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Lecture at library Dec. 3 to tackle Israeli issues

Yigal Bronner will present "Behind Walls, the Israeli Barrier Project and its Impact," followed by a discussion, at 2 p.m. Dec. 3 at the Highland Park Public Library.

He is a member of Ta'Ayush, an Israeli-Palestinian partnership. He is a conscientious objector and was sentenced to prison for refusing to serve in the occupied territories. His political commentary has appeared in The Nation magazine and in books such as "The Other Israel: Voices of Refusal and Dissent" and "The Politics of Anti-Semitism."

Our Town Highwood sets holiday party

Our Town Highwood will host its annual holiday party "Mangia, Mangia" at 6 p.m. Dec. 1 at Victoria of Highwood at Green Bay Road and Washington Street. Family style meals are served at 7 p.m.

Tickets are available at \$25 per person directly from Our Town Highwood members or by check to Our Town Highwood, P.O. Box 66, Highwood, Ill., 60040. More information is at mangiamangia1@hotmail.com, password "ourtown" or by voice mail at (847) 433-3330. Ticket sales will be stopped Nov. 28 because last year's event was over-sold.

Proceeds from "Mangia, Mangia" will help Our Town Highwood, especially those directed toward the interests of children.

Students collect slew of cut-out paper dolls

Seventh-grade students at Elm Place School are collecting 400,000 cut-out paper dolls as part of their "Reach for Change" project to help them understand the magnitude of the loss of life in Darfur, Sudan in Africa.

To help reach the goal to create so many paper dolls, customers of Eyeland of St. Johns are being asked to make cut-outs and to display them in the store's windows. The goal is to fill both windows by the end of November.

Students have asked that a penny be attached to each doll.

Students plan to present 400,000 paper dolls to U.S. Senator Barack Obama, D-Ill., actor George Clooney or a representative of either one of them, at the school's June, 2007 eighth-grade graduation ceremonies.

Patterns for the "Reach for Change" doll are available at Eyeland, 1819 St. Johns Avenue, Highland Park. Participants can color, cut out, attach the donation and leave it at Eyeland.

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