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Skokie pilot killed in crash

A pilot killed in the crash of his twin-engine plane this week has been identified as Suhel Raffo Polis, 30, of Skokie. He died Wednesday when he attempted to land in snowy weather at Otsego County Airport in northern Michigan. The plane crashed and exploded west of the town of Gaylord. The Federal Aviation Administration and the National Transportation Safety Board were investigating. Polis was delivering small packages and bundles of checks from Grand Rapids, FAA spokesman Tony Molinaro said. Airport manager Dave Schuster said Polis frequently made deliveries to Gaylord.

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Royko memorabilia on display

Mike Royko memorabilia will be on display at the Newberry Library from Tuesday through Jan. 14. The library says the items saved by the legendary Chicago newspaperman and donated last summer by his widow, Judy, are part of a bigger collection. The exhibit will include an essay Royko wrote when he applied for a job with the City News Bureau in 1959. Also on display will be his Rolodex and the 1972 letter confirming Royko had received that year's Pulitzer Prize for commentary. The Royko donation includes items dated from 1945 to 1997. The material is available for scholarly research at the library, 60 W. Walton.

Daley College prof honored

Daley College math Professor M. Vali Siadat has been named Illinois Professor of the Year by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and the Council for Advancement and Support of Education, according to the City Colleges of Chicago. His work with middle school and high school students inspires their interest in math and science, and he has fostered research internships for Daley students at Argonne National Laboratory, according to the colleges. Siadat was picked from faculty

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