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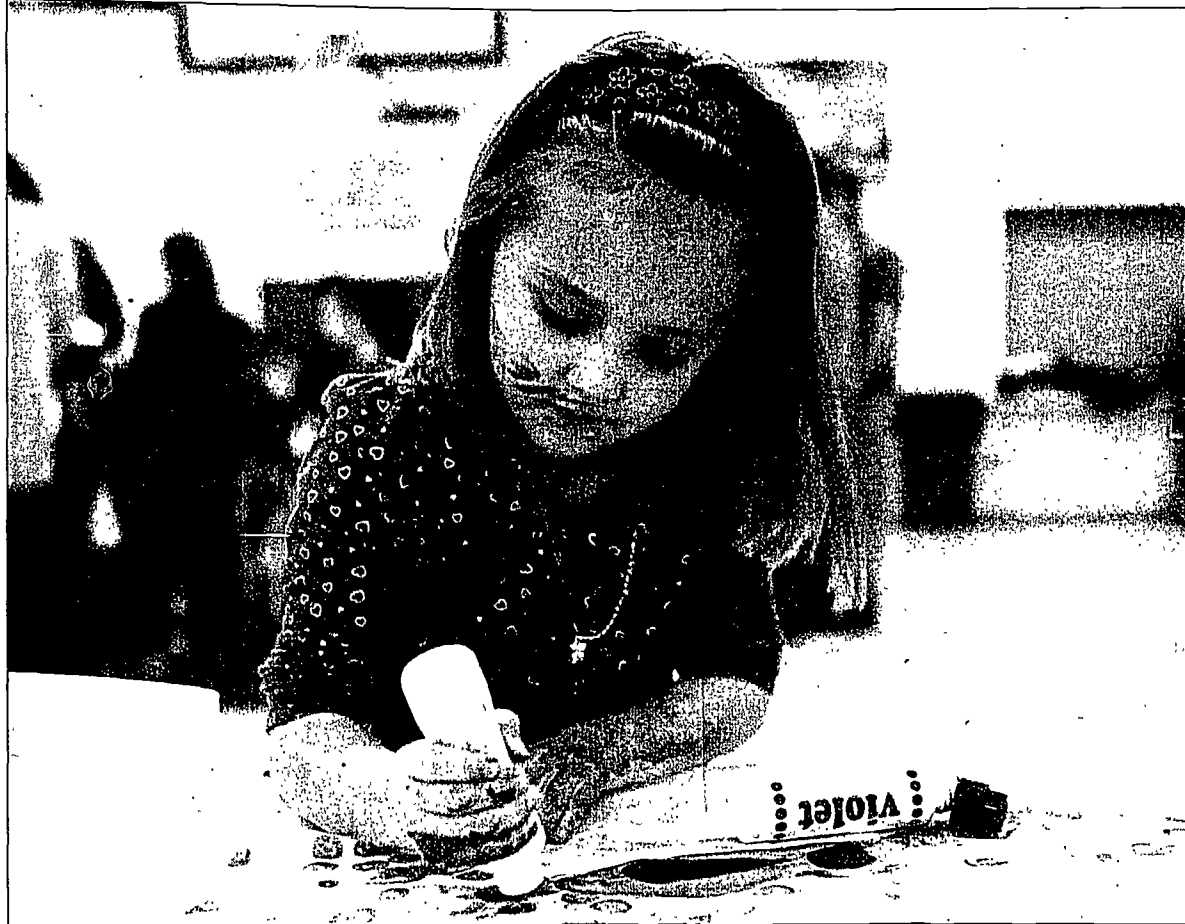
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Kindergarten student Jesse Koppe helps decorate the "Big E" mascot at the family art night Nov. 19 at Nelson School in Niles. PAGE 5. (Allison Williams/Staff Photographer)

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TOP FIVE STORIES

1. Prostitution bust nabs four

Four people were charged Nov. 12 in connection with a prostitution investigation at a Niles hotel according to police.

2. Niles motorist slams into tree, flips vehicle

An allegedly drunken motorist from Niles is in police custody at an Evanston hospital after reportedly stealing a station wagon and plowing into a tree so hard it uprooted and came to rest 12 feet away early Nov. 18 in Chicago, police said.

3. Niles driver who crashed into tree notches third arrest of month

Before his Nov. 18 arrest, a Niles man was arrested Nov. 1 in Niles and charged with criminal trespass after allegedly walking around naked in the 6700 block of Howard Avenue. He was also arrested for trespassing at 5224 S. Rutherford Ave. on Chicago's Southwest side at 10:35 p.m. Nov. 16.

4. Westchester man charged in murder of Niles man in Stone Park

A Westchester man has been charged with murdering a Niles man who was shot dead Nov. 4 in west suburban Stone Park.

5. Will Biase finally get sentence?

A new date has been set for the criminal sentencing of former Niles Mayor Nicholas Biase, who pleaded guilty to federal charges of tax evasion and mail fraud more than a year ago. Biase is scheduled to be sentenced Jan. 29 at the Dirksen Federal Building in Chicago. The former mayor first pleaded guilty to the charges Oct. 31, 2008, but has been given four continuances for his sentencing date.

Federal prosecutors have said the charges against Biase stem from a scheme to use to his influence as mayor to steer local businesses toward Wheeling insurance agency Ralph Weiner Associates. The agency paid Biase \$420,000 in kickbacks in exchange for the arrangement, which prosecutors have said lasted from 1997 to 2006.

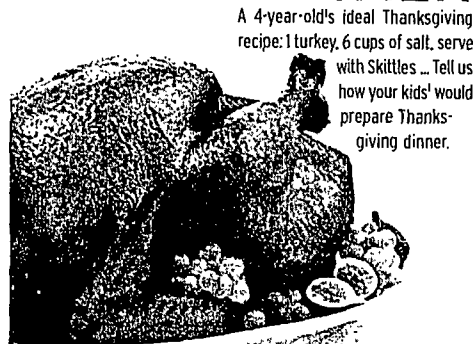
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TURKEY TALK



A 4-year-old's ideal Thanksgiving recipe: 1 turkey, 6 cups of sail, serve with Skittles ... Tell us how your kids' would prepare Thanksgiving dinner.



TURKEY TROTS

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Artists paint school red (and yellow, green, blue ...)

More than 200 people gathered Nov. 19 at Nelson School, 8901 Ozanam Ave., Niles, for Family Art Night.

Parents and students spent the evening from 6:30-8 p.m. making artistic creations together in the Nelson School gymnasium.

The event was billed as a fun-filled evening during which participants could explore different art techniques and learn something new, together.

Children were required to be accompanied by an adult family member.
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Students dip their brushes in paint before splattering it onto a canvas in the action-painting section of Family Art Night on Nov. 19 at Nelson School in Niles. (Allison Williams/Staff Photographer)



Students reach for balloons covered in paint to roll onto paper in the balloon-painting section of Family Art Night at Nelson School in Niles.



Students write their definitions of art on a piece of paper at Family Art Night on Nov. 19 at Nelson School in Niles.

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NILES POLICE DEPARTMENT

Officers honored for service

By TONY BERTUCA
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On Nov. 16 the Niles Police Department held its second annual awards luncheon at Lone Tree Manor to honor officers and citizens who had performed meritorious service.

The honorees included: ■ Michael and Sandra Bartley and Michael Colbert, who received the Chief's Citizen's Award, and police officers Michael Oracion and Rodney Whiteman, who were awarded the Chief's Award of Valor for their actions in helping rescue a trapped Niles officer from his burning squad car after it was struck by a drunk driver Feb. 7 at Milwaukee Avenue and Howard Street. The officer, David Pekosh has recovered from his injuries and is back at work.

■ Division Cmdr. Dennis McEnerney, who received the department's Distinguished Duty Declaration for his actions March 14, which directly led to identifying a bank robber and then helped clear 10 bank robberies in Illinois and Missouri, and likely helped prevent a bank robbery occurring in Niles.

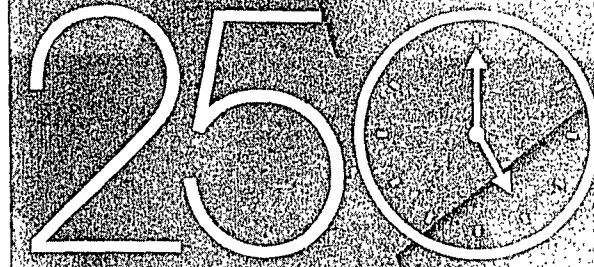


Michael Colbert, of Chicago, talks with officer David Pekosh during the Niles Police Department awards luncheon at Lone Tree Manor. Colbert was recognized at the lunch for assisting Pekosh in February. (Brian O'Mahoney/Staff Photographer)

■ Cmdr. Kenneth Sall, who received the department's Distinguished Duty Declaration for defusing a situation in which a man barricaded himself in a closet.

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State Sources	1,085,649	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Federal Sources	2,157,893	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Direct Receipts/Revenues	12,357,095	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Direct Disbursements/Expenditures	12,323,244	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Sources/Uses of Funds	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Beginning Fund Balances - July 1, 2008	2,355,047	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Changes in Fund Balances	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ending Fund Balances June 30, 2009	2,389,698	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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42 scoops? No match for 18 hungry kids

By IRV LEAVITT
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Most of us have had the experience of watching our children stare at us like we're mentally unfit for asking them to do something as outlandish as cleaning their own rooms or brushing their own teeth.

But say the words "ice cream," and they suddenly regard us as if we're the biggest geniuses at Fermilab. So one telephone call easily brought 18 local kids to The Cooling Station in Highwood, to eat The Avalanche, a \$59.99, 42-scoop candy-and-syrup-festooned ice cream monstrosity, so we wouldn't have to.

I learned that day that ice cream can be serious business to the short people.

As they gathered in the front of the store that afternoon, I asked — unnecessarily trying to drum up enthusiasm — "Do you know what you're here for?"

Total silence. It was an uncomfortable silence, reflecting ineipient kiddie anger.

I looked in at least a dozen pairs of eyes and saw the same accusation in each.

You rat, the eyes said. You better not say you have tricked us.

But little Nora Blount, 5, stepped Spartacus-like out of the crowd and pronounced, beaming, "We're gonna eat ice cream!"

Of course you are, darling, and so are all your little buddies, so kindly unclench those tiny fists of fury.

The object of the exercise was carefully borne from The Cooling Station freezer by its creator, Lito Ampon. The Avalanche is an unusu-

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What and where

WHAT: The Avalanche
HOW MUCH: \$59.99
HOW MUCH GOOD STUFF: 42 scoops of ice cream plus toppings
HOW TO GET IT FREE: Eat it solo in 30 minutes
WHERE: The Cooling Station, 315 Waukegan Ave., Highwood
WHEN: No walk-ins through winter; available only at pre-arranged parties until March 15

ally difficult-to-handle example of oversize ice cream art because of its verticality.

Ampon said he found out early on that the only way to stack ice cream spheres upon each other to a height of 15 inches without causing a true avalanche is to freeze them hard for an hour or so after every few layers.

And he doesn't add toppings like M&M's and Gummi Bears until later, because they don't respond well to

to

pack the stuff on, adding crumbled Oreos and cake cones and other sweet erunely stuff between strata.

When he was finished with construction, the kids followed him, like snakes stalking St. Patrick, to a table, where he poured chocolate syrup, rainbow sprinkles, chocolate jimmies, Gummi Bears, M&M's, crumbled sugar cones, whipped cream and chocolate chips all over his little mountain.

The base of the Lazy Susan was covered thickly with all those goodies tumbling off the ice cream.

Looks more like a volcano than an avalanche, I told him.

Avalanche sounds better, he said.

The Avalanche was born about five years ago when a couple of Glenbrook North High School alumni wanted something big for a homecoming party. Before long, Anpon announced that anybody who could eat an Avalanche solo in a half hour could have it free.

No one has. "The guy who got farthest got toward the last layer and gave out in 25 minutes," Ampon said. "Oh yeah, he still had to pay."

Perhaps the fastest finishers were a couple of guys who killed it in 9 minutes, he said.

Our I, too, had joined the kids for a cup of ice cream, scooped from a dozen or so flavors made by Wilhette's Homer's and Wisconsin's Cedar Crest. I couldn't tell you on a bet which flavors I ate, but I learned something the kids knew all along:

The more stuff you put on ice cream, the better it is.

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Clark Tibbens, 7, and Sam Falberg, 9, watch Frankie Pecaro, 7 (center) catch some whipped cream falling off The Avalanche. (Joel Lerner/Staff Photographer)

Highwood and Highland Park kids were loaded for Gummi Bear before the word Go. But their monis wouldn't allow a full-frontal attack on the mountain by their kids — there's a lot of flu going around — so Ampon and his wife Holly scooped it into foam cups for them.

Things moved fast. Isabella Garfias, 5, got a brain freeze, said Ow, and kept going with hardly a beat missed.

As soon as they finished one cupful, they reached out for another, the words "More, more, more," rumbling lowly from all around the two banquet tables.

It was all over in 14 minutes. All that was left were three little spots on the tablecloths. Every little face was clean, though I didn't see a single kid use a napkin.

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The Avalanche's penultimate stage of construction: Chocolate jimmies and other solid decor go on, before the whipped cream and chocolate gravy. (Joel Lerner/Staff Photographer)

Give thanks for these crafts



BETH ENGELMAN

MOMMY on a SHOESTRING

Story Bracelets



Beth Engelman creates Thanksgiving story bead bracelets using different colored beads. (Ruthie Hauge/Staff Photographer)

bracelets according to the story of Thanksgiving.

- String 1 bead (any color) to represent the Pilgrims leaving England.
- String 1 white bead to represent the white sails on the Mayflower.
- String 3 blue beads to represent the long trip over the ocean.
- Add 1 green bead to show when the Pilgrims saw land.
- The Pilgrims' first winter was long and snowy, so add 3 white beads to represent winter.
- String 1 green bead for the arrival of spring.
- String 1 yellow bead to represent the warmth of the sun.
- Add one bead (any color) to represent the Native Americans who helped the Pilgrims.
- Add 4 beads to represent the food the Pilgrims and Native Americans enjoyed together on Thanksgiving which includes:
 - 1 red bead for cranberries.
 - 1 yellow bead for corn.
 - 1 brown bead for turkey.
 - 1 orange bead for pumpkin.

Once the beading is complete, twist the ends of the pipe cleaner together to make a bracelet.

Celebrate the spirit of Thanksgiving with these family friendly crafts and activities.

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Thankful Tree

Create a family heirloom with this charming craft idea.

You will need:

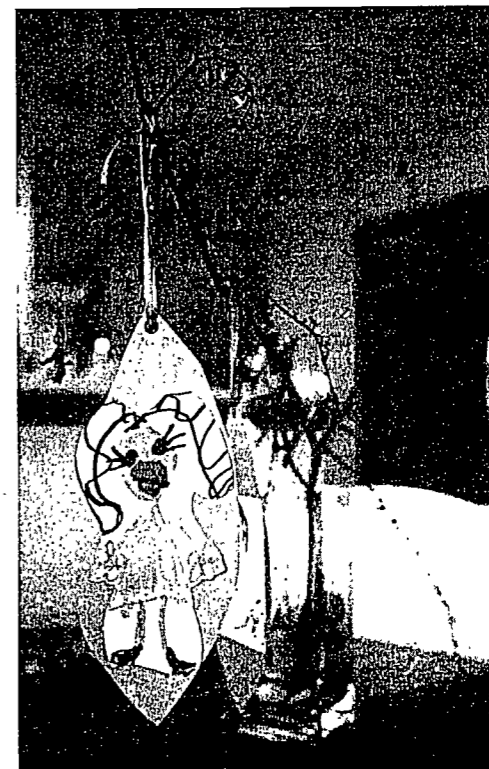
- Small tree branch (cleaned and dried)
- Vase
- Paper (cut into leaf shapes)
- Markers and/or crayons
- Hole-punch
- Ribbon

Place tree branch in vase. If necessary, use stones or acorns to anchor the branch in place.

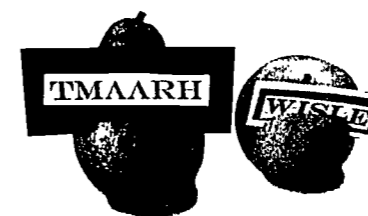
Ask each guest to write or draw one thing for which they are grateful. On the other side of the paper, have them draw a self-portrait and write their name and age.

Punch a hole at the top of each leaf and hang them on your "tree" with ribbon.

When the holiday is over, keep your leaves in a secure spot so you can hang them on your tree next year, being sure to add "new" leaves as well. In years to come your tree will be full of leaves as well as reminders of holidays past.



Engelman created this Thankful Tree with children who drew a self-portrait and wrote something they are thankful for onto a paper leaf. (Ruthie Hauge/Staff Photographer)



Unscramble Place Cards

If you or your children love puzzles, this clever DIY place card craft is for you.

You will need:

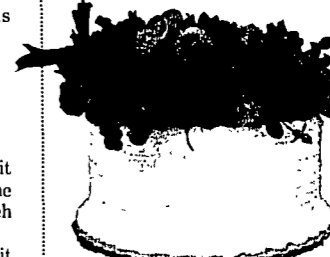
- Apples and/or pears
- Colored cardstock or index cards
- Markers
- Sharp knife

Make the name card holder by cutting a slit at the top of each piece of fruit. Make the name cards by writing the scrambled letters of each guest's name on a small piece of card stock.

Place the scrambled name cards in the fruit holders right before the guests come to the table to ensure the paper doesn't get too soggy. When your guests arrive at the table, ask them to unscramble each name to find their seat.

Flower Topped Cake

Wow your friends and family by turning an ordinary store-bought cake into a floral masterpiece. Visit our Website at www.pioneerlocal.com to see how Kathleen Meisinger has made opulent cake decorating easier and more affordable with her cake vase invention.



Engelman and Kathleen Meisinger decorated this store-bought cake using fresh flowers and the Cake Vase. (Ruthie Hauge/Staff Photographer)

Table play

If you are in search of an icebreaker, or need an activity the whole family can enjoy, try one of these Thanksgiving games that come courtesy of Mary Giles, executive editor of Disney FamilyFun magazine.

Chopstick Pass

This game keeps restless kids engaged and entertained between courses.

Object: To pass a set of items (almond, acorn, cranberry, and pea) around the table using chopsticks (or a small spoon) without dropping them.

You will need:

- Chopsticks or spoons
- Almond
- Acorn
- Cranberry
- Pea
- Small plate

Each player gets either a set of chopsticks or a small spoon (perfect for younger players). Place the almond, acorn, cranberry, and pea on a small plate. Place the plate next to the oldest player who will begin the game by passing each item to the person on his right, who will receive it with chopsticks and pass it along to the next player. The game continues until all the items have been passed around the table.

Turkey Egg Hunt

Object: Find the hidden turkey egg using the following clues:

"Gobble, gobble" = you're getting closer to the egg.

"Giblet, giblet" = you're moving away from the egg.

You will need:

- One hard-boiled egg
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Priest was longtime Niles resident

The Rev. Stanley John Gruelot, 89, retired priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago, died Nov. 12 at St. Andrew Life Center in Niles, where he was a resident.



The Rev. Stanley J. Gruelot

A native of Chicago, Gruelot was a graduate of St. Mary of Perpetual Help Elementary School, Quigley Preparatory Seminary North, and the University of St. Mary of the Lake/Mundelein Seminary. He was ordained on Feb. 24, 1945, by Bishop Bernard Shiel.

Gruelot's first assignment in 1945 was at St. Andrew in Calumet City, where he served as assistant pastor for seven years. From 1952 to 1959, he was assistant pastor at St. Camillus Parish on Chicago's Southwest Side. In 1959 he was named assistant pastor of St. Mary of Perpetual Help, the same parish where he received his grammar school education, and where he served for five years. From 1964 to 1970, Gruelot

was named assistant pastor of St. Mary Magdalene, on Chicago's South Side. He served for one year, 1970 to 1971, at St. Andrew the Apostle Parish in Calumet City, returning to the parish where he had begun his vocation.

Gruelot left the parish on a leave of absence and was eventually laicized in December 1972. On Jan. 9, 1982, Gruelot was reinstated in the priesthood. His first assignment after being reinstated was to St. Anastasia in Waukegan, where he served as associate pastor from 1982 to 1986. He

was then assigned as associate pastor to Holy Rosary Parish in North Chicago (now closed), where he served for five years from 1986 to 1990. In 1990, he was named chaplain at the St. Andrew Life Center, until his retirement from active ministry in 1991.

"He was a fighter, even when he got sick. He insisted on celebrating Mass until he was no longer able to," said Sr. Kathryn Wojcik, from the St. Andrew Life Center where Gruelot resided for nearly 20 years.

Three brothers, Thaddeus, Aloysius and John, survive Gruelot.

The wake was held Nov. 16 at St. Andrew Life Center. The Most Reverend Thad Jakubowski, retired Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago, was the main celebrant at a funeral Mass that was held Nov. 17. Burial was at Resurrection Cemetery in Justice. Three brothers, Thaddeus, Aloysius, and John, survive Gruelot.

Mulligan eyes committeeman, House seats

By JENNIFER JOHNSON
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State Representative Rosemary Mulligan is looking to retain her place in Springfield for another two-year term, but she is also looking to take on a new role as well.

In addition to filing petitions for a tenth term as state representative of the 65th district, Mulligan, of Des Plaines, is hoping Maine Township voters will elect her committeeman of the township's Regular Republican Organization during the Feb. 2 primary.

Mulligan, who is running unopposed for state representative but will face incumbent Mark Thompson in the Republican committeeman race, said she is hoping to improve the organization which she claims has "gone downhill" during Thompson's eight-year leadership.

"I'm just appalled at the lack of organizational skills at this point," Mulligan said. "Mark has had eight years to put something together, but there's nothing there."

Mulligan said the township has lost many precinct captains and active members while failing to support her in her candidacy against a tough democratic opponent in 2008. "I just don't find his style of leadership successful and there are a lot of people unhappy with him," Mulligan said.

Thompson, however, feels the organization has weathered "tough election cycles" where Democrats swept many state and national offices, and although it has lost members, new members have also joined, he said.

"We still have a good organization," Thompson, a Des Plaines resident, stated. "We are still able to do

things. We swept the township offices (in April), we have elected other Republican candidates and we're in a lot better shape than a lot of other organizations in the suburbs."

For several years, however, relations between Thompson and the predominantly Republican Maine Township Town Board have been strained, with Thompson putting up his own slate of candidates and running for township supervisor in 2005. During the last election, however, Thompson did give his support to the incumbents.

Thompson claims Mulligan is interested in the committeeman seat because she plans to retire before her term in the state house is up and, as committeeman, she would be able to appoint her successor. "This is what she's after — controlling who will succeed her," Thompson said. "I think it's pretty unfortunate she's taken that position near the end of her career."

Mulligan has denied this, saying it is actually Thompson who wants to appoint himself state representative.

"I'm not spending the time and the money to get reelected state representative and retire," Mulligan said, adding that when she does decide to leave office, it will be at the end of a term.

On the Democratic side, Laura Murphy, committeeman of the Regular Maine Township Democratic Organization, is running unopposed for re-election.

Thompson, meanwhile, is also hoping to unseat Cook County Commissioner Elizabeth Goody Gorman in the 17th district. He has filed petitions for the Republican primary.

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I. A public hearing to approve a proposed property tax levy for Golf School District No. 67 for 2009 will be held on December 3, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. at the Board of Education Meeting Room, 9401 Waukegan Road, Morton Grove, Illinois 60053. Any person desiring to appear at the public hearing and present testimony to the taxing district may contact Mrs. Lisa De La Fuente at (847) 966-8200.

II. The corporate and special purpose property taxes extended or abated for the year 2008 were \$6,509,483. The proposed corporate and special purpose property taxes to be levied for 2009 are \$7,160,431. This represents a 10% increase over the previous year.

III. The property taxes extended for debt service for 2008 were \$471,760. The estimated property taxes to be levied for debt service for 2009 are \$444,350. This represents a 5.8% decrease over the previous year.

IV. The total property taxes extended or abated for 2008 were \$6,981,243. The estimated total property taxes to be levied for 2009 are \$7,604,781. This represents an 8.9% increase over the previous year.

V. The taxing district has estimated its equalized assessed valuation to secure new growth revenue and must adhere to the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law (PTELL or "tax cap" law). PTELL limits the increase over the prior year in the property tax extension of the taxing district to the lesser of 5% or the percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) which is 0.1%.

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Niles driver notches his third arrest of month in tree crash

An allegedly drunken motorist from Niles is in police custody at an Evanston hospital after reportedly stealing a station wagon and plowing into a tree so hard it uprooted and came to rest 12 feet away early Nov. 18 in Chicago, police said.

The motorist was identified by Chicago Police as Steven Casey, 19, of the 7000 block of West Fargo Avenue in Niles.

Before early Wednesday's arrest, Casey was arrested Nov. 1 in Niles and charged with criminal trespass after allegedly walking around naked in the 6700 block of Howard Avenue. He was also arrested for trespassing at 5224 S. Rutherford Ave. on Chicago's Southwest side at 10:35 p.m. Nov. 16.

Casey was released from the Chicago Lawn District

police station on an individual recognizance bond at 5:40 a.m. Nov. 17.

In the Nov. 18 incident, officers were notified at 3:15 a.m. that a Subaru Legacy station wagon jumped a curb and crashed head-on into a tree at 5515 N. Francisco Ave., Lincoln District police Sgt. Patrick Barker said.

Police learned that before the wreck Casey allegedly stole the vehicle near North Roekwell and West Ainslie streets — about a mile south of where the wreck occurred.

"He uprooted one tree completely out of the ground and sent it 12 feet into the middle of the street," Barker said.

The vehicle flipped and was left lying on its side between the tree and a wrought iron fence he dented near someone's home,

Barker said. Casey was conscious and talking after the crash despite being extricated from the crumpled vehicle by firefighters using the "jaws of life," said the sergeant, who added the Subaru looked like a "piece of shop metal."

Casey, who was allegedly drunk and speeding, was taken to St. Francis Hospital in Evanston, where he is on a ventilator and has head injuries, said Barker, who added the man would be placed in custody at the hospital.

The vehicle's owner was at the accident, but it was not immediately known how Casey took the vehicle, which had no passengers, Barker said.

The police Major Accident Investigation Unit is investigating.

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MAINE TOWNSHIP

Residents allege profiling

By JENNIFER JOHNSON johnson@pioneerlocal.com

The gas station at Dee and Golf Roads is just blocks from Betty Cruz's home, but the unincorporated Maine Township resident has grown wary of purchasing gas there — at least, when Cook County Sheriff's police officers are present.

Cruz, who appeared at the Nov. 4 meeting of the Maine Township Neighborhood Watch, alleges that police are profiling Hispanic residents who use the gas station by following their vehicles once they leave and conducting traffic stops shortly after.

Nine other residents, including Cruz's husband and teenage son, also attended the meeting, saying they, too, have been unfairly targeted by Sheriff's police.

"We get stopped just by the way we look," Cruz said,

adding that she has been pulled over three times after leaving the gas station.

During one stop, Cruz said the officer told her she had a rear light that was burned out, but when Cruz asked to see it, the officer said "never mind," and she was not ticketed. Cruz insists the light was not burned out.

Another time, Cruz says she was issued a ticket for hanging a Rosary from her rear-view mirror. Another resident said her husband also received a ticket from Cook County Sheriff's Police for the same reason, and a man said he, too, was ticketed for having an object hanging from his mirror.

While she agrees that drivers should be stopped for serious offenses like suspected drunken driving, Cruz feels police are unfairly ticketing Hispanic drivers for minor offenses and

targeting them for traffic stops because of their race. She also objected to drivers having their vehicles towed if they do not have a drivers license.

Cook County Sheriff's Police Commander Tony Brzezniak, who attends the monthly Neighborhood Watch meetings at Maine Town Hall in Park Ridge, said he would investigate Cruz's complaints.

Brzezniak also defended his police officers, saying they follow a state law that requires them to have probable cause before conducting a traffic stop. An obstructed windshield or license plate, or a burned out headlamp or taillight are legitimate reasons for a traffic stop, he said.

"If the law's on the books and that's what you're getting a ticket for, that's not profiling. It's probable cause to stop," Brzezniak said.

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The following incidents were listed in the official reports of the Niles Police Department. Readers are reminded that an arrest by police does not constitute a finding of guilt. Only a court of law can make that determination.

BATTERY

Ahmad Najeeb, 21, of 8831 Grand St., Niles, was charged with battery and

criminal damage to property Nov. 16 on the 7900 block of North Milwaukee Avenue. He was released on \$1,000 bond and is due in court Dec. 21.

DUI

Joel Steinbreacher, 39, of 3321 W. Catalpa Ave., Chicago, was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol Friday on the 6800

block of North Caldwell Avenue. He was released on \$1,000 bond and is due in court Dec. 10.

Mike Yen, 37, of 6350 Skokie Blvd., Skokie, was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol Friday on the 6900 block of West Dempster Street. He was released on \$1,000 bond and is due in court Dec. 21.

POLICE BLOTTER

Chong Jong, 47, of 7533 Kostner Ave., Skokie, was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol Nov. 19 on the 6900 block of West Oakton Street. He was released on \$1,000 bond and is due in court Dec. 21.

THEFT

Adan Hernandez-Meza, 34, of 1636 S. 5th Court, Ci-

cero, was charged with theft Nov. 19 after allegedly stealing \$425 of merchandise from a store on the 5600 block of Old Orchard Road. He was held on \$50,000 bond and is due in court Dec. 21.

Stephany Powell, of 1655 Felton Road, Aurora, was charged with theft Nov. 17 after allegedly stealing \$352

of merchandise from a store on the 900 block of Civic Center Drive. She was released on \$1,000 bond and is due in court Dec. 21.

A fire-hose connection valued at \$500 was stolen Nov. 18 from a business on the 7500 block of North Oak Park Avenue.

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et with a knife Oct. 1, 2008. The subject surrendered without incident.

Officer's Gene Krause and Vince Lombardo, who received the department's Distinguished Duty Declaration for responding to a 911 call on Oct. 3, during which they found a man down and not breathing. They immediately started CPR and continued until paramedics arrived. Medical personnel said the off-

icers saved the man's life.

Detectives Sgts. John Huinker and Joseph O'Sullivan, along with Detectives George Alexopoulos, Nicholas Beyer, Thomas Fraggasi, Jerry Merendo and Nicholas Zakula, who were awarded Department Commendations for their work in solving the February 2007 murder of a 28-year-old Niles man during a home invasion.

Detective Nicholas Beyer, who was awarded three Department Commendations for clearing cases including a Septem-

ber 2008 armed robbery, a May 2009 robbery and multiple thefts and burglaries at a health club in Niles between 2006 and 2008, recovering nearly \$33,000 in property.

Detective Thomas Fraggasi, who was awarded two additional Department Commendations for clearing a May 2009 robbery and a 2007 case, which led to the arrest and prosecution of a subject for felony theft and home-repair fraud in which an elderly Niles couple were the victims.

Detective Nicholas Za-

kula, who was awarded two Department Commendations for clearing a May 2009 robbery and a 2006 burglary of a jewelry salesperson in which \$200,000 worth of jewelry was taken. An offender was identified and charged.

Sgt. Michael Boba and officers Roy Balsamo and MariJo Zawilla, who were awarded Department Commendations for their efforts in arresting a Niles resident growing marijuana plants at his residence.

Officers Pater Daoud and Danielle Helma, who

were awarded Department Commendations for apprehending a purse thief while off-duty in another town. The arrest helped clear multiple purse-theft cases in two other jurisdictions.

Community Service Officer Kamil Wozny, who was awarded a Department Commendation for his efforts Dec. 27 when, during a parking-lot motor-vehicle accident, he recognized that one of the people involved needed psychological help and called for assistance and may have prevented a suicide from occurring.

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NILES NORTH

Students create, donate portraits of Ugandan orphans

By JENNA HASKITT
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Niles North art students recently gave something personal and unique to orphans in far-off Uganda — portraits of the orphans themselves to have.

The students' portraits, created by about 20 North students from photographs of the orphans, were done for the Memory Project, a high school and college art initiative that North has participated in for the past four years.

"The purpose of it is to give an orphan who basically has no belongings or a record of their history something special for them. They're poor, deprived, a lot of them are sick and a lot of them go through a lot of trauma," said Lori Real, a Niles North fine arts instructor.

In past years, Niles North art students have created portraits for orphans in Nicaragua, Haiti and Burma.

"I usually have the students do research on the country and what we do is break it down where somebody will research the education, the conditions for children, the conditions for women, education level, the climate and what I hope is that being in a suburban school where they're in a good school, they have parents that care, that they get in touch with how fortunate they are," Real said.

The students rendered the portraits in colored pencil, paint, watercolor, acrylic or mixed media.

The Memory Project was created by Madison, Wis., resident Ben Schumaker in 2004, who traveled as a volunteer in Guatemala and discovered people who were orphans didn't have personal belongings from their youth.

"He was traveling around to these orphanages and found out that they don't have any images of themselves — so it's to brighten their lives and give them something tangible that's only theirs that they get to keep. It's just to make them feel important and make them feel probably seen and to show people care," said Real. Schumaker takes photos of the orphans and sends them to high schools and colleges for art students to create portraits that will be given to the children.

For more information about the Memory Project visit www.thememoryproject.org.

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Niles North art student Jonathan Leithold-Pratt created this portrait of a Ugandan orphan for North's contribution to the Memory Project. (Photos courtesy of Lori Real)

GUERIN

Guerin College Preparatory High School, River Grove, has named 323 students to the honor roll for the first quarter of the 2009-10 school year.

First Honors

Norridge: Sarah Dee, Karolina Cieslak, Agnes Galej, Rebecca Hufnus and Patricia Radon.

Chicago 60630: Christie Antipas, Ellen Benson, Adam Fawell, Sylvia Goez, Michelle Karaskiewicz, Margaret Obacz, Andrew Rangel, Natalie Shaver, Oliver Sitkowski, Elizabeth Szmkowski, Elaina Vargas and Daniel Wente.

60631: Andrea Bielicki and Dana DeRaimo.

SCHOOLS DIGEST

60634: Kaitlyn Adrian, Katin Aiello, Matthew Babilseh, Jaekelene Bartnicki, Jordyn Black, Anisa Bravo, Jillian Burns, Victoria Davila, Yadira Diaz, Caitlin Flanagan, Adriana Flores, Victoria Giannini, Therese Golemo, Natalie Gwizdz, Amanda Holden, Stefan Izkovits, Christina Karahalios, Mary Kasza, Dennis Kelly, Paula Kopeck, Anna Kross, Kevin Kross, Klaudia Kupinska, Geena Lardino, Filip Latocha, Jessica Lisak, Amara Loconti, John Mariane Gianna Marzec, Kristine Melnerney, Rebecca McManamon, Melanie Niepsuj, Alexandra Paul, Samantha Pucei, Derek Rogoz, Megan Romberg, Abigail Sawal,

Nicole Shouse, Marco Silva, Nicholas Siman, Christina Steffy, Jaelyn Story, Michael Strnad, Kelly Tansor, Alina Thomas, Lauren Tisza, Crystal Vargas, Danielle Wade, Camila Waksanski, Danielle Walczak, Dominica Walczak, Marcie Wiklanski, and Dominika Wroblewska.

60639: Natalie Carraseo, Jeanette Fonseca, Will Torres and Mayra Zamorano.

60641: Jessica Arroyo, Gypsy-Lee Bilenda, Melissa Cyrwus, Iwona Lazarz, Diana Lukasik, Diana Meo, Monica Puciaty, Natalia Skrzyziar, Karina Villanueva, Paulina Wojtach and Martha Zinkiewicz.

60656: Panagiotis Alexopoulos, Jonathan Cabai,

Marie DiGiacomo, Eryn Fallon, Andrew Hayes, Ryan Kirtz, Mark Martin, James Nasiri, Frances Placia, and Prisco Sinfucio.

Second Honors
Norridge: Vnda Becker, Samantha Duda and Anthony Huspen

60630: Benny Barrios, Rebecca Benavides, Frank Benitez, Danielle Giegoldt, Giovanni Palomino, Dan Joseph San Buenaventura and Rachael Santos.

60631: Elizabeth Bielick.

60634: Sara Altman, Natalia Ciecinski, Caitlin Crawford, Kyle Doherty, Patricia Doyle, Brad Erlenbach, Jeremy Falagario, Robert Fitzgerald, Alyssa Giovenoc, Anna Gurgul, Mark Henmueller, Matthew

Henmueller, Desiree Irizarry, Brittany Jurasz, Vincent Kuchler, Jessica Kallin, Kyle Klasek, Natalia Koziol, Natalie Kulach, Benjamin Leavy, Steven Legacki, Savorio Loconti, Kevin Masius, Gioia Marzullo, Angeline Motzny, Michael Nee, Anthony Norman, Gianna Parlich, Grace Pflaumer, Daniela Rodriguez, Kiara Rosado, Peter Sampson, Alecia Stevens, Melanie Thurman, Gabriella Valdez, Rebecca Vargas Alan Velasquez, Emilia Wasasik, Judith Wrobel and Cara Yacobucci.

60639: Alexia Brown, Iliana Carcanoquez, Justine Fonseca, Sara Fonseca, Natalie Lezama, Rudy Melgar,

Janalee Monroig and Rhannon Taylor.

60641: Alex Carrizales, Jack Cieciera, Emmanuel Perez, Elizabeth Pini, Ashley Sanchez and Charles Thomas

60656: Gianna Annunzio, Peter Kozela and William Piper.

Honorable Mention
Norridge: Michael Briglio, Stephanie Rizos and David Ziuzia.

60630: Alekline Aguilos, Joshua Ortega and Jesenia Roman; **60631:** Kevin Rice; **60634:** Patricia Biernacki, Brandon Bieharz, Mackenzie Clark, Suzanna Deneen, Nicole Firench, Dan Gopolo, Eric Giovenoc, Danielle

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Golab, Radek Goldowski, Marisa Goto, Weronika Hajdo, Courtney Jurasz, Noelle Jurek, Kristen Kelly, Elizabeth Klostermann, Robert Kostencki, Nicole Kulach, Gina Maggio, Ariana Marcucci, Sergio Medina, Michael Mroczek, Nicholas Penaherrera, Ok-sana Petty, Amanda Rice, Jasmine Rodriguez, Mateusz Seehura, Bianca Sikaffy, Daniel Soliz, Rebecka Tojin, Brandon Viera, Arthur Wawrzyszczek and Joseph Wilson.

60639: Mary Jo Caballero, Jim Jawicki, Adrian Jozefik, Adriana Rodriguez and Jocelyn Zavala; **60641:** Elizabeth Andrews, Renee Cardenas, China Carrasquillo, Jerrell Danner III, Samantha DeLa-O, Deyanira Gareia, Ot-perez and Jaime Santana; **60646:** Christine Wenzl; **60656:** Anthony Afrunti, Melissa DiGiacomo, Hersi Kotori, Vito Manzella and Thomas McIntyre.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Immaculate Conception School will host an Open House from 7-9 p.m. Dec. 10. Alumni, school families, friends and perspective families are welcome to attend. In addition to learning about the school's accomplishments and programs, guests will have the opportunity to meet its dedicated faculty and staff.

The school offers whole and part-time preschool and kindergarten classes, Spanish language instruction, departmental classes for fourth to eighth grades, technology, physical education, music, a library and art. A wide variety of after-school programs including: sports, journalism, art, science, band, string instruments, drama, chess, Tae-Kwon-Do, student council, cooking, Junior National Honor Society, and dance are also offered. Extended day care services are also available for enrolled students.

In 2007, the school was named a National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence.

Immaculate Conception is located at 7263 W. Talcott Ave. in Chicago. For more information, call (773) 775-0545.

NORTHBRIDGE PREP

Northridge Prep performed well at the first High School Illinois Math League Contest held Oct. 20. While several schools tied for the first four places, Northridge finished fifth out of the 79 all-division high schools who participated in the contest.

The top scorer with a perfect score of 6 was Jimmy Snitzer. Other top scorers with a score of 5 include Matthew Badyna, Larry Billelo, John Birmingham, Wonjik Chun, John Romano, John Sander, Ben Sturgeon, Mark Williams, and Kang Yeol Youn.

NOTRE DAME HIGH SCHOOL

The New Notre Dame High School for Girls, 3115 N. Mason Ave., will hold an Open House on Dec. 9. It will run from 6-8:30 p.m., with the last tour taking place at 8 p.m., and is open

to all seventh- and eighth-grade students and their parents.

Contact Julie Raino, president of Development, at (773) 622-1541 for more information or to reserve a spot. Reservations not required.

Five Notre Dame High School seniors, all Chicago residents, have been awarded large scholarships to the colleges of their choice:

Maria Cueva - Awarded the Presidential Scholarship at Aurora University for \$38,000 over four

years; also awarded the Fitzpatrick Scholarship at Lewis University for \$40,000 over 4 years.

Victoria Salas - Awarded the Dean's Scholarship at Elmhurst College for \$60,000 over 4 years.

Carolina Gutierrez - Awarded \$38,000 over 4 years in Academic Scholarships to Aurora University.

Irma Torres - Awarded \$44,000 over 4 years in Academic Scholarships to Concordia University.

Concordia University.

The National Honor Society is a nationwide organization established in 1921 to recognize outstanding high school students who have demonstrated excellence in the areas of leadership, service, and character. The 2009 Notre Dame High School National Honor Society members are: **Jesenia Arce, Heidi Billingham, Taina Cajigas, Jennifer Casper, Melissa Corado, Maria Cueva, Carolina Gutierrez, Katherine Gutierrez, Yuliya Raiko, An-**

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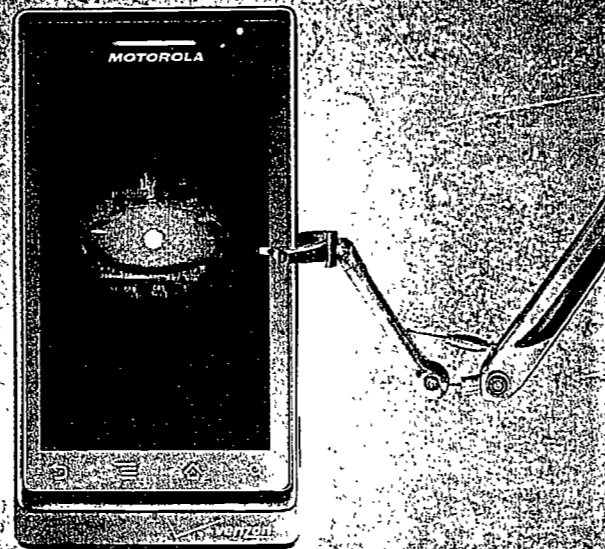
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4 For Your Consideration

A quartet of activities for
the coming week



Photograph by Rich Fisher

1. An opening reception for "The Magic of Art, the Discipline of Science, and the Love of Nature," photographs by Rich Fisher, will be held from 5-7 p.m. Dec. 2 at Lincolnwood Village Hall, 6900 N. Lincoln Ave., Lincolnwood. The exhibit will be on display through Dec. 31.

2. "Celebrate the Season," a holiday cabaret, will be presented by Shoestring Productions at 7 p.m. Sundays and 7:30 p.m. Mondays, Nov. 29-Dec. 28, at Stage One, 620 Lee St., downtown Des Plaines. \$10. Call (847) 657-7688 or visit www.shoestringproductions.org.

3. Cirque le Masque presents "Carnivale," a European-style circus, at 5 and 8 p.m. Nov. 28 and 3 p.m. Nov. 29 at Centre East in the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie. \$35. Call (847) 673-6300 or visit www.centreeast.org.

4. Holocaust survivor Rita Lurie and her daughter, Leslie Gilbert-Lurie, will discuss their new book, *Bending Toward the Sun: A Mother and Daughter Memoir*, at 7 p.m. Dec. 3 at the Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center, 9603 Woods Drive, Skokie. A dessert reception and book signing follows. \$30 for museum members; \$35 nonmembers. Reservations required; call (847) 967-4505.

The holidays 'pop' in Park Ridge

'Holiday Pops' by the Park Ridge Civic Orchestra and the Park Ridge Civic Orchestra Chorus at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 2 at the Pickwick Theatre, 5 S. Prospect, Park Ridge. \$20-\$25. (847) 692-PRCO or (847) 823-8861 or visit www.parkridgecivicorchestra.org.

By **DOROTHY ANDRIES**
Contributor

Park Ridge celebrates Christmas in a big way, with two live classical musical programs set for December at the Pickwick Theatre, the city's 1,450 seat Art Deco movie palace.

The Park Ridge Civic Orchestra will present its annual Holiday Pops program at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 2 at the Pickwick Theatre. Conductor will be Victor Muenzer, principal trumpet and assistant conductor of the orchestra. The program features the 40-voice Park Ridge Civic Orchestra's Chorus, which is directed by John Goodwin. The chorus has performed numerous works with the orchestra, including Beethoven's Ninth Symphony, "Carmina Burana" and the Brahms "Requiem."

The concert opens with the overture to Offenbach's "La Belle Helene," but after that the music takes on a decidedly Christmas spirit. The orchestra and chorus will present the "Carol Symphony," a suite of four choral preludes based on such favorites as "The First Noel." Written in 1927, it is the best known work of Victor Hely-Hutchinson, a South African-born British composer, who was also a conductor and BBC administrator.

As in the past, the evening will include a holiday sing-along. The concert ends with the very



Choral director John Goodwin

"I heard the 'Carol Symphony' on WFMT and liked it," said Edgar Muenzer, founder and artistic director of the orchestra, who was a member of the violin section of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra for 47 years. "I got the music from England this year. We have never played it and I wonder if it has ever been played in this area."

Singer Cheryl Wilson, a violinist in the orchestra, will present her own arrangements of four seasonal songs, including "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas" by Hugh Martin from the 1944 movie "Meet Me in St. Louis," and a salsa version of "We Need a Little Christmas," by Jerry Herman from the 1966 Broadway musical "Mame."

As in the past, the evening will include a holiday sing-along. The concert ends with the very



Soprano soloist Cheryl Wilson

popular "Armed Forces Salute."

"Audience members who have served in the military tell me they look forward to standing up every year when their service song is played," Muenzer said. "We didn't play it one year and I heard about it right away. It has become a favorite."

On their toes

The Ballet Chicago Studio Company will return to the Pickwick for the fourth year at 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 12 to present one performance of the beloved holiday ballet "The Nutcracker." The Tchaikovsky score will be played by the Park Ridge Civic Orchestra.

Choreography is by Daniel Duell, artistic director of Ballet Chicago, and the production will be directed by Patricia Blair, both of whom are dedicated to the legacy of the great choreographer

George Balanchine. "We teach the Balanchine technique in our school," Blair said, "and we are licensed to perform Balanchine ballets."

At holiday time, however, the nearly 70 dancers at the Pickwick will follow the flowing choreography of Duell. "Except," Blair said, a smile in her voice, "for the pas de deux, which is done by guest artists following Balanchine's choreography."

That pas de deux is famous for its athleticism and its downright daring moves. For example, as the music accelerates, the female dancer comes running up from behind her male partner and leaps onto his shoulder. Then she runs back and does it all over again.

Guest artists will be Hamilton Nieh, a member of the Luna Negra Dance Company and River North Dance Company and in companies from the Pacific Northwest to Houston, Nashville and the East Coast.

They will partner ballerinas who are advanced members of the Ballet Chicago Studio Company.

Established in 1995, Ballet Chicago now teaches nearly 200 students and 40 of their former students are members of professional ballet companies, including Balanchine's own New York City Ballet, Miami City Ballet, founded by Balanchine dancer Edward Villella, and the Suzanne Farrell Ballet in Washington, D. C., founded by one of the choreographer's muses. Alums also dance in Chicago-based Luna Negra Dance Company and River North Dance Company and in companies from the Pacific Northwest to Houston, Nashville and the East Coast.

"We love dancing at the Pickwick," Blair concluded, "it's a real jewel box of a theater."

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"Holidays a Cappella" will be presented by Chicago a cappella at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 13 in the Nichols Concert Hall at the Music Institute of Chicago, 1490 Chicago Ave., Evanston. The ensemble will perform carols such as "Deck the Hall," "Coventry Carol" and "Joy to the World" in arrangements by Stephen Paulus, Ralph Vaughan Williams, Gene Puerling, and others, as well as the world premiere of a new work for

Chanukah by Robert Applebaum. Tickets are \$35 for preferred seating, \$28 for general admission, \$22 for seniors, and \$12 for students. For tickets, call (773) 755-1628 or see www.chicago-cappella.org.

"Chants de Noël: A French Christmas" will be presented by the Chicago Chamber Choir at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 15 in the Music Institute of Chicago's Nichols Concert Hall, 1490 Chicago Ave., Evanston. The concert features holiday music by French composers and arrangements of French carols sung in French, Latin and English, including Poulenc's "O magnum mysterium." "Il est né le divin enfant." "Angels We Have Heard on High" and "Noël nouveau." The program's centerpiece is Camille Saint-Saëns' Christmas Oratorio for soloists, chorus, organ, harp

and string quartet. Tickets: \$18 in advance; \$20 at the door; \$15 for students or groups of 10 or more. Visit www.chicagochamberchoir.org or call (312) 409-6890.

The Bittersweet Christmas Band performs at 8 p.m. Dec. 19 at the Ethical Humanist Society Coffeehouse, 7574 N. Lincoln Ave. (at Howard), Skokie. Folk singers Phil Cooper, Kate Early, Margaret Nelson and Susan Urban will present songs of the season, including solstice and Hanukkah. \$7 includes refreshments. For information, visit www.ethicalhumanist.org or call (847) 677-3334.

"Woody Guthrie's Happy Joyous Hanukkah," presented by The Klezmatiks at 8 p.m. Dec. 19 at Centre East in the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie. \$48. Call (847) 673-6300 or visit www.centreast.org.

Coriols, an a cappella chamber choir, will present a holiday concert at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 19 at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 939 Hinman Ave., Evanston. The program includes seasonal pieces by Wilcocks, Taverner, Applebaum, Holst, Davies and others, as well as arrangements of holiday favorites by Parker/Shaw, Maddux and Humphris. \$15; \$10 for students under 19. Tickets available at the door only. For information, call (847) 869-0223.

"Christmas Around the World" will be

presented by the Sweet Adelines chorus, Choral-Aires Chorus, and the Brotherhood of Harmony at 3 and 7 p.m. Dec. 19 in the Harper College auditorium, 1200 W. Algonquin Road, Palatine. Tickets are \$15-\$22, and are available at the door or in advance by contacting Julie Struck at julieastruck@yahoo.com or calling (847) 496-4245.

A Christmas concert will be presented by the combined choirs of Lake Street Church and the North Shore Harmonizers at 10:30 a.m. Dec. 20 at Lake Street Church, 607 Lake St., Evanston. The program includes five selections from "The Messiah" by Handel featuring soloists Ken Donovan, tenor, Dominique Frigo, alto, Carol Watkins, soprano, and Ron Watkins, baritone, with chorus, plus a variety of carols and anthems for mixed choir, women's choir and men's choir. Free-will offering. Call (847) 864-2181 for information.

Evanston Children's Choir Holiday Concert 2009 will be presented at 4 p.m. Dec. 20 at Northwestern University's Alice Miller Chapel, 1870 Sheridan Road, Evanston, featuring music of Christmas, Hanukkah and Kwanzaa, with guest artist Soul Creations. Free-will donation. www.evansonchildrenschoir.org.

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By BRUCE INGRAM
Film Critic

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Angels and Demons

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Funny People

Judd Apatow, who upped the intelligence and emotion in raunch R-rated comedies with "The 40-Year-Old Virgin" and "Knocked Up," gets relatively serious here with mixed results. Adam Sandler plays a superstar movie comedian who's lonely and isolated, basically because he's a bit of a selfish and arrogant jerk, who reaches out to a young up and coming comic when he

gets the news that he's dying. Rated R.

Beverly Hills 90210: The Eighth Season
Seven-disc set with 32 episodes. (Paramount).

David & Layla

Inspired by a true story, sparks fly when a Jew and a Muslim fall in love in New York. David, a TV host of "Sex & Happiness," becomes smitten with the voluptuous Layla — a mysterious, sensual dancer. Layla turns out to be a Muslim refugee. Tensed by spurious tips from his ironic French cameraman, David madly pursues Layla, setting off a veiling and unveiling of the similarities — and contrasts — of their ancient cultures. (Vanguard Cinema).

Gomorrah

Matteo Garrone's "Gomorrah" is a stark, shocking vision of contemporary gangsterdom, and one of

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cinema's most authentic depictions of organized crime. In this tour-de-force adaptation of undercover Italian reporter Roberto Saviano's best-selling expose of Naples' Mafia underworld (known as the Camorra), Garrone links five disparate tales in which men and children are caught up in a corrupt system that extends from the housing projects to the world of haute couture. Filmed with an exquisite detachment interrupted by bursts of violence, "Gomorrah" is a shattering, socially engaged true-crime story from a major new voice in Italian cinema. Extras: "Five Stories," a 60-minute documentary on the making of "Gomorrah," new video interviews with Garrone and actor Toni Servillo, interviews with writer Roberto Saviano and actors Gianfrancesco Parlato and Salvatore Cantalupo, deleted scenes, booklet featuring an essay

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Get a double dose of
theatre in Morton Grove

By MYRNA PETLICKI
Contributor

Families can enjoy a double feature of live theatre when the Northlight Theatre Academy performs at Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., 6 p.m. Monday, Dec. 7.

The evening begins with "The Skokie Detective Charter School," performed by the Junior Company, a dozen third- through sixth-graders. "It was written specifically for our students so it's a world premiere," said Devon de Mayo, director of arts education for Northlight Theatre. "It's really funny and super playful."

She believes parents will love the show as much as their children do. "They'll be getting different jokes," de Mayo said. "But I think it appeals across the generations."

After a 15-minute intermission, the Senior Company, featuring 15 young people in grades seven through 12, will present "Seussical: The Musical."

"We wanted to do a musical because the Northlight Theatre has three plays with music this year,"

de Mayo said. "We try to make the student shows reflect the mainstage in some way. Doing a brand new play next to a big mainstream musical feels like the same sort of atmosphere that Northlight creates with its mainstage programming."

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Tinker's magical mission

Peter Pan is nowhere in sight in "Tinker Bell and the Lost Treasure." Tinker Bell enlists a lightning bug named Blaze to help her find a new moonstone, the source of the mystical dust used by pixies. The Skokie Public Library, 5215 Oakton St., is screening the G-rated, 76-minute film at 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 28.

For details, call (847) 324-3149.

Tinker here, too

You can also see "Tinker Bell and the Lost Treasure" at 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 28, at the Niles Public Library, 6960 W. Oakton St. Refreshments will be served at this drop-in event in the large meeting room A and B.

For details, call (847) 663-1234.

The color purple

A young boy wrestles with frustration, loneliness and such questions as "Where does the rain come from?" in "Harold and the Purple Crayon." The film will be shown in the Grant Room at Lincolnwood Public Library, 4000 W. Pratt Ave., at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 2. It's part of the "Tot Flick" series of short films based on popular children's books.

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A winter wonderland

Some 750,000 lights will glow during Wonderland Express, Friday, Nov. 27-Sunday, Jan. 3, at the Chicago Botanic Garden, 1000 Lake Cook Road, Glencoe. Inside the Regenstein Center, there's a 10,000-square-foot exhibition in which garden-scale trains ride past 80 miniature versions of Chicago landmarks. Trees and wreaths decorated by local designers and retailers are showcased. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$8 for children and seniors, \$2 less for members. Exhibit admission is free Tuesdays through Christmas.

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MOVIE REVIEW

A long, hard 'Road'

By BRUCE INGRAM
Film Critic



Viggo Mortensen and Kodi Smit-McPhee star in "The Road."

THE ROAD

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"You don't know what's down the road," says The Man to his young son at one point in this almost overwhelmingly bleak adaptation of Cormac McCarthy's Pulitzer-winning post-apocalyptic novel, perhaps intending to impart some shred of hope to the lad. Or, at least, a motivation to keep on trudging through the wasteland.

The trouble with his reasoning and the main problem with this devastating, but also strangely monotonous film, is that you pretty much do know what to expect: More of the same. There are plenty of desperate, despairing and even occasionally suspenseful incidents in "The Road" (directed by Australian filmmaker John Hillcoat, who also made the ultra-bleak "The Proposition"), but they're all more or less leading nowhere. There's only one meager chance of an improvement in their situation and that's just to keep on moving, heading south towards the equator and hope that things will a little less horrific there, or at least a little warmer.

That's not much of a hope to hang onto when you're starving to death and being chased by cannibals and everything around you is either long-dead or dying. It's not much of a hope to hang a movie on, either, but it's all you're going to get — unless you're willing to accept that merely surviving is reason enough to keep on struggling and to keep a story going.

Is mere survival enough? You'll have to make do with whatever philosophical ruminations arise during "The Road," because there's definitely not much in the

way of entertainment value. Unlike most post-apocalyptic films, there are no zombies, no vampires, no ear chases, no snappy repartee. Instead we have Viggo Mortensen, looking haunted and haggard, stumbling across the blasted terrain, scavenging for food and pushing a shopping cart loaded with his few belongings, now barely noticing the corpses they find in abandoned houses, either killed in the initial calamity or later by their own hand. The Boy (young Australian actor Kodi Smit-McPhee) was born after the unnamed disaster that laid waste to the planet (Nuclear war? Stray comet? We're never told ...) and has no conception of what life might have been like before the cataclysm. He does remember his mother (Charlize Theron) though, who abandoned them one night when surviving finally seemed pointless. He misses her and sometimes thinks of dying so he can be with her. So does his father, who's tortured by dreams of everyday life with her, which now seem like brightly colored paradise, in stark contrast to the dismal, unrelieved, monochromatic reality of his current existence. They travel south carrying a gun with two bullets — one for him, one for the boy if the cannibals get too close — and the Man teaches the Boy how to put the gun in his mouth and pull the

trigger if need be.

In the old days, dads could count on the Boy Scouts to teach those essential camping skills, but those days, alas, are long gone ...

The Man also teaches The Boy "to keep carrying the fire" and to be "one of the good guys," though he does his best to break the child of his natural impulses toward kindness, trust and mercy whenever they happen upon other people in need of help. Survival, in his view, is a grim business and charity today might mean starvation tomorrow.

It's only natural that people will watch "The Road" and get through its horror and hopelessness by placing some faith in a happy ending, but it seems only fair to point out that, for the most part, that's a misplaced faith. Unless you think of the journey in this story about family that's decidedly not family-friendly less as a quest for survival and more as a quest for humanity. There's no clear reason given for the father's determination to keep his son alive when there seems to be absolutely no chance for a life that's not filled with unspeakable misery. But there's a hint, a suggestion, at the end, that his son might indeed be carrying a fire that went out in him long ago — and that he might not be alone.

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midnight: Lenny Capp Trio, Harlem Avenue Lounge, 3701 S. Harlem Ave., Berwyn, (708) 484-3610, www.harlemavenuelounge.com. Shows are blues style music unless otherwise specified. Music at 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays (no cover) and 9:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays (\$6 cover). Thursdays, 8:30 p.m.: Open Mike Blues Jam (no cover). Nov. 27: J.B. Ritchie Power Blues, Nov. 28: Jimmy Burns Band.

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lon, George Gerstwin, and Horace Silver during "Jazz Invasion." General admission is \$5, senior and student tickets are \$3. 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. Dec. 17-19, 8 p.m.: Barry Manilow, \$261.62, \$235.65, \$156.73, \$141.26, \$73.65, \$12.37.

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10 p.m.: Beau Soleil avec Michael Doucet, \$45/\$50. Jan. 7, 8 p.m.: Songwriters Circle with Cathy Richardson, Ingrid Graudins, Liam Davis and Kirby Lenker, \$12/\$15. Jan. 8, 8 p.m.: An Evening with Otis Clay & his Band (R&B/soul), \$15/\$20. Jan. 13, 8 p.m.: Dave Spector's Adventures in Guitar with Jeff Parker of Tortoise (blues/jazz), \$12/\$15. Jan. 15, 8 p.m.: An Evening with Megan McDonough, \$15/\$20. Jan. 16, 8 p.m.: Paul Cebar's Tomorrow Sound (rock), \$12/\$15. Jan. 23, 8 p.m.: Jeff Coffin MuTeI (jazz/funk), \$17/\$20. Jan. 29, 8 p.m.: American English (Beatles tribute), \$15/\$20. Jan. 30, 8 p.m.: Alfonso Ponticelli's Gypsy Jazz Tribute to Django Reinhardt, \$12/\$15.

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ART GALLERIES

Anne Loucks Gallery, 309 Park Ave., Glencoe, (847) 835-8500, www.loucks-gallery.com. Gallery hours: 11:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, and by appointment. Through Jan. 15, 2010: "The Language of Color," an exhibition of recent paintings by Sandra Russell and Rodger Bechtold.

www.dppl.org. Through Nov. 30: "I have a voice," a travelling photographic gallery celebrating the possibilities and joys of individuals with Down syndrome. Dittmar Memorial Gallery at Northwestern University's Morris Center, 1999 Campus Drive, Evanston, www.norris.northwestern.edu/dittmar.php, (847) 491-2348. Gallery hours are 10 a.m.-10 p.m. daily. The gallery will be closed from Dec. 7 through Jan. 5. Admission is free. Through Dec. 6: "5+ Genes of Chinese Art: Traditional and Contemporary," featuring Chinese traditional painting, ink painting, folk art, photography and contemporary art by master artists in China.

As You Like It Gallery, 825-B Chicago Ave., second floor, Evanston, (847) 864-3101, www.asyoulikeitsalon.net. Through January: "People, Places and Things," an exhibit of acrylic paintings by Evanston artist Amy O. Woodbury. 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; 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. The museum will be closed Dec. 14 through Jan. 14.

Des Plaines (847) 635-2633, www.oakton.edu/museum. Gallery hours: 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Friday; 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturdays. Through Dec. 4: "ID Show 2009," works by members of the art faculty at Oakton Community College, including paintings, photography, ceramics and digital art. Seniors Action Service, 1123 Emerson, Suite 200, Evanston, (847) 864-7274, www.SeniorsActionService.org. Through Jan. 22, 2010: "Celebrating Experience: A Gallery of Art by Older Adults," featuring works by photographer Josephine Strong and painter Carol Reagan.

AUDITIONS & OPPORTUNITIES

Skokie Park District-sponsored senior performance troupe seeks a pianist to serve as accompanist. No pay. Rehearsals are held on Tuesday afternoons, some Thursdays at the Oakton Community Center, Skokie. Performances and rehearsals held year around, except for January and July. Sight-reading a plus. Call (847) 998-8894.

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

MUSICIANS

Skokie Festival of Cultures Planning Committee meets at the Oakton Community Center at least one Monday per month leading up to the 20th annual Festival of Cultures on May 22-23, 2010. To participate or for information, call Pamela Zeid, (847) 674-1500, ext. 2180.

MISCELLANEOUS

Na Mele Aloha Hawaiian music club seeks musicians who play ukulele, upright string bass, keyboards, flute and violin. The group is open to all ages. Rehearsals are held from 7-10 p.m. Thursdays at Oakton Community College, 1500 E. Golf Road, Des Plaines, Call Earl Essig, (847) 272-0762, or e-mail earlessig@aol.com.

BENEFITS

Cabaret Night Community Fundraiser, Dec. 3 at the Woman's Club of Evanston, 1702 Chicago Ave., Evanston, featuring singers Renee Black, Julie Chernoff, Jennifer French and Leigh Anna Reichenbach. Musical selections will range from Broadway and blues to contemporary favorites. Tickets are \$25; premium four-seat tables available for \$140. Cash bar. For tickets, e-mail Claire Caragher at wcofe@sbjglobal.net.

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LECTURES

Oakton Community College, 1600 E. Golf Road, Oes Plaines, Dec. 6, 2 p.m.: "Storytellers: We Have More in Common Than You Think" will be presented by Arif Choudhury, artist-in-residence at Oakton. Choudhury, a stand-up comic, storyteller and filmmaker, will share his experiences growing up in a Bangladeshi-Muslim family in Chicago. General admission tickets are \$5. Call (847) 635-1900.

ORGANIZATIONS

The American Jewish Artists Club is now accepting applications for new artist members. The club exhibits widely in the Chicago area in museums, public venues and institutions, synagogues and community centers. Members also participate in salon discussions and art critiques, plein air painting sessions, and other activities. For information, visit www.american-jewishartistsclub.org.
Des Plaines Art Guild meets at 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month at the Prairie Lakes Community Center, 515 Thacker St., Des Plaines. New members are welcome. For information, call Margaret Newman, (847) 924-8952, or visit www.dpag.org.
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 DuSold, (847) 825-3505.
Skokie Photographic Society meets at 7:30 p.m. the third Thursday of each month at Skokie Village Hall, 5127 W. Oakton St. All levels of photographers welcome. Call (847) 677-8324.

SINGLES

Jewish Senior Singles Social Club meets regularly for dinners and a variety of programs. For information, call (847) 676-2872.
Jewish Social Singles, for ages 21-plus. Cash payments only; activities are subject to change. Call (847) 757-1299 or (847) 331-1066. Dec. 13, 6:30 p.m.: Bowling at Brunswick Zone-Deerfield behind the Deerbrook Mall, 10 S. Waukegan Road. Bowling is \$20 for league members; \$25 for nonmembers. Socializers who cannot or prefer not to bowl are welcome to join the group for a \$10 cover charge. Dec. 20, 6:30 p.m.: Holiday party and gift exchange at Hackney's on Lake, 1514 E. Lake Ave., Glenview. \$30. Bring a \$10 wrapped, gender-neutral gift.
Young at Heart Singles Club sponsors ballroom dancing for all ages. Semi-dressy to dressy attire for women; jackets for men. No jeans or gym shoes. All dances are from 8:30-11:30 p.m. Admission is \$7 for members; \$9 for guests. Hotline is (630) 415-3449.
Nov. 27: Dance at the American Legion Hall, 9757 Pacific, Franklin Park, with music by The Variety Pak. Dec. 4: Dance

at the American Legion Hall, 9757 Pacific, Franklin Park, with music by The Music Men. Dec. 11: Dance at the American Legion Hall, 9757 Pacific, Franklin Park, with music by The Ed Clark Trio. Dec. 18: Dance at the American Legion Hall, 9757 Pacific, Franklin Park, with music by Ken Jandes.

TOURS & OUTINGS

Norwood Park Historical Society, 5624 N. Newark Ave., Chicago, (773) 631-4633. www.norwoodparkhistoricalsociety.org. The Norwood Park Historical Society, a nonprofit organization, resides in the Noble-Seymour-Crippen House, Chicago's oldest home. Hours are noon-4 p.m. Saturdays, or by appointment. Admission is free, but donations are accepted.

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. Dec. 1, 7-8:30 p.m.: America's Songwriter: Stephen Foster (MUS C50-01) meets at Niles West High School, 5701 Oakton St., Skokie. Course fee is \$22. Dec. 2, 6:30-8 p.m.: The Holidays with Bach, Handel, and Corelli (MUS X07-01), covering "winter music" composed by Baroque masters, meets at Maine West High School, 1755 S. Wolf Road, Des Plaines. Course fee is \$19.
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/emertitus. Dec. 2, 1-2:30 p.m.: Women Collectors and Their Museums (ART F11-6) explores five patrons of the arts, including Peggy Guggenheim, Isabella Stewart Gardner and Dominique De Menil. Course fee is \$20.

ET CETERA

The Celtic Knot Public House, 626 Church St., Evanston, (847) 864-1679. www.celticknotpub.com. No cover unless noted otherwise. Nov. 29, 8 p.m.: Storytelling in the Snug with Michael Parent. Dec. 6, 8 p.m.: Storytelling in the Snug with Patrick Ball.
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for the Performing Arts, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie, (847) 673-6300. www.centreast.org. Nov. 28, 5 and 8 p.m., and Nov. 29, 3 p.m.: Cirque Le Masque in "Carnivale," a European-style circus. \$35. Dec. 26, 7 p.m.; Dec. 27, 1 p.m. and 5 p.m.; Dec. 28, 3 p.m.: "Aga-Boom," featuring performers from The Great Moscow Circus. Cirque du Soleil and Barnum & Bailey. \$37.
China Friendship/Beijing Performing Arts Gala. 8 p.m. Dec. 4-5 at Northwestern University's Cahn Auditorium, 600 Emerson, Evanston, featuring vocal and opera acts, folk dances, acrobatic acts and instrumental performances by contemporary Chinese masters and performers from Beijing's China Conservatory, China National Opera Troupe, China National Symphony Or-

chestra, China Traditional Opera College, North Kungu Troupe, Beijing Acrobatic Troupe and Beijing Dance College. General admission is \$12, with select seating priced from \$20-\$50. Call (847) 491-2305.
Sears Centre, located in the Prairie Stone Complex on Interstate 90 between the I-59 and Beverly Road exits. Hoffman Estates, (888) 732-7784. www.SearsCentre.com. March 3-7, 2010: "Alegria," a Cirque du Soleil touring production. Performances are at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday; 3:30 and 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday; 1 and 5 p.m. Sunday. \$35-\$95; \$28-\$76 for children 12 and under; \$31.50-\$85.50 for military, senior citizens and students. To order tickets, visit www.cirquedusoleil.com/alegria or call

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MUSEUMS

Evanston History Center, Charles Gates Daves House, 225 Greenwood St., Evanston, (847) 475-3410. www.evanstonhistorycenter.org. The house is open for tours from 1-4 p.m. Thursday-Sunday. Tours begin on the hour and the last tour begins at 3 p.m. Tours are \$10 per person; free for EHC members. The Evanston History Center Research Room is open from 1-4 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday. There is a \$5 fee to use the Research Room; free for students and EHC members. E-mail evanstonhs@northwestern.edu to make a research reservation. Through

December: "Daniel Burnham's Evanston," an exhibit that focuses on the work and legacy of architect and urban planner Daniel H. Burnham, who made Evanston his home from 1886 until his death in 1912.
Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center, 9603 Woods Drive, Skokie. www.iholocaustmuseum.org. Hours: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays. Fridays: 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Thursdays; 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Admission: \$8; \$5 for children ages 5-12; \$6 for students ages 12-22 and senior citizens. Special exhibitions are free with museum admission. Dec. 3-Feb. 28, 2010: "Anne Frank: A History for Today," a traveling exhibition sponsored by the New York-based Anne Frank Center USA, Inc. The story of

Anne Frank and her family is juxtaposed against world events before, during and after Adolf Hitler and the Nazi party's rise to power. The exhibition includes dozens of photographs of the Frank family and other occupants of the Secret Annex.
Mitchell Museum of the American Indian, 3001 Central St., Evanston, (847) 475-1030. www.mitchellmuseum.org. Admission to events is included with an entrance donation to the Mitchell Museum. \$5 for adults; \$2.50 for senior citizens, students and children. Maximum admission per family is \$10. Through Dec. 30: "Baskets at Work: Utilitarian Baskets from the Mitchell Collection." On display are 22 baskets dating from the late 1800s to the late 20th century.

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BY JOHN STEIN
SearchChicago-Autos Editor

There's been much written about the BMW 7-Series, especially by yours truly. My overall sentiment was that a car starting around \$80,000 should not have some of the flaws I found so annoying on previous 7s. Just fix it and let me know when I can drive the next version.

Well, the new version came. I did drive it. And consider the problems fixed.

I don't want to dwell on past BMW 7-Series models, but

to know the past is to appreciate the present. The 2009 750i I recently drove is the driving machine you expect from BMW – it's an electronic juggernaut you learn to enjoy. It's the ultimate driving machine.

For a starting price of \$80,300 – and options that can push that bottom line to \$94,270 – expectations for the 2009 750i are understandably high. For those things that money cannot buy, I'll write another column at another time – this is about what money CAN buy and it is pretty darn exciting.

For starters, the 750i has the expected aura of sophistication. This is a world-class sedan and it looks it from first glance. Although it looks sleek and stark from the side, that is not a negative.

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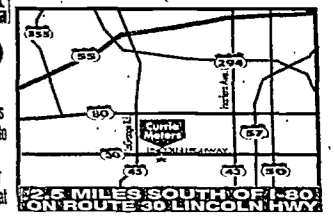
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BMW 750i: the ultimate driving machine

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Signature cues are more pronounced in the front with the huge BMW grille serving as the center of attention while the rear exhaust diffusers in back hint at the power available on demand. Both elements are functional components that feed and service the heavy-hitting twin-turbocharged horsepower hidden under the hood.

The 7-Series has one engine, a twin-turbocharged 4.4-liter V-8 offering 400 horsepower and 450 pound-feet of torque. The power plant is mated to an electronic six-speed automatic with manual shift modes.

The twin-turbo V-8 exhibited a little bit of lag off the line, but it is nothing to dwell on - this sedan will pull up to and pass just about anything out there. Certainly most anything with four doors. As technology often does, the new 7-Series offers

more by offering less - weight that is. Because of aluminum in the front fenders, doors and roof, this new version is only a few pounds heavier than its predecessor while being a whole lot faster.

Let's see, more powerful engine, similar weight - this is going to be fun.

Inside, the 750i is lush and comfortable. The quiet cabin elicits feelings of safety from the exterior elements while the interior materials surround driver and passengers in warmth and a willingness to accommodate.

The interior design is stark, but not without thoughtful application to the complete control of the driver. Ergonomics are vastly improved over the previous model and the movement of the shifter back to the center console is much appreciated. It is a tiny shifter that is more a reminder of the high-tech stratosphere this 7-Series reaches rather than the power under the hood.

Gauges and the dash are presented for functionality first and foremost. The big 10-inch screen

in the center stack is easily seen and, thanks to the "adjusting" of the new iDrive operating system, easy to interface with.

As someone who has been critical of the iDrive system, I think it has come a long way from the previous models. I still struggle a bit using it while keeping my attention on the road, but I'm certain over the time period afforded an owner (or lessee), I'd have it down quite nicely. One of the best parts of the change was the elimination of the climate controls from iDrive. They are now located conveniently in the dash, where they belong.

Heated and cooled leather seats are firm and bolstered to hold passengers in place when the capable BMW slaloms down mountain roads at higher-than-expected speeds. Of course, this may simply equate to great handling in the grocery store parking lot or while getting on and off the Interstate 94 ramps. Either way, this 750i is made to accelerate and accommodate passengers in absolute comfort.

Ride quality is outstanding. The 750i is firm and forgiving in aggressive maneuvers while remaining a big sedan that at times feels as spry as the 5-Series. That's impressive. This is the first non-crossover BMW to use a multilink front suspension (all previous sedans used a strut-type front suspension).

A host of top-line accoutrements - such as rear- and side-view cameras, soft-close automatic doors and trunk, an amazingly crisp audio system with six-disc DVD changer and night vision with pedestrian detection system - all seem to take this BMW where it needs to be: to the top of the class.

There is no denying this is an expensive vehicle for an exclusive level of buyer. Premium fuel feeds the twin-turbocharged engine that allows for a driving experience that one would expect to be at the top of the food chain. For my \$94,270, this is a wonderful way to get about town in comfort and class.



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Tips to avoid being driven to distraction

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Are you more interested in your cell phone conversation than the road ahead? Many states are placing restrictions on the use of cell phones while driving. Even in states where it's permissible, avoid doing so whenever possible.

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Are you being lazy about changing lanes? It's critical you look briefly over both shoulders before changing lanes - even with technology designed to aid such maneuvers.

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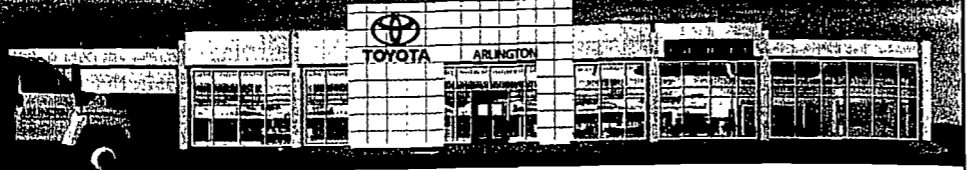
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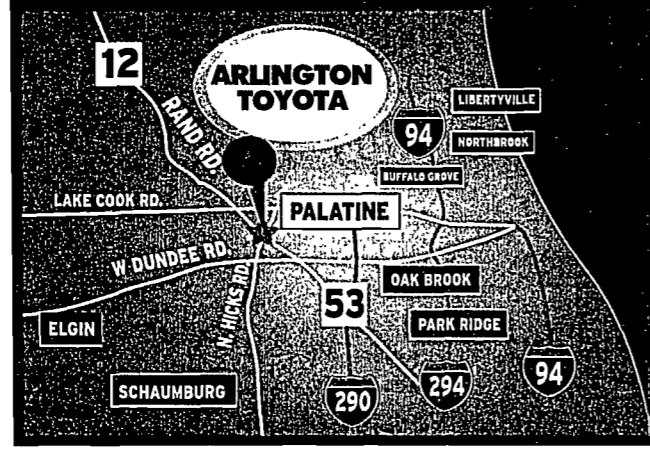
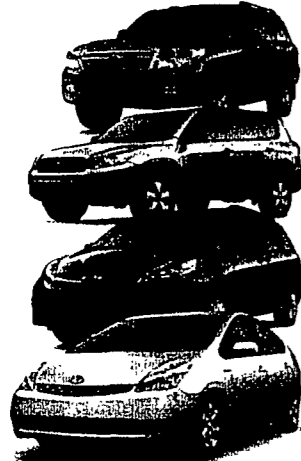
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Take a look at that second chance

Lennar Chicago encourages potential buyers: don't miss tax credit extension, expansion

There's a tax credit for everyone this time around and the Chicago division of Lennar, one of the nation's leading homebuilders, wants to make sure every prospective homebuyer takes advantage of this historic opportunity.

The new legislation signed into law provides an extended and expanded version of the homebuyer tax credit opportunity that was previously scheduled to end on Nov. 30. First-time homebuyers now have through April of next year to take advantage of the up to \$8,000 tax credit. Plus, the new legislation also includes existing homeowners who can receive a tax credit of up to \$6,500 provided that they have owned their current home for at least five consecutive years during the last eight years prior to the new home purchase.

"We are thrilled that this new legislation includes not only first-time homebuyers but also existing homeowners," said Doug Bober, Vice President of Operations for Lennar's Chicago division. "Any prospective buyer that wants to own a brand new home needs to act now and take advantage of this historic time in the real estate market."



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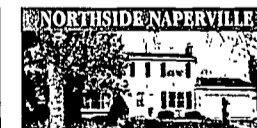
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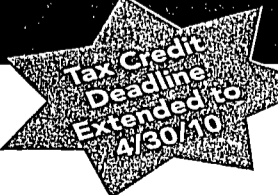
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What's your tipping point?

That's the big question that home sellers, transportation experts and planner types are starting to ask now that Americans are getting religion about our houses, our neighborhoods and our cars.



Kay Severinsen
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Back in 2000, gas was about \$1.57 a gallon. Throughout metropolitan Chicago, people spent about the same amount of money on gasoline, no matter where they lived. Exceptions were people in Chicago who could ride the CTA and spend less on gas, and people out in Kendall County, who spent more to live in a rural area.

Fast forward to 2008. We'll never forget those gas prices: \$4.30 and up. On a set of side-by-side maps of Chicago and of the Center for Neighborhood Technology web site (www.cnt.org), the 2008 map turns bright red as the average household spent \$3,600 or more on gasoline (compared to \$900 to \$1,800 in comparable dollars in 2000).

When gas was \$1.57 a gallon, few people considered the price of gas as part of their home costs. But at \$4.30, suddenly houses that were close to work or a train line became more valuable. It also saved their owners valuable time; car commuters lose more than an hour a week to traffic jams.

A survey released last month by RE/MAX of Northern Illinois has found that in the past year, home buyers and sellers may have decided that homes near train stops are worth more than they used to be. Even though gas prices are back down below \$3 a gallon, last year's memories have tipped some of us over into the "drive less" mindset.

While regional home prices overall were down 18 percent in the first six months of 2009 compared to the same period in 2008, the towns served by Metra trains saw average declines of 15 percent. And homes

in Metra towns were harder to come by, even in a year of stagnant sales. The Metra towns had 19.2 percent fewer homes change hands compared with all suburbs, which had 15.6 percent fewer homes sell.

"We suspect the spike in gasoline prices that occurred last year may have increased home buyers' interest in being close to commuter train service," said Jim Merriam, regional director of the RE/MAX northern Illinois real estate network, "which could have helped home values in the Metra communities. A more difficult question is why the number of units sold declined in transit-served communities."

New condominium price cuts help absorb inventory in downtown Chicago

Like the whooping crane, the construction crane now is on the endangered species list in downtown Chicago.



Don DeBat
ON THE HOME FRONT

A few years ago, with a frenzied condominium boom in full swing, downtown visitors spent time gawking at dozens of construction cranes perched on the tops of high-rises.

Current estimates indicate that about 4,000 condominium units now are being completed and ready for occupancy in downtown Chicago and 64 percent of these residences already are under contract or sold, according to Appraisal Research Counselors' Downtown Benchmark Report for the third quarter of 2009.

"Inventory of completed, unsold new condominiums downtown now totals 3,225 units," said Gail Lissner, vice president of Appraisal Research Counselors.

"Between 2006 and 2009 about 18,000 units were completed in downtown Chicago, a pace of about 4,500 units per year, according to the new Appraisal Research report.

Research reported. For example, Kargil Development slashed prices by as much as 25 percent at Prairie District 1.0 in the South Loop. The \$499,800 price tag on a four-bedroom, two-bath loft with 1,915 square feet of space was cut to \$379,800, a savings of \$120,000.

Despite the construction slowdown, things are much better in the Windy City condo market than in 2008, when 20 condominium projects with 3,800 units either were formally canceled or closed down marketing operations.

"There have been substantially fewer projects shut down during 2009," Lissner said. "There is some positive new in Appraisal Research's generally gloomy report."

"Very little construction activity is expected to be completed in 2010, with only 900 units under construction and slated for delivery," Lissner said. "Only one building with 86 units is projected for completion in 2011."

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Capital First's vision draws national attention

CFR's residential redevelopments draw positive media and customers



The spacious great room at Capital First Realty's Sterling redevelopment community is ready for the holidays, featuring a 21-foot ceiling, custom chandeliers and showcased art. Capital touts this gated community location as affordable country club-style living with a fitness center, swimming pool, media room and other features.

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For those who want to learn more about Capital First's three metro locations, call the Capital First office located near I-294 and La Grange Road at 708-462-4757, the Glenview office at 847-724-7711, or the Bourbonnais office at 815-802-1100.

"Changes in the housing market moved us to completely rethink our vision for the future of our residential properties," said Richard J. "Dick" Klarchek, president of Chicago-based Capital First Realty.

"We are happy to get national publicity in a professional housing industry trade journal, just like we are happy to get publicity in your newspaper too. But what drives us is the idea of reaching out to people who are looking for quality living for less. The public spoke, and we've listened."

What has drawn national attention for Capital First began earlier this decade, when Klarchek and his senior executives made the decision to redevelop aging mobile home parks into modern subdivisions featuring the latest in factory building techniques.

under market for similar sized construction. "Quality factory construction is the wave of the future for housing," Klarchek said. "Built, most houses today are built from components that are already made in factories. They are just assembled on site. True 'site building' is long gone."

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"We aren't saying that the older way is 'bad,'" Klarchek said. "We are simply saying that this new process is logical and when you see it, you see quality and they look great."

at home and at a factory. If you bought a car built in your driveway by groups of people putting together piles of parts, it would take longer and cost many times more than what a car costs built indoors a modern manufacturing facility.

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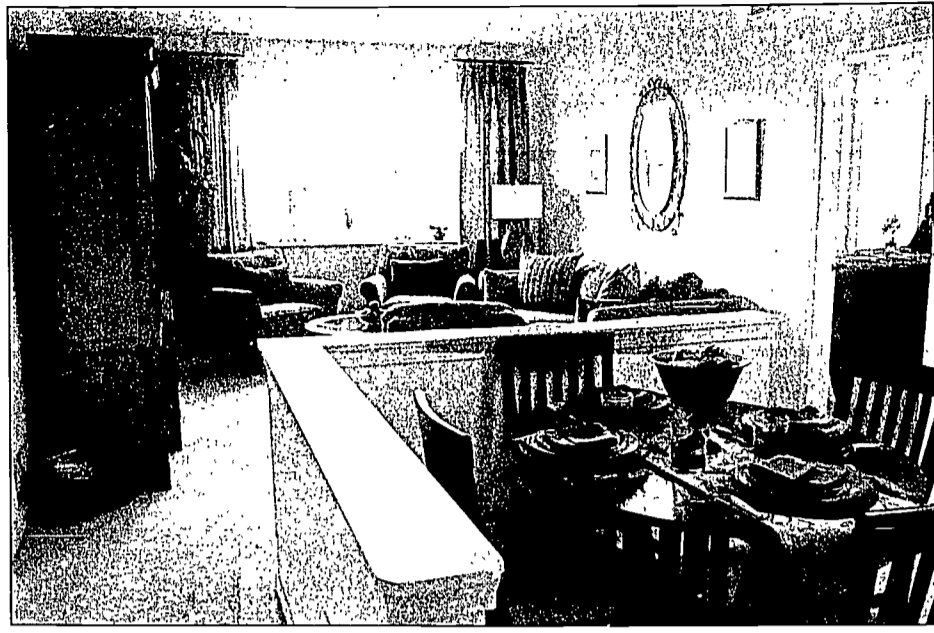
New prices at senior community

Condos reduced for Dec. 6 auction

Active senior citizens thinking about selling the family homestead and moving into a maintenance-free environment with no responsibilities for cutting grass, raking leaves, shoveling snow or salting icy sidewalks may take notice of an opportunity to satisfy these dreams and possibly save up to \$94,900.

campus reserved for adults at least 55 years old. These 1,120- to 1,229-square-foot, two-bedroom, one- or two-bath homes originally sold for \$195,900 to \$224,900, but at auction may be purchased for as low as \$130,000.

At 6710-20 S. Keating Ave. in Chicago, homes in this two-story, masonry building with elevator and heated garage are 100 percent finished and available for immediate occupancy. For qualified bidders, special financing will be made available as well.



Units at Midway Village Condominiums are finished and ready for a Dec. 6 auction.

great opportunity to view each of the condo units, talk with our people about the outstanding services that are included in the purchase price, ask ques-

tions about the property and discuss the auction process. The condominium building, complete with security system and elevator, is part of an ac-

tive senior lifestyle campus that offers many amenities and activities for its residents. It offers four different two-bedroom models that are carefully placed

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City chic: Incorporate urban style into your Main Street home

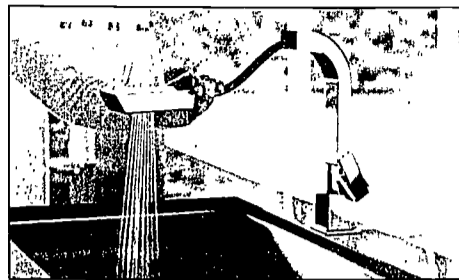
When you look out your window, what do you see: the cool gray steel of high-rise buildings... or vast, open expanses of green land?

You don't have to stick to an interior style that mimics your surroundings, especially if it doesn't suit your taste.

Whether you live in a penthouse or a farmhouse, you can create rooms that make you feel as if you're a city-dweller as soon as you step inside.

The first step to thinking like an urbanite is coming up with creative ways to make small spaces appear larger. An open floor plan is a great way to achieve this. Take a look at your main living areas to determine where improvements can take place.

Is there a room that is being under-utilized? Consider removing a dividing wall to con-



A unique 'urban' faucet design, like this one from Moen, can add a touch of chic to the decor in high-traffic areas of the home.

nect it with the adjoining space. Do you have narrow doorways between rooms? Expand these openings and remove doors, creating wider passageways. Is there untouched wall space? Take a cue from new glass-ex-

terior loft spaces, like Werner Aisslinger's LoftCube, and add more windows on exterior walls, or even create window-like openings between rooms to join spaces and create a sense of community.

"Contemporary urban design is all about connectivity," says Judy Riley, vice president of design at Moen Inc. "In today's modern home, we want to connect with our family, our surroundings and the outside world. To achieve this, we are knocking down walls and breaking the barriers built by earlier generations."

If you don't have the time or budget for more construction-intensive projects, there are steps you can take to create the illusion of larger rooms. Choose smaller furniture and position it in a way that leaves as much floor space open as possible.

Forgo large, heavy curtains and go for more airy fabrics or light-emitting shades to create a sense of illumination and openness. Choose lighter col-

ors in a similar palette for your furniture, walls and floors.

One is modern elements. To take your place from dreary and dated to city chic, incorporate contemporary elements into your decor. Start by adding some stand-out modern pieces in each room, then build your home's look around those unique items.

The kitchen and the bathroom are arguably the two most-used rooms in the house, seen by family members and guests alike. Let fashion and function go hand-in-hand with well-placed modern decor that serves a purpose in your home.

In the kitchen, the sink is the hub of all activity, used for everything from prepping dinner to filling your morning coffee

pot or water bottle. To make a statement at your sink, add a faucet with geometric styling, like the 90-degree pullout kitchen faucet from Moen. With clean, contemporary styling, this single-handle faucet features an ergonomically designed pullout wand with multiple spray options, including stream, rinse and pause. The 90-degree pullout kitchen faucet is available in different finishes to coordinate with contemporary kitchen fixtures and appliances. Because of its clean, single-handle design, the faucet pairs well with solid surface countertops and undermount sink styles.

In large living spaces, rethink traditional furniture and give it a modern twist. Instead

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PLAY REVIEW

'End Days' tells a strange, and very satisfying, story

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By **CATEY SULLIVAN**
Contributor

Laura T. Fisher could play a cactus and probably make the thing empathetic and emotionally complex. So it's no surprise that her depiction of Sylvia Stein, the jumpy, abrasive, rigidly uncompromising and rabidly Evangelical Christian at the fractured heart of "End Days," comes across as an intelligent, multi-layered, flawed hero rather than a one-note stereotype feverishly skipping toward crazy town. Sylvia is at the heart of Deborah Zoe Laufer's eccentric family drama. Minus an actor who can portray a self-appointed savior with humanity, all you've got in "End Days" is story that's way too weird to relate to.

As it is, Next's production is compelling even in its most outlandish moments. And what with Stephen Hawking and Jesus Christ constantly coming and going, there are plenty of outlandish moments. Upping the oddness factor: The teenage Elvis impersonator next door, a high-strung adolescent whose nervous chatter loops and buzzes like a swarm of drunken bees.

Within this trippy atmosphere populated by insults, director Shade Murray finds the story's deeply relatable human core, and makes it shine. Even in the most absurd scenes (Sylvia denouncing the Rapture's precise timeline from a reluctant Jesus, Stephen Hawking helping Sylvia's daughter Rachel to remember her locker combination), things feel honest and true.

"End Days" delves the profound disconnect among members of the Stein family in the wake of the Sept. 11



Rachel (Carolyn Faye Kramer) tells her new friend, Stephen Hawking (Joseph Wycoff), about her concerns with her mom's fanaticism. (Photo by Michael Brosilow)

attacks. Sylvia, her husband Arthur (William Dick) and daughter Rachel (Carolyn Faye Kramer) are as estranged from each other as they are from the world at large. While Sylvia has turned to Jesus, Arthur — who survived the World Trade Center attacks while all of his co-workers perished — has tumbled into a near catatonic-depression. Rachel expresses her broken-hearted rage by stomping about in Doc Martens and painting her face ghost-goth white. In their own distinctive way, each of the Steins lies given up on life on Earth — which makes the sudden arrival of Nelson (Adam Shalzi) all the more jarring. Despite having survived tragedy on a par with the Steins, Nelson is as optimistic and life-affirming as his neighbors are life-denying. His only apparent damage is the Elvis jumpsuit he uses as a security blanket and a loquacious lack of social graces.

Within the small, ordinary parameters of the Steins' world — a living room, a kitchen, and a high school hallway — Laufer injects ideas as big as the universe with dialogue probing matters Biblical, astro-physical, religious and scientific. While Sylvia is fervently preparing for the Apocalypse and chatting up Jesus, Rachel is also pondering the mysteries of the space/time continuum with Hawking. Nelson and Arthur become

similarly engrossed in matters far larger than the Earth's boundaries, bonding over the beauty and mystery of Nelson's Bar Mitzvah preparations. Early in the second act, Sylvia gets a monologue that pierces straight to the heart while explaining her abrupt conversion from agnostic Jew to Born Again Christian. It's a passage that absolutely nails the unbearable fear of being separated from loved ones, be it during a terrorist attack or during the end of the world. Sylvia's utter anguish at the thought of being ruptured up to Jesus while her family is left behind is intensely believable. Christian, Jew, Hindu, Buddhist, Muslim or atheist — anyone who has ever feared the loss of a loved one will recognize themselves in Sylvia.

The rest of the cast is solid. Dick absolutely captures the shrugging despair (and the black humor) of major depression. Shalzi is convincingly guileless as a gawky boy who speaks unworn truth simply because he doesn't know how to filter his conversation to meet societal norms. Wycoff is appropriately beatific as Jesus and wryly brainy as Hawking.

A final key performer here: Niek Keenan's sound design, which merges Latin and Hebrew religious chants with Johnny Cash songs.

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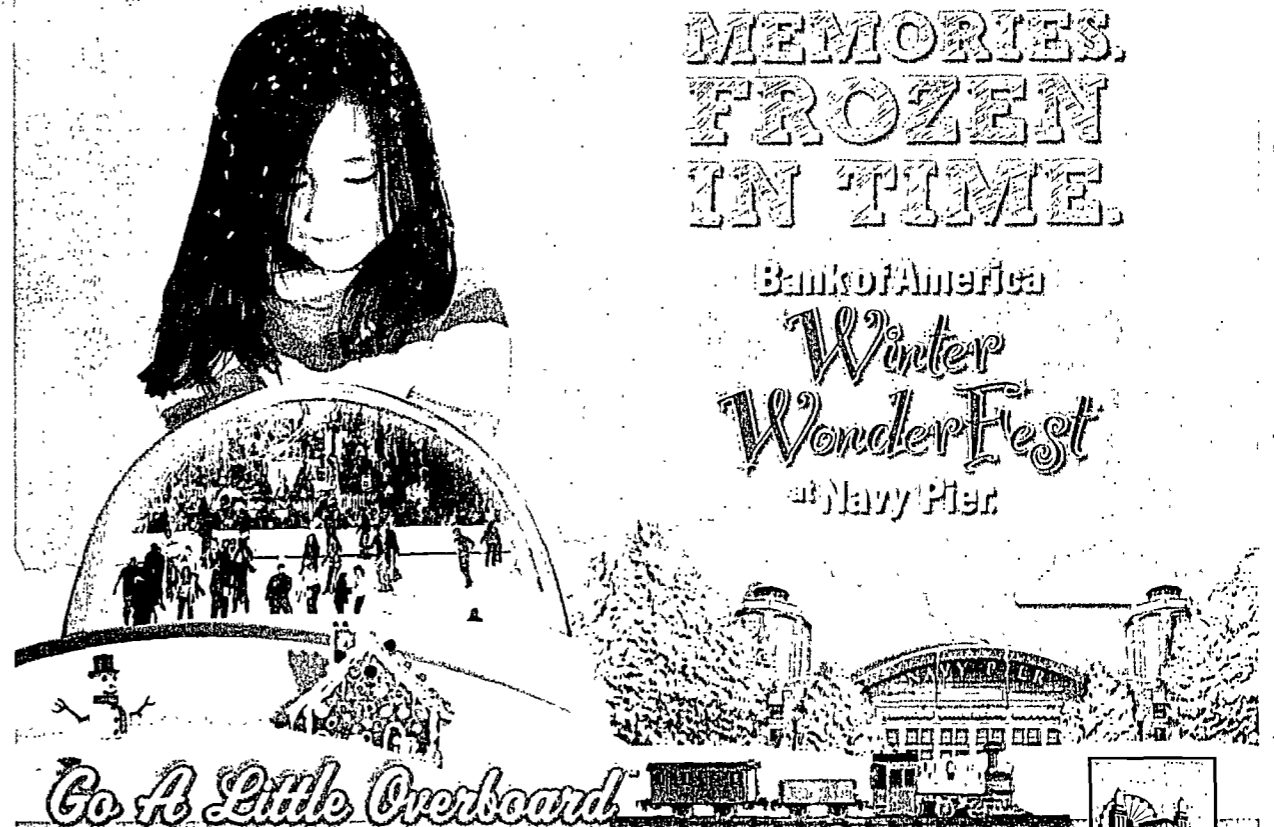
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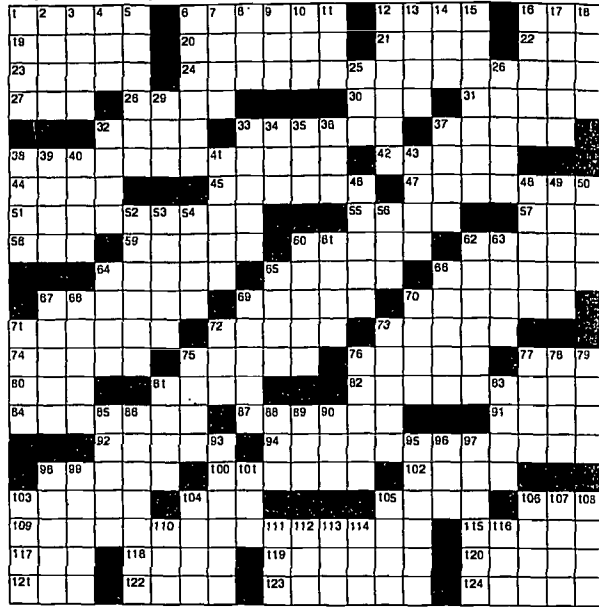
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might not be true. Get all the facts before you even think about acting on this so-called information.

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BORN THIS WEEK: You have a way of using your quiet strength to persuade people to follow their better instincts and do the right thing.

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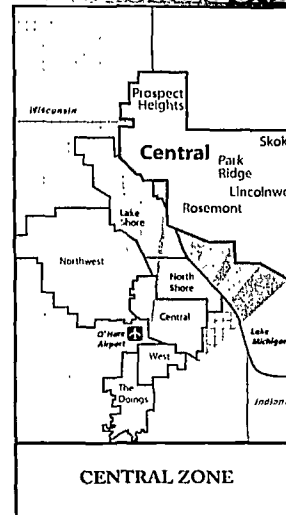
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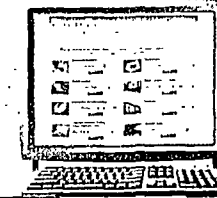
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Notice of Public Hearing
VILLAGE OF SKOKIE, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
AMENDMENTS TO REDEVELOPMENT PLAN AND PROJECT FOR THE
DOWNTOWN AREA REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA

Notice is hereby given that on December 1, 2009, at 8:00 p.m. at the Village Hall, Council Chambers, 5121 West Oakton Street, Skokie, Ill., a public hearing will be held to consider the approval of Amendments to the Redevelopment Plan and Project for the Downtown Area Redevelopment Project Area (the "Redevelopment Project Area"). The Redevelopment Project Area consists of the territory legally described in Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made a part hereof.

The Redevelopment Project Area consists of irregular boundaries and is generally bounded by Cleveland Street and the alley north of Oakton Street on the north, Floral Avenue and Lincoln Avenue on the west, Muller Street and the alley south of Dalton Street on the south, and railroad right-of-way on the east.

There will be considered at the public hearing Amendments to the Redevelopment Plan and Project for the Redevelopment Project Area and for the proposed Amendments to the Redevelopment Plan and Project were placed on file on or before September 10, 2009 and are available for public inspection at the office of the Village Clerk, Village Hall, 5121 West Oakton Street, Skokie, Ill. 60077. The proposed Amendments to the Redevelopment Plan and Project revise the budget contained in the Redevelopment Plan and make certain other plan revisions.

There will be considered at the public hearing approval of the amended Redevelopment Plan and Project, and confirmation of the Redevelopment Project Area and tax increment allocation financing the same. Pursuant to the amended Redevelopment Plan and Project, the Village proposes to alleviate conservation area conditions in the Redevelopment Project Area and to reduce the tax base of the Village and the taxing districts having taxable property within the Redevelopment Project Area by utilizing tax increment financing to fund various eligible project costs to stimulate private investment within the Redevelopment Project Area. These eligible project costs may include, but are not limited to, studies, surveys, professional fees, properly assembly costs, construction of public improvements and facilities, financing, administrative, and other professional costs, all as fees, properly assembly costs, construction of public improvements and facilities, financing, administrative, and other professional costs, all as authorized under the Tax Increment Allocation Redevelopment Act, as amended. The amended Redevelopment Plan objectives include promoting and protecting the health, safety, morals and welfare of the public by establishing a public/private partnership, stimulating growth and development and protecting the environment within the Redevelopment Project Area, and retaining and creating employment opportunities within the Redevelopment Project Area. To achieve these objectives, the amended Redevelopment Plan proposes to provide assistance by paying or reimbursing costs related to the acquisition, construction and installation of public facilities and improvements, property assembly, site preparation and improvement, rehabilitation of buildings and site improvements, job training and other eligible redevelopment project costs, the execution of one or more redevelopment agreements, and the payment of financing administrative and other professional costs.

Prior to the date of the public hearing, each taxing district having property in the Redevelopment Project Area and the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (IDCEO, Illinois Department of Commerce and Community Affairs) may submit written comments to the Village, at the attention of the Village Clerk, 5121 West Oakton Street, Skokie, Ill. 60077.

There is hereby convened a Joint Review Board to consider the proposed approval of the Amendments to the Redevelopment Plan and Project. The Joint Review Board shall consist of a representative selected by each community college district, local elementary school district and high school district of each local community unit school district, park district, library district, township, fire protection district, and county that has authority to directly levy taxes on the property in the Redevelopment Project Area, a representative selected by the Village and a public member. The first meeting of said Joint Review Board shall be held at 3:00 p.m. on the 2nd day of November 2009, at the Skokie Village Hall, 5121 West Oakton Street, Skokie, Ill. 60077.

At the public hearing, all interested persons or affected taxing districts may file written objections with the Village Clerk and may be heard orally with respect to any issue relating to the approval of the Amendments to the Redevelopment Plan and Project. The hearing may be adjourned by the Mayor and Board of Trustees of the Village without the notice other than a motion to be entered upon the minutes of the hearing during the time and place of the subsequent hearing.

Maryline Williams,
 Village Clerk, Village of Skokie, Illinois

EXHIBIT A

SKOKIE DOWNTOWN TRF DISTRICT REVISED 09/16/2009

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THENCE EAST ALONG THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 2 IN LINCOLN-CLEVELAND PLAT OF RESUBDIVISION AND CONSOLIDATION RECORDED AS DOCUMENT 0434110021,

THENCE EAST ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF LOT 2 AND 1 AND THEIR EXTENSION OF THE SOUTH LINE OF LOT 1 IN SAID LINCOLN CLEVELAND RESUBDIVISION TO THE EAST LINE OF LINCOLN AVENUE AS MONUMENTED AND OCCUPIED,

THENCE NORTHWEST ALONG THE EAST LINE OF LINCOLN AVENUE AS MONUMENTED AND OCCUPIED TO THE NORTH LINE OF LOT 1 IN PETER BLAUMER'S SUBDIVISION RECORDED AS DOCUMENT 64272,

THENCE EAST ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF LOT 1 IN PETER BLAUMER'S SUBDIVISION TO THE EAST LINE OF THE WEST HALF OF SAID LOT 1 AND 8 IN PETER BLAUMER'S SUBDIVISION,

THENCE SOUTH ALONG SAID EAST LINE OF THE WEST HALF OF LOTS 1 AND 8 TO A LINE 108 00 FEET NORTH OF AND PARALLEL TO THE SOUTH LINE OF LOT 8,

THENCE WEST ALONG SAID LINE 108 00 FEET NORTH OF THE SOUTH LINE OF LOT 8 TO THE EAST LINE OF LINCOLN AVENUE AS MONUMENTED AND OCCUPIED,

THENCE SOUTHEASTERLY ALONG THE EAST LINE OF LINCOLN AVENUE AS MONUMENTED AND OCCUPIED TO THE INTERSECTION WITH THE WEST LINE OF NILES CENTER ROAD AS MONUMENTED AND OCCUPIED,

THENCE SOUTHEAST TO THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 1 IN 803S LINCOLN AVE. RESUBDIVISION RECORDED AS DOCUMENT 00454333,

THENCE SOUTH ALONG THE WEST LINE OF LOT 1 TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 1 IN 803S LINCOLN AVE. RESUBDIVISION,

THENCE SOUTH TO THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 1 IN LINCOLN WARREN RESUBDIVISION RECORDED AS DOCUMENT 90365907,

THENCE SOUTH ALONG THE WEST LINE OF LOT 1 TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 1 IN LINCOLN WARREN RESUBDIVISION,

THENCE EAST ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF LOT 1 TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 1 IN LINCOLN WARREN RESUBDIVISION,

THENCE NORTH ALONG THE EAST LINE OF LOT 1 TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 1 IN LINCOLN WARREN RESUBDIVISION,

THENCE NORTH TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 1 IN 803S LINCOLN AVE. RESUBDIVISION,

THENCE NORTH ALONG THE EAST LINE OF LOT 1 TO A JOG IN THE EAST LINE OF LOT 1 IN 803S LINCOLN AVE. RESUBDIVISION,

THENCE WEST ALONG THE JOG IN THE EAST LINE OF LOT 1 IN 803S LINCOLN AVE. RESUBDIVISION A DISTANCE OF 2 22 FEET,

THENCE NORTH ALONG THE EAST LINE OF LOT 1 TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 1 IN 803S LINCOLN AVE. RESUBDIVISION, ALSO BEING THE NORTH LINE OF LOT 36 IN PETER BLAUMER'S SUBDIVISION RECORDED AS DOCUMENT 64272,

THENCE EAST ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF LOT 36 IN PETER BLAUMER'S SUBDIVISION TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID LOT 36,

THENCE EAST TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 11 IN EDWARD H. BLAUMER'S SUBDIVISION RECORDED AS DOCUMENT 4216165,

THENCE SOUTH TO THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 1 IN EDWARD H. BLAUMER'S SUBDIVISION AND THE EAST LINE OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 21 RECORDED AS DOCUMENT 2572471,

THENCE SOUTH ALONG THE WEST LINE OF LOT 1 TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 6,

THENCE SOUTH TO THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 1 IN TOWN SQUARE OF SKOKIE CONDOMINIUM PLAT OF CONSOLIDATION RECORDED AS DOCUMENT 97330040,

THENCE SOUTH ALONG THE WEST LINE OF LOT 1 TO THE JOG IN THE WEST LINE OF LOT 1,

THENCE EAST ALONG THE JOG TO FEET,

THENCE SOUTH ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID LOT 1 TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 1,

THENCE EAST ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF LOT 1 TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 1,

THENCE CONTINUING EAST ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF LOT 1 EXTENDED TO THE WEST LINE OF LOT 1 IN CLARA BLAUMER'S SUBDIVISION RECORDED AS DOCUMENT 13949432, ALSO BEING THE EAST LINE OF NILES AVENUE,

THENCE NORTH ALONG THE WEST LINE OF LOT 1 TO THE NORTH LINE OF LOT 1,

THENCE EAST ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF LOT 1 TO THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 1 IN THE EUGENE M. HAEGELE SUBDIVISION RECORDED AS DOCUMENT 9390941,

THENCE EAST ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF LOTS 1 AND 2 IN THE EUGENE M. HAEGELE SUBDIVISION AND THE NORTH LINE OF LOT 1 IN CLARA BLAUMER'S SUBDIVISION TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 1 IN CLARA BLAUMER'S SUBDIVISION,

THENCE SOUTHEASTERLY ALONG THE EAST LINE OF LOT 1 IN CLARA BLAUMER'S SUBDIVISION TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 1 IN CLARA BLAUMER'S SUBDIVISION,

THENCE CONTINUING SOUTHEAST ALONG THE EAST LINE OF LOT 1 IN CLARA BLAUMER'S SUBDIVISION EXTENDED TO THE SOUTH LINE OF BLOCK 4 IN SUBDIVISION OF LOT 2 IN THE SUBDIVISION OF THE SOUTH 105 ACRES OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 21,

THENCE EAST ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID BLOCK 4 TO A LINE 20 FEET NORTHEASTERLY OF THE CENTERLINE OF THE MAIN CHICAGO AND NORTH WESTERN RAILROAD TRACK, ALSO BEING THE WEST LINE OF LOT 1 EXTENDED SOUTHEASTERLY IN ILLINOIS SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY PARK SUBDIVISION, RECORDED AS DOCUMENT 010716070,

THENCE NORTHEASTERLY ALONG SAID LINE 20 FEET NORTHEASTERLY OF THE CENTERLINE OF THE MAIN CHICAGO AND NORTH WESTERN RAILROAD TRACK TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 1 IN ILLINOIS SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY PARK SUBDIVISION,

THENCE NORTHEASTERLY ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF LOT 1 IN ILLINOIS SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY PARK SUBDIVISION TO THE SOUTHEASTERN CORNER OF LOT 1 IN ILLINOIS SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY PARK SUBDIVISION,

THENCE SOUTHWESTERLY ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF THE CENTERLINE OF THE MAIN CHICAGO AND NORTH WESTERN RAILROAD TRACK, ALSO BEING THE EAST LINE OF LOT 1 IN ILLINOIS SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY PARK SUBDIVISION EXTENDED SOUTHEASTERLY TO THE EAST LINE OF BLOCK 4 IN SUBDIVISION OF LOT 2 IN THE SUBDIVISION OF THE SOUTH 105 ACRES OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 21,

THENCE SOUTH ALONG THE EAST LINE OF BLOCK 4 IN SUBDIVISION OF LOT 2 IN THE SUBDIVISION OF THE SOUTH 105 ACRES OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 21 AND ITS EXTENSION TO A LINE 40 FEET SOUTH OF THE NORTH LINE OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 28, ALSO BEING THE SOUTH LINE OF A 40 FOOT RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR OAKTON STREET,

THENCE EAST ALONG A LINE 40 FEET SOUTH OF THE NORTH LINE OF SECTION 28 TO THE EAST LINE OF SECTION 28,

THENCE CONTINUING EAST ALONG A LINE 40 FEET SOUTH OF AND PARALLEL TO THE NORTH LINE OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 21 TO THE INTERSECTION WITH A LINE DRAWN FROM A POINT IN THE NORTH LINE OF SECTION 21 A DISTANCE OF 85 FEET EAST OF THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SECTION 21 TO A POINT 441 09 FEET NORTH AND 161 66 FEET EAST OF THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SECTION 21,

THENCE SOUTHEASTERLY ALONG SAID LINE TO A POINT 441 09 FEET SOUTH OF THE NORTH LINE OF SECTION 21 AND 161 66 FEET EAST OF THE WEST LINE OF SECTION 21,

THENCE SOUTHWESTERLY TO THE INTERSECTION OF THE EASTERN LINE OF THE CHICAGO AND NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY 100 FOOT RIGHT-OF-WAY AND THE SOUTH LINE OF HULL STREET IN SECTION 28 EXTENDED EAST,

THENCE SOUTH EASTERLY ALONG THE EASTERN LINE OF THE 100 FOOT CHICAGO AND NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY RIGHT-OF-WAY TO THE INTERSECTION OF THE NORTH LINE OF MULLFORD STREET IN SECTION 28 EXTENDED EAST,

THENCE WEST ALONG SAID NORTH LINE OF MULLFORD STREET EXTENDED TO THE WESTERN LINE OF THE 100 FOOT CHICAGO AND NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY RIGHT-OF-WAY,

THENCE NORTH WESTERLY ALONG THE WESTERN LINE OF THE CHICAGO AND NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY RIGHT-OF-WAY TO THE WEST LINE OF SECTION 21,

THENCE SOUTH ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SECTION 21 TO THE NORTH LINE OF MULLFORD STREET IN SECTION 28 EXTENDED EAST,

THENCE WEST ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF MULLFORD STREET EXTENDED EAST TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 25 IN BLOCK 8 IN NORTH SHORE L. TERMINAL SUBDIVISION RECORDED AS DOCUMENT 8458689,

THENCE NORTH ALONG THE EAST LINE OF LOTS 25 THROUGH 31 IN BLOCK 8 IN NORTH SHORE L. TERMINAL SUBDIVISION TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 31,

THENCE NORTHWESTERLY ALONG THE EAST LINE OF LOTS 32, 33 AND 34 IN BLOCK 8 IN NORTH SHORE L. TERMINAL SUBDIVISION TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 34,

THENCE NORTHWESTERLY TO THE INTERSECTION OF THE NORTH LINE OF HULL STREET EXTENDED EAST AND THE WESTERN 100 FOOT RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF THE CHICAGO NORTHWESTERN RAILWAY,

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THENCE WEST ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF KIRK STREET, ALSO BEING THE NORTH LINE OF BLOCK 1 IN NORTH SHORE L. TERMINAL SUBDIVISION, TO THE EAST LINE OF LOT 18 IN BLOCK 4 EXTENDED SOUTH IN SUPERIOR COURT COMMISSIONER'S SUBDIVISION RECORDED AS DOCUMENT 531213,

THENCE NORTH ALONG THE EAST LINE OF LOT 18 IN BLOCK 4 AND ITS EXTENSION TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 18,

THENCE WEST ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF LOTS 18, 17, 16 AND 15 IN BLOCK 4 TO THE EXTENSION OF A LINE DRAWN FROM A POINT IN THE NORTH LINE OF LOT 4 IN BLOCK 4 IN SUPERIOR COURT COMMISSIONER'S SUBDIVISION TO 18 FEET WEST OF THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 2 TO A POINT IN THE SOUTH LINE OF LOT 4, A DISTANCE OF 68 92 FEET WEST OF THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 2,

THENCE NORTH ALONG SAID LINE AND ITS EXTENSION TO THE SOUTH LINE OF BLOCK 3 IN SUPERIOR COURT COMMISSIONER'S SUBDIVISION,

THENCE EAST ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF BLOCK 3 TO A POINT IN THE SOUTH LINE OF LOT 18 IN BLOCK 3 IN SUPERIOR COURT COMMISSIONER'S SUBDIVISION 59 FEET WEST OF THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 19 IN BLOCK 3 IN SUPERIOR COURT COMMISSIONER'S SUBDIVISION,

THENCE NORTH ALONG A LINE 50 56 WEST OF THE EAST LINE OF LOT 19 TO THE NORTH LINE OF LOT 19,

THENCE WEST ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF LOTS 11 THROUGH 18 IN BLOCK 3 TO THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 11 IN BLOCK 3,

THENCE WEST TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 11 THROUGH 25 IN BLOCK 2 AND LOTS 6, 5 AND 4 IN BLOCK 1 IN NORTH SHORE L. TERMINAL SUBDIVISION TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 6 IN BLOCK 1,

THENCE CONTINUING WEST ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF LOTS 11 THROUGH 20 IN CIRCUIT COURT PARTITION RECORDED AS DOCUMENT 2524411 TO THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 16 IN BLOCK 1,

THENCE SOUTH ALONG THE WEST LINE OF LOT 15 IN BLOCK 1 TO THE SOUTH LINE OF LOUISE AVENUE,

THENCE EAST ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF LOUISE AVENUE TO THE EAST LINE OF THE WEST HALF OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 28,

THENCE SOUTH ALONG THE EAST LINE OF THE WEST HALF OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 28 TO A LINE 33 FEET SOUTH OF THE SOUTH LINE OF LOTS 6 AND 7 AND EXTENDING EAST IN BLOCK 3 IN NILES CENTER TERRACE, A SUBDIVISION IN THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 28, TOWNSHIP 41 NORTH, RANGE 12 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN IN COOK COUNTY ILLINOIS, RECORDED JULY 14, 1924 AS DOCUMENT 8599975,

THENCE WEST ALONG SAID LINE EXTENDED EAST 33 FEET SOUTH OF THE SOUTH LINE OF LOTS 6 AND 7 TO THE NORTHEASTERLY CORNER OF LOT 7 IN BLOCK 1,

THENCE NORTHWESTERLY ALONG THE NORTHEASTERLY LINE OF LINCOLN AVENUE TO THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID LOTS 6 AND 7 IN BLOCK 3 EXTENDED EAST,

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THENCE NORTHWESTERLY ALONG THE EASTERN LINE OF LOTS 6, 5, 2 AND 1 TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 1 IN GALITZ SUBDIVISION,

THENCE WEST ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF LOT 1 IN GALITZ SUBDIVISION TO THE SOUTHERLY EXTENSION OF THE WESTERN LINE OF LOT 1 IN COUNTY CLERK'S DIVISION RECORDED AS DOCUMENT 309147,

THENCE NORTHWESTERLY ALONG THE WESTERN LINE OF LOT 1 AND ITS EXTENSION TO THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID LOT 1 ALSO BEING THE EAST LINE OF CORNER OF LOT 1 IN CIRCUIT COURT PARTITION OF LOT 9 RECORDED AS DOCUMENT 5131199,

THENCE WEST ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF LOTS 1 AND 2 IN CIRCUIT COURT PARTITION OF LOT 9 TO THE WEST LINE OF FLORAL AVENUE IN SECTION 21 EXTENDED SOUTH,

THENCE NORTH ALONG THE WEST LINE OF FLORAL AVENUE EXTENDED SOUTH TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 16 IN PETER BLAUMER'S SUBDIVISION RECORDED AS DOCUMENT 64272,

THENCE NORTH ALONG THE EAST LINE OF LOTS 16, 18, 19 AND 20 IN PETER BLAUMER'S SUBDIVISION AND THE EAST LINE OF LOT 2 IN JAMES AL. SUBDIVISION RECORDED AS DOCUMENT 25470664 AND THE EAST LINE OF LOTS 2 THROUGH 8 IN RESUBDIVISION OF LOTS 16 THROUGH 24 IN PETER BLAUMER'S SUBDIVISION RECORDED AS DOCUMENT 8589911 TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 2 IN SAID RESUBDIVISION OF LOTS 21, 22, 23 AND 24,

THENCE WEST ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID LOT 2 AND ITS EXTENSION TO THE EAST LINE OF LOT 6 IN THE RESUBDIVISION OF LOTS 10 THROUGH 11 OF RESUBDIVISION OF LOTS 21, 22, 23, AND 24 AND 24 OF PETER BLAUMER'S SUBDIVISION RECORDED AS DOCUMENT 9620633,

THENCE NORTH ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID LOT 6 AND ALSO LOT 1 TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 1 IN RESUBDIVISION OF LOTS 10 THROUGH 11 OF RESUBDIVISION OF LOTS 21, 22, 23 AND 24 OF PETER BLAUMER'S SUBDIVISION,

THENCE NORTH ALONG THE WEST LINE OF LOT 11 IN RESUBDIVISION OF LOTS 10 THROUGH 11 OF RESUBDIVISION OF LOTS 21, 22, 23 AND 24 OF PETER BLAUMER'S SUBDIVISION TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 11, ALSO BEING A POINT ON THE SOUTH LINE OF LOT 25 IN PETER BLAUMER'S SUBDIVISION,

THENCE EAST ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF LOT 25 TO A LINE NORTH ALONG OF LOT 1 THAT IS 148 40 FEET EAST OF THE WEST LINE OF LOTS 25 AND 26 TO THE NORTH LINE OF LOT 26 IN PETER BLAUMER'S SUBDIVISION,

THENCE NORTH ALONG SAID LINE 148 40 FEET EAST TO THE NORTH LINE OF LOT 26,

THENCE WEST ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF LOT 26 TO THE EAST LINE OF LOT 9 EXTENDED SOUTH IN KLEHM'S SUBDIVISION RECORDED AS DOCUMENT 1021216,

THENCE NORTH ALONG THE EAST LINE OF LOT 9 EXTENDED SOUTH TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 9 BEING THE POINT OF BEGINNING, EXCEPTING LOTS 34 THROUGH 45 IN BLOCK 2 IN CIRCUIT COURT PARTITION RECORDED AS DOCUMENT 5131200,

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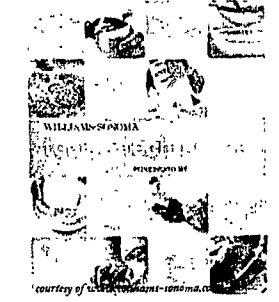
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Finding the perfect gift can be a true challenge. Consider these options.

For the Foodie:

Add Le Creuset Stoneware to your favorite chef's collection. The open-bowl serving dish is ideal for stove-to-table cooking. The cook will thank you when he or she realizes that it's also dishwasher safe.

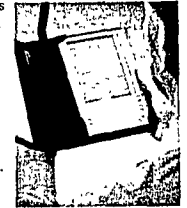
For the kitchen library, Williams Sonoma's Tools and Techniques is a reference bible with 500 chef tips and a forward by acclaimed chef Thomas Keller.



For the Techie:

A recent survey issued by the Consumer Electronics Association found that four out of five adults planned to buy electronics this holiday season. E-Readers are one gift edging out portable music this year. Several brands such as iReX and Sony join the original Kindle. Readers can download everything from the hottest bestsellers to today's paper in one compact instrument that is ideal for the busy commuter.

For the home-movie fanatic, check out reduced pricing on blu-ray players, known for a superior high-definition picture compared to standard DVDs.



by Tracy Evans
Special to Pioneer Press

For the Little Elves:

Video games are popular for teens and even the young at heart. Look for the third edition of Guitar Hero that now offers a variety of performance venues as well as guitar battle mode.

Take on the turntables with the first ever DJ Hero, available at stores such as Wal-Mart and Best Buy.

For the youngest on your gift list, the nostalgic-brand Radio Flyer recently announced a new EZ-Rider scooter. The extra-wide wheels and low deck allow for optimum balance and steering. The model also features an adjustable three-height handle bar perfect for ages ranging from three to eight. Most local Target stores carry the brand as well as local toy stores such as Foster Toys in Hillside.



For a Cause:

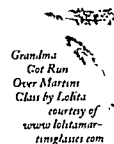
Consider shopping for gifts at a fair trade retailer such as Ten Thousand Villages that has locations nearby in towns such as Evanston and Oak Park. Its goods support the livelihood of artisans in countries as far reaching as the Middle East, Asia and South America. Fifty percent of an order is sent upfront to struggling artists to help cover difficult costs such as labor and materials. The goods range in cultural influence and style, and they are ideal to include in stocking stuffers or grab bags. The store stocks unique jewelry, candles and soaps, as well as exotic fabric purses and desk adornments, sure to make a statement both in appearance and meaning.

For Your Cubicle Mate:

The office grab bag is a tricky assignment. Whether your office pals listen to your coffee break confessions or just take your coffee order, a small token of recognition is a must during the giving season. Check out F.U.N. Cards & Gifts in Glenview for the perfect variety of gift ideas, with many under \$20.

"We're value-driven," says the owner, Rob Oswald. "Everyone can find something magnificent within their price point."

Look for universally popular gifts such as Lolita hand-painted martini or pin glasses, holiday-inspired scented votive candles or the ever-popular photo album to capture holiday memories. Oswald says the store's monogram services, often available on a same-day or next-day basis, give stationary and other desktop musts that special touch.



For the Fashionista:

"This season it's all about glitz!" says Lena Lurie, owner of ENAZ boutiques in Highland Park and Northfield. "Adding a little sparkle to your wardrobe is a great way to dress up any outfit."

She suggests sharing gifts your loved ones can use to update their winter wardrobes or holiday party attire. Avora's rhinestone cuffs and glittery bangles are some of her top picks. She says metallic cosmetic bags and clutches can update an outfit with bold style.

For a stylish yet practical gift, clothing designers have turned to the great outdoors for inspiration. Lurie recommends T-shirt scarves with touches of gold or fringe from designers such as Michael Strass.

Feeling generous? Give your stylish friends or siblings a fabulous sweater coat or even a pair of colorful rain boots with toasty liner socks from Hunter. Even bad weather won't stand in the way of a night on the town now! • PP



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Putting a good spin on a bad habit

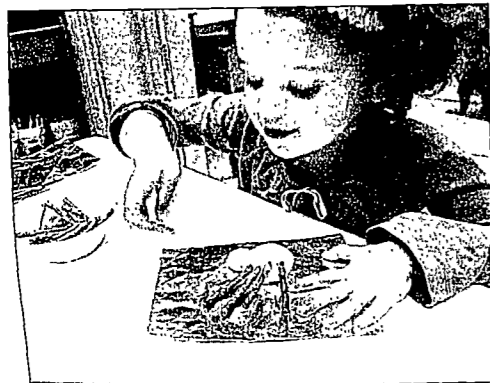
By SARA BURROWS
Contributor

Snacks happen. No one knows this better than America's food industry, which obligingly offers citizens an array of sweets and savories in small, fun-to-eat portions. And Americans are eating those snacks in growing numbers. According to "A Look into the Future of Eating," a study released by the NPD Group's Rosemont office, snacking is on the rise. In-home snacking will increase by 19 percent over the next decade. Yet it's hard to get through the day without those mid-morning, mid-afternoon, late-night noshes. So what's an increasingly health-conscious population to do?

Think about it
"It's a matter of planning," said Teresa Uemura, a registered dietitian at West Suburban Medical Center in Oak

Park. Ideally, she continues, snacks should add nutrition, as well as satisfaction, to your diet. Apples or bananas trump chips and cookies every time. And those 100-calorie packs often backfire, says Uemura. "They don't satisfy, so people eat two or three." She also recommends that people consider why they're snacking. At work, she says, "People sometimes eat because they're bored." That candy bar helps relieve the tedium of hours at a keyboard, but do you need it?

However, at-home snacking can be the real pitfall for most people, especially in the evenings. After-dinner nibbles are expected to increase 15 percent in the next decade, according to the NPD study. "That was probably the most difficult time," said Judy Roman of Glenview. As children, her two now grown-up daughters did most of their between-meal foraging in the evenings, and she and her husband still like a little something with their TV.



Snack-time at the Libertyville Cooperative Nursery School is part of the learning experience. Making their own treats, as Halilee Giordano is, gets youngsters interested in good nutrition. (Joe Cyganowski/For STM)



(From left) Sophia DeBruler, Christine Tropp and Mary Tropp work on their spider bread snack at the Libertyville Cooperative Nursery School, where kids often make their own healthy treats for the day. (Joe Cyganowski/For STM)

Her solution is to offer veggie and dips, or chips — baked, not fried — and salsa. "And fruit is always available. We keep very few sweets around the house." Lisa Safran of Buffalo Grove says after school is a hungry time for her daughter. So she makes sure there's something ready that's substantial and nourishing. Favorites, she says, are "A piece of pizza, or a peanut butter sandwich."

Like Roman, Safran tries to keep a lid on sweets. "I give my daughter a treat once a day," she said. "It's not that we don't have a package of cookies in the house, but we try to have them in moderation." Both women say that it's important to educate a family on sensible eating, because both of them developed good eating habits before they were grown.

Start young
"My parents got on the healthy eating bandwagon when I was a teenager, so that's where I got it," said Safran.

At the Libertyville Cooperative Nursery School, snacking is on the schedule every day. "It's a matter of good health for kids at that age, says Carol

Boeye, director of the school. "Their stomachs are so small, they can't get all the nutrients they need at meals. So it's important that snacks are healthful." Vicki Egler, a teacher at the Libertyville school, sees snack time as

in the future. "Never tell a five-year-old 'Cookies and candy are bad for you,'" she said. "You're sure to lose credibility, because cookies and candy aren't bad. They taste very good." She proposes that kids learn the concept of sometime foods versus anytime

Tortilla Triangles

1 pkg. honey wheat or whole wheat tortillas
4 T butter, melted
1/2 C sugar
1 tsp cinnamon
Bananas, strawberries, or other fruit

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
Mix sugar and cinnamon in a shallow bowl.
Cut each tortilla into 8 triangles. Brush both sides of tortilla triangles with melted butter.
Dip the triangles in the cinnamon sugar so that both sides are coated.
Bake for 5 to 6 minutes. Slice bananas. Hull and slice strawberries. Put 2 or 3 tortilla triangles in a bowl and spoon the bananas and strawberries in the middle. Tortilla triangles are also good with yogurt.

foods. Any time a child asks mom for an apple, he or she is likely to get it. But sweets like cookies and candy are treats for special occasions. "Kids really understand that," said Egler. "They know there are certain foods they can't eat all the time." It's a concept that would serve adults well, too, said Uemura. "But bad eating habits are hard to break."

an opportunity to teach kids to make the nutritious choices that will serve them well

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Christmas Bazaar and Bake Sale at the Irish American Heritage Center. 4626 N. Knox Ave., Chicago, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Dec. 6. Mass will be celebrated in the auditorium at 10:30 a.m. with music provided by the Irish Heritage Singers, a traditional Irish breakfast follows. Cost for the breakfast is \$8 for adults and \$4 for children. Reservations are required; call (773) 282-7035, Ext. 10. Holiday shoppers can browse the bazaar, where there will be a craft sale from Chicago artisans and an Irish American quilt will be raffled off. There will be raffles and local Irish import stores. The Jolly Holly Bake Shop will sell homemade pies, bread, scones, cakes and cookies. Santa Claus will visit from 1:30 p.m., and children can have their photos taken with him for free. As a special treat, Dragoncello Theater Company and Shapeshifters Theater will present an original, one-hour performance featuring the myths of ancient Ireland with live traditional Irish music, puppets, and eye popping costumes. The performance is at 2 p.m. and tickets are \$5 for children and adults. Visit www.irish-american.org.

The Norwood Park Historical Society will hold its annual Victoria's Craft Boutique on Dec. 3, 4, 5 and 6 at Noble Seymour Cruppen House, 5624 N. Newark Ave., Chicago. Admission is \$1. Boutique hours are 11 a.m.-7 p.m.

Dec. 3 and Dec. 4, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Dec. 5, and 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Dec. 6. The Norwood Park Historical Society runs this handmade-items-only sale as a way to celebrate the holidays and to raise funds to support Noble-Seymour-Cruppen House. This year crafts include music boxes, soaps and lotions, stained glass, American Girl doll clothes, wreaths, quilts, ornaments, ceramics, and a variety of bakery items and foods. New this year is the nursery, where visitors can buy hand-made infant toys, clothes and accessories for their young children. Visitors may also enjoy Holly Daze Cafe, which serves homemade soups, sandwiches, desserts and other light fare. Boutique attendees may also purchase holiday cookies. Tickets are available at www.norwoodparkhistoricalsociety.org.

Food Drive

Village of Niles employees, Citibank and PIA Bank are partnering together for a food drive to ensure no person in Niles goes hungry this Thanksgiving and holiday season. Demand for assistance is rising due to unemployment, high food prices and utilities and a troubled economy. This community effort will be held through Dec. 10. Donations by the public are deeply appreciated. Donations of non-perishable food items may be dropped off at any of the following locations: Village Hall, 1000 Civic Center Drive, Family Services and Senior Center, 999 Civic Center Drive, Niles Fitness Center, 987 Civic Center Drive, Niles Fire Department, 8360 W. Dempster St., Niles Police Department, 7000

W. Touhy Ave.; Niles Public Works, 6849 Touhy Ave.; Citibank, 8400 W. Dempster St.; PIA Bank, 7840 N. Milwaukee Ave.

Fundraisers

Maine Center is hosting its annual Park Ridge Christmas Housewalk from 5-9 p.m. Dec. 4. Four residences are each decorated with their own style of holiday tradition. Tickets are \$20 in advance or \$25 purchased on day of event. Each ticket holder will receive a Baked by Betsy cookie. Raffle tickets are \$2 each or six for \$10. Tickets may be purchased at the following Park Ridge locations: Maine Center, 819 Busse Highway, MB Financial Bank, 1014 Busse Highway, New Prospects, 110 S. Prospect Ave.; Park Ridge Community Bank, 626 Talcott Ave.; Park Ridge Park District, 2701 Sibley Ave.; Raffle Gifts, 29 S. Prospect Ave. Proceeds will benefit community behavioral health programs. Call Roxane Fuoco, (847) 696-1570, Ext. 309. As a special fundraiser and to celebrate the almost complete installation of an elevator, the Niles Historical Society is participating in Shop and Share Days with all Jewel/Oscos Stores Nov. 29 and Dec. 1 and 2. For those who do not have an identification slip, they are available from every member of the Society or at the Museum, by calling (847) 390-0160 or (847) 967-9849. Be sure to have one you prepare to do your holiday shopping. It is not too late to donate money to the annual Knights of Columbus

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

COOK COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM
HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM
EMERGENCY SHELTER GRANTS PROGRAM

PERFORMANCE HEARING

DATE: Thursday, December 3, 2009
TIME: 6:00 p.m.
PLACE: Cook County Board Room
118 North Clark Street
County Building - Room 567
Chicago, IL 60602

PURPOSE: The Cook County Community Development Advisory Council will hold a Performance Hearing to review the progress and performance of program activities for the 2008 Community Development Block Grant Program, HOME Investment Partnerships Program and Emergency Shelter Grants Program for the 2008 Program Year (October 1, 2008 through September 30, 2009).

These programs do not include the City of Chicago.

Cook County Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report

The Cook County CAPER will be available for public review on December 3, 2009. Cook County will accept comments on the report from December 3 through December 17, 2009. The report can be viewed at the Cook County Department of Planning and Development, 69 West Washington, Suite 2900, Chicago, IL 60602, (312) 603-1000.

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Both James and Melissa accomplished bachelor degrees from Miami of Ohio University in 2005, his in finance, and hers in marketing; however, first meet while employed at Target Corporation located in Minneapolis, Minnesota. The couple will marry this February in Peoria, IL. The twosome's first journey, as husband and wife, begins in April when they take off to Milan, Italy. James has been accepted at the University of Bacconi and will be pursuing his MBA, while Melissa already has professional opportunities awaiting her.

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Candy Drive to help mentally handicapped children. To donate, send tax-free donations to: KC Council 4338, 8307 N Harlem Ave., Niles IL 60714.

The Norwood Park Historical Society will hold its 26th annual Holiday House Tour from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 5.

The Rotary Club of Skokie Valley will hold a holiday plant-sale fundraiser to support local area charities. As in years past, the sale features poinsettias, azaleas, holiday wreaths and balsam rounds coming directly from a wholesaler's greenhouse.

Entertainment Books are available from the Knights of Columbus Council 4338. The 2010 edition costs \$20 each with a wide selection of metropolitan areas to choose from.

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Religion
St. John Brebeuf Adoration Chapel is observing its fifth anniversary. The chapel, in the Parish Ministry Center, 8307 N Harlem Ave., is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Registrations for the St. John Brebeuf "Joy in Jesus" Sunday preschool program are being taken 3 1/2 through kindergarten age. Classes are held during the 10:45 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Mass each Sunday.

Reunions
St. John Brebeuf School in Niles is looking for graduates from the class of 1964. Contact Libby Ryder at tryder@sjbschool.org

Maine Seniors
The Maine Township MaineStreamers program offers a variety of opportunities for residents 55 and older. Membership includes a free subscription to the MaineStreamers monthly newsletter.

Spend 10 nights traveling the islands of Hawaii aboard the Pride of America from Jan 20-30. The trip will consist of three nights in Honolulu and a seven night Hawaiian cruise.

Volunteer drivers are needed for FISH! If interested in providing transportation to township residents who need local rides to medical appointments, etc., call Gloria Stepek.

Maine Township is asking for assistance in locating good, reliable handymen in the area. If you know someone and would like to submit a name, contact Theresa Tully.

Maine Township, in cooperation with the Cook County Sheriff's Office, is collecting used cell phones to be converted for emergency 911 use for seniors. Donate phones at Maine Town Hall.

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NORTH POLLS
FOOTBALL

1. Maine South (13-0)
2. Loyola (11-2)
3. Glenbrook South (9-3)
4. Notre Dame (6-4)
5. New Trier (5-5)

GIRLS BASKETBALL

1. New Trier
2. Loyola
3. Niles West
4. Maine South
5. Glenbrook South

BOYS BASKETBALL

1. Glenbrook North
2. Maine South
3. New Trier
4. Glenbrook South
5. Evanston

ATHLETES
OF THE WEEK

FOOTBALL

Tyler Benz, Maine South
Senior quarterback accounted for all three TDs in the team's semifinal win over Loyola last weekend. He passed for 120 yards and ran for another 73.

Mike Divito, Maine South
Senior defensive back's interception in the end zone ended Loyola's scoring threat late in the fourth quarter and secured the Hawks a trip to the state championship game.

SWIMMING

New Trier's 400-yard free relay
Maddy Urban, Megan Marchuk, Morgan Scott and Samantha Jones sped to state championship in 3:27.63 and helped the Trevians to second place behind Rosary, which won its four state title in a row.
Urban also contributed by finishing seventh in the 50 free and second in the 100 free. The senior also swam on the 200 medley team that finished fifth.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Abbey Schmitt, New Trier
Junior scored 18 points and grabbed 12 rebounds in team's 64-48 win over rival Loyola.

Vikings victim to lopsided losses early

By **DAN SHALIN**
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GIRLS BASKETBALL - Some teams like to load up their own tournaments with opponents who are easily beatable.

Niles North has not done that with their season-opening event, which includes traditional powerhouses Wheeling and Fenwick and strong programs like Proviso East and Resurrection.

The Vikings, who started the season 0-2, also entered the Niles North Tournament with an under-strength squad, as talented sophomore Maryn Henley continues to recover from shoulder surgery.

So, there always was a chance Niles North would struggle in its opening games. However, Vikings head coach Dan Paxson said he expected his team to play with a little more intensity.

The Vikings opened with a 75-20 defeat to Proviso East on Friday and lost 63-33 to Wheeling the next evening.

"We had too many mental lapses and the intensity is not where it needs to be right now," Paxson said. "I thought it would be there. We had some good practices. But (in the opening games) it didn't seem like it was there."

The coach did feel his team made some improvements in the second game, especially in the transition game.

"(Against Proviso East) were not

getting out in our running lanes. I thought we did a better job of that (against Wheeling)," he said.

One positive for Niles North was the performance of junior Kaitlyn Schlander, who led the team with 11 points in the opener.

"She played really well both nights for us," Paxson said. "She hit a few shots on Friday, and we've encouraged her to shoot more. She's a very unselfish player, maybe to a fault. She's definitely a smart player. Defensively, she showed she could stand up to those teams. She's so smart, she knows how to position herself to help defensively."

With a busy week of games and the Thanksgiving holiday, the Vikings will have few opportunities to practice in the next week. So, Paxson is hoping his team will make the most of its off-the-court instruction.

"We're going to try to fix some things we've identified. But we don't have a whole lot of time," the coach said. "So, the girls are going to have to look in. We're going to watch film and teach them through film. It will be up to them to lock in and correct things because we won't have a lot of floor time."

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Pearlene DeGuzman and Niles North opened the season with consecutive losses. (Richard Bajjalieh/Staff Photographer)



Talent to keep Torres on deck for another year

By **DAN SHALIN**
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GIRLS DIVING - Niles West veteran coach Louis Torres said he was proud of how junior Emily Fung and senior Nadia Sarnecki performed at Friday's IHSA State Meet at New Trier. Fung had a five-dive total 161.1 and finished 23rd, four spots higher than her seed suggested. Sarnecki (135.95) finished 43rd.

"I'm proud of them. They set a good example for the underclassmen to follow: that hard work pays off, and

they have worked hard," Torres said.

The coach said Fung's finish was special because the diver was just nine months removed from knee surgery.

"To not only come back and dive, but to take 23rd at state, that's a testimony to (Emily's) grit," the coach said about the two-time state qualifier. "She's tough. When she got hurt, she said she was going to (return to state), and she did. I expect her to come back next year and be a little better."

All of Fung's dives were solid except for her back 1

1/2 summersault pike, which she missed, earning scores in the 3.5-4.0 range. Torres pointed out that with the level of competition at state, there was little margin for error.

"(With five dives) if you miss one dive, you drop," Torres said. "It was a tough state, the toughest in awhile. The girls were all good divers. Mine were good, but the others coming up, holy cow! It was tough."

Torres said Sarnecki's performance was solid, though she may have been

plunged slightly by inexperience. It was her first state meet and she only has been diving competitively for two seasons.

Sarnecki will graduate. But Torres has high expectations for next season. Fung will be closer to full strength and he is expecting big things from fellow junior Heather Funi.

Funi had been the team's top diver for much of the season, before Fung and Sarnecki edged her out for a sectional spot based on their performances at the conference meet.

Torres, who has coached for 35 seasons, said he put off retirement until after next season in order to coach Fung, Funi, and a couple of other talented youngsters one last time.

"I'm excited about next year," Torres said. "It will be my last year and I want to go out with a bang. I want to see (Fung) finish strong. I think she can finish in the top 12 in the state. That's our goal, to work hard and finish in the top 12. She's a good one."

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INFORMATION

Coach: Huey Crawford (1st year)

2008-09 record: 19-9 overall (7-3 in CSL North, 2nd place)

Returning starters: Nuse Khan (PG)

ROSTER

G	Nuse Khan	Sr.	6-0
G	Xavier Sullivan	So.	5-9
G	Aaron Shannon	So.	6-2
G	Jigar Patel	Sr.	5-10
G	Lorenz Arce	Sr.	5-6
G	Tim Bauer	Jr.	5-8
G	Nikhil Desai	Jr.	5-5
G	Tony Enwiya	Sr.	5-6
G	Zeehan Rauf	Sr.	5-10
F	Nigel Milosevic	Jr.	6-2
F	Al Nagode	Sr.	6-2
F	Ossama Anis	Sr.	6-3
F	Willy Gandy	Jr.	6-2
F	Jahde Smith	Jr.	6-2
F	Michael Szczapa	Sr.	7

OUTLOOK

The Demons got off to a good start under first-year coach Huey Crawford by having a successful summer. One of the highlights was winning St. Patrick's steelhead. Good news is the team's best player and leading scorer is back in senior point guard Nuse Khan. Bad news is the Demons lost four starters off last year's team. East's projected starting lineup will include senior guard Jigar Patel, forward Nigel Milosevic, forward Al Nagode and forward Ossama Anis.

STRENGTHS

Without a doubt, the Demons are led by Khan and his leadership. But the rest of the team is awfully quick and could earn some surprise wins simply with hustle and determination. Khan was one of the best guards last year, and he's had one year to get better. He can create his own shot and knock it down. But Khan's most important skill will be making the four new starters feel better.

CONCERNS

Losing two of the team's best players to other schools isn't good. Charles McKinney and Abdel Nader both left the Demons to play elsewhere this winter. McKinney, a 6-foot-2 guard, reportedly went to a prep school in North Carolina, while the 6-5 Nader followed former Demons coach Glenn Olson to Miles North. McKinney had his share of problems last year as he struggled to stay on the court. He even missed one of the two playoff games for undisclosed reasons. But he was the most athletic and arguably the most talented player. Meanwhile, Nader's selection left a huge hole in the post. He showed signs of his potential as a sophomore, and he clearly is primed for a standout season.

PROFILE

Maine East DEMONS Khan can't do it all himself

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Nuse Khan doesn't much like to talk. The Maine East senior prefers to let his play speak for him.

But the Demons are going to ask Khan to shoot his mouth off this season.

After both Charles McKinney and Abdel Nader decided to play somewhere else, Khan is the only returning starter and his leadership on the court will determine how the Demons do this winter.

First-year coach Huey Crawford knows this, and he spent time getting Khan to open up.

"One of the biggest things with him was he wasn't as vocal as I think a point guard should be," said the coach, who believes Khan should be attracting more interest from colleges. "It took time, and it's a work in progress."

"I think he's accepted that role." The 6-foot guard led the Demons in scoring a year ago as ended up with a 19-9 finish, second in the CSL North at 7-3. He showed his character in the team's final loss of the season, a 57-52 heartbreaker to Glenbrook South in the regional final, a game Maine East far nearly 17 minutes.

Despite hurting his back in the fourth quarter, Khan managed to return to the game as the Demons tried to rally back. He finished with 13 points.

When news came this fall that Charles McKinney and Abdel Nader weren't going to play for the Demons this season, Khan's role increased even more. McKinney and Nader would have helped take off some pressure from Khan.

"There could be some problems as he tries to do too much," Crawford said. "Any good player tries to do too much. That only will be a detriment if he doesn't pace himself throughout games."

"But he has a great basketball IQ, and he makes everybody better around him."

Crawford wanders which players will step up and give Khan an assist this winter. Senior Jigar Patel and sophomores Xavier Sullivan and Aaron Shannon all will share the backcourt with Khan. No one in that group has significant experience.

"The question is who is going to step up and fill that secondary role," Crawford said. "We need some of these newcomers to step up. If they don't, we are going to struggle. It's going to be interesting to see what their progression is over the season."

In the frontcourt, Crawford expects three



Maine East point guard Nuse Khan will have four new faces with him in the starting lineup this season. (Jerry Dallegre/for SIM)

new starters to contribute. Senior Ossama Anis, senior Al Nagode and junior Nigel Milosevic will get opportunities early. At 6-3, Anis is Maine East's tallest player.

"We are going to have to do some things to disguise our lack of height," Crawford said. "Ossama's a great kid, and he's extremely athletic. He has the jumping ability and the quickness. I think he will be

able to match up with most of the taller kids because of his athleticism. It's the heavier kids he may have some trouble with."

The Demons opened their season Monday against Vernon Hills at the Battle of the Ridge. The tournament concludes Saturday.

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Niles West WOLVES

INFORMATION

Coach: Bob Williams (1st season)
Last year's record: 9-17 overall
Returning starters: Lorenzo Fiol, Boris Cayemitte, Rodney Metellus

PROFILE

Cayemitte reaching beyond limitations

By DAN SHALIN
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Niles West senior Boris Cayemitte can't help but chuckle a bit when he explains he needs to get rebounds this season "being one of the big guys."

Listed last year at 5-foot-10, Cayemitte has grown, whether physically on simply in the team program, to 6-1 this winter.

That he considers himself one of the big guys says something about Niles West's lack of height and something about Cayemitte's athletic ability. A long jumper who nearly made it to the state track meet as a junior, Cayemitte will have to show he can also leap high to pull down earoms this winter.

That's just one of the many things new Wolves head coach Bob Williams will be hoping to get from his No. 23. But the coach said he was impressed by Cayemitte's versatility when he worked with him over the summer.

"On defense, he's got a great knack for anticipating where the ball is going, which will be helpful to us if he can keep getting in those passing lanes," Williams said. "He's tremendous taking the ball to the hoop, and in the summer he worked hard on his outside shot. He's a hard-working kid and one of those quiet leaders who just (sets an example) by his actions rather than words."

Expectations are not too high for the Wolves this season based on their personnel. But many Illinois high school basketball observers will be paying attention to see how Williams fares in his first season in charge.

After nearly two decades of success at Schaumburg, Williams takes over a program that has struggled in recent seasons and will often find itself as an underdog against powerhouse conference foes like New Trier, Glenbrook South and Evanston.

Williams is looking to build the program using the same principles of hard work and accountability that he preached at Schaumburg. Cayemitte, who averaged five points per game as a junior, admitted the coach's style has taken some getting used to.

"Some players are still not used to it," Cayemitte said. "He pushes us much harder and makes us do what he wants us to do and not what we think is comfortable."

"But it gives us motivation. He's been successful and we know we can be something good, so we should listen to what he's trying to tell us."

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Despite his 6-foot-1 size, Boris Cayemitte will be asked to be one of the team's top rebounders this winter. (Joe Shuman/for STM)

ROSTER

G	Chris McElchols	Sr.	6-9
G	Dante Logan	Jr.	5-10
G	Ramsen Younatham	Jr.	5-11
G	Chico Hill	Sr.	5-10
G	Marlene Soriano	Sr.	5-7
G	Lorenzo Fiol	Sr.	6-0
F	Boris Cayemitte	Sr.	6-1
F	Rodney Metellus	Sr.	6-2
F	Tony Pierce	Jr.	6-2
F	Lauris Herth	Jr.	6-2
F	Zain Parekh	Jr.	6-3
F	Cullen Bayley	Sr.	6-1
G	Dil Patel	Jr.	5-8
F	Patrick O'Connell	Jr.	6-2
G	Rabael Rasho	Jr.	5-11
F	Russell Robinson	Sr.	6-7
C	Luka Loncar	Jr.	6-1

OUTLOOK

AD David Rosengard pulled off one of the coups of the offseason by hiring Williams, who had recently stepped down at Schaumburg. Williams won close to 400 games with the Saxons, whom he led to a state title in 2001, a semifinal appearance in 1999 and the quarterfinals in 2006. He is a taskmaster and is not afraid to raise his voice in order to push his players out of their comfort zone. The Wolves are still getting used to his style. But results are results, and Williams has been one of the state's top coaches for the last two decades. Most impressively, he often got his Schaumburg teams punching above their weight, something his Wolves squads might have to do routinely in a conference that includes the likes of New Trier, Waukegan, Glenbrook South and Evanston.

STRENGTHS

Williams said the Wolves are more athletic than many of his Schaumburg squads. Both Rodney Metellus and Boris Cayemitte are top-class jumpers on the track team. Lorenzo Fiol is the player with the most proven basketball ability. He started at the point last season and will see time at the two-guard this winter when Dante Logan handles the ball. Ramsen Younatham, who is injured to start the season, and Chris McElchols can both shoot the ball. Transfer Lauris Herth, Tony Pierce and Zain Parekh provide some depth. Sophomore Russell Robinson, who is 6-7, is an intriguing prospect.

CONCERNS

The team lacks much in the way of an inside presence. Players like Metellus and Cayemitte will be asked to outleap taller opponents for rebounds. Robinson is tall, but could get pushed around at 155 pounds. The schedule is not easy. West opens against good teams from Lake Forest and Glenbrook North in their own Thanksgiving journey, will see quality competition at the Pontiac Holiday Tournament and will play non-conference games against Loyola, Buffalo Grove, Gordon Tech and Rolling Meadows. The conference includes Illinois' perennially in-form Richmond (Waukegan) and California-bound Alex Ross (New Trier).

Notre Dame DONS

INFORMATION

Coach: Tom Les (3rd year, 34-21)

2008-09 Record: 20-9

Returning Starters:
 Shawn Wallace (6-2, Sr.)

PROFILE

Hirsch veers from grid to hoops

By DAN SHALIN
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A handful of seniors on this season's Notre Dame team are going to be asked to step up — on and off the court.

Players like Tim Hirsch, Phil Kerber, Matt Moser, Matthias Trizna and Mark Rubel must prove they can handle expanded playing time and help carry the Dons. Their leadership abilities will also be critical.

Some of the players may take time to adjust to the new role. But for Hirsch, the transition should be smooth. After all, he was an all-conference wide receiver and leader for the Dons' football team, which finished 6-4 after losing to Glenbrook South 28-27 in a first-round playoff thriller.

"I've already gone through one season as a senior athlete with football, and all the other guys have basketball, and that's it," said the 6-foot-6 Hirsch, who finished with 34 catches for 417 yards and six touchdowns this fall. "I know what to expect and how to deal with it. I should be able to handle the load."

Hirsch, an Edison Park native, said the confidence he gained on the football field should help him on the basketball court. Actually, he said he got a boost over the summer when ND head coach Tom Les told Hirsch he would no longer be just an inside player.

"In summer ball, my confidence shot up when coach (Les) told me that I could play (any position), one through five, that I should learn every position," Hirsch said. "I have been working on my shooting because I used to be a big man."

Les raved about Hirsch's summer work ethic and how the player balanced his time between basketball and football. Though Hirsch's minutes were limited last season, especially late in the campaign, Les expects the versatile wing to have a breakout campaign.

"He's a great compliment to Shawn (Wallace) at this point," Les said. "He's got some size, length-wise, he can put the ball on the floor and is a mismatch for some people."

Hirsch said his toughest challenge early in the season has been getting back into basketball slump.

"It's a different (type of) shape than football," he said. "In football, you go far four to six seconds and then take a 30-second break. In basketball, it's non-stop, and each likes to run the fast break."

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ROSTER

G	Rodney Pryor	Jr.	6-1
F	Quinton Chlevious	Jr.	6-7
G	Matthias Trizna	Sr.	6-7
F	Joe Ferrici	So.	6-6
G	Mark Rubel	Sr.	6-6
G	Ross Langlois	So.	6-6
F	Tim Hirsch	Jr.	6-6
F	Cody Heldenbach	Jr.	6-6
G	Ryan Tompkins	Jr.	6-6
F	Matt Moser	Sr.	6-6
F	Trek Dickson	Jr.	6-6
G	Shawn Wallace	Sr.	6-2
C	Phil Kerber	Sr.	6-2
F	Eddie Sorano	Fr.	6-2
F	Justin Halloran	Fr.	6-2

OUTLOOK

During last year's 20-9 run, Les went with an all-senior starting five, led by all-conference point guard Mike DiGregorio. While that experience and leadership is gone, the cupboard is not bare. Shawn Wallace was an all-conference selection last winter, leading the team with a 14 ppg average. Tim Hirsch is lanky and versatile. Junior Quinton Chlevious showed flashes of stardom last season and has expanded his shooting range. Meanwhile, seniors Matthias Trizna, Matt Moser and Phil Kerber were part of last year's 10-man rotation, while Evanston transfer Rodney Pryor, junior Ross Langlois and sophomores Ryan Tompkins and Joe Ferrici should be in the mix.

STRENGTHS

Wallace will be the team's star and is coming off a fine summer with the Dons and on the AAU level. He's athletic, can take the ball to the hole and shoot from the outside. He'll be asked to assume some of the ball-handling duties. Hirsch, Chlevious, Trizna, Moser and Kerber all impressed in sports last season, the squad should be deep and have decent size.

CONCERNS

Nobody other than Wallace has started on the varsity. The team will miss DiGregorio's ballhandling and the leadership provided by last year's seniors. Les admitted he may have "overscheduled." The team opens in the Lane Tournament against the likes of Oak Park River Forest, Zion Benton and Mount Carmel and has non-conference games against Morgan Park and Lincoln Park.



Notre Dame senior Tim Hirsch will be used at a variety of positions this season. (Joel Lerner/Staff Photographer)

Leave it to Beaver: Trevian a goal-getter

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BOYS SOCCER — Any time senior forward Ben Beaver had a big game — and there were plenty of those this fall — New Trier head soccer coach Craig Fairbairn usually had a three-word response when asked to describe Beaver's efforts.

Hard to guard. That's a simple way to explain how Beaver set the school's single-season scoring record, led the Trevians back to the Final Four in what figured to be a rebuilding year, and earned Pioneer Press Player of the Year honors.

Beaver racked up 40 goals and 10 assists and was named an All-American by the National High School Soccer Coaches Association. He was almost unstoppable in the postseason, piling up 13 goals in seven tournament games against defenses focused mostly on the 5-foot-11 speedster.

Beaver broke the single season Trevian scoring record of 39 goals and 10 assists set by Bill Metzger

in 1999. He finished second to Metzger on the school's all-time scoring list with 70 goals and 31 assists in three varsity seasons.

"Ben Beaver's the real deal," said Evanston coach Franz Calixte after his team was burned for three goals by Beaver in the Class 3A sectional opener. "He scored some quality goals against us and I've got to give it up to him."

"He's the real deal, a player's player. We had our fastest and strongest guys on him, but his lateral movement is as good as his vertical movement, and he's always dangerous because of the way he can cut on a dime."

Beaver scored what turned out to be the game-winning goal for the Trevians as a junior in the state championship contest last year. He had no trouble picking up where he left off even though he was surrounded by eight new starters after the graduation of the best class in school history.

This year he made some history of his own. "His ability to read the



New Trier's Ben Beaver set a program record by scoring 40 goals this season. (Rob Hart/Staff Photographer)

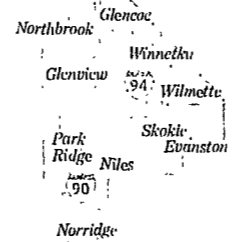
game and the defense in the middle of the play is what's really amazing," said Fairbairn. "We could put a highlight clip of Ben together to show other players how to take on someone 1-

on-1. He'll use a little subtle change of speed, a little shoulder fake, just a little shake to get you off-balance. Then, he's got that highlight clip of Ben together to show other players how to take on someone 1-

He's always had that speed, but we've never had anyone with the ability to change direction with the ball like that. "Because of his ability, we didn't always have to play

well as a team to still have a chance to win. We didn't have to be perfect all the time." That's because Beaver was pretty close to perfect. Comment: pioneerlocal.com

NORTH STARS
ALL-AREA BOYS SOCCER



NORTH STARS ALL-AREA GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Chapman gets a little help from her friends

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Glenbrook South junior Ellen Chapman helped the Titans to third place in the state. (Joel Lerner/Staff Photographer)

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL — There were so many factors that led to the success of Ellen Chapman this season.

She was surrounded by a veteran team of seniors, including a pair of Division 1 signees in setter Colleen Brennan and middle hitter Emami Sims. Sims deflected defenses from keying on Chapman, and Brennan was talented enough to set Chapman anywhere on the court.

Nearly half of Brennan's assists this season went to Chapman, a 6-foot-4 junior headed to Wisconsin. Chapman finished with 463 kills. She entered the state tournament with the highest amount of kills among all 16 teams, topping Harvard's Ashleigh Fisher (414 kills).

With the right personnel, Chapman did the rest. The former middle hitter played on the outside for the first time.

"It's not normal for a person of her height in high school to play that position," GBS coach Katie Hoover said.

Chapman's best match was a career-high 21 kills in the Class 4A sectional semifinal win over New Trier. The Titans (37-5) finished third at state behind Chapman's tournament-high 18 kills against Quincy.

After beating Lake Zurich in the supersectional, Brennan raved. "How about Ellen Chapman? She's just great."

Chapman, the defending Class 3A state champion in the high jump, learned to play a full rotation as a new outside hitter and improved her serve enough to finish with 28 aces, ranking third on GBS.

"Ellen is a smart attacker and is lethal from the back row and behind the service line," Hoover said.

PLAYER OF THE YEAR
ELLEN CHAPMAN, Sr., Glenbrook South

ROOKIE OF THE YEAR
KELSEY KELLY, OH, Jr., Loyola

FIRST TEAM

COLLEEN BRENNAN, Glenbrook South
The Columbia-bound senior came within one assist equating her career high with 36 against Quincy in the Class 4A third place match. Brennan had 63 assists in two state tournament games to finish with 807 on the season. Brennan was all-tournament at the Wheaton Classic.

MADDIE FITZPATRICK, Evanston
The perfect complement to Ali Gossen helped the Wildcats (32-7) to back-to-back 30-win seasons and trips to the sectional final. In the regular season, the 6-2 junior middle hitter led the team in blocks (26) and was second in kills (153).

ALI GOSSEN, Evanston
After a state trip in 2008, the Western Michigan bound right-side hitter led her team in kills (29) and was second in blocks (20) and third in aces (27). The 6-foot senior had 191 digs and hammered a career-high 16 kills against Lyons.

HAILEY MERK, Loyola
The Ramblers' captain, senior outside hitter and three-year starter ranked second in kills (194) and was among the team leaders in digs (357). She also added 36 aces. The all-GCAC pick was all-tournament at Stevenson and Glenbard East.

EMAMI SIMS, Glenbrook South
The 5-11 senior middle was the hitting percentage leader (53) among all 16 teams at the state tournament. The Miami (Fla.) signee had 23 of her 248 kills at state and led the Titans with 68 blocks.

ALLIE ROEMER, Glenbrook South
The senior libero returned to state after qualifying for the three-point showdown in basketball. Roemer led the Titans with 195 digs and was tops in serving with 40 aces.

SECOND TEAM

Lexi Assimos, S, Sr., Glenbrook North
Delaney Ciesem, S, Jr., Evanston
Blair Daspi, RSH, Sr., New Trier
Amy Hart, OH, Sr., New Trier
Linnee Lukatch, Lib, Sr., Evanston
Colleen Quinlan, RSH, Sr., Loyola
Libby Winter, MH, Sr., Glenbrook North

HONORABLE MENTION

Cami Beghou, RSH, Jr., New Trier
Elisa Gregg, OH, Sr., Glenbrook South
Lisa Gregerson, OH, Sr., Maine South
Kelly Kleppin, Lib, Sr., Niles West
Jordyn Toia, OH, Jr., Niles West

WATCH LIST

Maddie Beyl, S, Jr., New Trier
Jessica Combarro, RSH, Jr., Glenbrook South
Casey Durham, MH, Sr., Evanston
Jenny Huh, OH, Jr., Glenbrook North
Claire Miller, OH, Jr., New Trier
Kaitlin Mohr, MH, Sr., Loyola
Enfa Palava, MH, Jr., Niles North
Stephanie Serresmae, Sr., Maine South
Kelko Suihara, OH, Jr., Niles North
Shannon Sullivan, MH, Sr., Loyola
Veronica Szklarska, OH, Jr., Maine South

FIRST TEAM

GOALIE

JOHN SECARAS, New Trier
Senior had a 16 goals against average for a Trevians squad that went 19-7-3 and finished third in the state

DEFENDERS

CODY BUSIC, Loyola
Junior was an honorable-mention all star for a Rambler team that finished 14-5-2.

IAN MCGUIRE, Maine South
Senior was an all CSL backliner who was MVP of the 12-9-4 Hawks

SHAWN NICHOLS, Glenbrook South
Senior was team captain and honorable-mention all-sectional. He was a rock on defense even though his team struggled.

MIDFIELDERS

MATT HICKEY, New Trier
Senior had eight goals and an impressive 25 assists for the Trevians, who came close to repeating as state champs.

MAHI MAMELEOZJA, Niles West

Senior scored 22 goals, breaking the school's single-season record of 19. Also became the school's career goals leader

JACK SHERIDAN, Loyola
Senior was an all state midfielder for a Rambler squad that won a fourth straight conference crown

FORWARDS

BEN BEAVER, New Trier
see story

KRIS DUDEN, Maine South
Senior was an all-conference forward who finished with 16 goals and 4 assists

KAMIL LASZCZKOWSKI, Maine South
Senior was an all-sectional player who finished with nine goals and 16 assists

PIOTR LAGOWSKI, Taft
Junior was an all-state performer for the 9-8-1 Eagles, who lost to New Trier in the regional final.

GOALIE

Kevin Malpede, North Shore Country Day
Senior had eight shutouts for a 10-5-2 squad

DEFENDERS

Eric Greve, Maine South
Senior and a team captain was an all conference performer who had a goal and an assist

Michael Tabar, Niles West
Sophomore was a steady backliner for a Wolves squad that finished 11-9-3

Josh Swoboda, Maine East
One of only three senior starters, he was a top defender and leader for the 11-8-4 Blue Demons.

MIDFIELDERS

Mike Henry, Notre Dame

SECOND TEAM

GOALIE

Senior was a top-class defensive midfielder, who often provided cover for the backline. Had seven goals.

Jordy Metter, Evanston
Senior was one of the area's most dangerous players on the wing

Nick Olsen, Glenbrook North
Junior was a co captain who had eight goals and nine assists for the Spartans

Matthew Sullivan, Loyola
Senior was an all-sectional player and part of a quality midfield that also included Jack Sheidan

FORWARDS

Kevin Alvarez, Niles North
Junior led the young Vikings with 11 goals

HONORABLE MENTION

Carles Arias (Niles North), Alan Block (North Shore Country Day), Tommy Crowley (Notre Dame), Tommy Feller (Loyola), Milan Gacanovic (Maine South), Daniel Gaura (Loyola), Nick Jones (Evanston), Thomas Kaczowka (Maine South), Peter Lind (New Trier), Quinn McAnaney (Glenbrook North), Eric Murillo (Maine East), Eian Ness-Cohn (Niles North), Ivan Ramirez (North Shore Country Day), Peter Riley (Glenbrook South), Claran Robinson (Notre Dame), Thomas Villamil (Niles West), Michael Wright (Loyola)

Last season's shortfalls serve as motivation for Dons

Depth and experience keys to success

By DAN SHALIN
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WRESTLING - Notre Dame coach Augie Genovesi was a little disappointed last season when his team won 22 duals and had five regional champs but was not represented at the individual or team state meets.

With several accomplished returnees and a number of talented youngsters, Genovesi expects re-

sults to be different when the 2009-10 season renews its climax in mid to late February.

"It was disappointing not to get anybody down (last season). We had guys who were capable," he said. "I think, potentially, we can (reach dual team State this season). Once we get down to our correct weights, it's going to be a good team and a fun year."

Genovesi is excited about his team's depth and its experience. He expects to have four or five seniors in the lineup on a regular basis. Heading that senior group is Matt McNulty, a 140-pounder coming off a

27-win season.

"He's the real deal. He's pretty good," Genovesi said about McNulty, one of the team captains.

Senior Brian Ridge (189) won 38 matches as a junior and had success in both freestyle and Greco Roman club tournaments over the summer. He has committed to the University of Chicago.

Junior Matt Soumers (103) earned 26 victories last season, and was a regional champion and national team member in the off-season. Classmate Jim Walenberg won 34 matches last winter, was a regional champion and went Down-

state as an alternate.

Among other returnees expected to play important roles for the Dons are sophomore Tim Donnelly (119), senior Kevin Heneghan (125), senior Dylan Steigerwald (130) and junior Nick Baseom (160).

Heading the list of varsity newcomers are sophomores Connor Gavin (152) and Kevin Stahler (189) and freshman Sean Heneghan (112).

Genovesi pointed out that even though some of his wrestlers are new to varsity, they have accumulated valuable experience in the off-season.

"We wrestled 750 match-

es last spring and summer. To a lot of the kids, that will be invaluable," the coach said.

Other ND wrestlers who will likely contribute to ease this winter are sophomore Scott Smith (112), sophomore Jim Dianeaniore (130), junior Mike Riee (135), senior Mike Noto (160), senior Sean Murov (171), junior Julio Perez (171), sophomore Colton Kelly (215), junior Owen Hiriami (215) and junior Quinn Maehain (heavyweight).

All in the Family: Five athletes on the current roster have fathers who also wrestled for Genovesi at Notre

Dame.

Meanwhile, Augie Genovesi's son, Anthony, is the new wrestling coach at Niles West. Anthony came to Skokie from Elgin High and will no doubt come up against his father's team more regularly than in the past. The two have battled four times, with the elder Genovesi holding a 4-0 edge.

"I want to continue to beat him. I love him, but I can't let him beat me ... yet," Augie Genovesi said. "Between the lines, you do what you have to do. I love him before (a meet), and I'll love him after. But competition is competition."

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Hard work already paying off for Wolves' Poskrobko

Senior center complements star Loyd

By DAN SHALIN
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GIRLS BASKETBALL - Niles West head coach Tony Konsewicz has raved about the hard work Michelle Poskrobko put in over the summer, improving her game, strength and fitness. During the first week of

the 2009-10 season, that effort was already paying dividends for the senior center.

On Saturday, Poskrobko led all scorers with 19 points in a 73-35 win over North Chicago in the Deerfield Tournament. Poskrobko also was the Wolves' leading scorer in the previous game, a loss to Lake Forest.

"We couldn't be happier with Michelle," Konsewicz said. "We took the game to (North Chicago) and Michelle got up and down the floor, running rim to rim. It's a credit to our girls

that they found her. Michelle got the ball in the post. It's nice to see them reward a post person. She did a nice job catching and finishing. That was huge."

The player who rewarded Poskrobko in the post most often was super sophomore Jewell Loyd, who finished with 10 assists to go with her 17 points. Loyd missed the Lake Forest game with a minor injury.

Senior Jackie Gremley added 15 points for the Wolves, who improved to 2-1 with the win over North

Chicago.

Two days earlier, Niles West was without Loyd when it fell to Lake Forest 40-36.

The team showed some positive signs defensively, according to Konsewicz. Two Lake Forest players who tallied over 20 points in the Scouts' previous game were held to under double-digits.

However, Niles West hit just 10-of-26 from the free-throw line and turned the ball over nearly 20 times.

"I thought we'd take bet-

ter care of the ball without Jewell," Konsewicz said. "Also, if we hit five more free throws, it's still not a great percentage, but it probably wins the game."

The Wolves opened the season with a 48-44 win over a talented Hersey team Nov. 17.

Loyd led the way with 26 points. Gremley scored eight, all of them coming in the decisive fourth quarter.

Hersey's top player Megan Rogowski scored 11 points in the first half, but was held to just two after

the break. With the victory, the Wolves passed the first big test on their improved schedule.

"I talked before about why we scheduled that way," Konsewicz said. "Starting with a game like that, you see what direction you're headed in."

The Wolves were scheduled to resume action in the Deerfield Tournament with games against Zion-Benton and Deerfield. Niles West will face Waukegan in the same tourney on Saturday. Comment: pioneerlocal.com



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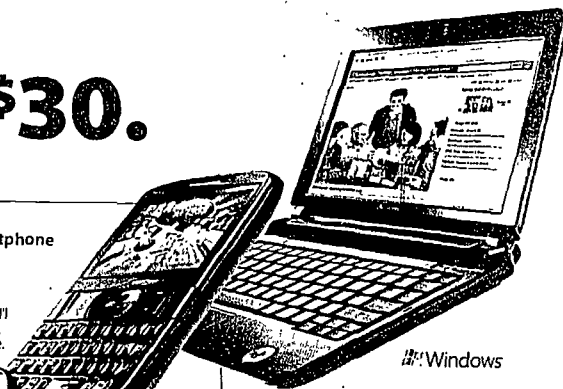
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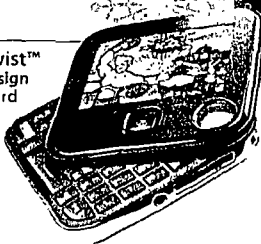


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PLAY REVIEW

'End Days' tells a strange, and very satisfying, story

'End Days' through Nov. 29 at Next Theatre, 927 Noyes St., Evanston. \$25-\$40. (847) 475-1875 or www.nexttheatre.org.

By **CATEY SULLIVAN**
Contributor

Laura T. Fisher could play a cactus and probably make the thing empathetic and emotionally complex. So it's no surprise that her depiction of Sylvia Stein, the pushy, abrasive, rigidly uncompromising and rabidly Evangelical Christian at the fractured heart of "End Days," comes across as an intelligent, multi-layered, flawed hero rather than a one-note stereotype feverishly skipping toward crazy town. Sylvia is at the heart of Deborah Zoe Laufer's eccentric family drama. Minus an actor who can portray a self-appointed savior with humanity, all you've got in "End Days" is story that's way too weird to relate to.

As it is, Next's production is compelling even in its most outlandish moments. And what with Stephen Hawking and Jesus Christ constantly coming and going, there are plenty of outlandish moments. Upping the oddness factor: The teenage Elvis impersonator next door, a high-strung adolescent whose nervous chatter loops and buzzes like a swarm of drunken bees.

Within this trippy atmosphere populated by misfits, director Shade Murray finds the story's deeply relatable human core, and makes it shine. Even in the most absurd scenes (Sylvia demanding the Rapture's precise timeline from a reluctant Jesus, Stephen Hawking helping Sylvia's daughter Rachel to remember her locker combination), things feel honest and true.

"End Days" delves the profound disconnect among members of the Stein family in the wake of the Sept. 11



Rachel (Carolyn Faye Kramer) tells her new friend, Stephen Hawking (Joseph Wycoff), about her concerns with her mom's fanaticism. (Photo by Michael Brosilow)

attacks. Sylvia, her husband Arthur (William Dick) and daughter Rachel (Carolyn Faye Kramer) are as estranged from each other as they are from the world at large. While Sylvia has turned to Jesus, Arthur — who survived the World Trade Center attacks while all of his co-workers perished — has tumbled into a near catatonic-depression. Rachel expresses her broken-hearted rage by stomping about in Doc Martins and painting her face ghost-goth white. In their own distinctive way, each of the Steins has given up on life on Earth — which makes the sudden arrival of Nelson (Adam Shulzi) all the more jarring. Despite having survived tragedy on a par with the Steins, Nelson is as optimistic and life-affirming as his neighbors are life-denying. His only apparent damage is the Elvis jumpsuit he uses as a security blanket and a loquacious lack of social graces.

Within the small, ordinary parameters of the Steins' world — a living room, a kitchen, and a high school hallway — Laufer injects ideas as big as the universe with dialogue probing matters Biblical, astro-physical, religious and scientific. While Sylvia is fervently preparing for the Apocalypse and chatting up Jesus, Rachel is also pondering the mysteries of the space/time continuum with Hawking. Nelson and Arthur become

similarly engrossed in matters far larger than the Earth's boundaries, bonding over the beauty and mystery of Nelson's Bar Mitzvah preparations.

Early in the second act, Sylvia gets a monologue that pierces straight to the heart while explaining her abrupt conversion from agnostic Jew to Born Again Christian. It's a passage that absolutely nails the unbearable fear of being separated from loved ones, be it during a terrorist attack or during the end of the world. Sylvia's utter anguish at the thought of being Raptured up to Jesus while her family is left behind is intensely believable. Christian, Jew, Hindu, Buddhist, Muslim or atheist — anyone who has ever feared the loss of a loved one will recognize themselves in Sylvia.

The rest of the cast is solid. Dick absolutely captures the shrugging despair (and the black humor) of major depression. Shulzi is convincingly guileless as a gawky boy who speaks unvarnished truth simply because he doesn't know how to filter his conversation to meet societal norms. Wycoff is appropriately beatific as Jesus and wryly brainy as Hawking.

A final key performer here: Nick Keenan's sound design, which merges Latin and Hebrew religious chants with Johnny Cash songs.

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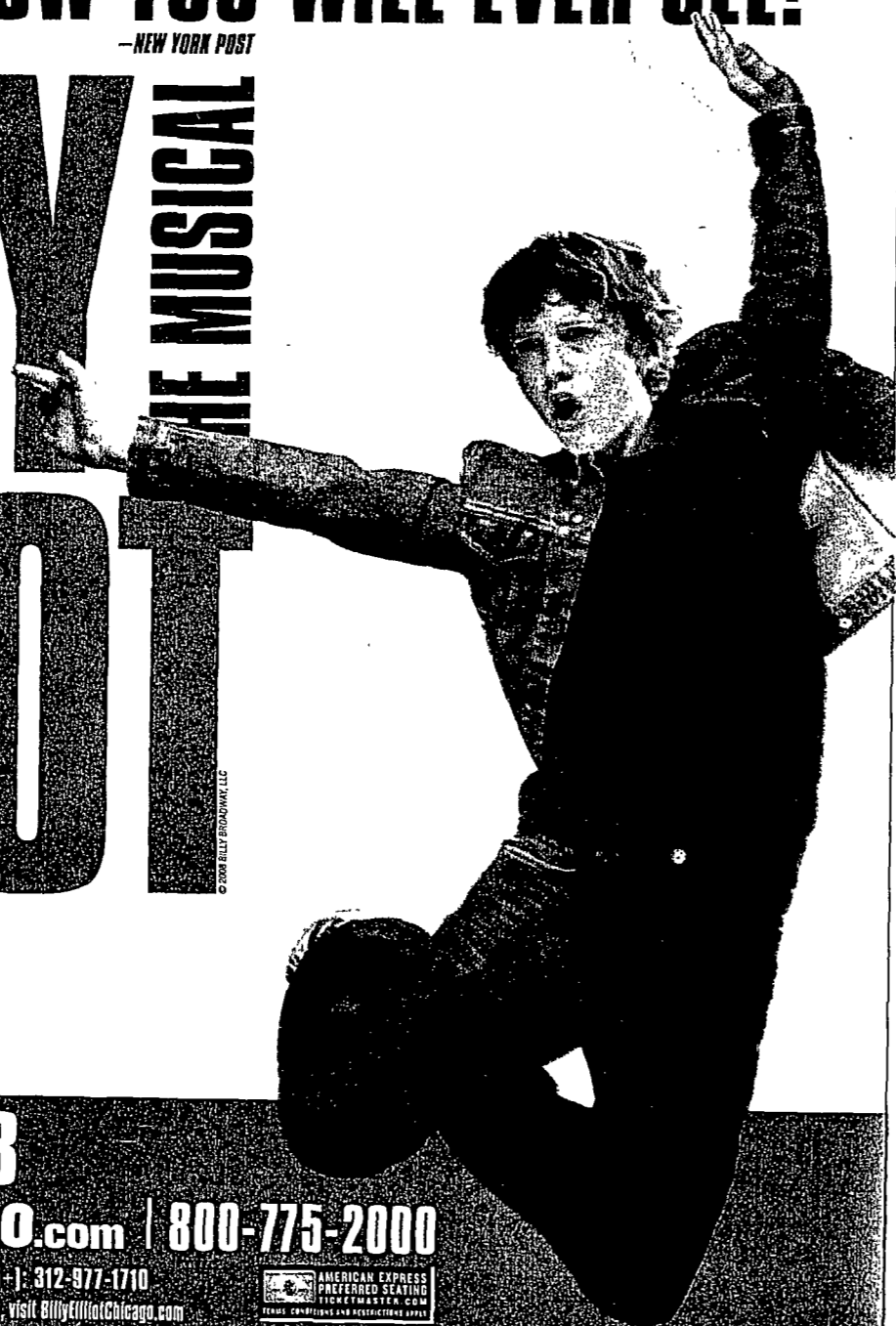
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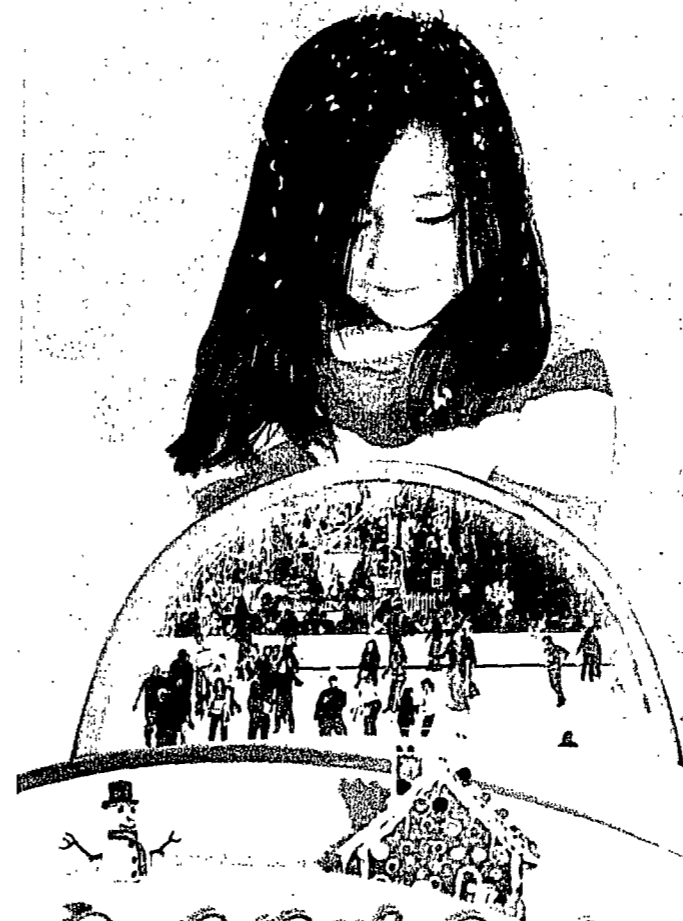
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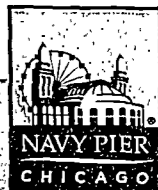
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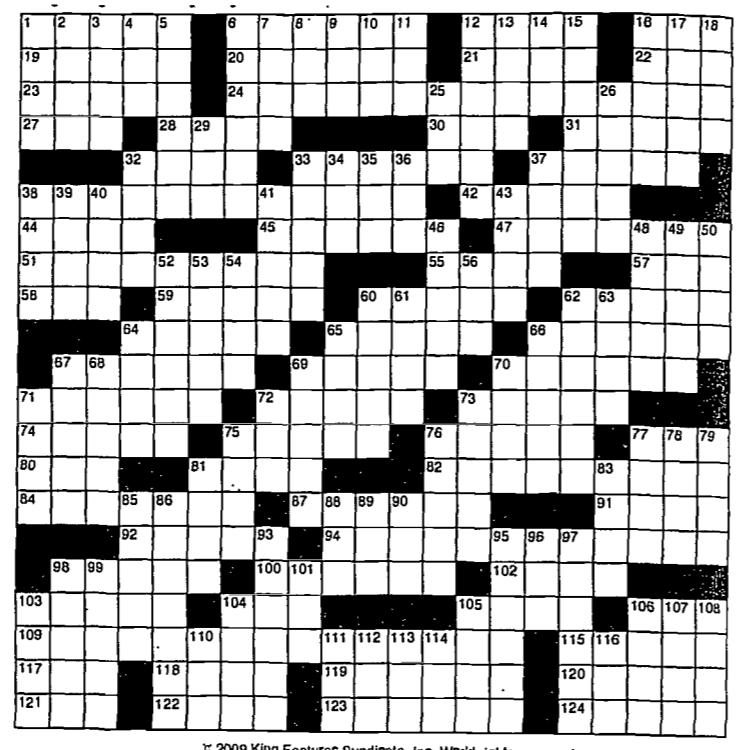
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 - 19 Bar hop?
 - 20 Tchaikovsky's "Onegin"
 - 21 Butter sub
 - 22 Hwy.
 - 23 Column style
 - 24 Start of a remark
 - 27 Pressure meas.
 - 28 Skinny
 - 30 Hamburger holder
 - 31 Tinker Bell or Titania
 - 32 Head for the hills
 - 33 Malone's
 - 37 Strong guys
 - 38 Part 2 of remark
 - 42 Agricultural inventor
 - 44 Rabbit relative
 - 45 Pressed
 - 47 Rock's pseudonym
 - 48 Loggins & —
 - 51 "Evita" setting
 - 55 Villainous
 - 57 Travel need
 - 58 Street greeting
 - 59 Sylvan setting
 - 60 Run a meeting
 - 62 Tremble
 - 64 Fully grown
 - 65 Revolutionary writer
 - 66 Made a face
 - 67 Juicy pear
 - 69 Part 3 of remark
 - 118 Butte
 - 70 Sent to Sing Sing
 - 71 January
 - 72 Military headgear
 - 73 Comic
 - 74 Rental agreement
 - 75 Like some signals
 - 76 boom
 - 77 Envelope code
 - 80 Big —
 - 81 Falafel holder
 - 82 Method
 - 84 Bit of wit
 - 87 Narrow passage
 - 91 Literary pseudonym
 - 92 Some jeans
 - 94 Part 4 of remark
 - 98 Stage whisper
 - 100 Summit
 - 102 Big beginning
 - 103 Circe's suitors
 - 104 Alternative to nothing
 - 105 Kirk's navigator
 - 106 Short snooze
 - 109 End of remark
 - 115 Sun-dried brick
 - 117 Likable proz
 - 118 Butte
 - 119 Audrey Tautou role
 - 120 Type of orange
 - 121 Litter sound
 - 122 Appear to be
 - 123 Hole grain food?
 - 124 Calm down
- DOWN**
- 1 Radar presence
 - 2 Bravo and Grande
 - 3 Start of everything?
 - 4 Sapporo sash
 - 5 Compliant
 - 6 Fam
 - 7 Car
 - 8 "That's disgusting!"
 - 9 Fire sign
 - 10 Burmese statesman
 - 11 Mrs. Al Bundy
 - 12 Portly suitors
 - 13 Ken or Lena
 - 14 Author Wallace
 - 15 Leisure lovers
 - 16 Comic Auerbach
 - 17 No-nonsense
 - 18 Actress Lamarr
 - 25 Where Sopranos shouldn't sing?
 - 26 They'll never hurt me!
 - 29 Born
 - 32 Liberate
 - 33 Half a rock group
 - 34 From — Z
 - 35 Diarist
 - 36 Canonized
 - 37 Pump part
 - 38 Ultimate whale watcher
 - 39 Author John Dickson —
 - 40 Southern constellation
 - 7 Car
 - 41 French psychologist
 - 43 Guff ruler
 - 46 Martin and Stockwell
 - 48 PR concern
 - 49 Missing more than mittens
 - 50 Imitated
 - 52 Novelist Gordimer
 - 53 Armistice
 - 54 Keep the pedal off the metal
 - 56 Compete
 - 60 Was concerned
 - 61 Subtle taste
 - 62 Marmalade fruit
 - 63 Unlikely to allure
 - 64 Benoit's buddies
 - 65 Unadulterated
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 - 86 Uses frequent flier miles
 - 88 In addition
 - 89 Carpet
 - 90 Demolished dessert
 - 93 Saudi salutation
 - 95 Inspires a smile
 - 96 — Aviv
 - 97 Exotic pet
 - 98 Cease the z's
 - 99 Tendon
 - 101 Thickness
 - 103 Do laps
 - 104 Chartres part
 - 105 Vaudeville bit
 - 106 Salmon snack
 - 107 Assist a felon
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 - 110 Ruby or Sandra
 - 111 Arch. tool
 - 112 Med. insurer
 - 113 Sundown. to
 - 114 Actor
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For the week of Nov. 30 - Dec. 6

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) There could be an unexpected change in plans for your upcoming holiday travels. But keep in mind that a little flexibility goes a long way in resolving any disappointments.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) A new relationship might not be responding quite as quickly as you'd hoped. Could you be expecting too much too soon? Try to ease up and let things happen at their own pace.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) As we approach the frenetic pace of pre-holiday planning, take time out now to reconnect with the wonderful people who share your life, especially the one who also shares your dreams.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A misunderstanding should be resolved before you get caught up in the flurry of holiday preparations. Set your pride aside and deal with it, regardless of who might have hurt whom first.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Being told that a colleague might have been trying to undercut your effectiveness might or might not be true. Get all the facts before you even think about acting on this so-called information.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) It's a good idea to start your holiday preparation plans early in order to avoid a time crunch if an unresolved workplace situation causes a problem. That old friend might have some welcome news.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A family member's actions continue to surprise you, but this time with positive results. Could be your wise counsel finally got through. It's like having an early holiday gift, isn't it?

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Your reluctance to act in a current situation could be traced to your inner self advising you to take more time to study its complexities before you attempt to deal with it. Good luck.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Soothing hurt feelings before they can ignite an angry outburst is the wise thing to do. And, of course, when it comes to doing the "wisdom thing," you do it so well.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Budget your time so that you can handle both your workplace duties and your personal holiday planning - including travel arrangements - without burning out on either end.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) You might find that you still need to firm up one or two of those still-outstanding decisions so that you can finally move forward as you had planned. Weigh the facts, then act.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) You usually don't carry grudges, but you might feel this is one time when you're justified in doing so. But aren't you spending too much energy holding onto it? Let it go and move on.

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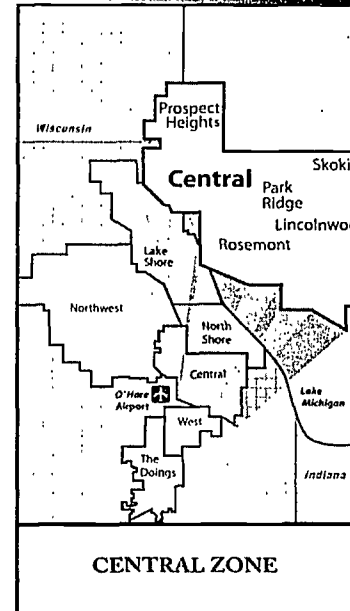
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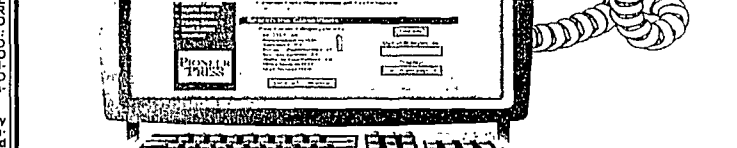
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VILLAGE OF SKOKIE, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS AMENDMENTS TO REDEVELOPMENT PLAN AND PROJECT FOR THE DOWNTOWN AREA REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA

Notice is hereby given that on December 7, 2009, at 8:00 p.m., at the Village Hall, Council Chambers, 5127 West Oakton Street, Skokie, Ill., a public hearing will be held to consider the approval of Amendments to the Redevelopment Plan and Project for the Downtown Area Redevelopment Project Area (the "Redevelopment Project Area").

The Redevelopment Project Area consists of the territory legally described in Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made a part hereof.

The Redevelopment Project Area consists of irregular boundaries and is generally bounded by Cleveland Street and the alley north of Oakton Street on the north, Floral Avenue and Lincoln Avenue on the west, Mulford Street and the alley south of Oakton Street on the south, and railroad right-of-ways on the east.

There will be considered at the public hearing, Amendments to the Redevelopment Plan and Project for the Redevelopment Project Area. The proposed Amendments to the Redevelopment Plan and Project were placed on file on or before September 10, 2009 and are available for public inspection at the office of the Village Clerk, Village Hall, 5127 West Oakton Street, Skokie, Ill. 60077. The proposed Amendments to the Redevelopment Plan and Project revise the budget contained in the Redevelopment Plan and Project and make certain other plan revisions.

There will be considered at the hearing approval of the amended Redevelopment Plan and Project, and confirmation of the Redevelopment Project Area and tax increment allocation financing therefor. Pursuant to the amended Redevelopment Plan and Project, the Village proposes to allocate conservation area conditions in the Redevelopment Project Area and to enhance the tax base of the Village and the taxing districts having taxable property within the Redevelopment Project Area by utilizing tax increment financing to fund various eligible project costs to stimulate private investment within the Redevelopment Project Area.

Prior to the date of the public hearing, each taxing district having property in the Redevelopment Project Area and the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (ID/CO) Illinois Department of Commerce and Community Affairs may submit written comments to the Village, to the attention of the Village Clerk, 5127 West Oakton Street, Skokie, Ill. 60077.

There is hereby convened a Joint Review Board to consider the proposed approval of the Amendment to the Redevelopment Plan and Project. The Joint Review Board shall consist of a representative selected by each community college district, local elementary school district and high school district of each local community, park district, library district, township, fire protection district, and county that has authority to directly levy taxes on the property within the Redevelopment Project Area, a representative selected by the Village and a public member. The first meeting of said Joint Review Board shall be held at 3:00 p.m. on the 2nd day of November 2009, at the Skokie Village Hall, 5127 Oakton Street, Skokie, Ill. 60077.

All the public hearing, all interested persons or affected taxing districts may file written objections with the Village Clerk and may be heard orally with respect to any issues regarding the approval of the Amendments to the Redevelopment Plan and Project. The hearing may be adjourned by the Mayor and Board of Trustees of the Village without further notice other than a motion to be entered upon the minutes of the hearing fixing the time and place of the subsequent hearing.

Malione Williams, Village Clerk, Village of Skokie, Illinois

EXHIBIT A

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THENCE EAST TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 2 IN LINCOLN-CLEVELAND PLAT OF RESUBDIVISION AND CONSOLIDATION RECORDED AS DOCUMENT 0434110027.

THENCE EAST ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF LOT 2 AND 1 AND THEIR EXTENSION OF THE SOUTH LINE OF LOT 1 IN SAID LINCOLN CLEVELAND RESUBDIVISION TO THE EAST LINE OF LINCOLN AVENUE AS MONUMENTED AND OCCUPIED;

THENCE NORTHWEST ALONG THE EAST LINE OF LINCOLN AVENUE AS MONUMENTED AND OCCUPIED TO THE NORTH LINE OF LOT 7 IN PETER BLAMEUSER'S SUBDIVISION RECORDED AS DOCUMENT 64272.

THENCE EAST ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF LOT 7 IN PETER BLAMEUSER'S SUBDIVISION TO THE EAST LINE OF THE WEST HALF OF SAID LOT 7 AND LOT 8 IN PETER BLAMEUSER'S SUBDIVISION.

THENCE SOUTH ALONG SAID EAST LINE OF THE WEST HALF OF LOTS 7 AND 8 TO A LINE 108.00 FEET NORTH OF AND PARALLEL TO THE SOUTH LINE OF LOT 8;

THENCE WEST ALONG SAID LINE 108.00 FEET NORTH OF THE SOUTH LINE OF LOT 8 TO THE EAST LINE OF LINCOLN AVENUE AS MONUMENTED AND OCCUPIED;

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THENCE SOUTHEASTERLY TO THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 1 IN 8035 LINCOLN AVE RESUBDIVISION RECORDED AS DOCUMENT 00346333.

THENCE SOUTH ALONG THE WEST LINE OF LOT 1 TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 1 IN 8035 LINCOLN AVE RESUBDIVISION;

THENCE SOUTH TO THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 1 IN LINCOLN-WARREN RESUBDIVISION RECORDED AS DOCUMENT 93055697;

THENCE SOUTH ALONG THE WEST LINE OF LOT 1 TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 1 IN LINCOLN-WARREN RESUBDIVISION.

THENCE EAST ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF LOT 1 TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 1 IN LINCOLN-WARREN RESUBDIVISION;

THENCE NORTH ALONG THE EAST LINE OF LOT 1 TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 1 IN LINCOLN-WARREN RESUBDIVISION.

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THENCE NORTH ALONG THE EAST LINE OF LOT 1 TO A JOG IN THE EAST LINE OF LOT 1 IN 8035 LINCOLN AVE RESUBDIVISION, ALSO BEING THE NORTH LINE OF LOT 36 IN PETER BLAMEUSER'S SUBDIVISION RECORDED AS DOCUMENT 64272.

THENCE EAST ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF LOT 36 IN PETER BLAMEUSER'S SUBDIVISION TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID LOT 36;

THENCE EAST TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 11 IN EDWARD H. BLAMEUSER'S SUBDIVISION RECORDED AS DOCUMENT 4276165;

THENCE SOUTH TO THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 6 IN SUBDIVISION OF PART OF LOT 2 OF THE SUBDIVISION OF THE SOUTH 105 ACRES OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 21 RECORDED AS DOCUMENT 2572477.

THENCE SOUTH ALONG THE WEST LINE OF LOT 6 TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 6,

THENCE SOUTH TO THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 1 IN TOWN SQUARE OF SKOKIE CONDOMINIUM PLAT OF CONSOLIDATION RECORDED AS DOCUMENT 97330040;

THENCE SOUTH ALONG THE WEST LINE OF LOT 1 TO THE JOG IN THE WEST LINE OF LOT 1.

THENCE EAST ALONG THE JOG 10 FEET.

THENCE SOUTH ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID LOT 1 TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 1;

THENCE EAST ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF LOT 1 TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 1;

THENCE CONTINUING EAST ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF LOT 1 EXTENDED TO THE WEST LINE OF LOT 1 IN CLARA BLAMEUSER'S SUBDIVISION RECORDED AS DOCUMENT 1264312, ALSO BEING THE EAST LINE OF NILES AVENUE;

THENCE NORTH ALONG THE WEST LINE OF LOT 1 TO THE NORTH LINE OF LOT 1;

THENCE EAST ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF LOT 1 TO THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 1 IN THE EUGENE M. HAEGELE SUBDIVISION RECORDED AS DOCUMENT 9399941;

THENCE EAST ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF LOTS 1 AND 2 IN THE EUGENE M. HAEGELE SUBDIVISION AND THE NORTH LINE OF LOT 1 IN CLARA BLAMEUSER'S SUBDIVISION, TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 1 IN CLARA BLAMEUSER'S SUBDIVISION;

THENCE SOUTHEASTERLY ALONG THE EAST LINE OF LOT 1 IN CLARA BLAMEUSER'S SUBDIVISION TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 1 IN CLARA BLAMEUSER'S SUBDIVISION;

THENCE NORTHWESTERLY ALONG SAID LINE 20 FEET NORTHEASTERLY OF THE CENTERLINE OF THE MAIN CHICAGO AND NORTH WESTERN RAILROAD TRACK TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 7 IN ILLINOIS SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY PARK SUBDIVISION;

THENCE NORTHEASTERLY ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF LOT 7 IN ILLINOIS SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY PARK SUBDIVISION TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 7 IN ILLINOIS SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY PARK SUBDIVISION;

THENCE SOUTHEASTERLY ON A LINE PARALLEL TO THE CENTERLINE OF THE MAIN CHICAGO AND NORTH WESTERN RAILROAD TRACK, ALSO BEING THE EAST LINE OF LOT 7 IN ILLINOIS SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY PARK SUBDIVISION EXTENDED SOUTHEASTERLY TO THE EAST LINE OF BLOCK 4 IN SUBDIVISION OF LOT 2 IN THE SUBDIVISION OF THE SOUTH 105 ACRES OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 21;

THENCE SOUTH ALONG THE EAST LINE OF BLOCK 4 IN SUBDIVISION OF LOT 2 IN THE SUBDIVISION OF THE SOUTH 105 ACRES OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 21 AND ITS EXTENSION TO A LINE 40 FEET SOUTH OF THE NORTH LINE OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 28, ALSO BEING THE SOUTH LINE OF A 40 FOOT RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR OAKTON STREET;

THENCE EAST ALONG A LINE 40 FEET SOUTH OF THE NORTH LINE OF SECTION 28 TO THE EAST LINE OF SECTION 28;

THENCE CONTINUING EAST ALONG A LINE 40 FEET SOUTH OF AND PARALLEL TO THE NORTH LINE OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 27 TO THE INTERSECTION WITH A LINE DRAWN FROM A POINT IN THE NORTH LINE OF SECTION 27 A DISTANCE OF 85 FEET EAST OF THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SECTION 27 TO A POINT 447.09 FEET SOUTH AND 161.66 FEET EAST OF THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SECTION 27;

THENCE SOUTHEASTERLY ALONG SAID LINE TO A POINT 447.09 FEET SOUTH OF THE NORTH LINE OF SECTION 27 AND 161.66 FEET EAST OF THE WEST LINE OF SECTION 27;

THENCE SOUTHWESTERLY TO THE INTERSECTION OF THE EASTERLY LINE OF THE CHICAGO AND NORTH WESTERN RAILROAD 100 FOOT RIGHT-OF-WAY AND THE SOUTH LINE OF HULL STREET IN SECTION 28 EXTENDED EAST.

THENCE SOUTHEASTERLY ALONG THE EASTERLY LINE OF THE 100 FOOT CHICAGO AND NORTH WESTERN RAILROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY TO THE INTERSECTION OF THE NORTH LINE OF MULFORD STREET IN SECTION 28 EXTENDED EAST.

THENCE WEST ALONG SAID NORTH LINE OF MULFORD STREET EXTENDED EAST TO THE WESTERLY LINE OF THE 100 FOOT CHICAGO AND NORTH WESTERN RAILROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY;

THENCE NORTHWESTERLY ALONG THE WESTERLY LINE OF THE CHICAGO AND NORTH WESTERN RAILROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY TO THE WEST LINE OF SECTION 27;

THENCE SOUTH ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SECTION 27 TO THE NORTH LINE OF MULFORD STREET IN SECTION 28 EXTENDED EAST.

THENCE WEST ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF MULFORD STREET EXTENDED EAST TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 25 IN BLOCK B IN NORTH SHORE L TERMINAL SUBDIVISION RECORDED AS DOCUMENT 8465869;

THENCE NORTH ALONG THE EAST LINE OF LOTS 25 THROUGH 31 IN BLOCK B IN NORTH SHORE L TERMINAL SUBDIVISION TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 31;

THENCE NORTHWESTERLY ALONG THE EAST LINE OF LOTS 32, 33 AND 34 IN BLOCK B IN NORTH SHORE L TERMINAL SUBDIVISION TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 34;

THENCE NORTHWESTERLY TO THE INTERSECTION OF THE NORTH LINE OF HULL STREET EXTENDED EAST AND THE WESTERLY 100 FOOT RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF THE CHICAGO NORTHWESTERN RAILROAD.

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THENCE WEST ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF KIRK STREET, ALSO BEING THE NORTH LINE OF BLOCK 7 IN NORTH SHORE L TERMINAL SUBDIVISION, TO THE EAST LINE OF LOT 18 IN BLOCK 4 EXTENDED SOUTH IN SUPERIOR COURT COMMISSIONER'S SUBDIVISION RECORDED AS DOCUMENT 6312173;

THENCE NORTH ALONG THE EAST LINE OF LOT 18 IN BLOCK 4 AND ITS EXTENSION TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 18;

THENCE WEST ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF LOTS 18, 17, 16 AND 15 IN BLOCK 4 TO THE EXTENSION OF A LINE DRAWN FROM A POINT IN THE NORTH LINE OF LOT 4 IN BLOCK 4 IN SUPERIOR COURT COMMISSIONER'S SUBDIVISION 70.18 FEET WEST OF THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 2 TO A POINT IN THE SOUTH LINE OF LOT 4, A DISTANCE OF 68.92 FEET WEST OF THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 2;

THENCE NORTH ALONG SAID LINE AND ITS EXTENSION TO THE SOUTH LINE OF BLOCK 3 IN SUPERIOR COURT COMMISSIONER'S SUBDIVISION,

THENCE EAST ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF BLOCK 3 TO A POINT IN THE SOUTH LINE OF LOT 18 IN BLOCK 3 IN SUPERIOR COURT COMMISSIONER'S SUBDIVISION 50.56 FEET WEST OF THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 19 BLOCK 3 IN SUPERIOR COURT COMMISSIONER'S SUBDIVISION,

THENCE NORTH ALONG A LINE 50.56 FEET WEST OF THE EAST LINE OF LOT 19 TO THE NORTH LINE OF LOT 18;

THENCE WEST ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF LOTS 11 THROUGH 18 IN BLOCK 3 TO THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 11 IN BLOCK 3;

THENCE WEST TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 26 IN BLOCK 2 IN NORTH SHORE L TERMINAL SUBDIVISION RECORDED AS DOC 8465869,

THENCE WEST ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF LOTS 17 THROUGH 26 IN BLOCK 2 AND LOTS 6, 7 AND 8 IN BLOCK 1 IN NORTH SHORE L TERMINAL SUBDIVISION TO THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 6 IN BLOCK 1;

THENCE CONTINUING WEST ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF LOTS 16 THROUGH 20 IN CIRCUIT COURT PARTITION RECORDED AS DOCUMENT 2572477 TO THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 16 IN BLOCK 1;

THENCE SOUTH ALONG THE WEST LINE OF LOT 16 IN BLOCK 1 TO THE SOUTH LINE OF LOUISE AVENUE;

THENCE EAST ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF LOUISE AVENUE TO THE EAST LINE OF THE WEST HALF OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 28,

THENCE SOUTH ALONG THE EAST LINE OF THE WEST HALF OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 28 TO A LINE 33 FEET SOUTH OF THE SOUTH LINE OF LOTS 6 AND 7 AND EXTENDED EAST IN BLOCK 3 IN NILES CENTER TERRACE, A SUBDIVISION IN THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 28, TOWNSHIP 41 NORTH, RANGE 12 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN IN COOK COUNTY ILLINOIS, RECORDED JULY 14, 1924 AS DOCUMENT 8509375;

THENCE WEST ALONG SAID LINE EXTENDED EAST 33 FEET SOUTH OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN OF LOTS 6 AND 7 IN BLOCK 3 TO THE NORTHEASTERLY LINE OF LINCOLN AVENUE;

THENCE NORTHWESTERLY ALONG THE NORTHEASTERLY LINE OF LINCOLN AVENUE TO THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID LOTS 6 AND 7 IN BLOCK 3 EXTENDED EAST.

THENCE WEST ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF LOTS 6 AND 7 IN BLOCK 3 TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 7 IN BLOCK 3 IN NILES CENTER TERRACE SUBDIVISION,

THENCE NORTHWESTERLY ALONG THE NORTHEASTERLY LINE OF LOT 7 IN BLOCK 3, LOTS 11 AND 24 IN BLOCK 2 AND LOT 4 IN BLOCK 1 AND THEIR EXTENSIONS EASTERLY AND WESTERLY TO THE EASTERLY LINE OF LOTS 3 THROUGH 6 IN BLOCK 6 IN CIRCUIT COURT PARTITION RECORDED AS DOCUMENT 731200,

THENCE NORTHEASTERLY ALONG SAID EASTERLY LINE OF LOTS 3 THROUGH 6 IN BLOCK 6 TO THE NORTHEASTERLY CORNER OF LOT 3 IN BLOCK 6 IN CIRCUIT COURT PARTITION,

THENCE NORTHWESTERLY ALONG THE NORTHERLY LINE OF LOT 3 AND ITS EXTENSION TO THE SOUTHEASTERLY LINE OF LOTS 6, 5, 2 AND 1 IN GALITZ SUBDIVISION RECORDED AS DOCUMENT 1172813;

THENCE NORTHWESTERLY ALONG THE EASTERLY LINE OF LOTS 6, 5, 2 AND 1 TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 1 IN GALITZ SUBDIVISION,

THENCE WEST ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF LOT 1 IN GALITZ SUBDIVISION TO THE SOUTHERLY EXTENSION OF THE WESTERLY LINE OF LOT 7 IN COUNTY CLERK'S DIVISION RECORDED AS DOCUMENT 309747,

THENCE NORTHEASTERLY ALONG THE WESTERLY LINE OF LOT 7 AND ITS EXTENSION TO THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID LOT 7 ALSO BEING THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 1 IN CIRCUIT COURT PARTITION OF LOT 9 RECORDED AS DOCUMENT 5731199;

THENCE WEST ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF LOTS 1 AND 2 IN CIRCUIT COURT PARTITION OF LOT 9 TO THE WEST LINE OF FLORAL AVENUE IN SECTION 21 EXTENDED SOUTH,

THENCE NORTH ALONG THE WEST LINE OF FLORAL AVENUE EXTENDED SOUTH TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 16 IN PETER BLAMEUSER'S SUBDIVISION RECORDED AS DOCUMENT 64272,

THENCE NORTH ALONG THE EAST LINE OF LOTS 16, 18, 19 AND 20 IN PETER BLAMEUSER'S SUBDIVISION AND THE EAST LINE OF LOT 2 IN JAMES ALLEN SUBDIVISION RECORDED AS DOCUMENT 25426694 AND THE EAST LINE OF LOTS 2 THROUGH 8 IN RESUBDIVISION OF LOTS 21, 22, 23 AND 24 IN PETER BLAMEUSER'S SUBDIVISION RECORDED AS DOCUMENT 986917 TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 2 IN SAID RESUBDIVISION OF LOTS 21, 22, 23 AND 24;

THENCE SOUTH ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID LOT 2 AND ITS EXTENSION TO THE EAST LINE OF LOT 6 IN THE RESUBDIVISION OF LOTS 10 THROUGH 17 OF RESUBDIVISION OF LOTS 21, 22, 23, AND 24 OF PETER BLAMEUSER'S SUBDIVISION RECORDED AS DOCUMENT 9620633,

THENCE NORTH ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID LOT 6 AND ALSO LOT 7 TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 7 IN RESUBDIVISION OF LOTS 10 THROUGH 17 OF RESUBDIVISION OF LOTS 21, 22, 23 AND 24 OF PETER BLAMEUSER'S SUBDIVISION,

THENCE NORTH ALONG THE WEST LINE OF LOT 17 IN RESUBDIVISION OF LOTS 10 THROUGH 17 OF RESUBDIVISION OF LOTS 21, 22, 23 AND 24 OF PETER BLAMEUSER'S SUBDIVISION TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 17, ALSO BEING A POINT ON THE SOUTH LINE OF LOT 25 IN PETER BLAMEUSER'S SUBDIVISION;

THENCE EAST ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF LOT 25 TO A LINE NORTH ALONG A LINE THAT IS 148.40 FEET EAST OF THE WEST LINE OF LOTS 25 AND 26 TO THE NORTH LINE OF LOT 26 IN PETER BLAMEUSER'S SUBDIVISION;

THENCE WEST ALONG SAID LINE 148.40 FEET EAST TO THE NORTH LINE OF LOT 26;

THENCE WEST ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF LOT 26 TO THE EAST LINE OF LOT 9 EXTENDED SOUTH IN KLEHM'S SUBDIVISION RECORDED AS DOCUMENT 1072756;

THENCE NORTH ALONG THE EAST LINE OF LOT 9 EXTENDED SOUTH TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 9 BEING THE POINT OF BEGINNING, EXCEPTING LOTS 34 THROUGH 45 IN BLOCK 2 IN CIRCUIT COURT PARTITION RECORDED AS DOCUMENT 5731200;

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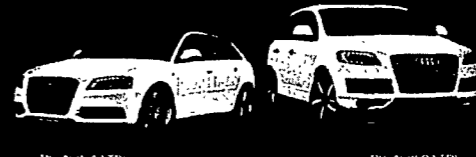
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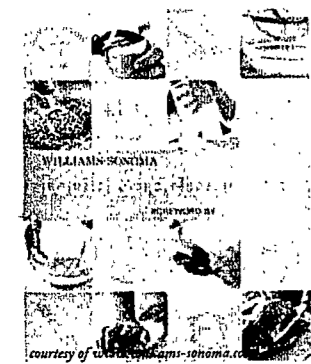
by Tracy Evans
Special to Pioneer Press

For the Foodie:

Add Le Creuset Stoneware to your favorite chef's collection. The open-bowl serving dish is ideal for stove-to-table cooking. The cook will thank you when he or she realizes that it's also dishwasher safe.

For the kitchen library, Williams Sonoma's Tools and Techniques is a reference bible with 500 chef tips and a forward by acclaimed chef Thomas Keller.

Perhaps you have friends that would rather curl up and watch the Food Network than slave over a hot stove. Give them a pair of tickets to take in a traveling road show with their favorite celebrity chef. Both Guy Fieri and Anthony Bourdain have recently booked gigs in the Chicago area.

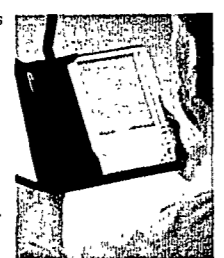


For the Techie:

A recent survey issued by the Consumer Electronics Association found that four out of five adults planned to buy electronics this holiday season. E-Readers are one gift edging out portable music this year. Several brands such as iReX and Sony join the original Kindle. Readers can download everything from the hottest bestsellers to today's paper in one compact instrument that is ideal for the busy commuter.

For the home-movie fanatic, check out reduced pricing on blu-ray players, known for a superior high-definition picture compared to standard DVDs.

Finally, Apple geeks will be happy to see yet another incarnation of the iPod eliminating the click wheel altogether in favor of a touch screen. The new iPod will also include Wi-Fi access.



For the Little Elves:

Video games are popular for teens and even the young at heart. Look for the third edition of Guitar Hero that now offers a variety of performance venues as well as guitar battle mode.

Take on the turntables with the first ever DJ Hero, available at stores such as Wal-Mart and Best Buy.

For the youngest on your gift list, the nostalgic-brand Radio Flyer recently announced a new EZ-Rider scooter. The extra-wide wheels and low deck allow for optimum balance and steering. The model also features an adjustable three-height handle bar perfect for ages ranging from three to eight. Most local Target stores carry the brand as well as local toy stores such as Foster Toys in Hinsdale.



For a Cause:

Consider shopping for gifts at a fair trade retailer such as Ten Thousand Villages that has locations nearby in towns such as Evanston and Oak Park. Its goods support the livelihood of artists in countries as far reaching as the Middle East, Asia and South America. Fifty percent of an order is sent upfront to struggling artists to help cover difficult costs such as labor and materials. The goods range in cultural influence and style, and they are ideal to include in stocking stuffers or grab bags. The store stocks unique jewelry, candles and soaps, as well as exotic fabric purses and desk adornments, sure to make a statement both in appearance and meaning.

For the Fashionista:

"This season it's all about glitz!" says Lena Lurie, owner of ENAZ boutiques in Highland Park and Northfield. "Adding a little sparkle to your wardrobe is a great way to dress up any outfit."

She suggests sharing gifts your loved ones can use to update their winter wardrobes or holiday party attire. Avori's rhinestone cuffs and glittery bangles are some of her top picks. She says metallic cosmetic bags and clutches can update an outfit with bold style.

For a stylish yet practical gift, clothing designers have turned to the great outdoors for inspiration. Lurie recommends T-shirt scarves with touches of gold or fringe from designers such as Michael Stars.

Feeling generous? Give your stylish friends or siblings a fabulous sweater coat or even a pair of colorful rain boots with toasty liner socks from Hunter. Even bad weather won't stand in the way of a night on the town now! • PP

For Your Cubicle Mate:



Granma Got Run Over Martini Glass by Lolita, courtesy of www.lolitamartini.com

The office grab bag is a tricky assignment. Whether your office pals listen to your coffee break confessions or just take your coffee order, a small token of recognition is a must during the giving season. Check out E.U.N Cards & Gifts in Glenview for the perfect variety of gift ideas, with many under \$20.

"We're value-driven," says the owner, Rob Oswald. "Everyone can find something magnificent within their price point."

Look for universally popular gifts such as Lolita hand-painted martini or pint glasses, holiday-inspired scented votive candles or the ever-popular photo album to capture holiday memories. Oswald says the store's monogram services, often available on a same-day or next-day basis, give stationary and other desktop musts that special touch.



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Putting a good spin on a bad habit

By SARA BURROWS
Contributor

Snacks happen.

No one knows this better than America's food industry, which obligingly offers citizens an array of sweets and savories in small, far-too-easy-to-eat portions.

And Americans are eating those snacks in growing numbers. According to "A Look into the Future of Eating," a study released by the NPD Group's Rosemont office, snacking is on the rise. In-home snacking will increase by 19 percent over the next decade.

Yet it's hard to get through the day without those mid-morning, mid-afternoon, late-night noshes.

So what's an increasingly health-conscious population to do?

Think about it

"It's a matter of planning," said Teresa Uemura, a registered dietitian at West Suburban Medical Center in Oak

Park. Ideally, she continues, snacks should add nutrition, as well as satisfaction, to your diet.

Apples or bananas trump chips and cookies every time. And those 100-calorie packs often backfire, says Uemura. "They don't satisfy, so people eat two or three."

She also recommends that people consider why they're snacking. At work, she says, "People sometimes eat because they're bored." That candy bar helps relieve the tedium of hours at a keyboard, but do you need it?

However, at-home snacking can be the real pitfall for most people, especially in the evenings. After-dinner nibbles are expected to increase 15 percent in the next decade, according to the NPD study.

"That was probably the most difficult time," said Judy Roman of Glenview. As children, her two now grown-up daughters did most of their between-meal foraging in the evenings, and she and her husband still like a little something with their TV.



Snack-time at the Libertyville Cooperative Nursery School is part of the learning experience. Making their own treats, as Haliee Giordano is, gets youngsters interested in good nutrition. (Joe Cyganowski/For STM)



(From left) Sophia DeBruler, Christine Tropp and Mary Tropp work on their spider bread snack at the Libertyville Cooperative Nursery School, where kids often make their own healthy treats for the day. (Joe Cyganowski/For STM)

Her solution is to offer veggies and dips, or chips — baked, not fried — and salsa. "And fruit is always available. We keep very few sweets around the house."

Lisa Safron of Buffalo Grove says after school is a hungry time for her daughter. So she makes sure there's something ready that's substantial and nourishing. Favorites, she says, are "A piece of pizza, or a peanut butter sandwich."

Like Roman, Safron tries to keep a lid on sweets. "I give my daughter a treat once a day," she said. "It's not that we don't have a package of cookies in the house, but we try to have them in moderation."

Both women say that it's important to educate a family on sensible eating, because both of them developed good eating habits before they were grown.

Start young

"My parents got on the healthy eating bandwagon when I was a teenager, so that's where I got it," said Safron.

At the Libertyville Cooperative Nursery School, snacking is on the schedule every day.

It's a matter of good habit for kids at that age, says Carol

Boyce, director of the school. "Their stomachs are so small, they can't get all the nutrients they need at meals. So it's important that snacks are healthful."

Vicki Egler, a teacher at the Libertyville school, sees snack time as

in the future.

"Never tell a 5-year-old 'Cookies and candy are bad for you,'" she said. "You're sure to lose credibility, because cookies and candy aren't bad. They taste very good."

She proposes that kids learn the concept of sometime foods versus anytime

Tortilla Triangles
1 pkg. honey wheat or whole wheat tortillas
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1/2 C sugar
Bananas, strawberries, or other fruit
Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
Mix sugar and cinnamon in a shallow bowl.
Cut each tortilla into 8 triangles. Brush both sides of tortilla triangles with melted butter.
Dip the triangles in the cinnamon sugar so that both sides are coated.
Bake for 5 to 6 minutes. Slice bananas. Hull and slice strawberries. Put 2 or 3 tortilla triangles in a bowl and spoon the bananas and strawberries in the middle. Tortilla triangles are also good with yogurt.

an opportunity to teach kids to make the nutritious choices that will serve them well

foods. Any time a child asks mom for an apple, he or she is likely to get it. But sweets like cookies and candy are treats for special occasions. "Kids really understand that," said Egler. "They know there are certain foods they can't eat all the time." It's a concept that would serve adults well, too, said Uemura. "But bad eating habits are hard to break."

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Christmas Bazaar and Bake Sale at the Irish American Heritage Center, 4626 N. Knox Ave., Chicago, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Dec. 6. Mass will be celebrated in the auditorium at 10:30 a.m. with music provided by the Irish Heritage Singers; a traditional Irish breakfast follows. Cost for the breakfast is \$8 for adults and \$4 for children. Reservations are required; call (773) 282-7035, Ext. 10. Holiday shoppers can browse the bazaar, where there will be a craft sale from Chicago artisans and an Irish-American quilt will be raffled off. There will be raffles and local Irish import stores. The Jolly Holly Bake Shop will sell homemade pies, bread, scones, cakes and cookies. Santa Claus will visit from 1-3 p.m., and children can have their photos taken with him for free. As a special treat, Dragonello Theater Company and Shapeshifters Theatre will present an original, one-hour performance featuring the myths of ancient Ireland with live traditional Irish music, puppets, and eye-popping costumes. The performance is at 2 p.m. and tickets are \$5 for children and adults. Visit www.irish-american.org.

The Norwood Park Historical Society will hold its annual Victoria's Craft Boutique on Dec. 3, 4, 5 and 6 at Noble-Seymour-Crippen House, 5624 N. Newark Ave., Chicago. Admission is \$1. Boutique hours are: 11 a.m.-7 p.m.

Dec. 3 and Dec. 4; 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Dec. 5; and 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Dec. 6. The Norwood Park Historical Society runs this handmade-items-only sale as a way to celebrate the holidays and to raise funds to support Noble-Seymour-Crippen House. This year crafts include music boxes, soaps and lotions, stained glass, American Girl doll clothes, wreaths, quilts, ornaments, ceramics, and a variety of bakery items and foods. New this year is the nursery, where visitors can buy handmade infant toys, clothes and accessories for their young children. Visitors may also enjoy Holly Daze Cafe, which serves homemade soups, sandwiches, desserts and other light fare. Boutique attendees may also purchase holiday cookies. Tickets are available at www.norwoodparkhistoricalsociety.org.

Fundraisers

Maine Center is hosting its annual Park Ridge Christmas Housewalk from 5-9 p.m. Dec. 4. Four residences are each decorated with their own style of holiday tradition. Tickets are \$20 in advance or \$25 purchased on day of event. Each ticket-holder will receive a Baked by Betsy cookie. Raffle tickets are \$2 each or six for \$10. Tickets may be purchased at the following Park Ridge locations: Maine Center, 819 Busse Highway, MB Financial Bank, 1014 Busse Highway, New Prospect, 110 S. Prospect Ave.; Park Ridge Community Bank, 626 Talcott Ave.; Park Ridge Park District, 2701 Sibley Ave.; Raffle Gifts, 29 S. Prospect Ave. Proceeds will benefit community behavioral health programs. Call Roxane Fuoco, (847) 696-1570, Ext. 309.

As a special fundraiser and to celebrate the almost-complete installation of an elevator, the Niles Historical Society is participating in Shop and Share Days with all Jewel/Osco Stores Nov. 29 and Dec. 1 and 2. For those who do not have an identification slip, they are available from every member of the Society, or at The Museum, by calling (847) 390-0160 or (847) 967-9849. Be sure to have one as you prepare to do your holiday shopping. It is not too late to donate money to the annual Knights of Columbus

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LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

COOK COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM
HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM
EMERGENCY SHELTER GRANTS PROGRAM

PERFORMANCE HEARING

DATE: Thursday, December 3, 2009
TIME: 6:00 p.m.
PLACE: Cook County Board Room
118 North Clark Street
County Building - Room 567
Chicago, IL 60602

PURPOSE: The Cook County Community Development Advisory Council will hold a Performance Hearing to review the progress and performance of program activities for the 2008 Community Development Block Grant Program, HOME Investment Partnerships Program and Emergency Shelter Grants Program for the 2008 Program Year (October 1, 2008 through September 30, 2009).

These programs do not include the City of Chicago.

Cook County Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report

The Cook County CAPER will be available for public review on December 3, 2009. Cook County will accept comments on the report from December 3 through December 17, 2009. The report can be viewed at the Cook County Department of Planning and Development, 69 West Washington, Suite 2900, Chicago, IL 60602. (312) 603-1000.

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Ress Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. John Ressa would like to wish their daughter Georgia and their son in law Gregory, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ioannis Raphael, a Happy Anniversary. We wish you many years of health and happiness. Congratulations on your new home in Glenview as well. God bless you both.



Triebel - Bello Engagement

Melissa Triebel and James Bello of Peoria, IL are pleased to announce their engagement. Melissa is the daughter of Karen Calder, stepdaughter of John Calder and the daughter of the late Thomas Triebel. James is the son of John and Nancy Bello, of Park Ridge, IL.

The groom and bride completed their high school diplomas in 2001. James graduated from Maine South High School

and Melissa from Metamora High School in Peoria, IL.

Both James and Melissa accomplished bachelor degrees from Miami University in 2005, his in finance, and hers in marketing; however, first meet while employed at Target Corporation located in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

The couple will marry this February in Peoria, IL. The twosome's first journey, as husband and wife, begins in April when they take off to Milan, Italy. James has been accepted at the University of Bacconi and will be pursuing his MBA, while Melissa already has professional opportunities awaiting her.

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Gwendolyn Fisher

LONDON

Maine South grad joins Philharmonia Orchestra

This month, Gwendolyn Fisher accepted an offer from the Philharmonia Orchestra, based in London, England, to become a member of its viola section.

This culminated a trial period lasting over one year in which she practiced and performed concerts with this orchestra throughout Great Britain, in many other European countries, and in Japan. She has been living in London since May.

A native of Park Ridge, Gwendolyn began violin at the age of 5. After hearing the Chicago Symphony Orchestra perform when she was 8 years old, she declared, "I want to do that." With the encouragement of her teacher, Desiree Ruhlstrat, she switched to viola as a teenager.

Graduating from Maine South High School in 2001,

she received Maine South's highest award for orchestra players. She earned her Bachelor of Music degree in 2005 from the Peabody Conservatory in Baltimore, studying under Victoria Chiang, and began graduate studies at the New England Conservatory in Boston under Martha Katz that fall.

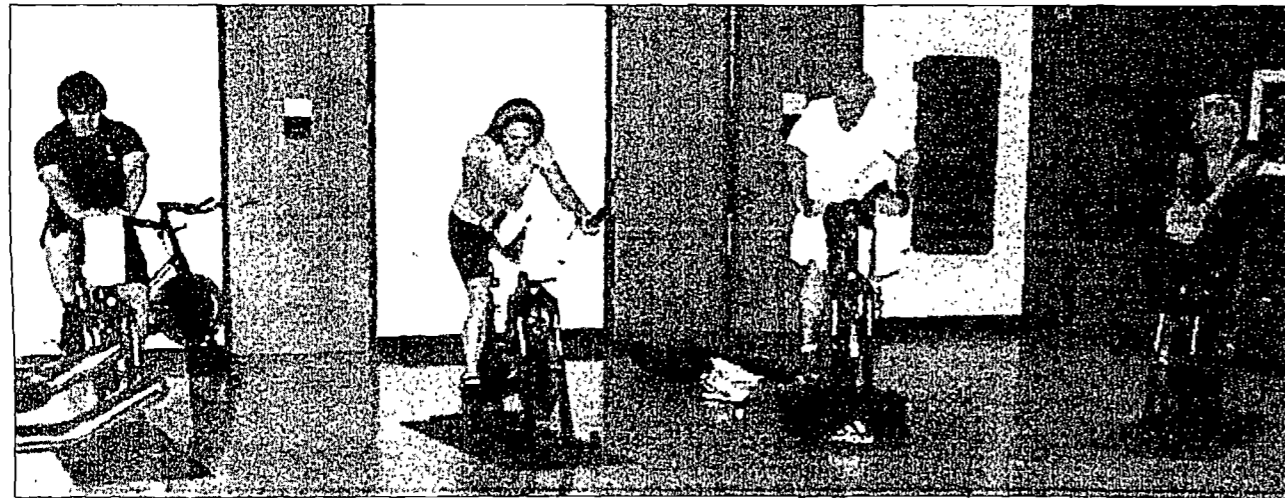
In 2006 she moved to Salzburg, Austria, to study under Thomas Riebl, an internationally renowned viola teacher, at the Mozarteum University. In November 2008 she completed a master's degree in viola performance, graduating with honors.

Gwendolyn is a several year fellow of the Aspen Music Festival and School in Aspen, Colo., and has worked with the Singapore Symphony Orchestra. She

has also participated in Le Domaine Forget Chamber Music Festival in Quebec, and in the IMS Prussia Cove Master Classes in Cornwall, England. Performing regularly with chamber ensembles and chamber orchestras throughout Europe, Gwendolyn has worked with the Alesi Ensemble in Leri, Italy, with the Camerata Salzburg in Istanbul, Turkey, and with the Salzburg Chamber Soloists at the Tonhalle in Zurich, Switzerland.

Gwendolyn is the daughter of Claire and Perry Fisher, longtime Park Ridge residents. Her older brother, Graham, who graduated from Maine South High School in 1996, is a criminal defense attorney in Portland.

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Indoor Cycling Marathon

The Niles Chamber of Commerce and the Niles Family Fitness Center hosted the second annual Indoor Cycling Marathon Oct. 24. SEE NEXT PAGE

NILES FAMILY FITNESS CENTER

Indoor cycling marathon raises \$3,800 for scholars

The Niles Family Fitness Center and The Niles Chamber of Commerce held the second annual Indoor Cycling Marathon on Oct. 24 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Niles Family Fitness Center.

Nine teams participated, raising \$3,848 for the Dollars for Scholars Scholarship Program.

Scholarships have also been granted to the children of employees and chamber members including: Ed Garvey & Co., St. Benedict Nursing & Rehab Center, Fifth Third Bank, Professional Eye Care Center, Niles Public Library, Golf Mill Shopping Center, Niles Family Fitness Center and the Village of Niles.

Each year organizers are able to increase the number of scholarships and the amounts, thanks to business donations from local companies, fundraising activities like the Annual Dollars for Scholars Spring Raffle and Annual Spinning for Scholars.

St. John Brebeuf, Gemini Junior High, Clarence E. Culver School, St. Juliana, Maine West High School, Niles North High School, Niles West High School, Notre Dame High School, St. Mary of the Woods, Resurrection High School, Maine East High School and Loyola Academy.

Applications are judged on service to the community and school, response to an essay, awards and honors, school transcripts and letters of recommendation.

Past recipients have been from local schools including:



The Niles Chamber of Commerce and Niles Family Fitness Center hosted the second annual Indoor Cycling Marathon Oct. 24.

ANNUAL STATEMENT OF AFFAIRS SUMMARY FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2009
Copies of the detailed Annual Statement of Affairs for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2009 will be available for public inspection in the school district/joint agreement administrative office by December 1, 2009. Individuals wanting to review this Annual Statement of Affairs should contact:
Morton Grove School District 70
School District/Joint Agreement Name
Address: 6200 Lake St., Morton Grove, IL 60053
Telephone: 847-965-6200
Office Hours: 7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Also by January 15, 2010 the detailed Annual Statement of Affairs for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2009, will be posted on the Illinois State Board of Education's website at www.isbe.net.
SUMMARY: The following is the Annual Statement of Affairs Summary that is required to be published by the school district/joint agreement for the past fiscal year.
Statement of Operations as of June 30, 2009

	Operations & Maintenance		Debt Services	Transportation	Municipal Retirement / Social Security	Capital Projects	Working Cash	Tort	Fire Prevention & Safety	
	Educational	Maintenance								
Local Sources	1000	9,291,622	615,630	586,329	268,049	187,226	2,094	50,888	0	41
Flow-Through Receipts/Revenues from One District to Another District	2000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
State Sources	3000	514,240	0	0	101,642	0	0	0	0	0
Federal Sources	4000	353,585	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Direct Receipts/Revenues		10,159,447	615,630	586,329	369,691	187,226	2,094	50,888	0	41
Total Direct Disbursements/Expenditures		8,481,038	634,487	739,764	547,319	206,751	0	0	0	0
Other Sources/Uses of Funds		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Beginning Fund Balances - July 1, 2008		5,190,255	540,022	919,997	379,877	(53,965)	52,152	1,734,705	0	556
Other Changes in Fund Balances		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ending Fund Balances June 30, 2009		6,868,664	521,165	766,562	202,249	(73,510)	54,246	1,785,593	0	597

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GROSS PAYMENT FOR CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL
Salary Range: Less Than \$25,000 — Ascher, Marybeth; Bechell, Eric D; Bhole, Indrajit; Binder, Susan; Campbell, Marjorie; Conkle, Laura; Davis, Dominica; Delmonico, Michele J; Daszko, Nora; Ethridge, Sharon; Fleck, Sarah; Gebala, Christina B; Gibbons, Ellen; Gilman, Janet; Grapsas, Elenie; Guerra, Dioniseo; Harrison, Katherine; Hellig, Mark; Hertz, John; Henry, Madeline; Hoffman, Jamie; Horton, Jane; Johnson, Karen; Kalabogias, Stamatina; Kamaeva, Rashida; Katz-Levina, Mindy; Koontz, Rosalie A; Kruszal, Pamela; Macholl, Julia; Margino, Susan G; Marul, Preetnam; Neuwauer, Kimberly; Olen, Robin; Orenstein, Michael; Perzov, Judith; Phillip, Anne; Reinbold, Mary C; Schmidt, Helmut; Steglich, Kimberly; Tierhold, Joseph; Weber, Jessica.

Salary Range: \$25,000 - \$39,999 — Chamankit, Nancy; Chapp, Terr; Emerson, Ivanka; Irvin, Nancy K; Menke, Cheryl; Rubenstein, Tarl; Wallin, Lisette; Wielgus, Denene.
Salary Range: \$40,000 - \$59,999 — Bushler, Jody; Cutro, Laura; Frake, Elizabeth; Melnick, Jane; Murphy, Kelli D; Oles,

Gina; Ostrowski, Janet; Ottenfeld, Laura B; Pape, Robert; Pellum, Christine; Swarwar, Lindsey E; Tiplon, Keira.
Salary Range: \$60,000 - \$69,999 — Bollen, Christina A; Boychuck, Maureen; Brody, Lisa; Cogan, Corine; Connolly, Paul M; Coyne, Julie; Drozd-Nolan, Jennifer; Finkelstein, Shana; Goldberg, Vicki; Goldstein, Sharon; Hood, Brian; Jonola, Suzanno M; Katz, Laurie S; Kanneby, Christophe; Levin, Maureen G; Lochner, Kristina; Majer, Barbara A; Mammias, Marika; Mazukell, Kathleen; Minelli, Jennifer; Napolli, Kathleen; Nethaus, Norman; Novak, Michael J; Paskiewicz, Tracy; Proslak, Ellen F; Pump, David G; Reich, Justine J; Sampson, Erica; Schroeder, Connie H; Starcewich, Nick; Trull, Carol; Wicinski, Juliette E; Yermack, Melissa.
Salary Range: \$90,000 and over — Brodsky, Michelle; Cooper, Susan Jane; Gilhooly, Leslie; Heinz, Diane; Heymann, Marc; Reynolds, Margaret M; Saks, Barbara E; Schmid, Deborah; Shearson, Marybeth; Spavak, Susan A; Steil, Paula; Wings, Susan; Zabika, Gary T.

GROSS PAYMENT FOR NON-CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL
Salary Range: Less Than \$25,000 — Adam-Jesse, Virginia; Barszcz, Dardene; Barti, Gertrude C; Braje, Donna; Brodsky, Rebecca; Ciesko, Karen, Clair, Ann; Curry, Katherine; Dex, John M; Halston, Yvette; Huber, Kathleen; Inglesby, Eileen C; Konieczka, Luke H,

Koob, Patricia; Kouvalis, Magdalena; Kruk, Linda; McCloskey, Alana M; Mico, Emilie; Mueller, Katherine; Nelson, Robert; Nitch, Kelly; Schwank, Joyce; Senensky, Georgia; Shapiro, Randi; Simkins, Ann; Sola, Mary; Sorisho, Bassima; Sorisho, John; Stein, Michael; Stein, Brigitte.
Salary Range: \$25,000 - \$39,999 — Crowley, Valerie; Fischer-Linke, Lisa; Johanson, Joan; Rolinots, Anne Marie.
Salary Range: \$40,000 - \$59,999 — Bruggiera, Ellen; Johnson, James L; Lombardo, Janet K; Phung, Cao Van T; Willis, Therese.
Salary Range: \$60,000 and over — Debes, Mindy; O'Neill, Christophe.
PAYMENTS TO PERSON, FIRM, OR CORPORATION OVER \$2,500
Morton Grove School District 70
14-016-0700-02

Payments over \$2,500, excluding wages and salaries.
Vendor Publication Listing School District 70:
303 Transportation, 28,045.50; A & T, 4,833.90; Accident Fund, 23,663.00; Alert Now, 4,000.00; Alpha Baking Co., Inc., 13,575.26; American Funds Service Co., 33,395.12; Blue Cross/Blue Shield, 701,785.01; Bob's Dairy Service, 16,426.25; Bureau Of Education & Research, 4,411.00; Business Cards, Etc, 7,747.00; Call One, 11,047.60; Capital One, 15,338.90; Caretti & Company, 21,250.00;

Carolina Biological Supply Co., 4,828.99; Cass Security, 4,111.79; Cdw-Government, 33,015.26; Central Rug & Carpet Company, 9,525.91; Chevy Chase, 2,872.40; Chicago Doorways, 2,615.00; Clifton, Gunderson & Co., 15,361.00; Com Ed, 111,029.18; Convergent Technologies Llc, 3,482.39; The Cove School, 30,726.23; Daniel F. Schneider, 4,250.00; Delta Dental Of Illinois, 55,375.90; Escobar, 4,893.77; Educations Publishing Service, Inc., 5,426.58; Elizabeth Frake, 3,294.57; Ellen Bruggiera, 8,680.00; Axa Inc, 112,895.80; Faronics Technologies Usa Inc, 2,718.90; Fidelity Invest Institutional Ops Co Inc, 21,177.36; Cole Taylor Bank, 885,342.49; Cole Taylor Bank, 146,672.09; Flexible Spending Account, 10,000.00; Flexsource, 3,373.00; Follett Library Resources, 10,215.60; Fox River Foods, 76,675.21; Frontline Placement Technologies, 5,545.00; Gary Zabika, 6,800.00; G T Genesis Technologies, 7,720.90; Galic Disbursing Company, 9,480.00; Groot, 10,240.73; Harcourt Inc, 10,065.29; Morton Grove District 70, 76,904.69; HeartSpring, 201,339.34; Hill Mechanical Ave, 11,663.12; Houghton Mifflin Co., 29,285.29; Illinois Assn Of School Admin, 2,563.60; Illinois Assn Of School Boards, 10,186.00; Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund, 101,627.20; Innovative Packaging, Inc., 15,571.00; Isbe - Fiscal Services Division, 8,187.43; Sue Jonata, 2,964.00; Kober's Instrument Repairs, 2,529.00; Krown Midwest Food Dist., Ltd., 2,739.35; The Legend Group/Adversy, 20,462.96; Lica, 43,060.66; McGraw Hill Companies, 17,673.91; Menards, 3,607.22; Microtel Systems Inc., 34,295.35; Konica Minolta Business Solutions, 23,221.80; Konica Minolta Business Solutions, 13,285.45; Mnl Technologies Direct, 10,114.69; Hartman Grove School District 70, 17,754.27; Nancy Belmonte, 3,000.00; Nos Pearson, 7,240.00; Ndscc, 55,453.93; Niles Township District For Special Educ, 859,581.93; Niles Township School Treasurers Office, 28,947.62; Niles Township School Credit Union, 170,745.00; North Suburban Teachers Union, 50,326.49; Northern Suburban Special Ed District, 3,852.74; Northwest Evaluation Association, 7,500.00; Oppenheimer Funds Services, 11,126.88; Park View School, 12,298.75; Pearson Education, 7,365.48; Pima Financial Inc, 3,500.00; Positive Connections, 420,150.46; Positive Connections, Inc., 74,066.65; Pro-Ed, 2,666.40; Reliance Standard, 7,487.38; Robbins Schwartz, 14,563.27; Robbins Schwartz, Nicho Las/Litton&Taylor, 3,773.75; Pats Foods Inc, 3,465.92; Scholastic Magazines, 5,427.71; School District 68, 10,112.50; School Specialty, 23,247.50; Smith Maintenance Company, 63,438.00; Specialty Floors, 4,470.00; Scsip, 16,841.00; Superior Maintenance Inc, 23,064.56; Susan Wings, 9,920.06; Tci, 4,336.20; Teachers Health Insurance Security, 21,170.50; Teachers Retirement System Of Illinois, 522,071.20; Temp-Master Inc, 2,893.75; Teachers Health Insurance Security, 76,897.66; Tipton, Keira, 4,722.83; Unisource, 13,586.94; Varitronics/Brady Worldwide Inc, 5,513.35; Village Of Morton Grove, 7,099.96; Wise Enterprises, 38,200.00
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Calendar

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Candy Drive to help mentally handicapped children. To donate, send tax-free donations to: KC Council 4338, 8307 N. Harlem Ave., Niles IL 60714.

The Norwood Park Historical Society will hold its 26th annual Holiday House Tour from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 5. Six private homes plus the landmark Noble-Seymour-Crippen House, will be on the tour. Tickets are \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door.

The Rotary Club of Skokie Valley will hold a holiday plant-sale fundraiser to support local area charities. As in years past the sale features poinsettias, azaleas, holiday wreaths and balsam roping coming directly from a wholesaler's greenhouse.

Our Lady of Ransom Parish in Niles is selling Entertainment 2010 Books. \$20. The book offers a variety of values, mainly two-for-one deals at many restaurants and establishments.

as \$75, the needy can gain their mobility with a new wheelchair. Donations may be sent to: Wheelchairs for Needy, c/o KC Council 4338, 8307 N. Harlem Ave., Niles IL 60714.

The Knights of Columbus are still distributing Tootsie Roll candy and banks with all profits given to mentally handicapped children. Tootsie Roll bars are available at 50 bars per package for \$6. The candy banks are \$2 each. Contact Ken Lee, (847) 967-6234.

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order a book call Josephine Bax, (847) 823-2550.

Library

Niles Public Library, 6960 W. Oakton St., (847) 663-1234 or online at www.nileslibrary.org.

The Go Club for ages 6 to 12 usually meets the first and third Saturdays of each month on a drop-in basis.

Parenting

Boot Camp for Expectant Dads is taught by a certified master coach who equips expectant dads to confidently interact with their infant.

Parks

Maine-Niles Association of Special Recreation offers people with physical and mental challenges, behavior and learning disorders, hearing and visual impairments and emotional disabilities an opportunity to enjoy a variety of recreation activities.

Niles Park District is accepting registration for its popular Small Shots Basketball Program for kindergartners

and first- and second-grade girls and boys. This six-week class begins Dec. 5 with 9 a.m., 10:15 or 11:30 a.m. starting times. Participants will learn dribbling, shooting, defense and offense skills and play in game situations.

Niles Park District is still taking registration for fall dance classes. Classes include Budding Ballerinas for ages 2-3, Pre-Ballet for ages 3-5, Ballet & Tap for ages 4-9, Jazz for ages 6-12, and Hip Hop for ages 6-12.

Niles Park District introduces a new camp called School's Out Sport Camp. The camp will be available on five school holidays. The main emphasis of the camp is to provide safe, fun-filled days of playing and learning sports.

Resident and nonresident registration for Niles Park district Bright Beginnings Preschool for 2009-10 is still taking place. Spaces are still available in the morning and afternoon for 3- and 4-year-old classes.

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Niles Park District is offering private piano lessons (30-45 minutes) for beginning and intermediate students Wednesdays and Thursdays at Howard Leisure Center.

The Golf Maine Park District has taken a new and innovative approach in raising much-needed funds for the park and spreading the word on energy efficiency.

Adult Bingo: 10 a.m.-2 p.m. first Wednesday of the month, split-the-pot bingo at the Feldman Recreation Center. Preschool: Early registration is important to ensure child a space for the fall 2009 semester.

also be available. CFLs may be purchased at Feldman Park, 8800 Kathy Lane, Niles, from 8:30 a.m.-10:30 p.m. Call (847) 297-3000.

The Golf Maine Park District offers the community an opportunity to recycle paper products. A recognizable green-and-yellow container supplied by Abitibi Bowater was dropped off in the Feldman Park lot.

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Road on Western Avenue), Niles; or Dee Park, at the corner of Dee and Emerson Roads, Des Plaines; or call (847) 297-3000.

Religion

St. John Brebeuf Adoration Chapel is observing its fifth anniversary. The chapel, in the Parish Ministry Center, 8307 N. Harlem Ave., is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Registrations for the St. John Brebeuf "Joy in Jesus" Sunday preschool program are being taken. The program is open to children ages 3-12 through kindergarten age.

Reunions

St. John Brebeuf School in Niles is looking for graduates from the class of 1964. Contact Libby Ryder at lry-

der@sbschool.org. Elmwood Park High School Class of 1970 is planning its 40th reunion for the fall of 2010. Classmates are asked to e-mail Christine Thomas Cowan.

St. John Brebeuf is looking for all St. John Brebeuf School alumni Alumni should contact Libby Ryder, (847) 966-3266, or e-mail lryder@sbschool.org.

lishing an Alumni Association. In preparation for its 100th-anniversary celebration the school is searching for its missing alumni. If you attended Immaculate Conception School or know someone who did, e-mail ICAlumni@icparish.net.

Maine Seniors

The Maine Township MaineStreamers program offers a variety of opportunities for residents 55 and older. Membership includes a free subscription to the MaineStreamers monthly newsletter.

Spend 10 nights traveling the islands of Hawaii aboard the Pride of America from Jan. 20-30. The trip will consist of three nights in Honolulu and a seven-night Hawaiian cruise.

ties and lectures, all transfers and baggage handling. Volunteer drivers are needed for fish. If interested in providing transportation to township residents who need local rides to medical appointments, etc., call Gloria Stepek.

Pioneer Press Mortgage Guide. A large advertisement section containing mortgage rates and terms from various lenders including Third Coast Mortgage LLC, Bank of America Home Loans, Park Ridge Community Bank, Pillar Financial, LLC, American Bank & Trust, Glenview State Bank, Kenilworth Financial, Inc., and others. Includes contact information and website links.

ANNUAL STATEMENT OF AFFAIRS SUMMARY FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2009. A detailed financial statement table with multiple columns for various categories like Educational, Debt Services, Transportation, etc. Includes a summary of gross payments for certificated personnel and a list of names.

Weekly Worship

CHICAGO

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 AM, Potluck, 11:30 AM
Sunday School for Preschoolers & Nursery Age Bible Study, Thursdays, 10:30 AM & Fridays, 7:00 PM
Youth (High School) Bible Study, Sunday 1:00 PM, Young Adults Bible Study, Sunday, 12:00 PM
Choir Practice: Sundays, 9:30 AM
Susannah Wesley Club (Women's Group) Meets once a month on 4th Tuesday of the month. Youth Worship Sunday, 3rd Sunday of every month
Pastor, Rev. Jerry Miller Organist, Dana Samova Musical/Youth Director, Noralyn Baroja Senior Exercise Class, Tuesdays & Thursdays 8:30 AM
Fellowship Hall James Downing Theatre Performances. Edison Park United Methodist Church is a church with Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors. & Chair Lift Available Parking in Rear.
The Edgebrook Church
6155 W. Touhy Avenue, (773) 631-1155
http://edgebrookchurch.org
Sunday Worship 10:30 AM
Ensemble Practice, Wednesday 6:30 PM
Praise, Prayer & Bible Study Wednesday 7:30 PM
Pastor Scott Stevens
Bethel Community Church
7601 W. Foster Ave., (773) 775-2355
www.bethelcommunity.org
Sunday Worship 8:30 & 11:00 AM
Encounter Gathering: Sunday 6:00 PM
Sunday School & Adult Bible Study-9:45 AM
Senior Pastor-Pastor Paul Jordan
Associate Pastor-Pastor Rob Bukowski; Student Ministries-Pastor Shawn Clark
Music & Worship-Pastor Andy Clifton
Childcare available for all services.
Seniors & Women's Bible Studies September thru May.
Call for information or see the website.

CHICAGO

Congregation Shaare Tikvah B'nai Zion
5800 N. Kimball, Chicago, IL 60659
773-539-2202
Rabbi Dennis Katz, Cantor Jacob Reiss
Weekly Saturday morning services 9:30AM
Followed by complete Kiddush Lunch
Hebrew School Sunday Only 9AM-1PM
Bar and Bat Mitzvah Tutoring & Ceremony Book Club on Monday Evening at 7PM at What's Cooking Restaurant in Lincoln Village. Call for Synagogue schedule. Sisterhood Hanukah Boutique and meeting on Monday, December 7. Traditional Hanukah. Refreshments served from 12-1PM. Followed by games and prizes. Family Hanukah Party Saturday Evening December 12, 6PM. Supper, Candle Lighting and games sponsored by Men's Club and Sisterhood and Hebrew School Non-members welcome to all activities. Phone Synagogue to be on our mailing list. Hanukah Party Donation: Adults \$10 Younsters \$5 Reservations 773-539-2202
Norwood Park Lutheran Church-ELCA
5917 N. Nina Avenue (at Nickerson) (773) 631-2860
Sunday Worship 10:00 AM
Holy Communion-1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays & Festivals
Service of the Word-2nd & 4th Sundays
Children's Ministry, Sunday School-Sundays, 9 AM (September-May) (September-May)
Confirmation Ministry-Sundays, 9 AM
Children's Sermon-2nd Sunday, 10 AM
Jazzercise-Tuesdays & Thursdays
Cub Scouts & Girl Scouts
Rev. Robert C. Johnson, Pastor
Joyce M. Kissenger, Minister of Music
Our Lady Mother of the Church
8701 W. Lawrence Avenue, (773) 625-3369
www.ourladychurch.org
Mass Schedule: Weekdays Monday through Friday 8:30 AM, Saturday 5:00 PM
Sunday 8:00, 9:30 & 11 AM, Sunday 11:00 AM
Young People's Liturgy of the Word Holy Days 8:30 AM & 7:00 PM. Tuesday 9:00 AM
Perpetual Help Novena Eucharistic Adoration First Fridays 9:00 AM-3:00 PM
Saturday Confession 4:00-4:30 PM
Baptism 2nd & 4th Sundays of the Month
Rev. Richard J. Klajbor, Pastor

CHICAGO

Our Savior Lutheran Church
Norwood-Park LCMS
6099 N. Northcott Ave.
(at Nickerson & Hood Avenues)
(773) 631-1100 & (773) 631-1606
www.ost3@sbcglobal.net
Sunday Worship 9:00 AM. Sunday School and Adult Bible Study 10:30 AM
Wednesday, Advent & Lenten Worship Services-Wednesday at 7:00 PM
St. Eugene Catholic Church
7958 W. Foster Ave., (773) 775-6659
www.st-eugene.org
Daily Masses: Mon thru Fri-6:30 & 9:00 AM
Weekend Masses: Sat - 8:30 AM & 5:30 PM, Sun - 7:00, 9:30, 11:30 AM & 4:30 PM
Confession: 4:00-5:00 PM Sat
Baptism: 1:00 PM 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month, Rev. George Koene, Pastor; Rev. Jerome Twarog, Associate Pastor; Rev. Philip Grib, SJ, Resident
St. Mary of the Woods Catholic Church
7033 N. Mosselle, (773) 763-0206
www.smow.org
Saturday Vigil Mass 4:30 PM
Sunday Masses: 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 AM and noon Weekday Masses, Mon-Fri 6:30 and 8:00 AM.
Confession Saturday 3:30-4:15 PM. Holy Days Vigil 7:30 PM
Holy Days 6:30, 8:00, 9:00 AM & 7:30 PM
Rev. Gregory Sackowicz, Pastor
We have a Preschool (3 yrs. Old) through 8th Grade School. And offer wonderful programs of Religious Education for Children and adults.
St. Monica Catholic Church
5136 N. Watlington, (773) 763-1661
www.stmonicachicago.com
Daily Mass: Mon - Fri 8:00 AM
Weekend Masses: Saturday - 4:00 PM
Sunday - 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 AM, and 12:00 PM
Polish Liturgy Mass: Sunday - 1:30 PM
Confessions: Saturday - 3:00 to 3:45 PM
Baptism: 1st Saturday and 3rd Sunday of the Month
Rev. Ted Schmitt, Pastor
Rev. Andrew Izyk, Associate Pastor
Fr. James O'Brien, In Residence
Fr. William Holbrook, In Residence
contactparish@stmonicachicago.com

CHICAGO

St. Paul Lutheran Church
5650 N. Canfield, 60631, (708) 867-5044
www.stpaulcanfield.org
Street Level, Air Conditioned
Sunday Worship 8:15 & 10:45 AM
Sunday School & Adult Bible 9:30 AM
Saturday Worship 6:00 PM
St. Paul Lutheran Christian Day School
Pre-K-Grade 8
SHARING GOD, TOUCHING LIVES, EVERYWHERE
MORTON GROVE
St. Luke's Christian Community Church
9233 Sherman Rd., (847) 966-9233
saintlukesccc@sbcglobal.net
www.stlukesccc.org
Robin Jones-Senior Pastor
Jeff Nelson-Youth Pastor
Sunday Worship-10:00 AM
Sunday School, Bible Study-11:30 AM
Korean Ark Covenant
Sunday Worship - 1 PM
Sunday 9:00 AM Bible Study
Wednesday 7:30 PM-Choir Rehearsal
Friday 8:00 PM Youth Group & KACC Worship
Morton Grove Community Church
Presbyterian
8944 Austin Ave., (847) 965-2982
Sunday Schedule
Adult Choir practice 9 AM
Worship Service 10 AM Fellowship 11 AM
Rev. Lolly Dominski, Pastor
Handicapped Accessible
EVERYONE IS WELCOME
NILES
Lutheran Church of the Resurrection
8450 N. Sherman Rd. Niles IL 60714
(847) 965-8210
Sunday (Sept.-June) 10:30 AM
(June-Sept) 9:30 AM, 1st Sunday of Month.
7:30 PM - Jazz Vesper Service (Sept-June).
Rev. Dr. Bruce T. Anderson - Pastor
Carolyn N. Sanderson - Minister of Music A member congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
St. Michael's Orthodox Church
7313 N. Waukegan Road (847) 647-8398
www.stmichaelniles.org
Sunday Worship 10:00 AM.
Discover the ancient faith

NILES

and rich traditions of the Orthodox Church-the first Christian Church-founded. By the Lord Jesus Christ and described in the pages of The New Testament. Today her Apostolic doctrine, worship, and structure remain intact.

NORRIDGE

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church
8600 W. Lawrence Ave.
Sunday Worship 9:30 AM
Sunday School 10:35 AM
Youth & Adult Bible Class
Sunday 10:45 AM
Midweek Bible Study - Wednesday 10:30 AM. Luther John Bajus, Pastor
Communion service 3rd Sunday of every month
Choir practice Thursday 7:00 PM
708-453-3514, Fax 708-456-8818
www.zionnorridgeil.org

NORTHBROOK

Temple Beth-El
3610 Dundee Rd., (847) 205-9982
Fax (847) 205-9921
www.templebeth-el.org
Join us for Shabbat services every Friday evening and Saturday morning. We hold a variety of services each month geared towards specific groups, as well as, people of all ages. These include musical, family, tot and more. Call for details or log on to our website. All are welcome! Temple Beth-El: A Reform Congregation Comfortable with tradition.
Senior Rabbi Sidney Helbraun
Assistant Rabbi Jeffrey Weill
Rabbi Emeritus Victor Weissberg
Cantor Kim Harris

To List Your congregation please call
Marsha Garrigan
630-978-8290
email mgarrigan@stng.com

Weekly Worship

EDISON PARK

Edison Park Lutheran Church ELCA
6626 N. Oliphant Ave., 773-631-9131
www.edisonparklutheran.org
Sunday Morning Worship Schedule, Liturgical Worship with Holy Communion 8 & 9:45 AM
Contemporary Worship with Holy Communion
11:00 AM Adult Bible Study 9:45 AM
Sunday School 9:45 AM
Attended Nursery for Sunday Services. Handicapped Access from south parking lot

NORWOOD PARK

St. Alban's Episcopal Church
6240 North Avondale, Norwood Park, Illinois (773) 763-8845
www.saintalbanchurch.com
Holy Eucharist: Sundays at 9:30 AM. The communities of St. Alban's Episcopal Church and St. Richard's Episcopal Church will combine their Holy Week services as follows: Maundy Thursday Agape Supper at 6:30 PM followed by church service - St. Richard's Good Friday service at 7:00 PM - St. Alban's. Holy Saturday, Great Vigil at 7:00 PM - St. Alban's. Easter Sunday, Holy Eucharist at 9:30 AM - St. Alban's. St. Richard's Episcopal Church is located at 5101 W. Devon, Chicago, IL 60646, Ph.: (773) 774-4519.
St. Alban's offers the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Sunday school program, September thru May. It is a Montessori-based program that enriches your child's knowledge of the Holy Spirit through the presentations of Jesus' parables and liturgical elements. Your child is welcome to join us for morning song at 8:45 AM and class at 9:00 AM

NORWOOD PARK LUTHERAN CHURCH(ELCA)

5917 N. Nina Ave. (at Nickerson) 773 631-2860
(Street level accessibility to main Church)
Sunday Worship 10:00 AM. Holy Communion-1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays & Festivals
Service of the Word-2nd & 4th Sundays
Children's Ministry, Sunday School-Sundays, 9 AM (September-May) Confirmation Ministry- Sundays, 9 AM (September-May). Children's Sermon-2nd Sunday, 10 AM. Jazzercise-Tuesdays & Thursdays. Cub Scouts & Girl Scouts
Rev. Robert C. Johnson, Pastor
Joyce M. Kissenger, Minister of Music

PARK RIDGE

St. Andrew's Lutheran Church & School
260 N. Northwest Highway
(847) 823-6656

PARK RIDGE

www.standrewsparkridge.org
Sunday Worship: September through May 8:30 & 11:00 AM, June - August 8:30 AM & 10:00 AM.
Contemporary Worship: Saturday 5:00 PM. Vespers: Monday 7:30 PM
Sunday School & Adult 9:45 AM (September thru May). Christian Day School - Pre-Kindergarten thru 8th Grade

St. Luke's Lutheran Church (ELCA)

A Recantling in Christ Congregation
205 N. Prospect Ave., (847) 825-6659
www.stlukespr.org
Email: office@stlukespr.org
Sunday Worship: 8:30 & 11:00 AM (School Year), 8:30 & 10:00 AM (Summer)
Thursday Worship (Summer) 7:00 PM
Sunday - Christian Education for all ages. 9:45 AM (School Year)
Child Care Provided Rev. Dr. Stephen M. Larson, Lead Pastor. Rev. Kristina C. Weber, Associate Pastor. Rev. Dr. Malcolm Minnick, Jr., Pastor. Emeritus, Anne Krenz Organ, Director of Music Ministries Malinda Ramseth Hailand, Director of Children's Choirs, Nancy Olson, Member Care Coordinator

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

306 S. Prospect Ave., (847) 823-4126
www.stmaryspr.org
Sunday Services: 8:00 & 10:00 AM
Wednesday Service: 9:00 AM. Sunday School & Nursery during worship, Youth Fellowship
The Rev. Sarah D. Odderstell, Rector
WHERE ALL ARE WELCOME!
Check website for all activities. Handicap Accessible

Park Ridge Presbyterian Church

1300 W. Crescent Ave., (847) 823-4135
www.parkridgepresby.org
Sunday Worship 10:30 AM
Nursery care during service Children's Programming for Ages 3 - High School. Adult Education Rev. James P. McCracken

PROSPECT HEIGHTS

St. Alphonsus Liguori Catholic Church
411 N. Wheeling Rd., (847) 255-7452
www.saintalphonsus.com
Worship Days & Hours: Monday-Saturday 8:15 AM Mass of Anticipation: 5:00 PM
Pastor: Rev. Curtis A. Lambert. Additional Information School: Pre-3 thru 8th Grade - Before & After School Care Ongoing Faith Formation - Kindergarten thru 8th Grade High School Youth Ministry Program

SKOKIE

Ezra-Habonim, the Niles Township Jewish Congregation

Your home for Jewish Learning, Living and Loving.
4500 Dempster St. Skokie, IL 60076
847-675-4141, Fax: 847-675-0327
Weekly Shabbat Services-Fri 8 PM & Sat 9:30 AM
Minyan Mon-Thurs 7 PM; Sat & Sun 6 PM
Monthly Shabbat dinners at 6:30 PM
Religious School Wed & Sat; Youth group, Early childhood services full & half day.
Rabbi Jonathan H. Ginsburg
Cantor Benjamin Warschowski
Rabbi Neil Brief, Emeritus

North Shore Center for Spiritual Living

Evanson Masonic Temple
1453 Maple Ave. 847-492-0500
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Sunday School (for all ages) 11:00 AM
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Shabbat Service Saturdays 10:30 AM
Shabbat Katan, third Saturday of each month, 10:00 AM for families with children under the age of five. Morning Minyan Monday - Friday 7:30 AM
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NORTH POLLS
FOOTBALL

1. Maine South (11-0)
2. Loyola (11-2)
3. Glenbrook South (9-3)
4. Notre Dame (6-4)
5. New Trier (5-5)

GIRLS BASKETBALL

1. New Trier
2. Loyola
3. Niles West
4. Maine South
5. Glenbrook South

BOYS BASKETBALL

1. Glenbrook North
2. Maine South
3. New Trier
4. Glenbrook South
5. Evanston

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

FOOTBALL

Tyler Benz, Maine South
Senior quarterback accounted for all three TDs in the team's semifinal win over Loyola last weekend. He passed for 120 yards and ran for another 73.

Mike Divito, Maine South
Senior defensive back's interception in the end zone ended Loyola's scoring threat late in the fourth quarter and secured the Hawks a trip to the state championship game.

SWIMMING

New Trier's 400-yard free relay
Maddy Urban, Megan Marchuk, Morgan Scott and Samantha Jones sped to state championship in 3:27.63 and helped the Trevians to second place behind Rosary, which won its four state title in a row. Urban also contributed by finishing seventh in the 50 free and second in the 100 free. The senior also swam on the 200 medley team that finished fifth.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Abbey Schmitt, New Trier
Junior scored 18 points and grabbed 12 rebounds in team's 64-48 win over rival Loyola.

Vikings victim to lopsided losses early

By DAN SHALIN
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GIRLS BASKETBALL - Some teams like to load up their own tournaments with opponents who are easily beatable.

Niles North has not done that with their season-opening event, which includes traditional powerhouses Wheeling and Fenwick and strong programs like Proviso East and Resurrection.

The Vikings, who started the season 0-2, also entered the Niles North Tournament with an under-strength squad, as talented sophomore Mariyah Henley continues to recover from shoulder surgery.

So, there always was a chance Niles North would struggle in its opening games. However, Vikings head coach Dan Paxson said he expected his team to play with a little more intensity.

The Vikings opened with a 75-29 defeat to Proviso East on Friday and lost 63-33 to Wheeling the next evening.

"We had too many mental lapses and the intensity is not where it needs to be right now," Paxson said. "I thought it would be there. We had some good practices. But (in the opening games) it didn't seem like it was there."

The coach did feel his team made some improvements in the second game, especially in the transition game.

"(Against Proviso East) were not

getting out in our running lanes. I thought we did a better job of that (against Wheeling)," he said.

One positive for Niles North was the performance of junior Kaitlyn Schlauder, who led the team with 11 points in the opener.

"She played really well both nights for us," Paxson said. "She hit a few shots on Friday, and we've encouraged her to shoot more. She's a very unselfish player, maybe to a fault. She's definitely a smart player. Defensively, she showed she could stand up to those teams. She's so smart, she knows how to position herself to help defensively."

With a busy week of games and the Thanksgiving holiday, the Vikings will have few opportunities to practice in the next week. So, Paxson is hoping his team will make the most of its off-the-court instruction.

"We're going to try to fix some things we've identified. But we don't have a whole lot of time," the coach said. "So, the girls are going to have to lock in. We're going to watch film and teach them through film. It will be up to them to lock in and correct things because we won't have a lot of floor time."

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Pearlane DeGuzman and Niles North opened the season with consecutive losses. (Richard Bajjalieh/Staff Photographer)



Talent to keep Torres on deck for another year

By DAN SHALIN
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GIRLS DIVING - Niles West veteran coach Louis Torres said he was proud of how junior Emily Fung and senior Nadia Sarnecki performed at Friday's IHSA State Meet at New Trier.

Fung had a five-dive total 161.1 and finished 23rd, four spots higher than her seed suggested. Sarnecki (135.95) finished 43rd.

"I'm proud of them. They set a good example for the underclassmen to follow: that hard work pays off, and

they have worked hard," Torres said.

The coach said Fung's finish was special because the diver was just nine months removed from knee surgery.

"To not only come back and dive, but to take 23rd at state, that's a testimony to (Emily's) grit," the coach said about the two-time state qualifier. "She's tough. When she got hurt, she said she was going to (return to state), and she did. I expect her to come back next year and be a little better."

All of Fung's dives were solid except for her back 1

1/2 summersault pike, which she missed, earning scores in the 3.5-4.0 range. Torres pointed out that with the level of competition at state, there was little margin for error.

"(With five dives) if you miss one dive, you drop," Torres said. "It was a tough state, the toughest in awhile. The girls were all good divers. Mine were good, but the others coming up, holy cow! It was tough."

Torres said Sarnecki's performance was solid, though she may have been

plagued slightly by inexperience. It was her first state meet and she only has been diving competitively for two seasons.

Sarnecki will graduate. But Torres has high expectations for next season. Fung will be closer to full strength and he is expecting big things from fellow junior Heather Funai.

Funai had been the team's top diver for much of the season, before Fung and Sarnecki edged her out for a sectional spot based on their performances at the conference meet.

Torres, who has coached for 35 seasons, said he put off retirement until after next season in order to coach Fung, Funai, and a couple of other talented youngsters one last time.

"I'm excited about next year," Torres said. "It will be my last year and I want to go out with a bang. I want to see (Fung) finish strong. I think she can finish in the top 12 in the state. That's our goal, to work hard and finish in the top 12. She's a good one."

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INFORMATION

Coach: Huey Crawford (1st year)

2008-09 record: 19-9 overall (7-3 in CSL North, 2nd place)

Returning starters: Nuse Khan (PG)

ROSTER

G	Nuse Khan	Sr.	6-0
G	Xavier Sullivan	So.	5-10
G	Aaron Shannon	So.	6-2
G	Jigar Patel	Sr.	5-10
G	Lorenz Arce	Sr.	5-6
G	Tim Bauer	Jr.	5-8
G	Nikhil Desai	Jr.	5-5
G	Tony Enviya	Sr.	5-6
G	Zeeshan Rauf	Sr.	5-10
F	Nigel Milosevic	Jr.	6-2
F	Al Nagode	Sr.	6-2
F	Ossama Anis	Sr.	6-3
F	Willy Gandy	Jr.	6-2
F	Jahde Smith	Jr.	6-2
F	Michael Szczapa	Sr.	6

OUTLOOK

The Demons got off to a good start under first-year coach Huey Crawford by having a successful summer. One of the highlights was winning St. Patrick's Shootout. Good news is the team's best player and leading scorer is back in senior point guard Nuse Khan. Bad news is the Demons lost four starters of last year's team. East's projected starting lineup will include Khan, guard Jigar Patel, forward Nigel Milosevic, forward Al Nagode and forward Ossama Anis.

STRENGTHS

Without a doubt, the Demons are girded by Khan and his leadership. But the rest of the team is awfully quick and could earn some surprise wins simply with hustle and determination. Khan was one of the best guards last season, and he's had one year to get even better. He can create his own shot and knock it down. But Khan's most important work will be making the four new starters around him better.

CONCERNS

Losing two of the team's best players to other schools is a good problem. Senior Charles McKinney and Abdul Nader, both of the Demons to play elsewhere this season. McKinney, a 6-foot-2 guard, reportedly went to a prep school in North Carolina, while the 6-5 Nader followed former Demons coach Glenn Olson to Niles North. McKinney had his share of problems last year as he struggled to stay on the court. He even missed one of the two playoff games for undisclosed reasons. But he was the most athletic and arguably the most talented player. Meanwhile, Nader's deflection left a huge hole in the post. He showed signs of his potential as a sophomore, and he clearly is primed for a standout season.

PROFILE

Maine East DEMONS

Khan can't do it all himself

By MATT HARNESSE
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Nuse Khan doesn't much like to talk. The Maine East senior prefers to let his play speak for him.

But the Demons are going to ask Khan to shoot his mouth off this season.

After both Charles McKinney and Abdul Nader decided to play somewhere else, Khan is the only returning starter and his leadership on the court will determine how the Demons do this winter.

First-year coach Huey Crawford knows this, and he spent time getting Khan to open up.

"One of the biggest things with him was he wasn't as vocal as I think a point guard should be," said the coach, who believes Khan should be attracting more interest from colleges. "It took time, and it's a work in progress."

"I think he's accepted that role."

The 6-foot guard led the Demons in scoring a year ago as ended up with a 19-9 finish, second in the CSL North at 7-3. He showed his character in the team's final loss of the season, a 57-52 heartbreaker to Glenbrook South in the regional final, a game Maine East for nearly 17 minutes.

Despite hurting his back in the fourth quarter, Khan managed to return to the game as the Demons tried to rally back. He finished with 13 points.

When news came this fall that Charles McKinney and Abdul Nader weren't going to play for the Demons this season, Khan's role increased even more. McKinney and Nader would have helped take off some pressure from Khan.

"There could be some problems as he tries to do too much," Crawford said. "Any good player tries to do too much. That only will be a detriment if he doesn't pace himself throughout games."

"But he has a great basketball IQ, and he makes everybody better around him."

Crawford wonders which players will step up and give Khan an assist this winter. Senior Jigar Patel and sophomores Xavier Sullivan and Aaron Shannon all will share the backcourt with Khan. No one in that group has significant experience.

"The question is who is going to step up and fill that secondary role," Crawford said. "We need some of these newcomers to step up. If they don't, we are going to struggle. It's going to be interesting to see what their progression is over the season."

In the frontcourt, Crawford expects three



Maine East point guard Nuse Khan will have four new faces with him in the starting lineup this season (Jerry Dallee/for STM)

new starters to contribute. Senior Ossama Anis, senior Al Nagode and junior Nigel Milosevic will get opportunities early. At 6-3, Anis is Maine East's tallest player.

"We are going to have to do some things to disguise our lack of height," Crawford said. "Ossama's a great kid, and he's extremely athletic. He has the jumping ability and the quickness. I think he will be

able to match up with most of the taller kids because of his athleticism. It's the heavier kids he may have some trouble with."

The Demons opened their season Monday against Vernon Hills at the Battle of the Ridge. The tournament concludes Saturday.

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Niles West WOLVES

PROFILE

Cayemitte reaching beyond limitations

By DAN SHALIN
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Niles West senior Boris Cayemitte can't help but chuckle a bit when he explains he needs to get rebounds this season "being one of the big guys."

Listed last year at 5-foot-10, Cayemitte has grown, whether physically or simply in the team program, to 6-1 this winter.

That he considers himself one of the big guys says something about Niles West's lack of height and something about Cayemitte's athletic ability. A long jumper who nearly made it to the state track meet as a junior, Cayemitte will have to show he can also leap high to pull down caroms this winter.

That's just one of the many things new Wolves head coach Bob Williams will be hoping to get from his No. 23. But the coach said he was impressed by Cayemitte's versatility when he worked with him over the summer.

"On defense, he's got a great knack for anticipating where the ball is going, which will be helpful to us if he can keep getting in those passing lanes," Williams said. "He's tremendous taking the ball to the hoop, and in the summer he worked hard on his outside shot. He's a hard-working kid and one of those quiet leaders who just (sets an example) by his actions rather than words."

Expectations are not too high for the Wolves this season based on their personnel. But many Illinois high school basketball observers will be paying attention to see how Williams fares in his first season in charge.

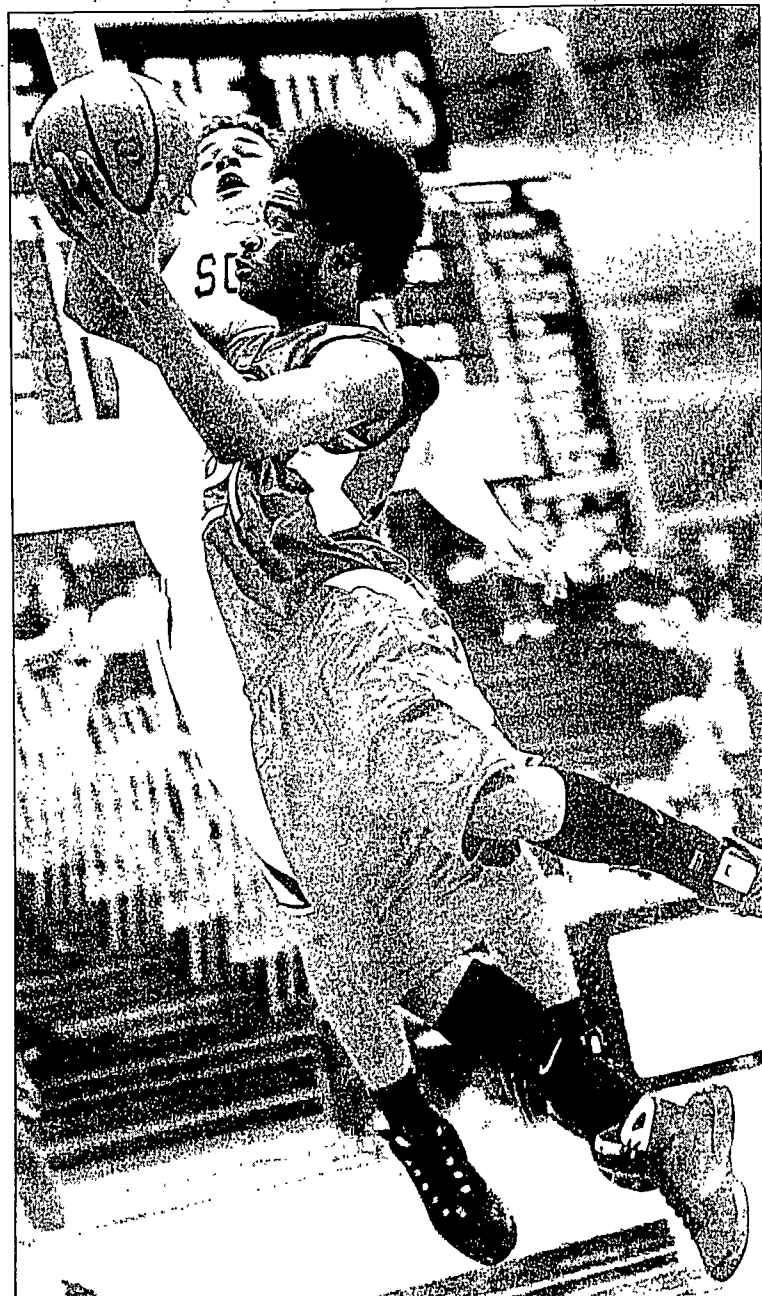
After nearly two decades of success at Schaumburg, Williams takes over a program that has struggled in recent seasons and will often find itself as an underdog against powerhouse conference foes like New Trier, Glenbrook South and Evanston.

Williams is looking to build the program using the same principles of hard work and accountability that he preached at Schaumburg. Cayemitte, who averaged five points per game as a junior, admitted the coach's style has taken some getting used to.

"Some players are still not used to it," Cayemitte said. "He pushes us much harder and makes us do what he wants us to do and not what we think is comfortable."

"But it gives us motivation. He's been successful and we know we can be something good, so we should listen to what he's trying to tell us."

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Despite his 6-foot-1 size, Boris Cayemitte will be asked to be one of the team's top rebounders this winter. (Joe Shuman/for STM)

INFORMATION

Coach: Bob Williams (1st season)
Last year's record: 9-17 overall
Returning starters: Lorenzo Fiol, Boris Cayemitte, Rodney Metellus

ROSTER

G	Chris McNichols	Sr.	6-0
G	Donte Logan	Jr.	5-10
G	Ramsan Younatham	Jr.	5-11
G	Chico Hill	Sr.	5-10
G	Marlowe Seriano	Sr.	5-7
G	Lorenzo Fiol	Sr.	6-0
F	Boris Cayemitte	Sr.	6-1
F	Rodney Metellus	Sr.	6-2
F	Tony Pierce	Jr.	6-2
F	Lauris Herth	Jr.	6-2
F	Zain Parekh	Jr.	6-3
F	Cullen Bagley	Jr.	6-1
G	Dil Patel	Jr.	5-8
F	Patrick O'Connor	Jr.	6-2
F	Rabael Rasho	Jr.	5-11
F	Russell Robinson	Sr.	6-7
C	Luka Loncar	Jr.	6-1

OUTLOOK

AD David Rosengard pulled off one of the coups of the offseason by hiring Williams, who had recently stepped down at Schaumburg. Williams won close to 400 games with the Saxons, whom he led to a state title in 2001, a semifinal appearance in 1999 and the quarterfinals in 2006. He is a taskmaster and is not afraid to raise his voice in order to push his players out of their comfort zone. The Wolves are still getting used to his style. But results are results, and Williams has been one of the state's top coaches over the last two decades. Most impressively, he often got his Schaumburg teams punching above their weight, something his NW squads might have to do routinely in a conference that includes the likes of New Trier, Waukegan, Glenbrook South and Evanston.

STRENGTHS

Williams said the Wolves are more athletic than many of his Schaumburg squads. Both Rodney Metellus and Boris Cayemitte are top-class jumpers on the track team. Lorenzo Fiol is the player with the most proven basketball ability. He started at the point last season and will see time at the two-guard this winter when Donte Logan handles the ball. Ramsan Younatham, who is injured to start the season, and Chris McNichols can both shoot the ball. Transfer Lauris Herth, Tony Pierce and Zain Parekh provide some depth. Sophomore Russell Robinson, who is 6-7, is an intriguing prospect.

CONCERNS

The team lacks much in the way of an inside presence. Players like Metellus and Cayemitte will be asked to out-leap taller opponents for rebounds. Robinson is tall, but could get pushed around at 155 pounds. The schedule is not easy. West opens against good teams from Lake Forest and Glenbrook North in their own Thanksgiving journey, will see quality competition at the Pontiac Holiday Tournament and will play non-conference games against Loyola, Buffalo Grove, Gordon Tech and Rolling Meadows. The conference includes Illinois commitment Jerome Richmond (Waukegan) and California-bound Alex Rossi (New Trier).

Notre Dame DONS

PROFILE

Hirsch veers from grid to hoops

By DAN SHALIN
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A handful of seniors on this season's Notre Dame team are going to be asked to step up — on and off the court.

Players like Tim Hirsch, Phil Kerber, Matt Moser, Matthias Trizna and Mark Rubel must prove they can handle expanded playing time and help carry the Dons. Their leadership abilities will also be critical.

Some of the players may take time to adjust to the new role. But for Hirsch, the transition should be smooth. After all, he was an all-conference wide receiver and leader for the Dons' football team, which finished 6-4 after losing to Glenbrook South 28-27 in a first-round playoff thriller.

"I've already gone through one season as a senior athlete with football, and all the other guys have basketball, and that's it," said the 6-foot-6 Hirsch, who finished with 34 catches for 417 yards and six touchdowns this fall. "I know what to expect and how to deal with it. I should be able to handle the load."

Hirsch, an Edison Park native, said the confidence he gained on the football field should help him on the basketball court. Actually, he said he got a boost over the summer when ND head coach Tom Les told Hirsch he would no longer be just an inside player.

"In summer ball, my confidence shot up when coach (Les) told me that I could play (any position), one through five, that I should learn every position," Hirsch said. "I have been working on my shooting because I used to be a big man."

Les raved about Hirsch's summer work ethic and how the player balanced his time between basketball and football. Though Hirsch's minutes were limited last season, especially late in the campaign, Les expects the versatile wing to have a breakout campaign.

"He's a great complement to Shawn (Wallace) at this point," Les said. "He's got some size, length-wise, he can put the ball on the floor and is a mismatch for some people."

Hirsch said his toughest challenge early in the season has been getting back into basketball shape.

"It's a different (type of) shape than football," he said. "In football, you go for four to six seconds and then take a 30-second break. In basketball, it's non-stop, and coach likes to run the fast break."

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INFORMATION

Coach: Tom Les (3rd year, 34-21)

2008-09 Record: 20-9

Returning Starters:
Shawn Wallace (6-2, Sr.)

ROSTER

G	Rodney Pryor	Jr.
F	Quinton Chievous	Jr.
G	Matthias Trizna	Sr.
F	Joe Ferrici	Sr.
G	Mark Rubel	Sr.
G	Ross Langlois	Sr.
F	Tim Hirsch	Sr.
F	Cody Neldenbach	Jr.
G	Ryan Tompkins	Jr.
F	Matt Moser	Sr.
F	Fred Dickens	Jr.
G	Shawn Wallace	Sr.
C	Phil Kerber	Sr.
F	Eddie Sorano	Fr.
F	Justin Halloran	Fr.

OUTLOOK

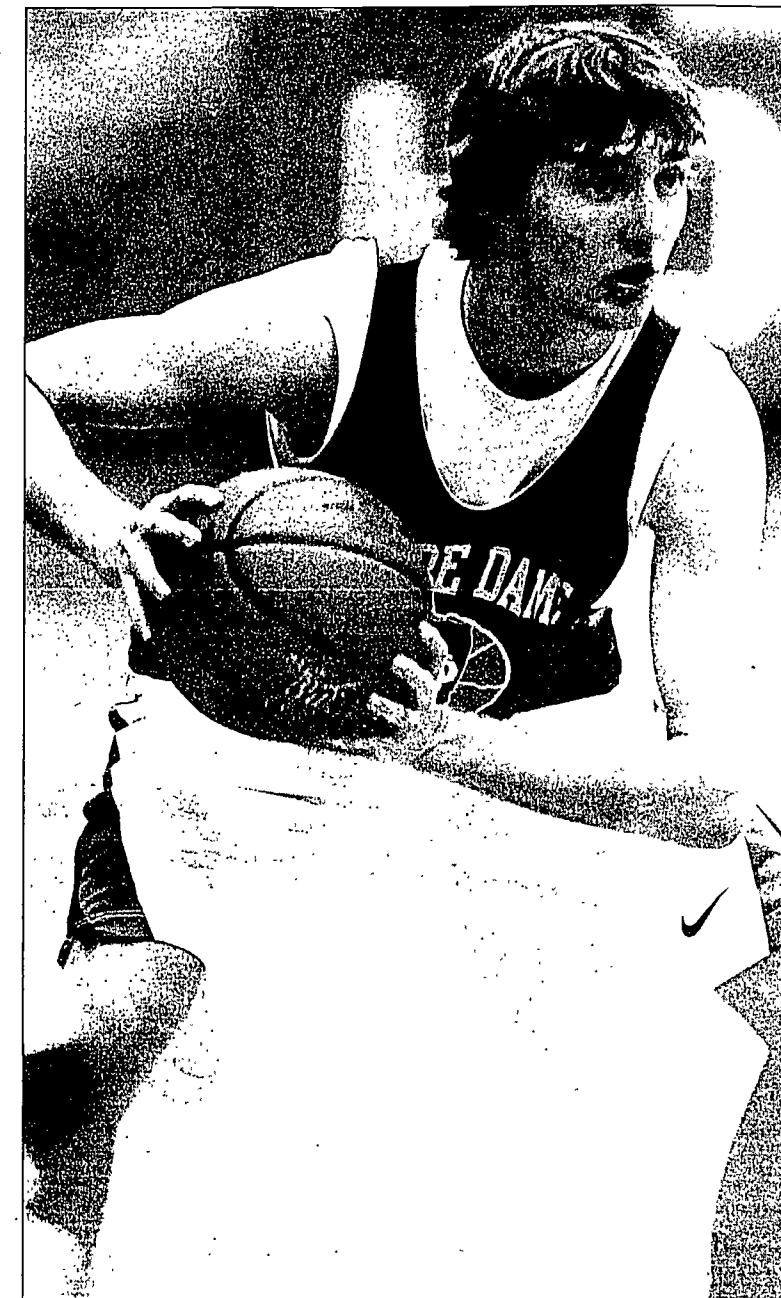
During last year's 20-9 run, Les went with an all-senior starting five, led by all-conference point guard Mike DiGregorio. While that experience and leadership is gone, the cupboard is not bare. Shawn Wallace was an all-conference selection last winter, leading the team with a 14 ppg average. Tim Hirsch is lanky and versatile. Junior Quinton Chievous showed flashes of stardom last season and has expanded his shooting range. Meanwhile, seniors Matthias Trizna, Matt Moser and Phil Kerber were part of last year's to-man rotation, while Evanston transfer Rodney Pryor, junior Ross Langlois and sophomores Ryan Tompkins and Joe Ferrici should be in the mix.

STRENGTHS

Wallace will be the team's star and is coming off a fine summer with the Dons and on the AAU level. He's athletic, can take the ball to the hole and shoot from the outside. He'll be asked to assume some of the ball-handling duties. Hirsch, Chievous, Trizna, Moser and Kerber all impressed in sports last season. The squad should be deep and have decent size.

CONCERNS

Nobody other than Wallace has started on the varsity. The team will miss DiGregorio's ballhandling and the leadership provided by last year's seniors. Les admitted he may have "overscheduled." The team opens in the Lane Tournament against the likes of Oak Park, River Forest, Zion-Benton and Mount Carmel and has non-conference games against Morgan Park and Lincoln Park.



Notre Dame senior Tim Hirsch will be used at a variety of positions this season. (Joel Lerner/Staff Photographer)

Leave it to Beaver: Trevian a goal-getter

By DENNIS MAHONEY
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BOYS SOCCER — Any time senior forward Ben Beaver had a big game — and there were plenty of those this fall — New Trier head soccer coach Craig Fairbairn usually had a three-word response when asked to describe Beaver's efforts.

Hard to guard. That's a simple way to explain how Beaver set the school's single-season scoring record, led the Trevians back to the Final Four in what figured to be a rebuilding year, and earned Pioneer Press Player of the Year honors.

Beaver racked up 40 goals and 16 assists and was named an All-American by the National High School Soccer Coaches Association. He was almost unstoppable in the postseason, piling up 13 goals in seven tourney games against defenses focused mostly on the 5-foot-11 speedster.

Beaver broke the single season Trevian scoring record of 39 goals and 16 assists set by Bill Metzger

in 1999. He finished second to Metzger on the school's all-time scoring list with 70 goals and 34 assists in three varsity seasons.

"Ben Beaver's the real deal," said Evanston coach Franz Calixte after his team was burned for three goals by Beaver in the Class 3A sectional opener. "He scored some quality goals against us and I've got to give it up to him."

"He's the real deal, a player's player. We had our fastest and strongest guys on him, but his lateral movement is as good as his vertical movement, and he's always dangerous because of the way he can cut on a dime."

Beaver scored what turned out to be the game-winning goal for the Trevians as a junior in the state championship contest last year. He had no trouble picking up where he left off even though he was surrounded by eight new starters after the graduation of the best class in school history.

This year he made some history of his own.

"His ability to read the



New Trier's Ben Beaver set a program record by scoring 40 goals this season. (Rob Hart/Staff Photographer)

game and the defense in the middle of the play is what's really amazing," said Fairbairn. "We could put a highlight clip of Ben together to show other players how to take on someone 1-

on-1. He'll use a little subtle change of speed, a little shoulder fake, just a little shake to get you off-balance. Then, he's gotcha! "I've seen him turn defenders completely around.

He's always had that speed, but we've never had anyone with the ability to change direction with the ball like that. "Because of his ability, we didn't always have to play

well as a team to still have a chance to win. We didn't have to be perfect all the time."

That's because Beaver was pretty close to perfect. Comment: pioneerlocal.com



NORTH STARS ALL-AREA GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Chapman gets a little help from her friends

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GIRLS VOLLEYBALL — There were so many factors that led to the success of Ellen Chapman this season.

She was surrounded by a veteran team of seniors, including a pair of Division I signees in setter Colleen Brennan and middle hitter Emami Sims. Sims deflected defenses from keying on Chapman, and Brennan was talented enough to set Chapman anywhere on the court, even the back row.

Nearly half of Brennan's assists this season went to Chapman, a 6-foot-4 junior headed to Wisconsin. Chapman finished with 463 kills. She entered the state tournament with the highest amount of kills among all 16 teams, topping Harvard's Ashleigh Fisher (414 kills).

With the right personnel, Chapman did the rest. The former middle hitter played on the outside for the first time.

"It's not normal for a person of her height in high school to play that position," GBS coach Katie Hoover said.

Chapman's best match was a career-high 21 kills in the Class 4A sectional semifinal win over New Trier. The Titans (37-5) finished third at state behind Chapman's tournament-high 18 kills against Quincy.

After beating Lake Zurich in the supersectional, Brennan raved, "How about Ellen Chapman? She's just great."

Chapman, the defending Class 3A state champion in the high jump, learned to play a full rotation as a new outside hitter and improved her serve enough to finish with 28 aces, ranking third on GBS.

"Ellen is a smart attacker and is lethal from the back row and behind the service line," Hoover said.

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Glenbrook South junior Ellen Chapman helped the Titans to third place in the state. (Joel Lerner/Staff Photographer)

PLAYER OF THE YEAR

ELLEN CHAPMAN, Sr., Glenbrook South

ROOKIE OF THE YEAR

KELSEY KELLY, OH, Jr., Loyola

FIRST TEAM

COLLEEN BRENNAN, Glenbrook South
The Columbia-bound senior came within one assist equaling her career high with 36 against Quincy in the Class 4A third-place match. Brennan had 63 assists in two state tournament games to finish with 807 on the season. Brennan was all-tournament at the Wheaton Classic.

MADDIE FITZPATRICK, Evanston
The perfect complement to Ali Gossen helped the Wildkats (32-7) to back-to-back 30-win seasons and trips to the sectional final. In the regular season, the 6-2 junior middle hitter led the team in blocks (26) and was second in kills (153).

ALI GOSSEN, Evanston
After a state trip in 2008, the Western Michigan-bound right-side hitter led her team in kills (291) and was second in blocks (20) and third in aces (27). The 6-foot senior had 191 digs and hammered a career-high 16 kills against Lyons.

HAILEY MERK, Loyola
The Ramblers' captain, senior outside hitter and three-year starter ranked second in kills (194) and was among the team leaders in digs (357). She also added 36 aces. The all-GCAC pick was all-tournament at Stevenson and Glenbard East.

EMAMI SIMS, Glenbrook South
The 5-11 senior middle was the hitting percentage leader (.513) among all 16 teams at the state tournament. The Miami (Fla.) signee had 23 of her 248 kills at state and led the Titans with 68 blocks.

ALLIE ROEMER, Glenbrook South
The senior libero returned to state after qualifying for the three-point showdown in basketball. Roemer led the Titans with 196 digs and was tops in serving with 40 aces.

SECOND TEAM

Lexi Assimos, S, Sr., Glenbrook North
Delaney Clesen, S, Jr., Evanston
Blair Dasplit, RSH, Sr., New Trier
Amy Hart, OH, Sr., New Trier
Linnea Lukatch, Lib, Sr., Evanston
Colleen Quinlan, RSH, Sr., Loyola
Libby Winter, MH, Sr., Glenbrook North

HONORABLE MENTION

Camie Beghou, RSH, Jr., New Trier
Elisa Clegg, OH, Sr., Glenbrook South
Lisa Gregerson, OH, Sr., Maine South
Kelly Kleppin, Lib, Sr., Niles West
Jordyn Toia, OH, Jr., Niles West

WATCH LIST

Maddie Beyl, S, Jr., New Trier
Jessica Compobasso, RSH, Jr., Glenbrook South
Casey Durham, MH, Sr., Evanston
Jenny Huh, OH, Jr., Glenbrook North
Claire Miller, OH, Jr., New Trier
Kaitlin Mohr, MH, Sr., Loyola
Enela Palavra, MH, Jr., Niles North
Stephanie Screamce, S, Jr., Maine South
Kelko Sugihara, OH, Jr., Niles North
Shannon Sullivan, MH, Sr., Loyola
Veronica Szklarzewski, OH, Jr., Maine South

FIRST TEAM

GOALIE
JOHN SECARAS, New Trier
Senior had a 1.6 goals against average for a Trevians squad that went 19-7-3 and finished third in the state.

DEFENDERS
CODY BUSIC, Loyola
Junior was an honorable-mention all-stater for a Rambler team that finished 14-5-2.

IAN MCGUIRE, Maine South
Senior was an all-CSL backliner who was voted MVP of the 12-9-4 Hawks.

SHAWN NICHOLS, Glenbrook South
Senior was team captain and honorable-mention all-sectional. He was a rock on defense even though his team struggled.

MIDFIELDERS
MATT HICKEY, New Trier
Senior had eight goals and an impressive 25 assists for the Trevians, who came close to repeating as state champs.

MAHI MAMELEDZIJ, Niles West
Senior scored 22 goals, breaking the school's single-season record of 19. Also became the school's career goals leader.

JACK SHERIDAN, Loyola
Senior was an all-state midfielder for a Rambler squad that won a fourth straight conference crown.

FORWARDS
BEN BEAVER, New Trier
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KRIS DUDEK, Maine South
Senior was an all-conference forward who finished with 16 goals and 4 assists.

KAMIL LASZCZKOWSKI, Maine South
Senior was an all-sectional player who finished with nine goals and 16 assists.

PIOTR LAGOWSKI, Taft
Junior was an all-state performer for the 9-8-1 Eagles, who lost to New Trier in the regional final.

GOALIE
Kevin Malpede, North Shore Country Day
Senior had eight shutouts for a 10-5-2 squad

DEFENDERS
Eric Greve, Maine South
Senior and a team captain was an all-conference performer who had a goal and an assist.

Michael Tabar, Niles West
Sophomore was a steady backliner for a Wolves squad that finished 11-9-3.

Josh Swoboda, Maine East
One of only three senior starters, he was a top defender and leader for the 11-8-4 Blue Demons.

MIDFIELDERS
Mike Henry, Notre Dame

SECOND TEAM

Senior was a top-class defensive midfielder, who often provided cover for the backline. Had seven goals.

Alex Johnson-Bice, New Trier
Junior had nine goals and nine assists for the Trevians.

Jordy Metter, Evanston
Senior was one of the area's most dangerous players on the wing.

Nick Olsen, Glenbrook North
Junior was a co-captain who had eight goals and nine assists for the Spartans.

Matthew Sullivan, Loyola
Senior was an all-sectional player and part of a quality midfield that also included Jack Sheridan.

FORWARDS
Kevin Alvarez, Niles North
Junior led the young Vikings with 11 goals.

Jason Rodriguez, St. Patrick
Junior's 15 goals were more than the entire team scored the previous season.

HONORABLE MENTION

Carlos Arias (Niles North), Alex Block (North Shore Country Day), Tommy Crowley (Notre Dame), Tommy Felar (Loyola), Milan Gacanovic (Maine South), Daniel Gauna (Loyola), Nick Jones (Evanston), Thomas Kaczowka (Maine South), Peter Lind (New Trier), Quinn McAnaney (Glenbrook North), Eric Murillo (Maine East), Elan Ness-Cohn (Niles North), Ivan Ramirez (North Shore Country Day), Peter Riley (Glenbrook South), Claran Robinson (Notre Dame), Thomas Villamil (Niles West), Michael Wright (Loyola)

Last season's shortfalls serve as motivation for Dons

Depth and experience keys to success

By DAN SHALIN
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WRESTLING - Notre Dame coach Augie Genovesi was a little disappointed last season when his team won 22 duals and had five regional champs but was not represented at the individual or team state meets.

With several accomplished returnees and a number of talented youngsters, Genovesi expects re-

sults to be different when the 2009-10 season reaches its climax in mid to late February.

"It was disappointing not to get anybody down (last season). We had guys who were capable," he said. "I think, potentially, we can reach dual team State this season. Once we get down to our correct weights, it's going to be a good team and a fun year."

Genovesi is excited about his team's depth and its experience. He expects to have four or five seniors in the lineup on a regular basis. Heading that senior group is Matt McNulty, a 140-pounder coming off a

27-win season.

"He's the real deal. He's pretty good," Genovesi said about McNulty, one of the team captains.

Senior Brian Ridge (189) won 38 matches as a junior and had success in both freestyle and Greco Roman club tournaments over the summer. He has committed to the University of Chicago.

Junior Matt Sommers (103) earned 26 victories last season, and was a regional champion and national team member in the off-season. Classmate Jim Wallenberg won 34 matches last winter, was a regional champion and went Down-

state as an alternate.

Among other returnees expected to play important roles for the Dons are sophomore Tim Donnelly (119), senior Kevin Heneghan (125), senior Dylan Steigerwald (130) and junior Nick Baseom (160).

Heading the list of varsity newcomers are sophomores Connor Gavin (152) and Kevin Stahler (189) and freshman Sean Heneghan (112).

Genovesi pointed out that even though some of his wrestlers are new to varsity, they have accumulated valuable experience in the offseason.

"We wrestled 750 match-

es last spring and summer. To a lot of the kids, that will be invaluable," the coach said.

Other ND wrestlers who will likely contribute to the cause this winter are sophomore Scott Smith (112), sophomore Jim Diacansiore (130), junior Mike Rice (135), senior Mike Noto (160), senior Sean Murov (171), junior Julio Perez (171), sophomore Colton Kelly (215), junior Owen Hiriami (215) and junior Quinn Machain (heavyweight).

All in the Family: Five athletes on the current roster have fathers who also wrestled for Genovesi at Notre

Dame.

Meanwhile, Augie Genovesi's son, Anthony, is the new wrestling coach at Niles West. Anthony came to Skokie from Elgin High and will no doubt come up against his father's team more regularly than in the past. The two have battled four times, with the elder Genovesi holding a 4-0 edge.

"I want to continue to beat him. I love him, but I can't let him beat me ... yet," Augie Genovesi said. "Between the lines, you do what you have to do. I love him before (a meet), and I'll love him after. But competition is competition."

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Hard work already paying off for Wolves' Poskrobko

Senior center complements star Loyd

By DAN SHALIN
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GIRLS BASKETBALL - Niles West head coach Tony Konsewicz has raved about the hard work Michelle Poskrobko put in over the summer, improving her game, strength and fitness. During the first week of

the 2009-10 season, that effort was already paying dividends for the senior center.

On Saturday, Poskrobko led all scorers with 19 points in a 73-35 win over North Chicago in the Deerfield Tournament. Poskrobko also was the Wolves' leading scorer in the previous game, a loss to Lake Forest.

"We couldn't be happier with Michelle," Konsewicz said. "We took the game to (North Chicago) and Michelle got up and down the floor, running rim to rim. It's a credit to our girls

that they found her. Michelle got the ball in the post. It's nice to see them reward a post person. She did a nice job catching and finishing. That was huge."

The player who rewarded Poskrobko in the post most often was super sophomore Jewell Loyd, who finished with 10 assists to go with her 17 points. Loyd missed the Lake Forest game with a minor injury.

Senior Jackie Gremlay added 15 points for the Wolves, who improved to 2-1 with the win over North

Chicago.

Two days earlier, Niles West was without Loyd when it fell to Lake Forest 40-36.

The team showed some positive signs defensively, according to Konsewicz. Two Lake Forest players who tallied over 20 points in the Scouts' previous game were held to under double-digits.

However, Niles West hit just 10-of-26 from the free-throw line and turned the ball over nearly 20 times.

"I thought we'd take bet-

ter care of the ball without Jewell," Konsewicz said. "Also, if we hit five more free throws, it's still not a great percentage, but it probably wins the game."

The Wolves opened the season with a 48-44 win over a talented Hersey team Nov. 17.

Loyd led the way with 26 points. Gremlay scored eight, all of them coming in the decisive fourth quarter.

Hersey's top player Megan Rogowski scored 11 points in the first half, but was held to just two after

the break. With the victory, the Wolves passed the first big test on their improved schedule.

"I talked before about why we scheduled that way," Konsewicz said. "Starting with a game like that, you see what direction you're headed in."

The Wolves were scheduled to resume action in the Deerfield Tournament with games against Zion-Benton and Deerfield. Niles West will face Waukegan in the same tourney on Saturday. Comment: pioneerlocal.com



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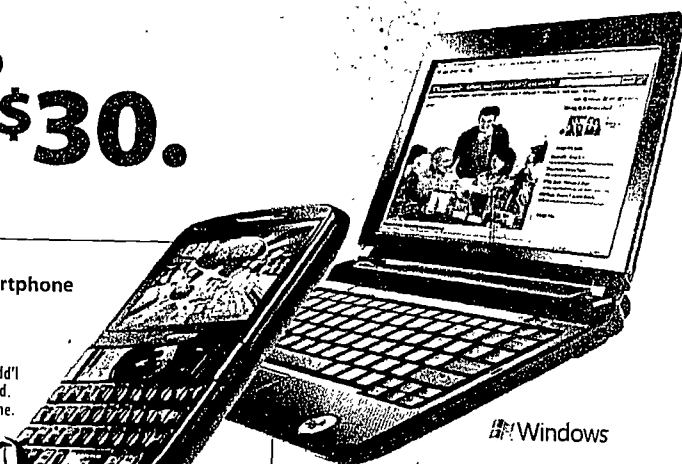
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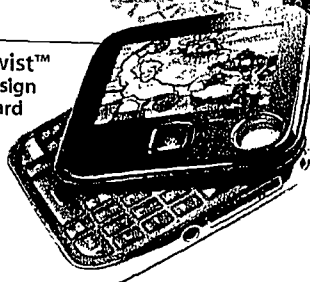
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