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Old home night on WTTW

August 21, 2008

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From 8 to 8:30 tonight on WTTW Channel 11, award-winning vocalist and composer **Ann Hampton Callaway**, who grew up in Winnetka and graduated from New Trier, presents a "Singer's Spotlight" with her friend Tony Award-winning actress **Christine Ebersole**, also a New Trier grad from Winnetka. Taped before a live audience in the WTTW Grainger Studio, the show includes solo performances, duets and reminiscences.

Whirlwind activist: Lake Forest's Youth Choral Theater Artistic Director **Paul Caldwell** is the 2008 recipient of Chorus America's national Michael Korn Founder's Award for Philanthropic Contribution to the Arts because of his ability to blend artistry and entrepreneurial zeal to generate support for Youth Choral Theater, as well as his efforts on behalf of the New Orleans Children's Chorus in the aftermath of Katrina. Congrats Paul!

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Christine Ebersole

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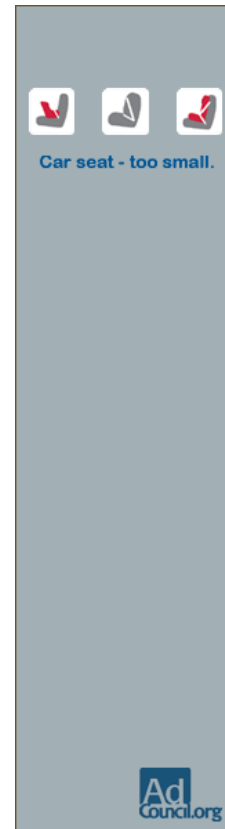
Nancy Gerstein

From Beer to Bear: British-born **Ellis M. Goodman**, now living in Glencoe, has just published an espionage thriller titled *Bear Any Burden* (Morrison Mcnae Publishing). The author and former CEO of a major beverage and alcohol distribution company, whose only previous book is the nonfiction *Corona: The Inside Story of America's #1 Imported Beer*, will sign copies at 7:30 p.m. Sept. 9 at the Glencoe Public Library and 6:30 p.m. Sept. 12 at The Book Stall in Chestnut Court, Winnetka.

Big band, big lesson: Evanston Township High School pianist **Zoe Grosshandler**, trumpet player **Zach Levine** and percussionist **Daniel Rashid**, as well as Glenbrook South grad and trombone player **Brent Fernandez-Morera** all took part in an intensive two-week big band instruction session at Birch Creek Music Performance Center in Door County, Wis. They were among 103 young musicians, ages 12-19, selected from applicants from around the country. Visit www.birchcreek.org.

Yoga lady: Creative Marketing Associates of Highland Park president **Nancy Gerstein** of Morton Grove teaches yoga at the North Suburban YMCA in Northbrook and has written a book called *Guiding Yoga's Light (Human Kinetics)* which contains 74 yoga lesson plans for students of the practice. For more, visit: www.guidingyogaslight.com/index.asp

Sets to celebrate: Scenic designer **Melania Lancy**, who grew up in Lake Bluff and attended Lake Forest High School, is involved with Signal Ensemble Theatre's latest production, "The Birthday Party" by Harold Pinter, running through Aug. 30 at Chicago's Chopin Theatre. See www.signalensemble.com for more.

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Julia Quinn

Budding art historian: Evanston's **Julia Quinn** was a summer intern in the National Gallery of Art's exhibition programs, where she assisted with the production of a documentary on an upcoming show, "Pompeii and the Roman Villa: Art and Culture Around the Bay of Naples," on view Oct. 19 through March 22, 2009 in Washington, D.C. Quinn received a bachelor's degree in classics from the University of Notre Dame and is now working on her master's in art history

at the University of Texas, Austin.

Up-and-coming funnymen: New Trier grad (2007) **Dan Ronan** and New Trier senior **Griff O'Brien**, both members of the Second City Teen Ensemble, write and perform (along with **Ethan Peldo** and **Roxanne West**) in the current production of "Blood Diamonds are Forever" at Donny's Skybox in Chicago. Call (312) 337-3992 for details.

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