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On the go ...

▶▶ SPORTS



AP photo

BULLS LOSE 4TH IN ROW, 93-78

Chris Bosh had 16 points and 13 rebounds, rookie Jamario Moon matched his career-high with 15 points, and the Toronto Raptors beat Ben Wallace (above) and the Bulls, 93-78, Sunday to hand Chicago its fourth consecutive loss.

Luol Deng scored 21 points in his return to Chicago's starting lineup after missing the previous three games with a sore lower back. **For more, see page 1B.**

▶▶ LOCAL & REGION

CL, COUNTY LEADERS TARGET INFLUENZA

Representatives from the McHenry County Department of Health, District 47 and District 155 school districts, and other officials from Crystal Lake will conduct a joint town-hall meeting Wednesday night to discuss the danger posed by influenza.

Every year, the common seasonal flu kills about 36,000 and hospitalizes more than 200,000 in the U.S., according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. **For more, see page 3A.**

▶▶ COMING TUESDAY

PLAY IT SAFE WITH PLASTIC SURGERY

Plastic surgery and other cosmetic procedures have become more common and accepted in recent years. But the recent death of Donda West might have some folks questioning whether such procedures are safe.

In Tuesday's Lifestyle section, read what some local cosmetic surgeons have to say about this issue.

▶▶ WEATHER

HIGH **40** LOW **24**

Complete forecast on 14A

WAR AGAINST CANCER | DANA-FARBER MARATHON CHALLENGE

Running for mom

Sisters pledge to raise \$12,000 for research



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Kristin Mass (left) and her sister, Kathleen Lutz, are preparing to run in the Boston Marathon in April and are raising money for cancer research in response to their mother's struggle with brain cancer.

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Julie Mass
Diagnosed with glioblastoma multiforme, a Stage IV brain cancer.

Kathleen Lutz has good motivation to wake up early to go jogging every morning.

The 38-year-old mother of three is training for the Boston Marathon in April to raise money for cancer research. She and her sister, Kristin Mass, 27, will run in honor of their mother, Julie, a longtime McCullom Lake resident who is dying of a rare form of brain cancer.

The duo joined the Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge last month and pledged to raise at least \$12,000. So far, they have set up a blog, mailed letters to friends and family, and posted fliers in the community. Together, they have about \$3,000.

"It puts such focus on [training,]" Lutz said.

Lutz is up to about 4.5 miles a session. Kristin Mass ran the San Diego marathon in about 4.5 hours this summer, but Lutz is starting from scratch.

"I am in the pre-training for the training, which would begin the last week in December," Lutz said.

Much of the family's focus in the past year has been Julie Mass' health. Julie Mass has undergone surgery, radiation treatment, and two rounds of chemotherapy since she was diagnosed with glioblastoma multiforme, a Stage IV brain cancer, in October 2006.

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To help

Check out the sisters' blog at www.dfmc08.blogspot.com, which has a link for online donations, or mail checks to 4525 Lake Shore Drive, McHenry, IL 60050.

Syria to attend summit

Expectations still low for progress

By ANNE GEARAN
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - Arab holdout Syria agreed Sunday to attend a Mideast peace conference called by President Bush to restart talks to resolve the six-decade conflict between Israel and the Palestinians, yet expectations for the summit remained low. The two sides came to Washington without agreeing on basic terms for their negotiations.



President Bush

Bush invited the Israeli and Palestinian leaders to separate meetings at the White House today to prepare for the centerpiece of his Mideast gathering - an all-day session Tuesday in Annapolis, Md. It is to be the only time that Bush, Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert and Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas meet together, and their three-way handshake is expected to be the conference's symbolic high point.

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Flu shots nothing to sneeze at

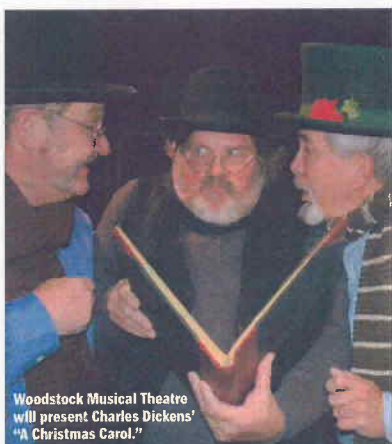
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WOODSTOCK - If you haven't already, here's something you might want to add to your holiday to-do list: get your flu vaccine.

"Anybody who is concerned about influenza should get a flu shot," said Karen Ciesielczyk, health promotions coordinator for the McHenry County Department of Health. "It can be a very serious disease and greatly underestimated by many people."

See **FLU**, page 13A

▶▶ Looking Forward ... what's happening this week in news, sports and entertainment. **PAGE 2A**



Woodstock Musical Theatre will present Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol."

THURSDAY - SUNDAY

Dickens, you say!

"A Christmas Carol," the classic tale by British author Charles Dickens, will be presented by the Woodstock Musical Theatre at the Woodstock Opera House.

The play, which runs Thursday through Sunday, features Ebenezer Scrooge's journeys with the ghosts of Christmases Past, Present and Future.

Show times are 8 p.m. Thursday and Friday, 2 and 8 p.m. Saturday, and 1 and 6 p.m. Sunday.

Ticket prices are \$23 for adults and \$20 for students and

senior citizens.

TUESDAY

Artist presents Huntley workshop

Castle Bank will sponsor two workshops Tuesday by watercolor artist Tom Lynch in the Huntley High School auditorium.

The first workshop will be from 9:15 to 10:25 a.m. and is open to the high school students. The second workshop is from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and will be open to the Sun City Pencil and Palette Club and anyone from the community who is interested in attending.

There will be sales of Lynch's books, tapes and prints during the second workshop and an



Tom Lynch

artist signing after 1 p.m. Proceeds from sales of the prints will be shared by the Huntley High School Fine Arts Booster Club and the Sun City Pencil and Palette Club.

Lynch has hosted several award-winning PBS TV art series and is featured on the new Visual Arts Network Channel. His seventh and latest book, "Watercolor Rescue," hit Nov. 12. It chronicles the process Lynch undertook to rework 50 "failed" student paintings.

WEDNESDAY

County leaders to discuss venue

McHenry County's business, governmental, agricultural and tourism leaders are expected to conduct a round-table discussion Wednesday of a potential multi purpose venue to be located somewhere in the county.

The brainstorming session is scheduled to convene at 8:30 a.m. at the County Administration Building and by invitation.