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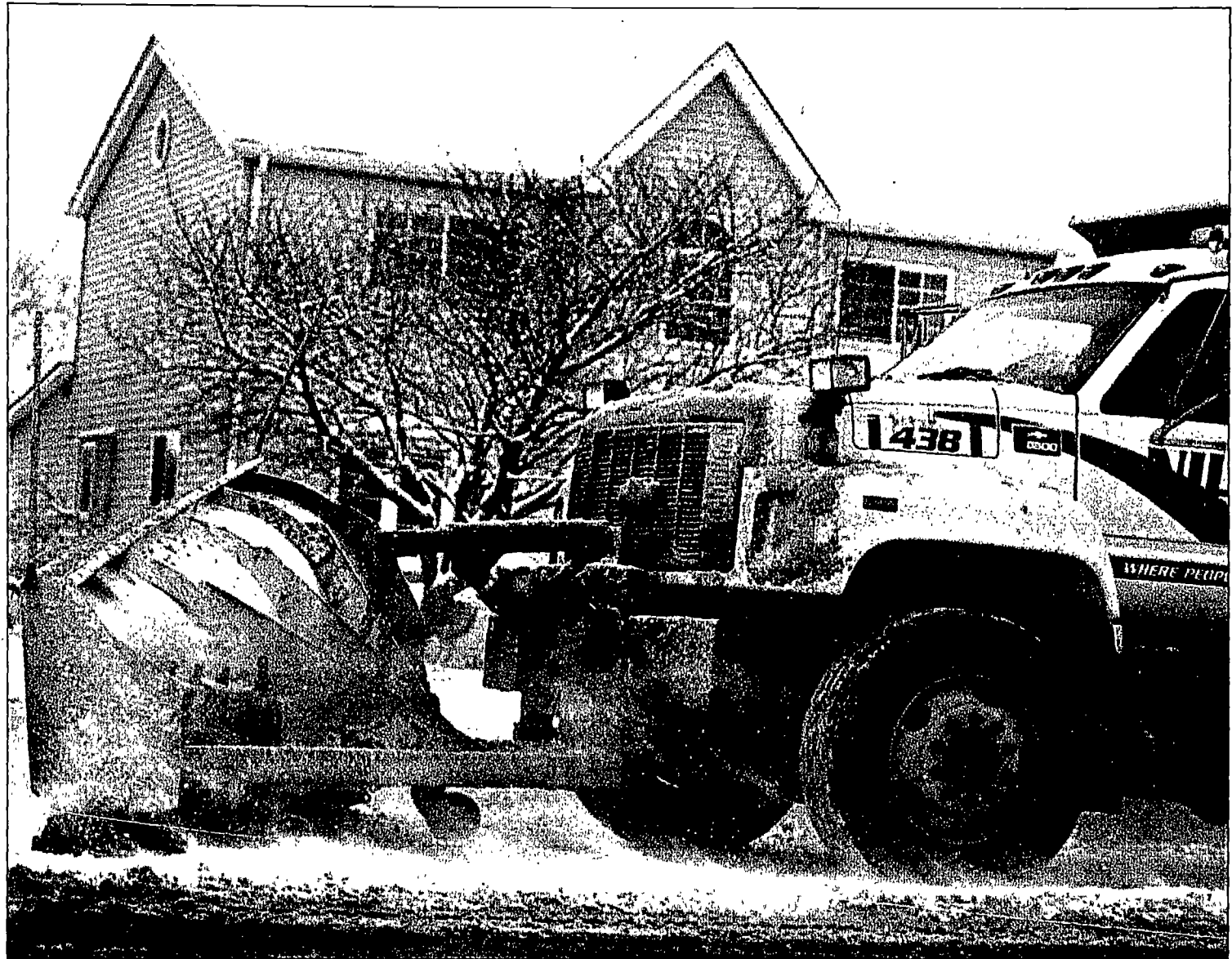


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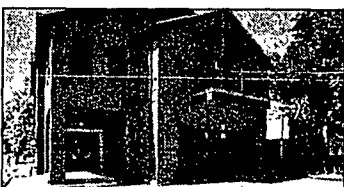
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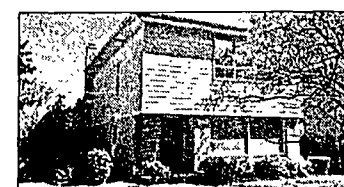
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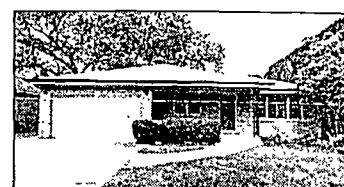
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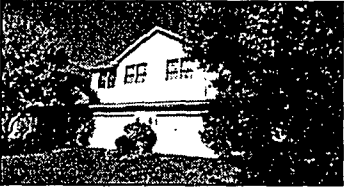
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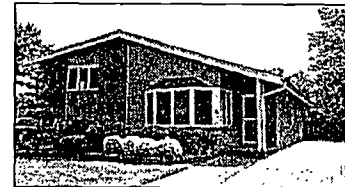
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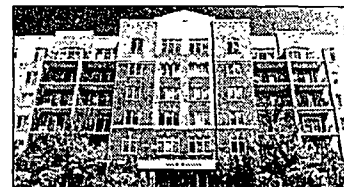
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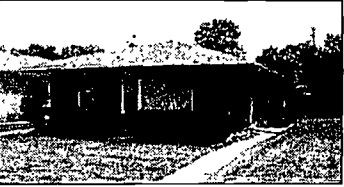
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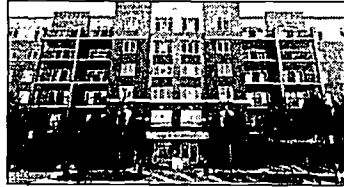
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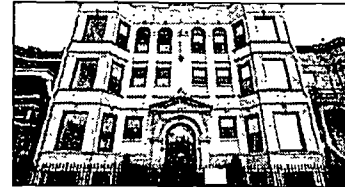
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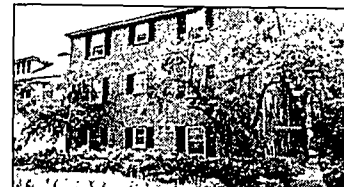
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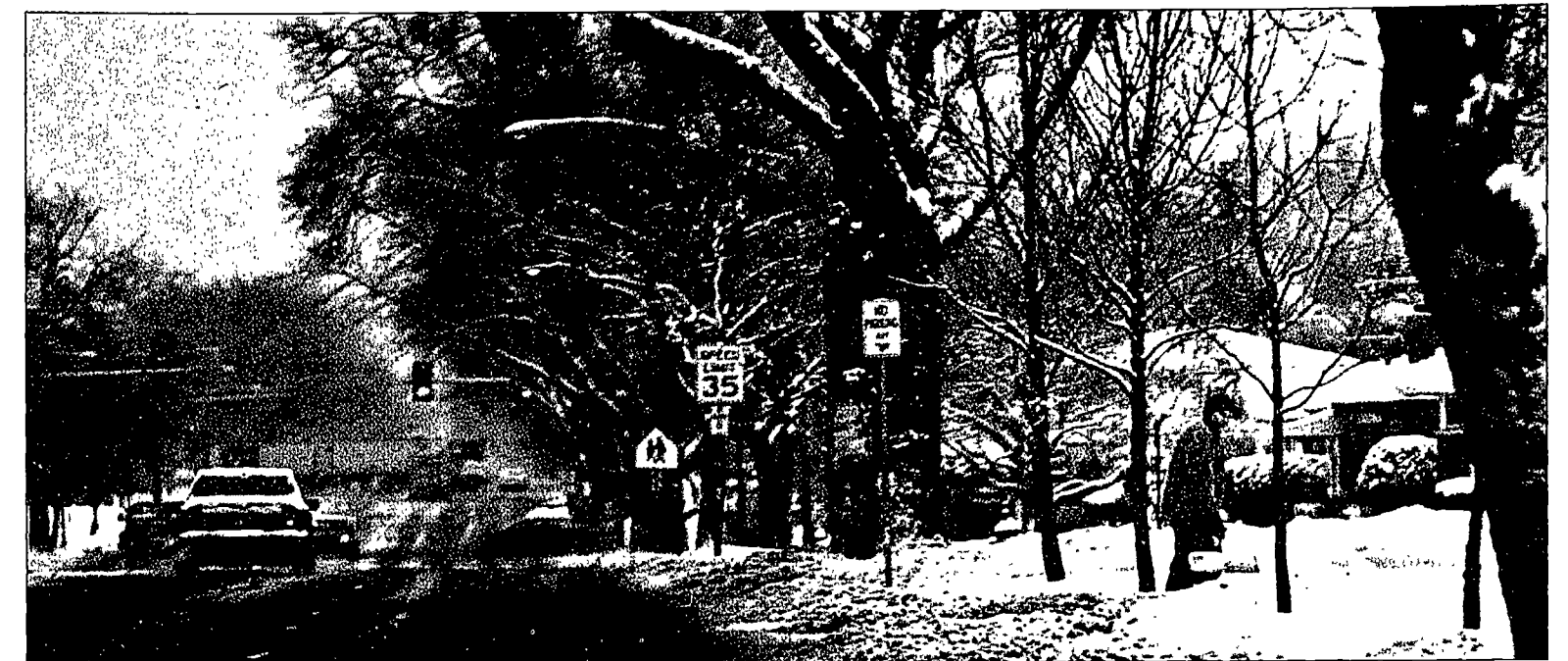
Response by crews to snow earns accolades

By TONY BERTUCA
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Niles' public services crews won praise last week for the village's well-plowed and salted streets.

"Ten inches of snow spread over two days and the streets of Niles are plowed to the pavement," Village Manager George Van Geem wrote on the village Web site Friday. "I just wanted to use this front page Web site space to thank the public services employees for another job well done."

Public Services Director



A resident shovels snow during the Jan. 7 storm on Harlem Avenue in Niles. (Tamara Bell/Staff Photographer)

Scott Jochim said Niles has always had a reputation for top-notch snow removal, but seeing clean streets after a heavy winter storm never gets old.

"The guys do a great job every year," he said. "We get

calls all the time from people who tell us they can tell they are in Niles because of how clean the streets are. We really appreciate that."

Jochim said the village sent out about 30 workers to fight the storm with

plows and salt trucks.

"They take pride in it," he said. "We kept them out most of the night and cleared a lot of the streets before morning rush hour."

Niles also credited Mayor Robert Callero and the vil-

lage board for allocating the necessary resources to buy salt and pay public services crews.

"Our mayor and our board want it plowed to the pavement and they give us what we need to do it,"

he said.

Jochim said the weather warning service the village pays for has also been "right on the button" this winter in terms of predicting big snowfalls.

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MAINE TOWNSHIP

No leads in woman's disappearance

Message to readers



Sangitagen Patel

By JENNIFER JOHNSON
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Cook County Sheriff's Police continued their investigation this week into the disappearance of an unincorporated Maine Township woman not seen since Jan. 2.

Sheriff's Department spokesperson Lisa Gordon said Monday that since reaching out to the public last week, police have not received any new tips re-

garding the disappearance of Sangitagen Patel, 32.

Patel, whose address has not been provided by the department, was last seen between 8 a.m. and 9 a.m. Jan. 2 in the area of Ballard and Dee roads.

She is said to live in the general area, and was reportedly walking to a bus stop in order to head to work at a Subway restaurant in Prospect Heights.

Penny Mateck, director of community relations for the

Sheriff's Police, said Patel's husband received a phone call from her employer about noon indicating she had not come to work that day. Gordon said Patel's husband reported her missing early that evening.

Attempts to reach management at Patel's workplace were unsuccessful this week.

Sangitagen Patel is of East Indian descent, speaks limited English, is 5 feet, 2 inches tall, and has black hair

and brown eyes. Police said she does not own a cell phone and does not drive. There are no police reports of domestic trouble between Patel and her husband, Sheriff's Police said.

Anyone with information about Patel's whereabouts is asked to call the Cook County Sheriff's Police Investigations Section, (708) 865-4896, or the Sheriff's Police Communications Center, (847) 294-4729.

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Cops taser 83-year-old woman during altercation

By TONY BERTUCA
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Niles police officers stunned an 83-year-old woman with a Taser last month after she threatened them with a knife, police say.

Sylvia Ziecina of 887 Washington St., Niles, was charged with aggravated assault of a peace officer Jan. 6 after being released from a mental-health evaluation at Advocate Lutheran General Hospital.

Police say that two officers went to Ziecina's residence Dec. 8 because she was complaining about noise coming from the apartment next door.

Officers who went to the scene say that they saw

Ziecina holding a 7-inch kitchen knife when they arrived.

She refused to drop the knife after officers drew their weapons and commanded her to do so, police say.

At one point, according to a police report, Ziecina told the officers to shoot her.

The officers at the scene then stunned Ziecina with a Taser and took the knife from her hand.

She was then transport-

ed to the hospital, where she was released in good health after a psychological evaluation, according to police reports.

Ziecina is due in court Feb. 23 to answer to the misdemeanor charge of aggravated assault against a peace officer.

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LAST WEEK
TOP FIVE STORIES

1. BBB warns Niles businesses about scammers

Local businesses in Niles are being warned against suspected scammers who have been handing out suspicious awards.

2. Teen pleads not guilty to murder of former friend

A Glenview teen pleaded not guilty to fatally running down a former buddy in the parking lot of Golf Mill Shopping Center in late November in what prosecutors called a "relentless, methodical pursuit of terror."

3. Holiday DUI crackdowns to go into overdrive this year

The Niles Police Department began a holiday crackdown on drunken driving on New Year's Day after receiving a \$81,000 grant from the Illinois Department of Transportation to finance patrols through town.

4. Meijer's donates gift cards to food pantry

The Niles Food Pantry was recently presented with a \$2,000 donation from Meijer supermarkets.

The donation came in the form of Meijer's gift cards that will allow visitors to the food pantry to receive \$15 worth of food at Meijer's in Niles.

5. Teen charged after entering Niles home

A Park Ridge teenager was arrested Dec. 19 after a Niles resident reported the boy had entered his home just before midnight.

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Cocaine crackdown yields four arrests

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A Maine Township woman and her adult son were among four people arrested Jan. 5 for their alleged involvement in producing and distributing crack cocaine from a Wilmette apartment.

The Wilmette Police Department, working with dozens of Cook County officers, made the arrests following a four-month investigation after a resident of the complex on the 300 block of Ridge Road told po-

lice about suspicious activity that the resident believed was related to drug sales.

Carmelita Patterson, 49, of 8936 Robin Drive in unincorporated Maine Township, was charged with delivery of a controlled substance within 1,000 feet of a park, possession of a controlled substance, and two counts of unlawful use of a weapon for allegedly having a firearm and ammunition without a Firearms Owners Identification card.

Patterson's son, Ramone Patterson, 26, who lived at

the same address as his mother, was charged with two counts of delivery of a controlled substance within 1,000 feet of a school, two counts of aggravated unlawful use of a weapon by a felon for allegedly possessing a gun and ammunition. Police also arrested Katherine Logan, 51, of 815C Ridge Road, who lived in the Wilmette apartment complex, and charged her with six counts of delivery of a controlled substance, including within 1,000 feet of a park, school and church. Logan also was charged

with one count of possession of a controlled substance.

Tory Nance, 35, 1325 Dewey, Evanston, was charged with two counts of delivery of a controlled substance, one within 1,000 feet of a park and one within 1,000 feet of a church and possession of 100 to 400 grams of cocaine with intent to deliver.

The apartment complex is within 1,000 feet of Lovelace Park in Evanston.

Wilmette police found several thousand dollars, crack cocaine and two

handguns after obtaining search warrants for Logan's apartment in Wilmette and homes in Evanston and unincorporated Maine Township.

Wilmette police allege the cocaine produced in Logan's apartment was sold in her apartment complex parking lot and in other northern suburbs, Wilmette Police Chief Brian King said.

Thirty officers from Wilmette and the Cook County sheriff's gang crimes unit and investigators from the Cook County State's Attorney's Office participated in

the investigation, King said.

Rather than make one or two street-level arrests after the suspicious activity was detected in August, Wilmette police decided to launch an investigation "to identify and arrest those that were responsible for the distribution of narcotics at that location," King stated. "With these arrests, I believe that we have effectively achieved that objective."

Police also seized two vehicles used by the suspects that are subject to forfeiture.

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DISTRICT 63

Vaccine for H1N1 is a 1-shot deal

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Students from three Niles schools in East Maine Elementary District 63 received H1N1 vaccinations Monday from the Cook County Department of Public Health.

Children at Gemini, Nelson and Mark Twain schools were all asked to return parental consent forms by Friday.

District staff members were also eligible to receive the vaccine.

The county department of health visited two other District 63 schools in Des Plaines late last year, but those visits came during a vaccine shortage and precluded staff members from being vaccinated.

Dr. Scott Herman, principal of Gemini Junior High School, said he expected about 150 of the school's 750 students to get vaccinated.

"We've had students and staff members who have been vaccinated already due to underlying health issues," he said. "We're still keeping track of flu-related absences, but right now it's a nonissue for us because we've got just about nobody out with it."

While there were concerns that the vaccine would have to be administered in two doses, Herman said he was assured by the health department that only one dose was needed.

"This is a one-shot deal," he said.

While health officials have reported that cases of H1N1-related illnesses have waned in recent weeks, February is the traditionally the height of the flu season.

"It's important to take precautions," Herman said.

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Gemini eighth-grader Hector Estrada receives the H1N1 vaccine during the school day on Monday. (Suzanne Tennant/Staff Photographer)

OVERCROWDING

Task forced formed to study space issues

By **TONY BERTUCA**
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Officials from East Maine Elementary School District 63 are studying space issues at three schools and searching for a solution to overcrowding.

Two schools — Nelson in Niles and Stevenson in Des Plaines — are both suffering from overcrowding, while Apollo School, also in Des Plaines, has a lower enrollment than expected.

District Superintendent Scott Clay has created a

task force composed of parents and school officials to study the issue and make recommendations to the board of education.

"We are not overcrowded in terms of there being too many kids in the buildings," Clay said. "And we don't need more teachers. But we are overcrowded when it comes to required programs."

Programs like the arts, special education and English-language learning, Clay said Stevenson's overcrowding was more severe than

Nelson's and would be an immediate priority.

"Our number of English language learners is the reason why Stevenson is so overcrowded," he said. "And we have an art teacher in Stevenson who no longer has a classroom. She has to move from class to class."

A possible solution to the overcrowding at other schools, Clay said, might be to send more students to Apollo, where enrollment has declined faster than expected. But the district has hired a demographer to

conduct a population study to determine long-term trends and see if transferring students is warranted. Such transfers could also be costly, considering the district already spends \$1 million annually on student transportation.

"Our ultimate goal is to get us through the next decade," Clay said. "But the immediate plan is to get some relief to Stevenson before next year."

The space task force is scheduled to meet again Jan. 27 to discuss the issue

and the demographer's findings. Meanwhile the District 63 school board rejected a proposed facilities usage study from Wight and Company architectural firm that would have cost \$47,000.

"Most administrators and many other task force members felt the district could gather the data needed without the help of the architects," according to a statement from the district.

The cost of the study was also cited as a factor in the unanimous rejection of the proposal.

place: **Joshua John**.

First and Second Grades — First place: **Alyssa Klug**; second place: **Rafy Abad**; third place: **Sabina Fijor**.

Third and Fourth Grades — First place: **Samantha Oliva**; second place: **Rachel Zarembski**; third place tie: **Mick Latessa** and **Armlna Tolentino**.

Fifth and Sixth Grades —

First place: **Reyvin Reyes**; second place: **Monica Schoenfeldt**; third place: **Michelle Guzik**.

Seventh and Eighth Grades — First place tie: **Magda Szala** and **Ania Roszkowski**; second place: **Kelsie Murphy**; third place tie: **Christina Curtis** and **Jessica Klug**.

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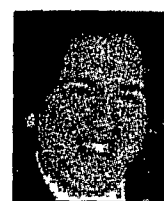
What should be included in any health care bill?

What ideas do you propose to improve the economy?

What reforms do you propose for the financial industry?

What future role should the U.S. have in Afghanistan?

9TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT — REPUBLICAN



Susanne Atanus (R)

Susanne Atanus, 51, of Des Plaines, worked as a procurement analyst for the General Services Administration. She ran as a write-in candidate for the 9th Congressional seat in 2008. Her focus is on what she calls "Investment Option 2," which she says would guarantee consistently strong stock market returns.

I don't know if we need a bill. With Investment Option 2, people who don't have the money to buy health insurance will have the money. People are going to be living a long time. They are smart with their money. The insurance companies can afford to insure everyone who wants it.

People need to see the equitable returns on their investments that are due them because of the profitability of the companies. These companies are making 1,900 and 5,000 percent profit. If people are getting an equitable return, they won't use the house as their major investment.

Under Investment Option 2, companies like Exxon, IBM and Walgreens that are making money would have to pay much, much higher returns to the shareholder. They would not be able to retain profits or pay huge bonuses to their executives.

People have to grow up. People have to learn what the word kindness means and they need to respect life and not act like barbaric animals. They need to find another way to survive and have an income. They can buy a goat and sell milk and have money to invest. This will increase contentment.



Joel Barry Pollak (R)

Joel Barry Pollak, 32, of Skokie is a 2009 graduate of Harvard Law School who is making his first bid for public office. He is a research fellow at the Hudson Institute, monitoring the United Nations' stands on human rights.

We should allow people to buy insurance across state lines. We should provide incentives for Health Savings Accounts that put patients in charge. Tort reform would bring down malpractice premiums and the cost of defensive medicine.

We need to stop public debt from crowding out private lending. The government is now becoming a massive borrower on a huge scale. The Obama administration's priorities of health care and cap and trade is creating uncertainty. We need to do a jobs analysis with each new bill.

We need sweeping reforms to banking, one of which is to end the policy of "too big to fail." The idea that taxpayers will bail out large institutions creates bad incentives. When a financial institution fails, the role of government should be to help wind down operations in a way that preserves the deposits of investors.

I support the president's expansion of troops in Afghanistan. Our bigger problem right now is Pakistan. If we abandon Afghanistan, we are allowing the Taliban to return and use Afghanistan as a staging point to move into Pakistan.

DISTRICT 207

Recommended budget cuts to be revealed Wednesday

By **TONY BERTUCA**
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The Maine Township District 207 Board of Education is scheduled to present cost-reduction recommendations to the community at 7 p.m. Wednesday inside the

Maine East auditorium.

District 207 is facing a \$17-million budget deficit and, in an effort to close the gap, about 75 teaching jobs are on the chopping block.

Cutting the jobs and benefits will save the district an estimated

\$5 million, according to district officials.

While the teachers union and the school district have agreed to explore voluntary donations to save teaching jobs, just how many would be saved is not yet known.

The district has asked the Maine

Teachers Association to reopen their contract, allowing salary freezes and other reductions to save the jobs, but the union voted the idea down Dec. 11.

The board has already held several closed session meetings to discuss a reduction in staff, ac-

ording to district spokesman Dave Beery.

The board is expected to take a formal vote in February regarding the number of jobs that will be eliminated, Beery said.

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207 NEWS

December's 'Best' students named

Jonathan Stevens of Maine South High School and Jeremy Kenneth Umansky of Maine East High School were honored for academic excellence by the District 207 School Board as "207's Best" for the month of December.

Stevens ranks third academically in his senior class of 654 at Maine South. Besides working his way to a 4.95 GPA, Stevens has earned a spot in the National Honor Society and has performed in virtually every school theater production since he was a freshman, often playing the lead role.

In a letter to the Board,

Principal David Claypool quoted one staff member as saying, "What separates Jonathan from the other students is his humility. Despite his great GPA and all the awards he receives, he remains one of the hardest-working, selfless students I've ever worked with. He is a dream student and even better young man."

Stevens told Board members he is interested in earning college degrees in the performing arts and math.

Umansky is in the Gifted Lyceum Program at Maine East and is taking Advanced Placement classes in literature, calculus, economics, chemistry and computer science. He is a three-sport

athlete and plays viola in East's orchestra. He also makes time to volunteer for Special Olympics and Best Buddies mentoring of a special education student.

In his letter to the School Board, East Principal Steven Isoye quoted English teacher Elizabeth Koo, stating that Umansky "strives for perfection, yet at the same time he enjoys the simple pleasures of reading, reflecting and discussing. This balanced approach makes him not just an excellent student, but a mature, exemplary student who truly loves learning and discovering new ideas."

Umansky told the board he plans to study engineer-

ing and pre-med at the University of Illinois.

The "207's Best" program recognizes outstanding students each month throughout the school year. Academic achievement awards are given in five of the nine school-year months. Community service, improved performance, electives/performing arts and extracurricular honors are given one month each. Teachers nominate students, and an executive committee makes final decisions. Honorees are then recognized by the Board of Education, which instituted the program.

Constitution team heads back to D.C.

Maine South High School's

Constitution Team is again heading to the national "We the People: the Citizen and the Constitution" competition in Washington, D.C.

On Dec. 4, the Constitution Team took the Illinois state title for the 14th consecutive year, winning them a spot in the national contest which will take place April 24-26. Maine South has won state 18 times.

The "We the People: The Citizen and the Constitution" competition requires students to demonstrate their knowledge of the Constitution and apply it to specific issues in simulated congressional hearings. Maine South will face off against teams from 50 other high

schools across the country in the national competition.

Members of the 2009-10 Constitution Team are Andrew Abtahi, Matthew Ammentorp, Joseph Anderson, Anthony Aukett, Elise Blandin, Louie Cordon, Katelyn Cottrell, Mary Diduch, Michael Diffendal, Connor Doherty, Matthew Eller, Ian Kahrilas, Daniel Kaitis, Jacqueline Kiem, Peter Kumon, Michelle Lis, Michael Mangian, Catherine Mann, Elizabeth McGuire, Christopher Ng, Katie O'Brien, John Oberschelp, Daniel Petroskas, Jonathan Stevens, Anne Wave and Anna Wolf.

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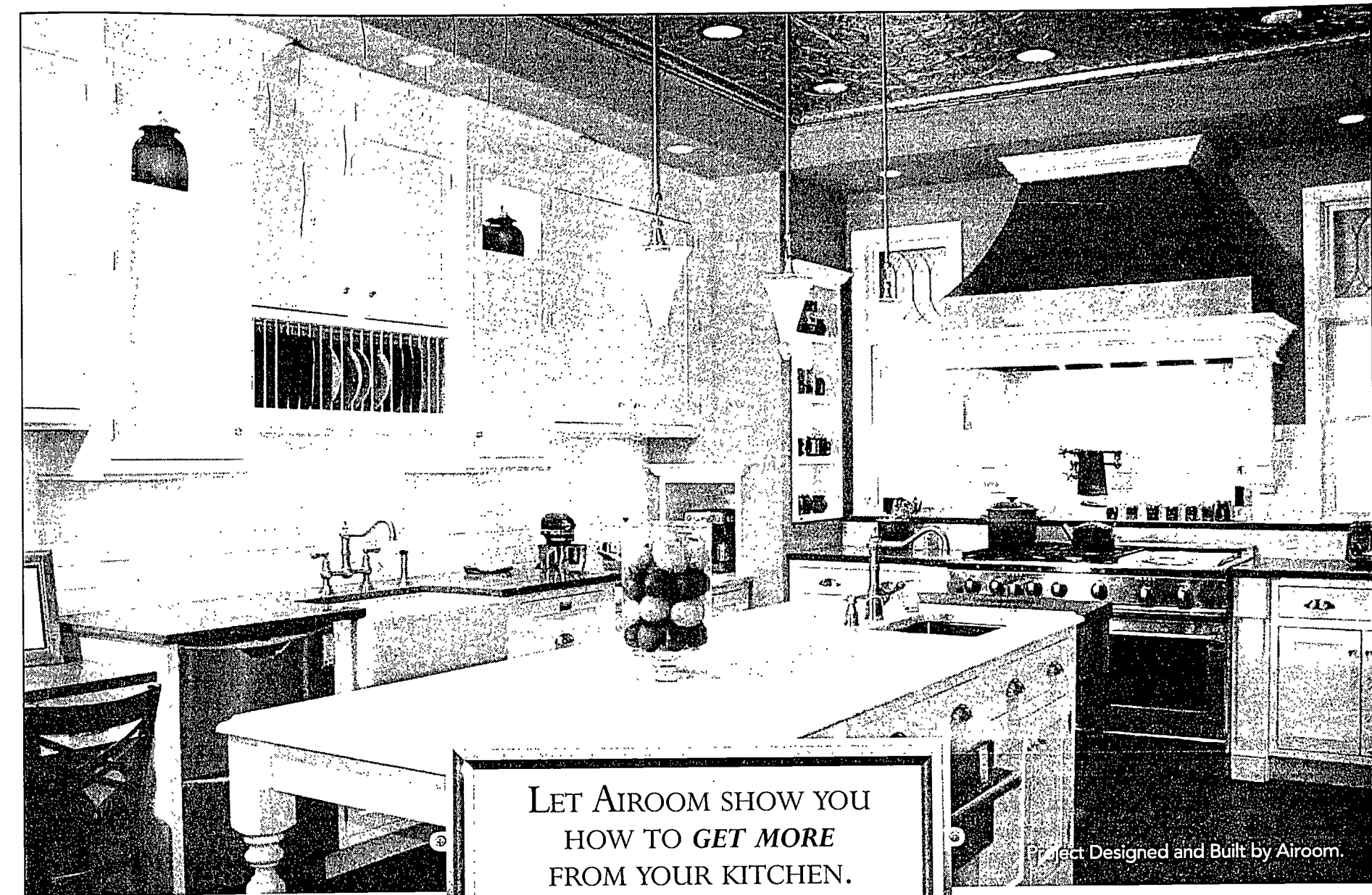
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MAINE TOWNSHIP

Social services get funding

The Maine Township Board of Trustees last month approved a \$436,250 funding package to assist 20 organizations that provide social services to residents living throughout the township.

Those receiving funding in 2010 include:

- \$500 for in-home health care.
- Avenues to Independence, Park Ridge: \$42,500 towards supportive services to adult mentally handicapped.
- CEDA Northwest, Mount Prospect: \$8,500 towards assistance to low-income families for daycare.
- Center of Concern, Park Ridge: \$25,500 for assistance to home-bound elderly.
- Children's Advocacy Center: \$2,000 towards the fight to end child abuse.
- Des Plaines Communi-

ty Senior Center: \$1,000 for a meal provision program.

■ East Maine District 63 Education Foundation-TLC: \$90,000 for child enrichment during non-school hours.

■ FISH, Park Ridge: \$1,500 towards transportation for seniors to medical appointments.

■ Glenkirk: \$1,500 for supportive and rehabilitative services to the disabled.

■ The Harbour, Inc., Park Ridge: \$4,000 towards shelter and services for runaway or homeless adolescent girls.

■ Life Span, Des Plaines: \$7,000 towards supportive services for victims of domestic violence.

■ Maine Center for Mental Health, Park Ridge: \$200,000 for mental health care services.

■ Miracle House: \$1,000 to the temporary residence

of recovering alcoholic women.

■ Northwest CASA: \$1,000 for the Northwest Center Against Sexual Assault.

■ Northwest Suburban Day Care: \$38,250 for quality day-care for low-income families.

■ Older Adult Services Home Meals: \$4,000 for food service to the home-bound or handicapped.

■ Park Ridge Senior Center: \$1,000 for case management services.

■ Peer Services: \$1,000 for substance abuse prevention and education.

■ Resources for Community Living: \$3,000 for helping the disabled live independently.

■ WINGS: \$3,000 towards supportive residential services to women recovering from domestic violence.

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POLICE BLOTTER

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.

DUI

Marvin Rivera, 28, of 1733 W. Thorndale Ave., Chicago, was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol Sunday near Milwaukee Avenue and Cleveland Street. He was released on \$1,000 bond and is due in court Feb. 26.

Kimberly Hall, 28, of 5917 Crain St., Morton Grove, was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol near Oakton Street and Natchez Avenue. She was released on \$1,000 bond and is due in court Jan. 26.

THEFT

A spare tire valued at

\$250 was stolen from car Sunday on the 7300 block of Melvina Avenue.

More than \$900 worth of electronics was stolen Saturday from a store on the 6100 block of West Touhy Avenue.

A DVD-CD player valued at \$500 was stolen from a car Jan. 7 on the 300 block of Golf Mill Center.

An unattended purse with \$160 inside was stolen Sunday from a store shopping cart on the 500 block of Golf Mill Center.

Amita Patel, 21, and Vaishali Patel, 25, of 9200 Hamilton St., Des Plaines, were charged with retail theft Jan. 6 after they allegedly stole \$520 worth of merchandise from a store on the 400 block of Golf Mill Center. They were released

on \$2,000 bond and are due in court Tuesday.

Esther Kim, 35, of 7509 Churchhill St., Morton Grove, was charged with retail theft Jan. 6 after allegedly stealing \$193 worth of underwear from a store on the 500 block of Golf Mill Center. She was held on \$75,000 bond and was due in court today (Jan. 14). Her 7-year-old son, who was with her at the time of the arrest, was released to his 19-year-old brother.

Danika Patel, 18, of 807 Lexington Circle, Hanover Park, and Tina Patel, of 2029 Pine St., Des Plaines, were charged with retail theft Jan. 4 after allegedly stealing \$700 worth of jewelry from a store on the 200 block of Golf Mill Center. Both were held on \$20,000 bond and were due in court today (Jan. 14).

NILES PUBLIC LIBRARY

Fair aids parents in challenging task

By TONY BERTUCA
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Parents looking for good preschools or searching for daycare providers might want to visit the Niles Public Library on Tuesday for its sixth annual Preschool and Daycare Fair.

Representatives from 20 local organizations serving young children will be present to make their pitches to parents and Kooky the Clown will be on-hand to entertain children.

Sue Wilsey, spokeswoman for the library, said parents generally have a lot of ques-

tions when it comes to caring for their children.

"There are so many variables to consider, it can easily become an overwhelming task," Wilsey said. "I spoke to Clara Sheffer, the Niles Public Library's preschool liaison, and she said that in her experience working with parents of young children, the task of choosing a preschool is one of their most challenging responsibilities as a parent."

Wilsey said the library's program should help take some of the parental anxiety out of the equation.

"At the Niles Public Li-

brary Preschool and Daycare Fair, a parent can one-stop shop with 20 different organizations, take home brochures, and compare the various options in one central location," she said. "The Niles Public Library provides parents with this opportunity since parents often ask staff which organizations we would recommend. We can't give recommendations but we can offer them the unique chance to talk directly with providers."

The event is scheduled to begin at the library at 6 p.m. Comment: pioneerlocal.com

NEWS BRIEF

Early voting set

Early voting is under way for the Feb. 2 Gubernatorial Primary Election, according to Cook County Clerk David Orr, Chicago Election Board Chairman Langdon D. Neal, Cook County Director of Elections Jan Kralovec and Chicago Election Board

Commissioner Marisel A. Hernandez.

Early voting continues to Jan. 28 at 42 suburban Cook County locations.

City and suburban Cook County voters can also vote downtown at 69 W. Washington St., Chicago. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays through Saturdays. Se-

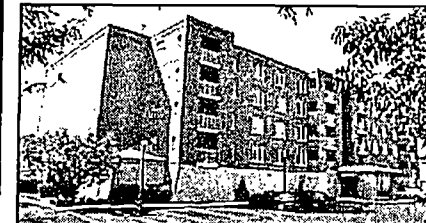
lect sites are open on Sundays. For more information go to cookcountyclerk.com.

When applying for an absentee ballot voters must indicate party preference. Nonpartisan ballots list referenda, if any, but not contests for party nominations.

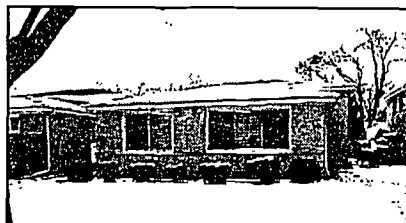
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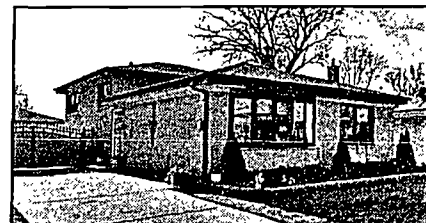
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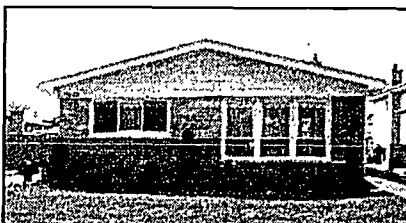
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WE SAY

Greatest wish for 2010? Forget about past decade

Thank goodness that's over.

Is there anyone out there who will miss the "aughts," that decade of decline, decay and general disarray? A columnist in the *Kansas City Star* described it as the decade no one will ever deem worthy of nostalgia. Why not?

Let's see: This was the one that started out with the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks and ended with our nation's economy slumped on the bathroom tile, clinging to the American Standard like a reveler after a New Year's Eve of hard partying, wondering if the room will ever stop spinning.

Somewhere in between, Paris Hilton became famous; the United States entered two wars which have yet to end; Gov. Rod Blagojevich was ousted from office for allegedly trying to sell President Obama's Senate seat; and ex-Niles Mayor Nick Blase pleaded guilty to federal charges tied to a business insurance kickback scheme.

So what good could possibly come of the past 10 years of our lives?

We are reminded of *Moby Dick*, when Ishmael muses, "... truly to enjoy bodily warmth, some small part of you must be cold, for there is no quality in this world that is not what it is merely by contrast."

Without the hard times, we couldn't fully appreciate the happy, peaceful, prosperous ones. And we've been feeling the cold for far too long; we think it's time for a sustained warm-up.

We won't take on the monumental task of making prescriptions and

prognostications for all of the next decade in all of the United States. For now we'll just focus on Niles for the coming year.

Our wish list for the village includes:

- for Blase to finally be sentenced after more than a year of unexplained delays and put this long, unfortunate chapter in village history behind us.

- for Mayor Robert Callero to name a new trustee to fill the vacant seat left by Kim Biederman within the 60 days required by law.

- for Callero to demonstrate a more sincere commitment to transparency in village government after a year packed with gaffes and blunders like last winter's Nick Blase-endorsement-on-village-stationery debacle. The creation of an ethics board was a good start so long as it doesn't prove to be a token gesture.

- for village officials to finish unraveling the "oops!"-government mess that has left Niles operating under the wrong form of rule for nearly the past half-century.

- to keep stormwater issues in the forefront and to follow up the helpful survey of problem areas with an infrastructure plan.

- for trustees to move the public-comment portion of board meetings to the beginning of each session. This one's a no-brainer: It does no good for neighbors to comment on an issue after the vote has already been taken. It's their right and it shouldn't be treated as a nuisance or an impediment to getting things done.

- to make better use of

the village Web site to foster strides toward open government. We encourage Village Hall to follow Park Ridge's lead and post Village Board packets online before each session for anyone who wishes to follow the meeting with all of the same information officials and the media have.

- for continued success of the Teen Center and, likewise, the village's continued support of it. This provider of after-school activity, enrichment and fun has indeed been at least one unequivocal bright spot in recent history.

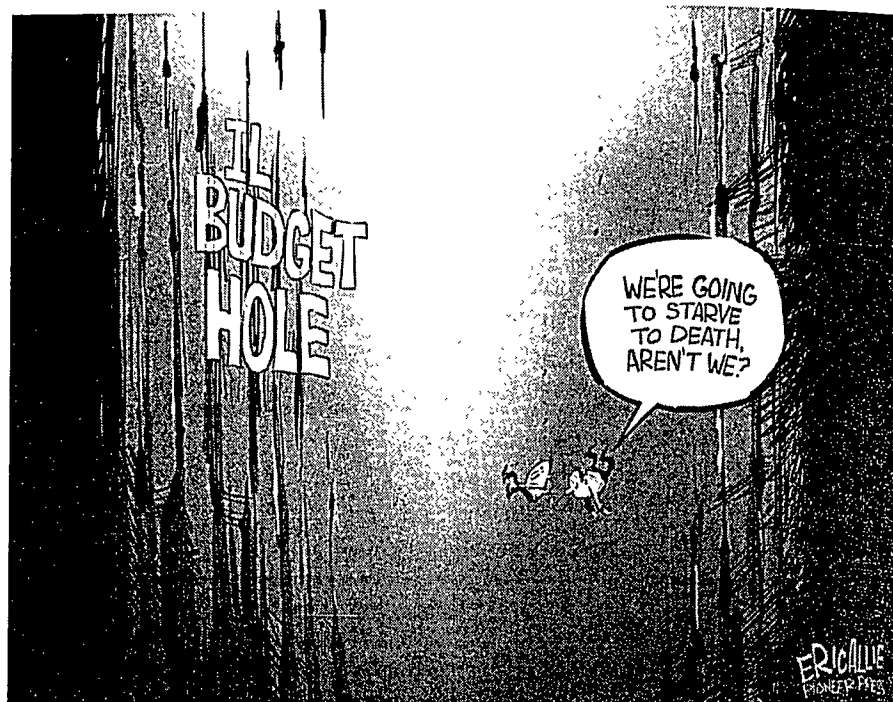
- for "continued economic stability." This was the platform on which Callero and his running mates were elected, and one which seems to have been delivered on. A series of conservative budget-reduction maneuvers have helped shore up village finances as a reaction to drastically reduced sales-tax revenue caused by the recession.

- for the village to continue its efficient public services — snowplowing in particular — that have inspired the now-clichéd notion that "You know you're in Niles."

- for Niles Public Library services to continue to be a gem in the community. Residents nearly always have a place to go and have a fun, educational experience for a modest, if any, cost.

- for the coming year to mark the beginning of better times on a broader scale (wouldn't it almost have to be?) and be something worth reminiscing about in hindsight in 2020.

1000 WORDS



The lobsters have landed



CHERYL O'DONOVAN

VAN MOM STRIKES AGAIN

My husband befriended a Maine attorney via "World of Warcraft." The attorney said he was shipping a present.

Live lobsters. On their way to our abode.

I dreaded their arrival the way I would an IRS agent grumbling, "audit," and waving a search warrant signed by a judge.

Around 8 p.m., I checked. On our porch was a large FedEx box.

The lobsters had landed. My heart pounded. I can't even handle an Animal Planet show where an antelope gets taken out by a cheetah.

Shuddering, I glanced at

my husband. "You'll have to cook them."

He opened the box. I expected plankton, a condo made of algae, an aquarium worthy of the Shedd. Instead, the critters were packed in Styrofoam and cardboard that resembled a dry ice cube tray. Their antennae moved. Their claws were rubber-banded.

The collective energy of every vegetarian I have ever befriended cursed me.

My youngest wailed, "I want one for a pet!"

My oldest asked if he could put them in the bathtub. In a "Free Willy" moment, I contemplated hurling the van toward a Lake Michigan dock, the lobsters in the back.

"Fresh water will kill them," my husband said. He had already slipped the bib around his neck.

My youngest named his lobster Larry. He'd have these things at a spa, getting massages and facials. My oldest put three of them on the floor for a

race. Kirby perked, sniffed and looked puzzled.

"Maybe we can donate them to Red Lobster," I said.

"What?" my husband roared.

"We don't have anything to cook them with."

Crab and lobster steamers at Bed, Bath & Beyond would scratch a glass top cooking surface. So Captain Ahab improvised with a turkey roaster. When steam began to rise from the pan, I made the kids leave the room.

To get my youngest on board, my husband promised him new Wii games, a puppy, skybox seats at Soldier Field and when he's a teenager and driving, the car keys for an entire year.

We shared the lobsters with another family. My husband called the attorney to thank him for his generosity. My sons asked what he might ship next.

Just as long as it's not a squid or an octopus.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Submissions for Community Calendar are required 14 days preceding the date of publication. Send to: Niles Managing Editor, Pioneer Press, 3701 W. Lake Ave., Glenview IL 60026. Information may be faxed to (847) 486-7495 or e-mailed to mboitari@pioneerlocal.com.

Center of Concern

The Center of Concern, 1580 N. Northwest Highway, Suite 310, Park Ridge, (847) 823-0453, calendar of events includes:
Tuesdays, Wednesdays (every week) - Employment counseling, by appointment.
Tuesday, Jan. 19 - Medicare counseling, by appointment.
Wednesday, Jan. 27 - Grief and loss support group; call first.
Saturdays, Jan. 16 and 31 - Legal counseling, by appointment.
Saturday, Jan. 30 - Blood pressure and blood sugar testing, 10:00 a.m.-noon (no appointment needed).

Chamber

The Niles Chamber Scholars Charter is an all volunteer committee dedicated to youth. This 2009-10 academic year, three \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded to graduating eighth-grade students and three \$3,000 scholarships will be awarded to graduating high school seniors. Applications are judged on

service to the community and school, response to an essay, awards and honors, school transcripts, and letters of recommendation. Application information can be found at www.nileschamber.com.

The Maine Township Food Pantry is in desperate need of nonperishable items, including: canned vegetables, canned fruit, jelly, peanut butter, hamburger/chicken helper, cookies, crackers, spaghetti, rice and snack bars. Items may be dropped off between 9 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. at the Niles Chamber of Commerce office, 8060 W. Oakton St., inside the North Side Community Bank building.

Clubs

The MOMS Club of Northern Chicagoland will hold a Winter Open House for current members and mothers interested in joining from 9-11 a.m. Jan. 22 at the Park Ridge Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave. Feel free to bring kids. MOMS Club is a nonprofit support group designed for the at-home mother and their children. The club holds weekly activities (play-groups, outings, museums, park dates) and monthly member meetings and its popular Moms Night Out. Call (773) 853-2834 or visit <http://sites.google.com/site/momclubofnorthernchicago>.

Benedictine nun Suzanne Zuercher, a clinical psychologist and scholar on the Trappist monk and famous writer Thomas Merton, will speak on his friendship with the Louisville nurse,

Margie, at 2 p.m. Jan. 17 at the Immaculate Conception Parish Assembly, 7211 W. Talcott Ave., Chicago. In her talk, "Living and Loving—Merton's Last Task, Revisited," sponsored by the Chicago Chapter of the International Thomas Merton Society, she will explore the human implications of this friendship. A good will offering will be accepted and parking is available. Call Mike Brennan, (773) 447-3989 (cell), or e-mail michaelbrennan@ameritech.net.

Ketura Hadassah will hold its monthly meeting at 12:30 p.m. Jan. 26 at Liberty Bank, 6666 Lincoln, Lincolnwood. Michelle Gilats will speak on Genetic Disorders. The cost is \$3 for nonmembers. Call (847) 945-1945.

Jewish Genealogical Society of Illinois will present "Ask the Experts and Knocking Down Those Brick Walls" at 2 p.m. Feb. 21, at Temple Beth Israel, 3601 W. Dempster St., Skokie. Ask any genealogical related questions regarding research into your family's history. The JGSJ meeting facilities will open at 12:30 p.m. to accommodate members/guests who want to use library materials, get help with genealogy web sites or ask genealogical related questions before the main program begins at 2 p.m. Visit www.jewishgen.org/jgsj or phone (312) 666-0100.

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7712 meet at 7 p.m. every second Wednesday of the month at the Post at 7680 Caldwell Ave. (next to Tam Tennis in Niles on Howard Street). The Post is

open also on Fridays from 7 p.m. until closing. All veterans from Vietnam, Gulf War, Afghanistan Korea and World War II are welcome. Call Bernard Beverley, (847) 966-5479, e-mail jamesbond54762@yahoo.com or call (847) 470-9890.

The Korean War Veterans Association, Greater Chicago Chapter No. 25, meets at 7 p.m. the fourth Wednesday of each month at the Montclare-Leyden VFW Post, 6940 W. Diversey Ave. Call Joe Henmueller, (773) 774-9671.

I Chiacchieroni Italian-language dinner group meets at 6:30 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month at Salerno's, 1716 E. Kensington Road, Mount Prospect. This is a casual evening of conversation in Italian. The next meeting will be Jan. 14. Call Gabriella, (847) 292-0089, or e-mail: ichiachchieroni@yahoo.com.

Join the Catholic Women's Bowling League for Ladies Night Out at Classic Bowl, 8530 Waukegan Road, Morton Grove. Fee is \$15 per week. All skill levels welcome. Call Deanne Orzdzak at (224) 628-4009 or d.orzdzak@comcast.net.

The Knights of Columbus (North American Martyrs Council, Niles), provides ways for members to help others in the community while trying to improve their family and spiritual lives. Call Bob Galassi, (847) 965-0920.

The American Jewish Artists Club is accepting new members. The group, founded in the early 1920s, fo-

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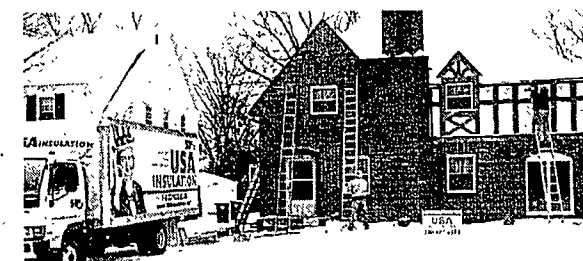
Stimulus Package offers up to a \$1500 tax credit on insulating your home

On Tuesday, February 17, 2009, President Obama signed into law an economic stimulus bill entitled The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. The Bill provides homeowners with a tax credit equal to thirty percent (30%) of the cost in an amount not to exceed \$1500 for energy efficient home improvements. *North Shore and People's Gas customers are eligible for an additional \$1500 rebate until January 15, 2010.*

Diana Saunders had noticed several drafty areas in her 67-year-old Cape Cod home. "There were certain areas of the house where the heat was being sucked out," she recalled. Saunders had some areas of her home insulated with fiberglass several years ago, but she decided she needed to get the entire house insulated with a better product. She saw USA Insulation at a home and garden show and liked what she saw in the demonstration.

"They were the only ones that installed the foam insulation," she said. "And the foam is environmentally friendly." Saunders was impressed with the installation as well as the installers. "They were straightforward and honest," she explained. "They drilled holes through the wood siding, but you can't see where the holes were when they were finished." Saunders has noticed some definite improvements in her indoor environment.

"Before my house was insulated my furnace would work constantly to keep my house warm. Now my furnace



Foam insulation gives homeowners a more comfortable, quieter home.

— Michael Preston of USA Insulation

runs less often, and I've seen a dramatic difference in my utility bills. There is an evenness of temperature throughout the house, which is very significant," she added. "One of the most important things is that my house is much quieter than it used to be. I can't hear the outside traffic or the noisy crickets anymore. It's a great product, and it will also be good for the resale value of my home."

"Properly insulated walls and attics can save homeowners up to 50 percent on their heating bills," said Michael Preston of USA Insulation. "It also adds to the value of your biggest investment — your home." USA Insulation installs its patented Premium Foam Insulation

in all outside wall cavity areas. The product goes into the walls as a foam and dries hard, creating a 4-inch shell of insulation around your home.

Saunders discovered the differences between the fiberglass insulation that was originally in her home and the foam insulation that USA Insulation installed.

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- USA Premium Foam resists moisture and mold and seals out insects.
- It is clean, dust-free and completely nontoxic, making it safe for families and pets.

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cuses on the broad aspects of artistic performance and serves to enrich the cultural fiber of the Jewish community. Call Lorre Slaw, (847) 272-0744, or e-mail lslaw@oakton.edu.

Niles Chapter Toastmasters meets at 7:15 p.m. the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month at the Morton Grove, 6140 Lincoln Ave. Members learn how to feel comfortable and have self-confidence talking to an audience. Call (847) 583-9328.

Community

Skokie Concert Choir presents its annual Winter Concert, with choral music ranging from Kirby Shaw to Felix Mendelssohn, at 2 p.m. Jan. 31 in Congregation Ezra Habonim-Niles Township Jewish Congregation, 4500 Dempster St., Skokie. New choral director is Candice Crane with pianist Adrian Metzger. Purchase tickets at the door: \$10, adults; \$4, children. Call (847) 674-3219 or see www.skokiechoir.org.

The Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center will host the theater production of "Anne Frank: On The Air," a radio-style presentation of *Diary of a Young Girl*, by Anne Frank. This production, by GreatWorks Theatre Company, portrays a group of 1940s radio actors performing a new script, not realizing the story they're dramatizing is actually true. "Anne Frank: On The Air" is recommended for students in grades 6 and up. The performance will be held at 1:30 p.m. Jan. 17 at the Goodman Auditorium, 9603 Woods Drive, Skokie. For students in sixth grade and up. Admission is \$15 for museum members and students, and \$20, nonmembers; museum admission included. Reservations required. Call (847) 967-4889 or visit www.ilholocaustmuseum.org.

The Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center, 9603 Woods Drive, Skokie, launches its "In Conversation with..." series which provides opportunities to share knowledge about a specific aspect of the Holocaust or contemporary genocides with Museum visitors. The first session starts at 1:30 p.m. Jan. 17 when visitors to the Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center will have the opportunity

to hear from Aaron Elster, an eyewitness to history. He survived the Holocaust as a child and his story offers an opportunity to hear about a child whose survival in hiding differs significantly from the well-known story of Anne Frank. On Feb. 21 at 1:30 p.m., visitors will have the opportunity to explore memory, identity and loss from the perspective of Holocaust survivor testimony, social services and theater. Participants include David Bier, consultant for Holocaust Community Services; and David Chack, president of the Association of Jewish Theatre. This event precedes the Feb. 28 film screening of "Prisoner of Her Past" and will address many of the issues central to this documentary. Free with museum admission. Call (847) 967-4889 or visit www.ilholocaustmuseum.org.

Avenues to Independence Thrift Shoppe offers great prices on gently used clothing for infants, children and adults; shoes, household items, books and small furniture. On Wednesdays, seniors 60 years and older receive 10 percent off all regularly priced items. The main shop is at 7710 W. Touhy Ave. in Chicago, and the "boutique" shop at 7700 features upscale clothing, outerwear, collectibles and finer merchandise. Hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays and 1-8 p.m. Thursdays. Donations are accepted 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays only. Donate only gently used clothing. Worn, torn or soiled items, and broken or obsolete electronics cannot be accepted. Purchases help adults with developmentally disabilities live the lives they choose and as independently as possible. Avenues to Independence is a non-profit organization that offers a variety of programs which enhance an individual's work, social, and daily living skills. For information on donations, or to volunteer, contact Michael Frustini, (773) 631-6230.

The Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center, 9603 Woods Drive, Skokie, welcomes its second traveling exhibition, "Anne Frank: A History for Today" runs through Feb. 28. Hours are: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday; 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Thursday; and 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. 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. Included are dozens of photographs of the Frank family and other occupants of the Secret Annex. The exhibition depicts those who chose to join the Nazi party, those who were bystanders and those who were willing to resist Nazi tyranny. It explores how racism, persecution and genocide were facilitated by political decisions as well as the actions of individuals. Call (847) 967-4800.

Fitness Center

Niles Family Fitness Center, 987 Civic Center Dr. Niles, (847) 588-8400 or www.nilesfitness.com.

The Niles Family Fitness Facility is dedicated to providing quality programs for people of all ages, for residents of Niles and surrounding communities. The Niles Family Fitness Center provides its members and guests with a state-of-the-art fitness facility, indoor aquatics center, gymnasium, indoor track, high quality fitness programs and many personal services. Members and guests enjoy massage therapy, personal training, fitness evaluations, assessments and diagnostics and a Smoothie Bar and Café. Winter registration has begun for Pilates, Spinning, Group Fitness Class, Yoga and more. Check out fitness classes for teens and the children's programs.

Add Boot Camp to your regular workout routine. It offers multi-joint exercises that help burn more calories and fat and boosts fitness level combining cardio drills with resistance training and ends with a stretch. Classes are held from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Thursdays, Jan. 14 to Feb. 25. Early bird special before Jan. 5 is \$57, members; \$67, nonmembers.

Youth Boot Camp for ages 9-12 offers cardio interval training combined with segments of weight training and conditioning in a kid-friendly environment. It runs from 3:45-4:35 p.m. Fridays, Jan. 15 to Feb. 5.

Zumba for Life is 1-3 p.m. Jan. 30. Join the party rocking the gym at Niles Family Fitness Center to raise funds for the American Cancer Society. Whether a Zumba regular or one who has never tried it before, participants will enjoy this workout which many call "exercise in disguise." Zumba is a unique and exciting high energy fitness class that incorporates Latin and international music and dance in an easy-to-follow format. Some of the rhythms in a typical

class include salsa, merengue, cumbia, bachata, cha cha, and reggaeton. No dance experience is necessary. Registration fee of \$30 includes refreshments, raffle prizes and goody bag for each participant.

To ensure that a child is in the appropriate class, all new participants to the Learn To Swim program must attend a Placement Test. Participation in this test does not guarantee the child a spot in the Learn To Swim program.

Thal Yoga Bodywork is like yoga combined with acupuncture combining the stretching aspects of yoga and the subtle use of pressure, enabling a relaxing therapeutic benefit that restores bodily harmony, flexibility, and overall health. Sessions are performed on a cushioned floor mat. Cost for a 50-minute session is \$55, members or \$65 nonmembers. Costs for a 25-minute session is \$30 and \$35.

Body Flex for Kids ages 5-9 takes place from 3:45-4:35 p.m. Thursdays, Jan. 14 to Feb. 26. This high energy exercise class will get a child moving and grooving, with the use of weights steps, BOSU, and more, ending with kids yoga. Cost is \$36, members; \$45, nonmembers.

Breakfast Buddies, 3-6 years: In this pint-sized morning cooking class, kids will make and eat some of their favorite breakfast recipes, like pancakes and French toast. Class is offered one or two days a week.

Body Flex Kids, 3-6 years: Scheduled during adult Body Flex, this high energy exercise class will get your child moving and grooving. To cool down we will end class with kid's yoga. Our instructor will escort your child to and from the clubhouse.

Fantastic Friday's, 3-6 years: Children will play games, make crafts, go swimming and make new friends. Run errands with our "little helper." Kids must be toilet trained.

Playtime Picasso's, 3-6 years: Designed to explore your child's creative side. Arts and crafts, painting, playdough along with age appropriate play will highlight this class. Class will be messy.

Recipe for Fun, 3-6 years: Learn to make simple recipes in this pint-sized cooking class. Measuring, mixing, pouring, and stirring are sure to keep our little chefs busy. Each chef will get to eat or take home their own creations.

Silly Science, 3-6 years: This hand's on science class is designed to combine learning and fun. With the use of everyday household items, become a silly scientist and create simple experiments.

be offered in this active free play class. Parent/child class.

Me Two, 2 years: This class is offered to ease fears and encourage independence. Semi-structured environment. Stories, music and art are included in each class. Child only class.

Mini Sportsters, 2-4 years: An introductory sports class for your active 2, 3- and 4-year-old. Try out a different sport each week. Parent/child class.

Tumble Bees, 2-4 years: Children will be introduced to basic tumbling skills by participating in activities that teach gross motor skills and organized movement. Class includes basic introduction to the balance beam, floor and horizontal bar. Parent/child class.

Just for Me, 3-4 years: This class is designed for those children who are ready to be on their own in a social preschool environment. Letters, numbers and colors will be taught through active play. Daily gym time and snacks are provided. Class will be offered with a continuing curriculum through spring 2009.

Friday Night Fun for ages 5-12 years will be from 6-9 p.m. Jan. 15. The evening includes swimming, gym, crafts, snack and more. Cost is \$10, members; \$15, nonmembers.

Personal Training sessions are on sale through Jan. 15. One Personal Training session: \$50, members or \$60 nonmembers; five sessions: \$245 and \$295, respectively; 10 sessions: \$490 and \$590. All sessions are one hour.

Registration is under way for the following Fantastic children's programs:

Aqua Antics, 1-5 years: Play group in the pool. This non-instructional swim class is designed to help your child become comfortable in the water. Water toys will be available. Parent/child class.

Mini Picasso's, 18 months-3 years: A great place for your toddler to explore their creative side. They will enjoy painting, play dough, bubbles, and more. Class may be messy so please dress accordingly. Parent/child class.

Burts, Guts and Step: A 30-minute lower body strengthening workout, including squats, lunges, and core strengthening, followed by 45 minute step workout, which includes high intensity step aerobics and a cool down stretch. Intermediate to Advanced.

Cardio Dance: High energy class with music. This 45-minute calorie burner followed by some work at the bar to stretch and work balance. Beginner to Intermediate.

Cardio Fusion: Cardiovascular workout with muscle shaping with interval Step, plyometrics, Kickboxing or BOSU combinations with strength training. Finish with core work and stretch. Intermediate to Advanced.

Dance Aerobics: Includes a mix of dance, and aerobics, followed by an abdominal workout. Intermediate to Advanced.

Fantasy Fight: 60 minutes of choreographed low-impact simulated fight sequences derived from the martial arts, boxing and basic self-defense, designed to condition the heart, burn calories and improve self-confidence; handwraps required, available at the Membership Service Desk for \$5.

Heart Rate Up & Pump: Get heart rate up with this variety of high-intensity, low-impact cardiovascular routines with some muscle conditioning. Beginner to Intermediate.

Lite & Fit: Perfect for the mature adult. Work at your own pace - a combination of low-impact (with some high intensity) aerobics. May include basic step, stability ball work, body toning with ab and back strengthening. Beginner to Intermediate.

Step & Stretch: This 60 minute step class includes a warm-up, high intensity step aerobics, and a Yoga inspired stretch. Yoga: Work the mind and body.

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

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. Send monetary donations to: KC Council 4338, c/o Ken Lee, 8307 N. Harlem Ave., Niles IL 60714.

order a book call Josephine Bax, (847) 823-2550.

It is not too late to donate money to the Annual Knights of Columbus Candy Drive to help mentally handicapped children. To donate, send fax-form donations to: KC Council 4338, c/o Ken Lee, 8307 N. Harlem Ave. Niles IL 60714.

Health
A local dialysis clinic, Fresenius Medical Care Niles, 9371 N. Milwaukee Ave., has started a new night-time program for dialysis patients. The new service allows patients to receive treatments in the clinic at night, for eight hours, while sleeping or resting, usually three times a week. In addition to having their days free for other activities, patients often report having more energy and better dialysis results. Medicare-certified Fresenius Medical Care Niles is now accepting new dialysis patients. Call (847) 581-0334.

Resurrection Medical Center, 7435 West Talcott, Chicago, will offer the following health programs. Advance registration is required, unless noted otherwise, by calling 1-877-737-4636. Free on-site parking is available.

Family Fitness Camp, Mondays and Wednesdays, through April 28, from 5-6 p.m. This fun program is for parents and kids (ages 8 to 14) to focus on exercise and education. Mondays are in the swimming pool and Wednesdays are on land. Bring a swim suit and water shoes to the pool classes. Fee: \$5 per class.

American Red Cross Babysitting Class offered 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Jan. 18. A registered nurse, certified with the American Red Cross, will teach children over age 11 how to handle emergencies, prevent accidents and care for children. Participants must bring a doll with moveable arms and legs (no Barbies) and a brown bag lunch or money for the vending machines. Written parental consent required. Fee: \$70.

"Cosmetic Procedures to Help You Look & Feel Younger" runs 6-7 p.m. Jan. 20. Ophthalmologist Dr. Thomas J. Conti discusses his office-based procedures such as Botox, Restylane, and cosmetic eyelid surgery to help one look and feel younger. Cosmetic raffle prize; light refreshments served. Free.

Pneumonia vaccinations are available 10 a.m. to noon Jan. 21 and 29 in the Health Management Department, first floor of the hospital down, Entrance C. Fee: \$50 or Medicare Part B.

Freedom From Smoking program runs from 5:30-7 p.m. Mondays beginning Jan. 25. Participants learn a variety of techniques to help quit the addiction of smoking through an American Lung Association program. One 30-minute massage is included as well as tips on how not to gain weight from a registered dietician and different ways to exercise from our exercise physiologist. Fee: \$150; a \$25 refund is given for attending all the sessions, whether or not quitting is achieved.

Cholesterol Screening Part 1 will be taken from 7:30-10 a.m. Jan. 25. The

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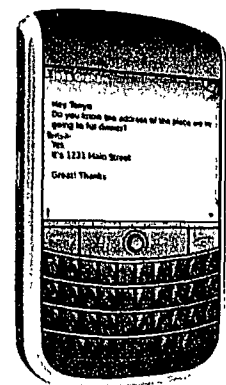
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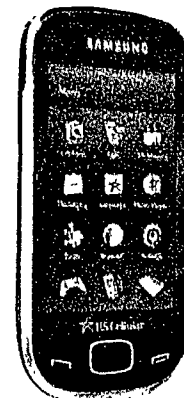
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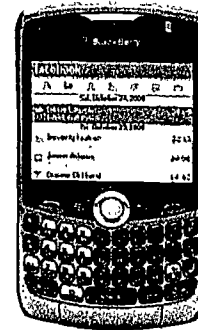
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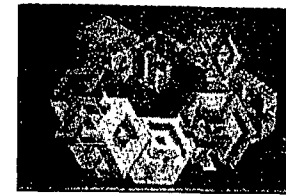
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4 For Your Consideration

A quartet of activities for the coming week



William F. Whiteside's "Hexagon" paintings

1. An opening reception for "Hexagons," two-dimensional sculptural paintings by Lincolnwood resident William F. Whiteside, will be held from 5-7 p.m. Jan. 21 at Lincolnwood Village Hall, 6900 N. Lincoln Ave., Lincolnwood. The exhibit will be on display through Feb. 26. Call (847) 674-3806.

2. Three Cat Media presents "Golly Gee! The Broadway Musicals of the 1950s" at 8 p.m. Jan. 16 at the Skokie Theatre, 7924 Lincoln Ave., Skokie. Shows include "Guys and Dolls," "The King and I," "Gypsy" and others. \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door. Call (847) 677-7761 or visit www.skokietheatre.com.

3. "I Hate Hamlet" will be presented by Big Noise Theatre Company Jan. 15-Feb. 7 at the Prairie Lakes Theatre, 515 E. Thacker St., Des Plaines. Curtain at 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays; 3 p.m. Sundays. Tickets: \$20; \$18 for senior citizens and students; \$12 for children ages 12 and younger. Visit www.bignoise.org or call (847) 604-0275.

4. Quartet Danae, an award-winning string quartet of high school musicians, performs at 3 p.m. Jan. 17 at the Skokie Theatre, 7924 Lincoln Ave., Skokie. \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door. Call (847) 677-7761 or visit www.skokietheatre.com.

Brahms, Beethoven

Inna Faliks to play Beethoven's Piano Concerto in C Minor, Op. 37

Brahms, Beethoven
Theatre for the Performing Arts, Maine West High School, 1755 S. Wolf Road, Des Plaines. 3:30 p.m. Jan. 24. \$20, \$15 seniors, \$10 students, free children under 14 with an adult. Available at door on concert day.

By **WYNN KOEBEL FOSTER**
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The award-winning Northwest Symphony Orchestra will open the second concert of its 58th season with Johannes Brahms' Symphony No. 4 in E minor, Op. 98. It was the last symphony Brahms wrote, and critics widely acknowledge it is probably his best. He conducted his work's debut performance in Meiningen, Germany, on Oct. 25, 1885. Maestro Paul Vermel, the Northwest Symphony Orchestra's music director and conductor since 1994, will be at the podium on Jan. 24, in Des Plaines.

Maestro Vermel was born in Paris. He studied in Europe and at the Tanglewood Music Festival, in Massachusetts, and the Juilliard School of Music, in New York City. He is a former professor of music at the University of Illinois, where he directed the University Symphony Orchestra. His credentials include conducting assignments throughout the United States and Canada. Currently, he teaches privately, as well as at the Conductors Institute at the University of South Carolina.

Maestro Vermel is married to Carolyn Paulin, assistant to the executive director at WFMT-Classical music radio and member of the Chicago Symphony Chorus. She will offer pre-concert commentary, beginning one hour before the concert begins.

The 70-member orchestra includes both student musicians and professionals,



Maestro Paul Vermel is the Northwest Symphony Orchestra's music director and conductor.

who meet weekly to play. The members range in age from teens to octogenarians. They live in 45 communities surrounding the Des Plaines area. The orchestra's ranks include financial analysts, real estate agents, engineers, physicians, educators, retirees and students. Seven members have been with the orchestra for 15 years or more.

Internationally known pianist Inna Faliks will headline the second half of the concert, playing Ludwig Van Beethoven's Piano Concerto in C Minor, Op. 37 with the symphony orchestra. Born in Odessa, Ukraine, in 1978, Faliks and her mother, who was also her first piano teacher, emigrated to the United States when she was 10 years old. A child prodigy, she had already played her first recital in Rome. She was just 15 when she debuted with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, playing Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky's Concerto No. 1 in B-flat Minor, Op. 23.

She won first prize in 2005 in the International



Pianist Inna Faliks will perform during the Northwest Symphony Orchestra's Jan. 24 concert.

Pro Musicis Award contest and followed that with recitals at Carnegie Hall and the Metropolitan Museum of Art, in New York City; Salle Cortot, Paris, France; Pickman Hall, Boston, Mass.; and more.

She toured Russia in 2008 to high critical acclaim. A German review praised "her courage to take risks and expressive intensity which goes beyond her

technical perfection."

Credentials

Faliks earned her bachelor's and master's degrees at the Peabody Conservatory at Johns Hopkins University, in Baltimore; her doctorate in musical arts at Stony Brook University, in Stony Brook, N.Y.; and her artist's diploma at the Accademia Pianistica Internazionale, in Imola, Italy. She is currently a member of the piano

faculty at Northeastern Illinois University, in Chicago.

Two more concerts will complete the symphony's 2009-2010 season. On March 28, the orchestra will focus on six fanfares, including Igor Stravinsky's "The Firebird Suite," Aaron Copland's "Fanfare for the Common Man" and Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's Serenade for Strings in G major, K. 525, from "Eine kleine Nachtmusik." On May 16, the season will conclude with a pops concert, featuring violinist Kevin Hu and selections by Leonard Bernstein (from "Candide"), Richard Rodgers ("Oklahoma!"), Andrew Lloyd Webber ("Cats"), Klaus Badelt ("Pirates of the Caribbean") and Jean Sibelius (Violin Concerto in D minor, Op. 47).

Tickets for future concerts may be purchased by mail at: Northwest Symphony, P.O. Box 46, Mount Prospect IL 60056-0046 or online at www.northwest-symphony.org. Season tickets are also available. *Comment: pioneerlocal.com*

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THE BOOK OF ELI
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A former CIA agent (Jackie Chan) finds himself protecting neighborhood kids on the run from spies.

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YOUTH IN REVOLT

After falling in love with his dream girl at a trailer park on a nightmarish vacation, a mild-mannered, sex-obsessed 16-year-old Nick Twisp (Michael Cera) resolves to become "bad, very bad," so his mother will kick him out of the house and he can return to the girl - leading to his transformation into the ultra-cool teenage sociopath Francois Dillinger.

A SINGLE MAN

If you can overlook first-time director Tom Ford's staccato, fragmented editing style and self-conscious use of palette to divide the gray present of his main character from the vibrantly colored past, "A Single Man" repays patience with serious, rewarding dividends.



"The Book of Eli"

lowing in the grandeur of court life, with a near-total emphasis on the drama that takes place behind the throne, and a sharp script by Oscar-winner Julian Fellowes ("Gosford Park").

reminder of how entertaining two dimensions can be. The sassy musical fairy tale about a poor little girl with a frog phobia who grows up and reluctantly kisses a frog when he promises to turn into a handsome prince (and give her enough cash to open her dream restaurant), only to be turned into a bug-eating amphibian herself, is often surprisingly funny.

CRAZY HEART

A familiar story rendered more subtly in 1983's "Tender Mercies," "Crazy Heart" nonetheless gets a lot of emotional mileage out of the saga of Bad Blake, a broke-down-and-busted country music legend badly in need of redemption, thanks to an Oscar-worthy central performance from Jeff Bridges.

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The latest from Terry Gilliam ("Brazil"), and Heath Ledger's final film, is all about an ancient mystic (Christopher Plummer) wandering the world with a traveling circus and trying to undo a deal with the devil.

LEAP YEAR

A woman (Amy Adams) who plans to take advantage of an old Irish custom and propose to her boyfriend on Feb. 29, runs into trouble on the way to Dublin.

ALVIN AND THE CHIPMUNKS: THE SQUEAKQUEL

The singing varmints contend with The Chipettes, a rival female trio. Director Betty Thomas returns for the sequel to her animated family hit, featuring the voices of David Cross, Jason Lee, Justin Long, Amy Poehler and Anna Faris.

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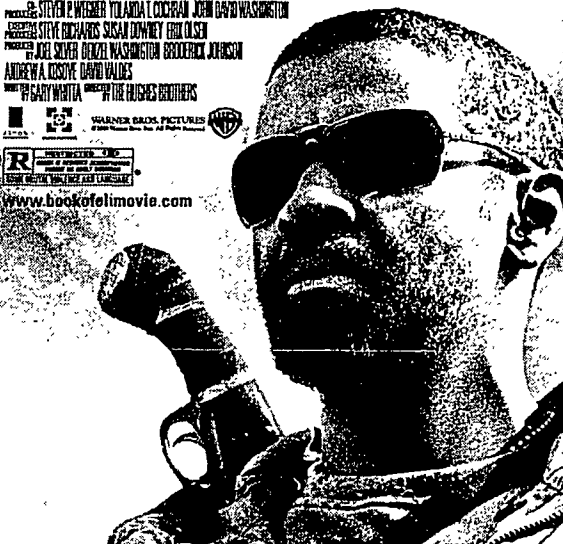
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'Ribbon' superbly disturbing

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"The White Ribbon"

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Apparently working on the assumption that Nazis are made, not born, writer/director Michael Haneke suggests, in "The White Ribbon," that they might well have come from cruel punishments handed out by unfeeling parents. Which might also suggest that all those years of parking the kids in front of "Barney" could come back to haunt us.

Of course it really is no more than a suggestion, because "The White Ribbon" (which deservedly won the Palm d'Or at last year's Cannes Film Festival), like Haneke's recent "Cache," is a mystery without a solution. It's still a satisfying mystery, however, because it offers possible answers to much larger questions.

The voice of the narrator, the now-aged former schoolmaster in the village where "White Ribbon" unfolds, opens the film with the acknowledgment that he really doesn't know precisely what happened in the town all those years ago, but that the strange events "could clarify some of the things that have happened in this country." And he's not talking about lederhosen, funny hats and yodeling.

On the eve of World War I, in a small North German village still living a centuries-old, semi-feudal way of life, a series of shocking crimes throws the community into turmoil. The town doctor is almost killed when his horse trips over a wire that's been stretched across the road. The young child of the local baron is hung upside down in a barn and flogged. The Down syndrome son of the local midwife is tortured. All of these vicious acts (and more) are committed off-camera. The only vio-

lence actually shown in "White Ribbon" is psychic in nature — and generally directed at the village children.

Much of the story takes place in the homes of three old-school German patriarchal schweinunds: The Baron, who virtually has the power of life or death over half the people of the village; the village doctor, who is unspeakably cruel to his mistress, the midwife; and the town pastor, whose usual disciplinary regimen of guilt, shame and humiliation is supplemented regularly with bouts of caning. (The film's title comes from the white ribbon the pastor ties on his eldest son and daughter to remind them of their lost "innocence and purity.")

In short, this is a town where all the happiness, all the kindness and all the pleasure seems to have been systematically squelched, and displaced rage is the order of the day. The Baroness sums it up nicely when she describes it, bitterly, as a place characterized by "malice, envy, apathy and brutality." Most of the adults are bullies and most of the children are victims — and a few are beginning to show subtle signs of resentful malevolence. If you're a fly, you don't want to be waving your wings around within reach of these kids.

It's clear that something

creepy is going on with the village kinder, but, hey, every neighborhood has a fledgling sociopath or two, right? And there's never any conclusive proof of guilt apart from the suspicions of our future narrator, the schoolmaster, who is apparently the village's one reasonable and humane resident — having grown up elsewhere. And whose budding love affair with the Baron's young nanny is the only joyful and hopeful note "White Ribbon" has to offer.

The always provocative, if ever-depressing, Haneke can often be a bitter pill to swallow, but "White Ribbon" is the most accessible of his films seen by yours truly and by far his most beautifully crafted. The cinematography by Christian Berger is black and white at its most exquisite, rendered in a cold, clinical manner that perfectly matches the repressed, unfeeling, forbidding temper of the film. It's not going to send you out of the theater with a smile on your face, but it'll give you something to think about. Something about the sins of the fathers being passed on to the children.

So, the next time you're going to hang junior from the thumbscrews, remember: Someday he's going to grow up. And thumbscrews are one size fits all.

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STAGE

"Awake and Sing!", Jan. 21-Feb. 28 at Northlight Theatre, located in the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie. In a cramped Bronx tenement during the Great Depression, a working-class Jewish family copes with financial hardship even as they dream of a brighter future. Performances on Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. (except Jan. 26 and Feb. 9, 16); Wednesdays at 1 p.m. (except Jan. 27) and 7:30 p.m.; Thursdays at 7:30 p.m.; Fridays at 8 p.m.; Saturdays at 2:30 p.m. (except Jan. 23) and 8 p.m.; and Sundays at 2:30 p.m. (except Jan. 31) and 7 p.m. (except Feb. 7 and 28). Tickets: \$35-\$50; \$10 for young adults, age 25 and under. Opening performance and post-show reception on Jan. 31.

\$75. Call (847) 673-6300 or visit www.northlight.org. Northlight will host a free panel discussion, "Clifford Odets' America: The American Dream Fulfilled," at 12:30 p.m. Jan. 24 at the theatre. The discussion is free, but reservations are required; call (847) 679-9501, ext. 3555.

"Handicap This," a play about living with cerebral palsy and other issues facing differently-abled individuals, will be presented by the Oakton Theater League at 2 p.m. Jan. 21 and 8 p.m. Jan. 22-23 at Oakton Community College, 1600 E. Golf Road, Des Plaines. Tickets for the Jan. 22 and 23 performances are \$5 for general admission. Admission is free to the preview performance on Jan. 21. For information, call (847) 635-1900. "I Hate Hamlet" will be presented by

Big Noise Theatre Company Jan. 15-Feb. 7 at the Prairie Lakes Theatre, 515 E. Thacker St., Des Plaines. Curtain at 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays; 3 p.m. Sundays. Tickets: \$20; \$18 for senior citizens and students; \$12 for children ages 12 and younger. Visit www.big-noise.org or call (847) 604-0275. "Mamma Mia!", a musical based on the songs of ABBA, Jan. 19-24 at the Rosemont Theatre, 5400 N. River Road, Rosemont. Performances at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 19 and 21; 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Jan. 20; 8 p.m. Jan. 22; 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Jan. 23; and 2 p.m. Jan. 24. Tickets: \$30-\$80. Call (800) 775-2000 or visit www.BroadwayInChicago.com.

Pegasus Players will present its 24th annual Young Playwrights Festival, a professional production of three one-act plays written by Chicago high school students, through Jan. 31 in the O'Rourke Center at Truman College, 1145 W. Wilson Ave., Chicago. Performances will be at 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, and 3 p.m. Sundays. Tickets are \$15, with student and senior discounts available, and may be purchased by calling (773) 878-9761 or online at www.pegasusplayers.org. World Festival of Plays will be presented by the Niles North Theater Department Jan. 14-16 in the Drama Performance Center at Niles North High School, 9800 N. Lawler, Skokie. Three to four short plays will be staged during each performance. All shows are student-directed. Performances are at

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Beverly Patt, of Park Ridge (seated), signs copies of her first novel for young adults, *Haven*, which was inspired by her time working as a teacher at Maryville Academy in the late 1980s.

At-risk children inspire book

Young Adult Lit Panel at The Book Stall

Authors Beverly Patt, Julie Halpern and Kristina Springer perform readings, sign books and discuss their work at 3 p.m., Jan. 16, at The Book Stall at Chestnut Court, 811 Elm St., Winnetka. (847) 446-8880 or www.thebookstall.com.

By **J.T. MORAND**
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Beverly Patt didn't have to fabricate inspiration for *Haven*, her first novel for young adults.

In the late 1980s, Patt, a lifelong resident of Park Ridge, worked as a teacher at Maryville Academy, a Catholic child care agency that works with at-risk kids and their families.

"I saw how many kids went to homes and were abused," she said.

It was enough to convince Patt and her husband to take in an African-American child and a Hispanic child. But, they were prevented from adopting them because the Patts were Caucasian and the Multi Ethnic Placement Act, which allows for adults to adopt children regardless of race, wouldn't be passed until 1994.

Haven, published by Blooming Tree Press last November, is about an orphan African-American girl named Latonya, who spends Christmas with the Morris family, who are white, and befriends Rudy

Morris. Rudy is getting over not receiving an all-terrain vehicle for Christmas. The pair plan to fix up an old ATV they find and scheme to spring Latonya from her group home, The Haven.

Patt dedicated the book to the Hispanic boy, who was allowed to live with — but couldn't be adopted by — the Patts after he ran away from Maryville. Patt said he could have gone to jail, but the judge realized he was a good kid and allowed him to be placed with the family.

The boy then went on to graduate high school, college and is now living in Las Vegas with a wife and child of his own.

"He considers me his adoptive mom," Patt said. "He calls regularly and sends Mother's Day cards." But, after she wrote the book and started shopping it around, she became concerned that publishers and

readers would focus too much on race. She suggests readers look at it as an historical novel on the way adoptions were before the Multi Ethnic Placement Act.

"It was a big concern of mine," she said. "I tried not to have that be the focus, a white family saving a black child."

That concern didn't factor into her second novel, *Best Friends Forever: A W.W.II Scrapbook*, about the friendship between a Caucasian girl and her Japanese friend who was sent to live in an internment camp. The book, being published by Marshall Cavendish, is scheduled to be released in the spring.

Her mom, Patt said, lived in California as a child and she often spoke of a store in town that was suddenly closed one day. The owners had disappeared, Patt said.

Later, as an adult, Patt learned about Japanese internment camps while listening to National Public Radio, and decided the store owners were Japanese and were sent to live in a camp.

But, *Best Friends Forever: A W.W.II Scrapbook* is intended to be educational as well as entertaining.

"We didn't learn about internment camps in school," she said. "It's like they just disappeared." *Comment: pioneerlocal.com*

FAMILY FRIENDLY

Stories, music tell message of peace and understanding

By **MYRNA PETLICKI**
Contributor

Peace and understanding will be fostered through activities, storytelling and music on Monday, Jan. 18, at the Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave.

The event starts at noon with a "Build and Create Peace" project in the lower level Activity Room, led by Mary Ann Rohn, a library employee who teaches art and animation at Columbia College Chicago. "She is doing a wonderful peace sign mosaic and a Lego 'one piece at a time' project," said Leslie Marley, youth services programming coordinator. "We're going to be using the decorative effects of that project to help decorate the stage for the other Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. program that starts at 2 o'clock" in the auditorium.

That program features multicultural storyteller Gwen Hilary and performing artist Enoch Williamson. "Gwen has done this program for years for the DuSable Museum (of African American History)," Marley said. "She is going to be telling the story of Martin Luther King's life in a very entertaining way, featuring music and songs, like Hebrew spirituals. She is going to convey the spirit of the civil rights movement through these songs and story."

For details, call (847) 965-4220.

Branch out

Your family of three or four (with children ages 5 and up) will build a family tree out of clay at Artsy Family Trees, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 23, at Brickton Art Center, 306 Busse Hwy., Park Ridge. Then you will use decorative glazes and other ceramic embellishments on your



Multicultural storyteller Gwen Hilary will be part of the activities at the Morton Grove Library Jan. 18.

work of art. Cost is \$50 per family for nonmembers, \$40 for members. For details, call (847) 823-6611.

Have a wild(life) time

Animals from the Big Run Wolf Ranch in Lockport will be onstage in the Petty Auditorium at Skokie Public Library, 5215 Oakton St., 3:30-5 p.m. Monday, Jan. 18. John Basile, president of the federally-licensed nonprofit educational facility, will talk about the creatures and conservation. Pick up a free ticket 30 minutes before the program. No children under 5 admitted. For details, call (847) 324-3149.

Pick a partner

A buffet dinner of kid-friendly food plus healthy options will be followed by dancing and games at the

Lincolnwood Parks and Recreation Department's Daddy/Daughter Dance for kindergartners through sixth-graders and their fathers, 6-9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 5, at Monastero's Ristorante, 3935 W. Devon Ave. Cost is \$55 per couple for residents, \$69 for non-residents; \$15 and \$20 for each additional daughter. Register by Jan. 22. For details, call (847) 677-9740.

Priceless fun on ice

Demos, skating lessons, celebrity skaters, refreshments and raffles are free at the Oakton Ice Arena Open House, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 18, at 2800 Oakton, Park Ridge. All ages are welcome. Bring skates if you have them. Limited rentals will be available. For details, call (847) 692-3359. *Comment: pioneerlocal.com*

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No event happens without the involvement of our three Honorees. Marilyn Jones joined the Chamber a few years ago and immediately became involved in volunteering. Marilyn's company, Consolidated Tools has been the subject of several write-ups in the press: it is the first Sustainable Green Printing Plant certified by the State of Illinois! Which means - no solid waste, no toxic water, no air pollution, 100% vegetable ingredients.

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Congratulations, Jim, Corrine and Marilyn!

BANKING HEADACHES

The February Membership meeting will be devoted to problems with obtaining small business loans from our local banks. Many of our member businesses have been trying, in vain, to obtain loans and/or lines of credit. The meeting comes as public anger about the Wall Street bailout is becoming a major political challenge for the Obama administration. At a time when unemployment is at 10% plus, frustration has been growing that banks have been slow to lend to small businesses that can generate job growth! Banks on the other hand quote federal regulators not to lend to uncreditworthy borrowers. According to bankers it was those borrowers who triggered the global economic meltdown. The bankers claim to have learned their lesson.

In the opinion of US Chamber of Commerce the pendulum has swung way too far, hurting those who need loans the most and who constitute the backbone of this country—small businesses! Norwood Park Chamber will be inviting managers of our local banks for a meaningful dialogue with our small business owners regarding solution beneficial to both parties.

We are enclosing a survey which will help us to better understand your complaints and concerns. Please take a moment to fill it out and mail it back to the Chamber.

THE MEMBERSHIP MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17th at 12:00 Noon at the Northwest Café, 6088 N. Northwest Highway. Make sure you attend and voice your questions and opinions!

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Storyteller Sue Black performs in the Snug at the Celtic Knot in Evanston. Some of the best professional storytellers in the world visit the pub to perform for crowds hungry for a good yarn. (Photo by Paul McCann)

Grab a pint in the Snug for storytelling at Celtic Knot

Storytelling in the Snug
Elyne Handler, 8 p.m. Jan. 17 and Jennifer Armstrong, 8 p.m. Jan. 31, at the Celtic Knot Public House, 626 Church St., Evanston. (847) 864-1679. www.celticknotpub.com.

By **J.T. MORAND**
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Beth Horner will not tell the story of her first sexual encounter just anywhere.

But, the professional storyteller has no problem telling "First Love" to the crowd of folks who pack the Snug at the Celtic Knot Public House in Evanston.

Storytelling is a popular staple of entertainment offered by the Celtic Knot at least once a month on Sundays. Audiences ranging in size from 25 to 120 grab a pint and head to the back room for an hour or more of age-old entertainment.

Horner, of Evanston, who has been performing for 27 years, feels comfortable at the pub because the audiences are open-minded, savvy and sophisticated.

"First Love" is about the first time I tried to make love," she laughed. "There was no love-making, but the police did arrive. It's

full of lots of innuendo, nothing graphic and it's slightly bawdy. But, I can't tell it in just any old venue."

Bringing storytelling to the Celtic Knot was natural for co-owner Liz Bartlow Breslin, who is married to co-owner Patrick Breslin, a native of County Down, Ireland.

It is an Irish pub, after all, and stories are as abundant as pint glasses in the bars of Ireland.

"In Ireland, if you go to the pubs, you hear stories all the time," she said. "But we've had storytellers from every heritage here."

Liz also is a sign language interpreter for the Illinois Storytelling Festival, so she has connections to some of the best storytellers in the business. One of those is Jim May, the founder of the festival, who is visited by storytellers from all over the world in his hometown of Woodstock.

"We try to bring them to the Celtic Knot," May said.

The Celtic Knot never charges a cover for storytelling, but it does "pass the hat," where audience members can make a donation that goes to that night's

storyteller. It's not uncommon for the performer to earn a couple hundred dollars.

It speaks to the popularity of the performances and the appreciation by the audience to sit in a warm, intimate setting created, in part, by stone walls of the pub's back room, called the Snug.

"It's just a moment to sit down and listen," Liz said. "There's a rare feeling of community I don't think you get very often."

Story time appears to be gaining popularity. Liz sees many familiar faces at the performances, but she also sees a couple of new people each time.

"It's certainly growing," she said.

Storytellers also enjoy performing at the Celtic Knot because they can get close to the listeners and see their reactions, which is often difficult to do at festivals.

Horner said she'll debut new stories at the pub before she performs at a festival.

"If it flies here," she said, "it might fly at the National Storytelling Festival."

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DVD COLUMN

'Fame,' 'Hurt Locker' on DVD

By **BRUCE INGRAM**
Film Critic



"Whiteout"

WHITEOUT ★ ★ 1/2

Not a documentary about correction fluid, but an old-school suspense thriller set in the coldest, bleakest, loneliest and most colorless environment on Earth. If it does drag on at times like a documentary on correction fluid, that's not for lack of grisly frozen corpses, ice-ax murders and gratuitous showering. U.S. Marshal Carrie Stetko (Kate Beckinsale) investigates a dead body at an American base in Antarctica and uncovers a 50-year-old mystery involving the afore-mentioned ice-ax-wielding assassin and a downed Russian cargo plane containing a secret worth murdering for. It's been more than competently handled by director Dominic Sena ("Gone in 60 Seconds"), but the who-cares factor is high in this disappointingly conventional and tedious cops and robbers story. Rated R.

RECENT RELEASES

THE HURT LOCKER ★ ★ ★

"The Hurt Locker" was scripted by Mark Boal, a journalist who followed the day-to-day, life-and-death experiences of a bomb-disposal unit in Baghdad. And it's been infused with painfully realistic detail and a near-overdose of adrenaline and testosterone by cult-favorite director and action specialist Kathryn Bigelow ("Near Dark"). There's not much of a plot here as a trio of soldiers led by a complicated and crazy-brave sergeant (Jeremy Renner) in a breakout performance) do their best to stay alive near the end of a tour of duty. But the tough and tragic "Hurt Locker" deals in the kind of suspense that could give you second-hand post-traumatic stress disorder. Rated R.



Jennifer Garner as Anna McDouglas and Ricky Gervais as Mark Bellison in Warner Bros. Pictures' Radar Pictures' and Media Rights Capital's romantic comedy "The Invention of Lying."

THE INVENTION OF LYING ★ ★ ★

An unemployed screenwriter ("The Office" creator Ricky Gervais) of lecture films becomes the first human to evolve the ability to lie — and naturally becomes rich and famous. Essentially, "Invention of Lying" boils down to a brilliant sketch-comedy conceit stretched out to feature length and it eventually runs out of dramatic steam, but it's often extremely

funny and more thoughtful than you might expect. In a society where everyone is genetically hard-wired to say precisely what's on their minds, the one thing you never hear is a kind remark. And one of the first lies our hero tells is an act of generosity. Rated PG-13 for language including some sexual material and a drug reference.

moments by making us care about the characters in the film. While this rapid and superficial remake just wants to show them glorying in the spotlight and wallowing in applause. There are a few token hard knocks here and there as half a dozen or so annoyingly hyper-talented kids learn to deal with disappointments in the cold, cruel world, but they're no more than minor asides between razzle-dazzle dance numbers. Even an attempt at suicide is brushed off as nothing more worrisome than a chafing dance belt. Rated PG for thematic material including teen drinking, a sexual situation and language.

POST GRAD ★ ★

"Post Grad" mixes charm and peppiness and wacky comedy and mixed-up romance in a two-dimensional sitcom melange that's not what you'd call compelling, but not entirely drivel, either. Mostly thanks to the always welcome presence of "Gilmore Girls" grad Alexis Bledell. Bledell plays Ryden Malby, a chipper 22-year-old whose plans to score a dream job after graduation don't work out, forcing her to move back home with her embarrassingly eccentric family. The only thing she's got going for her is the steadfast best-guy pal (Zach Gilford, "Friday Night Lights") who's been in love with her all his life, only she's too self-absorbed to know it. Michael Keaton and Carol Burnett supply solid comic support as zany dad and grandma. (89 min.) Rated PG-13 for sexual situations and brief strong language.

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Music Institute of Chicago, Nichols Concert Hall, 1490 Chicago Ave., Evanston. (847) 905-1500. www.mu-

sicinst.org. January concert series features a 4 p.m. lecture, 5 p.m. concert, and 6:30 p.m. film. Free admission, with no tickets or registration required. Donations are appreciated. Jan. 17: "In Tune with the African-American Experience." The Brotherhood Choral from the Apostolic Church of God will be featured. Jan. 24: "Making Tracks: From the Far East to the American West." Jan. 26, 7 p.m.: Faculty Series concert featuring guitarist Julia Miller. \$20; \$15 seniors; \$7 students.

Northwest Symphony Orchestra, Paul Vermet, music director, presents concerts at 3:30 p.m. Sundays in the Theatre for the Performing Arts at Maine West High School, 1755 S. Wolf Road, Des Plaines. Pre-concert commentaries by Carolyn Paulin, a staff member of radio station WFMT, begin one hour prior to each concert. Tickets: \$20; \$15 for seniors; \$10 for students. Children under age 14 are admitted free of charge when accompanied by a paying adult. www.northwestsymphony.org. Jan. 24: Featured soloist will be pianist Inna Faliks, who will perform Beethoven's Third Piano Concerto with the orchestra. The program will also include Johannes Brahms' Fourth Symphony.

Park Ridge Civic Orchestra presents concerts at the Pickwick Theatre, 5 S. Prospect, Park Ridge. Tickets are \$25; \$20 for students and senior citizens. Visit www.parkridgecivicorchestra.org or call (847) 692-PRCO or (847) 823-8866. Feb. 7, 2:30 p.m.: "Opera Potpourri," with soloists Sarah Hibbard, soprano; Jessye Wright, mezzo-soprano; and James Cornelison, tenor; and narrator


Henry Fogel. The program includes selections from "Othello" by Verdi; "Samson and Delilah" by Saint-Saens; "Carmen" by Bizet; and "The Damnation of Faust" by Berlioz.

Skokie Theatre Music Foundation presents concerts in the Skokie Theatre, 7924 Lincoln Ave., Skokie. Tickets are \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door, unless noted otherwise. Call (847) 677-7761 or visit www.skokiethatre.com. Jan. 17, 3 p.m.: Quartet Danae, an award-winning string quartet of high school musicians.

2010 Winter Chamber Music Festival, presented by the Northwestern University Henry and Leigh Bienen School of Music through Jan. 24 in Pick-Staiger Concert Hall, 50 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston. All concerts are at 7:30 p.m. To order tickets or for information, call (847) 467-4000 or visit www.pick-staiger.org. Jan. 15: The Dorian Woodwind Quintet will perform with violinist Gerardo Ribeiro and pianist Alan Chow. Their program includes Ligeti's Six Bagatelles for Woodwind Quintet; Schubert's Fantasie in C Major for Violin and Piano, Op. 159; Mordechai Rechtman's arrangements of Bach's "Christ lag in Todesbanden" and Fugue in G Minor; and Gould's Concerto Concertante. \$22/\$20/\$10. Jan. 17: Pianist Lori Kaufmann, violinist Ilya Kaler, violist Rami Solomonov, cellist Ken Olsen and clarinetists J. Lawrie Bloom and Steven Cohen will perform Stravinsky's "Suite Italienne"; Martin's Serenade for Violin, Viola, Cello and Two Clarinets; and Tchaikovsky's Piano Trio in A

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POP/FOLK/JAZZ

Allstate Arena. 6920 N. Mannheim Road, Rosemont. Tickets are available at www.ticketmaster.com or (800) 745-3000; the ticket prices listed below do not include service fees. The information line is (847) 635-6601. March 27, 8 p.m.: Michael Bublé. "Crazy Love Tour." Tickets: \$49.50, \$75, \$95. May 18, 6:30 p.m.: Nickelback 2010 Dark Horse World Tour with guests Breaking Benjamin, Shinedown and Sick Puppies. Tickets: \$46.50, \$60, \$85.

American Legion Music Hall, 1030 Central St., Evanston. (847) 573-0443. www.chicagobluegrass.com. Bluegrass Legends Concerts — doors open at 7 p.m., show at 8 p.m. Jan. 16: The Henhouse Prowlers: \$10.

Blues Bar, 2 W. Busse Ave., Mount Prospect. (847) 788-9977. www.bluesbar.com. Music from 9:30 p.m.-1 a.m., unless noted otherwise. Jan. 15: Evolution. Jan. 16: The John Primer Band. Jan. 22: Bucket Number 6. Jan. 23: Lurie Bell's Chicago Blues Band. Jan. 29: Petty Cash. Jan. 30: Joanne Graham and Bobby Slim James.

Centre East in the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie. (847) 673-6300. www.centreast.org. Feb. 13, 8 p.m.: Frank Sinatra Jr. \$80.

Ethical Humanist Society Second Saturday Coffeehouse, 7574 N. Lincoln Ave. (at Howard), Skokie. (847) 677-3334. www.ethicalhuman.org. Feb. 13, 8 p.m.: "A Prairie State Companion," written and directed by Ken Novak. Includes songs, stories, satire and sketches. Benefit for cancer patient Brian Barne. \$10 includes refreshments.

InterContinental Chicago O'Hare Hotel, 5300 N. River Road, Rosemont. www.ichohare.com/montrose.room. (847) 544-5300. Friday Nights Live, featuring music from 8:30 p.m.-midnight in the Montrose Room. \$5 cover, unless noted otherwise. Jan. 15: Train Co. Jan. 22: Michael McDermott, Yellowhammers. \$10 in advance; \$14 at the door. Jan. 29: The Muggs. Feb. 12: Acoustic Deficit Disorder. Feb. 19: Employees. Feb. 26: Robert Hynes Band.

Irish American Heritage Center, 4626 N. Knox Ave., Chicago. (773) 282-7035. www.irish-american.org. Jan. 23, 7:30 p.m.: Seanson (Celtic folk rock). \$15. Entertainment at 9 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays in the Fifth Province Lounge, no cover — Jan. 15: Gerry Haughey. Jan. 16: The Dooley Brothers. Jan. 22: Seamus O'Kane and Jimmy Moore. Jan. 23:

Johnny Cash Night, featuring local bands performing Cash's music. Jan. 29: Joe McShane. Jan. 30: The Mickey Finns. \$5 cover.

Rosemont Theatre, 5400 N. River Road, Rosemont. Tickets are available at www.ticketmaster.com or (800) 745-3000; the ticket prices listed below do not include service fees. For more information about the theater, call (847) 671-5100 or visit www.rosemontheatre.com. Jan. 17, 7 p.m.: Nick Jonas & the Administration, with guest Diane Birch. \$39.50. March 25, 7 p.m.: Justin Bieber. \$39.50, \$29.50. April 9-10, 8 p.m.: Celtic Woman (Irish music). \$50, \$75. Skokie Theatre Music Foundation presents concerts in the Skokie Theatre, 7924 Lincoln Ave., Skokie. Call (847) 677-7761 or visit www.skokietheatre.com. Tickets are \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door, unless noted otherwise. Jan. 16, 8 p.m.: Three Cat Media presents "Golly Geel Broadway in the 1950s." Jan. 23, 8 p.m.: "Tribute to Veterans" starring Jack Muccio. Free admission with a donation to the Vets Ticket Fund. Jan. 24, 7:30 p.m.: Latino Opera Hour presents "La Dolorosa." Jan. 29, 8 p.m.: The Falconaires Orchestra presents "When Music WAS Music," playing selections from the "Great American Songbook." Jan. 31, 2 p.m.: Ron Hawking: Up Close & Personal. \$35 in advance; \$44 at the door. Feb. 6, 8 p.m.: "Rush Street," the story of the music and nightlife surrounding Chicago's famous street, with Rick Kogan and Chicago Cabaret performers Spider Saloff, Anne Burnell and Mark Burnell.

ART GALLERIES


Brickton Art Center, 306 Busse Highway, Park Ridge. (847) 823-6611. www.bricktonartcenter.org. Jan. 16-Feb. 20: "Saying Goodbye, Again," a homage to the Christmas tree... and its demise. The second annual conceptual show inspired by the idea of getting rid of one's Christmas tree includes works by Sandra Bacon, Courtney Brobst, Pale Onaway, Linda Doyle, Melanie Feerst, Carolyn Golaszewski, Celia Hicklin, Judith Hladik-Voss, Judy Langston, Elizabeth Mandell, Bret Marion, Cheri Naselli, Niki Nolin, Susan Parmentier and Ed Pino. Opening reception from 7-9 p.m. Jan. 16.

Lincoln Terrace Art Studio & Gallery, 5027 Warren St., Skokie. (847) 673-0345. Through February: "Leonid Osseny: Nu and Flowers," featuring paintings of flowers and figurative studies. Lincolnwood Village Hall, 6900 N. Lincoln Ave., Lincolnwood. Gallery hours: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday. Contact Shirley Engelstein, fine arts coordinator, (847) 674-3806. Through Feb. 26: "Hexagons," two-dimensional sculptural paintings by Lincolnwood resident William F. Whiteside. Opening reception will be held from 5-7 p.m. Jan. 21.

Oakton Community College, Koehnline Museum of Art, 1600 E. Golf Road, Des Plaines. (847) 635-2633. www.oakton.edu/museum. Gallery hours: 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Friday; 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturdays. Through Jan. 29: "Curt Frankenstein: Dream World and Real World." Works by surrealist artist Curt Frankenstein (1922-2009), who lived

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AUDITIONS & OPPORTUNITIES

STAGE

Play On will hold auditions for "The Wizard of Oz," for children in grades K-8, on Jan. 15 at Open Studio, 901 Sherman Ave., Evanston. Rehearsals will be mostly Saturday late afternoons, with performances the week of March 19. Those cast pay a \$200 fee. For an audition appointment, e-mail info@playonitd.com or call (847) 337-9614.

The Rising Stars Theatre Co. will hold open auditions for "Oliver" at 6850 W. Addison, Chicago. Seeking a large cast of children ages 8-14 years, men and women. Particularly need two boys ages 8-15 for the roles of Oliver and the Artful Dodger. Prepare 32 bars of an upbeat song, preferably from the show. Accompanist provided. Be prepared to dance and possibly read from

the script. English accents encouraged. Children ages 8-14 years audition from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Jan. 23; no appointment necessary. Teens, ages 15 and up, and adults audition from 7-9 p.m. Jan. 22 and 1-5 p.m. Jan. 24. Teens and adults encouraged to make appointments, but walk-ins are welcome. E-mail director@risingstarsco.org or call (773) 736-2490 for audition appointments or more information. Performance dates are April 17-May 2. No pay; all roles open. Visit www.risingstarsco.org.

"Still Acting Up!, a musical troupe of performers 60 years of age and over, directed by Chicago actor Jill Shelabarger, will hold auditions for male and female performers at 1 p.m. Jan. 26 at the Skokie Park District's Oakton Community Center, 4701 Oakton, Skokie. The troupe rehearses on Tuesdays and performs 25-28 shows throughout the year. While the troupe commitment is year-around, the group takes the months of January and July off. The shows are completely original, so the ability to read music is a plus. Be prepared to sing one song (bring music), tell a two-minute or less short story, anecdote or monologue, and move to music. Call (847) 998-8894 for an audition appointment.

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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. To participate or for information, call Pamela Zeid, (847) 674-1500, ext. 2180.

BENEFITS

The Chicago Bar Association's 86th annual holiday revue, "I'm a Lawyer, Get Me Out of Here!", will be presented at 8 p.m. Jan. 30 at Oakton Community College, 1600 E. Golf Road, Des Plaines. The production showcases a singing and dancing cast of more than 60 lawyers, judges and law students who are expected to comically chronicle the exploits of President Obama, Sarah Palin, Bernie Madoff, Hillary Clinton, Rod Blagojevich and others. A reception follows the performance. Tickets are \$50 and can be reserved by calling (847) 635-1893. Proceeds benefit scholarships and programs funded by the Oakton Educational Foundation.

BOOKS & POETRY

Barnes & Noble, 55 Old Orchard Center, Skokie. (847) 676-2230. Feb. 6, 3 p.m.: Appearance by children's writer Rebecca Stead, author of *When You Reach Me*.

Mount Prospect Public Library, 10 S. Emerson. (847) 253-5675. Jan. 22-24: Winter Used Book Sale, sponsored by

the Friends of the Library. The Members Only sale will be from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Friday, with individual memberships available at the door for \$5. General public sale will be from 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Saturday and noon-4:30 p.m. Sunday.

CHILD'S PLAY

Allstate Arena, 6920 N. Mannheim Road, Rosemont. Tickets are available at www.ticketmaster.com or (800) 745-3000; the ticket prices listed below do not include service fees. The information line is (847) 635-6601. Feb. 2-6: Disney on Ice presents "Celebrations." Performances at 7 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday; 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Friday; 11:30 a.m., 3:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday. \$15, \$20, \$25, \$60, \$75.

Centre East in the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie. (847) 673-6300. www.centreeast.org. Feb. 27, 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.: TheatreworksUSA presents "Max & Ruby." \$18.

Pick-Staiger Concert Hall at Northwestern University, 50 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston. Information: (847) 491-5441; tickets: (847) 467-4000. www.pickstaiger.org. Kids Fare series, featuring hour-long concerts for children ages 3 to 8 and their families. All Kids Fare concerts begin at 10:30 a.m. Tickets: \$6; \$5 for senior citizens; \$4 for children. Jan. 30: "Banding Together," featuring Northwestern University Symphonic Band's brass and reed players and percussionists.


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The Capitol Steps will perform political and current events satire in "Obama Mia!" Jan. 21-24 at Centre East in the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie. call (847) 673-6300 or visit www.centreeast.org. Tickets cost \$44-\$48.

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Rosemont Theatre, 5400 N. River Road, Rosemont. Tickets are available at www.ticketmaster.com or (800) 745-3000; the ticket prices listed below do not include service fees. For more information about the theater, call (847) 671-5100. March 27, 7:30 p.m.: Comedian Ron "Tater Salad" White presents his new stand-up show, "Behavioral Problems." The performance is recommended for mature audiences. Tickets: \$45.75-\$35.75.

DANCE

Happy Twirlers Dance Club provides round and square dancing at 7 p.m. the second Saturday of the month, through May 8, at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Thacker and Lee streets, Des Plaines. \$6 per guest. For information, call (847) 698-9501 or (773) 685-8407. Feb. 1, 8 and 15, 7-9 p.m.: Square dancing lessons at Summit of Uptown, 10 N. Summit, downtown Park Ridge. First lesson free. Call (847) 729-5805.

Spare Sunday Evening Club holds ballroom dances from 7:30-10:30 p.m. at the American Legion, 9757 Pacific Ave., Franklin Park. Admission is \$8 for members; \$9 guests. Jan. 17: Music by The Music Men. Feb. 7: Music by The Dick Elliot Band. Feb. 21: Music by Chuck and Friends.

Square Spares & Pairs Square Dance Club, a club for couples and singles, dances the second and fourth Mondays of the month all year long at the Park Ridge Senior Center, 100 S. Western Ave., Park Ridge. Rounds start at 7:30 p.m., with squares from 8-10 p.m. \$5 for members; \$6 for guests. For information, call (773) 775-9427 or (708) 442-8646. Jan. 25: "Snowflake Shuffle." Feb. 8: "Veterans for Freedom." Feb. 22: "Walking with Washington."

Square Wheels Square Dance Club dances the fourth Saturday of each month, September through May, at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, 304 W. Palatine Road, Prospect Heights. Round dancing begins at 7:30 p.m. with Howard and Anna Hoffman, and square dancing starts at 8 p.m. with guest callers. Refreshments served and banner available through April 24. Admission: \$6. For information, call (847) 392-5512 or (847) 253-3206. Jan. 23: Mike Richards. Feb. 27: Rick Allison.

FILM

Block Cinema, in the Pick-Laudati Auditorium at the Block Museum of Art, Northwestern University, 40 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston. (847) 491-4000. www.blockmuseum.northwestern.edu/block-cinema. Admission is \$6; \$4 for Block Museum members, senior citi-



Sophia Cho, Leah Ferguson, Benjamin Fried and Zachary Spontak, members of the young adult chamber quartet, Quartet Danae, will perform at 2 p.m. Jan. 17 at Skokie Theater, 7924 N. Lincoln Ave., to benefit New Foundation Center. This award-winning string quartet will feature works by Beethoven, Mendelssohn and Prokofiev. A reception of light snacks and drinks will immediately follow the performance. The New Foundation Center serves more than 250 men and women with serious mental illness who live in north and northwest metropolitan Chicago. Tickets are \$20, \$25 at the door. Call (847) 677-7761 or visit www.skokie-theatre.com. (Photo by Lydia Umlauf)

zens, and students with ID, or as noted below. All films shown at 8 p.m., unless noted otherwise. Feb. 6, 2 p.m.: "Visual Acoustics," a documentary that celebrates the life and career of architectural photographer Julius Shulman. Irish American Heritage Center, 4626 N. Knox Ave., Chicago. (773) 282-7035. www.irish-american.org. Friday Night Film Series - Feb. 5, 8 p.m.: Screening of "Jackie: Behind the Myth," a documentary on the life of Jacqueline Bouvier Kennedy Onassis. The film's co-writer, Karen Kelleher, will introduce the movie and present a post-film discussion, \$10.

LECTURES

Centre East in the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie. (847) 673-6300. www.centreeast.org. Jan. 30, 8 p.m.: "In The Headlines" speaker series features investigative journalist and author Bob Woodward presenting "From Nixon To Bush: What President Obama Can Learn From Past Presidencies." \$75.

ORGANIZATIONS

Focus, a digital photo club, will meet at 7 p.m. Jan. 27 at the Norridge Park Fieldhouse, 5801 N. Natoma. The club,

for digital imaging enthusiasts, will meet the last Wednesday of each month. For information, e-mail focusdigitalphoto@aol.com.

International Brotherhood of Magicians Ring 43 will meet at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 15 at Trinity Lutheran Church, 3637 Golf Road, Evanston. The club welcomes magicians of all skill levels and anyone with a sincere interest in magical entertainment. Free. For more information, contact Robert K. Miller at (847) 272-3850 or miracles@magicians.com.

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 DuSole, (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

ComboSingles, comprised of Professional Social Singles and Jewish Social Singles, open to singles 21-plus. All prices include dinner, tax, gratuity and administrative fee, except where noted. RSVP two days before each event.

For information about the group and upcoming events, call (847) 757-1299 or (847) 331-1066, or visit www.combosingles.org. Jan. 24, Jan. 31, 6:30 p.m.: Bowling at the Brunswick Zone-Deerfield, 10 S. Waukegan Road. Fee is \$20 for league members, \$25 for nonmembers. No advance reservations required. Socializers who prefer not to bowl are welcome to join the group for a \$10 cover charge. Jan. 16, 6:30 p.m.: Dinner at Booby's Charcoal Rib, 8161 N. Milwaukee Ave., Niles. \$10, cost of dinner on own. Feb. 7, 5 p.m.: Super Bowl party at Bob Chinn's Crabhouse, 393 Milwaukee Ave., Wheeling. \$35. March 20, 6:30 p.m.: Dinner at Sweet Tomatoes, 2351 Willow Road, Glenview. \$25. April 17, 6 p.m.: Woodfire & Billiards, 360 Lake Cook Road, Deerfield. \$15 includes cover/billiards tournament. Cost of dinner on own. May 15, 6:30 p.m.: Dinner at Boston Blackies, 405 Lake Cook Road, Deerfield. \$30. June 20, 6:30 p.m.: Dinner at Senoya Restaurant, 8750 W. Golf Road, Niles. \$25.

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. Call (847) 678-7068. Jan. 15:

ET CETERA

Skokie Theatre Music Foundation presents concerts in the Skokie Theatre, 7924 Lincoln Ave., Skokie. Call (847) 677-7761 or visit www.skokie-theatre.com. Jan. 24, 2 p.m.: "Love Letters," starring Jan Ellen Graves with George van Dusen. \$30 in advance; \$35 at the door. Jan. 30, 8 p.m.: "Conversations with Teddy Roosevelt," presented by Joe Wiegand. \$25 in advance; \$30 at the door.

MUSEUMS

Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center, 9603 Woods Drive, Skokie. (847) 967-4889. www.illinois-holocaustmuseum.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. Through Feb. 28: "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. Jan. 17, 1:30 p.m.: "Anne Frank: On The Air," a radio-style presentation of *Diary of a Young Girl* by Anne Frank. Recommended for students in grades 6 and up. \$15 for museum members and students; \$20 for nonmembers. Reservations required. Jan. 24, 11 a.m.: Diary-writing workshop for children ages 8-11, accompanied by an adult. The workshop will honor the legacy of Anne Frank and Zlata Filipovic, two young girls who captured tragic events in history by writing in their diaries. Museum admission, plus materials fee of \$5 for museum members; \$7 nonmembers. Reservations required. Feb. 18, 6:30 p.m.: "Born in Mauthausen: Eva Clarke's Story," a Holocaust survivor discussion. \$10 for museum members; \$20 nonmembers. Reservations required. Feb. 28, 1:30 p.m.: Screening of Kartemquin Films' new documentary, "Prisoner of Her Past," the story of Holocaust survivor Sonia Reich. A panel discussion and book signing with Howard Reich will follow the screening. \$15 for members; \$20 nonmembers. Reservations required.

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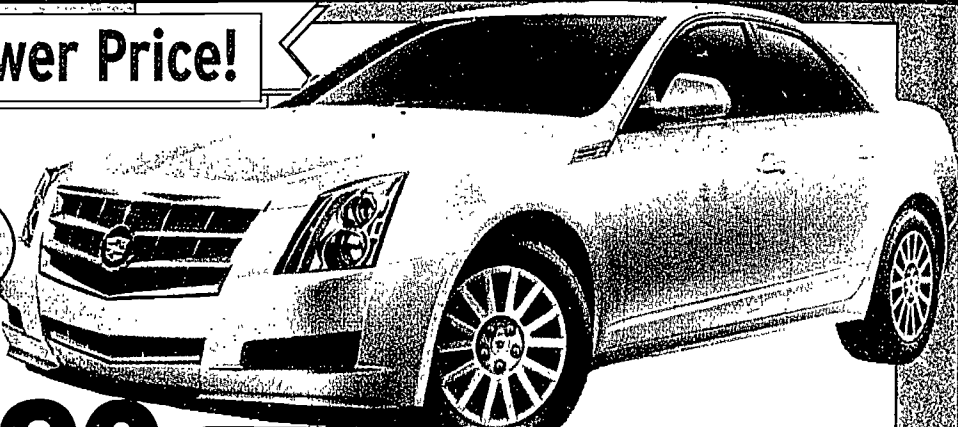
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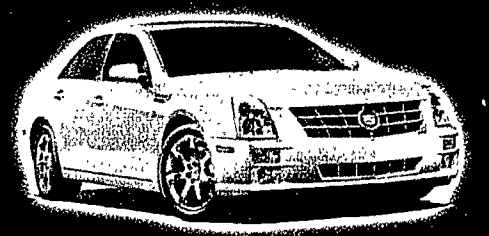


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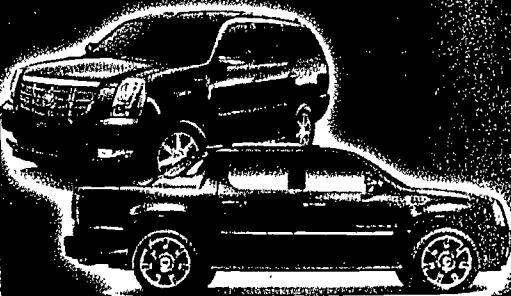


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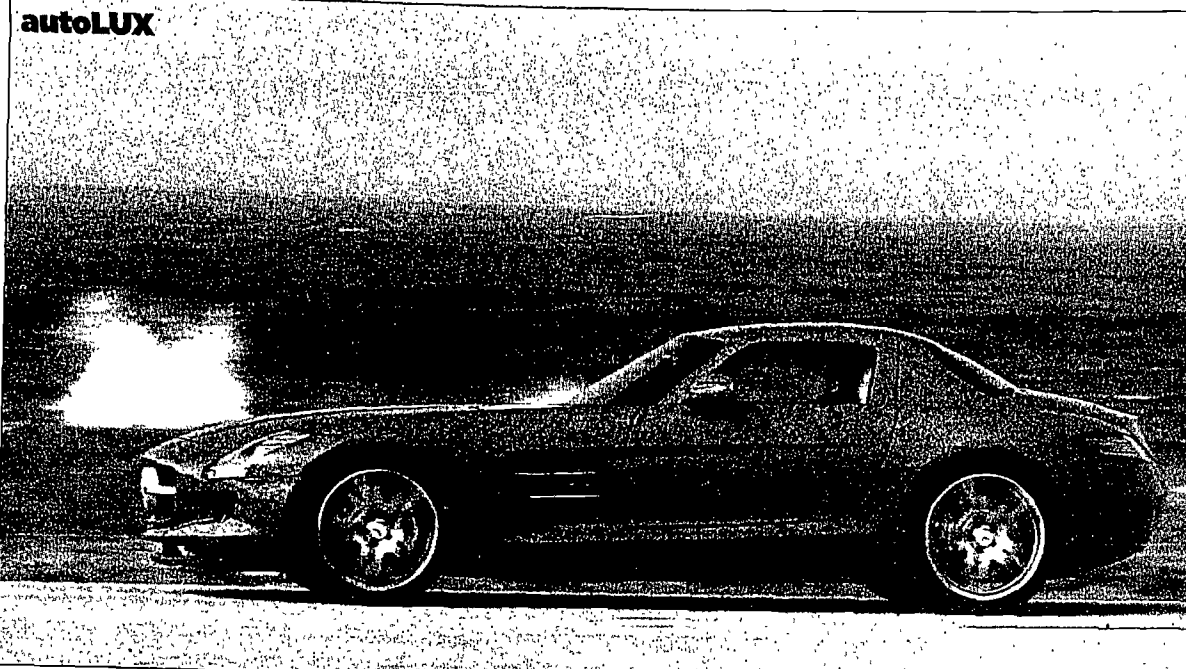
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rests in front of the rear axle. The result is a near-perfect 47/53 front/rear weight balance. Thanks to a dry sump oiling system, the engine sits low and helps lower the center of gravity.

The engine is AMG's hand-built 6.3-liter V-8. It produces 571 horsepower and 479 pound-feet of torque. That's 46 horses more than in other AMG products thanks to a reworked valvetrain, different camshafts, flow-optimized tubular headers, a better-breathing intake system and a less-restrictive exhaust system.

The V-8 is linked to a seven-speed dual-clutch automated manual transmission by a carbon fiber composite driveshaft housed in a torque tube. The transmission uses one clutch to hold the current gear and one to ready the next. Gear shifts are instantaneous with almost no loss of tractive power. The transmission can be left in drive to shift like an automatic or shifted manually via the gearshift or a pair of steering wheel paddles.

I had the opportunity to drive the SLS on the twisty roads around Monterey, Calif.,

and on the 2.2-mile road course at Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca. One goose of the throttle revealed that the power is monstrous. Floor it and the V-8 barks loudly as it rockets the car from 0 to 60 mph in only 3.7 seconds. The thrust just keeps coming up to an electronically limited to 197 mph. Letting off the gas causes the engine to crackle, pop and burble like a stock car slowing for a pit stop. AMG calls it "controlled backfire."

I call it cool. The SLS is also perfectly willing to amble along the boulevard, with only the droning engine note detracting from a relaxed cruise. The transmission helps. It features comfort, sport and sport plus settings that change the shift schedule. In the comfort setting, the transmission shifts at lower rpms to improve fuel economy and provide a calmer driving experience. In the sport and sport plus settings, the shifts are later, making power more readily available.

I used the sport settings on the road and track, and found that the transmission readily downshifted when I jumped on the brakes prior to a corner. In some instances, though, when braking wasn't necessary but

a downshift would have helped, it retained the higher gear. This problem can be rectified by using the steering wheel paddles. My only regret is that Mercedes doesn't offer a manual transmission.

Handling is downright impressive. The SLS feels solid, like it's been carved from a block of granite, but it also feels lighter than its 3,500-pound curb weight. Those are the qualities of a stiff and stable body structure at work. The steering is firm and direct, and the car turns in quickly with very little lean. Braking inspires confidence with the base brakes and the optional carbon fiber composite brakes are even better.

Inside, the SLS is typical of a high-end sports car. The gauges, which look like fine watch faces, include a 220-mph speedometer and a tachometer with a 7,250-rpm redline. A line of LEDs acts as a shift light for drivers who want to use the shift paddles, and the trip computer includes a race timer. Mercedes' leather upholstery is standard and the headliner is suedelike Alcantara.

The sport bucket seats have plenty of adjustments to make most passengers comfortable, but wider riders might feel pinched by the aggressive side bolsters. Shorter occupants will also struggle to reach the gull wing doors once seated. An easy remedy to this problem is to grab the door and pull it down as you get in. The trunk, with its 6.2 cubic feet of storage space, has about enough room for two pieces of carry-on luggage.

Mercedes' COMAND control system is standard. It uses a rotating knob on the center console to control the navigation, audio and phone functions.

Mercedes has not yet announced pricing, but the SLS will surely top \$200,000. While the vast majority of us could never justify spending that much on a car, the SLS AMG is a world-class super sports car. At home on the track or street, it's an excellent first complete project by AMG and a worthy successor to the Gullwing legacy.

Bowers & Wilkins teams with Jaguar on XJ sound system

Bower & Wilkins has teamed with Jaguar to provide the audio system for the new Jaguar XJ. Bowers & Wilkins' decades of engineering know-how and the latest in digital sound-processing technology deliver top-notch audio performance in this car.

The partnership between Jaguar and Bowers & Wilkins is based on their shared no-compromise approach to design and performance in order to achieve the best possible experience.

Using ground-breaking Bowers & Wilkins innovations such as aluminum dome tweeters and Kevlar drive units, each component in the new XJ's sound system has been specially designed for the car. The 20-speaker, 15-channel system has been fine-tuned and calibrated by the same engineers who tuned Bowers & Wilkins' 800 Series speakers used at Abbey Road Studios.

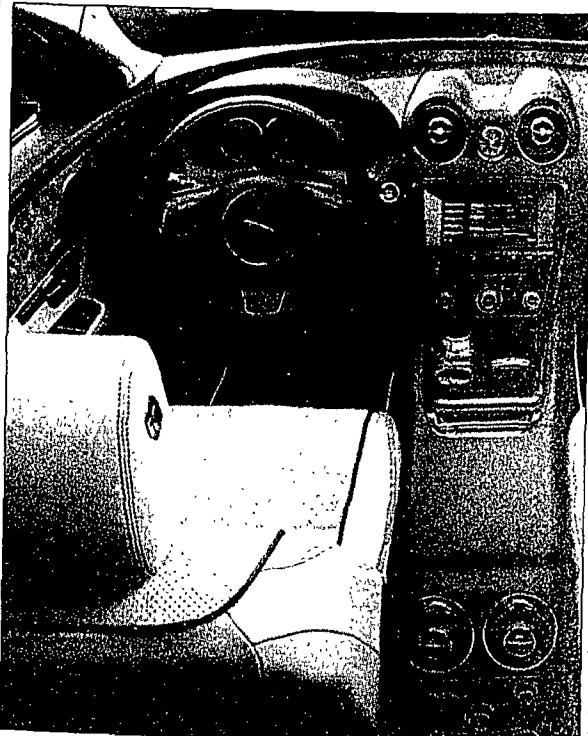
Constructed from aluminum, the XJ's chassis uses aerospace-inspired lightweight technology. Finding strength in lightweight construction is also a passion for the engineers at Bowers & Wilkins. Originally used by body armor specialists around the world, Kevlar has become the material of choice

for Bowers & Wilkins drive units. It's the ideal material for delivering a clean sound at a wide range of frequencies.

The XJ is Jaguar's most aerodynamic car and Bowers & Wilkins is committed to optimizing airflow in the vehicle. The Flowport technology found on Bowers & Wilkins 800 Series speakers and inside the new XJ uses aerodynamic dimples, much like a golf ball, to reduce turbulence for both optimum airflow out of a speaker cabinet and minimum noise.

With the ability to stream video from an iPod or USB memory stick, watch digital TV or DVDs, as well as playing music from the hard disc drive or via Bluetooth audio streaming, the sound system has to work across many different platforms. That means the system tuning is critical; the Audyssey MultiEQ XT system digitally corrects any imperfection created by the cabin environment.

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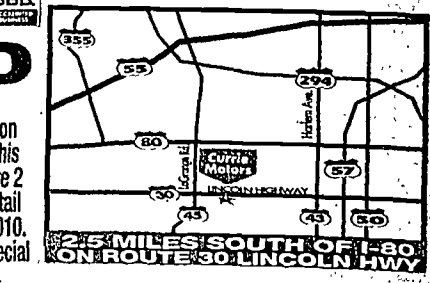
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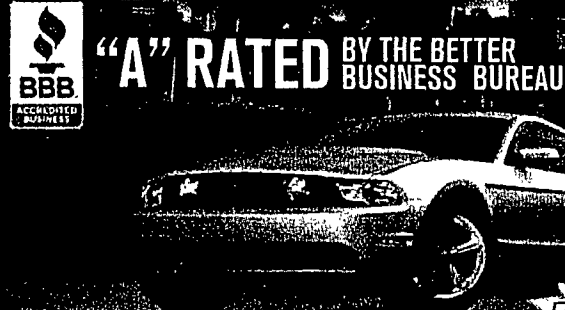
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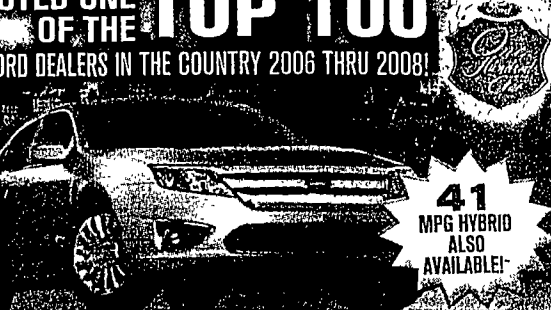


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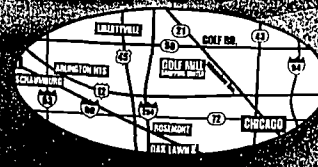
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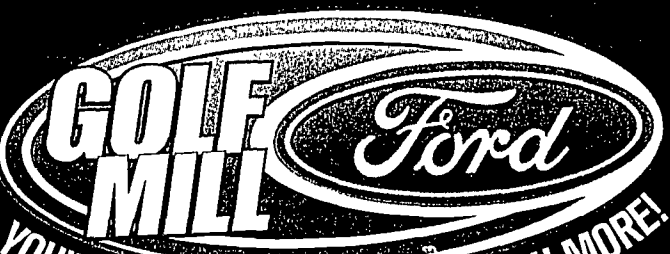
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Some Henning Estates buyers may qualify for tax credit

Those who wish to purchase a ranch home should take note of the federal housing stimulus program that was approved on Nov. 6, 2009. On that date, people who have lived in their home a minimum of five years may qualify for a maximum Federal Tax credit of \$6,500 if they sign a sales contract before May 1, 2010, and take occupancy of their new home by June 30, 2010.

With this program, combined with economic indicators that show home sales are steadily increasing, the stock market is rebounding and 30-year fixed-rate mortgages are hovering below 5 percent, now is shaping up to be the time to buy a new home at Henning Estates near Huntley.

Economic reports are coming out on a daily basis that seems to show the economy is set to rebound in 2010. In the Chicagoland area, home sales during October of 2009 were 33.3 percent greater than the same month last year. It was the best October for home sales in the Chicago area since 2006. Home sales in the mid-western states were 28.8 percent ahead of last year and the supply of homes is at its lowest level in more than 2½ years.

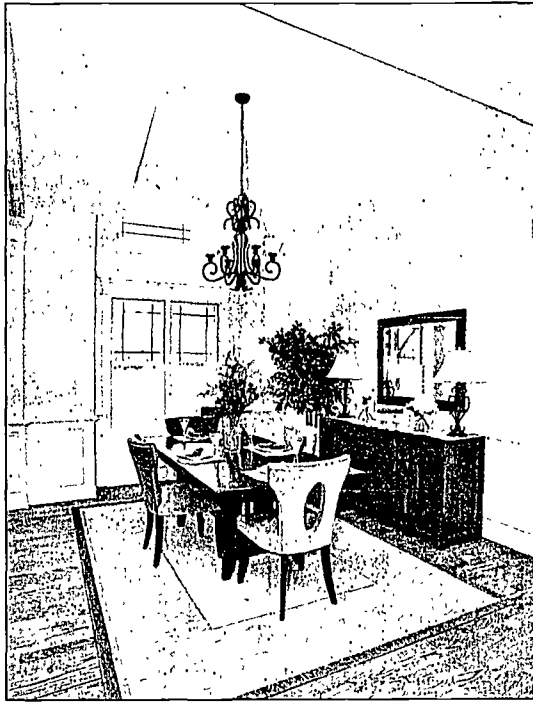
Further reports have shown that the national economy expanded by

3½ percent during the third quarter of 2009, which was the largest increase in two years. This report by the Commerce Department combined with a report by the National Association For Business Economists that predicts 2010 will experience positive economic growth, are indicators that things are getting better.

Ryan VanLue, president of Rock Creek Homes, believes the \$6,500 tax credit being offered by the federal government is the economic incentive homebuyers have been waiting for. With historically low mortgage rates, now is definitely the time to purchase a new semi-custom home.

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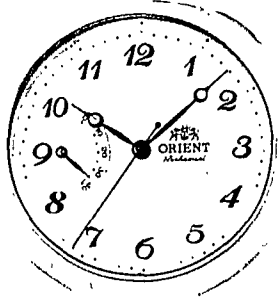
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FEATURED HOME

Sleepy Hollow home is a stunning deal

By Joaño Mayer
FOR SUN-TIMES MEDIA

If you have been looking to take advantage of your increased buying power in this market that has brought home values to within reach of more people, this week's feature home would be a savvy choice. Located in the beautiful Saddle Club Estates, this four-bedroom home offers a tremendous amount of living space in a traditional floor plan.

Loaded with curb appeal, the residence features a three-car attached garage, a covered front entryway and a spacious tree-lined lot. Almost one third acre of land makes up the lot giving home owners plenty of room for backyard barbecues and summertime garden parties. The home is offered by the Hilda Jones Team of Baird & Warner and features a welcoming foyer complete with ceramic flooring and an open staircase. The formal living room offers a pristine, neutral color scheme featuring floor-to-ceiling windows. The living room leads to a private first floor den with double door entry and a large bay window.

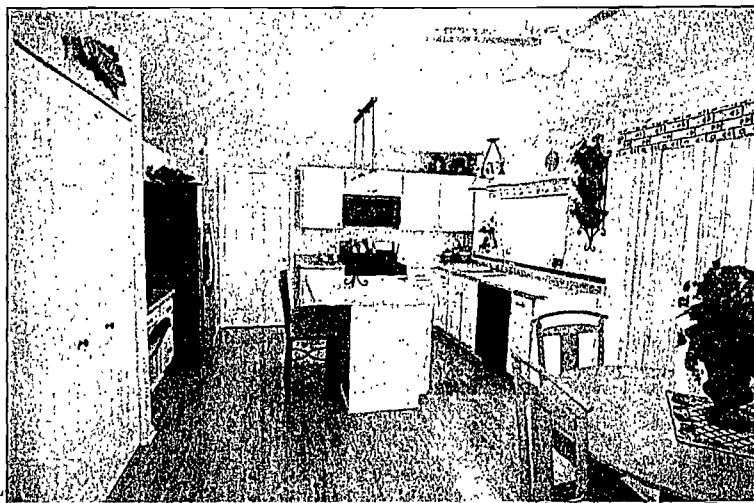
The formal dining room affords ample room for large family dinners and entertaining. Acting as the hub of the home, the kitchen can be accessed by way of the dining room, the family room and provides access to the expansive deck through glass doors in the eating area. The kitchen's gleaming wood laminate flooring, polished white cabinetry and stunning black appliances make for a dramatic contrast. A large pantry closet, planning desk and center breakfast island make the kitchen a truly useful space in this fine home.

The family room is a cozy space with a lovely masonry fireplace and great views of the back yard.

Upstairs, a full hall bath serves three of the four bedrooms on this level. The master suite offers a wall of windows and a ceiling fan for optimal climate control. There is a step-up oval tub and a walk-in glass shower as well as a private commode in the adjoining bath.

This home also features a multi-use finished basement with room for recreation, a possible media center and kids' play areas.


For more information about this lovely home, or to arrange a private tour of the property, contact Realtor Jenny Becker with the Hilda Jones Team at 847-783-6118.



A spacious kitchen with breakfast area is one of the highlights of this home at 509 Belmont Ave. in Sleepy Hollow. KAREN NAESS/FOR SUN-TIMES MEDIA

About this property

Realtor: Jenny Becker, the Hilda Jones Team, at 847-783-6118,
Home address: 509 Belmont Ave., Sleepy Hollow
Approximate size: 11 rooms with four bedrooms and 2½ baths
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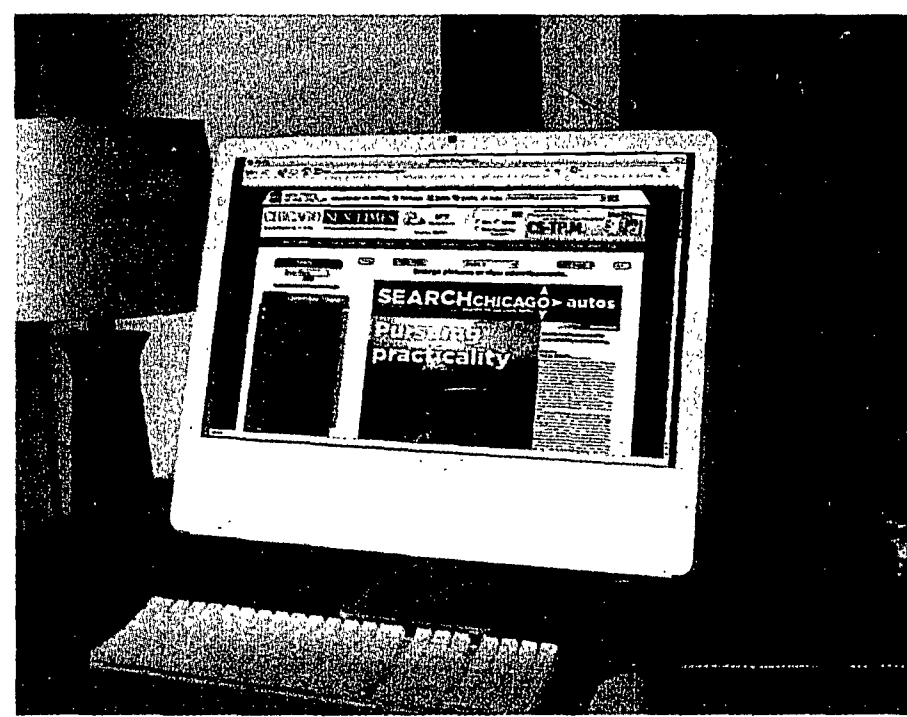
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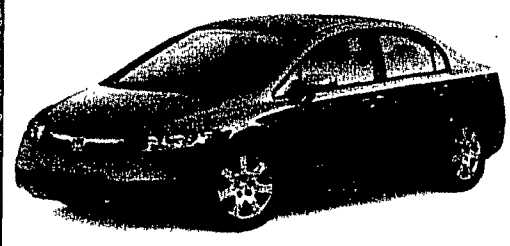
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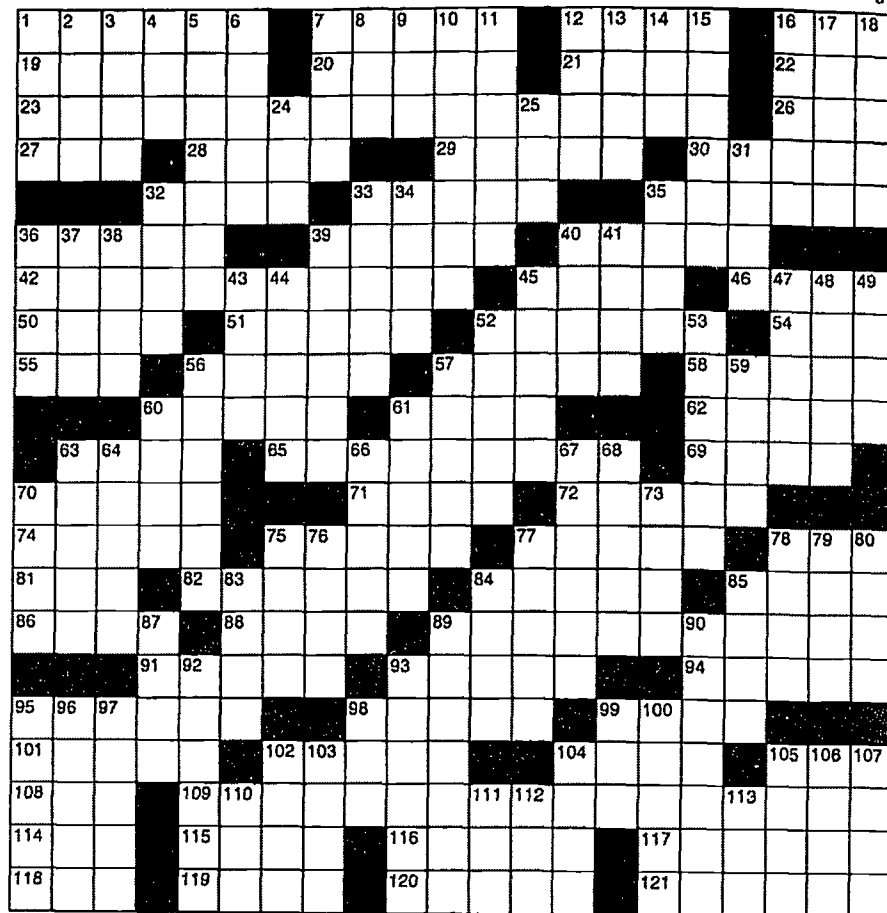
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 - 26 "A mouse!"
 - 27 Deli
 - 28 Insignificant
 - 29 Like Yale's walls
 - 30 Practice
 - 32 Swimmer
 - 33 Spud
 - 35 Keen insight
 - 36 Fall behind
 - 39 "Paradise Lost" figure
 - 40 Top-drawer
 - 42 Ring site?
 - 45 Parched
 - 46 Freighter or ferry
 - 50 In the thick of
 - 51 Get the better of
 - 52 Folklore figures
 - 54 Nationality suffix
 - 55 "Baloney!"
 - 56 Eye opener?
 - 57 Respond to
 - 58 Berry of "Monster's Ball"
 - 60 Fern feature
 - 61 Primer
 - 62 "Enigma Variations" composer
 - 63 Barrett or Jaffe
 - 65 Riddle: Part 2
 - 69 Wander
 - 70 Songlike
 - 71 — Patrick
 - 72 Offer an apple?
 - 74 Writer
 - 75 Quoted an expert
 - 77 Winter warmer-upper
 - 78 Not many
 - 81 Classic beginning
 - 82 Napoleon's cousin
 - 84 Icing
 - 85 Gdansk denizen
 - 86 Bond foe
 - 88 Sheldon's "Angels"
 - 89 Clutches, e.g.
 - 91 — acid
 - 93 Stubborn
 - 94 Small bay
 - 95 Amulet motif
 - 98 Perk up
 - 99 Unclear
 - 101 Butcher-shop buy
 - 102 Serengeti sahib
 - 104 "David Copperfield" character
 - 105 Fleur-de-—
 - 108 Prior to, to Prior
 - 109 Answer to riddle
 - 114 Corsage fastener
 - 115 Israeli diplomat
 - 116 Novelist
 - 117 Prophet
 - 118 Soho snack
 - 119 Wolf's
 - 120 Literary land
 - 121 Update a story
- HELLISH-TOSIS**
- 4 Beyond
 - 5 Aberration
 - 6 When Adam was a boy
 - 7 Go fish, e.g.
 - 8 Lofty peak
 - 9 — whale
 - 10 Cromwell, for one
 - 11 Bauer or Bocho
 - 12 Ebb
 - 13 Incensed
 - 14 Fool with the facts
 - 15 Remove
 - 16 Lutenist
 - 17 Feudal
 - 18 Symbol
 - 24 Neighbor of Miss.
 - 25 Salutation word
 - 31 Takes to court
 - 32 Temperate
 - 33 Ryan's daughter
 - 34 Perched on
 - 35 — de-camp
 - 36 It'll give you a lift
 - 37 San —, Italy
 - 38 Got off
 - 39 Audiophile's equipment
 - 40 Desire deluded
 - 41 Lifesaver
 - 43 Type of machete
 - 44 Render
 - 45 Ekberg or Bryant
 - 47 Hagar the Horrible's wife
 - 48 Cairo creed
 - 49 Ibsen's "— Gyn"
 - 52 Snarl
 - 53 Trekkers' guide
 - 56 Certain
 - 57 Plant pest
 - 59 "Thanks —!"
 - 60 Tizzy
 - 61 Take the reins
 - 63 Winona of "Mr. Deeds"
 - 64 Heavenly hunter
 - 66 Remove a ribbon
 - 67 Thicket
 - 68 Anne of "John Q."
 - 70 Be a banker
 - 73 Ditch under a draw-bridge
 - 75 Family
 - 76 Othello's inducer
 - 77 Arrogant
 - 78 "— #1" (61 hit)
 - 79 Actress Sommer
 - 80 Singer
 - 83 Baby's bed
 - 84 Gangster's gal
 - 85 Liqueur
 - 87 Galley
 - 89 Idle talk
 - 90 Odd
 - 92 Tangled
 - 93 Bite for
 - 95 Tidied the terrace
 - 96 French
 - 97 Stadium
 - 98 Stadium shout
 - 99 Torrid
 - 100 Shady spot
 - 102 Grumpy guy
 - 103 "The Perfect Fool"
 - 104 "What's My Line?" host
 - 105 Lingerie trim
 - 106 "— never happen!"
 - 107 Cartoonist
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TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Financial pressures ease, allowing for more budget flexibility. But as the money-wise Bovine will appreciate, thrift still beats out splurging. Expect news from someone special.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Getting things done is what you do so well. But be careful not to overtax your energy reserves. Take time out to relax or to do something different to help keep them at optimum levels.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) This is a good time to satisfy the Moon Child's growing sense of wanderlust. Choose a really special place to go to, with a very special person to share it all with you.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) You love being in the spotlight. But be

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careful it doesn't blind you to the truth behind a seemingly wonderful opportunity. Look closer and you might be sadly surprised at what you find.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Isn't it time to take a break from your hectic schedule? Sure it is. And the sooner you do, the sooner you can return fresh and more than ready to take on all those new projects.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A recent family incident can help bring everyone closer, and there's no one who's better at making that happen than you. Accept (indeed, insist on!) help from others to get things off and running.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Long-held habits are often difficult to break. But the change from how you always did things to how you can do them now can be liberating. So, be flexible and give it a try.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Someone you met in your professional world last

year and thought you would never hear from again could make a sudden reappearance in your life, along with an interesting job offer.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Once again, you delight everyone by coming up with a solution for a problem that actually works. On another note, it's not too early to get started on those travel plans.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Before you go ahead with finalizing your plans for your new project, check them over to see if you can make some improvements or if you can find ways to cut costs.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) The Fabulous Fish might have been out of the social swim for too long, and it's time you plunge back in. Reinforce your old friendships and be open to starting new ones.

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Virgau, Warren Roland
Warren Roland Virgau, 65 of Park Ridge, passed away January 11, 2010. A veteran of the Viet Nam War, Mr. Virgau served in the U.S. Navy. He was a member of the Park Ridge V.F.W. Post #3579 and was a Past-Commander and Quartermaster. He is survived by his wife, Janice. They were married for 40 years. He is also survived by a sister, Luann (Ernie) Carter and nephews, Michael and Daniel Davis. Services were private. Arrangement entrusted to Nelson Funeral Home, Park Ridge.
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Whitlock, Dolores Marie Bryant
Dolores Marie Bryant Whitlock, 88, passed peacefully Tuesday, January 5, 2010. Dolores was born in Athens, IN to the late Lester Laramore Bryant and Valura Fae Richardson Bryant. She was a 35-year member of Park Ridge Community Church, Park Ridge, IL. Her husband, Millard Calvin Whitlock preceded her in death on October 7, 2001. She is survived by her three children, Douglas Whitlock of Elk Grove Village, IL, Donald (Kathy) Whitlock of Double Springs, SC, Janet (Paul) Towle of Salisbury, NC; sisters, Louise Herrell of Phoenix, AZ, Bette Davis of Grayslake, IL; five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Forbis and Dick Funeral Service is assisting the Whitlock Family. Online condolences may be offered to www.forbisanddick.com. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the donor's choice.
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Boyk, Bernice K.
Bernice K. Boyk, 86 of Park Ridge. Beloved wife of the late Gilbert; dear mother of David, Geri (Norb) Lipp, William (Nancy) and Jan; proud grandmother of Lauren, Katherine, Jeff and Scott. Memorial Mass was held Tuesday, January 12, at Mary, Seat of Wisdom Church, Granville and Cumberland, Park Ridge. Funeral arrangements entrusted to Nelson Funeral Home, Park Ridge (847) 823-5122 or www.nelsonfunerals.com
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Remembrances

Griess, Kenneth Allen
84, of Largo, FL formerly of Park Ridge, passed away on January 1, 2010. He is survived by his wife of 62 years Barbara; three children, Katherine Witt, Kenneth (Ann) and Robert (Tami); three grandchildren; one great-grandson and many nieces and nephews. A Life Tribute Largo (727) 559-7793.
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Klemptner, Dorothy Maye
Dorothy Maye Klemptner (nee Anderson), age 80, of Morton Grove, passed away Jan 6, 2010, after a 38-year battle with cancer. Beloved wife of H. Edward Klemptner, M.D.; cherished mother of Scott, Lori Jo (James D. Hodge), Robin Roth (Dan), and Randy (Lee); devoted grandmother to eight: Andrea J., Kristin D. and Robert W. Roth, Jeremy E., Jennifer E. and Jacob Hawk Anderson (Andy) Klemptner, April Hodge (Alex Phillips), and Rachel Hodge Adams (Steven). Survived by brothers, Norman (Barb) and Jerry (Kathleen) Anderson; very special aunt Lucille Anderson (of Minocqua, WI); and most precious niece Kelli Jo Anderson (of Fond du Lac, WI). Her father Robert and mother Hertha Gemein preceded her in death as did her beloved brother Bud Anderson (Shirl). Raised in Minocqua, WI, Dorothy graduated from Mt. Sinai Hospital School of Nursing in 1951 and maintained close friendships with her fellow students for the next 61 years. She was well known as a passionate community volunteer being involved in P.T.A. on a local and state level from Scott's kindergarten year until long after her children were out of school. She served as President of Skokie Valley United Crusade, was a longtime member of the Visiting Nurse Assoc. and counseled mastectomy patients for over 18 years. She was an excellent cook, loved to entertain, and will be sorely missed by her family, friends and Col. Lindy. In lieu of donations, treat yourself to a meal out and raise a glass in memory of Dorothy. Memorial Gathering and Memorial Service were held Monday January 11, 2010, at Haben Funeral Home & Crematory in Skokie. Interment private. Funeral info: (847) 673-6111 or www.habenfuneral.com.
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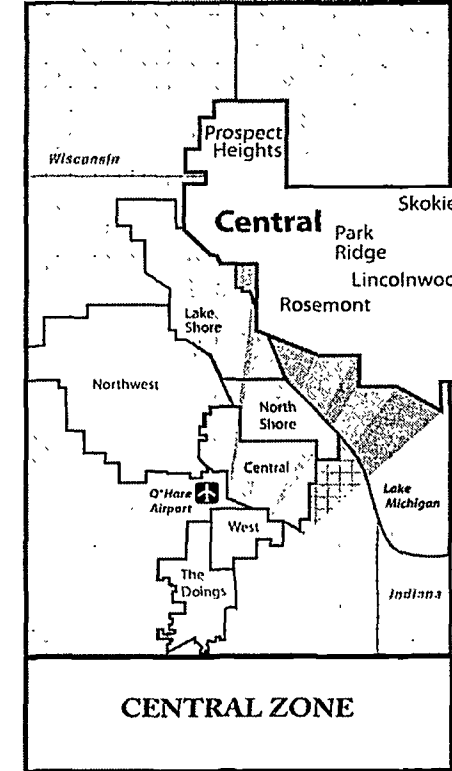


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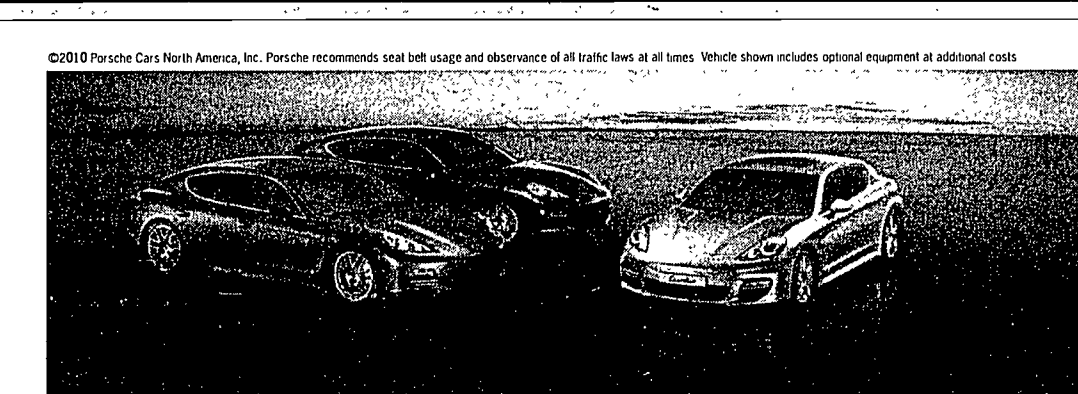
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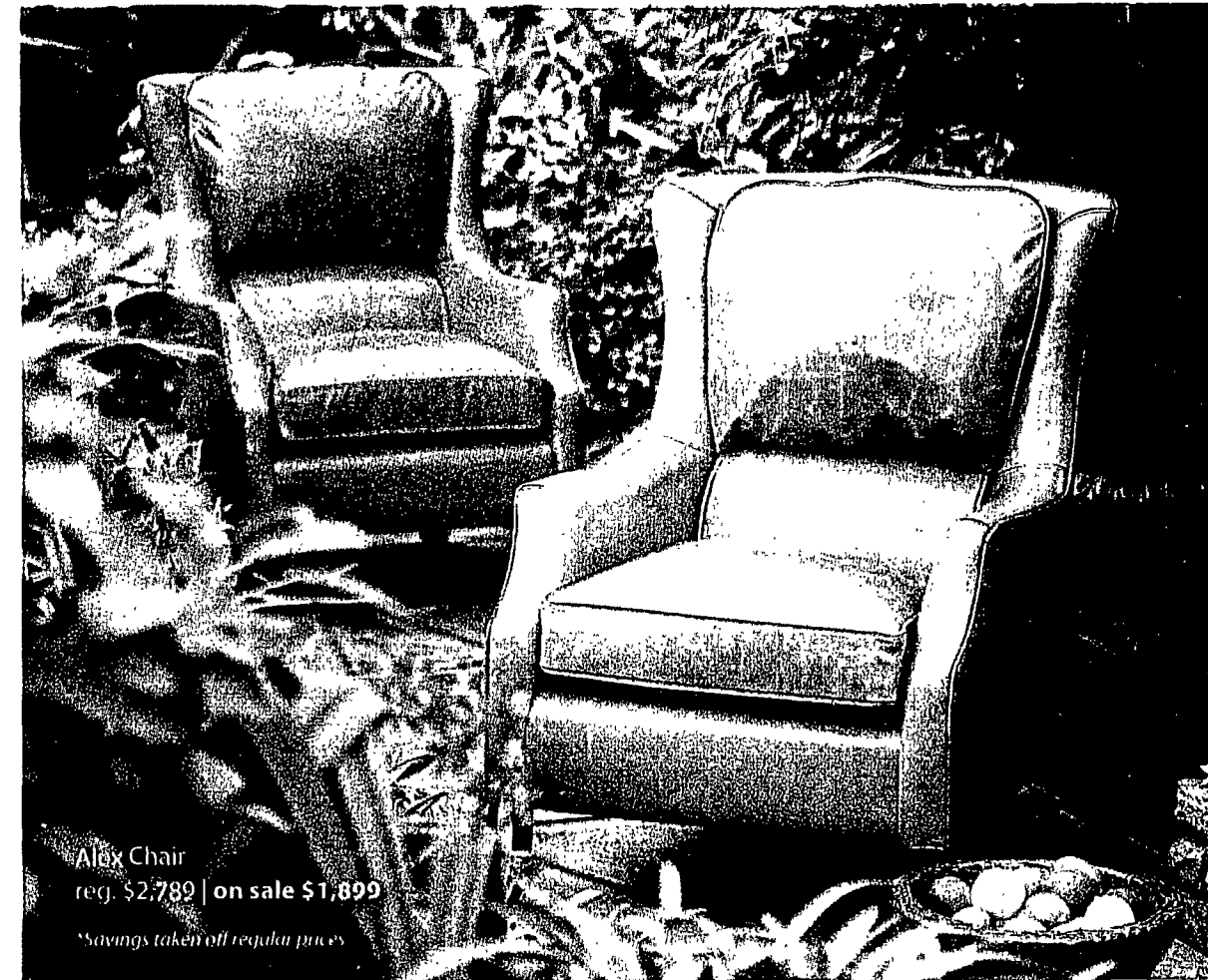
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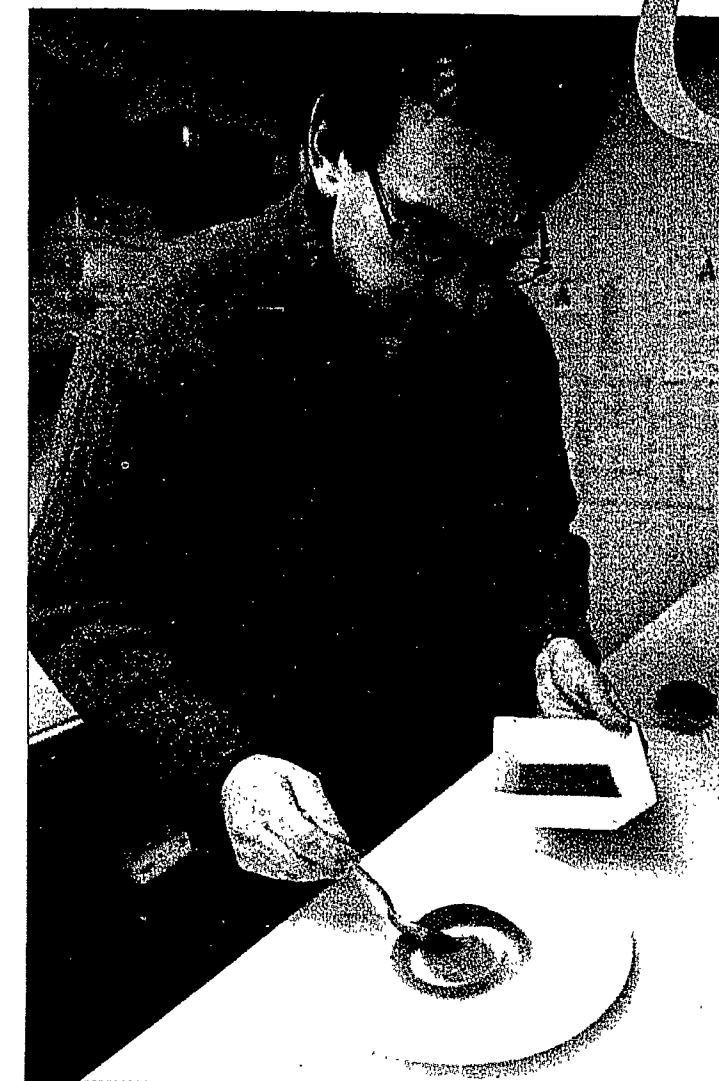
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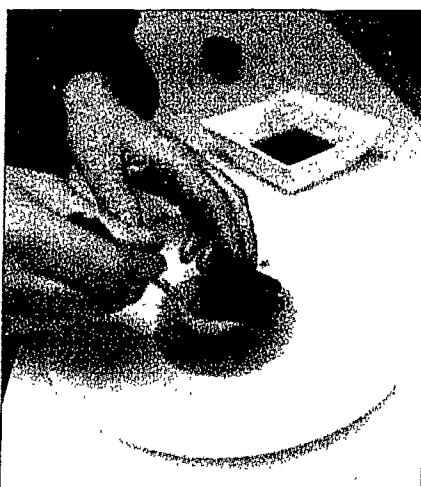
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Chef Michael Paulsen swirls hot caramel on a plate as he prepares Sticky Toffee Pudding Cake at Abigail's Restaurant in Highland Park. (Ruthie Hauge/Staff Photographer)



This light cake infused with dried dates acquires its gluey characteristic when dipped into hot toffee sauce. (Ruthie Hauge/Staff Photographer)



Sticky Toffee Pudding receives a cold element - a scoop of homemade sour cream ice cream. (Ruthie Hauge/Staff Photographer)

Comfort foods

Chefs' take on nourishment that brings back home

By **VERONICA HINKE**
Contributor

Marc Bernard's family likes to get around their dining room table in Highwood for a roast chicken Sunday supper. "We always light candles. It's all part of the package," said the partner and chef with Lettuce Entertain You Enterprises. Roast chicken is his favorite comfort food.

Healthier comforts

And to Bernard, comfort doesn't always mean bad-for-you. "More vegetables and more variety allow for healthier takes on old-fashioned comfort foods," he said.

Shopping Asian markets for spices for his chicken dinner,

he'll blend a cup of kosher salt with a teaspoon of black pepper, two teaspoons of Szechwan peppercorns, a 2-inch piece of Chinese cinnamon and a few star anise in a wok, toasting the mixture until the salt turns brown. "I love the smell when I cook like that," Bernard said. "It makes the whole house smell delicious."

Next, he'll find a fresh chicken - with pure, white skin that isn't bruised and has a bright red color on the inside. "When a chicken is getting bad, the tip of the wing will be black," he cautioned.

Bernard said his roasting technique produces a "gorgeous, dark brown crispy chicken."

Coat a 4-pound bird with the spice blend, roast it in a pan in the oven, starting out at 500 degrees, breast side down. "The fat from the back side melts down to baste the breast meat," he said. After 15 minutes, flip it, and reduce the heat to 350 degrees for 30 minutes.

Year-round availability of herbs and vegetables allows Bernard to put more wholesome spins on recipes he develops for L. Woods Pine Lodge & Tap in Lincolnwood. The beef stew he grew up on included the classic staples:

Potatoes, carrots, celery, onion and tomatoes. To those, he now adds corn, zucchini, parsnips, turnips and red pepper - infusing them with basil, oregano, thyme and parsley.

Pure indulgence

But when it comes to sweets, comfort foods usually mean pure indulgence.

Chef Michael Paulsen has sampled sticky toffee pudding, a syrup-soaked sponge cake, in eateries as far away as England, where the hot and gooey dessert first bowed onto the pub food scene more than a century ago.

When he makes it at Abigail's in Highland Park, the restaurant he opened seven months ago with wife Cyndi, it gets tweaked with a scoop of homemade sour cream ice cream. "It needs that cold element," Paulsen said. "Ice cream is to sticky toffee pudding what yin is to yang. Not having ice cream with it would be like peanut butter and jelly - without the jelly."

Such comforting bites can evoke reassuring emotions and feelings. "They're things mom used to make. They warm the heart. They bring you home," Paulsen said.

Michael Paulsen's Sticky Toffee Pudding

- 1 3/4 C sugar
- 1 stick whole, unsalted butter (room temperature)
- 4 eggs
- 1/2 T nutmeg
- 2 tsp. baking powder
- 2 tsp. baking soda
- 2 1/4 C all-purpose flour
- 8 oz. pitted, dried dates, diced
- 2 1/2 C boiling water
- Toffee Sauce:
- 1 C heavy cream
- 2 sticks whole, unsalted butter
- 2 1/4 C dark brown sugar

Mix sugar and butter with a paddle attachment of a blender till light and creamy. Add eggs slowly, one at a time, scraping down the sides.

Add nutmeg, baking powder

and baking soda to flour. Add boiling water to dried dates and mix well. While mixer is running, add water and date mix with flour, alternating between them. Remember to scrape the sides of the bowl as you go. Mix will appear to be thin, but once baked you will have a delightfully light cake. Pour into buttered 9- by 13-inch cake pan, and bake at 325 degrees for about 25 minutes.

For the Toffee Sauce: Mix all ingredients in sauce pot and bring to simmer, then cool.

Cut into portions, warm in the microwave and dip in hot caramel sauce to moisten.

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screening involves a blood draw for a fasting cholesterol fractionation test (lipid profile). Participants must fast 12 hours prior to the test. Morning pills may be taken with a few sips of water. Fee: \$15. The results of the lab tests will be received in Part 2, 1-2 p.m. Feb. 1. There will be a lecture from a registered dietitian/exercise physiologist on eating appropriately and exercising to lower cholesterol. Anyone interested in lowering their cholesterol is welcome even if you did not participate in Part 1. Free.

"Making Waves To A Better You!" is offered Tuesdays and Thursdays, Jan. 26 - March 18. This is an eight-week aquatic exercise class for those who have difficulty exercising with gravity. It increases endurance, agility, and flexibility. Tuesday's lecture is given by a physician, exercise physiologist, psychologist, or a physical therapy assistant. Physician clearance is required for the exercise class. Lectures run at 6 p.m. Tuesdays; aquatic exercise, 7-7:45 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. Fee: \$96.

Advanced Procedures in Pain Management runs 6-7 p.m. Jan. 27 in the Blessed Alice Conference Rooms. This lecture will cover new procedures that have been developed for pain complaints, including low back pain, cancer pain, and compression fractures. Light refreshments served; free.

Ongoing programs - Moms In Motion: Prenatal and postpartum moms are invited to participate in this land/water exercise program offered Mondays and Wednesday from 4:30-5:30 p.m. at Club Res Fitness Center. Fee: \$5/class. Call 773-990-5600 for more information. Yoga: All levels are welcome. Classes are Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6-7:30 p.m., and Saturdays, 9:10-10 a.m. at Resurrection Medical Center. Fee: \$8/class or \$75 for a 10 class punch card. Call the Health Management Department at 773-792-5022 for details.

Senior Advocate of Advocate Lutheran General Hospital offers free blood-pressure screenings from 10 a.m. to noon on the first Wednesday of every month at the hospital's Patient Resource Center, 8820 W. Dempster St., Niles (across from the hospital). No appointment is necessary. Call (847) 723-7277.

Kids

The annual Knights of Columbus Free-Throw Contest for boys and girls, ages 10-14, sponsored by Council 4338, Niles, will be held Jan. 23 in the St. John Brebeuf gymnasium, 8301 N. Harlem Ave. Doors will open at 8:30 a.m. The competitions start at 9 a.m. with 10-year-olds, 9:30 a.m. for 11-year-olds, 10 a.m. for 12-year-olds, 10:30 a.m. for 13- and 14-year-olds. Each group will shoot independently and first-, second- and third-place winners will be awarded prizes. First-place winners in each category will have an opportunity to compete in Knights of Columbus District No. 7 competition, to be held in February.

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.

Maine Township

Maine Township's FISH (Friends Indeed Serve and Help) is in need of volunteer drivers to provide residents free transportation to medical facilities in and near Maine Township. Volunteers may choose how much time they wish to devote. Requirements include a current drivers license and proof of auto insurance. The program requires residents in need be mobile, or be able to use a cane or walker. FISH also asks that appointments be set three or more days in advance. To become a volunteer driver call Ed Oken, (847) 696-0761. To schedule a ride or for information call FISH coordinator Gloria Stepek, (847) 297-2510, Ext. 283.

Parenting

Parents of Maine Township High School District 207 students are invited to participate in a focus group about teen alcohol use and prevention efforts in Maine Township. The Maine Community Youth Assistance Foundation, a community coalition, is gathering information from parents and youth regarding alcohol use. Focus groups continue from 2:30-3 p.m. and 6-7:30 p.m. Jan. 21. Participants must be the parent of a District 207 high school student. This is a paid focus group. To participate, contact Tricia Williams at prevention@mcya.com or (847) 571-3189. Include name, phone number, e-mail address and first and second choices for date and time when making reservations; participation will be confirmed.

Parks

Maine-Niles Association of Special Recreation offers people with physical and mental challenges, behavior and learning disorders, hearing and visual impairments and emotional disabilities an opportunity to enjoy a variety of recreation activities. MNASR serves Des Plaines, Golf-Maine, Lincolnwood, Morton Grove, Niles, Park Ridge and Skokie. To receive a seasonal brochure, or to offer support for people with special needs by volunteering, call (847) 966-5522.

Niles

Registration is being accepted for the Youth Basketball Winter Leagues for girls and boys in second through eighth grades which begin Feb. 13, ending April 3. Participants can sign up as a team or individually. Each participant will receive a team T-shirt, and is scheduled for 10 games. Volunteer coaches are also needed. Registration deadline is Jan. 19. Registration is being taken at the Howard Leisure Center, 6676 W. Howard St. Call (847) 967-1529.

It is time again for Niles Park District's Cinderella Ball from 7-9 p.m. Feb. 12 at the Howard Leisure Center. Girls are invited to ask the favorite man in their life (dad, grandpa, uncle)

for an evening of fun. Girls in kindergarten through sixth grade will enjoy an evening of dancing to a live DJ, games, prizes, and refreshments. Fees are: residents, \$40; nonresidents, \$50/ per couple; \$20 for each additional daughter. To register, come to the Howard Leisure Center, 6676 W. Howard St., or call (847) 967-6633.

Niles Park District New 3's Preschool is offered for children who turned 3 after Sept. 1, 2009, missing the deadline for the regular 3-year preschool. Classes are held Tuesdays/Thursdays or Wednesdays/Fridays, from 12:30-2 p.m. at Howard Leisure Center. Session runs Jan. 5 to May 27. Call (847) 967-6633.

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. Campers should bring a sack lunch and beverage. Camp takes place at Grennan Heights on Veterans Day, Martin Luther King Day, Presidents Day and Pulaski Day. Fees are: residents, \$36; nonresidents, \$45 per day. Call (847) 967-1529.

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. Registration is accepted at the Howard Leisure Center, 6676 W. Howard St., until classes are filled. Call (847) 967-6633 to have information mailed.

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

Golf Maine 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. The district offers a selection of ENERGY STAR qualified compact fluorescent light bulbs for sale to the public from a Lights for Learning kiosk. Proceeds from the sale of every bulb will directly fund the scholarship program sponsored by the district. The scholarship program allows children the opportunity to attend camp when they may not have the resources to do so on their own. The kiosk will also house the Lights for Learning teacher tool kits, designed for educators and organization leaders, to provide informational materials on the overall Lights for Learning Program. ENERGY STAR Activity Books for children, as well as ENERGY STAR home energy-conservation and electronics information, will also be available. A recycling bin for used CFLs will 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, 8800 Kathy Lane, near the corner of Western Avenue and Kathy Lane. Products that can be recycled in this container include: newspapers, magazines, office paper (fax and copy), shopping catalogs, mail and envelopes, catalogs, folders, colored paper and shredded paper (bagged); no cardboard or phone books. All money raised will fund the scholarship program, allowing children to attend summer camp and other programs. Call (847) 297-3000 or go www.paperretriever.com/.

Golf Maine Park District is taking registration for: **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. A five-day morning program and a four-day afternoon program are offered for children turning 4 years old by Sept. 1, 2009.

Cricket: Dee Park now has a cricket pitch that will be ready for use this spring. Call the park district for rental fees or availability. **Visit one of the Park District offices, Feldman Recreation Center, 8800 Kathy Lane (one block south of Golf Road on Western Avenue), Niles; or Dee Park, at the corner of Dee and Emerson Roads, Des Plaines; or call (847) 297-3000.**

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, for spiritual devotion, prayers and meditation. **Evra-Habonim**, the Niles Township Jewish Congregation, 4500 Dempster St., Skokie, offers Introduction to Judaism and beginning adult Hebrew classes on Sundays and monthly Yiddish. Members and nonmembers are welcome. Call (847) 675-4141, or go to www.ehnt.org.

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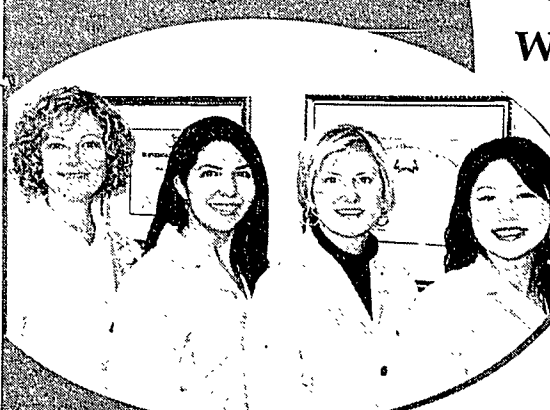
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St. John Brebeuf is hosting its second annual Alumni Basketball games starting at 4 p.m. Feb. 28. Contact Libby Ryder, (847) 966-3266 or lryder@sjschool.org or go to Facebook under the group of St. John Brebeuf Alumni.

St. John Brebeuf School in Niles is looking for graduates from the class of 1964. Contact Libby Ryder at lryder@sjschool.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 (ccowan@sbcglobal.net) or Janice Ryden Deaton (deaton_janice@yahoo.com) to place their information on the contact list.

Immaculate Conception School on Talcott Avenue in Chicago is establishing 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 lcalumni@ic-parish.net, or call the rectory, (773) 775-3833. Alumni who prefer to reach the association by mail are encour-

aged to send their first, maiden or last name, phone number, e-mail address, the year in which they graduated, along with their favorite IC memory and favorite IC teacher, to: IC Alumni Association, c/o Immaculate Conception Parish, 7211 W. Talcott Ave., Chicago IL 60631. Submissions may also be dropped off at the IC Parish Rectory during normal business hours or after Masses on Sunday.

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

Maine Seniors

The **Maine Township MaineStreamers** program offers a variety of opportunities for residents 55 and older. Membership includes a free subscription to the MaineStreamers monthly newsletter, which details activities for the upcoming month. Most activities are at Maine Town Hall, 1700 Ballard Road, Park Ridge. Unless otherwise noted, contact the MaineStreamers, (847) 297-2510, or go to www.maine-township.com.

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. The trip includes home pickup, round-trip airfare, all meals aboard the ship,

daily entertainment, shipboard activities 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, (847) 297-2510, ext. 283.

Maine Township is asking for assistance in locating good, reliable handymen in the area. If you know of someone and would like to submit a name, contact Therese Tully, (847) 297-2510, Ext. 260, and she will forward a form to complete.

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.

Seniors

Golf Mill Shopping Center is hosting "Feats of Fitness," a mall walking program Mondays through Saturdays, to enable seniors to walk within an enclosed environment. The program is sponsored by Bethany Terrace, Golf Mill Shopping Center, Maine Township Mainstreamers and Partners in Healthcare (North Shore Physicians Group). Health seminars and blood pressure screenings will be offered throughout the year every month on the second Wednesday. Call the Golf Mill management office, (847) 699-1070.

CJE SeniorLife is accepting applications for its Robineau Residence, 5750 N. Kostner Ave., in Skokie. Robineau

offers a residential community composed of 24 affordable units in a one-story building, in a warm, friendly setting designed to serve seniors. 62-years and older, who may need a helping hand. Staff is available on-site, 24 hours a day, in case of emergency. Additional supportive services are available through CJE. Applicants should qualify for subsidized housing under the provisions of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Section 8 program. An additional monthly service fee is required. Scholarships are available. For an application and tour of Robineau, contact Dorothy Levant at (847) 675-8580.

Resurrection Retirement Community and Saint Andrew Life Center will co-sponsor a free community workshop.

"Your Guide to a Happier, Healthier Retirement." The free workshop will be held at Biagio's, 4242 N. Central Ave., Chicago, from 1-3 p.m. Jan. 14. The workshop will feature Joan Gatz, educational and motivational speaker, and Robert Bulger, senior vice president of mission for Resurrection Health Care. They will discuss how seniors can make retirement a truly interesting and exciting time of their lives providing detailed insights into all facets of life - physical, social, spiritual and financial. Free lunch and parking will be provided. Reservations are required; call (847) 647-8332.

The North Shore Senior Center, located in Northfield, is looking for volunteers to deliver meals to seniors living in Maine Township. Deliveries are made during weekdays. For more

information on becoming a volunteer, contact Maura Rogan at (847) 784-6052 or e-mail mrogan@nssc.org.

Super Seniors, a Jewish Seniors group for people older than 60, meets 3-4:30 p.m. the first and third Sundays at the North Shore University Health System Skokie Hospital, 9600 Gross Point Road, Skokie. Topics include current events, books, jokes and Israel. Call (847) 583-9328.

Senior Center

The Niles Senior Center offers free membership to Niles residents age 62 and older, and their spouses. Only center members may register for classes or trips, or purchase tickets. Drop by the Niles Senior Center, 999 Civic Center Drive, Niles, or call (847) 588-8420, for an application.

Support

An Interfaith Memorial Service will be held at 2 p.m. Jan. 31 in the First United Methodist Church of Des Plaines, 668 Graceland Ave., Des Plaines. This is an ecumenical prayer service for family and friends whose loved ones were served by Rainbow Hospice and/or who participate in Rainbow's adult grief groups. All community bereaved who wish to remember their loved ones are welcome. Registration requested; call (847) 692-8884.

Younger Widowed support group is an ongoing support group for widowed age 55 and younger. It meets from 7-8:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at Rainbow Hospice and Palliative Care, 444

N. Northwest Highway, Park Ridge. \$5 per session. Call (847) 692-8884.

January is Open House month for all TOPS Club, Inc. (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) chapters. The local chapter is hosting an open house starting at 5 p.m. Jan. 25 at the Niles Park District Center, 6676 W. Howard St., Niles, on the lower level (handicap accessible). TOPS meetings are open to women, men and teens. Meetings are held weekly at this time and location, and the cost is nominal. Visitors are welcome to attend their first TOPS meeting free of charge. To find another local chapter, visit www.tops.org or call TOPS Headquarters at 1-800-932-8677.

The Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance-Greater Chicago has free support groups for people with mood disorders and support groups for

their families. Meetings take place from 6:30-8 p.m. on the first Monday of every month beginning Feb. 1 at Evanston Hospital, 2650 Ridge. Evanston, in Rooms 6952 and 954. Call Elaine at (847) 674-6376.

Good Mourning Program is a monthly support group of Rainbow Hospice for children, teenagers and families who have lost a loved one through death. It meets 6:45-8 p.m. the third Monday of each month at Lutheran General Family Care Center, 9375 Church St., Des Plaines. Call (847) 692-8884.

An Alzheimer's Caregivers support group, co-sponsored by Advocate Medical Group and the Alzheimer's Association, is offered monthly at the


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Neset Pavilion on the campus of Advocate Lutheran General Hospital. Meetings are 1:30-3 p.m. the third Thursday of each month in the lower-level conference room of Neset Pavilion, 1775 Ballard Road, Park Ridge. Meetings are free and no registration is required. Contact Sandy Guarise, (847) 318-2501.

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Teddy Bear Program names a teddy bear in honor of every person whose death care is handled by Neptune on the one-year anniversary of their death. The teddy bears are then donated to organizations such as Rainbow Hospice in Park Ridge and local fire departments to be given to a child in need.

A new bereavement program, created by Rainbow Hospice and Palliative Care, offers Polish-language support and resources to Chicago-area residents of Polish heritage as well as Polish-speaking immigrants grieving the loss of a loved one. Bereaved members of the community may call (847) 292-2342 at any time to talk with or leave messages for licensed Polish-speaking counselors and trained volunteers who can answer

questions about the grief process, share information about how to help someone who is bereaved and to find assistance with culturally sensitive bereavement support. Along with the Polish Intake Line, the Rainbow Hospice and Palliative Care Bereavement Program also offers a Web portal through www.rainbowhospice.org/polish with Polish-language resources about general grief, children's bereavement and culturally based programs offered by Rainbow Hospice and Palliative Care. Call (847) 732-4554 or Jokazaki@rainbowhospice.org.

The Les Turner ALS Foundation Support Group meets from 7-8:30 p.m. on the second Wednesday of every month at Temple Beth Israel, 3601 W. Dempster St., Skokie. For directions,

call (847) 675-0951. Those attending are asked to notify Claire Owen, director of patient services, (847) 679-3311 or cowaen@lesturnerals.org.

Grandparents As Caregivers, a program sponsored by Children's Home+Aid, will offer grandparents an opportunity to meet other grandparents, share concerns and talk about interesting topics that will help them care for their grandchildren. Meetings are 10-11:30 a.m. the first Wednesday of the month at Niles Public Library, 6960 Oakton St. Free child care is available with 24-hour notice. Meetings are monthly. Call Linda, (847) 640-9590.

The Stroke Club of Advocate Lutheran General Hospital meets from 3-4:30 p.m. the first Thursday of the month at the Outpatient Therapy Center, Church and Potter avenues, Des Plaines. Call Megan Potterfield, (847) 723-6690.

Holding Onto Hope is a monthly daytime group for widowed people grieving the loss of a spouse. It meets from 1-2:30 p.m. the fourth Wednesday of the month at Rainbow Hospice and Palliative Care, 444 N. Northwest Highway, Suite 145, Park Ridge. Registration is required. Admission is \$5 per session. Call (847) 692-8884.

Life Transitions Group is an ongoing support group for anyone who, as a general guideline, has been widowed for one to four years, meeting 7-8:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of the month at Rainbow Hospice and Palliative Care, 444 N. Northwest Highway, Suite 145, Park Ridge. The fee is \$5 per session. Call (847) 692-8884.

A Widowed Support Group is an ongoing support group that addresses losses faced by persons, as a general guideline, who have been widowed less than two years. It will meet at 7 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month, at Rainbow Hospice and Palliative Care, 444 N. Northwest Highway, Park Ridge. Cost is \$5 per session. Call (847) 692-8884.

Good Mourning Program will meet 6:45-8 p.m. every third Monday of the month at Lutheran General Family Care Center, 9375 Church St., Des Plaines. The program is a support group for children, teens and families who have lost a loved one through death. Preliminary interview is required before registration. To register,

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I was standing behind the front counter at the Chicago Canine Club the other day, and out of the corner of my eye, I caught a glimpse of one of our customers flying by, arm extended, out of control heading for the play area! He and his dog had just come in for a day of Daycare! I suppressed a smile and went over to help! Does this scenario sound familiar? If so, teaching your dog to walk nicely on a leash would be a great New Year's Resolution!

Walking nicely on a leash is not only one of the most important lessons you can teach your dog, it is really not very difficult. Not only does it enhance your relationship with your dog, because your walks together are much more enjoyable, but walking nicely can also prevent damage to his or her throat, caused by the constant pressure of jerking when pulling or running to the end of the leash!

Teaching your dog to walk nicely on leash is fairly simple, if you make the effort. Think of your dog's leash as a safety harness instead of a tool to control him or her. It should be slack, hanging loosely in a "U" shape. Make sure you keep slack in the leash so your dog does not get the idea that tension is normal.

Start with your dog sitting on the side in which you want them to walk. If you walk with your dog on the left side, hold the leash in your right hand and treats in your left. For walking your dog on the right side, hold the leash in your left hand and treats in your right. You want the treats on the side you are walking your dog to keep them from crossing over in front of you to get treats.

Say "Let's Go", and take a step forward, starting with the foot on the side your dog is on. Give your dog a treat every few steps at first, as long as the leash is loose. Remember to praise your dog along the way, letting him know he/she is doing well! Once your dog gets the idea that being close to this incredible treat dispensing machine is rewarding, you can slowly start to increase the number of steps between treats. You will eventually be able to fade the treats out entirely.

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- As your dog starts to forge ahead, say "Let's Go", and head in the opposite direction before he or she reaches the end of the leash.
- Lure your dog past the distraction by placing a treat right in front of the dog's nose. The more tempting the distraction, the more valuable the treat used.
- Become a tree. Just stop and wait for your dog to loosen the tension in the leash. As soon as the tension is loose, praise your dog and begin walking again.

Remember, teaching your dog to walk nicely on a leash is not only important, but may save their life some day! Happy walking!

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Parents know that camp is an experience that will last a lifetime. However, they may worry about the cost, especially if there is more than one camp-aged child in the house. The good news is a camp is available for just about every budget. Parents may also reduce the costs by asking the right questions.

What is the refund policy?
Refund policies vary greatly from camp to camp. Some refund for illness only, some will give a total refund before certain date, and some don't refund at all. Most camps will ask for a small non-refundable deposit at the

time of application, which may or may not go toward the cost of tuition. Know the refund policy before you send any money.

Is financial assistance available?
Many camps offer camperships, which is a partial or total subsidy of the tuition costs, but parents need to ask if they are available. Although they are usually awarded based on need, don't assume you make too much to qualify. Apply early.

What is included in the tuition?
Day camps will typically include transportation as part of their tuition.

Resident camps may offer limited transportation, such as a van ride from a major local train station. Ask about fees for special programs and trips, laundry service, camp canteen, special equipment that is required and service organization membership. Ask the camp director if it is appropriate to send spending money with your child.

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call Rainbow Hospice and Palliative Care Bereavement Support, (847) 692-8884.

The Cancer Support Group for cancer patients, families and friends meets monthly from 7-8:30 p.m. every last Wednesday.

Weight No More, a friendly weight-loss support group, is welcoming new members. Discussions include weight-loss tips, recipes, contests and helpful ideas to help you reach your goal. Meetings are 9:30-10:15 a.m. Fridays at Howard Leisure Center, 6676 Howard St., Niles, lower level (elevator access-
sible). Weigh-ins are 9:15-9:30 a.m., meetings from 9:30-10:15 a.m. Cost is \$5 per month. Call (847) 679-4229.

Crohn's & Colitis Foundation support group meets from 7:30-9:30 p.m. every third Thursday of the month at Advocate Lutheran General Hospital, 1775 Dempster St., Room 1063, Park Ridge. The focus is to assist patients with Crohn's disease or ulcerative colitis, their families, significant others and friends in coping more effectively with the illness. Call (847) 827-0404.

The Us Too! Prostate Cancer Support Group meets every second Wednesday of the month. **Resurrection Medical Center** sponsors a variety of free cancer-support groups for both patients and their family members. All support groups

are free and meet in the Cancer Conference Room (ground floor, Entrance C). Contact Carol Flanagan, (773) 792-5116.

The Leukemia & Lymphoma Family Support Group for people with leukemia, lymphoma, myelodysplastic syndrome, multiple myeloma, Hodgkin's Disease and their families meets every first Wednesday of the month.

The Butterfly Club is a support group for children ages 6 to 13 whose parent or caretaker has been diagnosed with cancer. The group meets every first Wednesday of the month. Registration and parental consent are required.

The Teen Cancer Support Group is for teens ages 13 to 18 whose parent

or caretaker has been diagnosed with cancer. The group meets every third Wednesday of the month. Registration and parental consent are required.

Multiple Sclerosis Support Group meets the last Saturday of each month in the Resurrection Rehabilitation Center of Chicago, first floor, Professional Building, Entrance C. Call (773) 594-7856.

Alzheimer's Support Group meets the second Tuesday of the month in the Health Management Classroom. The session is free. Call Health Management, (773) 792-5022.

Advocate Lutheran General Hospital is forming a support network for women living with breast cancer. The Breast Cancer Networking Group will meet from 2-3 p.m. the third Tuesday

of each month. The support group provides breast-cancer survivors the opportunity to share information and experiences with other women. The group will be at Lutheran General's Center for Advanced Care, 1700 Luther Lane, Park Ridge, in the ground-floor conference room G104. Call (847) 723-8130.

Afterglow Support Group for stroke survivors and their family and friends meets the second Wednesday of the month in the Resurrection Rehabilitation Center of Chicago, first floor, Professional Building, Entrance C.

Parkinson's Support Group meets the third Wednesday of the month from 5-7 p.m. at Resurrection Rehabilitation Center of Chicago, first floor, Professional Building, Entrance C. Call (773) 594-7866.

Families Anonymous is a free, 12-step, self-help support program for family members and friends who are concerned about the substance abuse or behavioral problems of a loved one. Families Anonymous meets weekly from noon to 1 p.m. Thursdays at the Park Ridge Community Church, 100 Courtland Ave., Park Ridge; use the side entrance, on Butler Place. There are no dues or fees. First names only are used at the meetings to preserve anonymity. This is a non-professional and nonreligious program. Advance notice is not necessary. Visitors are always welcome. Call the church office, (847) 823-3164, or contact Families Anonymous, 1-800-736-9805, or www.familiesanonymous.org.

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GIRLS BASKETBALL

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3. Niles West
4. Maine South
5. Resurrection

BOYS BASKETBALL

1. Glenbrook North
2. New Trier
3. Maine South
4. Niles West
5. St. Patrick

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

BOYS BASKETBALL

Connor Boehm, New Trier
Sophomore scored 15 of his career-high 17 in the second half as the Trevians beat Maine South 49-45 Friday to take control of second place in the CSL South.

Lauris Herth, Niles West
Scored six of his nine points in fourth quarter and overtime, including the go-ahead basket, in the Wolves' 50-48 win over Buffalo Grove on Saturday.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Jewell Loyd, Niles West
Sophomore's 37 points helped the Wolves beat Lincoln Park 52-50 on Saturday.

Maggie Lyon, New Trier
Scored 13 in a win over Maine South in CSL South action on Friday and then added 26 points in a 76-25 win over Johnsbury on Saturday.

GIRLS HOCKEY

Caroline Wright, Loyola
Junior forward scored the game-tying goal on a power play as the Ramblers tied New Trier 2-2 on Saturday.

BOYS DIVING

Michael Manhard, Loyola
The Glencoe junior won the title at the Evanston Invitational with a six-dive total of 244.60.

BOYS SWIMMING

C.J. Smith, New Trier
The junior won the 500-yard freestyle at the Evanston Invitational on Saturday, clocking 4:39.48 to break the meet record. The time was the second-fastest in the state this season.

Johnson, Sher push leaders at Evanston invite

Niles North preps for own 14-team meet

By DAN SHALIN
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GYMNASTICS — Niles West spent the holiday break working on new maneuvers.

The Wolves got to showcase those tricks at Saturday's Brinkworth/Munch Invite in Evanston, and the results were positive.

"We had a very good performance," West head coach Pam Foerch said. "We had many new skills in all our routines and the majority of them worked. Ninety percent of them worked."

West ended up scoring 133.67 and finishing fourth at the 11-team event, which was won by New Trier (139.80).

West junior Katelynn Johnson took sixth in the all-around (35.0) after coming in fourth on uneven bars (8.7), fifth on vault (9.05) and sixth on floor exercise (9.0).

Junior Callie Sher was seventh in the all-around, which included a third-place finish on bars (8.8) and a seventh-place finish on floor.

"Callie on bars was a pleasant surprise, and she hit every trick on beam, floor and vault," Foerch said.

Emily Fung, a junior who missed much of last season with a knee injury, came in eighth on bars (8.2) and on beam (8.6).

Teams counted all their scores; NW competed without sophomore Jenny Marin (sprained thumb).

The Wolves compete at the Niles North Invite on Saturday.

Niles North

Vikings head coach Charlie Friedman decided to use Saturday's Brinkworth/Munch Invite in Evanston as a chance to give some of her youngsters big-meet experience.

She was pleasantly surprised with the results. Underclassmen like Lilly Wong, Chinonso Ukeje and Katie Karlin looked comfortable competing with the varsity.

"We wanted to get more people involved, spread the wealth a little," Friedman said. "I'm proud of all of (the youngsters). It just gives them big-meet experience for next year."

Returning state qualifier Citlali Cuevas, a junior, rested in all but one event and wound up finishing third on balance beam (9.0).

The meet helped Cuevas simulate conditions for her hoped-for trip to the IHSA State Meet, where gymnasts often sit around for hours waiting for their turns.

Junior Deborah Steinberg placed eighth in the all-around (33.57) and ninth on vault (8.82).

"I want to make sectional in the all-around again. I was right at the cutoff last year, and want to be higher this time," Steinberg said. "Next year, I want to (compete) at State."

North, which competed without talented sophomore Maddie Neuhaus, scored 124.24 and finished sixth.

After Tuesday's scheduled meet with Maine East, the Vikings host the Niles North Invite at 1 p.m. Saturday. The 14-team field includes Niles West, Maine West, Maine South, Highland Park, Moline and Morton.

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Niles West's Katelynn Johnson competes on the uneven bars Saturday during her third-place performance at the Brinkworth/Munch Invitational at Evanston. (Jeff Krage/For STM)

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Girls basketball hosts Maine West, 6 p.m.
Girls gymnastics hosts Maine West, 5:30 p.m.
Boys swimming hosts Niles North, 5 p.m.
Wrestling hosts Maine West, 6 p.m.
Saturday
Boys basketball at South Elgin, 6:30 p.m.
Girls gymnastics at Niles North Invite, 1 p.m.

NILES NORTH

Today
Wrestling hosts Niles West, 6 p.m.
Friday
Boys swimming at Maine East, 5:30 p.m.
Wrestling hosts Glenbrook North, 6 p.m.
Boys basketball hosts Highland Park, 7:30 p.m.
Girls basketball at Highland Park, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday
Boys swimming at Hinsdale Central Diving, 8:30 a.m.
Girls gymnastics hosts NN Invite, 1 p.m.
Girls basketball at Lane Tech, 2:30 p.m.

NILES WEST

Today
Gymnastics at Glenbrook South, 5:30 p.m.
Wrestling at Niles North, 6 p.m.
Boys basketball at Maine South, 7:30 p.m.
Friday
Boys track All Comers Meet, 4:45 p.m.
Boys swimming at Glenbrook South, 5:30 p.m.
Wrestling at New Trier, 6 p.m.
Girls basketball hosts Maine South, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday
Boys swimming at Hinsdale Central Div. Invite, 8:30 a.m.
Boys swimming at Glenbrook South Relays, noon
Girls gymnastics at Niles North Invite, 1 p.m.
Boys basketball at St. Patrick, 7:30 p.m.
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Today
Wrestling hosts Maine South, 5:15 p.m.
Hockey vs. Marist at Orland, 8 p.m.
Friday
Wrestling hosts St. Patrick, 5:15 p.m.
Hockey at MLK Tourn., TBA
Basketball at Nazareth, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday
Bowling at CLC Championship at Wheaton Bowl, 8:30 a.m.
Wrestling at Palatine Mega Dual, 9 a.m.
Hockey at MLK Tourn., TBA
Sunday
Hockey at MLK Tourn., TBA
Tuesday
Swimming at Lake Forest, 4:30 p.m.

Vikings drop key conference showdown

North hopes to learn from Deerfield

By DAN SHALIN
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BOYS BASKETBALL — Niles North coach Glenn Olson said his team viewed Friday's road game against talented Deerfield as a chance to take measure of itself.

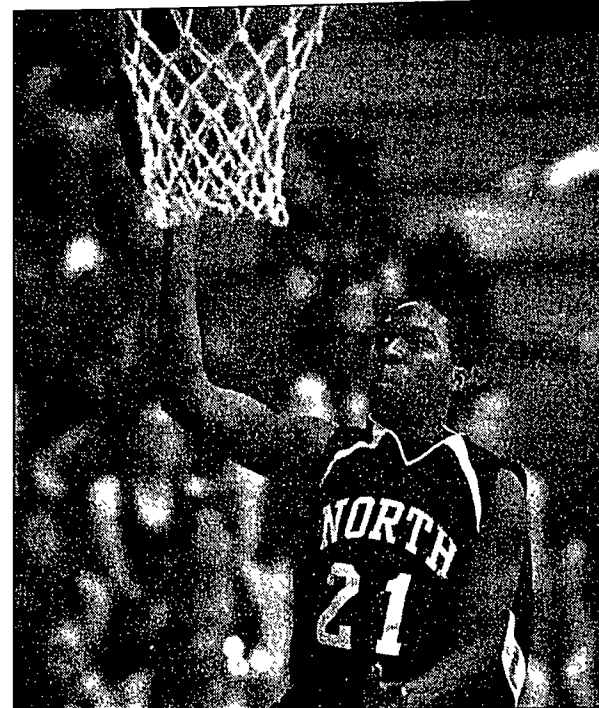
"We were 2-1 (CSL North) and they were 3-0," Olson said. "We were going against one of the best in the league. We had a chance to tie them in the standings. That was exciting for our kids."

Perhaps that initial surge was too much when the Vikings (5-9, 2-2) struggled from the floor early. After hanging in there for the first three minutes, the shots stopped falling for North. The Vikings also started turning the ball over and got into foul trouble. North shot 4-of-19 in the first half and trailed 37-17 at halftime before losing 67-44.

"It is discouraging when shots stop falling for an extended period of time," Olson said. "That's what

GAME BALLS

RESULTS
Jan. 5: Niles North 74, Guerin 26
Friday: Deerfield 67, Niles North 44
STAR PERFORMANCES
Abdel Nader: 17 points vs. Guerin
Marlon Senior: 17 points vs. Deerfield
Montreal Sykes: 13 points vs. Guerin
GAME DAY
Tuesday: Niles North at Wil-lowbrook
Friday: Highland Park at Niles North, 7:30 p.m.



Niles North's Duane Williams charges to the basket during the first quarter of the Wolves' 67-44 loss at Deerfield on Friday. (Brian O'Mahoney/Staff Photographer)

happened to us. We had an extended period where we combined missed shots with not taking care of the basketball. It gets frustrating." Olson said he had no complaints with his team's effort.

Senior Marlon Senior led the Vikings with 17 points and five rebounds. Junior Abdel Nader had 13 points but spent much of the first half in foul trouble, a reoccurring problem for the talented Maine East transfer.

"We want (Nader) to be aggressive, but there are certain situations where he's

good team that played very well," Olson said. "When a very good team plays well on its home floor, it's tough. That was unfortunate for us."

Deerfield's blueprint for success is one Olson hopes to follow at Niles North. The Warriors are a senior-laden group that took its lumps on varsity over the past two seasons. But now it's all coming together under second-year head coach Bret Just.

"Deerfield is a team that went through (difficulties) last year, and it's kind of like a two-year season, and that's what we've talked about," Olson said. "Our kids are learning new things, improving and getting better, getting the system down and getting ready to take off."

North recently added a new face to the mix as 6-foot-1 sophomore Mychal Brawner-Henley was elevated from the sophomore team. He's the twin brother of North girls team star Maryiah Henley.

Recap

Nader scored 17 points and junior Montreal Sykes contributed 13 as North defeated Guerin Prep 74-26 Jan. 5.

Vikings charge to three-game win streak

Last-second heroics seals latest triumph

By DAN SHALIN
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GIRLS BASKETBALL — After whittling a nine-point deficit to one in the fourth quarter, Niles North found itself in a precarious position at home against Deerfield Friday night.

Trailing 42-41 with 2:30 remaining, the Vikings were without key players Maryiah Henley and Jenny Chacko after both fouled out. But for a Niles North team that spent the first

month of the season minus several injured players, including Henley, the circumstances must have seemed familiar.

North (4-14, 2-3) was able to seize the opportunity and pull out a 48-46 victory.

A three-pointer by sophomore Kaitlyn Schlauder sparked the stretch run. Then, with the score tied and time running down, sophomore Alissa Hirsh blocked a shot. The ball went to junior Kunbi Ade-feso, who passed back to Hirsh. Hirsh dribbled the length of the court and buried the game-winning layup with 1.3 seconds remaining.

"It was real nice to be on that side of things," said

North head coach Dan Paxson, recalling a few close conference games that went the other way. "During the final minutes, we had one of our kids playing in the post and we were just trying to fill in gaps (in the lineup). But that's what it's been all through the year. Maybe there is a comfort level there."

Hirsh finished with 17 points, while senior Pearlane DeGuzman scored 10 and Chacko had nine. Henley, one of the team's leading scorers, finished with six.

The victory was North's second straight over Deerfield to go along with a victory over the Warriors on the final day of the Warren

Holiday Tournament.

Niles North extended its first winning streak of the season to three games with Saturday's 47-27 win over Ida Crown.

Hirsh led the way with 15 points, Henley scored 11 and DeGuzman tallied 10. Paxson has been particularly pleased with the recent offensive contributions of DeGuzman, who previously made her mark on the defensive end.

"She is really attacking the hoop hard and looking for more opportunities on offense," the coach said.

North visits Highland Park at 7:30 p.m. Friday and travels to Lane at 2:30 p.m. Saturday.
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Niles North's Pearlane DeGuzman defends Deerfield's Kathleen Forrest Friday during the Vikings' 48-46 victory. (Joe Cyganowski/For STM)

Wolves' Loyd not about to get zoned out

Teammates shine when foes focus on star

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GIRLS BASKETBALL — Recent Niles West games have followed a familiar pattern.

Opponents draw up a zone defense designed to stop Wolves superstar Jewell Loyd. Loyd's teammates Kelly Kleppin and Jackie Gremley start hitting open shots and the opponent is forced to go man-to-man. Then, Loyd takes over.

That was the script when Wolves (18-4) defeated talented Lincoln Park 52-50 in Chicago on Saturday. The contest remained close throughout, with Lincoln Park missing an open look

STANDINGS (through Sunday)	
CSL SOUTH	
Glenbrook South	5-0
Niles West	4-1
New Trier	3-2
Evanston	2-3
Maine South	1-4
Waukegan	0-5
CSL NORTH	
Highland Park	4-0
Maine West	3-2
Glenbrook North	2-2
Deerfield	2-3
Niles North	2-3
Maine East	1-4

to tie at the buzzer.

Loyd finished with 32 points, 26 coming in the second half.

Kleppin, a senior, bombed three three-pointers and finished with 11 points. Gremley, a senior, scored

only five points, but they came early and forced the Lions to call off their zone defense.

"Jewell absolutely turned it on the in the second half," said Niles West head coach Tony Konsewicz. "We scored early with outside shots. Jackie and Kelly drew them out of their 2-3 and 1-3-1 matchup zone."

Waukegan opened with a match-up zone on Friday, but quickly scrapped that plan when the Wolves found their range early. Loyd finished with 17 points, followed by Kleppin (15) and Gremley (14) in a 56-36 Niles West win.

Konsewicz once again mentioned Michael Jordan when describing Loyd's contributions. He noted how the super soph tries to get her teammates involved early before deciding to put the team on her shoulders.

"She's staying within herself, and if we are struggling a little she looks to take the game over," the coach said. "When Michael (Jordan) was playing, he would not look to score early but to involve his teammates. Then, when he had to impose his will on defenders, he would be looking to break them down. Jewell does a tremendous job taking over."

Loyd scored 18 points, Kleppin had 15 and Gremley added 10 in a 62-26 win over Glenbrook North Jan. 5. All of the Wolves saw quality playing time, as junior Casey Nakawatase scored six points off the bench.

The Wolves (4-1 CSL South) host Maine South at 7:30 p.m. Friday before visiting Deerfield at 7:30 p.m. Saturday.

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Niles West's Molly Kleppin looks for an open teammate during the Wolves' 56-36 win over Waukegan on Friday. (Joe Cyganowski/For STM)

Head's-up basket by Herth hands Wolves win in OT

West recovers after loss to Waukegan

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BOYS BASKETBALL — Though he was coaching at Schaumburg last season, current Niles West head coach Bob Williams was well aware that after the 2008-09 Wolves returned from the Pontiac Shootout, they lost to Waukegan and began a downward spiral that lasted the rest of the season.

He was determined to prevent history from repeating itself.

After Friday's loss to CSL South-leading Waukegan in the team's first action since Pontiac, the coach was dedicated to turning fortunes around, beginning with Saturday's nonconference tilt with Buffalo Grove.

NW responded by prevailing 50-48 in overtime, thanks to a game-winning



Niles West's Rodney Metellus (bottom), who contributed 10 points Saturday during the Wolves' win over Buffalo Grove, challenges Niles North's Markon Senior for a loose ball. (Joel Lerner/Staff Photographer)

layup by junior Lauris Herth (9 points) with two seconds left.

"We had a tough night at Waukegan and this is just a bounce back for our team," NW senior Rodney Metellus said after the win, which improved the Wolves to 8-6 overall. "Coach talked about how today was a must win. Last year, we lost a lot of

games (during) this stretch. Now we have a win and we're going to carry it on."

The game-winning play actually was designed for Metellus (10 points) to attempt a layup. But point guard Lorenzo Fiol's pass to the open forward was deflected and it landed in the hands of Herth, who converted.

"Lo threw it, it got tipped and 'Ris scored — hooray, hooray!" Metellus said.

Buffalo Grove (10-6) opened hot from the outside early in the contest and jumped ahead 18-10 after one quarter. But the Wolves extended their defense, caused several turnovers and led 28-27 at the break.

"Things didn't look so good (after one quarter)," Williams said. "But I thought our kids turned it up and we ended up at half-time feeling like, 'Holy heck, how did this happen?' because we hadn't played very well."

A sloppy third quarter resulted in a combined 14 points. The fourth was more of the same and the teams went to the extra session tied at 42-42.

BG led 47-44 before NW's Chris McNichols (6 points) sank two free throws and Metellus converted a put-back to post the Wolves to a brief advantage. A foul shot by the Bison' Kevin Mulligan set the stage for Herth's late winner.

"We struggled the whole game and I think it's the sign of a good team that when you struggle, you find a way to get it done. That's the sign of a winning team," Williams said.

A night earlier at Waukegan (13-3, 4-0), the Wolves were in the contest for about 12 minutes before the Bulldogs pulled away 78-46.

"Waukegan is a great team and so athletic. Their five-point lead became 15 in a second," Williams said. "All of a sudden they are running the floor and there are lob dunks and it's looking like an NBA game."

"There are certain things you can do to stop that, but it takes a great deal of concentration. We went back to old (bad) habits."

Senior Boris Cayemitte paced NW with 11 points and Metellus had 10. Quan Connor led Waukegan with 31, while Illinois-bound forward Jereme Richmond had 13 points and eight rebounds.

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GAME BALLS

RESULTS
Friday: Waukegan 78, Niles West 46
Saturday: Niles West 50, Buffalo Grove 48 (OT)
STAR PERFORMANCES
Lauris Herth: 9 points, including game-winning hoop vs. BG
Rodney Metellus: 10 points against Waukegan and BG
Boris Cayemitte: Led Wolves with 11 against Waukegan
GAME DAY

Today: Niles West at Maine South, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday: Niles West at St. Patrick, 7:30 p.m.

STANDINGS

(through Sunday)

CSL SOUTH	
Waukegan	4-0
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Glenbrook North	5-0
Deerfield	4-0
Niles North	2-2
Highland Park	2-2
Maine West	0-4
Maine East	0-5

Shamrocks and Dons no strangers on lanes

Rivals prepare for postseason action

By DAN SHALIN
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BOYS BOWLING — No matter the event, matchups between rivals Notre Dame and St. Patrick are ones players and coaches usually circle on their calendars.

Folks with the Dons and Shamrocks bowling teams must be running out of ink.

As a result of a quirk in the schedule, ND and St. Pat's have already met three times in Chicago Catholic Conference action this season, and were scheduled to face off again on Tuesday.

Notre Dame went into that last battle looking for a clean sweep over St. Patrick. The Dons defeated the Shamrocks for a third time, earning a 19-6 victory at Chicago's Habetler Bowl Jan. 7.

The Dons improved to 10-2 (9-2) with the win, clinching the CCC North title.

"It's kind of funny because we've met so many times," said ND head coach Dominic Catalano. "The best part about it is that our kids look past (the rivalry) once the match starts and it doesn't matter who it is. They put it aside and it's just another match. And every time we've come out on top, which is good."

Junior Justin Sanetra led the Dons, bowling a 625 series (196-203-226). Sophomore Peter Velez's afternoon included games of 222 and 202.

St. Patrick (8-5, 6-5) was led by juniors Tim Smolen and Joe Netzel. Shamrocks' head coach Peter Dougherty said his team is still struggling with maintaining steady performances.

"That's been our story — we just have not been consistent. When one guy is hot, somebody else is cold," he said. "When somebody has two good games, they struggle on the third. We



St. Patrick's Jim Ulczak dries his hand before beginning his approach during a dual meet with Notre Dame Saturday at Habetler Bowl. (Allen Kaleta/For STM)

just haven't delivered that consistent performance."

St. Patrick was scheduled to welcome Marist for a nonconference match on Wednesday.

Notre Dame and St. Pat's both will be in action at the 12-team CCC Tournament at Wheaton Bowl on Saturday. ND enters as the No. 1 seed in the North. St. Pat's Dougherty said his team is hoping to finish in the top three.

Both squads will compete in sectionals on Jan. 23 as each looks to earn a spot in the IHSA State Meet. The top two teams and top five individuals advance from each sectional.

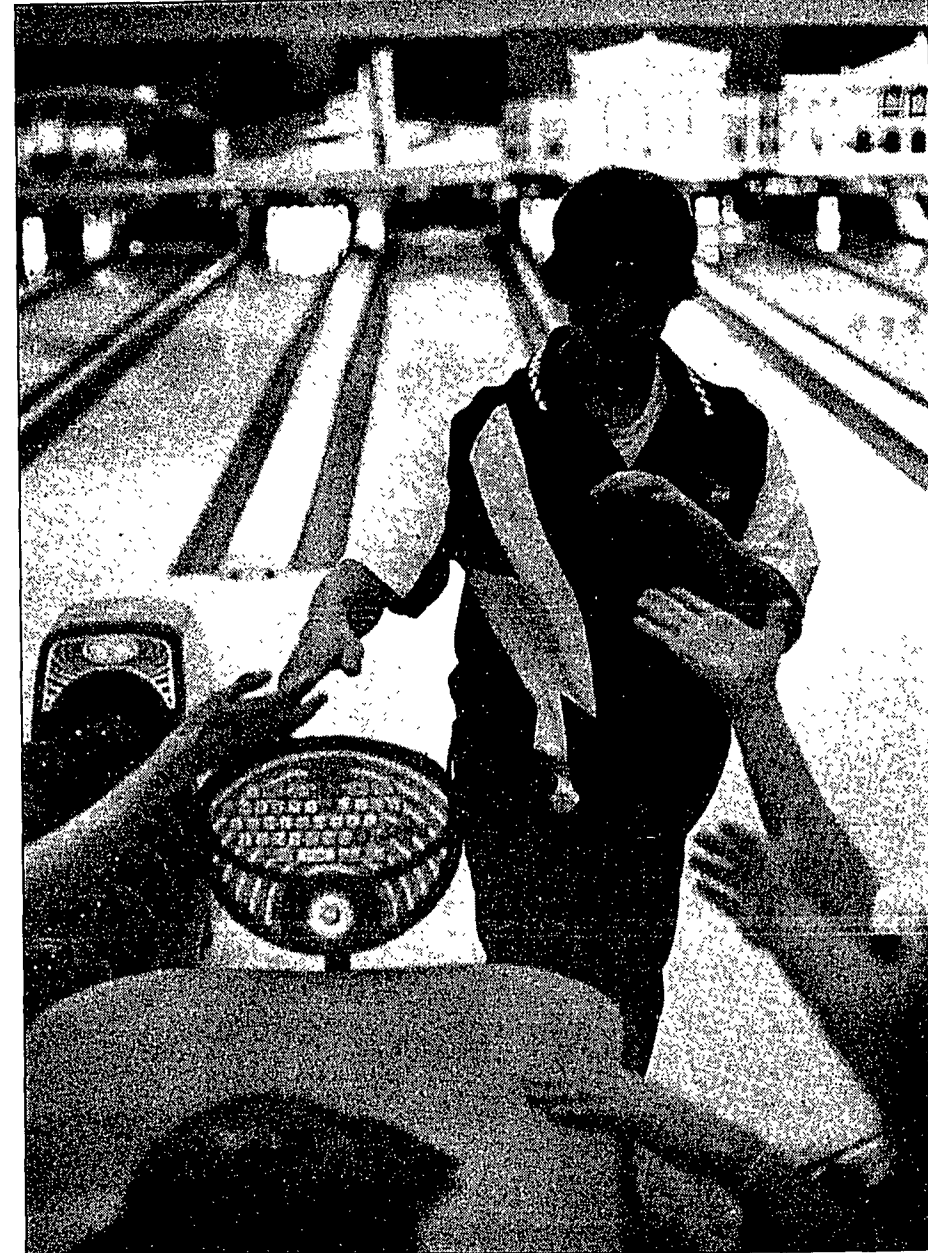
Notre Dame will be placed in the Vernon Hills Sectional at Brunswick Bowl in Vernon Hills. The host Cougars and Deerfield appear to be the teams the Dons will be

battling for the top spot. "I'm pretty excited (about sectionals)," Catalano said. "The way we've been bowling lately, we're just as good as the next team and should be one of the top teams in our sectional. I expect us to do well."

St. Patrick will be looking to return to State via the St. Ignatius Sectional at Town Hall Bowl in Cicero. The hosts and Proviso East are the teams the Shamrocks will look to best for a spot Downstate.

"I think we're going to do OK," Dougherty said. "Last year, we came in second and went to the state finals. I thought we'd do better this season. I'm going back (to sectionals) with the same guys. If they can get their heads clear, we should do well."

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Notre Dame's Justin Sanetra returns to a table of happy teammates after rolling a strike on Saturday at Habetler Bowl. (Allen Kaleta/For STM)

IceDons post pair of wins

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ICE HOCKEY — Alex Murphy found the net twice to carry Notre Dame past Benet 6-4 in Niles on Jan. 7.

Also finding the net were Tim VanDermeir, David Fabris, Kevin Sanetra and Kyle Gronset. Ryan Zanon collected two assists, while Murphy VanDermeir, Tom

O'Brien, Nico Lazzaroni, Micah Orchard and Dominick VonAulock also had helpers.

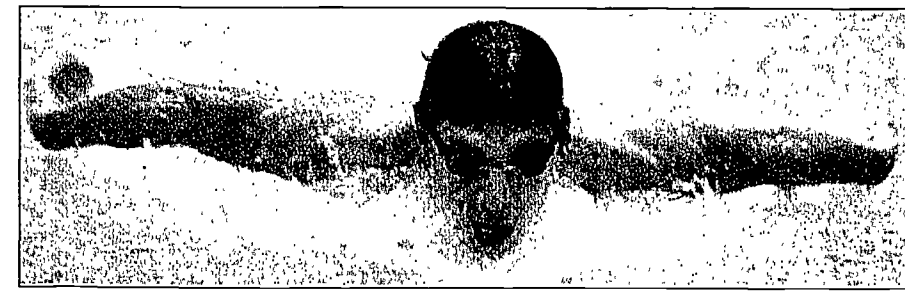
Goaltender Alan Johnson (14 saves) played the first two periods in net, while Ryan Maize (5 saves) mopped up for the final period.

Notre Dame ND also defeated Brother Rice 9-2 Jan. 4 behind three short-handed goals.

VanDermeir and Zanon each tallied twice, along with solo goals by Fabris, Murphy, VonAulock, O'Brien and Gronset. Zanon dealt three assists, and Maize made 20 saves.

Notre Dame will honor its six seniors on Senior Night, when the IceDons play No. 8-ranked Marist Catholic in Niles at 8 p.m. Jan. 30.

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Niles West's Elliott Kerbel competes in the 100-yard butterfly during Saturday's Evanston Invitational. (Jeff Krage/For STM)

Wolves take a peek at the best at Evanston Invite

Scott returns with pair of thirds

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SWIMMING — Niles West head coach Dan Vander Jeugd said he was just happy his team could participate at Saturday's loaded Evanston Invite.

Normally, "just happy to be here," means "last-place finish."

But the Wolves ended up 14th at Saturday's 18-team meet. Vander Jeugd knows it likely will be another year before his team has the depth to be truly competitive.

Facing the likes of New Trier, Naperville North, Neuqua Valley, Loyola, Stevenson and Evanston was just another step in the growing process for West's young swimmers. And West has plenty of young swimmers.

"Just being here and having them compete at this level and see kids who are at this level, it's great," Vander Jeugd said. "Having 78 kids

on the swim team, you're going to get some depth out of that. After this summer, we'll be back with the depth."

Coming off their toughest training period of the season, they clocked times comparable to before they were tired.

"They all swam at where they've been, which after break I'm happy," the coach said.

Break is a bit of a misnomer when it comes to swimming. During the holidays, West swimmers had two practices nearly every day.

"They have no legs now. It's all instinct, trying to swim fast and do what they can," Vander Jeugd said. "Now we'll start adding in speed work to the championship part of the season and see what happens."

West again was led by junior Konner Scott, who touched third in the 100 freestyle (47.68) and in the 200 IM (1:58.44), proving he's ahead of schedule in the latter event.

Niles West junior Elliott Kerbel swam an impressive 24.6 split during the butterfly leg of the 200 medley relay, helping the Wolves finish 10th (1:44.99). Junior Tim

Binkley, sophomore Ryan Miller and Scott also were part of that unit. The same group came in ninth in the 400 free relay (3:25.07).

In diving, Wolves junior Zachary Rothstein finished 12th (180.5) and senior Dylan Loving was 13th (164.05).

West will travel to Glenbrook South for a dual at 5:30 p.m. Friday and return at 1 p.m. Saturday for the Titan Relays. West divers will participate at Saturday's Hinsdale Central Diving Invite.

Niles North

The Vikings edged out Highland Park 94-92 in a dual meet on Friday.

Individual winners for North were: freshman Javed Avdic in the 50 free (23.44) and 100 butterfly (57.4); senior diver Arsen Sarkisian (236.85); and freshman Karol Mlynarski in the 100 free (50.65) and 100 backstroke (56.49). The team of Mlynarski, junior Evan Hagedorn, junior John King and Avdic won the 200 medley relay.

The Vikings visit Maine East at 5:30 p.m. Friday. The divers head to Hinsdale Central on Saturday.

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Demons exceed last season's win total

East tops Elmwood Park for fifth victory

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GIRLS BASKETBALL — Maine East's win over Elmwood Park on Jan. 5 established a milestone.

The Demons surpassed last season's win total with their fifth victory of the campaign.

They followed with a 46-43 loss against Glenbrook North in CSL North play on Friday to enter the week at 5-12 overall and 1-4 in conference. Down two points at

intermission, the Demons saw the Spartans go on an 8-0 run to start the second half.

"We talked about the adjustments we needed to make, and we needed to come out in the second half and get a stop," said Maine East coach Karol Hanusiak.

Hanusiak thought the Demons did just that when Angela Jones deflected a ball out of bounds. But possession went to Glenbrook North, sparking the Spartans' run.

"To my team's credit, we came back," she said. "We hung in there."

Despite scoring only seven points in the third quarter, the Demons trailed by five entering the fourth. But all

the energy they expended in rallying lapped them out. As has been the case this season, turnovers (23) doomed the Demons.

"We had our chances," Hanusiak said.

Lost in the defeat was the performance by Kristen Beierwaltes. The senior scored 21 points and grabbed 14 rebounds.

"That was her breakout game," Hanusiak said. "We always knew she had that in her. She's one of the top kids in the conference."

Joy Ocampo added eight points, and Jones contributed six in the loss.

Maine East's 46-37 win over Elmwood Park earlier in the week saw Beierwaltes and Ocampo each score

eight, while Jolene Drblik added seven. Jones tallied five points and had four steals.

"One of the nice things about this season is we are beating teams we should beat," Hanusiak said. "That's a real positive for us."

Maine East was scheduled to play Ridgewood on Tuesday, and will start the second half of the conference schedule against Maine West on Friday. The Warriors won the first meeting 45-28 Dec. 3.

"That should be a good one," Hanusiak said. "We played them tough for two quarters the first time, and we are a better basketball team now. We just let the first one get away from us."

MAINE EAST ROUNDUP

Boys Basketball

Despite a game-high 27 points by Nuse Khan, the Demons lost 74-54 to CSL North leader Glenbrook

North on Friday. Khan was limited to eight points in the second half after suffering a bloody nose late in the second quarter.

Wrestling

The Demons won three matches in a 62-18 loss to Deerfield on Friday to drop to 0-4 in the CSL North.

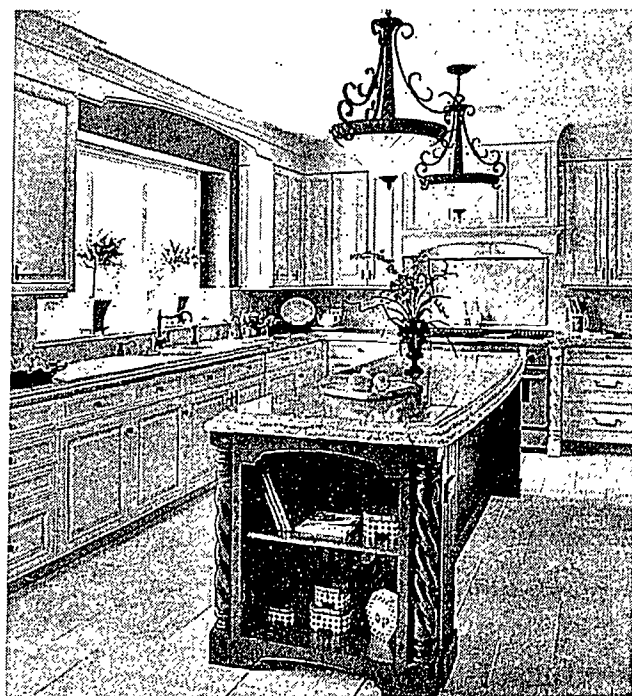
Fernando Velazquez (112), Erick Drozdek (160) and

Rocky Cabrales (285) all won against the Warriors.

At Leyden's tournament Saturday, the highlight was Nathan Cameau's fourth-place finish at 171 pounds. *Comment:pioneerlocal.com*

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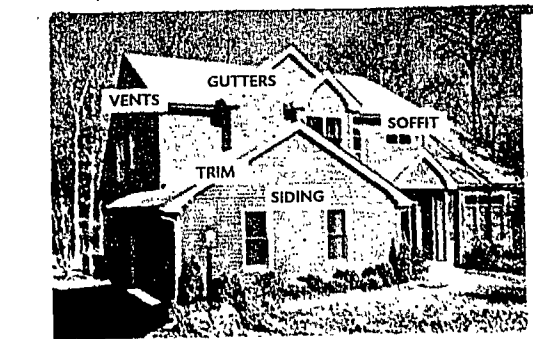
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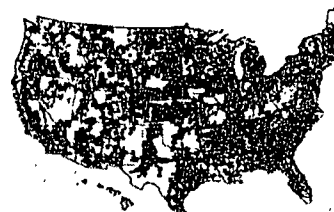
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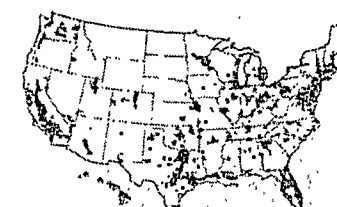
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