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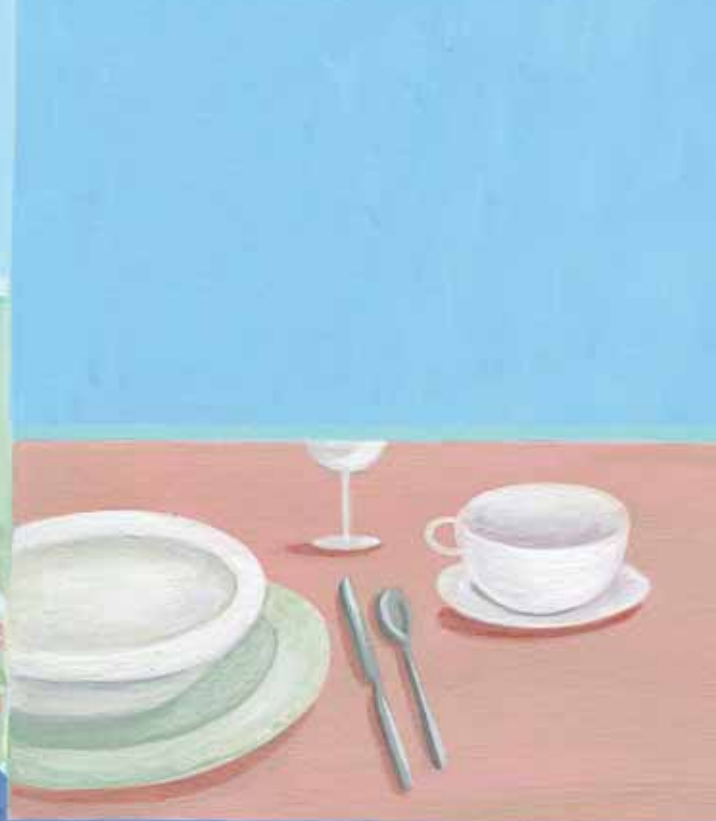
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Now that Summer is upon us, I am overwhelmed by the number of "things" I have going on this season...baseball games with the kids, summer concerts in town, parties with family and neighbors, Sidewalk Sale, art festivals, Late Nite Highland Park, and so much more.

All I can say is THANK GOODNESS! Thank goodness there is so much to do and to see right in our own backyard. There are endless opportunities for "fun in the sun" in Highland Park!

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To all of our readers, enjoy the summer, enjoy the activities, visit our shopping districts often. You are sure to discover many of the hidden—and not so hidden—treasures that lie in every area of our community.

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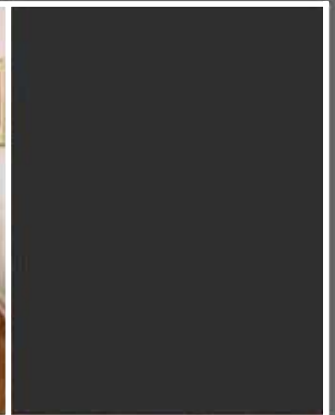
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SOLO CUP COMPANY (1700 Old Deerfield Road, HP), one of the few manufacturing firms in town, recently welcomed its new President and Chief Operating Officer Robert M. Korzenski, 51, who was formerly executive vice president of sales and marketing. Korzenski succeeds Ronald L. Whaley, a 23-year Solo Cup veteran, who looks forward to spending more time with his family. Whaley led the company through the successful integration of "SF Holdings" (Sweetheart Cup Company).



"I am delighted that the Board of Directors has put its confidence in me to guide the company as it concludes its integration activities, and to lead Solo Cup's continued growth," Korzenski stated. He joined the company in February 2004, right at the time of the SF Holdings acquisition.

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The GASTRO-INTESTINAL RESEARCH FOUNDATION WOMEN'S BOARD presents a Fall Luncheon and Fashion Show on Thursday, September 14, at the Four Seasons Hotel—Grand Ballroom, at Delaware and Michigan Avenue in Chicago. The fashion show by "Zazz Productions" follows a gourmet lunch, silent auction, and raffle.

Since 1964, the Gastro-Intestinal Research Foundation Women's Board has been instrumental in raising funds to support research and education activities for the University of Chicago Medical Center's Gastroenterology Section.

Highland Parkers on the GIRF Women's Board include Barbara Amdur, Norma Cohen, Carol Goodman of Carol's Cookies, Joanne Goodman, Pearl Kagan, Barbara Kravits and Gloria Wilens. For more information, please contact Jennifer Wright at 312-332-1350 or visit www.girf.org.

How is your "other job" coming along? (You know, the one requiring you to write out hundreds of checks, keep accurate books, maintain a personal and business data base, answer correspondence, file insurance forms, etc.). Many people would gladly pay to have these daunting tasks handled for them, and if that sounds intriguing to you, meet Patty Kaplan!



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Despite the excellent air-conditioning at the **NORTH SHORE SCHOOL OF DANCE**, they're on fire over there at their new studios at 505 Laurel Ave. in HP, with newly-expanded dance camps, classes and workshops available for all ages! From their "Jr. Dance Camps" for ages 5-9 focusing on Ballet and Jazz in the mornings, and Hip-Hop and Modern in the afternoons, and graduating to the "10s through Teens," who can gain experience and enhance their discipline and self-esteem at NSSD's "Intensive Study Program," to its 6-week summer session of classes for ages 3 to adult, NSSD should more than accommodate all dancers!

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HIGHLAND PARK BANK & TRUST, at 1919 St. Johns Ave. in Highland Park and at 810 S. Waukegan Road in Lake Forest, is welcoming members of their investment and trust affiliate, the Wayne Hummer Companies, to their organization, including Patricia Scherer, Vice-President, Investments, who has joined the Hummer team here in HP. Patricia has been serving the needs of investment clients since 1994 and specializes in financial planning.

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TDS METROCOM, which provides local and long-distance telephone and data transfer and high-speed Internet services to communities throughout Wisconsin, Illinois, Michigan, Minnesota and North Dakota, has a new rep for Highland Park. George Joseph is based in Vernon Hills and can be reached at 847-968-5824.



It doesn't seem possible that Bett Barnett, (founder of **BETT'S** at 678 Central Avenue in HP), will celebrate 30 years of women's clothing and accessory stardom this month! That would mean that she once shared that block of Central Ave. with such old Highland Park legends as Garnetts, Woolworth, and possibly even "Mr. Jr." It's true, though, and Bett's unique sense of design and merchandising for women ages 30 and up, recently earned her the "Best Women's Store" title from *North Shore Magazine*.

Bett has been outfitting customers professionally for casual or dressy events. Her staff is well versed at dressing international travelers in such designers as Marithe Francois Girbaud and Vera Wang. Her store also features handmade sweaters, Suzi Roher belts and jewelry by Elaine Fisher. An active member of "Fashion Group International," Bett will bring the Trend Presentation of Fashion Group to Fashion Week in Highland Park, a new local event this September, bringing deserved attention to Highland Park as a growing fashion center. Bett has served on the Highland Park Chamber Board and is a former commissioner of Highland Park's Business and Economic Development Commission. You can reach Bett's at 847-432-0338. Her website is www.bettsboutique.com, or stop in at her familiar location, at Green Bay and Central.

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Clean air is—well—in the air at **THE ABL GROUP**, 1550 Berkeley Road. The decorating and remodeling company has developed a strong expertise in "going green" to meet increasing interest in environmentally sound materials and approaches, says George Markoutsas, ABL's vice president of marketing and development. "We're a member of Clean Air Counts," he notes. Homeowners can use paints with no or low levels of volatile organic compounds (VOC), he says, and cites as a flooring alternative Marmoleum, a versatile material related to linoleum. "Eliminating VOCs cuts down on fumes and odor and reduces irritation to the eyes and lungs, and the products work as well as premium conventional paints and come in thousands of colors," George says. Contact ABL at 847-579-1600.

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North Shore Health Center

The Lake County Health Department and Community Health Center (LCHD/CHC) just opened the newly constructed community health center in Highland Park, which complements its other health centers in Round Lake Beach, Zion, Waukegan and North Chicago. This fifth center, known as the North Shore Health Center, is different. A group of local residents—Denia Arreola, Christine Bakalar, Bertha Chavez and Jane Richman—were key to its establishment and will continue to take an active role.

Approximately six years ago, they put the idea of a Highland Park health center on the table, to increase access to healthcare in this southeastern Lake County community. The Community Health Center Governing Council and the Lake County Board of Health already had Highland Park on their radar as an appropriate location. The local group, comprised of community service agencies, concerned residents and medical providers, conducted a needs assessment with the LCHD/CHC, confirming that Medicaid, low-income and uninsured residents, many of whom were Hispanic, lacked access to primary health care services. Together, they established a \$2.6 million facility that will serve children and adults with unmet medical or dental needs. While it was a partnership that the LCHD/CHC had not considered before, it became a win/win situation for everyone involved.

The LCHD/CHC pursued traditional funding sources while the community group launched a fundraising campaign. They established the

501(c)(3) not-for-profit “Friends for Health,” pledging to raise \$600,000 towards construction, equipment and subspecialty care services, to recruit volunteers and to provide resources for a family center within the facility, where parents and children can read, play and learn how to use computers while they wait for appointments.

Friends for Health was selected to be the recipient of an annual charity drive organized by Highland Park High School. The school’s faculty, employees and students raised a record-breaking \$100,000.

The 11,000-square-foot facility offers general/family medicine, pediatrics, dental services, a prenatal program, Women, Infants and Children’s Program (WIC) and women’s health primarily to uninsured, underinsured and under-served individuals in the Highland Park/Highwood area. When fully operational, the Health Department estimates that the new site will provide 10,000 medical visits and 2,000 dental visits annually. The North Shore Health Center opened in June of 2006. For more information, call the Health Department at 847-984-5300.



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If you've ever been in line at Einstein Bagels and noticed other patrons equipped with violin cases and bows and sheet music, the odds are very good that they are associated with the Ravinia Festival. One of Ravinia's most treasured assets is the renowned Steans Institute for Young Artists, the residency study program that trains musicians at the beginning of their professional careers—musicians poised to become the Itzhak Perlmans and Yo-Yo Mas of the future. They may not get out of their practice sessions too often—these folks are serious professionals practicing some eight hours a day—but when they do, these artists embrace all Highland Park has to offer.

"We walked into Einstein Bagels one day—about 25 of us lugging our cases and everything," said Julia Bruskin, 26, a cellist from New York City. "People stared at first, then smiled and asked if we were affiliated with Ravinia. They were so nice." And apparently aware that the community boasts one of the oldest and most celebrated music festivals in the country.

The Ravinia Festival has been a staple in Highland Park for over 100 years—a harbor for all things musical, from Beethoven to B.B. King, from George Gershwin to Igor Stravinsky, and from Beverly Sills to Janis Joplin. The Chicago Symphony Orchestra has enjoyed an annual summer residency at Ravinia for 70 years, and since 1988, the Steans Institute for Young Artists has been training young classical and jazz musicians to shine. A Steans Institute credit is now one of the most sought-after credentials

for the world's most brilliantly promising young musicians, and each summer's program attracts more than 300 applicants for the 34 available slots.

The summer institute comprises five programs: the Program for Jazz, the Program for Piano and Strings, the Program for Singers, the Sandra K. Crown Program for American Classic Music Theater and the Program for Vocal Chamber Music. In each of the programs, artists study with an internationally renowned faculty of artists, participate in free preview concerts given as part of Ravinia's summer programming and attend Ravinia concerts.

The young artists who make up the touring group Musicians from Ravinia's Steans Institute are selected each year by celebrated violinist Miriam Fried to perform concerts, master classes and outreach programs in a continuing effort to bring the musical richness of Ravinia to a wider audience. Fried, who has been a frequent guest artist at Ravinia Festival both as a concert soloist and member of the Mendelssohn String Quartet, has been chairman of the faculty of the Steans program for piano and strings since 1994.

Fried grew up in Israel and launched her solo career when she won first prize in the Paganini International Competition in 1968. She also was the first woman to win Belgium's Queen Elisabeth International Music Competition, and made her Ravinia debut in 1974. Since then, she has played with every major orchestra in North America, Europe, Israel and Japan. Additionally she is distinguished professor of music at Indiana University. She spends her



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summers teaching at the Steans Institute and performing at Ravinia. “The Highland Park community is a beautiful and inspiring environment,” she said.

This year’s touring musicians from the Steans Institute include Julia Bruskin, 26; David Kim, 25; Matan Porat, 23; and Linus Roth, 25.

“Downtown Highland Park has a great village feel,” says Kim, a violinist who recently won the Hudson Valley Philharmonic String Competition and the Harvard Musical Association’s 2004 Arthur Foote Award. “It’s easy to walk around and visit the shops and restaurants downtown on our off-time.”

Kim currently lives in Boston, where he is pursuing a graduate degree at the New England Conservatory.

Bruskin, who began cello lessons at age 4 and is a graduate of the five-year dual degree program at Columbia University and The Juilliard School, notes the particular beauty of the city. “The houses are gorgeous, just driving down the street—it’s a nice change from the fast pace of New York City, where I live.” Bruskin made her debut with the Boston Symphony Orchestra at age 17 and has performed at La Jolla Summerfest, the Taos School of Music, and the Lucerne, Bard, Norfolk, Great Lakes and Moab music festivals.



Pianist and composer Porat, who was born in Tel-Aviv, noted some favorite area restaurants. “They feed us well here. We often order from places like Phoenicia, Bella Via and Viccino’s,” citing only a few of Highland Park’s fine eateries. Morat performs extensively in Israel and Europe, appearing as soloist with the Irish National Symphony. He took part in Daniel Barenboim’s fifth West-Eastern Divan workshop, was artist in residence in Belgais, Portugal, and last summer performed Mozart’s Piano Concerto No. 13 in C Major, K. 415, at Ravinia with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra under the baton of Ravinia Music Director James Conlon as part of Conlon’s ongoing series of the complete Mozart piano concertos.

German violinist Roth acknowledges the community support from Highland Park residents. “We come from all over the world to study here,” he says. “The people are so welcoming. It really feels like a classical music haven.” Roth, who plays a 1703 A. Stradivari “Dancla” violin, earned a soloist diploma at the Music Academy of Zurich. In 2005, EMI Classics released his debut CD.

The Steans Institute is named for Lois M. Steans in recognition of a gift from her husband, Harrison I. Steans, a life trustee of the Ravinia Festival Association. Mrs. Steans, a member of Ravinia’s Board of Trustees and Women’s Board, first came to a Ravinia concert at the age of 5. The institute makes its home in the John D. Harza Building, which was a gift of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Harza in memory of their son. It contains sound-isolated teaching studios and practice rooms as well as a library, a student lounge, administrative office and a jewel of a concert hall worthy of showcasing the next generation’s superstars of classical music.

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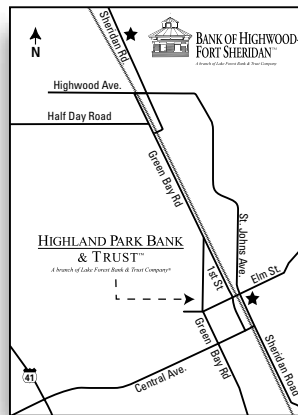
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concerts by the Steans Institute participants, it is the site of Ravinia's fall and spring Rising Stars series and many other events during the course of the year. Endowed by Marshall and Arlene Bennett, the original Bennett Hall was renamed in 1996 so it also honors the memory of former Ravinia Executive Director Edward Gordon.

The success of the Steans Institute is reflected in the achievement of its alumni, who regularly garner professional honors and recognition throughout the world. These include the Avery Fisher Career Grant, Grammy Awards and top prizes in such competitions as the Naumburg Foundation International competitions and Concert Artists Guild International Competition. Steans Institute musicians appear as orchestral soloists and recitalists worldwide and are members of the world's finest orchestras, chamber ensembles and opera companies, including the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, the New

York Philharmonic, the Boston Symphony and the Metropolitan Opera. Many Steans Institute alumni are subsequently showcased on Ravinia's

Rising Stars series, and the crème de la crème eventually find themselves performing chamber music in Ravinia's beloved Martin Theatre or appearing as a soloist with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra on the pavilion stage.

Emerging from the woods of Highland Park are some of the rising stars of classical music. So next time you're visiting Einstein Bagels and see a group of case-carrying musicians come in for lunch take a second glance. You'll probably see them center stage one day.

Steans Institute for Young Artists 2006 Concerts and Master Classes Concerts are free with admission to Ravinia park, reserved seats or

lawn tickets. For more information, visit Ravinia.org or call 847-266-5100.

Recently, I was asked to take on an assignment for six00threefive magazine, which needed a few photos of a rehearsal to help illustrate a story on the Steans Institute at Ravinia.

Upon arriving at the rehearsal, I was warmly greeted by Communications Manager Amy Schrage. Amy led the way down the hall to the stage door. As she opened the door, I was greeted by the sound of three violins furiously being played by a woman and two young men. As I began to prepare my camera, I felt somewhat of an intruder into a very sacred place.

The woman violinist played while guiding her students through the music, stopping abruptly at times and, in her thick European accent, trying to coax the changes in tempo and dynamics she expected from her youthful colleagues. (Ensemble music is a team sport!) My apprehension began to fade. I felt moved and inspired as I began to see the intensity and passion of these young musicians through my lens. They were completely and totally committed to perfecting each note they played. My own desire to capture their passion took over. I wanted to capture their fingers and bows flying over the strings, the contorted expressions of their passion...and the passion I felt as I experienced every note I heard. An hour passed and 300 images were captured.

I realized that through my lens, I was playing each note and each phrase with them. That's what I love about what I do! Later, a cellist and a pianist were added to rehearse another piece. I got to start all over again!

~Phil Goldman, Photographic Design

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Or, if you prefer, turn off supplies to likely leakers, such as your washing machine. (My wife learned from bitter experience how much damage can occur. Now, she shuts off the water intake when she's done doing wash—she takes no chances, even living in a plumber's home.) You can also replace a rubber hose with one of the new stainless steel braided washing machine hoses. This will reduce the chance of flooding, but still, your best bet is to shut off the water supply.

If you have one of those toilets that keeps running after you flush, shutting off that supply while you're away is a very good idea. One toilet can waste hundreds of gallons. (Or, you could get that toilet fixed!)

Here are a few other vacation tips.

- Dial down the water heater to conserve energy. Simply turn the control valve from "On" to "Pilot" This will keep the pilot light lit without heating the water. When you get back, turn the dial to "On," and have a tank full of hot water in about an hour.

- Keep your air conditioner running, but raise the thermostat setting to about 80°; this protects furniture and wall coverings.
- Test your sump pump. Run a garden hose from the basement laundry tub to the sump pump basin and fill the basin until the sump pump turns on. A battery back-up pump can protect the basement in case of a power failure or anytime the primary pump fails.
- Ask a friend, pet sitter or a professional service to walk through your home periodically. Make sure the emergency water shutoff valve is clearly marked, and the caretaker knows where it is.
- Provide the contact information for your plumbing and HVAC contractors; some repairs simply cannot wait. There are monitoring devices that plug into your phone line. These monitors can call several programmed phone numbers to provide an emergency alert for a water leak, loss of heat, etc.

For your next service call, schedule a bit of time for a tech walk-through—especially if you are new to its systems. Ask the tech to demonstrate the strategies suggested above and to answer any questions. Then you can relax, and enjoy your time away, knowing your home will be safe and sound.

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Garrity Square

Eclectic mix of businesses enlivens west Highland Park

Richard Greb

From jewelry and accessories to banking services, flooring, clothes cleaning, computer repair and dental care, to gas, coffee and food—lots and lots of food—Garrity Square offers a wide range of businesses. The strip mall, with its dozen storefronts, and the drive-through Starbucks and BP gas station which flank it, make up the smallest and westernmost of Highland Park's six commercial districts.

The first of these businesses opened their doors in 1988, less than a year after the landmark business which passed on its name and address closed its doors. White Hen, Players Grill and Giovanni for Hair, among those businesses, remain active at the Square.

Tom Garrity, proprietor of one of the North Shore's last small family-owned neighborhood grocery stores, decided to retire in June 1987. Garrity's was a neighborhood fixture for 64 years, noted for quality meats, excellent dairy and fine service. It served eastern Deerfield and Highland Park west of U.S. 41, a dividing line that has, at times, loomed large in the thinking of many city residents.

The property was part of 100 acres held by one of Highland Park's earliest residents, the Mooney family, who settled in 1845 on 40 acres of rich farmland and timber along what are now Deerfield and Ridge Roads. The family later added 60 acres along Ridge. Its land stretched along Deerfield Road to where Kelley & Spalding Funeral Home now is and along Ridge including today's Mooney Park. John Mooney gave land to the Catholic

Church for the cemetery between today's commercial area and the park.

The Garritys, another family tracing Highland Park roots to the 1840s, joined the Mooneys by marriage and, in 1923, John D. "J.D." Garrity opened a gas station with groceries—Garrity's Ridge Filling Station—on the northeast corner of Ridge and Deerfield. The family lived above the store until the 1970s when they moved across the street into a home on Deerfield Road.

By 1961, Garrity had stopped selling gas and added aisles, and Garrity's Finer Foods concentrated on groceries. Residents could buy their gas from Standard Oil, which leased property east of the store from Garrity.

At that time, the area was zoned to prohibit non-residential use west of Ridge, but during the mid-'60s, Ridge was rerouted to the west, away from Garrity's, opening the new corner for construction of what became Dad's Gas Station. Dad's was purchased by Amoco (successor to Standard Oil) in the late 1990s and was

redeveloped in 1998, the year British Petroleum (now BP) acquired Amoco. For several years the two Amoco stations operated, apparently independently and sometimes, residents recall, with different prices posted for gas. In 2002, the Amoco to the east was replaced by Starbucks, now one of the busiest in the northern suburbs.

Made for convenience

As for Garrity Square, it has always been an eclectic selection of businesses. Gail Davis, who with her husband Larry developed it and other shopping centers in the north and northwest suburbs and Chicago, said in 1987 the development was particularly well suited for convenience stores or take-out restaurants; parking was limited and customers came and went quickly.

The center's initial roster included a pre-Blockbuster local video store, a cleaners (not the one there now), a packaging and mailing service, an interior designer, a women's clothing store, sewing machine repair and a yogurt store. All changed over the years and today, in addition to White Hen, Players, Giovanni's and Master Cleaners, there are a jewelry store, Chinese and pizza carry outs, a photo studio, dental practice, carpet and flooring store, computer repairs and a credit union bank, plus the gas station and Starbucks.

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Remembering a west side landmark

Long-time residents of the area around Deerfield and Ridge remember Garrity's Finer Foods as a special place in their neighborhood. Jerry Nudelman, owner of Players Grill, grew up in the neighborhood and remembers riding with his friends to the store, with its Coke machines out front. He said the store was noted for its fruit and a great meat department and that the Garritys and the Haberkamps (Louis Haberkamp managed the store for Tom Garrity) both lived nearby, and several members of both families worked there.

Another long-time resident, Richard Klemp, recalled going in for candy when he was young. He added that Tom Garrity actively guarded the quality of his foods, remembering him chasing away a meat salesman who tried to sell him an inferior product. His sister-in-law, Mary Jane Klemp, called Garrity's the "Whole Foods of the

time," but in many ways, it was an early convenience store. When it closed, White Hen was included in the plans for the site.

Haberkamp, who now lives in Deerfield and is a manager at Jewel in Glenview, noted then that the more modern convenience store would not be completely the same. "It will be a

different operation," he said. "White Hen won't sell meat." The likelihood that it would sell liquor was another issue in 1987.

John Garrity, a cousin, remembers it as "big on knick-knacks," and "a good store, almost a landmark of days gone by. The family was sorry to see it go."

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As You Lake It

Steve Meyer, Manager of Special Projects, Park District of Highland Park

The Great Lakes contain 95 percent of the fresh water in the United States. There are 1,294 communities in Illinois. Highland Park's position on the shore of Lake Michigan is special, one of only 14 on the lake. There are approximately 60 miles of Illinois shoreline; 10 percent of this lies in Highland Park. Now the City is taking steps to make this asset a bigger part of resident's lives.

Like Daniel Burnham, who designed an enduring plan for the great City of Chicago with free and open access to the lakefront, early planners of Highland Park recognized the immense value of a city built on the lake.

Highland Park's origins in 1869 are directly linked to Lake Michigan. The 10 men who incorporated the Highland Park Building Company chose the lakeside setting for its rustic location and the beautiful views it afforded. Lake Michigan was a reliable source of fresh water and convenient means of transportation. As early as 1853, a commercial pier was built at what was then known as Port Clinton. It is now the site of the city's water treatment plant at the foot of Park Avenue, according to local historian Marvyn Wittelle in her 1958 book, *Pioneer to Commuter*.

Lake Michigan is Highland Park's singular defining feature. Today's civic planners hope to perpetuate that legacy. "I was talking with a community member about Highland Park," relates lifelong resident and long-time Park District Commissioner Lorry Werhane, "and happened to mention the lake. His response was 'What lake?' I believe there are people who, if they are even aware of the lake, take it for granted. As a community, we are not making full use of our relationship to Lake Michigan."

To address this opportunity, the Park District of Highland Park has convened a Lakefront Planning Commission made up of informed citizens and elected officials to oversee the planning and development process.

"Our goal is to restore, rehabilitate and enhance the public lakefront properties to make them healthier ecologically and more accessible and usable to the public," says Park Board President Stacy Weiss, "We want to reconnect with Lake Michigan."

Mayor Mike Belsky and Councilmen Jim Kirsch and Steve Mandel join Park District of Highland Park Board President Weiss, Vice President Nancy Rosenbaum and Commissioner Werhane on the Planning Commission.

The well-respected design firm of JJR, LLC has been retained by the District to develop a master plan for the four public lakefront properties and consider possibilities of cooperating at Fort Sheridan as it is redeveloped. JJR has designed waterfronts for Detroit, Chicago, Cleveland, Milwaukee, Racine and many other areas. Their Marquette Plan for a 21-mile section of Indiana's Lake Michigan shoreline won an Honor Award from the Illinois Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects in 2005.

Each park site has its own unique features and constraints.

Northernmost **Moraine Park** is the former site of the grand Moraine Hotel and has remnants of an historic Marshall Johnson landscape. Today, it is the site of a sculpture park and dog exercise beach. **Central Park and Park Avenue Beach** make up the oldest park in town, laid out in the original plat of 1869. **Millard Park**, located on the Lake just north of Ravine Drive, has the longest stretch of beach, but limited access because of surrounding residential properties. This little-known haven was voted Best Secluded Picnic Spot by *Chicago Magazine* in August 2001.

Rosewood Park and Beach, at the east end of Roger Williams Avenue, is the best-known lakefront park. Now the Park District swimming beach, the site was formerly part of the Julius Rosenwald estate. Rosenwald was

President and then Chairman of the Board of Sears, Roebuck and Co. for 24 years and was instrumental in the execution of Burnham's plans for the City of Chicago. With magnificent views and a lovely beach, the park contains the remnants of a landscape designed by internationally acclaimed landscape architect (and one-time Highland Park resident) Jens Jensen.

"The Park District and the Lakefront Planning Commission directed us to take a fresh look at all of the properties and identify the best use for each—without being constrained by what is there now,"

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explains Project Director Gregg Calpino of JJR. For example, while public swimming is currently based at Rosewood Park, it has been allowed at each of the parks from time to time over the years.



“I remember building sand castles practically every weekend at the beach when I was growing up some 70 years ago,” reminisces Marjie Ettliger who was born here and still lives in Highland Park.

This May, the Park District held a Lakefront Visioning Summit to address topics such as ecological restoration, shoreline preservation, recreational potential of the lakefront, concepts for educational programs and waterfront successes in other communities. This was



a chance to learn more about Highland Park’s lakefront and the first of many opportunities for public input.

Calpino, who facilitated the May 23 discussion groups, was delighted by the much larger than expected turnout. “I was really impressed how prepared and knowledgeable Highland Parkers are, so ready to get into the details and get to work to solve problems. We heard everything, from residents’ concerns about basic conditions like flies to outside-the-box visioning. Some people were focused on one site; others took a holistic approach to the entire shoreline.”

“I think it would be lovely to have a swimming beach with a concession stand,” suggests Highland Parker Nadine Heroux, “because children are a large part of our community.” Donnie Dann, an avid Highland Park birder, would like to see redevelopment “recreate, as much as is practical, our native flora

and fauna at the lakefront. The enhancement of biodiversity will only make it richer for all of our residents, human and wildlife.” A video of the two-day summit will be edited into a brief documentary that will be broadcast on Comcast cable television and available at the Highland Park Public Library.



PHOTO: City of Highland Park

One of the tasks of the Lakefront Planning Commission is to figure out how to make the plan happen—no small task in this time of tight budgets. “Our goal is not to add an extra report to gather dust on a shelf, but to carry out a plan that will benefit our community, both human and natural, now and in the future,” declares Mayor Belsky.

Calpino stresses Highland Park’s unusual opportunities: “The topography of the bluffs and ravines and the frequent changes in grade make up a unique scenario, one of the assets that sets Highland Park apart from other lakeshore communities along the Great Lakes.”

“Public participation and enthusiasm for this initiative are critical to success,” notes Park District President Weiss. Updated postings and a comment form on the Park District web site invite ongoing input, while more public meetings are planned for the fall.

As to the timeline for solutions, Calpino said, “After our initial concept plan, due in early Fall, we are shooting for refinements by Thanksgiving and hope to submit designs by the end of this year.”

To participate in the Lakefront Planning Commission’s process, follow the links on the Park District’s web site www.pdhp.org or call the District at 847-831-3810.

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- Sweep your garage thoroughly, then hose down the floor.
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- Sort again into smaller piles: hand tools, power tools, screws and bits.

- Safely dispose of junk: anything rusty (nails), broken (garden hoses, tools) or dried out (paint or caulk).

Next, place items in convenient, easily accessible places.

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- Keep items used indoors, like cleaning supplies, closest to the house.

Finally, select durable and practical storage devices. Keep as much storage as possible off the floor. Don't worry too much about aesthetics.

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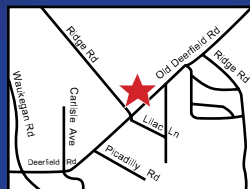
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Richard Greb

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The latest of these services is Opportunity Secure Data Destruction, which guarantees its clients’ printed materials are destroyed and recycled into pulp so there is no chance scraps can be fitted back together—something computer programs can now do even with cross-cut shredding. Opportunity employees sort incoming paper by color, a determinant of recycling quality. They recently added a state-of-the-art mobile shredding truck, giving customers the option of having documents destroyed at their site.

Opportunity, which started in a store front on Second Street, established a reputation for precision assembly of such things as sterile single-use medical products and document packages, for packaging them, and for collating and mailing services. Workers are employees, not clients. They earn salaries and receive benefits. Elizabeth Golden, sales director for the data destruction area, explained the main difference between sheltered workshops and an affirmative business like Opportunity: “We provide an integrated work force—people with and without disabilities. The high majority of our employees are people with disabilities, which is the reason for our existence. They are often with us for long periods of time; two have been with us for all of our 30 years. An integrated work force gives special needs employees the experience of working in an environment not unlike the commercial work environment. We can do this in a controlled environment that allows us to address their needs.”

Like any commercial business, Opportunity depends on selling services, not on subsidies for clients served. At one time, Opportunity employed more than

200 people on two full shifts, but today, Elizabeth notes, the second shift has “gone to China,” which can charge less, even with shipping costs. Today’s challenge is finding work that can’t be outsourced, like the document shredding, so it can continue to proudly “provide a work environment where people with disabilities can have a career and develop to their fullest potential,” Elizabeth added.



The opportunity for Andi Berkowitz, owner of just opened **Dinner By Design**, is bringing families together over delicious, nutritious meals. Her franchise, in the Briergate shopping area near Toys R Us, is a new concept in food shopping and preparation. All the ingredients for such dishes as Parmesan Herb Chicken, Turkey Meatloaf, Tuscan Beef Stew, Citrus Salmon and Chocolate Éclair Torte, are ready for customers to assemble at food preparation stations. The menu, which changes monthly, usually includes breakfast and dessert options along with a dozen or more entrees.

Andi says busy families can have a month’s worth of dinners ready to cook in two hours or less without having to plan, shop, prep or clean up their kitchens, at about \$3 a serving. “These days, dinnertime is often either a stressful race against the clock or a trip to yet another non-nutritious fast food chain. At Dinner by Design, our goal is to bring families back to the table with healthy, easy, delicious dinners,” she says.

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In addition, Dinner by Design offers fund raising opportunities to area groups through parties and is working with the food pantries of Moraine and West Deerfield townships to provide each with a dozen family meals every other month. Learn more at www.dinnerbydesignkitchen.com or call 847-579-1790.

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Elephants, monkeys and pigs – plus dogs and cats and, of course, bears—are the newest option for children’s parties at **The Cooling Station** (847-312-2784), an ice cream parlor operated by Highland Parkers Holly and Lito Ampon at 315 Waukegan Avenue in Highland. Children stuff the animals of their choice (ordered by the party giver), wish on a star placed in the doll, and have a friend to take home. The Cooling Station is the only ice cream parlor in the area with a party room, says Holly, and accommodates up to 40, ages 3 to 14.

In addition to ice cream, parties serve hot dogs (a recent addition to the in-house menu) or pizza (ordered in). Other party options are games (from bucket and ring toss to Simon says, dancing and karaoke) and the “avalanche” party package, which features a 40-plus scoop mountain of ice cream and toppings for everyone attending to enjoy. For everyday ice cream lovers, the Cooling Station serves Homers and Cedar Crest ice creams, sorbets and yogurts, plus Only 8, a healthy frozen yogurt safe for most diabetics and lactose intolerant individuals – no fat, no cholesterol, all natural and kosher.

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It's Your House, Now

Sherriann Mancini

Highland Park residents have a new “old” home away from home, and it's right in our backyard! The Highland Park Community House at Elm Place and North Sheridan Road, originally built as a home for the Highland Park Woman's Club, has been reincarnated as the new place to make things happen, watch things happen or be a part of what's happening. The Community House truly lives up to its name—a warm and welcoming home for the people of Highland Park.

Donated to the community in 1994 by the Highland Park Woman's Club, the Community House is a rare gift, one that embodies the true spirit of this wonderful city. Because it is a non-profit organization that receives no financial income from the city, a governing board of 11 dedicated volunteers ensures that the Community House supports and enhances Highland Park's intellectual and cultural life. As Board Chairman Dan Kornblut explains, “The Community House is dedicated to being the venue for our connection to each other and our community.” Indeed, the self-sustaining Community House offers an extensive array of public programs and private events while preserving a building of historic significance.

The Highland Park Community House began its life in 1924 as the Highland Park Woman's Club. Designed by prominent architect Arthur Brown as a clubhouse for the organization, the magnificent red brick Colonial Revival home was an architectural and philanthropic accomplishment. The historically significant building even served as a blood bank by the American Red Cross during World War II.

The Woman's Club had been founded in 1899 with the ideal of reform, education, the arts and, most especially, philanthropy. Foremost among its many achievements, the Woman's Club established the first public library in Highland Park by securing a \$12,000 grant from the Carnegie Foundation. Its members were also responsible for initiating reform in the public schools. As former Woman's Club President Lois Dever, recalled “The first Parent Teacher Association (for Elm Place School) had its birth at a club meeting.”

Finances became a crisis for the club in 1988 when, for the first time ever, it was served with a real estate tax assessment for prior years. This was the result of one individual's lawsuit insisting that organizations such as the Woman's Club of Highland Park, Ravinia Festival and the American Legion be taxed as private properties rather than not-for-profit institutions. The Woman's Club simply could not afford the continued expense of clubhouse operations compounded by

yearly taxes. A decision was made to consider selling the property and treasured clubhouse to a real estate developer since it was zoned for residential use.

If not for the passionate determination of one man, this community jewel would forever have been lost. That man is Marvin Marder; the resurrection and subsequent transformation of this historic landmark is a fascinating lesson in perseverance and dedication.

Marder is a long-time resident of Highland Park and no stranger to public service. Having founded his own law firm in Highland Park, Marder served as a City Councilman and was a member of the City Plan Commission, Civil Service Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals. “When I learned that the clubhouse might be for sale, I remembered how much I admired the building, and I knew we could never replace its wonderful ballroom and auditorium.”



Marder set up a meeting with some board members to propose they gift the building to the community for use as a cultural center. He invited the directors from Gorton Community Center in Lake Forest and the Winnetka Community Center to discuss how residents of Highland Park would benefit. The officers of the Woman's Club embraced the idea, going so far as to meet with then-Mayor Dan Pierce.

However, this initiative was stopped cold when a new Woman's Club Board of Directors voted instead to sell to a developer who would demolish the house and build 16 condominiums. Marder placed a poster ad in the Highland Park News pleading, in bold letters, “HELP SAVE THE BEAUTIFUL AND HISTORIC HIGHLAND PARK WOMAN'S CLUB FROM THE WRECKER'S BALL.” After two long months of silence, Marder finally received a single response. A former Woman's Club board member offered to help.

Numerous meetings, negotiations, even lawsuits ensued. Fortunately, the dream of saving that “little” clubhouse became a reality: The City Council appointed a task force of prominent civic leaders—led by Marder, former councilman Calvin Tobin and Ruth Buhai, as well as Lois Dever—to assess the feasibility of establishing a civic and cultural center at this locale.

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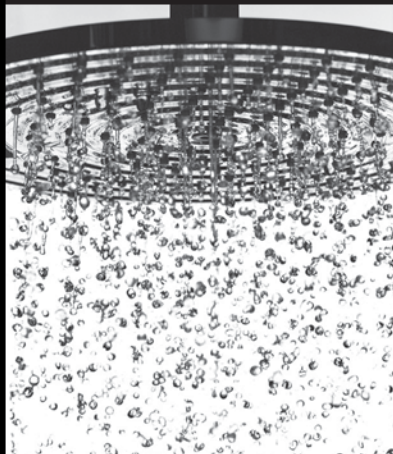
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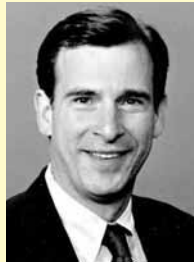


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The task force interviewed Highland Park's citizens, local businesses and community organizations. In 1992 the in-depth study determined that the Woman's Club building was ideal for a community center. Calling on the City's last Master Plan, the task force stated, "A Community Center is a needed gathering place not now available [and] would...provide the foundation for a richer and exciting civic and cultural life in Highland Park."

In 1994 a five-year quest was finally fulfilled: The Woman's Club donated its clubhouse and property to the people of Highland Park for the sole purpose of establishing a community center. As Ms. Dever explained at the time, "The current members of the Highland Park Woman's Club voted with their generous hearts... and now the charming and historic building at the corner of Sheridan Road and Elm Place has officially become the Highland Park Community Center."

It has been a long evolution from clubhouse to community house, but care has been taken to preserve its distinctive charm while improving the facility. Many historic features including the ballroom's soaring vaulted ceiling with antique lighting fixtures have been lovingly restored. Now, visitors can appreciate the unique character of the Community House while enjoying modern amenities, a remarkable testament to a community of residents who cherish their past while welcoming the future.

Drive north of downtown along Sheridan Road. Instead of a block of four-story condos, you will see two historically significant buildings—the former Woman's Club and the American Legion Hall (now The Art Center)—given new life and breathing new life back into our community as a unique, thriving Cultural Arts Campus. Stop by the Community House, and pick up a brochure detailing myriad programs and private celebration opportunities. Sit a while in the newly plush living room, gazing through the soaring arched windows to enjoy the natural beauty of the Jesse Lowe Smith Heritage Garden, where native Illinois plants and flowers set a beautiful tableau for this new, old Highland Park treasure.

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Q? and A!

Jim Swanson and John Scornavacco, Co-Principals, 2006-07, HPHS

John Scornavacco and his wife are life-long Highland Parkers. They and their children are HPHS alums. John was a staff member at Highland Park High School for 24 years, teaching English and Physical Education, coaching, and serving as Dean of Students, Athletic Director and Assistant Principal. John then had an 11-year tenure as Principal of Deerfield High School, retiring from there in 1998. Jim Swanson and his wife also live in Highland Park, and their son is a graduate of HPHS. Jim spent 16 years at HPHS as a science teacher, coach, Dean of Students and Athletic Director, followed by 17 years as Assistant Principal at Deerfield High School, retiring 2004. As of July 1, 2006, John and Jim are back in Township High School District 113 as Co-Principals at HPHS for the 2006-07 school year. This past April, called them into the office for this conversation.

Q? *The two of you have so much in common, not only parallels in your careers, but long careers in District 113. Are you dividing up the various responsibilities, or literally sharing them?*

A! [Jim] We will try to act as one, to be efficient and have clear communications. We will coordinate our efforts as much as possible.

Q? *As retired professionals, your hours are limited. How will your time be apportioned?*

A! [John] The State of Illinois limits our work year to 120 days each. Jim has carved out a calendar for every week. We identified times it will be critical when we need to work together, and when we need to meet with the administrative team at the same time. Other times—during FOCUS, homecoming, et cetera—we will both want to be in school as well.

Q? *What will you two be doing the rest of the days this year? How are you enjoying retirement?*

A! [John] The only problem is that our wives are seeing the two of us talk a lot of shop. We love to talk about school. Even when we're off campus, we're always in constant dialogue.

[Jim] "Fortunately, most decisions that we make don't need to be made on the spot. That's good, because our two perspectives aren't always the same...that enhances the process of decision making."

Q? *As to decisions, how common is it for a district to decide on this arrangement? How unusual are co-principals?*

A! Quite unusual—not unheard of, but rare. It's more common that a district would need two superintendents. But this situation

shows the creative thinking on the part of the board. The District was in search of a new superintendent to start July 1. Here at HPHS, the principal Jack Lorenz was retiring, while at Deerfield they had someone serving in an interim role. The board wanted the new superintendent to be actively engaged in choosing the new HPHS and DHS principals.

Q? *Well, here you are on campus, quite a few weeks before your official duties begin. What are you doing now?*

A! [Jim] We're doing orientation and transition. We've been meeting in small groups with faculty members. We ask them, "What do you value at HPHS, and as an organization, what can we do better?" It makes a difference that John and I are both familiar faces, we both have experience at HPHS. After all, Highland Park is unique in many respects. Since we also live here, we understand the community, and people realize that we have a strong commitment to this high school. All our kids are HPHS graduates.

[John] Jim and I are really sensitive to avoiding preconceived ideas. Even though our kids went here and collectively we spent 40 years here, a school is always changing. I agree it's somewhat comforting to staff that we have history here, but we've also said to them we want to listen and learn. We want to know what HPHS is today. And yes, it's been an advantage that the Board of Education thought about "one of their own" in this position.

Q? *Jim, you mentioned that Highland Park is unique. Would it be fair to say that it's also something of a cocoon or ivory tower?*

A! One of the things we've found is that the school is far more diverse than it was 15 years ago. Kids are coming from a wider range of family settings, the socio-economic range is greater than it was. What we see is that the school is embracing this diversity, working



Jim Swanson (left) and John Scornavacco

really hard on being inclusive. Everyone here is constantly asking the question, “Are we meeting the needs of each kid?” The stereotypical student is much harder to define.

[John] The community should be proud that Highland Park and Highwood have a variety of housing; that adds to diversity. Highwood has always been an interesting community. In the nineteenth century, it was Scandinavian, in the twentieth, it was basically Italian. Now, there are more Hispanic families. Diversity makes a positive contribution to HPHS.

Q? *As educators, where do you come down on the subject of bilingual instruction?*

A! [John] The faculty is looking very hard at “best practices”—at the research and at the constituency—as well as the progress that the kids are making. There is an ongoing examination within the building. There’s no controversy among the faculty, just a desire to serve the kids in the best way we can. Strategies for bilingual students are evolving.

Q? *Do you feel that being in a diverse educational community will stand the students in good stead later on?*

A! [Jim] This high school is preparing our kids for the real world. There’s been a growing desire to serve others, from individual interests among the students to more organized efforts, such as peer-to-peer mentoring. There are more students with pronounced individual needs, and fellow students are providing some of the answers: senior leaders in classes, in advisories, even in physical education. There are also so many service opportunities initiated here, from working with homeless shelters to the all-school charitable event. This past year, their project was neuroblastoma, a form of childhood cancer. The students were hugely successful; they raised \$162,000. But what is equally important is what this does to galvanize the student body, how a project like this allows so many of the students to be involved.

Q? *Speaking of the future, such a high percentage of HPHS graduates are college bound. How do you feel about the influence of standardized test scores?*

A! [John] Test scores are just one glimpse of the whole picture of the school. The media finds it an easy handle to label a school,

but there are so many things that go into measuring how a student is doing.

[Jim] Years ago, this school had many vocational programs, then the pendulum swung to viewing every student as college bound. Now there’s more interest in looking at real world experiences that we can incorporate into learning, maybe an earlier exposure into the world of work.

Q? *You were both classroom instructors. Do you think that teaching has moved too far toward teaching for the tests.*

A! [John] At HPHS, the kids do well on standardized tests, but our instruction is not test-driven. The people who are most resistant to doing that are the classroom teachers. If the leadership pushed for test scores alone, the battle would be on. That’s good news for our kids. The faculty is not interested in window dressing.

Q? *How do you feel about so-called “open computer” tests, which are likened to the open-book exam we looked forward to when we were students?*

A! [John] There is something to be said for managing information, rather than memorizing it.

[Jim] We cannot resist the continuing advantages of technology, but we have to be aware of the pitfalls. I think we have to find ways to integrate technology that are the most effective educationally, without some of the problems. The challenge for parents in the home is to be aware of what kids are doing on the computer.

Q? *Does the openness of the internet—the huge availability of sources—blur the lines on issues such as plagiarism?*

A! [John] It all goes back to best practices. There used to be a controversy about calculators. Schools were able to figure that

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out. I imagine that's the way integrating the internet will go. Some applications make a lot of sense and aren't going to disturb the instructor or learner. You have to ask, "When does the technology make sense, when is it a crutch, when does it restrict the individual's growth as a learner?" We're still trying to figure all that out.

Q? *The rules seem to be changing everywhere. What changes strike you as you return to HPHS?*

A! When I first came on staff in 1963, we sent kids home if they didn't have a belt or socks or a collar on their shirt. Then I remember 1968-71, I was in the dean's office during Vietnam, during the sexual revolution. We had kids coming to school inappropriately dressed, but we were struggling as a society with what the limits should be. Today, there are expectations about dress; it's not as repressive as it was, but it's not "anything goes."

[Jim] The pendulum swings. We had a designated student smoking area in the late 1970s. Today, we can hardly believe that occurred. The campus is closed now, and we believe that this is a sound practice in today's climate.

Q? *Still, students are also part of the wider community, of the society at large.*

A! [John] During Vietnam, young people were looking at societal and world issues, and the demonstrations or sit-ins sometimes interrupted the school day. But recently, two or three hundred students at HPHS waited until the end of the school day and had a demonstration surrounding the immigration issue. It was done peacefully, without disrupting the school, but still communicating their position. That's a dramatic change.

Q? *Jim, you came to Highland Park from out of state. Tell us a bit about your own background and education.*

A! I grew up on a farm in Iowa. Coming here out of college, I was struck by this community's support for all of its schools. I was in the science department and impressed by how well the faculty worked together in the interest of kids, how dedicated everyone was, how high a value the community placed on education. Many alums still remember Mr. Carmichael, the chemistry teacher. It was well known among the faculty that his home and pool were available to us.

Q? *How would you compare Highland Park High School to your own Iowa high school?*

A! In our small community there was certainly a lot of caring, but we weren't able to attract the diversely talented faculty that a community like this has. Many of my own teachers in high school had other part-time jobs to support their families, so their energies were diverted. Here at HPHS, teaching is a total vocation.

Q? *John, you're an HPHS alum. What was it like to return as a teacher?*

A! I came straight out of the University of Wisconsin. The faculty was very collegial, but I had so much respect for my former teachers, I couldn't call them by their first names. People who joined the faculty learned very soon that the pace and professionalism was so intense, you only had to look to your left and right for your model. Now, returning as co-principal, I still see that exceptional level of excellence. Ultimately the people who stay here demonstrate that excellence.

Q? *Do you feel that intensity filters down? Does it set an example for the students?*

A! Absolutely. Teachers and administrators all can set the tone. I remember years ago as a student at Edgewood, at an annual assembly, Arno Wehle would lace his fingers together and, jumping straight up in the air, pull up his knees, shoot his legs through his arms, and land on his feet. That sent a "can do" message. I'll bet every Edgewood student remembers that.

Q? *How have the demographics of administration and teachers changed?*

[Jim] There was a period when the enrollment was growing in the late '60s and early '70s. A lot of teachers were hired then who were all about the same age. Then in the late '80s, enrollment declined, and campuses were closed. Our district wisely kept both campuses open, but there were few new hires. Over the last 10 years, with retirements in both schools, hiring has created a younger, more diverse faculty. The "new" faculty has wonderful passion for teaching, they are bright, creative people. Another change is that some educators have transitioned to teaching from other careers.

Q? *You have both been athletic directors. What do you see as the balance between education and sports?*

A! [John] Good coaching is good teaching. Even back when I was a student here, HPHS never sacrificed good classroom teachers to get coaches, but they do look for the total package, people who can help in the co-curricular program. For the youngster to grow as a human being, the co-curriculars are an important part of the education. Jim and I are excited to meet the younger coaches who are in the sports programs. There are more than 20 sports, and the boys and girls are having a tremendous amount of success. There has also been a lot of progress made in engaging young women in sports.

[Jim] When I was hired, the only conversation was about science teaching. After they offered me the job, then they asked me about coaching track. We would never tell a department chair to hire a coach. But if we had a need for a coach, we would expand the pool of candidates to find the person who can do both. What we think is that

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there is tremendous benefit to have experience with kids in a setting outside the classroom, and it's beneficial to see the teacher in other lights. It's mutually beneficial.

[John] We've come a long way. When I was a young teacher, someone who had skydiving on his resume was then asked to be the diving coach. While it's frustrating to have an incompetent teacher, it's also frustrating to have an unqualified coach.

Q? *Clearly, you both take a holistic approach to the people here at the high school.*

A! [Jim] I feel most fulfilled if students and staff are feeling good about their environment and what they are accomplishing, both in and out of the classroom. If we can have a small part in people feeling good about HPHS as a learning community, we've achieved our goal.

[John] The job of the principal is to set a tone that both kids and faculty can perform to their potential. It appears that the principal is integral, but it's really about how we can promote an environment where everyone is performing well. Do the kids feel that the adults are genuinely concerned about them as people and learners? From our conversations with HPHS students, we believe they do!

Q? *But just when a hug or taking a child's hand might be what's needed, a professional has to consider rules of conduct. Is this a barrier between students and teachers?*

A! [Jim] There are lots of opportunities for kids to connect. First, classroom learning is so much more participatory, more interactive. Kids also see teachers in their offices, in clubs, in organizations, in sports. Appropriate boundaries do not limit meaningful relationships.

Q? *How well do high school-aged students understand boundaries in general?*

A! It can get confusing for a teenager if boundaries are not clear. That applies to home, school and our community. Kids admit they need boundaries. If the adults don't know where the boundaries are, how will the children?

[John] It is getting more complicated in today's world, all the more reason to have adults communicating clear expectations. Our experience is—when that is accomplished—young people respond well.

Q? *A lot of our conversation has been about how things change. Are the times truly different today?*

A! [Jim] Some people talk about the good old days, but in my opinion, these are the good old days. Look how hard the kids are working, expanding their horizons, doing things on their own. I don't know if we've ever had a time when so many kids were involved in so many arenas. The kids work hard and so do the teachers. The experiences in the classroom are becoming more authentic. There's a saying, "Tell me, I forget; show me, I remember; Involve me, and

I learn. I'm so impressed with the creativity of the teaching staff, how teaching has changed, how participatory it's become. But I am concerned about how the pace of life experiences is accelerating, because I'm not sure that everyone is equipped to handle this pressure.

[John] The pace of education has changed, too. Today's high school curriculum is what you might have had at university a few decades ago. I'm amazed at what kids can manage in the classroom. Kids have access to so much information; in itself, that creates a challenge.

Q? *Even if these are the best of times, classroom instructors do seem to be under a great deal of pressure.*

A! [John] One thing that strikes me is the amount of email we have to deal with. Parents have access to the teachers, which is a wonderful way to communicate. But teachers go to their office at the end of the day, and they might have 50 or more emails. I'm concerned that email and voice mail detract from the key element of a relationship, interacting face to face.

[Jim] For all of us, email and text messaging and such can isolate us and make us less social creatures. In that sense, I'm concerned.

Q? *How important is living in Highland Park to connecting with the students?*

A! [Jim] The number of students that I've seen in the last 10 years who are children of students that I taught...to see my former students as parents, to understand that they wanted to be part of Highland Park again, that's terrific. When we met last week with parents of incoming freshman, a third to a half the parents had grown up in Highland Park."

[John] I'm really pleased that I was able to live in the community where my professional career was. It takes a span of time to see that kids coming to school here are a work in progress. Where they were in school is not necessarily a prediction of success. It's been gratifying to see some of the kids who struggled here at HPHS are big successes today. I wouldn't have witnessed that development if I hadn't lived in this community.

Q? *We all think about going back and doing high school all over. But you two are doing just that, going back as administrators.*

Jim and I are really excited about this opportunity. We're flattered that the board would ask us to do this. We feel the responsibility of this assignment. We both owe a tremendous amount to District 113. It raised us as professionals.

John and Jim already get far too much email, but they are eager to hear from alumni. You can contact them at Highland Park High School, 224-765-2000. August 22, 2006, is the first day of school attendance.

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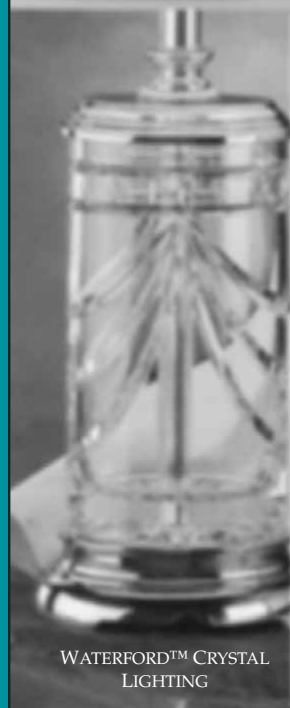
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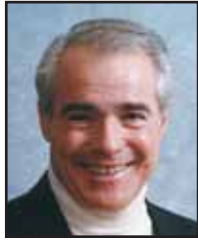
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Now that summer's here, there is nothing more exciting than heading to Ravinia Farmers Market on my day off. To get some background on the foundation of the market—one of the oldest—I spoke with Joe Palminteri, its chairman and originator. Joe gave me some insight into the inception of the market. In 1978, local businesses formed a committee to generate some shopping traffic in a way that would benefit the residents of Highland Park and surrounding towns. The market has continued every year since then and this year runs each Wednesday through October 25, from 7 a.m. until 1 p.m. Various vendors bring fresh produce, flowers, baked goods, perennial plants, homemade pasta and fresh fruit from Michigan. You will also find unique booths offering specialities from home-made dog treats to home-made chocolate.

Going to the market is always an education. Plan to spend some extra time this summer relaxing, smelling the fruits, vegetables and flowers, and above all, asking questions. Who knows more about fine produce than the dedicated people who grow it?

The majority of the vendors have been attending the market since its beginnings; they are friendly and appreciate the opportunity to bring their products to our local shoppers. I am proud to say that Bluegrass will be at the Ravinia Farmers Market for the first time this season, offering tastings of some of our fine menu items. We always take pride in hand selecting the finest fruits and vegetables for our dining room.

For me, there's nothing quite like going to the market to pick out the freshest ingredients available, and heading home to a barbeque with fresh vegetables! If you're in the mood for chicken or ribs (here's a hint, Bluegrass does have the only smoked ribs in town), try a fresh tomato mozzarella salad. Go ahead! Dress your table with colorful glassware, linens and candles.

I have listed my favorite fresh tomato mozzarella recipe, which gives the fresh Beefsteak tomatoes and mozzarella a great lift. This is perfect for any event, whether it be on the patio or an evening under the stars at Ravinia! If you find yourself falling short of time, you can always just call and we can set you up for your evening directly from Bluegrass.

Even a patio dinner goes better paired with the right wine. I would recommend a California Sauvignon Blanc. I have found that Sauvignon Blancs go great with salads. Stephen Vincent has a beautiful one, light and crisp with melon flavors and smooth acidity, one of the best values I have found in California wines. (By the way, you probably heard that the California wines again out-tasted the French at the recent rematch of the Judgement of Paris.)

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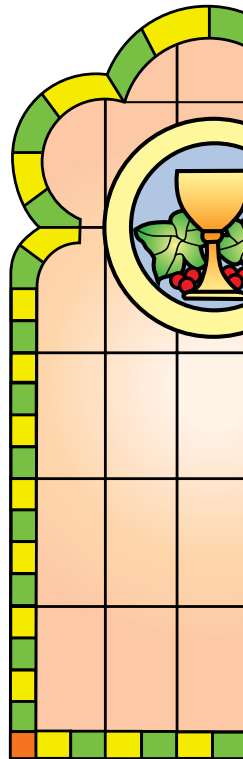
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Enhancement:

Char one red pepper on the grill until completely black. Put it in a paper bag (grandma's old traditional secret here), allow the pepper to sweat, and then cool the bag in the refrigerator. Peel the black skin off, slice, and top the salad. For a more exotic flavor, follow the same method with Chinese eggplant. Ramp it up by doing both!

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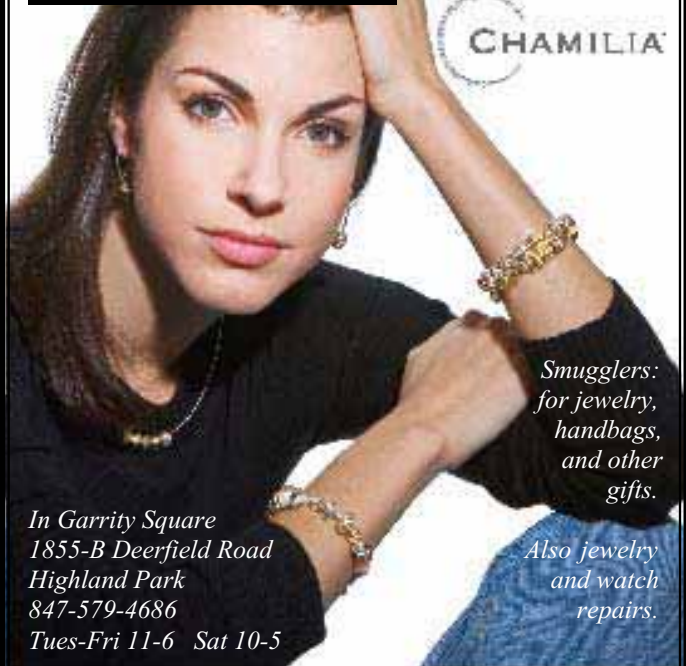
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collection of goods at reasonable prices, and dedicate their proceeds to the churches and their associated charities.

Work on the sale begins months in advance. "It's a total parish effort," says IC Rummage Sale Chair Diane Clark, "from the people who donate

their treasures to the men, women and children who spend countless hours sorting, pricing, selling, feeding the workers or cleaning up after the sale."

"Our sale not only helps those who purchase our goods, but sale proceeds go to charities throughout the area," says Clark. IC traditionally donates part of the proceeds to Lake County Catholic Charities, Children's Memorial and others, while HPPC has donated goods and/or funds to Habitat for Humanity, P.A.D.S., Sarah's Circle, Lion's Club, Family Network, the Highland Park Public Library and other local organizations. Last year, HPPC donated \$10,000 from rummage sales to the Katrina rebuilding effort.

Trinity Episcopal Church expects that this year will be even bigger and better. TE's proceeds will go toward church building maintenance and updating the facilities for the Tricon Childcare Program housed in the TE basement.

Tami Block, HPPC Rummage Sale Chairman, is impressed by the diversity and quality of rummage coming in. "We have emptied out several houses so there will be a quantity of treasured items, housewares and furniture and lots of books. We even have an accordion.

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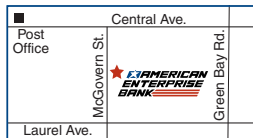
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Back from Kuwait: The Broken Faces of War

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As you walk into the Highland Park dental offices of Donald Hoffman, DDS, at 1160 Park Avenue, you see walls filled with action shots of Hoffman's Chicago White Sox heroes. But the largest photo is of his partner, Milan Pastuovic, DDS, US Navy (Ret.) This humble and upbeat gentleman managed to give me a few minutes to talk about his experiences while stationed with the Navy in Kuwait in 2004.

I asked Pastuovic what his scariest moment was, and he showed me some “before and after” pictures on his computer. As difficult as it was to look at tragically torn-apart “faces”—bearing not the slightest resemblance to human beings—the “after” shots were so amazingly improved, I was



moved to tell Pastuovic that it seemed to me I was speaking to a genuine hero. But he quickly corrected me, “No! I treated heroes!”

Born in Gary, Indiana, Pastuovic grew up in Elmhurst and, after attending Loyola University Dental School in 1984, joined the Navy, where he practiced general dentistry for six years. After completing his oral and maxillofacial surgery residency at Great Lakes in 1994, he was ordered to Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, for another six years. “The focus of my work in the Navy was to make sure our sailors and marines were always ready to deploy,” Pastuovic said. “Whether it is a sailor on a ship or submarine, or a Marine in the field, we needed to be sure no mission was interrupted because of a toothache.” At Camp Lejeune, that meant doing hundreds of extractions each month, as well as spending a lot of time in the operating room. “The Marines work hard and play hard, and that sometimes means they get hurt. I spent a lot of time fixing broken jaws and doing corrective jaw surgery.” Pastuovic joked, “Marines are crazy. I’m glad they’re on our side.”

From Camp Lejeune, he returned to Great Lakes to train other dentists and head the oral surgery department at the recruit dental clinic. That’s where he first met Hoffman, a long-time Highland Park oral surgeon. Hoffman had phoned Pastuovic’s unit at Great Lakes following 9/11 to offer help. A few years later, when Commander Pastuovic was ready to retire, he contacted Hoffman. Pastuovic began his last tour of duty at Naval Hospital, Portsmouth (Virginia) in August 2003, teaching in the residency program. That hospital serves Norfolk and the Atlantic Fleet. In mid-2004, he



volunteered for a six-month tour in Kuwait. His unit was Fleet Hospital Portsmouth, in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. “Nearly 20 years of professional and military training was put to good use in Kuwait.”

While in Kuwait, he treated coalition forces, mostly troops in the National Guard, many of them college students, and young soldiers just out of boot camp. A few of the servicemen whose faces were literally put back together by Pastuovic later e-mailed him, asking to see the “before” pictures of themselves. “I remember one patient, who was recovering in the States, was shocked to see how really badly he had been hurt.”

Asked how he handled 132 degree heat in Kuwait, Pastuovic pointed out, “You have to drink plenty of water, and you drink before you’re thirsty. If you wait until you are thirsty, it could be you’re too late!”

Hoffman and Pastuovic have practiced together in Highland Park since November 2005, while Pastuovic and his wife Mary Pat are raising their five children in Buffalo Grove.

Talking with Pastuovic gave me an even deeper appreciation of how suddenly and dramatically lives can change on active duty. It was an honor to meet one of the thousands of health care professionals who perform miracles every day for our troops stationed in harm’s way.

By the way, don’t be fooled by the wall-to-wall White Sox pictures in the office; Pastuovic’s heart is with the North Siders. So it’s fair to say, between him and Hoffman, theirs is a “full service practice.”

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Recognitions and Scholarships

On May 11, 2006, the Highland Park Chamber of Commerce welcomed high school seniors, families, friends, teachers and supporters from the business community at the Student Honor Dinner. In addition to honoring 37 students who live in Highland Park and were named by department chairs at Highland Park and Deerfield High Schools, 13 scholarships were awarded (scholarship fund names noted following recipients names below). Congratulations to Aaron Anderson, Alex Berman, Jami Breiter, Jon Canel, David Chaimovitz, Abi Darin (William S. Bradford, Jr.), Keren Daskin, Sarah Doherty (William S. Bradford, DDS), Kevin Fishbain, Nathan Garrett (Ravinia Festival), Hannah Gilbert (Highland Park Bank & Trust), Allyson Gimbel, Dana Golin, Yesenia Gonzalez (ENH-Highland Park Hospital), Max Guggenheim, Aimee Halstuk (Hillco Properties), Jack Holzman, Rebecca Israel (First Midwest Bank), Alex Jones, Beth Kacel, Samantha Kopin, Grace Levine (Amdur Productions/Port Clinton Art Festival), Josh Mandell, Dana Mason, Holden Metz, Aaron Miller (Baizer & Kolar), Abraham Navarro (First Bank of Highland Park), Alissa Neuhausen (Port Clinton Associates), Jaime Perez (First Bank of Highland Park), Kristy Reiger, David Rheinstrom, Frank Rizzo, Grzegorz Robak (Highland Park Chamber of Commerce), Shivang Shah, Alex Soble, Charlie Warsh and Ali Warshtawsky. Join us next year. You can sponsor a student's attendance or establish your own scholarship fund. For more information, watch our web site: www.ehighlandpark.com

Hit the Pavement

Highland Park Sidewalk Sale Days. Need we say more? The big event takes place in Downtown Highland Park on Thursday, July 27, Friday, July 28 and Saturday, July 29. Some merchants will hang in there through Sunday.

Think about it: The one time of year it's perfectly acceptable to talk about what you paid! Think of it as bragging rights for bagging a designer label. You'll also find plenty for everyday needs, from head to toe. Did we mention? Shoes, fashion apparel, more shoes, plus lovely jewelry, home decor, sporting goods, artwork. The weather is always perfect for bargains!

2006 Golf Outing

What's better than blowing off work for golf! The annual Chamber of Commerce Golf Outing is Wednesday, September 6, Highland Park Country Club. Start your practice rounds now... prizes on the Par 3s plus a \$25,000 hole-in-one jackpot, compliments of Wenk Insurance. Not a golfer? Not a problem. Come for cocktails, dinner and a silent auction. Watch www.ehighlandpark.com for details.

Fashion Week

Highland Park leads North Shore trendsetters with its first-ever Fashion Week. Buttoning down details and zipping up participating stores are Bill Baker, Saks Fifth Avenue; Bett Barnett, Betts; Kathy Govas, Metropolitan Café; Ava Markoutsas, Banana Republic; George Markoutsas, The ABL Group; Carolyn Rikje, SEE Eyeware; Ester Viti, Viti Financial.

Preview Night is Thursday, September 14. There will be a luncheon and fashion show Friday. Saturday events will be unveiled by each participating store. Fashion Week will show you what to wear for holidays, home, work and travel. Check out our web site, www.ehighlandpark.com.



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