again, they have avoided my calls, hung up on me, pretended not to know me, and NOT ONCE apologized or even acknowledged any wrongdoing.

Chicago Limousine at the Better Business Bureau. The BBB gives this com-Dear Megan: Wow. pany — which operates a Where to begin? For one, bunch of different limo Team Fixer wondered whether My Chicago Lim-Web sites - an "unsatisfactory" rating due to 17 ousine, which is registered complaints in the last 36 to Marcin Szpak of months, the majority of Schiller Park, has a policy them unresolved. on stranded youths, but we never got that far. When we called, the guy your local police, but they say it's a civil matter. who answered said you got the four hours you Which is how this might

paid for and then he hung go, if you and the other 25 families decide to take an-The Fixer can't figure other ride together - this out how picking up the

We tried to reach them

repeatedly by phone and

e-mail, but still couldn't

So what's next? You

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could join the ranks of

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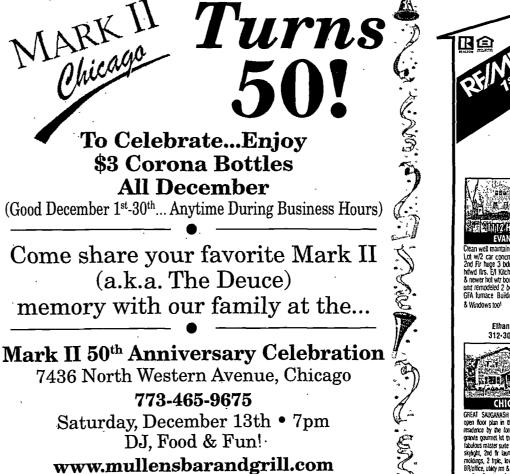
get a response.

Who's your Good Guy?

Please keep sending your heartwarming tales of businesses and employees who went the extra mile for you this year to goodguys@suntimes.com We'll run the best ones later this month.

Getting the runaround about a consumer problem? Tell it to The Fixer at www.pioneerlocal.com, where you'll find a simple form to fill out. If you don't have a computer, you can mail a brief description of your problem along with your name, address and telephone number, to: The Fixer, 3701 W. Lake Ave., Glenview IL 60026. Don't send original documents. Due to the large volume of submissions, The Fixer can't make personal replies. Thanks to contributor Liza Roche.

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public transportation

Even before the stock

markets began their finan-

cial rollercoaster ride this

fall, local governments

were facing some uneasy

realities about affording

or acquiring enough ice

Last year's winter

nicipal stockpiles, to a

point where public works

departments had to look

for more salt before the

end of the snow season.

Park Ridge, for example,

experienced 64 inches of

snow and spent an extra

salt when it was \$40 a ton

"snow event" in that com-

munity uses up between

Many communities, in

the same boat, decided to

double their salt orders

for this winter and then

hit a bunch of snags.

There was less supply

than expected. The state

was unable to contract.

it has offered northern

Cook County communi-

costs skyrocketed. By

for the cheaper bulk rates

ties in the past. Then salt

80 and 100 tons of salt.

\$46,000 for additional

last year. Each average

months drained many mu-

melting products.

when available.

over.

Facing decreasing in-

some towns are curtailing

overtime for plow drivers

come - from sluggish

property sales to slow

sales tax revenues ---

much as Chicago has

done. Chicago will still

overnight, but plowing

side streets will be lim-

ited this winter to regular

clear main arteries

weekday hours. The

plows also spread the

salt, so the chances for

residential street ruts,

drifts or icy patches to

develop are increased.

As municipalities grit

their teeth to get through

expensive winter plowing

take a few steps of their

own to reduce congested

streets. Take precautions

driving on roads not yet

cleared or salted, to avoid

getting stuck and block-

ing the traffic. Keep calm

with carpet squares and a

supply of sand or kitty lit-

ter to give slipping tires

transportation when pos-

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information regarding Toys for Tots visit www.tovsfortots.org.

The Niles Fire

Department is hosting the fifth Annual U.S. Marine Corps/ Niles Fire Department Toys for Tots Drive, "No child goes without tovs on Christmas." The Niles Fire Department will have seven collection sites: both Niles Fire Department Stations, Niles Police Department, Niles Senior Center, Niles Fitness Center, Niles Public Library and the Niles Teen Center. located in the Golf Mill shopping center. Drop off dates will end at 1 p.m. Dec. 15. All toys must be new and unwrapped. No stuffed animals will be accepted for distribution.

Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation Illinois will host the annual Chance of a Lifetime Gala from 5:30 to 11:30 p.m.

are available with the U.S. Dec. 13 at McCormick Place Lakeside Ballroom Census Bureau, All positions require successfully and Arie Crown Theater in Chicago. It will feature an passing a qualifying exam evening filled with dinner, which will be given beginning at 10:30 a.m. Dec. 17 dancing, auctions, a live performance by Steve at the Niles Public Library, Winwood and emceed by 6960 Oakton St. For more NBC 5 anchor Allison information, call 1-866-861-Rosati. Through the auctions and Fund-A-Cure, the The Harmonaires will

present a Christmas concert for family and friends at 2 p.m. Dec. 13 at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 1177 Howard Ave., in Des Plaines. Admission is free. Refreshments and a visit from Santa are included. For information, call choral director Alberta Fischer at (847) 699-0546.

FITNESS CENTER

Holly Day Party for ages 1 to 5 with parent will include "Holly Day" games, crafts, stories and more from 10 to 11 a.m. Dec. 17. Cost is \$9, members; \$11,

nonmembers.

FOOD DRIVE

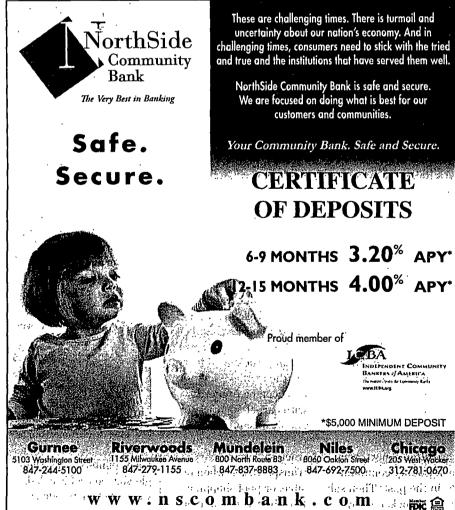
7000 N. Newark Ave., Niles, will accept food donations to support the Chicago Food Depository until Dec. 31. Each year, the Chicago Food Depository feeds thousands of Chicago-area residents. Non-perishable food items can be dropped off at Saint Andrew Life Center, and donors will be entered into a free raffle. Winners will be notified in January. For more information, call (847) 647-8332.

Saint Andrew Life Center.

FUND-RAISERS

The dressbarn store in Niles, has joined in support of Breast Cancer Awareness Month. The retail store will contribute profits from the sale of Chloe. a plush dog, to the American Cancer Society's local and national initiatives. Chloe sells for \$5; dressbarn will donate a mini-

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WE SAY 1000 WORDS Salting roads is costly this winter prices were about four there is a real possibility times as high as past GHOST OF CHRISTMAS that local municipalities vears. While some law-PAST OF PRESENT may not be using as much makers have asked for an 简 OR FUTURE? rock salt to keep streets investigation of why the clear as they did a year Illinois prices went so ago. Couple that with efhigh, the grim reality is forts by some communithat local governments ties to limit overtime to still have to be prepared control budget expenses. to handle winter snowand drivers may find the going challenging on local This will be a year of roads this winter. experimentation, because Drivers, therefore. without enough rock salt. cities and villages are tryshould take extra care during snow storms or ing different products to avoid the roads by using keep roads from icing

Good-bye, old swing set

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VAN MOM STRIKES AGAIN

Standing in our backyard, winter sends chills up my arms. Strange to be here when it's cold.

This old playset saw most of its action in summer. Then, the boys wore shorts and Band-Aids. Their swings flung high into the air, punctuated by yells and explosion sound effects. Later, slurping Popsicles, they masterminded sandbox raids with their Tonkas.

Today, the wood beams have splinters. The triangle-shaped roof is faded. Crumpled on its side is the teeter-totter.

My husband and I watch two men take apart the

old fort swing set, carrying sections to their truck.

"Put that up myself." My husband's tone is gruff. "Did the work of two men." Uh-oh. He's in that

kind of mood. Next he'll be telling me he hollowed out the Grand Canyon with his bare hands.

The men return one final time for the vellow

Good-bye, swing set. Inanimate things become a part of a family's history, like heirlooms or antiques. "We bought that when we first moved in here." "This belonged to my grandmother."

Two years ago, when we got rid of our old sofasleeper, my youngest wept and insisted he'd go with it. Guests were treated for trauma after sleeping on its metal rod and thin mattress. That couch couldn't sustain a comfortable sit if the Sleep Number's Lindsay Wagner laid her hands on it and drove out all the dust mites. People checked their insurance policies be-

fore they sat on that couch.

Quiet, we stare at the blank space in our yard. For years, I've glimpsed outside my window and saw that old swing set, the last trace of my children being little.

"I want to live long enough to see a grandchild," my husband says. " want to hold a baby again.'

Thanks, Mr. Chips. When grouches express sensitivity, it packs three hundred times the wallop. Instantly, I'm blubbering nonsense into his shoulder

Well. There's still the rocking horse in the garage. When the boys used to pinch its ear, it would whinny and make a clippityclop sound. My husband says we need to get rid of it

Over my dead sentimental body.

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YOU SAY County retirees upset by misleading letter

www.pioneerlocal.com

The letter sent to Cook County retirees by Daniel R. Degnan, executive director of the Cook County Pension Fund, is one of the most irresponsible pieces of correspondence I have ever had the displeasure encountering. With the present precarious economic condition both nationally and globally, to send this type of letter to retirees is despicable, especially as we approach the holiday season. My office - and the of-

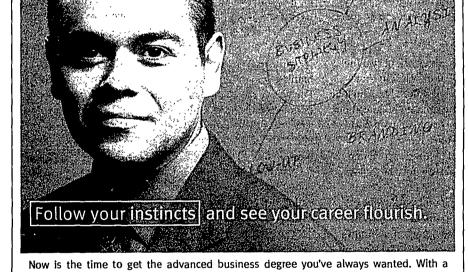
fices of my colleague county commissioners has fielded hundreds of phone calls, many of which were from retirees in tears and who have noted that their blood pressure soared upon receipt of the letter. Many of the retirees are in their 80s and 90s and had served Cook County for 25, 30 or 35 years, and some were so upset they didn't read the entire letter and thought they were losing their pensions.

This letter intentionally caused fear and anguish in an attempt to use Cook County retirees as pawns in the present dispute as to how the pension fund will be funded not if it will be funded. It's a shame the Cook County Pension Fund's Office allowed itself to be used in this manner and to threaten deserving pensioners' peace of mind. Flizabeth "Liz"

Doody Gorman **County Commissioner** 17th District

Editor's Note: Daniel Degnan's Nov, 19 letter discussed a delay in issuing \$104 million in bonds to cover the pension fund levy, which was approved by the Cook County Board on Sept.

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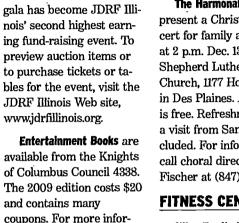


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mum of \$2.50 from the sale of each dog to the American Cancer Society, targeting breast-cancer research. Chloe will be sold through Dec. 15, or while supplies last. For more information call (847) 588-3100.

Our Lady of Ransom

Parish in Niles is selling Entertainment 2009 Books for \$20. Discounts cover a variety of areas, including travel, restaurants, car rentals, movie theaters and hotel discounts. The sale benefits the parish. To get a book contact Josephine Bax, (847) 823-2550.

HEALTH

Resurrection Medical Center, 7435 W. Talcott Ave., Chicago, will offer flu and pneumonia vaccinations for individuals over 18 years and older from October

through December. Both

vaccinations are free to

Medicare Part B participants. A flu shot is \$25 and the pneumonia vaccination is \$50 for those who selfpay. Advance registration is required by calling 1-877-737-4636.

The American Cancer Society. Chicago office is seeking partnerships with faithbased organizations to outreach in various Chicago communities to provide resources involving cancer issues. In organizations where no health ministry exists, ACS will help the organization begin a ministry, or will provide health related information. Through this program, Churches Against Cancer (CAC), ACS will provide a comprehensive health awareness campaign within the organization to help build capacity, provide culturally appropriate resource materials and technical assistance to member churches. To participate, faith-based organizations must approve joining CAC. For more information about CAC, contact

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A gold watch may honor my retirement, but I'll need something more valuable to see me through.

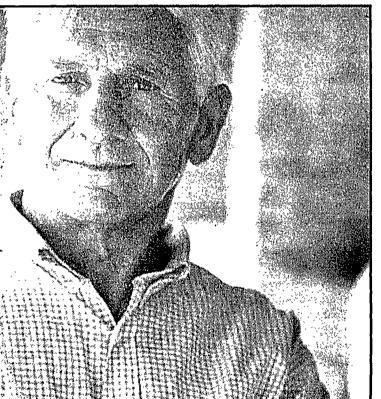
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hour American Red Cross baby-sitter training course for young people 11 years old and older at the hospital. 1775 Dempster St. in Park Ridge. Participants will learn such baby-sitting basics as handling emergencies, rescue breathing, care of the choking infant and child, preventing accidents, understanding parent instructions and caring for children of different ages. The next session will be offered from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Dec. 19. Participants should bring their own lunch. The fee is \$50. For information or to register, call 1-800-323-8622) Space is limited to 10 participants. The code for this course is 8P17.

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PARENTING

Advocate Lutheran General Hospital and the American Red Cross offer an Infant/Child CPR Course. This 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

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Kumamoto named dental society chief

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David Kumamoto, DDS, a general dentist, was sworn in as president of the Chicago Dental Society at a ceremony Nov. 9 at the Chicago Hilton.

The society, established in 1864, has more than 4,100 members in Cook, Lake and DuPage Counties, making it the largest local society of the American Dental Asso-

Kumamoto, of Niles, received his dental degree from the University of Illinois at Chicago's College of Dentistry, where he was a clinical associate professor in the department of restorative dentistry.

He holds a part-time teaching position at the University of Illinois at Chicago College of Dentistry, and has served as team dentist for the University of Illinois at Chicago's athletic department for more than 20 years. He also sits on the College of Dentistry's Alumni Board and is past

chairman of the UIC Campus Alumni Advisory Board. He frequently lectures on sports dentistry.

He is a fellow of the International College of Dentists, the Academy of General Dentistry, the Academy for Sports Dentistry and the American College of Den-

As president, Kumamoto will oversee its annual Midwinter Meeting Feb. 26 through March 1 at Mc-Cormick Place. The convention is an exhibit of dental products.

Marketing firm announces partnership

Celtic Marketing, Inc., an advertising, marketing and public-relations agency in north suburban Chicago, has welcomed a new client. the National Retail and Restaurant Defense Association (NRRDA).

NRRDA was formed in July 2008 to serve professionals involved in risk management and legal defense pertaining to the retail and restaurant industries. Hired as a strategic partner to help manage and grow NR-RDA's membership base. Celtic will provide strategic guidance, organize member activities, plan annual seminars and conferences, and further expand NRRDA's visibility on a national level.

"We chose Celtic because of their track record in helping associations grow," said Brian Cafritz, president of NRRDA. "As a newly chartered organization and the first of its kind, our main goal is to expand our membership base. With Celtic bringing us their strategy, expertise, and refreshing perspectives, we expect great things from this partnership in the months to come."

Hospital welcomes new staffer

Dr. Susan Brown, of Glenview, recently was appointed to the medical staff of Advocate Lutheran General Hospital in Park Ridge.

Brown, a specialist in hematology and oncology, received a medical degree from St. Louis University Hospital and completed her

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17, and a decision at the Pen-

cover the levy. Urging retirees

to contact their commission-

ers to insist they provide the

"statutorily mandated funds

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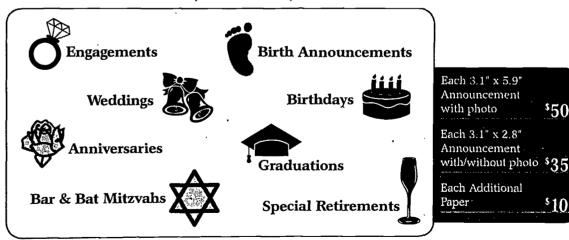
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Gabrielle Maria Brichta

October 7, 2008 5 pounds, 3 ounces • 17 inches

Gabby was welcomed to the world with love and excitement by her parents Mike and Tressie Brichta of Chicago. She is the first grandchild for both sets of proud grandparents: Rand and Marla Brichta of Northbrook and Liz and Ed Stefan of Minooka, IL. Gabby will be loved and adored by great grandparents: Sid Brichta of Northbrook. Otto and Teresa Stefan of River Forest, Desmond and Marta du Mont of Chicago, and Shirley Alper of Chesterfield, MO.

Congratulations to her loving parents Mike and Tressie Brichta

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sected for 45 Maine Town-

ship High School District

That's the date for this

year's annual "Government

Day," conducted each year

through the joint efforts of

Fifteen students from

each of the district's three

schools spent the day ob-

serving and participating

in the kinds of information-

gathering, procedures and

complicated decision-mak-

Students from Maine

ing that elected officials

East, Maine West and

Maine South toured and

learned about two social-

service agencies that re-

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Township. One stop is the

Northwest Suburban Day

Plaines, where Executive

Director Mary Freeman

presented a demonstration

showing the kinds of deci-

sions parents must make

when they choose a child-

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District 207 and Maine

Township government.

207 students on Dec. 5.

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Daniel Schallmo, Matthew

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SCHOOLS DIGEST

Campus

Hillarie J. Siena of Niles received a doctor's degree in education from Northern Illinois University.

Kristen M. Greif of Niles placed on the dean's list for the spring semester at Bradley University.

Included on the dean's list for the spring term at the University of Iowa were Niles students Daniel S. Barone, Paul A. Kazmierczak and Michael P. Palermo.

Graduating from Marquette University were Niles students Maria Matsoukas, who received a juris doctorate; Antonino Mule, a bachelor's degree in real estate: and Sharon Thomas, doctor of dental surgery degree.

Earning dean's list status for the spring term at the University of Wisconsin-Madison were Niles students Caitlin M. Bates. Patricia Katsigiannis and Katharine V. Waller.

John E. Johann of Niles made the spring dean's list at Loras College.

Receiving bachelor's degrees from Northern Illinois University were Niles students Danielle A. Daidone, political science/public law, and Derek J. Zakowski, public health administration.

District 207

Current seniors and 2008 graduates a Maine Township High School District 207 high schools were recognized recently with AP Scholar Awards in recognition of their exceptional achievement on AP exams. The College Board's

National Scholar: Andrew Beierwaltes, Fahad Chaus, Leena Danawala, Martha Golonko, Jay Patel and Ava Socik.

Recognition is based on ascending order of achievement: AP Scholar, AP Scholar with Honor, AP Scholar with Distinction and National AP Scholar. Advanced Placement is accepted by more than 3,600 colleges and universities for college

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Maine East Scholar: Julie Alkhovsky.

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ment, or both, on the basis

Parshva Bhavsar, Amalia Bir, Marija Bulatovic, Deepali Darji, Keith Ditkowsky-Fink, Afreen Ghousia Khadeer, Judyta Hankus, Almira Jezerak, Hong Jong Joo, Mary Ann Karagiannis, Syed Khalid, Kristin Kim, Seul Ku, Brian Lov, Brian Martin, Jessica Mikos, Deepesh Patel, Paval Patel, Prerak Patel, Purvi Patel, Sameehan Patel, Milica Plavsic, Justyna Podgorska, Monika Przbylek, Sophia Rafioi, Tess Raser, Jeannine Saadeh, Angela Suriano, Roshen Thomas, Dana Vattanavanitkul, Veena Vijayakumar, Grace Wechman and Alexander

Scholar with Honor: James Kelly, Noman Khan,

Zaborowski.

Katherine Kirschner, Rvan Malitz, Megan Meyer, Maulik Patel, Ravi Patel, Ricardo Perez, Falguni Råna, Aaron Reinhart, Anthony Scarpaci, Wojciech Snarski, Pete Srisuk,

Melvin Thomas and Frieda

Scholar with Distinction:

Fawaad Ahmad, Andrew Beierwaltes, Fahad Chaus, Leena Danawala, Tamiya Easow, Ethan Epple, Martha Golonko, Paula Grzebien, Elizabeth Kloser, Katherine Lenart, Darina McDee, Rehan Nizamuddin, Alex Paguirigan, Dipali Patel, Jay Patel, Matthew Plis, Peter Prokopowicz, Vinit Shah, Gregory Skoczek, Ava Socik, Kevin St Utz, Michael Telwak, Jintu Thomas and Robert Zielinski.

Scholar: Matthew Abtahi, Gabriel Arenas, Leah Artwick, Michael Athans, Leah Barsanti, Thomas Berg, Meredith Bonk, Gianna Bosco, Emily Brait, Emma Briars, Stacy Burghardt, Santino Cannizzaro, Elizabeth Clarke. Brittany Crawford-Purcel, Laura Davis, Tom Dawiskiba, Rebecca Diaz, Jane Feiereisel, Kari Gaudyn, Lydia Gerlach, Christopher Heck, Andrew Hemphill, Patrick Johnson, Jogin Jose, Stephanie Jozwiak, Onana Kamber, Thomas Kashul, Josephine Kochou, Joseph Kozak, Jennifer Kurtz, Lauren Lamarca, Meagan Maher, Nicole Mirjanich, Kathleen Mor-

Sarah Carpenter, Jonathan Cottrell, Kimberly Dardi, derkin. Wilson

Joshua Sissman, Camron

Swanson, Alexander Ta-

drew Terlecky, Laura

Walsh, Maggie Wave,

Alexander Dardi, Steven

and Tania Zaparaniuk.

Scholar With Honor:

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Lindsey Wolf, Philip Yatvin

pling, Matthew Tarpey, An-

Brian Disher, Luke El-Funkhouser, Christina Gale, Kelsev Grandi, Kyle Hannon, Anne Householder. Samantha Imburgia, Gina Jenero. Cori Johnson. Hannah Johnson, Robert Juckett, Shui-Sum Lau, Tara Lewensky, Melissa Manson Kristin McGuire. Ann Merrell, Julia Nikol, Patrick O'Hara, Gregory Piekos, Paulina Popek, Zachary Timm, Megan Trawver, Nicholas Virgilio,

Scholar with Distinction:

Brian Wagner and Bohdan

Yarymowych.

George Aguilar, Lauren Alpert, Joshua Alvarez, Ann Amador, Brooke Amelse, Eric Bauer, David Berndtson, Kimberly Blankshain, Paul Brumley, David Chao, Patrick Clark and David Cottrell.

National Scholar: Alexander Dardi, Kimberly Daul, Erin Deda, Owen Demke, Carolyn Draus, Wesley Durham, Andrew Galiger, Martin Gembis, Zachary Grabijas, Joseph Grieco, James Grizzell, Vanessa Grosskopf, Maija Gustin, Michael Hansen, Erich Hartfelder, Ashleigh Heffernan, Daniel Heiza, Daniel Hoiland, Robert Huening, Brett Janssen, Julie Jarosz, Katherine Johnson, Kevin Jones, Arash Khan, Erin Klein,

care provider and do so within a family budget.

Back at Maine Township offices in Park Ridge. students split into eight groups, each working with a representative from one of eight social-service agencies that receive township funding to learn the challenges they face in providing services with limited resources. Over pizza, each group built a funding appeal for its agency, a pitch that each group made to a panel of students, who decided, in a mock exercise, which agencies the township would

"It's very realistic in a lot of ways. We make it clear to students that this is a real set of decisions, with real people affected," says Michelle Biondo. Maine Township Agency and program coordinator, who, with Social Science Department Chairs Carl Brownell, of Maine East, Jo Ann Bondi, of Maine South, and Susan Gahagan Mueller, of Maine West. has organized the event in

"I am constantly impressed every year by the students." Biondo said. "It's a fun day and a great learning experience."

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recent years.

Nine students from Maine East High School's Gifted and Talented program, Lyceum, spent the day before Thanksgiving performing volunteer work at Connections for the Homeless in Evanston. The juniors did the work, assembling Thanksgiving meals and sorting donated

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Illinois election law sets

April election offers chances for public service

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They may not command the unprecedented attention that November's federal and presidential contests did, but the April 7 round of consolidated elections could capture the watching their local school districts, communities and park districts, and other local elected governments.

In Lincolnwood voters will be asked to decide who will serve five fouryear Village Board terms, as seats currently held by

Mayor Jerry Turry, Clerk Beryl Herman and Trustees Larry Elster, Larry Froman and Tom Heidtke become open.

risroe, Brooke Nelson, Ter-

rence O'Neill, Jacqueline

Anthony Petrokas, Dustin

Popiel, Nicky Priovolos,

Thomas Rucker, Michael

Sanchez, James Schmitt,

San Gabino, Caitlin

O'Reilly, Elizabeth Otis.

Four four-year term seats are up for contention on the Lincolnwood Elementary School District 74 board; they are currently

held by board trustees David Koder, Georjean Nickell, Paul Langer and Richard Ruderman.

The Niles Township High School District 219 board will also have four four-year seats open; Robert Silverman, Lynda Gault Smith, Ruth Klint

unexpired term of former board member Tim Knud-Two six-year terms will

Feb. 24 for primary elections for some municipal and township elected bodies. The deadline for filing to run for municipal or other consolidated election positions in the April election. The filing period for most positions up for election in April runs between Jan. 19 and Jan. 26.

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clothing, as part of their commitment to a pair of two-year learning-service projects that their class has initiated. Lyceum Coordinator Judy Tyler devoted her Wednesday to both pitching in with the work and supervising the students' efforts. **\$ \$ \$**

An annual holiday high-

light is coming to the community on Sunday, as Maine West presents its Holiday "Prism" Concert.

The ninth annual concerts will begin at 2 p.m. and 4:45 p.m. and will feature ensembles from the Maine West Band, Choir, Guitar and Orchestra Departments. Featuring a wide variety of musical styles and literature, each concert offers 90 minutes of continuous music in a multiple-stage setup inside the Maine West auditori-

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Bernie Gerstmavr will

Hanes, the choirs, Frank

Admission is \$6: tickets are now being sold at the Maine West Bookstore, or can be purchased at the

door. Maine West is located at 1755 South Wolf

Road in Des Plaines. **\$ \$ \$ Nominating petitions** for

the April 7 school-board

election in Maine Township High School District 207 are available at the district office, 1131 South Dee Road, Park Ridge. Forms may be picked up from the board secretary during the district office's business hours, 7:30 a.m.

to 4 p.m., Monday through

Friday.

must be filed in the same office no earlier than 8 a.m. Jan. 20, and no later than 5 p.m. Jan. 26. The district office will be open until 4 p.m. Jan. 20, 21, 22 and 23, and until 5 p.m.

A candidate's petitions

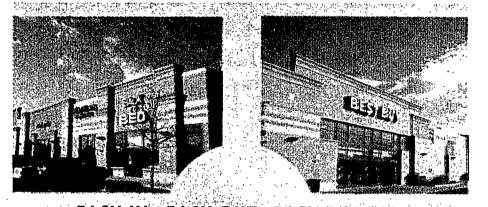
Four seats on District 207's seven-member board will be filled by voters in the April 7 balloting. Those elected will serve four-year terms that will expire in April 2013. Current members whose terms expire in

April are Jeffrey Bergen. Marijo Bustos, Eric Levs and Edward Mueller.

To be eligible to serve, a candidate must, on election day, be a U.S. citizen. at least 18 years old, a registered voter and a resident of both Illinois and District 207 for at least a year immediately preceding the election.

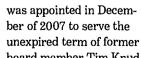
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Robert Loerzel calls the "The Maids" by Jean Genet "appropriately deranged."

- er Curtis Leopardo - both natives of Barrington - collaborated on the upcoming horror movie "The Tortured."

In Entertaining Ideas, Jennifer Thomas discusses CSPAN's "White House Week" and the complete DVD collection of 'The Wire"

» MUSIC »

Lou Reid & Carolina perform Saturday in a Bluegrass

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"The real reason 'Doubt' earns its Tony and doubtless be a major contender in the upcoming Oscars — is the way it makes the audience question its own assumptions." SEE MOVIE REVIEW. PAGE B5

Teen ballerinas perform the Chinese scene in the Ruth Page version of "The Nutcracker": Megan Rotunno (from left), Meredith Seeley and Molly Klug.

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By MYRNA PETLICKI Contributor

voung girl dreams that one of her Christmas gifts comes to life in "The Nutcracker." This weekend, when the Civic Ballet of Chicago presents Ruth Page's full length staging of the classic ballet in Skokie. two young north suburban girls will be on their way to fulfilling their own dreams.

Megan Rotunno, 15, of Northfield and Molly Klug, 14, of Evanston, both hope to be professional dancers. Each studies at the Ruth Page Center of the Arts downtown, home of the Civic

Ballet of Chicago, and they are excited to be part of a production that was first staged in 1965 by Page, the late renowned dancer and choreographer.

Megan, a New Trier High School sophomore, is dancing Chinese, Waltz of the Flowers and Snow in the production. This is her secondyear with the company.

Prior to beginning her studies at the Ruth Page Center, Megan studied for five years at Fisher Dance Center in Wilmette. She said she was drawn to dance because "I really like the music and I love how fluid and graceful it looks - how everything is connected togeth-Megan works hard at her

craft, going downtown to classes at least four times a week, for an average of three hours dancing each time. She and Molly have been friends since meeting in a Winnetka production of "The Nutcracker" about five

Lots of roles

Evanston Township High School freshman Molly said she is very happy because she is playing many parts in this year's production of "The Nutcracker," including a Snowflake, Flower and Chinese. She is also in "Waltz of the Flowers" and the finale.

Molly began studying dance when she was 3 years old. "A lot of my friends were taking ballet class and I didn't want to be left out, so I started dancing," she explained. "At first, I just thought it was fun but then, when I got older, I got really passionate about it. I really want to be a professional dancer."

Molly studied at Dance Center Evanston from the time she was 3 until last year when she moved to Ruth Page Center, where she now takes four classes a week, in addition to attending two rehearsals weekly.

Both girls consider dancing in "The Nutcracker" a

wonderful experience. The production features eight guest artists, 17 company dancers and 30 dancers ages 5-13 playing Soldiers, Party Children, Candy Canes and Angels.

"I think it's a great thing to do every year," Megan said. "I love the music and it's fun because all my friends are there."

Molly admitted that when she performed in "The Nutcracker" last year, "At first, I was really nervous because it was a new studio for me but after the first two performances I thought it was a lot of fun. I like the rush I get dancing in front of a lot of people."

Molly is looking forward to dancing in "The Nutcracker" again this year. "It's such a classic," she said. "It's nice to perform something that dancers I've looked up to have been doing for a long time. It's cool to think that I'm a part of that, too."

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DARK STREETS

The naive playboy owner of a hot nightclub (Gabriel Mann) gets in over his head investigating the murder of his wealthy father. The retro noir drama features dance numbers choreographed to classic blues and R&B songs. Rated R for some sexual content, drug use and brief violent images.

FROST/NIXON

***1/2 It might not seem that the dramatization of a 12-part interview series would offer much in the way of nail-biting suspense, but the stakes were exceedingly high during lightweight British chat-show host David Frost's epic interrogation of disgraced ex-President Richard Nixon in 1977. Frost was nambling his career and his personal fortune (after agreeing to pay Nixon \$600,000 for his participation) on securing a confession and an apology from Nixon following the Watergate scandal, And Nixon saw the interviews as a means to restore his reputation and pave the way for a return to political power. Screenwriter Peter Morgan ("The Queen") adapted his Broadway play about the confrontation - which Nixon pointedly regarded as a duel - for this engrossing effort by director Ron Howard, taking full advantage of the medium's ability to move in close on the face-off. Some might find the first half of the film slow-going, but the tension mounts subtly as the charming Frost (well-played by Michael Sheen of "The Queen") gradually begins to realize he's out of his depth. And by the time of the final interview. when Frost has one last opportunity to set the record straight and save his own skin. it's hard to imagine that anyone around the world times tedious, pace. And it does it would have flipped the channel for far too long. (BI) (165 min.) even to see what was going on with Rated PG-13 for some violence a "Laverne and Shirley." Morgan sucscene of sensuality and brief strong ceeds in conveying several fascinatlanguage. ing suggestions about Nixon, such as the possibility that some part of him wanted to confess his culnability, aided in large part by an Oscar-

worthy performance by Frank

last year for the same role on Broadway, Langella captures

Langella, who won a Tony Award

Nixon's ruthlessness, the cold stare heneath the practiced smile, but he also finds some poignancy in the man who was plaqued by a sense of inadequacy despite having risen to the highest level of power - and who finally realizes his days of power are over. (BI) (122 min.) Rated R for some language.

NOTHING LIKE THE HOLIDAYS

The members of the far-flung Rodriguez family reunite for Christmas to celebrate the return of the voungest brother (Freddy Rodriguez) from Irag. John Leguizamo, Elizabeth Peña and Debra Messing are featured. Rated PG-13 for thematic elements including some sexual dialogue, and brief drug references.

STILL PLAYING

AUSTRALIA

★★ 1/2 Big, brawling, boisterous and boiling over with romance, Baz Luhrmann's "Australia" is unabashedly epic, but also more than a little bit overblown. Aussie exports Nicole Kidman and Hugh Jackman star as the prim and proper Lady Sarah Ashley. an English aristocrat hoping to sell off her million-acre Australian cattle ranch and The Drover a rough-hewn shockingly ill-mannered, yet undeniably hunkalicious freelance trail boss. Together they battle Australia's biggest and meanest cattle baron (Bryan Brown), demonstrate anachronistically enlightened attitudes toward a half-caste aboriginal child (a likeable kid named Brandon Walters in his movie debut), defiantly thumb their noses at nost-Pearl Harbor invading Japanese and inevitably embark on a "Gone With the Wind"-sized romance. The real problem with "Australia" – setting aside a few cattle-driving scenes that look about as realistic as an enisode of "Bonanza" (Luhrmann has a thing about celebrating artifice) - is that it lumbers along at a slow, some-

BOLT ***

Basically, "Bolt" is "The Truman Show" from a canine perspective. Like Jim Carrey in Peter Weir's excellent 1998 existential comedy.

our hero learns one day that the life he's been living is in reality not a reality - that the world as he knows it is actually a popular TV show. From puppyhood, he's been trained to believe that he truly is Bolt the Superdog (voice of John Travolta). the canine star of a popular action series, in which he repeatedly rescues the intrepid young action heroine Penny (voice of Miley Cyrus) from the clutches of mad-scientist Dr. Calico (Malcolm McDowell). One day, believing Penny's been kidnapped, Bolt flips out, escapes from the studio and starts searching for his mistress out in the cold cruel real world - and that's when the fun begins. (BI) Rated PG for some mild action and peril.

CADILLAC RECORDS **★★ 1/2**

The story of Chicago's pioneering Chess Records is well-worth telling, but there's way too much going on here to provide more than a superficial overview. TV director Darnell Martin wrote and directed "Cadillac" from the perspective of songwriter Willie Dixon (Cedric the Entertainer), looking back from the present to the late '40s, when Polish/Jewish immigrant Leonard Chess (Adrien Brody) made the acquaintance of Muddy Waters (Jeffrey Wright in an impressively understated performance) and was savvy enough to get into the "race" records game. (BI) (109 min.) Rated R for pervasive language and some sexuality

FOUR CHRISTMASES

A couple (Vince Vaughn, Reese Witherspoon) struggles through Christmas at the homes of four divorced parents. (82 min.) Rated PG-13 for some sexual humor and language.

MILK

***1/2 Director Gus Van Sant's moving biography of Harvey Milk, the first openly gay man to be elected to public office in America. has a lot going for it including a smart. funny, politically savvy script, but it's Sean Penn's uncharacteristically gentle, humorous. low-key performance that really makes it work. The film onens with a tane of Milk recording his memoirs because he was aware he was a target for assassination and works its way. through his political career, from the time he discovered his gift for organizing until the time he was shot by a disturbed fellow City Supervisor (Josh Brolin). (BI) (128

min.) Rated R for language some

sexual content and brief violence.

PUNISHER: WAR ZONE

Comic book vigilante Frank Castle (Ray Stevenson) continues his ultra-violent war on crime, (103 min.) Rated R for pervasive strong brutal violence, language and some

SLUMDOG MILLIONAIRE ++++

this beautifully made film involving a

The stakes couldn't be higher in

Dickensian struggle against cruel poverty, the lifelong bond between two estranged brothers, true love that never dies, the resilence of hope and the workings of fate and they couldn't be resolved in a more dazzling manner. Danny Boyle ("Trainspotting," "24 Days Later") directed this epic adventure about an uneducated 18-vear-old slum kid named Jamai (Dev Patel), who's one correct answer away from winning a 20-million rupee lackpot on India's version of "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?" The show's smarmy host (Indian superstar Anil Kapoor) and the police are so convinced that Jamal is cheating somehow that he's tortured and interrogated during the overnight break, but "Slumdog" gradually reveals through flashbacks that he learned his answers the hard way: Through life experience. And this kid's life story definitely gives "Dliver Twist" a run for his howl of gruel. (BI) In English and Hindi with subtitles

TWILIGHT ***

"Twilight" is really a love let-

ter to fans of Stephenie Meyer's books, but it's not necessary to have read them - it just beins to have a greater sense of the story and more of an attachment to the characters. The movie closely follows the plot of the book as teenage Bella (Kristen Stewart) moves into a strange new town and falls in love with a teenage vampire (Robert Pattinson). Pattinson comes across like James Dean - intense. heart-breakingly gorgeous, moody and enthralling. And Stewart nails the character of Bella - her clumsiness. bravery, stubbornness and curiosity. Where the movie is a letdown is in its special effects. The vampire jumping and leaping looks silly and the sepia-tinted flashback scenes are straight out of a silent movie parody. (JT) (122 min.) Rated PG-13 for some violence and a scene of sensuality

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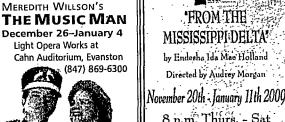


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Doubt $\star\star\star$ 1/2

John Patrick Shanley's award-winning play about questionable accusations and hidden truths in a New York City Catholic school in the early days of the 1960s has a thoughtful and provocative story to tell about the high-stakes struggle between a progressive priest and an authoritarian nun.

But the real reason "Doubt" earns its Tony and its Pulitzer — and will doubtless be a major contender in the upcoming Oscars — is the way it makes the audience ques-

You're likely to begin this film with your sympathies neatly lined up in one direction then change your mind completely by the time it's over. And it's quite possible that if you go with a friend, each of you could leave with completely different opinions about the way the central question in the film — a question of guilt or innocence — is resolved. Shanley, an Oscar-win-

ning screenwriter for "Moonstruck," who returns to directing his own work 18 years after an unhappy experience with "Joe and the Volcano," sets his story in a recently integrated parish school in the Bronx in 1964. St. Nicholas is ruled by the fearsome Sister Aloysius (Mervl Streep, undoubtedly headed for her 15th Oscar nomination), an oldschool knuckle-rapper who considers "Frosty the

and ball-point pens to be the beginning of the end of civilization. Sister A dislikes many things, but she's particularly unhappy with Father Flynn (Philip Seymour Hoffman, fine as always), a liberal priest with alarming ideas about opening up the church to change. The old battle-ax seems to resent the idea of being subordinate to any member of the clergy (when she says the word "priest" she looks like she's contemplating a dead weasel), but she feels a special antipathy for Father Flynn — and she knows he feels the same for her. So it doesn't take any more than the suggestion that the Father might have made sexual advances to the first black boy to enroll in the school. reluctantly reported by a naive young nun (Amy Adams), to make her set

out to destroy him. With

Trouble in mind: Philip Seymour Hoffman and Amy Adams in "Doubt." no other evidence than her own iron-clad certainty that she always knew there was something wrong with him, she makes it her business to drive Father Flynn out of her school. Even after he makes a convincing case that his behavior has been misinterpreted. Clearly, he's the victim of suspicion and intoler-

as charged.

Shanley, who doesn't do much to open up his play cinematically (except for laying on the winds-ofchange symbolism a bit too thickly), doesn't do much to trip himself up, either. He moves things along briskly, skillfully sets up our expectations and deftly handles a last minute shift of perspective that calls everything we've seen so far into question. And he's careful not to make it 100 percent conclusive one way or another whether there's a rat in the sacristy, though you're likely to feel that he

One thing's almost certain, though. This is a film you're probably going to be talking about all the way home from the theater - and possibly a long

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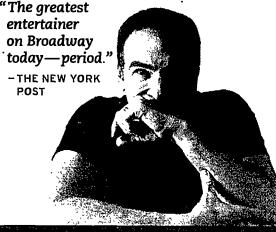
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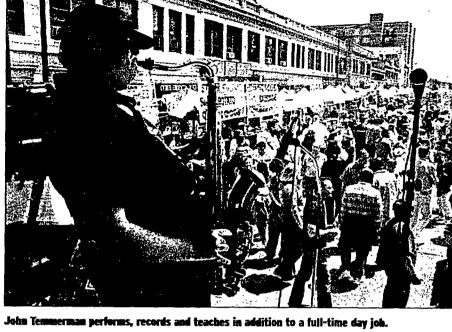
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Skokie sax man issues new CD

Contributor

"I like being busy," John Temmerman said No kidding. The Skokie resident works full time as controller for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, teaches saxophone and clarinet to 20plus students in his home and performs on tenor and soprano saxophone. Another current activity is promoting his new CD "Live in Evanston: John's Mixed Bag," featuring the John Temmerman Quartet (available at www.jazzobsession.com)

The CD definitely offers a mixed bag, with selections ranging from "Blue Moon" by Rodgers and Hart to Lennon and McCartney's "Norwegian Wood," and the traditional



spiritual, "Just a Closer Walk with Thee," all delivered in Temmerman's mellow jazz style. The recording also includes four original pieces by the

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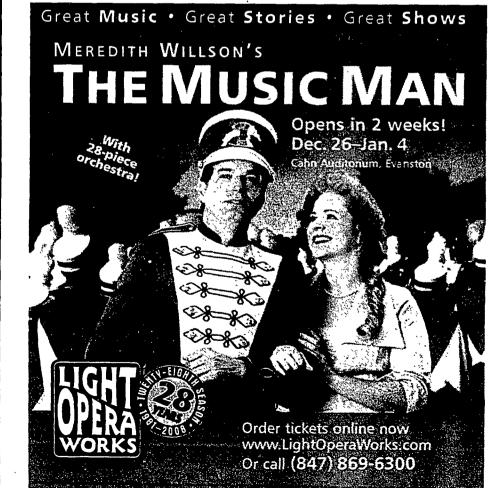
musician: "Plan B Downsized," "An Aging Dream," "Sooner or Later" and "Fundamental Dreamer." "Less is more" is the way the married father of

one grown son describes his style of playing. Steve Thomas, a friend since college who plays trumpet

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Dance fans will see a little bit of everything at "Winter Spectacular 2008," 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 20 and 1:30 p.m. Sunday, December 21, at Prairie Lakes Theatre, 515 E. Thacker, Des Plaines. The fifth annual event showcases Artistry in Motion, the Des Plaines Park District's resident com-

The program will feature the company's 21 young dancers. Members are chosen by audition. "We now have three divisions of our dance company," reported Artistic Director Laura Chiuve. "The oldest dancers are called Advanced AIM.

Last year, we founded a junior dance company called AIM2."

Chiuve said the company will perform a range of dance styles, including hip-hop, jazz, lyrical, contemporary and tap. "We have a mix of current music, pieces we have been working on for a while and, mixed through there, there will also be some holiday themes," the artistic director said. Co-director Cecilia Ferguson-Bell is choreographing a finale danced to Christmas mu-

In addition, there will be two guest companies: Elk Grove Park District's Moving Force Dance Company and, on Saturday night only, the O'Hare

Tickets are \$8, \$5 students.

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Families with children ages 3-8 will learn that the kitchen can be a great place for bonding at "Healthy Holiday Cooking for Families with Spatulatta," featuring the Spatulatta sisters, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 16, at Skokie Public Library, 5215 Oakton St. Registration is required for this event presented in conjunction with Metropolitan Family Services. For details, call (847) 324-3149.

Parent/child couples will create a beautiful centerpiece at "Holiday Gingerbread House," 6-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 17, at Howard Leisure Center, 6676 W. Howard St., Niles. Cost of \$45 for resident couples, \$57 for nonresidents includes all materials, refreshments and a goodie bag for your child. Registration is required.

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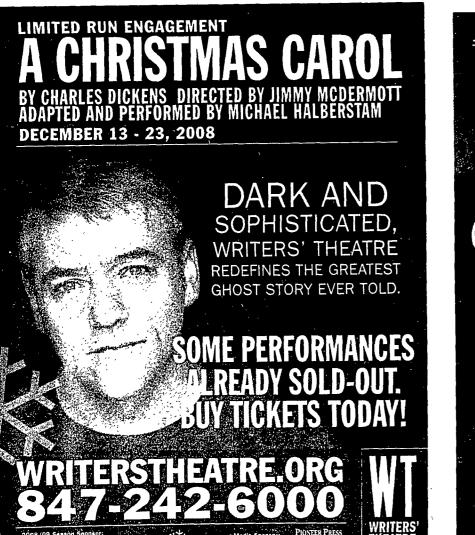
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House work is fun

Families will enjoy holi day music sung by young people during "Live @ Lincolnwood Library: Lincoln Hall Swing and Honor Choir," 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14, at 4000 W. Pratt Ave. Pick up free tickets in advance at the circulation desk. For details, call (847)

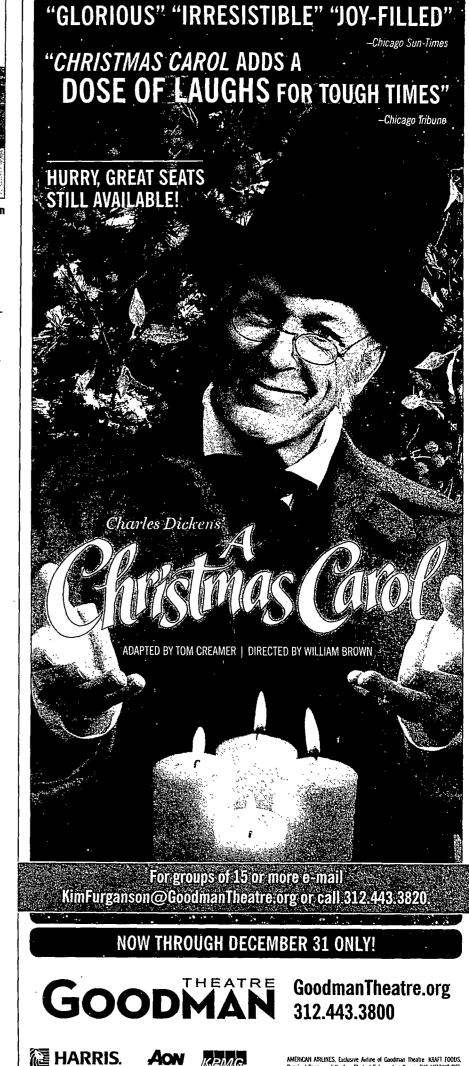
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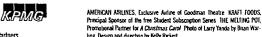
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and his music.

that, in my mid-30s, I disthan the alto was," he

During this time, Temmerman started performing professionally, includat the Orrington Hotel in Evanston. He also began playing regularly at the Custer Street Fair in Evanston - which led to the new recording. In addition, he plays with the Lutheran Center Gospel Choir and at summer fes-

As much as he enjoys performing, Temmerman's face lights up most when teaching. I find it very rewarding," he declared. "I



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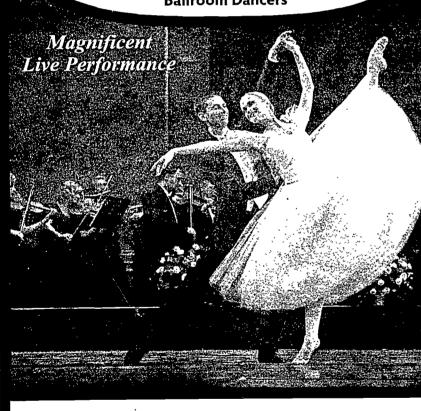
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He contemplated ma-

joring in music at the Uni-

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wanted a business career.

I was an accounting major

After graduation, Tem-

merman continued to play

for a while but quit when

he pursued an MBA de-

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the late '80s, he began

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related. tions on the CD, has his The musician played own take on Temmerinan the clarinet first, starting when he was in grade "We played together at school. He began listening the U of I in the '70s, and to jazz while attending New Trier East High School. "That captivated

since then we have kept in touch and periodically we will collaborate," Thomas said. "It's always fun because he gets good people, he picks good tunes. I think he is very inventive and very relaxed. His musicianship is reflective of his personality — very easygoing. He makes it look easy."

Bonus tracks

Portions of the CD were recorded, by a lucky happenstance, in 2007 at the Custer Street Fair in Evanston, "The band that was in front of me was recording live and the recording engineer said, 'All right, John, do you want me to stick around?'

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"Do-It-Yourself Nutcracker," 10 a.m. Dec. 20 at Dance Center Evanston, 1934 Dempster Ave., in the Dempster and Dodge shopping plaza. Children and their families are invited to participate Suggested donation is \$5 per person, with proceeds to benefit the Evanston Dance Ensemble. There will be a reception for all performers immediately following the dancing. To register, call (847) 328-6683.

"Great Russian Nutcracker" will be performed by Moscow Ballet at 3 p.m. and 7 n.m. Dec. 14 at the Rosemont Theatre 5400 N. River Road, Rosemont. For tickets, visit www.nutcrack er.com or call (312) 559-1212

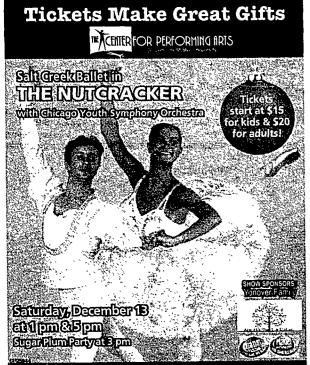
'Holiday Storybox," Dec. 13-21 at Piven Theatre, 927 Noves St., Evanston, Performances are at 1:30 and 3 p.m. Saturdays and 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Sundays. The production is a collaboration of The Performance Lab of Piven, Chicago Improv Festival Production and Story box Ensemble. An unscripted story erupts from a single audience suggestion and an ensemble of improvisational storytellers. Using only wooder sticks and colored pieces of cloth, the theatre artists will create a story about multicultural holidays (847) 866-8049

or www.piventheatre.org. Family entertainer Dave Rudolf will present a holiday show at noon and 2 p.m. Dec. 13 at Oakton Community College, 1600 E. Golf Road, Des Plaines. Rudolf's interactive show offers paro dies such as "Candy Cane Twist" and "Frosty the Slow Man." as well as traditional songs of the season. Tickets: \$7:

> Christmas concert at 2 p.m. Dec. 13 at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 1177 Howard Ave., Des Plaines. Admission is free. Refreshments and a visit from Santa are included. For information, call Alberta Fischer, (847) 699-0546. Holiday Concert 2008, presented by the Evanston Children's Choir at 3:30 p.m. Dec. 14 at Lake Street Church, 607 Lake St., Evanston. Featuring guest violinist Tamara Glassburg. Free, but donations accepted. www.evanstonchil-

"Sing Joy" Christmas concert will be presented by the New Beginnings Cho rus, under the direction of Mary Jane Robertson, at 8 p.m. Dec. 18-19 at the Church of the Incarnation, 330 W. Golf Road, Arlington Heights. Tickets are \$10. For information and tickets, call (847) 259-0189 or (847) 696-2954.

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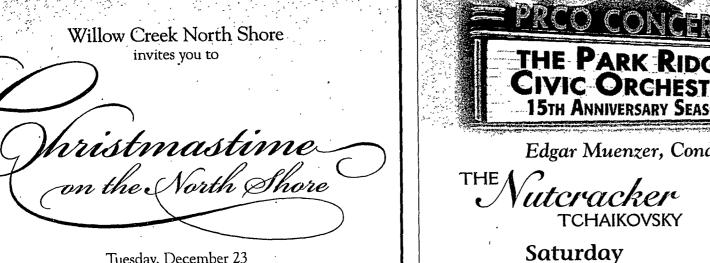
"The Nutcracker," presented by the Ballet Chicago Studio Company and

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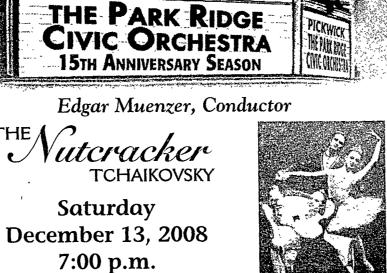
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Dancers will perform a special Christmas-themed dance routine, and soloist Jean-Marie Minton will team up with theatre organist Jay Warren to lead the audience in an old-fashioned sing along with the lyrics to the songs and carols projected up onto the movie screen. The 1947 film classic, "Miracle on 34th Street," will be the screen fea ture. Tickets: \$12: \$9 for students and

The Celtic Knot Public House, 626 Church St., Evanston. (847) 864-1679. www.celticknotoub.com. Dec. 21: Screening of holiday movies - Car toons at 2 p.m.; "A Christmas Story" at 4 p.m.; "A Christmas Carol" at 6 p.m.; "It's a Wonderful Life" at 8 p.m.: "The ohtmare Before Christmas" at 10 p.m Kwanzaa celebration, 6 p.m. Dec. 29

seniors: \$7 for children under 12. For in-

formation, call (773) 736-4050 or visit

Foster St., Evanston, Designed for all ages, the event blends music, arts and crafts, and the spoken word. During the program, the history of Kwanzaa will be explained and symbolic candle: it. The evening culminates with an ofring of soul food and conversation Free. For information, call (847) 448-

NEW YEAR'S EVE

Road, Mount Prospect. (847) 298-7200. www.dicksriverroadhouse.com, Dec. 31 Introducing 2009," featuring party favors, balloon blasts, video countdown to midnight and champagne toast. Free admission, based on space availability VIP Package for \$35 per person inp.m.-midnight, buffet from 9-11 p.m. and

with access to the VIP Loft. Famous Freddie's Roadhouse, 1799 S. Busse Road, Mount Prospect. (847) 593-2200, www.famousfreddiesroad house.com. Dec. 31: "Freddie's Rocking Eve "09" featuring live music by Bad Medicine, a Bon Jovi tribute band, at 9 Dance Party Worthy of 2008," with a DJ, fight show, party favors, video countdown halloon blasts and champagne toast at midnight. Admission is

\$10, based on space availability. Moretti's Ristorante & Pizzeria, 6727 N. Olmsted, Edison Park. (773) 631-1223. Dec. 3t "Jump in Confetti at Moretti's A Kids New Year's Eve Party," with seat ings at 4:30, 6:45 and 9 n.m. Featuring a kids' video countdown, balloon asts, party favors, music by a DJ, and

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with the Mudflanos, Tuesdays, 7-10

Eric Lugosch. Dec. 20, 10 p.m.: Hen-

Chambers, 6881 N. Milwaukee Ave.

bersonline.com, Tuesdays and Wednes-

days, 7-10:30 p.m.: Buddy Charles, pi-

anist/singer. Thursdays, 8:30 p.m.-mid

night.: Jazz Jam with John Bany, Char

lie Braugham and Don Stille. Sunday

music is from 5-9 p.m.; Friday-Satur

music is from 9 p.m.-1 a.m. Dec. 12: Ton

Smith Show \$5 cover Dec. 13: Second

Hand Soul Band (Motown, soul and

rock). \$5 cover. Dec. 14: Jazz pianis

Dean Allrich. Dec. 17. 9-11 p.m.: Rick

"Elvis" Saucedo. \$10 cover. Dec. 19: Re

ditions (50s-70s), \$5 cover Dec 20:

Rick Lindy & the Wild Ones (rockabilly)

\$5 cover. Dec. 21: Marc Pompe, Dec. 27:

Watt Fitz (rock), Dec. 28: Connie Mar

shall and Johnny Gabor, Dec. 31, 9:30

n.m.-1:30 a.m.: Second Hand Soul Band

(at Howard). Skokie. (847) 677-3334.

www.ethicalhuman.org. Dec. 13:

Whiskey Bucket Blues Review with

Charlie Rossiter, Henry Berry and Jack

following 8 p.m. open mike (7:30 p.m.

Famous Freddie's Roadhouse, 1799 S

Busse Road Mount Prospect (847)

593-2200. www.famousfreddiesroad

days and 10 p.m. Saturdays. Dec. 12:

Mighty Pilot (pop and rock), Dec. 13:

Machines Gone Mad Dec. 19-18 S (In

house.com. Shows start at 9 p.m. Fri

Ethical Humanist Society Second Sat-

urday Coffeehouse, 7574 N. Lincoln Ave.

Niles, (847) 647-8282, www.thecha

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a special kids' menu for \$5.95 per

New Year's Eve Party, 7 p.m. Dec. 31 im the Fifth Province Lounce at the Irista American Heritage Center, 4626 NL Knox, Chicago, Tickets are \$25, which includes hors d'oeuvres, a champagne toast at midnight, party favors and en tertainment by Joe McShane and Jine Cullen. Call (773) 282-7035, ext. TO.

STAGE

"Grey Gardens," through Dec. 28 at Northlight Theatre, in the North Share Center for the Performing Arts, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie. Performances on Tuesdays at 7:30 n.m : Wednesdays at t p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. (except Dec. 25); Fridays at 8 p.m.; Saturdays at 2:30 p.m. and 8 p.m.; and Sundays at 2:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. (except Dec. 21 and 28). Extra show at 1 nm Dec. 26. Tickets: \$25-\$59, (847) 673-

6300 or www.northlight.org. "The Music Man," presented by Light Opera Works Dec. 26-Jan. 4 at the Cahm Auditorium 600 Emerson St. Evanston, Performances at 8 n.m. Dec. 27 and 31 and Jan. 2-3, with matinees at 2 p.m. Dec. 26-28 and 30 and Jan. 4. Recommended for ages 6 and older. Main floor tickets are SRS S65 and S45: balcony tickets \$65, \$45 and \$29, Call (847) 869-6300 or visit www.LightOper-

"Robinson Crusoe." Piccolo Theatre sixth annual British-style holiday Pamto, through Dec. 20 at the Evanston Arts Depot, 600 Main St., Evanston. Show times are 8 p.m. Fridays, 2 and 7 p.m. Saturdays; and 3 p.m. Sundays. Tickets: \$25: \$20 seniors: \$15 students. and children under 10. For ticket reservations, family and group rates, call (847) 424-0089 or visit www.piic-

"Six Decrees of Senaration." presented by Signal Ensemble Theatre through Dec. 20 at Chopin Theatre, 1543 W. Division Ave., Chicago, The cast includes Park Ridge native Katie Gennaldi. Curtain at 8 nm. Thursday-Salturday: 3 p.m. Sundays, Tickets: \$15-\$20. (773) 347-1350 or www.signalensem-

"Stark Raven Mad – An Edgar Allan Show." aresented by Princeton Univer sity's Triangle Show troupe 7:30 p.m. Dec. 18 at the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts, 9501 Stokie Blvd. Skokie. The Broadway style show features a cast of 22 actors, singers and dancers. Recommended for ages 10. and up. Tickets: \$30; \$10 students. www.triangleshov.com or (866) 80-400

CLASSICAL

Classical Symphony Orchestra of Chicago, a professionally oriented training orchestra, and its sister group, the Protegé Philharmonic of Chicago, include Sam Park, trumbone, of Monton Grove, Jaimie Connelly, oboe, of Park Ridge, and Rebecca Goldberg, oboe, of Skokie. (312) 341-1521. Dec. 14, 3 p.m.: The Protece Philharmonic of Chicago will present a free concert in Prestor Bradley Hall at the Chicago Cultural Center, 78 E. Washington St., Chicago. The program includes works by Verdi, msky-Korsakov and Tchailkovsky, as well as a Christmas carol sing-along. Evanston Chapter, Lyric Opera of

Chicago, in conjunction with the Wil

mette and Highland Park/Deerfield

chapters, will present a holiday pro-

gram at noon Dec. 14 at the Michigan

Shores Club, 911 Michigan Ave., Wilnette. Social hour and silent auction will be followed by luncheon and a musical program. Emily Becker, soprano. and Michael O'Halloran, baritone, from the Northwestern University School of Music, will perform Gian Carlo Menot til's one act English language comic opera "The Telephone" followed by aries of various other composers. Frederick Ockwell will accompany them on the piano. Cost of \$40 includes

lumcheon, program and valet parking For reservations, call (847) 256-1292 Music of the Baroque performs at First United Methodist Church of Evenston, 1630 Hinman Ave., unless noted otherwise. (312) 551-1414. www.baroque.org. Single tickets are \$30-\$75; \$25-\$30 students/seniors. Jan. 18, 7:30 p.m.: "Glover Conducts Mozart," featuring the Music of the Rationize Choose and Orchestra Kim-

berly McCord, soorang, Jessye Wright

Peler Van De Graaff, bass-baritone.

mezzo-soprano, Peder Reiff, tenor, and

Music Institute of Chicago, Nichols Concert Hall 1490 Chicago Ave. Evanston, (847) 905-1500, www.musicinstorg. Dec. 11, 7:30 p.m.: MIC's New Horizons Band presents its annual De cember concert. Free. Dec. 14, 5:30 m.m.: MCS Barroque Orchestra presents its first concert of the season, Free. Dec. 17, 7:30 p.m.: MIC's Community Orchestra presents its first concert of the season. Free Dec. 20, 7:30 p.m.: High school students of MIC's Academy procoraco will present a chamber music concert. Free. Jan. 24, 7:30 p.m.: High school students enrolled in MIC's Academy program will present solo per-

Mortbeastern Winois University, Steinberg Fine Arts Center Recital Hall 3704 W. Bryn Mawr Ave., Chicago. (773) 442-4636, Dec. 19, 8 p.m.; Rose Ensembie presents medieval. Renaissance and Baroque music. Morthwest Symphony Orchestra, Paul

formances Free

Vermel, music director, presents conceds at 3:30 nm. Sundays in the Theaure for the Performing Arts at Maine West High School, 1755 S. Wolf Road. Des Plaines. Pre-concert commentaries by Carolyn Paulin, a staff member of radio station WEMT, begin one hour prion to each concert. Individual concert lickets are \$20; \$15 for seniors; \$10 for students. Season tickets for the fourremovert series are \$60; \$45 for seniors; \$30 for students. Children under ane 14 are admitted free when accompanied by a paying adult. www.northwestsymnyorg. Jan. 18: "Happy Birthday. Mr. Limcoln," with Mel Zellman, WFMT radio announcer, as narrator, Charles Ives: The Unanswered Question: Aaron Conlamet A Lincoln Portrait

Oakton Community College, 1600 E. Golf Road, Des Plaines, (847) 635-1900 Dec. 11.8 n.m.: The Oakton Community College Chair, under the direction of een Berman, presents "Choral Recital" at the Koehnline Museum of Art. Admission is free

Parit Ridge Civic Orchestra presents concerts at the Pickwick Theatre, 5 S. Prospect, Park Ridge, Individual tickets are \$25; \$20 for students and senior cilizens Call (847) 692-PRCO or (847) 823-6861 or visit www.parkridgeciviconchestra.org. Feb. 8, 2:30 p.m.: Italian Opera at the Pickwick, with Sarah Hibband, soprano, and James Cornelison, tenor. Featuring selections from Verdi's "I Vestri Siciliani." "Il Trovatore" and Mateucco," Puccini's "Madama Butter fly," "La Boheme" and "Tosca," and

Leoncavallo's "I Paoliacci." Skolije Yalley Symphony Orchestra performs at 3 p.m. Sundays at the th Share Center for the Performing are \$22-\$36; \$9 for children. Free pre-

concert lectures begin at 1:30 n.m. For tickets, call (847) 673-6300 or visit www.svso.org. Jan. 18: Featuring the winners of the Young Artist Competi tion, Liszt: Totentanz: Schubert: Symphony No. 8 (Unfinished); Beethoven: Overture to "Fidelio": Saint Saens: Violin Concerto No. 3.

POP/FOLK/JAZZ

The Abbey Pub. 3420 W. Grace St., Chicago. (773) 478-4408. www.abbey pub.com Sundays: Traditional Irish Session with Devin Shepherd, 4 p.m. Tuesdays: Open Mic Night with Nick Gonzales, 8 p.m. Wednesdays: Sweetwater Meltdown, 9 p.m. Thursdays: House hand 8 nm Dec 12, 9:30 nm: Mindsight, Lights Out Vegas, Early April, Footlight Frenzy, \$8 in advance; \$10 at the door, Dec. 13. 9 p.m.: Molehill. Farkus. The Johns. Cobalt. \$6 in advance: \$9 at the door. Dec. 19 9 n.m.: ONWE, The Dynamos, The Stoneflys, \$6 in advance: \$8 at the door. Dec. 31.9 p.m.: Future Rock with Daedelus, Dark Party (featuring Eliot Lipp and Leo123) and Ben Silver, \$25 in advance: \$30 day of show: \$75 VIP includes open ha, and

hors d'oeuvres. 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. Dec. 12, 7 p.m.: Oasis with special puest Rvan Adams & the Cardinals \$69.50 \$49.50 \$39.50. Jan. 3, 3 p.m. and 8 p.m.: Trans-Siberian Orchestra. \$48, \$38. Jan. 26-27.7 p.m.: Metallica with Machine Head The Sword, \$79.50, \$59.50, Jan. 30, 7 p.m.: Slinknot, Coheed & Cambria Trivi um. \$45, \$37.50. March 5: Fleetwood

American Legion Music Hall, 1030 Central St. Evanston. (847) 573-0443. www.chicagobluegrass.com. Bluegrass Legends Concerts – doors open at 7 p.m., show at 8 p.m. Admission: \$20: \$15 for senior citizens and children. Dec. 13: Lou Reid & Carolina, with snecial quest Lurrie Bell, 2008 Blues Artist Bill's Blues, 1029 Davis St., Evanston.

dependent Rock Society), Dec. 20: 7th (847) 424-9800. www.billsbluesbar.com. Heaven, Dec. 26: Alternative Past and Cover charges vary. Sundays 4 nm : The Antidote (party rock). Dec. 27: X-Side. Dec. 31: Bad Medicine (Bon Jovi Lilfest Open Mike, Tuesdays, 8:30 nm Blues Jam hosted by The TFB Band. dnesdays, 5:30 p.m.: North Shore Irish American Heritage Center, 4626 Steppin' (DJ). Wednesdays, 10:30 p.m.: N. Knox Ave., Chicago. (773) 282-7035. www.irishamhc.com. Entertainment a John Nance Urban Dance Mix (D.I). Dec. 11. 7 p.m.: Erin Fultran (folk), Dec. 11. 10 9 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays in the p.m.: The Hall Effect (pop). Dec. 12, 6 Fifth Province Lounge, no cover - Jan p.m.: Sidemen Big Band Jazz, Dec. 12. 2 Ceili dancing with Ceoltoiri Chicago. 8:30 p.m.: Buzz Kilman & the Blues Jan. 3: Mulligan Stew. Jan. 9: Patrick Rocket Scientists (blues), Dec. 13, 3 Guinee Band. Jan. 10: Johnny Cash Trib p.m.: Big Time Entertainment (rock). ute with entertainment by Bubbly Dec. 13, 8:30 p.m.: The Sexy Blues Band Creek and Iron Horse Jan 16 Gerry (blues). Dec. 13. 11:45 p.m.: TRC Events Haughey, Jan. 17: Dooley Brothers, Jan Presents (world music). Dec. 14, 7 p.m.: 23: Joe Cullen and Kathleen Keane. Rick Neely & Chris McNamara (folk) Jan. 24: Joe McShane. Jan. 30: Seam Dec. 15, 9 p.m.: Paul Doppelt & Friends O'Kane and Jimmy Moore, Jan. 31: Padblues). Dec. 18. 7 p.m.: The Bittersweet dy Homan's Band Christmas Band (folk). Dec. 18, 10 p.m.: Lincoln Restaurant, corner of Lincoln. Spraypaint Launchpad Event (DJ). Dec. Damen, and Irving Park Road, Chicago. 19 5:30 n.m.: St. Luke's Choir (classical) Mondays, 7:30-10 p.m.: The Windy City Dec. 19, 8:30 p.m.: Joe Filisco and Fric Jammers featuring Jim Packtor of oden (acoustic blues), Dec. 20, 3 p.m.: Glenview, John Pitt and Jack Condon Big Time Entertainment (rock). Dec. 20, of Park Ridge, Ernie Michaels of Elk 8:30 p.m.: Hitsville USA (Motown). Dec.

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mission: \$75 premium package

Grove Village, and Phil Schwimmer of Skokie, play American popular songs. Call (847) 208-6055 The New Horizons Band, a 35-member seniors group based at Winnetka's Music Institute. will perform "Big Band Ron Prince Blues Band, Dec. 27, 3 nm.: Broadcast" at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 11 at the Big Time Entertainment (rock), Dec. 27. Nichols Performance Center. Chicago 8:30 p.m.: Sammy Fender Blues Band. and Grove. Evanston. The program, Dec. 27. 17:45 p.m.: TRC Events presents reminiscent of a 1940s radio broadcast will feature WBBM's John Hultman. "The Chief" Clearwater, \$25 general ad-Second City's Time Kazurinsky and oth ers. The performance includes music by Spike Jones, Glenn Miller, Irving

Church St., Evanston. (847) 864-1679. Berlin and Benny Goodman, Free ad-

www.celticknotpub.com. No cover unless noted otherwise. Mondays. 8 p.m. Oakton Community College, 1600 E. midnight: Bluegrass and roots music Golf Road, Des Plaines, (847) 635-1900. Dec. 12. 8 p.m.: "Jazz Invasion." Director p.m.: Irish music session. Dec. 11, 9 p.m.: Cary Polacek and the award winning No Tip For Takeouts. Dec. 14, 5-8 p.m.: Oakton Jazz Band, along with special guests, perform in the Footlik Theater General admission tickets are \$5; \$3 for seniors and students

FESTIVALS

Centre East in the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts, 9501 Skokie Prospect Heights Public Library, 12 N. Blvd., Skokie. (847) 673-6300. www.cei Elm St., Prospect Heights. (847) 259treeast.org. Dec. 27. 8 p.m., and Dec. 28. 3500. www.phpl.info. Registration fo 3 n.m.: Mandy Patinkin performs popuprograms required, unless noted offiiar standards from Rodgers and Hamenvise Dec.14.2 n.m.: "Change of Seamerstein, Stephen Sondheim, Harry sons" concert, presented by Tim Green Chapin, Irving Berlin and Cole Porte and Trio Cambia. with Paul Ford on piano. Tickets: \$85. Jan. 8, 7:30 p.m.: Elvis Birthday Tribute

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 19: "An Evening with II Divo." \$55, \$85, \$125 and \$150

Skokie Theatre Music Foundation presents concerts in the Skokie Theatre 7924 Lincoln Ave. Skokie Call (847) 677-7761 or visit www.skokiethe atre.com. Concert tickets \$15 in advance: \$20 at the door, unless noted otherwise. Dec. 12. 8 p.m.: "Holiday For Swing," presented by the Bob Acri Octet. Dec. 13-14, 8 p.m.: Guitars of Spain. Dec. 19. 8 p.m.: The Pinups pres ent "I'll be Home for Christmas."

SPACE, 1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston. (847) 492-8860. www.evanstonspace.com, Dec. 11, 8 p.m.: Harry Shearer and Judith Owen's "Holiday Sing-Along," \$40, Dec. 13, 8 p.m.: Tuck & Patti with Eric Lugosch. \$20 in advance: \$25 at the door. Dec. **15,** 8 p.m.: Foiled Again, \$30. Dec. 17, 8 n.m.: Stacy Phillips with Don Stiernberg, \$10. Dec. 18, 8 p.m.: Lubrinhonia

\$10 in advance; \$12 at the door, Dec. 19, 8 p.m.: Dave Specter with Guy King, \$10 in advance; \$12 at the door. Dec. 20, 8 p.m.: Michael Johnson with the Al Day Trio. \$20. Tiki Terrace, 1591 Lee St., Des Plaines. Dec. 11, 7:30 p.m.: Na Mele Aloha Hawai ian music ensemble. For information,

ART GALLERIES

call Earl Essig, (847) 272-0762.

Block Museum of Art at Northwestern University 40 Arts Circle Drive. Evanston, (847) 491-4000, www.block museum.northwestern.edu. Open 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesdays: 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Wednesday-Friday: noon-5 p.m. Satur days and Sundays Admission to the museum is free: unless noted. admission to all programs is also free. Through Dec. 14: "Magdalena

Abakanowicz: Reality of Dreams," in the Alsdorf Gallery The Block Museum will be closed Dec. 15-Jan. 12 for winter break Jan. 23-April 5: "From Michelangelo to Annibale Carracci: A Century of llalian Drawings from the Prado" Th exhibition of 70 drawings explores the working methods of the most important artists active in Italy from 1520-1620. Jan. 13-April 5: "Polaroids: Mapplethorpe" exhibition, in the Alsdorf Gallery. The show brings together 100 works, including self-nortraits, timure studies, still-lifes and portraits of friends and lovers. Some material may be inappropriate for younger or more sensitive audiences

Dittmar Memorial Gallery at Northwestern University's Norris Center 1999 Campus Drive, Evanston. (847) 491-2348

www.norris.northwestern.eduldittma ohn. Gallery hours are 10 a.m.-10 p.m. daily. Admission is free. Through Dec. 17: Tocus on Africa: Celebratino 60 Years of the Program of African Stud

ies." Norris Center will be closed Dec 24-Jan. I for winter break. Jan. 8 Feb. & "Petra Kralickova: Silent Longing," a site-specific installation by Czechosk vakian-born and Ohio-based artist Potra Kralickova. Opening reception from 7-9 p.m. Jan. 8.

Elmhurst Artists' Guild Gallery in the Elmhurst Art Museum, 150 S. Cottage Hill Ave., Elmhurst, Gallery hours are 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesdays. Thursdays and Saturdays; 1-8 p.m. Wednesdays; and 1-4 p.m. fridays and Sundays, Admission to the Elmhurst Artists' Guild Gallery. including admission to Elmburst Art Museum, is \$4: \$3 seniors: \$2 students ree for children under 12. Admission is free on Tuesdays. Through Jan. 2 "Awakening," contemporary oil paintinus by Niles resident Leon Oks. The exhibit features approximately two dozen oil paintings showcasing Oks' style in depicting women, landscapes

and townscapes. Irish American Heritage Center Art Gallery, 4626 N Knox Ave Chicano (773) 282-7035. Gallery hours are 1-4 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Through Dec. 21: "The Young Artist's Eye," works by art students at St. Cornelius and St. Edward schools on the northwest side

Mitchell Museum of the American Indian, 3001 Central St., Evanston. (847) 475-1030 www.mitchellmuseum Admission to events is included will an entrance donation to the Mitchell Museum, Suggested donation is \$5 for adults; \$2.50 for senior citizens, students and children Maximum ad sion per family is \$10. Through Dec. 24 Transcending Boundaries: American Indian Traditional and Contemporary Art from the June and Bernard Klehan Collection." The museum recently received a donation of more than 250 works in diverse media from the collection of June Kleban of Wilmington. Del., and her late husband Bernard. About 100 of these new acquisitions will be on display, including oils, water colors, pottery, sculpture, jewelry, baskets, dolls and wood carvings. Through Dec. 24: "On the Plains: The Art of Potawatomi Artist Woody Crumbo featuring oil paintings and prints by Woodrow "Woody" Crumbo (1912-1989) a Potawatomi from Oklahoma.

Oakton Community College, Koehnline Museum of Art, 1600 E. Golf Road, Des Plaines. (847) 635-2633, www.pal ton edulmuseum. Gallery hours: 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Friday: 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturdays. Dec. 18-Jan. 23: "Judy Langston: Post-Katrina Images" and "Davida Schulman: Self-Portraits"

Opening reception from 5-8 p.m. Dec.

Refuge: Center for Artists in Recovery, 4811 Main St., Skokie. (847) 673-3737. www.refuge.com. Through Dec. 12: "The 12 x 12 Show" The group exhibit requires all artists to create works of art that have a 12"x12" boundary.

AUDITIONS & OPPORTUNITIES

STAGE

Still Acting Upl, a musical troupe of performers 60 years of age and over. directed by Chicago actor Jill Shellabarger, will hold auditions for male and female actors/singers at 11 a.m. Dec. 16 at the Skokie Park District's Oakton Community Center 4701 Oakton. Skokie. The troupe rehearses on Tuesdays and performs 20-25 shows throughout the year. While the troupe commitment is year-round, the ground takes the months of January and July off. The shows are completely original

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Evanston Children's Theatre will hold auditions Jan. 13-15 for its vet-to-beannounced spring 2009 production. Auditions are open to youth age 8-12. Three auditions will be held: from 4.6 p.m. Jan. 13 and 15 at the Levy Center, 300 Dodge Ave., Evanston; and from 4-6 p.m. Jan. 14 at the Fleetwood-Jourdain Center, 1655 Foster St., Evanston, Appointments are not necessary, just

arrive no later than 5:30 p.m. For those who are selected for the play, there is a cast fee of \$75. The spring show will be presented March 27:29 at the Levy Center. For information, call (847) 448-

MUSICIANS

Still Acting Upl, a musical troupe of performers 60 years of age and over. is seeking a volunteer senior accompanist. Must be able to read a lead sheet for original music; be available for rehearsals on Tuesday afternoons, some Thursdays, and off-site performances: can transpose; and be available yearround with time off in January and July, Sight-reading a plus. The troupe is sponsored by the Skokie Park District and meets regularly at the Oakton Community Center in Skokie. Call (847)

Amdur Productions launches its 26th

summer art festival season with its annual call for entries. Artists can visit www.amdurproductions.com, click "Apply Now," and then follow the prompts to submit their work electronically. Artists should submit four images of their work and one photo of their booth. Applicants may submit traditional slides and use a paper application for a small conversion fee. All applications must be received by Jan. 12. Art festivals include: Promenade of Art Chicago's Cliff Dwellers Club is out-Arlington Heights, May 30-31 in Arlingting out a call for art to celebrate the ton Heights: Eastside Millennium Art 200th anniversary of Abraham Lin-Festival, June 5-7 on Michigan Avenue coln's birth. All interested artists are Lake and Stetson streets just north of asked to submit a Lincoln portrait or Millennium Park, Chicago; Cantigny . canvas. The Lincoln portraits will be Fine Art Festival June 20-21 in shown in the club's gallery which has Wheaton: Glencoe Festival of the Masbeen displaying works of art for more ters. June 21-22 in Glencoe; Linthan 100 years. All portraits submitted

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will be hung. Portraits of Lincoln will be coinshire Art Festival, July 11-12 in Linaccepted only on canvas, and they do colnshire: Buffalo Grove Invitational Fine Art Festival, July 18-19 in Buffalo not have to be framed. Portraits can be dropped off at the Frame Warehouse in Grove: North Shore Festival of Art. July 25-26 at the Westfield Old Orchard Oak Park or Evanston anytime before Shopping Center, Skokie: Gold Coast .lan 31. All artwork will be able to be picked back up at Frame Warehouse at Art Fair, July 31-Aug. 2 in the River ter March 1, For more information, con-North neighborhood of Chicago: Art a the Glen Town Center, Aug. 8-9 at the tact Cliff Dwellers board member Paul Glen Town Center in Glenview: Port Hamer at paul@fwchicago.com. Clinton Art Festival, Aug. 29-30 in High land Park; Joliet Starving Artists Festival. Sept. 26-27 in Joliet; Highwood Last Call Art Fair Oct 17-18 in Highwood.

BENEFITS

"Foiled Again," a cabaret act featuring Allison Bazarko, Rob Lindley, Anne Sheridan Smith and Jeff award-winning Doug Peck as musical director, will perform in the Wilmette Theatre Education Project's holiday benefit a 7:30 p.m. Dec. 15 at Evanston SPACE. 1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston, \$30 per person. For information and reserva tions, call (847) 251-1197

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BOOKS & POETRY

Des Plaines Public Library, 1501 Ellinwood St. (847) 376-2787. quired for activities unless noted otherwise. Dec. 13, 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.: Friends of the Library Holiday Book Sale, featuring gently used hardcover books. In addition, several local authors will be present with copies of their books for sale, and Lake Clarelocal interest books.

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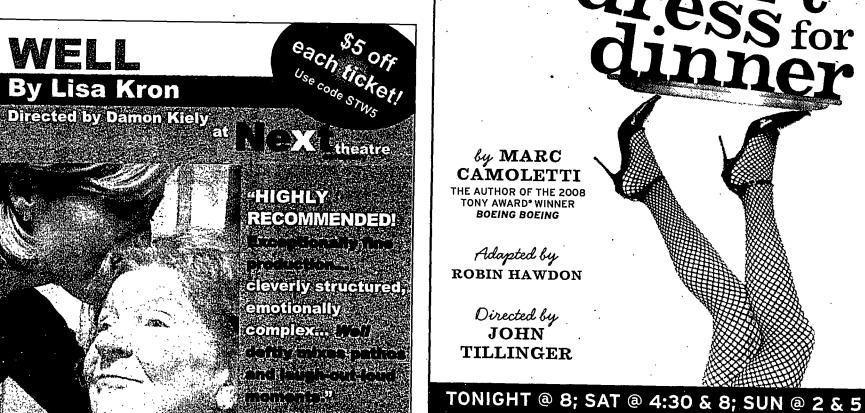
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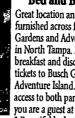
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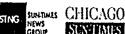
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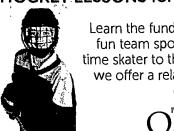
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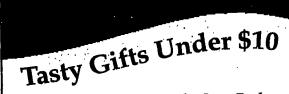
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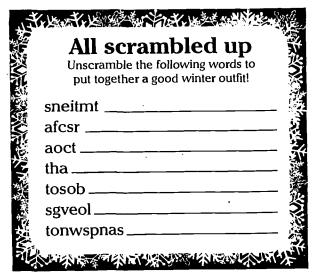
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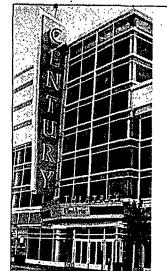
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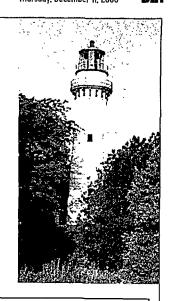
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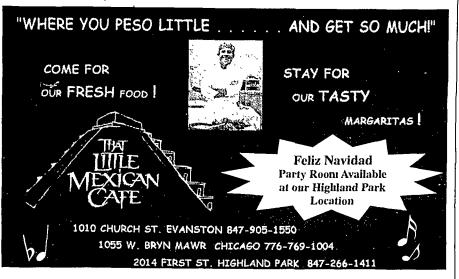












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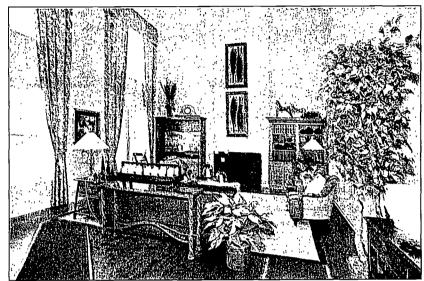
Moving on up

Homebuyers have great options for growth

By Marcy Marro SPECIAL TO SUN-TIMES NEWS GROUP

f you are in need of a larger bome, for an expanding family, or just more space all around, here are some communities that offer a lot of space and amenities for a reasonable

price.
Cambridge Lakes, a master-planned lifestyle community in Pin-gree Grove by Cambridge Homes, features an on-site community center with recreational and social amenifeatures an on-site community center with recreational and social amenities for all residents. Cambridge Lakes will include nearly 3,000 single-family and multifamily homes with 43 floor plans to choose from across eight series of homes. Prices start in the \$160s for townhomes and in the low \$200s for single-family homes. There are 24 decorated model homes open for tours daily. The 30,000-square-foot community center features an indoor gynnasium, complete exercise facilities, meeting rooms, three outdoor pools and much more. Additionally, Cambridge Lakes has four baseball diamonds, three soccer fields, a skateboard park as well as several parks with playground equipment. The community also has 360 acres of open space with wooded park and



Families in Dartmoor Homes' new community, Devenshire Woods of Hoffman Estates, will find stunning luxury homes that feature spacious two-story family rooms with custom fireplaces, hardwood flooring and eye-catching windowscapes. These ranch and two story homes provide 2,446 to 5,062 square feet of adaptable living space; they are priced from \$639,900 to \$734,900.

conservation areas, 12 lakes and niles of walking and biking paths. A new on-site Cambridge Lakes Charter School for students in kin-dergarten through eighth grade and Cambridge Lakes Preschool opened

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family homes in the Gala and Empire Home Series. The Gala Series has six floor plans starting in the upper \$240s, while the Empire features eight larger

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My kind of townhome

Chicago offers entry-level buvers, first-timers and empty-nesters plenty of luxurious choices.

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Developers are pulling out all the stops in order to



home inventory. Read Don DeBat. Page 4

Park Place of Elmhurst. a continuing care retirement community, offers two new and larger floor plans.

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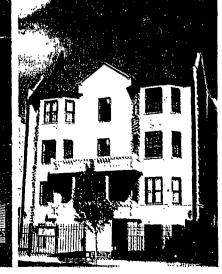




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open living areas, high-end fin-ishes and luxury amenities. Some developments have water and lake views. Most offer anice frontyard, deck. balcony or patio space, a ga-

rage.

Here is a quick tour of some of

the newest suburban townhom rowhome and villa developmen

Chicago's luxury townhomes highlight livability, privacy

Luxury living in a private landscaped environment without the
worry of maintenance. Those
are the attractions of a new-construction urban townhome, and
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Townliones — ranging from classic rowhones to duplex-style residences — now are a popular housing choice in the Chicago area for entry-level buyers. first-time move-up purchasers and empty-nesters.

Historians say townhomes probably date back to the ancient Greeks and Romans. Medieval half-timbered merchants' houses were popular in European walled cities around the year 1200. They were built in rows along narrow cobblestone streets to take advantage of limited space within defensive city walls and the high land values that

take advantage of limited space within defensive city walls and the high land values that came with urban prosperity.

New townhomes developed in Chicago in 2008 are much more luxurious, with spacious, open living areas, and high-end finishes and amenities. They also give buyers anice frontyard, deck, balcony or patio space, a garage and ofstreet guest parking.

For lome slioppers who can't decide between a townhome and condominium, builder Steven V. Frytz of Anchor General offers plenty of reasons to upgrade your lifestyle to a highler level with townhome living.

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award-winning 63-unit town-home development at 3001 W. Cornelia Ave. in Chicago's West

rium, you have non ceilings and you can often hear noisy neighbors, especially those with playful children or loud stereo systems." said Frytz. who is devel oper of Cornelia Court through Cornelia Court LLC.

o's "Best Townhome elopment will feature 13 buildings with two to seven three-story and four-story town-homes per building. The six-unit first phase of Cornelia Court is old out and occupied, and Ph

The \$28-million Cornelia Court development includes two-bedroom-plus-den. Liree-bed-room and four-bedroom townhomes with 2½ to 3½ baths and 2.242 to 2.904 square feet of living space. Base prices range from \$449.900 to \$644.900. "For huvers who need imme-

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"For buyers who need immediate delivery. Cornelia Court inastwo Phase II townhomes that can be classified as move-in now residences, with delivery available in 30 days," said Gale Goldstick of Coldwell Banker

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home developments offer a bu-colic setting. Townhomes at 10.650-square-foot private part nestled within the 2.4-acre devel opment at Cornelia and Sacra mento avenues on the Northwes Side. The entire perimeter of the property is dotted with mature vate front yards.
The townhomes overlook

wooded green space and a bern on the eastern edge of the devel-opment. Anchor General is plant-ing additional maple and oak trees in the wooded area. The 1 acre perimeter green space which serves as a dog park for Cornelia Court, surrounds the

Low homeowner fees. The townhomes at Cornelia Court feature "fee simple" ownership with a homeowner's association structure to provide grounds maintenance. Mouthly assessments are projected to range from \$85 to \$115, and include common-area expenses, such as common insurance, landscaping, snow removal and water and scavenger service. Typically.

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in the base price, Cornelia Court includes 9-foot-tall ceilings on the first floor and 10-foot on the second level. Additional standard amenities are: solid %-inch-thick, tongue-and-groove oak hardwood flooring on the main living level, hardwood staircases and Low-E energy-efficient windows.



Sales currently are under way at Fletcher Row from the marketing center at 2424 W. Fletcher, Just west of Western Avenue and south of Belmont Avenue. Two townhomes have been sold and closed, and the remaining eight Phase I units are available for occupancy with

ship and quality construction. Frytz said.
"We take the extra step, for

example with have real balusters and spindles on the staircase. It's many developers take to cut

Also included in the base price are 9-foot-tall ceilings on the first floor and 10-foot on the second level. Additional standard ameni-ties are: solid three-quarter-inch-thick tongue-and-groove oak hardwood flooring on the main living level. hardwood staircases and Low-E energy-ef-ficient windows.

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Higher level of detail. Goldstick said Cornelia Court features spacious interiors with a multitude of standard high-end detailing ranging from upgraded stainless-steel appliances and surfaces such as grapite, marble

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on the ground floor (per plan).

There also is pre-wiring for a
media center and surroundmedia center and surroundsound stereo option as well as a
choice of high-quality crownmolding packages. Other standard luxuries include marble or
limestone flooring, custom marble or limestone-tile in the shower, athree-foot-tall tub surround,
Kohler whirlpool tub and a frameless glass shower door.

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Another urban townhome choice is Fletcher Row, a 20-unit townhome in West Roscoe Vilage. The development features a landscaping plan with trees. bushes and other greenery al year, with flowers in the spring

and summer.

The land plan calls for two clusters of 10 townhomes sepa rated by a landscaped courtyard

A professionally decorated and furnished model townhome is open for viewing at Fletcher Row. The models are among a group of 10 townhomes now under construction and nearing completion in Phase I at the in

The three-bedroom and four bedroom townhomes at Fletcher

bedroom townhomes at Fletcher Row have three or 3½ baths and 2.179 to 3.044 square feet of liv-ing area. Base prices range from \$549,900 to \$749.900. The Fletcher Row sales cen-ter, located at 2424 West Fletch-er Street, is open on Saturday and Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. and by appointment. For more information or to make an ap-pointment, contact sales man-

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The newest luxury commu nity near Huntley has recently broken ground. The Hennings planned for only 35 high-end phase are currently accepting reservations by the builder/de veloper Rock Creek Homes. Se on one- or two-acre home site along protected green space or lakes stocked with fish, these one-of-a-kind homes are priced from \$489,000 to \$799,000 They offer a minimum of 3,000

square feet of living space.
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corbels and high attention to detail.

"The highly detailed, traditional architectural style of The Heritage of Palatine Brownstones is reminiscent of the turn-of-thecentury period between the Great Chicago Fire in 1871 and the Great Depression beginning in the late 1920s," said architect Mark Hopkins, principle of HKM Architects, designer of the R. Franczak & Associates project.

The developer asked HKM Architects to design the brownstone homes to reflect the ornate his-



by the architectural firm of Da grand opened at Willow Lake.

Twinine and vina developments currently being marketed:

The Heritage of Palatine Brownstones. Pre-construction sales are under way at The Heritage of Palatine Brownstones, a private collection of only seven distinctive rowhomes on Greeley Street at Washington in downtown Palatine brownstone and the result was creation of seven eye-catching modern-day row home masterine.
The three-story, turn-of-thepieces.
"These homes resemble many
"These homes resemble many

century rowliomes are being de-veloped by R. Franczak & Associates and are planned for construction near downtown Pal-atine's Town Square Park and just steps from the Metra, shopping of the traditional brownstones and grey stones which were built in Chicago neighborhoods just north Chicago neighborhoods just north of Chicago Avenue and south of Congress Street located in histor-ic districts such as Drexel Bouleand restaurants.
The 2,473 square-foot rowhome vard in Hyde Park and on Goethe
Street on the Gold Coast." said
Hopkins.

"The homes built of this period

The 2.473 square-foot rowhome floor plans have three bedrooms and three-and-a-half baths. Preconstruction prices range from \$494,900 to \$514,900.

The Heritage Brownstones offer a historic influence from the 1900s, with full brick and cast stone around the windows and roofline, bay windows, brackets, corbels and high attention to detail.

"The homes built of this period were designed from the historical ornate style known as Romanesque, which set the precedence for what we know today as the Chicago Brownstone." He said.

The sales center at the Heritage Brownstones is at 50 S. Greeley St. and is open daily from 10a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information call (847) 705-6238 or visit www.rfranczak.com.

Luxury townhome, rowhome choices abound in suburbs

overlooking waterfalls, waterways and two man-made lakes. Construction is well underway on both townhomes and duplexes

dences are extremely spacious, with 2,243 to 3,174 square feet of

living area. The residences will be built in two-unit duplex and 4-unit townhome buildings in the up-scale community, which features a guardhouse and private

a guardinouse and private streets.
Unit E. the two-bedroom, two-and-a-half bath townhome model, has 2.243 square feet of living space plus a 285-square-foot unfinished bonus space (attic). Other highlights include a first-floor study a great room and two-car

oper John McLinden. principal of Centrum Properties. The villas — attached single-family lomes — will feature 3.885 to 3.995 square feet of living space in addition to a finished basement. Select units have lookout base-ments. Base prices for the villaments. Base prices for the villa homes start at \$999,000.

Centrum designed the luxury villa homes for a mix of buyers from young professionals moving to the North Shore to empty-nesttromyoung professionals moving to the North Sliore to empty-nest-er couples seeking to move down from a large single-family home. McLinden said.

The homes havegourmet kitchens equipped with stainless-steel appliances, 42 inch Brookhaven by Woodmode cabinets 14/2 inch.

ens equipped with stainless-steel appliances, 42-inch Brookhaven by Woodmode cabinets, 14-inchthick granite countertops, work islands and white-oak flooring. Each villa at Willow Lake will

lave a two-car-plus garage with room for guest parking in drive-ways. In addition, all residences with master bedroom upstairs will

with master bedroom upstairs will have a passenger elevator. The other floor plan has first-floor master bedroom.

Upper exterior walls of the homes will be highlighted with stained clapboard siding with an option for cedar shingles or stained stucco. The solid base of the exteriors will be formed with leavier materials. brick and lannon stone.

The model and on site, sales a dready have been solid at Meadow:

center at Willow Lake is open at the intersection Kennedy Road ampa, sales manager. Base prices two-story living rooms. 9-foot-lillinois 60) and Field Court in range from \$495,000 to lightfirst floor ceilings and an attached two-car garage. to Illinois 60 and exit east to Field Court. Turn left (north) to the

The center is open Monday days from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and by appointment. For more informa-tion, please call (847) 735-1400, or visit the Web site at www.centrum.

com.

Meadow Ridge. Another new water-oriented residential development is Meadow Ridge, a gated. 164-unit townhome and duplex community on 40 acres at Wauke-gan and Founders roads in north suburban Northbrook.

suburban Northbrook.
Meadow Ridge is a private.
gated community targeted to
empty-nester buyers moving from
large single-family homes on the
North Shore, according to KZF
Development, the developer.
Among Meadow Ridge's unique
features is the lavish landscaping.
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tached two-car garage.
All of the duplex and townhon

a range from \$495,000 to \$895,000.

The demand for homes at Meadow Ridge is a result of the developments water-oriented developments water or developments water-oriented developments water or developments water-oriented develo

The two-story duplexes are available with three bedrooms, 2½ baths and 2,364 to 2,640 square feet of living space. The duplex library solution for two-car attached garage.

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The Meadow Ridge sales center at Waukegan and Founders roads in Northbrook is open weekdays from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. The center is closed on Tuesdays. For more information. call (847) 559 -0500, or visit www.

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Recession prompts move-in-now deals

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If you have been sitting on the feuce thinking about purchasing a honie or condominium this fall, now may be the best time to buy and niove in for the holidays.

However, you must have down payment cash, job security, a good credit score, and be able to enablify for a mortrage, consum.

good credit score, and be able to qualify for a mortgage, consumer advocates say.

"We recently reduced our townhome prices more than \$100,000 at Fletcher Row, and between now and Dec. 31 we are offering seller financing with a down payment as little as 10 percent and interest rates as low as 4.99 percent on jumbo loans," said developer Roby



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Frankel, partner in Bluestone

Development.
New Homes Magazine recently voted the 20-unit newcently voted the 20-unit new-construction townlome community at 2424 West Fletcher St. in West Roscoe Vil-lage Chicago's Best Townlome development. It has three-bed-room and four-bedroom units with three or three-and-a-half baths and 2.179 to 3.044 square feet of living area. Base prices range from \$549.900 to \$749.900. Call (773) 281-6600 or visit www.fletcherrow.com.

Here are some of the other great immediate-occupancy housing deals in Chicago:

**Cornelia Court, Developer Steve V. Frytz of Anchor General recently reduced Phase II prices about \$50,000 at this townhome community in West Roscoe Village.

**Now Frytz is offering six months free mortgage payments to qualified buyers in Phase III of the development.* said Gale Goldstick. of Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage, the exchisive sales and marketing agent.

Two reduced-price townhomes are available for immediate occupancy in Phase II at Cornelia Court, an award-winning 63-unit townhome development at 3001 W. Cornelia Ave. Phase II is 85-percent sold. Goldstick said.

The Cornelia is a two-bedroon townhome with 2.242

square feet of space. It features a family room, two-and-a-half baths and a two-car attached garage. This unit is base priced at \$449.900. The Addison is a three-bedroom, three-bath townlome with 2.242 square feet of space and a two-car attached garage. The Addison is priced from \$475.000.

"We also have seven units in Phase III that still can be customized." Goldstick said. "Buyers can still pick their finishes and move in 45 to 60 days. And. qualified buyers in Phase III will receive a major incentive ... no mortgage payments for six months, a cash value of about \$15,000."

\$15,000."

• Oakwood Shores, Special buyer incentives from the City of Chicago currently are being offered, including a \$20,000 down-payment assistance grant at Oakwood Shores and six

other city mixed-income communities provided by The Partnership for New Communities.
"The special \$20,000 grant is available between Dec. 13 and Dec. 19." said Joseph A. Williams of Granite Development, co-developer of Oakwood Shores, a 94-acre mixed-income community at 39th Street and Ellis Ave. in North Kenwood.

Twelve immediate-occupancy duplex townhomes and condominiums Oakwood Shores currently are eligible for the \$20,000 grant. Williams said. Condominium prices start at \$234,900, and duplex prices begin at \$379,900.

"We are offering an additional \$20,000 price incentive on one three-bedroom, two-and-ahalf-bath duplex priced at \$379,900." Ile said.

The Oakwood Shores sales center is located at 3744 S. Cot-

tage Grove. Call (773) 538-0001 or visit www. oakwoodshoreschicago.com. The "Find Your Place in

The "Find Your Place in Chicago" program is part of a new city campaign to help Chicagoans become lomeowners. More than 200 homes priced between \$150,000 and \$450,000 in 22 neighborhoods are available under the program. Visit www. findyourplaceinchicago.org for details.

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Park Place of Elmhurst offers new, larger floor plans

Depositors interested in Park Place of Elinhurst, a new west-suburban continuing care retirement community scheduled to open in 2010, now have two new floor plans. The two new plans are among the largest at the commu-

nity.

Located near the intersection of Butterfield Road and Prospect Avenue. Park Place will include one-, two- and three-bedroom residences when it opensin 2010. The community is owned by Rest Haven Christian Services, a notfor-profit organization that has provided care for seniors since 1912.

"Our largest plans at Park Place were quickly reserved, so we combined and redesigned some units to create our two new plans: the Dover Custom and the Coventry Custom." said Don Engelsman, vice president of marketing new development for Rest Haven Christian Services. "Because many of our future Services. "Because many of our future residents will be moving here from sin-

gle-family homes, they appreciate having the extra space and single-family home features these new plans offer."
For example, the two-bedroom, two-bath Coventry Custom includes both a formal living room and dining area, so residents will have space to bring their favorite furniture. Iike an heirloom dining room set, with them to their new home. Residents will also appreciate the plan's abundant storage space, including a coat closet, walk-in closets in both the master bedroom and secondary bedroom, an additional wall closet in the master bedroom. a linen closet and a kitchen pantry.

Likewise, the Dover Custom, which also has two bedrooms and two baths, offers plenty of storage with walk-in closets in both bedrooms, a coat closet and two linen closets.

Most notable, however, according to Engelsman, is that both plans feature a laundry room with additional storage

and a side-by-side or stackable washer and dryer, plus a separate den with French doors.

These are two rooms not often found

Place's Information Cen

"These are two rooms not often found in an apartment or condominium-style home, so our future residents are pleasantly surprised when they find they re available at Park Place. The livability of the plaus is something that sets us apart from other CCRCs in the area." Eugelsman said. "Our biggest goal is to make the transition into their new home a positive one for our residents, and a big part of that is ensuring every floor plan we offer is inviting and lives like a true home."

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Engelsman added that the numerous active retirees who will be living at Park Place especially appreciate the den.

"Many of our residents still work or are heavily involved in volunteer activities, so the den is the perfect spot for a lione office. It's also ideal for a craft room." he said.

Interested depositors can visit Park Place's Information Center to see a Places information Center to see a model vignette, scale model of the community and virtual tours. The information Center is located at 360 West Butterfield Road, Suite 100 in Elmhurst, For more information, call (630) 333-4343 or visit www. patkplaces Impurst com parkplaceelmhurst.com.

Each plan also has a sizable kitchen with a window. The kitchen features a large preparation island, plus a full ap-pliance package including a stove, builtin microwave, refrigerator and

Residents will also appreciate the high-end finishes in each home, including granite kitchen countertops. GE

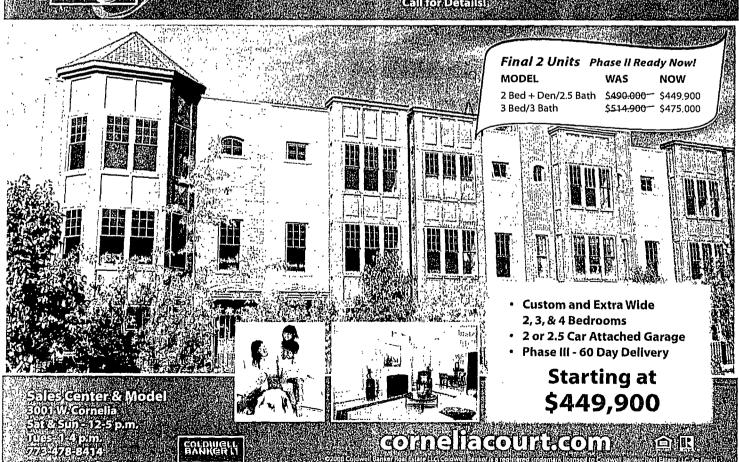
Profile appliances, high-end cabinetry and sound-resistant construction. For those placing a deposit pre-construction, there will be the chance to choose their finishes and customize their resi-

dence.
"Some of our depositors have even said that, in many ways, their new home here at Park Place will be nicer than their current home because of the new finishes and more modern layout. They're excited for the upgrade," said Engelsman. "And with the variety of floor plans available, ranging from one to three bedrooms, depositors can choose the size of home that fits their needs best."

As a Life Care community, Park Place offers independent-living residences while providing the assurance of high-quality health care services, such as as-

quality health care services, such as assisted living, skilled nursing and memory support, should they be required.





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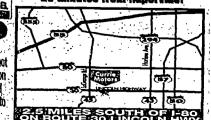
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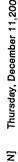
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Flexible Subaru Outback puts driver on the road to fun

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I have to admit, going into this review I was pretty neutral about the 2009 Subaru Outback. It's a nice car with a nice ride, but during my test period, it didn't sing for me.

However, when I updated my status on Facebook to read that I was "writing about the Subaru Outback today," I got an immediate response from a friend: "I love the Outback!" Since I was looking for a hook, I asked him why

He responded with: "Equally balanced due to the Boxer engine. Tight turning radius. All-time AWD is great. The cars last forever. I know folks with 250K+ miles and still going strong. The company's philanthropic campaigns for outdoor recreation are unmatched. Need more?"

Sure, I said. Go on. So he did.

'Although Subaru is a foreign-owned company, many of their plants are right here in the US of A, which equals jobs not only in assembly. but in companies which manufacture parts. The Outback line is relatively simple, meaning not a lot of variations between the models, so you only have to choose the color. The introduction of the turbo in '04 gave the line the performance of a sports car without sacrificing the traditional space of the wagon. Customers are very brand-loyal, so get one and you're hooked."

Which got me thinking.

From a co-worker who just bought a Forester to my eye doctor who's owned an Outback for a few years, I've never heard a bad word from anyone who owns a Subaru

Though the Outback does come under the guise of a wagon, as my friend pointed out, there are a plethora of reasons why someone who needs a flexible vehicle should consider this car.

First, and perhaps most important considering our current weather, there's the standard symmetrical all-wheel drive and the standard vehicle dynamics control stability and traction control system. And when I say standard, I mean standard at its most basic level.

Need more?

How about safety ratings? The Outback has garnered high marks from both the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. IIHS awarded it a "Top Safety Pick" in the midsize car segment, giving the vehicle the highest possible ratings (good) in frontal offset, side and rear impact tests. NHTSA gives the Outback a five-star rating for all properly belted passengers.

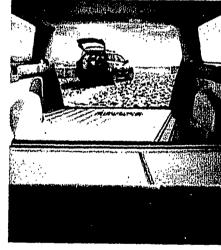
Still need more?

Let's throw fuel economy into the mix. Consider that the Outback is an AWD vehicle with a total cargo volume of 65.4 cubic-feet, which rivals many larger, thirstier SUVs. Best-case scenario, with the base 2.5-liter, 170-horsepower Boxer engine, you're looking at city/highway mileage of 20/26 mpg. The midlevel 2.5-liter, 243-horsepower turbocharged four-cylinder packs a punch with 73 additional horsepower but only has slightly decreased mileage with 18/24 mpg. The up-level 3.0-liter six-cylinder engine adds 2 horsepower to that and toes the line at 17/24 mpg.

The Outback has five basic trim levels, starting with the 2.5i, which has a base price of \$22,990. This is a pretty stacked base model with excellent standard features such as the vehicle dynamics control, stability and traction control system, side-curtain airbags, auxiliary audio input jack, height-adjustable driver's seat, tilt/telescoping steering wheel, symmetrical all-wheel drive and roof rails.

The 2.5i Special Edition starts at \$25,490 and adds17-inch alloy wheels, the 440-watt harmon/ kardon premium audio system, heated front seats, cargo cover and tray and cross bars for the roof

The 2.5i Limited bases at \$28,990 and includes



luxury standards such as an automatic transmission, dark-tint privacy glass, automatic climate control, dual-pane moon roof and leather seats. It's also at this level that you have the option of adding a navigation system.

The up-level 2.5XT Limited (\$32,795) and 3.0R Limited (\$32,790) not only add the up-level engines but also have foldable body-color side mirrors with integrated LED turn signals, electroluminescent instrumentation, sport-shift paddle shifters (2.5XT Limited) and front bumper underguard (3.0R Limited).

The test vehicle was a 2.5XT Limited model. which added the navigation (\$2,000), rear cargo net (\$51), seat back cargo net (\$48) and side cargo nets (\$68). The as-tested price rang in at \$35,627.

While that price might seem a bit high, consider everything you're getting. Actually, I can't think of anything else I'd want in a car. The heated leather seats were perfect, I had a great driving position and the interior was both attractive and comfortable

I think a wagon by definition is a bit frumpy

but the 2.5XT Limited model has this great hood scoop for the turbocharged engine that adds an air of mean.

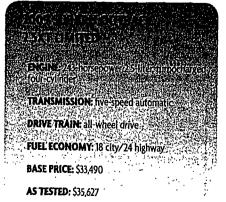
The compact size with a length of 189 inches made the Outback incredibly easy to drive and park in the city. I liked the pep delivered by the turbocharged engine in the test car, and I really couldn't have asked for more power.

The ride and handling in the Outback is both sporty and luxurious at the same time. There was a nice connection to the road as you push the curves a little, but it was nice and smooth over bumps and divots in the road. The steering was a bit suff, but that added to the sporty side of

All things considered, I understand the lovalty of the Subaru owner. The Outback is a great vehicle that offers comfort, utility and even (gasp) a little bit of fun. Especially since you can speed down the highway or head out to a campsite with this flexible little package.

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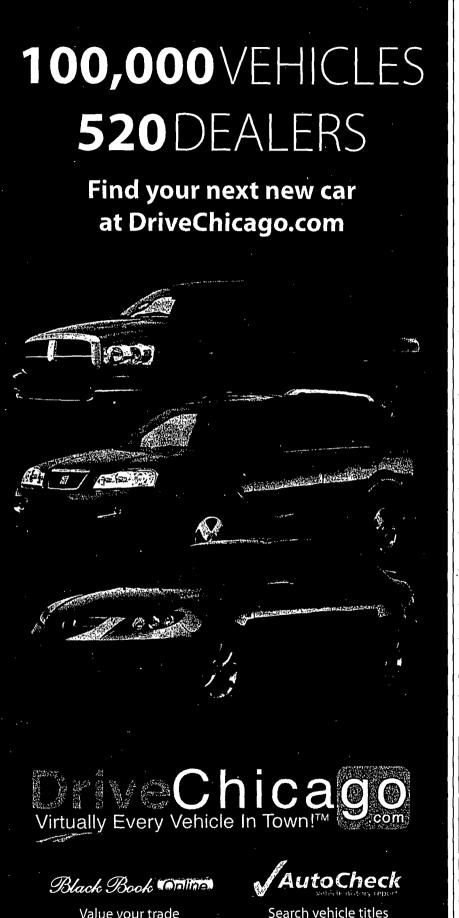
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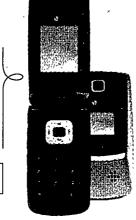
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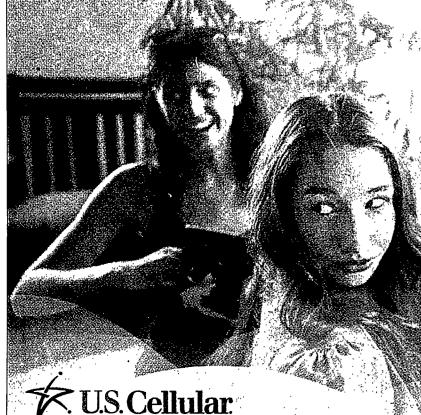
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* Little food changes can make a big caloric difference. Order thin crust pizza instead of regular, sauté in olive oil instead of butter, replace half-and-half in your coffee with two percent milk, use whipped butter instead of stick butter and have sorbet instead of ice cream.

* Don't cut out entire food groups. It's not healthy, and it's a technique destined to fail when you get a craving for what you've banished. Instead of vowing to

You probably make the same New drink only water, commit to drinking See Some Action

> * Instead of driving, bike to work or the store. If your destination is far away, drive halfway and bike the rest.

> * Get outside with friends and family. Mow the lawn, shovel snow, play a game of soccer or tag in the park with your kids and play fetch with your dog. Getting moving can be fun for the whole family.

* Find an activity to do. If you find yourself bored and wanting a snack by mid afternoon or late at night, find something else to do with your time. Play computer solitaire, read a magazine, do a crossword puzzle, take a walk around the office or chew gum.

* Transform your coffee break into a walk break, and explore the area around your home and office. Take the stairs instead of the elevator; get to know people in your office building by meeting people on other floors.

* Volunteer at least once a week. A recent study found that men who volunteer at least once per week have at least half the death rate of those who don't. Volunteering is great for your health and nappiness and the wellbeing of others.

* Stand up every time you talk on the phone, do squats while you're brushing your teeth and run around the house during the commercials of your favorite show. A few minutes of movement here and there can add up to a whole lot of

This year, make your New Year's resolutions count and resolve to make little changes in your life mean a lot.

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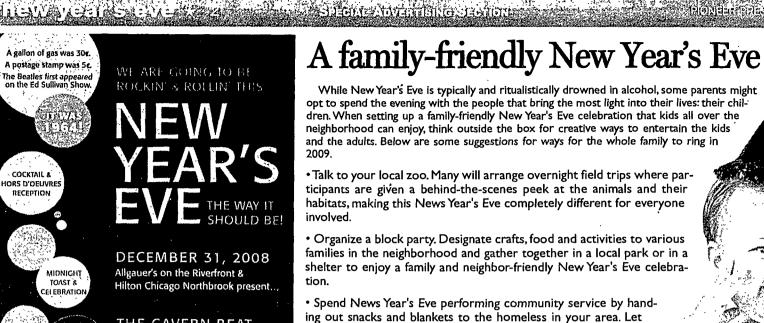
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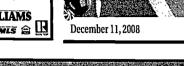
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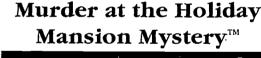
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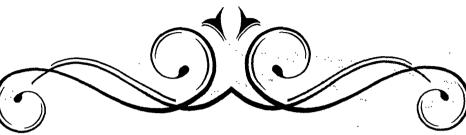


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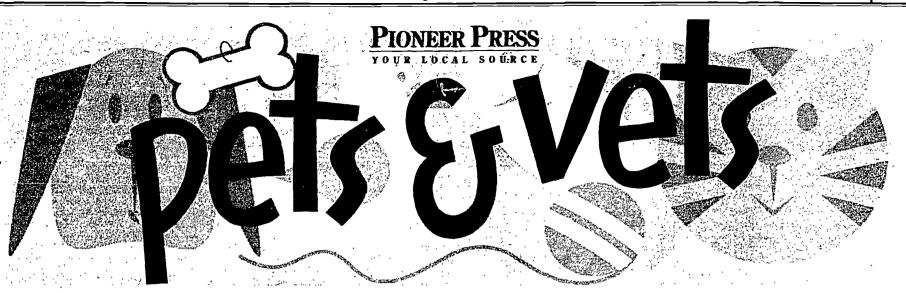
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Arthritis (Inflammation of joints is a condition that afflicts pets and pet owners alike. However the cause of arthritis in pets is often different from that in people. Primary arthritis, i.e., arthritis unrelated to another condition, commonly accompanies old age in humans but is rare in dogs and cats. In dogs and cats arthritis is most often caused by developmental or degenerative disease or by direct injury to a joint, such as a torn ligament. Less often, we see infectious or autoimmune causes. More old dogs than young dogs have arthritis, not just because they are old but because their increased years have offered more opportunities for insult to a joint.

Arthritis occurs in large dogs more often than in cats and small dogs for a couple of reasons. First, the severity of arthritis is a function of the animas weight, which puts stress on the joints. A 100-pound shepherd will be more debilitated by painful arthritis than a 10-pound poodle. Second, the common causes of arthritis, such as hip dysplasia, elbow dysplasia, and

other common bone problems, are usually diseases of large fast-growing dogs. However, arthritis does occur in small dogs

Joints are composed of cartilage and soft connective tissue. They serve as shock absorbers between bones and provide a low-friction surface that allows independent motion of adjacent bones. Painful arthritis can result from degeneration of the cartilage or inflammation of the soft connective tissue. Animals show evidence of this pain by limping or refusing to bear veight on the painful limb.

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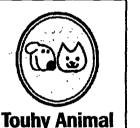
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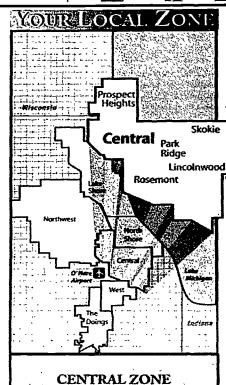
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Masters Mark James Darrell

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Contents
Lomp, tote, record
player
Kitchen chair, baby
chair, boxes
Air conditioner,
bags, boxes, totes
Bags, soves, totes
Bags, suitcase,
portable TV
Fish tank, ladder
refrigerator
Boxes, bags
Boxes, dresser,
ottice chair
Bags, suitcase
Boxes
Sofa, exercise
equipment,

Girma Heran Sanchez Vickie Robertson Kenneth McCorkle Sheneth A Wright Loutes A. Foodstutts Piberr Sieczko Donna Garland Lisa

> Floor lamp, microwave, boxes Boxes, sota, totes ladder
> Bags, boxes, totes
> Mattress,
> retrigerator,
> boxspring
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Fan, bags, boxes Bags, totes, typewriter Bags, boxes, totes Boxes table TV, boxes totes
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Boxes, tolding chair
Bags, microwave
Bags, boxes, totes
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Boxes, bags, totes Boxes Bags, bike, boxes,

speakers Kitchen chair, sofa, bed box spring,

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Unit 2026 Alex Zavala Car parts,

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PUBLIC AUCTION

Occupant: Merideth Rowley Juit # E

ontents: Misc household fu lture and Items

Occupant: Cheryl Murphy Unit # 0

ccupant: Vincent

Occupant: Eric Orr Unit # 3 Contents: Misc household ful

Misc household for

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SAL

PLACE: The Lock Up Se Storage Centers 2525 W. Armitage Chicago, IL 60647 DATE: December 19, 2008 TIME: 10:00 a.m.

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CONTENTS Bags, boxes Boxes Boxes, clothing Boxes

chair

boxes Boxes, TV, vacuum Bags, boxes Dresser, fan, bed Bags, boxes

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Unit 4125

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Name James Cook Contents
Couch, coffee table
toys
Floor lamp, tool box
partable tv, vacuum
Table lamp, suitcase Carlos Fermin

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	limois 60660, the personal matters of:	I property described be
SPACE #		CONTENTS
0019	Jayve Montgomery	Bags, bed box- spring, bags
1003	Monique Lehman	Boxes, mirrors, shelving
1058	Torrance Bass	Chair upholstered, Coffee table, totes
1064	Tony Williams	Chair upholstered, sofa, love seat
1134	Sefer Hodzic	Sofa
2158	James Tate	Bed mattress, boxes filing cabinet, suitcase
2199	Denise Smith	Bags, boxes
2177	Deliase officer	clothing, sofa
2251	Jeffery Kuhenbecker	Bed mattress, totes
3432	Linda Balls	Kitchen chair, fan.
2318	Dashanna Page	Boxes, bags, safa
2331	Gabrielle Green	A.C., boxes,
		microwave, totes, T.V.
2248	Jarret Krauss	Bags, boxes, tates
22.49	Jarret Krauss	Boxes, hamper,
1		totes

sogs, boxes, stereo, vacuum
Bed mattress, boxes
Headboard bed,
boxes, chair kifchen
Iamp floor, totes
Bed mattress, boxes
chair, söfa
Bogs, boxes, stereo,
vacuum
Bogs, bed bo
s p r i n g , b e d
mattress, clothing Lamont Clark amothress, clothing closef, suitcase Bags, boxes, refrigerator Baby chair, boby playpen, kitchen chair, boxe table kitchen T.V. Bags, clothing, mirrors, trunk Bed mattress, boxe chair, safa Box-spring, mattress, china cabinef, safa Bed frame, bed box-spring, boxes, stereo, trunk Bags, microwave, lates, Afrim Roko

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Rosemary Ford

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Luc McCullum B099 8122 Theoplis Jarvis B139 B168 Moses Zuorgu Sikiru Ola Ladeiab

8178 8192 8214 8221 C295 C339 Kristen Flowers C393 A079 T.E. Brisbin

3481 2176 2198 3358 33/3 3395 3436 Angela Levengo Seamon Obazee nicrowove Bed, boxes, lamp

floor
A.C. bike, sofa
Baxes, bass
Totes, baxes
Bed box-spring,
bed mattress, tate
Boxes, bays,
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CONTENTS

PACE # NAME

2041	Sherell Sullivan	Bicycle, neadboard
057	James Beutlich	Boxes, totes
2040	Chais Stewart	Boxes, kitchen chair
0152	Ball Kozlowskii	Boxes, pictures,
		totes
3016	Cosey Lock	Table, office chair
		stool
732	Azeil Adoms	Bags, suitcase, totes
133	Rosie Jones	Boxes, bogs
0008	Kothieen Coshman	Table, mattress
2045	GeorginalAsane	Shelving, totes,
		VOCUUM
0077	Shebara Sebaggaia	Boxes
V237	Andrew Grant	Bogs, clothing,
		suitcose
LOST	Lisa Wallenstein	Boos
2015	Bland Shatone	Bicycle, dresser,
,,,,,		TV
0099	Vielku Vien	TV, sofa
3028	Marry Duke	Chair, couch, totes
2024	John Editors	Bogs, Boxes
.024	حاصست بحسات	DUYS, DUXES

Notice is bereby given that pursuant to Section 4 of the Self-Service Starage Facility Act, State of Illinois, the undersigned will sell at public safe by competitive bidding on December 29, 2003 of 12:30 P. M. on the premise where said properly has been started, and which are located of Public Starage/PS Orange Co., 2836 N. Western Ave., Chicago, IL 63518 the personal properly described below, in

Unit	Norme Brooke Shormaker	Contents Bicycle, chair.
GE S	Di Come Gilbertimani	pictures
0941	Eli Sherman	Boxes, chair, tires
0063	Tim Wright	Bogs, boxes,
0119	Koren Rudisliph	ladder Baxes, dresser,
	with the manufacture	totes Headboard, baxes,
0124	Kristina Dowis	couch
0135	Glenda Johnson	Bed frame, mattress, bicycle
0136	Lewis Sims	Bedframe, mattress, dresser
0350	Bremito Andlerson	Bogs, boxes
0184	Thomas Whatmore	Bicycle, chair,
		shelving
0214	Joznana Cossala	Chair, suitcase
0223	Mark Walke	Bogs, boxes
0273	Eric Ansell	Pictures, shelving, toles
0278	Robert Zovered	Books, ladder, toolbox
0265	Gress Ballanti	Boxes, pictures,
		suitcase
0287	Jeremy Trickett	Bedframe, totes, T.V.
0298 '	Charis Bowley-Williams	Chair, sports
	Louro James	equipment, suitcase Boxes, sports
0299	E types of Tribusines	equipment, totes
0316	Scott Hossel	Mattress, dresser,
		microwave
0343	Monuel Rivero	A.C., headboard, cabinet
6358	Magnice Hordison	Bags, radio, suitoase
0414	Rockell Bonnster	Clothing, ironing
	Territoria	board, record player
0415	lder Hudsom-Heavard	Baby stroller, toolbox, totes
	Lamps Marrie	Ladder, radio,
0430	Jerry Marits	sports equipment
046	Jerome Locey	Chair, shelving,
		toolbox
0505 0527	Edward Wagner	Radio, totes, T.V. Chair, desk, dresser
0604	Victoria Fiedler Chrystal Jenkins	Bags, boxes,
	<u> </u>	suitcase
0645	Joonne Williams	Bogs, boxes
0705	Miguel Santa	Bags, boxes, totes
0742	Idelia Smith	Bogs, boxes
CRIR	Server w Billisthiamentin	Roos, boxes.

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Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Section 4 of the Self-Service Storage Facility Act, State of Illinois, the undersigned, PS Orange Co., will sell at public sale on December 29, 2008 at 10:20 A.M. on the premise where solid property has been stored, and which are located at Public Storage/PS Orange Co., 6460 N. Lincoln Ave., Lincolnwood, IL 60712 the personal property described below. In the motters of:

pace # 048 060	Occupant James Elbert Bailey ClorineDixon	Contents Totes Bed, dresser Boxes
079	Shown Cosmen	entertainment center
095	Annette Fox	Boxes
153	lewine Beattie	Boxes, bags
001	Tillie Steve	Boxes, bags, TV
082	Edith Calamarca	Boxes, chairs,
002	Culli Culullal ca	dresser
085	Daryl Shelton	Bags, boxes
102	Eric Braun	Couch, totes
173	Asim Ali	Boxes, clothing,
D65	Lawrence Hamilton	Boxes, totes
W03	Cant clice Halling	2010310122

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Space A062 A063 A165 B002 B013	Occupant Jovan Alexander Manuel Rivas Easton Muirhead Cheryl Glass-Mumin Francine Phillips	Contents Boxes, bogs Boxes Cottee tables Boxes, sofa, TV Boxes
C020	Tom Keevers	Boxes
C020	Deborah Tumer	Bags, boxes, chair,
CUZS	Deporan romer	table
D007	Venessa Riddles	Bags, chair, love seat
D069	Joseph Peies	Boxes
D071	Harriet Marquez	Boxes
Dioi	Cathy Hareas	Boxes
E002	Dale Richardson	Boxes
E008	Yasmeerv Ali	Restaurant equipment, shelvin
E016	Corey Chang	Boxes
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- 1	below. In	the matters of:	ar property is asserted.
es,	Space # 1005	Occupant Izabella Kuman	Contents Bags, bicycle,boxes, floor lamp, table lamp,
e ress,	1044	Nikki Davis	and totes Box spring, mattress, boxes, dresser, sofa, microwave,
ng,	1048	George Whitfield	portable TV Bicycle and boxes
- 1	1075	Paul Babiarz	Boxes, fan, monitor,
,	1097	Jim Mullen Charitable Foundation	and totes Boxes, computer
case	1156	Darlene Tucker	Box spring, mattress,
s er,	2024	Jerome Wade	sofa, and dresser Bicycle, boxes, office chair, desk
case g ayer	2106	Ann Lindsey	fan, and suitcase Boxes, books, totes, turntable,
,	2141	Jonie Karras	records Bicycle, boxes, fish
.	2191	Shem Tov	tank, and totes Bags, boxes,
/. sser	2197	Carol Ann Crumblin	radio Bags, boxes, suitoase
es	2217 3066	Donald Stark Mike McCarthy	Misc. goods Bicycle, boxes, filing cobinets,
er,	3179 3185	Dennis Gibrick Ashiq Ali Samani	and totes Misc. goods Books, dining table, totes, portable TV
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SPACE 1333 1570 1535 1526 1461	OCCUPANT Jade Dixon Brian Jarreau Albert Hudson Arlisia Streety Leonard Tucker Tyspn Willems	CONTENTS Bags, mirror Boxes, desk Bog, totes, to Boxes, mattr Dresser, fan, bicycle Boxes, lates
)321)217	Tyson Willams Courtney Shumate	Boxes, totes T.V. portable mattress

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Space 1110	Name Youssef El Ayyadi	Contents Sofa, Mattress, TV
2013 2026	Nicholas Zsuppon Toni Lopez	Sofa, dresser, chair Sofa, radio, suitcase
2036	Elias Pena	Totes, shelving
2071	Lolita Johnson	Bags, boxes, totes
2085	Robyn Audia	Computer, sewin
2134	Charles Wright	Mattress, sport equip.
2152	Andre' Williams	Boxes, dryer, toys
2208	Yvonne Montaya	Boxes, suitcas table
2229	Shawn Bailey	Mattress, dresse
412B	Joseph Molinaro	vacuum Chair, table, totes

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		Ancount 1	
205B	Symantha Lancaster	Pictures, suitoase,	
		VOCUUM	i
2066	Christian Sikorski	Dresser, tubles	
2082	Rebecca Libraga	Boxes, record, totes	1
2099	She'ree Johnson	AC. boxes, sofa	1
3021	Dr. Frederick Gambrell		
3056	Kenneth Voegele	Mattress, clothing,	
3000	Kennem voegele		
		suitcase	
3067	Wylie Robinson	Bags, boxes, flower	
		pot	
3077	Wylie Robinson	Boxes, dresser,	
		toolbox	
3109	Teresa Mui	Bicycle, boxes,	
		shelving	!
1014	Doris Hill	Computer, pictures,	
		shelving	!
1D4D	Patricia Boyer	Boxes, toble	
1054	Aurrie Thomas	Boos, books, toolbox	
1069	Randy Wagner	Boxes, sofa, sports	•
1037	territary astroduces	equipment	
1870	William Polich	Boxes, shelving.	
1078	Assistant Losers	speakers, totes	
	431-4 -4- Cl40	Bogs, boxes, totes	
1105	Michele Escalante	Mattress, boxes,	ŀ
um	Alexander Avellaneda		
		suitcase	
(112	Jennifer Phillips	Bicycle, chair, table	
1134	John Corcoran	Books, boxes,	
		pictures	
4155	William Polich	Mattress, boxes,	1
		totes	1
5029	Joyce Hildreth	Boxes	
5072	Eunice Reid	Bags, boxes, totes	
5096	Hector Coss	Mattress, chair	
6004	Robinson Wylie	Boxes, mirror, fon	
5158	Doris Hill	Boxes, computer,	i
	D 0110 T 1111	shelving	ı
6070	Nicholas Wingo	Bogs	!
6075	Graciela Sandez	Bogs, boxes, totes	1
6080	Cormen Alicea	Boxes, suitcase	ı
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SPACE B089 B094 B172 B192	OCCUPANT Central Synagogue Jaqueline Carter Shevelle Johnson Julien Kolho	CONTENTS Boxes Bicycle, bookcase Bags, boxes Bags, sultcase,
C259	Jullen Kolho	weights Books, sports
C286	Laurie Doll	equipment Bed, cabinet,
C289 C295	PatriclaCoffey Suzanne Sims Fushi	sofa Bags Boxes, chair,
D436 D444	Treanette Redding Ricco Rias	Pictures Chair, lamp, sultcase
E544 E676	Aakla Phiilips Roy Mannsell	Bags, boxes Box, pictures

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Unit # 005 017	Name Joyce Watkins Ramii Celestin	Contents Bags, boxes Portable TV, couch,
036	Michael Julian	boxes Bags, bed, box spring
058	Michael Julian	boxes Boxes, microwave, table, lamp
064 069	Mary Prentiss Shawn T. Moxley	Bags, bed mattress Boxes, bed mattress
076	Lauren Chaplin- Providence	box spring Bags, bed, box spring, 20 boxes,
088 218 221	David Sullivan Ethel Greene Dawn Hanks	stereo Bags, boxes, totes Boxes, kitchen chairs Baby crib, boxes, bed mattress
233 239 248 255 264	Gregory Moorehead Abdul Rauf Apatira Robin Hobson Angela Hood Monique Lewis	Clothing, boxes Bags, kitchen chair Bags Boxes, bags, totes Kitchen chair, coffee

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	ille Storage/PS Orange Co. 342. Phone 773-227-3114, fax	
SPACE	OCCUPANT	CONTENTS
A178 A205	Jerome Smith Reggie Newport	Boxes 5, sultcase Office chai
A267	Ramona Young	computer Boxes 5, sofa, totes
A291	Sandra Torres	Boxes 5, sultcase
A300	Thalsa Gee	Bed frame, sof
		lamp
A334	Chris Klm	Boxes 2, clothing
A359	Luis Rosado, Jr.	Sofa, chair, table
A381	Harry Dukov	Boxes, suitcas
		scooter
A398	Duane Powell	Clothing, reco
		albums
A432	Chaz Walters	Boxes 10, desk
A476	Carmela Wimberly	Boxes 10, totes 2
A487	Chrls Weller	Computer, refrigerator
D539	Gilbert Degand	Dresser, clothing
D562	John Fletcher	Boxes 2, rug, totes
D638	Reynaldo Luna	Boxes 5, suitcase
D684	Allcia Santana	Boxes 5, totes 4
D727	James Diglovanni	Sofa, radio,
D. 2.	Suries Digitarian	TV portable
D739	Joseph Reffruschinni	Bed mattres
		carpet
D742	Tanesha Tucker	Boxes 5, speakers
D809	Shirley Bills	Boxes 2, totes 5
D810	Demetri Nikolopoulos	Boxes 3, stereo
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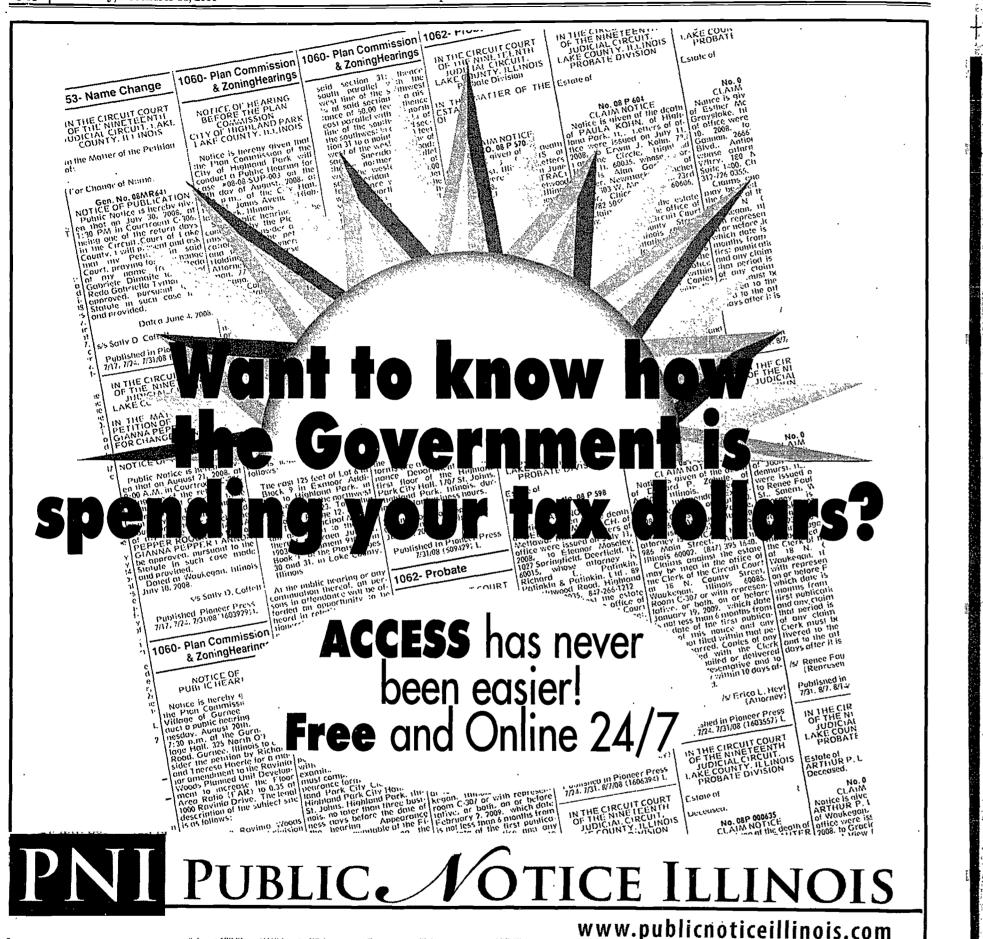
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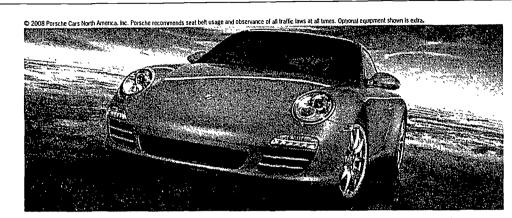
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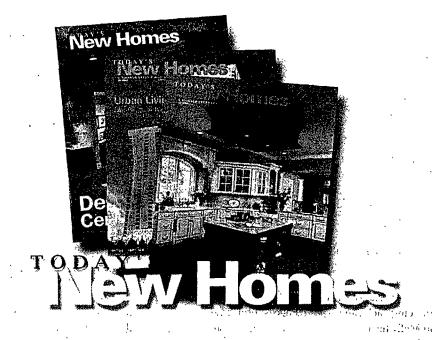
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Mom, where are you?

Health concerns prompt 'Baby Jessica to seek family who abandoned her

By WYNN KOEBEL FOSTER wfoster@pioneerlocal.com

Jessica is 28 years old now. Despite an unpromising start — abandoned as an infant in a paper grocery bag in the parking lot at Resurrection Hospital, in Chicago — her life has turned out very well indeed.

If it weren't for some serious health issues now, she admits she probably wouldn't be searching for information on her birth parents. But her doctors need answers, and Jessica just can't fill out the "family history" section on her med-

Jessica grew up in the northwest suburbs, the second of two adopted daughters of a Mount Prospect

"We weren't wealthy. We were comfortable," Jessica said. "My parents gave us the best - nice vacations, great educations. They provided us with wonderful op-

Her mother is strict, strong willed, loving and nurturing. Her father is warm, mellow and relaxed,

Family, PAGE 59



When she was abandoned at Resurrection Hospital as a newborn 28 years ago, "Baby Jessica," was the lead story in the Edison-Norwood Times Review (right) and other newspapers. Now she is looking for her birth mother because health concerns require her biological family's medical history.

Hospital surrounded baby with love in 1980

By WYNN KOEBEL FOSTER wfoster@pioneerlocal.com

Her claim to fame is a dubious one: She was the newborn found abandoned in a paper grocery bag in the parking lot at Resurrection Hospital, 7435 W. Talcott Ave., in Chicago, in June 1980. Nurses there called her Baby Jessica.

She weighed 6 pounds 3.5 ounces. She was wrapped in a green towel, and she was wearing a Pampers disposable diaper. When a couple from the Northwest Side found her, she was crying.

Her story was widely reported. Gifts arrived at the hospital for her — a pink, white and blue bonnet addressed to "Baby in Grocery Bag, Chicago, IL" from

a Chicago Heights donor and a larger package of baby clothes, some new, from a woman in Palatine Hundreds of couples clamored to adopt Baby Jessica. Their calls flooded the switchboards at Catholic Charities and the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services.

"The special cases are the ones you remember," said Barbara Simmons, one of the nurses who cared for Baby Jessica. "Only a few of the babies I've worked with were up for adoption. She was the only baby who'd been abandoned."

Dr. Jolanta Dziok was the pediatrician on call the night Baby Jessica was found. Within half an hour, she was at the hospital ex-

"Her temperature was 1 degree off," Dr. Dziok reported. "I took blood cultures though, and the results were A-plus. All in all, she was very healthy."

Baby Jessica spent four days in Resurrection's nursery. After a required 90-day waiting period, during which time a search was conducted for her birth family, she was placed for adoption with a couple at the top of Catholic Charities' five-year waiting list.

"We don't know the circumstances that led someone to abandon Baby Jessica," said Dr. Dziok. "We do know that, while she was with us, we wanted to surround her with the all of the love her birth mother was unable or unwilling to give."

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Seeking information

Can you help? Persons with information on the birth parents of Baby Jessica, who was abandoned in June 1980 in the parking lot at Resurrection Hospital, in Chicago, are asked to write to her at:

Baby Jessica P.O. Box 964 Morton Grove IL 60053

Dr. Jolanta Bziok (left) and nurse Barbara Simmons were on call in the Resurrection Hospital Emergency Room in 1980 when the infant, later known as "Baby Jessica" was brought in

Safe haven laws offer choices now other than abandoning infants

In other states, specific

provisions of the safe haven

laws vary. Some restrict

who may abandon a child.

ranges for newborns who

may be abandoned. A few

states require the person

accepting the infant to ask

Not surprisingly, Jessica

is a strong supporter of safe

haven laws. Had such a law

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All 50 states and Puerto Rico have enacted safe haven laws, designed to help parents in crisis.

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The baby will be given medical care and placed in a good home. If the person surrendering the newborn is the mother, she will be offered medical care and

The law is intended to provide a safe, legal option

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"I was a real daddy's

Jessica was a gymnast

She placed well nationally,

even training for a while

She graduated from

Prospect High School and

earned her bachelor's de-

gree in design at the Inter-

national Academy of Design

and Technology, in Chicago.

Jessica and her high-school

sweetheart married young.

Jessica was a junior in

Today, they live in the

high school when she

missed what might have

been her best chance to dis-

cover something about her

birth family. She was eating

dinner with her best friend

new waitress, who said her

name was Dawn, began to

"Don't be like me," Dawn

told them. "Become some-

"We thought that was

strange," Jessica acknowl-

thing. Stay in school."

at Eros Restaurant, in Ar-

lington Heights, when a

lecture them

northwest suburbs.

Family

Jessica explained.

girl," she grinned.

with Bela Karolvi.

Comment: pioneerlocal.com edged, "But then she asked

Jessica admitted she was. Then she started to tell Dawn her birthday.

"I mentioned the month and date," Jessica said, adding, "and she supplied the year."

Later, Jessica and her mother drove back to the restaurant, but Dawn wasn't there. She never returned - not even to pick up her paycheck, Jessica said.

"I suppose I wasn't ready. I had no dire need for information," Jessica mused. "After all, I already had a great set of parents."

Her situation has changed though. Jessica urgently needs medical infor-

She'd also love to know her nationality. Most people think she might be Italian. Some believe she's Greek. A smaller group guess she's French.

And maybe, just maybe, she'll finally get the answer to the question that has hovered at the edge of her conscious mind for 28 years: Why?



Safe Haven posters, disbe dropped off, feature th Safe Haven logo and spell out Safe Haven options. They also include a crisis counselor phone number (888-510-BABY) and a Web address where one can get more information: SaveAbandonedBables.org

Illinois Abandoned **Newborn Infant Protection Act**

Sec. 5. Public policy Illinois recognizes that new-

born infants have been aban-

doned to the environment or to other circumstances that may be unsafe to the newborn infant. These circumstances have caused injury and death to newborn infants and give rise to potential civil or criminal liability to parents who may be under severe emotional distress. This Act is intended to provide a mechanism for a newborn infant to be relinquished to a safe environment and for the narents of the infant to remain anonymous if they choose and to avoid civil or criminal liability for the act of relinguishing th infant. It is recognized that establishing an adoption plan s preferable to relinquishing a child using the procedures outlined in this Act, but to reduce the chance of injury to a newborn infant, this Act pro-

A public information camnainn on this delicate issue shall be implemented to enabandonment of their newborn child to relinquish the child under the procedures. to parent a child themselves infant in harm's way.

dicate affiliation with a political party. Anyone seeking additional information about

Sec. 1. Short title This Act may be cited as the Abandoned Newborn Infant Protection Act.

vides a safer alternative.

courage parents considering outlined in this Act, to choose a traditional adoption plan, or rather than place the newborn

School

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the nature and duties of

school board service may

contact the Illinois Associ-

ation of School Boards for

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www.iasb.com/training/co

mmunity_resources.cfm, or

by writing IASB, 2921 Bak-

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More details may be found

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The Northridge Varsity

Basketball Knights kicked

off their season last month

in the fourth annual Battle

at the Ridge Thanksgiving

The Knights, 2008 IH-

SA Regional champs, fin-

ished in third place in the

Knights defeated Chicago

Catholic League member

Gordon Tech with a score

of 53-40. They also edged

School in a thriller, scoring

a free throw with a second

Regular-season play

School League opponent

out Ridgewood High

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score 36-35.

Latin School.

eight-team event. The

tournament.

at northridgeprep.org.

pants will have an oppor-

Point, Free Throw and Hot

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groups may elect to play in

a double elimination 3-on-3

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www.oakton.edu/winterim for more information, or contact the Advising and Counseling Center, (847) 635-1741, in Des Plaines, or (847) 635-1417, in Skokie.



Family entertainer Dave Rudolf brings his holiday show to Oakton Community College, 1600 E. Golf Road, Des Plaines. Two performances are scheduled at noon and 2 p.m. Dec. 13. Plenty of free parking is available in Lot

Rudolf's interactive show offers something for everyone, from parodies to traditional songs of the season. The show is recommended for all ages.

Tickets are \$7 for general admission; \$5 for children 12 and younger; and \$4 for groups of 15 or more. The program is partially funded by a grant from the Illinois Arts Council, a state agency.

To reserve tickets call the Oakton box office,

(847) 635-1900



The Desi Dance Club at Oakton celebrates the music, dance, fashion and fine art of India in "Show Me Your Jalwa," a live variety and talent show, 7-10 p.m. Dec. 20 at Oakton Community College, 1600 E. Golf Road, Des Plaines,

General admission tick ets are \$7; parking is free.

Professional dancers from Chicago's Natraj Dance Academy and Arva International Dance Academy join singers and other student performers in this multicultural extravaganza Dozens of performers will showcase contemporary Indian entertainment.

A portion of the proceeds from this performance benefits Apna Ghar, a domestic-violence shelter that primarily serves Asian women and children. Apna Ghar takes its name from the Hindi-Urdu phrase meaning "our home."

For tickets to "Show Me Your Jalwa" call the Oakton box office, (847) 635-1900.

During a book reading and

St. Mary of the Woods

"meet the author" event for children from St. Mary of the Woods elementary school at 10 a.m. Saturday Marlene Byrne, founder and author of Project Play will engage children in lively story time by reading from her series of children's books — Treasure Hunt, Follow the Leader, and Just a Baseball Game. The stories feature kids (each with unique personalities) from the Edgebrook neigh borhood. The children do not let watching TV, overscheduled activities or boredom rule their lives. Instead they inspire young readers to follow their lead as they use their imaginations and creativity to entertain one another in backvard games.

The event will be at Barnes & Noble, 5405 Touhy Ave., Skokie.

For more information go www.projectplaybooks.com

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Family favorites are still top cookies

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November winds whistled up some snowflakes outdoors, but inside at Schaumburg's Friendship Village, the auditorium hummed with anticipation. The air was scented with coffee and whiffs of sugary, buttery confections.

Off to one side, a small group of men and women cheerfully donned paper chef toques marking them as the contestants in this Holiday Cookie Contest, held just before Thanksgiving.

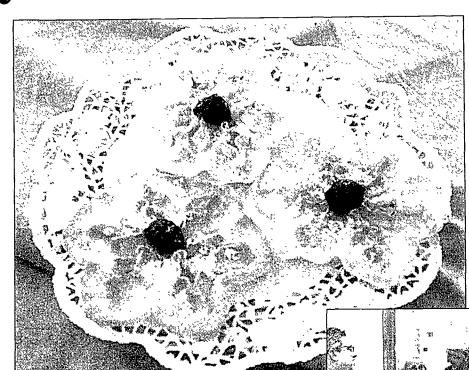
"We started these cooking contests six months ago, with a meatball contest, and everybody had so much fun, we decided to do it again with the holiday cookies," said Jeannette Magdaleno, coordinator of Life Long Learning for the retirement cen-

The last of the five judges, which included this writer representing Pioneer Press, came in and took their seats at the tables facing the audience.

Mike McCan, director of Lifestyles at the village, warmed up the seniors, staff members and visitors with comments about cooks, cookies and the lively camaraderie of Friendship Village life, and the judging began.

Veteran chefs

The 10 chefs, Marge Arendt, Conroy Erickson, Lorraine Kay, Carolyn Quigley, Lavonne Verkade, Emil Brunner, Joe and Dot Gondek, Lois Ostrand, Jean Sargent and Kay Willson, had baked some of their favorite recipes. All are veterans of decades of turning out these bits of sugar-andspice comfort.



Above, Dot and Joe Gondek's Rosettes

That expertise showed. The cookies, carefully arranged on platters, were paraded up and down the aisles for all to see and appreciate. They were introduced by number only, so there was no way to tell who had baked what.

passed to new generations,

about all the ingredient

lists. No one skimped on

sugar and cinnamon or

vanilla either. Several en-

tries had chocolate kisses

or chips featured, but, as

judge Laurie Stone of the

Schaumburg Business As-

sociation noticed, "There

were no chocolate cookies."

With 10 of these sweet

These were old-fashioned, family-friendly cookies with happy names like Snickerdoodles and Snowballs. These are the cookies made for every occasion because the relatives demand them. And though the recipes have been

no one else's live up to the cookies these cooks pro-Butter figured prominently, wonderfully, in just

Joe and Dot Gondek's first place cookie had no butter at all. It's a light.

The Gondeks have

judges went for bits and bites, rather than eating the entire cookie. However the leftovers, crumbs and all, tended to disappear into makeshift doggie bags when the event was

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It was a very close contest, noted McCann. Each of the three top spots had been determined by only

Third place went Kay Willson's buttery icebox cookie called Stained Glass, thanks to the sprinkling of candied fruit that adds holiday color.

Lois Ostrand's Spritz cookie, buttery and just sweet enough, took second place.

airy oil-cooked confection called Rosette, made with a special iron, and has roots in Scandinavian cui-

The real challenge is deciding how to decorate.

Friendship Village Lifestyles

Director Mike McCann (left).

interviews first place cookie-

bakers Dot and Joe Gondek.

been making these cook-

ies together for more than

60 years. And despite the

"It's a team job," says

Dot. "I couldn't do it with-

out him and he couldn't do

Rosettes are made with

from a light, egg batter.

The cook heats up a pan of

is then heated in that iron,

dipped into the batter then

oil to about 375 degrees.

The special rosette iron

back into the oil. "Joe's

mother gave hers to us,"

said Dot, "he calls it the

The cookie puffs up

and peels off and floats

around, said Joe. "She

turns them so they cook

on the other side."

Cherry chosen

branding iron."

tricky, lengthy cooking

process, they still enjoy

baking rosettes.

it without me."



left): First Place, Dot and Joe Gondek; second place, Lois Ostrand; third place, Kay Willson.

Mr. and Mrs. Gondek's Rosettes

2 eggs 1 T sugar 1/4 tsp. salt 1 C sifted flour 1 C milk 1 tsp. vanilla

Confectioner's sugar for decorating Combine eggs, sugar and salt. Beat well. Add

flour, milk and vanilla. Beat until smooth. Heat about 3 inches of oil to 375 degrees. Heat osette iron in the hot oil, approximately one minute. Drain excess oil from the iron.

Dip the hot rosette iron into the batter, to about 1/2 inch from the top of the iron. (Do not let batter go over the top of the iron.) Immediately dip battered iron into hot oil. Fry rosette until golden brown, about 1/2 minute.

Lift out with a fork, drain on a cake rack placed over paper towels.

Reheat the iron one minute before making each

Sprinkle the rosettes with confectioner's sugar. Makes about 5 1/2 dozen, depending on the size of the iron. (Rosette irons are available at cookware and department stores.)

"Chocolate, mint, we have a hard time deciding," said Dot. For this event, they went with powdered sugar and a candied cherry in the flower center.

The couple moved from Arizona to Schaumburg just last spring. "We tell everyone we made a wrong turn," said Joe with a laugh. But they're entirely happy with their decision.

In fact, they're happy just about all the time,

even cooking together, simply because they're to-"We're still best

friends," said Dot.

"People tell me it's so nice to see old people holding hands," said Joe. Repeating what's clearly a favorite line he added, "And I say that it's easier to hold her hand than to pick her up off the sidewalk."

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Santa will once again be

calling children ages 3 to 8

this season to check their

holiday lists. Parents must

complete Santa's informa-

tion sheet available at the

Howard Leisure Center.

4:30 to 7:30 p.m. Dec. 17.

calling (847) 967-6633.

Calls will be made between

Registration is required by

Voters will elect three

Niles Park District commis-

sioners when they go to the

election April 7. Three indi-

polls for the consolidated

viduals will be elected to

serve four-year commis-

sioner terms. Thomas

Elenz, secretary of the

Board of Park Commission-

ers, has begun distributing

petitions for candidacy and

other materials. Materials

may be picked up between

9 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. week-

days at the Niles Park Dis-

trict Administrative Office

Howard St. Each candidate

will be required to have a

minimum of 87 signatures

of registered Park District

voters in order to file peti-

tions for the Park District

Candidates must be regis-

tered to vote and be a resi-

dent of the Park District at

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and materials will be Jan.

19, and the last day will be

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ers govern the Park District

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located at the Howard

Leisure Center, 6676 W.

will be held from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Dec. 6 at Advocate Lutheran General Hospital, 1775 Dempster St., Park Ridge. An upcoming session will be held Dec. 14. The fee for the course is \$50. Call 1-800-323-8622 or www.advocatehealth.com to register. The code for this class is 8C16.

PARKS

Maine-Niles Association of Special Recreation's seasonal brochure for summer is now available. M-NASR offers individuals with physical and mental challenges, behavior and learning disorders, hearing and visual impairments and emotional disabilities the opportunity to enjoy a variety of recreation activities. The summer season offers programs and special events including sports and Special Olympic programs, art, cooking, aerobics and more. Look for the addition of many outings this season such as: Camping Connection, Teen Adventures, Tee Time Golf, and others. Registration begins upon delivery of the brochure and winter programs begin the week of Jan. 12, 2009. Maine-Niles serves the towns of Des Plaines, Golf-Maine, Lincolnwood, Morton Grove, Niles, Park Ridge and Skokie. To receive a seasonal brochure or to offer support for individuals with special needs by volunteering, call (847) 966-

Niles

Make a Holiday Gingerbread House for a special holiday centerpiece. Instructions and all materials are included for each parent/child couple to make a gingerbread house to take home. This special event will be held from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Dec. 17 at the Howard Leisure Center. Fees are: residents, \$45; nonresidents, \$57 per couple. Call (847) 967-6633 to register.

Family Fun Nights at 5 p.m. every Friday night. The \$5per-person fee includes a round of miniature golf, a batting-cage token, a hot dog and a small drink for each family member. Pioneer Park is at 7135 N.

Niles Park District is still taking registration for fall dance classes. Classes in-

Harlem Ave. Call (847) 583-

2746 for more information.

clude pre-ballet for ages 3 to 5, ballet and tap for ages 4 to 9, jazz for ages 6 to 12, and Hip Hop for ages 6 to 11. Classes for adults are also available. For more information on the Dance Program, call (847) 967-6633.

Niles Park District helps plan children's birthday parties. Party packages include: Tie-Dye, Crafty Creations, Rumble Jumble. Princess Party and Dora & Diego. Parties are 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Fridays, and 10:30 a.m. to noon or 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Saturdays. Call the Howard Leisure Center, (847) 967-6633, for more in-

Resident and non-resident registration for Niles Park District Bright Beginnings Preschool for 2008-09 is being taken. Spaces are available in the mornings and afternoons for 3- and 4year-old classes. Registration will be accepted at the Howard Leisure Center, 6676 W. Howard St., until classes are filled. For more information stop in the Howard Leisure Center, or call (847) 967-6633.

Golf Maine Park District is taking registrations for:

Preschool. Sign up now for the fall 2008 semester. Early registration is urged. A five-day morning program and four-day afternoon program are offered for children turning 4 years old by Sept. 1.

For more information visit one of the Park District offices, Feldman Recreation Center, 8800 Kathy Lone (one block south of Golf Road on Western Avenue), Niles; or Dee Park, at the corner of Dee and Emerson Roads, Des Plaines; or call (847)

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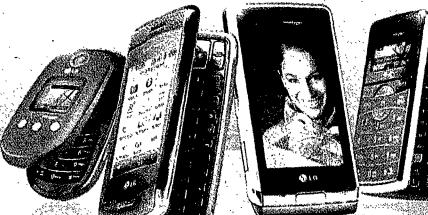
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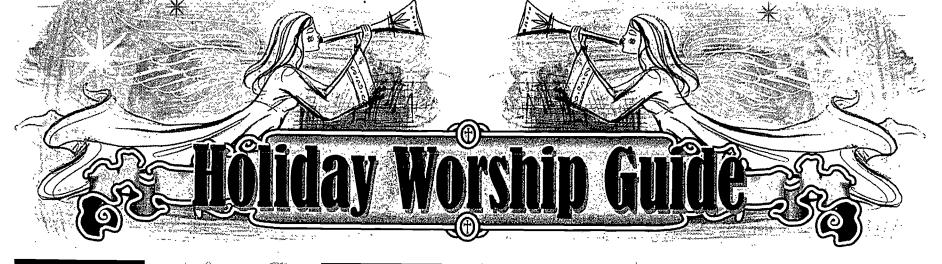
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Christmas Eve

Christmas Day

SOLEMNITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, MOTHER OF GOD (Holy Day of Obligation) Nednesday, December 31, 5:00 pm Thursday, January 1, 2009 9:00 am, 10:30 am

MUSIC MINISTRY CHRISTMAS In Church at 3:00 p.m

St. Paul Lutheran Church

5201 Galitz St., Skokie, 847-673-5030

Dec. 10 - Advent Worship, 7pm Dec. 14 - German Christmas, 2:30pm

Dec. 18 - Academy Christmas, 7pm

Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve Family Worship, 7pm Candlelight Communion, 11pm

Dec. 25 - Christmas Daij, 10am



St. Martha Catholic Church

8523 Georgiana Avenue Morton Grove, Illinois 60053 847-965-0262

Christmas Eve, December 24

Family Mass 4 p.m. in the Auditorium Church The 4 p.m. Mass will be focused towards the

Advent Worship Services

11 p.m. Mass in the Auditorium Church Caroling with the Choir begins at 10:30 p.m.



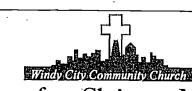
Mass on Christmas Day 7 a.m. in the small Church 10 a.m. in the Auditorium Church

New Year's Eve, December 31 7 a.m. - Small Church 4 p.m. in the Auditorium Church

New Year's Day, January 1 10 a.m. in the Auditorium Church



Sunday, Dec. 21 Advent IV - 8 a.m. Holy Eucharist - Rite I 10 a.m. Holy Eucharist - Rite II Christmas Eve. Wed. Dec. 24 mas Eve celebration- Choral Eucharist - Rite II Christmas Day, Thur. Dec. 25 NEW YEAR'S EVE, Wed. Dec. 31 4:30 p.m. A Candlelight Taize Service

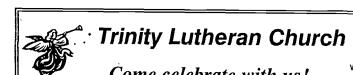


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Sun, Dec. 14 Advent Service with Handbell Choir - 8:30 & 11 am

Sun, Dec. 21 4th Sunday in Advent Services - 8:30 & 11 am

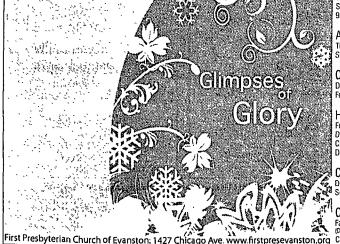
Wed, Dec. 24 Christmas Eve

- Candlelight Family Service - 4 pm

- Candlelight Festival Service w/ Choirs & Brass - 11 pm

Thurs, Dec. 25 Christmas Day Service - 10 am

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Christmas Party (Sr. High) December 21; 5-8:00 PM

Family Service, 4:00 pm (Children's Chor Natural Pagent & Low

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Edison Park United Methodist Church 6740 North Oliphant Avenue Chicago IL, 60631 Phone: (773) 792-3030 Fax: (773) 792-3031 www.edisonparkumc.com Email: pastor@edisonparkumc.com Worship Days & Hours Sundays, 10:30 a.m. Potluck, 11:30 a.m. Sunday School for Preschoolers & Nursery Age Bible Study, Thursdays, 10:30 a.m. & Fridays, 7:00 p.m. Youth (High School) Bible Study, Sunday 1:00 p.m. Young Adults Bible Study, Sunday, 12:00 p.m.

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Confessions: Saturday 4:00 - 4:30 pm Rev. Gerald Rogala, Pastor Rev. Flavio Gonzalez, Associate Pastor Trinity Lutheran Church Evangelical Lutheran Church in America 847-827-6656 www.trinitydesplaines.org Email: trinityldp@ameritech.net welcome here." Sunday worship 8:00 and 10:30 am Childcare provided during Sunday worship Sunday Adult Education 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am (please call for more information) George M. Schelter, Senior Pastor Leslie Williamson, Associate Pastor Douglas S. Williams, Minister of Music Cathy Williams, Sunday School Director

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St. Luke's Christian Community Church 9233 Shermer Rd. (847) 966-9233 Sunday Worship - 10:00 am Sunday School 11:00 am Sunday Teen Praise Band Rehearsal 11:00 am Choir Rehearsal Wednesday 7:30 pm Youth Group Friday 8:00 pm Praise Service Last Sunday of each month Featuring our Praise Band Paster Gordon Smith

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NILES Lutheran Church of the Rescurreti Andrew's Lutheran Church & Schoo 8450 N. Shermer Rd. Niles IL, 60714 260 N. Northwest Highway (847) 965-8210 (847) 823-6656 Sunday (Sept.-June) 10:30 www.standrewsparkridge.org (June-Sept) 9:30 a.m. ınıday Worship: September throngh Ma 1st Sunday of Month. 7:30 p.m. - Jazz 8:30 & 11:00 am, June - August 9:00 am Vesper Service (Sept-Inne) Rev. Dr. Bruce T. Anderson - Pastor Contemporary Worship: Saturday 5:00 pn Carolyn N. Sanderson - Minister of Music Vespers: Monday 7:30 pm A member congregation of the Evangelical Sunday School & Adult 9:45 am Lutheran Church in America (September thru May) St. Michael's Orthodox Church Christian Day School - Pre-Kindergarten 7313 N. Wankegan Road, (847) 647-8398 thru 8th Grade www.stmichaelniles.oro St. Luke's Lutheran Church (ELCA) Sunday Worship 10:00 au Discover the ancient faith and rich

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SKOKIE Carter-Westminster United Presbyterian Church Air Conditioned Sanctnary 4950 W. Pratt, (847) 673-4441 Congregation Bene Shalom www.cimipc.net Sunday Morning Worship Schedule: 9:00 Contemporary Service 10:00 Sunday School (for all ages) 11:00 Traditional Service 12:00 Fellowship Hour Michael Scott Porter, Senior Pastor Kabbalat Shabbat 6:30 pm Alex Wickell, Director of Youth Ministrie on 3rd Friday of the month Office Hours: Mon., Tues. & .. listic Prayer/Meditation 5ervice 10:30 ลาย Thurs. 8:30 am to 4:30 pm On 2nd Saturday of the month Temple Beth Israel Special Kabbalistic Meditation 5ervice 5unday, 3601 W. Dempster St. 847-675-0951 <u>เขาขาบ.tbiskokie.org</u> Likrat 5habbat/Kabbalat Shabbat Esther Knapp Religious School first Friday of each month, 5:30 p.m. Sundays 9:00 am - 12:00 pm ght Nosh – 6:15 pm. Kabbalat 5habbat service Hebrew School Sunday 12:00 - 1:00 pm Shabbat Service Fridays 8:15 p.m. Shabbat Service Saturdays 10:30 a.m. Thursday 4:00 - 5:00 pm Shabbat Katan, third Saturday of each month, 10:00 a.m. Rabbi Dr. Douglas Goldhamer for families with children under the age of five Asst. Rabbi Shari Chen Morning Minyan Monday – Friday 7:30 a.m. Cantorial Soloist Charlene Brooks Religious School Pre•K – 7th Grade Sundays 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m lebrew School Grades 3 -7 Sundays 11:10 a.m. – 12:10 p.m Choir Director Nona Balk and Wednesdays 4:15 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

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Devar Emet Messianic Synagogue 7800 Niles Avenue www.devaremet.org Saturday 10:00 am Shabbat Morning Services Wednesday 7:00 pm Midweek Religious Studies for Adults and Youth Wednesday 6:30 pm Club Maccabee For K-5th Graders at Devonshire School in Skokie Rabbi Kirk Gliebe Devar Emet Messianic Synagogne is a Jews who believe and teach that Yeshua (Jesus) is the Promised Jewish Messiah. Temple Judea Mizpah 8610 Niles Center Road www.templejni.org Second Friday of the Month 7:00 pm Family Shabbat Religions School Grades K-7 Sınıday 9:30 anı – 12:00 pın Hebrew School Grades 3 - 7 Tuesday 4:15 - 5:15 mm Religious School Grades 8 - 12 Sunday 11:45 am - 1:15 pm Religious School PreK Two Sundays a month 10:15 am Rabbi Anny L. Memis-Foler Cantorial Intern Beryl Bellows Sally Gold - Education Director Terry J. Kane - Executive Director Adult Education Multi-faith Families Welcome Community Theater High Holiday & Festival St. Timothy Lutheran Church 9000 N. Kildare, (847) 676-1300 www.sttimothyskokie.com Sunday Worship 10:30 am Choir Practice, Thursday 7:30 pm Bible Study, Monday 10:00 am Youth Christian Education 3rd Sunday at 10:30 am Birthday Sunday 3rd Sunday To List your congregation

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RELIGION

Registrations for the St. John Brebeuf "Joy in Jesus" Sunday preschool program are now being taken. The

ages 3 1/2 through kindergarten-age. Classes are during the 10:45 a.m. Mass each Sunday. The registration fee is \$40 and covers all materials for the year. Special emphasis is given to the development of selfawareness in children and their place in the Christian community. The goal of the program is to provide a foundation for a future understanding of faith. To register, or for more information, call Charlotte

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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-

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the 2008 fall programs at Gan Yeladim, the earlychildhood program of Ezra Habonim, the Niles Township Jewish Congregation, 4500 Dempster St., Skokie. The program, which serves children ages 2 to 5 and their families, is open from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday. Half- and full-day programs, as well as early-morning drop-off, a lunch program and afternoon enrichment classes, are offered. It integrates Judaica, literacy, math, science, art, music and drama into its developmental, playbased curriculum with a low teacher-child ratio. Interested families are invited to visit, talk with the director and view the facility. Visiting hours are from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., but first call (847) 675-4152. Go to www.ganskokie.org.

REUNIONS

WMTH-FM, the high school radio station owned and operated by the Maine Township High Schools, will celebrate 50 years of broadcasting in 2009. Broadcasting from a small studio at Maine East High School, the first program was aired December 20, 1959. Over the past 50 years the station has grown to include radio and television studios at each of the high schools. Plans are under way for an alumni gathering for students and faculty staff members to be held the weekend of Sept. 25 to 27, 2009 in the Park Ridge/Des Plaines area. A reunion committee has been formed to locate all former WMTH-FM alumni. Contact reunion@wmthalumni.com for further information.

St. Robert Bellarmine is planning an all-class Alumni Reunion for spring 2009. Alumni are asked to send current contact information including name, maiden name (if applicable), year graduated, address, telephone, and e-mail address. Alumni are also asked to share memories of time at the school or thoughts

about the impact it has had on life. Send information to Sue Calcagno, Alumni Reunion Chair. c/o St. Robert. Bellarmine School, 6036 W. Eastwood Ave., Chicago IL. 60630 or e-mail scalcagno@sbcglobal.net. An alumni information form may be downloaded from the alumni page of the school's Web site, www.srb-

chicago.org. St. John Brebeuf School Alumni, Class of 1958, is looking for classmates to celebrate a 50-year reunion. Alumni are asked to contact Libby Ryder in the Alumni Relations office at (847) 966-3266 or e-mail lryder@sjbschool.org.

Chicago's Bowen High

School Class of 1969 will stage its 40th reunion celebration July 25, 2009, at the Holiday Inn Mart Plaza, 350 N. Orleans St., downtown Chicago. The reunion will begin at 6 p.m. Two additional events are tentatively scheduled: a cocktail party in the hotel's hospitality suite July 24, and "day after" party at a site still to be determined, Sunday, July 26. Tickets are \$110 per person or \$195 per couple, and may be purchased by sending a check to Phyllis Volk, 250 E. Pearson St., Unit 906, Chicago IL, 60611. Make checks payable to Phyllis Volk and indicate Bowen Reunion in memo section. The Holiday Inn Mart Plaza will offer special room rates to Bowenites: call (312) 836-5000. The Web site at http://www.freewebs.com/b owen1969reunion provides additional details and names of classmates who have not yet been located. Additional information is

St. John Brebeuf is looking for all St. John Brebeuf School alumni. Alumni should contact Libby Ryder, (847) 966-3266, or e-mail lryder@sjbschool.org, and submit their name, year graduated, address, phone number, maiden name (if applicable) and e-mail address, and may share a story or tell how St. John Brebeuf made an impact on

available by calling Brett

Weiss at (630) 248-5405.

Plans are under way for the St. John Brebeuf class of 1978 (Niles) to hold a 30year reunion. Many alumni still have not been found. Anyone who knows someone from the class may call Sandie Lindquist-Beierwaltes, (847) 965-6725, or email andielb@hotmail.com.

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or (847) 259-0120); or Kent Meyer, carolekent@accelplus.net, (765) 362-9262). See also www.taftreunion1959.com

Wildwood School classes of 1959 will be celebrating their 50th reunion in June 2009. January and June graduating classes will be included, as well as people who were classmates sometime between kindergarten and eighth grade, but moved away before graduation. For more information

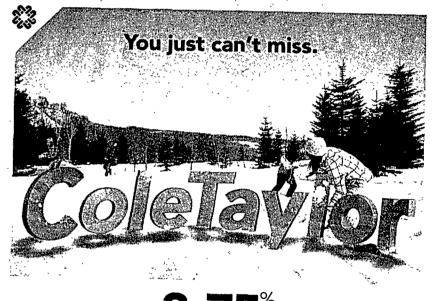
wildwood09@gmail.com, or call Kathy Anderson Walsh. (773) 775-5011.

MAINE SENIORS

A trip to the Fireside

Theatre in Fort Atkinson. Wis., for a Fireside Christmas with songs, stories and dances will be featured from 8 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Dec. 17. Before the show, seniors will enjoy Sunday brunch featuring hickory smoked ham and breast of turkey, eggs, sausage,

chicken breast tempura. fresh Norwegian salmon shrimp and scallops Alfredo, and five more delicious choices with a salad of fresh tropical fruits and pastries and dessert Wednesday's menu includes shrimp Rockefeller. baked breads, chicken Vienna, sweet potato souffle. asparagus and holiday panna cotta for dessert. Cost is \$85, members; \$90, guests. All Day Trips depart from Golf Mill Shopping Center in Niles.



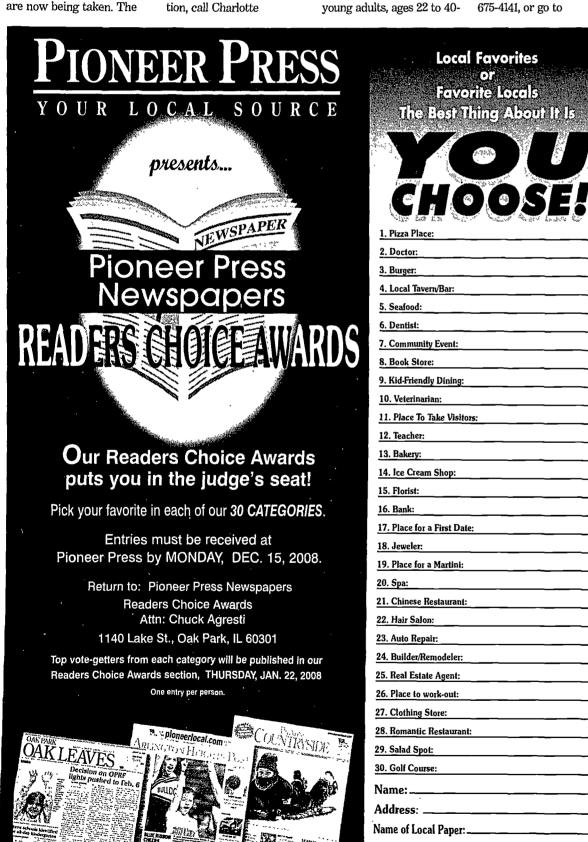
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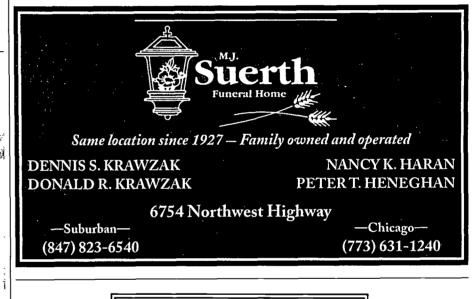
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Betty Lou Hawkins, of Glen Ellyn, passed away December 3, 2008 at the Lutheran Home in Arlington Heights, IL. She was born in Rockford May 5, 1933 to Clarence and Hazel (nee Hare) Ott. Betty is survived by her children, Cynthia Lynn Heidorn, Linda Ann Hawkins, Heidi Karen Lawrence, David Ott. (Karen) Hawkins and Leffrey Alan Ott (Karen) Hawkins and Jeffrey Alan (Suzanne) Hawkins; her grandchildren Gregory (Kristin) Heidorn, Elizabeth (Vic) Neuffer, Michael and Johnathan Lawrence, Abigail and John Hawkins, Katherine Hawkins and Kelly Bright; her great grand-children Sarah and Dominick Heidorn and her sister Dorothy J. Montalba ceded in death by her parents.

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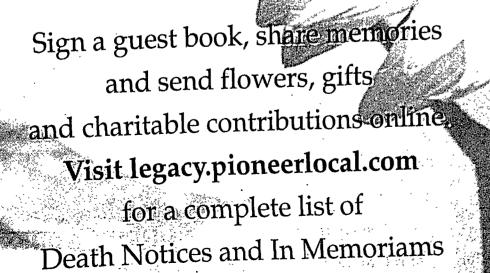


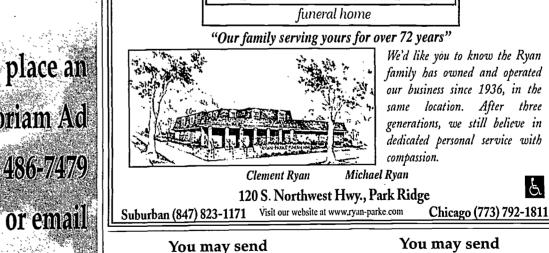
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West tops North in neighborhood rivalry us on the boards. That will

score in doublefigures

By DAN CURRIER dcurrier@pioneerlocal.com

It took a little time for Niles West to shake off the rust from a seven-day layoff, but when the Wolves finally got it in gear, they put on quite a perform-

Niles West improved to 3-1 with a 59-42 victory over crosstown rival Niles North (0-4) Saturday night at the Niles North gym. The 3-1 start to the season is one of the best for the Wolves in several seasons. It was Niles North's first home game of the season.

The contest was part of a boys-girls doubleheader between the two Skokie schools to raise funds for Breast Cancer Awareness.

The games also marked the introduction of a traveling trophy, which went to the winning teams.

Senior forwards Jamar Forest had 14 points and

GAME MVP'S Niles West 59 to work on." Niles North 42 Junior forward Jack Jamar Forest: 14 points

Danny Zahos: 13 points Boris Cayemitte: 11 points Niles North's top Jack Reid: 19 points Ramin Zacharia: 12 points GAME DAY

Next: Glenbrook South at Niles West, 7:30 p.m. Friday; Niles North at Maine East, 7:30 p.m. Friday

Danny Zahos scored 13 to pace the Wolves. Junior guard Boris Cayemitte added 11 points as the Wolves took a 23-17 halftime lead and led 37-32 advantage at the end of the third quarter. Niles West pulled away in the fourth quarter for the easy win.

"We worked a lot on our defense this week," said Wolves head coach Fritz Wulfram. "Defensively, our guys have a pretty good effort. We tried a few new things and they were effective at it. We're small, but we matched up well with North. But they clobbered

be something we will need

Reid led Niles North in scoring with 19 points, followed by senior forward Ramin Zacharia's 12. The closest the Vikings came to the Wolves was within one point, twice in the second quarter. Niles North fell behind by 10 points at 27-17 early in the third, and only got to within five at the end of the third.

"We let it get it away from us in the third quarter," said Niles North head coach Bill Pistorius. "Niles West had a good run and we couldn't stop it. We had a lot of close shots underneath that we couldn't finish. It was our fault for not getting some putbacks for easy baskets."

Reid's 19 points was a season-high for him.

"He's going to score for us." Pistorius said. "Jack finds a way to get open and he has a nice shot and good touch. Now we have to get the rest of them on the same page."

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schools in the area. Girls

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past says that, "The new

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Thoughtful gesture

Niles North and Niles West's girls teams sported special uniforms for Saturday's Breast Cancer Awareness Night. The Vikings wore pink jerseys and shorts with black program will help keep me Fans from both schools

trim, while Niles West had solid black with pink trim.

filled the North gym for both the girls and boys

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games. Also on hand were the two mascots and cheerleaders for both schools. At the end of games, athletics directors Karl Costello of Niles North and David Rosengard of Niles West presented the game ball to the winning Niles West boys and girls teams. The ball will be made into a traveling trophy and presented each year to the winning school. This was the first year for the tro-

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Optimism runs high with experienced squad

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With 11 starters returning to the lineup, longtime coach Augie Genovesi is optimistic his team will have a good season in the ESCC and beyond.

Last season, the Dons finished with an overall dual-meet record of 9-13 overall and 4-3 in the conference. But Genovesi, who begins his 24th year as skipper, is hoping for improved results. "We are looking for-

ward to an exciting season," said Genovesi, who has a career record of 336-212. "We have a lot of guys back and they are coming off a successful offseason. The conference will be very competitive once again. Marian Catholic returns most of its lineup. And Marist, St. Patrick and ourselves should be solid."

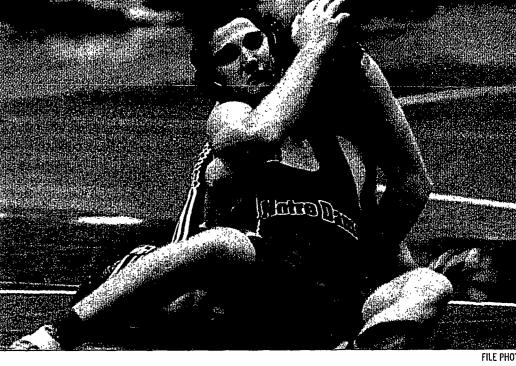
to the mats are Matt Sommers (103 pounds), Kevin Heneghan (112), Dylan Steigerwald (119), Vince Metzger (130), Jim Walienberg (140), Tim Gavin (152), Dennis Walsh (160). Eric Damlos (171). Brian Ridge (189), Marc Nunes (215) and Mike Carr (heavyweight).

Making their way back

The Dons got off an blazing start at the Maine East Invitational Nov. 28-29. ND went 10-0 in the round-robin tournament to split championship honors with St. Patrick, which is also undefeated.

Genovesi's crew defeated the host Demons 58-21, Loyola Academy 67-6, Hersey 38-23, Evanston 62-15, Glenbrook South 47-19, Niles West 40-24, Maine West 43-20, Lake Park 47-24, Kelly 53-15 and Willowbrook 38-27.

Things did not go as



well when the Dons went to Oak Park-River Forest for a guad meet on Saturday. ND dropped all three of its matches, falling to

the No. 1-ranked host Huskies 60-3, Addison Trail 37-33 and Conant 34-

"Those matches with

AT and Conant were both see us do much better this Saturday at Hoffman Eswinnable," Genovesi said. tates (for an invitational)." "But we just did not wrestle with the intensity we

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MAINE EAST WRESTLING

Demons' wrestlers have many shoes to fill dez said. "But I didn't

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If the shoe fits, Maine East wrestling coach Emiliano Hernandez is hoping, someone will step in as the team's new leader.

The Demons had four solid performers last season in seniors Adam Tokarzewski, Matt Dickman, Tommy Boblett and Maciek Makowski. Between the four grapplers, they produced four sectional berths and a pair of regional championships for the Park Ridge school.

"All of those kids were huge contributors," Hernandez said. "And we will miss them. But we have some good wrestlers re-

turning and expect them to step up." Leading the way this

winter for the Demons will be seniors Cameron Davis (140 pounds), Josh Myers (189) and Baagi Namid (125). Key juniors that will be Louis Gomez (152), Jeremy Umansky (171), Steven Schutz (135), Erick Drzdek (145) and Randy Lee (160).

The Demons opened the season the weekend of Nov. 28-29 when they hosted the Maine East Invitational in Park Ridge. Eleven teams particpated in the round-robin event in which each team had a dual match with all of the opposing teams.

"We went 2-8," Hernan-

think the results from that tournament justified the effort our guys turned in. We lost five duals by a single match (three points) or

Friday, the Demons traveled to Highland Park for their first Central Suburban League North contest of 2008-09. East dropped a heartbreaker to the Giants 37-36.

Individual winners included Schutz (140) 10-6, Davis (145) by fall, Gomez (152) 6-1, Umansky (171) by forfeit, Charlie Kappos (189) by pin, Myers (215) by fall and Jose Guzman (275) by forfeit.

MAINE EAST SWIMMING

Graduation has deep impact on Demons

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As a swim coach for almost three decades, Scott Guilfoil has faced depletion of his team many times in the past. But not like this year.

Last June the Demons lost 13 seniors to graduation. Guilfoil is hoping the returning core will pick up the slack.

"That (number of seniors) was almost half our entire team," Guilfoil said. "I guess the biggest three guys were Chris Garvey, Parthiv Patel and Casey Aitken.

"My hope is that we

Olympics, as we have in past years.

While the Demons

should have had. I want to

With Michael Phelps being the star of the Olympic Games, it should be better than

will have to deal with the loss of the seniors. a number of athletes will ease the pain. Leading the way will be, Steven Tom, who Guilfoil considers his hest overall swimmer. Tom specializes in the 100-yard breaststoke, freestyle sprints and the 200 individual med-

Other major returnees include Chris

and freestyle), Derek Chavez (freestyler), Dan Ward (backstroke), Dhruv Kavi (butterfly), Mike Lucki (butterfly), Kyle Parker (breaststroke) and divers Lance

Lindsav and Jon Levin-

Scanion (breaststroke

The Demons opened the season Saturday at the Zion-Benton Invitational. East placed fourth out of five teams and won several medals. The best of those results was garnered by Tom, who won the 100 breaststroke with a time of 1 minute, 7.86 seconds.

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GIRLS BASKETBALL

West's Loyd outshines North's Hirsh and the Bears," Konsewicz

Battle of freshman stars goes to West

By DAN CURRIER dcurrier@pioneerlocal.com

Niles North's Alissa Hirsh and Jewell Loyd of Niles West have had a rivalry since their days in middle school, and the two freshmen faced each other for the first time as highschoolers on Saturday at North.

And they put on quite a show for the capacity crowd that turned out for the boys-girls doubleheader between the two Skokie schools.

Loyd, a 5-foot-9 guard. scored a game-high 18 points, while Hirsh led the Vikings with 13 in Niles West's 37-34 victory over Niles North (3-5 overall, 0-1 CSL North) on Breast Cancer Awareness Night.

While the court was dominated with upperclassmen, it was the two first-year players who kept the game interesting.

"Jewell usually tore it up in eighth grade," Hirsh said. "I was happy that I played well against her. We played against each other for a couple years and she's a great player. I hope she goes on to play in college so I can tell my grandkids I played against Jewell Loyd."

The three-point victory was gratifying for West head coach Tony Konsewicz since his Wolves

By JIM EDISON

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Despite a pair of losses

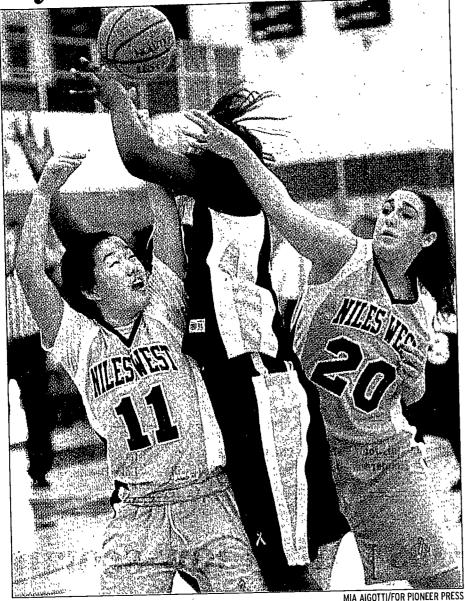
last week, coach Karol

Hanusiak is hoping she

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will continue to see grad-

The Demons (0-7) had



Niles West's Jane Kim (left) and Dana Kontos (right) give Niles North's Breannah Ranger little room to operate during the Wolves' 37-34 win on Saturday. Both teams sported special pink uniforms on Breast Cancer Awareness Night.

(8-1 overall, 0-1 CSL South) suffered their first lost the night before, 41-40 to Maine South. Konsewicz said the weekend slate showed him the kind of character his squad has in 2008-09.

their home opener on Dec.

2 when they hosted Niles

West. Unfortunately for

East, the Wolves were

simply too much and

34 triumph.

notched a convincing 61-

Dec. 4 when District 207

East was home again

"We came off a buzzerbeater loss to Maine South, so when the girls can come back and show this much effort, it tells me how much they want this thing (conference title) this year," Konsewicz

Maine East shows some improvement in losses

rival Maine West paid a

The Demons kept the

game close against the al-

ways-tough Warriors be-

we were really in a game

and being competitive,"

"It was nice to feel like

fore falling 48-37.

Konsewicz said he wasn't sure how Saturday's game would turn out in light of the loss on Friday

"It might sound cliché, but it's like the Packers

Hanusiak said. "We were

then West had a strong

third quarter. We came

but we couldn't catch

back a little in the fourth

According to Hanu-

siak, Kayla Koch, Tiffany

down just 17-13 at half and

said. "It doesn't matter what the records are, you're in for a street fight. We knew coming in we were outsized, but we hung in there. It's a nice win and we will take it."

With regard to Loyd's play, Konsewicz says it was a normal night for his freshman sensation. Earlier this season at the Deerfield tournament, Loyd had back-to-back games scoring 27 points.

"She's a dynamic player," Konsewicz said. "Jewell is growing with every single game. The team has rallied around her. She's the straw that stirs the drink, but the drink does it. She's a team player on a team that wants to play hard every

Niles North had a couple of opportunities to get back into the game but failed to capitalize, suffering some breakdowns near the conclusion.

"I don't know if it was a matter of getting tired or what," said Vikings head coach Dan Paxson. "I know we laid it all out."

On Friday, Niles North dropped a 62-44 defeat to Highland Park.

The Vikings host Maine East at 7:30 p.m. Friday and then travel to Regina for a 1:30 p.m. game Saturday. Niles North visits Barrington for a 7:30 p.m. start Dec.

Loyd, PAGE 70

Jones and Angela Jones

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tion Friday night when it

visits Niles North for a

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7:30 game with the

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Test aids in analyzing head injury



DAVID KOHN

NILES NORTH: INSIDE VIEW

letic department has adopted the ImPACT test, another tool to better diagnose the school's injured athletes. ImPACT is a computerized baseline and/or post-injury cognitive test that will help hetter evaluate head injuries sustained by athletes.

line test is administered to

nations.

minimize and possibly eliminate the chance of their head again.

"Instead of taking a week or two to recover, it can take months and in some cases it can be ca-

"The test takes all the guesswork out of (analyzing a head injury), otherwise athletes could lie to you just to get back on the field," said Macas.

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The Niles North ath-

Niles North trainers Dawn Palmer and Dennis Macas

The mandatory base-

all athletes before they can participate in competition. If an athlete has a head injury, the trainers require the athlete to take the post-injury test to compare with the baseline test. A deviation of a certain percent indicates that the athlete has a concussion. The 20-minute test consists of word memory and reaction-time exami-

This test is important for athletes because it can Second Impact Syndrome. This happens if an athlete plays while he or she still has a concussion and hits

reer ending," said Palmer.

Notre Dame lost a 3-2 period goal on a power three of Cary-Grove's

goals were scored on the power play. Jeremy Krautstrunk

was steady in the net, stopping 26 shots in the loss. Freshman center Jeff Levar was the Dons' star of the game, netting both of the Dons' goals in the contest. Assists were credited to defenseman

Anthony Fabris and Anthony Lupo, who was credited with a pair of helpers. The Dons then traveled

to Orland Park's Arctic Ice Arena last Thursday to play host Marist Catholic, and lost 2-1. While Notre Dame out-shot the Redhawks 39-29, center Johnny Biaus was the only Don able to score on the Marist goalie, tallying on an unassisted goal in the

third period. Ryan Maize

In a matinee game in Crestwood on Sunday, the Dons dismantled a favored Providence Catholic team 4-0 on goals by **Kevin Or**chard. Rvan Zanon, Blaus and Grant Robertson, Assists were credited to Dominick VonAulock, Grant Robertson, Kyle Gronset and Mike Coca (2 assists). Krautstrunk was credited with his first shutout of the season, making 12

saves in all. Notre Dame enters its final week of play before final exams and the Holiday break, playing top-10 ranked Prairie Ridge and Fenwick at home before traveling to Crystal Lake for a Metro Central game

against Crystal Lake South on Sunday.

The MAINEiacs will

Charile Collins

While the varsity Ice Dons seek the key ingredient for their lack of scoring, the JV team is capturing the attention of the league with their recent play, winning 7-0 vs. Libertyville and 4-3 in overtime against Providence Catholic.

and Kevin Flynn, Sanetra and David Fabris were each credited with three assists. Kevvn Frost

Dons routed Joliet Catholic 6-2. Notre Dame took an early six-goal lead on tallies by Sanetra, Dziadosz, Fabris and a hat trick by Loverde. Assists were earned by **Tyler** Zanon, Brandon Taylor. Joseph Santelii, Liam Healy and Nico Lazzaroni Frost had 11 saves in the

Saturday, followed by a game in Crystal Lake against Crystal Lake nals and the Holidays.

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Karpinski

(left) and

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Barrington's

Rostock finht

for control of

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Broncos' 4-1

victory at

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Maine battles top-dog Barrington to standstill

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Maine Township improved to 13-4-1 overall after battling Barrington to a 4-4 tie at Iceland, in Niles, on Sunday,

Barrington is rated first in the Metro Central League, while Maine is second.

Maine scored three times in the first period to forge a 3-2 lead, but the Broncos answered with two goals to grab a 4-3 advantage. In the third, the MAINEiacs scored the tying goal late in the period, and during the last 10 seconds of the game Maine was down a player — but Barrington did not score.

Scoring for Maine were

two goals, Patrick LeBeau and Kevin Mancuso. Assists were credited to Lebeau, with a pair. Sam Caruso and David Pukszta. Goalie Ben Wade earned the win. On Dec. 1, the

MAINEiacs defeated Jacobs 6-2 in Crystal Lake. The game was scoreless after one period and tied at 2-2 after two, with Maine breaking things open to the tune of three goals in the third.

Paso led the attack with two goals, while Pat Praxmarer, LeBeau, Mancuso and Pukszta each scored one. Ricky Anderson and Paso each recorded two assists, with singles assists going to Nick Barlock, Pukszta,



Lake Dec. 18, returning to take on Latin.

posted 17 saves in the

The JV Dons also de-

Catholic 4-3 in a thrilling

overtime battle Saturday

morning, in which the

Dons came from behind

and scored the tying goal

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ICE HOCKEY

Notre Dame drops pair of low-scoring affairs

Dons bounce back with shutout win

BY KEN KEENAN kkeenan@pioneerlocal.com

A lack of scoring power cost Notre Dame's varsity squad in a pair of close games, as the Ice Dons lost to Cary-Grove 3-2 and to Marist Catholic 2-

The team did end up on a winning note, defeating Providence Catholic

On Tuesday night, thriller to Cary-Grove, as the Dons allowed a thirdplay with five minutes remaining in the game. All

was steady in the nets in the loss.

Nick Salemi, John Weber,

Steven Zimmerman and

The JV squad routed

the Joliet Catholic Hillman 6-2 Nov 30 Before a sparse crowd Dec. 1, ND dismantled the Libertyville Ice Cats 7-0. The Dons' goals were scored by Ben Pecoraro, Kevin Sanetra, Bryan Gronset, Chet Polonitza, Peter Prestia and Nick Dziadosz (2 goals). Assists were credited to Dino Loverde, Dziadosz, Vince Pergande

ris, Jerry Lauriceila, Bryan Gronset, Sanetra, Loverde and Prestia.

On Sunday night, the Catholic League victory.

The next JV game is in Crestwood against the talented Fenwick Friars on South on Sunday before fi-

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Hockey

· The Maine Township hockey club will play the Hornets, a unique sled hockey team, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Dec. 14 at Iceland Arena, 8435 W. Ballard Road, Niles.

The public is invited to attend the game. The Maine club is asking for donations of canned goods to the Maine Township Food Pantry, in lieu of admission.

Sled hockey is played by disabled players who are strapped into sleds and use two sticks with teeth to propel themselves on the ice. The Hornets' players, ages 6 to 19 vears old, travel around the area playing various hockey teams at all skill levels.

The Maine teams will play on sleds against the Hornets.

"This is our first time," said Maine co-publicist Maryanne Wade . "We know we're gonna get killed."

Baseball

Play Ball USA, 208 Graceland Ave., Des Plaines, will hold a pair of two-day holiday baseball camps.

The first session will be held from 8:30 a.m. to noon Dec. 22 and 23, and the second is from 8:30 a.m. to noon Dec. 29 and 30.

Each session, to be conducted by professional instructors, costs \$100 - or \$175 for both.

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Whiffleball

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For recently updated World Whiffleball Championship information and news, visit the Web site at www.whiffleball.org.

Tournament entry forms will be made available in February with the first 64 teams accepted. Contact Jim Bottorff at (847) 929-7171 or JRBottorff@SkokieParkDistrict. org for more information.

Dons pleased with early season results

Dons win first four of new campaign

> By JIM EDISON jedison@pioneerlocal.com

While it's still early in the season, Notre Dame head coach Tom Les has to be happy with what he's seen from his team so far.

After winning the New Trier Thanksgiving tournament, the Dons hoisted their record to 4-0 with a convincing 80-58 triumph over Marian Catholic Friday night. It was ND's East Suburban Catholic Conference opener and included an impressive offensive explosion.

In the first minute of the second quarter, Marian's Dominic Jackson nailed a shot from the corner to give his team a 20-13 lead. But then the momentum changed dramatically. Led by Mike DiGrego-

rio and football standout Billy Hughes, ND went on a 26-0 run over the next five minutes and ended up leading 41-25 by halftime. DiGregorio had 13 of his game-high 19 points, and Hughes chalked up 11 of his 17

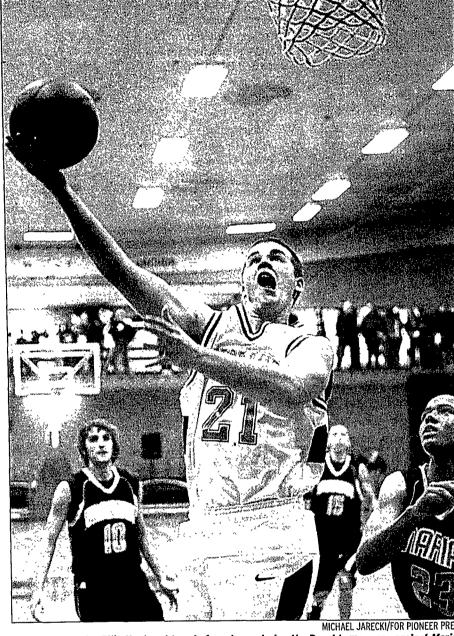
GAME MVP'S Notre Dame 80 Marian Catholic 58 Mike DiGregorio: 19 points. Billy Hughes: 17 points, five rebounds.

points and hauled down five rebounds.

"It just seemed like we were playing kind of rag-tag (in the first quarter)," said Hughes, a 6foot-2 senior forward. "And we were committing too many turnovers. It was nice to take charge at that point [in the game]. It has taken me a little while to make the switch [from football] to basketball. But I am doing it."

In the third quarter, the Dons continued to dominate, and when Shawn Wallace hit backto-back driving layups with just over three minutes left in the period, the Dons owned a 53-33 lead. Wallace finished with 12 points.

"It was certainly a nice way to start league play," Les said. "And so far, so good, overall. We will have a good test this Friday night when we go to St. Pat's (for a 7:30 p.m. start)."



Notre Dame senior Billy Hughes drives in for a layup during the Dons' home game against Marian

Fouls put Demons in trouble vs. Wildkits

By JIM EDISON jedison@pioneerlocal.com

In their first game of the season against a Central Suburban League opponent, Maine East's boys basketball players experienced a foul night.

The Demons, who were

hoping to pull off an upset of highly regarded Evanston Friday, fell short of their goal in a 64-58 loss in Park Ridge. Coach Glenn Olson's team did turn in a solid effort in trying to knock off the

Wildkits, but with the

game on the line, East's

top players were sitting on the bench.

"We cut it to 60-58 with 28 seconds left," Olson said. "But we forced a shot and then we got into a situation where we had to foul them. "Evanston's guys made

their free throws. Plus

(McKinney) and Dwight (Davis) had all fouled out." It was indeed a game

riddled with calls by the officials. A total of 50 fouls were assessed. And when the game was hanging in the balance, Evanston's Garrett Jones canned 10

final minutes.

The Demons, who fall to 3-2 overall, will try to get back in the winner's circle Friday night when they host Niles North in a CSL North contest at 7:30 p.m.

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MORTGAGE UPDATE

Mortgage rates continue to decline By Holden Lewis • Bankrate.com

Last week's plunge in mortgage rates led to a surge in refi frenzy.

refinance applications. And rates are even lower this week.

survey of large lenders. A basis point is one-hundredth of 1 fell back again, just a little. percentage point. The mortgages in this week's survey had an Refi madness

6.44 percent. Rates have fallen for five straight weeks.

mortgage fell 13 basis points, to 6.14 percent.

weekly survey, the average rate on the 30-year fixed was 50-50. securities. Mortgage rates for borrowers with excellent credit season."

Mortgage rates have had a wild ride recently. In Bankrate's previous week, buyers and refinancers had been split roughly that rates could decline even more.

6.33 percent Nov. 19. Then, Nov. 25 the Federal Reserve Bob Walters, chief economist at Quicken Loans, says: "As bank plans to push mortgage rates down and keep them there. announced that it intended to drive mortgage rates down by long as rates remain at these unprecedented lows, we're likely In a speech Monday, he said he was encouraged by the drop in buying up to a half-trillion dollars' worth of mortgage-backed to see this activity sustained for the remainder of the holiday rates. He has said that he hopes the rate drop stimulates home

(and plenty of equity) dipped briefly by about three-quarters Anyone with an ARM, or with a fixed rate above 6 percent, most buyers take weeks or months to find, haggle for, and of a percentage point, to around 5.5 percent, touching off a is a good candidate for refinancing, Walters says.

That sharp drop didn't last long, and rates bounced back part appears. The blogger known as Mr. Mortgage says that a lot of The benchmark 30-year fixed-rate mortgage fell 5 basis of the way within hours. The next day, Bankrate's benchmark these refi applications are from homeowners who were in the points, to 5.92 percent, according to the Bankrate.com national rate stood at 5.97 percent. And this week, the benchmark rate process of refinancing and had locked at higher rates. When rates plummeted, they broke their rate locks and re-applied for

There might be less to this refi boomlet than it initially

average total of 0.37 discount and origination points. One year Last week's abrupt rate drop had a predictable outcome: At 5.92 percent, Bankrate's benchmark rate is at its lowest ago, the mortgage index was 6 percent; four weeks ago, it was Applications for refinances tripled last week, after adjusting since the Feb. 6 survey, when it was 5.78 percent. That dip 10 for the Thanksgiving holiday, according to the Mortgage months ago was short-lived. This decline might endure. The The benchmark 15-year fixed-rate mortgage fell 8 basis Bankers Association. About seven in 10 mortgage applications Fed isn't buying mortgage-backed securities yet. Mortgage points, to 5.67 percent. The benchmark 5/1 adjustable-rate last week were from homeowners who wanted to refinance rates have gone down simply on the news of the Fed's plan their loans; the rest of the applicants were homebuyers. The When the Fed starts buying sometime this month, it's possible

> Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke has hinted that the central sales. Only a sustained drop would work that magic, because

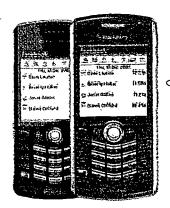
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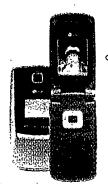




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