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Jose Carrasquillo, of Niles, breaks a sweat on Saturday morning in spinning class at the Niles Family Fitness Center. PAGE 8 (Joel Lerner/Staff Photographer)

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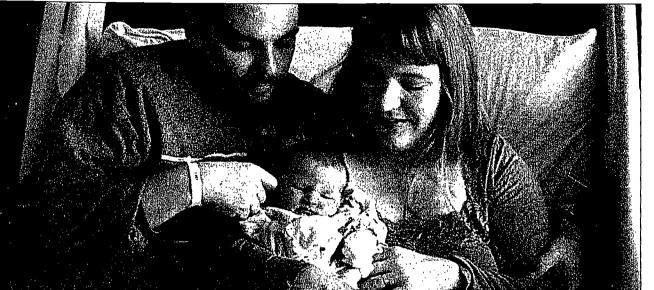
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Mary Nespoux and husband Mike, of Chicago, share a moment Saturday with baby Juliana Elizabeth Nespoux at Advocate Lutheran General Hospital in Park Ridge. Juliana was born at 5.26 p.m. New Year's Day and was the second baby born at Lutheran General. She went home on Jan. 2 to meet her older

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## ADVOCATE LUTHERAN GENERAL HOSPITAL Hospital's 'official first baby actually came 2nd

Juliana Elizabeth Nespoux wasn't technically Advocate Lutheran General Hospital's first baby of 2010, but she's still getting her fair share of attention.

Lutheran General's first baby of the new year was actually born at 9:34 a.m. Friday, but the family asked not to be photographed or named, according to spokesperson Colette Urban.

That opened the door for little Juliana, who stepped into the spotlight as the hospital's "official" first baby when she came into the world 5:26 p.m. later that

Juliana, weighing in at 7 pounds, 15.9 ounces, was born to Mary and Mike Nespoux, of Chicago's Northwest Side

She joins a brother, Jake, 3.

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The Better Business Bureau (BBB) has advised to businesses nationwide, business owners to exercise telling them they have been caution when dealing with selected as 'outstanding the U.S. Chamber Associa- local businesses' and offer-

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## DUI crackdowns go into overdrive this year

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Motorists planning on drinking and driving Irish this St. Paddy's day.

Memorial Day, the 4th of through town.

Christmas either.

Police Department began a restraint violations," accordthrough Niles shouldn't try drunk driving on New Year's Sgt. Tom Davis. to press their luck o' the Day after receiving a \$31,000 grant from the Illi-In fact, they shouldn't try nois Department of Transtwo-week-long campaigns. it on Super Bowl Sunday, portation to finance patrols

tion patrols focusing on That's because the Niles DUI, speeding and occupant

> Police say the patrols will be divided into eight major

"The patrols will take Christmas." place mostly during night-

July, Thanksgiving, or "The grant is for saturatime hours between 11 p.m. until 4 a.m.," Davis wrote. "(They) will focus mainly around holidays and events holiday crackdown on ing to a statement issued by such as New Years Day, Super Bowl Sunday, St. Patrick's Day, Memorial Day, 4th of July, Labor Day and Thanksgiving and

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#### 1. Man Charged in Robbery

Niles police have charged an 18-year-old Chicago man with allegedly using a BB gun to rob a local gas station where he used to be employed.

#### 2. Teen charged after entering Niles home

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

Cody Carpenter, 17, of 635 Elmore Ave., Park Ridge, was issued local ordinance citations for consumption of alcohol by a minor and disorderly conduct, according to Niles police.

#### 3. Half-million-dollar state grant to extend Milwaukee Ave. work

Niles was recently awarded a \$520.000 transportation grant from the state of Illinois to continue work its Milwaukee Avenue Beautification project.

This is the second grant Niles has been awarded by the Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program. To date the entire Milwaukee Avenue project has received \$1.8 million from various funding sources.

#### 4. District 207: Teachers union rejects salary freeze

Maine Township High School District 207 teachers union has voted against reopening their contract to mitigate heavy job cuts proposed by the school district, but union members were discussing voluntary contributions to save jobs.

#### 5. Glenbrook North's Dragicevich named player of the year

When starter Tyler Ponticelli went down with a back injury in the preseason, junior guard Alex Dragicevich stepped up as Glenbrook North's offensive leader.

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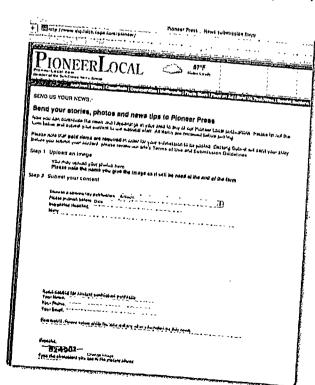
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#### **MAINE TOWNSHIP**

## Authorities seek missing woman

By JENNIFER JOHNSON johnson@pioneerlocal.com

Cook County Sheriff's Police were looking for an unincorporated Maine Township woman who had not been seen since Saturday

Sheriff's Police identified the woman as Sangitagen Patel, 32. According to a black pants. She was denew release issued by the scribed as 5 feet. 2 inches department Monday, Patel tall, about 125 pounds, with was last seen between 8 brown eyes and black hair. Comment: pioneerlocal.com

a.m. and 9 a.m. near her Police said she speaks limhome in the area of Ballard ited English, and there are and Dee Roads in unincor- no reports of domestic trouporated Maine Township. ble between Patel and her She was reportedly on her husband and no a history of way to a bus stop and was her leaving without contactheading to work at a Subway restaurant in Prospect Heights, Sheriff's Police said. Patel was last seen wearing a purple jacket and

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

#### **NEWS BRIEF** the fall of 2010 should report

#### Catholic high schools to take placement test Saturday

At 8 a.m. Saturday. Catholic high schools across the Archdiocese of Chicago will administer their annual placement tests for elementary school eighth grade students, according to a news release. Catholic, public or private school students who are interested in attending archdiocesan high schools in

to the high school they wish to attend to take the test, bring two No. 2 pencils and a check or money order for the \$25 exam fee made payable to the school. Test results will be mailed to students Feb. 12.

The North Central Association, called in the news release "the largest regional evaluation and accreditation

organization in the United States," accredits each Archdiocese of Chicago high school and requires professional development for teachers. Catholic high school students in the Archdiocese of Chicago have a 96-percent attendance rate and a 98-percent graduation rate, with 95 percent of graduates enrolling in a college or university.

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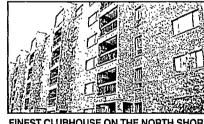
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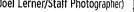
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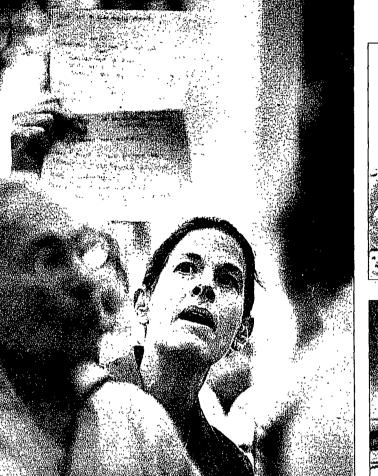
**TOP** Claudia Podolski, 12, lets Milo the Chihuahua hold an American flag July 4 on Main Street while waiting for the parade to begin.

**ABOVE** Eight-year-old Mikayla Morales hula dances July 31 during the evening's concert at Oak Park in Niles. The Barefoot Hawaiian provided the evening's entertainment.

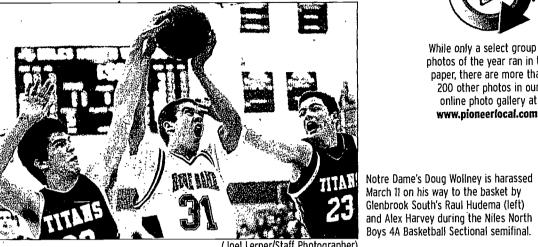
**RIGHT** Niles West's Joe Kosir leaps for a header and collides with Elk Grove's Cesar Rodriguez on Aug. 24 at Elk Grove.



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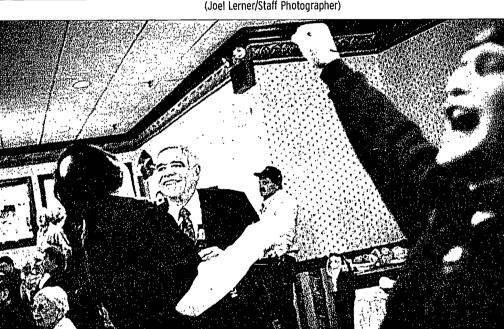
(Dan Luedert/Staff Photographer)





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online photo gallery at www.pioneerlocal.com. Notre Dame's Doug Wollney is harassed March 11 on his way to the basket by Glenbrook South's Raul Hudema (left)



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**TOP LEFT** Roberta Goldberg holds aloft notes and talking points from a previous discussion on health-care from Congressman Mark Kirk (R-10th) during a discussion on the same subject with Congresswoman Jan Schakowsky (D-9th) on June 14 at the Niles Senior Center.

**ABOVE** Robert Callero, center, and members of the Continuing Economic Stability Party celebrate April 7 at White Eagle Restaurant, 6839 N. Milwaukee Ave. Niles. Callero won with just less than half of the vote.

**LEFT** Sophomore Mike LoPiccollo pushes a 175-pound tire on July 9 across the field during Maine East Summer Football Camp on Thursday afternoon in Park Ridge.

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## Niles East class of 1960 plans big 50th reunion

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was Niles West and before Niles West there was Niles

Niles East was the original - the one and only Niles Township High School before Niles West opened its doors in 1959. Those who graduated from the original school in 1960 - nearly half a century ago - will get together again for a 50th class reunion slated from Oct. 1 to Oct. 3 at the Lincolnshire Marriott.

Reunion committee memabout 880 of their classmittee has already received

I'm very nostalgic," said ronment. I think the most Jeff Sippil, committee mem- memorable thing is how and Niles North in 1964. ber and Highland Park res-. "It's fun. The scary part

is seeing people you haven't seen in a long time and you remember them at the age of 17. And now they're 50 years older and it's scary. The other scary thing is, unfortunately, finding out about classmates that have

Sippil said he misses his high school days - being 17 again and being "more care-

ber Jerry France, now an Atlanta resident, joked that he has many fond memories of Niles East that he can't talk about.

"It was a very warm envi-

close our class was. As big as it was there were so many friendships and so much fun."

France said his fondest high school memories revolve around the closeness of the Niles East community and how much fun they had in school.

"It was a fun place to go and a great place to learn," he said. "We didn't have the problems with drugs that kids have to deal with today. We did a lot of stuff and we got into a few bits of trouble but all in all everybody was pretty on the straight and narrow and had a lot of fun. I think the worst thing someone might do was

Niles East's sister schools, Niles West and Niles North remained open after the original closed in 1980.

That ended a 52-year run for Niles East, which opened in 1938 — a year before the start of World War II.

The reunion planning committee members include Marilyn Holtz, Jerry France, Paul Heinze, Sandy Heinze, Barb Demano Hopper, Pat Gorgen, Barry Humphrey, Jeff Sippil, Gail Frank Raphael, Carol Peterson Cordier and Karen Brodsky Winkelmann.

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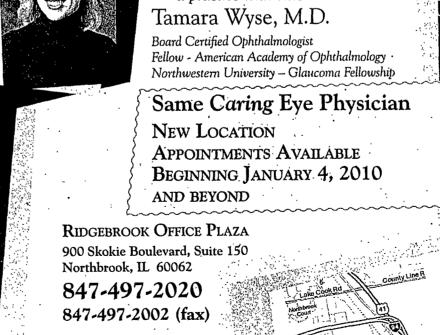


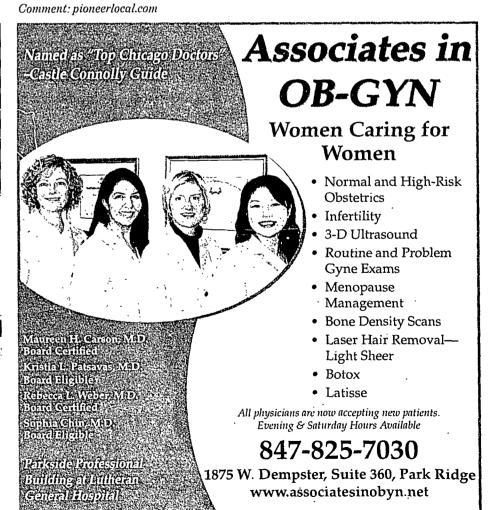
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## Charity concert pays tribute to church's late choir director

By JENNIFER JOHNSON jjohnson@pioneerlocal.com

Last January the St. Paul of the Cross Church Choir was still reeling from the sudden loss of their longtime director Chris Diez, who at just 48 succumbed weeks after his diagnosis.

This year members will

remember Diez with music cert. in a special concert featur-

The Chris Diez Memorial Sunday at St. Paul of the Cross Catholic Church, 320 may be purchased at the leader. door on the day of the con-

Concert will be at 3:30 p.m. Brain Tumor Association. such a big part of his life," The event was organized by his wife, Wendy Diez, of S. Washington Ave., Park Norwood Park, who is the Chris directed for 15 years, to two brain tumors three Ridge. Tickets are \$10 and choir's soprano section will perform traditional

to memorialize him around The concert falls just days the anniversary of his death, ing some of his favorite before the anniversary of and to me there was no bet-Diez's death, and proceeds ter way to do it than musiwill benefit the American cally because music was

> The St. Paul Choir, which Christmas songs like the "I wanted to do something Hallelujah Chorus from

Wendy said.

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as non-holiday music includa lullaby Chris' mother used to sing him, Wendy said.

"Planning this concert has been a great outlet for me," she said. "While it has been a lot of work, it has been a positive way for me to channel my grief and feel like I'm doing something for Chris and for others who might be in the same situation."

It was the American Brain Tumor Association that tor plans were put on hold Wendy Diez reached out to shortly after her husband's diagnosis of Glioblastoma Multiforme, an aggressive type of tumor, in December 2008. The association provides resources and support services for patients and their families, and works to ably be embarrassed that fund brain-tumor research.

"There's nothing like the helpless feeling you have same time believes he would when you get this diagno-, also love the show itself. sis. Short of doing anything else, raising money for an organization that can do the music," she said. "I hope something concrete was im- he'd be proud of what we're portant, so that's why we doing."

Following Chris' diagnosis the American Brain Tumor Association provid-

in the area and they made an appointment at Northwestern Memorial Hospital. But Chris' illness progressed quickly and, shortly after his second child was born, he died Jan. 13, 2009. Almost immediately

to run with (the idea)."



ing pieces the choir performed at Chris and Wendy's wedding. Another song, 'Gesu Bambino," was

ed the Diezes with a list of leading research hospitals

> friends of Chris brought up the idea of holding a concert in his memory, Wendy said. But without a choir directemporarily until, Wendy admitted, she "just started

As of last week ticket sales had far surpassed the \$2,000 goal initially set.

Wendy acknowledged her late husband would "probsuch a big deal is being made over him," but at the

"I think he'd enjoy the concert. I think he'd enjoy



DISTRICT 63

## Space concerns spawn task force

"Due to enrollment

changes as well as new pro-

grams resulting from state

and federal mandates, East

Maine School District 63 is

facing concerns over space

at several schools," accord-

ing to a statement from the

district. "As a result, we are

seeking participants in a

Community Task Force to

develop recommendations

for addressing these chal-

lenges. Because the solu-

tions generated by the task

force could directly impact

many of the students and

**BUSINESS BRIEF** 

**By TONY BERTUCA** 

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East Main Elementary School District 63 has asked parents to join a task force aimed at solving space issues at several schools.

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District officials say both Stevenson and Nelson elementary schools are running out of space due to unexpectedly high enrollment over the past two years. Enrollment at Apollo Elementary School is lower than ex-

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cards to food pantry

was recently presented with

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The donation came in the

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food pantry to receive \$15

that will allow visitors to the

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your input would be greatly appreciated."

The task force has sched uled several community meetings before the school board takes action in March 3: Jan. 27 from 6:30-9 p.m. at Stevenson School; Feb. 9 from 6:30-9 p.m. at Nelson School; Feb. 23 from 6:30-9 p.m. at Twain School; and Feb. 24 from 6-9 p.m. at Donald C. Stetina Educational Service Center.

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#### worth of food at Meijer's in

Meijer's Niles location is scheduled to open Jan. 19 at 9000 W. Golf Road. Niles Family Services Di-

rector Marty Friedman said he was delighted to receive the donation because families in need could now select perishable items from Meijer's that cannot be stocked in the food pantry.

Niles Mayor Robert Callero, who was on-hand to receive the donation from Meijer's Niles Store Director Shaun M. Bonner, expressed his gratitude for store's generosity and was thankful for their investment in Niles. Comment: pioneerlocal.com

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• Wrongful Death

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

#### THEFT

Daniel Allen Jr., 44, of 5000 W. Fargo Ave., Skokie, was charged with retail theft Dec. 31 after he allegedly stole \$200 of merchandise from a store on the 5600 block of West Touhy Avenue.

He was released on \$1,000 bond and is due in court

#### DUI

Melissa Caraito, 26, of 6034 N. Avondale Ave., Chicago, was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol Saturday on the 7000 block of West Touhy Avenue. She was released on \$1,000 bond and is due in court Jan. 22

#### POLICE BLOTTER

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

Eric Gursch, 44, of 5023 W. Dobson St., Skokie, was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol Sunday on the 8600 block of Milwaukee Avenue. He was released on \$1,000 bond and is due in court Jan. 26.

Larry Turner, 46, of 1735 W. Park Ave., North Chicago, was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol Sunday on the 9000 block of North Milwaukee Avenue. He was released on \$1,000 bond and is due in

court Feb. 26.

Mary Jegen, 46, of 4620 N. Narragansett Ave., Harwood Heights, was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol Sunday

on the 7200 block of North Milwaukee Avenue. She was released on \$1,000 bond and is due in court Feb. 23.

Christopher Levendoski. 23. of 8146 N. Ozanam Ave., Niles, was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol Saturday on the 7900 block of North Milwaukee Avenue. He was released on \$2,000 bond and is due in court Feb. 26.

Adel Castro, 27, of 3728 S. Hermitage Ave., Chicago, was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol Friday near Waukegan Road and Milwaukee Avenue. He was released on \$1,000 bond and is due in court Feb. 26.

Joseph Mete, 45, of 8831 N. Oketo Ave., Niles, was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol Friday on the 7900 block of North Harlem Avenue.

He was released on \$1,000 bond and is due in court



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Van loses control, passenger death \$5 Million Wrongful death of worker at job site

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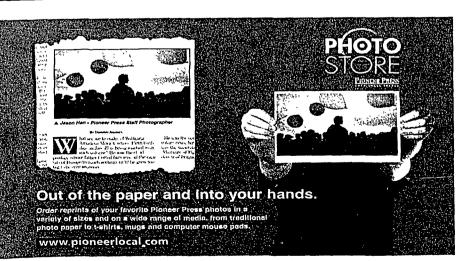
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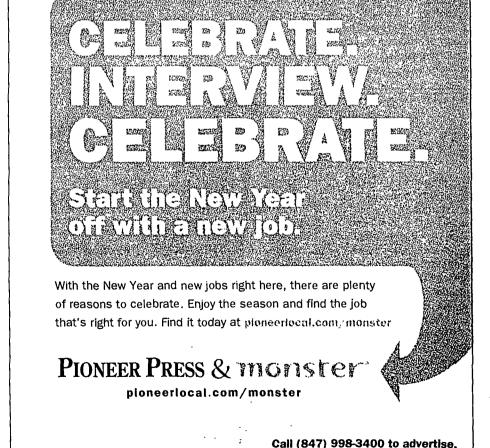
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## New laws now in effect in Illinois

state laws legislators approved this summer went into effect immediately, a bevy of new laws just became active Friday. Jan. 1. The ones likely to impact most folks are those designed to reduce the number of accidents caused by distracted drivers.

Beginning Jan. 1, it is now against the law to read or send text messages or e-mails while driving. The ban applies to cell phones, smart phones and laptops, but does not apply to Global Positioning System navigational units or other direction-providing serv-

Illinois joined 18 other states that already had banned sending or receiving messages while driving.

Another law was designed to increase the safety of students and construction workers. Motorists are now banned

Scammers in 2009 fol-

lowed the financial woes of

individuals as they preved

nomic conditions and con-

economy, according to the

Better Business Bureau's

summary of dishonest

on people's difficult eco-

cerns about the general

from using hand-held devices near schools or construction zones, although Bluetooth-

And the penalty for driving without proper insurance has increased are subject to a Class A misdemeanor instead of just a traffic citation.

Schools in the area may went into effect Jan. 1 is demeanor, to threaten to destroy a school and/or harm anyone in a school the past year when unfounded threats forced

pranks.

Still another law has

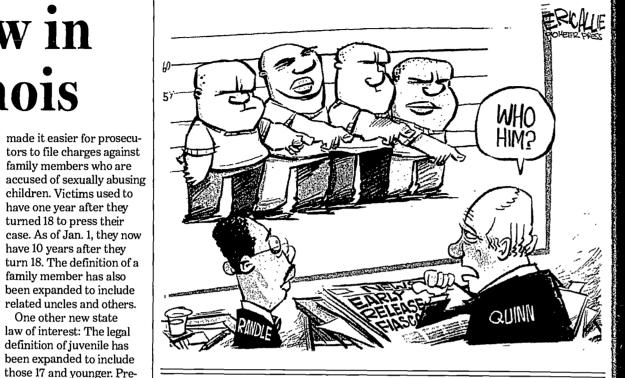
enabled calling is allowed.

Drivers taking a chance without car insurance now

be experiencing fewer disruptions. A state law that aimed at eliminating bogus threats to schools. The law makes it a felony, not a misbuilding. Several suburban schools were disrupted in schools to be evacuated.

The felony charge should discourage some of these

#### **1000 WORDS**



## Re-gifting and refunds



CHERYL O'DONOVAN

VAN MOM STRIKES AGAIN

Post-holiday madness, I pass through several stores and find long lines and cordoned-off areas marked "Refunds."

The hostility and desperation is almost as bad as when I shopped at a Toys "R" Us on Christmas Eve. I shudder, recalling that

half-devoured green M&M

But today, I'm shopping

for clearance bargains and

dark despair. Even the Toys "R" Us mascot, Geoffrey the Giraffe, was scalping parents outside. Aisles picked clean, it was almost as though the Grinch swept

through with a snow blower. The one speck of candy remaining was a

slung aside by a toddler. ignoring the plush Santas missing eyes and belts. I overhear bits of conver-

pets," an exhausted mom crumpling. "My daughter already lost Pipsqueek, Num Nums and Mr. Squiggles. All she has is Chunk." "Chunk. That's the white

"Yes," the tired mom

I see a photo of Chunk, a

"No, he's 33." reaching the returns "I'm going to re-gift this

tub of Oxyclean." a Celestial Tea package

we have a receipt, blood sample, last tax return, and you specify which Monkee you preferred, Mickey Dolenz or Davy Jones." Comment: pioneerlocal.com

Wells Fargo mortgage modified. Her husband passed

in-law, Rosemarie

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STEPHANIE ZIMMERMANN

THE FIXER - Chicago Sun-Times

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Dear Fixer: My mother-

DePinto, cannot get her

away about 18 months ago, and she has been trying to get a modification of the loan since the beginning of the year. She has submitted documentation of my father-inlaw's death several times. They say they did not receive it, and they bounce her from clerk to clerk. She has gotten nowhere - please help

Roberto Morrone

Dear Roberto: The Fixer had fun getting to know you and Rosemarie over the nearly two months that it took to get this fixed. Wells Fargo won't earn any speed records, but they did come up with a more affordable payment plan, at least until they can review your mother-in-law's situation again.

phenomenon common to Because she'd get a different customer-service representative on the phone each time, she felt she had to begin telling the story from the start each time. She figures she sent her husband's death certificate to the company five times — and they still kept him listed on the account.

We were happy to

higher-ups at Wells Fargo utilities:

It took awhile, but they agreed to let her skip her December payment, and they set her payments \$200 lower for the first three months of 2010. In March. they said they'll review her case. We'll cross our fingers that they make the arrangement permanent.

Wells Fargo help comes in stages

who could handle the

problem

#### My (not so) Free Travel

We've written a couple of columns about My Free Travel, the Joliet rebatefulfillment business that partnered with retailers to offer rebates to consumers who bought big-ticket items. Several readers and at least one merchant -- had complained that My Free Travel was either finding unusual reasons to deny people's rebates or being pokey with their customer service, or both. The icing on the cake was

that consumers had to fork over 10 bucks just to participate in the program, meaning My Free Travel made lots of money on participation fees without ever paying all the rebates.

Well, it looks like My Free Travel is no more. The Better Business Bureau, which was reviewing the company after receiving a whopping 540 consumer complaints, says that, as of late December, My Free Travel had laid off its staff and ceased opera-

No word on whether it will try to reorganize, but consumers with unpaid rebates ought not to hold their breath waiting.

Consumers with complaints are urged to contact the Illinois Attorney General's Office tollfree at (800) 386-5438 or online at www.illinoisattorneygeneral.gov.

#### Saving gas

Here are a few tips to keep your gas bills from careening out of control this winter, from the good folks at the Citizens Utility Board, the non-profit

islature to advocate for consumers vis-à-vis the

■ Check your bill. If it says "estimated" or "EST" it means the gas company didn't read your meter and estimated your usage based on past history. If this goes on for months it can mess up your bill, so call them to inquire. You also can do vour own reading — check out www.citizensutilityboard.org or call (800) 669-5556 for info.

■ Get a programmable thermostat and set it at 68 degrees during the day and 62 at night. In most homes, you can save about 2 percent of your heating bill for each degree you lower the thermostat.

■ Set your water heater at 120 degrees and cover it with an insulating blanket.

■ Caulk leaky windows and insulate any openings around window air conditioning units.

One more thing — if a salesperson comes to your door to try to switch you to an unregulated natural gas provider, be very wary. Countless consumers have reported their gas bill rising astronomically after being put on an outside supplier's plan.

A new state law helps protect consumers who signed up for these plans on or after April 10, 2009. Now, consumers can cance their contracts within 10 days - after they've seen the bill - with no penalty. If they cancel after that, the maximum penalty is

Getting the runaround about a consumer problem? Tell it to The Fixer at www.pioneerlocal.com, where you'll find a simple form to fill out. Or, you can mail a brief description of your problem, along with your name, address and telephone number, to: The Fixer, 3701 W. Lake Ave., Glenview IL 60026. Don't send original documents. Letters are edited for length and clarity. Comment: pioneerlocal.com

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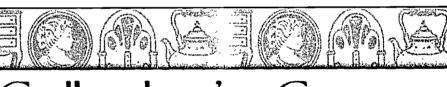
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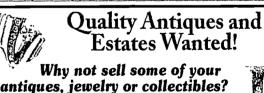
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business dealings for the past year. "We've seen scammers follow the money trail and were directly related to personal finances ...."

This listing is based on the number of times people requested information and inquiries through personal phone calls or the BBB website, as well as complaints. These instances of 'service by the Better Business Bureau serving Chicago and Northern Illinois, including inquiries and complaints about specific businesses, totaled a

target the desperate emotions of people," said Steve J. Bernas, president and CEO of the Better Business Bureau serving Chicago and Northern Illinois.

Work-at-home scams top '09 list

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record-setting 9 million. The list of the Top 10 most common scams in 2009 include: "This year the Top 3 scams 1. Work-At-Home

for example.

2. Credit Repair scams. 3. Grant Locating and Government Job-Finding

have one year after they

turned 18 to press their

have 10 years after they

family member has also

One other new state

law of interest: The legal

definition of juvenile has

been expanded to include

viously only those 16 and

that from Jan. 1 on, we are

under were considered

no longer including the

names of those aged 17

16 and under. The only

exception would be if the

defendant is charged as an

adult, as in a murder case,

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as we have done for those

charged with crimes.

juveniles. This means

4. Mortgage Foreclosure Rescue deals

5. Check Collection

6. Advance-Fee Lending. 7. Mystery Shopper

8. Phony Directory solicitations.

9. "Free Trials" that are not free.

10. Phishing, Smishing, Fake E-Cards and other ways to obtain ID informa"Don't even say Zhu Zhu

says, her paper return bags

white toy hamster, who looks like he's struggling with Super Odious Seasonal Affective Disorder, SO-SAD. Chunk is the pudgy white Zhu Zhu with the pasty complexion. Come to think of it, after all this holiday eating, Chunk could easily represent most

North American Cau-In the Refunds and Returns line, a testy father pipes up from the back. "Well, my kid wanted a real hamster, and our Zhu Zhu went doo-doo all over our

holiday decorations." A woman in a pea coat surveys the Refunds line, which continues outside

and has a traffic cop maintaining law and order. "Sheesh," she breathes with relief. "For a moment there, I thought I might be in the unemployment line" Other people discuss why

they are returning pur-"My sister bought my kid

this SpongeBob sleeping "Oh, so your kid's into

other shows, huh? Watches "iCarly now?"

They're also discussing other options, in the event they turn into dust before

"Well, I'm going to re-gift

from 1992." Finally, those returning gifts reach their destination, the cash register and angry clerk.

"Sorry, no returns unless

Rosemarie described a many "Dear Fixer" writers.

She said she was told they couldn't help her because they couldn't reach her - which doesn't make sense because she's a senior citizen, hasn't traveled lately and has an answering machine.

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cepted), plenty of free parking and.

following a brief business meeting

and the program, there will be free

refreshments and dessert. A grand

planned later in the year. All pro-

The Alumnae Club of Park Ridge

will meet at 1 p.m. Jan. 13 at the

South Park Fieldhouse, Talcott Roa

and Cumberland Ave., Park Ridge, En

tertainment will feature the Burt &

Herb Show focusing on the Kalo

Ketura Hadassah will hold its

monthly meeting at 12:30 p.m. Jan.

colnwood. Michelle Gilats will speak

on Genetic Oisorders. The cost is \$3

Jewish Genealogical Society of

and Knocking Oown Those Brick

Walls" at 2 p.m. Feb. 21. at Temple

Beth Israel, 3601 W. Oempster St.,

Skokie. Ask any genealogical related

your family's history. The JGSI meet

ing facilities will open at 12:30 p.m.

to accommodate members/guests

who want to use library materials.

get help with genealogy web sites or

ask genealogical related questions

p.m. Visit www.jewishgen.org/jgsi or

The Twenty-first Star Chapter of

the National Society of the Oaugh-

ters of the American Revolution will

meet at 11:30 a.m. Jan. 13 at the Park

Ridge Country Club. 636 N. Prospect

Ave., Park Ridge. Lunch will be

phone (312) 666-0100.

questions regarding research into

for nonmembers. Call (847) 945-1945.

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mind, Call (847) 390-0160.

will serve as hostesses.

opening of the renovated museum is

grams are planned with the family in

#### **DISTRICT 207**

Maine Township High School District 207 is well represented in this year's listing of Illinois State Scholars, with 271 students from the District's three schools earning this prestigious designation. The Illinois Student Assistance Commission bestows this honor annually. Illinois State Scholar winners rank in the top 10 percent of the state's high school seniors. Selection is based on scores for SAT. ACT and/or Prairie State Achievement Exam scores and class rank at the end of

the junior year. From Maine East High School: Kristen Beierwaltes, Dana Castillo, Andre Colorina, Michelle Cunanan, Keanu Delavega, Afia Ekra, Iwetta Gora, Steven Grousnick, Sicy Joseph, Angela Juister, Shirley Kakkanad, Victoria Kill, Hyun Kim, Timothy Kim, Stephanie Kirschner, Maciej Kolenda, Agnieszka Kowalska, Garima Kumar, Anjaly Kurian, Braven Leung, Christy Manaois, Cia Mathew, Abigail Medrano,

Sahrish Moyeed, Alfredo Nagode, Alyssa Paguirigan, Mahek Parikh, Hyon Park, Komal Patel, Rina Patel, Michele Perchess, Patrick Radziwil, Dania Shehadeh, Jongguen Shin, Michael Sipusich, Molly Sompolski, Maria Spanos, Samantha Stankowicz, Andrew Suriano, Andrea Syukur, Sharon Thomas, Britany Trujillo and Jeremy Umansky

From Maine South High

School: Andrew Abtahi,

Leonard Allegretti, Matthew Ammentorp, Joseph Anderson, Emily Armato, Shannon Armstrong, Aleksandra Augustynowicz, Anthony Aukett, Jonathan Bartkowicz, Madeline Basile, Dylan Bean, Alexander Benson, Tyler Benz, Stephanie Bergren, Thomas Bielawiec. Bryan Bisanz, Elise Blandin, Jacqueline Bono, Amanda Brait, Robert Bujak. Matthew Butch, Brian Cameron, Robert Cardenas, Cody Carpenter, Anthony Chiodo IV, Charles Collins, Louie Cordon, Katelyn Cottrell, David Dabros, Jared Degrazia, Taylor Depaola, Michael Dicola, Mary

Farrell, Paul Fedyniak, Sean Fleming, Jason Freeman, Morgan Gaede, Amanda Gallagher, Elizabeth Gatti, Sarah Geraci, Monica Grabijas, Alexandra Gremer, Eric Greve, Natasha Grosskopf, Lisa Gullo, Bridget Haley, Matthew Hamielec, Monica Hannan, Thomas Harter, Casey Hinds, Eric Hollander, Kathleen Hurley, Jennifer Jesski, Ian Kahrilas, Dimitrios Kailis, Daniel Kaitis, Caitlin Kelly, Patrick Kelly, Jacqueline Kiem, Meredith Konopinski, Kyle Kovacin, William Krol, Elyssa Kulas, Peter Kumon, Amy Kutska, Christina Landreth, Michael Landreth, Patrick Lange, Floy Laverty, Michelle Lis, Patrick Maher, Michael Mangian, Catherine Mann, Martin Marchela, John Markos, Philip McDonough, Elizabeth McGuire, Megan McKitterick, Kathleen McNamee, Marjorie McPartlin, Liliana Mejia, Maryellen Moran, Elizabeth Mov. Charles Mueller, Ryan Murphy, Christopher Ng, Amy Ngai,

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Theodore Sherbin, Dayana

Adam Sirvinskas, Brian Si-

wek, Matthew Skwarczek.

Isabel Soto, Natalie Stam,

Stevens, Jacek Stys, Cody

Tauber, Elizabeth Teahan,

Joshua Thompson, Claire

Bartek Urbanek, Kurt Wagn-

Tichawa, Arin Tsikretsis,

eı; John Walsh, Margaret

Walter, Justin Wasik, Anne

Wave, Rachel Willoughby.

Anna Wolf, Samuel Yoder

From Maine West High

and Patricia Zavos.

Jonathan Stevens, Kelly

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Philip Tallman, Daniel

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Student members of Cavalier, Paladin and Riddervon Halls donated more than 100 toys for children younger than 5 who attended a Christmas Party given by the Women's Center on Dec. 21.

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#### Renefits

A Chris Diez Memorial Concert will be held at 3:30 p.m. Jan 10 in St. Paul of the Cross Church 320 S. Washington St., Park Ridge, Tickets are \$10. Mr. Diez was the choir director at St. Paul for 15 years until his death on Jan. 13, 2009 from an aggressive type of brain tumor. The St Paul of the Cross Choir will perform a concert of holiday and sacred music. All proceeds benefit the American Brain Tumor Association, E-mail memorialconcert@sbcglobal.net or call (847) 825-7605

#### Center of Concern

The Center of Concern 1580 N Northwest Highway, Suite 310, Park Ridne (847) 823-0453, calendar of events includes:

Tuesdays Wednesdays (every week) Employment counseling, by apnointment

Monday. Jan. 11 - Alzheimer's caregivers support group, 10 a.m. Tuesdav. Jan. 19 - Medicare counsel ing, by appointment. Wednesdays. Jan. 13 and 27 -

Grief and loss support group: call

Saturdays, Jan. 16 and 31 -Legal counseling, by appointment Saturday, Jan. 30 - Blood pressure and blood sugar testing, 10:00 a.m. noon (no appointment needed). Center counselors also are avail-

able to belo eligible residents apply for Illinois Circuit Breaker property tax relief grants and license-plate discounts Illinois Cares Rx (prescription-drug assistance), the senior-citizen real-estate tax exemption and deferral the senior-citizen tax-assessment freeze, and the longtime occupant-homeowner property-tax

exemption. Support groups for Alzheimer's caregivers, those suffering from grief and loss, and seniors seeking to improve their nutrition are available at the Center of Concern in Park Ridge. The center also offers affordable personal counseling to adults of all ages. Call center social worker Myrna Fogarty. (847) 823-0453. The center is at 1580 N. Northwest Highway. Suite 310, Park Ridge. The center also offers housing counseling for seniors and others seeking affordable housing programs designed to prevent homelessness, in-home health care referrals, friendly visitors for the homebound and volunteer opportu nities in the office and in the field Center tax counselors are available to help eligible residents apply for Illinois Circuit Breaker property tax relief grants and license plate

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#### Community

Parents of Maine Township High School District 207 students are invited to participate in a focus group about teen alcohol use and prevention efforts in Maine Township. The Maine Community Youth Assistance Foundation, a community coalition, is nathering information from parents about communication between parents and youth regarding alcohol use. Focus groups will be held 10-11:30 a.m. and 6:30-8 p.m. Jan. 12 and 2-3:30 p.m. and 6-7:30 p.m. Jan. 21. Participants must be the parent of a District 207 high school student. This is a paid focus group. To participate. contact Tricia Williams at prevention@mcyaf.com or (847) 571-3189. Include name, phone number, e-mail address and first and second choices for date and time when making reservations: participation will be before the main program begins at 2

Our Lady Mother of the Church, 8747 W. Lawrence Ave., presents a musical performance, "Amahl and the Night Visitors." an opera in one act. "It is the touching story of a crippled boy who is visited by the Three Wise Men on their way to see the newborn Jesus Christ and stars members of the parish. Showtimes are 7:30 p.m. Jan. 8 and 9 and 3 p.m. Jan. 10. Admission is a free-will offering. Call (773) 625-1213.

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

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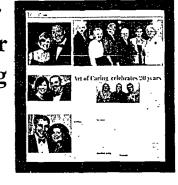
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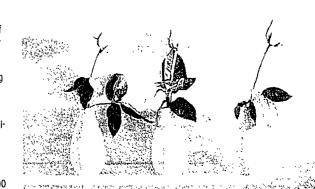
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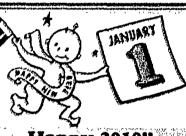
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ble, violinist Blair Milton,

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A quartet of activities for the coming week



1. James Cuno, president and director of the Art Institute of Chicago, will present "The Modern Wing: A New Look at a Treasured Landmark" at 10:30 a.m. Jan. 12 at the annual meeting of the North Shore Senior Center, Arthur C. Nielsen Jr. Campus, 161 Northfield Road, Northfield. A book signing follows the program. Free. www.nssc.org.

2. Ars Viva Symphony Orchestra presents "A Musical European Voyage, with Lyon Leifer, flute, and Michael Henoch, oboe, at 4:30 p.m. Jan. 10 at North Shore Center for the Performing Arts, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie. The program ncludes works by Richard Rodney Bennett, Respighi, Kodaly and Ravel. \$44-\$70, with discounts for seniors and students. (847) 673-6300 or www.arsviva.org.

3. "Jazz in January," featuring local jazz musicians Kent Wehman. Mike Levin, Wally Hustin, Neal Wehman and Bruce Nelson, 8 p.m. Jan. 8-9 at Park Ridge Community Church, 100 S. Courtland, Park Ridge. \$30. (847) 823-3164 or www.parkridgecommunitv church.org.

4. "Love Letters," starring Jan Ellen Graves and Lou Lang, 2 p.m. Jan. 10 at the Skokie Theatre, 7924 Lincoln Ave., Skokie. \$30 iı advance; \$35 at the door. (847) 677-7761 or www.skokietheatre.com.



Quintet No. 2 in G Major; Op. 111 and String Sextet No. 1 in B-flat Major; Op. 18. Harrell will give a free master class from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 9 at Pick-Staiger.

Evanston Chamber Ensem-On Friday, Jan. 15 the Dorian Woodwind Quintet. cellist Stephen Balderston, flutist Gretchen Pusch, oboist Gerard Reuter, clarinetist Jerry Kirkbride, bassoonist John Hunt, and Lawrie Bloom, bassoonists hornist Karl Kramer-Johansen, with faculty members violinist Gerardo Charles Gever and Barbara Ribeiro and pianist Alan Chow, play music of Ligeti, Schubert, Morton Gould, and Mordechai Rechtman's arrangements of Bach's "Christ lag in Todesbanden" and Fugue in G Minor. music by Gabrieli, Stravin-On Sunday, Jan. 17 pianist Lori Kaufmann, vio-

linist Ilya Kaler, violist

Rami Solomonov, cellist

J. Lawrie Bloom and

Tchaikovsky.

Ken Olsen and clarinetists

Stravinsky, Martinu and

Steven Cohen play music of

sky, Crusell, and Schubert. On Sunday, Jan. 10 cellists Lynn Harrell and Stephen Balderston, violinists Robert Chen and Blair Milton and violists Roger Chase and Yukiko Ogura play Brahms' String



On Friday, Jan. 22 the Jupiter String Quartet, violinists Nelson Lee and Megan Freivogel, violist Liz Freivogel and cellist Daniel McDonough, will perform works by Haydn, Janacek and Beethoven. Quartet members will give a free string master class to preselected NU string students at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 23 in Regenstein Recital Hall, adjacent to Pick-Staiger:

On Sunday, Jan. 24 the

festival closes with the Lincoln String Quartet, violinists Lei Hou and Qing Hou, violist Lawrence Neuman, and cellist Stephen Balderston playing works by Boccherini and Stravinsky, as well as Schubert's Octet in F Major for Strings and Winds, for which they will be joined by NU faculty members, clarinetist Steven Cohen, hornist Gail Williams, bassoonist Christopher Millard





Chicago Symphony concertmaster

and bassist Peter Lloyd. Cellist Lynn Harrell, who lives in Santa Monica, Calif., has a special reason for braving the winds off Lake Michigan for this festival. "I am always eager to unite with my former student Stephen Balderston," he said, referring to their upcoming collaboration on Jan. 10. "This is the fourth time I have played at the festival and everyone has made me feel so welcome."

The prevailing wisdom is that Chicago music lovers head south in January. "But that's not completely true," violinist Robert Chen maintained. "There's been a very good audience for this series every year.

"Blair is my colleague in the Chicago Symphony," he continued. "I've played in this festival off and on over the last few years, and it's a wonderful chance to play things we don't have the opportunity to do when we're

The first festival program in January 1997 paid homage to composer Johannes Brahms in commemoration of the 100th anniversary of his death and concluded with the composer's Piano Quintet. with no less than Daniel Barenboim, then the CSO's music director, at the piano. But Milton has not been compelled to pay such a tribute to any other composer: "I didn't see any sense in trying to observe some sort of anniversary when there wasn't one," he said. "There's a lot of good chamber music out there for us to play."

working in an orchestra.

From the first, Milton built a festival and people came, and it has continued to play to packed houses. Some of its success must be credited to Milton's ability to attract top musical talent, including pianists Menahem Pressler and Barenboim, violinists Pinchas Zucherman and Gil Shaham and cellists Janos Starker, Yo-Yo Ma and Harrell.

January was chosen because Pick-Staiger was usually nearly dark at that time. "These days there are a lot more things going on there," Milton said, "but now they schedule around our January dates." Comment: pioneerlocal.com

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DAYBREAKERS

After most of the planet has been transformed by plague into vampires. a medical researcher (Ethan Hawke) looks for a way to save the dwindling still fighting human race The Spierig Brothers ("Undead") directed the horror thriller (98 min.) Rated R for strong, bloody violence. some language and brief nudity.

> THE IMAGINARIUM OF **DOCTOR PARNASSUS** \* \* \*

The latest from Terry Gilliam ("Brazil"), and Heath Ledger's final film, about an ancient mystic (Christopher Plummer) wandering the world with a traveling circus and trying to undo a deal with the devil is reviewed in this section (122 min) Rated PG-13 for violent images, some sensuality. language and smoking.

**LEAP YEAR** 

A woman (Amy Adams) who plans to take advantage of an old Irish custom and propose to her boyfriend on Feb. 29. runs into trouble on the way to Dublin. Arnand Tucker ("Shopgirl") directed the romantic comedy. Rated PG for sensuality and language.

YOUTH IN REVOLT

 $\star \star \star 1/2$ After falling in love with his dream girl at a trailer park on a nightmarish vacation, a mild-mannered. sex-obsessed 16-year-old Nick Twisp (Michael Cera) resolves to become "bad very bad," so his mother will kick him out of the house and he can return to the girl - leading to his transformation into the ultracool teenage sociopath François Dillinger. Very. very funny at times. this unusually cerebral teen comedy from Miguel Arteta ("Chuck and Buck") plays like a love-struck "Catcher in the Rye." And comic Zach Galifianakis follows "The Hangover" with another wonderfully unsavory performance as the latest boyfriend of Nick's man-hungry mom (Jean Smart), (BI) (90 min.)

and drug use. STILL PLAYING

Rated R for sexual content. language

**ALVIN AND THE CHIPMUNKS:** THE SQUEAKQUEL

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

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THE YOUNG VICTORIA

ry of the regal young love of Victo-

ria and Prince Albert, "Young Victo-

ria" deals primarily with the treach-

erous year before the teenage

queen assumed the throne - and

the various high-powered schemers

who attempted to control her. Co-

produced by Martin Scorsese and

Duchess of York Sarah "Fergie" Fer-

guson. "Victoria" opts for an opulent

sort of gritty realism instead of wal-

lowing in the grandeur of court life

with a near-total emphasis on the

drama that takes place behind the

winner Julian Fellows ("Gosford

film is the performance of Emily

Devil Wears Prada"), playing the

young queen first with girlish

Blunt (most familiar as Mervl

throne, and a sharp script by Oscar-

Park"). And the chief pleasure in the

Streep's obnoxious assistant in "The

naiveté, then with growing strength

and maturity. But, of course, there's

with her diffident, awkward, nice-guy

no shortage of troubled romance

prince (Rupert Friend, uncanned).

(BI) (100 min.) Rated PG for some

mild sensuality, a scene of violence.

and brief incidental language, and

INVICTUS

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An inspirational story that falls

short on artistic inspiration, "Invic-

high-stakes tale to tell. Yet it's told

in a way that almost determinedly

undercuts emotional involvement.

And that takes some doing, consid-

root-for-the-underdog sports movie

here, crossed with a political drama

Morgan Freeman stars as the recent-

with the fate of a nation at stake.

ly elected South African President

the national rugby team in an at-

tempt to inspire his dangerously

racially divided country with an un-

likely attempt to win the World Cup.

"Invictus" has all the makings of a

ripping yarn, especially considering

that in broad outline, it's basically

true. Yet director Clint Eastwood's

observation of events from a

Nelson Mandela, who enlists the aid

of the white captain (Matt Damon) of

ering that we're talking about a

tus" has an almost unbelievably

FILM CLIPS

A SINGLE MAN

If you can overlook first-time director Tom Ford's staccato, fragmented editing style and self-conscious use of palette to divide the gray present of his main character from the vibrantly colored past. "A Single Man" repays patience with serious, rewarding dividends. Thanks mainly to a fine performance from the typically light comic Colin Firth, who plays the lead with restrained, almost repressed, high emotion. Set in 1962 against the backdrop of the Cuban missile crisis, "Single Man" is adapted from a Christopher Isherwood novel about a middle-aged. thoroughly closeted homosexual English professor who has lost the longtime love of his life (Matthew Goode) and has decided to end it with a bullet. But only after spending one more day tidying up his affairs, a day in which he is resigned from the world, viewing the things he loves at a distance and being guite honest to the people he meets along the way. (BI) (101 min.) Rated R for disturbing images and

> **CRAZY HEART** \* \* \* 1/2

nudity/sexual content.

A familiar story rendered more subtly in 1983's "Tender Mercies." "Crazy Heart" nonetheless gets a lot of emotional mileage out of the saga of Bad Blake. a brokedown-and-busted country music legend badly in need of redemption. thanks to an Oscar-worthy central performance from Jeff Bridges. As the old, tired, perpetually drunk and impressively pot-bellied Bad. Bridges never hits a sour note, even when he's stumbling off stage mid-song to retch in an alley. And he's more than ready to accept his rapidly approaching ignoble end until a chance meeting with a young single mom (Maggie Gyllenhaal, always welcome) presents the opportunity for love and a fresh start. But, of course, it wouldn't be country if things didn't get a lot more painful before they start to get better. (BI) (111 min.) Rated R for language and brief sexuality.

\* \* \* The writing/directing team of

("Aladdin." "The Little Mermaid" turn for this old-fashioned hand drawn animated Disney adventu which serves as an excellent reminder of how entertaining two mensions can be. The sassy musi More, thankfully, than just the stofairy tale about a poor little girl a frog phobia who grows up and luctantly kisses a frog when he promises to turn into a handson prince (and give her enough cash be turned into a bug-eating amon ian herself, is often surprisingly nv. And the vintage New Orleans/ bayou/voodoo story elements are imaginative and exotic. A clear throwback to the run-of-the-mill of ney style of the late-60s and ear "70s. "Princess" is naturally going be most enjoyable if you happen be under 4-feet tall. But it's not be

> **SHERLOCK HOLMES** \* \* \* 1/2 In this new "Sherlock Holmes."

when the game is afoot it's a fullcontact, extreme cage-match so game, with less emphasis on ded tive powers than outrageously h perbolic action. It's a lot of fun. though, if you don't mind the k a decidedly nontraditional master sleuth. As re-imagined by produc Joel Silver ("The Matrix." "Die Hard and director Guy Ritchie ("Lock. Stock and Two Smoking Barres Robert Downey Jr. gives us not on an action Holmes but a kuno fu Holmes - and a comedy Holmes well. Jude Law makes an action We son as well, which is a good thin since the Baker Street duo are o tinually thrown into combat while vestigating the apparent re-anima tion of the recently hanged Satani Lord Blackwood (Mark Strong), who plans to take over the world. The it's purchased, unfortunately, at the cost of much that makes vintage Holmes a pleasure - primarily its calm. cerebral quality - there's no shortage of entertainment in the new "Sherlock." And Downey is pe fectly at ease in a role that might well have been written for him. W his cocky nervous fitfulness and to derlying vulnerability – and comf able familiarity with self-destructive ness and substance abuse (BI) (I min.) Rated PG-13 for intense sequences of violence and action.

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middle distance, with cool detach ment and restraint, consistently underwhelms. (BI) (134 min.) Rate PG-13 for brief strong language.

> THE PRINCESS AND THE FROG

John Clements and John Musker

open her dream restaurant). only by a long shot. (97 min.) Rated

some startling images and a some of suggestive material.

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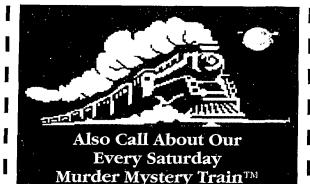
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"Here Where It's Safe," Feb. 23-April 3 at Stage Left Theatre Company, 3408 N. Sheffield, Chicago, Curtain at 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday: 3 p.m. Sundays. Tickets: \$20-\$25; \$10 for previews on Feb. 13-14, 18-20 and 22, For information, call (773) 883-8830 or visit www.stagelefttheatre.com.

"Icarus," through Jan. 24 at Lookingglass Theatre Company, located inside Chicago's historic Water Tower Water Works, 821 N. Michigan Ave. at Pearson. Performances at 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays. Thursdays and Fridays: and 3 n.m. and 7:30 n.m. Saturdays and Sundays, Tickets: \$18-\$62, For information visit www.lookingglasstheatre.org or call (312) 337-0665.

"The Island" will be presented by Remy Bumppo Theatre Company Jan. 27-March 7 in the Upstairs Mainstage of the Greenhouse Theater Center, 2257 N. Lincoln Ave., Chicago, John and Winston are cellmates in an unnamed prison, spending their days in backbreaking labor and their nights rehearsing Sophocles' Antigone" to present to their fellow inmates. When John learns his sentence is being reduced, the men's friendship is tested Tickets: \$35-\$50: \$25-\$40 for previews Jan. 27-30. Call (773) 404-7336 or visit

www.remybumppo.org. "Mamma Mia!", a musical based on the songs of ABBA, Jan. 19-24 at the Rosemont Theatre, 5400 N. River Road Rosemont. Performances at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 19 and 21: 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Jan. 20; 8 p.m. Jan. 22; 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Jan. 23; and 2 p.m. Jan. 24. Tickets: \$30-\$80. Call (800) 775-2000 or visit www.BroadwayInChicago.com.

"Million Dollar Quartet." a new musical inspired by the 1956 recording session that brought together rock 'n' roll icons Johnny Cash, Jerry Lee Lewis, Carl Perkins and Elvis Presley, in open run at the Apollo Theater, 2540 N. Lincoln Ave., Chicago, Tickets: \$20-\$64.50. Call (773) 935-6100 or visit www.ticket-

"Mrs. Caliban," Feb. 5-March 28 at Lifeline Theatre, 6912 N. Glenwood Ave., Chicago. Previews at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 5 and 12; 8 p.m. Feb. 6 and 13; and 4 p.m. Feb. 7 and 14. Regular run at 7:30 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays; 4 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturdays; and 4 p.m. Sundays. Dorothy is locked in a lifeless marriage

of empty domestic ritual until a fugitive reptile-man from another world arrives on her doorstep. With him, she finds forbidden love and experiences a rebirth of her spirit, as she learns to question her assumptions about the world. \$20 for previews; \$30 for regular run, \$25 for seniors, \$15 for students. Call (773) 761-4477 or visit www.lifelinetheatre.com.

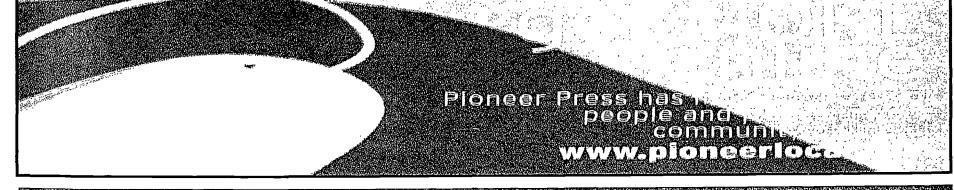
"Nervous Conditions" will be present ed at 8 p.m. Jan. 29 and 2 and 8 p.m. Jan. 30 in Northwestern University's Alvina Krause Studio in Annie May Swift Hall, 1920 Campus Drive. Evanston, Adapted from author Tsitsi Dangarembga's novel of the same name, "Nervous Conditions" is set in Zimbabwe during the Second Chimurenga (Struggle for independence). Admission is free.

"Number of People," March 6-April 11 at Piven Theatre Workshop, 927 Noyes St., Evanston. Curtain at 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, 2:30 p.m. Sundays. Diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease and grappling with the challenges of aging, a Holocaust survivor hears witness to his past in an exploration on the elusive nature of memory. Tickets: \$25; \$15 for previews, March 6-7 Call (773) 753-4472 or visit www.piventheatre.org.

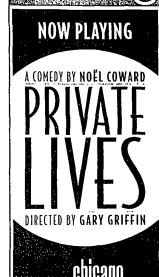
"Palmer Park" will be presented in a staged reading at 2 p.m. Jan. 17-18 in Northwestern University's Mussetter-Struble Theater, 1949 Campus Drive, Evanston, Tony Award-nominated play wright Joanna McClelland Glass tells the story of a Detroit neighborhood that struggled to uphold the ideal of integration. Both performances will be followed by a post-show discussion with the creative team. Admission is free, but reservations are required, Call (847) 491-7282.

Pegasus Players will present its 24th annual Young Playwrights Festival, a professional production of three oneact plays written by Chicago high school students. Jan. 7-31 in the O'Rourke Center at Truman College, 1145 W. Wilson Ave., Chicago. Previews will be Jan. 7-10, with the official Open ing Night Ceremony at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 11. Performances will be at 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, and 3 p.m. Sundays Tickets are \$15, with student and senior discounts available, and may be purchased by calling (773) 878-9761 or online at www.pegasusplayers.org

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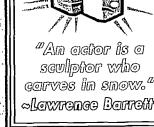


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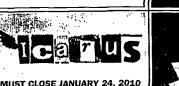
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of North American wildlife. Big Run President John Basile will talk about the

"We'll go through every-

that's the same animal." Basile said. He will also talk about Big Run's Groundhog Day Open House on Satur-

day. Jan. 30. (See bigrun-

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a 9-month-old Canadian

Basile will also bring Bloo.

lynx; Juno, a seven-year-old

timber wolf; and Mahala, a

who is "just like a little dog,"

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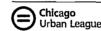
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It's 5:30 on a typical Friday and the wait begins. Most of the folks in line have been here before and know what to expect. They observe patiently, hoping a table will soon become available at Nonna Silvia's.

On Saturdays, the waiting game starts all over again. Some ustomers may be in line 30 minutes before being seated. A few ventured from as far as Schaumburg or Barrington.

A queue of eager diners isn't unusual, particularly at the hot new restaurants. This Park Ridge trattoria isn't exactly new, but sure is sizzling

Since opening four years ago, Nonna Silvia's has blossomed into one of the area's preferred destinations for notable Italian cooking and pizza. Most of its 50 seats are occupied on weeknights, and waiting lines are inevitable on weekends. Diners are saying yes to Nonna, and partners/chefs/cousins John Giannini and Steve Marti respond with comforting dishes and imaginative flavors not likely found at Americanized Italian restaurants. They ratchet up the hospitality by stepping out of the kitchen every so often to mingle with their audience.

Produce and herbs from Marti's farm are used extensively to intensify their cooking with freshness and stimulating subtleties. Examples: fettucine hand-rolled with organic Swiss chard, and ravioli stuffed with homegrown - not canned or frozen - pumpkin aroused with

The preliminaries are a preview of good things come. Pasta e fagioli, for instance, was hearty and warming, the noodles nice and firm, the broth deep and decent. Indeed, a super soup for a frosty winter evening.

Calamari alla griglia con spinaci is long in title and aste. Freshly marinated whole squid are lightly grilled artichoke hearts. A drizzle of aged balsamic and splash of EV olive oil complete the chewy treat.

Previously mentioned fettucine belongs on the pasta Alist. The chard imparts a dark green tone and earthy essence to the noodles, while freshly crushed garlic, a touch of red chili peppers and a dusting of Parmigiano

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Another primo pasta is mezza luna, translating into half-moon shaped packets packed with a puree of fennel sausage, spinach and nutty flavored fontinella cheese in a gratifying sauce of heirloom — not ordinary — tomatoes and served over sauteed spinach, grape tomatoes and sparked with basil.

Unlike some risotti in which the ingredients are overwhelmed by the rice, this di mare interpretation lets Alaskan king crab, shrimp, clams, mussels and calaman take the lead role with Arboriorice in support. Deft dashes of basil and garlic help assure seafood succulence in every

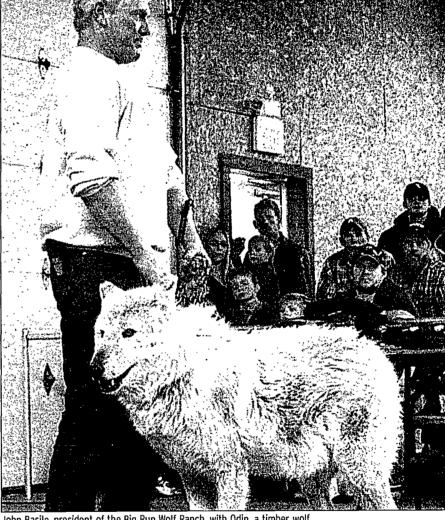
Though the Greeks claim to have the best lamb recipes, the Giannini-Marti tandem make a convincing statement with agnello modo mio. New Zealand (read: premium) rack of lamb is marinated with fresh herbs and lemon, grilled to a charred turn and served in a puddle of deliciously dark reduction sauce, with garlic mashed potatoes on the side.

Kudos also are in order for the red snapper alforno (roasted with kalamata olives, herbs and lemon over toasted ciabatta with shoestring sweet potatoes), and pollo Venuto (chicken breast sauteed with onions, shiitake mushrooms, spinach and sun-dried tomatoes in creamy

A dessert that nicely complements any meal is pumpkin cheesecake - light, luscious, not overly sweet and crowned with a dollop of whipped cream. Homemade tiramisù and fried dough balls satisfy, too. The 50-count wine roster, highlighting top-shelf Italian labels, is compatible with the cuisine.

Despite not much wiggle room, youthful servers like Desirae Mercuri weave in and out of traffic with affable, accommodating efficiency.

The corner storefront emits a casual, come-asyou-are vibe with a faux brick wall, tin ceiling, colorful illustrations and neat bar. The acoustics can get loud, but



John Basile, president of the Big I

FAMILY FRIENDLY

Special guests include

a wolf, lynx and coyote

and the Chicago-based Korean traditional dance group Choomsarang, which will tour Central and South America this year. For details, call (847) 673-

#### Spontaneous fun

Everyone is invited to Audience suggestions will celebrate Korean Ameriform the basis for some of can Day during "Dance the skits during Improv, From and of Korea: Ballet Games and Original Skits, and Traditional," 3-5 p.m. 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 9, at Sunday, Jan. 10, at Skokie Barnes & Noble, 55 Old Public Library, 5215 Oakton Orchard Center, Skokie. The St. The program will feature the Dance Departmorning of free creative ment of Chung-Ang Unifamily entertainment at the versity, presenting classic bookstore will be presented and contemporary ballet. by the Wilmette Park District Children's Theater. For details, call (847) 676-

Food flight

#### The forecast calls for

laughing families when the Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., screens, "Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs," 4-5:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 8. The 2009 PG film tells the story of a young scientist who tries to solve the problem of hunger in his town by making food fall from the sky. But things get more than a little bit out of hand when the trouble-

prone inventor works his

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#### Families that play together ...

Your entire family will enjoy 2nd Saturday Family Storytime, 10-10:45 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 9, at Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave. There will be stories and craft projects all ages can work on together at this monthly drop-in

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9 and 27: "Der Rosenkavalier." James

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Marschallin and Susan Graham as Oc-

tavian. Jan. 16 and Feb. 3: Bizet's "Car-

men." Feb. 6 and 24: "Simon Boccane-

gra," with Plácido Domingo in the title

role, March 27 and April 14: Ambroise

Thomas's "Hamlet." May 1 and 19: Rossi-

ni's "Armida," featuring Renée Fleming.

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sicinst.org. January concert series fea

tures a 4 p.m. lecture, 5 p.m. concert.

and 6:30 n m film. Free admission with

no tickets or registration required. Do-

nations are appreciated. Jan. 10: "From

the Oregon Trail to Route 66: The Lure

of the American West." Music will in-

clude works by Copland, Ives and

Gottschalk, and a performance by

guest artist Howard Levy, Jan. 17: "In

Tune with the African-American Experi

ence." The Brotherhood Chorale from

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Jan. 26. 7 p.m.: Faculty Series concert

featuring quitarist Julia Miller, \$20: \$15

seniors: \$7 students, Feb. 23, 7:30 p.m.:

Chinese pianist Xiayin Wang will make

the Far East to the American West."

the Apostolic Church of God will be fea-

online at www.FathomEvents.com. Jan.

p.m. the third Wednesday after the live

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"The Pillowman." by Martin McDon-

agh, through Feb. 6 at Redtwist Theatre. 1044 W. Bryn Mawr, Chicago, a dark comedy about a writer accused of perpetrating the murderous acts in his stories. Curtain at 8 p.m. Thursday-Sat urday, 3 p.m. Sundays. Tickets: \$30, \$25 for seniors and students. Call (773) 728-7529 or visit www.redtwist.org. "Red Noses - You and I ... And All the Others," a variety of scenes devised by an ensemble under the direction of Paola Coletto, will be presented at 8 p.m. Jan. 29-30 and 7 p.m. Jan. 31 at Links Hall. 3435 N. Sheffield Ave., second floor. Chicago, Poetic, comical and very personal, the clown is not a character but a state of being, in which the performer explores personal weaknesses, contradictions and naivety.

visit www.linkshall.org. "Short Shakespeare! The Comedy of Errors." a family-friendly 75-minute abridgement of Shakespeare's comedy, will be presented at 11 a.m. Saturdays. Jan. 23-March 6. at Chicago Shakespeare's Courtvard Theater on Navv Pier, 800 E. Grand Ave., Chicago, Follow ing each performance the actors remain on stage for a brief question-andanswer session and then join the audience in the lobby for one-on-one conversations and photo opportunities. The production is recommended for

transforming them into "poetry of the

ridiculous." \$10. Call (773) 281-0824 or

ages 10 and up. Tickets: \$20: \$16 for students. Call (312) 595-5600 or visit www.chicagoshakes.com.

"A Very Merry Unauthorized Chil-Wells, Chicago, Curtain at 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays: 3 p.m. Sundays. Call (312) 943-8722 or visit www.aredorchidtheatre.org.

#### CLASSICAL

Ars Viva Symphony Orchestra. conducted by Alan Heatherington, performs at North Shore Center for the Performing Arts, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie (847) 673-6300

www.arsviva.org. Tickets: \$44-\$70, with discounts for seniors and students. Jan. 10, 4:30 p.m.: "A Musical European Voyage," with Lyon Leifer, flute, and Michael Henoch, oboe. The program includes Richard Rodney Bennett: "Partita": Respighi: "Botticelli Triptych": Kodaly: "Summer Evening": and Ravel: "Le Tombeau de Couperin."

Baroque Band, a period-instrument orchestra, performs in Nichols Hall at the Music Institute of Chicago, 1490 Chicago Ave., Evanston, Single tickets are \$35: \$30 senior citizens: \$15 students. For information, call (312) 235-2368 or visit www.baroqueband.org. Jan. 8, 7:30 p.m.: Pergolesi's "Stabal Mater," with Garry Clarke, violin, Jennifer Ellis, soprano, ande Jennifer Lane.

The Chicago Philharmonic Orchestra performs at 7 p.m. Sundays at Pick-Staiger Concert Hall on the Northwest

ern University campus, 50 Arts Circle Drive. Evanston. (847) 866-6888. www.chicagophilharmonic.org. Tickets are \$70 on the main floor; \$33 main front wings: \$60, \$33 and \$20 in the balcony: \$20 obstructed view. Student tickets are \$10, available in the lobby

dren's Scientology Pageant," through Jan. 17 at A Red Orchid Theatre, 1531 N. Tickets: \$25; \$20 seniors and students.

Choral Society and the Ryan Center for Young Artists at Lyric Opera. Evanston Chapter, Lyric Opera of Chicago, will host Carla Thorpe of the Lyric Opera Lecture Corps, discussing "Flixir of Love" by Donizetti at 3 p.m. Jan. 17 at Three Crowns Park, 2323 Mc Daniel, Evanston, \$10 members: \$15 quests. New members may sign up at

before the performance, March 14:

"Tchaikovsky and Dvorak," with guest

chestra will perform Dvorak Symphony

certo. May 2: "Blockbuster Beethoven's

Ninth." presented with the North Shore

pianist Vladimir Ovchinnikov. The or-

No. 6 and the Tchaikovsky Piano Con-

0158 or (847) 475-5345. Evanston Symphony Orchestra performs at 2:30 p.m. Sundays at Pick-Staiger Concert Hall, 50 Art's Circle Dri ve. Evanston. (847) 864-8804. www.evanstonsymphony.org. Tickets in advance are \$25: \$20 for senior citizens: free for children 12 and younger. Tickets at the door are \$28: \$23 for seniors: \$5 for students. Feb. 7: "Trumpet Spectacular," with Don Cagen trumpet. The program includes works

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

hannes Brahms' Fourth Symphony. Park Ridge Civic Orchestra presents concerts at the Pickwick Theatre, 5 S. Prospect Park Ridge, Tickets are \$25: \$20 for students and senior citizens. Visit www.parkridgecivicorchestra.org or call (847) 692-PRC0 or (847) 823-8861. Feb. 7. 2:30 p.m.: "Opera Potpour ri," with soloists Sarah Hibbard, soprano: Jessye Wright, mezzo-soprano: and James Cornelison, tenor; and narrator Henry Fogel. The program includes selections from "Othello" by Verdi: "Samson and Delilah" by Saint-Saens: "Carmen" by Rizet and "The Damnation of Faust" by Berlioz March 14 2:30 n m : "A Shakespearean Dream" with Gwyn Downey, bassoon soloist, and the Park Ridge Civic Orchestra Women's Chorus.

The program includes Mozart's Concer-

to in B flat major for Bassoon; and "A Midsummer Night's Dream." Opus 21 and 61 by Mendelssohn. April 25. 2:30 p.m.: Haydn's "The Creation." with soloists Sarah Hibbard, soprano; Kurt Hansen, tenor: and Peter Van De Graaff bass-baritone: and commentator Sasha Gerritson. Also featuring the Park Ridge Civic Orchestra Chorus, John Goodwin, director, and the Park Ridge Community Church Chancel Choir, Sasha Gerritson, director.

Pick-Staiger Concert Hall at Northwestern University. 50 Arts Circle Drive. Evanston. Information: (847) 491-5441: tickets: (847) 467-4000. www.pickstaiger.org. Most ticket prices listed in three categories: general pubfic: senior citizens and NU faculty and staff: and student rate. Jan. 23, 7:30 p.m.: Northwestern University Symphony Orchestra. conducted by Victor Yampolsky and Blair Skinner and featuring Northwestern Concerto Competition-winning violinist Olga Kaler. The program will include Beethoven's Overture to "Fidelio": Bartok's Violin Concerto No. 2; and Sibelius' Symphony No. 2 in D Maior. \$9/\$7/\$5, Jan. 29, 7:30 n.m.: Symphonic Band. "Pann-American

- The Music of Carter Pann." \$7/\$5/\$4. Regenstein Recital Hall at Northwestern University, 60 Arts Circle Drive Evanston. (847) 467-4000. Jan. 23. 11 a.m.: Winter Chamber Music Festival. Jupiter String Quartet master class. Free admission

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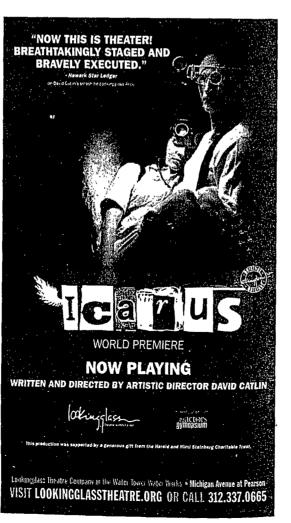


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includes prime reserved seating, are \$122: \$116 for senior citizens and North western faculty and staff: \$54 for fulltime students. Single ticket prices are listed in three categories: general public; senior citizens and NU faculty and staff: and student rate. To order tickets or for information call (847) 467-4000 or visit www nickstaiger org. Jan. 8: The Evanston Chamber Ensemble (violinist Blair Milton cellist Stephen Balderston and pianist Andrea Swan) will be joined by six Bienen School of Music faculty members. The program includes Gabrieli's "La Spiritata"... "Sonata Pian" e Forte" and "Canzona Noni Toni": Stravinsky's Octet for Wing Instruments: Crusell's Clarinet Quartel No. 3 in D Major, Op. 7: and Schubert's Trio No. 2 in E-Flat Major. Op. 100. \$22/\$20/\$10. Jan. 10: Cellists Lynn Har rell and Stephen Balderston, violinists Robert Chen and Blair Milton and violists Roger Chase and Yukiko Ogura will nerform Brahms' String Quintet No. 2 in G Major On. 111 and String Sextet No. 1 in R-flat Major, Op. 18, \$30/\$26/\$14. Jan. 15: The Dorian Woodwind Quintet. comprised of flutist Gretchen Pusch. oboist Gerard Reuter, clarinetist Jerry Kirkbride, bassoonist John Hunt and hornist Karl Kramer-Johansen, will per form with violinist Gerardo Ribeiro and pianist Alan Chow. Their program includes Ligeti's Six Bagatelles for Woodwind Quintet: Schubert's Fantasie in C Major for Violin and Piano, Op. 159: Mordechai Rechtman's arrangements of Bach's "Christ lag in Todesbanden and Fugue in G Minor; and Gould's Concerto Concertante, \$22/\$20/\$10, Jan.17: Pianist Lori Kaufmann, violinist Ilya Kaler, violist Rami Solomonov, cellist Ken Olsen and clarinetists J. Lawrie Bloom and Steven Cohen will perform Stravinsky's "Suite Italienne": Martinu's Serenade for Violin, Viola, Cello and Two Clarinets: and Tchaikovsky's Piano Trio in A Minor, Op. 50. \$22/\$20/\$10. Jan. 22: The Jupiter String Quartet. comprised of violinists Nelson Lee and Megan Freivogel, violist Liz Freivogel

concerts are at 7:30 p.m. Subscription

prices for the six-concert series, which

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and cellist Daniel McDonough, will perform Haydn's String Quartet in F Minor. Op. 20, No. 5; Janacek's String Quartet No. 1 ("Kreutzer Sonata"): and Beethoven's String Quartet in F-flal Major. Op. 127. \$24/\$22/\$12. Jan. 24: The Lincoln String Quartet (violinists Lei Hou and Qing Hou, violist Lawrence Neuman and cellist Stephen Balder ston) and members of the Rienen School of Music faculty will perform Roccherini's String Quartet in 8-flat Major On 58 No. 3: Stravinsky's Three Pieces for String Quartet: and Schubert's Octet in F Major for Strings and Winds. Op. 166. \$22/\$20/\$10.

#### POP/FOLK/JAZZ

Allstate Arena, 6920 N. Mannheim Road. Rosemont. Tickets are available at www.ticketmaster.com or (800) 745 3000: the ticket prices listed below do not include service fees. The information line is (847) 635-6601, March-27, 8 p.m.: Michael Bublé, "Crazy Love Tour." \$49.50 \$75 \$95

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

Blues Bar. 2 W. Busse Ave.. Mount Prospect. (847) 788-9977, www.bluesbar.com. Jan. 9. 9:30 p.m.-1 a.m.: Vance Kelly & the Backstreet Blues Band. The Celtic Knot Public House 626

Church St. Evanston (847) 864-1679 www.celticknotnub.com No.cover.unless noted otherwise. Mondays, 8 p.m.: midnight: Bluegrass and roots music with The Mudflapps, Tuesdays, 7-10 p.m.: Irish music session, Jan. 10, 9 p.m.: Fifth Anniversary Hooley featuring the Henhouse Prowlers. Jan. 17, 5-8 p.m.: Eric Lugosch. Jan. 23, 10 p.m.: An-

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

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River Road, Rosemont, (847) 928-9900. www.nibsonssteakhouse.com. Wednesdays and Thursdays, 7-11 p.m.: Lenny Capp. Fridays and Saturdays. 8 p.m.midnight: Lenny Capp Trio. InterContinental Chicago O'Hare Ho tel. 5300 N. River Road, Rosemont www.icohare.com/montrose\_room (847) 544-5300. Friday Nights Live. featuring music from 8:30 p.m.-midnight in the Montrose Room \$5 cover Jan. 15: Train Co. Jan. 22: Michael McDermott, Yellowhammers, Jan. 29: The Irish American Heritage Center, 4626

N. Knox Ave., Chicago. (773) 282-7035. www.irish-american.org. Jan. 23. 7:30 p.m.: Searson (Celtic folk rock), \$15. Entertainment at 9 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays in the Fifth Province Lounge, no cover - Jan. 8: Joe Cullen and Kathleen Keane. Jan. 9: Reilly. Jan. 15: Gerry Haughey. Jan. 16: The Dooley Brothers. Jan. 22: Seamus O'Kane and Jimmy Moore, Jan. 23: Johnny Cash Night, fea turing local bands performing Cash's music Jan 29 Joe McShane Jan 30: The Mickey Finns \$5 cover. North Shore Center for the Perform:

ing Arts, 9501 Skokie Blvd, Skokie. Jan. 7. 7:30 p.m.: "Elvis Tribute Artist Spectacular," a celebration of Flvis Preslev's 75th birthday. For tickets, visit www.elvistributeartistspectacular.com Park Ridge Community Church, 100 S. Courtland, Park Ridge. (847) 823-3164. Jan. 8-9 8 n.m.: "Jazz in January" fea turing local jazz musicians Kent Wehman Mike Levin Wally Hustin Neal Wehman and Bruce Nelson, Tickets:

Rosemont Theatre, 5400 N. River Road, Rosemont, Tickets are available at www.ticketmaster.com or (800) 745-3000; the ticket prices listed below do not include service fees. For more information about the theater, call (847) 671-5100 or visit www.rosemonttheatre.com. Jan. 8-10, 7:30 p.m.: Lady Gaga, Jan. 17, 7 p.m.: Nick Jonas & the Administration, with guest Diane Birch. \$39.50. March 25. 7 p.m.: Justin Bieber \$39.50, \$29.50, April 9-10, 8 p.m.; Celtic

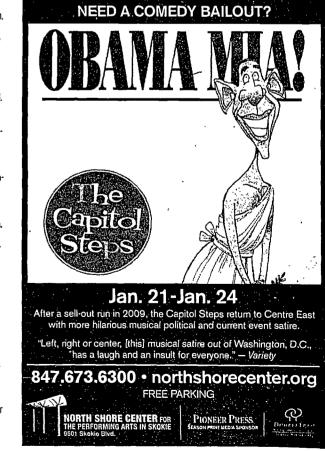
Woman (Irish music), \$50, \$75. Skokie Theatre Music Foundation presents concerts in the Skokie The atre, 7924 Lincoln Ave., Skokie, Call (847) 677-7761 or visit www.skokiethe atre.com. Tickets are \$20 in advance \$25 at the door, unless noted otherwise, Jan. 16, 8 p.m.: Three Cat Media presents "Golly Gee! Broadway in the 1950s." Jan. 23. 8 p.m.; "Tribute to Veterans" starring Jack Muccio. Jan. 24. 7:30 p.m.: Latino Opera Hour presents "La Dolorosa." Jan. 31, 2 p.m.: Ron Hawking: Un Close & Personal, \$35 in

advance: \$44 at the door. S.P.A.C.E., 1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston, www.evanstonspace.com. (847) 492-8860. Most ticket prices listed in three categories; in advance; at the door; and reserved table seating, Jan. 7. 8 p.m.: Sonowriters Circle with Cathy Richardson, Ingrid Graudins, Liam Davis and Korby Lenker. \$12/\$15. Jan. 8 8 p.m.: An Evening with Otis Clay & his Band (R&B/soul), \$15/\$20, Jan. 13, 8 p.m.: Dave Specter's Adventures in Gui far with Jeff Parker of Tortoise (blues/iazz), \$12/\$15, Jan. 15, 8 n.m.: An Evening with Megon McDonough. \$15/\$20. Jan. 16, 8 p.m.; Paul Cebar's Tomorrow Sound (rock), \$12/\$15, Jan. 23, 8 p.m.: Jeff Coffin Mu'tet (iazz/funk). \$17/\$20. Jan. 28. 8 p.m.: Erwin Helfer': Chicago Boogie Ensemble. \$12/\$15. Jan 29, 8 p.m.: American English (Beatles tribute). \$15/\$20. Jan. 30. 8 p.m.; Alfonso Ponticelli's Gypsy Jazz Tribute to Diango Reinhardt, \$12/\$15, Feb. 1, 8 p.m.: Po' Girl (folk/avpsv), \$8/\$12, Feb. 3. 8 p.m.: Greg Laswell with Rosi Golan (indie/folk), \$12/\$15, Feb. 5, 8 p.m.: Sv Johnson's New Old School Soul Revu featuring Mellow D. \$15/\$20. Feb. 9. 8 p.m.: Joe Firstman and Ernie Halter. \$10/\$14. Feb. 11. 8 p.m.: Girlyman with Lucy Wainwright Roche (acoustic folk). \$16/\$20. Feb. 12. 8 p.m.: Deep Blue Organ Trio (jazz), \$12/\$15, Feb. 13, 8 p.m. This Must Be the Band (Talking Heads tribute). \$12/\$15. Feb. 16, 8 p.m.: Cracker (special acoustic performance). \$20/\$25. Feb. 17. 8 p.m.: Greg Laswell.

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Brickton Art Center. 306 Busse High-

www.bricktonartcenter.org. Through

Jan. 9: "Russell Phillips: An Exhibition

of Six Projects," works by photogra-

pher Russell Phillips, as well as an in-

troduction to his latest work, a line of

graphic furniture. Included in the show

is work from "In Time." a project that

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time from a single view, and the "Pow

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er bodies of work presented in the ex-

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Feb. 20: "Saving Goodbye, Again!." a

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Rehearsals are held from 7-10 p.m.

story, anecdote or monologue and

information or an audition appoint-

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\$12/\$15. Feb. 18. 8 p.m.: Tony Furtado and Trina Hamlin (folk/roots), \$12/\$15. Feb. 19, 8 p.m.: An Intimate Evening with Allen Toussaint, \$38/\$52, Feb. 20 8 p.m.: Cyril Neville (R&B/funk), \$17/\$20. Feb. 21. 8 p.m.: An Evening with Marc Cohn. \$36/\$42. Feb. 25. 8 p.m.: The Twilight Hours with Frisbie (indie rock) \$10/\$14. Feb. 26, 8 p.m.; Catie Curtis with Ingrid Graudins (folk/non) \$18/\$22. Feb. 27. 8 p.m.: Red Stick Ram blers (Caiun/roots), \$20/\$25, Feb. 28, 8 p.m.: Terence Blanchard (iazz). \$30/\$35. March 4. 8 pm.: Sara Watkins of Nickel Creek (bluegrass/folk). \$15/\$20. March 20. 8 p.m.; Corky Siegel's Chamber Blues. \$20/\$25 March 26, 8 p.m.: Adrian Legg (finger style guitar), \$20/\$25. March 28, 8 p.m.: Harry Manx (roots). \$20/\$25.

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As You Like It Gallery, 825-B Chicago Ave., second floor, Evanston, (847) 864-3101. www.asvoulikeitsalon.net. Through January: "People, Places and

Things." an exhibit of acrylic paintings by Evanston artist Amy O. Woodbury. Block Museum of Art at Northwester University. 40 Arts Circle Drive. Evanston. (847) 491-4000. www.blocknuseum.northwestern.edu. Open 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesdays: 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Wednesday·Friday; 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. The museum will be closed Dec. 14 through Jan. 14. Admission to the museum is free: unless noted, admission to all programs is also free, Jan. 15-March 14: "A Room of Their Own: The Bloomsbury Artists in American Collections" will explore the connections between visual art. litera ture and social reform during the omsbury era. It will feature more than 150 objects that reflect the creative vision and collaborations of the Bloomsbury group, a collective of British artists and writers active during the first half of the 20th century. Included will be oil paintings, watercolors, drawings, books, decorative art objects and designs by Virginia Woolf Vanessa Bell, Duncan Grant, Roger Fry. Dora Carrington and others, Jan. 23, 2 p.m.: A lecture, "Roger Fry: Art and Life n Bloomsbury," will be presented by Christopher Reed, associate professo of English and visual culture at Pennsylvania State University.

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tion from 7-9 p.m. Jan. 16. Dittmar Memorial Gallery at Northwestern University's Norris Center. 1999 Campus Drive, Evanston. www.norris.northwestern.edu/dittmar. php. (847) 491-2348. Gallery hours are O a.m.-10 p.m. daily. Admission is free Through Feb. 8: "Artist Made Books," featuring books, "zines" (nonofficial magazines produced by fans of a particular cultural phenomena) and graphic texts created by 14 Chicago area artists. Most of the works in the show are made from book hinding materials and some from homemade papers or copy machine paper. Through Feb. 8: "Beethoven, Bach and the Composers Sleeping in the Coffin," comprised of sculptures, paintings, drawings. digital photography and audio and video tributes to some of the vorld's great composers by Luke Tauber. a resident of Little City Foundation, an organization for the developmentally disabled

Evanston Art Center. 2603 Sheridan Road (847) 475-5300 www.evanstonartcenter.org\_Gallery hours: 10 a.m.-10 p.m. Monday-Thursday: 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays: 1-4 p.m. Sundays. Jan. 10-Feb. 14: "Contact\*Connect\*Collaborate." an exhibit featuring creative collaborations between American artists and artists from around the world. The eight projects encompass video, mixed media in stallations. performance. prints and textile artworks. Opening reception from 1-4 p.m. Jan. 10. with an artists panel at 2 p.m. Jan. 10-Feb. 14: "Focus on Metals and Photography." works by

The Frame Warehouse Gallery, 814 Demoster St., Evanston, (847) 869-5210. Feb. 5, 7-9 p.m.: Opening reception for "The Fellowship of Three Art Exhibition " featuring works by Kate Comper nolle. Barbara Rose Ostergren and Brigitte Wolf Salchow.

Lincoln Terrace Art Studio & Gallery. 5027 Warren St., Skokie. (847) 673-0345. Through February: "Leonid Osseny: Nu and Flowers." featuring paintings of flowers and figurative studies. Northwestern University Library, 1970 Campus Drive, Evanston. (847) 491-7641. www.library.northwestern.edu. Through Jan. 8: "Illuminating

Hanukkah: The Art and Eloquence of the Modern Menorah" explores the events, cultures and artistic styles that have shaped the menorah's evolution over time and around the world. Books CDs musical scores and other items shed light on some of the traditions that surround the lighting of the Hanukkah menorah, Twelve menorahs. each with a different story to tell about its origins, are part of the exhibit. Free. Exhibit hours are 8:30 a.m.-5

p.m. Monday through Friday: 10 a.m.-2

p.m. Saturdays. Noyes Cultural Arts Center Gallery 927 Noyes St., Evanston. (847) 448-8260. Open 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday-Saturday: 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Sundays. Through Jan. 10: "Somatic." artworks relating to the human body, by Loni Diep, Lindsey Ohermeyer and Renee Prishle Una Through Jan. 12: "Studio 211" works by students of Noves resident artists Jack and Elise Lerman.

Oakton Community College, Koehnline Museum of Art. 1600 E. Golf Road, Des Plaines. (847) 635-2633, www.oakton.edu/museum. Gallery hours: 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Friday: 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturdays. Through Jan. 29: "Curt Frankenstein: Dream World and Real World." Works by surrealist artist Curi Frankenstein (1922-2009), who lived and worked in suburban Wilmette for more than three decades, will be on display Produced with support from the American Jewish Artists Club where Frankenstein was a member, the exhibition features paintings and etchings that range from landscapes and purely figurative efforts to more comnlicated and cerebral images. Seniors Action Service. 1123 Emerson. Suite 200, Evanston. (847) 864-7274. www.SeniorsActionService.org. Through Jan. 22: "Celebrating Experi ence: A Gallery of Art by Older Adults. featuring works by photographer Josephine Strong and painter Carol Reagan.

#### **AUDITIONS & OPPORTUNITIES**

#### STAGE

Take Two Children's Theater will hold auditions for "Willy Wonka Jr." from 2-4 p.m. Jan. 9 at the North Shore Dance Center. 8401 N. Crawford Ave., Skokie. Callbacks are Jan. 13 from 5:30-7 p.m. Auditions are open to children ages 5 15. For more information call (847) 674-2216 or visit www.northshoredancecen-

Play On will hold auditions for "The Wizard of Oz " for children in grades K-8 on Jan 11 and 15 at Open Studio, 901 Sherman Ave., Evanston, Rehearsals will be mostly Saturday late afternoons with performances the week of March 19. Those cast pay a \$200 fee. For an audition appointment, e-mail info@playonitd.com or call (847) 337

The Evanston Children's Theatre will hold auditions Jan. 12-14 for its spring production of "Looking Glass Lane." an adaptation of Lewis Carroll's Through the Looking Glass. Auditions are open to youth age 8 through eighth grade. Auditions will be held from 4-6 p.m. Jan. 12 and 14 at the Levy Center, 300 Dodge Ave., Evanston; and from 4-6 p.m. Jan. 13 at Fleetwood-Jourdain Center. 1655 Foster St., Evanston. No appointments are necessary; just ar rive no later than 5:45 p.m. For youth who are cast in the play, there is a cast fee of \$75. The show will be presented March 19-21 at the Levy Center, For information, call (847) 448-8250.

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

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Children ages 8-14 years audition from tain an audition invitation. singers 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Jan. 23; no appointment should send a current résume and necessary. Teens, ages 15 and up, and photo to Lyric Opera of Chicago. Choadults audition from 7-9 p.m. Jan. 22 rus Auditions Coordinator, 20 N. Wackand 1-5 p.m. Jan.: 24. Teens and adults er Drive. Suite 860. Chicago IL 60606. encouraged to make appointments. include a cover letter indicating your but walk-ins are welcome E-mail direcfirst, second, and third choices for autor@risingstarstc.org or call (773) 736. dition date. The deadline for submit-2490 for audition appointments or ting materials is Jan. 22. Not all applimore information. Performance dates cants who submit a resume and photo are April 17-May 2. No pay: all roles will be asked to audition. Walk-ins will open. Visit www.risingstarstc.org. not be seen. To obtain a current audi-Still Acting Upl. a musical troupe of tion brochure, visit www.lyriconera.org performers 60 years of age and over and click the "About Lyric" link. For indirected by Chicago actor Jill formation, call the audition hotline. Shellabarger, will hold auditions for male and female performers at 1 p.m. Jan. 26 at the Skokie Park District's Oakton Community Center, 4701 Oakton. Skokie. The troupe rehearses on Tuesdays and performs 25-28 shows

Bjornson Male Chorus invites male singers to join in four-part choral singing. They rehearse at 8 p.m. Thursdays in the Park Ridge VFW Hall. Higgins Road and Canfield Avenue, September-June, and sing American and Scandinavian selections at various lo cations. Call (847) 741-4210 or (847) 546-2050.

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Chris Diez Memorial Concert, to bene-

fit the American Brain Tumor Associa-

tion, will be held at 3:30 p.m. Jan. 10 at

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Tickets are \$10, and can be reserved by

320 S. Washington Ave., Park Ridge.

e-mail at memorialconcert@sbcglob

al.net. or by phone at (847) 825-7605.

The Chicago Bar Association's 86th

Get Me Out of Here!". will be presented

at 8 p.m. Jan. 30 at Oakton Community

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family is \$10. Kids Craft Mornings are

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staffers and volunteers lead informal

construct simple versions of tradition

in other hands-on activities related to

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The Northwest Choral Society invites experienced singers to audition for its 44th anniversary concert season. Auditions are held any Tuesday evening. through March 16, at Immanuel Luther an Church, 855 Lee St., Des Plaines, The ensemble offers a varied repertoire and strong vocal sections in a friendly. supportive atmosphere. The group presents three concerts each season including an annual holiday concert of carols, spirituals and hymns, a winter concert that is more classical in nature, and a June concert of light classical music as well as folk songs. jazz. contemporary ballads and music from Broadway. To schedule an audition, call (773) 504-3426 or visit www.nwchoral

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

#### ARTISTS

Custer's Last Stand Festival of the Arts will be held June 19-20 in Evanston's Main Street Station Shopning District, Booths for arts and crafts exhibitors are \$250-\$275. Applications are now being accepted. Download or apply online at www.custerfair.com. Application deadline is May 1.

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and percussionists. March 6: Robert G. Hasty conducts the Merit School Sym phony Orchestra during a performance of Camille Saint-Saens' classic "Carni val of the Animals." The program also will include other works. April 24: "Per colating Percussion." A diverse assort ment of percussion instruments will explore a variety of energetic musical styles. May 1: "Ivories. Buttons and Such" blends music, dance and song in a performance celebrating different keyboard instruments, including pi-

anos, accordions, concertinas and

Rosemont Theatre, 5400 N. River Road, Rosemont, Tickets are available at www.ticketmaster.com or (800) 745 3000: the ticket prices listed below do not include service fees. For more information about the theater, call (847) 671-5100 or visit www.rosemontthe atre.com. March 12-14: "Storytime Live. Hosted by Nickelodeon characters Moose and Zee, the show features "The Backvardigans." "Wonder Pets!." "Ni Hao, Kai-lan" and "Dora the Explorer. Tickets: \$15-\$45.

Skokie Park District's Young Performers class, Jan. 15-April 30 at the Devonshire Playhouse, will cover musical. dance and acting skills for secondthrough eighth-graders, culminating in a production of "Aladdin Jr." Every child will be cast in an acting role and learn backstage basics such as props costumes and set design. Fee is \$150 for Skokie residents: \$188 for nonresidents. Registration is in progress. Visit www.SkokieParkDistrict.org or call

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CJ Arthur's Bar & Grill. 1168 Wilmette Ave Wilmette (847) 256-8870 .lan 27 8:30-11:30 p.m.: Skokie resident Debbie Sue Goodman presents a comedy per formance based on her books. Still Sin-

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Chicago, (774) 283-7071. www.theaifttheatre.org. Through March 31, 8 p.m. Wednesdays and Fridays: Natural Gas, the house improv team of The Gift Theatre Company. performs, \$5.

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tel, 5300 N. River Road, Rosemont. www.icohare.com/montrose\_room. (847) 544-5300. Saturdays, 8 p.m.: ComedySportz Theatre, presented i the Montrose Room. Open run. \$21. Rosemont Theatre. 5400 N. River Road, Rosemont, Tickets are available at www.ticketmaster.com or (800) 745-3000; the ticket prices listed below do not include service fees. For more information about the theater, call (847) 671-5100, March 27, 7:30 p.m.; Comedi an Ron "Tater Salad" White presents his new stand-up show, "Behavioral Problems." The performance is recom mended for mature audiences. Tickets:

#### DANCE

Chicago Dance. 3660 W. Irving Park Road. Chicago. (773) 267-3411. www.chicagodance.com. Jan. 9. 8:30-11 p.m.: Salsa dance party. \$15.

Happy Twirlers Dance Club provides

round and square dancing at 7 p.m. the second Saturday of the month through May 8 at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Thacker and Lee streets, Des Plaines \$6 per quest. For information call (847) 698-5501 or (773) 685-8407. Feb. 1. 8 and 15, 7-9 p.m.; Square dancing Jessons at Summit of Uptown, 10 N. Summit, downtown Park Ridge, First lesson free. Call (847) 729-5805.

Leikarringen "Heimhug" dancers welcome those age 16 and older interested in Scandinavian folk dance to join them from 8-9:30 p.m. Wednesdays at the First United Methodist Church of Des Plaines, 666 Graceland Ave. No prior dance experience or partner neces sary. Call (847) 823-7596 or (847) 692-Spares Sunday Evening Club holds

hallroom dances from 7:30-10:30 n.m. at the American Legion 9757 Pacific Ave., Franklin Park, Admission is \$8 fo members: \$9 quests, Jan. 17: Music by The Music Men. Feb. 7: Music by The Dick Elliot Band, Feb. 21: Music by Chuck and Friends.

Square Spares & Pairs Square Dance Club, a club for couples and singles. dances the second and fourth Mor days 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 quests. For information call (773) 775-9427 or (708) 442-8646 Jan 11: "We Will Have Fun in 2010 " Jan. 25: "Snowflake Shuffle." Square Wheels Square Dance Club dances the fourth Saturday of each month. September through May, at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, 304 W. Palatine Road. Prospect Heights. Round dancing begins at 7:30 p.m. with

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ner available through April 24. Admis-

sion: \$6. For information, call (847)

392-5512 or (847) 253-3206, Jan. 23:

#### ORGANIZATIONS

Des Plaines Art Guild meets at 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month at the Prairie Lakes Community Center. 515 Thacker St., Des Plaines, New memhers are welcome. For information, call Margaret Newman, (847) 924-8952, or visit www.dpag.org.

month at Skokie Village Hall. 5127 W. Oakton St. All levels of photographers welcome. Call (847) 677-8324.

#### SINGLES

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#### **WORKSHOPS & CLASSES**

Oakton Community College Emeritus Program offers courses at its Skokie campus. 7701 N. Lincoln Ave.. Skokie. For information about the Emeritus Program, call (847) 635-1414 or visit www.oakton.edu/emeritus. Opera in Pop Culture: Where Have I Heard That Tune Before? (MUS B66-71) offers comprehensive multimedia presentation: that show how opera melodies are ref erenced in pop culture. Six-week course meets from 2-3:30 p.m. Thurs days, starting Jan. 21. Course fee is

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The American Jewish Artists Club is now accepting applications for new artist members. The club exhibits widely in the Chicago area in museums, public venues and institutions. synagogues and community centers. Members also participate in salon dis cussions and art critiques, plein air painting sessions, and other activities For information, visit www.american iewishartistsclub.org.

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

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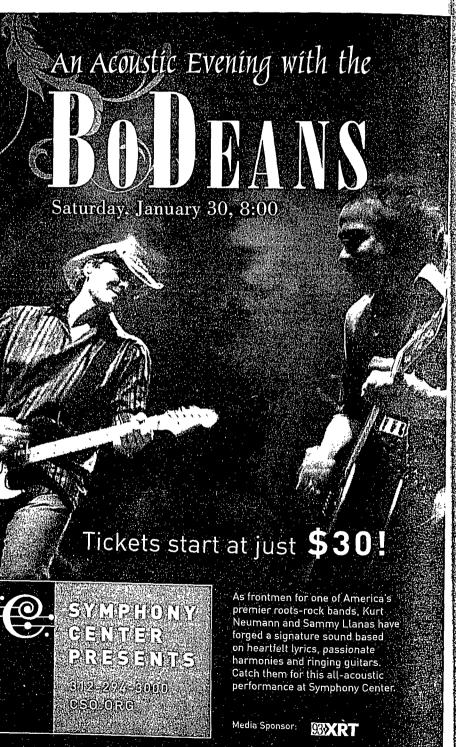
The Celtic Knot Public House, 626 Church St., Evanston. (847) 864-1679. www.celticknotpub.com. No cover unless noted otherwise. Jan. 17, 9 p.m.: Storytelling in the Snug with Elyne Handler. Jan. 31, 8 p.m.: Storytelling in the Snug with Jennifer Armstrong. James Cuno, president and director of the Art Institute of Chicago, will be the guest speaker Jan. 12 at the annual meeting of the North Shore Senior Center, Arthur C. Nielsen Jr. Campus, 161 Northfield Road, Northfield. Business meeting is at 10 a.m.; Cuno will speak on "The Modern Wing: A New Look at a Treasured Landmark" at 10:30 a.m. A book signing follows the program. Admission is free. www.nssc.org.

Skokie Theatre Music Foundation presents concerts in the Skokie Theatre, 7924 Lincoln Ave., Skokie. Call (847) 677-7761 or visit www.skokietheatre.com. Jan. 10, 2 p.m.: "Love Letters," starring Jan Ellen Graves with Lou Lang. \$30 in advance; \$35 at the door. Jan. 24, 2 p.m.: "Love Letters," starring Jan Ellen Graves with George van Dusen. \$30 in advance; \$35 at the door. Jan. 30, 8 p.m.: "Conversations with Teddy Roosevelt," presented by Joe Wiegand. \$25 in

advance; \$30 at the door.

#### MUSEUMS

Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center, 9603 Woods Drive, Skokie. www.ilholocaustmuseum.org. Hours: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays. Wednesdays, Fridays:; 10 a.m. 8 p.m. Thursdays; 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Admission: \$8; \$5 for children ages 5-12; \$6 for students ages 12-22 and senior citizens. Special exhibition are free with museum admission. Through Feb. 28: "Anne Frank: A History for Today," a traveling exhibition sponsored by the New York-based Anne Frank Center USA, Inc. The exhibit tion includes dozens of photographs of the Frank family and other occupants of the Secret Annex.



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## THE IMAGINARIUM OF DOCTOR PARNASSUS

There's an insightful moment early on in "The Imaginarium of Doctor Parnassus" when the doctor, a generally half-drunk and exceedingly ancient holy man (Christopher Plummer), steps out of his carnival wagon, turns to his assistant Percy (a sarcastic dwarf played by Verne Troyer), and asks "Where are we?"

"Geographically, North America," Percy replies, "sociologically, on the margins, narratively, a long way to go."

A long, long, long and trying way to go, as it turns out.

It would be interesting to know if that scene was shot after the sad and regrettable death of Heath Ledger almost one year ago, an event that threatened to scuttle the half-finished "Imaginarium" and certainly knocked it half off-track.

It doesn't really matter though. Spectacular, dream-like imagery has always been the strong suit of writer/director Terry Gilliam's ("Monty Python and the Holy Grail," "Brazil") and "Imaginarium" has that in wonderful, heaping amounts: Mostly

the fantasy adventures of those foolhardy enough to step into the recesses of the doctor's mind through a magic mirror for a test of their moral character. It's also typical of Gilliam that his original stories tend to be rambling, loosely structured affairs that quickly lose any sense of forward propulsion — and there's no reason to think that wouldn't have been the case here if Ledger had

The trick here is to savor the fantastic flights of imagination and hang on, while the storyline, which is only feebly resolved, gradually reveals itself. If you have the patience.

Here's what you'll find if you stick it out: Dr. Parnassus is a wandering mystic, roaming the world with a broken-down traveling show he stopped updating sometime in the medieval era, in the company of his sardonic assistant, his beautiful daughter Valentina (Lily Cole) and her tireless suitor Anton (Andrew Garfield). Thousands of years ago, the doctor made a couple of deals with the devil (Tom Waits) which granted him eternal life and the love of his life in exchange for his first-born child at the age of 16. His beloved Valentina is approaching her 16th birthday and the doctor, whose hopelessly creaky

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carnival act is in the soulsaving business, makes one last desperate gamble to save her: If he can collect five souls before the devil, all bets are off.

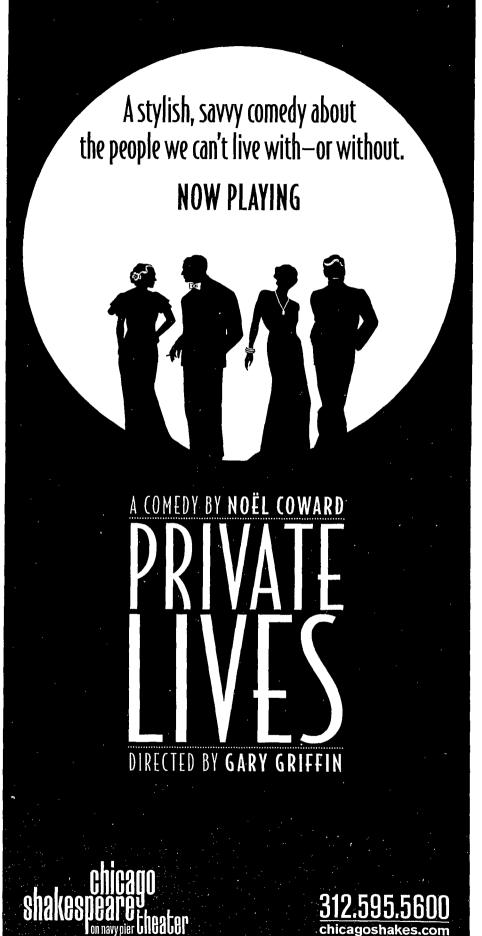
Of course the devil has an unfair advantage in that department. And the situation is complicated by the entrance of a mysterious amnesiac named Tony (played with great charm by Ledger).

Things grow even more complicated when Tony suddenly begins to be played by A-list stand-ins recruited after Ledger's death: first Johnny Depp, then Jude Law, then Colin Farrell takes a turn as Tony.

It's not really fair to dismiss "Parnassus" as a simple case of style over substance, because Gilliam's style is so mindboggling it almost makes substance unnecessary. and the themes at work here can't be described as inconsequential. But there's something unsound about the whole proposition. Early on, the doctor states his philosophy that the universe is perpetuated by the telling of stories, a sentiment that it's not too hard to imagine Gilliam sharing.

"That's the power of the imagination to transform the human mind," he says. But the devil replies,

"That's a weak hypothesis." Comment: pioneerlocal.com



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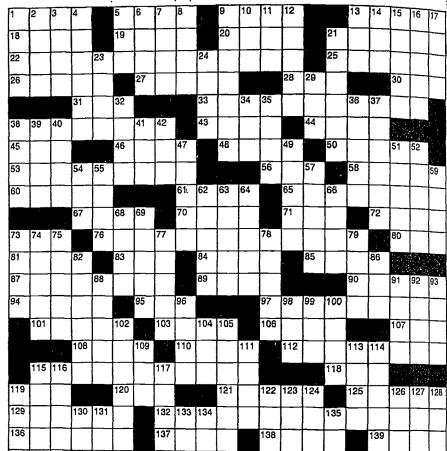
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## **Cushy Audi Q7** beats winter's snow and ice

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BY REX ROY

As winter settles over the Chicago area, there's something comforting about the Audi Q7. Like a traditional American fullsize SUV, the seven-seat, all-wheel-drive German vehicle feels nstoppable. But instead of seeming like a happy Saint Bernard

romping through the snow (my mind's recollection of how a Chevy Tahoc or Ford Expedition takes to drifts of the white stuff), the Audi feels supremely dignified.

The sensation stems from the Q7's Teutonic seriousness. Computer chips full of sophisticated programming orchestrate advanced mechanical systems to help the Audi's stability, regardless of weather. While fully capable of light off-road duty (it offers more than 8 inches of running ground clearance), the only off-roading a Q7 is likely to experience is at the hands of a reckless driver. Even today's best safety systems can't prevent driver stupidity.

But the Audi tries with a full-time all-wheel-drive system, antilock brakes, traction control and a fully integrated vehicle stability system. These active safety systems are backed by passive safety features, including six airbags. According to federal and nsurance industry tests, the Q7 crashes well - that is, it protects its occupants well in the event of a collision.

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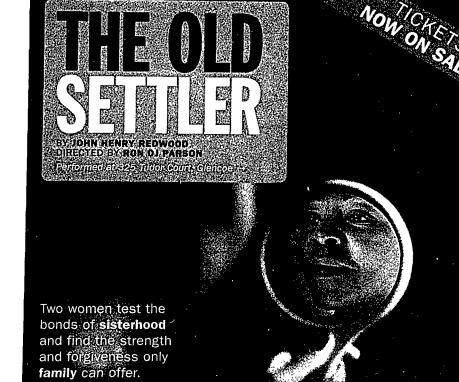
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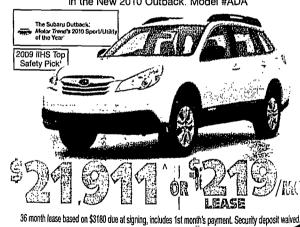


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## Audi's Q7 diesel is clean and green

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The Q7's extra height proves most advantageous because of the higher seating position it affords. Forward visibility is good – the better to see the surprise of pedestrians who are sometimes startled at the big Audi's aggressive appearance. Refreshed for 2010, the large grille appears genuinely hungry.

The balance of the exterior design looks sleek, especially for such a large vehicle. It tips the scales at more than 2.5 tons, but appears to be hewn from a single chunk of metal. Detailing such as the LED daytime running lights and taillamps adds personality.

The cabin reflects the thinking of a company that helped usher in a new age of automotive interior design. The quality of the materials is evident and 14 cup holders have never appeared in a nicer environment.

Comfort in the first two rows is excellent, but the third row is cramped for adults and kids aren't likely to enjoy being imprisoned in the way back either. If you need three rows of seats on a regular basis, there are better choices.

I've had several opportunities to drive the 2010 Q7 during the past 14 months and have accumulated literally thousands of miles in different versions of the SUV. Audi offers three different engines, one of which I heartily recommend. The least expensive is the 3.6-liter V-6. Its 280 horse-power is completely overwhelmed by the SUV's mass. Same for the 350-horsepower 4.2-liter V-8, although the subdued rumble of this engine is music to this writer's American ears.

I recommend the 225-horsepower 3.0-liter V-6 TDI diesel. Looking at the horsepower figures, the recommendation might seem questionable, but the diesel produces more than 400 pounds-feet of torque (the V-8 produces only 325 pounds-feet). This torque helps accelerate the Q7 nearly as fast as the V-8 (in the 8-second range to 60 mph), but with vastly superior fuel mileage (17 mpg city, 25 mpg highway versus 13/18 for the V-8). Plus the delivery of the acceleration feels less stressed in the diesel and more in line with what a driver in Chicago really wants.

One of my Q7 driving experiences was a long-distance run from Las Vegas to Santa Monica, Calif., by way of Mammoth Lake and Monterey. Taking it easy, the big.

ulated literally thousands rent versions of the SUV. e different engines, one tily recommend. The least Q averaged more than 30 mpg. Driven normally without regard for saving fuel, the highway mileage still stayed above 26 mpg.

This is excellent real-world perfor-

This is excellent real-world performance. While some might think that a hybrid would be superior to a diesel regarding fuel conservation, hybrids are not the only answer. The truth is that Audi's "clean" 3.0-liter diesel (certified for sale in all 50 states) is a better option than hybrids for those looking for good highway mileage. Hybrids work best under heavy stop-andgo traffic. But typical American driving patterns are light intra-suburban and openroad traffic conditions under which diesels outperform hybrids.

Audi calling this option a "clean diesel" isn't advertising hype. The Q7 uses what is called an exhaust after-treatment system to make the engine run exceptionally free of nitrogen oxide and soot. The so-called "Ad-Blue" system injects a urea solution into the exhaust to nullify harmful emissions. Only small amounts of the solution are used — about 5 percent the rate of diesel consumption — but the AdBlue tank does require refilling at normal vehicle service intervals.

As impressive as the Q7's greenness is, there is something this diesel doesn't deliver: the noxious diesel smell. This refreshing olfactory experience may be among the most important characteristics of this powertrain because we Americans aren't like Europeans – we won't drive cars that smell like UPS trucks.

that smell like UPS trucks.

The least expensive Q7 3.0 TDI starts at around \$51,000. The gasoline V-6 is slightly less expensive while the well-equipped V-8 is about \$10,000 more. My money would go down on one of the Q7 diesel models, secure in the knowledge that one day in the near future we're likely to see \$4-a-gallon gas prices. At that point, driving a luxurious, full-size SUV that gets 25 mpg will seem brilliant compared to a similar vehicle that can barely muster 18 mpg.

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## Ford, MIT hope to improve safety by reducing stress

DEARBORN, Mich. – Ford Motor Co. and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology have teamed up to study driver workload and identify new opportunities to use in-vehicle technologies to improve driver safety by lowering stress.

Ford and MIT researchers are focusing on how cars can potentially enhance overall human wellness, become an oasis from stressful situations and increase driver attention and safety.

Partnering with MIT's

renowned AgeLab, the project will identify specific stress-inducing driving situations, monitor a driver's reaction to the situations using biometrics and evaluate methods to incorporate new stress-reducing features into the next generation of Ford products. A six-month effort beginning this month will focus on human interaction with a specially equipped 2010

Lincoln MKS.

"We strongly believe that driving can be made safer by reducing the stress load placed on a driver," said Jeff Rupp, Ford manager, active safety research.

"Through the use of our existing technologies such as adaptive cruise control with collision warning or SYNC, our voice-activated communications system, we are proactively guiding drivers away from difficult situations.

"The goal of this program is to take this one step further by creating the most comfortable driving environment possible so that our driver is always relaxed, calm and able to perform at peak performance," Rupp added.

Since 2004, Ford and MIT's AgeLab – in conjunction with

the U.S. Department of Transportation's New England University Transportation Center—have been working to develop vehicle systems that detect the state of a driver at key points in time. This project envisions using this information to adjust systems in the car in ways that reduce driver stress.

One of the goals of this work is to help the driver recapture the wellness experience that driving once promised.

Today's driver is feeling a greater level of anxiety than in the past, both from situations inside and outside the vehicle," said Joseph Coughlin, founder and director of MIT's Agel ab and the project leader.

"By identifying specific situations and the physiological effect they have on the driver, we are seeking solutions that can bring the driver from a heightened stress level back to an optimal operational state and thereby make their commute safer and more comfortable, renewing the positive experience of driving and riding in an automobile."

By monitoring biometrics such as heart rate, skin conductivity and eye movement, researchers at MIT have been working to develop a specific set of parameters for an embedded detection system that could be engineered into future Ford vehicles.

Ford and MIT expect to conclude this phase of the study in July 2010. Findings of the study will be made public shortly after its conclusion.

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## Jew Year mortgage outlook

#### Buyers, refinancers will benefit from low loan rates in 2010



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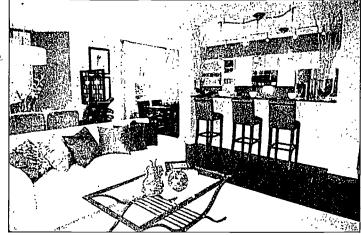
Average benchmark 30-year fixed-inorfgage raiss were in affordable 5.05 office, sees a "tremendous opportunity" for borrowers seeking a home loan in 2010.

Market Survey. On Dec. 3, the benchmark rate dipped to 4.71 percent, the lowest level since Fredie Mae began its survey in 1971. Economists say rates have not been this low in nearly 60 years.

Although interest rates for 30-year fixed-rate mortgages inched higher than 5 percent at the end of the year for the first time since late October, they are still around a half of 1 percentage point below the 2009 peak set in mid-June, Nothaft noted.

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According to the Mortgage Bankers Associa-tion, roughly three out of four mortgage applica-



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tions in December were for refinancing.

Along with rock-bottom mortgage rates, home buyers also can count on help from the federal government in 2010. Congress extended the \$8,000 tax credit for first-time buyers through April 30 for homes closed by June 30.

The income limits also were raised to \$125,000 for singles and \$225,000 for couples to broaden its impact. To claim the credit, a home must be under contract by the end of April and closed by the end of June.

A new provision, offering a credit of up to \$6,500 to existing homeowners who have owned their residence for a least five years, also will boost the local housing market, experts say.

Many borrowers also are taking advantage of

Federal Housing Administration-insured loans with interest rates around 5 percent and down payments as low as 3.5 percent, lenders say.

Looking ahead, veterral lending specialist Michael Klein, a retail mortgage consultant at Finh Third Bank's Gold Coast office, sees a "tremendous opportunity" for borrowers seeking a hone loan in 2010.

"Hifth Third Bank is an aggressive yet responsible institution that is focused on an ethical, responsible. low-cost and long-term banking commitment to each and every client," said Klein, noting that the bank funded more than \$1 billion in residential mortgages in Chicago in 2009.

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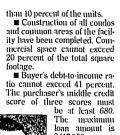
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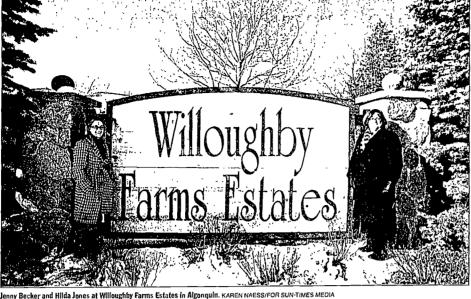
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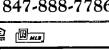


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McGrew, W.R. "Bill" Wilford Roland "Bill" McGrew, 91, of Pekin, passed away at 12:05 p.m. Monday, December 28, 2009 at Pekin Hospital. He was formerly of Park Ridge. Born March 29, 1918 in Mason County to Willard J. and Iva Marie (Van Etten) McGrew, he married Ruby Elleen Preston on August 13, 1939 in Anoka, MO. She died August 22, 2001 in

She died August 22, 2001 in Peoria. He also was preceded in death by his parents. Surviving are one daughter, Sharon K. "Sharry" (Stephen) Myers of Florissant, MO; two grandchildren, Stephen D. Myers of St. Louis, MO and Susan D. (Patrick) Wells of Hazelwood, MO; two great-grandchildren, Tyler P. Wells and Ryan Wells; two brothers, Burel N. McGrew and John H. (Anna Lou) McGrew, both of Havana and two sisters, Ilda L. Snowden of Monmouth and Nellie E. Quinn of Davenport, IA. He also leaves a special niece, Rosemary (Randy) Mingus of Pekin and a dear friend and fellow Cubs fan, Lucille Snedden of Pekin. Bill worked as the manager for Middle States Telephone Company in Pekin, later was the division commercial manager Pekin, later was the division commercial manager in Park Ridge and then became state manager for Central Telephone Company in Park Ridge. He also worked five years for Central Telephone Company of North Carolina until 1965 and transferred to work in Park Ridge from 1965 to 1974. In 1974, he became State Manager for Central Telephone in Las Vegas and retired on January 1, 1984 as the vice president of Central Telephone of Nevada. He worked a total of 47\_½ years for Nevada. He worked a total of 47 ½ years for CENTEL. He was a life member of Empire Lodge 126, A.F. & A.M. in Pekin. He was involved with the Boy Scouts of America in Park Ridge and Las Yegas and was a recipient of the Silver Beaver Award. He was a former member of the Rotary Club of Las Yegas, where he was a Paul Harris Fellow. He was a former Kiwanis Club member in Hickory, NC, Park Ridge and Pekin. Bill was past president of the Pekin Kiwanis Club. He was a president of the Pekin Kiwanis Club. He was of the member of the Pekin Area Chamber of Commerce and a former member and past president of the Park Ridge Chamber of Commerce. He was a past chairman of the Park Commerce. He was a past chairman of the Park Ridge United Way. He was the first Chairman of the Nevada Development Authority in Las Vegas. He enioyed hunting and fishing and formerly attended First United Methodist Church in Pekin. Visitation and funeral was held Wednesday, December 30, 2009 at Preston-Hanley Funeral Home, Pekin Chapel. Burial in Lakeside Cemetery, Pekin. Memorial contributions may be made to Alzheimer's Association, Central Illinois Chapter, 606 West Glen Avenue, Peoria, IL 61614 or to any charity. To express condolences online, visit www.preston-hanley.com www.preston-hanley.com Sign Guestbook at legacy:pioneerlocal.com

Noldan, Robert L.
Robert L. Noldan, 82, of Chicago, formerly of Park Ridge, passed away December 27, 2009. Husband of Carol (nee Force); father of Dawn Noldan and Laurie Graca; grandfather of Adrian Graca; brother of the late Bonnie and George (the late Nell) Noldan, Norma (the late Harlan) Asher Elizabeth (the late Irwin) Harlan) Asher, Elizabeth (the late Irwin) Wilkinson, Leonard (Laura) Noldan and June (the late Bob) Zeller; uncle of many nieces and nephews. Korean war veteran and proud member of King Oscar Masonic Lodge, Wheaton Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, Park Ridge VFW and Morton Grove American Legion. Visitation Tuesday, 4:00 to 9:00 p.m. at Drake & Son Funeral Home, 5303 North Western Ave., Chicago where a funeral service will be held Wednesday, December 30th at 11:00 a.m. Interment Rosehill Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Noldan-Force Memorial Fund, North Shore Baptist Church, 5244 North Lakewood, Chicago, IL 60640. Share a memory at www.mem.com. Information,

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Mason, Del Del Mason, 91, of Park Ridge; Devoted husband of the late Shirley (nee Corbet);

cherished father of Shelley Mason (Dan Cartwright) and Jacqueline (Richard) Feare; loving grandfather of Nicole (Jeffrey) Towle; and caring great-grandfather of Braeden and Connor; preceded in death by one brother and two sisters. Del was the owner of Bartsch Tool Co. in Addison and he was a proud 1st Lieutenant in the S.S. Army while serving in Italy during WWII. Memorial service Saturday, January 9, 11:00 a.m. at Barrington United Methodist Church, 98 Algonquin Rd., Barrington, IL. Donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association - Chicago Chapter, 8430 W. Bryn Mawr, Ste. 800, Chicago, IL 60631. Arrangements by the Countryside Funeral Home and Crematory, Bartlett; (630)289-7575.

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Beckman, Wallace J.

Wallace J. Beckman, 86, beloved husband of Kathryn (nee Kohn); loving father of Stephen (Karen), Kenneth (Marilyn) (the late Pamela), Richard (Cynthia) and Michael Beckman; devoted grandfather of Sarah (Jason) Lefton, Zachary, Joseph and Samuel Beckman and Mary Elizabeth Bultemeier; great-grandfather of Ari Beckman; fond brother of Beatrice Gilmartin, the late Ernest and the late Arthur Beckman; held the late Ernest and the late Arthur Beckman; held in special remembrance by his caregiver, Ruben Papelera. Funeral service was held Sunday, January 3, at Weinstein Funeral Home, Wilmette. Entombment Ridgewood Cemetery Mausoleum. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to The Paget Foundation or The Jewish Home and Care Center Foundation of Milwaukee. Info: (847) 256-

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Bruen, Maureen S. Maureen S. Bruen, of Park Ridge. Beloved wife of James J.; loving mother of James (Jana) Bruen, Amy (Mark) Quartaroli, Jennifer (Daniel) Myer, Kathleen (Kevin) Conrad and Meghan (Timothy)

Kathleen (Kevin) Conrad and Meghan (Timothy) Philippsen; proud grandmother of nine; caring sister of the late Gerald (Edwina) Lucey; stepdaughter of Michael Doyle. Visitation was January 5, 2010 at Nelson Funeral Home, 820 Talcott Rd. (at Cumberland) Park Ridge. Funeral was Wednesday, January 6 at Mary, Seat of Wisdom Church, Park Ridge. Interment followed at Maryhill Cemetery, Niles. In lieu of flowers, memorials to Park Ridge Public Library Endowment Fund, 20 S. Prospect, Park Ridge, IL 60068 appreciated. Info: (847) 823-5122 or www.nelsonfunerals.com. www.nelsonfunerals.com.
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Richard E. Beard, age 69 of Sayner, WI formerly of
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WI. Beloved husband of the late Barbara Ann (nee
Auer); loving father of Richard Wade Beard and
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Paterson; fond brother of Marilyn Hurbanis and
Joan Stephenson; also survived by his companion,
Elsie Turner and several nieces and nephews Solar Stephenson; also survived by his companion, Elsie Turner and several nieces and nephews. Memorial Service Friday, January 8, 10 a.m. at the Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church in Sayner, WI. Memorials to Plum Lake EMT or Plum Lake Library. Arrangements by RYAN-PARKE FUNERAL HOME (847) 823-1171.

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Pogoff, Dorothy
Dorothy Pogoff (nee Fein) passed away
December 29, 2009. She was born on the
West Side of Chicago in 1922. She and her
husband, Bob, raised their children in
Skokie, where she was active in Emma Lazarus and the National Council of Jewish women. Funeral services were held in Minneapolis, MN. Survived by her husband, Bob; their children, Lisa Pogoff (Jeff Zuckerman) and David Pogoff (Sylvia Pogoff); and four grandchildren.

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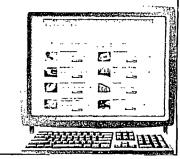
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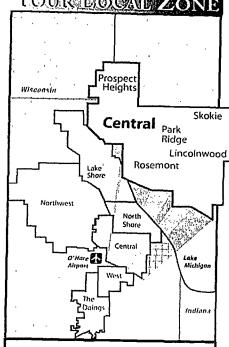
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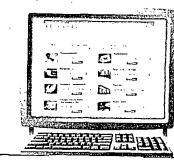
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One career worth investigating includes, to a certificate, diploma, or associate's to spend time reading and writing helps you an x-ray technician, which requires one degree. Surgical technologists receive their inquiries, include a self-addressed stamped to prepare for the road ahead.

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gain experience and decide to continue your education. Deciding to continue your education may increase your financial worth. It is up to you, the new year has many possibilities. Best of luck with whatever choice you make

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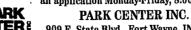
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Unit 4510 Wade Johnson Boxes, storage bins Unit 4302 Research International

Boxes, metal panels Unit 2101

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

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Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Saction 4 of the use of an Assumed Business Name in the conduct or transaction of Business in the State, as amended, that a certification was tilled by the undersigned with the County Clerk of Cook County. File No. D09120119 on December 14, 2009. Under the Assumed Name of CNS Business Services at 521 Crest Ave., Elk Grove, 11. 60007. The true name(s) and residence address of the owner(s) Jeanine McEnroe, 521 Crest Ave., Elk Grove, 12, 12,009. Pub: 12,724, 12,731, 17,700 Crest Residence address of the owner(s) Jeanine McEnroe, 521 Crest Ave., Elk Grove, 11, 60007. Pub: 12,724, 12,731, 17,700 Crest Residence address of the owner(s) Jeanine McEnroe, 521 Crest Ave., Elk Grove, 11, 60007. Pub: 12,724, 12,731, 17,700 Crest Residence and the manual control of the more control of the control of the more control of the more control of the more control of the control of the

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Pulaski, Chicago, Illinois 60646, the personal Property de
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January 28, 2010 at 10:30 A.M. on the premise where said
property has been stored, and which are located at Public
Storage/PS Orange Co. Inc. <640 N. Lincoin Ave.,
Lincoinwood, IL 60712 the personal property described below. In the matters of:
Space Occupant
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Boxes/ Bags / Totes;
Furniture 

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Unit # Name
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005 Kitchens 11, Daniel Boxes, Bags, Totes
019 Malbrough, Russell Boxes, Bags, Totes
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2150	Akutto, Kelly	Boxes / Bags / Totes
2182	KOEHN, FRED	Boxes / Bags / Totes
2197	Christophe, Janette	Boxes / Bags / Totes
2177		Boxes / Bags / Totes
2229	Tatarzyn, Kathy	Boxes / Bags / Totes
2260	Ferry, Steven	
2280	HIGHTOWER, PARRIS	HRoxes / Bags / Toles
2284	Bass, Torrance	Boxes/Bags/Totes
2331	McCool, Eric	Boxes / Bags / Totes
3398	Soto, Shannon	Boxes/Bags/Totes
3434	REED, DAVEEN	Boxes/Bags/Totes
3469	Kaminskiy, Edvard	Boxes / Bags / Totes
3478	Shoemaker, John	Boxes / Bags / Totes
A011	BENITEZ, EDDY	Boxes/Bags/Totes
	FRADEZ FELICISIMA	Boxes / Bags / Totes
A083	Kutka, Amber	Boxes/Bags/Totes
B107	Powers, Eric	Boxes / Bags / Totes
B153	Etz, David	Boxes / Bags / Totes
B 193	Lozano, Eric	Boxes/Bags/Totes
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	SPACE	OCCUPANT	CONTENTS
ľ	0005	Workman, Cynthia	Boxes/Bags/Totes; Clothing
l	0010	Breivogel, Joann	Boxes / Bags / Totes
ı	0057 0065	Brewer, Nicole Reid, James	Boxes/Bags/Totes Bedding; Boxes/
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ľ	0067	Forrest, Andre	Boxes/Bags/Totes
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i	0280	Bowling, Lakisha	Boxes/Bags/Totes
I	0291 0299	Robinson, David	Boxes/Bags/Totes
į	0336	Kirkendall, Kenny Box, Sherry	Boxes/Bags/Totes Boxes/Bags/Totes
ı	0378	Jones, Perkins	Boxes/Bags/Totes
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ľ	0420	Diaz, Gerardo	Boxes/Bags/Totes
ı	0443	Torres, Jose Angel	Boxes/Bags/Totes
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Notice is Hereby given that the undersigned intends to ell the personal property described below under the pro-visions ot the Illinois Selt Service Facility Act (770 ILCS

NOTICE OF SALE

Act.
The sale will be conducted by competitive bid on Wednesday, January 13, 2010 on or after 10:00 AM at Extra Space Storage located at 7540 McCormick Blvd., Skokle, IL. 10076, by Jett Brown, of Ace Auctioneers, License 14440000172. 1.44000172. nit #1 Danny Martinez AC, Shelt, Totes nit #1056 Gregory Leeb Sultcase, Bags, Box nit #1077 Cecelia Edwards Couches, Boxes, Household nit #1077 Cecelia Edwards Couches, Boxes, Household

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are located at Public Storage/PS Orange Co., 1129, Wells, Chicago, IL 60610 the personal property described
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190, IL 60642, Phone 773-2
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Luis Rosado Jr.
Harry Dukov
Jeremiah Reeves
Marina Funes
Elizabeth Placek
Rachel Sierra
Patrick Peterson
Kevin Usewicz
Anabel Tirado
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NOTICE OF AUCTION

Lite Storage Centers of Humbolat Park will hold a public sale to entorce a lien imposed on said property, as described below, pursuant to the Illinois Selt-Service Storage Facility Act, Illinois Code 770 ILCS 95/1 to 95/7, at 10:00 AM on Friday, January 15, 2010, at Life Storage Centers of Humbolat Park 4014 West Grand Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60651. Management reserves the right to withdraw any unit trom sale. Registered or motor vehicles are sold 'As Is/ Parts Only,' no titles or registration.

Tenant Name

Linda F. Cobbins

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drawings and specifications of \$50.00 per set is required. (NOTE: Contractor must submit a bid in order to re-ceive his deposit.) Pub: 1/7/10 (1742084) C

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Invitation to Bid
The Morton Grove Park District is accepting sealed bids tor one pick up with a utility body and one dump truck. Specifications can be obtained at the Morton Grove Park District, 6834 W. Dempster Street, Morton Grove, Illinois 60053 between the hours of 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sealed bids will be opened and read Publicty on Tuesday January 19, 2010 at 9:30 A.M. at the Morton Grove Park District Administration Office. All bids must be received on or before the above date and time or they will be rejected.

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State of Illinois
In The Circuit Court of Cook
County, Illinois
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In the matter of the estate of
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lorridge, Illinois, Letters of State of Illinois
In The Circuit Court of
Cook County, Illinois
Probate Division
In the matter of the Estate o.
Marie Filippin
Deceased

office were issued on 12/30/2009 to Judith Gagliano, 436 Janine Ln, Schaumburg, 1L. 60193 whose attorney is Karl H. Magnus, 121 S. Wilke Road, #201, Arlington Heights, 1L 60005. (847) 368-0000 12/30/2009 to Judith Gagliano, 436 Janine Ln., Schamburg, 1L. 60193 whose aftorney is Karl H. Magnus, 121 S. Wilke Road, #201, Arlington Heights, 1L 60005. (847) 368. 0000

Claims against the estate may be filled in the office of the Cierk of the Circuit Court in Room 1202, Richard J. Daley Center, Chicago, Illinois Letters of the Cierk of the Circuit Court in Room 1202, Richard J. Daley Center, Chicago, Illinois Letters of the Cierk of the Circuit Court in Room 1202, Richard J. Daley Center, Chicago, Illinois Cory R. Rosenthal, whose attorney is Cary R. Rosenthal, whose attorney Judy, 2010, which date is not less than 6 months from the date of the first publication of this notice and any claim not filled with the Clerk must be malled or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days atter it has been filed. If Kari H. Magnus (Altorney)

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premise where said property has been stored and which
are located at Public Storage, Property # 08067, 1711 W.
Fullerton, Chicago, IL 60614, Phone: 773-252-5518, Fox:
773-248-3702. The person property described below, in the
matter of:

Elizabeth Newhall Electronics, furniture
Carmen Ayiles Boxes, bogs, totes
Patrick Watts Boxes, electronics
Rosemary Porter Boxes, bogs, totes
Willie Melendez Electronics, bike
Robert Olfazio Furniture, boxes
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Electronics, furniture
Bedding, boxes
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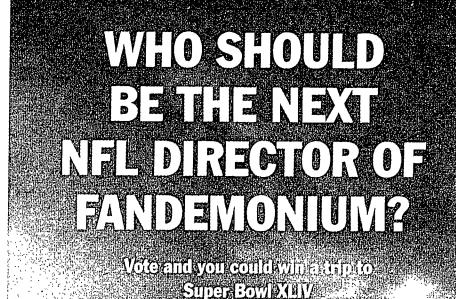


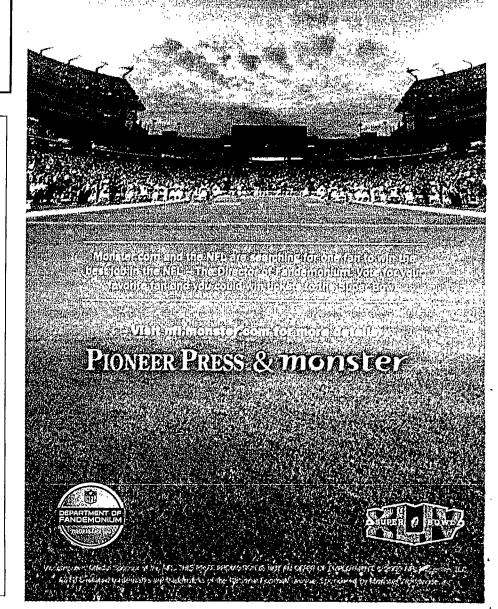
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David Rudnicki, 3, of Wilmette grabs a fresh-from-the-oven chocolate chip cookie made by his mom, Kelly, who has written a book called The Food Allergy Mama's Baking Book. (Tamara Bell/Staff Photographer)

# Food fight

## Problems of allergies in so many edibles

By SARA BURROWS Contributor

Imagine being the kid who can't have a chocolate chip cookie. It's not just "too close to dinner." This kid may never be able to have any cookie.

If he's allergic to common foods - eggs, dairy products, fish, shellfish and nuts, are the most common — just one bite of the wrong thing could kill him.

"When you know that, it's lifechanging," said Kelly Rudnicki of Wilmette. With one son who's allergic to eggs and dairy products, another who's outgrown his food allergies, she's come to know that you take this issue seriously.

According to a study published in Pediatrics last month, almost 4 percent of U.S. children under 18 have food allergies, and from 1997 through 2007, the prevalence of reported food allergy has increased 18 percent.

Rudnicki's life changed seven years ago, when her infant son

dairy products and eggs. "I was terrified," she recalled. "I didn't know what I could feed him, and felt so limited."

Her son wouldn't nurse, couldn't tolerate most formulas and later, when she gave him a baby food that was labeled a "veggie meal," he had a dreadful outbreak of

#### Label law

This was several years before the Food Allergen and Consumer Protection Act became law in January, 2006. That law requires food manufacturers to list all ingredients on labels, and put that list into understandable English.

It helps, but Rudnicki and parents like her are still leery of food they haven't made them-

"A food allergy," Rudnicki maintained, "is basically a disability." Many kids outgrow the problem, but for those who don't, eating will be a life-long challenge.

Her child's food limitations did

rolling pin. On the contrary, she says, "I'm a sweet freak. Sweets just make me happy." She wanted to share that love of a good cookie with all her kids.

So she started baking and stopped using milk and eggs. Soy milk, applesauce, water and tofu, she found worked wonders as substitutes.

But tweaking the recipes she loved wasn't easy. "Cooking is a science," she explained. "If you .change one thing, you've got to change everything else, too."

Plenty of trials and errors eventually yielded the collection of recipes that met the high standards of her sweet tooth, and became the basis for The Food Allergy Mama's Baking Book (Surrey Books, 2009).

#### The real test

Fortunately, a group of about 10 kids ages 3 to 11 living within a four-house radius happily volunteered as Rudnicki's taste testers.

"They'll tell you when something is bad, blah or if it's fantastic."

Good friends gave the new recipes a trial run. One was Casey Brown, a next-door neighbor and enthusiastic, experienced cook, "I baked many of Kelly's recipes before her cookbook was published and always tested the results on my family despite the fact that neither of my children has allergies. The kids always gobbled them up!" she said.

In addition to allergen-free recipes and baking tips, Rudnicki's book includes contacts for a number of organizations working to correct the situation.

Her hope is that as the problem continues to grow, so will the research into potential cures, and people with these allergies can live less-restricted lives. Her book, she feels, is one way to help these people live a bit more like the rest of us right now.

After all, she noted, "My son had never had a doughnut until I made one for him'



Vilmette resident Kelly Rudnicki offers allergen-free recipes and baking tips in her new The Food Allergy Mama's Baking Book. Also included are a number of organizations working to correct the situation.

#### Kelly Rudnicki's **Chocolate Chip Cookies**

2/3 C dairy-free shortening 1/2 C brown sugar 1/2 C granulated sugar 1/4 C unsweetened applesauce 1 tsp. best-quality vanilla extract 1 3/4 C unbleached all-purpose flour 1/2 tsp. salt 1/2 tsp. baking soda 1 C dairy free mini chocolate chips

Preheat oven to 375 degrees, and line a baking sheet with parchment paper.

In the bowl of a standard mixer fitted with the paddle attachment, combine the shortening, sugars, applesauce and vanilla until smooth.

In a medium bowl, combine the flour, baking soda and salt with a wire whisk.

Add the flour mixture to the shortening mixture and stir until just combined. Stir in the chocolate chips.

Use a cookie scooper to place the batter onto the prepared sheet. Bake for 12 to 15 minutes, or until lightly browned. Cool completely on the baking sheet. Makes 2



Kelly Rudnicki's Chocolate Chip Cookies are dairy-, egg- and nut-free

program for ages 7 to 10 from 4:15. 6:15 p.m. Tuesdays, Jan. 12 to Feb. 16. The camp will address proper shooting mechanics, ball-handling, playmaking skills, rebounding, defensive fundamentals, and offensive principles. Players will participate in tournaments as well as various jumping and shooting competitions. Cost is \$99, members; \$115, nonmembers and includes a T-shirt

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and dance in an easy-to-follow for-

mat. Some of the rhythms in a typi-

cal class include salsa, merengue.

cumbia, bachata, cha cha, and reg-

essary. Registration fee of \$30 in-

cludes refreshments, raffle prizes

and goody ban for each participant

To ensure that a child is in the ap-

propriate class, all new participants

to the Learn To Swim program must

attend a Placement Test, Participa-

tion in this test does not guarantee

Thai Yoga Bodywork is like yoga

ing the stretching aspects of yoga

and the subtle use of pressure, en-

that restores bodily harmony flexi-

bility, and overall health. Sessions

are performed on a cushioned floor

\$55, members or \$65 nonmembers.

mat. Cost for a 50-minute session is

Costs for a 25-minute session is \$30

place from 3:45-4:35 p.m. Thursdays,

weights, steps, BOSU, and more, end-

ing with kids yoga. Cost is \$36, mem-

Friday Night Fun for ages 5-12

The evening includes swimming

years will be from 6-9 p.m. Jan. 15.

gym, crafts, snack and more Cost is

Mike Ipiian and the Niles Family Fit-

tional, highly competitive basketball

\$10, members; \$15, nonmembers.

Jan. 14 to Feb. 26. This high energy

and grooving, with the use of

bers: \$45. nonmembers.

abling a relaxing therapeutic benefit

combined with accupressure combin-

the child a spot in the Learn To Swim

naeton. No dance experience is nec-

many call "exercise in disguise."

\$57, members; \$67, nonmembers.

fers cardio interval training com-

ance training and ends with a

bers. All sessions run six weeks and

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

Registration is under way for the following Funtastic children's proorams:

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

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

Romp, Stomp & Roll, 10-20 months: This class is a social experience for both you and your child. Mats. balls. tunnels and age appropriate toys will be offered in this active free play class. Parent/child class.

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

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

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

Just for Me, 3-4 years: This class is designed for those children who are ready to be on their own in a social preschool environment. Letters, numbers and colors will be taught through active play. Daily gym time and snacks are provided. Class will be offered with a continuing curriculum through spring 2009. Breakfast Buddies, 3-6 years: In

Body Flex for Kids ages 5-9 takes this pint-sized morning cooking class, kids will make and eat some of exercise class will get a child moving their favorite breakfast recines, like nancakes and French toast. Class is offered one or two days a week. Body Flex Kids. 3-6 years: Scheduled during adult Body Flex, this high energy exercise class will get your child moving and grooving. To cool down we will end class with kid's yoga. Our instructor will escort your child to and from the Clubhouse. Funtastic Friday's, 3.6 years: Chilness Center present a highly instrucdren will play games, make crafts, go Run errands with out your "little helper." Kids must be toilet trained. Playtime Picasso's, 3-6 years: Designed to explore your child's creative side. Arts and crafts, painting playdough along with age appropri ate play will highlight this class. Class will be messy.

Recipe for Fun, 3-6 years: Learn to make simple recipes in this nintsized cooking class. Measuring, mixing, pouring, and stirring are sure to keep our little chefs busy. Each chef will get to eat or take home their Silly Science, 3-6 years: This hand's

on science class is designed to combine learning and fun. With the use of everyday household items, become a silly scientist and create sim-

Group EX Express Card - 10 Class card: \$71, residents, \$81 nonresidents 20 Class Card: \$124 residents, \$144 nonresidents: 30 Class Card: \$149 residents, \$179 nonresidents, Classes

A.I.S. Stretch: Isolated stretching to increase flexibility.

Body Flex: Increase lean muscle mass and boost resting metabolic rate with this strength training class. Use hand weights, body bars, exercise balls, and floor exercises to develop a toned, strong body.

BOSU, Cardio & Core: Challenges balance while taking cardiovascular drills that target glutes and thighs. and core strengthening exercises which challenge abs, back and waist. Intermediate to Advanced.

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

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

Cardio Fusion: Cardiovascular workout with muscle shaping with interval Step. plyometrics. Kickboxing or BOSU combinations with strength training. Finish with core work and stretch, Intermediate to Advanced. Dance Aerobics: Includes a mix of dance, and aerobics, followed by an abdominal workout. Intermediate to

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

Heart Rate Up & Pump: Get heart rate up with this variety of high-intensity, low-impact cardiovascular routines with some muscle condi tioning. Beginner to Intermediate. Lite & Fit: Perfect for the mature adult. Work at your own pace - a combination of low-impact (with some high intensity) aerobics. May include basic step, stability ball work, body toning with ab and back

strengthening. Beginner to Interme-Sten & Stretch: This 60 minute sten class includes a warm-up, high inten-

sity step aerobics, and a Yoga inspired stretch. Yoga: Work the mind and hody

#### **Fundraisers**

It is not too late to donate money to the annual Knights of Columbus Candy Drive to help mentally handi capped children. To donate, send tax free donations to: KC Council 4338, c/o Ken Lee, 8307 N. Harlem Ave.

The Knights of Columbus Council 4338 is conducting a Wheelchairs for the Needy campaign. The public is invited to help others by providing

donations for a wheelchair For as little as \$75, the needy can gain their mobility with a new wheelchair Do nations may be send to: Wheelchairs for Needy, c/o KC Council 4338, 8307

N. Harlem Ave., Niles IL 60714. The Knights of Columbus are still distributing Tootsie Roll candy and banks with all profits given to mentally handicapped children. Tootsie Roll hars are available at 50 hars ner nackage for \$6. The candy banks are

\$2 each, Contact Ken Lee, (847) 967-

6234. Send monetary donations to:

Quality, Value & Service In Any Language

KC Council 4338, c/o Ken Lee, 8307 N. Harlem Ave., Niles IL 60714. Entertainment Books are available from the Knights of Columbus Council 4338. The 2010 edition costs \$20

nroceeds are donated to area charities. To reserve a book call Mel Koenias. (847) 966-2293. \$20. The book offers a variety of

notitan areas to choose from All

Our Lady of Ransom Parish in Niles is selling Entertainment 2010 Books, values, mainly two-for-one deals at many restaurants and establishments Discounts also cover travel car rentals movie theaters hotel discounts and more Proceeds hene fit the narish. To order a book call Josephine Bax. (847) 823-2550.

Resurrection Medical Center, 7435 West Talcott, Chicago, will offer the

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CORNER OF WAUKEGAN & DEMPSTER HOURS: MON-FRI 8-9 • SAT 8-8 • SUN 8-7 847-581-1029 SALE DATES: JANUARY 7th - JANUARY 13th

Isaiah Caleb White

December 3, 2009

7 lb 3oz, 19 in

**Evanston Hospital** 

Born to Nicholas & Brenda White.

Grandparents Patrick & Clare Lobo of

Lincolnwood, IL Michael & Sharon

White of Waukegan, IL. Maternal

Great-grandparents Sebastian & Bastina

Rodrigues of Melbourne, Australia and

Agnes Lobo of Karachi, Pakistan. Paternal

Great-grandparents Lillian Knox of

Welcome to the world, our precious angel

Waukegan, IL.

sent from above!

#### Holihan -Georgakis Engagement

Penny Donehoo of Elgin and Mark Holihan of Park Ridge announce engagement of their daughter Rachel Holihan of Park Ridge to William Georgakis

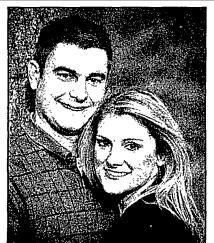
Rachel completed her Bachelor's in inclusive elementary and special education from Syracuse University and graduated in 2006. She is currently pursuing a Master's in School

Counseling at Northeastern Illinois University and is a 6th grade teacher at Pope John 23rd Elementary

School in Evanston, IL

William is the son of Spyros and Katherine Georgakis of Lincolnwood. He completed his Bachelor's in Economics and History from University of Illinois and graduated in 2005 and Juris Doctorate from Chicago Kent College of Law 2008. He is currently employed as an Associate Attorney at the Liou Law Firm in

The Ceremony and Reception at Highland Park Country Club on August 21, 2010.



Michael and Leni Jane Collet of Park Ridge announce the engagement of their daughter, Chelsea Victoria Colyer Collet to Thomas Patrick Fette, of Cincinnati, Ohio.

Honors from the University of Dayton in 2006 with a BS of

Ohio. He is a 2002 graduate of Archbishop Moeller High School, Cincinnati. He graduated with BS of Marketing and Business Entrepreneurship also from the University of Dayton.

The happy couple now reside and work in Columbus Ohio. The wedding will be in August in the chapel on the campus where they met at University of Dayton. They will continue to reside in Columbus after their marriage

## Calendar

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following health programs. Advanced registration is required, unless noted otherwise, by calling 1-877-737-4636. Free on-site parking is available. Family Fitness Camp, Mondays and Wednesdays, Jan. 11-April 28, from 5-6 p.m. This fun program is for parents and kids (ages 8 to 14) to focus on exercise and education. Mondays are in the swimming pool and Wednesdays are on land. Bring a swim suit and water shoes to the pool classes. Fee: \$5 per class.

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

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

auired. Fee: \$70.

**Pneumonia vaccinations** are avail<sup>,</sup> able 10 a.m.-noon Jan. 21 and 29 in the Health Management Department. first floor of the hospital down, Entrance C. Fee: \$50 or Medicare Part

#### Library

Niles Public Library. 6960 W. Oakton St., (847) 663-1234 or online at www.nileslibrary.org.

Niles Park District New 3's the deadline for the regular 3-year preschool. Classes are held Tuesdays/Thursdays or Wednesdays/Fridays. from 12:30-2 p.m. at Howard Leisure Center. Session runs Jan. 5 to May 27, Call (847) 967-6633 Niles Park District introduces a new camp called School's Out Sport

Camp. The camp will be available on five school holidays. The main emphasis of the camp is to provide safe, fun-filled days of playing and learning sports. Campers should bring a sack lunch and beverage. on Veterans Day, Martin Luther King Day, Presidents Day and Pulaski Day. Fees are: residents, \$36; nonresidents. \$45 per day. Call (847) 967-

Resident and nonresident registration for Niles Park District Bright Beginnings Preschool for 2009-10 is still taking place. Spaces are still available in the morning and afternoon

for 3- and 4-year-old classes. Registration is accepted at the Howard Leisure Center, 6676 W. Howard St., until classes are filled. Call (847) 967-6633 to have information mailed. Niles Park District is offering private piano lessons (30-45 minutes) for beginning and intermediate students Wednesdays and Thursdays at Howard Leisure Center. 6676 W. Howard St. Lessons will focus on the fundamentals of technique, music theory and good practice habits. Call (R47) 967-6633 to reserve a lesson

Cowan (ctcowan@sbcglobal.net) or **Goif Maine** Janice Ryden Deaton (deaton\_jan-The Golf Maine Park District has ice@yahoo.com) to place their infortaken a new and innovative apmation on the contact list. proach in raising much-needed funds St. John Brebeuf is looking for all for the park and spreading the word St. John Brebeuf School alumni. on energy efficiency. The district of-Alumni should contact Libby Ryder fers a selection of ENERGY STAR (847) 966-3266, or e-mail Iryder@sib qualified compact fluorescent light school.org. and submit their name. bulbs for sale to the public from a 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. immaculate Conception School on

Talcott Avenue in Chicago is establishing an Alumni Association. In preparation for its 100th-anniversary celebration the school is searching for its missing alumni. If you attended Immaculate Conception School or know someone who did, e-mail |Calumni@icparish.net, or call the rectory, (773) 775-3833, Alumni who prefer to reach the association by mail are encouraged to send their first maiden or last name inhone number, e-mail address, the year in which they graduated, along with their favorite IC memory and favorite IC teacher, to: IC Alumni Association, c/o Immaculate Conception Parish, 7211 W. Talcott Ave., Chicago IL 60631. Submissions may also be dropped off at the IC Parish Rectory

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Kathy Lone (one block south of Golf

Road on Western Avenue). Niles: or

Dee Park, at the corner of Dee and

Fmerson Roads, Des Plaines; or call

St. John Brebeuf School in Niles is

looking for graduates from line class

of 1964. Contact Libby Ryder at Iry-

Elmwood Park High School Class of

1970 is planning its 40th reunion for

the fall of 2010. Classmates are

asked to e-mail Christine Thomas

(847) 297-3000.

der@sjbschool.org.

during normal business hours or after Masses on Sunday. **Maine Seniors** The Maine Township MaineStreamers program offers a variety of opportunities for residents 55 and old-

er. Membership includes a free subscription to the MaineStreamers tivities for the upcoming month. Most activities are at Maine Town go to www.mainetownship.com.

transfers and baggage handling. **Volunteer drivers** are needed for FISH. If interested in providing transportation to township residents who need local rides to medical appointments. etc., call Gloria Stepek, (847) 297-2510. ext. 283.

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

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

#### Seniors

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

lome+Aid, will offer grandparents an

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

mission is \$5 per session.

the month at Lutheran General Family Care Center. 9375 Church St., Des Plaines. The program is a support aroup for children, teens and families who have lost a loved one through death. Preliminary interview

oss support group, is welcoming

weight-loss tips, recipes, contests

and helpful ideas to help you reach

your goal. Meetings are 9:30-10:15

a.m. Fridays at Howard Leisure Cen-

el (elevator accessible). Weigh-ins

are 9:15-9:30 am., meetings from

TARA APD Chicago - Treatment

and Research Advancements Associ-

ation for Personality Disorders hold:

a monthly support group for people

with loved ones suffering from bor-

derline personality disorder or emo-

tional disregulation. The meeting is

at Rush North Shore 9600 Gross

p.m. the third Wednesday of the

month. E-mail rh5mail-

ber or more information.

Point Road, Skokie, from 6:30-8:30

tara@vahoo.com for the room num-

Crohn's & Colitis Foundation sup-

port group meets from 7:30-9:30 p.m.

every third Thursday of the month at

Advocate Lutheran General Hospital

1775 Dempster St., Room 1063, Park

Ridge. The focus is to assist patients

colitis, their families, significant oth-

ers and friends in coping more effec-

tively with the illness. Call (847) 827-

with Crohn's disease or ulcerative

Call (847) 679-4229.

ter, 6676 Howard St., Niles, lower lev-

9:30-10:15 a.m. Cost is \$5 per month.

new members. Discussions includ

is required before registration. To register, call Rainbow Hospice and Palliative Care Bereavement Support. (847) 692-888A Weight No More, a friendly weight-

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

Resurrection Medical Center sponsors a variety of free cancer-support groups for both patients and their family members. All support groups are free and meet in the Cancer Conference Room (around floor, Entrance C). Contact Carol Flanagan. (773) 792-5116: The Cancer Support Group for cancer patients, families and friends meets

> monthly from 7-8:30 p.m. every last The Leukemia & Lymphoma Family Support Group for people with leukemia, lymphoma, myelodysplas tic syndrome, multiple myeloma. Hodgkin's Disease and their families meets every first Wednesday of the

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

The Us Tool Prostate Cancer Support Group meets every second Wednesday of the month.

The Teen Cancer Support Group is for teens ages 13 to 18 whose parent or caretaker has been diagnosed with cancer. The group meets every third Wednesday of the month. Registration and parental consent are

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

the Health Management Classroom. The session is free, Call Health Management, (773) 792-5022. Afterglow Support Group for stroke survivors and their family and friends meets the second Wednesday of the month in the Resurrection Rehabilitation Center of Chicago, first

floor, Professional Building, Entrance

the second Tuesday of the month in

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

Call (773) 594-7866.

Advocate Lutheran General Hospital is forming a support network for women living with breast cancer. The Breast Cancer Networking Group will meet from 2-3 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month. The support group provides breast-cancer survivors the opportunity to share information and experiences with other women. The group will be at Lutheran General's Center for Advanced Care, 1700 Luther Lane, Park Ridge, in the ground-floor conference room G104. Call (847) 723-8130.

Families Anonymous is a free, 12step. self-help support program for family members and friends who are concerned about the substance abuse or behavioral problems of a

Thursdays at the Park Ridge Community Church, 100 Courtland Ave., Park Ridge; use the side entrance on But ler Place. There are no dues or fees. First names only are used at the meetings to preserve anonymity. This is a nonprofessional and nonre

loved one. Families Anonymous

meets weekly from noon to 1 p.m.

ligious program. Advance notice is not necessary. Visitors are always welcome. Call the church office. (847) 823-3164, or contact Families Anonymous, 1-800-736-9805, or www.familiesanonymous.org. Butterfly Group for Bereaved Par-

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ents meets the second Tuesday of

HEARINGS COOK COUNTY CONSOLIDATED COMMUNITY **DEVELOPMENT PLAN & ANNUAL ACTION PLAN FOR 2010 FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR** 

South/Southwest Region Hearing

Date: Thursday, January 14, 2010

Place: Sixth District Courthouse 16501 South Kedzie Parkway, Markham,

Courtroom #098

North/Northwest Region Hearing

Date: Thursday, January 21, 2010 Time: 5:00 p.m. Place: Third District Courthouse

2121 Euclid Avenue, Rolling Meadows

IL 60008 Courtroom #110

**Nest Region Hearing** 

Date: Thursday, January 28, 2010 Time: 5:00 p.m.

Place: Fourth District Courthouse 1500 South Maybrook Drive Maywood, IL 60153 Courtroom #102

Purpose: Cook County will hold these regional hearings to solicit needs and priorities

and to provide information on the application process for the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG), the Emergency Shelter Grants Program (ESG), and the HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) for the 2010 Federal Fiscal Year which begins October 1, 2010.

Cook County receives federal funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for programs administered by the Cook County Department of Community Planning and Public Services.

The 2010 allocations for CDBG, HOME, and ESG have not been made by HUD. Approximate amounts are as follows: CDBG - \$10,000,000: ESG \$450,000; HOME \$5,500,000; and American Dream Downpayment Initiative (ADDI) - \$111,012. If available, unobligated program income and deobligated funds from prior program years will be added to these 2010 funding amounts. CDBG Program categories that are eligible for funding are: Residential Rehabilitation and Housing Related

Activities • Economic Development Activities

Capital Improvement Activities

Commercial Rehabilitation

Real Property Acquisition

. Demolition and Clearance Public Service Activities

Fair Housing Activities

ESG Program categories that are eligible for

· Rehabilitation or conversion of building for

use as emergency shelter. · Maintenance or operation expenses directly

related to emergency shelters.

provided by the shelters.

homeless prevention activities.

funding are:

· Construction or rehabilitation projects involving single and/or multi-family low and very low income residential housing.

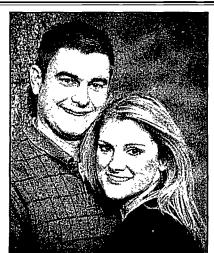
· Special needs housing projects.

All interested persons, groups, not-for-profit agencies and municipalities are invited to attend. Any comments may also be submitted in writing

Cook County Bureau of Community Development Department of Community Planning and Public Services

Chicago, Illinois 60602

The Cook County Annual Action Plan applies only to those suburban municipalities of less than 50.000 in population, plus the Town of Cicero and



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The Go Club for ages 6 to 12 usually meets the first and third Saturdays of each month on a drop-in basis. Parks

Camp takes place at Grennan Heights

Lights for Learning kiosk, Proceeds from the sale of every bulb will directly fund the scholarship program sponsored by the district. The scholarship program allows children the opportunity to attend camp when they may not have the resources to do so on their own. The kiosk will also house the Lights for Learning teacher tool kits, designed for educators and organization leaders, to provide informational materials on the overall Lights for Learning Program, ENERGY STAR Activity Books for children, as well as ENERGY STAR home energy-conservation and electronics information, will also be available. A recycling bin for used CFLs will also be available CFLs may be purchased at Feldman Park, 8800 Kathy Lane, Niles, from 8:30 a.m.-10:30 p.m. Call (847) 297-3000. The Golf Maine Park District offers the community an opportunity to recycle paper products. A recognizable green-and-yellow container supplied

by Abitibi Bowater was dropped of in the Feldman Park lot, 8800 Kathy Lane, near the corner of Western Av enue and Kathy Lane. Products that can be recycled in this container include: newspapers, magazines, office paper (fax and copy), shopping catalogs, mail and envelopes, catalogs, folders, colored paper and shredded paper (bagged); no cardboard or phone books. All money raised will fund the scholarship program, allow ing children to attend summer camp

and other programs, Call (847) 297-3000 or ao towww.paperretriever.com/ Golf Maine Park District is taking registration for

Adult Bingo: 10 a.m.-2 p.m., first Wednesday of the month, splitthe-pot bingo at the Feldman Recreation Center. **Preschooi**: Early registration is im-

portant to ensure child a space for the fall 2009 semester. A five-day morning program and a four-day afternoon program are offered for children turning 4 years old by Sept. 1.

pitch that will be ready for use this spring. Call the park district for rental fees or availability. Visit one of the Park District offices, Feldman Recreation Center, 8800

Maine Township, in cooperation

Resurrection Retirement Communi-

Holding Onto Hope is a monthly daytime group for widowed people grieving the loss of a spouse. It meets from 1-2:30 p.m. the fourth Wednesday of the month at Rainboy Hospice and Palliative Care. 444 N. Northwest Highway, Suite 145, Park Ridge, Registration is required. Ad-

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

A Widowed Support Group is an ongoing support group that addresses losses faced by persons, as a general quideline who have been widowed less than two years. It will meet at 7 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month, at Rainbow Hospice and Palliative Care, 444 N. Northwest Highway, Park Ridge, Cost is \$5 per session. Call (847) 685-

Good Mourning Program will meet 6:45-8 p.m. every third Monday of

**NOTICE OF REGIONAL PUBLIC** 

Time: 5:00 p.m.

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New or expanded essential services

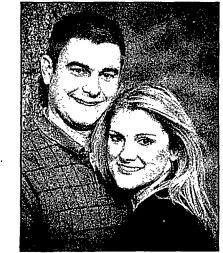
· Development and implementation of

HOME Program categories that are eligible for

69 West Washington, Suite 2900 Attn: Mr. Timothy W. Kleist

the City of Berwyn.

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## Collet – Fette

Thomas is the son of William and Janet Fette of Cincinnati,



Birthdays • Engagements

Graduations

For more information, contact: at **630-978-8260** or

The Boings

Preschool is offered for children who turned 3 after Sept. 1, 2009, missing

Cricket: Dee Park now has a cricket

monthly newsletter, which details ac-Hall, 1700 Ballard Road, Park Ridge. unless otherwise noted. Contact the MaineStreamers, (847) 297-2510, or Spend 10 nights traveling the islands of Hawaii aboard the Pride of America from Jan. 20-30. The trip will consist of three nights in Hon olulu and a seven-night Hawaiian cruise. The trip includes home pickup. round trip airfare, all meals aboard the ship, daily entertainment shipboard activities and lectures, all

Maine Township is asking for assistance in locating good. reliable handymen in the area. If you know

Weekly Worship

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#### **EDISON PARK Edison Park Lutheran** Church ELCA

6626 N. Oliphant Ave., 773-631-9131 www.edisonparklutheran.ora Sunday Morning Worship Schedule. Liturgical Worship with Holy Communion 8 & 9:45 AM Contemporary Worship with Holy Communion 11:00 AM. Adult Bible Study 9:45 AM Sunday School 9:45 AM. Attended Nursery for Sunday Services. Handicapped Access from south parking lot

#### NORWOOD PARK

St. Alban's Episcopal Church 6240 North Avandale, Norwood Park, Illinois

(773) 763-8845 www.saintalbanschurch.com IT'S A NEW YEAR. RENEW YOUR SPIRIT WITH USI Sunday Service at 10AM Sept. thru May, 9:30AM June thru Aug. St. Alban's offers the Catachesis of the Good Shepherd Sunday school program Sept. thru May It is a Montessori-based program that enriches your child's knowledge of the Holy Spirit through the presentation of Jesus' parables and the presentation of liturgical elements. Your child is welcome to join us at 9:40AM.

#### Norwood Park Lutheran Church(ELCA) 5917 N. Nina Ave. (at Nickerson)

(773) 631-2860 (Street level accessibility to main Church) Sunday Worship 10:00 AM. Holy Communion-1st 3rd & 5th Sundays & Festivals Service of the Word-2nd & 4th Sundays Children's Ministry. Sunday School-Sundays, 9 AM (September-May) Confirmation Ministry-Sundays, 9 AM (September-May), Children's Sermon-2nd Sunday, 10 AM. Jazzercise-Tuesday & Thursdays. Cub Scouts & Girl Scouts Rev. Robert C. Johnson, Pastor Joyce M. Kissenger, Minister of Music

#### PARK RIDGE St. Andrew's Lutheran **Church & School**

260 N. Northwest Highway (847) 823-6656

www.standrewsparkridge.org Sunday Worship: September through May 8:30 & 11:00 AM, June - August 8:30 AM & 10:00 AM. Contemporary Worship: Saturday 5:00 PM. Vespers: Monday 7:30 PM Sunday School & Adult 9:45 AM (September thru May). Christian Day School - Pre-Kindergarten thru 8th Grade

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(847) 825-6659 www.stlukespr.org Email: office@stlukespr.ora

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Nancy Olson, Member Care Coordinator St. Mary's Episcopal Church 306 S. Prospect Ave., (847) 823-4126

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North Shore Center for the Performing Arts in Skokie 9501 Skokie Boulevard, Skokie, IL 60077 847-480-2900, 847-480-2901 www.elakeview.org Sunday 10 AM - 11:15 AM, Joshua Kang -Lead Pastor, Herb Ahn - Worship Pastor Rosa Rosario - Kidsland Pastor, John Choi - Youth Pastor.

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8237 Kenton Avenue, (847) 673-1311 www.skokiecentralumc.org Sunday Worship 10:30, Sunday Summer Worship, 8:30 & 10:30 Sunday school 9:30 AM. Children & Adult Adult, Choir Practice 8:30 AM Sunday, Fellowship 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM. Pastor, Reverend David L. Haley Choir Director Joseph Poprawski E-mail: SkokieCentral@UMCNIC.org

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Youth Choir 9:15 AM Sunday.

3601 W. Dempster St., 847-675-0951 www.tbiskokie.org Likrat Shabbat/Kabbalat Shabbat, first Friday of each month, 5:30 PM, Light Nosh — 6:15 PM Kabbalat Shabbat service Shabbat Service, Fridays 8:15 PM

Shabbat Service Saturdays 10:30 AM Shabbat Katan, third Saturday of each month, 10:00 AM for families with children under the age of five. Morning Minyan Monday — Friday 7:30 AM

Religious School Pre-K - 7th Grade Sundays 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM, Hebrew School Grades 3 -7 Sundays 11:10 AM - 12:10 PM and Wednesdays 4:15 PM - 6:00 PM Youth Groups Adult Education

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St. Paul Lutheran Church 5201 Galitz Street, (847) 673-5030 web.mac.com/stpaulskokie Sunday Morning Worship 10:00 AM Saturday Evening Worship 5:00 PM Fellowship Hour, Sundays 8:45 - 9:45 AM Sunday School & Bible Study Class. Sundays 9:00 - 9:45 AM Rev. Matthew Conrad John Schuman, Minister of Music Dale Luksha PK — 8 Academy Principal The Church is Handican Accessible Variety of Worship Formats,

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9000 N. Kildare. (847) 676-1300 www.sttimothyskokie.com Sunday Worship 10:30 AM. Bible Study, Monday 10:00 AM Rev. Erik Weber Birthday Sunday 3rd Sunday of each month Accessible Building

#### SKOKIE

#### CHICAGO **Edison Park** United Methodist Church

6740 North Oliphant Avenue Chicago, IL 60631 Phone: (773) 792-3030 Fax: (773) 792-3031

www.edisonparkumc.com

Email:pastor@edisonparkumc.com Worship Days & Hours Sundays, 10:30 AM. Potluck, 11:30 AM Sunday School for Preschoolers & Nursery Age Bible Study. Thursdays, 10:30 AM & Fridays, 7:00 PN Youth (High School) Bible Study, Sunday 1:00 PM,

Young Adults Bible Study, Sunday, 12:00 PM Choir Practice: Sundays, 9:30 AM Susannah Wesley Club (Women's Group) Meets once a month on 4th Tuesday of the month, Youth Worship Sunday, 3rd Sunday of every month

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http://edgebrookchurch.org Sunday Worship 10:30 AM Ensemble Practice, Wednesday 6:30 Pt Praise, Prayer & Bible Study Wednesday 7:30 PM Pastor Scott Stevens

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#### **Congregation Shagre** Tikvah B'nai Zion

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Church-ELCA 5917 N. Nina Avenue (at Nickerson) (773) 631-2860 Sunday Worship 10:00 AM Holy Communion-1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays & Festivals Service of the Word-2<sup>nd</sup> & 4th Sundays Children's Ministry, Sunday School-Sundays, 9 AM (September-May)

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8701 W. Lawrence Avenue, (773) 625-3369 www.ourladymotherchurch.com olmotherchurch@aol.com Mass Schedule: Weekdays Monday through Friday 8:30 AM, Saturday 5:00 PM Sunday 8:00, 9:30 & 11 AM, Sunday 11:00 AM Young People's Lituray of the Word Holy Days 8:30 AM & 7:00 PM. Tuesday 9:00 AM Pernetual Help Novena Eucharistic Adoration First Fridays 9:00 AM-3:00 PM Saturday Confession 4:00-4:30 PM Baptism 2nd & 4th Sundays of the Month

Rev. Richard J. Klaibor, Pastor

#### CHICAGO

Weekly Worship

#### **Our Savior Lutheran Church** Norwood-Park LCMS

6099 N. Northcott Ave. (at Nickerson & Hood Avenues) (773) 631-1100 & (773) 631-1606 www.oslc3@sbcqlobal.net Sunday Worship 9:00 AM. Sunday School and Adult Bible Study 10:30 AM Wednesday, Advent & Lenten Worship Services—Wednesday at 7:00 PM

St. Eugene Catholic Church 7958 W. Foster Ave., (773) 775-6659 www.st-eugene.org

Daily Masses: Mon thru Fri-6:30 & 9:00 AM Weekend Masses: Sat - 8:30 AM & 5:30 PM Sun - 7:00, 9:30, 11:30 AM & 4:30 PM Confession: 4:00-5:00 PM Sat Baptism: 1:00 PM 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month, Rev. George Koeune, Pastor; Rev. Jerome Twarog, Associate Pastor;

Rev. Philip Grib, SJ, Resident St. Mary of the Woods

Catholic Church 7033 N. Moselle, (773) 763-0206 www.smow.ora Saturday Vigil Mass 4:30 PM

Sunday Masses: 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 AM and noon Weekday Masses. Mon-Fri 6:30 and 8:00 AM. Confession.Saturday 3:30-4:15 PM.

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Robin Jones—Senior Pastor Jeff Nelson-Youth Pastor Sunday Worship-10:00 AM Sunday School, Bible Study—11:30 AM Korean Ark Covenant Sunday Worship - 1 PM Sunday 9:00 AM Bible Study Wednesday 7:30 PM—Choir Rehearsal

Friday 8:00 PM Youth Group & KACC Worship **Morton Grove Community Church** 

Presbyterian 8944 Austin Ave., (847) 965-2982 Sunday Schedule Adult Choir practice 9 AM Worship Service 10 AM Fellowship 11 AM Rev. Lolly Dominski, Pastor Handicapped Accessible **EVERYONE IS WELCOME** 

#### **NILES** Lutheran Church of the

Resurrection 8450 N. Shermer Rd. Niles IL. 60714 (847) 965-8210 Sunday (Sept.-June) 10:30 AM (June-Sept) 9:30 AM, 1st Sunday of Month. 7:30 PM - Jazz Vesper Service (Sept-June) Rev. Dr. Bruce T. Anderson - Pastor Carolyn N. Sanderson - Minister of Music A member congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, in America

St. Michael's Orthodox Church 7313 N. Waukenan Road (847) 647-8398 www.stmichaelniles.org Sunday Worship 10:00 AM. Discover the ancient faith

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each month at 7:30 p.m. in the St. John Brebeuf Rectory, 8307 N. Harlem Ave. All bereaved parents. family and friends are welcome whether their loss is recent or many years ago. Call Anna LaCorte. (847) ,965-2771, or the rectory. (847) 966-

Midwest Palliative & Hospice Care-Center grief support groups meet at various locations across its service donations are accepted. Call (800)

331-5484 to register. The schedule for 2009 spring/summer includes: At 2050 Claire Court, Glenview - Adult Loss, 6:30-8 p.m. Mondays; Daytime Spouse Loss, 10:30 a.m. to noon Wednesdays; Evening Spouse Loss, 6:30-8 p.m. Mondays; Drop-in Group, first and third Fridays, noon-1:30 p.m. At 6133 N. Northwest Highway. Chicago – Families with Children Loss Group meets every third Monday, 6:30-7:30 p.m., or in Glenview.

6:30-7:45 p.m. Wednesdays. A new Al-Anon group is being formed at Messiah Lutheran Church, 1605 Vernon Ave., Park Ridge, For information call the church office, (847) 823-6984, between 9 a.m.-3.

#### Teen Center

The Niles Youth Council is a, group of teens from sixth through 12th grade who provide support and advice on Teen Center programming. develop leadership skills and work to serve the Niles community. They meet the first and third Thursday of every month at 5:30 p.m. Stop to .check them out. Call (847) 375-8949. The Teen Center is located at

373 Golf Mill Center in Niles. The Teen Center is working with the Niles Senior Center to find teenagers willing to help senior citizens with leaf raking, snow shoveling and general yard work while earning money. Complete the Niles Teen Job Connection form available

on the center Web site and return it to Mark at the center. Information will be shared with the direc tor of the center and contacts will be made with residents in need of services.

Many individuals have found themselves laid off or unable to find employment, Rainbow Hospice and Palliative Care would like to respond by helping professionals stav current with their job skills (or gain experience if recently graduated) by offering professional volunteer opportunities. Possible opportuni ties include positions in medical records, human resources adminis-

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nesses are trained and given materials to go into a classroom and teach students from kindergarten through high school about financial literacy and entrepreneurship work readiness skills. Partnerships have been formed with some teachers at Niles North, Central and West High Schools for JA programs this school year. Volunteers are needed. Each program consists of five visits to the classroom for about 45-50 minutes each. If interested call Kristin Goodwin, operations manager, Junior Achievement of Chicago, (708) 456-1400, Ext. 245, e-mail

kgoodwin@jachicago.org or go to www.jachicago.org.

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**BOYS BASKETBALL** 

1. Glenbrook North 2. Maine South 3. New Trier

#### 4. Niles West 5. St. Patrick

OF THE WEEK **BOYS BASKETBALL** 

**ATHLETES** 

Alex Dragicevich, Glenbrook North

The senior Spartan earned tournament MVP honors at Proviso West after scoring 37 points in a loss to Von Steuben in the third-place game. The Notre Dame-bound guard joined Jon Scheyer as the only Spartans to be named to Proviso West all-tournament teams.

Julian Reed, St. Patrick

Senior scored 26 points and his two free throws late broke a tie to send the Shamrocks to a 54-53 win over Proviso East at the Proviso West tournament. He added 11 points in the following game, a loss to St. Joseph in the fifth-place matchup.

Garrett Jones, Evanston Junior's three-point play gave the Wildkits a 55-54 win over Fenwick in the consolation bracket at Proviso West. Jones finished with a game-high 24 points.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Amy Hart, New Trier Senior scored 17 points and sparked the Trevians in the fourth quarter of their 50-45 win over Fenwick in the championship game at Dundee-Crown. The title was New Trier's first in Carpentersville since 1986.

Jewell Loyd, Niles West Sophomore guard scored 22 of her 31 points after the half as the Wolves' rally fell just short against Von Steuben at the City/Suburban Shootout. Loyd added 13 rebounds.

Joe Brewster, Maine South Senior middleweight captured the championship at Homewood-Flossmoor and was named the tournament's most outstanding wrestler for a second year in a row.

## Loyd gets message, Wolves still fall

nearly sparks comeback win

By DAN SHALIN

dshalin@pioneerlocal.com

GIRLS BASKETBALL - With just under five minutes left in the third quarter of Saturday's 54-49 loss to Von Steuben, Niles West sophomore Jewell Loyd saw some movement in the back row of the bleachers.

While standing on the free-throw line — and with the Wolves about to fall behind by nine points — she caught her father Calvin making

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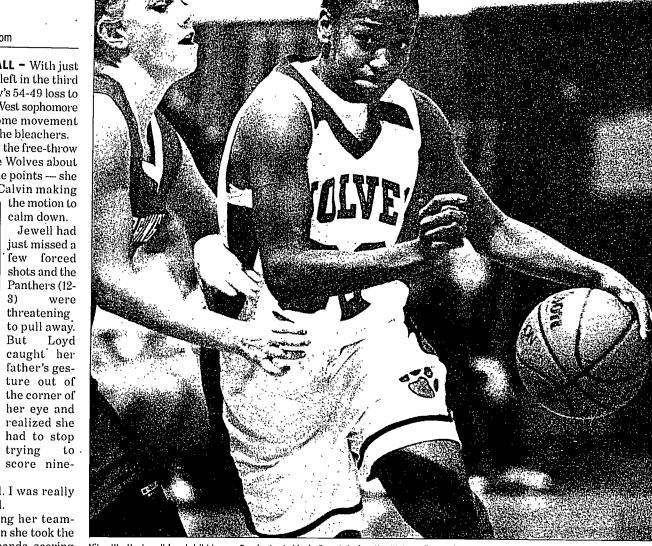
pointers.

"I was just hyped. I was really frustrated," she said.

Loyd began getting her teammates involved. Then she took the game into her own hands, scoring 19 of her 31 points over the next 13 minutes and putting her team in position to tie late. Loyd also grabbed 13 rebounds in the contest.

Loyd missed a potential gametying three-pointer with a minute left, but her second-half performance impressed everyone on the floor, the benches and in the stands at Chicago's Attack Athletics.

"She doesn't disappoint when she takes the floor," said Niles West head coach Tony Konsewicz, whose team dropped to 15-4. "It took her n while to get going. (In the third quarter) it was time for her to get to the basket, get her shots and get in rhythm. I don't think there had to be much said - it was under-



Niles West's Jewell Loyd dribbles on Barrington's Lizzie Deuel during the Wolves' 52-36 victory at the Suburban Holiday Showcase. (Dan Luedert/Staff Photographer)

sewicz said, "even Michael Jordan misses a shot or two."

The contest gave Niles West an opportunity to gauge how far it had come since last year's sectional final when it lost to Von Steuben 45-21. Both teams currently feature several regulars who played in that

Evidence suggests the Wolves have closed the gap. But the teams were once again paired in the same sectional, so they could end up squaring off again with even more on the line.

a better job containing Panthers struggled from behind the arc.

As for Loyd's late misses, Kon-center Shonte Clay (18 points), who scored several easy baskets down low. To the Wolves' credit, Clay had just four points in the second half.

"We'll look at the film and come up with something to stop her," Konsewicz said, anticipating another matchup. "We had them scouted and we wanted to take (Laterria) 'Taylor and Clay out of the game. We got 50 percent of it done."

Taylor, a perimeter threat, had eight points for the Panthers. West could have used more scoring out of its supporting cast, as senior Jackie Gremley finished with 10 If they meet, West will have to do points and seven rebounds but

Gremley's bucket and senior Allie Guiang's two free throws did help ignite the Niles West comeback in the third quarter.

The Wolves were coming off a 44-35 loss to Stevenson in the finale of the Holiday Showcase on Dec. 28.

Gremley led Niles West with 17 points against the Patriots. Guiang scored seven and Loyd was held to a season-low six.

The Wolves, who were slated to host Glenbrook North on Tuesday. welcome Waukegan at 7:30 p.m. Friday and visit Lincoln Park at 1:30 p.m. Saturday.

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# 2010 Rising North Stars

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We believe these boys and girls will be making headlines in 2010 and beyond.

By no means is this collection of athletes definitive. Some are complete unknowns, while others are on their way to even more prolific seasons.

Either way, keep an eye out on the horizon for these names.

#### **BASEBALL** Brett Synek,

#### Glenbrook North junior

. As a sophomore, the shortstop earned team MVP honors by leading the Spartans in all offensive categories. The Division I-A prospect also pitches.

Nick Wheeler, Niles West junior

#### **BOYS BASKETBALL** Andrew McAuliffe.

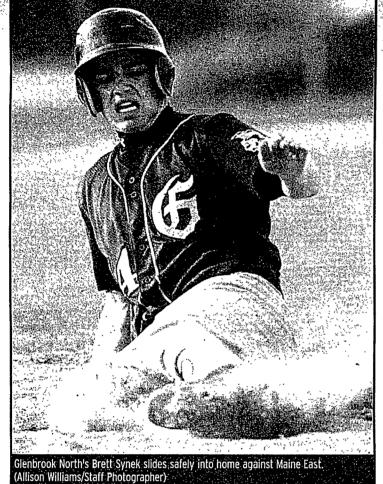
Glenbrook North freshman This Spartan vaulted to the var-

sity this spring after an impressive summer. The 6-foot-7 McAuliffe began the season coming off the bench, but should contribute more as he gains experience.

Royale Ewing, St. Patrick freshman

#### GIRLS BASKETBALL Colleen McDonagh, Glenbrook South sophomore

The Titans forward has earned her way into the starting lineup in her first varsity season. Usually drawing the toughest defensive assignment, McDonagh has shad-



owed such players as Niles West's Jewell Loyd and New Trier's Maggie Lyons.

Michelle Maher. Maine South sophomore

#### **BOYS BOWLING** Michael Thomas, Evanston junior

In the Wildkits' first-ever bowling season, Thomas is the one to watch. While he's known in bowling circles as one of the best junior players in the country. Thomas is only beginning to make a name

for himself on the prep level.

Justin Sanetra, Notre Dame junior

#### **GIRLS BOWLING**

Aliah Scott, Evanston sophomore

In the recent showdown with rival New Trier. Scott shared team honors with a 452 series. She's one



vanston's Aliah Scott warms up for a tch against New Trier at Classic Lanes in Morton Grove. (Brian Valentin/Staff Photographer)

of four Wildkits who have participated the past three years in the junior program at Classic Bowl in Morton Grove

Jackiyn Canova. Resurrection junior



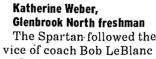


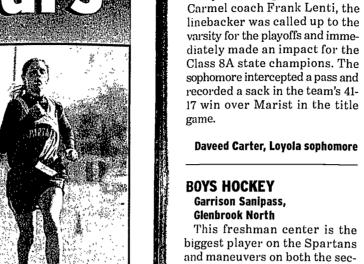
enbrook North's Andrew McAuliffe lams home a dunk during the Spartans' win over Highland Park. (Brian O'Mahoney/Staff Photographe

#### **BOYS CROSS COUNTRY** Aron Sebhat, Niles North sophomore

Running against some of the state's best competition, the underclassman helped the Vikings advance to the sectionals, where he finished 47th. Sebhat started his postseason run with a 26thplace finish at the CSL meet before taking 17th at the regional

Brad Bern. Glenbrook South sophomore





nbrook North's Katherine Weber ears the finish line at the CSL cross ountry championship meet, where she placed fourth. Allison Williams/Staff Photographer)

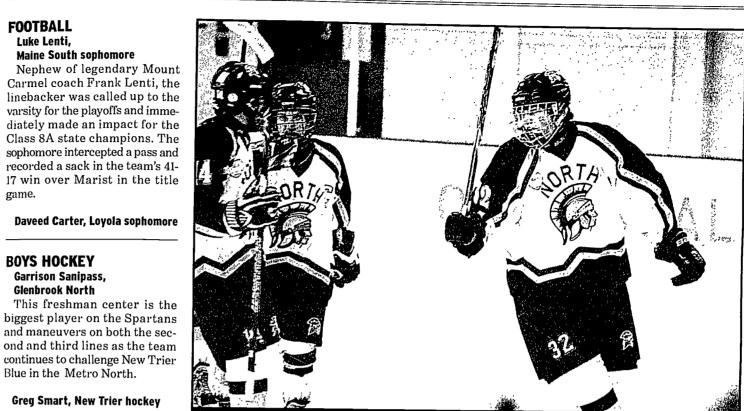


les North's Aron Sebhat (239) approaches the finish line at the Niles West Sectional. llison Williams/Staff Photographer)

## **GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY**

The Spartan followed the advice of coach Bob LeBlanc and took a break from club soccer to concentrate on running. The rcsult: Weber placed 13th at sectionals and earned an at-large berth for the Class 3A State

Michelle Karp, Niles West freshman



Geoff Harty, Glenbrook South jun-

Robert Peterson, Maine South

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Maine South sophomore

Blue in the Metro North.

Nina Puch, Loyola sophomore

After tying for 67th at the state

golf meet, she's helped Lovola

start off 14-2-2 heading into the

holidays. In the lone Metro North

defeat against rival New Trier,

Puch dealt the helper on the Ram-

blers' goal. She's a big reason why

Loyola held a 56-9 goal differen-

tial against opponents.

Mackenzie Martin.

**BOYS LACROSSE** 

**New Trier junior** 

**GIRLS HOCKEY** 

**FOOTBALL** Luke Lenti,

#### GIRLS LACROSSE

Carrie Kenyon, New Trier junior

Kelsey Gallagher, Loyola sophomore

try Day sophomore

#### FIELD HOCKEY Kim Kahnweiler, North Shore Coun-

The defender was new to the sport as a freshman but quickly established herself once on varsity. Also a basketball and soccer player for the Raiders, Kahnweiler earned plenty of recognition for her efforts on the field in the



lenbrook North's Garrison Sanipass (32) celebrates after scoring against Libertyville-Vernon Hills. (Joe Cyganowski/for STM)

New Trier's Phillip Purcell puts his ball on the green during a Central Suburban South meet with Evanston. an Luedert/Staff Photographer)

fall, when NSCD finished the regular season 11-0.

Annie Rojas, New Trier junior

#### **BOYS GOLF** Phil Purcell, New Trier junior

He was the Trevs' second finisher at the Class 3A State Meet, tying for 13th place with 79-76—155, as New Trier took second behind defending champion St. Viator.

Pat Cermak, St. Patrick, junior

#### **GIRLS GOLF**

Callie Nelson, New Trier freshman In her rookie season, Nelson



New Trier's Callie Nelson hits the practice range prior to the Class AA State Meet at Hickory Ridge Public Golf Cener in Carbondale. (Matt Marton/STM)

lineup and helped the Trevians take second at the Class AA state tournament, where she shot 80-83 and tied for 28th.

Ashlev Hong, Glenbrook North freshman

#### **BOYS GYMNASTICS** Adam Klosowiak. Glenbrook South junior

He vaulted onto the radar screen last year, capturing the all-around championship at the Central Suburban meet, in addition to titles on floor and high bar, as the Titans secured their second-straight league crown.



enbrook South's Olivia Smoliga swim backstroke in the 200-yard medly relay at the state swimming and diving finals. (Rob Hart/Staff Photographer)

worked her way into the starting He went to place 20th in allaround at State.

> Kevin Hamilton Glenbrook South sophomore

#### **GIRLS GYMNASTICS** Kerry Scafidi. **New Trier freshman**

The Level-9 club gymnast led the Trevians in their seasonopening win over Glenbrook North, taking first with a 36.4 allaround, 9.4 beam, 9.05 vault and bars, and 8.95 on floor.

Haleigh Sir, Maine South freshman



ompetes on floor exercises during the Jeff Krage/for STM)



Loyola forward Laura Gardner (right) turns to celebrate after drilling a shot past St. Ignatius goalie Nora Benson a Toyota Park. (Tom Cruze/STM)

#### **BOYS SOCCER** Jason Rodriguez,

St. Patrick junior

Four days after tweaking a hamstring, Rodriguez convinced coach Dave Nowak to let him play. Rodriguez showed why, as he entered the match in the second half and scored twice to lead the Shamrocks to a 6-1 victory over Nazareth.

Alex Johnson-Bice, **New Trier junior** 

#### **GIRLS SOCCER**

Laura Gardner, Loyola junior

The team's second-leading scorer a year ago, the forward should have the offensive stage all to herself in the spring now that Allison Suhey has graduated.

Olivia Pappalardo, Maine South sophomore

#### **BOYS SWIMMING** AND DIVING

Javed Avdic, Niles North freshman Rookie has made an immediate

impact for the Vikings, showcasing his talents in freestyle events as well as his versatility by competing in the 200 IM.

Kevin Tom, Maine East freshman

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Return of Bahrmasel bolsters Wolves

## **Rising Stars**

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#### **GIRLS SWIMMING** AND DIVING

Olivia Smoliga, Glenbrook South

Finished third in the 100-yard backstroke at the State Meet, but she was often overlooked on her own team by Duke recruit Kelly Hagerty, a former state champion. Smoliga will get her time in the spotlight in 2010.

Lauren Buszydlo, Maine South freshman

#### **BOYS TENNIS** Bill Angel,

Glenbrook North sophomore Paired with then-senior Bryan

Kandelman for the state doubles tournament. The Spartans tandem advanced to the fourth round of the consolation bracket. Angel also placed runner-up at third singles during the CSL North meet.

Lawson Barter, Loyola junior

#### **GIRLS TENNIS**

Jewell Loyd, Niles West sophomore This Wolves athlete is best

known for her exploits on the basketball court, where she's one of the state's best in the Class of 2012, but Loyd showed her versatility by advancing to the state tennis meet in the fall.

Anna Kaplan, New Trier freshman

#### **BOYS TRACK AND FIELD** Kyle Kwasniewski, Glenbrook South junior

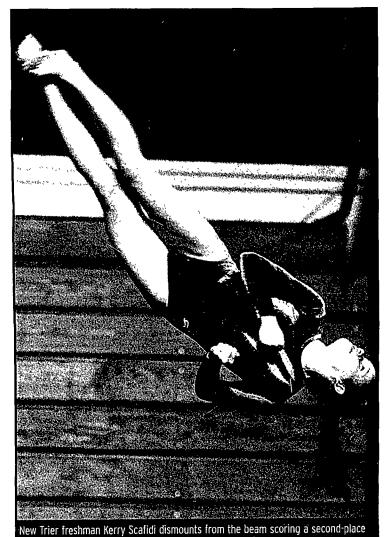
The sprinter shined on the CSL's lower levels last spring as he won the 100-meter dash and placed in three other events. The Titans expect Kwasniewski to run with the 4x100 and 4x200 relays this

Marlon Stoby, Evanston junior

#### GIRLS TRACK AND FIELD Danvale Griffin, Evanston junior

A relay whiz, Griffin helped the Wildkits win the 4x400 championship at the Class 3A State Meet. Earlier in April, she ran on the unit that captured the 28-team Bulldog Classic in Louisville.

Veronica Szklarzewski, Maine South junior



.4 at the Glenbrook North Spartan Classic. (Joel Lerner/Staff Photographer)

#### **BOYS VOLLEYBALL** Spencer Groessi, Maine South junior

Started on the state runner-up last spring, but he hardly was the focus of attention. He finished fourth on the 35-7 Hawks with 146 kills and near the top in blocks GIRLS WATER POLO and aces. Should be among five guys back this spring with significant experience.

Lukas Rytel, Glenbrook South junior

#### **GIRLS VOLLEYBALL**

#### Casey Durham, **Evanston sophomore**

This 6-foot-3 player's best performances in the fall were against CSL South rival and the state's third-place team Glenbrook South. Although Durham came off the bench, coach Pam MacPherson is excited about what the underclassman will bring to future

Shannon Sullivan, Loyola sophomore

#### **BOYS WATER POLO** James Conroy, Evanston junior

lgor Gryniv, Glenbrook South junior

#### Maddie Nelson, Resurrection junior

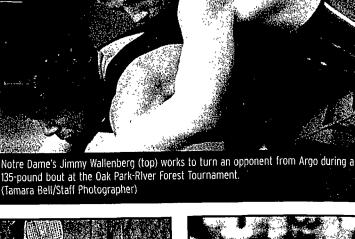
Attacker directed the Bandits to their best season in program history last season. Nelson's experience and talent should help the Bandits to reach even higher goals this spring.

Caitlin Sershon, Loyola junior

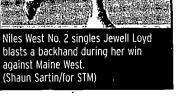
#### WRESTLING Jim Wallenberg, **Notre Dame junior**

As a sophomore, the Don won a regional title at 135 pounds and advanced to the sectional semifinals. Now at 152, Wallenberg already is proving he's one of the best middleweights in the area.

Danny Brewster. Maine South sophomore







#### **BADMINTON**

Mari Georgiadis, New Trier junior New Trier, which placed third at the State Meet last May, will get a lift this spring with the return of Georgiadis. She and partner Lauren Stephenson won the third doubles title at the Featherfest Invitational in April.

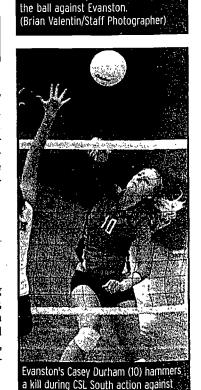
Emily Schnoll, Evanston senior

#### SOFTBALL

Colleen Mullane, Loyola junior

Played in 12 games, including both Downstate as a pinch-runner, for the Class 4A state champion Ramblers. While she only batted six times and got two hits in 2009, she should figure more prominently into the lineup this spring.

Jessica Loy, **Niles North sophomore** 



lenbrook South.

#### THIS WEEK

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Girls gymnastics at Glenbrook North, 5 Wrestling hosts Ida Crown Jewish Acad.,

Boys swimming at Glenbrook North, 5 Boys basketball at Glenbrook North, Girls basketball hosts Glenbrook North,

Wrestling at Deerfield, 6 p.m.

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Girls basketball hosts Ridgewood, 7:30 Girls gymnastics at Niles North, 5:30

Boys swimming hosts St. Patrick, 5 p.m. NILES NORTH

Girls gymnastics at Highland Park, 5:30

Boys swimming at Highland Park, 5:30 Wrestling hosts Highland Park, 6 p.m.

Boys basketball at Deerfield, 7:30 p.m. Girls basketball hosts Deerfield, 7:30 Saturday Wrestling hosts Prospect/Lake Park/HE,

Girls gymnastics at Evanston Invite, 1 Girls basketball hosts Ida Crown, 8 p.m.

Girls gymnastics hosts Maine East, 5:30 Boys basketball at Willowbrook, 7:30

NILES WEST

Boys swimming at Evanston, 5:30 p.m. Wrestling hosts Glenbrook South, 6 p.m. Boys basketball at Waukegan, 7:30 p.m. Girls basketball hosts Waukegan, 7:30 p.m. **Saturday** 

Wrestling at Glenbrook S. Quad, 9 a.m. Boys swimming at Evanston Relays, 1

Girls gymnastics at Evanston Invite, 1

Girls basketball at Lincoln Park, 1:30 p.m. Boys basketball hosts Buffalo Grove, Girls gymnastics hosts Evanston, 5:30

Basketball at Benet, 7:30 p.m.

Swimming at St. Rita, 5 p.m.

Bowling Habetler Bowl, 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday

NOTRE DAME Bowling vs. St. Patrick at Habetler Bowl,

Swimming at St. Viator, 5 p.m. Seth Orlove is not rushing Hockey vs. Benet Academy at Niles-Balthe duo, nor any of the prolard, 8:15 p.m. gram's other talented Wrestling at Carmel, 5:15 p.m. youngsters. Basketball hosts St. Viator, 7:30 p.m.

> how far I can take them this in the JV. All swimmers year. I have the long term in with them." Orlove said.

important as it is to create dealing with a young team. We are laying the groundwork right now."

get back in match-shape. 31.

But he went 3-0 and beat a

kid from Crystal Lake Cen-

tral who is honorable-men-

The Wolves actually

dropped its match with

but defeated Zion-Benton

tion in (IHSA) Class 2A."

Meanwhile, the Vikings' program continues to show signs of its upward mobility. During the six-team Davis Invite in Highland Park, North scored 505.5 points and finished second to Mundelein (668) in the varsity division. North won the JV division.

The meet was a sprint pentathlon, with each team entering six swimmers in the varsity division and six

Mlynarski tied for first in 150 free (1:20.08). Avdic was third in the 50 butterfly (26.21) and fourth in the 50 free (23.48). North sophomore Richard Gomez came in ninth in the varsity divi-

Ben Rosen also finished 3-

0, running his overall record

to 13-3. Senior 145-pounder Chris Nguyen (15-11 overall)

Kardiae Rucker (13-12) post-

ed perfect afternoons, as

Senior 160-pounder An-

thony Suarez (18-4) and sen-

ior 152-pounder Eric Ron-

ning (22-6) were victorious

ping Ronning's 15-match

winning streak.

top-10 wrestlers.

do well."

pectations. It's going to be according to a swimmer's of the state's top competimer 19th (258.1). everybody is going to stack dale South. up at the State Meet," said

uled to graduate, Niles West blocks."

a couple things here and there, and is looking at an- a difficult decision next other top-six finish this year month.

for State." Sarkisian finished fifth in won last week's meet.

#### **Niles West Diving**

Wolves senior Dylan Lovering (283.2) finished could find itself in a bit of a rebuilding mode next sea-But solid showings from

and senior 215-pounder a few non-seniors make Genovesi optimistic about the future. Junior 150pounder Elias Shiheiber has compiled a 20-9 record, while classmate Bayar Bayarsaikhan (285) has gone

Meanwhile, freshman in a pair of bouts. Ronning's only defeat was to Crystal Vaughn Monreal Berner Lake Central's Joey Kiel-(171) has won half of his 20 basa, the No. 1 ranked 152matches and looks to be a pounder in Class 2A, snapfixture in the lineup for several years.

"Vaughn is a real good kid and has a lot of things going Genovesi continues to be pleased with Ronning's perfor him," said Genovesi formances. Nearly all of his about the youngster, whose losses have come against father runs the school's feeder program and whose "(Ronning) is one of the brother and sister have also team captains," the coach competed for the Wolves. said. "He's focused, deter-"He's been around the mat mined and really wants to a long time. One of his goals was to wrestle varsity all With regulars like vear. He is doing what he Bahrmasel, Ronning, Rosen, can. He works hard, does-Nguyen, Rucker, Suarez, n't say much and will be one Steven Stock (125) and of the kids we look to in the

## Avdic, Mlynarski reaching for the stars

Niles West was forced to

forfeit at 285 pounds, which

hurt the team against full-

strength Crystal Lake but

had less of an effect against

the other two opponents

Wolves senior 119-pounder

#### North frosh shine in sprint pentathlon

Back from

injury, senior

shines at quad

WRESTLING - The new

year began positively for

Niles West (11-11), who went

2-1 in Saturday's Buffalo

Perhaps more important-

ly for the Wolves, they re-

gained the services of Mike

The senior won a region-

al championship last season

but has been out with injury

since Thanksgiving. Though

he is not yet in tip-top

shape, the 135-pounder

went 3-0 Saturday, improv-

ing his season record to 6-

"(Bahrmasel) was off the

mat completely for four

weeks, and we just got him

back for practice. He only

had a couple of days on the

mat," said Niles West head

coach Anthony Genovesi.

Grove quad event.

Bahrmasel.

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BOYS SWIMMING - By respectively finishing fifth and seventh at Saturday's Don Davis Invite, Niles North freshmen Javed Avdic and Karol Mlynarski proved yet again they are rising stars. But Vikings head coach

"I'm not in a rush as far as

a progression over time. As place in each event. a sense of urgency, there is the 50 backstroke (27.04) not so much when you are and finished second in the

Niles West 152-pounder Eric Ronning (right) won a pair of matches last

weekend at the Buffalo Grove quad. (Brian Valentin/Staff Photographer)

"It will take him a while to 33-17 and the host Bison 34-

Crystal Lake Central 44-17, which also counted forfeits.

Niles North placed four swimmers in the top seven of the JV division. Senior Eric Tanaka was second, junior Chris Moon was third, sophomore Matt Latin finished sixth and sophomore Ammar Shah was seventh.

Diving on Dec. 29, North senior Arsen Sarkisian competed in 50-yard races scored 422.60 and took secmind when I'm working of each stroke and then a ond at the New Trier Win-150-yard freestyle race. ter Classic, an 11-dive event ior Zach Rothstein was 16th your spot.

"They understand my ex- Points were accumulated that brings together most (271.7) and senior Ryan Zim-

West (813.0) took third in "The meet is basically a the team standings behind great indicator of how host New Trier and Hins-Niles West diving coach North diving coach Gary Lou Torres enjoys a deep Ramirez. "(Sarkisian) did a program, which also ingreat job. He is clearing up cludes talented senior An-

Jimmy Rosati (140) sched- future, one of the building

drew Roberts. He will face "I have four divers who

could conceivably (qualify last year's IHSA State Meet for State). But only the top after placing ninth the year two can go (to the sectionbefore. New Trier senior al)," the coach said. "Right Jordan Dyson, who came in now, Rothstein is the most third at State last season, consistent. (Lovering) is a senior (and a returning state qualifier) who is getting back into (form). He knows nothing is promised and that there is always 13th at New Trier, while jun-somebody trying to take

West to visit Pontiac champ Waukegan

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BOYS BASKETBALL -After playing three tough et semifinals. games in the Pontiac Hol-

iday Tournament, Niles chance to meet the Ponti-West will face that event's ac champion when they top team this week.

The Wolves (7-5) fin-

ished 1-2 Downstate, losing a close game to highly rated Joliet, defeating talented Plainfield North and falling by one point to the host. Niles West advanced to the consolation-brack-

The Wolves get their

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visit Waukegan (11-3) at 7:30 p.m. Friday. The Bulldogs, who defeated Simeon in the tournament final, feature Illinois-bound superstar Jereme Richmond

Niles West coach Bob Williams said his team is capable of beating the Bulldogs, and that the Wolves are relishing the opportunity to play one of the state's top teams.

"It's a big challenge, but something I think we're up to," said Williams. whose Schaumburg teams pulled a few stunners over the years. "What we've proven to ourselves is that if we do the things that we do and work the way we know we can, we can beat anybody. We're excited for

The Wolves return home to face Buffalo Grove at 7:30 p.m. Saturday.

Williams said he was pleased with his team's performance in the first two games at Pontiac, though disappointed with the effort in Game 3. Niles West was topped in the opener by Joliet 60-51 Dec. 28. The game was close for much of the first half until the Steelmen went on a 16-0 run that extended into the second half.

"There were times when we just didn't handle the ball well enough and some key turnovers that hurt us," Williams said. "For the most part, we played a strong game, but against a team like that, you have to do more than that."

Senior Chris McNichols led Niles West's balanced attack with nine points. Senior Lorenzo Fiol and junior Donte Logan scored eight points each.

A day later, Fiol put down 16 and senior Boris sues." The Wolves were Cavemitte added 14 in the outscored 24-16 in the sec-Wolves' 60-55 win over a ond quarter and, despite Plainfield North team that already had played in its fell to Pontiac 62-61. own holiday tournament.

"I wasn't real happy "We had a solid game with the effort for the against them," Williams third day, but there were Comment: pioneerlocal.com

(not doing) that."

a second-half comeback,

said. "There were times contributing factors. We the game was up in the air. were forced to change the and we could have quit. I lineup a little," Williams was proud of the kids for said. "(The temporary ab-On the final day, tency as far as flow of the Williams kept a few regu- game. We got crushed in lars on the bench for a the second quarter. We half, for what he stressed were, "minor discipline is-But the second quarter was brutal."

and Fiol added 10.

sences) hurt our consisjust didn't play well defensively. In the third and fourth, we got back into it.

Senior Rodney Metellus led West with 13 points



Niles West's Boris Caymitte, challenging Evanston's James Farr during CSL South action, will join the Wolves Friday in Waukegan to take on conference-leading Waukegan. (Brian Valentin/Staff Photographer)

#### **GAME BALLS**

Dec. 30: Pontiac 62, Niles West

Dec. 29: Niles West 60, Plainfield North 55

Dec. 28: Joliet 60, Niles West

STAR PERFORMANCES Lorenzo Fiol: 16 points vs. Plainfield North Boris Cayemitte: 14 points vs. Rodney Metellus: 13 points vs.

#### **GAME DAY**

Friday: Niles West at Waukegan, 7:30 p.m. Saturday: Buffalo Grove, 7.30

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West to visit Pontiac champ Waukegan

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BOYS BASKETBALL -After playing three tough games in the Pontiac Hol-

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iday Tournament, Niles chance to meet the Ponti-West will face that event's ac champion when they top team this week.

The Wolves (7-5) fin-

ished 1-2 Downstate, losing a close game to highly rated Joliet, defeating talented Plainfield North and falling by one point to the host. Niles West advanced to the consolation-bracket semifinals.

The Wolves get their

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visit Waukegan (11-3) at 7:30 p.m. Friday. The Bulldogs, who defeated Simeon in the tournament final, feature Illinois-bound superstar Jereme Rich-Niles West coach Bob

Williams said his team is capable of beating the Bulldogs, and that the Wolves are relishing the opportunity to play one of the state's top teams.

"It's a big challenge, but something I think we're up to." said Williams. whose Schaumburg teams pulled a few stunners over the years. "What we've proven to ourselves is that if we do the things that we do and work the way we know we can, we can beat anybody. We're excited for

The Wolves return home to face Buffalo Grove at 7:30 p.m. Saturday.

Williams said he was pleased with his team's performance in the first two games at Pontiac, though disappointed with the effort in Game 3. Niles West was topped in the opener by Joliet 60-51 Dec. 28. The game was close for much of the first half until the Steelmen went on a 16-0 run that extended into the second half.

"There were times when we just didn't handle the ball well enough and some key turnovers that hurt us," Williams said. "For the most part, we played a strong game, but against a team like that, you have to do more than that."

Senior Chris McNichols led Niles West's balanced attack with nine points. Senior Lorenzo Fiol and junior Donte Logan scored eight points each.

A day later, Fiol put down 16 and senior Boris sues." The Wolves were Cavemitte added 14 in the Wolves' 60-55 win over a ond quarter and, despite Plainfield North team that already had played in its fell to Pontiac 62-61. own holiday tournament.

"I wasn't real happy "We had a solid game with the effort for the

(not doing) that."

said. "There were times contributing factors. We the game was up in the air, and we could have quit. I was proud of the kids for On the final day, Williams kept a few regulars on the bench for a half, for what he stressed were, "minor discipline isoutscored 24-16 in the secwas brutal." a second-half comeback,

and Fiol added 10.

were forced to change the lineup a little," Williams said. "(The temporary absences) hurt our consistency as far as flow of the game. We got crushed in the second quarter. We just didn't play well defensively. In the third and fourth, we got back into it. But the second quarter

Senior Rodney Metellus led West with 13 points

against them," Williams third day, but there were Comment: pioneerlocal.com



Niles West's Boris Caymitte, challenging Evanston's James Farr during CSL South action, will join the Wolves Friday in Waukegan to take on ... conference-leading Waukegan. (Brian Valentin/Staff Photographer)

#### **GAME BALLS**

RESULTS

Dec. 30: Pontiac 62. Niles West

Dec. 29: Niles West 60, Plainfield North 55 Dec. 28: Joliet 60, Niles West

STAR PERFORMANCES

Lorenzo Fiol: 16 points vs. Plainfield North Boris Cayemitte: 14 points vs. Plainfield North Rodney Metellus: 13 points vs.

#### **GAME DAY**

Friday: Niles West at Waukegan, 7:30 p.m. Saturday: Buffalo Grove, 7:30

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