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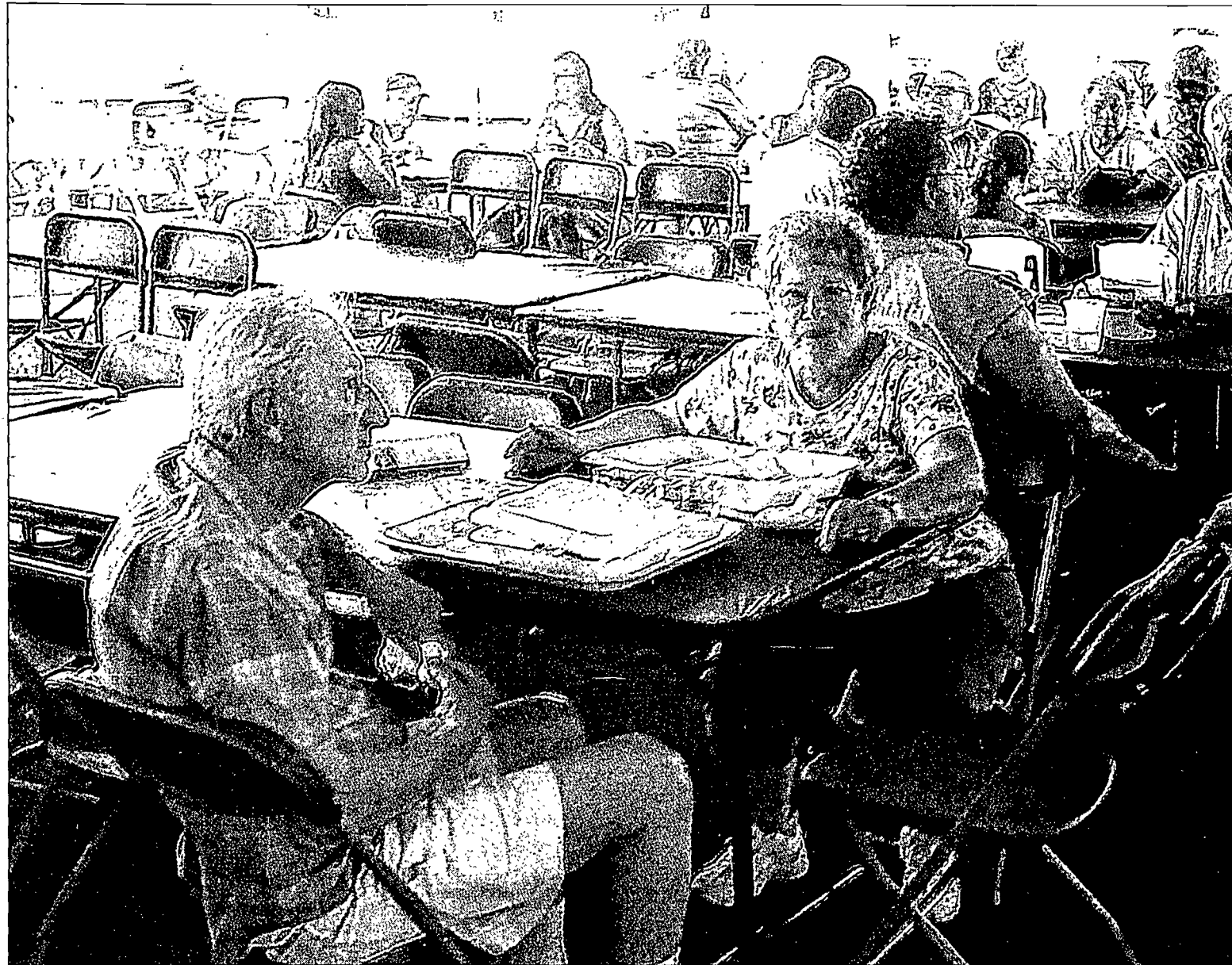
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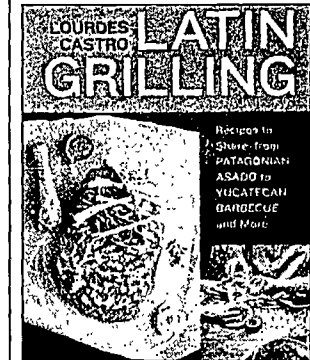
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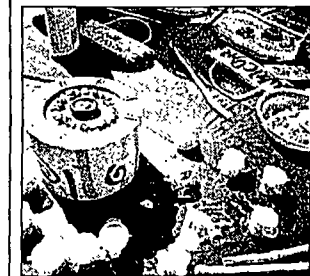


GOT GREEK? Sam Schechter and Gayle Rosen, who attend the Big Greek Food Fest at St. Haralambos Greek Orthodox Church in Niles every year, enjoy the homemade food July 17. **PAGE 7** | TRACY GRUEN-FOR SUN-TIMES MEDIA

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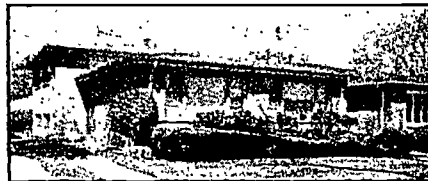
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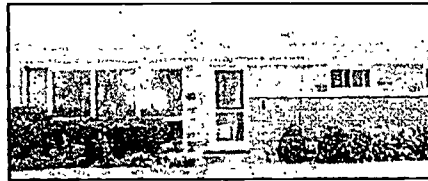
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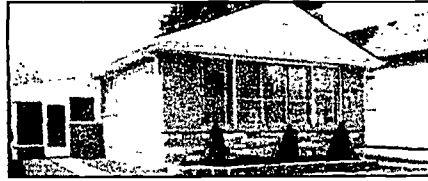
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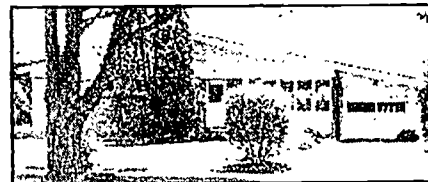
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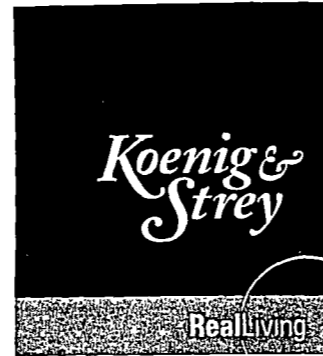
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WATER RATE DISPUTE

Judge: Glenview has until July 29 to respond to Niles injunction

Glenview claims Niles overcharging; refusing to pay \$700K bill

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A Cook County judge has given Glenview until July 29 to respond to Niles' emergency motion for a preliminary injunction to force

services, and have put the money into an escrow account until the rate dispute is resolved.

Glenview officials believe the judge's decision to postpone a hearing on the matter shows that no emergency exists, contrary to what Niles officials have claimed.

"After hearing oral arguments from (Glenview Village Attorney Eric) Patt and an attorney representing the village of Niles, it is Glenview's belief that the

'To say the whole thing is in dispute is a little farfetched. Nobody gets free water so to dispute the whole thing is just unreasonable.'

GEORGE VAN GEEM, Niles village manager

Glenview to pay unpaid water bills.

Attorneys for the two sides appeared before Cook County Chancery Judge Rita Novak Friday regarding Niles' emergency motion for a preliminary injunction regarding the water payments.

The judge gave Glenview two weeks to respond to Niles' motion and set a new court date Aug. 5.

The hearing was the latest development in the ongoing rate dispute between Glenview and Niles.

Niles filed suit last month against Glenview for payment of about \$700,000 in water bills for North Maine Utilities customers.

Glenview is disputing the rates, claiming they are being overcharged for unrelated sanitary sewer

judge was not persuaded that an emergency existed," said village of Glenview spokeswoman Lynne Stiefel.

Niles Village Manager George Van Geem said the judge wanted more information from the village of Glenview regarding Niles' request for a preliminary injunction and set a new court date of Aug. 5.

Van Geem said in the emergency motion Niles is seeking an undisputed amount of 81 percent of the water rates and the remaining 19 percent in dispute will be settled later by the courts.

"To say the whole thing is in dispute is a little farfetched," he said. "Nobody gets free water so to dispute the whole thing is just unreasonable."



TOAST TO 'HARRY'

Librarian Denise Hudc prepares "butterbeer" while Fiona Gardiner, 13, Grace Kusibab, 12, and Melissa Kann, 12, watch. The girls attended an event celebrating the release of the final movie in the "Harry Potter" series. | MICHAEL JARECKI-FOR SUN-TIMES MEDIA

NILES POLICE DEPARTMENT

Indicted police employee: 'Things are not always what they seem'

BY JENNIFER JOHNSON
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A Niles Police Department employee who told authorities he was stabbed and robbed while delivering village funds to a bank in January was arrested last week, accused of fabricating the crime.

But Gary Amato cautioned against taking the state's case against him at face value.

"Things are not always what they seem," Amato said when reached at his Niles home this week.

Amato, 52, was charged July 14 with felony theft, official misconduct and workmen's-compensation fraud in connection with a January incident in which he reported being attacked and robbed by three men near the Golf Mill Shopping Center, the Cook County State's Attorney Office said.

According to authorities, Amato, a civilian employee of the Niles Police Department who managed the police station's front desk, volunteered to deliver about \$44,000 in village deposits to PNC Bank, 9101 Greenwood Ave., the morning of Jan. 18. The deposits reportedly included more than \$4,000 in cash and more than \$40,000 in checks.

Amato reportedly told police that while he was stopped at a stop sign on Davis Street, just blocks from the bank, three men with bandanas over their faces

approached his unmarked squad car and robbed him of the bank deposit bags at gunpoint.

Amato also told police he was pepper-sprayed and stabbed in the arm. He was later hospitalized and treated for his injuries.

According to a statement read in bond court July 15 by Cook County Assistant State's Attorney David Williams, an investigation determined Amato made up the story of the robbery in order to steal the deposits from the village of Niles and "establish a workmen's compensation case or a potential claim of permanent disability."

Amato declined to discuss the allegations with Pioneer Press.

After his arrest by Niles police, Amato admitted to authorities that he lied about being attacked by a group of men, the State's Attorney's Office said.

The Niles Police Department and Cook County State's Attorney's Office conducted the investigation, said State's Attorney Spokeswoman Tandra Simonton.

Judge Marcia Orr set Amato's bond at \$25,000; he is scheduled to return to court Aug. 16, Simonton said.

Niles Police Cmdr. Dennis McEnerney would not say specifically what led investigators to believe Amato's account of the robbery was false.

"There was some evidence we developed at the scene that this didn't occur the way he told us it occurred," McEnerney said.

Police believe Amato acted alone and that the stab wound to his arm was self-inflicted, McEnerney said. Initially Amato reported that the robbers pepper-sprayed him, but police do not believe that occurred. A canister of pepper spray was recovered from the scene, McEnerney said.

Amato did not return to work following the Jan. 18 incident and was on paid medical leave until his arrest last week, according to McEnerney.

Village Manager George Van Geem said Amato worked for the village for 30 years.

"From where I sit it's just a sad thing for a guy who had a long career here with the village of Niles," Van Geem said. "Whatever caused him to do it, it's a tough way to end your career."

He added: "We all feel bad something like this had to happen."

At the time Amato reported the robbery Niles Police Chief Dean Strzelecki called the incident "a very unfortunate situation" and told the Niles Herald-Spectator that some kind of "breakdown" in the bank-deposit protocol had occurred because an employee had been attacked.

This week Strzelecki acknowledged he was "shocked" by what the investigation revealed and called everything from the initial report of the robbery to Amato's arrest "an emotional roller coaster."

"It's a very difficult thing and I think it's a sad thing," he said. "I've known Gary for his entire career. It was emotional not

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PUBLIC PROTEST

Anti-abortion demonstrators' graphic display offends some

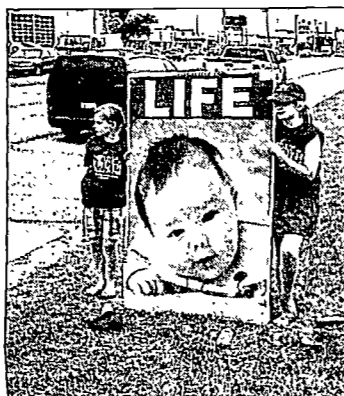
BY TRACY GRUEN
Contributor

As drivers and pedestrians passed through the area of Golf Road and Milwaukee Avenue in Niles the morning of July 16 they were met with large posters displaying graphic photographs intended to deliver an anti-abortion message.

As part of the controversial Pro-Life Action League's Summer 2011 Face the Truth Tour, volunteers lined up outside Golf Mill Shopping Center, near Toys"R"Us to display photographs of aborted fetuses alongside photos of healthy newborns for the purpose of sending an anti-abortion message.

While participants in the organized protest reported a positive public response, some shoppers heading to nearby stores said they were offended by the demonstration. "It's been going well," said Eric Scheidler, Pro-Life Action League Director. "We really haven't had any problems."

Scheidler described a positive re-



Ada and Lucy Scheidler, daughters of Eric Scheidler, executive director of the Pro-Life Action League, held up a poster of a newborn baby during a traveling demonstration that came to Niles on July 16. | TRACY GRUEN-FOR SUN-TIMES MEDIA

sponse to the group's message from passersby July 16.

"We've had a lot of thumbs-ups and waves," Scheidler said, adding that generally when people are

against the demonstration they will pull their cars up and talk to protesters. Sometimes, though, things get a little more heated and upset people yell at them.

During the tour's stop in Arlington Heights this summer a group of teenage girls tore up a baby doll and threw the parts at demonstrators.

Scheidler's young daughters, Ada and Lucy, during the Niles demonstration were holding up a giant photograph of a healthy baby, sending the message for people to choose life. Other bloody images of aborted fetuses were very graphic and disturbing to some.

"I'm not too happy about the kids seeing those things," said Tom Sherry, of Chicago, who was walking into Toys"R"Us with his young son.

Sherry, who reported being Pro-choice, indicated he felt the protest was inappropriate.

"I think there's a time and place for everything," he said.

Arzu Sozuduz, of Des Plaines, while walking into Toys"R"Us during the demonstration, said she is

Pro-life, but also found the demonstration offensive.

"I'm so happy my 4-year-old isn't with me," Sozuduz said. "That's definitely not the way to do it. I'm disgusted."

Scheidler contended that children are "naturally Pro-life," and "naturally love babies." He said exposing children to the images is a concern organizers hear the most.

"They kind of use that as a bit of an excuse," he said.

Irene Doyle Sandler, a volunteer at the demonstration, said she decided to participate in the tour when she realized her own 21-year-old son, who grew up in a Catholic household, hadn't been aware of what abortion involved and was shocked when he saw a photograph like those displayed in Niles.

"People are not to blame if they don't know the truth," said Doyle Sandler, who noted that she used to think the images were too graphic, but now feels people need to see them to understand the group's message.

CRIME BRIEF

Officer hurt in skate park scuffle

A Park Ridge police officer reportedly suffered a sprained ankle earlier this month while trying to apprehend a teenage boy whom police say may have been attempting to provoke a fight at a local skate park.

Park Ridge Police Cmdr. Lou Jogmen said officers patrolling the Taste of Park Ridge at 9:20 p.m.

July 8 took notice when as many as 100 youths began walking toward Hinkley Park from the area of Touhy and Summit avenues.

Officers followed the group and got most of the individuals to disperse or head back to the Taste, but a group of 10 to 15 youths had gathered at the Hinkley Skate Park, 25 N. Busse Highway, Jogmen said.

As a bicycle patrol officer approached the skate park he reportedly heard someone shout that a fight was about to occur so he positioned his bike between a 16-year-old Chicago boy and a skate

ramp. Jogmen said everyone backed away except for the 16-year-old boy, who charged toward a group of individuals.

As the bike officer attempted to grab the teenager, the officer and his bicycle fell to the ground, Jogmen said. The teenager then allegedly ran through the park and ignored the officer's orders to stop and get on the ground.

Two additional officers responded to assist the bike officer but the 16-year-old continued to resist their attempts to take him into custody and he attempted to push one of the

officers away, Jogmen said. In the process of struggling with the teenager one of the officers suffered a sprained ankle, Jogmen said. The officer was transported to Advocate Lutheran General Hospital for treatment.

According to the police report the 16-year-old was not injured, Jogmen said.

The teenager was charged with disorderly conduct, resisting a police officer, underage drinking and possession of tobacco by a minor. He has been petitioned to juvenile court.

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ST. HARALAMBOS

Food fest treats revelers to taste of Greece

BY TRACY GRUEN
Contributor

Despite the 90-degree weather the Big Greek Food Fest at St. Haralambos Greek Orthodox Church in Niles drew a large crowd July 17.

"It's just getting bigger and bigger," the Rev. Dean Botsis said of the church's biggest fundraiser, which attracted more than 14,000 people last year.

The festival has been entertaining families for more than 30 years. Botsis said attendance was higher than organizers expected on both the evenings of July 15 and July 16.

All of the food at the three-day celebration is homemade, cooked and served by volunteers.

"Everyone says it's one of the best picnics," said Chri-soula Kozonis, a member of St. Haralambos and a volunteer, of the popular Greek festival.

Kozonis said festival attendees expand far beyond the Greek community and a diverse crowd enjoys the food, sights and sounds of Greece.

"It's fantastic," said Gayle Rosen, of Des Plaines, who comes to the fest every year.

Rosen was at the event with Sam Schechter, who was raised by a Greek chef. The pair enjoyed the authentic Greek food.

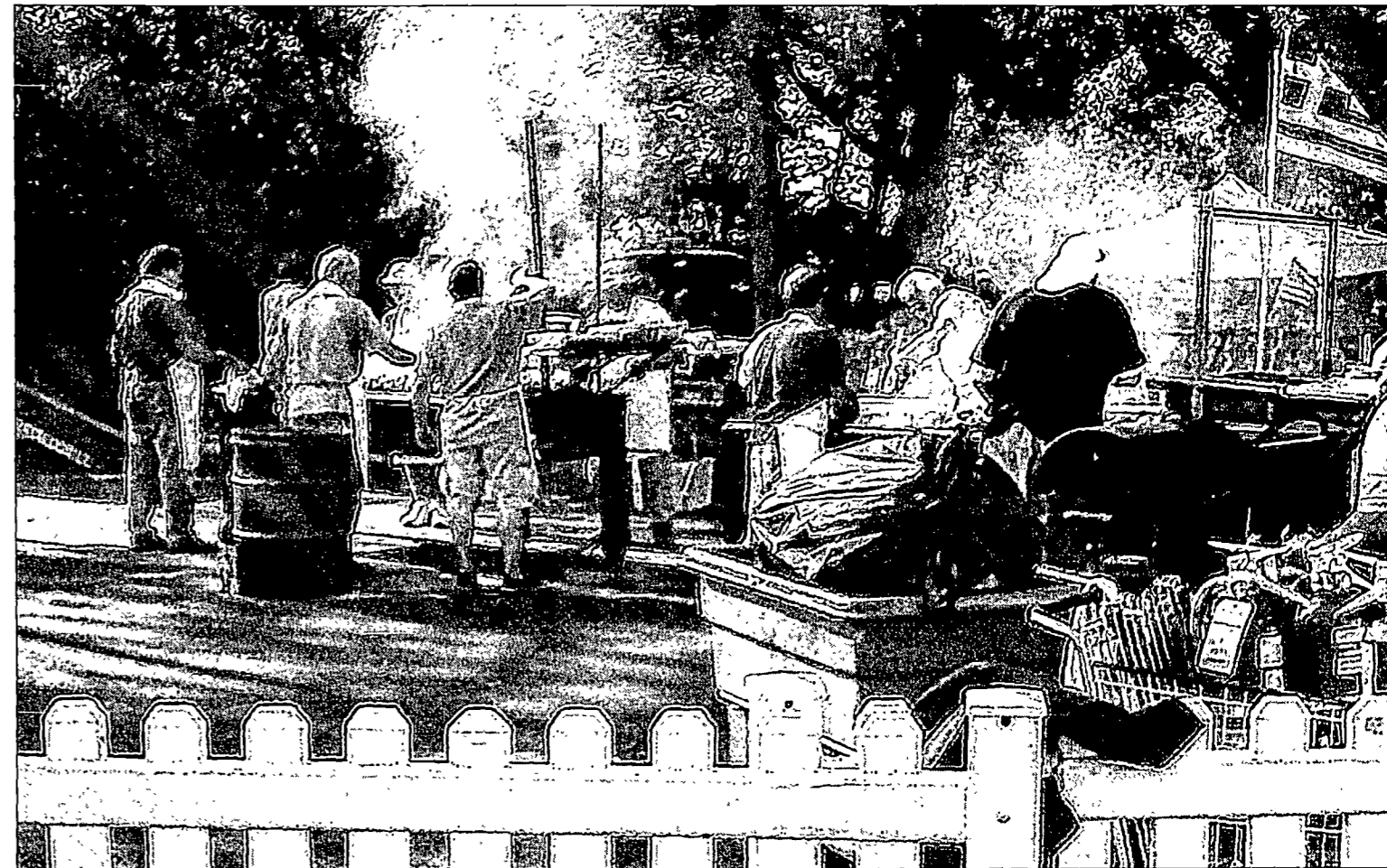
"Everyone's happy," said Rosen, who added that she comes to the festival to enjoy the delicious homemade Greek food, Greek music and the family unity.

Rosen also said she enjoys meeting new people at the festival.

Popular food items include gyros, Athenian chicken, moussaka (eggplant and seasoned ground-beef casserole), Greek-style spinach pie, roasted lamb and much more. A variety of desserts are served at the pastry tent, including the staple hot, deep-fried honey puffs.

In addition to all of the culinary treats, families enjoyed the Kid's Korner, which featured a magician, balloons, a moon bounce and carnival games.

Greek Folk Dancing was performed each evening by



Volunteers were busy cooking chicken in the 90-degree weather at the Big Greek Food Fest at St. Haralambos Greek Orthodox Church in Niles on July 17, the final day of the three-day festival. | TRACY GRUEN-FOR SUN-TIMES MEDIA



A sizeable crowd attended the Big Greek Food Fest at St. Haralambos Greek Orthodox Church in Niles on July 17, despite the heat. | TRACY GRUEN-FOR SUN-TIMES MEDIA



The three-day Big Greek Food Fest at St. Haralambos Greek Church attracts thousands of people each year with homemade Greek food, kids activities, music and more. | TRACY GRUEN-FOR SUN-TIMES MEDIA

the Olympian Dancers; jewelry, gifts and Greek novelties were sold at a special tent; scenic and colorful films al-

lowed guests to take a virtual trip to Greece; and guests were able to learn how to cook Greek food.

The lucky winner of the grand raffle had the opportunity to take home an Audi A4 Sedan, a Harley Davidson

motorcycle or \$20,000. Tours of the church, which serves about 650 families, were also provided at the

festival. Botsis said the church is in need of more room and hopes to expand.

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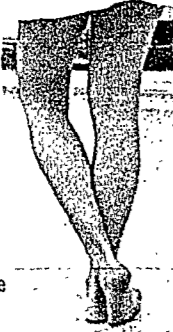
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SCHOOLS

Districts 64, 207 vote to get rid of special-ed cooperative

BY TRACY GRUEN
Contributor

Maine Township High School District 207 and Park Ridge-Niles District 64 both voted July 11 to dissolve the Maine Township Special Education Program cooperative.

In addition to Districts 207 and 64 the cooperative also includes East Maine Elementary School District 63 and Des Plaines Elementary District 62.

District 63 already has approved the dissolution of the cooperative, and the topic will be on the agenda at the next District 62 Board of Education meeting. All of the districts have to vote in favor of the dissolution in order for it to come take effect, said Jim Even, director of pupil services for District 64.

Services now provided by MTSEP will be provided by each individual district if the measure is approved. MTSEP therapists provide services such as physical therapy, occupational therapy and vision services.

"There is a need (for the dissolution of MTSEP) because of the number of students requiring the services," said Lynette Williams, who is employed half-time as the MTSEP director and half-time as the special-education director.

Williams said that in District 207, 42 students now use the MTSEP services. "Services will be delivered in the same manner," said David Beery, spokesman for District 207.

Beery said it is unclear now whether the dissolution of the cooperative will lead to cost savings or increase.

The district is not expecting to save money, but rather to "break even." Beery said the main priority is to "avoid disruption for students and parents."

At the District 207 board meeting July 11, Beery said a couple occupational therapists with MTSEP approached the board with concerns.

One therapist, who has worked with MTSEP for nearly 20 years, said it is inaccurate to say there won't be changes because the investment that therapists who work with MTSEP have in the children will change. The therapists say they devote extra time to provide the best possible services to the students.

Beery said the therapists thanked the administrators for listening to their concerns.

DISTRICT 207

Park Ridge mayor: Giving OK for LED signs not too bright

BY JENNIFER JOHNSON
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Park Ridge Mayor David Schmidt said city staff went beyond their authority when they decided Maine Township High School District 207 did not require zoning approval for electronic message boards at Maine South and Maine East high schools' football fields.

On July 18 the City Council is expected to consider whether District 207 officials will need to go before the Park Ridge Planning and Zoning Commission for a text amendment allowing the 3-foot by 18-foot electronic advertising signs on the existing scoreboards.

On July 11, City Attorney Everette "Buzz" Hill told the council that the district's plan to add the sign did not require special approval from the city because the city's Zoning Ordinance does not state that

public bodies like school districts require sign permits. Also, the matter is a "free speech" issue, Hill said.

"I do not believe as a matter of speech we can tell the school district what they can or cannot put on their school scoreboard," he said.

Schmidt said the City Council should have made the policy decision as to whether the regular zoning process should be followed by District 207. Electronic signs are prohibited under the city's Zoning Ordinance, as are off-premises advertising signs and A-frame or "sandwich board" signs, which the school district is also proposing.

"Why did city staff take it upon themselves to make a decision without informing the council at all on this?" Schmidt said during the July 11 discussion of the issue.

"I see this as a clear case of you exceeding your author-

ity," he added later.

City Manager Jim Hock said he saw the sign as a legal issue and not a policy matter that required it to go before the City Council. Hill said he believed the city would ultimately lose a legal battle if it prohibited the school district from installing the message sign.

No representatives of District 207 were present during the discussion, but on July 12, Superintendent Ken Wallace said district officials are willing to work with the city.

"We're certainly not looking to cause any controversy or upset people over this," Wallace said.

The message boards, which have LED lights and cost \$23,600 each, were approved by the District 207 school board in June but have not yet been installed. The signs will help raise money for extra-curricular programs through advertising, Wallace said.

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Oakton invites adult students thinking about going back to college to visit the Des Plaines campus on July 26.

Sponsored by the Office of Student Recruitment and Outreach, the tour of Oakton's campus, 1600 E. Golf Road, will feature information about admission, career and transfer programs, financial aid, student services, athletics, and extracurricular activities. Oakton faculty, administrators, staff and students will be available to answer questions.

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The tour will begin at 10:30 a.m. in Room 1506. To register, call (847) 635-1835 or visit www.oakton.edu/visit for more information.

The timeless play, "Othello," is the focus of this summer's popular Shakespeare Festival, an eight-session lecture offered by the Emeritus Program at Oakton Community College.

Othello: An Ageless Story: Jealousy? Racism? Ambition? Revenge? begins on Monday, Aug. 1, and concludes on Monday, Aug. 29. Weekly lectures explore the many operatic, film, and literary version of the great tragedy. Topics will include:

"Who Was Othello?" Explore the origins of the plots and characters from "Othello." In addition, enjoy film clips of historic productions starring Paul Robeson, Laurence Olivier, and Orson Welles (10 a.m. to noon Aug. 1).

"Laurence Fishburne's Othello." Learn why Shakespearean scholar Tricia Kessie considers the 1995 cinematic version of "Othello" as one of the most beautiful productions of the Bard's tale (1-4 Aug. 1).

"O: Othello As a Teen."

Jealousy takes a poisonous toll in the film "O," where Othello comes to life in a contemporary American high school filled with basketball players, winsome cheerleaders, and racial tension. This R-rated film delivers a punch not soon forgotten (10 a.m.-noon Aug. 8).

"BBC Othello." View the 2001 Masterpiece Theater tour de force penned by BBC veteran Andrew Davies (10 a.m. to noon Aug. 15).

"Othello at the Globe." At the end of "Othello," viewers see a bed with three corpses on it. Gain insight into whether their hearts were broken (1-4 p.m. Aug. 15).

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"Zeffirelli's Otello." Enjoy a presentation of the cinematic masterpiece directed by Franco Zeffirelli that stars Placido Domingo. Learn how transforming Shakespeare's play into an opera affects characters and action (12:30-3 p.m. Aug. 22).

"Beyond Othello: Jealousy in Literature." Examine the rampant theme of jealousy and its aftermath in literature and culture (10-11:30 a.m. Aug. 29).

All sessions take place at Oakton's Skokie campus, 7701 N. Lincoln Ave. The fee is \$18 per lecture, or \$80 for the entire series. Half-price tuition does not apply. For a complete list of Emeritus offerings, visit www.oakton.edu/emeritus.

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BY BETH ENGELMAN
Mommy on a Shoestring

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Wreath birdbath

This activity is easy to put together and is sure to attract your favorite, feathered friends.

You need:

- Manila rope
- Grapevine wreath (available at craft stores)
- Terra-cotta saucer (optional)
- Artificial grape leaves (optional)

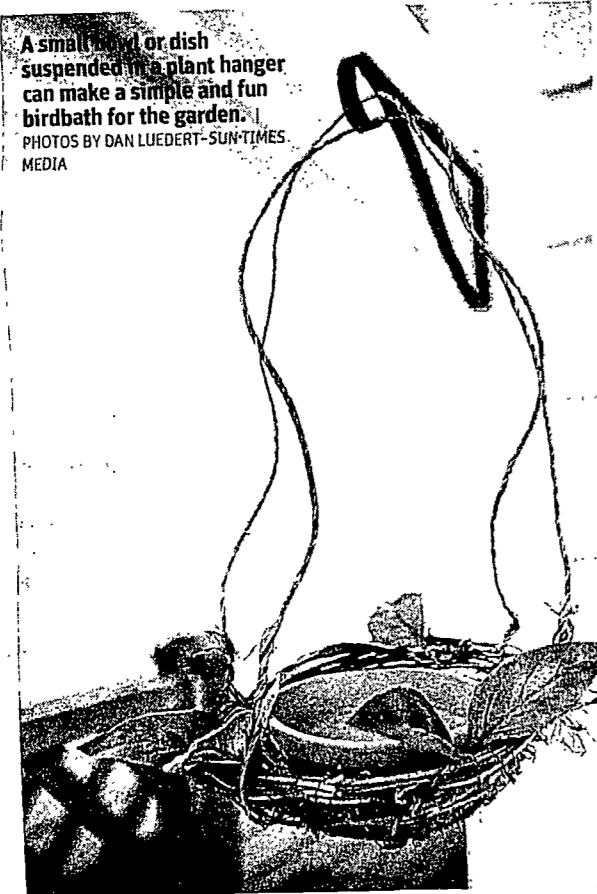
Directions:

1. Cut three 5-foot lengths of rope and knot them together at both ends.
2. Place the wreath inside the ropes.
3. Place the saucer inside the wreath. Add a drop of strong adhesive if desired.
4. Tuck grape leaves into the wreath for a "natural" decoration.
5. Hang birdbath from a low tree branch.
6. Be sure to fill saucer with water.

Thank you to the folks at Disney FamilyFun for sharing this easy craft idea.

A small bowl or dish suspended from a plant hanger can make a simple and fun birdbath for the garden.

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Elliot Tzinberg waits for butterflies to land on the mud pies he made for them. The mud pies have salt, for added minerals, water and syrup to help attract and feed the butterflies.

Mud pies for butterflies

This recipe comes courtesy of Sharon Lovejoy, author of *Toad Cottages and Shooting Stars*, which is published by Workman Press. In the book, Lovejoy explains how butterflies are attracted to mud pies, which provide much-needed water, minerals and salt. Be sure to check out Lovejoy's other books at www.sharonlovejoy.com.

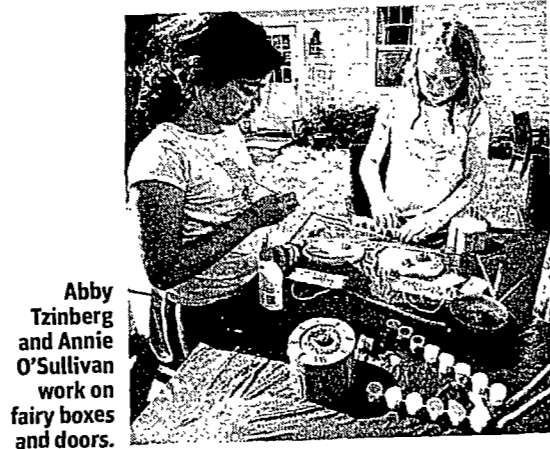
You need:

- Mud
- Sand
- Water
- A dash of salt
- Shallow saucer
- Flat rock
- ½ tsp. maple syrup

Directions:

1. Combine mud, sand and salt in a shallow saucer.
2. Add water until a puddle forms in the middle.
3. Place a flat rock in middle of puddle (perfect landing spot for butterflies)
4. Pour syrup onto rock for an extra sweet butterfly treat.

Watch these crafts firsthand at www.pioneerlocal.com/mommy.



Abby Tzinberg and Annie O'Sullivan work on fairy boxes and doors.

Fairy doors, message boxes

Turn your garden into a fairy paradise with fairy doors and message boxes. According to folklore, garden fairies are known to hide behind miniature doors housed in colorful parks and backyard gardens. When night falls, the fairies emerge from their hiding spots so they can bask in the beauty of their favorite gardens. These fairies also look for hidden boxes where they often find treasures such as shells, rocks or flowers. Sound intriguing? Work with your children to create their very own fairy doors and message boxes. Your kids can fill the boxes with items they've collected or handwritten notes. Who knows, maybe the fairies will return the favor with a note or trinket of their own.

- You need:**
- Small wooden boxes and plaques (available at craft stores)
 - Non-toxic acrylic paint
 - Sticks, rocks, shells and other "natural treasures"
 - Strong adhesive
 - Beads, sequins and other decorative items
 - Indoor/outdoor varnish

Directions:

1. Paint boxes and plaques as desired.
2. Once the paint is dry, glue on leaves, sticks, beads and other decorative items.
3. Top with a layer or two of indoor/outdoor varnish and allow to dry.
4. Strategically place doors against tree trunks, posts or along a wooden fence. Message boxes can be hidden anywhere in the garden.



Mosaic stepping stone

Even if you don't live in Hollywood, you can create your very own walk of fame with these easy-to-make stepping stones.

You need:

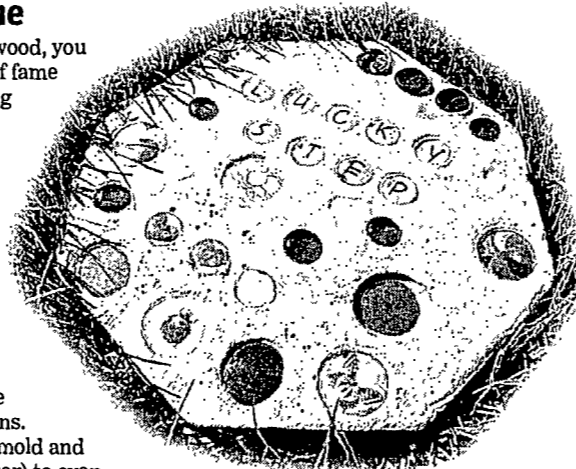
- Concrete mix (available at craft and hardware stores)
- Water
- Plastic mold
- Disposable knife or wooden paint mixer
- Bucket
- Colorful pebbles or stones

Directions:

1. In an old bucket, mix concrete and water according to directions.
2. Carefully pour concrete into mold and use a plastic knife (or paint mixer) to even out the surface. Wait 30 minutes to give the concrete time to settle.
3. Add colorful stones in any pattern you desire.
4. Allow 48 hours to dry before removing from mold.
5. Use a toothbrush and water to clean concrete residue off stepping-stone before placing in garden.

Note: Be sure to clean your bucket outside with a garden hose! Never pour concrete down the drain as it will likely cause damage to your pipes!

Have a craft you'd like to share with Mommy on a Shoestring readers? Email us at Beth@Engelmanriggs.com. You might be featured in an upcoming article.



A stepping stone can add a personalized touch to a path or garden.

PARK RIDGE

Police commander recounts father's sacrifice

BY DONNA VICKROY
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Lou Jogmen Jr. still has the gun that nearly ended his father's life.

The Park Ridge Police commander also has the handcuffs his father was forced to wear during the shooting as well as photos and newspaper clippings from the fateful night his dad perhaps saved a woman's life by offering to risk his own in her place.

"That gun is the nexus between who he was and who he became," said Jogmen Jr., who lives in Park Ridge with his wife, Mindy, and four children.

In the summer of 1977, movie fans were heralding the release of "Star Wars." Fleetwood Mac's "Rumours" album topped the charts. And the Cubs, once again, looked promising.

Back then, Tinley Park was a sleepy village, about half its current size and with half its current population. The post office was new; so was the Jewel grocery store. Andrew High School was getting ready to accept its first class of freshmen and sophomores.

A lot has changed since then. Yet, to this day, in pockets where long-timers live, people still remember a single event above others: The night Patrolman Lou Jogmen Sr. traded places with a hostage and became Tinley Park's first and only police officer to be shot in the line of duty.

Though memories of the incident still send shivers down the spines of police officers and residents, the Jogmen family have strived all these years to pluck the positives from the devastation.

"It means a lot to us that people still remember," said Jogmen Jr., today a commander with the Park Ridge Police Department. "We still live it. Even now, 34 years later, it's still raw."

Jogmen Sr., then 35, was working the night shift on July 12, 1977. He was about to go home for the spaghetti lunch his wife Mary had waiting for him when a call came in about a robbery at the 7-Eleven store in the Brentown Mini Mall on 159th Street and 76th Avenue.

Back then, the police department was small, maybe a dozen officers. Jogmen Jr. remembers his dad patrolling in the family car for a while. His uniform often consisted of a police shirt and blue jeans.

Jogmen Sr. was the first officer on the scene that night. He encountered a gunman, 19-year-old



Park Ridge Police Cmdr. Louis Jogmen, Jr., looks over old items of his father's. His father, Louis Jogmen, a Tinley Park police officer, was shot at a 7-Eleven in Tinley Park in 1977. | MATT MARTON-SUN-TIMES MEDIA

Donald Villa, exiting the store with a female hostage, a woman whom Jogmen thought appeared to be pregnant. Villa threatened to shoot the woman if Jogmen didn't relinquish his gun.

In a move that has become legendary across the Southland, the father of three exchanged places with the hostage. Jogmen dropped his gun. Villa then handcuffed the officer and held him face down on the pavement with two guns on him, one of them Jogmen's.

Other officers on the scene, including Al Bechtel and Dave Peterson, testified that they heard Villa repeatedly curse at Jogmen, calling him a "pig" and threatening to "blow his head off."

"The last thing he asked my dad was, 'Do you have a baby?'" Jogmen Jr. said.

Jogmen Sr. did. "And then he shot him," Jogmen Jr. said.

Villa reportedly fired one round from Jogmen's gun into the officer's head. Bechtel then shot Villa, crippling him. Villa was sentenced to 30 to 90 years in prison for two charges of attempted murder and one charge of armed robbery and has since died.

Amazingly, Jogmen survived the

shooting. But his life and the community were forever changed. Jogmen Jr. remembers waking up the morning of July 13 to chaos. People were in his house, cars were parked up and down the street.

"My mom was gone and my aunt was over," he said. "I knew something was wrong."

He had just turned 7. His sister Jennifer was 8, and the family had celebrated baby Joseph's first birthday just days before.

Jogmen Jr. has sketchy memories of people telling him his dad had been shot and was in a coma. He recalls months of hospital visits.

"He looked terrible, all bandaged up," he said. "That is not how you want to see your dad."

People who knew Jogmen Sr. say he was a big, imposing kind of fellow, almost made to be a cop. He'd served with the Marines in the 1960s and he had a penchant for doing the right thing.

In the ensuing months, Jogmen would recover enough to walk and drive again. He even served as coach on the police department's softball team, the Choirboys. His speech, however, remained slower, more deliberate.

Jogmen Jr. said his parents were determined to not let Villa change

their lives any more than he already had. "My dad and I used to take long walks after dinner almost every night," Jogmen Jr. said.

During those strolls, Jogmen Sr. would encourage his son and impart values. He also assured Jogmen Jr. that despite the tragic results of his decision that night, he would do it again.

"My dad was a very righteous man. He truly believed in doing the right thing," Jogmen Jr. said. "To the end, he believed he did. And so do I."

On Easter in 1986, Jogmen Sr. developed a case of the hiccups that would not go away. Soon after, he was diagnosed with throat cancer, something the family suspects was a side effect of his 14 surgeries. He died on Father's Day that year.

Mary Jogmen did her best to stay the course, Jogmen Jr. said. "My mom still stayed home with us even though money was tight," he said. "She was determined to not let Villa change the way she raised her children."

Even though he knew since he was a small child that he wanted to follow in his dad's footsteps and become a police officer, Jogmen Jr. said he earned both a bachelor's and a master's degree.

"It was important to my dad that we have a backup plan, so it was important to me," he said. "My dad always wanted us to go to college, something he didn't do."

The family stayed in Tinley Park until all three kids finished school. Mary Jogmen currently lives in Park Ridge, as does Jogmen Jr.

Jogmen Jr. keeps a photo of his dad on his desk at the Park Ridge Police Department. He also holds near his father's favorite quote, by William Penn: "Right is right, even if everyone is against it; and wrong is wrong, even if everyone is for it."

"People say an officer should never give up his own gun," Jogmen Jr. said. "But you have to live with yourself. Afterward, my dad told me he wouldn't have been able to live with himself had a pregnant woman been killed, especially knowing he had a chance to save her."

Turns out, Gwenda Sangren was not pregnant. Villa had shoved a bag of money that he'd stolen from the store into her slacks.

But if fate conspired against Jogmen Sr. that night, it also had worked in his favor as far as his surviving the tragedy. A few months before the shooting, Tinley Park officers were told to start carrying less powerful guns. And back then, Jogmen Sr. made several of his own rounds. One of those rounds, less potent than a factory round, ended up lodged in his brain that night.

Had Jogmen Sr. been shot with the handgun he'd carried prior to that change, and with a manufactured bullet, he likely would not have survived, Jogmen Jr. said.

Jogmen Jr. said that, on the one hand, he was able to spend a lot of time with his dad after the shooting. While other fathers were away at work, Lou and his dad were hanging out.

He's also grateful for the relationship he developed with many members of the police force. And he's appreciative that his dad's name lives on through a police training facility in the station at 7850 W. 183rd St. and a park named for him.

Mostly, though, he said he's grateful for the inspiration his father provided.

"I do believe I am who I am today because of my father," he said. "But would I have liked for him to be at my graduation, at my wedding? Would I have liked for him to have walked my sister down the aisle? Would I have liked for him to get to know his son Joe?"

"Absolutely."

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

DUI

Scott Bosak, 30, of 8945 Wisner, was arrested July 17 at Dempster and Merrill Street for driving under the influence of alcohol. Niles police reported observing Bosak driving at a high rate of speed and not yielding to westbound traffic. He has an Aug. 5 court date.

BURGLARY

A 76-year-old man from Chicago said someone burglarized his vehicle July 11 on the 5700 block of Touhy. The victim said the offenders took an envelope containing \$15,000, as well as a GPS system and cell phone. The victim told police he withdrew the \$15,000 from his savings account in order to transfer the funds to another account. Police said the victim did not notice anyone watching him make the withdrawal.

Niles police officers responded to a burglar alarm July 15 on the 9600 block of Milwaukee Avenue. Someone shattered a window. Police said that nothing seemed to be missing.

DOMESTIC BATTERY

Danielle Enwiya, 22, of 8018 Lyons, was arrested July 11 on a charge of domestic battery. The victim, who is the husband of the offender, said he and his wife got into an argument about a possible divorce. Police said the argument became physical and the victim had scratches and abrasions on his back and hands. The suspect has a July 26 court date.

AGGRAVATED BATTERY

A 15-year-old boy was reportedly yelling at his mother July 16 and told her that if he had to go back into their home on the 7700 block of Nordica that he would burn it down, police said. The 15-year-old left without permission July 15, returned July 16 and threatened to

break the windows on the house. Police said the juvenile shoved an officer in his chest. The suspect's court date is July 18.

CRIMINAL DAMAGE

Police said that on July 15 the Niles Park District reported that someone used black spray paint to deface two signs and the east field-house wall at a park on the 7100 block of Harlem.

THEFT

A 2002 Mitsubishi was stolen July 17 from the 5900 block of Touhy.

A man in his 30s was seen taking a pregnancy-test kit valued at \$38.98 on July 16 from a store in the 8500 block of Golf Road without paying for it.

AMATO | CONTINUED FROM PAGE 5

just for me, but for my staff and everybody."

Strzelecki said Amato, who started with the Police Department as an emergency dispatcher, had been "a decent employee that I thought was committed to

Niles. He did a nice job. I don't know what changed."

The police chief added that the charges against Amato are not reflective of corruption within the department as a whole.

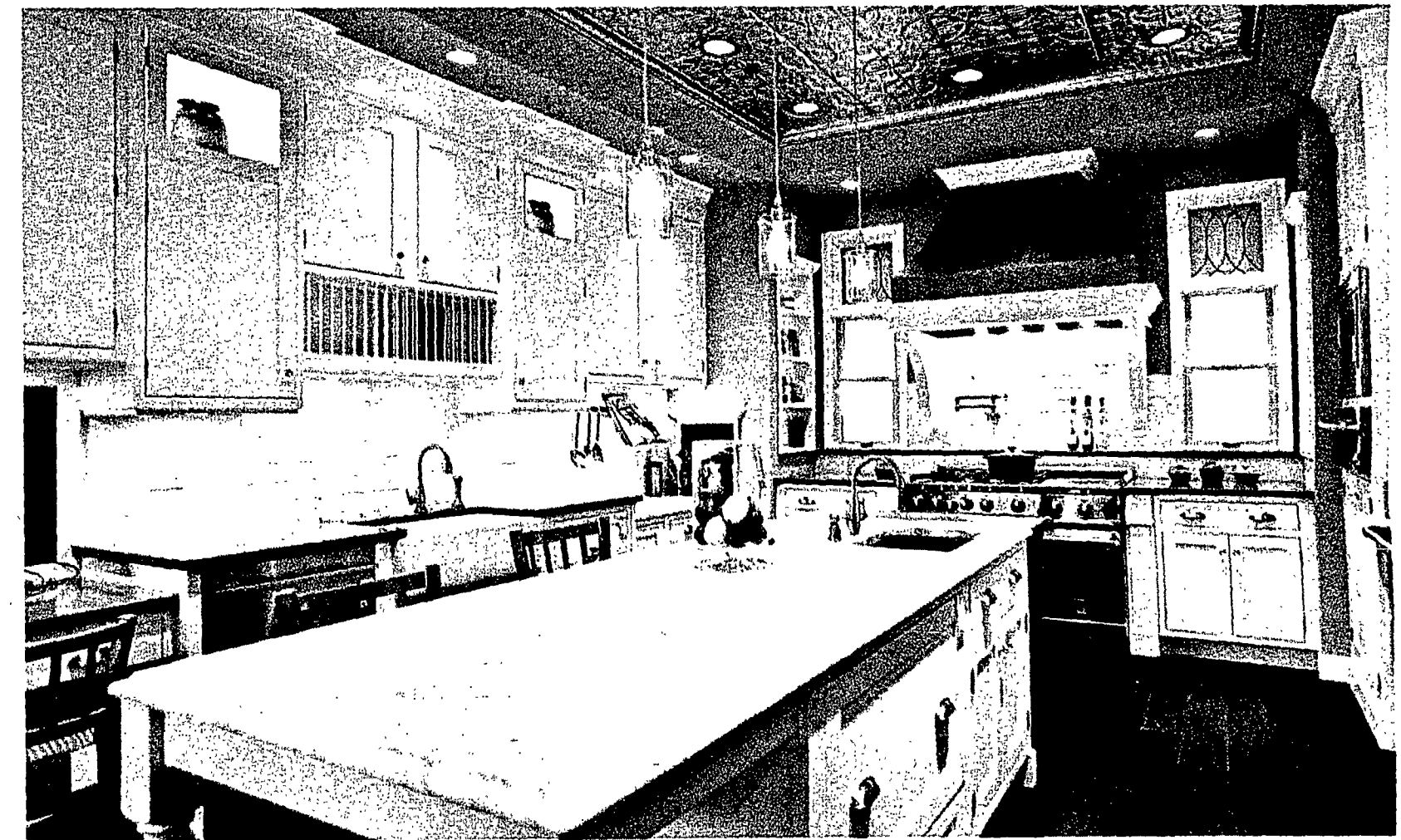
"In no way does this ac-

tivity depict the integrity of this Police Department," Strzelecki said. "There are people here with the utmost integrity. In no way do I want this to reflect the attitude or the atmosphere of the Police Department."

He added: "If there's any impropriety on anybody's part they are going to pay

the price. You are going to be responsible for your behavior."

Following Amato's robbery report the village hired an armored-car service to make bank deposits. Van Geem said that while this is a "nice village service to have," it could potentially be changed "if money gets tight."



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This cruise attempt led to some bruised feelings



BY STEPHANIE ZIMMERMANN
The Fixer

Dear Fixer: We booked a cruise on Royal Caribbean that was to depart on March 25, 2010. I was traveling with my two children and my cousin and her two children. We had arrived at O'Hare Airport that morning at 4:30 a.m., flown to D.C. and Philadelphia and arrived back in Chicago at 9 p.m. We did not make it to the cruise, which ruined our children's spring break and also made for one of the worst days of our lives. We came home depressed, exhausted, angry and frustrated. As one worker told the kids, that is "disappointment, and they might as well get used to it."

I complained to US Airways and they sent me to United Airlines, because the tickets were on United's ticket stock. United said they would issue a refund. They even sent me an e-mail saying they had issued a refund, but they put it on a credit card number that is not mine! I don't know where they got this account.

I have e-mailed them several times, telling them to contact me for my correct account number, but they do not respond. Can you help?

In Philadelphia, we had a couple hours to kill. To our shock, 20 minutes before departure, we were told our seats had been given away and it was our fault for not checking in. The ticket

agent who issued the tickets never told us to check in — actually she told us we were ready to go. Also, the ticket agent had told us the gate was C17 when it was actually C20.

We had to wait for the next flight, two hours later. We boarded that one and then sat on a runway for over two hours.

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Dear Melissa: The Fixer suspects that missing a hundred connecting flights would be preferable to telling an excited 3-year-old,

6-year-old and two 9-year-olds that their dream cruise for spring break was ending before it began. Nice work, US Airways.

We had high hopes for this to be fixed, since you'd already spent a year complaining and had managed to get a promise of reimbursement. From there, however, the story got weirder.

For starters, the amount of the promised refund was \$654.66 per ticket, which was more than what you had paid for the tickets. And there was no indication of whether only your party was being reimbursed or whether your cousin and her kids were, too.

Then, while The Fixer was attempting to straighten this out, you got another notification saying your refund would be a measly \$43.53 per ticket, which was far too low.

The folks at United finally solved the mystery. United spokesman Mike Trevino said the first refund was calculated too high and didn't include your cousin's money, so they recalculated it with the correct amount and made it for six people. The final result was \$1,047.30 per family.

Next up was figuring out where the money was sent. Trevino told us it went to Royal Caribbean's account, as they had booked your travel. Armed with that information, The Fixer went to Royal Caribbean and asked them to go through their accounts. It took a few more weeks, but they finally sent the refunds back to you and your cousin.

United wanted to make amends for your

long wait in getting this resolved, so they're issuing six electronic vouchers that your families can use for future travel.

Disposing of outdated drugs, take 1

Dear Fixer: Your column about disposing of medications made me wonder: Where did the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration dispose of the 376,000-plus pounds of drugs they collected at their last event?

Janet Sullivan

Dear Janet: Good question. A DEA spokeswoman told The Fixer that once collected, the drugs are taken to a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency-certified incineration plant and destroyed. The DEA is planning its next nationwide collection on Oct. 29. It's still in the planning stages, but if you go to dea.gov and click on "Got Drugs?" at the beginning of October, you'll be able to enter your ZIP code and find drop-off sites in your community.

Disposing of outdated drugs, take 2

Dear Fixer: I return unused prescription meds to the doctors who prescribed them. They have biohazard waste dispensers and have always been happy to accept them.

Janet Fendrych

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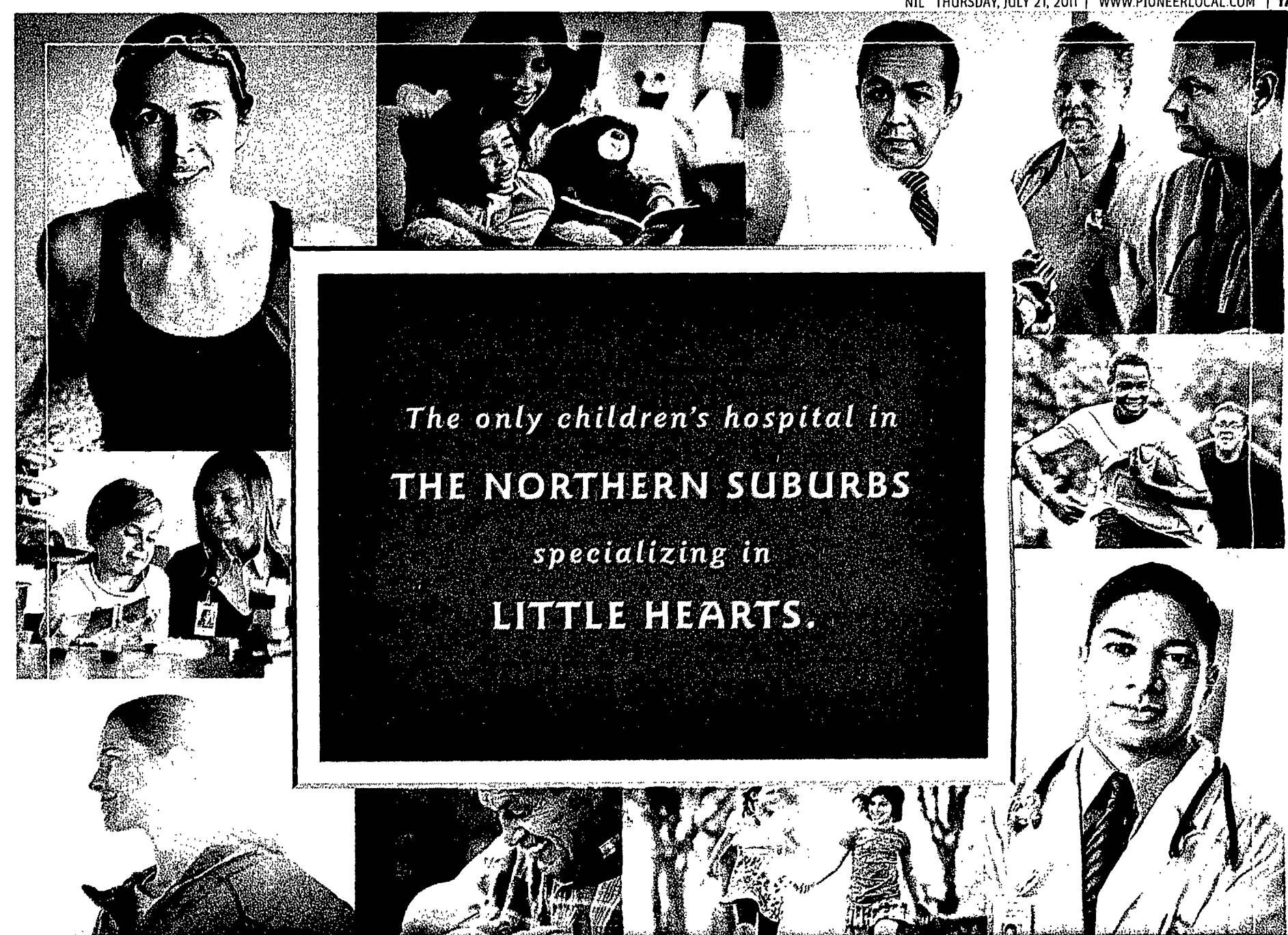
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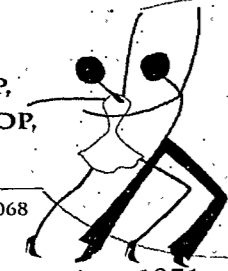
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Droopy pants law aims at portly men, too



BY PAUL SASSONE
Columnist

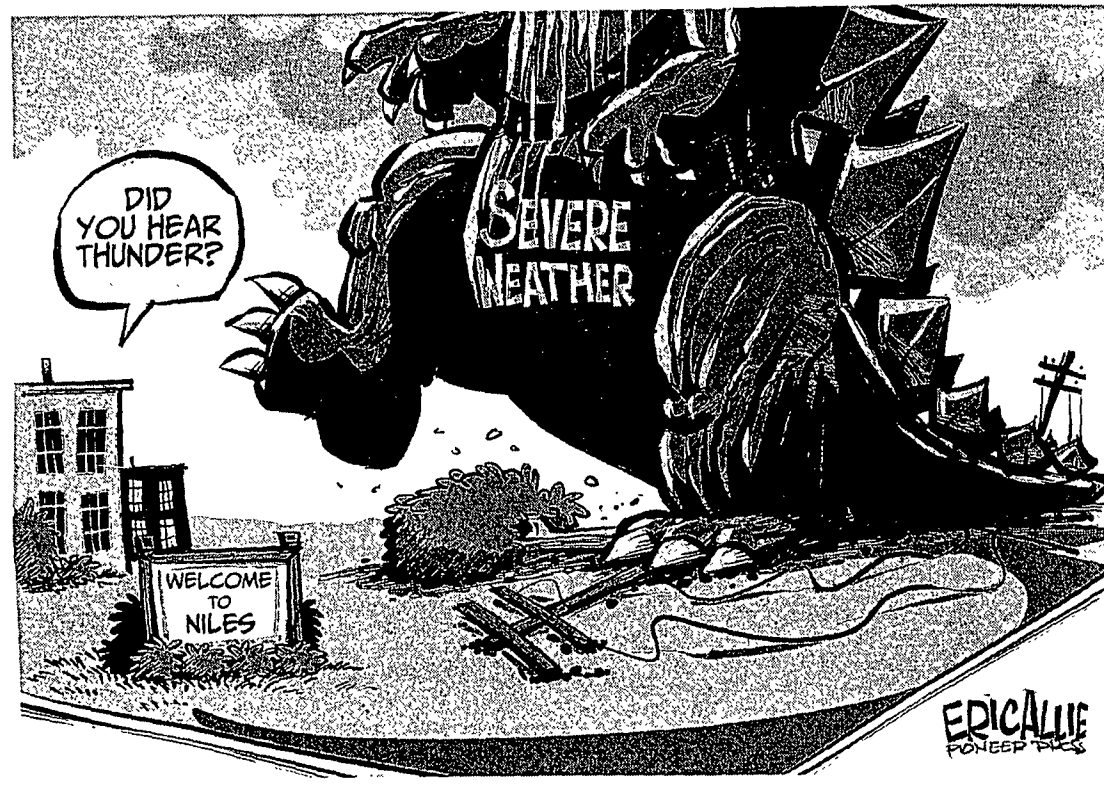
Well, that settles that. I can never visit Collinsville, Ill. Which is a shame because Collinsville has the world's largest ketchup bottle — a 170-foot-tall water tower in the shape of a ketchup bottle. The town also is the "Horse-radish Capital of the World," producing, the town claims, 85 percent of the world's horseradish, horseradish so fine that even such

among middle-aged and elderly men than among young people. Science is the reason. As men age two things happen: they gain weight; and they gain that weight right in the middle of their bodies. However, these aging men — whom we will henceforth call Portly Gentlemen — still believe they have the waistline of their early years. They do not realize that nature abhors a round stomach. And unless steps are taken, pants will slowly slide down that stomach to create droopy drawers, at best, and completely dropped pants, at worst.

'I'd be willing to bet that there are more droopy drawers among middle-aged and elderly men than among young people.'

horseradish-mad countries such as Germany and China import it. But, alas, I am forever banned from visiting these wonders. Because Collinsville — 12 miles from St. Louis, population approximately 26,000 — has just passed a law that I cannot guarantee I wouldn't violate. Just last week Collinsville's city council approved a law banning baggy pants. Specifically, the law requires that pants be "secured at the waist to prevent the pants from falling more than three inches below the hips" and "causing exposure to the person or the person's undergarments." The law applies only to pants worn on public property. The fine is \$100 and community service for the first offense; \$300 and community service for succeeding violations. Obviously, the law is aimed at a current fashion among some young people. But what Collinsville officials have not taken into account is that baggy, drooping pants are not the sole property of youth. In fact, I'd be willing to bet that there are more droopy drawers

1000 WORDS



The audacity of hoaxes: Internet chicanery exposed



BY CHERYL O'DONOVAN
Van Mom Strikes Again

The Internet has led to many bizarre hoaxes. Oh, and the chain e-mails, such as the assistant who writes on behalf of an imprisoned Moldavian royal who requires \$2 million in gold bullion — and could you please donate to secure his release? Or the story I saw about a one-armed chimp landing a Boeing on an atoll near Hawaii. When I saw the doctored photo of a "Planet of the Apes" guy in the cockpit and the journalist's byline of "Harry Gerrella," I became suspicious. Last year I kept getting pop-up ads showing a muffin top. The cellulite was animated and jiggled. With a magic swipe the fat disappeared, replaced with a perfectly flat Victoria's Secret belly. Cured instantly with this magic trick. All you had

to do was fork over money. The latest ad shows a woman's face sliced in half. One side is a shriveled prune, the other side, a Mousketeer. "You too can look decades younger ... even back to the embryo stage." A friend told me about Snopes.com, a website that researches hoaxes and confirms them as true or false. Snopes bills itself as the "Internet source for urban legends, folklore, myths, rumors, and misinformation."

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The Polish National Alliance invites Sox Fans to join them along with the Polish Roman Catholic Union, Polish Falcons and the Polish Women's Alliance for their annual Polish-American Night at U.S. Cellular Field (Sox Park) on July 26, starting at 7:10 p.m.; the Chicago White Sox will play the Detroit Tigers. Price of tickets for lower box seats is \$23.50. Tickets can be purchased from the Polish National Alliance (1-800-621-3723, Ext. 316); Polish Roman Catholic Union (1-800-772-8632, Ext. 2601); Polish Falcons of America (1-574-289-2140); or the Polish Women's Alliance (1-888-522-1898, Ext. 208). Tickets must also be picked up during regular business hours; call ahead before purchasing tickets. A flyer with complete details may be found on the PNA's website, www.pna-znp.org. Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center, 9603 Woods Drive, Skokie, (847) 967-4800, www.ilholocaust-museum.org. A special exhibition, "Spots of Light: To Be a Woman in the Holocaust," the first international exhibition to focus exclusively on women and their experiences in the Holocaust is featured from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. through Sept. 6. This large scale video-art based exhibition conveys the strength, initiative, and courage of these remarkable women. Free with museum admission. Aug. 14, 1:30-3 p.m.: Orlando Sentinel columnist Greg Dawson shares the remarkable story of his mother's survival from certain death in Ukraine during the Holocaust, *Hiding in the Spotlight, A Musical Prodigy's Story of Survival 1941-1946*. The presentation includes a short film by Candy Dawson depicting the family's visit to Ukraine. A book-signing follows. Free with Museum admission. Reservations recommended. Aug. 21, 1:30-4 p.m.: Film: "Playing For Time," based on the memoirs of Jewish singer-pianist, Fania Felon, the film shows how female prisoners who were members of the women's orchestra of Auschwitz performed to stay alive. Free with Museum admission; reservations recommended. The Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County recently established a Battery Recycling Program for rechargeable and alkaline

batteries, partnered with Interstate Batteries in Skokie to provide recycling at no cost to SWANCC communities. Common household batteries are no longer accepted at Illinois EPA-sponsored household chemical waste events and facilities due to their benign nature and high recycling costs. Batteries accepted in SWANCC's program: Alkaline: AA, AAA, C, D and 9V; rechargeable: NiCd, NiMH, lithium ion, lithium polymer. Before dropping off rechargeable batteries, residents need to tape the contact points on each battery or place in an individual self-locking plastic baggie to avoid sparks. Local drop-off sites include: Niles Public Services Department, 6849 Touhy Ave., (847) 588-7900, 7 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Mondays through Fridays; Park Ridge Public Works, 400 Busse Highway, (847) 318-5240, 7 a.m.-4 p.m., Mondays through Fridays. Additional drop-off sites are posted at swancc.org/recycling/batteryrecycling.html. The Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County has established a location for residents to drop off electronics on a weekly basis at no cost at the Glenview Transfer Station, 1151 N. River Road, 9-11:30 a.m. Saturdays. Under the new Electronics Products Recycling and Reuse Act (SB2313), only the following items will be accepted: Computers — PCs and laptops, scanners, computer monitors, mobile phones, peripherals — mice, keyboards, zip drives, MP3 players, televisions, PDAs — printers, VHS players, fax machines, DVD players, video game consoles, and DVR/cable boxes. Electronics from businesses, institutions or schools will not be accepted. Visit swancc.org. Any women interested in joining the Rainbow Hospice and Palliative Care Threshold Singers can contact Kathy Huber at (847) 685-9900. Practices are held on two Thursdays each month starting at 6:45 p.m. in Park Ridge. Threshold Singers are trained to sing in groups of two and three at the bedside of those who are sick and dying. The songs are generally traditional or simple rounds, chants, lullabies and hymns that can be chosen to

respond to musical taste and spiritual direction. Singers go through patient care volunteer training, but there are no auditions; only requirements are a love of music and a desire to serve others. Avenues Thrift Shoppe offers great prices and specials 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 located at 7710 W. Touhy Ave. in Chicago, and the "boutique" shop at 7700 Touhy Ave. 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; broken or obsolete electronics cannot be accepted. Purchases help adults with developmental disabilities. Avenues to Independence is a nonprofit organization based at 515 Busse Highway in Park Ridge that offers a variety of programs to enhance an individual's work, social, and daily living skills. For information on donations or to volunteer, contact Michael Frustini, (773) 631-6230. **Fundraisers** Wright Way Rescue will hold its Bark n' Bowl fundraising event from 3-5 p.m. July 31 at Brunswick Zone, 7333 N. Milwaukee Ave., Niles. A \$25 donation will provide two hours of bowling (up to six people per lane), pizza and soda to benefit the shelter. Like New Auto Spa, Inc., 1050 Busse Highway, Park Ridge, has introduced a special fund-raising program that benefits Advocate Lutheran General Hospital/ Advocate Lutheran General Children's Hospital. Anyone who visits Like New to have their car washed or detailed, or buys a gift card from the company and also asks for the Lutheran General discount will receive a price cut for the service, with a portion of the proceeds going specifically to benefit the Older Adult Services program of the hospital. Call AiMee Madden, Lutheran General Development Office, (847) 723-8518;

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A quartet of activities for the coming week

1. The Park Ridge Fine Arts Symphony presents "Beethoven, Brahms and Bernstein" at 8 p.m. July 22 at Hodges Park on South Prospect Avenue, Park Ridge. Call (847) 604-0026 or visit www.parkridge.info.

2. Illinois Playwright Festival, featuring one-act plays that are directed, written and performed by community college students, will be presented at 8 p.m. July 26-28 at Oakton Community College's Studio One, 1600 E. Golf Road, Des Plaines. The selection of 10-minute plays includes "You Don't Know My Mother," "Not Enough," "Wrinkles of Shock," "Trust Me," "The Other Side" and "Dear You." Tickets are \$10 for general admission; \$5 for students and seniors. For tickets, call (847) 635-1900.

3. North Shore Festival of Art Old Orchard, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. July 23-24 at Westfield Old Orchard, 4999 Old Orchard Center, Skokie. More than 140 juried artists from across the country will offer ceramics, jewelry, sculpture, paintings, drawings and more. There will also be live music, food and children's activities. Admission is free. For information, call (847) 926-4300 or visit www.amdurproductions.com.

4. Ravinia Festival, Lake-Cook and Green Bay roads, Highland Park, will host its Gala Benefit Evening, celebrating the 75th anniversary of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra's annual summer residency at Ravinia, as well as legendary American composer George Gershwin, at 7 p.m. July 23. The repertoire is based on the all-Gershwin program that the composer himself performed at his 1936 appearance at Ravinia Festival. Concert tickets are \$70-\$100, \$15 for lawn seating; call (847) 266-5100 or visit www.ravinia.org. Benefit tickets are \$750; contact gala@ravinia.org.

Sharing songs is tops for Ronny Cox

BY MYRNA PETLICKI
Contributor

Ronny Cox loves to sing in intimate venues where he can truly connect with his audience. That's why he's looking forward to two upcoming area performances — at the Skokie Theatre on Thursday, July 28, and at the Two Way Street Coffee House in Downers Grove on Friday, July 29.

"I'll go play music at the drop of a hat," the California resident admitted. "What's fun for me about this kind of music is that it's a shared evening. I ask them to leave the house lights up when I play. I want the audience to be as close to me as possible. I want to be able to see the people."

Making music is a priority for Cox, who certainly has other options. He has performed in over 125 films and television shows. The charming guy has surprisingly played a number of villains in such movies as "Total Recall" and "Robocop."

Cox underplays his many performing accomplishments. "That's a manifestation of being old," he laughingly declared.

Style variety

Talk about Cox's diverse musical styles and he responds, "I can't settle on anything. If I like a song, I'm going to do it. I like to do standards, I like to do jazz, I like to do blues."

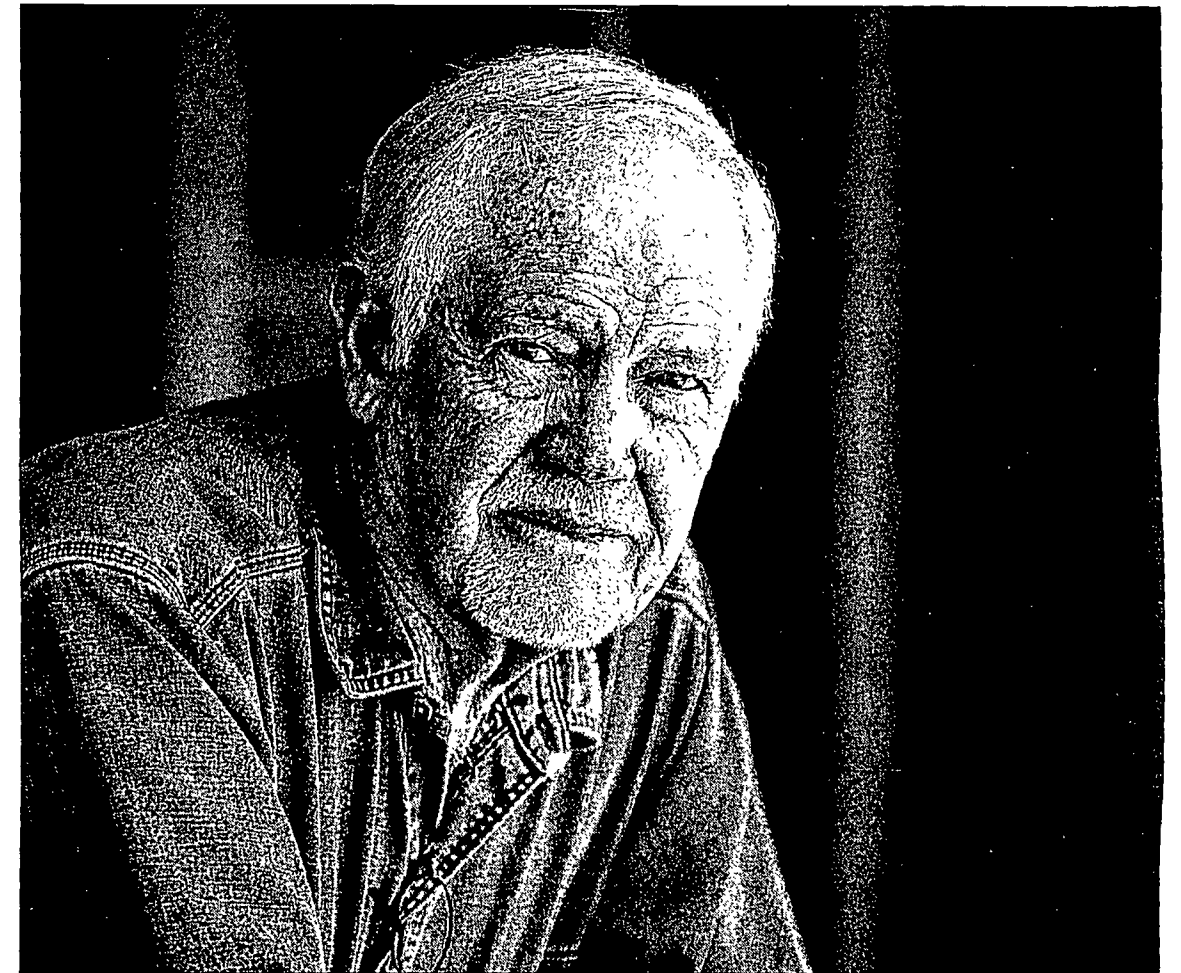
In recent years, Cox has devoted nearly all his time to the musical side of his career. "I still act," he said. "But they have to beg me pretty hard and pay me lots of money. With acting, you can't step through the camera. Even if you're onstage, you can't step out of that character."

Performing music for a live audience is an entirely different experience for Cox, who considers himself a storyteller. "There's a possibility of a profound one-on-one sharing that can take place," he said. "That's an opiate that is very compelling."

Cox gets his "fix" even before he begins singing. "The show starts for me as soon as the door opens," he said. "I like to visit with the audience before the show so that when the show starts it's just an extension of us getting to know each other."

Although he is a songwriter with more than enough credits to fill a show, Cox said, "That doesn't appeal to me. If I know a wonderful songwriter that you've never heard of, it's sort of my job to say, 'You need to be exposed to this music.' I don't do 'covers' per se, but I do do other people's songs.

"And being a storyteller," he



Ronny Cox will perform a variety of songs at the Skokie Theatre on July 28.

continued, "if I can find a song from somebody else and somehow get a story involved in that and make it my own, that makes it twice as satisfying for me."

The music is interwoven with tales. "I like the evening to feel like it has a bit of an arc," he explained, "so it feels almost like you've been on a journey."

'Improving' the facts

Cox's stories aren't necessarily factual reports on his life. "I used to call my shows, 'Songs, Stories and Out-and-Out Lies,'" he said, breaking into a laugh. "But I found out a long time ago that really true stories oftentimes don't end satisfactorily. If you can't improve on a story, why tell (it) anyway?"

Cox will be accompanied by guitarist David Ferguson and keyboard player/accordionist Radoslaw Lorkovic.

Cox's music has been therapeutic for him since he lost his wife 4 1/2 years ago. "Mary was the love of my



Ronny Cox appeared with Carol Burnett in a 2006 episode of "Desperate Housewives," one of his many acting outings on TV and in movies.

life," he said. They knew each other from the time she was 11 and he was 14. "I've never had another date or another girlfriend," he said. "I've had a wonderful career. Both my sons are grown. They're doing really well. There's my grandchildren. The thing that gives me the absolute most plea-

RONNY COX

7 p.m., Thursday, July 28
Skokie Theatre, 7924 N. Lincoln Ave., Skokie
\$15 at the door
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8:15 p.m. Friday, July 29
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sure is the music. So that's what I do. "It's allowed me to grieve publicly," he added. "Music connects with us in a way that nothing else can. It goes straight to the heart. And audiences get that."

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FAMILY FRIENDLY



Large-scale entertainment is on tap when GreatWorks Theatre Company presents its original adaptation of Roald Dahl's "BFG" (which, btw, stands for "big friendly giant") Monday in Skokie.

Giant hits the big time in Skokie performance

BY MYRNA PETLICKI
 Contributor

A little orphan girl named Sophie gets a huge surprise when a giant appears in her bedroom in "BFG." GreatWorks Theatre Company presents its original adaptation of Roald Dahl's classic children's book, 4-5 p.m., Monday at Skokie Public Library, 5215 Oakton St.

In the tale, the BFG (Big Friendly Giant) "hides her in his coat and runs over the ocean with her," said GreatWorks' Producing Director Matt O'Brien. "They get to a place with a big purple mountain. He rolls aside a boulder and they go inside. When he turns on the lights, she sees floor-to-ceiling glass jars. She's afraid that he's going to eat her."

Turns out that her captor is actually considered a runt among giants, and his mission is very different from the larger giants in this enchanting tale performed by five actors. Sophie is played by a puppet.

Tickets will be distributed 30 minutes before the show.

For details, call (847) 324-3195 or visit www.skokieliibrary.info.

Escape with Mr. E

Your family will take a whirlwind tour when "Mr. E Presents: Stories and Puppets From Around the World," 7-8 p.m. July 28 at Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave. The teacher and performer will relate tales from China, France, Italy and other

countries, combined with magic and audience participation.

For details, call (847) 965-4220 or visit www.webrary.org.

What do you know, it's Daddy O!

The rock 'n' roll band Daddy O's will be playing music from the '50s and '60s during a Concert in the Park and Car Show, 6:30-8:30 p.m. July 28 at Harrer Park, 6250 W. Dempster St., Morton Grove. While you're there, check out the classic cars with your kids. You can buy dinner in the park from Mr. Gee's BBQ on Demand.

For details, call (847) 965-1200 or visit www.mortongrovecparks.com.

Now you see it ...

Things will be disappearing right and left when John Measner performs sleight-of-hand and illusions, 7 p.m. Wednesday at Oakton Park, 4701 Oakton St., Skokie. The free performance is part of the Skokie Park District's Magical Merry-Go-Round.

For details, call (847) 674-1500 or visit www.skokieparks.org.

Hooter and hairy tales

Spend Friday afternoons watching recent family movies at the Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave. On Friday, you'll see "Legend of the Guardians: The Owls of Ga'hoole." The July 29 selection is "Tangled!" Screenings start at 2 p.m.

For details, call (847) 825-3123 or visit www.parkridgelibrary.org.

MOVIE REVIEW

Not a 'Fan' of film



Gianna Jun, right, meets with Hugh Jackman, who plays her nightclub-owner boyfriend Arthur in "Snow Flower and the Secret Fan." Jun has the dual roles of 19th-century Snow Flower and modern-day Sophia in the film, directed by Wayne Wang.

BY BRUCE INGRAM
 Film Critic

SNOW FLOWER AND THE SECRET FAN

★ ★

There was a fine film to be made out of the dramatic elements of *Snow Flower and the Secret Fan*.

You might even argue that there's at least half of a worthwhile film somewhere in the convoluted time-twisting melodrama director Wayne Wang ("The Joy Luck Club") has made of Lisa See's international best seller about the sworn sisterhood between two oppressed women in early 19th-century China. Though it's barely discernible in the confusion.

See's novel is the story of a little-known formal relationship between Chinese women called laotong, literally translated as "old same" — a bond that was meant to provide an unchanging source of affection and support regardless of life's vicissitudes. Laotong was, and apparently still is, a contractual relationship, essentially a sworn oath to remain steadfast best-friends-forever, no matter what. It also involved a secret language laotong sisters could use to write down their innermost feelings when they were separated — hence the "Secret Fan" of the title. Her characters Snow

Flower and Lily, when they were children, had their feet bound on the same day in 1829. Later, they were paired by a matchmaker in a way that was designed to benefit both their families in some manner that the film fails to make clear.

What "Snow Flower and the Secret Fan" does make clear, though, is that the relationship between Snow Flower and Lily (effectively played by Gianna Jun and Bingbing Li) was a godsend in a life that required them to be silent, dutiful and obedient to their husbands and families — an intimate friendship in a life defined by onerous duty and hardship. With additional misery supplied by unhappy marriages, plague and war.

What there is to admire about "Snow Flower and the Secret Fan" (including understated yet evocative moments such as a shot of the two young girls framed in a doorway catching snowflakes while teetering on their crippled feet), arises directly from See's straightforward historical drama. Unfortunately, Wang has opted to complicate the narrative by inventing the entirely inferior story of Sophia and Nina (also played by Jun and Li), two modern-day young women in Shanghai who also take a laotong oath of sisterhood. Worse, he places the emphasis of his adaptation on the modern-day story and

relegates See's story to the background.

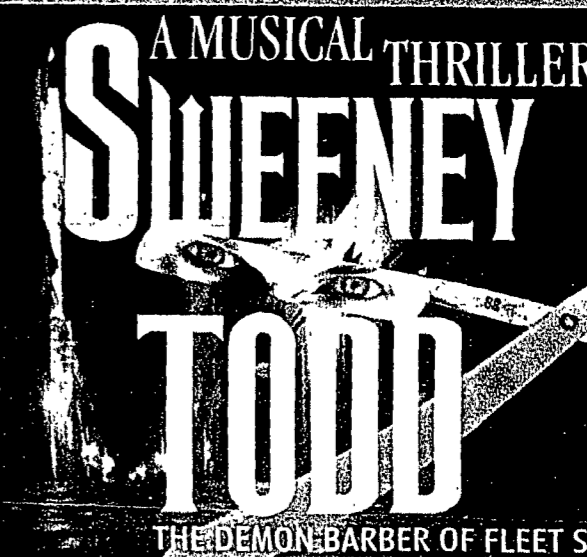
That means the film is frequently required to shift back and forth in time as elements in the modern story parallel developments in the story of Snow Flower and Lily, notably the strain placed on both relationships when one sworn sister tries too hard to improve the life of the other. Unfortunately, instead of adding resonance to the original story, the tale of Sophia (a descendant of Snow Flower writing a novel based on her relationship with Lily) and Nina quickly devolves into thin, contrived and baffling soap opera. We learn early on that successful businesswoman Nina has decided to pass up a golden career opportunity in New York to care for self-destructive Sophia, who is in a coma after a car crash — despite their recent estrangement. But it takes a long, long, tedious time, to work out what went wrong in their relationship and by the time you figure it out, you're likely to be past caring. Even though the mystery involves a brief, bizarre appearance by Hugh Jackman as Sophia's somewhat sleazy, nightclub-owning boyfriend, who croons a ballad to her in Australian-accented Chinese.

It's hard to say, actually, who suffers more: Snow Flower, from her abusive husband, or Sophia from that little number.



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SUMMER CONCERTS

Des Plaines Summer Fling, 5-11 p.m. July 22 and noon-11 p.m. July 23-24, downtown Des Plaines along Ellinwood Street. Visit www.desplaines.org or call (847) 291-5300. July 22, 9 p.m.: Led Zeppelin 2 (tribute band). July 23, 9:30 p.m.: 10,000 Maniacs. July 24, 7:45 p.m.: 7th Heaven.

Des Plaines Park District Community Concert Band performs at 7 p.m. July 21 and 3 p.m. Aug. 7 at the Lake Park Memorial Pavilion, Lee Street between Howard and Touhy.

Proesel Park Shelter, Kostner and Morse, Lincolnwood, 7-8:30 p.m. on select Wednesdays. Call (847) 677-9740 or visit www.lincolnwoodil.org. Aug. 3: Madrhum Somando (tropical/Latin). Aug. 17: Wind Gypsies (eclectic mix from Rolling Stones to polka).

Tunes On Tuesday at 7 p.m. at Harrer Park Pavilion, 6250 Dempster St., Morton Grove. Visit www.mortongrovetparks.com/specialconcerts. Aug. 2: Pamela Rose and Windy City Country (country).

Mount Prospect Park District Summer Concerts at 7:30 p.m. Thursdays at the Mount Prospect Veterans Memorial Band Shell, 411 S. Maple St. Visit www.mppd.org. July 21: Smokin' Guns (country). July 28: 7th Heaven (rock).

The Mount Prospect Community Band gives a series of free concerts at 7:30 p.m. Mondays at the Veterans Memorial Band Shell, 411 S. Maple St. July 25: "Do It Yourself" Sousa.

Free family concerts from the Niles Park District, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Fridays at Oak Park, Lee and Ottawa streets. Visit www.niles-park.org. July 22: Vehicle Adventure featuring the music of Soda (all-ag-

es rock). July 29: Down Home Family Fun featuring the The Stingrays playing country music of the '50s-'70s. Aug. 5: Party In The Park featuring the music of the White Saddle Band (country). Aug. 12: The Juke Box Band. Aug. 19: BBI presents an all-ages, '70s-'80s show with audience participation.

Norridge Park District hosts concerts at 7 p.m. on select Thursdays at 4631 N. Overhill. Call (708) 457-1244. Aug. 11, 6 p.m.: Hawaiian Night with the Barefoot Hawaiians.

The Park Ridge Fine Arts Symphony performs at 8 p.m. Fridays at Hodges Park on South Prospect Avenue, under the direction of Barbara Schubert. Call (847) 604-0026 or visit www.parkridge.info. July 22: Beethoven, Brahms and Bernstein. July 29: Broadway Special. Aug. 5: Big Band Hits with the Brian Patti Big Band.

Sunday Sundown Concerts at 7 p.m. at Devonshire Park, 4400 Greenwood, Skokie. Call (847) 674-1500 or visit www.skokieparkdistrict.org. July 24: The Saturday June Band ('70s music). July 31: Pamela Rose and Windy City Country. Aug. 7: The Associates (R&B). Aug. 14: Assembly Required (jazz).

Skokie's Backyard Bash features main stage entertainment Aug. 26-28 along Oakton Street between Lincoln and Laramie. For information, call (847) 674-1500 or visit www.BacklotBash.com. Aug. 26, 8 p.m.: Tributosauraus becomes The Who. Aug. 27: 4:30 p.m. The Statues Of Liberty; 8:30 p.m. Fastball. Aug. 28: 2 p.m. The Congregation; 4 p.m. The Matthew Skoller Band; 6 p.m. Lil' Ed And the Blues Imperials.

STAGE

"From The Mississippi Delta" will be presented by Fleetwood-Jourdain Theatre at 7 p.m. July 23 and 3 p.m. July 24 at the Noyes Cultural Arts Center, 927 Noyes St., Evanston. \$10. Call (847) 448-8254 or visit www.cityofevanston.org/fjttheatre. "Godspell" will be presented by Independent Stars Playhouse Aug. 12-21 at Martin Luther Church, 6850 W. Addison, Chicago. Performances are at 7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays; 2 p.m. Sundays. Visit www.indistars.org or call (708) 997-1714.

Illinois Playwright Festival, featuring one-act plays that are directed, written and performed by community college students, will be presented at 8 p.m. July 26-28 at Oakton Community College's Studio One, 1600 E. Golf Road, Des Plaines. The selection of 10-minute plays includes "You Don't Know My Mother," "Not Enough," "Wrinkles of Shock," "Trust Me," "The Other Side" and "Dear You." Tickets: \$10 for general admission; \$5 for students and seniors. For tickets, call (847) 635-1900.

"Uncle Andy," a family musical, will be performed at 6:30 p.m. July 30 and Aug. 6, and 2 p.m. July 31 and Aug. 7 in the lecture hall auditorium at North Park University, 3200 W. Foster Ave., Chicago. Tickets are \$12, \$6 for children, and will be available at the door.

CLASSICAL

The Lira Singers will present "A Concert of Polish and American Marian Hymns" at 3 p.m. Aug. 14 at St. Issac Jogues Church, 8149 W. Golf Road, Niles. The program includes hymns dating back to the 13th century and a few contemporary works commissioned by the Lira Ensemble. The singers will appear in authentic Polish folk garb. \$20; \$10 for children under age 16. Call (773) 508-7040.

Skokie Theatre, 7924 Lincoln Ave., Skokie. Call (847) 677-7761 or visit www.skokietheatre.com. July 17, 7:30 p.m.: North Shore Opera Hour presents "Viva La Zarzuela!" \$20 in advance; \$25 at the door.

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. Aug. 6, 7 p.m.: American Idol Live! \$45-\$65. Aug. 21, 7:30 p.m.: Katy Perry. \$35, \$45. Oct. 14, 7:30 p.m.: Keith Urban and Jake Owen. \$25, \$59.50.

Chambers, 6881 N. Milwaukee Ave., Niles. (847) 647-8282. www.thechamberonline.com. Music is from 5-9 p.m. Sundays; 7:30-11:30 p.m. Thursdays; and 9 p.m.-1 a.m. Friday-Saturday. July 21 and 28: Live jazz by John Bany, Charles Braugham and Don Stille. July 22: Vinyl Jacket (oldies), \$5 cover. July 23: Rick Lindy & the Wild Ones (rock), \$5 cover. July 24: Judy Roberts and Greg Fishman, no cover. July 29: Ronnie Ross Show, no cover. July 30: The Renditions ('50s-'70s dance), \$5 cover.

Ethical Humanist Society Second Saturday Coffeehouse, 7574 N. Lincoln Ave. (at Howard), Skokie. (847) 677-3334. www.ethicalhumanist.org/coffeehouse. Aug. 13, 8 p.m.: Belle Plaine, a folk-Americana quartet including Sharon Appelquist, Lisa Crowe, Dennis Harpole and James Sanabria, following open mic (any genre, acoustic only). \$5 includes refreshments.

InterContinental Chicago O'Hare Hotel, 5300 N. River Road, Rosemont. (847) 544-5300. Friday Nights Live, featuring music from 8:30 p.m.-midnight in the Montrose Room. Ticket prices for shows vary. For information, visit www.montroseroom.com. July 22: Callaloo. July 29: Robert Hynes Band. Aug. 5: Animal Audio and Hagers Bend. Aug. 12: Joan Gand and Women in the Blues.

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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. July 22, 8 p.m.: Directions Jazz Orchestra presents "Groovin' Hard: A Tribute to Buddy Rich!" July 24, 2 p.m.: Music Highlights of Louis Armstrong, Duke Ellington and Count Basie. July 24, 7 p.m.: "You're the Top! An Evening of Cole Porter and More," featuring Janet Redstone with the Bobby Schiff Quartet. July 27, 1:30 p.m.: Jack Miuccio's "By Request." July 28, 7 p.m.: Ronny Cox. \$15. July 29, 8 p.m.: "Piano Man," a tribute to the music of Elton John and Bill Joel presented by Mike Sigman. July 30, 8 p.m.: "Piano Man," with Mike Sigman performing the music of Elton John and Billy Joel. July 31, 2 p.m.: "A Piano Tapestry" with Allan Kaye. Aug. 6, 8 p.m.: "Buddy and Beyond," featuring the music of Buddy Holly, Elvis Presley, Ricky Nelson, Jerry Lee Lewis and others. Aug. 7, 7 p.m.: "Happy Talk: A Tribute to Nancy Wilson and Cannonball Adderley." Aug. 13, 8 p.m.: Marianne Murphy Orland presents "Pet Project: A Tribute to Petula Clark." Aug. 14, 2 p.m.: Steve Richards presents "Memories and Moments with Elvis." Aug. 14, 7 p.m.: Folk singer Jen Reilly. \$15; \$10 for youth. Aug. 19, 7 p.m.: Young Lions: Directions Jazz Orchestra Arrangers' Showcase.

S.P.A.C.E., 1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston. www.evanstonpace.com. (847) 492-8860. Shows at 8 p.m., unless noted otherwise. July 21: Liquid Soul (jazz/funk). \$12/\$15. July 22: Paul Sanchez & Rolling Road Show, \$12/\$15. July 23: Pure Prairie League (country/rock). \$30/\$35. July 26: Natalia Zukerman and Adrienne (folk). \$12/\$15. July 27: Los Straitjackets (rock). \$18/\$22. July 28: 93XRT welcomes Shawn Mullins. \$24/\$28. July 29: Chris Smither (folk/guitar). \$22/\$25. July 30: JC Brooks & The Uptown Sound (R&B/soul). July 31: Daniela Cotton (blues/soul), \$12/\$15.

ART GALLERIES

DoubleTree by Hilton, 9599 Skokie Blvd., Skokie. Through August: Simply Chicago Art will sponsor "Alternate Reality," works by local artist Adam Thomas. For information, visit www.SimplyChicagoArt.com. Mather's, 7134 W. Higgins Ave., Chicago. (773) 774-4804. www.mathersmorethanacafe.com. Through Aug. 2: Works by Joe Fitzharris. 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; June through August, hours are 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday-Thursday. Through Aug. 18: "Ariant Family Collection: Self-Taught Artists of the 20th Century," featuring sculpture, drawing, painting, textiles, metalwork and ceramics.

AUDITIONS & OPPORTUNITIES

Take Two Children's Theatre will hold auditions for "Annie Jr.," open to children ages 5-15, from 1-3 p.m. Aug. 27 at North Shore Dance & Drama, 8401 Crawford Ave., Skokie. Come prepared to act, sing and dance. Bring dance shoes and a headshot or picture. For more information, call (847) 674-2216 or visit www.northshoredanceand-drama.com. Crafters are sought for the Christmas in Park Ridge Boutique, sponsored by The Center of Concern, to be held Nov. 12-13 at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, Park Ridge. Space rental is \$20-\$80, plus 10% of sales. Call (847) 823-0920 (evenings). Application deadline is Nov. 4.

BOOKS & POETRY

Barnes & Noble, 55 Old Orchard Center, Skokie. (847) 676-2230. July 22, 7:30 p.m.: Ginny Clarke discusses and signs Career Mapping: Charting Your Course in the New World of Work. Aug. 9, 7:30 p.m.: Sam L. Amirante and Danny Broderick will discuss and sign John Wayne Gacy: Defending a Monster. Aug. 26, 7:30 p.m.: Tom McBride and Ron Nief will discuss and sign Mindset Lists of American History: From Typewriters to Text Messages, What Ten Generations of Americans Think Is Normal.

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Afterward, black-tie patrons will dine in the Grand Marquee tent. Picnickers will be allowed to stay in the park after the performance. Tickets are \$750 for gala/dinner at gala@ravinia.org. Concert tickets are \$70-\$100 pavilion; \$15 lawn. See ravinia.org or call (847) 266-5100.

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Line dancing for all ages is held from 7-10 p.m. every Tuesday at the White Eagle Banquet Hall, 6839 N. Milwaukee Ave., Niles. Beginner lessons are at 7:30 p.m. and new dance or review at 8 p.m. Admission: \$7; \$5 for ages 17 and under. For information, call (847) 965-6353 or e-mail at somedaydd@att.net.

North Shore Dance & Drama Center, 8401 Crawford Ave., Skokie. (847) 674-2216. www.northshoredancecenter.com. July 24, 4:15-5:30 p.m.: Chicagoland Iso Master Class, a mix of pop, rock and hip-hop dance. \$30.

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 more information, call (773) 775-9427 or (708) 442-8646. July 25: "Hulas & Leis."

FAIRS & FESTIVALS

North Shore Festival of Art Old Orchard, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. July 23-24 at Westfield Old Orchard, 4999 Old Orchard Center, Skokie. More than 140 juried artists from across the country will offer ceramics, jewelry, sculpture, paintings, drawings and more. There will also be live music, food and children's activities. Admission is free. For more information, call (847) 926-4300 or visit www.amdurproductions.com.

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p.m.; The Dreamtree Shakers from the Old Town School of Folk Music Wiggleworms program, 5-6 p.m.; Mount Prospect Battle of the Bands winner The Break, from 6:14-6:45 p.m.; Rod Tufcurls & the Benchpress at 7 p.m.; and Rock Candy at 9 p.m. For information, call (847) 392-6000 or visit www.experiencemountprospect.org.

Lakeshore Arts Festival, 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Aug. 6-7 on the lakefront at Dawes Park, Sheridan Road at Church Street, Evanston. Free admission. For more information, call (847) 448-8260.

An Arts & Crafts Adventure II, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Sept. 17 on the grounds of Hodges Park, Prospect and Vine, downtown Park Ridge. Visit www.americansocietyofartists.org.

FILM Lincolnwood Public Library, 4000 W. Pratt Ave. (847) 677-5277. www.lincolnwoodlibrary.org. Friday Films shown weekly at 1 p.m. — July 22: "Unstoppable." July 29: "Black Swan." Morning Matinees are shown at 10:30 a.m. Thursdays — July 28: "Leaving."

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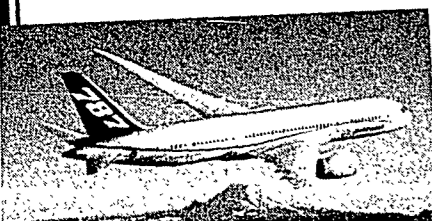
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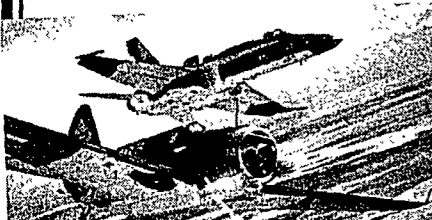
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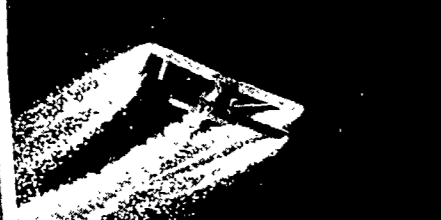
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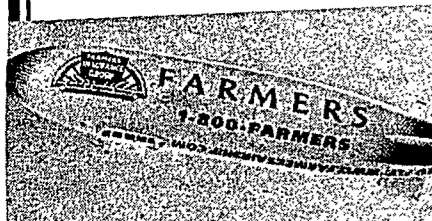
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Ari Gold gets a soul

Jeremy Piven's character has an epiphany in the final season of 'Entourage'

BY CINDY PEARLMAN
Contributor



Jeremy Piven (left, with Rex Lee) as Ari Gold in the final season of "Entourage" on HBO.

It's time to hug it out for the last time. But Hollywood agent Ari Gold might go out with a whimper instead of a screaming fit. "You'll have to find a new word for 'soft' to describe where Ari goes this season. I finally got to show Ari Gold's soul," previews actor Jeremy Piven, 45, who ends his successful eight-season run as Ari beginning Sunday on HBO.

The Evanston Township High School grad says that Ari reaches epiphany status this season.

When we last left him, his wife (Perrey Reeves) had dumped her tantrum-prone other half.

"In the eighth season, I finally get to reveal Ari Gold's humanity," says Piven from his Los Angeles home. "My God, I'm really able and allowed to show other sides of this guy."

"He is brought to his knees by the possible loss of his family. As an actor, you can only dream about playing emotional stuff like this in a final season."

"How often do you even get to play a character who can take all the oxygen in the room for himself? Ari is an equal opportunity offender. He's a maniac. A rage-a-holic. But this last season, we finally open him up and show his layers."

As the final episodes pick up, Vince is just out of rehab for a coke problem and has an idea for a new script.

"Without sounding too hokey, this is a season of change," Piven says. "Some of these guys are men-children. The theme of this season is that at a certain point in life, everybody grows up."

"It feels like the kind of show that would benefit from opening it up on the big screen."

JEREMY PIVEN

Fans are filling up Facebook pages demanding to know why the series has to end. Can't these guys grow up in a slower fashion?

Although he's sad about that fact that the show has wrapped, Piven is ready to put Ari on a shelf — at least for now.

"No matter how great a show is, it has to end. I think 'Sex and the City' went about seven seasons. We did eight, which is an amazing run," Piven says. What about an "Entourage" film?

"It feels like the kind of show that would benefit from opening it up on the big screen," says Piven, who'll be in theaters with "Spy Kids 4" next month. "This show begs to be expansive. The idea of having an 'Entourage' movie that takes place across the globe and is seen around the globe just feels great to me."

Piven grew up in Evanston as the son of the late Byrne Piven, who along with his wife, Joyce Piven, founded the now legendary Piven Theatre Workshop, which produced Hollywood talents like Jeremy and his friends Joan and John Cusack.

"My dad was a rare bird like no other," Piven says in a soft voice. "I do feel his energy around me, and it's a nice feeling."

"In a way, I feel like I've been directed by him my whole life," he says. "As I get older, I feel an even stronger connection to him. When I act out really emotional scenes like this new season of 'Entourage,' I feel especially close to my father, because that's what he loved to watch."

Piven laughs when you mention how he nearly turned down the role that would win him three Emmys. "In the pilot episode of 'Entourage,' Ari Gold has one scene," Piven says. "He

was just this fringe guy. The agent. Some guy named Ari."

His pal Mark Wahlberg, executive producer of "Entourage," had to talk him into taking the job.

"I called him up and said, 'Jeremy, there is no choice. This role will really make you.'" Wahlberg recalls. "And I guess I was completely right."

One wonders if everyone will hug it out in the finale in September.

"Oh, you'll get an homage to the past at the end," Piven says, fretting about giving too much away. "And the line is, 'Let's hug it out, bitch.' Let's just say there was some hugging."

Now, there will be some adjusting — and constant reminding people that he's not Ari Gold.

"The complete irony is that people think I am Ari," he says. "No one knows who I am. Listen, I'm just a stage actor from Chicago. I'm an emotional guy. I'm not this character. I'm even shy. I don't run around screaming at people."

"But to play a guy who is the exact opposite of me was a feast."

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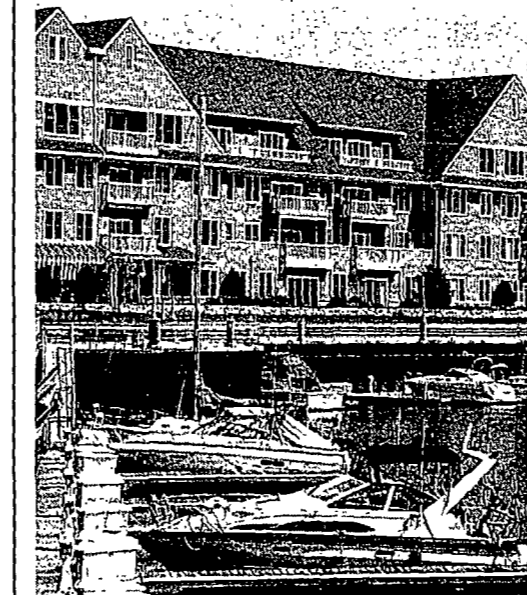
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2012 Acura TL steps up to plate

BY REX ROY
 For Sun-Times Media

To clarify, Acura is Honda's luxury brand, just as Lexus is to Toyota and Infiniti to Nissan. Those in the know may not, however, know how pleasing the improved 2012 Acura TL is to drive, hence the BMW reference. Extending the BMW comparison, if you're smitten by the BMW 3 Series, the TL is about the same size and leans toward satisfying drivers with sportier tastes. What makes the Acura/Honda/BMW thing even more interesting and slightly more convoluted is that this Acura is built in Marysville, Ohio (Honda's Midwestern factory town). This presents a U.S.-built car with Germanic dynamics produced by a Japanese company. Now that's global reach.

The Acura TL is certainly proof that American free enterprise is a wonderful thing. The truth of this becomes clear if you picture the 2011 Acura TL in your mind's eye. It was not a pretty car. While last year's model sold OK, dealers believed reconstructive surgery would boost sales.

As stylists re-crafted the TL's front end with a softer, more flowing design, engineers integrated upgraded hardware. Two V-6 engines are offered for 2012. The 280-horsepower 3.5-liter comes with the front-wheel-drive TL. If last winter's snow scared you into thinking about all-wheel-drive, Honda's super-handling all-wheel drive comes with the more potent 305-horsepower 3.7-liter. (This engine's extra power helps offset the AWD's additional weight.) Both engines deliver their power through a feature new

to the TL: Honda's six-speed automatic transmission. Thanks to this new gearbox and the lower aerodynamic drag that came along with the car's fresh styling, the TL boasts better fuel economy, achieving 20/29 mpg for the front-drive model and 18/26 for the SH-AWD.

Inside, the TL's cabin reinforces the sedan's sporty character. The front bucket seats cosset their charges without limiting comfort. The main gauges are deeply recessed into two large pods. Unlike some similar designs, the TL's remains easy to read in any lighting conditions.

At first glance, drivers might be put off by the number of buttons integrated into the TL's center console and dash. While there

are plenty, the buttons are well organized and clearly marked so their functions quickly become familiar and easy to access.

Furthermore, fine detailing adds to the interior's practical functionality. One element we noted was the thin chrome edges of the gauge pointer needles. While you might initially either not notice the chrome or dismiss it as frivolous bling, the shiny strips make the gauges easier to read.

Adding another feature to the plus side of the TL's ledger is the big "cancel" button on the optional built-in navigation unit. Some navigation systems seem to hide the command that turns off routing instructions when they're no longer needed. Frustration results. Acura made it simple to shut up the electronic direction giver.

The overall quality of the TL's interior registered as premium, and your friends won't feel as if they've been sent to the penalty box when riding in the rear seats.

Farther back still, the TL's trunk is surprisingly large and deep.

On the road, the FWD TL we sampled felt taut but not high strung. While not as fast as the fastest BMW 3 Series (the 335i with a twin-turbo six-cylinder), the TL accelerated plenty quickly.

The new transmission provides smooth shifts in full auto mode. Manual gear changes can be triggered using paddles mounted behind the steering. As for handling, the FWD TL didn't drive like a traditional FWD sedan. When you want to carve through some quick corners, the Acura feels eager and on the ball, always ready for your next command. Agile is the word that comes to mind.

Another observation about our \$41,535 TL is that it never felt as if it suffered from technology overkill. While a sophisticated vehicle with adept electronic stability and traction control systems, the Acura TL felt more like a pure sport sedan than some more technically complex cars we've driven lately. The TL's more pure driving dynamics were a breath of fresh air.

If you're considering a TL, and decide to take one home, make sure the one you select is not equipped with high-performance summer-only tires. When the mercury falls below 42 degrees, summer tire performance drops dramatically. Acura offers all-season tires on all TL trim levels.

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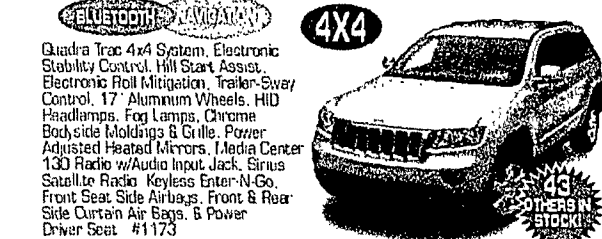


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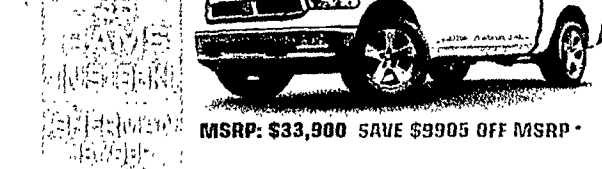
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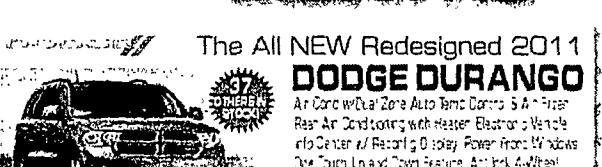
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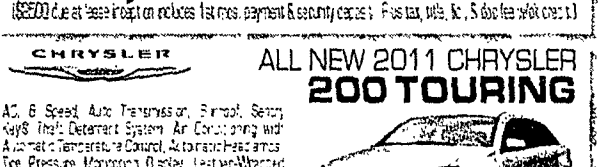
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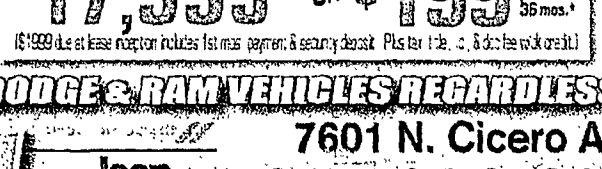
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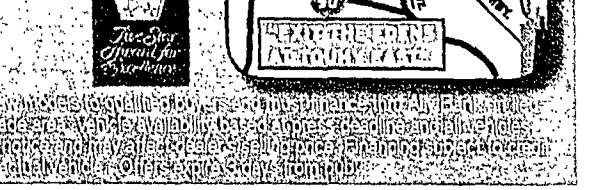
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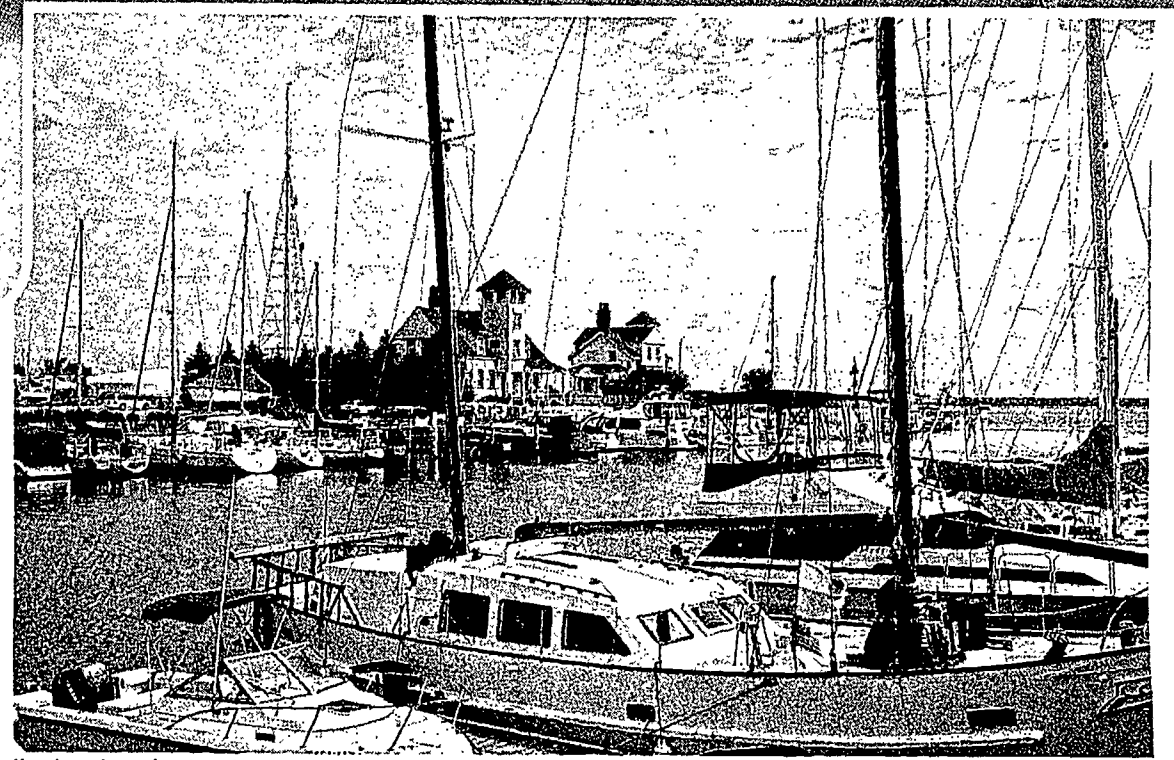
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Year 'round vacation: A condominium at The Atwater at Gaslight Pointe can be a year 'round home, or a year 'round vacation getaway. Part of the getaway atmosphere is provided by spectacular harbor views from the condo balcony. 1 SUPPLIED PHOTO

Lakefront bargain

Atwater at Gaslight Pointe offers lower prices at Racine lakeshore

Located steps from Lake Michigan in Racine, luxurious condos at The Atwater at Gaslight Pointe are being compared to lakefront living on Chicago's Lake Michigan shores. "With prices as low as \$159,900, visitors are amazed that they can enjoy a lakefront condo lifestyle at a fraction of the cost of Lake Shore Drive," said Chris Rintz, managing member for New England Homes.

From their balconies, homeowners can look west and see the Root River, a scenic bridge and the historic clock tower. Or those who look north will take in views of the charming Wind Point Lighthouse, the North Beach and the Racine Yacht Club. Upon turning south, there are panoramic views of Lake Michigan and its colorful marina.

The Atwater is located on a rare triangular peninsula formed by the confluence of Lake Michigan and the Root River. This desirable location assures residents of picturesque water views from all remaining units.

With only nine condos remaining, buyers can choose either a one-bedroom and one-bath unit, a two-bedroom home, or a two-bedroom, 2½-bath-plus-den condo. Offering up to 1,790 square feet of luxury living, homes are afford-



Lakefront style: Cape Cod shingle-style architecture graces the 40-unit Atwater at Gaslight Pointe, a condominium community located walking distance of downtown Racine. 1 SUPPLIED PHOTO

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Time to dream

Toll Brothers offers special savings, incentives through July 31

Toll Brothers, a leading luxury home builder, is hosting a "National Dream Home Sales Event" in all of its communities nationwide, including eight Greater Chicagoland through July 31. Although Toll Brothers' home prices already offer a value, buyers who are considering the purchase of a luxury home will get even more for their money during the event.

To get special savings and incentives, buyers must make a deposit by July 31 and sign an agreement of sale within 10 days of deposit. Manufacturers such as Kohler, Whirlpool, and Shaw are offering incentives available during this sales event only. Sales and incentive packages will vary among communities, so buyers should contact their community of interest to learn more.

Toll Brothers offers a variety of home styles in several communities in Illinois: luxurious townhomes in Bloomingdale at Bloomingdale Walk, single-family homes, townhomes, and active-adult single-family homes and ranch townhomes in Elgin at Bowes Creek Country Club, single-family homes and townhomes at Hawthorn Woods Country Club in Hawthorn Woods, row homes in Morton Grove at The Crossings at Morton Grove, condominiums and townhomes in Glenview at Patriot Commons at The Glen, single-family homes at The Woods of South Barrington, and active-adult single-family ranch homes at Regency at The Woods of South Barrington. A decorated model home is also now available for sale at Lake Run Estates in North Aurora.

In addition, the new section of single-family homes at Bowes Creek Country Club is now open. The Fairway Collection features home designs ranging from 2,500 to 3,000-plus square feet and priced from the upper \$200,000s.

For those that would love to build a Toll Brothers home on their own land, the company will also build on privately owned lots.

"Buyers have nothing to lose and everything to gain by visiting a Toll Brothers community during the National Sales Event," said Kira Sterling, chief marketing officer. "They will find amazing deals and incentives that could add even greater value to their dream homes. If anyone is even considering a luxury home right now, this is the place to be."

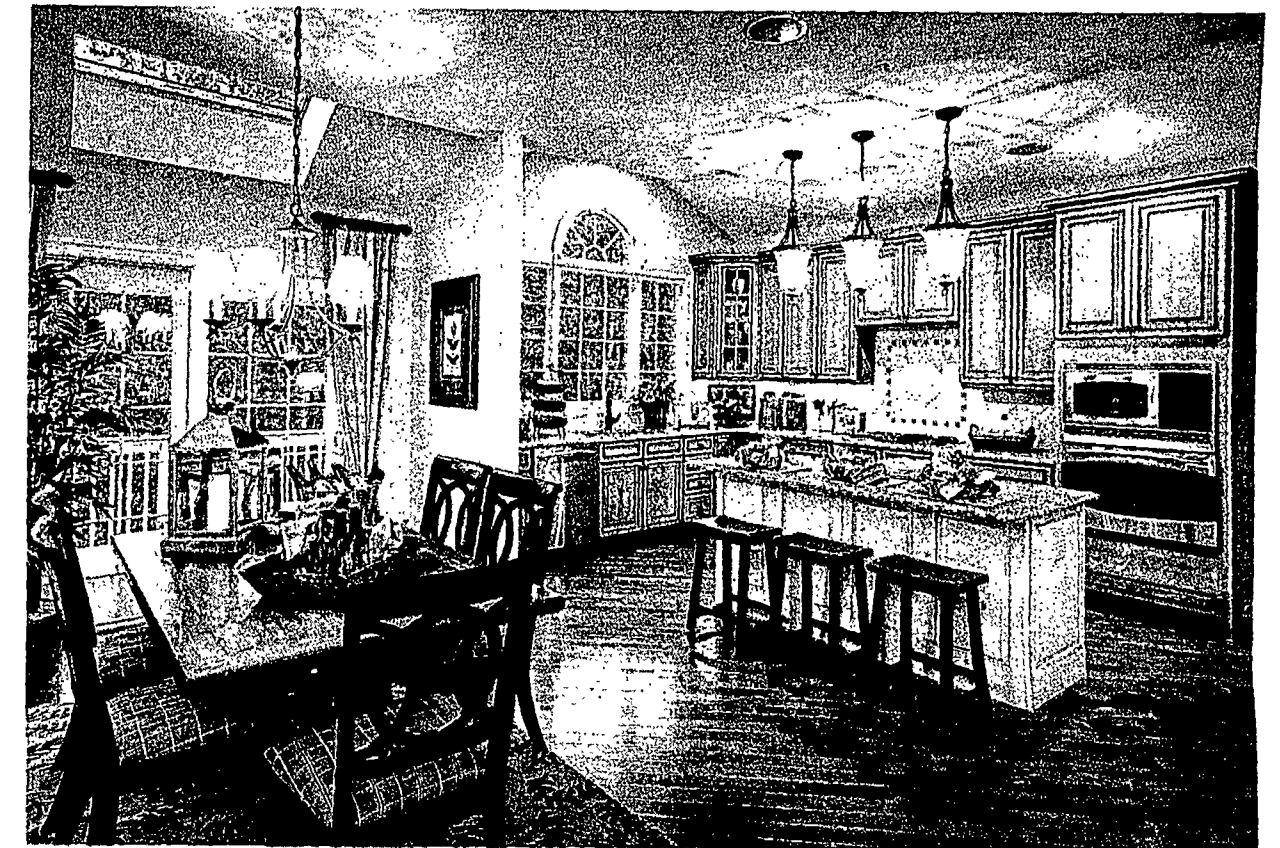
For those buyers seeking mortgage information, representatives from TBI Mortgage Co., a subsidiary of Toll Brothers, will be on hand throughout the event in many communities to offer free mortgage guidance. TBI has a selection of mortgage programs with still-low interest rates, including both fixed-rate and adjustable-rate mortgages. Home buyers should visit or call their community of interest to learn about specific details.

"My message to buyers is this," said Sterling. "Get exactly what you want in your dream home now, during this exceptional sales event. Why put your life on hold when you can't really time the market anyway, especially when these are amazing deals in any market?"

"Not only are interest rates still quite low, but we are offering fabulous opportunities right now, so this is a very rare chance to get much more house for the money."

Toll Brothers was ranked No. 1 in 2011 and 2010 in Financial Soundness, Long-term Investment, and Quality of Product/Services in Fortune magazine's annual World's Most Admired Companies survey in the home building category.

Although Toll Brothers



Columbian exposition: The multiple rooflines of the Columbian model create an interesting architectural pattern, while the model kitchen shows off high-quality materials placed in a convenient and stylish decor. 1 SUPPLIED PHOTOS



is probably best known for its expansive single-family and estate homes, the luxury

builder offers a wide range of home designs including condominiums, carriage homes, and townhomes; and a vast palette of community types, such as age-55-and-over, resort and urban through its Toll

Brothers City Living brand. The incentives that will be offered at Toll Brothers communities through July 31 will comprise a package of sav-

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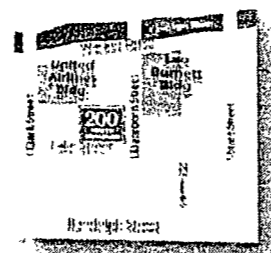
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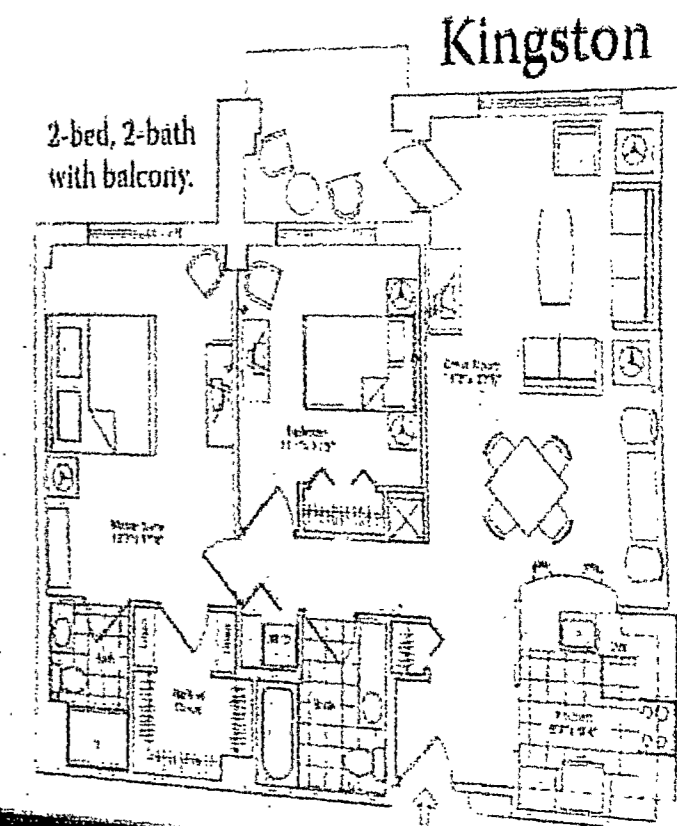
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Demand builds, but awaits solution to financial woes

As the nation's financial woes continue to drag on, the average consumer must be wondering: When will this mess finally end and bring a return to a normal housing market, the engine that drives a healthy U.S. economy?



ON THE HOME FRONT
DON DEBAT

A recent study by the Community Associations Institute, revealed that more than half of the nation's 300,000 homeowners and condominium owners associations face serious financial problems because owners aren't paying their assessments.

Some condo and homeowner association boards are switching off utilities, disconnecting TV cable feeds and threatening to foreclose on people who are 60 days past due on fees.

History tells us that financial downturns occur nearly every few decades. Before the housing crash of 2008 and the Great Recession, there was the commercial real estate crunch of 1991, and mortgage debacle of 1981-1982 that sent home loan interest rates in 18 percent.

Of course, the Great Depression of the 1930s was the biggest downturn of them all. Even with President Franklin Delano Roosevelt's New Deal, the Depression lasted more than a decade, and it took World War II's economic

resurgence to pull the nation out of the nose-dive.

Although past economic downturns are largely forgotten, historians say the U.S. has survived 15 financial panics since 1791, including 10 business crashes between 1813 and 1896.

"Unlike traditional business cycle recessions, panics are characterized by a widespread loss of faith in the banking system, the demise of numerous financial institutions, and a collapse of credit in the economy," noted Jeff Korzenik, senior vice president and director of regional portfolio management at Fifth Third Bank.

"The route to rebuilding the economy after a panic is slow and painful," Korzenik said. And the nation is in the process of recovery now.

After more than five years of recession, housing analysts say pent-up demand is building for both move-up home buyers and first-time home and condo shoppers.

With apartment rents on the rise, a tipping point will come when it is more affordable

to buy than to rent, and this likely will happen within the next year or two.

Even with home-loan interest rates near a 50-year low, the biggest road block to a housing-market revival is mortgage approval restrictions, experts say.

And, it appears the nation's biggest banks finally are beginning to ease lending restrictions and make loan modifications more easy to obtain.

Surprisingly, JP Morgan Chase and Bank of America, two of the banks that are "too big to fail," recently started modifying loans for tens of thousands of borrowers even though the homeowners have not asked for help. The banks are targeting these borrowers because the financial institutions see them as special risks.

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ably priced from \$159,900 to \$372,500. Six condos may be customized allowing buyers to add their personal touch by selecting final finishes. Once selections are made, residences are completed in six to eight weeks. Two remaining corner units offer scenic lake and river views, while four other condos also offer harbor views of the marina. For those who want to enjoy their lakefront residence this summer, there are three units available for immediate occupancy.

It's a buyer's market, and New England Homes is offering special summer incentives. Incentives include 12 months of free homeowners association fees, a one-year free boat slip, elegant upgrades at no cost, and other cash incentives.

"We can tailor a transaction to fit the needs of just about anyone looking to buy," he said.

Affordable pricing and some of the lowest interest rates in decades has allowed many Illinoisans to purchase a home at The Atwater and they are now taking advantage of all the amenities that living on Lake Michigan offers. With drive time only about 1 1/2 hours from Chicago, some owners have chosen The Atwater as their vacation getaway retreat, while others have made it their year-round residence.

Luxurious interior inclusions consist of 9-foot ceilings, porcelain or wood floors in foyer and kitchen, maple, oak or white cabinets, Corian counters, Frigidaire stainless

steel appliances, solid core six-panel doors, soaker tubs or walk-in showers in master bath with porcelain tile surrounds, WeatherShield Proshield vinyl clad, double-hung wood windows with low E glass, individual high-efficiency gas, and forced air furnace.

Building amenities include spacious balconies or expansive paver terraces, heated underground parking with large, private storage, and secured lobby entry in a state-of-the-art elevator building. And the entertainment deck on the rooftop of the carriage house is available for special functions or just taking in the views and sunshine.

"The Atwater is New England Homes' second waterfront resort-like community with Lake Michigan views," said Rintz. "Our innovative condominiums reflect Racine's historic waterfront landmarks with its New England shingle-style architecture. The building is crowned with an architectural-shingled roof and has cedar shake siding and a beautiful stone water table, all natural materials selected to blend seamlessly into the neighborhood," he added.

To visit the Atwater Sales Center, take I-94 north and exit Route 20. Go east for 9 miles and bear right onto 14th Street (just after Washington Park) to the Lake. Take a left on Main Street through downtown, then a right on Gaslight Drive. The sales center is open Friday and Saturday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday and Monday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call (262) 637-7801 or visit www.nebinc.com.

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Nikki Nielsen of Baird & Warner is listing a two-story custom home at 354 Pines Blvd. in Lake Villa for \$449,000. The four-bedroom, 3.5-bath new-construction home spans 3,300 square feet.

On the main floor, the kitchen features granite counters, recessed lights, a pantry and a center island with a breakfast bar. It has stainless steel appliances, including a refrigerator, dishwasher, oven and range.

Hardwood flooring stretches from the kitchen into the breakfast room, where there are glass doors that open to the deck. The breakfast room also opens to the carpeted family room, which has a gas fireplace, vaulted ceiling and art niches.

Tiered ceilings and hardwood floors highlight both the formal dining room and office. Upstairs, the master bedroom has carpet and gets ample natural light. The master suite includes a bathroom.

An unfinished attic and full unfinished basement provide additional storage space. An attached three-car garage comes with the home.

ON THE BLOCK A ROUNDUP OF NEW LISTINGS

A five-bedroom, 2.5-bath home at 15 Chestnut Terrace in Buffalo Grove is on the market for \$489,000. Built in 1989, this two-story Colonial has been extensively remodeled and features crown molding, a ceramic tile entry and granite counters in the kitchen, which overlooks a private deck and fenced yard. The master bath contains a soaker tub. Andee Hausman of RE/MAX Experts is the listing agent.

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A three-bedroom, 1.5-bath home at 1950 Carl Drive in Round Lake Beach is on the market for \$115,000. Built in 1989, this tri-level house features a formal living room with vaulted ceilings in addition to a kitchen with an eating area and pantry, covered in vinyl flooring. A two-car attached garage is also included. Elizabeth Splitt of Keller Williams Success Realty is the listing agent.

A five-bedroom, three-bath home at 1110 Franklin St. in Mundelein is on the market for \$312,500. Built in 1999, this two-story Contemporary contains Brazilian cherry hardwood floors throughout the first floor. The property also includes a luxury master suite and a kitchen with stainless steel appliances. John Walin of Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage is the listing agent.

— Nathan Spicer

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Lake Forest	5.7%	\$800,500	1.51%	199	3
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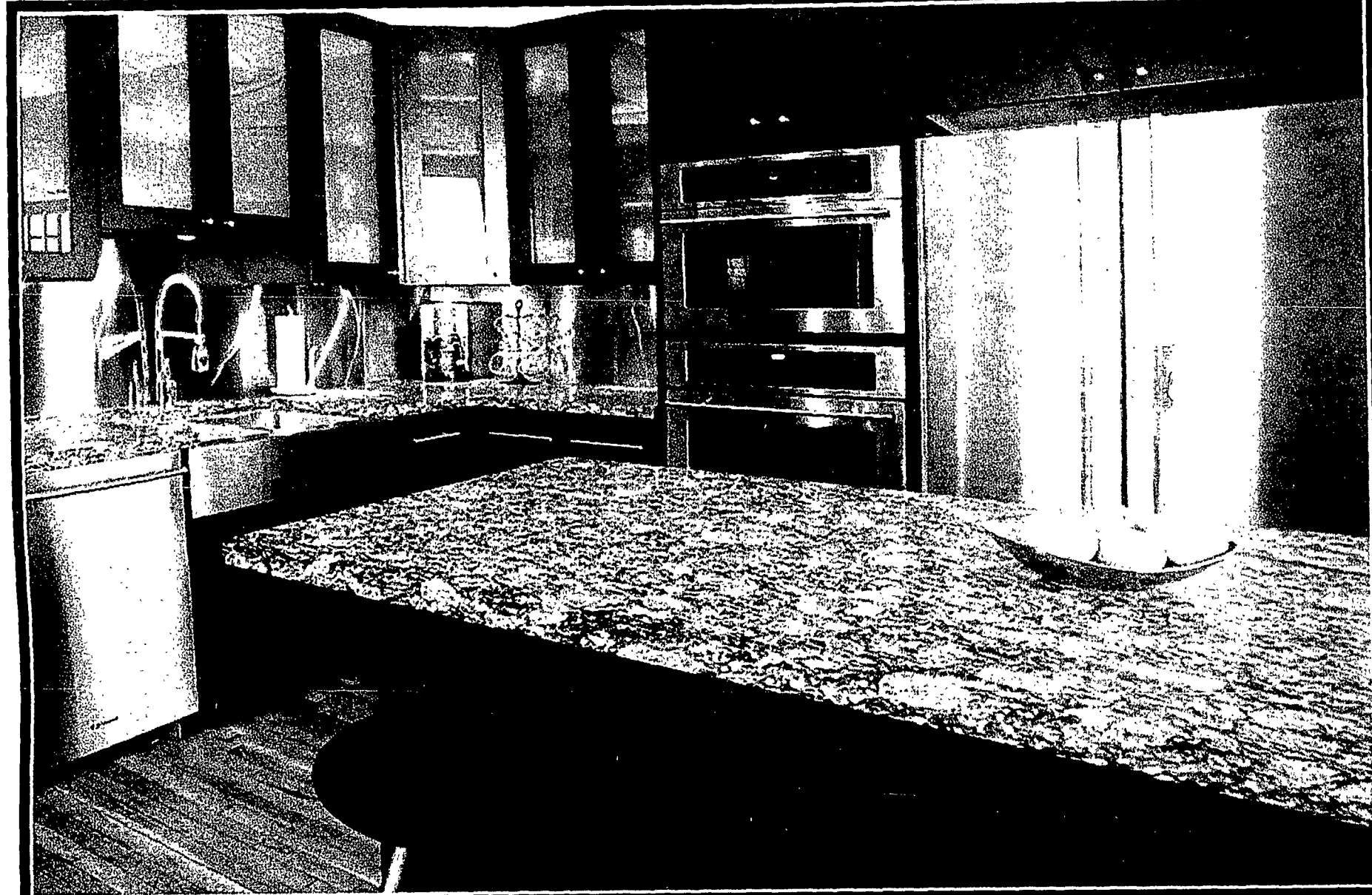
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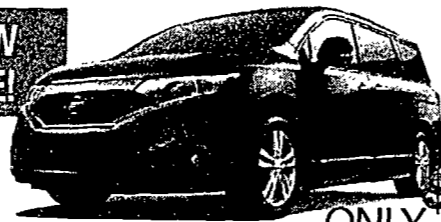


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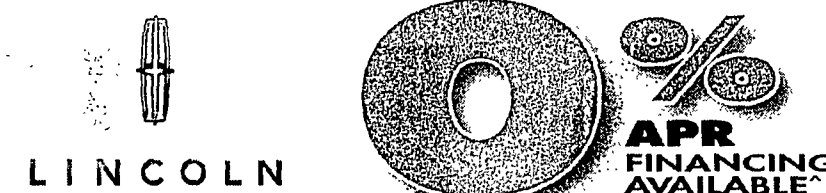
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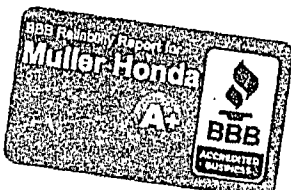
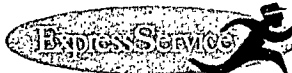
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Northwestern University's Block Cinema presents its summer outdoor film series at 9 p.m. Wednesdays, through Aug. 3, on the east lawn of Norris University Center, 1999 Campus Drive, Evanston. Admission is free. Bring chairs and blankets for seating. Free parking is available after 4 p.m. in the university's two-level lakeside parking structure directly south of Norris Center. In the event of rain, screenings will be held in McCormick Auditorium, located on the first floor of Norris Center. Call (847) 491-4000 or visit www.blockmuseum.northwestern.edu/blockcinema. July 27: "True Grit" (2010). Aug. 3: "Roman Holiday" (1953).

Shakespeare's Globe London Cinema Series, featuring performances of Shakespeare's classic plays filmed in 2010 at the Globe Theatre in London, will be screened at the Niles 12, 301

Golf Mill Center, Niles, and the Evanston 18, 1715 Maple Ave., Evanston. Each showing begins at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$12 in Niles; \$15, \$14 for seniors and students, in Evanston. Tickets are available at participating theater box offices and online at www.FathomEvents.com. Aug. 1: "Henry IV, Part 1." Aug. 18: "Henry IV, Part 2." Sept. 15: "Henry VIII."

Skokie Theatre, 7924 Lincoln Ave., Skokie. Call (847) 677-7761 or visit www.skokie-theatre.com. Aug. 7, 2 p.m.: Screening of the documentary "The Klezmatiks: On Holy Ground." \$10 in advance; \$15 at the door.

"Tekken Blood Vengeance" in 3D, based on the video game Tekken, will be shown at 7:30 p.m. July 26 at the Village Crossing 18 with IMAX, 7000 Carpenter Road, Skokie, and the Evanston 18, 1715 Maple Ave., Evanston. Tickets are \$15, available at the theater box office and at www.FathomEvents.com.

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Spares Singles Sunday Evening Club holds ballroom dances from 7:30-10:30 p.m.

the first and third Sundays of each month at the American Legion Hall, 9757 Pacific Ave., Franklin Park. Admission is \$8 for members; \$9 guests. Aug. 7: Music by the Dick Elliot Band. Aug. 21: Music by Chuck and Friends.

TOURS & OUTINGS

The Skokie Northshore Sculpture Park, located along the east side of McCormick Boulevard, between Dempster on the north to Touhy on the south, offers free, docent-led public tours featuring a different section of the two-mile long park each month. Tours last approximately an hour and feature discussions of the sculptures, their creating artist, types of materials used and techniques employed as well as the artists' concepts for the various pieces. The park is handicapped accessible but the tours require walking between the sculptures, so people who have difficulty are encouraged to bring a wheelchair and someone to push it. All tours begin promptly at 1 p.m. No reservations are required. Visit www.sculpturepark.org or call (847) 679-4265. Upcoming tours include July

31: Section IV, park in the lot in the park, between Howard and Touhy; Aug. 28: Section I; Sept. 25: Section II; Oct. 23: Section IV.

ET CETERA

Antique and Classic Car Show will be held Aug. 11 at the Village Plaza Shopping Center, Dempster Street and Harlem Avenue, Morton Grove. Rain date is the following Thursday. Show car registration begins at 5 p.m.. show opens to the public at 6 p.m. Kid-friendly entertainment, auto products auction, raffles, police and fire department demonstrations are featured. Free admission; food and beverages available for purchase.

Chicago O'Hare Summer Antique Show & Sale, noon-7 p.m. Aug. 19-20 and noon-5 p.m. Aug. 21 at the Donald E. Stephens Convention Center, 5555 N. River Road, Rosemont. Admission \$10, good for all three days; free admission for children under 12. Visit www.chicagoohareantiques.com.

Wednesdays on the Green presents free family-friendly events every Wednesday through Aug. 24 on the Village Green, 5155 Oakton St.,

downtown Skokie. July 27, 7 p.m.: Movies on the Green, "Pee-Wee's Big Adventure." Aug. 3, 7 p.m.: Music on the Green features The Michael Lerich Orchestra. Aug. 10, 7 p.m.: Dancing on the Green, Groove to '80s. Aug. 17, 6 p.m.: Classic Cars on the Green. Aug. 24, 7 p.m.: Movies on the Green, "Grease." For more information, visit www.wednesdaysonthegreen.com.

Wizard World Chicago Comic Con, Aug. 11-14 at the Stephens Convention Center, 5555 N. River Road, Rosemont. Hours are 5-9 p.m. Thursday; noon-8 p.m. Friday; 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Saturday; and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday. The event features more than 500 exhibitor booths offering movies, comics, toys, video games, art, collectibles and more. Tickets are \$24 in advance; \$35 at the door; \$50/\$60 for four-day all session tickets. Admission is free for children age 10 and under when accompanied by a paid adult (limit two per adult). Tickets are available at www.wizardworld.com.

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Woods Drive, Skokie. (847) 967-4889. www.ilholocaust-museum.org. Admission: \$12; \$8 for students and senior citizens; \$6 for children ages 5-11. Special exhibitions are free with museum admission. Through Sept. 6: "Spots of Light: To Be a Woman in the Holocaust," an international exhibition that focuses exclusively on women and their experiences in the Holocaust. The large scale video art-based exhibition is a production of the Museum Division, Yad Vashem, Jerusalem. Aug. 14, 1:30-3 p.m.: Orlando Sentinel columnist Greg Dawson will discuss and sign his book, *Hiding in the Spotlight: A Musical Prodigy's Story of Survival, 1941-1946*. The presentation includes a short film by Candy Dawson. Free with museum admission; reservations recommended. Aug. 21, 1:30-4 p.m.: Screening of "Playing for Time." Based on the memoirs of Jewish singer-pianist Fania Felon, the film shows how female prisoners who were members of the women's orchestra of Auschwitz performed to stay alive. Free with museum admission; reservations recommended.



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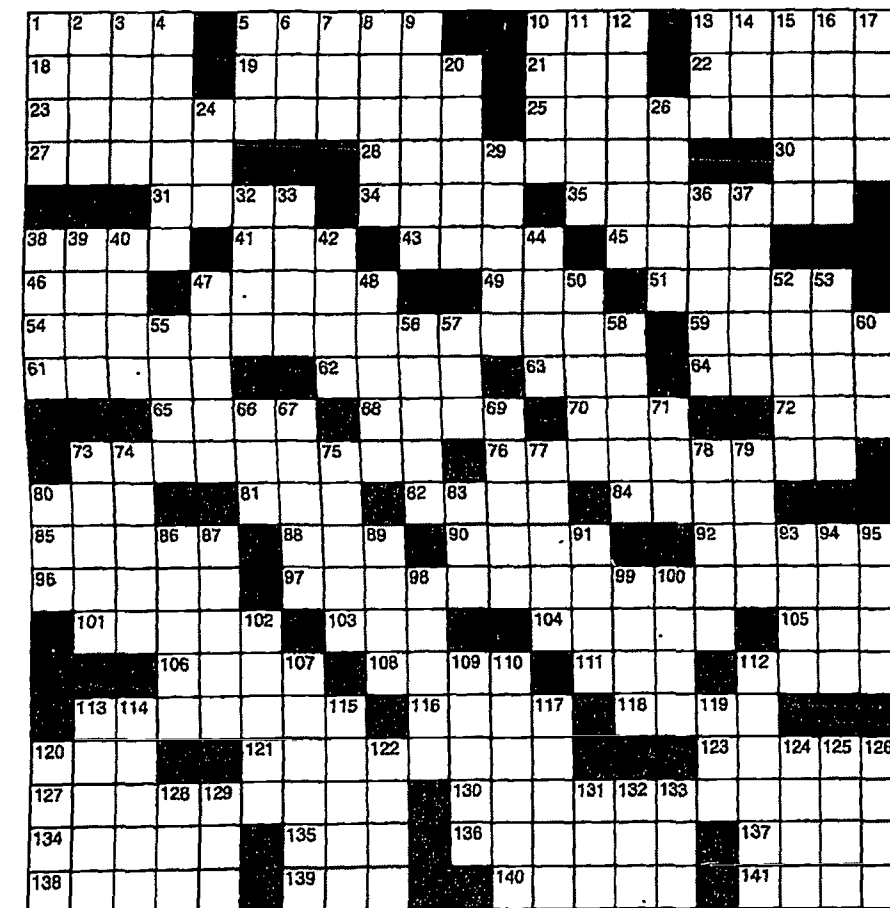
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Answers: Inside today's classified section

HOROSCOPES

For the week of July 27 — Aug. 2

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) A misunderstanding tests the temperament of the sometimes headstrong Aries. Instead of blowing your top, take time for a pleasant diversion while things cool down.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) A workplace problem could make the divine Bovine see red. But talk it out before you consider walking out. Some surprising facts emerge that change your earlier focus.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You face a choice between ignoring your uneasy feelings about your relationship with that special person and demanding explanations. A close friend offers wise counsel.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A change you'd been hoping for carries an unexpected complication. Stay the course, and things will work themselves out. Be sure to make time for family and friends.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Aspects favor spending time with loved ones. On the job, new ideas are generally welcomed. But some demands for changes could cause problems. Be ready to defend your choices.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Good news: That workplace problem is close to being resolved with results that should please everyone. Take time off to indulge your love of fun and games.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Most of the time you are the most unflappable person around. But be ready to be thrown off-

balance in the nicest way when Cupid takes aim in your direction.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) It's not often when someone tries to "sting" the sharp-witted Scorpion. But it can happen. Continue to be skeptical about anything that seems too good to be true.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Your strong sense of self-esteem helps you serve as a role model for someone who needs personal reassurances. Your efforts pay off in an unexpected way.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Someone close considers revealing a painful secret. Withhold judgment. Instead, open your generous heart, and offer dollops of your love and understanding.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Your talents as a peacemaker are called upon once more as an old problem re-emerges with new complications. Move cautiously in order to avoid falling into hidden traps.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Your artistic side is enhanced with the reception given to your new project. Use this success as encouragement toward fulfilling your larger goals.

BORN THIS WEEK: Your natural sense of leadership is combined with a deep sense of responsibility. People trust you to give them both guidance and understanding.

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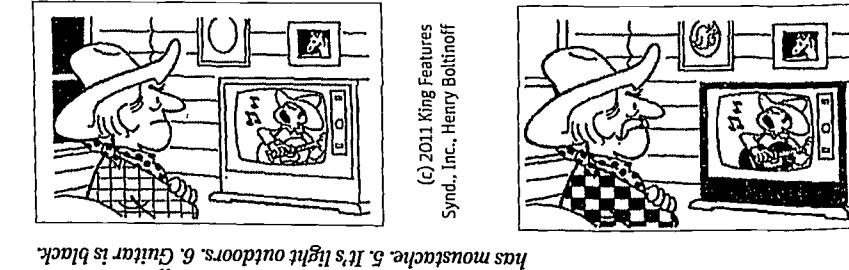


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Death Notices

Hughes, Elizabeth Janet Hutchinson
Elizabeth Janet Hutchinson Hughes (Betty) passed away on June 26 in Rochester, Michigan where she resided since 2007, from complications of congestive heart failure. Betty was born on July 30, 1917 in Chicago. She graduated with honors from the University of Illinois. She was married to Charles Hughes MD. Betty served as president of the Woman's Auxiliary of Norwegian American Hospital. She moved to Park Ridge in 1968 and was president of the Republican Woman's Organization and in later years was active in the Park Ridge Senior Center. She loved nature and her summer home on Eagle Lake, Bloomingdale, Michigan.

Betty is survived by her children, Mary Hiller of Morgan Hill, California, Janet Hughes-Smith of Troy, Michigan, and Charles Hughes of Lapeer, Michigan. Betty had seven grandchildren and one great grandson.

She was interred in The Baseline Cemetery in Cheshire Township, Michigan July 7, 2011.
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Nieft, Winifred "Dollie"
97, beloved wife of the late Homer. Daughter of the late Alvin and Winifred Burgh and the late George Thielen. Only sister of the late Eunice (the late William) Whitley. Beloved Aunt of Warren Whitley and the late Anita and many other nieces and nephews.

Dollie was a former President and Vice-President of the Ladies Auxiliary of Rush NorthShore Skokie Hospital, where she was a volunteer and fundraiser for 35 years. Dollie and Homer met in grade school, graduated from Schurz High School and ran a successful Safeco Insurance Agency for 60 years. They were married 63 years until his passing. Dollie will be sadly missed by many close friends.

Funeral Tuesday 9:00 AM from Smith-Corcoran Funeral Home 6150 N. Cicero Ave. Chicago, IL to St. Mary's Episcopal Church for a 10:00 AM service. Interment Montrose Cemetery. Visitation Monday 4-9 PM. Info 773-736-3833 or visit Dollie's memorial at www.smithcorcoran.com

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In Memoriam

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- A paid death notice may be ordered to appear in the Pioneer Press when funeral arrangements are made, and must be submitted in writing. Information about charges for death notices may be obtained from area funeral directors or by calling (847) 998-3400. A 24-hour fax service is offered at (847) 486-6836 or death notices may be e-mailed to deathnotices@pioneerlocal.com.
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- Holiday deadline is 2:00 pm on the holiday for notices to appear in the following weeks publication, notices with photo by 12 noon.
- The death notice department is staffed from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm daily.
- A death notice, in memoriam or a card of thanks may be submitted in person from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm Monday through Friday at the Pioneer Press, 3701 W. Lake Ave., Glenview, IL 60026.
- Family and friends may visit our website and sign a guest book at www.chicagolandobits.com

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Death Notices

Trull, Margaret M. "Peggy"

Local artist, Peggy Trull, died on Thursday, July 14, 2011. She was born and raised in Cincinnati, OH, and lived in Park Ridge for the past 52 years. She traveled all around the world between those years.

She attended Oldenburg Academy in Indiana for her high school years and Marion University in Indianapolis, IN where she furthered her art education. She later saw an advertisement for TWA Airlines for a stewardess position and she was on her way to seeing the world. She flew with TWA until she went on a double date with her roommate and met a handsome Navy Officer from Alabama. She later married Henry Ray Trull in 1947 in Cincinnati and were married for 64 years. They had two children David Scott and Debra Sue and lived in the Chicago area since 1948. Peggy was always passionate about painting and started to study in earnest once her children were teenagers. She started lessons with Judy Schwart and Eugene Montgomery. She often took classes in Scottsdale, AZ and became fascinated with painting ethnic people, such as, American Indians, Japanese dancers and Africans. She loved to travel and she and her husband saw Europe, Kenya, South Africa, Brazil, China and parts of the middle east. All this traveling provided much food for her artwork. She also sculpted cast-in-bronze and was quite an excellent photographer.

She is survived by her daughter, Debra (Michael) Gutzwiller and three grandchildren. Interment will be held in Cincinnati, OH.

Local arrangements were handled by Ryan-Parke Funeral Home.

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How New Graduates Can Use Part-Time Work to Gain Valuable Job Skills

By Susan Kennedy, Monster Contributing Writer

If you're a recent college graduate who's working a part-time job to earn money while looking for your first postcollege full-time job, you can take advantage of that part-time position to develop marketable career skills and build your resume.

"College graduates don't realize the benefits of working part-time while they are looking for a job," says Pam Caplin, former vice president of human resources at Fidelity Investments. "I prefer candidates who are working, because it shows initiative and a work ethic."

Suppose you're a recent graduate who wants to pursue a career in advertising. You haven't found an advertising job yet, so you take a job waiting tables to make ends meet. While you didn't go to college to be a restaurant server, you can still develop skills employers value while in that role that, including:

- Dealing with customers.
- Managing multiple priorities.
- Solving problems.
- Thinking on your feet.



Properly phrased on your resume, those job skills can give you an edge when applying for an entry-level account management position in advertising. Those same skills could also translate into a sales position – tips equate to commissions, after all. What server isn't motivated by tips?

"If an applicant arrives with work experience – full- or part-time – they have shown that they can market themselves, learn on the job, interact with others and keep a schedule," says Tom McGowan, a human resources generalist most recently with DHL Express. "Those are skills that are valuable in most jobs."

Part-Time Payoff

To maximize the payoff from a part-time job, define the job you're ultimately seeking. Next, review job postings, Monster's Career Snapshots and the Occupational Outlook Handbook to identify the skills you'll need to land that job.

Now you're ready to look for part-time jobs that would help you build skills. For instance, if your goal is an entry-level sports marketing job, pursue a part-time position at a local gym. Although

Ask Monster...

Q What tips do you have to overcome my fear of public speaking?

A Silence is the antidote to the "you know" and "uh" stalling tactics. Don't be afraid of a moment or two of silence – it's one way to let the audience absorb what you've said. Also, think of the speech as a date with a lot of people: If you talk about yourself too much, the audience will feel excluded.

Excerpt from "Public Speaking Made Easy," by Therese Droste, Monster Contributing Writer.

For more helpful information go to <http://jobs.suntimes.com/monster/news-advice/index.html>

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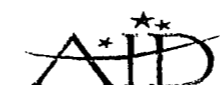
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you may start with checking in members, you could offer to help coordinate the facility's member events. Doing so would let you demonstrate strong work communication skills, as well as multitasking and event-planning skills.

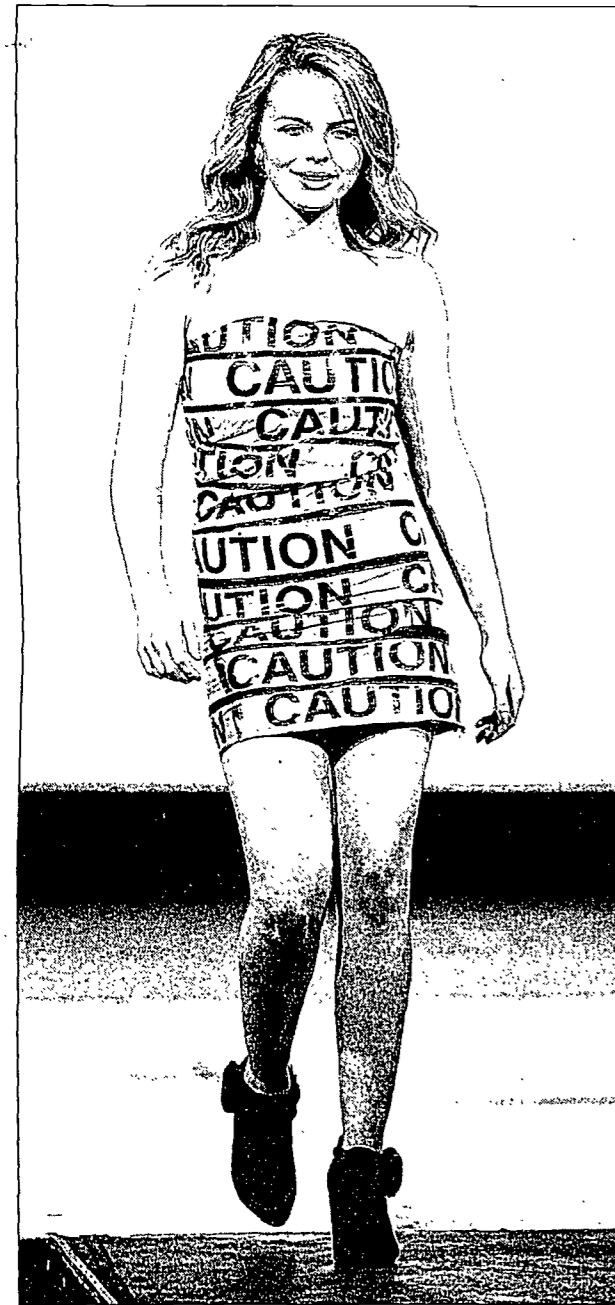
"They may be applying for an entry-level position, but employers want to see more, including past proof of their ability to perform and advance," McGowan says.

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Maine South's Bernadete Hoffman walks the runway May 13 during the Maine West and Maine South Fashion Show, held in Maine South's Auditorium. | BRIAN O'MAHONEY-FOR SUN-TIMES MEDIA



Maine South's Doug Aniol and Catherine Otis walk the runway May 13 during the Maine West and Maine South Fashion Show, held in Maine South's Auditorium. | BRIAN O'MAHONEY-FOR SUN-TIMES MEDIA



Maine South's Jay Enders walks the runway May 13 during Maine West and Maine South Fashion Show, held in Maine South's Auditorium. | BRIAN O'MAHONEY-FOR SUN-TIMES MEDIA



Maine West's Alyssa Dohse and Hanna Bogue walk the runway May 13. The dress Dohse is wearing was designed by Maine West student Taylor Blankenship. Bogue's is by Alexa Johnson. | BRIAN O'MAHONEY-FOR SUN-TIMES MEDIA

SCHOOLS DIGEST

FENWICK

The following local students achieved Honor Roll status at Fenwick High School during the fourth quarter of academic year 2010-2011.

First Honors — Harwood Heights: Virginia Wala, Adam

Wozny; Norridge: Isabel Cwikla, Christine Kurda, Blazej Kocon, Megan Zelasko; Park Ridge: Kathleen Johns, Scott Reither, Michaela Wright.

Second Honors — Harwood Heights: James Koopman; Norridge: Joseph Patzelt, Adam Janik.

MESSIAH LUTHERAN

Lutheran Child Care Center, a Christian pre-school/kindergarten located at 1605 Vernon Ave., Park Ridge, is accepting registration for its 2011-12 programs.

Messiah has a kindergarten

and junior kindergarten program, as well as programs for 3- and 4-year-olds (with age specific classes for younger 3's and older 4's) and parent-tot classes.

Messiah Child Care provides a play-based curriculum with an emphasis

on social interaction and age-appropriate academics including language, art, story, music, math, science and Christian education activities. Wednesday chapel services, classroom visits from Messiah Lutheran's Pastor Lynne Morrow, music and Spanish

classes, as well as an optional dance/movement class are provided each week. Messiah has a large outdoor play area for year-round activities.

Messiah Child Care currently has openings for its

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3-year-old, Tuesday/Thursday pre-school program and the Tuesday/Thursday younger 3's class for children who turn 3-years-old after Sept. 1 (a Wednesday/Friday younger 3's class is available in January, 2012). The two-day/week classes are held from 9-11:30 a.m., with half-day or full-day extended hours available on both days.

Openings are still available in the five-day/week kindergarten or junior kindergarten class. Children meet from 9 a.m. to noon daily and have extended hours available (enrichment hours until 1:30 p.m. and full-day child care from 6:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.). Additionally, openings are still available in the five-day/week, older 4's program for children who will be turning 5 years old in September, October, November, December 2011 or January and February of 2012. Both classes meet from 9 a.m. to noon daily and have extended hours available (from 6:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.).

Messiah's fall Parent-Tot classes, beginning Monday, Sept. 12, and Tuesday, Sept. 13, have openings for children aged 18- to 36-months-old. The classes are held for 10 consecutive weeks for one-hour sessions, either 9-10 a.m. or 10:30-11:30 a.m. Child needs to be accompanied by an adult.

For further information and/or registration materials, or to schedule a school visit, see www.messiahchildcare.com or call (847) 825-3767 and ask for Karen or Cathy.

An Open House will be held from 6-8 p.m. Aug. 19 for all enrolled families and interested families.

ST. ROBERT BELLARMINE

Medical and dental forms for the St. Robert Bellarmine 2011-12 school year are due in July.

A Dental Exam Form is required for all new students, as well as students entering kindergarten, second grade and sixth grade. An Eye Exam Form is required for new students entering K-8. A Physical Exam Form is required for new students entering Pre-kindergarten through Grade 8, and students entering sixth grade. All forms can be downloaded from the Forms & Handbooks page of the school website: <http://srb-chicago.org/Form->

sAndHandbooks.php or can be obtained from the school office, (773) 725-5133.

St. Robert Bellarmine School is at 6036 W. Eastwood St., Chicago.

Registration is open for Session 3 of the Young Rembrandts workshops held Tuesday afternoons as part of the St. Robert Bellarmine School Summer Program.

Session 3 will run for two weeks, Aug. 9 and Aug. 16, and will offer three themed workshops: Eric Carle Workshop for ages 4-5, from 2:15-3:15 p.m. for \$30; Junior Monster Workshop for ages 6-7, from 4:15-5:45 p.m., \$33; and an Anime Cartoon Workshop for ages 8-12, from 4:15-5:45 p.m. for \$40.

Contact the school office at (773) 725-5133 for a registration flyer and form. More information about the Summer Program can also be found online at: <http://srb-chicago.org/SummerProgram.php>.

SCHOLARSHIPS

The Park Ridge Panhellenic Club recently awarded eight scholarships to young women graduates of Maine Township high schools. These girls have exhibited leadership, high scholarship and devotion to worthwhile activities. They include Molly Amelse, Grace Householder, Katherine Kinnell, Noel Konken, Abby Powell and Anna Pieta, all of Maine South; and Dhara Patel and Kelly Burger, both of Maine West.

Abby Powell, of Maine South High School, is the recipient of a Horatio Alger Illinois Scholarship, awarded to 20 outstanding high school students in Illinois. Each scholar will receive \$5,000 toward their college education.

The students were selected by the Horatio Alger Association of Distinguished Americans because they persevered in overcoming adversity while succeeding academically, contributing to the community and exhibiting exemplary character. Horatio Alger scholars are provided with numerous resources to ensure a successful college career.

Kathleen Hagerty, a January 2011 graduate of the John Marshall Law School who has been working as a victim witness specialist for the Cook County State's Attorney's

Office, is the recipient of the Lucy Sprague Public Service Scholarship.

The award was presented by Alexander Sprague at the law school's May 22 commencement exercises. The \$25,000 Sprague scholarship was established in 1998 in memory of Lucy Sprague, who was a second-year law student at John Marshall when she was murdered in her apartment in December 1996. Her parents, Lee and the Honorable George R. Sprague, now retired, from the Cambridge, Mass., District Court; brother, Alexander; and sister, Cynthia, established the scholarship to assist another student interested in a profession in public interest law.

The award will assist Hagerty in paying off her law-school loans.

For the past six years Hagerty has been working full-time as a victim witness specialist, acting as a liaison between the crime victims and the assistant state's attorneys who are prosecuting the cases. After graduating from John Carroll University in 2005 with a degree in Spanish and communications, Hagerty took the victim witness specialist position in the Felony Trial Division. She worked there for nearly two years before transferring to the Traffic Division, where she often spends time working with families, some of whom have lost loved ones in traffic accidents caused by drunk drivers.

Hagerty graduated in the Top 10 in her class. Despite her busy schedule, she was active with the Trial Advocacy and Dispute Resolution Honors Council. She represented John Marshall and her team was a semifinalist in the American Association of Justice Student Trial Advocacy Competition in 2009. She participated in the Comparative Trial Advocacy Program in Dublin, Ireland in 2010. In addition, Hagerty was the evening student representative for the Student Bar Association.

Now Hagerty will take her special skills learned on the job, and her legal knowledge from law school into the Cook County State's Attorney's Office.

Hagerty is the daughter of Michael and Susan Hagerty, of Arlington Heights. She was raised in Park Ridge and graduated from Maine South High School.

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Steve Radakovic at Like New Auto Spa, (847) 823-9274; or visit www.like-new-auto-spa.com. The fundraising program is featured on the home page with a link to a more detailed flyer containing the discount and donation matrix. This offer is not valid with an outside wash only, or any other promotion/program.

Health
Resurrection Medical

Center, 7435 West Talcott Ave., 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 — A thyroid screening will be offered from 8-10 a.m. July 22. Cost is \$10.

Pediatric developmental screenings offered at no cost. LYNX Therapeutics, 9436 Ozark Ave., Morton Grove, provides specialized occupational therapy services

and learning instruction programs to children with physical, social, emotional, and learning difficulties. Contact: Ingrid Kenron at (847) 791-1631 or (847) 966-1505.

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 ac-

tivities, 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.

Senior Advocate of Advocate Lutheran General Hospital offers free blood-pressure screenings 10 a.m.-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.

Library

Niles Public Library, 6960 W. Oakton St., (847) 663-1234 or online at www.nileslibrary.org. Registration is required for most programs unless indicated otherwise.

Book Buddies — Students entering eighth grade in the fall and adults can become Book Buddies. Buddies read and/or listen to children read once a week for an hour. The Niles Public Library provides all materials and training.

During the April Niles Public Library Board meeting, the trustees voted unanimously in favor of keeping the library open on Sundays from 1-5 p.m. all year.

Weekly, counselors from the Chicago Chapter of SCORE, the Service Corps of Retired Executives, will be at the Library to help small business owners and anyone considering starting a small business. SCORE counselors are successful executives and business owners who can help with a wide variety of business issues. These experienced businesspeople offer private one-hour sessions of business coaching. SCORE is a nonprofit association of volunteers. Weekly sessions are held on alternating Tuesday evenings or Wednesday mornings. Sessions are free but an appointment is required. To set up an appointment online, visit the counseling page at www.scorechicago.org/. If there are questions, call (312) 353-7724 or e-mail info@scorechicago.org.

Youth programs on a drop-in basis — **Babytime**: 11 a.m. Mondays, for babies age 2 and under. Continuous year-round drop-in program for children with an adult. Includes stories, songs, fingerplays and extended playtime afterward. **Rise & Shine Storytime**: 10 a.m. Thursdays, ages 2-6 with caregiver; enjoy stories, songs and more.

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.

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

Stay cool this summer at Oasis Fun Center, 7877 Milwaukee Ave. Full season hours: 11 a.m.-8 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays; 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Fridays; and 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Call Oasis Waterpark at (847) 967-6648 or the Howard Leisure Center at (847) 967-6633.

Tam O'Shanter Family Golf Nights — Up to two children (17 and under) can play free when accompanied by a paying adult on Sunday evenings after 4:30 p.m. all season long at the Tam O'Shanter Golf Course, 6700 Howard St. Junior tees will be set up on the course so beginners of all skill levels can enjoy playing and keeping score from tee to green.

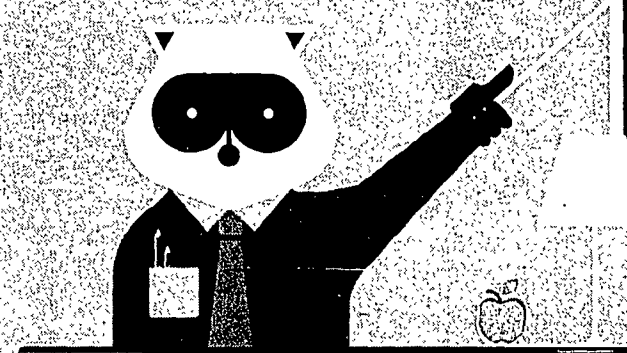
New 3's Preschool — This class offered at Niles Park District is for children who turned 3 after Sept. 1, 2010, missing the deadline for the regular 3-year-old preschool. Children will experience their first classroom experience. Classes are held Wednesdays and Fridays from 12:30-2 p.m. at Howard Leisure Center. Session runs to May 20. Call (847) 967-6633.

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.

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USS Columbus CA-74/CG-12/SSN-762 Reunion will be held from Sept. 21-24 at Sheraton National Hotel-Arlington, Va. Contact Allen R. Hope, president, 3828 Hobson Road, Fort Wayne IN 46815-4505. Call (260) 486-2221 from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Eastern time, fax: 260-492-9771 or e-mail: Hope4391@frontier.com.

Maine Township High South, Class of 1966, is spearheading a two-day "Mass Reunion" to be held Aug. 26 and 27. Accompanying classes that represented the first collective student body to attend the newly opened high school in 1964 as well as their spouses and guests are to be included. The nucleus of new students that celebrated the opening of Maine South High School migrated from both Maine East and Maine West and includes the classes of 1965, 1966 and 1967. The two-day event will be held in Park Ridge at the recently developed Uptown Plaza

located at the intersection of Touhy and Prospect avenues and Northwest Highway. The Friday evening event will take place at Houlihan's Restaurant, which will be closed to the general public. The alumni festivities will reignite on Saturday evening, and the venues will include Houlihan's, Jason's Deli and various neighboring entities within the Uptown Plaza. Tickets for one or both evening events are on sale now and must be purchased in advance. For reservations, contact event coordinator, Glenn Woerz (Class of 1966), at MassReunion@gmail.com or (847) 757-8377. Maine South alumni can also subscribe to the "Hawk Droppings" newsletter via the above e-mail address to receive updates and ongoing information on classmates and relevant information.

The 1966 Class of Ridge-wood High School is planning a reunion and looking for graduates. Anyone with information concerning alumni is asked to e-mail haydelju@comcast.net or call (217) 352-7254. 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 Main-eStreamers program offers a variety of opportunities for residents 55 and older. Membership includes a free subscription to the MaineS-treamers 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 MaineS-treamers, (847) 297-2510, or go to www.maintownship.com.

Day Trip — See the Cubs play the Brewers at the Milwaukee Brewers Miller Park Stadium, 10:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m., July 28; \$69 members/\$74 guests. All Day Trips depart from Golf Mill Shopping Center in Niles.

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

Senior Center

The Niles Senior Center offers membership to Niles residents age 55 and older, and their spouses. Drop by the Niles Senior Center, 999 Civic Center Drive, Niles, or call (847) 588-8420, for an application. Visit www.niles.com, click on Departments and then Senior. Registration required for most programs. AARP Safe Driver's Safety program for ages 50 and older will be given from noon to 4 p.m. July 26 and 28. The course is designed to tune up driving skills, adjust to age-related changes, reduce

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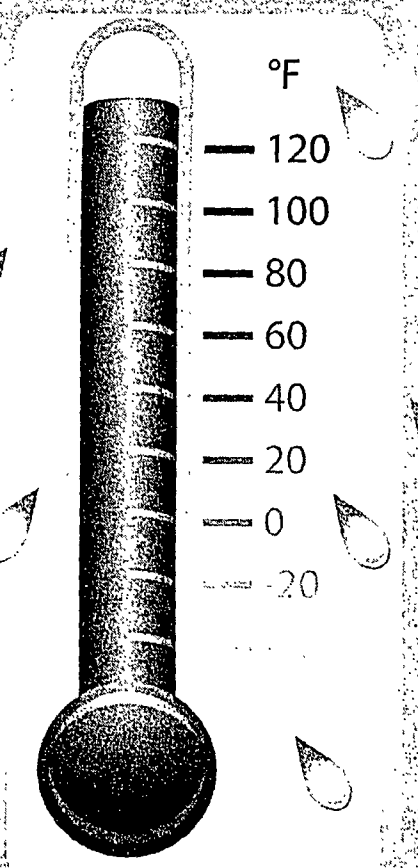
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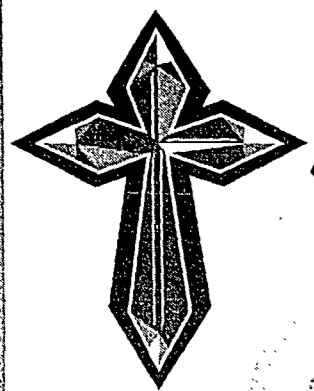
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Carole Edwards, Parish Deacon
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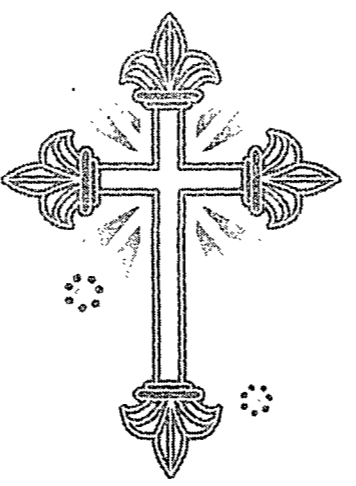
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The Sudoku Club meets from 11 a.m.-12:15 p.m. on the second and fourth Mondays of the month. Admission is free for members; \$12 for six months for nonmembers.

Weekly Dinner and a Movie Schedule (5-8 p.m.) - Registration is required whether or not dinner is to be included. July 26: "The Kids Are Alright" (R), pizza, soda, and dessert, \$5 members/\$7.50 nonmembers.

Summer Fun Luncheon is noon-3 p.m. Aug. 2. Lunch will feature Browns chicken tenders, cheesy potatoes, a biscuit and dessert. Following lunch find a partner for the first annual balloon toss contest or play one of the other games such as bocce ball, bean bag toss, or horseshoes. Register at least one week in advance. Cost is \$7, members; \$10.50, nonmembers.

Learn to Use the iPad from 12:30-1:30 p.m. Thursdays, Aug. 4 and 11. Cost is \$5, members; \$7.50, nonmem-

bers.
Seniors
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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 MaineStreamers and Partners in Healthcare (North Shore Physicians Group). Health seminars and

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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, 7550 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

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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.

Support

Fearless Grandparents Against Autism second Annual Intergenerational Picnic takes place noon to 4 p.m. July 31 at LaBach Woods, Grove 3,

Foster and Cicero avenues, Chicago. Grandparents, parents, their children on the spectrum and siblings are invited to join in the free picnic for an afternoon of socializing, networking and fun in an autism-friendly environment. Bring your own picnic (no grills). Complimentary snacks and beverages will be available, courtesy of the Fearless Grandparents Against Autism Support. Respond by July 22 to Chicago@autismspeaks.org or call Kacey Salava at (224) 567-8573.

La Leche League of Des Plaines, a breastfeeding support group, will meet at 7 p.m. July 20 at Healthy Babies, Happy Families, 8267 W. Golf Road, Niles (Four Flags Shopping Center). Expecting and nursing mothers are invited to attend this series of meetings continuing Aug. 17, Sept. 21 and Oct. 19. Babies are always welcome. Accredited La Leche League leaders will be on hand to answer questions and guide the discussion. For additional meeting locations and times, call 1-877-452-5324 or visit llii.org.

The National Alliance on Mental Illness, Cook County North Suburban Chapter, offers the Family-to-Family Education Program, a 12-week course for families of adults diagnosed with serious mental illness. The classes start in Skokie on Tuesdays, through Aug. 30, from 7-9:30 p.m. at the Knox Center, 9701 Knox Ave., on the west side of the Skokie Hospital campus. The course, designed to help family members and friends understand and support their loved ones with mental disorders, is free of charge and is taught by trained family members who have lived the experience. Course topics include the major mental illnesses, treatments and medications, services available, and communication and coping strategies. Call NAMI, (847) 716-2252, to register.

Weight No More, a friendly weight loss support group, welcomes new members. Discussions include weight loss tips, recipes, and helpful ideas to help participants reach their goals. Fees are \$5 monthly to defray the room rental costs, and small fines for weight gain. Meetings take place from 9:15-10:15 a.m. Fridays at the Howard Leisure Center, 6676 Howard St., Niles (elevator accessible). Call (847) 679-4229. 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. This group meets from 7-8:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at Rainbow Hospice and Palliative Care, 444 N. Northwest Highway, Suite 145, Park Ridge; \$5 per session. Call (847) 692-8884 to register.

The Lutheran General Hospital Stroke Club for stroke survivors and their caregivers meets from 3-4:30 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month (except January and July) at the Outpatient Therapy Center, 9375 Church St., Des Plaines; use south entrance. Contact Meg Potterfield, (847) 723-4765.

Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago invites those who have experienced the loss of a loved one to suicide to participate in its Loving Outreach to Survivors of Suicide (LOSS) meetings at its Northwest office, 1717 Rand Road, Des Plaines. The minimum age for the monthly meetings or eight-session groups is 18-years-old. If possible, call the LOSS office, (312) 655-7283, for an initial intake before the first meeting or visit www.catholic-charities.net/loss. Groups meet 7-9 p.m. on the second Sunday of each month and also on the second Wednesday of each month.

Families Anonymous is a support group for family members and friends who are concerned about and affected by the substance abuse or behavioral problems of a loved one. Group 831 meets at 10 a.m. every Friday at Carter Westminster Church, 4950 W. Pratt Ave., Skokie, in the basement; enter from parking lot in the rear. Group 173 meets at 7:30 p.m. every Monday (except holidays) at First United Methodist Church, 418 W. Touhy Ave., Park Ridge in Parlor Room, south portion of main level; use entrance at rear (Grant Place), across from parking lot. No dues or fees required. First names only used at meetings to preserve individual anonymity. This is a nonprofessional and non-religious program. Call (773) 777-4442 or visit www.familiesanonymous.org.

NorthShore Hospice will sponsor the following Grief Support Groups: Soul Mates, is an ongoing support group for those who have experienced the death of a spouse or life partner. This group

meets on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month 6:30-8 p.m. at NorthShore University HealthSystem Home & Hospice Services office, 4901 Searle Parkway, Skokie. Legacy is an ongoing support group for adults who have experienced the death of a parent. The group meets on the first and third Tuesday of the month 6:30-8 p.m. NorthShore University HealthSystem Home & Hospice Services office, 4901 Searle Parkway, Skokie. Handicap accessible and parking available. To preregister for the programs, call Thom Dennis, (847) 982-4364 or e-mail dennis@northshore.org.

Tops Club, Inc. (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), an international weight-loss network of support groups, holds a local meeting weekly on Monday beginning at 5 p.m. at the Niles Park District Center, 6676 W. Howard St., Niles, on the lower level. The building is handicap accessible. TOPS has helped individuals live healthier lives since 1948 with a combination of sensible eating, regular exercise, and ongoing support to help members achieve and maintain their weight-loss goals. Women, men, teens and preteens committed to attaining and maintaining a healthy weight are all invited to join. Visitors are welcome to visit their first TOPS meeting free of charge. For more information about this meeting call (847) 966-4871 or, to find another local chapter, visit www.tops.org or call 800-932-8677.

MOMS Club of Northern Chicagoland holds weekly activities (such as playgroups, outings, museums, park dates) and monthly member meetings and Moms Night Out. Call (773) 853-2834 or visit http://sites.google.com/site/momsclubofnorthernchicago or e-mail chicanomomsclub@gmail.com.

One Hope United, formerly Kids Hope United, is seeking foster, adoptive parents to provide homes for at-risk children. Call (847) 245-6543 or visit www.onehopeunited.org.

The Maryville Crisis Nursery, 4015 N. Oak Park Ave., Chicago, offers twice-monthly tours of the facility. Tours are held on the first Tuesday of each month at 10 a.m. and on the fourth Tuesday at

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Wayne and Sandra Lueck of Surprise, Arizona joyously announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Lueck to Jack "JD" Delaporte III, son of Robert and Bonnie Foster of Phoenix, Arizona and Jack Delaporte, Jr. of Creal Springs, Illinois.

The future bride graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point with a Bachelor of Arts degree and is currently working on a dual master's program at Grand Canyon University in Phoenix, Arizona. Jennifer currently owns her own business, Off To Market Business Solutions, providing marketing and sales development consulting services to small and mid-sized businesses.

The future groom recently graduated from Grand Canyon University in Phoenix, Arizona with a Bachelor of Arts degree. Jack currently works at Grand Canyon University as a Finance Counselor Manager, coaching a team to best assist students in managing the financial demands and needs of attending college.

Jennifer is the granddaughter of Mr. William Lyons and the late Mrs. Amelia Lyons of Downers Grove, Illinois and the late Mr. Erwin Lueck and the late Mrs. Elizabeth Lueck of Darien, Illinois.

Jack is the grandson of Mr. Jack Delaporte of Placentia, California and Mrs. Francoise Booten of Creal Springs, Illinois and Mrs. Eileen Fenton and the late Mr. Robert Fenton of Lorain, Ohio, along with Mrs. Ethel Foster and the late Mr. Melvin Foster of Kennewick, Washington.

The wedding ceremony will be held Saturday, March 3, 2012 in Kauai, Hawaii and a celebration reception will follow on Saturday, March 31, 2012 in Phoenix, Arizona.



**Guziac - Zimmer
Engagement**

Marla and Gary Guziac of Lake Forest are pleased to announce the engagement of their son, Douglas Edward, to Maureen Ann Zimmer, daughter of Maggie and Paul Zimmer of Dayton, Ohio.

The groom-to-be graduated from Lake Forest High School in 2002 and earned his Bachelor of Business Administration Degree from the University of Florida. He is employed by Wells Fargo as a financial advisor in Chicago.

The bride-to-be graduated from Archbishop Alter High School in 2002 and earned her Bachelor of Art Degree in Education from St. Mary's College. She received her Masters Degree in Language, Literacy and Specialized Instruction: Reading and Learning Disabilities from DePaul University and is a reading specialist at the School of St. Mary in Lake Forest.

The wedding will take place in August in Dayton Ohio.



**Olzeski - McHugh
Engagement**

David and Susan Olzeski of Park Ridge are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Dana Marie to Kyle David McHugh, son of Tim and Diane McHugh of Belleville, Illinois.

Dana is a 2001 graduate of Maine South High School and a 2005 graduate of Jefferson College. She is a Registered Veterinary Technician currently with the Humane Society.

Kyle is a 1999 graduate of Belleville East High School and a 2011 graduate of Washington University. He is currently employed at State Farm Insurance.

A November 2011 wedding is planned.



Tara Wood & Sam Hergott

Ken and Pam Wood of LaGrange Park are happy to announce the marriage of their daughter Tara Lynne to Samuel John Hergott, son of Dr. Patrick and Carol Hergott of Excelsior, MN. The wedding took place on November 13, 2010 at St. Francis Xavier in LaGrange with an evening reception following at the Eaglewood Resort in Itasca. The couple honeymooned in Costa Rica.

Tara is the sales director for Thillens Service Corp of Chicago. Sam is the Retail Portfolio Manager for Newcastle Limited of Chicago. The couple will reside in LaGrange Park.



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50th Anniversary**

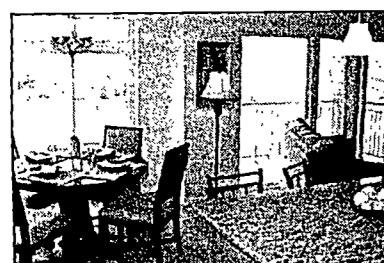
Herbert and Virginia Marohn celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on July 1, 2011. Married in Bronxville, NY, they lived in Tarrytown until they moved with their three children to Clarendon Hills in 1971 where Herb followed a job with Acorn Wire & Steel Works, eventually becoming President. Ginny brought her teaching career to IL and worked with numerous schools in the area, bringing her love of music to the classrooms. Active in music programs throughout their lives, especially at St. John's Lutheran Church in La Grange, they both currently donate a large part of their days volunteering at retirement homes, providing music for residents' entertainment and in-house ministries. Their "spare time" is spent enjoying their two grandchildren, family, friends and living life to God's glory.

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Vikings have high hopes for 2011-12

BY DAN SHALIN Contributor

The Niles North girls basketball team finished 13-16 last season, winning more games than any Vikings team in the recent past.

But head coach Dan Paxson said the campaign could have been even more impressive if his squad had been able to close out games. The coach estimates his team lost five or six contests that came down to the final possessions.

With a returning five-person nucleus, which includes two all-conference players, Paxson has high hopes for the 2011-12 season. But the Vikings must start winning the close ones.

Paxson said Niles North showed signs of taking that next step during its recently completed summer slate, which included tournaments in Valparaiso, Ind., and at Northside Prep and Maine West, and a weekly league at Niles West. The coach admits it can be hard to get an accurate gauge on anything in the summer because teams aren't always at full strength, but he likes the way his team was trending.

"We've had some buzzer-beaters and late comebacks, and I think that could be the result of experience and knowing who should have



Niles North's Mariyah Henley (center) fights for a rebound during action against Warren last season. | JOEL LERNER-SUN-TIMES MEDIA

the set plays," he said. "Talking with her now is more of a conversation rather than me telling her what she's going to do. Having that coach on the court, you hear that a lot, but I've really seen her grow in that way."

Sorriyah Ranger, who also will be a senior, will be looking to build on what was a strong second half last season. Paxson loves the 6-2 forward's enthusiasm and ability to alter shots.

Paxson said he has asked Henley, Hirsch and Ranger to be team leaders on a squad that includes many youngsters. The trio has responded.

"We've asked them to be teachers," the coach said. "If we're doing drills and they see something, we told them not to be afraid to step up and teach and be leaders."

The team's other two returning regulars are guard Lizzette Rivera, a senior-to-be who brings energy and a defensive intensity, and wing Shelley-Ray Moody, a junior-to-be who has improved her defense and turned in some strong performances at point guard this summer.

The rest of the team will be made up of talented newcomers, including incoming juniors Chnell Williams, Karime Assaf and Kristin Reichert, as well as Taylor Louis, who will be a sophomore.

board is truly like having a second coach on the floor. "It's kind of cool to have someone you've been working with for four years, who knows all the wrinkles and

Wildcat Juniors club features area talent

BY BLAKE SCHUSTER Staff Intern

The Wildcat Juniors Volleyball Club is not as well known as other greater Chicago area programs.

It's not an established team, nor does it strike fear in the eyes of opponents.

Just give the Wildcats time. The young club is not just out to show the world of volleyball it exists, but is proving it can hang with — and beat — teams that get in the way.

Founded four years ago by Karen Sonders, Northwestern University women's assistant coach, the club sent its Elite 15 team to Orlando, Fla., in June for the AAU Volleyball Nationals. Competing in the talent-packed Open Division,

the Wildcats finished 13th, a surprising performance for a relatively new program.

The Elite 15 team is a melting pot of area athletes. The roster includes Kate Kamin and Lauren Emmert of Glenbrook North, Taylor Louis (Niles North), Olivia Rusek (Niles West), Annie Bohrer, Haley Fautleroy, Emmy Friedler, Taylor Tashima and MC Magner (New Trier), Katherine Miles (Maine South) Jana Brusek (St. Ignace) and Madi Wilcox (Mundelein).

The team's biggest tournament victory came when it took the court against the Orlando Volleyball Academy, the top seed in the Wildcats' bracket. Taking the home-town favorite to three sets,

the Wildcats trailed 14-11 before battling back to score a 17-15 win.

"Our team went crazy," said Wildcat head coach Aaron Smith, whose coaching staff and members of the bench rushed the court with their hands in the air: "We hadn't won the tournament, but we had just upset a team that was perceived better than us. It was a pretty cool experience for the staff, the parents and our team."

Smith was especially pleased with the work of New Trier's Tashima — who he considers one of the team's most valuable players — and Mundelein's Wilcox, his pick for most improved player.

"(Wilcox) was our true court leader," Smith said.

"When something needed to be said, she was always the one."

The Wildcat Juniors hope to make an impression, based on their amenities, coaching staff and talent. The club trains at Welsh-Ryan Arena and Chandler Newberger Gym, using the same equipment as the Northwestern volleyball program.

"We are very fortunate that we are able to use Northwestern's facilities, but what really stands us alone is our coaching staff and our club director, Karen Sonders," Smith said. "Sonders started this program, which began with four or five regional teams, and in four years we're competing at all age groups at the national level, which is unheard of."



New Trier's Katie Fautleroy (left) has contributed to the Wildcat Juniors Volleyball Club's success this summer. | JOEL LERNER-SUN-TIMES MEDIA

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Garcia hoping career makes rebound

BY DAN SHALIN
Contributor

Former Niles West and Evanston boys basketball star Nik Garcia insists he is more prepared for the on- and off-court rigors of college basketball now than he was during an ill-fated, five-month stint at emerging power Central Florida in 2009.

But Garcia, who has been out of the game for over a year, is still looking for a place to play.

"Coming out of high school, I don't think I was mature enough for college basketball," said the player once rated as the No. 34 shooting guard in the nation by Rivals.com. "I regret the way I handled some things. I've been playing basketball since I was a kid. Now, I've had a few months of being out of it, and it's humbling. I've matured a lot, and if given another chance, I would not mess it up. I'd put all my work into that other chance."

After stops at Triton Junior College and Iowa Western JC — the latter ending quickly due to a bout of homesickness — Garcia has been back home in Niles working out and working on his game. The 6-foot-6, 200-pound guard said he has added muscle to his once skinny frame and has become a better defender.

Garcia always could shoot the ball, and former Niles West teammate Lorenzo Fiol (St. Ambrose University) said that remains the case. The two have played pick-up ball together this summer.

"(Garcia's) skill-set is not going to leave him. Once he finds his shot, it becomes automatic," Fiol said. "He's long and athletic and has always

been the guy to make shot after shot (from the outside). It's like a layup to him. He'll always be a Division I athlete. I wish the best for him. Hopefully, he can learn from his mistakes and slowly get back. This (next phase) will be a good test for him to see if he really wants it. I have all the faith in the world in him."

Garcia said he hopes to be playing organized basketball somewhere this fall — and at the junior college level, if necessary. He has three-and-a-half years of eligibility remaining and would eventually like to get another chance in the NCAA Division I ranks, though he wouldn't rule out dropping to a lower tier of college hoops, where a player of his skill-level possibly could be a star.

However, without a high school or AAU platform to currently showcase his skills, Garcia admits impressing the right people and making the necessary contacts has been tricky.

"When you are on the AAU circuit (in high school), you are always playing and able to show your talent," Garcia said. "But (now) it's not as easy to get back into (college ball)."

Garcia said two former AAU contacts have been overseeing his workouts and offering guidance about his next move.

It was on the AAU circuit in the summer of 2008 that Garcia exploded, so to speak. Turning in a number of impressive shooting displays for a Rising Stars team that included Marcus Jordan (Central Florida), Jack Cooley (Notre Dame), Cully Payne (Iowa) and Jerome Richmond (ex-Illinois), Garcia was

labeled as one of the nation's best shooters.

After averaging 25 points as a junior at Niles West, a personality conflict with then-Wolves coach Fritz Wulfram led Garcia to seek another school for his senior year.

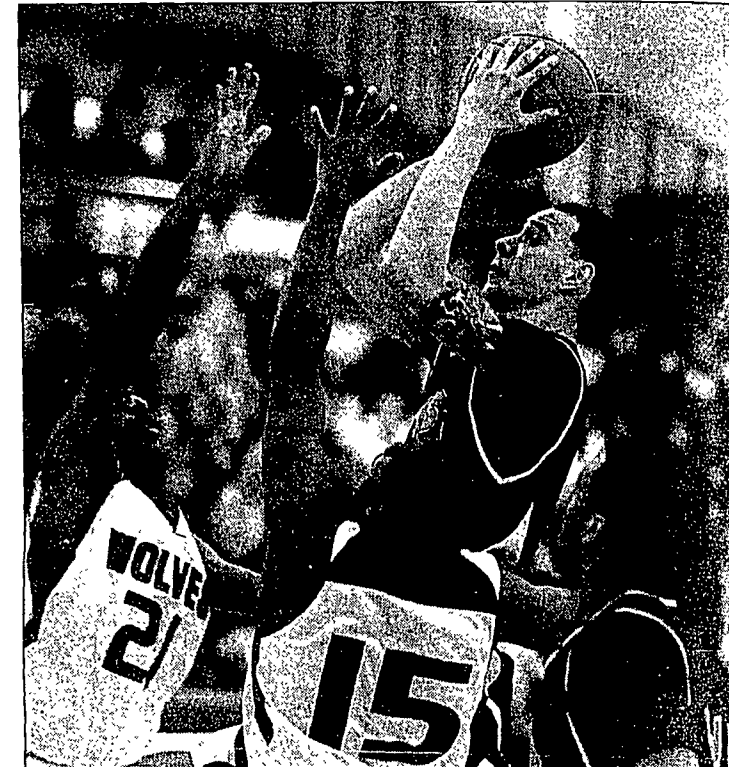
Though he briefly contemplated a prep school, Garcia finally transferred to Evanston, where he was eligible for the second semester of the 2008-09 campaign. Garcia had a solid season (22 point per game), though the team struggled at times. Garcia said he enjoyed playing for former Wildcats coach Bobby Locke.

College interest in Garcia peaked after his summer 2008 AAU performance, but it waned when questions arose about his ability to qualify academically. Schools such as Central Florida, Providence and Alabama remained in pursuit, though the latter opportunity went by the wayside when Crimson Tide coach Mark Gottfried resigned in the middle of the 2009 season.

Eventually, Garcia and good friend Jordan both committed to Central Florida, the Orlando-based Conference USA school with a sparkling new arena and big-time aspirations.

Garcia said multiple factors derailed his career at UCF, some of them self-inflicted problems, others out of his control.

In order to become eligible immediately, Garcia spent the summer before his freshman season taking classes in the greater Chicago area. He achieved his eligibility goal, but got down to school a few months after the rest of the recruiting class, each of whom had more time to get



Former Evanston star Nik Garcia puts up a shot against Niles West during action in the 2008-09 season. | ERIC DAVIS-SUN-TIMES MEDIA

acclimated to the basketball program and the school's academics.

When the season began, Garcia said his close relationship with Knights' assistant coach Mike Jaskulski, who was his main recruiter, did not count for much in the eyes of head coach Kirk Speraw.

"I just didn't get enough time on the court to feel comfortable and adjust to the (college) game. I never

felt comfortable and had confidence issues," Garcia said. "I feel like I needed a little more trust from the coach."

After seeing limited minutes in six nonconference games and missing his family back in Chicago, Garcia decided to leave mid-season. He also had let his academics slide, which prevented him from moving on to another four-year school.

Trio from Oakton joins Hall of Fame

Oakton Community College President Margaret B. Lee is one of the newest members of the Illinois Skyway Collegiate Conference Hall of Fame.

Lee, a Wilmette resident, was inducted during a ceremony held at College of Lake County on June 9. The ISCC Hall of Fame honors administrators, athletes, coaches, community supporters, faculty, staff and teams associated with the conference.

"President Lee has been, and is, a strong advocate of intercollegiate athletics, and involves herself both personally and professionally with

our program," said Oakton Athletics Director Bruce Oates. "In a time when many collegiate institutions have maintained the status quo or even dropped sports, Oakton has expanded its athletic program to include 19 intercollegiate sports under her tenure. In addition, (Lee) invests her personal time to serve as a mentor for several of our men's basketball players."

Lee, also an English professor, was appointed president of Oakton in 1995. Previously, she served as vice-president for curriculum and instruction at Oakton from 1985-95. Lee holds a doctorate and master of

arts degree in English and literature from the University of Chicago.

Oakton graduate Ann Tuzson (Evanston Township) was inducted to the Hall of Fame for her accomplishments in women's marathon and cross country.

As a Raider, Tuzson was a national marathon champion in 1995, and finished third in a national cross country meet in '94. Tuzson also was honored as an All-American by the National Junior College Athletic Association. Tuzson was simultaneously inducted into the NJCAA Region IV Hall of Fame.

Tuzson, who holds a doctorate

from the University of Virginia, is a physical therapist clinician at the University of Virginia Health Science Center.

Winnetka resident Carol Davis was enshrined as a Friend of Athletics. A former vice-president at Oakton, Davis began working at the college in 1972 as a member of the student development faculty. For the last 10 years, she's served as a part-time academic advisor for Oakton student-athletes.

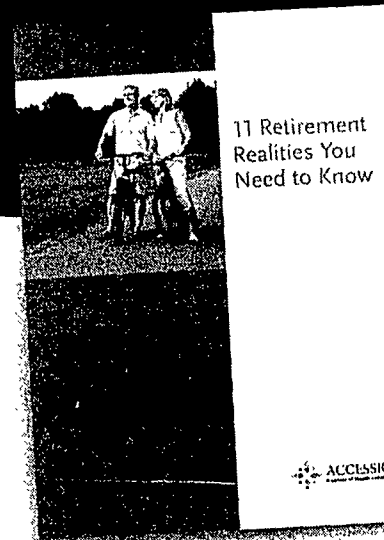
"Carol is a rock of stability," Oates said. "She is tremendously committed to the success of our student-athletes."

Hoops signees: On the heels of a school-record, 21-win season, Oakton's women's basketball team welcomed three new recruits: Angeliq Patterson (George Washington High School), Tara Busby (Steinmetz) and Amber Patterson-Moss (Thornton Fractional North).

Patterson, a 5-foot-10 guard, averaged 17 points as a senior en route to earning team MVP honors. Busby, a 5-11 guard, led Steinmetz in scoring last season (15.5 ppg) and also was named team MVP. Patterson-Moss, a 5-6 guard, averaged 11.5 points and a team-high 4.2 assists in 2010-11.

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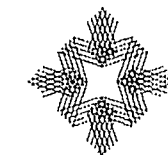
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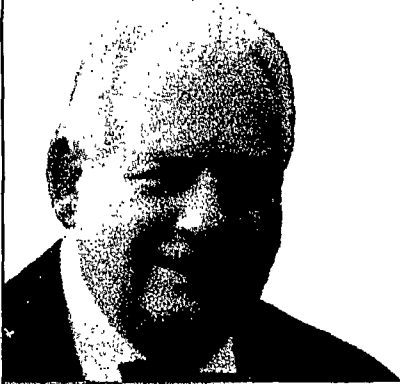
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