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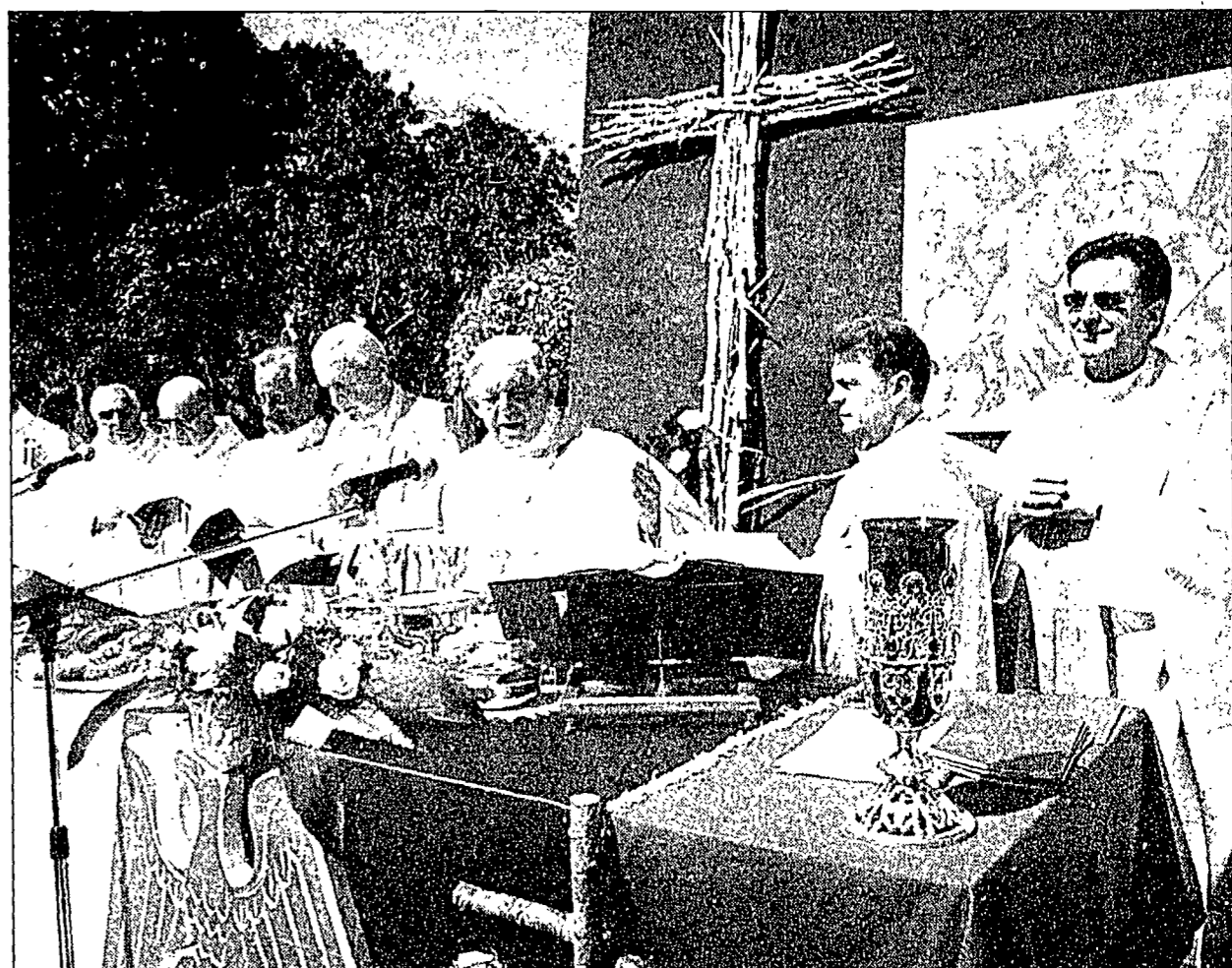
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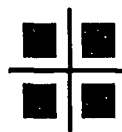
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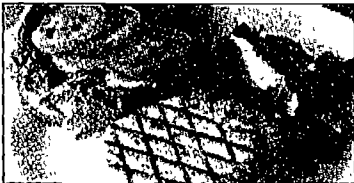
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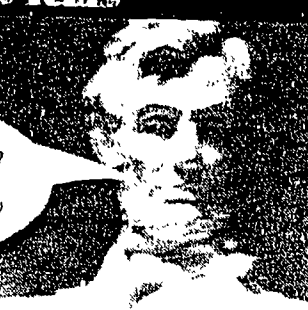
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#### WILES

**BATTERY**  
Dora Kavan, 41, of 4737 S. Shennan Blvd., Chicago, was charged with battery and driving under the influence of alcohol May 12 on the 4000 block of South Woodland. She was released on \$10,000 bond and is due in court June 22.

#### WU

Steven Turner, 44, of 501 E. Montrose Ave., Palatine, was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol May 12 near the corner of Milwaukee Avenue and W. 11th Street. He was re-

leased on \$10,000 bond and is due in court June 22.

Juan Carlos Ramirez, 26, of 4949 W. Belmont Ave., Chicago, was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol May 10 on the 4900 block of North Milwaukee Avenue. He was released on bond and was due in court May 19.

#### WRIGHT

Deoniasa Sacraschka, 47, of 2221 Dempster St., Niles, was charged with retail theft May 11 after allegedly stealing \$230 of merchandise from a store on the 700 block of Forest Bridge Lane. The bond was set at \$50,000 and was due in court May 19.

David Jennings, 41, of 1119 W. 156th St., Calumet City, was charged with retail theft May 9 after he allegedly stole \$195 of merchandise from a store on the 200 block of East 11th Street. The bond was set at \$50,000 and was due in court May 19.

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#### WUNDERLICH

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WE SAY

## Remember those whose military homecomings were not celebrations

Throughout our communities, residents have held parades, picnics and other special events to welcome soldiers home from Iraq or Afghanistan. We have enthusiastically joined in those celebrations, sharing the moments through photographs and stories.

Homecomings are a source of joy. A soldier coming home is an iconic image. And community pride is always at its fullest when somebody returns from doing something for the benefit of us all.

But we also celebrate because we know for many — for too many — such a homecoming doesn't happen. Living through a time of war makes the importance of our annual Memorial Day even more relevant.

Since the Iraq war began in 2003 through May 9, 4,278 U.S. military men and women have been killed, including 154 from Illinois.

Nearly everyone knows somebody who has been

killed in a military conflict or who has lost a close friend or family member.

The grieving families of the 154 Illinois fatalities have learned Memorial Day is not a three-day weekend to begin the summer. These are people who know their son, daughter, brother, sister, mother, father or friend has made the ultimate sacrifice.

It usually falls to those dedicated veterans of past conflicts — World War II, Korea or Vietnam — to organize and plan special services, wreath-laying ceremonies or parades on Memorial Day. Local events are listed in this week's edition.

Memorial Day was born as Decoration Day, when graves of Civil War dead from both the Union and Confederate side were remembered. But today it is a day for all of us who will celebrate our freedom and independence just over a month from now.

In 1775, Patrick Henry made a fiery speech calling for armed conflict for the protection of liberty.

"Is life so dear, or peace so sweet, as to be purchased at the price of chains and slavery?" he asked. "Forbid it, Almighty God! I know not what course others may take; but as for me, give me liberty or give me death!"

Our men and women in the armed forces have exemplified Henry's statement by volunteering for their country. And today, as you read this, many of them are in harm's way around the world. They don't know whether their homecoming will be a celebration with a parade or a funeral with a procession.

Let us stop on Monday to remember the sacrifice made by all military. Before we can celebrate the Fourth of July, we must pause to remember on Memorial Day.

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GUEST ESSAY

## 'Let us never forget'

By FRANK C. BOTTIGLIERO  
Contributor

Patriotism ... Let's focus for a few moments on that word.

If I were to ask you if you felt patriotic, what would you say?

When did you first get that excited feeling in your heart as the flag passed by during a parade or the National Anthem was sung? What would be your answer? More than likely you were first aware of these feelings back in grade school when you learned the Pledge of Allegiance or sang, "My Country 'tis of Thee."

Memorial Day reminds us that without patriotism we would have no heroes to honor today.

Oliver Wendell Holmes called this "our most sacred holiday" and he urged that "we not ponder with sad thoughts on the passing of our heroes, but rather ponder their legacy — the life they made possible for us by their commitment and pain."

At its core, Memorial Day

has always commemorated the universal all-encompassing understanding of, "No greater love than this does any man have, that he lay down his life for his friends."

Lincoln in his memorable dedication of the Gettysburg battlefield in 1863 spoke of the inadequacy of words at times such as that, "The world will little note, nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here."

We as Americans, as a people have embodied the spirit of "we're all in this together" and "united we'll stand together. However, there have been times in our history when this hasn't been our sentiment.

Prior to the attack on Pearl Harbor, Americans were extremely divided as to whether we should enter the war. Twenty years before, World War I had been called the "war to end all wars" with total service members lost at nearly 5 million.

On Dec. 7, 1941, opinion changed. The next day

more enlistments occurred than any other day in our history and with the loss of life of more than 16 million service members during World War II, the price was indeed high.

Stephen Ambrose, one of America's most respected historians, wrote, "Americans did not get too tired to fight. Even though they paid dearly in human lives, determination outweighed that price." That determination was we were never going to let this happen again.

In his writings, Ambrose cited a letter written by Gen. Dwight Eisenhower sending Hitler a warning: "Beware the fury of a roused democracy."

From the moment the Japanese dropped the first bombs, it became an American fight. When the first troops were sent to wage war, it became an American effort.

This holds true still today. Our words can't hold a candle to the numerous sacrifices of so many. But we honor them, remember

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YOU SAY

## Blago case distracts from bigger issues

"Case against Blago: 400 hours of taped calls, 1 million documents" ... Seems like an awful lot of money and manpower to come up with these kinds of figures. A couple of stupid politicians have a grudge against each other and they pull in the FBI to do their dirty work for them. It had to be someone very high up to take the FBI off their regular work

for something this trivial. Congress and the Senate have put us into debt to the tune of \$12 trillion, and that was before the TARP mess, and no one is saying a word about that. It will be four or even five generations down the road before we can even pay off the interest on the national debt. Before the TARP deal, the interest on the national debt was a billion

dollars a day. I have asked many people what happened to the \$12 trillion but no one can tell me anything. That was enough money to fix every school, bridge and road in the country and line them with gold.

All you people out there, just ask your congressman or your senator about

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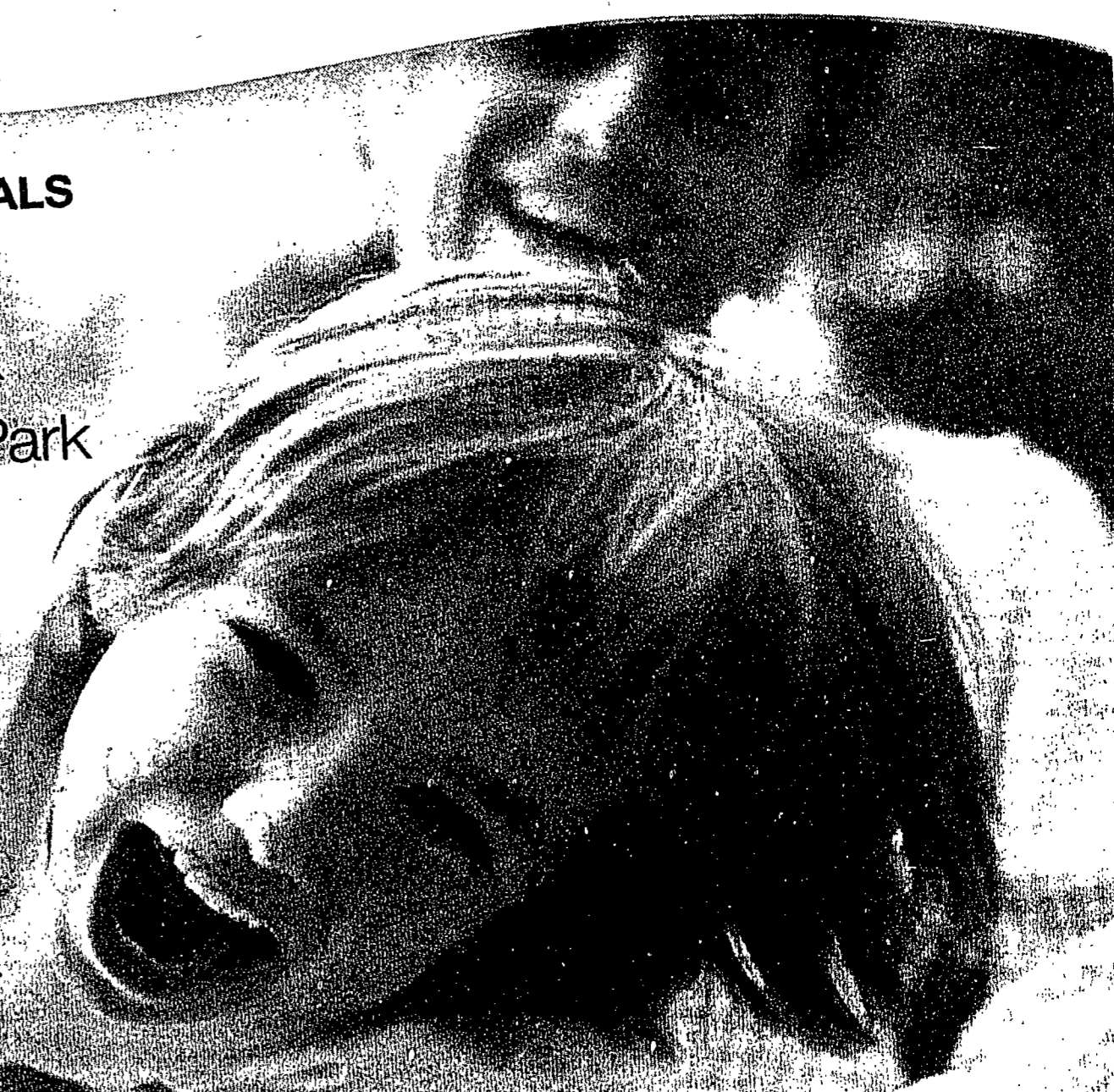
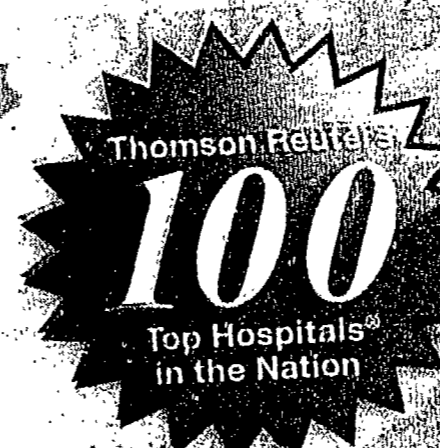
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them and are deeply indebted to them. We recognize too that the struggle, that age-old struggle to be free, goes on today.

Today we live in a post-9/11 world. The country changed forever on that fateful day.

Gone are the days when we'd sit back and believe that our oceans would protect us from those who wish us harm. We acknowledge that in order to continue to protect the freedoms we hold close to our hearts, we have to take the battles to the terrorists and promote freedom throughout the world. Our brave men and women are doing that right now and we salute them, support them and honor them.

Yet as these brave American men and women find themselves far from America's shores, in lands

foreign to them, they face situations their parents hoped — and prayed — their children would never have to experience.

Yet the call to defend freedom came and they answered. They are all heroes — facing enemies every day and yet they stand resolved to carry out their mission to keep America safe. Many will return home with the pride of having served their country honorably. Others will return to be honored for fighting and falling in the line of duty.

Just as their predecessors in the two World Wars, Korea, Vietnam, Beirut, Grenada and the Persian Gulf, the Global War on Terrorism is being won by ordinary Americans making extraordinary sacrifices.

They are men like Army Sgt. Michael Boatwright, a Texan who loved riding bulls, listening to country music and deer hunting. He was a member of the

Future Farmers of America in high school. He joined the Army after high school and found he loved being a soldier. He had just re-enlisted and had made the decision to make the Army his career when he was killed in Baghdad by an improvised explosive device.

His mother said of Michael, "He took his Army values very seriously: loyalty, duty, respect, selfless service, honor, integrity and personal courage."

Another extraordinary sacrifice came from Marine Cpl. Travis Braddock-Nall, of Portland, Ore. He played the drums, loved punk rock music and drove his mom crazy with his series of tattoos. In May of 2003, he was scheduled to leave Iraq. He had plans to come home, attend college and learn to fly helicopters. He learned before his departure that more help was needed in his platoon and he elected to stay three

more months.

One of his fellow platoon soldiers said of Travis, "The platoon wasn't surprised by his decision. He would always step in and take his spot."

Travis was killed two months later in an explosion during a mine-clearing operation near Karbala.

We owe these two young men and all the other men and women who serve a huge debt of gratitude and respect.

Americans have always shown great pride in our nation's fallen heroes and unending support for those America sends to continue the fight for freedom in many corners of the world.

The Preamble states in part, "to preserve the memories and incidents of our associations in the Great Wars."

And so on Memorial Day we gather again to reflect, remember and give thanks to the many fallen heroes from a truly grateful nation.

Those who serve now and have served in the Armed Forces are no less committed to protect our nation than were the men who signed the Declaration of Independence. Their final words state: "For the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of Divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honor."

Today our armed forces maintain this same commitment and honor that was declared over two centuries ago when America first fought for her freedom.

So on Memorial Day, this most sacred day, we pause to reflect on what has been given and sacrificed. Let us never forget.

God bless you all, and God bless America.

Frank Bottiglierio is director of Veterans Affairs at the Veterans Assistance Center in Norridge.

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where all that money went and they will just give you a dumb look like you were not intelligent enough to ask these kind of questions. Actually it is the job of the newspapers to find out what happened to that money instead of printing what kind of dog should the president get. This is the main reason most of the newspapers are folding right now. They print mostly trivial things and nothing about the things that affect the whole country. Another reason is that they don't want to come right out and tell the people just how crooked almost all pols are. They just do not want to hurt the pols' feelings, I would do it for them but they just will not print it.

John F. Semenek  
Norridge

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THE FIXER - Chicago Sun-Times

Dear Fixer: Most KFCs are refusing to accept the coupons for the free grilled chicken meal that was promoted on Oprah Winfrey's show. They are telling people that the deal was so successful that they are afraid of illegal copies and counterfeits. That's B.S.

The KFC in Wheeling told me I could get a form to apply for a "rain check" online at KFC.com. Turns out, the online site tells you that rain check applications can be obtained only at the stores that told you to go to the Web site. Lloyd Weston

We mailed our form and coupons on May 13, just as a test. If we get any replacement coupons back, we'll send you one.

Dear Fixer: At the end of March, I went on vacation to Florida with my family. We rented a car from Budget. A few days into the trip, the rental car broke down — no AC and no power steering.

I called the toll-free number and they would only refer me to roadside assistance. I called the roadside assistance number three times, and my call was never picked up. One time I waited 22 minutes.

As I was not near the airport location where I picked the car up, I drove to two local Budget locations. Both were sold out of cars. The staff sympathized, but told me to keep trying roadside assistance.

I called the airport location and left a message. I called back three times the first day and twice the next day before giving up. They never returned my call.

It was hot and the car had no AC. It was steerable, but it was difficult. We had to get rides from family all day Saturday and Sunday because the car was not safe to use.

When I returned it at the end of the rental period, no manager was available. I have since tried the toll-free number and was told to file an online complaint. I was told I would receive a call from the manager within 72 hours. It has been 24 days.

They billed me for my entire \$174.91 rental even though the car was only usable for part of it. Matt Litchfield

Dear Matt: We feel your pain — in Florida, having air conditioning in your car is almost as important as gas. Luckily, we got a sympathetic soul at Avis Budget Group to take a closer look at what hap-

pened. They've since notified you that they're refunding \$116 of your rental.

Dear Fixer: I accidentally made a double payment on my Reader's Digest subscription of \$24.76 in July 2007. (I had already paid for it that May, but when I received another notice in July, I accidentally paid it again.)

I've asked if they could extend my subscription, but they say they can't. I've talked with them many times and have been promised a refund. Jeanette Shaven

Dear Jeanette: You might not want to wait for that refund. Your payment didn't go to Reader's Digest, but to a middleman subscription-selling company in Stephens City, Va., that has a number of consumer complaints against it.

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We called the toll-free number listed for the company during the business day, and although the recorded message said the office was open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Eastern time, it also said the office was closed. Another number was disconnected. Wish we had better news.

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Chubs

The Niles Historical Society presents a "Big Bands" program with Kym Frankovlevia at 2 p.m. May 24, entertaining with many old favorites. Since the Museum is still under renovation, program is at Niles Park District Oasis Fun Center, 7877 N. Milwaukee Ave. Program follows a short business meeting, free refreshments and dessert. Admission is free (donations gladly accepted). All are welcome. Call (847) 390-0160.

Chubs

The American Jewish Artists Club is accepting new members. The group, founded in the early 1920s, focuses on the broad aspects of artistic performance and serves to enrich the cultural fiber of the Jewish community. Call Lorre Slaw (847) 272-0744, or e-mail lslaw@oakton.edu.

Audubon Society of Park Ridge meets at 7:30 p.m. the fourth Thursday of the month in the Maine Park Leisure Center, Forestview and Sylvanwood. Guests of all ages are welcome. Call Roger Gieger, (847) 825-2982.

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Swim Club - This class, for ages 7-15, will teach different training techniques used for competitive swimming. Requirements are: 100-yard freestyle, 100-yard backstroke. 50-yard breaststroke and 25-yard fly. Fees are \$90 for members; \$110, nonmembers.

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ner to Intermediate. The Peace Officer's Memorial Foundation announces its annual 5K Run for the Cops to be held June 7 at Swallow Cliff Forest Preserve in Palos Park. The event is a fundraising effort to raise \$2.5 million to build the first-ever memorial honoring all police officers killed in the line of duty in Cook County. The Cook County Forest Preserve District is donating land in the Cermak Woods Forest Preserve Lyons for the monument. The first 315 entrants will be guaranteed a shirt, with preferred sizes given on a first-come, first-served basis. Awards will be given to the Top 3 finishers in each female and male age categories, as well as the Top 3 master finishers in each of the female and male categories. Run for the Cops starts and finishes in the forest preserve, following the 6-mile

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OPENING DANCE FLICK Various combinations of the Wayans brothers (the "Scary Movie" series, "White Chicks") wrote, directed, produced and performed in this parody of dance romance movies. Rated PG-13 for crude and sexual content throughout, and language.

NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM: BATTLE OF THE SMITHSONIAN Night watchman Ben Stiller attempts to rescue a couple of the living historical figures in his care when they are mistakenly shipped to the Smithsonian in this sequel to the hit family comedy. (105 min.) Rated PG for mild action and brief language.

SUMMER HOURS After the death of their mother, three 40-something siblings (Juliette Binoche, Charles Berling and Jeremy Renier) must decide whether to keep or sell her country house and famous art collection. Olivier Assayas ("Irma Vep") wrote and directed the drama. In French with subtitles. (103 min.) No MPAA rating.

TERMINATOR SALVATION The leader of the human resistance (Christian Bale) makes a last-ditch effort to keep machines from wiping out mankind. McG ("Charlie's Angels") directed the fourth installment in the sci-fi action franchise. (115 min.) Rated PG-13 for intense sequences of sci-fi violence and action, and language.

STILL PLAYING 17 AGAIN Hard to believe the "Freaky Friday"-inspired sub-genre about unhappy middle-agers reliving their teen years is back again, but maybe some things are just too stubborn—or stupid—to die. Most of the comedy is labored, but Thomas Lennon (L. Dangle from "Renzo 911") is amusing as his King Nerd best friend (especially when he's repeatedly slapping Efron) and there are a couple of nice moments when Efron lectures his new classmates on the virtues of chastity. (B) (102 min.) Rated PG-13 for language, some sexual material and teen partying.

ANGELS & DEMONS When the secret brotherhood of The Illuminati appears to be threatening the Vatican, Harvard symbolist Robert Langdon (Tom Hanks) is called in to help solve the mystery. Ron Howard directed this follow-up to "The Da Vinci Code." (138 min.)

Rated PG-13 for sequences of violence, disturbing images and thematic material.

EARTH A feature-length documentary rendered from the spectacular BBC series "Planet Earth," following the migration patterns of three animal families. Narrated by James Earl Jones. (96 min.) Rated G.

EVERY LITTLE STEP A Broadway revival of "A Chorus Line" is the setting in this documentary for a behind-the-scenes look at the search for a new cast and a history of the show. (96 min.) Rated PG-13 for some strong language including sexual references.

FIGHTING A young counterfeiter (Channing Tatum) becomes involved in New York's bare-knuckles fighting circuit with a con man (Terrence Howard) as his manager. (105 min.) Rated PG-13 for intense fight sequences, a sex scene and brief strong language.

GHOSTS OF GIRLFRIENDS PAST Matthew McConaughey stars as a womanizing fashion photographer who gets his comeuppance in the manner of Ebenezer Scrooge. Mark Waters ("Mean Girls") directed the romantic comedy. Rated PG-13 for sexual content throughout, some language and a drug reference.

HANNAH MONTANA: THE MOVIE A teen pop star (Miley Cyrus) returns to her rural home town to reconnect with the simple things in life. Peter Chelsom directed the big-screen version of the mega-popular Disney TV show. (102 min.) Rated G.

I LOVE YOU, MAN Realizing he has no one to ask to be the best man at his wedding, a groom (Paul Rudd) courts a new best-friend-for-ever (Jason Segel), John Hamburg ("Along Came Polly") wrote and directed the comedy. Rated R for pervasive language, including crude and sexual references.

MANAGEMENT A melancholy and semi-disturbing romantic comedy that considers the up side of stalking. When exhausted corporate-art sales rep Jennifer Aniston checks into a run-down motel in a dead-end burg on one more woeful road trip, she attracts an ardent admirer in the form of the puppyishly cute and not-quite-frigh-teningly weird night manager Mike (Steve Zahn) — who pesters her to the point where she agrees to let him touch her backside if he'll prom-

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"Night at the Museum: Battle of the Smithsonian"

ise to go away forever. She's lonely enough to find that little bit of human contact appealing, though, and winds up romping with him in the laundry room before getting back on the road. Mike, meanwhile, has decided this is true love, and so begins an unwanted cross-country pursuit. As a tale of two lonely people who are utterly clueless when it comes to rectifying that situation, playwright-turned-screenwriter Stephen Belber's directorial debut is strangely touching at times, but it also goes a little too far in search of whimsy and whackiness (at one point the frustrated Mike joins a Buddhist monastery). And setting up Woody Harrelson as an ex-punk rocker turned yogurt magnate named Jan-go (who still sports a Mohawk-shaved head and trains attack dogs) to provide Mike with a romantic rival is a little hard to take seriously. (B) (93 min.) Rated R for language.

THE SOLOIST A reporter (Robert Downey Jr.) in Los Angeles befriends a brilliant but psychologically disturbed musician (Jamie Foxx) who lives on the street — but still dreams of a solo performance at Walt Disney Concert Hall. Directed by Joe Wright ("Atonement"). (109 min.) Rated PG-13 for thematic elements, some drug use and language.

STATE OF PLAY Russell Crowe stars in a smart, suspenseful political thriller about a newspaper reporter trying to protect a friend (Ben Affleck) in Congress while chasing down a story of conspiracy and murder. (127 min.) Rated PG-13 for some violence, language including sexual references, and brief drug content.

X-MEN ORIGINS: WOLVERINE The X-Men's retractable-clawed super mutant (played by Hugh Jackman) gets his own movie. Gavin Hood ("Bend Sinister") directed the comic-book adventure. (107 min.) Rated PG-13 for intense sequences of action and violence, and some partial nudity.

OBSESSED An office temp (Ali Larter) stalks a happily married financial manager (Iris Elba). Rated PG-13 for sexual material including some suggestive dialogue, violence and thematic content.

Reviews by Bruce Ingram

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ANGELS & DEMONS (PG-13) Fri, Sat: 12:45-1:30-2:10-3:05

EVERY LITTLE STEP (PG-13) Fri-Thurs: 11:35-4:35-9:35

MONSTERS VS. ALIENS 3D (PG) Fri-Thurs: 11:40-2:05-4:25

STAR TREK (PG-13) Fri, Sat: 11:30-12:15

NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM 2 (PG) Fri-Thurs: 12:30-1:40-3:20

SALVATION (PG-13) Fri-Thurs: 1:00-1:30-3:40-4:30

ANGELS & DEMONS (PG-13) Fri-Thurs: 12:10-12:40-1:20

STAR TREK (PG-13) Fri-Thurs: 12:00-12:50-3:00

IS ANYBODY THERE? (PG-13) Fri-Mon: 2:30-5:00-7:30-9:45

ANGELS & DEMONS (PG-13) Fri, Sat: 12:45-1:30-2:10-3:05

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By MYRNA PETLICKI Contributor



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"We have about 150 little people in our dance recital, from (ages) 3 to 16," reported Cultural Arts Supervisor Caryn Watson. Dance styles will include ballet, hip-hop and tap.

Because this year's theme revolves around travel, the students will perform to songs from all over the world. The diverse program features dancing to songs from Japan, Spain, Switzerland,

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Lincolnwood Village Hall, 6900 N. Lincoln Ave., Lincolnwood. (847) 674-3206. Gallery hours: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday, June 1-30; "The Artists of Albion," featuring works by seven artists of distinct styles who were all students of Ann Roman Siegel and have continued to paint together. Artists are Nancy Domash, Marcia Oberlander, Rita Edsiri, Jackie Patinkin, Margot Eisenhammer, Lois Sklare and Lynn Merel. A

reception will be held from 5-7 p.m. June 4.

Oakton Community College, Koehnline Museum of Art, 1600 E. Golf Road, Des Plaines. (847) 635-2633. www.oakton.edu/museum. Gallery hours: 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Friday, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturdays. Starting May 28, Oakton is closed on Fridays and Saturdays in observance of summer hours. Through June 18: "Ink Paintings by Oguo Jiang: Figures" features the work of Oguo Jiang, professor of art at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago.

AUDITIONS & OPPORTUNITIES

STAGE

Saint Patrick and The Rising Stars

theatre companies announce auditions for "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat," to be held at 6850 W. Addison, Chicago. Open call for children ages 8-14 from 9 a.m.-noon May 23. Teens ages 15 and up and adults by appointment on May 27-28. Prepare 32 bars of an upbeat song and bring sheet music in proper key. Accompanist provided. Teens and adults should be prepared to dance. All roles open; no pay. Performances are weekends, July 24-Aug. 2, at the Stahl Family Theatre, 5900 W. Belmont, Chicago. Contact Geoffrey Arndt at (773) 282-8844, ext. 276, or garndt@stpatrick.org. Two Lights Theatre Company will hold auditions for Sam Shepard's "Savage/Love" from 6-10 p.m. June 10 at The Theatre School at DePaul University, 2135 N. Kenmore, Chicago. Pre-

pare a poem/poetic monologue and bring movement-friendly clothing. E-mail two2lights@gmail.com for audition slots and more information.

MUSICIANS

The Protégé Philharmonic of Chicago, open to high school and advanced junior high school instrumentalists, will hold auditions on May 22-24 and 29 in Classical Symphony Hall, 218 S. Wabash Ave., Chicago. For information or to schedule an audition, call (312) 341-1521. The Classical Symphony Orchestra of Chicago will hold auditions for all instruments for its summer season on May 30-31 and June 6 at Classical Symphony Hall, 218 S. Wabash Ave., Chicago. The training orchestra for college, graduate and older musicians offers professional level orchestral literature

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SINGERS

The Irish American Heritage Center, 4626 N. Knox Ave., Chicago, will host Sham-ROCK Stars, a singing contest for youth ages 18 and under, during Irish Fest, July 10-12. Contestants perform a traditional or modern Irish song for a group of judges. The two divisions are Shamrocks, ages 13-18, and Clovers, under age 12. The event is open to amateur contestants only. Preliminary auditions will begin at 2 p.m. July 11. On July 12, the sing-off between the four singers chosen from each division will be held at 2 p.m. Winners will be announced during a special Grand Finale

on the Main Stage at 4 p.m. Advance registration is required; visit www.irishfestchicago.com or call (773) 282-7035.

The Music Institute of Chicago Children's Choir will hold auditions for the 2009-10 academic year from 5-7 p.m. May 27 at the Evanston East Campus, 1490 Chicago Ave., Evanston. Parents/guardians of interested singers ages 7 to 18 should call (847) 448-8324 to schedule an audition.

ARTISTS

Call for artists for the Skokie Art Guild's 48th annual Art Fair, to be held July 11-12 on the Skokie Village Green, 5211 W. Oakton, Skokie. Prizes and awards. E-mail skokieart@aol.com or call (847) 677-8163.

BOOKS & POETRY

Little City Foundation Used Book Sale, June 5-14 at Westfield Old Orchard Shopping Center, 4999 Old Orchard Center, Skokie. Admission to the event is free, except on opening night, Friday, June 5, when a \$10 donation is charged. Hours for the event are 5-10 p.m. June 5; 10 a.m.-9 p.m. June 6, 12-13; 10 a.m.-5 p.m. June 7 and 14; 10 a.m.-8 p.m. June 8-11. Proceeds benefit the Palatine-based Little City Foundation, which provides programs for people with disabilities. Senior Citizen's Day is June 10, Children's Day is June 11 and Bargain Weekend is June 13-14. For details and schedule updates, visit www.LittleCityBooksSale.com. Sam's Club, 2450 Main St., Evanston. May 23, 1-2:30 p.m.: Ferguson Jenkins signs his autobiography, Fergie: My Life From the Cubs to Cooperstown.

CHILD'S PLAY

"Cinderella" will be presented by Chicago Kids Company at 10:30 a.m. and noon May 22; 10:30 a.m. May 26-29, June 24-26, July 1-2 and 7-10; and 1 p.m. July 11 at the Stahl Family Theatre, 5900 W. Belmont Ave., Chicago. Tickets: \$10. Call (773) 205-9600 or visit www.chicagokidscompany.com. Mitchell Museum of the American Indian, 3001 Central St., Evanston. (847) 475-1030. www.mitchellmuseum.org. Suggested donation is \$5 adults; \$2.50 senior citizens, students and children. Maximum suggested admission per family is \$10. Kids Craft Mornings are

offered from 10:30 a.m.-noon, May 23: Talking sticks and coup sticks. June 13: Miniature woven rugs.

Northlight Theatre Academy, at the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie. (847) 679-9501. www.northlight.org. Offering summer performing arts camps for students in grades 3-10; registration is in progress. Camps include Junior Camp for grades 3-6, June 15-July 10 and July 14-Aug. 7, featuring acting, improvisation and musical theatre as well as a swimming and field trips to Chicago area theatres. Senior Camp for grades 7-10, June 15-July 10 and July 14-Aug. 7, featuring ensemble-based acting, playwriting, comedy and improvisation, musical theatre and audition technique. Audition Workshop for grades 8-10, July 14-Aug. 7.

COMEDY

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. June 18-21, 8 p.m.: George Lopez: Tall, Dark & Chicano Tour. Tickets: \$59.50 and \$67. Oct. 2, 8 p.m.: Robin Williams presents his "Weapons of Self-Destruction" comedy tour. U.S. Beer Company, 1801 N. Clybourn, Chicago. (773) 871-7799. May 28, 8-9:30 p.m.: Skokie resident Debbie Sue Goodman presents a comedy performance based on her books, Still Single and Still Dating. No cover charge.

DANCE

PERFORMANCES

Northwestern University Marjorie Ward Marshall Dance Center, 10 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston. May 21-23, 8 p.m., and May 24, 2 p.m.: "Forward Shift," Senior Dance Concert. Tickets: \$10; \$5 for students. (847) 491-7282.

GROUPS & LESSONS

Chicago Dance Club, (847) 622-4466. Dance to DJ music from the '50s to today from 7:30-11:30 p.m. Saturdays at American Legion Hall, 9757 Pacific Ave., Franklin Park. Mostly swing dancing, some ballroom, Latin and line dancing. Open to ages 21 and older. \$5 members; \$10 nonmembers. Membership fee \$25. Upcoming date is May 23. Chicago's Windy City Jitterbug Club holds dances to the music of the '50s, '60s and more, from 8 p.m.-midnight at the American Legion Hall, 9757 W. Pacific Ave., Franklin Park, unless otherwise noted. \$5 for members; \$10 for nonmembers. Proper attire required; no jeans or shorts allowed. Must be 21 or older. Call (773) 467-0177 or visit www.jitterbugchicago.com. Upcoming dance is May 30. Prairie Lakes Senior Center, 515 E. Thacker, Des Plaines. For information, call (847) 825-2901 or (847) 825-6637. May 23, 8-10:30 p.m.: Alice Lowy will host ballroom dancing to taped music. \$15 per couple at the door. Square Spares & Pairs Square Dance Club, a club for couples and singles.

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Al Fresco: Where Mother Nature provides the props

By CHRISTINE A. VERSTRAETE Contributor Now that warmer weather beckons, restaurants are opening their decks, patios - even rolling down an adjacent sidewalk if needs be - so patrons can enjoy their meals al fresco.

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Advertisement for Masterworks 6:30 Rush Hour Concerts. Features a large image of an orchestra performing on stage. Text includes: "MASTERWORKS 6:30 RUSH HOUR CONCERTS", "Wednesday, May 27, 6:30 MOZART & HAYDN", "Chicago Symphony Orchestra Bernard Labadie conductor Benedetto Lupo piano", "Haydn Symphony No. 94 (Surprise)", "Mozart Piano Concerto No. 18", "Mozart Symphony No. 39".

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Ridge Senior Center 1001 Madison Ave. Park Ridge. Hours start at 7:30 p.m. with carols from 8:00 p.m. For information call (773) 773-6421 or (773) 442-3646. June 8: "Parade Parade" The Trinity Academy of Yoga Dance offers a new summer program. Dates of Trinity: Each Sunday workshop is de-

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Drive, Evanston. (847) 491-4000. www.blockmuseum.northwestern.edu/block-cinema. Admission is \$6, \$4 for Block Museum members, senior citizens, and students with ID, or as noted below. All films shown at 8 p.m., unless noted otherwise. May 22: Northwestern Student Film Festival. Art Theory & Prac-

tice series - May 27, 6:30 and 8 p.m.: "Empathy is a Tool for Making the Cruel More Precise." 1960s Godard series - May 28: "Alphaville." June 4: "Two or Three Things I Know About Her." June 5: "A Woman is a Woman." Gordon Parks series - May 29: "Solomon Northrup's Odyssey."

ORGANIZATIONS

The Criterion Bar Association, one of Chicago's oldest Sherlock Holmes societies, will hold a dinner meeting May 23 at The Great Escape Restaurant, 9540 Irving Park Road, Schiller Park. The program's theme is "Canonical Collectors," a show and tell of items from the members' collections. Anyone interested in Sherlock Holmes is encouraged to attend. Bringing a collectible is optional but encouraged. Cost of the event is \$35 per person (cash bar). Call Allan Devitt, (630) 227-9127.

Park Ridge Art League meets at 7:30 p.m. the third Friday of the month in the South Park Fieldhouse, 833 Talcott Road, Park Ridge. Guest fee is \$3. Call Dorothy DuSoid, (847) 825-3505.

Skokie Art Guild meets at the Skokie Public Library, 5215 Oakton St. Visitors welcome. For information, e-mail Ina-Marlowe@gmail.com. May 26, 7 p.m.: Leslie Riley, quilting.

pigment to paint on a thin, wet layer of fresh lime mortar or plaster. Four-week course meets 7-9 p.m. Tuesdays, starting June 2, at Evanston Township High School, 1600 Dodge Ave., Evanston. Course fee is \$159. American Divas (MUS 825-31) spotlights Lena Horne, Beverly Sills, and other famous female vocal superstars from the U.S. Two-week course meets from 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesdays, starting June 2, at Evanston Township High School, 1600 Dodge Ave., Evanston. Course fee is \$43.

Oakton Community College Emeritus Program offers courses at its Skokie campus, 7701 N. Lincoln Ave., Skokie. For information about the Emeritus Program, call (847) 635-1414 or visit www.oakton.edu/emertus. The New Yorker (HUM 893-91) focuses on selections from the magazine established in 1925. A subscription is required. Six-week course meets 9:30-11:30 a.m. Mondays, starting June 1. Course fee is \$75. It's De-Porter (MUS 548-91) highlights the life of composer Cole Porter through video clips and recordings of his memorable songs. Each session covers a different decade in Porter's life. Four-week course meets 10-11:30 a.m. Wednesdays, starting June 3. Course fee is \$60.

ET CETERA

Skokie Theatre Music Foundation presents concerts and programs in the Skokie Theatre, 7924 Lincoln Ave., Skokie. Call (847) 677-7761 or visit www.skokie-theatre.com. May 22-23 and 29-30, 8 p.m., and May 24 and 31, 2 p.m.: Jim Post's "Mark Twain and the Laughing River." Tickets are \$25 in advance; \$30 at the door.

WORKSHOPS & CLASSES

Oakton Community College offers Alliance for Lifelong Learning classes. For information or registration, visit www.oakton.edu/all or call (847) 982-9888, press 3. Fresco Techniques (ART F05-31) shows how to mix water with

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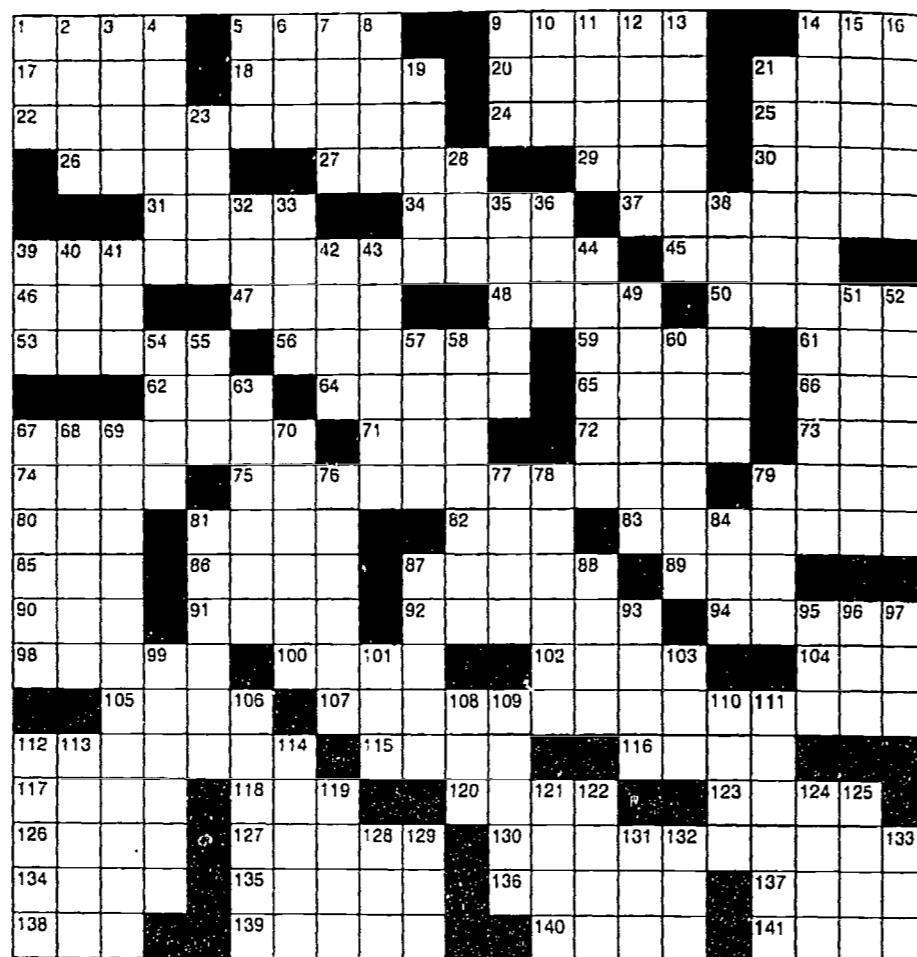
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For the week of May 25 - May 31

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) An unexpected development could change the Arian's perspective on a potential investment. Keep an open mind. Ignore the double talk and act only on the facts. TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) A surge of support helps you keep your long-standing commitment to colleagues who rely on you for guidance. Ignore any attempts to get you to ease up on your efforts. GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Family continues to be the dominant factor, but career matters also take on new importance. You might even be able to combine elements of the two in some surprising, productive way. CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A realistic view of a workplace or personal situation helps you deal with it more constructively once you know where the truth lies. Reserve the weekend for someone special. LEO (July 23 to August 23) As much as you Leos or Leonas might be intrigued by the "sunny" prospects touted for a potential investment, be careful that you don't allow the glare to blind you to its essential details. VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A friend's problem brings out the Virgo's nurturing nature in full force. However, don't go it alone. Allow others to pitch in and help share the responsibilities you've assumed. LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A business decision might need to be put off until a colleague's personal matter is resolved. Use this time to work on another business matter that you've been anxious to get to. SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Relationships (personal or professional) might appear to be stalled because of details that keep cropping up and that need tending to. Be patient. A path begins to clear soon. SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A promotion could cause resentment among envious colleagues. But others recognize how hard you worked to earn it, and will be there to support you if you need them. CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Handling a delicate personal matter needs both your wisdom and your warmth. Expect some setbacks, but stay with it. The outcome will more than justify your efforts. AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Resist the temptation to cut corners just because time is short. Best to move ahead step by step so you don't overlook anything that might later create time-wasting complications. PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Use the good will you recently earned with that well-received project to pitch your ideas for a new project. Expect some tough competition, though, from an unlikely source. BORN THIS WEEK: Your love of family extends beyond your personal life to include others to whom you generously extend your care and affection.

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Remembrances



Schack-Blufft, Mary Anne Foss Mary Anne Foss Blufft Schack, 81, of Monticello, formerly of Chicago, Niles, Morton Grove, and Lindenhurst passed away at 7:25 a.m., May 14, 2009 at home in her sleep and was taken to heaven to be with her maker. Funeral mass was held Saturday, May 16, 2009 at the Prince of Peace Church in Lake Villa, IL. Inurnment in Mount Emblem Cemetery. Mary Anne was born August 15, 1927 in Chicago, the daughter of Christian and Elizabeth (Rousch) Foss. She married Robert Earl Blufft; after he passed away she later married Frank Charles Schack, he also has passed away. Surviving is her daughter, Lauren Kay Blufft Lashbrook and husband Mark of Monticello; grandchildren, Micah Stoll, Jamie Lynn Lashbrook Walker, Drew Blufft Lashbrook, Ryan Schack, Samantha Schack, Veronica (Knox) Francis and Andy Knox; six great-grandchildren; sister, Elizabeth (Betty) Foss Archer; and loving nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, husbands, beloved daughter (Lynn Blufft-Knox), and two brothers (Chris and Harold Foss). Mary Anne retired from CCH in Chicago in 1990. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.mackey-wrightfuneralhome.com. Sign Guestbook at legacy.pioneerlocal.com

Ullmann, Miller "Buck" Miller "Buck" Ullmann, beloved husband of Marjorie (nee Wilhartz); loving father of Susan (Darwin) Stuart and Donald (Susan) Ullmann; cherished grandfather of Timothy, Kevin and Emily Ullmann; fond brother-in-law of Jerry (the late Elaine) Schuster. Services were held Friday, May 15, 2009 at Lakeside Congregation, Highland Park. Interment Private. Remembrances to The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research, Church Street Station, P.O. Box 780, New York, NY 10008 or the Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center 1275 York Ave., New York, NY 10065 would be appreciated. Arrangement by Goodman Family Funerals, William Goodman Funeral Director. (847) 480.7744 or www.gffinfo.com. Sign Guestbook at legacy.pioneerlocal.com

Tantillo, Dolores J. Dolores J. Tantillo (nee Jepsen), of Norwood Park. Mrs. Tantillo was born in Chicago, August 11, 1931. She passed away at Loyola University Hospital in Maywood, May 9, 2009. She was 77 years old. She was a homemaker. Beloved wife of the late Donald T. Tantillo, the late James I. Halden and the late Harvey Peter; loving mother of Susan L. Gleffe, (nee Peter) and Joseph A. Tantillo; proud grandmother of Weston W. Gleffe; dear sister of Joan (Kenneth) Bell and John (Mitzi) Jepsen; aunt of many nieces and nephews. Visitation was held Friday, May 15, 2009 at The M.J. Suerth Funeral Home, Chicago. Funeral Service was on Saturday, May 16. Cremation Private. For information (773) 631-1240, 847-823-6540 or www.suerth.com. Sign Guestbook at legacy.pioneerlocal.com

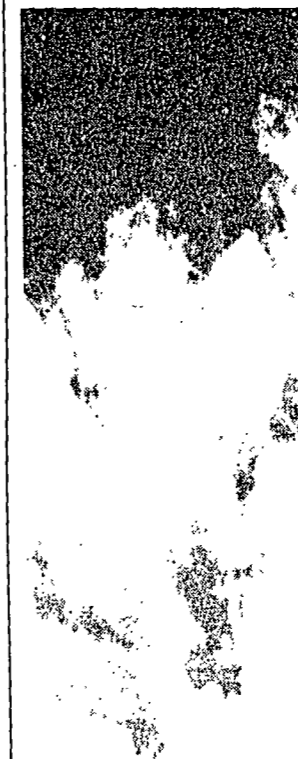
Benn, James Blakely The Rev. James B. Benn, age 60, Pastor of Eden United Church of Christ in Chicago, died on May 13, 2009 from complications of pancreatic cancer. He is survived by his loving wife, Julia Mayer; their son, Micah; his sister, Isabel Rippard of Chatham, NJ; and a host of nieces and nephews. A Memorial Service to celebrate Jim's life will be held on Saturday, June 13, at 2 p.m. at Eden United Church of Christ, 5051 W. Gunnison St., Chicago, IL 60630. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Micah Benn Scholarship Fund, c/o Eden Church. Sign Guestbook at legacy.pioneerlocal.com

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Bode, Steve Cameron Steve Cameron Bode, age 60, of Des Plaines, formerly of Skokie, suddenly. Beloved son of the late Jack Cameron (Mickey Lovadore) Bode, of Skokie, and Lillian Bode; loving grandson of the late Jule and Beatrice Bodenschatz; fond nephew of the late Mayor Jule "Bud" (the late Beverly) Bode. Services were private. Arrangements entrusted to Haben Funeral Home & Crematory, 8057 Niles Center Rd., Skokie, (847) 673-6111. Sign Guestbook at legacy.pioneerlocal.com



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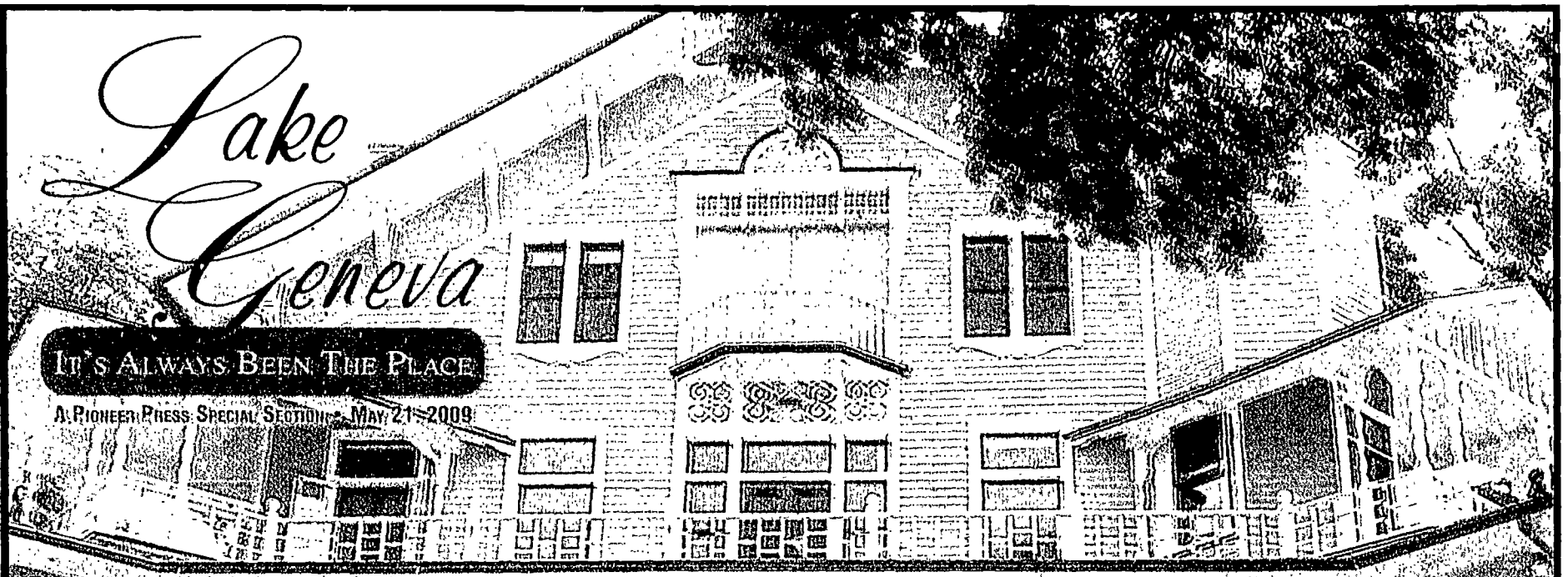
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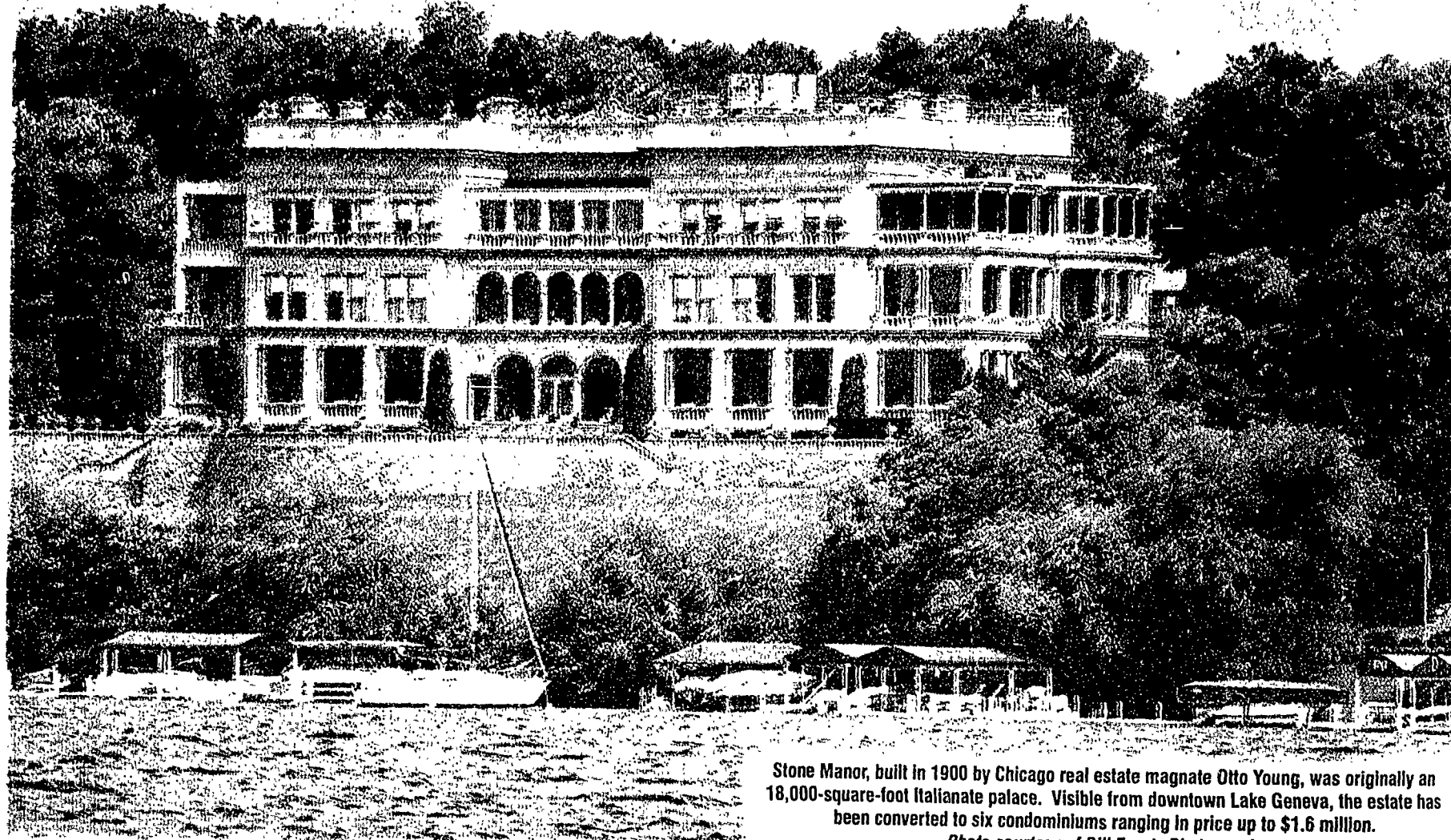
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# LAKE GENEVA HONORED AS ONE OF AMERICA'S DOZEN DISTINCTIVE DESTINATIONS



Stone Manor, built in 1900 by Chicago real estate magnate Otto Young, was originally an 18,000-square-foot Italianate palace. Visible from downtown Lake Geneva, the estate has been converted to six condominiums ranging in price up to \$1.6 million.  
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By Gary Silbar  
Special to Pioneer Press

Commonly referred to as the "Newport of the West" for its pristine natural beauty and striking lakefront estates, Lake Geneva was recently honored by the National Trust for Historic Preservation as one of its 2009 Dozen Distinctive Destinations, further bolstering the area as one of Chicagoland's top close-to-home getaway destinations.

"We're thrilled that Lake Geneva has been recognized as one of the nation's top destinations," said Lake Geneva Mayor Bill Chesen. "We're looking forward to visitors discovering and enjoying the many unique and one-of-a-kind elements that helped

Lake Geneva earn this distinguished honor."

Since 2000, the National Trust for Historic Preservation has annually selected communities from across the U.S. offering cultural and recreational experiences different from the typical vacation destination. From dynamic downtowns and stunning architecture to cultural diversity and commitment to historic preservation, the selected destinations boast a richness of character and exude an authentic sense of place.

Referred to as "one of the Midwest's most beautiful natural wonders" by the National Trust, the Lake Geneva area has long been a vacation destination for Chicagoans who originally sought refuge in the area while their homes and businesses were being

rebuilt after the Great Chicago Fire of 1871. Many chose to stay in the area full-time, while others built mansions and vacation homes for summer use.

Today, Lake Geneva visitors have the opportunity of touring one of these great homes and discovering what life was like for one family on the banks of Geneva Lake.

Cited as one of the finest surviving examples of great summer homes in the Midwest, Black Point is the first historical estate to open to the public in Lake Geneva. Built in 1888 by Chicago beer magnate Conrad Seipp, Black Point served as the summer home to the Seipp family for seven generations. The three-story, Queen Anne style house was originally comprised of 13 bedrooms, one

full bath, a wraparound porch that could seat 40 people and a four-story lookout tower.

The home was furnished with the contents of the family's main house in Chicago and is considered to have one of the most intact collections of Victorian furniture in the Midwest. The property covers nearly eight acres and 620 feet of undisturbed Geneva Lake shoreline.

According to the National Trust, the Lake Geneva area exudes a historic atmosphere ranging from the well-preserved mix of homes that display a historical spectrum of American residential architecture, from a Gothic Revival cottage and large picturesque Queen Ann style mansions, to formal colonial Revival style houses and progressive Craftsman style homes.

Recreational activities abound in Lake Geneva. The area boasts several beaches while other outdoor enthusiasts enjoy boating, fishing, hiking, water skiing, biking, horseback riding or one of the 22 challenging golf courses in the area.

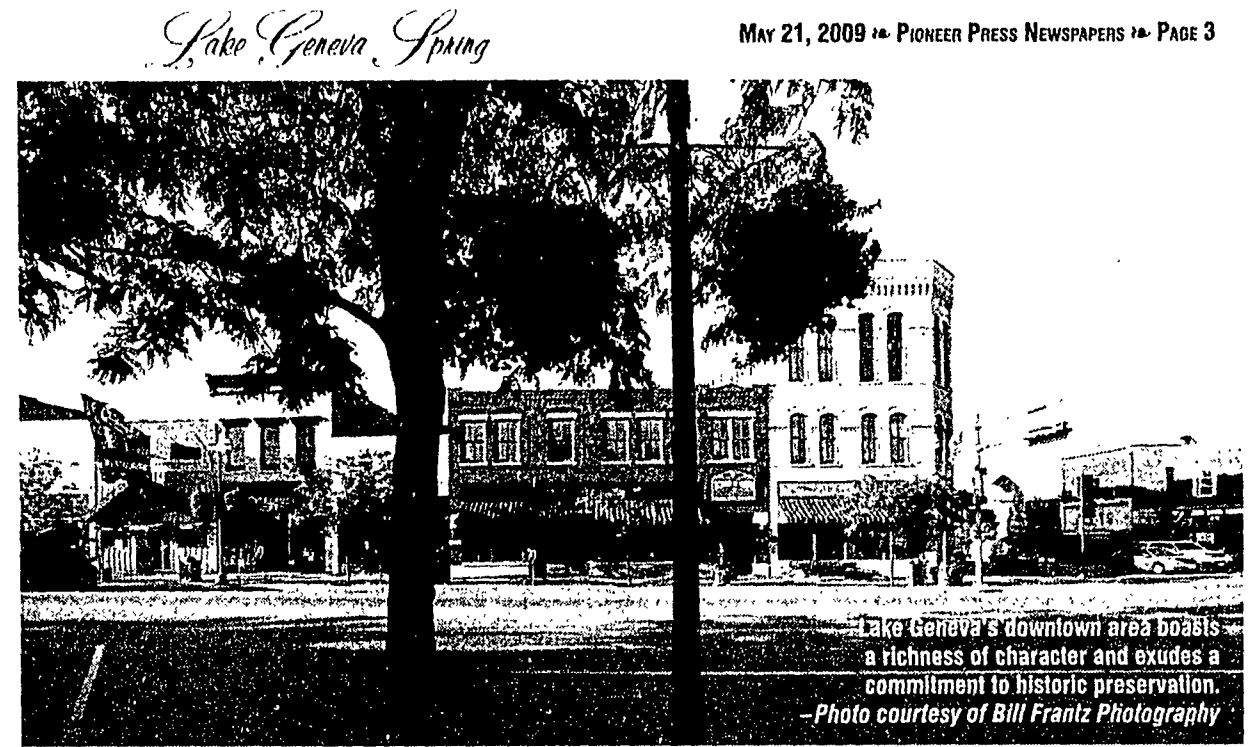
The town's architecture can be admired while taking a tour on the Geneva Lake Cruise Line or by participating in the oldest continuous mail-boat service in the United States. Lake Geneva plays host to annual town parades, fairs and festivals and is home to the world's largest refracting telescope at Yerkes Observatory. A favorite pastime for visitors is meandering along the perimeter of the 21-mile Geneva Lake Shore Path, offering pedestrians intimate views of the area's most famous mansions and restored estates.

Unlike some resort towns that focus on just seasonal activities, Lake Geneva offers a variety of entertainment throughout the year. The historic downtown area boasts an array of shops where rare antiques and delicious Wisconsin-made confections can be found. Lake Geneva also has accommodations for any budget, from upscale resorts to small bed and breakfast inns.

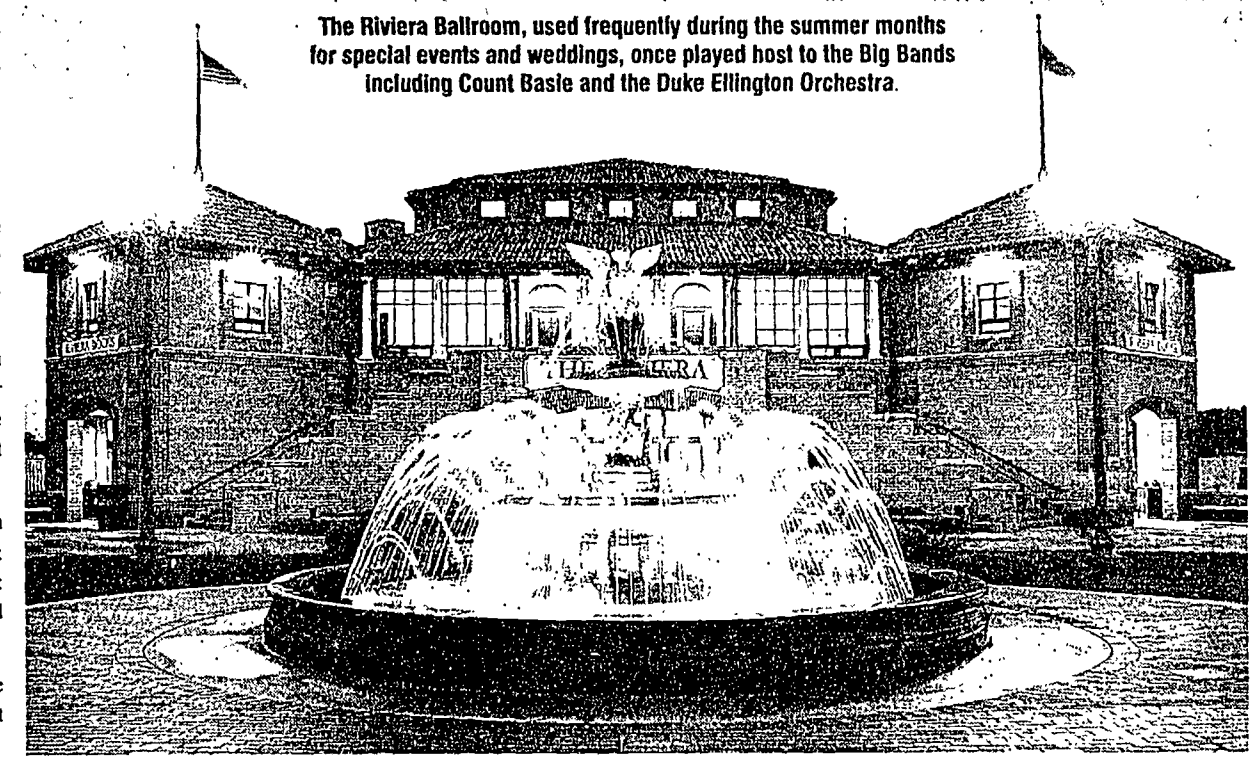
"Whatever time of year you go, Lake Geneva will leave you charmed," said Richard Moe, president of the National Trust for Historic Preservation. "Its historic small-town appeal, which the local citizens have worked so hard to preserve, makes this resort community a very special place to visit."

The 2009 list of America's Dozen Distinctive Destination includes: Athens, GA; Bristol, RI; Buffalo, NY; Fort Worth, TX; Franklin, TN; Hot Springs, SD; Lake Geneva, WI; Lititz, PA; Santa Barbara, CA; Santa Fe, NM; Saugatuck-Douglas, MI; and Virginia City, NV.

For more information on Lake Geneva, including a complete calendar of events, lodging directory and video tour, visit [www.lakegenewi.com](http://www.lakegenewi.com).



Lake Geneva's downtown area boasts a richness of character and exudes a commitment to historic preservation.  
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The Riviera Ballroom, used frequently during the summer months for special events and weddings, once played host to the Big Bands including Count Basie and the Duke Ellington Orchestra.



**On the cover**  
**Main Image:** Visitors arrive at Black Point for an estate tour.  
**Bottom Images:** (left to right) Lake Geneva Cruise Line and Moose Mountain Falls at Grand Geneva

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**PAINTED CAROUSEL HORSES FOLLOW IN THE HOOFF PRINTS OF 2008 FUNDRAISER**



Following in the hoof prints of last year's successful fundraising event which featured life-size fiberglass colts transformed into colorfully creative works of art, Special Methods in Learning Equine Skills, Inc. (SMILES) will trot out a new breed of steeds onto the streets and into the stores of select Lake Geneva retailers this summer.

According to SMILES' officials, this year's public art exhibition will feature an exquisite collection of carousel horses. "Prancing Carousels" will feature both life-size horses, complete with carousel pole, as well as tabletop sculptures. The organization is hoping to meet last year's fundraising efforts which raised \$168,000 for SMILES.

"Last year's exhibition was a tremendous success for all involved," said Sherry Monty, executive director of SMILES. "We could not have been happier with the quality of the artwork, the response from Lake Geneva businesses, residents and visitors, and the monies raised to assist our constituency. We look forward to once again showcasing the work of local and national artists and bringing smiles to the faces of Lake Geneva visitors."

Celebrating 25 years of service to the community, SMILES serves as a therapeutic riding center for adults and children with disabilities. Based in Darlen, WI, the center serves upwards of 400 individuals per year with the majority of participants residing in southern Wisconsin and northern Illinois.

Prior to stampeding onto the streets of Lake Geneva, the carousel horses will be unveiled at a special public event on June 6 at The Abbey Resort & Spa. "Come Prance With Me" will celebrate SMILES' achievements in assisting people with special needs and will be the only opportunity to see all of the carousel horses in one location prior to the public art exhibition. Following the summer art display, the horses will be auctioned with proceeds benefiting SMILES, a non-profit 501C3 organization.

Complete information on the summer-long art exhibition can be found at [www.prancingcarousels.com](http://www.prancingcarousels.com).

**FROM 'DANCING' HORSES TO AERIAL ACROBATICS, LAKE GENEVA BOASTS A BEVY OF FAMILY-FRIENDLY ATTRACTIONS**



The Lady of the Lake offers narrated tours of Geneva Lake and affords passengers with stunning views of the countryside and the beautiful estates that dot the shoreline. -Photo courtesy of Bill Frantz Photography.

By Gary Silbar  
Special to Pioneer Press

Nestled on the northeastern shores of Geneva Lake in southeast Wisconsin, Lake Geneva has been a resort community since just after the Civil War, when wealthy Chicago families discovered the site and began building summer homes there.

The beautiful natural surroundings, laid back attitude, lively downtown and understated opulence is apparent, but it's the wide variety of events, expansive nature preserves, outstanding dining and lodging options, scenic walking and biking trails and top rated golf courses that attract countless day trippers and overnight guests.

The Lake Geneva area is also home to a number of attractions that are perfect for the entire family. From careening down a 600-foot zip line to standing in the footsteps of Albert Einstein to walking the shoreline of pristine Geneva Lake, the region offers families a variety of options unique to the region.

**It's the Water**

Geneva Lake, the second deepest in the state, is a busy place during the summer months. For those that want to get on the water, there's no shortage of watercraft available for rental including ski boats, sailboats, pontoon boats, paddleboats, canoes, wave runners and more.

Lake Geneva Cruise Line, which continues the area's rich tradition of formal lake cruises dating back to 1873, offers a variety of tours including ice cream socials, dinner cruises and an excursion aboard one of the last remaining mail boats in the country.

"To our knowledge, the Walworth II is the only remaining mail boat in the country to carry passengers," said George F. Hennerley, executive vice president of the Lake Geneva Area Convention & Visitors Bureau. "It's definitely one of the most popular sightseeing tours because of its unique mail delivery system - the letter carrier leaps off the boat and races to the resident's pier, deposits incoming mail and retrieves any outgoing letters and then dashes back to catch the boat. The only hitch is the boat never stops so the courier must make a big leap or end up in the water."

**A One-of-a-kind Walking Path**

One of the area's greatest assets is the Geneva Lake shore path that rings the lake. Created by the region's earliest settlers to connect the many Native American camps, the 26-mile walking trail can be navigated in segments; all offering a backyard view of the many historic estates that dot the shoreline. A number of guidebooks are available locally to assist visitors as they traverse the path.

"The lakefront path is unusual because it's not just a thin strip of land circling the lake," Hennerley said. "The 20 feet of land directly up from the shoreline is considered public domain and provides walkers with an unprecedented view of some of the most beautiful homes and landscaping in the Midwest. Walking the shore path is a wonderful experience for the entire family."

According to the Geneva Lake Conservancy, many of the original landowners retained a staff of gardeners or in some instances, professional landscape designers including Olaf Benson, a landscape architect for the City of Chicago; Jens Jensen, superintendent of Chicago's Humboldt Park and the Olmsted Brothers, whose partnership was descended from the practice of Frederick Law Olmsted, "the father of landscape architecture in America," and one of the architects behind Central Park in New York City, Chicago's Grant Park and Golden Gate Park in San Francisco.

Located in nearby Williams Bay is Yerkes Observatory, home to the world's largest refracting telescope. The telescope is housed in a 90-foot dome, one of the largest of its kind ever built, and the 73-foot wooden floor surrounding the telescope is actually an elevator that raises star gazers to the eyepiece for a peek at the Milky Way and beyond.

Yerkes Observatory sits on a picturesque 77-acre park-like setting that could double as a nature reserve, if it wasn't for the 100 year-old structure. In fact, it's a great spot for a picnic and you'll often see families enjoying the beautiful surroundings.

Free public tours of Yerkes are offered every Saturday at 10 a.m., 11 a.m. and noon. Highlights of the tour include a brief history of the facility, a timeline chronicling the Observatory's early history (be sure

to look for the photo of Albert Einstein's visit to Yerkes) and of course, a tour of the telescope.

**A Treasure Trove of Artifacts**

Showcasing a treasure trove of information and artifacts of the Lake Geneva area dating back to the 1880s, the Geneva Lake Museum of History houses two main exhibit areas with the smaller gallery showcasing a variety of displays including artifacts from the Frank Lloyd Wright designed Geneva Hotel. Photos and artifacts from the Singhalese exhibit for the World's Columbian Exposition of 1893 are also highlighted as is a one-of-a-kind lipstick drawing on concrete of comic strip favorite Andy Gump by creator Sidney Smith, a long time Lake Geneva resident.

Main Street Lake Geneva depicts the area in the late 1800s with a red brick street dividing distinctive architectural style residences and businesses. Constructed entirely by local volunteers, visitors to Main Street can stroll through artifact laden structures including a creamery, log cabin, blacksmith shop, general store, post office and telephone company. A 19th century firehouse featuring two authentic fire trucks from 1890 and 1947 completes the gallery.

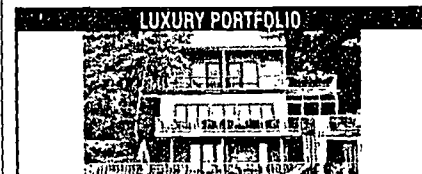
**Manes & Trains**

Situated on 40 acres of beautifully landscaped terrain, The Dancing Horses Theatre trots out an array of horse breeds performing alongside trainers in a cavalcade of equestrian artistry. Most impressive, aside from the equine athletes, is the proximity of the audience. The 300-seat theatre allows patrons to almost reach out and touch the horses.

An added bonus, ticketing to The Dancing Horses Theatre allows show-goers entrance to the adjoining Animal Gardens. The attraction features exotic animals from around the world presented in an interactive style ala an open-air amphitheater. Visitors also have the opportunity to hold baby animals and bottle-feed baby lambs. There's also a "Magical Macaw" show, pony and hay rides, and the chance to feed white tailed deer in the Wisconsin Wildlife Walk.

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**Lake Geneva - Area Properties**



**LaGrange** \$824,000  
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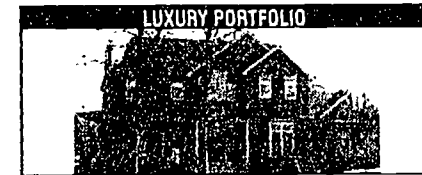
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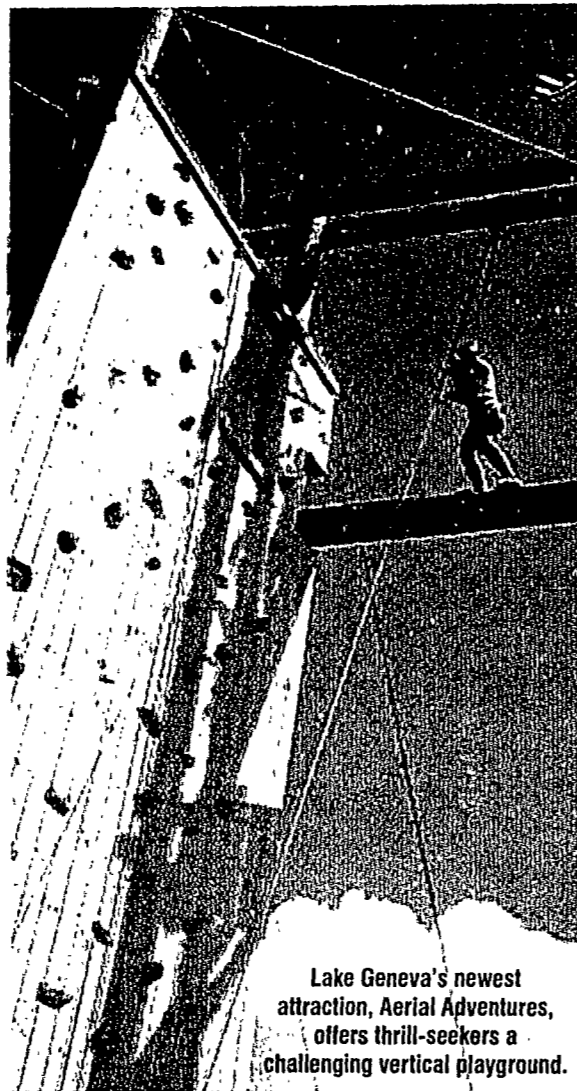
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A newcomer to Lake Geneva, Aerial Adventures offers two ziplines whisking the young at heart through a tree-lined gully. Other features of this outdoor jungle gym include a 40-foot climbing tower and a vertical playground consisting of 12 different climbing elements all designed to move the climber to the 600-foot zip platform.

For more information on these family-friendly attractions, visit the Lake Geneva Area Convention & Visitors Bureau Web site at [www.lakegenewa.com](http://www.lakegenewa.com).



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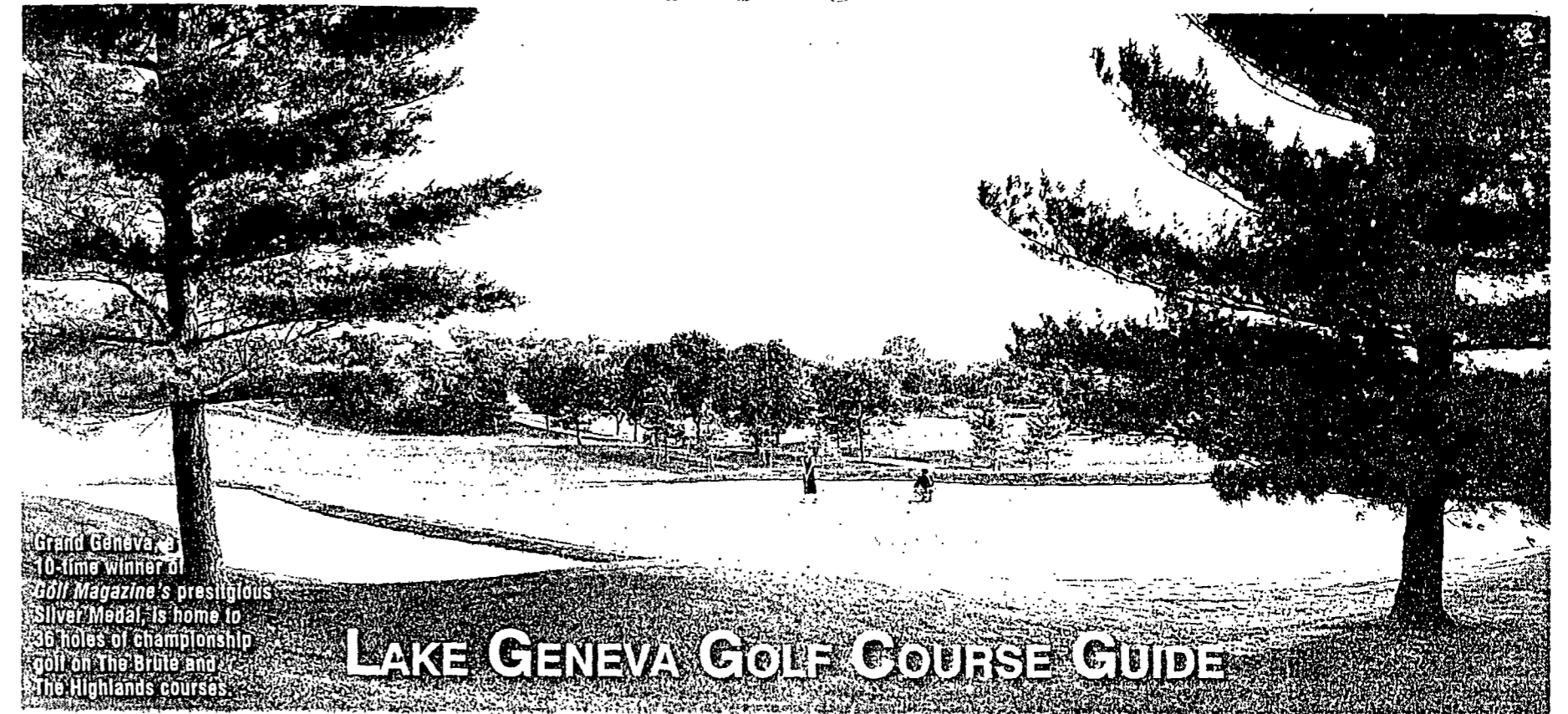
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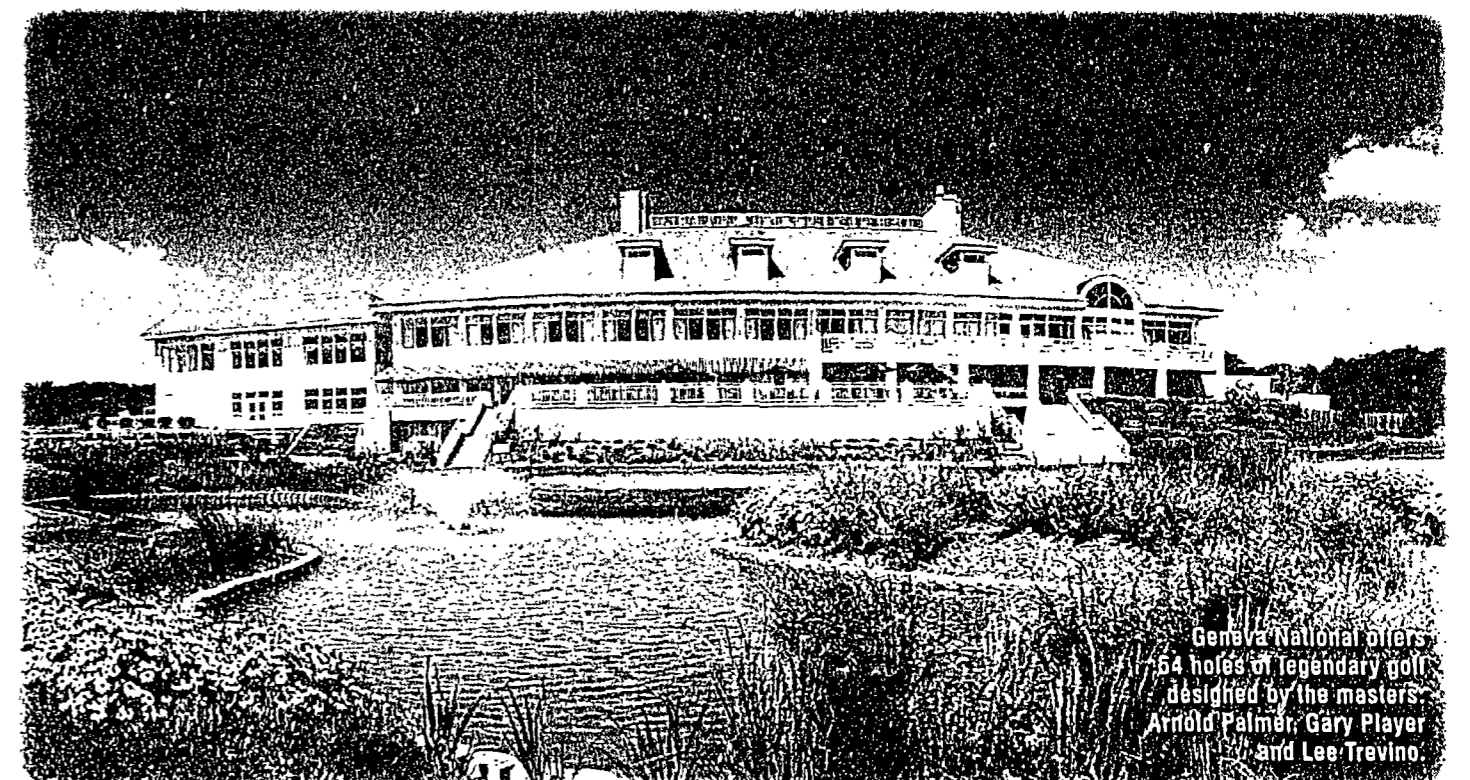
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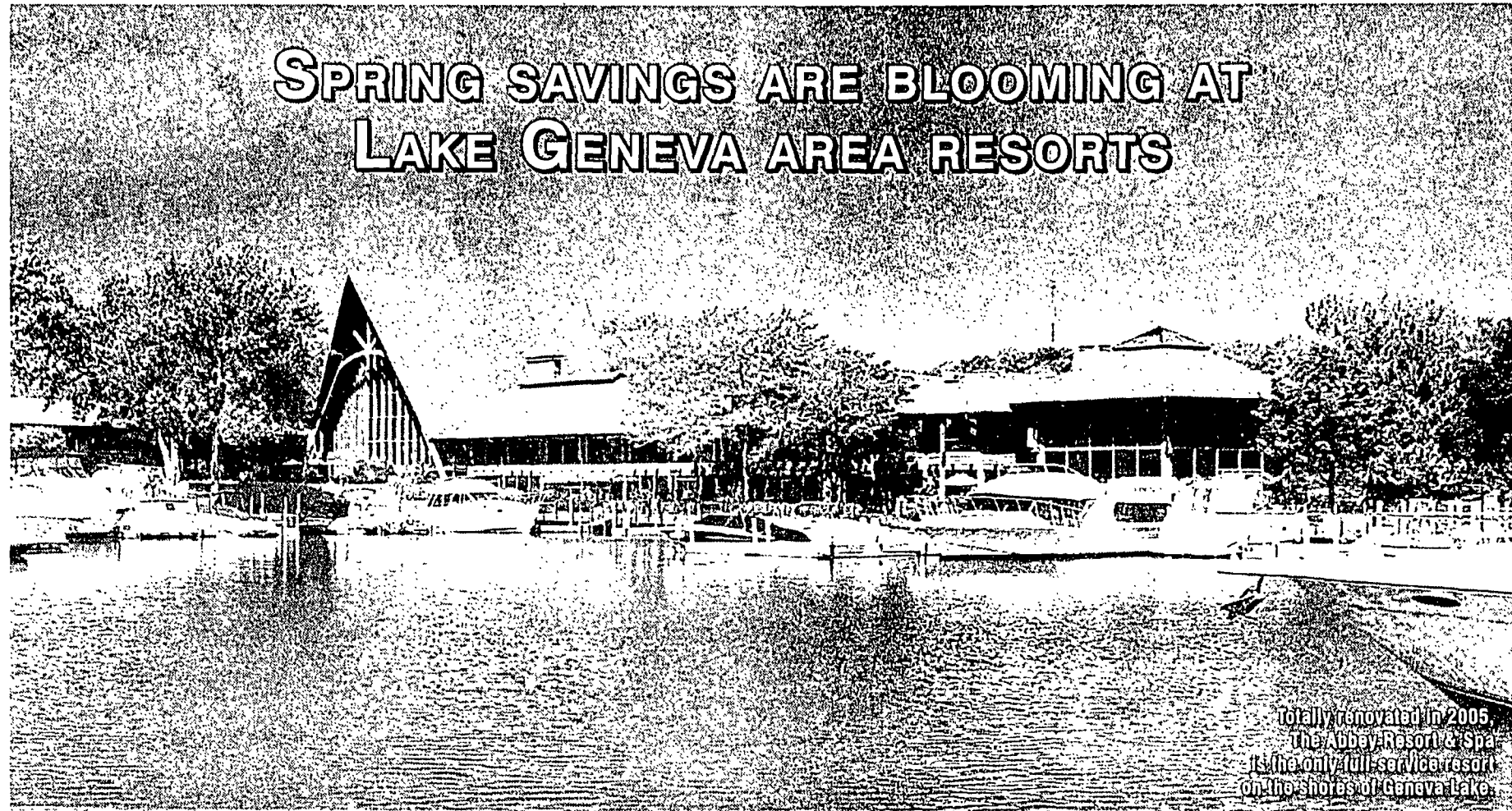
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# SPRING SAVINGS ARE BLOOMING AT LAKE GENEVA AREA RESORTS



Totally renovated in 2005, The Abbey Resort & Spa is the only full-service resort on the shores of Geneva Lake.

By Gary Silbar  
Special to Pioneer Press

By now, we've all made a collective sigh of relief as spring has indeed sprung. In the Lake Geneva area, the onset of spring is confirmed by the blooming apple blossom trees lining the Geneva Lake shoreline, the smiling faces cruising in and out of stores and cruise boats welcoming the first customers of the season.

### Spring has also brought a number of exceptional discounts at the area's top resorts.

Grand Geneva, one of just three AAA Four-Diamond resorts in Wisconsin, currently offers a variety of packages geared towards couples and families. The resort's "Hot Date" special offers rock-bottom pricing of \$54 per night, based on double occupancy, for a handful of dates through May. There are also a number of packages combining deluxe accommodations with a round of golf or services at Grand Geneva's Well Spa.

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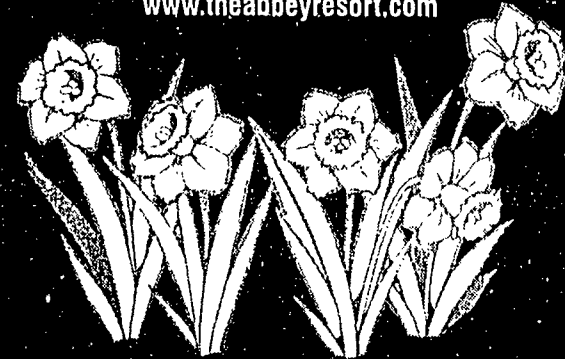
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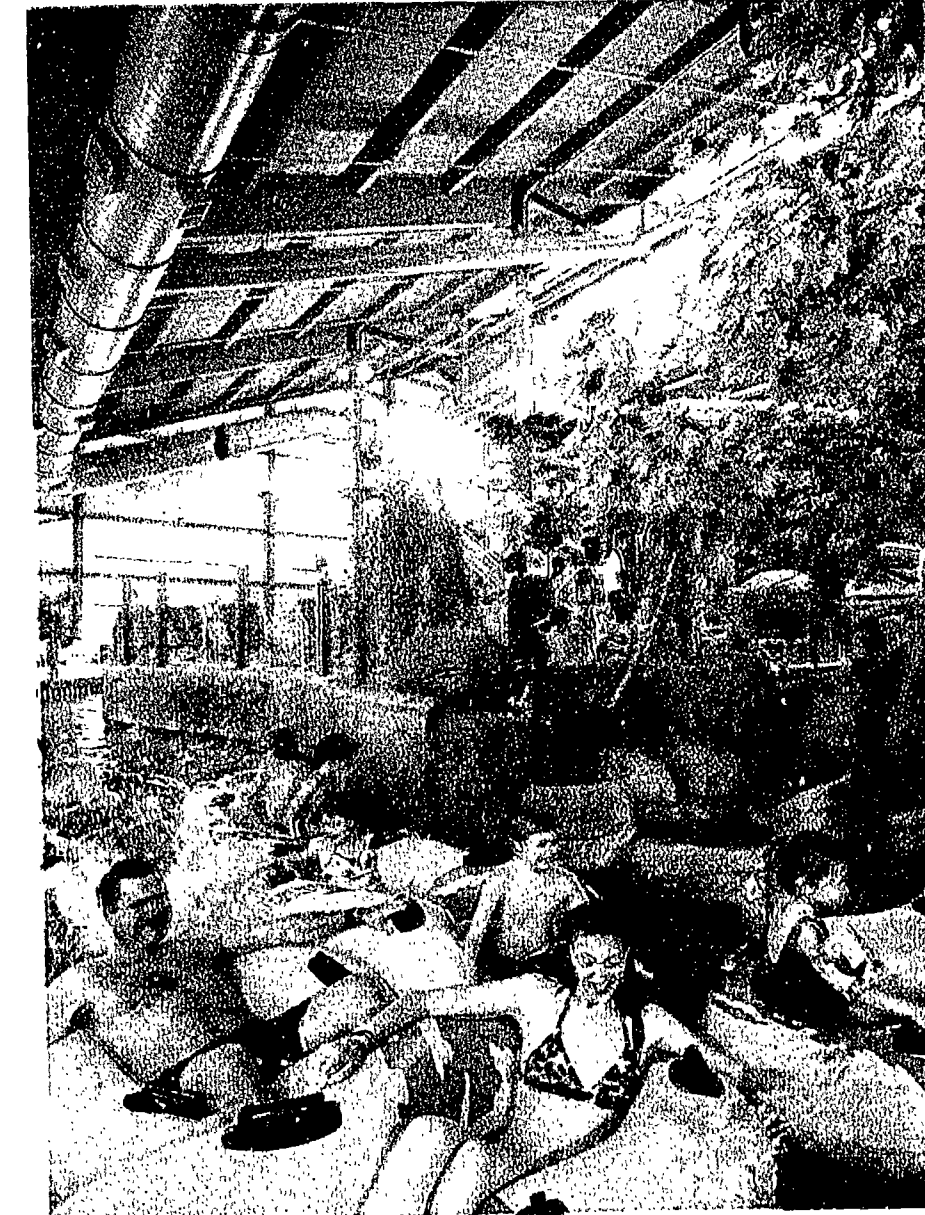
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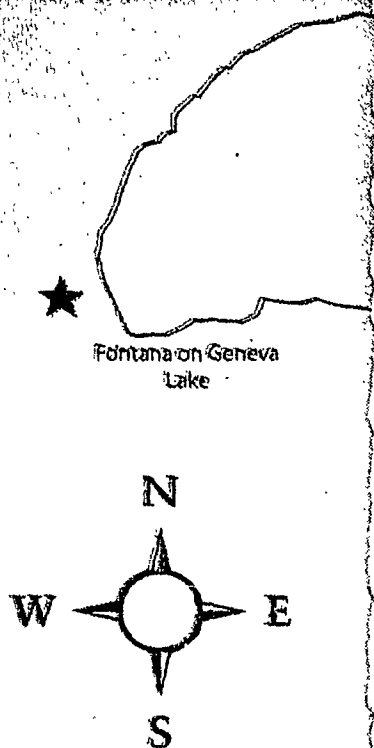


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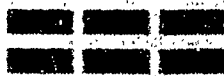
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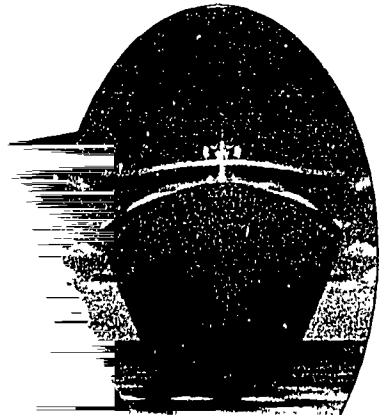
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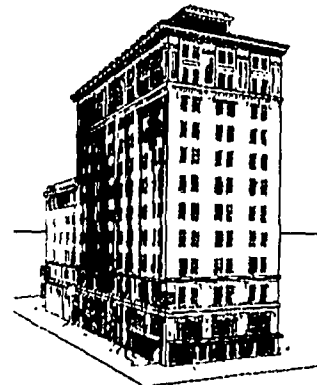
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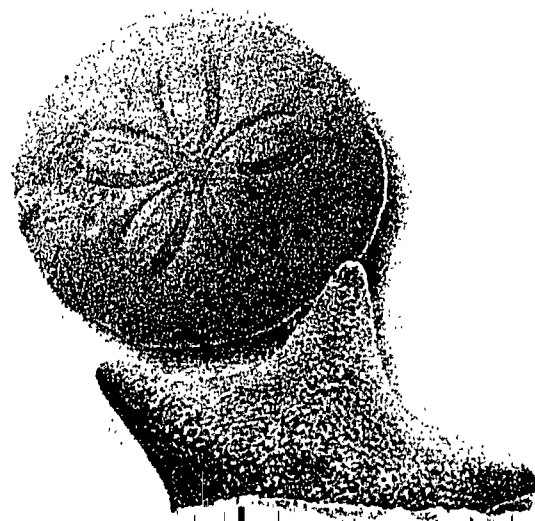
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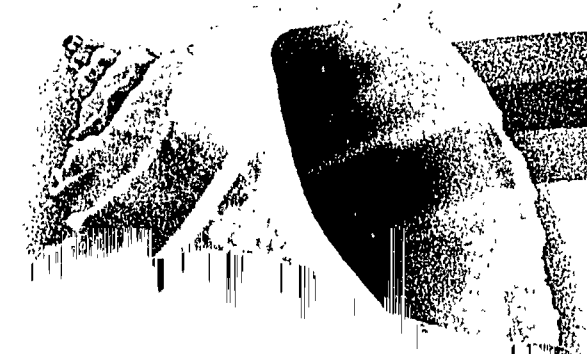
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**DISTRICT 64**

A reception will be May 28 for retiring Lincoln Middle School principal Jim Blouch. The event will be in the Lincoln Gym from 4:30-6:30 p.m. It is open to all students, parents, teachers, school alums and anyone else. Blouch who served as Lincoln's principal for 19 years. The school is at 200 S. Lincoln Ave., Park Ridge.

A reception for retiring Roosevelt School Principal Mary Jane Cole also will be May 28 from 3:45-6:30 p.m. in the school's LRC. Current and former students as well as parents are invited. Cole's last day is June 30 after 11 years as principal. Roosevelt is at 1001 S. Fairview Ave., Park Ridge.

An "Oceans 64" casino night fundraiser at the Beau Jolie in Schiller Park proved to be a lucky bet for the District 64 Elementary Learning Foundation earlier this year. The nonprofit raised \$31,000 at its second annual evening social attended by 265 supporters, according to event co-chairmen Chris Niezyniecki and Kathy Hanson. The event included casino games, a wine raffle and silent and live auction items. Funds will be distributed as grants to teachers and schools to promote innovation and educational excellence. ELF will announce this year's awards at the May 26 District 64 Board of Education meeting, accord-

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ing to ELF Chairman Mark Rode. ELF has given more than \$440,000 to fund more than 175 projects benefiting thousands of District 64 students.

Current ELF grants are enhancing a wide cross-section of the District 64 educational program.

District 64 summer school advance registration will continue through May 29. Tuition, per three-week class, will increase from \$90 to \$105 and tuition per six-week class will increase from \$180 to \$210. Registration information, forms and a list of closed classes may be found at www.d64.org. Registration will re-open from 8-9 a.m. June 15 on a walk-in basis at Franklin School for grades K-3 and Emerson School for grades 4-7. Registration will be based on class availability at that time. Ongoing registration will continue on site during regular summer school hours.

The District 64 artists included: Field School - Mark Canizares, Nick Cecala, Brittany Handley, Elni Petratos, Julia Sirvinskas and Liz Walker; Emerson Middle School - Demetrios Avgerinos, Elaine Frankos, Sylvia Kmiec, Chas Mathieu, Tessa Schiffers and Krissy Weber; and Lincoln Middle School - Nicole Allegretti, Nicolette Fillpeck, JoMarl Lanzl, Becca Lapp, Andrew Peterson and Hallegh Sir.

Artwork of 18 students from Park Ridge-Niles School District 64 enjoyed a wider viewing audience recently as part of the annual "Studio 3" Spring Art Exhibition at Oakton Community College/Des Plaines campus. Participating District 64 art teachers from three schools selected works based on achievement of curricular goals. The artists in grades 4-8 were honored with a certificate and ribbon for their participation in this young artists' showcase event.

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**DISTRICT 207**

**Maine East**

The Maine East High School chapter of DECA, an association of marketing students, took 13 members to Anaheim, Calif., from April 28 to May 3 for the 63rd annual International Career Development Conference.

Students are given an experience of a lifetime from the start of the dazzling opening ceremony to the finish with the climactic closing awards session. As DECA members face real-life business situations, it becomes apparent that each member is representing the "cream of the crop" from their own state. About 16,000 members, advisors, businesspersons and alumni attend the conference this year. The Maine East contingency represented the school well. According to DECA

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advisor Dale Lasky, the students performed so well that many other Illinois schools were envious of their success. Ten Maine East DECA students were recognized as being ranked in the top 20 percent of their respective business category at the conference. That equates to 10 Maine East students being in the top 1 percent nationally.

Maine East's Lauren Rossi of Niles made it to the finals and placed fourth in the nation.

East's national qualifiers include: **Sherif Aly, Gladys Guzman, Nasir Hussain, Tijo Jose, Brian Kim, Chris Levy, Brian Lov, Farrah Malik, Ravi Patel, Shivam Patel, Lauren Rossi, Jinal Shah and Arjun Verma.**

In addition to the competency-based offerings that the Demon DECA team competed in, all 13 students were able to enjoy Disneyland.

**Award winners** were announced for Maine East High School art students. Their work was on display recently at the Great Frame Up of Niles.

First-place winners from the Creative Self-Expression Show were: Design/digital, **Kayla Koch**, of Morton Grove; drawing, **Rinel Tabamo**, Des Plaines; mixed media/relief, **Eva**

**Bednarczyk**, of Des Plaines; painting, **Kori Levy**, of Glenview; photography, **Sahrish Moyeed**, of Des Plaines.

Best of Show honors went to Rinel Tabamo, whose piece will go to The Great Frame Up corporate headquarters in St. Louis for the national competition and a chance to win a \$2,000 scholarship.

Maine East's Fine Arts teaching staff is composed of **Michael Mastrolonardo, Britnee Fierro, Magdalena Gorecki** and **Lauren Matzen**. **Edward Eubank** is the Fine Arts Department Chair.

**Maine South**

**Fifty-eight** Maine South High School students recently received national recognition for their performance on the 2009 National Spanish Examinations.

Earning gold awards were sophomores **Abigail Schnell, Tamara Bodnar** and **Andrew Deveau**; juniors **Aleksandra Augustynowicz** and **Nora Pace**; and senior **Brian Wagner**.

Earning silver awards were freshman **Emily Seklewicz**; sophomores **Geneva Toledano, Leon Toulon, Jocelyn Caro, Marie Schaedel, Petra Nelson** and **Cristian Tavarez**; juniors **Matthew Ammentorp, Dayana Sheytanova, Alexander Benson** and **Eryk Radziszewski**; and seniors **Elizabeth Clarke** and **Anna Marie Brodch**.

Earning bronze awards were fresh-

men **Monika Spalinski, Amanda Sek** and **Edgar Cancinos**; sophomores **Dylan Heck, Lisa Messe**, and **Monica Janeczek**; junior **Christina Landreth**; and senior **Patrick Mirski**.

Receiving honorable mention were freshmen **Amber Gillani, Thomas Kicmal, Nicole Johnson, Pete Tsilipetros, Madalina Ciocan, Patrick Aloisio, Nicole Shammo, James Frankos, Elizabeth Bolin** and **Meghan Farrell**; sophomores **Thomas Olson, Josue Rivas, Martin Sullivan, Matthew Ahlbeck** and **Emmanuel Dinwiddie**; juniors **Stephanie Smith, Robert Bujak, Katelyn Elder, Matthew Hamielec, Connor Doherty, Jerry Shim, Thomas Bielawiec, Martin Marchela, Christopher Ng, Monica Leshy**, and **Megan McKittrick**; and seniors **Robert Porter, Emily Wechter, Nicole Moersch, Margaux DeChambre** and **Erin Klein**.

In addition, four students also received Chicago regional awards. They are **Petra Nelson, Pamela Rivera, Cristian Tavarez** and **Robert Porter**.

The award-winning students were taught by **Jose Arguello, Francisco Barbas, Chris Broska, Tina Butera, Roger Cabrera, Michelle Duski-Parada, Jason Dutmers, Susan Kramer**, and **Diana Wood**.

**Eight** German-language students from Maine South High School received national recognition for excellent performance on the 2009 Na-

tional German Examination sponsored by the American Association of Teachers of German.

The honored students include: **Joseph Anderson, Joyce Hanck, Elizabeth Hauer, Stephanie Kuning, Joanna Madej, Samantha Petkofski, Lydia Ramsey**, and **Eric Ryczek**. German teachers are **Rogelio Cabrera** and **Margaret Wolf**.

**Maine West**

From **Led Zep** to **Boston**, Maine West High School presents its annual Guitar Rock Concert at 7 p.m. May 21 in the Maine West Auditorium, free of charge.

The concert features all of the students in the Maine West Guitar Program (about 100 students), and includes a large range of different rock genres including music from Metallica, Black Sabbath, My Chemical Romance, Led Zeppelin, Boston, Coldplay and many other bands.

The Maine West Fine Arts Boosters will also be raffling off a guitar at the concert, according to **Frank Masi**, director of guitar studies.

Maine West is at 1755 S. Wolf Road, Des Plaines.

**RESURRECTION**

Resurrection High School junior **Christine Gawron** was honored for exemplary service with a President's Volunteer Service Award. The award, which recognizes Americans of all ages who have volunteered significant amounts of their time to serve their communities and their country,



**DAR SCHOLARS** The Twenty-first Star Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution recently announced the Outstanding American History Scholars, selected by faculty. They are (from left) Peter Srisuk from Maine East, Elizabeth Clarke from Maine South, Dev Patel from Niles North and Victoria Mronga from Maine West, with Nancy Canova of the Twenty-first Star Chapter Regent.

was presented by the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program on behalf of the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation.

Gawron has been an active volunteer at Gottlieb Memorial Hospital since 2006. She has performed countless hours of service during the summer months, waking at 5 a.m. at least twice a week in the summer to work a full day at Gottlieb as a volunteer running errands, visiting with patients, helping with

paperwork, filing and assisting with lab requests. She continues to volunteer Saturday mornings at Gottlieb Memorial Hospital during the school year.

At Resurrection High School, Gawron is an honor student, a National Honor Society member and tutor, a Student Ambassador, a member of the Science Club and the Drama Club. Christine is considering a career as a medical doctor.

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# Delighted Demons enjoy best spring in decades

By MIKE CAMERON  
Contributor

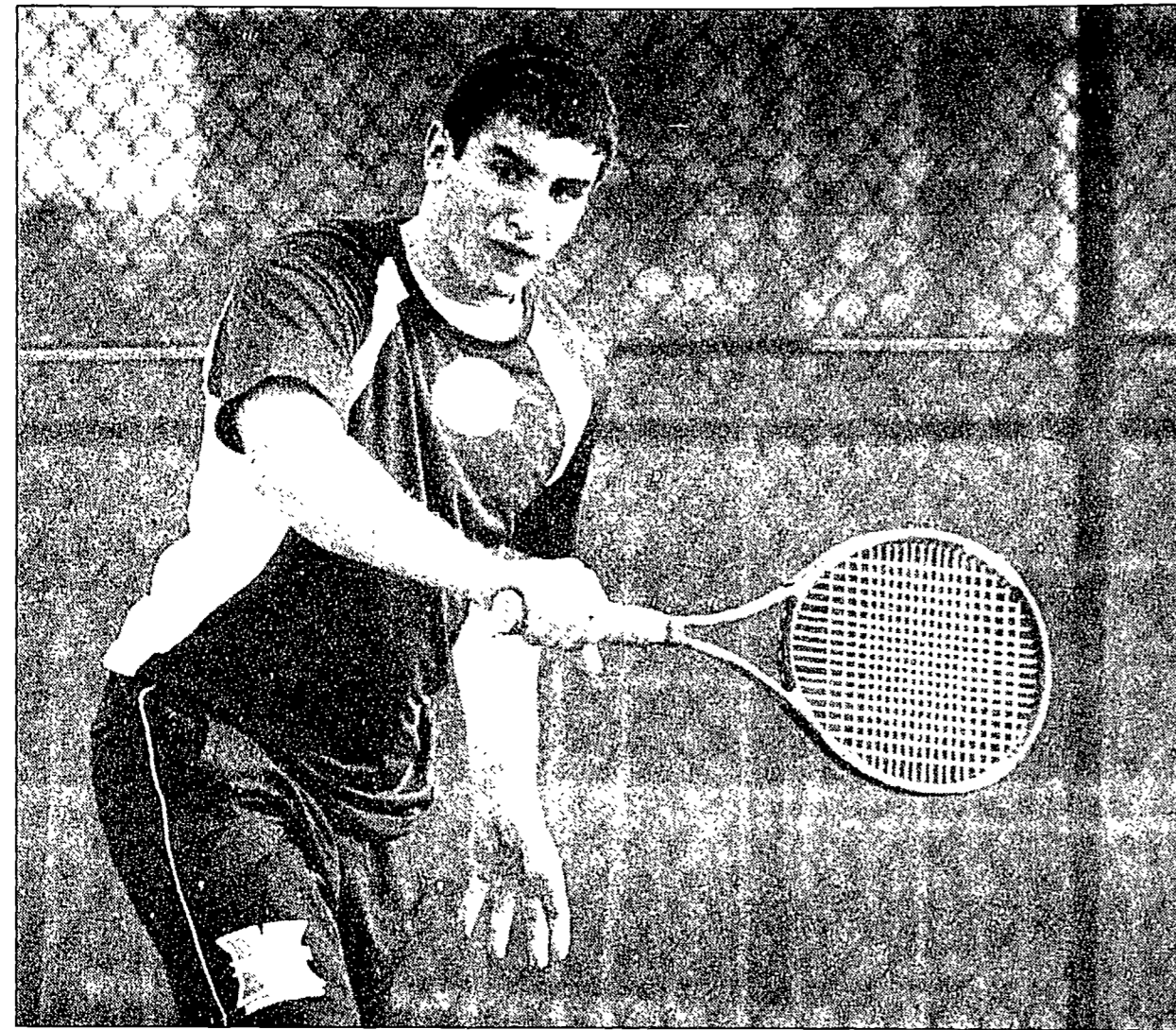
**TENNIS** - Winning has become a relentless habit for Maine East's boys tennis team, which reeled off 10 straight victories over the last three weeks to amass a 16-4 record, including 4-3 in the tough CSL North.

"This is probably our best record in 20 years. Our objective is to get better every year. We knew our singles players would be a strength. We weren't sure about doubles and our depth, but we've had a lot of kids improve and contribute," said fourth-year coach John Schwan.

The Blue Demons were severely shorthanded in Saturday's conference meet at Niles North and had to settle for fourth place. Junior Christian Manois (No. 2 singles) and senior Albert Cho (No. 1 doubles) both were home with the flu.

Junior Jeremy Umansky, who's thrived in his first season at No. 1 singles with a 16-4 mark, led East by notching third place. Umansky, all-conference in both tennis and football, is also a standout wrestler.

Jason Lee (18-5) moved up one slot to No. 2 singles and garnered fourth place. At No. 4 doubles, junior Braven Leung and senior Roi



Maine East's Jeremy Umansky took third place at last week's CSL North meet. The junior seeks a spot at State when he competes at the Niles North Sectional. (Buzz Orr/Staff Photographer)

Lucerna, who are 18-5, also finished fourth. Manois (17-4) is one of the most im-

proved Demons. Cho and sophomore Joseph Choi feature a 14-3

record in the top doubles spot. One of the most pleasant

surprises has been the No. 2 duo of junior Jongghon Shin and sophomore

Soo-hun Lee, who stand at 17-5. Juniors Zaeem Haroon and Andre Colorina, East's third pair, are a sparkling 12-3.

Versatile seniors Shivam Patel and Jason Pillai have filled in admirably. They helped East, which was missing three starters, defeat District 207 rival Maine South 4-3 April 24 to kick the Demon Express into high gear.

Schwan's squad wrapped up its regular season Tuesday against St. Patrick. East dominated Elmwood Park 4-1 on May 14 for its 10th consecutive dual triumph.

"We've made great strides, and I think that's because we play a lot and against tough competition," said Umansky, the third-year varsity mainstay and undisputed team leader. "My strengths are volleying, forehand, the mental part of the game and stamina. Coach has helped me a lot with the mental part and my backhand, which still needs to get better."

"My goal is to make State next year."

Umansky and company return to Niles North on Friday for the sectional that will include the stiff competition in the form of powerhouses New Trier and Loyola. Finalists and semifinalists advance to State.

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# Wing finishes second in conference at No. 2 singles

By DAN SHALIN  
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**TENNIS** - Notre Dame's Ronnie Wing is expected to take over as the team's No. 1 singles player next season. The sophomore has certainly left a fine legacy at No. 2 singles.

On Saturday, Wing finished second at No. 2 singles in the ESCC for second straight season.

Wing won three matches en route to the final. In the semifinal, he beat Benet's

JP Sullivan, avenging a regular-season defeat. Marist's Matt Bisbee defeated Wing in a hard-fought title match 6-4, 7-5.

"Ronnie played a good match against (Bisbee)," ND head coach Steve Jankowski said. "His best match was against (Sullivan) in the semis. He beat him in straight sets after losing to him earlier in the year. Ronnie kept his foot on the gas and took care of that guy."

Wing also earned seven

team points, as the Dons (45 points) finished fifth at the meet. At No. 3 doubles, ND juniors Jack Smith and Tom Crowley took third after defeating the strong Marian Catholic team of Josh Anderson and Jordan Miles (3-6, 7-5, 7-5) in an exciting third-place match.

Smith had been part of a doubles pairing that lost to Marian earlier in the season.

At No. 1 singles, David Hebda overcame a bit of an

unlucky draw to win the consolation bracket final and finish fifth for the Dons. Hebda was seed fourth, which meant his first match came against St. Viator junior Taylor Blaney. Blaney, one of the conference's best players, was not seeded as a result of missing much of the season with a long-term injury.

Blaney defeated Hebda 6-4, 6-1, but the senior bounced back to defeat St. Patrick's Joe Clemente (6-0, 6-0), Benet's Mitchell

Roemer (6-4, 6-3) and Carmel's Geoff Butler (7-5, 6-4).

"David was disappointed to go out without making the championship round as a senior," Jankowski said. "But he stepped up. A lot of players would have folded and thrown in the towel."

ND's No. 1 doubles team of junior Gino Recchia and sophomore Kyle Smith opened the tournament with a win over St. Joseph, before dropping matches

to Carmel and St. Patrick. The Dons No. 2 doubles duo of juniors John Mazukelli and Joe Kalkowski dropped their opening match to St. Viator, but did pick up a consolation-bracket win over St. Patrick.

ND will compete at this weekend's Niles North Sectional, which will begin at 2:30 p.m. Friday at Niles North and Niles West. Play will continue at 8 a.m. Saturday at Niles North. Comment: pioneerlocal.com

# Dons coach upbeat following Evanston tournament

By DAN SHALIN  
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**BOYS VOLLEYBALL** - Notre Dame boys went 2-3 at last week's Spring Fling Tournament in Evanston. But head coach Pat Cole was excited about how close his team came to running the table.

"Over the course of the weekend, we were eight points short of going undefeated," Cole said. "All in all,

the tournament was the best volleyball we've played all year. I think we have finally hit our stride, and we are looking forward to the state playoffs."

The Dons, who began the final week of the regular season with a 10-13, 3-5 record, were actually missing a few players at Evanston. But Cole praised senior Tommy Chester, senior Dominic Cantacessi and junior Kyle Zielinski for stepping up

when called upon.

The Dons opened up the tournament Friday with a 25-11, 26-28, 14-16 loss to conference rival St. Patrick. Peter Maniscalco led the squad with nine kills and Ryan Ernst had 24 assists. But Notre Dame made too many mistakes, including nine net errors in the second game.

Notre Dame rebounded with a 25-12, 25-10 win over Illinois Math & Science Academy. Maniscalco (4

aces, 5 kills, 4 blocks) and Dan Podkowa (6 blocks, 4 kills) were the stat leaders.

Notre Dame opened Saturday with a 22-25, 29-27, 11-15 loss to the host Wildkats. Maniscalco had 15 kills and Ryan Ernst added 28 assists. That match was followed by a 21-25, 25-18, 13-15 defeat to Loyola.

Despite the setback, Cole was pleased with his team's performance.

"Hands down, this was the

best match we played all season. We just came up a little short," he said.

Maniscalco (5 kills, 4 digs, 5 blocks), Roman Dzwynik (7 blocks) and Podkowa (5 kills, 9 blocks) were a few of the many stars for the Dons in that contest.

After the defeat, Notre Dame had to dial it back up for one final match. Maniscalco's 19 kills and five blocks helped to carry the team to a three-game victory over

Zion-Benton.

"It was hard for us to build our momentum back after such a long, hard match with Loyola," Cole said. "But the guys did step up and finished a great day of volleyball with a well-deserved win."

Prior to the tournament, Notre Dame posted a 17-25, 25-20, 25-21 win over Elk Grove on May 11, lost 21-25, 25-27 to Carmel on May 12 and dropped a 17-25, 20-25 decision May 14 to Benet.

## NOTRE DAME ROUNDUP

# Just in time: Baseball team wins pair in final inning

By DAN SHALIN  
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**BASEBALL** - Notre Dame went 3-1 last week, raising its record to 17-12, 9-7.

The Dons opened the week with an 8-7 win at Benet on May 11.

Phil Kerber started and

picked up his fourth victory. He also got the job done with the bat, going 4-for-4 with three RBI. Danny Fries knocked in the eventual game-winning run with a single in the top of the seventh.

After losing to Benet 14-1 May 14, the Dons bounced

back with a doubleheader sweep of St. Joseph on Saturday.

Matt Moser (5 innings, 1 run, 4 hits, 2 walks, 5 strikeouts) started and earned the victory in a 13-1 triumph in Game 1. ND's Mike Kane had a three-run homer in the contest and

finished with four RBI, while Joe Wietecha was 2-for-3 with two RBIs.

Joe Gajda pitched a complete game to earn the victory in the Dons 5-4 win over the Chargers in Saturday's nightcap. Gajda gave up four runs, 10 hits, three walks and struck out

12.

Dan Fries' two-run double was the big hit in ND's four-run second. The game was tied 4-4 in the bottom of the seventh, when the Dons loaded the bases. Billy Kerber walked to bring in the game-winning run.

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**LACROSSE** - The Dons only scheduled game last week, a May 14 contest against Fenwick, was postponed due to rain.

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MAINE EAST ROUNDUP

# Thrower headlines East

**BOYS TRACK**— Josh Myers, who recently signed a scholarship to play college football, highlighted Maine East's effort at last weekend's CSL North meet. The senior finished fourth in the shot put (47-9 1/2) and also placed seventh in the discus (120-01).

The Demons ended up last at the six-team event with 11 points. Niles North ran away with the title after scoring 206, 63 more than Deerfield.

Other top finishes for East included Nathan Cameau, who was sixth in the high jump (5-4) and eighth in the long jump (17-10 1/2).

Ryan Jang finished fifth in the triple jump (36-3 1/2), while Michael Sipusich took seventh in the 400-meter dash (55.20).

The Demons compete Friday at the Loyola Sectional.



Maine East's Nathan Cameau finished seventh in the triple jump at last weekend's CSL North meet. (Allen Kala/For STING)

**SEASON ENDS FOR BOTH SQUADS**

**WATER POLO**— Both East teams ended their seasons last week in the quarterfinals of the Fenwick Sectional.

The No. 6-seeded girls lost

to No. 3 Oak Park-River Forest 24-4 on May 13. Natalie Bialecka scored all four times.

The No. 5 boys suffered an 11-4 loss to No. 4 St. Patrick. Michael Mazur scored three times.

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**THIS WEEK SCHEDULES**

**TODAY**  
**Softball:** Maine South at Regina, 4:45 p.m.; Maine East at Morton, 4:30 p.m.  
**Girls Track:** State Meet at O'Brien Stadium in Charleston  
**Volleyball:** Glenbrook South at Maine South, 6 p.m.; Maine East at Glenbrook North, 6:30 p.m.  
**FRIDAY**  
**Baseball:** Evanston at Notre Dame, 7 p.m.; Ridgewood at Maine South, 4:30 p.m.  
**Soccer:** Evanston Regional final, 7 p.m.  
**Girls Track:** State Meet at O'Brien Stadium in Charleston  
**Boys Track:** Maine East, Maine South, Notre Dame at Loyola Sectional, 2 p.m.  
**SATURDAY**  
**Baseball:** Notre Dame at Hersey, TBA; St. Ignace at Maine South, 10 a.m.; Gordon Tech at Maine East, 10:30 a.m.  
**Soccer:** Niles North Regional final, 2 p.m.  
**Softball:** Palatine at Maine South, 10 a.m.  
**Girls Track:** State Meet at O'Brien Stadium in Charleston  
**Tennis:** Maine East, Maine South, Notre Dame at Niles North Sectional, TBA  
**Volleyball:** Maine South invite, 9 a.m.  
**MONDAY**  
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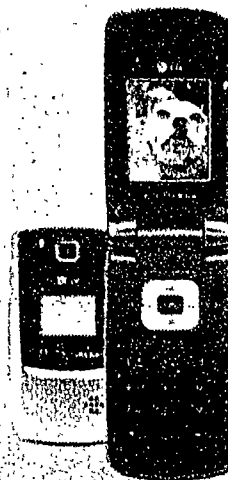
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