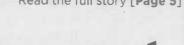


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Students sought to design Niles Plaza art

BY NATALIE HAYES | Contributor

NILES

A new art contest announced earlier this month will give Niles high school students the chance to win \$1.000 and design an outdoor sculpture that will be displayed outside Niles Village Hall.

High school students who reside in the Village are asked to submit a design for a famify-themed sculpture that will highlight Niles' 2010 designation by Bloomberg Businessweek as one of the top most affordable places to raise a family in the U.S. A sculptor will form the winning design into a piece of art that will stand near the new village sign in the administration building's plaza at 1000 Civic Center Dr.

The Niles Plaza Art Committee was created by village trustees this year to oversee the design and construction of the outdoor public artwork. Three committee members chairwoman and Niles Trustee Rosemary Palicki, resident George Alpogianis and Tom Kanelos, chairman of the Niles Building and Zoning Board will select a preliminary winner



The Niles Plaza Art Committee is holding a contest to add public art to the small plaza in front of the Niles Village Hall. | RYAN PAGELOW-Sun-Times Media

before sending the drawing to the Board of Trustees for final approval.

The Niles Plaza Art Committee evolved from the Niles Plaza Sign Committee which was the group in charge of overseeing the design of the new sign last spring.

"The three of us are focused on preserving the legacy of Niles by representing its past and future with the creation of this sculpture," Palicki said.

"We wanted acknowledgement of our Bloomberg award so we came up with this contest to create a lasting piece of art to serve as a reminder."

The piece of art will be positioned adjacent to the fourby-five-foot village of Niles sign that sits in the center island between Village Hall and the Niles Family Fitness

Students have until Jan. 15 to submit their work.

"We don't have anything specific in mind for the design except that it should be family-themed, so we're excited to see what our high school students can come up with," Palicki said. "With Christmas break coming up we're hoping they'll have time to start working on their projects."

The contest is only open to high school students who live in the village of Niles, and all entries should complement

the existing sign, according to contest rules. Designs are accepted via e-mail at plaza@ vniles.com or by mail or handdelivery to the village of Niles Administration Building; Attn.: Niles Plaza Art Committee, 1000 Civic Center Drive, Niles,

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Community says goodbye to 'Mr. Canoe'

BY TRACY GRUEN | Contributor

NILES

It's no wonder people called him "Mr. Canoe."

During his life, Ralph Frese, of Niles, was known for his avid love of Chicago area waterways and his passion for canoeing.

Frese, a fourth-generation blacksmith and owner of Chicagoland Canoe Base on Chicago's Northwest Side, died Dec. 10 after a battle with cancer. He was 86.

With a plethora of accolades during his lifetime, Frese was this vear's recipient of the Niles Chamber of Commerce's Bob Wordel Living Legend Award for his dedication to preserving the rivers and waterways in the Chicagoland area.

The North Branch of

the Chicago River is named The Ralph the tree will be planted somewhere on Frese Canoe Trail in his honor. He was determined to create a natural environment along the North Branch.

Ralph Frese

"He was probably one of the few well-known people that were not involved in the political scene," said John Thill, president of the Friends of the Morton Grove Forest Preserve, who knew Frese for about 20 years. "He was a common man and had a passion for what he believed in."

Thill said that Frese joined the Friends of the Morton Grove Forest Preserve and remained with the organization for 10 years.

"Between his love of the waterways and his environmental advocacy, it was a perfect fit," said Thill.

Frese was also selected to the Riverman's Hall of Fame and the Illinois

Conservation Hall of

Frese's store, Chicagoland Canoe Base. 4019 N. Narragansett Ave. in Chicago, built and rented out canoes. Due to Frese's death, the store has been closed and a liquidation sale is taking place

Thill said that people would call the store from all over the world and Frese would talk to them about canoes and the waterways.

"We're going to have a tree planted in his honor," said Thill, who said

public property in Morton Grove.

Ralph Frese was the husband of Rita and father of Diane (David) Gritton, Chaz (Char) Clary, Valerie (George) Fetcho and the late Scott Wayne Clary and William David Clary. He is also survived by four grandchildren.

A service was held Thursday, Dec. 13 at Simkins Funeral Home in Morton Grove.

Correction

A headline in the Sports section of the Dec. 13 edition misspelled the surname of Notre Dame wrestler Roark Whittington. Pioneer Presseregrets the error.

Boy accused of bringing toy gun to school

BY JENNIFER JOHNSON | jjohnson@pioneerlocal.com

NILES

Parents of children attending Mark Twain Elementary School in Niles were notified this week after a toy gun was found inside a locker belonging to a second-grade student, officials said.

The empty cap gun was. located inside the boy's locker Monday at the school, 9401 Hamlin Ave. The locker was searched after students reported that they believed a student had brought a gun to school.

school, an e-mail to parents stated

The boy's parents were notified, but police were not contacted, Clay said.

"Because of his age we didn't feel that any malice was involved," the superintendent told Pioneer Press. "He didn't point it any anybody or anything. He brought it to show his friend."

Clay stated that if the student had been older. he could have faced possible expulsion from

Candidates line up for 2013 election filing

BY TRACY GRUEN | Contributor

Monday was the first day to file nominating petitions for the April 2013 election and it was a busy one in Niles.

The village received petitions from the New Niles Party 2013, with Andrew Przybylo for mayor and George Alpogianis, Danette Matyas and John Jekot for three. four-year terms as village trustees. The Responsible Leadership for Niles party also filed petitions on the first day, with current Trustee Chris Hanusiak running for mayor and incumbents Louella Preston and Jim Hynes and resident Mary Marusek running for trustee.

On the Niles Park District Board the terms expiring belong to Bill Terpinas,

Dennis O'Donovan and Julie Genualdi, Each filed petitions for re-election

On the Niles Public Library District Board, seats occupied by Dennis O'Donovan and Karen Dimond are up for election. No one filed Monday, said library spokeswoman Sue Wilsey.

In Niles School District 71, the terms of Patrick Byrne, Mary Krueger, Matthew Holbrook and John Zuckerman are up in 2013. Holbrook and new candidate Jill Astbury-Brocar filed petitions Monday.

The current East Maine School District 63 board members with terms up are Jane Woitkiewicz. Walter Gluzkin, Krystal Zec and Sheila Urban, Gluzkin, Zec and Urban filed petitions for re-election and new candidates Zeev Walny and Alexandra

Brook also filed petitions. In Park Ridge-Niles School District 64, incumbent Scott Zimmerman and newcomers Vicki Lee, Terry Cameron and Rick Van Roeyen, all of Park Ridge, filed to run for four open seats.

In Maine Township High School District 207 there are four, fouryear terms and one, two-year term up for election. Filing for both the two-year term and four-year terms were incumbent Eric Leys, recent appointee Carla Owen, and Mary Childers. Filing only for the four-year terms were incumbent Eldon Burk and new candidates Jin Lee, Jeffrey Spero and Sean Story.

The last day to file nominating petitions for the April 2013 election is Dec. 26 at 5 p.m.

Jennifer Johnson contributed to this story



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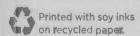
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IN PROFILE

LGH nurse honored for saving driver's life

BY TRACY GRUEN | Contributor

PARK RIDGE

June Urban can be considered a local hero.

The Wheeling resident and emergency room nurse at Advocate Lutheran General Hospital in Park Ridge saved a man by giving him CPR after he had a heart attack while driving his vehicle. She was honored by the village of Wheeling, which is where the incident and her heroic acts took place.

Q: How long have you worked as an ER nurse at **Advocate Lutheran General** Hospital?

A: Nine years. I've been employed at the hospital for over 23 vears. I was an ICU nurse for 11 years and on the floor for

Q: Have you always wanted to be in the medical field?

A: I've wanted to do this for as long as I can remember.

Q: Can you describe the situation where you recently saved a man's life?

A: I dropped the kids off at school and I saw a car that was stalled in the middle of the intersection. He (drove) head-on into a building. I called 911 from my car. Another bystander happened to be there. Both of us did CPR on him. He was not breathing and had no pulse. We found out later he had a .heart attack. He came in the hospital awake and talking.

Q: What were you feeling and thinking when you were saving his life?



Advocate Lutheran General Hospital nurse June Urban was honored by the village of Wheeling for saving the life of heart attack victim Thomas Ziegler, right. | CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

A: I was scared to death. At work you have all the equipment in the world and (here) I had nothing. I was concerned that he wasn't going to live.

Q: How does it feel to be recognized for your heroic actions?

A: I don't do well with being in the spotlight. It's very nerve-wracking for me. I'm very honored that they took the time to honor me. The victim was there and helped present the award. It was quite to me before when a girl had

incredible.

Q: Was it nice to see him there?

A: I don't even know if I can describe that. It was incredible to see the same person standing up and talking.

Q: Have you ever come close to experiencing anything else like this?

A: I can't compare this to anything at work. At work you have a ton of other people and equipment. It has happened

a seizure. All I had to do was turn her. This was the first time I had to do CPR on the field.

Q: What is the most challenging part of your job and what is the most rewarding aspect of your job?

A: The most rewarding part is seeing people do well, get better and go home, and to save them. The most challenging is trying to save them. I work with a great team. Nobody goes down alone, so to speak.

Toys mean happier holiday for hospitalized kids

BY TRACY GRUEN | Contributor

PARK RIDGE

Parents of sick children and the staff at the Advocate Children's Hospital in Park Ridge can't help getting emotional when they see how happy the kids are to open presents that are donated by community members.

The children's hospital, located on the Advocate Lutheran General Hospital campus on Dempster Street, receives an outpouring of generosity during the holiday season.

"The community truly helps us have a holiday for our patients and their families," shared Child Life Specialist Linda Bensing.

This year the Women's Physician Group hosted a toy drive that brought in more than 600 toys for children who are at the hospital during the holidays.

A volunteer recently pulled up with an entire van full of toys that were donations from a party and another volunteer collected more than 4,000 toys from a trade show she ran. She also coordinated donations with Nordstrom in Oak Brook, explained Camille Vicino, a spokeswoman for Lutheran General Hospital.

Parents are given the opportunity to browse through the many items and choose the toy they feel is just perfect for their child.

"It enables a child to leave the hospital with a positive impression," said Bensing. She said the hope of the hospital is to create a happy memory for the kids.

In addition to the children who are hospitalized, toys are also given to children who are treated in the emergency room, ambulatory surgery, radiology and other areas of the hospital during the holiday season, Bensing added.

And if they aren't all distributed in December, the toys are definitely not wasted.

Bensing said that some are used to restock the play areas or are given to children on other holidays or to celebrate the end to a chemotherapy treatment.





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The village of Niles and the Niles Fire Department also celebrated the season of giving during their 9th Annual U.S. Marine Corps Toys for Tots drive and community food drive.

Niles Fire Chief Steve Borkowski, Mayor Robert Callero and other village department heads recently accompanied two U.S. marines and visited the children and distributed tovs at Lutheran General.

"The children were thrilled with the toys that they got," said Bernadette Knapik, assistant to the fire chief.

Knapik said the kids at the hospital were in awe of the fire chief, mayor and the two marines who visited the pediatric intensive care unit and a children's activity room.

"Collections are down from

prior years;" noted Knapik of the Toys for Tots Drive. "It's been the slowest season to date."

Knapik said their assumption is that the economy is playing a role in why toy donations are down this year.

Niles Family Services has also been collecting toys for local families in need of a little help during the holiday season and is also holding a community food drive.

Seth Knobel, family services director, said that the quality of toys they are receiving is higher than in past years. For example, he said they received several PSP video game systems. In addition, a foundation made a large donation and the department is able to give out gift cards to families as well, he said.



Child Life Specialist Kelsey Lepp is among staff members at Advocate Lutheran General Hospital who oversee Christmas toy donations to hospitalized children. | KEVIN TANAKA FOR-Sun-Times Media.





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The following incidents were listed in the reports of the Niles Police Department. Readers are reminded that an arrest does not constitute a finding of guilt. Only a court of law can make that determination.

RETAIL THEFT

Bryan Mangan, 23, of 7042 N. Ozark, Ave., Niles, was charged with retail theft on Dec. 6 on the 5600 block of Touhy Avenue. Mangan allegedly took a bottle of Jack Daniels, concealed it on himself and left the store without paying for the bottle. Police said the man had a prior conviction for retail theft. He had a Dec. 10 court date.

Christopher Uhrik, 19, of 9035 N. Birch, Ave. Morton Grove, was charged with retail theft on Dec. 10 on the 7900 block of Waukegan Avenue. Uhrik allegedly took a speaker system from a store located on the 6100 block of Touhy Avenue where he was a previous employee. The value of the item was \$299. He has a Jan. 16 court date.

DUI

Erica Paredes, 31, of 6255 W. Fullerton Ave., Chicago, was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol on Dec. 9 on the 8500 block of Golf Road. The driver was involved in a private-property motor vehicle crash on the 8500 block of Golf Road, police

said. She has a Jan. 2 court

While a woman was out of her house on the 7000 block of Touhy Avenue between Dec. 10 and Dec. 12 her \$2,000 ring was reportedly taken from the kitchen counter. During the time she was gone, a family member had two friends at her house, police said. The investigation was pending.

A 51-year-old man from Glenview told police his 2005 Hyundai was taken from a parking lot Dec. 10 on the 800 block of Civic Center Drive while the vehicle was running with the keys in the ignition. The victim told police the doors were unlocked.

A 71-year-old man who lives on the 8000 block of Lyons Street in Niles told police someone used his debit cards to withdraw funds from his savings and checking accounts between Dec. 9 and Dec. 11.

Three thefts took place on Dec. 12, police said. A 63-year-old woman from Chicago was shopping at a store on the 8500 block of Golf Road when she was distracted by a man and a woman. She soon realized her wallet was missing from her purse that was in her shopping cart, police said.

A 24-year-old man from-Niles told police that a man in his 20s asked him for change for a \$20 bill at a

store on the 800 block of Civic Center Drive. When the victim was making change the man allegedly stole his cell phone and ran out of the store. The phone has a value of \$300

An employee of a store on the 8200 block of Golf Road took a pair of shoes worth \$117 and ran out of the store without paying for the shoes, according to police.

The owner of a business on the 8200 block of Oakton Street told police that his business was burglarized between Dec. 9 and Dec. 10. Police said an unknown amount of money was taken. The incident is under investigation.

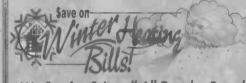


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Niles seeing smaller purse from OTB

BY TRACY GRUEN | Contributor

NILES

It may be due to the economy or the fact that local gambling competition has increased. but revenue the village of Niles has received from Lucky Magee's off-track betting facility has been steadily declining over the last four years.

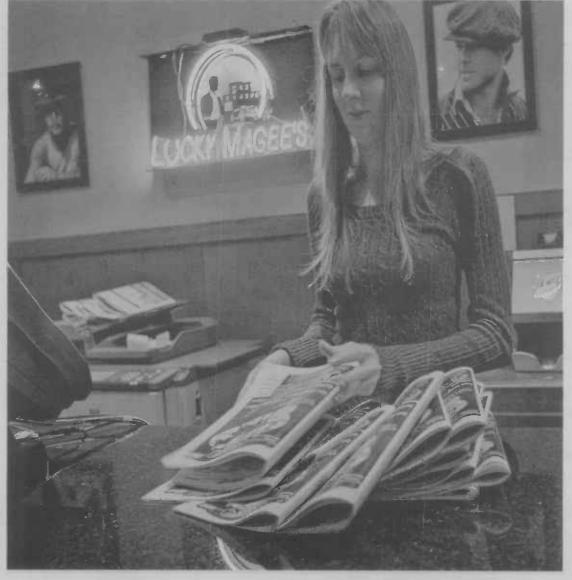
In fiscal year 2007, the Niles OTB site brought in \$475.936 to the village and the amount grew to \$479,981 in 2008. The decline started during fiscal year 2009 when \$378,223 in village revenue was collected, followed by \$327,014 in revenue in 2010, \$278,067 in 2011, and \$260,974 in 2012.

For fiscal year 2013, it is expected that the OTB will generate \$266,723.

"Betting dollars have been—the economy and partly down from when we opened it," acknowledged Randy Olech, chief operating of Illinois OTB.

Lucky Magee's opened in April of 2006 at the former Circuit City site at 9215 N. Greenwood Ave., right next to Golf Mill Shopping

Olech believes the drop in revenue is partly due to



Jackie Settepani gets programs ready for customers at Lucky Magee's off-track betting parlor in Niles on Dec. 10. | CURTIS LEHMKUHL-Sun-Times Media

due to more competition for gaming dollars, like the 2011 opening of Rivers Casino in Des Plaines.

Olech said gambling proceeds are lower in Niles than at some of the other OTB locations.

"We don't have supplemental income from slot machines," he added. "We've been pushing for that."

Despite the decrease in revenue, however, village officials say the OTB is still one of the top generators of revenue for the village.

"The OTB is the only establishment that we collect the gaming tax from," explained Village of Niles Finance Director Scot Neukirch. "But if you were to compare the revenue we receive in gaming tax to what we receive

in sales tax from other businesses, the OTB would be in the top 20 to 25 revenue generators in the village based on our calendar 2011 sales-tax numbers."

The controversial OTB was rejected by neighboring Morton Grove before operators approached Niles.

In the fall of 2005, Rosemary Palicki, now a Niles trustee, and Library Trustee Morgan Dubiel worked on organizing a referendum asking voters if they thought an OTB should be allowed in

"The issue was never about whether or not there should be gambling in Niles," said Palicki. "It was about the fact that this was going to be a significant change in Niles and we felt that residents should have the opportunity to vote on whether or not they wanted that change."

Palicki said that a big obstacle took place when the village refused to bring the pair's petitions to the Clerk of Cook County for placement on the ballot.

"This resulted in our suing the village and winning," said Palicki.

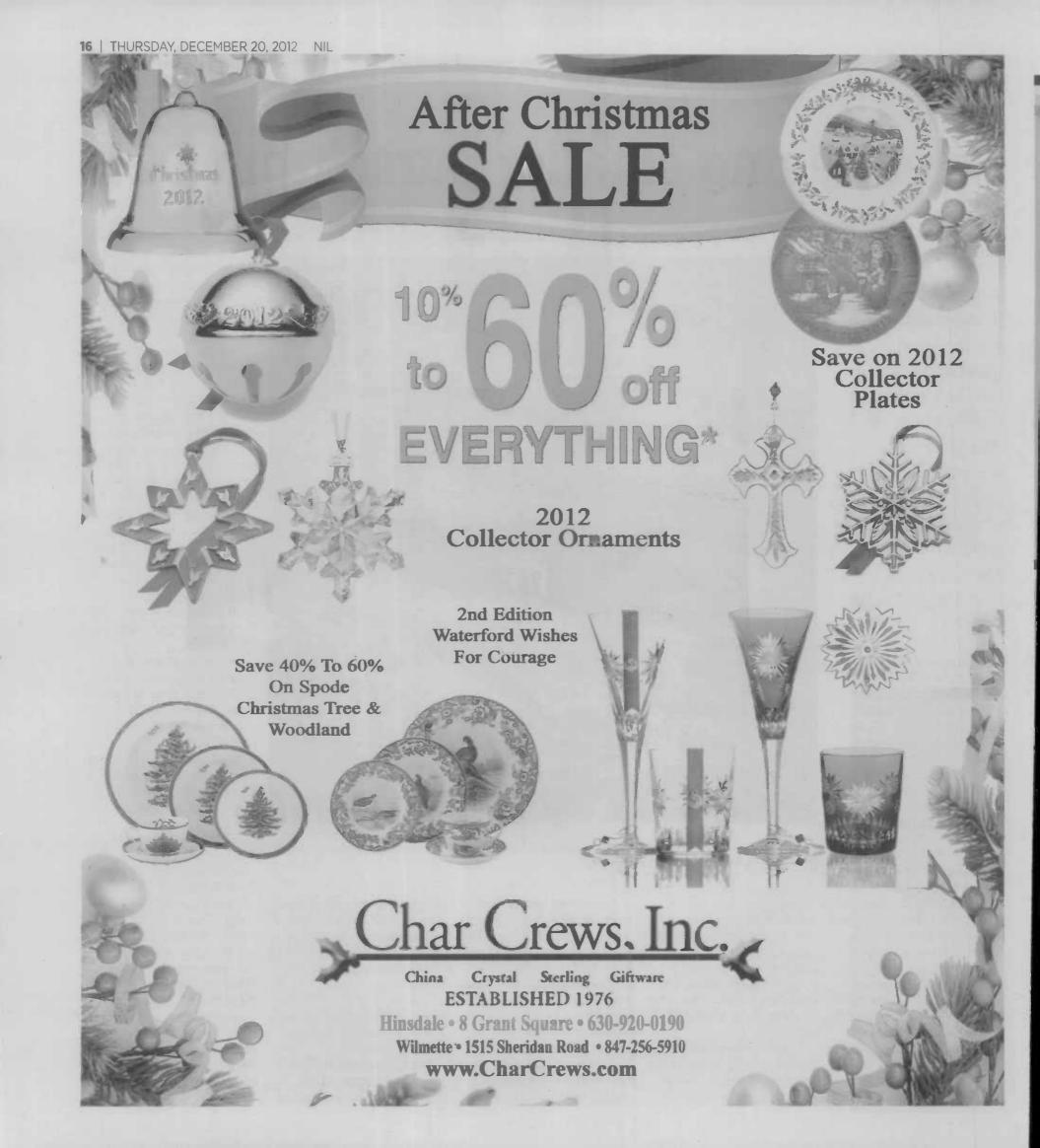
She added that by the time the election was held. the OTB was already a sure thing. The majority of voters supported the OTB at the polls as well.

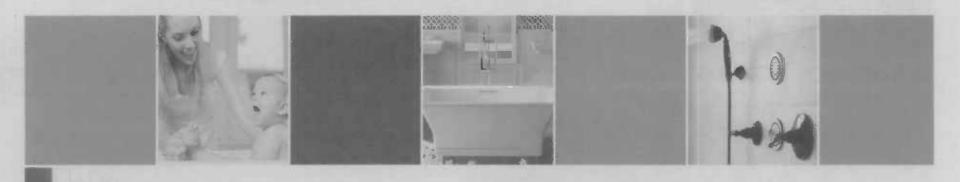
"My objection was 100 percent to the method by which it was brought about," said Dubiel. "It deserved to have a debate."

Crime has not been an issue at Lucky Magee's, according to Niles Police Chief Dean Strzelecki.

"There's very minimal activity there at all," said Strzelecki. "It's also a bar and we don't get any alcoholrelated problems. We go there less than when it was retail there."

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Rothschild, Maria See Maria R. Zarach notice.

Death Notices

Zarach, Marla R.

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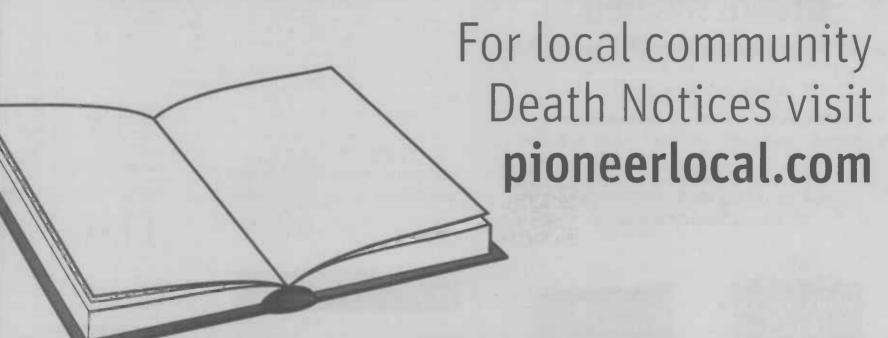
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Keeping Tabs

How Illinois lawmakers voted in Congress for the week ending Dec. 14, 2012

Major roll call votes in the Senate

UNLIMITED DEPOSIT INSURANCE

Senators failed, 50-42, to reach 60 votes needed'to renew the Transaction Account Guarantee Program. Begun during the 2008 financial collapse to boost liquidity, the program provides unlimited deposit insurance to non-interest-bearing accounts held by depositors such as large corporations, small businesses, local governments, non-profits and wealthy individuals in banks and credit unions. A yes vote was

to pass \$ 3637. Tim Johnson, D-S.D., said the program "has a cost-recovery provision that ensures no taxpayer is on the hook for this insurance. Financial institutions pay for the coverage. This is not and never will be a ballout. This is simply additional insurance paid for by the banks to ensure these accounts remain stable." Bob Corker, R-Tenn., said "the overwhelming majority of TAG deposits are actually with the largest banks."

Sen. Richard Durbin: Yes; Sen. Mark Kirk: Did not vote

Major roll call votes in the House

1. OZONE LAYER DEPLETION

Members failed, 229-182, to reach a two-thirds majority needed to allow Primatene Mist inventory to be sold off by August 2013. The Environmental Protection Agency has banned sales of this product and more than a dozen other asthma inhalers because their chlorofluorocarbon emissions damage the ozone layer. This is in violation of a U.S. law that implements the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer. A yes vote was to pass HR 6190.

Michael Burgess, R-Texas, said: "There are currently over one million units of these inhalers sitting in a warehouse in California not helping patients currently suffering from an asthma attack. ... It's unconscionable to allow them to sit and gather dust when they could be used to provide relief to America's asthmatic patients." Calling it "a special deal" for one company, Henry Waxman, D-Calif., said "there is no reason for this bill. This is a drug that is already off the market. There are substitutes that are being developed and there are substitutes that are already on the market."

2. PROTECTION OF AFGHAN WOMEN

Voting **399-4**, members urged the U.S. military to do more to ensure the rights and safety of

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Afghan women and girls during and after the ongoing transition of power to Afghan security forces. A yes vote was to endorse the non-binding language as part of the 2013 military budget (HR 4310), which is in a House-Senate conference committee. The four members voting against the measure to protect Afghan women and girls are Reps. Justin Amash, R-Mich., Walter Jones, R-N.C., Thomas Massie, R-Ky., and Ron Paul, R-Texas.

Key votes ahead

In the week of Dec. 17, both chambers will take up the conference report on the fiscal 2013 defense budget. They also may vote on a "fiscal cliff" bill and aid to victims of Hurricane Sandy.

What it means to you

TAX DOLLARS AT WORK



20-year deal for digital billboards

The landscape around Chicago area expressways will light up with 34 digital billboards - a dozen of them adjacent to the Kennedy — thanks to a 20year deal that could generate \$270 million to offset future tax increases.

on expressways gets city OK

By a 43-6 vote, the Chicago City Council signed off on Mayor Rahm Emanuel's plan to let bus shelter operator J.C. Decaux and its partner, Interstate Outdoor Advertising, put up 100-foot tall digital signs on city property adjacent to the Kennedy, Dan Ryan, Stevenson and Eisenhower Expressways as well as the Chicago Skyway and Illinois Tollway.

In exchange, the companies have guaranteed Chicago taxpayers \$15 million in 2013 and \$154 million over the 20-year life of the contract. The city hopes to generate as much as \$270 million over 20 years through a revenue sharing arrangement that starts with 50 percent of the first \$25 million.

After the vote, Emanuel rose to challenge aldermen who dared to oppose the new revenue stream.

"If you have other ideas where you want to produce the \$15 million from your residents, bring it up. I haven't seen it. If you want to give me ... \$15 million in service cuts. I haven't seen that," the mayor said.

Emanuel noted that Chicago's 1,300 billboards generate just \$1 million in annual revenues.

- Chicago Sun-Times



Illinois lawmakers hope to OK gay marriage in January

Two Illinois lawmakers say they will seek to legalize gay marriage when the General Assembly reconvenes early next year - a push that comes just 18 months after the state started allowing civil unions for same-sex couples.

Rep. Greg Harris and Sen. Heather Steans, both Chicago Democrats, declined to detail the status of roll-call votes in each chamber during a conference call with reporters.

But Harris has previously said he wouldn't bring a bill to the floor without assurances that there are enough votes to pass it.

"We're in striking distance of being able to get it done." Steans said.

Harris and Steans, who played major roles in bringing civil unions for domestic partners to Illinois, said support for gay marriage has been rapidly gaining speed since President Barack Obama spoke in favor of it earlier this year. Voters in four other states either endorsed gay marriage or repudiated bans on it in the November election.

Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel calls it a legislative priority.

However, the Catholic Conference of Illinois opposes the measure and a conservative Christian group's lobbyist says he considers passage now to be a bigger stretch than advocates believe.

- The Associated Press



Senate takes step toward banning stalking software

A loophole that permits software companies to sell cyberstalking apps that operate secretly on cellphones could soon be closed by Congress.

The software is popular among jealous wives or husbands because it can continuously track the whereabouts of a spouse.

The Senate Judiciary Committee approved a bill that makes it a crime for companies to make and intentionally operate a stalking app. The legislation also would curb the appeal for such inexpensive and easy-to-use programs by requiring companies to disclose their existence on a target's phone.

Stalking and wiretapping already are illegal, but there are no provisions in federal law that clearly prohibit businesses from making an app whose primary purpose is to help one person stalk another. The proposal would extend the criminal and civil liabilities for the improper use of the apps to include the software companies that sell them.

The proposal would update laws passed years before wireless technology revolutionized communications.

Telephone companies currently are barred from disclosing to businesses the locations of people who make traditional phone calls. But there's no such prohibition when communicating over the Internet.

- The Associated Press

pinion



VIEWPOINT | Pioneer Press

Madigan should appeal gun ruling

Illinois' status as the only state that does not allow the carrying of concealed loaded guns was threatened last week when a federal appeals court gave the state 180 days to change its law.

But that doesn't mean Illinois should immediately allow anyone who feels like it to start toting a pistol.

Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan should appeal the overbroad ruling by the 7th Circuit Court of Appeals. And if the courts won't extend the deadline while considering the appeal, the Legislature will have to craft a law that meets the court's standards while providing as many protections as possible for citizens who don't carry guns. The Legislature has every reason to limit the danger as much as possible.

1,000 WORDS | Jack Higgins



Searching for true meaning of Christmas

In this information age, there is no reason for anyone to be uninformed.

Misinformed, perhaps, but not uninformed.

Need an answer to a question? Just search the Web.

Had Charlie Brown lived in the Internet age, he would not have agonizingly pleaded, "Isn't there anyone who knows what Christmas is all about?" He would have Googled it. So that's what I did, searching for the "true meaning of Christmas."

My search returned what I would call the usual suspects of holiday answers.

Christmas celebrates God incarnate

coming into the world as Jesus Christ.

Christmas is a time to bring those closest to vou even closer.

Christmas is a time of giving, for it is better to give than to receive.

Even more interesting were the posts trash-

ing Christmas as a Christian holiday. and explaining at great lengths that Christmas is really a pagan holiday ripped off by Christians as a way to control and exploit the masses.

Similar to that point of view, but not nearly as harsh in its analysis, is the idea that the modern return to a pagan holiday of death and rebirth that coincides with the winter solstice is finally at hand in a multicultural



RANDY

As it is with so many topics these days, after surfing the Web, I was back to Square One and back to Charlie Brown's question, "Isn't there anyone who knows what Christmas is all about?"

I've decided it is a sign of maturity to recognize things

for what they are and not for what we wish them to be. So I will give it a try with Christmas.

I will grant there were ancient rituals and celebrations this time of year that marked death and renewal, and, over time, stories and myths were created to express those deeper meanings.

But if that's all Christmas is, I doubt very much we would still be doing them. I doubt that so much art and music would have been created

to mark the coming of Odin and Saturnalia.

Of course, we've created modern myths and stories, too, all centered on our modern idolatry of money. How else to explain Santa Claus sliding down a chimney with a sack of gifts?

So if you reject false gods, are revolted by rampant commercialism, and if a group hug just isn't enough, what remains?

The only advice for us mere mortals about this day were these, supposedly spoken to the shepherds: Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to men of goodwill.

Forget the myths, the stories and the symbols, and focus on that message. Put your life in the proper order – give glory to God in heaven and peace to your fellow man right here, right now.



Pension fix should start with legislators

It's like giving matches to a pyromaniac.

Expecting the Illinois General Assembly to solve the public pension crisis, that is.

The Illinois General Assembly has created the public pension crisis. For years and years and years, Illinois legislators have not provided their share of money to fund the pensions for state employees. Public employees were doing their bit, paying their share of pension costs. But not the state. It used money that should have gone to the pension fund for other state expenses.

The result? A pension deficit of \$95 billion

And now Illinois legislators are having a problem solving the pension deficit crisis.

Well, duh!

But perhaps there is hope. Our legislators are very good at some aspects of pensions.

Their own.

By law — law they created — Illinois legislators are eligible for a pension after serving only four years. After 20 years, they can receive a pension of up to 85 percent of their final salary. And as a cherry on top of this pension cake, Illinois legislators receive 3 percent of their initial salary for every additional year they are in office.

Oh, yes, their pensions are immune from state income tax. That's



PAUL SASSONE

just for you and me.

And how much is that salary they get 85 percent of?

Members of the General Assembly receive a salary of \$67,836 a year, plus — and there always is a plus — \$132 a day for, oh, I don't know — for stuff.

But that's just for legislators.

The pension solutions lawmakers impose on other state employees are always quite different from the solutions they provide for themselves.

The latest proposal I've heard to solve the problem includes these major provisions: cutting annual cost of living increases for pensioners, making state workers pay more toward their retirement and raising the age at which state employees can receive retirement benefits.

No doubt when a pension crisis deal is struck it will include these and/ or other sacrifices state workers will be expected to absorb.

Our General Assembly members are quite adept at legislating sacrifices for others — that, and getting indicted.

Though my feeling is that what should be done first is eliminate the pensions of all persons who have served in the Illinois Legislature for the last 40 years or so.

Just as in the criminal justice system, blame and punishment ought to go to the perps.

That might not wipe out the \$95 billion deficit.

But it's a start.

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Question of the Week

"Was 2012 a good year for you?"





"Yes, it was a great year. I was able to stay home with my 3 small children."



Laurie Strzelecki Niles

"It was a great year and I got my second grand baby."



Jessica Igartua River Grove

"Yes 2012 was a great year. I welcomed in my 3rd nephew and started a new job."



Gaston Stanley Niles

"Yes, 2012 was a good year for me because I got to spend most of my time on a golf course."

"Will the Bears make the NFL playoffs?"

RESPONSES

1) Yes: 49%

2) No: 48%

3) Undecided: 3%

resolution?"

"What is your new year

1) Eat healthier.

2) Exercise more. 3) Quit smoking.

4) Other.

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Education in Focus

Work program gives District 207 students a 'JumpStart'

BY TRACY GRUEN | Contributor

PARK RIDGE

Brittany Laskowski has already graduated from Maine South High School, but she still visits her former school district a couple times a week - for assistance with college homework.

She is able to do so through the JumpStart Youth Employment Program offered at Maine East High School in Park Ridge. Funded by the Workforce Investment Act grant, the program provides academic and employment services to students who are economically challenged or face some type of barrier in their lives.

The services are provided to students attending all three Maine Township District 207 high schools as well as other teens in Maine Township and Cook County.

Laura Cook, director of the program at Maine East, said that some students struggle with basic math or reading, have a documented disability or have other personal challenges, such as legal problems or a child of their own. If a student has their own child, JumpStart helps them find resources to look for quality daycare.

"JumpStart has definitely gotten me on my feet," said Laskowski, of Park Ridge. "They are such amazing people; they have helped me every step of the way."

Laskowski said the program helped her with school and real-life job opportunities. She was given the chance



Brittany Laskowski of Park Ridge receives help locating a college course from Patricia Kamienski, assistant director of Maine East High School's JumpStart program. | MICHELLE LAVIGNE-Sun-Times Media

to work with senior citizens in the community through a center associated with Advocate Lutheran General Hospital in Park Ridge.

"It was great over there," Laskowski said

Laskowski visits Maine East to get assistance with the homework she gets from her classes at Oakton Community College.

Like many other students, Laskowski was referred to the program by one of her teachers.

The JumpStart Program can help about 100 students every year. The Maine East High School program started in 1998.

"It's just grown every year," said

Cook explained that the program teaches the students strategies to become more organized, how to interact with teachers in order to prepare them for interacting with their future bosses, provides academic scholarships to colleges or training sites, holds work readiness workshops, helps them apply for permanent job positions and more.

The program also has community members help out and conduct mock interviews to help prepare the students for real-life job interviews. They also help teach students skills like operating a cash register and filing papers prior to them getting to a work site.

"I love the program," said Dan Pitu

of Niles, a senior at Maine East High School who joined the program his ju-

Pitu works at Advocate Lütheran General Hospital, transporting trays to the employees who deliver them to patients. He said he would have never gotten this job if it wasn't for

Pitu added that through JumpStart he has also been able to receive assistance with his science homework.

Students in Maine Township are from a variety of diverse cultural and economic backgrounds. According to the 2011 Maine East Report Card, 45 percent of families fall into the lowincome range.



Bransen - Recsetar Wedding



Walter & Judith Bransen of Park Ridge, IL are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter, Lindsay Kay Bransen, to Brian Christopher Recsetar, son of Steve & Susan Recsetar, also of Park Ridge.

Lindsay is a 2003 graduate of Maine South High School and a 2007 Hope College graduate. She earned a BA in Social Work from the University of Illinois at Chicago, graduating in 2008, and received her Masters in School Social Work from the Jane Adams School of Social Work. She is currently a Social Worker at Libertyville High School.

Brian is a 2003 graduate of Maine South High School also, and he received a BA in Finance from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. He currently works in commercial real estate consulting at Jones Lang LaSalle.

The ceremony was at the Park Ridge Presbyterian Church and the reception followed at Germania Place in Chicago, Best Man was Matt Recsetar, and Matrons of Honor were Elizabeth Eberline and Lauren Grady. The couple honeymooned in the Greek Isles, visiting Crete and Santorini. Lindsay and Brian currently reside in Chicago, IL.

Colleen McCann & Mike DeGeorge Engagement



Colleen McCann and Mike DeGeorge received their business degrees from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Colleen was a James Scholar in college and is now a Senior Account Executive & President's Club winner for Canon Business Solutions, a division of Canon, Inc., a Global 100 company. Colleen is the daughter of John and Janeen McCann, as well as sister to groomsman, Christopher, and Maid of Honor, Mary, a 2013 graduate of Maine South High School.

Mike was a goaltender for the college hockey team that won a national championship in 2005 and he was named to the All-American team all four years. He then represented the USA National Collegiate Olympic Hockey team at the World University Games in Austria. He is a Property and Casualty Insurance Specialist for Rosenthal Bros., Inc. Mike is the son of Ron and Tina DeGeorge, and brother to Best Men, Anthony and

The wedding will be held in the summer of 2013. They will honeymoon on the Amalfi Coast, and in Rome and



District 63 tax hike to help fund Gemini roof

BY NATASHA WASINSKI | Contributor

MAINE TOWNSHIP

A portion of the property taxes paid to East Maine School District 63 this year is expected to support the replacement of Gemini Junior High School's aging roof next summer. District 63 is allocating an additional \$1 million from its 2012 tax levy for operations and maintenance work in order to fund needed capital projects and better support the regular upkeep of its facilities.

Administrators had anticipated building a new roof at Gemini in 2014. Yet a report last month found construction needed to happen sooner. rather than later, according to Director of Operations Dan Barrie.

"It's not a matter of if, but a matter of when," he said. "The roof is basically five years beyond its expected

He added: "There's no leaking or anything like that, but we want to replace it before we get to that point."

The current spray foam roof will be replaced with more sustainable asphalt and stone paving that typically lasts 20 to 30 years.

The last roof replacement at the six-decades-old school in Niles took place about 15 years ago, Barrie said. He said the district would likely begin seeking bids on the roof project, estimated to cost \$1.86 million, in the

The school district's \$32.59 million tax levy, approved by the Board of Education on Dec. 5, reflects a 4.7-percent increase over last year. Debt service brings the total amount levied to approximately \$36.27 million.

A majority of levied funds -\$25.25 million — would be used for educational purposes. The district also set aside \$4.5 million for operations, building and maintenance: \$1.7 million for transportation; \$650,000 for tort immunity; \$340,000 for special education; \$100,000 for social security; and \$50,000 for working cash.

Tax cap laws, however, limit this year's levy increase to the Consumer Price Index of 3 percent plus new taxes associated with new construction. The actual amounts that District 63 projects to collect are \$32.19 million plus an additional \$3.68 million for debt service, reported David Bein, executive director of business

Schools provide soundtrack to the holidays

PARK RIDGE

Schools in Park Ridge-Niles District 64 will again make music for the holidays during annual Holiday Sings

The following performances are scheduled:

- · Carpenter School, 300 N. Hamlin, on Thursday, Dec. 20 at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. in the north gym.
- · Field School, 707 N. Wisner Ave., on Thursday, Dec. 20 and Friday, Dec. 21 in the north gym.
- Franklin School, 2401 Manor Ln., on Wednesday, Dec. 19 and Thursday, Dec. 20 in the
- · Roosevelt School, 1001 S. Fairview Ave., Thursday, Dec. 20 in the south avm.
- Washington School, 1500 Stewart Ave., on Friday, Dec. 21 in the gym.

For additional information about when specific classes and students are performing, contact the schools.

Schools always on alert for safety concerns

BY JENNIFER JOHNSON | jjohnson@pioneerlocal.com

North suburban schools reacted with shock and concern last week to the school shootings in Newtown, Conn. at the Sandy Hook Elementary

Several schools requested stepped-up police presence in their vicinity, worried that copycats may emerge. Skokie in particular increased patrols at all its schools, reacting to requests from various schools there.

"Even though it hasn't happened here, it certainly has created shock among the teachers and parents for the loss of life, especially at this time of year," said Philip

Bender, superintendent of Park Ridge-Niles School District 64

In a letter prepared for parents in response to the school shooting, Bender indicated that District 64, as well as schools across the country, "will integrate lessons learned into ongoing school safety procedures."

Bender said the district stays on top of its safety protocol and just over one year ago formed a "crisis committee" with Maine Township High School District 207 and local police and fire departments.

"With that group we are

constantly reviewing safety measures and anything we can tighten up or do better in order the facilitate the safety of our kids," Bender said.

Exterior doors at each school in the district are kept locked and visitors are buzzed in by the school office. When doors are open, for recess or deliveries, a member of the school staff is assigned to monitor the entrance. Bender said. Principals and school staff are also reminded to keep an eye out for, and report, anyone who does not belong on the school grounds.

"Especially when staff members are on the playground

during playground time they're always on the lookout" for any individuals who are not familiar to them. Bender said.

Each school conducts lockdown drills with assistance from the local police departments so students and staff know the procedure if violence were to occur in the

In an e-mail to parents that was sent out Friday afternoon, East Maine School District 63 Superintendent Scott Clay also assured parents of safety measures put in place at the district's schools. All exterior doors of the school

buildings are locked, all visitors must enter through the school office after being buzzed in, students and staff are reminded to never open a door for anyone, and lockdown drills are practiced, the e-mail stated.

"We continuously revisit our safety measures so we can be confident that we are doing all we can do to ensure the safety of everyone who is in our care," Clay said.

District 63 social workers also met to develop a procedure for addressing any concerns students and staff had following the Connecticut tragedy.



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BY LINDA THISTLE

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: **

(*: Moderate; **: Challenging; ***: HOO BOY!)

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HOPOSCOPES

For the week of Dec. 26 to Jan. 1

ARIES (March 21 to April 19)

It's a good time for reunions with those very special people from your past. You could be pleasantly surprised by what comes to light during one of these get-togethers.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)

The new year gets off to an encouraging start for the Bold Bovine who takes that demanding workplace challenge by the horns and steers it in the right direction.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)

The clever Gemini will be quick to spot the telltale signs of workplace changes that could open up new opportunities for the right person. (And 'that's you, isn't it?)

CANCER (June 21 to July 22)

The Moon Child's post-holiday letdown soon lifts as you begin to get back into your comfortable routine. Someone from your past extends a surprise bid to reconnect.

LEO (July 23 to August 22)

You've been the ultimate social Lion over the holidays. Now it's time to relax and recharge your energy so you can be at your best when you pounce on that new project.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)

A relationship could be moving in a direction you might not want to follow. Step back for a better overview of the situation. You might be surprised at what you see.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)

Emotions rule at the start of the week, affecting your perception about a decision. Best advice: Avoid commitments until that good Libran sense kicks back in.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)

A longtime friendship could take a romantic turn early in the new year. While this pleases your passionate side, your logical self might want to go slow.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)

Someone might make a surprising disclosure about a trusted friend or workplace

colleague. Stay cool and reserve judgment until you get more facts.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) You might think you've found what you've been looking for. But appearances can be deceiving. Don't act on your discovery until

AGUARIUS (January 20 to February 18;

You're no doubt anxious for that confusing situation to be cleared up. But don't press for a quick resolution or you might overlook some vital facts.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20)

you know more about it.

Now that your holiday distractions are easing, you need to apply yourself to getting those unfinished tasks done so you can begin a new project with a clean slate.

BORN THIS WEEK: People respect both your wisdom and your deep sense of loyalty and compassion.

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Calendar



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residents. All holiday

Submissions for Community Calendar are required 14 days preceding the date of publication. Send to: Niles Managing Editor, Pioneer Press, 3701 W. Lake Ave., Glenview IL 60026. Information may be faxed to (847) 486-7495 or emailed to mbottari@pioneerlocal.com.

CENTER OF CONCERN

Schedule



The Center of Concern: 1580 N. Northwest Highway, Suite 310, Park Ridge, (847) 823-0453, calendar of events includes:

Note: The Center of Concern is closed Dec. 24, 25 and Jan. 1; it will be open from 9 a.m.noon Dec. 31.

Park District Board



The filing period for candidates seeking election for the April 9, 2013 consolidated election of the Niles Park District Board continues from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Dec. 20 and 21; and 8:30 a.m.-noon Dec. 24 and 26. Contact Jo Ann Raschillo at (847) 583-2712.

Niles Township Clerk



Niles Township Clerk's Office is open 9 a.m.-5 p.m. weekdays and evenings by appointment

on the second and fourth Mondays of each month to accommodate residents with passport applications, voter registrations and temporary handicapped parking placards. To schedule an appointment at Niles Township in Skokie, call (847) 673-9300.

CLASSES

Animal assisted therapy



ed Therapy Inc. offers "Introduction to Animal Assisted Therapy" dog training classes at various locations, including 6042 W. Oakton St., in Morton Grove. The fee is \$60. Contact Dorida King at dhking4@yahoo.com or call (773) 736-9021, for schedules and locations.

Rainbow Animal Assist-

Knights of Columbus



North American Martyrs Council Chapter, Niles, provides ways for members to help others in the community while trying to improve their family and spiritual lives. Call Bob Galassi, (847)

965-0920.

MOMS Club



Northern Chicagoland group holds weekly activities (such as play groups, outings, museums, park dates) and monthly member meetings and Moms Night Out. Call (773) 853-2834 or visit http://sites. google.com/site/momsclubofnorthernchicago or email chicagomomsclub@gmail.com.

Niles Chapter Toastmasters



Meets 7:15 p.m. the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month at the Morton Grove Public days through Fridays, Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave. Members learn how ancc.org. to feel comfortable and have self-confidence talking to an audience. Call (847) 583-9328.

Lights recycling



The Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County and its member communities are offering a holiday light recycling program at no cost to

string lighting and extension cords can be dropped off at the various locations. Garland. live greens, wreaths or other non-recyclables are not accepted in this program. Local drop-off sites are: Niles Public Services Department, 6849 Touhy Ave., (847) 588-7900, 7 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Mondays through Fridays up to Feb. 28; Niles Family Fitness Center, 987 Civic Center Drive, (847) 588-7900, 5:30 a.m.-10 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays, 5:30-9 p.m. Fridays, 7 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays, through Feb. 28; Park Ridge Public Works Service Center, 400 Busse Highway, (847) 318-5240, 7 a.m.-4 p.m. Monthrough Jan. 31. See sw-

Exercise/Nutrition for Cancer Patients



A variety of exercise and well-being classes for cancer patients is offered at Lutheran General Hospital, 1775 W. Dempster St., Park Ridge. Call (800) 323-8622 to register -Gentle and Restorative

Yoga: 6-7 p.m. Mondays, can be done in a chair if needed. Class Code 8C49. Exercise for Cancer: 9:30-10:30 a.m. Tuesdays, improve strength, stamina and flexibility, Class Code 8C47. Gentle Yoga: 9:30-10:30 a.m. Wednesdays, Class Code 8C46. Stress Reduction: 10:30-11:30 a.m. Thursdays, Offers stress reduction techniques, Class Code 8C48. Nutrition for Optimal Cancer Wellness: 9:30-10:30 a.m. Fridays, Discusses foods and nutrients to help cancer patients and survivors eat healthy. Class Code 8C45.

Whooping Cough Vaccine





Whooping Cough Vaccine: All three of the Jewel-Osco Pharmacies in Niles are offering the whooping cough vaccine booster in response to recent whooping cough outbreaks across the state. It is recommended that all individuals ages 11 and older receive the vaccination, called Tdap. which specially-trained and certified pharmacists are available to administer. Consumers can obtain the vaccination at Jewel-Osco Pharmacies seven days a week and no appointment is necessary.

SOCIETY

Hours for the public

Niles Historical Museum: 8970 N. Milwaukee Ave.. is open to the public 10:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Drop in, make arrangements for a tour, drop off artifacts and collections, or just come to visit. The new magnetic elevator makes the auditorium easily accessible, Call (847) 390-0160.

LIBRARY

Niles Public Library: 6960 W. Oakton St., (847) 663-1234 or online at www.nileslibrary. org. Registration is required for most programs unless indicated otherwise.

Gingerbread House Decorating



Through Jan. 6, come to the Niles Public Library Youth Services Department and make a decoration for the giant gingerbread house.

Niles Park District, 6676 W. Howard St., (847) 967-6633.

Maine-Niles Special Rec





Maine-Niles Association of Special Recreation:

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Offers people with physical and mental challenges, behavior and learning disorders, hearing and visual impairments and emotional disabilities an opportunity to enjoy a variety of recreation activities. MNASR serves Des Plaines, Golf-Maine, Lincolnwood, Morton Grove, Niles, Park Ridge and Skokie. To receive a seasonal brochure, or to offer support for people with special needs by volunteering, call (847) 966-5522.

Golf Maine Parks offices are located at Feldman Recreation Center, 8800 Kathy Lane (one block south of Golf Road on Western Avenue), in Niles or at Dee Park, at the corner

of Dee and Emerson roads, Des Plaines. Call (847) 297-3000.

Preschool



A positive learning environment to prepare children for kindergarten: 9-11:30 a.m. Mondays through Fridays; 12:30-3 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays. Must turn 4 by Sept. 1,

2012. At Dee Park

Kampus Kids/Child Care



Before and after school available for children in grades K-6 at Stevenson, Apollo and Mark Twain schools.

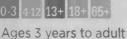
Zumba



Fun and easy Latin inspired workout. Ongoing classes 7:15 p.m. Mondays or Tuesdays at Feldman.

Ballet & Tap





ongoing classes year round. Dee and Feldman Parks.



classes for children (ages 7-15) and adults offered on Mondays. Wednesdays and Saturdays all year round.

St. Luke's **Community Church**



children of all ages from

10:15-11 a.m. Following the service St. Luke's hosts a coffee hour. dedicated to fellowship. The Rev. Isabel Hughes, pastor of St. Luke's, also conducts a Bible Study on Wednesday mornings from 11 a.m.-noon, followed by a luncheon on the first Wednesday of the month. This church community is diverse, open and welcoming to all, accepting and affirm-

ing. The building is completely handicapped ac-

cessible. Contact Pastor

Hughes (847) 691-0236.

Holds Adult Christian

Education classes fol-

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Classes held on a vari-

ety of topics. A Fellowship Hour follows the 10

a.m. service each week

with "Bring a Friend to

the first Sunday of each

month. Call the church

Messiah Lutheran

Messiah Lutheran

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Church, 1605 Vernon

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Sunday, with worship

During the hour, Sunday

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823-6984.

service at 10:15 a.m.

Ave., Park Ridge, holds

Church and Brunch"

(847) 673-1434.

services at 8201 N.

Karlov Ave., Skokie,

Holy Trinity

Episcopal

St. John Brebeuf



Adoration Chapel in the Parish Ministry Center, 8307 N. Harlem Ave., is open 24 hours a day: seven days a week, for spiritual devotion, prayers and meditation. Call (847) 966-8145.

Ezra-Habonim



Ezra-Habonim Niles Township Jewish Congregation, 4500 Dempster St., Skokie, offers Introduction to Judaism and beginning adult Hebrew classes on Sundays and monthly Yiddish. Members and nonmembers welcome. Call (847) 675-4141, or visit www.ehnt.org.

NILES SENIOR CENTER

The center offers membership to Niles residents age 55 and older and their spouses. Drop by the Niles Senior Center, 999 Civic Center Drive, Niles, or call (847) 588-8420 for an application. Visit www.vniles.com, click on Departments and then Senior. Registration required for most programs.

Holiday Parties



Celebrate the new year from noon-2:30 p.m. Jan. 3. Lunch will include salad, chicken parmesan, potatoes, vegetables and dessert. Peter Oprisko and his

HOCUS FOCUS

Find at least six differences in details between panels

Differences: 1. Pail is smaller. 2. T-shirt is missing. 3. Hat is different. 4. Button strip is missing. 5. Tag





is missing. 6. Less snow on car.

PUZZLE ANSWERS

See page 28 for this week's Super Crossword and Sudoku puzzles

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Tae Kwon Do

Popular martial arts

RELIGION

St. Luke's Christian Community Church, 9233 Shermer Road, Morton Grove, offers worship services on Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. and Sunday School for

four-piece band will entertain and the afternoon will conclude with a champagne toast. Cost is \$15, members; \$20, nonmembers.

Issues in the News



Thursdays, 9:30-11:30 a.m. - This dynamic class is led by Arlene Golub and is filled with seniors from all walks of life, retired or not, who want to keep abreast of a broad spectrum of what is occurring locally and worldwide. Issues for discussion are brought up by class participants, and everyone's opinion is valued.

SENIORS

Walking program



Golf Mill Shopping Center: Hosting "Feats of Fitness," a mall-walking program Mondays through Saturdays, to enable seniors to walk within an enclosed environment. Health seminars and blood pressure screenings offered throughout the vear every month from 9-10 a.m. on the second Wednesday. Call Golf Mill management office at (847) 699-1070.

Mather's



Mather's, More Than a Cafe, 7134 W. Higgins Ave., Chicago, (773) 774-

4804 - Mather's invites adults 55 and older to experience professionally taught, freeto-moderate-priced programs such as lifelong learning programs, fitness classes, free blood-pressure checks and health screenings, free consumer seminars, special-interest workshops, special events and day trips.

Chess Club for checkmate champs and new people who want to learn the rules and basic strategies sessions are Wednesdays at 1 p.m.

Exercise classes -Jazzercise combines aerobic exercises with elements of jazz dance. A series of dance routines is set to popular music while incorporating yoga, Pilates, cardiokickboxing, and other fitness styles. Classes move incrementally through different intensity levels, so anyone is welcome to join. Classes are held at 11 a.m. Wednesdays. Try the gentlemoderate exercise class, 11:15 a.m. Mondays and 10 a.m. Tuesdays that features a combination of seated and standing exercises for a complete cardiovascular workout. The moderate-high energy class is at 11 a.m. on Thursdays and Fridays, giving more of a challenge with cardio, strengthening, stretching and toning routines.

Computer Classes - All classes are four weeks and meet once a week for two hours. Begin with level one and advance through to level four. Classes are regularly forming and are offered every month.

Learn how to create a holiday centerpiece with Robert Neri of Robert's Floral Design Studio at 2 p.m. Dec. 21. Donation of \$15 required in advance.

SUPPORT

Weight Loss groups

Weight No More - Friendly weight loss support group welcomes new members. Discussions include weight loss tips, recipes, and helpful ideas to help participants reach their goals. Fees are \$5 monthly to defray the room rental costs and small fines for weight gain. Meetings take place from 9:15-10:15 a.m. Fridays at the Howard Leisure Center. 6676 Howard St., Niles (elevator accessible). Call (847) 679-4229.

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Spotlight

Wine of scrimmage: Ditka touches down in Niles for promo

BY TRACY GRUEN | Contributor

NILES

Carrying footballs, photographs, Chicago Bears memorabilia and bottles of his new wine, fans of Mike Ditka anxiously stood in line for several hours to get an autograph from the former Bears coach at Binny's Beverage Depot in Niles.

Ditka was at the store Dec. 12 promoting his new line of wines with names like "The Player" and "The Hall

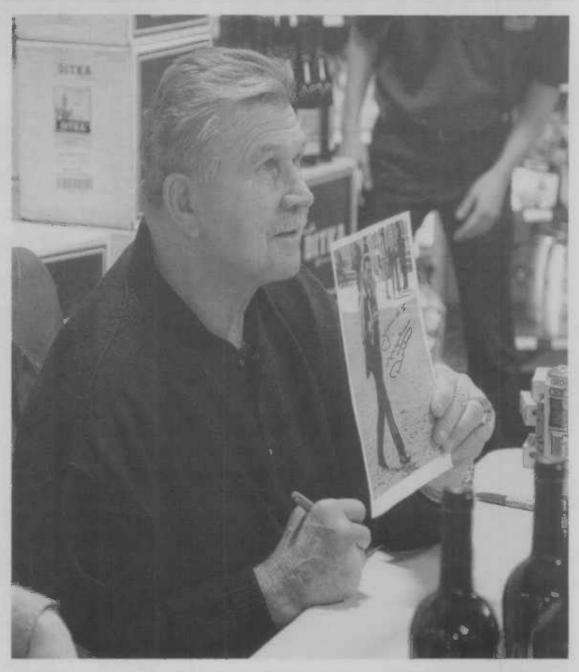
of Famer." His line includes Pinot Grigio, Sauvignon Blanc, Chardonnay, Merlot, Pinot Noir and others.

"The day has been terrific," said Steve Mandell, Ditka's business manager.

Chuck Campagna, general manager of the Binny's Beverage Depot Niles location at 8935 N. Milwaukee Ave., said fans started to get in line at 1 p.m. for the signing that took place from 6 to 8 p.m. Hundreds of other fans had to be turned down due to the big turnout.

"It shows how popular he is and what an impact he has made on the Chicago community," said Brad Hokin, a fan and friend of Mandell's. "He really takes the time for every single person."

Campagna said that the liquor store chain has had celebrity signings at some



Mike Ditka poses for photograph during a Dec. 12 appearance at Binny's Beverage Depot in Niles to promote his new line of wines. | JOEL LERNER-Sun-Times Media

of the Chicago locations, but it is a rare occasion for the Niles store.

Mandell said that Ditka, a Hall of Famer and Chicago sports legend, has always loved wine and his wine is sold at his iconic steak houses.

"People are buying four to and he felt it was great five cases at a time," noted Mandell, who said that the wines are perfect for holiday gifts. Ditka was also promoting his line of cigars at the event.

Hokin said that Ditka truly represents Chicago sports

for the Niles community to have him promoting his wines in town.

Holding signed Chicago Bears memorabilia, Fred Rodriguez drove all the way from Indiana to see Ditka.

"We've met him three or

Trustees postpone vote on tax incentive request

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NILES

Niles Mayor Robert Callero expressed disappointment in village trustees who voted Dec. 11 to table a resolution in support of granting a commercial printing business a Cook County Class 6B incentive to reduce the company's property-tax bill.

Gustafson Group, LLC opened a business in Niles 25 years ago at 7350 Croname Rd., two doors down from the vacant building they want to purchase and renovate.

The 6B program is used as an incentive to occupy vacant property by offering a tax break to the business interested in purchasing the property.

John Gustafson, one of the brothers who own the company, told trustees that he wants to purchase the property at 7430 N. Croname Rd. by the end of the

month for tax reasons and said he and his brother really need the 6B status.

The property at 7430 N. Croname has been vacant since January 2008. The growing Gustafson Group has consolidated a lot of their operations into a 160,000 square-foot building at 6701 W. Oakton St. The company owns three buildings in Niles that do not currently have a 6B status,

Gustafson Group has grown to 131 employees and the proposal is for the new building to add 10 fulltime positions and 35 part-time

Niles Trustee Chris Hanusiak said that the village needs to put some kind of parameters in place before granting businesses a 6B incentive.

Trustee Andrew Przybylo felt strongly that the board should grant the tax break to Gustafson, saying this is a family business that has been in Niles for many

Hanusiak questioned whether being a long-standing family business in town should be a "parameter."

"This is a question of loyalty to someone who's supported this village for all of these years," responded Przybylo, stating that tabling the issue was

"anti-business."

The board voted 4-1 to table the issue until the January board meeting. Trustee Joseph LoVerde was absent.

"I'm ashamed of this board," said Callero. He stated that he supports looking at future parameters for granting 6B incentives, but did not feel that Gustafson Group should be penalized just because none are currently in place.

Local business owner Henry Achino was upset about the board not granting the tax incentive on Dec. 11 and said he apologized to representatives of the Gustafson company as they were leaving the meeting.

"I'm ashamed to be part of this community," Achino said.

Hanusiak stated that as a result of a 6B incentive other businesses in town will have to pay more in taxes over the 12-year period, stating it may cause other businesses to want to leave town

But Finance Director Scot Neukirch said this is not the case when going from a vacant property to a 6B status. He said it is estimated the village would bring in \$22,000 if the property remained vacant and about \$33,000 if the building was occupied with a 6B status.

four times before," Rodriguez

Daniel and Graham Cohen, high school students who live in Northbrook, purchased photographs of Ditka online so that he could sign them during his Binny's appearance.

"I've never met him before," said Daniel Cohen. "I think it's really cool that he's doing this. I'm a big Bears fan."

The brothers were in line since 4:30 p.m. and finally got their turn to meet Ditka a few hours later, just like many of

the other enthusiastic fans.

According to a handout given at the event, Ditka teamed up with Bill Terlato, of Terlato Wines, who shares his passion for sports, food, wine-and a good cigar, to create a high quality line of wines.







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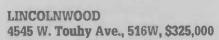
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Smart games for the holidays

MOMMY ON A SHOESTRING

Make 2013 the year of having fun with these additions to your family game night

One of the best ways to get kids (and adults) involved in games is to engage their imagination. Magic Feather (www.wiggitybang.com) and Telestrations (www.telestrations.com) are two games that do just that. Magic Feather bills itself as a "nutty rumpus of a game," which is code for "it's silly, imaginative and fun." Players choose a story card, which will guide them through a magical neighborhood where they'll answer questions, engage in dramatic play and try their hand at problem solving. The game is geared towards kids 7 and older, though I imagine younger siblings might enjoy playing along with an older brother or sister. Telestrations is designed for slightly older kids (12 and up) and is part Pictionary, part Telephone. Players learn to communicate without words by drawing words and phrases in a sketchbook, which is then passed around in much the same way you would pass around a secret in a game of Telephone. It's a great game to play with a large group of kids as it emphasizes having fun and working together.

No need to wear your ugly Christmas sweater because Awkward Family Photos (www.awkward familyphotos.com) has more than enough to go around. The board game, based on the hit website and bestselling book is oddly engaging and yes, even a little awkward. Players take turns responding to open-ended questions that relate to the people, places and scenes that populate the game. The result is usually a funny mix of clever comebacks, silly gaffes and the occasional "what were they thinking?" comment. Recommended for kids ages 13 and up, this game is perfect for college-age kids who will be quick to remember the time their mom dressed them up for their own awkward family photo (yep we all have them).

For parents looking for games that require no reading skills, check out Don't Rock the Boat (www.patchproducts.com/product/6949). Perfect for children ages 3 and older, this game has players carefully placing penguins on a topsy-turvy boat. It's the perfect game for little hands and a



great way to build concentration and motor skills. Another smart activity for pre-readers are puzzles which combine visual-spatial awareness with problem solving skills. Frecklebox (www.frecklebox. com) has a fun assortment of puzzles that can be personalized with your child's name. I love this idea because it's always thrilling for kids to see their name in print, which in turn provides just the right amount of motivation to put the puzzle together.

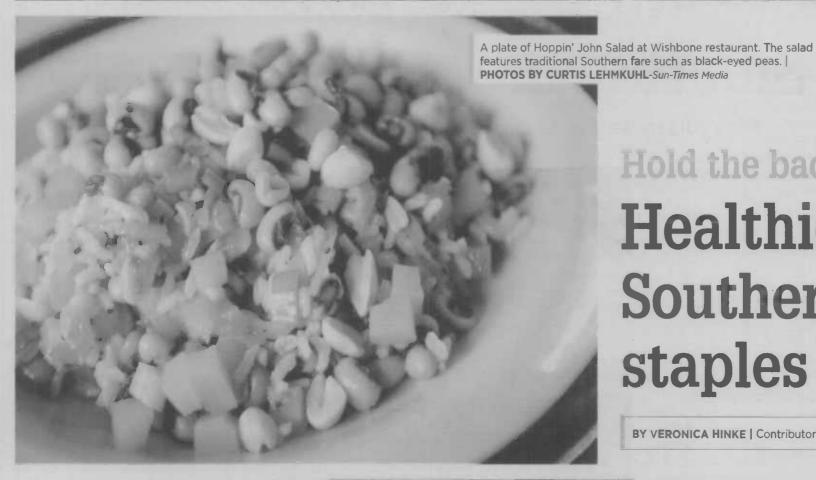
For fun on the go, few games are as convenient as Appletters (www.bananagrams.com), which come in their own apple-shaped carrying case. Although the game has been around since 2009, it's the perfect example of a tried and true game that gets better with age. Appletters can be modified to be easier or more challenging and will help get your early readers thinking about letter sounds,



Words of the Wise and Appletters.

spelling rules, prefixes and suffixes. For older kids, Words of the Wise (www. griddlygames.com) is a challenging, on-the-go brainteaser game. The object is to come up with items that fit a specific category such as state capitals, cartoon characters or books. Of course, there are twists and turns along the way and sometimes the easiest category might be a stumper, but that's all part of the fun.

Do you have a favorite game we missed? Let us know on Facebook www.facebook.com/ PioneerPressGo.



Hold the bacon

Healthier Southern staples

BY VERONICA HINKE | Contributor

Matunda ya Kwanzaa means first fruits of the harvest in Swahili.

And during Kwanzaa, an homage to Africa's ancient year-end harvest festivals, as well as all things African-American, food customs are a prevailing theme. The festival, which is observed during the last week of each year, originated in 1966. Since then, Kwanzaa has been a perennial chance to toast classic, comforting soul foods indicative of the American South. And recently chefs are giving some of those guilt-inducing classic recipes healthier makeovers.

At soul food eateries like Wishbone in Chicago, Kwanzaa party orders have been up in recent years. But there the standard Southern fare isn't just a culpable indulgence anymore. Oak Park resident Joel Nickson, and his brother, Guy, opened the first of two family-run eateries in 1990, because they wanted to show off soul food's lighter side. "A lot of people think soul food is all hush puppies," Nickson says. "We wanted to have soul food that wasn't just fried."

At Wishbone, brown rice is as popular as white and polenta squares are frequently topped with medleys of roasted red pepper, zucchini and other vegetables.

Grits are everywhere lately, from greasy spoons to gourmet restaurants, and the trend is noticeable at Wishbone. "It's 50-50 now between grits and home

(FROM JOEL NICKSON)

8 tomatoes, seeded and chopped 2 bunches scallions, chopped 2 carrots, chopped and boiled for five minutes ½ bunch parsley, chopped 5 cups brown rice, cooked 4 cups canned black-eved peas, washed and drained (may also use dry peas, soaked and cooked) 1 cup peanuts, blanched

DRESSING: 1 onion, cut in half and sliced thin 1 cup red wine vinegar Black pepper, to taste Kosher salt, to taste

Mix together salad ingredients and dressing ingredients, separately. Combine by tossing salad with dressing.

fries," Nickson says. What's more, he insists that grits can taste just as good without cheese. "Grits with a little bit of black pepper and a little bit of butter go great with eggs," he says.

And Nickson has a new recipe for a healthier Hoppin' John Salad. His recipe features the historic salad's usual nutritious main ingredient, black-eyed peas. The legumes, a celebrated New Year's Day staple in the South, represent coins, symbols of prosperity. But another traditional Hoppin' John ingredient is missing from Nickson's recipe: bacon. Instead, Nickson's dish is rich in flavorful ingredients such as tomatoes, scallions, carrots, parsley and peanuts. He mixes the ingredients together with cooked brown rice and tosses the mixture in a salad dressing made with red wine vinegar, canola oil, sliced onion, black pepper and kosher salt.



Chef Joel Nickson, owner and chef of Wishbone, adds more black-eyed peas into a Hoppin' John Salad.

Nickson's bacon-less Hoppin' John is just one example of ways to make the Kwanzaa table healthier. The classic mix of beans and rice is a wholesome, complete meal. "Beans and rice are the perfect food," Nickson says.

Collard greens, which are tradition-

ally enjoyed stir-fried, are showing up in new recipes that accentuate the strong, broad leaves of the time-honored vegetables. One recipe incorporates collard leaves into lasagna as a substitute for pasta layers. Another recipe wraps the greens around rice, similar to how grape leaves are stuffed.



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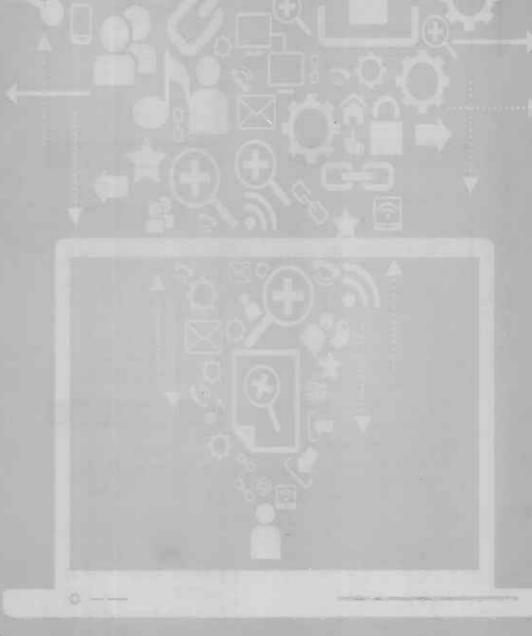
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THINGS WE LOVE THIS WEEK

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Who needs chestnuts on an open fire when you can have them served confit over a pumpkin seed-encrusted cobia? Sola's December prix-fixe menu features three chestnut-infused dishes for \$30; wine pairings \$15 additional. 3868 N. Lincoln, Sola-restaurant.com

Shopping for your favorite jewelry lover is simple, thanks to designer Erin Gallaaher's new concierae service. She uses a series of unconventional questions about the recipient to get to know his or her style, then brings spot-on options directly to the buyer's home or office. The service is free, with no obligation to buy. 1013 W. Webster, Egjewelry.com



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Marché de Noël has been a **Jayson Home** French Christmas tradition for the past four centuries, it's a new holiday hobby that Chicago is happily adopting. Taking place at the French Market (131 N. Clinton), the free event will showcase a variety of unique present possibilities, from jewelry to sophisticated gourmet snacks. Through Dec. 21. Learn more at French

marketchicago.com/events.

Home for the holidays

It's the season of hosting, making it the perfect time to turn your attention to a home revamp with the help of the annual Jayson Home Floor Model and More sale. Starting Dec. 21.

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BY THOMAS CONNORS

Do-It-Yourself 'Messiah'

Dec. 17 & 18: After participating in a singmusic-loving Chicagoan Al Booth launched a Windy City version in 1976, and this wonderfully democratic rendition has been a holiday tradition ever since. From the stirring strings of "For Unto Us a Child Is Born" to the irresistible power of the "Hallelujah!" chorus, there's nothing quite like it to get in the seasonal spirit. Who wouldn't want to join in and lift their voice in dolph. Visit the box office, call (312) 334-7777 or purchase online at Harristheaterchicago.org.



An Evening of Wine & Film with Ed Burns

Dec. 18: Forget popcorn and a movie - City Winery's Michael Dorf and director/actor Ed Burns have their sights set on a more unconventional pairing. Oenophiles and film buffs alike will get a kick out of this event, in which Dorf pairs eight wines with eight scenes from Burns's films, from his indie debut "The Brothers McMullen" to his latest, the Tribeca Film release, "The Fitzgerald Family Christmas." Burns, who's delved as deeply into the Irish-American psyche as Scorsese has the culture of Italian-



Americans, will talk shop and take questions. Tickets: \$38 and \$48, 1200 W. Randolph. Call (312)733-9463 or visit Citywinery. com/chicago

'Dickens' Women'

Dec. 18-22: 'Tis the season of Scrooge and Tiny Tim, not Miss Havisham and Mrs. Micawber, But

with Dickens in the air, what better time to take a look at the parade of women who populate his many memorable novels? Created and performed by award-winning actress Mirlam Margolyes (Professor Sprout to "Harry Potter" film fans) this one-woman show, in which 23 of the author's creations come to life, explores the wonderful characters he created and the ways in which they reflect those in his own life. Tickets: \$50-\$60. Chicago Shakepeare Theater, Navy Pier, 800 E. Grand. Call (312) 595-5600 or visit Chicagoshakes.com.

'Underwater Dogs' book signing

Dec. 19: Seth Casteel never set out to be the photo world's answer to the Dog Whisperer, but once his shots of canines cavorting in pools went viral, his reputation was sealed. Now captured in the pages of a book — the aptly titled *Underwater Dogs* Casteel's unique portfolio has captivated dog lovers and photo fans alike. Meet the man at Chicago Art Source, where amid music and holiday cheer, he'll sign books from 6-9 p.m. Free. 1871 N. Clybourn. (773) 248-3100, Chicagoartsource.com.



Andrew Bird at Fourth Presbyterian Church

Dec. 19-21: It's one thing to take in the talents of songwriter and multiinstrumentalist Andrew Bird at an outdoor show or music venue. But to listen to his folk-inspired vocals and trademark violin in a place like the majestic Fourth Presbyterian Church of Chicago — the grand, gothic structure on North Michigan Avenue — is a completely elevated experience. For the third year, the Chicago native returns to the sacred space for his annual multinight December show. Expect to hear songs from classic albums like "Noble Beast," new music from his October release, "Hands of Glory," and a few holiday tracks in between. 126 E. Chestnut, (312) 787-4570. Purchase tickets at Songkick.com.

Taiko legacy

Dec. 21-22: This celebration of thunderous Japanese drumming is no silent night. Spun from a ceremonial art more than 2,000 years old, these sounds seem to rise from deep in the earth, and the aural rush permeates the listener's entire body. In addition to the soul-shocking percussion, the performance — orchestrated by Tsukasa Taiko, a program of Asian Improv Arts Midwest — features jazz improvisations and the stylized kimono dance of Ayako Kato. Tickets: MCA members \$13; nonmembers \$15; students \$10. Museum of Contemporary Art, 220 E. Chicago, Call (312) 397-4010 or visit Mcachicago.org.



Marty Casey Silver Elements trunk show

Dec. 22: Most locals know Marty Casey as the charismatic lead singer of Lovehammers. But when he's not penning and performing rock tunes, he's also one half of the creative team behind the Marty Casey Silver Elements Collection (his collaborator is designer Marla Zegart), a line of jewelry, watches, scarves, leather bags and other accessories that fuse classic designs with a rock 'n' roll edge. Shop the collection for last-minute holiday gifts - and enjoy some acoustic music as well — at this Made in Chicago trunk show, presented by the Apparel Industry Board Inc. 6-9 p.m. 44 E. Grand. Learn more at Silverelementscollection.com.

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Susie and Dick Kiphart

BY KATERINA BIZIOS

n true Columbia College Chicago style, 90 students — representing 11 of the school's departments — showcased their talents in visual arts, music, dance, theater and fashion at the Open Doors Gala on Dec. 7. Held at the school's Media Production Center (1600 S. State), the event — co-chaired by Mayor Rahm Emanuel, Marshall Field V, Richard Kiphart and Sylvia Neil and attended by guests such as Linda Johnson Rice — also honored the former chairman and CEO of Sara Lee Corp., John H. Bryan, who received the Chicago Legacy Award (in memory of publishing pioneer John H. Johnson) for his contributions to the arts. The sold-out crowd helped raise more than \$800,000 for the Open Doors Scholarship fund, which assists Chicago public school graduates in continuing their education at Columbia College.

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he fashion-forward always have a flair for the dramatic, and these Chicago women are taking it literally with eye-catching peplum. The figure-flattering cut ranges from flirty (with bright colors and soft pleats) to formal (with chic fabrics and structured flare). Whatever the occasion, pair peplum with a slim-fit skirt or skinny jeans for the season's sleekest look. With so many options — including peplum belts — there's never been a better time to put a little pep in your step.

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Life of the

Event guru and author Debi Lilly trades hosting duties for a day with family

BY ZAK STEMER

ebi Lilly knows how to party without breaking a sweat. As the creative powerhouse behind A Perfect Event, one of Chicago's premier event planning companies, Lilly strives to make entertaining easy. And while her clients include megastars like Oprah and publications like InStyle, she considers the young married couple hosting their first dinner party just as important. "The thing I love about my job is inspiring other people to elevate their own entertaining," Lilly says. "Everyone thinks throwing a party is stressful and expensive. We disagree."

It's that mentality that led Lilly to write her book A Perfect Event, a greatest hits collection of the celebrations she's thrown, along with tips, shortcuts and tricks to help people do it on their own. The party-planner's guidebook, published last July, is built around her key piece of advice: Have fun. "As the host or hostess, when you open that door for your guests, you're the barometer of fun. You want to answer that door ready to go with a big smile on your face."

But it's not enough to pen a book or plan a party - Lilly wants to make entertaining easy, accessible and affordable. She's partnered with Safeway, the company behind Dominick's, to create Debi Lilly Designs, a collection of timeless, beautiful objects at an affordable price point. Her holiday collection, in stores now, includes topiary, candles, cake stands and vases, many made from mercury glass, which Lilly loves for its elegance and yearlong usability.

While she's always up for a swank shindig, Lilly knows that people are busier than ever and can't always play host. So she recommends Chef Art Smith's Table 52 (52 W. Elm) as a home away from home. "It's a lovely, comforting and intimate setting," she says.

Here, Lilly walks us through her standard Sunday, spent with people that always make her merry: her family.



9 A.M.

Lilly takes her two children. ages 8 and 10, to Julius Meinl (3601 N. Southport) for their daily green tea fix.

NOON The family heads to Music Box Theatre (3733 N. Southport) for an artsy, old-school singalong

show.





"My kids upped the ante on their lemonade stand and opened their first business, an old-fashioned candy bar inside my store, A Perfect Event [3050 N. Lincoln]," says Lilly. "Sunday is their time to check inventory and brainstorm new candyland projects."



Lilly loves scouring the Chicago Antique Center (3036 N. Lincoln) for perfect pieces for her home, inspiration for party themes and ideas for her bimonthly digital magazine, A Perfect Event.



5 P.M.

"Sundays end with me cooking a giant pot of turkey black bean chili or the kids' favorite: picadillo," says Lilly.



4 P.M.

The Lilly clan heads down to the Heritage Bicycle General Store (2959 N. Lincoln) to relax in the café. They're fans of the shop's Chicago-made bikes

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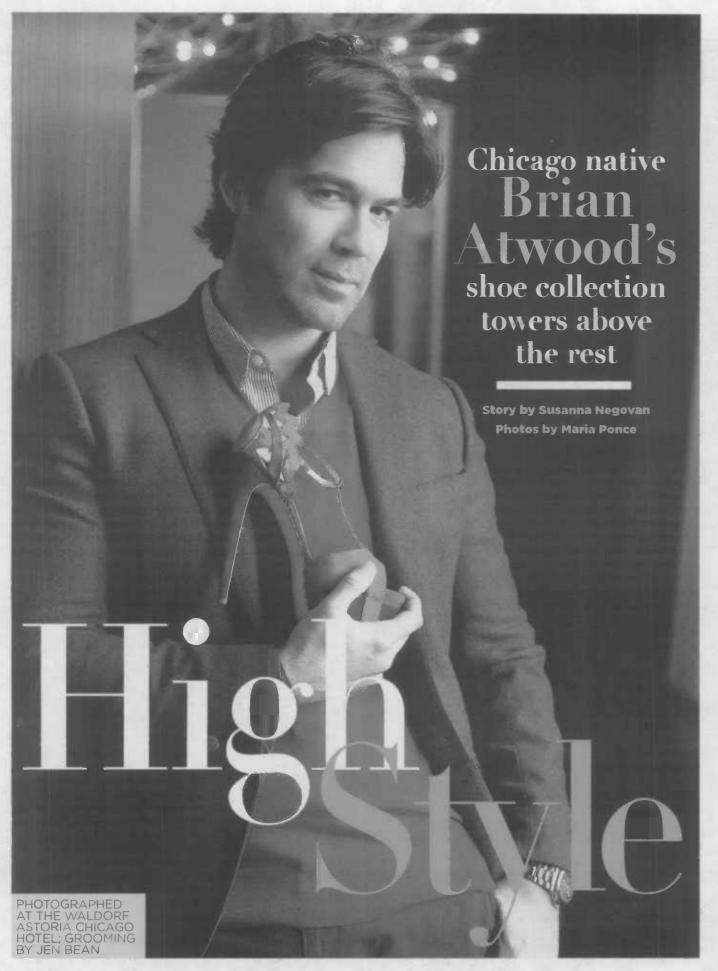
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rian Atwood has always had an eye for design. When he was a sophomore at Joliet Catholic High School, he taught himself to sew to make prom dresses for his friends. He would also sit in his bedroom and stare at a framed poster of a Lamborghini, which his mother recalls cost \$100 at the mall, a small fortune for a single mom raising three kids.

Last month, Atwood, now 45 and at the helm of a shoe brand sold in 270 stores. bought his first car: a Lamborghini Aventador.

It was a full-circle moment that capped off the best year of his career: His Brian Atwood shoes — a collection he launched in 2001 — are now sold nationwide in stores including Neiman Marcus, Saks Fifth Avenue, Nordstrom and Intermix, and his label took on additional firepower last year when he partnered with The Jones Group, a global marketer of more than 35 brands. The move broadened his base thanks to the debut of the line's younger, more accessible "cousin," B Brian Atwood, which is sold in the same stores that carry his main line, plus scores of additional outposts including Bloomingdale's. In September he opened his first Brian Atwood store — a mirrored and rock-crystal shrine to his 6-inch platforms — on New York's Madison Avenue.

"What I really wanted from Jones, besides a great partner who could grow the business to where it needed to be, is operational support,"says Atwood. "My business was viewed as huge, but it was still just a few people running it. And I think that we really needed to amp that up so that we could do what we wanted to do."

He's just getting rolling.

There are plans for more stores around the country, along with recently launched brand extensions such as handbags and jewelry. Soon he'd like to launch a fra-

Today Atwood divides his time between Milan, where his eponymous collection is based, and New York, where B Brian Atwood is designed, and he lives with his fiancé, Dr. Jake Deutsch. He also regularly visits his Chicago area family (his mother, who now lives in Northwest Indiana, eventually remarried and had another son. Zak Stemer, who is an editorial assistant at

It's been more than 20 years since a psychic told him, "You'll be well known for something to do with feet." He moved to New York at 19 to attend the Fashion Institute of Technology as a fashion design major, and shared his first apartment in Hell's Kitchen with "Bridesmaids" actress Melissa McCarthy, a friend from his high

school days. "I made her move to New York to do stand-up," he recalls. "I knew she would be a star because she was so funny. But we had no money. For her birthday I gave her a subway map and I was like, 'Here, you've got to learn your way around.'" So it was another full-circle moment last year when McCarthy was nominated for an Academy Award, and she wore Brian Atwood shoes that were inscribed with the message: "Exclusively made for my BFF Melissa McCarthy on Oscar night."

After graduating from FIT, Atwood moved to Milan to pursue a career in modeling. "I figured modeling would be the way I could fly to Europe and meet the designers I wanted to work for," he says. Almost immediately, he was booked for runway shows for brands including Dolce & Gabbana and Dries Van Noten. In 1996, after modeling for seven years, he hand-delivered his resume to people he knew at Prada, Gucci and Versace. "If I knew the casting guy for the models, that's who I gave it to," he says. Atwood's resume was passed from a friend to Gianni Versace and he was hired, eventually becoming the head designer of accessories for the Italian luxury label.

Back then shoes weren't considered a major part of the fashion industry. "The accessory business then was pretty much if you had a pink silk dress on, you wanted that shoe dyed to match — it was a different business," says Atwood. "But it just blew up."

By the time he launched his own label in 2001, with the blessing of his "Italian family," the Versaces, Atwood was poised to capitalize on the spike in growth of the shoe business. He debuted the Maniac pump in 2007 — a sky-high covered platform that is a red-carpet staple among celebrities

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such as Emma Stone, Kate Hudson, Victoria Beckham and Katy Perry — and kept it front and center by reinventing it each season in new colors and fabrications. (His current collection offers the shoe in black silk with gold crystals.) In September 2011 he launched B Brian Atwood, offering the same bold designs at about half of the price: While Brian Atwood shoes start at \$600, B

Brian Atwoods typically run \$300.

And though Atwood is frequently photographed socializing with the celebrities who wear his shoes — Heidi Klum, Kim Kardashian and Rachel Zoe are among the friends who attended his store celebration in September — he's loyal to the cadre of Chicago women who promoted him long before anyone else.

"It's my hometown, and the support I get here is amazing," says Atwood. "When we opened the New York store, all the Chicago women came and shopped. It was very cool."

His mother says it was her group of friends who boosted his career when he began his own collection 11 years ago, including Peggy Martay (an ardent supporter, Atwood named a shoe after her two seasons ago), Laurie Davis, Stacie McClane Mickelson, Roni Siegel and Lynda Silverman, who are all members of Chicago's oldest women's non-profit. "The Service Club women were instrumental in first buying his stuff here in Chicago," she says.

So when Atwood finally opens a store here, it will be the culmination of not only his childhood dreams, but a wide circle of friends and family who have been cheering on his success every step of the way.

"I was walking down Oak Street the other day," says Atwood. "There are some beautiful spaces. [I'll open a store here] within the next three years for sure."

If history is any indication, once he has it in his mind's eye, it's only a matter of time.

Sole mates

Brian Atwood's early influences and supporters



"I've always loved the transformation of women getting ready. **My mother** was always getting dressed up, always in high heels. I definitely think she had an impact on me."



"Gianni Versace told me,
'Don't forget you're here to
learn, so take it all in and just
never compromise what you
believe in.' He wasn't afraid if
people hated [his designs] or if
they thought [something] was
vulgar. That's what my mantra
has been: Stick with it, and put
your own name on it."



"When I met **Rachel Zoe**, she was a stylist at Young Miss [YM magazine]. Then we connected in Paris dancing on tables at a Versace Haute Couture thing and never lost touch. Jake and I are spending Christmas in St. Barts with her, [her husband] Rodger [Berman] and their 2-year-old son Skyler."

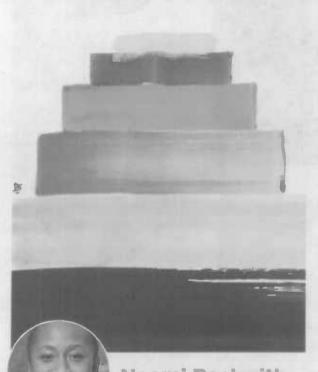


Dear Santa

Here's what five high-profile Chicagoans are hoping will be under the tree this year — plus their picks for gifts with the personal touch

BY BARRI LEINER GRANT

he clock is quickly ticking on the holiday season - have you finished your shopping yet? To help combat gift-giving stress, we asked five local tastemakers what they're currently coveting this holiday season. From classes to camping goods, we've gathered their most inspired ideas to help carve out your own list.



Naomi Beckwith CURATOR, MUSEUM OF CONTEMPORARY ART

The Get: Beckwith would love to go under the knife with cooking lessons, that is - to brush up on her cutting and chopping skills. The Techniques Workshop, a hands-on class at the Wooden Spoon in Andersonville, is right up her alley. Classes start at \$65, 5047 N. Clark, (773) 293-3190; Woodenspoonchicago.com

> The Give: "Lately I've been interested in handmade ob-

jects and working with hands. So I would love to either give or get the new limited-edition Martin Creed album, with a hand-painted cover (shown above), recorded and painted here in Chicago," says Beckwith. Martin Creed No. 1370, \$320, MCA Store, 220 E. Chicago, (312) 397-4000; Mcachicagostore.org



Neal Sabin

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The Get: "The gift I'd like is an Apple gadget and app that monitors your physical activity as well as diet," says Sabin. The Nike+ iPod Sport Kit goes wireless, making it perfect for runners, and the free, top-rated app MyFitnessPal keeps New Year's resolutions in check. \$29, 679 N. Michigan, (312) 529-9500; Apple.com

The Give: This year Sabin will be gifting a classic - but in modern form. "I'm giving the new blue ray DVD set of the complete 'Dick Van Dyke' TV series, which includes an extra feature [with] all of the MeTV Network promos for the program." (Sabin has first-hand knowledge of the project, as he created the clever clips for the station.) \$150; Amazon.com



THE COMPLETE STREET

Martha Lavey

ARTISTIC DIRECTOR. STEPPENWOLF THEATRE COMPANY

The Get: When it comes to presents, Lavey is a "no gifts" kind of gal. Instead, "make a contribution to an arts

organization - the size doesn't matter - that has brought you happiness this year," she suggests. "Write a note and tell them why you're giving. You're going to make someone's day!"

The Give: "Of course my recommendation for a great gift is tickets to Steppenwolf's next show, 'The Mother***** with the Hat,' [shown at left]" she says. It's a clever and sometimes foul-mouthed look at modern love and other addictions

that runs through March 3, 2013. If you're buying for a 20-something, check out the Red Card. For \$100, the card is good for six admissions to any Steppenwolf subscription show. Buy tickets and the card at Steppenwolf.org.



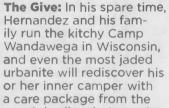
David Hernandez

EXECUTIVE CREATIVE DIRECTOR, OGILVY & MATHER

The Get: "I'm all about my tools. so just about anything from the fine folks at Winter Session would be welcome," says Hernandez.

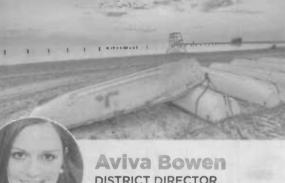


Toting his goods would be easy in the versatile, madeto-order roll-up from the locally produced line, which crafts durable yet stylish bags and wallets from sustainable materials. \$65, Morlen Sinoway Atelier, 1052 W. Fulton Market, (312) 432-0100: Winter-session.com



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The Get: For her wish list, Bowen looks to her own neighborhood. "The West Loop is known for incredible restaurants, but we have some cool boutiques as well," she says. "I love the Yumi Kim silk tops and dresses they carry at Tribeca on Madison." Tops range from \$128 to \$144, dresses from \$178 to \$198. 1035 W. Madison, (312) 492-9373: Shopattribeca.com

The Give: Bowen's pal Matt Glavin is a talented photographer who shoots vivid images

of Chicago (shown above) and prints them on aluminum and other formats. "I'm giving friends who call Chicago home, or once did, a beautiful piece of our city to hang in their home," she shares. Images start at \$200; Exposingchicago.com

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Style maven Nena Ivon, professor at Columbia College, founder and partner of TalksChic and former fashion director at Saks Fifth Avenue, shares her festive finds for an elegant holiday season

1. Randolph Street Antique Market: season's pass, \$150; Randolphstreetmarket.com

"A perfect gift is a season's pass to the monthly Randolph Street Antique Market. I'm obsessed with it from February through November."

2. Orchids by Hausermann: \$6.50-\$45, 2N134 Addison, Villa Park; Orchidsbyhausermann.com

"One of my passions is orchids. I normally get them from Orchids by Hausermann, but you can also find lovely orchids at your local grocery store. I love them during the holidays as an alternate to a poinsettia."

3. Oscar de la Renta: sleeveless embroidered shift dress with sequins, \$5,290, Saks Fifth Avenue, 700 N. Michigan; Saksfifthavenue.com

"For that special party any time of the year, no one does it better than Oscar de la Renta. My dream dress is all-over beaded, simple in design with high drama of sparkle!"

4. The Peninsula Spa: pedicure, \$75, 108 E. Superior; Peninsula.com

"While shopping for that perfect party dress at Saks, pick up a bottle of polish from the new Chanel Beauté Boutique, and walk across the street for your appointment with Aleks at the Peninsula Spa. You will be a new person!"

5. Art Insitute of Chicago: Impressionism, Fashion & Modernity edited by Gloria Groom, published by the Art Institute of Chicago, \$40-\$65; Artic.edu

"I can't get enough books — it's an obsession. Treat yourself or another fashion book fanatic to Impressionism,

Fashion, & Modernity, edited by Gloria Groom. It accompanies next year's blockbuster exhibition at the Art Institute of Chicago and it's truly a beautiful and informative tome."

6. Macy's: The Walnut Room, 111 N. State; Macys.com

"Breakfast under the tree in the Walnut Room at Macy's on State Street. It's something I have done since birth and a holiday event I wouldn't miss. It's even better with a child to share their wonder!"

7. Nelman Marcus + Target: Judith Leiber compact mirror, \$59.99. Target, 1154 S. Clark; Target.com

"Who knew that the combination of Neiman Marcus and Target would work so well? My choice is the eye-catching Judith Leiber compact mirror."

8. Anthropologie: Iced dew bracelet set, \$38, 3532 N. Southport; Anthropologie.com

"I love everything about Anthropologie, from the look of the stores, to the ready-to-wear, accessories and home items (and, of course, the books). It's a perfect place to find lastminute gifts - as well as all sorts of good things for you!"



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ccording to Jaya Subramanian, the only thing traditional about her July 21 wedding to Luke Lizalde was the Catholic ceremony, held at St. James Chapel in the Gold Coast. Afterward — when the party moved to Cafe Brauer at the Lincoln Park Zoo — "it was all about fun."

And appropriately so: Subramanian, originally from Chicago, met Lizalde in Los Angeles in 2009 while doing improv at the L.A. outpost of Second City. Though Subramanian is an actress and Lizalde a graphic designer and illustrator, both picked up improv as a hobby and grew closer while making each other laugh.

But while they fell in love trading quips on the West Coast, Subramanian says it was a "no-brainer" to hold the wedding in Chicago. "My family is all here, and we had lots of friends and family fly in from San Diego and L.A." Their comedy life was well represented, as friends Parvesh Cheena ("Outsourced"), Sonal Shah ("Scrubs") and Timothy Simons ("Veep") attended the event.

Subramanian describes the nuptials as a "cultural extravaganza": she's half-Indian and half-Irish, while the groom's roots stem from both Mexico and Europe.

The duo's diverse backgrounds were woven throughout the celebration — Subramanian clad her bridesmaids in bright pink and purple dresses made from sari fabric, and the menu included macaroni-and-cheese muffins, pot stickers and Indian fusion fare. Guests stacked their arms with Indian bangles, pulled out of a bangle basket, took photos in a photo booth and danced to the sounds of the Dan Hayes Orchestra.

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"It was a beautiful night," says Subramanian. — Rachel Handler

CHEERS!



Shoppers at Ikram, 15 E. Huron, enjoyed an impromptu performance recently when Pink Martini bandleader Thomas Lauderdale chose the cafe's second-floor space to rehearse songs for an upcoming Carnegie Hall show. Myrlie Evers, the wife of late civil rights leader Medgar Evers, was in town for a fitting for the dress she would wear to sing with the band at the famed music venue on Dec. 14 and 15.

Love is in the air for Nicole Banks, sales lead at Gilt City Chicago, and Andrew Walsh Smyth, index option market maker.



who recently became engaged. Smyth prepared the big proposal by taking Banks on a tour of all their shared "firsts" as a couple, including Bandera and Pops for Champagne. and ended the evening by slipping the ring onto her finger from under the table at her favorite spot, GT Fish & Oyster.

And the award go to ... the Besser family, of the Chicago-based production company, Intersport Entertainment, which threw the American Giving Awards hosted by Joel McHale last week. Rachel (left) and Elena Besser were trophy girls for the evening, handing out awards to the winning charities.



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BY MADELINE SKAGGS

n a city known for spectacular steakhouses, how does a new arrival steal some of the spotlight? Del Frisco's Double Eagle Steak House seems to have it figured out. After six years of searching for a Chicago location, the Dallas-born concept (which also has outposts in Boston, New York and Las Vegas, among other cities) finally settled on the Oak Street space where the historic Esquire Theater once lived, instantly catching the attention of devoted Chicagoans.

Though the cinema was demolished and the restaurant built in its place, the theater's history is at the heart of the design. The iconic Esquire marquee welcomes guests into a classic room filled with deep booths, handpicked art, a two-story wine tower and large windows that look out onto one of Chicago's storied streets.

But it's not just the location that has people talking. The steaks, seafood and sides crafted by chef de cuisine Anthony Reyes are big, bold and balanced. His menu ranges from standard steak house fare, such as a blue cheese wedge salad

(\$10), a filet mignon (8 ounces \$39, 12 ounces \$45) and a smoked pork chop with a bourbon apple-butter glaze (\$28), to dishes that are slightly more extravagant. Scallops are wrapped in bacon (\$35) and topped with a lobster butter jus; there's a tender veal ribeye (\$36) served with spinach and potatoes; and a whole lobster is carved and served table side (market price). But few things are as impressive as the shellfish plateau, which has Alaskan king crab legs, jumbo shrimp, oysters and crab claws piled on a platter (\$75 for two guests, \$145 for four).

To stay on top, Reyes isn't just resting on dinner — he's introducing a new lunch menu perfect for shoppers and business lunches alike. Options like filet medallions (\$26) feature the same prime cuts that are on the dinner menu. Or try the business lunch option, which includes a starter and entrée for only \$24.

Day or night, pair your dish with a bottle from the extensive wine list or a perfectly prepared martini, and you've got a memorable meal.

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III Forks Prime Steakhouse

333 East Benton Place

III Forks Prime Steakhouse offers takeout for all your high-end steakhouse standards, and their USDA Prime Bone-in Ribeye is truly something special. Try it with an order of Bacon Wrapped Scallops to round out your meat parade. Toot, toot!

Butcher & The Burger

1021 W. Armitage Ave.

If you're on the hunt for one of Chicago's finest beefcakes, Butcher & The Burger's got you covered with their House Prime Blend Beef Burger. And with shrimp, salmon, veggie, turkey and bison patties also on the menu, there's something for everyone.

Kinzie Chophouse

400 N. Wells St.

With 14 different steaks, 13 preparation styles and eight sauces to choose from, Kinzie Chophouse has something for every craving. And it's not all steak – they whip up a remarkable Chicken Pot Pie, too.

Las Tablas Colombian Steakhouse

2942 N. Lincoln Ave.

In the mood for something out of the ordinary? Try Las Tablas' Entrana Dinner – a char-broiled skirt steak served with fried plantains, yucca and potatoes.



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Prospecting for pied-a-terres 600 N. Dearborn

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Here are a few more downtown pads that would make perfect pied-á-terres, thanks to ample amenities. attractive price points and ideal locations.

• 600 N. Dearborn, unit 1602 (shown above), a one-bedroom, 1.5-bathroom condo with 925 square feet for \$285,000. Contact Baird & Warner broker Lois Harb, (708) 359-1401, Lois.harb@ bairdwarner.com.

• 201 E. Chestnut, unit 24D, a sweeping duplex penthouse right behind Wa-

ter Tower Place, has 18-foothigh windows and cathedral ceilings, two bedrooms, two bathrooms, 1,800 square feet and the most reasonably priced parking lot in the area for \$469,000. Contact Prudential Rubloff broker Lanae Silvestri, (312) 268-2743, Lsilvestri@rubloff.com.

• 680 N. Lake Shore, unit 208, a two-bedroom, 1.5 bathroom spot with 1,500 square feet for \$399,000. Contact @properties broker Vicky Keene, (312) 919-0014, Vickykeene @atproperties.com

Shop, play and dine downtown, then crash nearby at your own abode

BY LISA SKOLNIK

he pied-á-terre, a charming French concept (and undoubtedly the sexiest word in the English real estate lexicon) that translates to a second, smaller living space in the city, is making a big comeback right now, says star Prudential Rubloff broker Joanne Nemerovski (312-720-4505; Joannesellschicago@ gmail.com). "The prices are right and mortgage rates are unbelievably attractive," she says. This double-whammy, combined with the uncertainty of the markets, "makes it a decent investment that can ultimately realize a profit. But it also has some immediate benefits. People put their money into things that aren't secure, but this is something you can see, experience and enjoy. Plus, you can have a vacation without the airfare, or use it to host guests," she adds.

So what should you look for in a pied-á-terre? Location and amenities top the list. You want to be near the action and have as many extras as possible, from a doorman and concierge to workout facilities and parking. Those points make Nemerovski's one-bedroom, 1.5 bathroom listing at 950 N. Michigan, unit 2901, a standout for both the price and features. Look for 1,570 square feet, a great view, an updated kitchen with stainless-steel appliances, a spa-like master bath, two walk-in closets, a gym and pool in the building, valet parking, a 24-hour doorman and more for \$479,000. Not to mention that it's positioned at the intersection of two top shopping streets: the Mag Mile and Oak Street.





The unit at 950 N. Michigan features a beautiful view, and the building houses an expansive indoor pool.



Jennifer Aniston's bump on the horizon

ongratulations to
Jennifer Aniston who
is reportedly pregnant
— for what, the hundredth time? Although Jen's rep
denied that she has a bun in the
oven, my sources say it's true.

"She's pregnant," a source said.
"She has cleared her schedule and backed out of a movie project."

If Jennifer is indeed pregnant her rep certainly isn't the first celebrity publicist to lie about a client's pregnancy. Some reps do it because their client has a lucrative deal arranged to announce the baby news through a publication or TV show. In other situations, the rep simply may not have the information. (Celebrities lie to their reps, too!) After all the cover stories I have done on Jen, there's one thing I know for sure: She is a huge control freak. So if and when



she is pregnant, you better believe she will make sure it's announced her way and on her time.

Regardless, Jen has come a long way since her days with Brad Pitt. I will never forget the day

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her ex-husband's first child with Angelina Jolie was born. I was covering Jennifer in Chicago. She had her bodyguard go to the newsstand and pick up every publication that covered the birth of baby Shiloh. Later that day she exited The Peninsula Chicago hotel through the front door with a big smile and a wave.

It couldn't have been an easy day for America's sweetheart, but it looks like she's finally getting her own happy ending.

In other baby news ...

Fergie is not pregnant, but she's actively trying to have children.

"I want to have a family," Fergie said recently at Voli Light Vodka's holiday party at Skybar in L.A. Now she has finally found the time to focus on making it happen.

"She just wrapped several projects," the source said. "Expect a pregnancy announcement in 2013."

The source said that both Fergie and hubby Josh Duhamel's crazy work schedules have limited the amount of time they've been able to spend together. Even though Fergie is 37, she insists that she doesn't want to go the in vitro fertilization route.

"I want to do it the traditional way," she said.

Demi Moore's meltdown — yesterday's news

Demi Moore has been exhibiting extremely bizarre behavior, but it's really nothing new. During a recent trip to Miami, Demi was photographed scantily clad and dancing provocatively.

She even brought a stray cat she found to a party at the Soho House. However, her immature behavior and hard partying is well documented. When Demi filmed "LOL" in Chicago two years ago with Miley Cyrus,



she went clubbing all night long. Sources at the time said that when they first saw Demi out dancing the night away,

they didn't believe it was the famous actress. She acted childlike and looked so youthful that they thought she was a teenager.

Moral of the story: She should fire her therapist, and keep her plastic surgeon!



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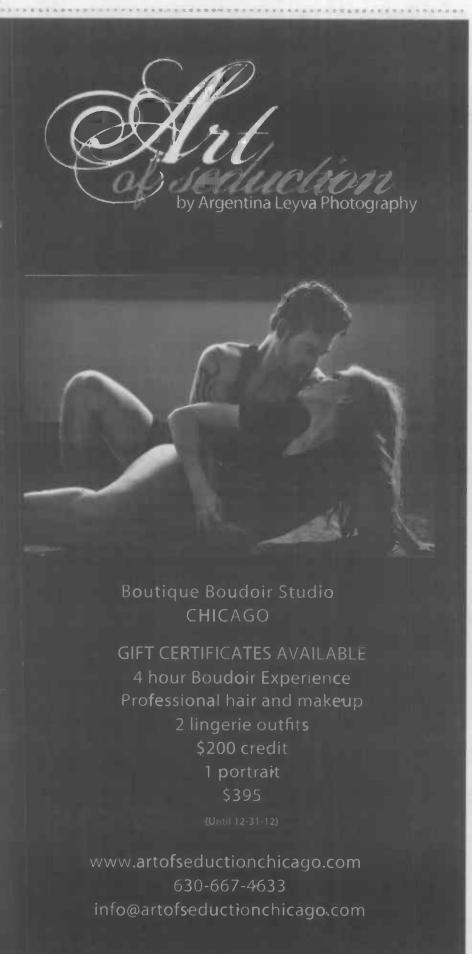
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Future forecast

When it comes to marriage, it's OK to wait til stars align

ear Jenny: I have a dilemma. I've been dating my boyfriend for nine months now. We get along incredibly and he treats me so well. From time to time we have discussed a future together, and I can definitely see myself marrying him. However, he has recently been discussing a proposal and at this point, I don't think I am quite ready for that yet. I want to be with him, of that I am certain. But I just feel that right now it's too soon. He is a bit sensitive Send auestions and I don't know how to tell to Askjenny him that I'm not ready for an @suntimes.com engagement without hurting

his feelings — or possibly losing him altogether.
How should I handle the situation?

Please help!
— Andrea from Bensenville

Jenny says: Well, if you really want to make this easy, send me his email and I'll tell him for you — or have him read this column. I'm only half kidding!

First of all, you have been dating only nine months, so the fact that you want to wait a while to get engaged shows a lot of maturity on your part! (Sadly, I want to marry every guy I date within the first year of dating. I don't have your maturity even though I know you're right.) I can understand where your man is coming from, so let me tell you what is going

on in his head: fear. He is so happy with you that he fears losing you, so he is probably under the delusion that getting married will make him feel more secure. He doesn't realize yet that marriage certificates do not come with guarantees.

My suggestions are these: First, be honest with him that you've always had a plan in place — the plan being that you would wait two years with a boyfriend before you

boyfriend before you actually decided to talk engagement. If that seems unrealistic to you or too difficult, try to make him feel a bit more secure about the relationship. Let him know that you are his girl and you are hopelessly devoted forever.

Some guys need a bit more reassurance than others.

My other piece of advice might be a bit ridiculous but we can totally get away with it 'cause we're chicks. Tell him you went to a psychic and the psychic said, "When you turn (insert future age), the man you will spend the rest of your life with will propose to you."

That way, even if he doesn't believe in psychics, he won't want to run the risk of being the guy who proposes too early and doesn't spend the rest of his life with you

It's kind of sneaky, but sometimes sneaky options work. Good luck!

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Mercedes SL550 marks 60 years

BY ARV VOSS

Motor Matters

Mercedes-Benz marks the 60th anniversary of the iconic SL with an all-new "super and light" roadster. The SL550 is lighter, quicker and more agile than its predecessor as it enters its sixth generation.

From the point of entry, where the driver slides behind the three-spoke flat-bottom steering wheel and presses the start button, there is an immediate realization that this 2013 SL550 is no ordinary roadster. It is, after all; the Mercede's-Benz of sports cars.

It is loaded with technological developments and innovative ideas that enhance the experience of spirited motoring, plus the peace of mind of all-weather safety, comfort and convenience. There are no less than eight individual safety systems at work contributing to passengers' well-being.

During the national press launch, I was given the opportunity to pilot the new SL550 with a base price set at \$105,500. The 2013 SL550 is gorgeous and well proportioned.

This roadster shows strong and definitive character lines with a sculpted effect from the broad, athletic nose, over the strake hood and over the sharply raked windshield. The rear track is a few inches wider than the previous generation.

Acceleration is incredibly impressive, rocketing the car from 0-60 mph in 4.5 seconds with a top speed that is electronically limited to 130 mph. Push it hard into corners and it behaves with amazing and predictable stability.

The 2013 SL550 draws its irresistible force from a 4.6-liter, 32-valve twin-turbocharged and intercooled V-8 with direct injection that makes 429 horsepower at 5,250 rpm while generating 516 pound-feet of torque in a range from 1,800-3,500 rpm. The engine connects to a seven-speed automatic transmission with a manual shift mode that gears power to the rear wheels.

Among the improved fuel economy features — a 14 percent improvement over its predecessor — there's an eco-mode default setting that stops the engine when the SL550 is stopped to save fuel. The engine starts up

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again when pressing the accelerator. The added efficiency results in the elimination of the gas guzzler tax for the new SL550. The Environmental Protection Agency ratings on the V-8 are 16 mpg city and 24 mpg highway. The previous generation was rated at 14/21 mpg.

Nearly 89 percent of this lightweight roadster is made up of aluminum construction and features the largest single casting in a modern Mercedes production vehicle. It weighs in at 275 fewer pounds than its predecessor. The

12 seconds with the touch of a single switch. The panoramic roof is made from poly-

SL550 features a power retractable hardtop

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Other SL models are in the pipeline to appear in the near future for those who desire higher levels of performance, but those models will come with an even higher price tag.

I had but one complaint with the SL 550: the exhaust note. It was pleasing, but for my taste, it could use a more raucous and melodious V-8 rumble. Regardless, it comes across as a stellar two-seater.

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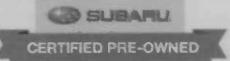
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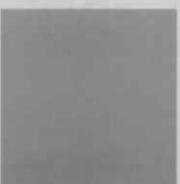


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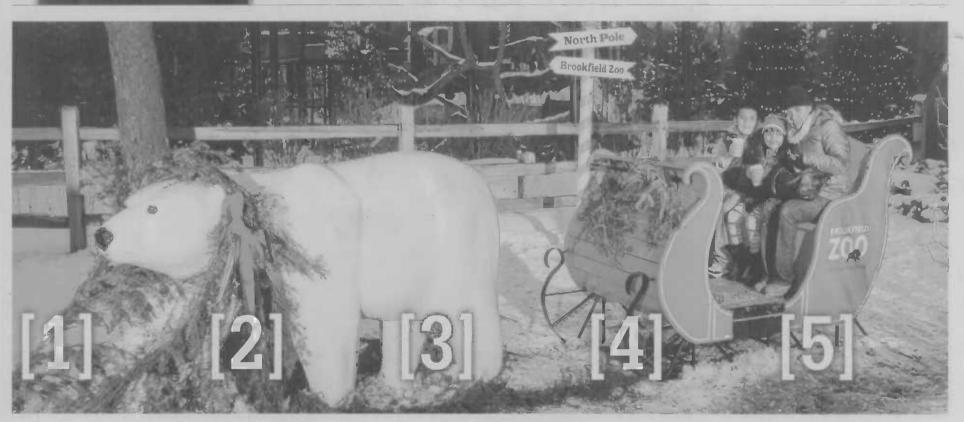
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Holidays



The best and the worst of holiday movies

For many people, there are certain holiday films and TV programs that they absolutely have to watch every year.

Then there are those that just grate on the nerves. We asked our staff: Which holiday TV special or film is your favorite? And which ones would you rather skip?

It was a tradition to spend a night watching "A Flintstones Christmas Carol" on TV growing up, but then the network stopped showing it. I tracked down the DVD and now I make sure to watch it every year. I love Bedrock's twist on Scrooge's classic tale. I refuse to watch "A Christmas Story" anymore. We would watch it every year in grade school and now I just hate it. I cringe whenever I hear anything about lamps shaped like a lady's leg, "fra-gi-le," bunny pajamas, shooting your eye out or Red Ryder BB guns. - Heather Leszczewicz, News Editor: Digital and **Features**

It's a Wonderful Life" was nice for the first 15 years, but I am over it even though I love Jimmy Stewart! Although sad, I like "A Charlie Brown Christmas"... I seem to remember, I had a Christmas tree like that once. (sigh) Overall, I dislike the sadness in most Christmas movies. For my favorite, however, I am going to go with "The Chronicles of Narnia - The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe," which also has a sad moment, but the overall message was wonderful in true C. S. Lewis manner. I found the winter scenes absolutely beautiful! -Joan Molitor, Editorial Assistant

The forgotten Capra holiday classic is "Meet John Doe." My favorite films are the ones that make me cry no matter how many times I see them, and "It's a Wonderful Life" and "Meet John Doe" are the Christmas



Charlie Brown and Linus appear in a scene from "A Charlie Brown Christmas." | ABC PHOTO

double whammy. The best scene is when journalist Barbara Stanwyck struggles with writing a speech and her mom (radiant Spring Byington) gives her the private journal of her late father for some ideas. Cut to Gary Cooper's John Willoughby hitting it out of the park with an amazing speech. Cut to Stanwyck's Ann Mitchell looking on, listening to her father's words coming out of Cooper's mouth. falling in love with Willoughby, John Doe, dreams of happiness and many more doses of Capracorn. - George M. Wilcox, Sports Writer

Chicago-area children of the 1960s were treated to a pair of primitive

stop-motion animated short films every Christmas season, courtesy of WGN-TV's "Garfield Goose and Friends" show. "Hardrock, Coco and Joe: The Three Little Dwarfs" was a charming, albeit odd, little romp about Santa and a trio of elves that inoculated us all with an earworm of a ditty that has lasted for decades. Just try saying "Oh lee oh laydee, oh lavdee i oh" to anv middle-aged Chicagoan, and they're sure to pick it up from there. "Suzy Snowflake," on the other hand, irritated me to no end, mostly because the delicate little sprite and I shared a name and she was just so twee, twirling and twirling in the air to a saccharine song. Suzy

had a dark side as well. She carried a wand, and while drifting above an eerie, deserted landscape of pine trees and curiously empty village streets, she made a creepy threat to "tap, tap, tap" on my windowpane. - Susan Kane-Parker, Copy Editor: Features

One of my favorite Christmas specials is "A Charlie Brown Christmas." It makes me smile every time when Charlie Brown picks the scraggly Christmas tree because it has character. I've always felt all you need to know in life you can learn from the Peanuts. My new favorite Christmas movie is "Arthur Christmas" by the creators of Wallace & Gromit, Santa's



youngest son refuses to give in to the stress of the holiday and finds every child in the world special. — Jennifer Kranz, Page Layout Coordinator

Growing up, my family was a traditional, "A Christmas Story," "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" and "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" house, but all that changed in 2003. That year my brother, father and I decided to see "Bad Santa" at the Crestwood movie theaters. We went in with low expectations, but laughed pretty much the entire film at Billy Bob Thornton and his co-stars. It has so many memorable scenes and quotes, many can't be printed in this paper. Now every Schering Christmas party usually has the unrated DVD playing in the background. - Steve Schering, Staff Writer

When my family came to Glenview to help me move this fall, the first thing we did after unloading the rental truck and painting the walls was visit the "Home Alone" house in Winnetka. The 1990 film is not only a family favorite, it is one of my favorite movies of all time. It's the only film I can recite lines from and have watched more than a few times. My sister even gave me a miniature "Home Alone" movie poster for Christmas a few years ago. — Ryan Nilsson, Managing Editor/Sports

My favorite Christmas movie would have to be "The Muppet Christmas Carol." The performances, the sets. the music are really wonderful and how could you not love Michael Caine as Scrooge. As a fan of the British series "The Blackadder," I also enjoyed "Blackadder's Christmas Carol," though that has a slightly twisted take on the classic story. One holiday tradition I try to keep is to watch the "Mystery Science Theater 3000" take on "The Santa Claus," a Mexican children's movie from the 1960s, which I found so funny at first viewing that, during one scene, I nearly asphyxiated from laughing. - Laura Enright, Editorial Assistant

"The House Without a Christmas Tree" is a quaint, kitschy little movie



Billy Bob Thornton stars in "Bad Santa," a not-so-feel-good Christmas movie.

set in 1946 about a girl whose father refuses to allow a Christmas tree in their home. Watching this simple, low-budget film each year brings me back to being a kid, when I searched the TV listings to be sure I wouldn't miss my one chance to see the story of Addie and how she brings Christmas to her curmudgeonly dad. It was never a blockbuster, but this movie was and is an important part of Christmas for me. — Sandy Illian Bosch, Staff Writer

My favorite Christmas flick is 1955's "We're No Angels" with Humphrey Bogart, Aldo Ray and Peter Ustinov. It's the heartwarming holiday tale of three prison escapees who plot to murder a shopkeeper and his family with a venomous pet snake. Actually, they take a shine to the family and the snake ends up dispatching the deservingly evil Basil Rathbone instead. Did I mention it's a comedy? If nothing else, it's worth the watch just to see Bogey don an apron to do dishes and sing Christmas carols. — Richard Bird, News Editor

My favorite holiday movie is the 1984 version of "A Christmas Carol" with George C. Scott as Ebenezer Scrooge. My husband and I watch it every year. Scott's portrayal of Scrooge is very real, I think, and I love the ending when he wakes up and finds out it is still Christmas Day. — Deborah Hoppe, Editorial Assistant

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BY MYRNA PETLICKI | Contributor



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[a.m.], we have games, multiple crafts, free popcorn and free fruit snacks," said Mary Grear, Exploritorium and events supervisor. "We've got two balloon artists in our multipurpose room where the kids can play endless games and win noisemaker and candy prizes. There's going to be face painting as well."

Kids can also play in the Exploritorium. At 11:30 a.m., a comedic juggler will perform a half-hour show. The event concludes with that early countdown to the New Year.

"We have a 5,000 balloon drop and we ring in the New Year at noon on the 27th," Grear said. Kids can take balloons home.

The cost is \$10 for resident children, ages 2-15, \$12 for nonresident children, \$1 for adults.

For details, call (847) 674-1500, ext. 2700 or go to www.skokieparks.org/ exploritorium.

PAUSE FOR 'PAWS'

Take a break from the hectic

holiday preparations and bring your kids to see "Santa Paws 2: The Santa Pups," 4 p.m. Friday, Dec. 21 at Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave. It is up to the pups and Mrs. Claus to save the Christmas spirit in this 88-minute family film.

For details, call (847) 965-4220 or go to www.mgpl.org.

WORLDWIDE CELEBRATION

Children will help Kidworks Touring Theatre take the audience on a virtual tour of Holidays Around the World, 7 to 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 21 at Skokie Public Library, 5215 Oakton St. The program is best for ages 3 and older with a parent. Pick up free tickets at 6:30 p.m. that evening.

For details, call (847) 324-3149 or go to www.skokielibrary.info.

ON TARGET

Merida is better at using a bow and arrow than preparing for her role as princess in "Brave." The animated 103-minute G-rated movie will be shown at 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 22 at Niles Public Library, 6960 W. Oakton St. A treat will be served during this drop-in family

For details, call (847) 663-1234 or go to www.nileslibrary.org.

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An early countdown is planned for a New Year's Eve Skate, noon to 2 p.m. Monday, Dec. 31 at IceLand, 8435 Ballard Road, Niles. The party atmosphere will include music, hats, noisemakers and games for kids. The cost is \$5 for skating, \$3 for skate rental.

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People to watch

BY MYRNA PETLICKI | Contributor

Stage orphan: Marieclaire Popernik, 7, of La Grange, is working hard in her debut as one of the lively "orphans" in "Annie" at the Paramount Theatre, 23 Galena Blvd., Aurora. The young actress has also performed at Drury Lane Oakbrook, and recently appeared as a guest star on television in the role of Ruby Kelton in "The Mob Doctor." "Annie" continues through Dec. 30. For tickets and information, visit ParamountAurora.com or call (630) 896-6666.

ConGRADulations: It takes talent to graduate from the Theatre of Western Springs' Studio class but those who complete the program become active members of the company. The latest actors to make the grade include Michael Bolton and Carrie Cerri of La Grange, Marta Carlson and Drew

Halliday of Hinsdale, Tim Gannon of La Grange Park and Steve Goodwin of Western Springs. The next Studio class will be offered in June.

A laughing matter: Glenview resident Daniel Reinisch was co-director of "A Royal Pain," which won the Best Student Film Award for his Calvin College team at the Chicago Comedy Film Festival. Reinisch's current projects include creating promotional videos for a Glenview-based social innovation company.

A great buy: The Historical Society of Oak Park and River Forest benefits every time you purchase one of two posters created for the organization by Oak Park graphic artist and cartoonist Chris Ware. Ware is the creator of the graphic novel, "Jimmy Corrigan, the



Orphans in "Annie" at the Paramount Theatre include: Marieclaire Popernik (from left), Sydney Poss, Phoebe Ann Paslaski, Caroline Heffernan, Jaclyn Dougherty, Emma Gordon, and Haley Noil. | PHOTO BY LIZ LAUREN

Smartest Kid on Farth" and of cover art for the New Yorker. To view and order a poster, visit www.oprfhistory.org.

Dirty dancing did it: In 1988, Barrington resident Ellen Werksman and her then partner Lou Brockman won the Oprah Winfrey National Dirty Dancing Contest. Brockman was already a successful dancer and choreographer, directing Dancewerks Dance Productions and performing with Chicago Dance Medium, but her career really took off after that program aired. Werksman got to relive those moments recently when her segment was replayed on Winfrey's OWN Network as part of a "Favorite Shows" program.

Born writer: Skokie resident Kathryn Born's book "The Blue Kind" was published in October by Switchgrass Books of Northern Illinois University Press. It takes place "in the wake of Drug War II." Born, who founded Chicago Art Magazine in 2009, is co-editor of "The Essential New Art Examiner."





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Landscapes that stir emotions

BY JOANNA BRODER | Contributor

Show Highland Park artist Nina Weiss a drainage ditch, and she'll paint an exquisite, imaginative image of its water.

"I love to paint water and reflections, so when you see it, you would never know that (the drainage ditch) was off Lake Cook Road," said Weiss.

Her large, expressionistic landscapes will be part of the two-artist show, "Nuances of Landscape: Paintings by Mary Porterfield and Nina Weiss," running through Jan. 25 at the Koehnline Museum of Art at Oakton Community College in Des Plaines.

Weiss' work is paired with that of Mary Porterfield, a Chicago artist and occupational therapist, who also paints landscapes. They share a basic concept, said Weiss. "I think that the pairing is we both take landscape, but do something unusual with it that leaves you with an emotion."

Yet, said Weiss, her work differs from Porterfield in that Porterfield's incorporates imaginary creatures in scenes that suggest the supernatural, possibly heaven and helf.

In addition to her art practice, Weiss teaches at Columbia College, the Evanston Art Center and the Chicago Botanic Garden. Every summer she travels to Italy and Ireland to lead workshops on painting and drawing.

Some people have described her paintings as "moody." Others refer to them as "glamorous Hollywood," she said. She



"Birds of Pray," by Mary Porterfield

describes them as "lush and dramatic."

"I think it's more about my relationship to the landscape and my reaction to the landscape," Weiss said. "I mean, you definitely get there's some kind of emotion happening when you look at them, I think."

Porterfield explained that her art sometimes results from situations she's faced in her therapy work.

"I set high expectations for myself to make a positive difference in all situations. It's often difficult to accept that there are circumstances that I can't affect. In painting, I reference overpowering acts of nature to symbolize these circumstances that are beyond my control, both literally and figuratively."

Those "overpowering acts of nature" could be geysers, storm

clouds, and volcanoes. Specifically, Porterfield continued, it's her work with Alzheimer's patients that's impacted her art. As an occupational therapist, her job includes developing safe discharge plans for patients. Sometimes that means the patients must go into nursing homes.

It's very hard thing to have to do, something she dislikes doing, said Porterfield. "I used painting as a means to cope with that remorse."

She added that she'd like visitors to the exhibit to notice how a painting can tell two stories: "one from a distance and one from up close. In working in a dichotomous manner, I hope my work raises more questions than it answers, while showing all is often not what it seems."







'Dickens' Women' illuminates the author

BY MIRIAM DI NUNZIO | mdinunzio@suntimes.com



Miriam Margolyes stars in her one-woman show "Dickens' Women'

Behind every great man there's a great woman. In the case of Charles Dickens, there were quite a few.

Acclaimed British actress Miriam Margolves, perhaps more familiar to American audiences as Professor Pomona Sprout in the "Harry Potter" film series, is putting the spotlight on 23 of Dickens' most famous (and some less so) female characters (and the real-life women on which they were based) in her aptly named "Dickens' Women." It plays through Dec. 22 at Chicago Shakespeare Theater, as part of an international

celebration of the centennial of the author's birth.

Q. What's the most fascinating aspect of Dickens that you've uncovered in all your study and research and performance?

MM: It isn't that I discovered it, but the most fascinating aspect is the difference between the two Dickens - the Dickens that we all know and imagine with Christmas and fellowship, and the real Dickens that was not like that. That was this show is about. It's that discovery.

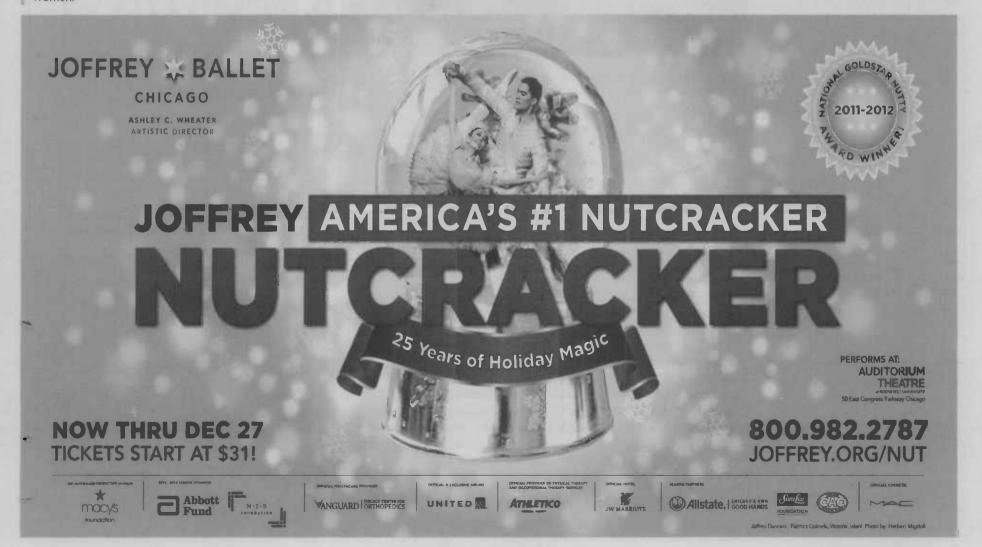
Q. How did you choose the roster of Dickens' women for the show, which boasts Miss Havisham (from "Great Expectations"), Mrs. Micawber (from "David Copperfield"), Miss Flite (from "Bleak House") and Mrs. Jarley (from

"The Old Curiosity Shop") among others?

MM: I use the women who were based on the real women in his life and would bring a voice to the biography of the man. Dickens created over 2,000 characters, probably more than any other writer, and many of them are women. and many of those women are wonderful and gripping. So I made a list of all the women I wanted to do and then cut it down to the women who had relevance in his life.

Q. Which character is the closest to vour heart?

MM: Don't know if it's the closest to me, but I have three favorites out of the gallery that I present. Mrs. Gamp [from "The Life and Adventures of Martin



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Chuzziewit"]. She is a drunken midwife, and in Victorian times, midwives laid out babies and laid out coffins. So when she was called to someone's home she never knew which job she had to perform. My second favorite is Miss Havisham, and I don't have to explain why. She is the iconic character who seizes your imagination and never leaves it. One never forgets Miss Havisham, because of her sadness, her malice, her warped nature, the tragedy of disappointment.

The third one is my favorite because, in a sense, I have discovered it. It's the lesbian Miss Wade from "Little Dorrit." The word lesbian never comes in to the dialogue, of course, because it was never part of Victorian times. I'm a gay woman myself, and I don't like Miss Wade; you're not meant to like her. But there is an incredible poignancy and truth in the depiction of this character.

Q. Switching gears, how marvelous is it to be part of the "Harry Potter" legacy through your portrayal of Professor Sprout?

MM: It was a very happy experience. It was nice to be offered the part, albeit a small part, in something that turned out to be an engine of the British film industry. I was only in two of the films, No. 2 and No. 8. I wish I had been in more. I did not read the books. I read Dickens. In a sense I don't need to read J.K. Rowling or anyone else at all.



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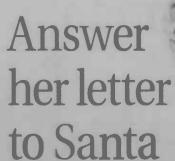
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During the week that they both turn 40, numerous crises bring a married couple (Rudd, Mann) to the brink of divorce. Judd Apatow ("Knocked Up") wrote and directed the comedy.

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PG-13 for extended sequences of intense fantasy action violence and frightening images

Stars

Martin Freeman, Ian McKellen, Richard Armitage

After a long, slow, at times even tedious buildup, this first installment in director Peter Jackson's three-film adaptation of Tolkien's precursor to the "Lord of the Rings" trilogy does come fully to life — just in time for a flashy finish. Nevertheless, Jackson's

determination to stretch out "The Hobbit" over nine hours like his truly epic "LOTR" trilogy results in a clutter of unnecessary detail and an overdose of walking, talking and exposition. Things eventually do pick up when the great wizard Gandalf (McKellen) accompanies the dwarfs on their way to reclaim their ancestral home from the evil dragon Smaug; and young Bilbo Baggins (Freeman) first makes the acquaintance of Gollum. One word of advice, though: pass up the disconcertingly hyperrealistic "High Frame Rate 3D" version of the film in favor of the normal 24-frames-per-second prints, unless you like your fantasy adventures to look starkly un-magical.

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Rated

R for brief sexuality

Stars

Bill Murray, Laura Linney

This lightweight, middle-brow mix of romance, historical drama and comedy of manners might have seemed a lot more compelling if someone else were telling the story. That's not a knock at director Roger Michell ("Notting Hill") or playwright turned screenwriter Richard Nelson. Just an observation that main character Margaret "Daisy" Stuckley (Linney), a mousy, middle-aged spinster who becomes mistress to President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, is depicted as such a naïve nonentity, that she detracts from the main event — the first-ever visit of an English king and queen to America. Murray is first-rate as FDR and Samuel West is often hilarious as the king, who's appalled by American life, but too polite (and too desperate for assistance in the imminent World War II) to show it.

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Rated

PG-13 for some sexual situations, language and a brief, intense image

Stars

Gerard Butler, Jessica Biel, Dennis Quaid, Uma Thurman

This might look like a light-hearted romcom, but it's really more of a surprisingly painful family melodrama crossed with tawdry sex-farce. Only without the farce. Gerard Butler plays George, a former soccer star who's broke and down on his luck after an injury forced him out of the game. Previously a philandering husband and absentee dad, George decides the time is right to patch things up with his wife (Biel) and 10-year-old son — a project he gets under way by taking over as coach for the boy's soccer team. The kids quickly become an afterthought while George tries to avoid an onslaught of desperate, needy and manipulative soccer moms eager to get him into bed.

Rated

R for violence, sexual references, pervasive language and some drug use Stars

Brad Pitt, James Gandolfini, Richard Jenkins, Ray Liotta

The standard moral that crime doesn't pay certainly applies to this ultra-stylish, ultra-savage, utterly downbeat crime drama, but director Andrew Dominik ("The Assassination of Jesse James by the Coward Robert Ford") stretches out to suggest that nothing else pays either — and to draw a fairly strained comparison between life in the underworld and America in general. Against a backdrop of woeful news reports about the economic meltdown in 2008 and ironic sound bites from the Obama/McCain election, amiable yet entirely ruthless hit man Jackie Cogan (Pitt) quietly goes about his business, whacking all the participants in a heist of a mobcontrolled card game in Philadelphia. Dominik makes a show of several flashy set pieces involving exceedingly brutal violence, but it's Pitt who provides the dramatic ballast that makes it work as well as it does.

Movie Review

'40' does a number on wholesome family comedy

BY BRUCE INGRAM ! Film Critic

'This is 40'

Writer/director Judd Apatow has been gradually distancing himself from the raunchy comedy that made his reputation and edging, bit by bit, toward more observational, emotionally mature films with comic trappings.

Following "The 40 Year Old Virgin," "Knocked Up" and "Funny People," "This is 40" appears to be an attempt to examine marriage and family with a Woody Allen-like sensibility. Ironically, "Knocked Up," a surprise hit that made rude and crude de riqueur for recent movie comedies, appears now to have achieved the best balance. By contrast, the 50/50 mix in "This is 40" basically makes the film tug equally hard in opposite directions and end up somewhere strangely betwixt and between.

That doesn't mean it's a bad film: there's too much smart. heartfelt material in it for that. It does have a confusingly split personality, though, with its oldschool family-comedy template being invaded by raunchy sex, off-the-charts profanity and other unwholesome behaviors.

"This is 40" picks up the post-"Knocked Up" lives of supporting characters Pete and Debbie (Paul Rudd and Leslie Mann,



Temporary cease-fire: Paul Rudd and Leslie Mann in "This is 40."

both excellent). Pete and Debbie's marriage was already a little rocky in that film, but now the conflict quotient has been upped considerably, to the point where they are perpetually annoyed with each other. Set in the one-week period during which they will both turn 40, the film sets aside the traditional story arc in favor of a meandering exploration of one crisis after another. Ben's retro record label is near bankruptcy, Debbie's boutique is losing money (possibly because employees Megan Fox and Charlyne Yi are stealing from her), they're on the verge of losing their posh L.A. home. Debbie verbally assaults

a 13-year-old boy for posting insulting comments on her daughter's Facebook page, and by the end of the week, though they obviously still love each other, it looks like divorce is looming.

In short, Pete and Debbie are not an ideal couple and they're also not ideal parents. There's virtue in that, though, because Apatow is going to extremes to point out that no one is. Though you may find those extremes a bit off-putting, it's also likely that you'll find moments of truth here and there about the way people misunderstand each other, even when they have the best of intentions.







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"Bah, Humbug!"



Piccolo Theatre's annual holiday Panto presents Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" in a whole new way, with music, jokes and magic, at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 21 and 3 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Dec. 22 at 600 Main St, Evanston. \$25; \$22 seniors; \$15 students; \$10 children 9 and younger; \$65 family. Visit www. piccolotheatre.com.

The Radio City Christmas Spectacular



Starring The Rockettes, through Dec. 30 at the Akoo Theatre at Rosemont, 5400 N. River Road, Rosemont. \$47.70-\$102.55. Tickets available at www.ticketmaster.com or (800) 745-3000. For information, visit www.rosemonttheatre.com.

"Merry Kwanzaa"



At 3 p.m. Dec. 26 at Fleetwood-Jourdain



Dara Cameron stars in "Cinderella," playing through Jan. 5 at Marriott Theatre for Young Audiences, 10 Marriott Drive, Lincolnshire. Performances are at 10 a.m. Tuesday-Saturday, with certain performances at 12:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15. Visit www.marriotttheatre.com or call (847) 634-0200.

Community Center, 1655 Foster St., Evanston. Admission is free. Call (847) 448-8254.

New Year's Eve Runway Ball

Held 8:30 p.m.-1 a.m. Dec. 31 at the Hyatt Regency O'Hare, 9300 Bryn Mawr Ave., Rosemont. The event features live music by bands Dot Dot Dot and 7th Heaven; entry to the Dance Club featuring DJ-SPIN; and access to Red Bar, where Tony Ocean performs Frank

visit http://nyerunwayball-PR.eventbrite.com.

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Gorilla Tango's **Skokie Theatre**



7924 Lincoln Ave. Skokie. www.gorillatango. com. (773) 598-4549. Dec. 21, 7:30 p.m.: "The Tale of Danny Tanner: A Full House Musical." \$15. Dec. 21-Jan. 4, 9 p.m. Fridays, and 9 p.m. Jan. 5: "Strip of the Tongue:

A Study of Contemporary American Burlesque." \$15. Jan. 12 and 19, 7:30 p.m.: "Desdemona: A Play About A Handkerchief," \$20.

"Little Shop of Horrors"



Presented by the Teen Ensemble Jan. 13-21 at Youth Company Chicago Studios, 5340 W. Lawrence Ave., Chicago. \$17; \$12 ages 17 and under. Call (312) 324-3700 or visit www.youthcompanychicago.org.

"Oliver!"



era Works with a full 26-piece orchestra. Dec. 22-31 at Cahn Auditorium, 600 Emerson St., Evanston. Performances at 8 p.m. Dec. 22, 28, 29 and 31 and 2 p.m. Dec. 23, 26, 27, 29 and 30. \$32-\$92; \$34-\$94 New Year's Eve; ages 21 and younger half-price for Family Matinees on Dec. 26, 27 and 29 (meet the cast after the show). Call (847) 920-5360 or visit www.lightoperaworks.com.

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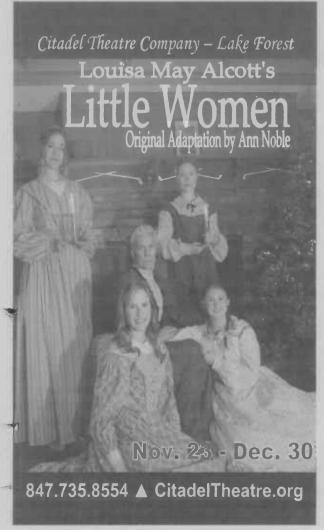
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Curtain at 7:30 p.m. Thursday: 8 p.m. Friday: 4 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday; and 2 p.m. Sunday. \$30-\$40; half-price for young adults (age 25 or younger). Call (847) 475-1875 or visit www. nexttheatre.org.

"The Whipping Man"

Presented by Northlight Theatre Jan. 18-Feb. 24 at the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie. Three men reunite in the aftermath of the Civil War - a Jewish Confederate soldier and two former slaves who were raised in his household. \$25-\$72; \$25-\$54 for previews, Jan. 18-24. Student tickets \$15, subject to availability. Call (847) 673-6300 or visit www. northlight.org.

Ars Viva Symphony Orchestra



Performing at the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie. \$36-\$75, with discounts for seniors and youth. Call (847) 673-6300 or visit www.arsviva.org. Jan: 13, 3 p.m.: Works by Vaughan Williams, Mahler and Beethoven, with soloist Gerard Sundberg, bass-baritone.

Baroque Band

The period instrument orchestra performs at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 18 at the Music Institute of Chicago, 1490 Chicago Ave.. Evanston. The program features recorder soloist Piers Adams in works by Vivaldi, Albinoni and Telemann, \$35: \$30 se-

niors; \$15 students. Visit

www.baroqueband.org.

Lake Shore Symphony Orchestra

Performs Brahms' Second Symphony and other works, 3:30 p.m. Jan. 27 at Northside College Preparatory High School, 5501 N. Kedzie Ave., Chicago. \$20: \$15 seniors and students. Call (312) 409-5670 or visit www.lsso.org.

Music of the Baroque

"Mozart Celebration," with Jane Glover, conductor, 7:30 p.m. Jan. 27 at the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie. \$27-\$75. Call (312) 551-1414 or visit www.baroque.org.

The Newberry Consort

Presenting "My Heart's in the Highlands: Songs & Poems of Robbie Burns," 3 p.m. Jan. 27 at Northwestern

University's Lutkin Hall, 700 University Place. Evanston. \$32 in advance; \$35 at the door. Visit www.newberryconsort.org or call (773) 669-7335.

Winter Chamber **Music Festival**

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11-31 at Northwestern



University's Pick-Staiger Concert Hall, 50 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston. All concerts begin at 7:30 p.m. Visit www. pickstaiger.org. Jan. 11: Bienen School faculty and guests perform works by Ravel, Brahms and Mendelssohn, \$22: \$10 students. Jan. 13: Bienen School faculty and guests perform works by Ravel, Blanc and Dvorak. \$22: \$10 students. Jan. 18: The chamber orchestra A Far Cry performs works by Golijov, Arvo Part, Biber and Walton, \$24: \$10 students. Jan. 20: The Calder Quartet performs works by Andrew Norman, Ravel and Bartok. \$22: \$10 students. Jan. 25: The Escher String Quartet performs works by Prokofiev, Shostakovich and Beethoven. \$22; \$10 students. Jan. 27: Bienen School faculty and guests perform works by Saint-Saens, Prokofiev and Schumann. \$20: \$10 students. Jan. 31: Violinist Nadja Salerno-Sonnenberg and the New Century Chamber Orchestra perform works by Mendelssohn, Villa-Lobos and Strauss. \$30; \$10 students.

Blues Bar



2 W. Busse Ave., Mount Prospect. (847) 788-9977. www.blues-bar. com. Music from 9:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m., unless noted otherwise. Dec. 21: Larry Pascale Duo. Dec. 22: Deezquize. Dec. 28: One Sweet Jane. Dec. 29: X-Side.

Chambers



6881 N. Milwaukee Ave. Niles. (847) 647-8282. www.thechambersonline.com. Music at 9 p.m. No cover, unless noted otherwise. Dec. 22: Tony Smith Show (Motown). \$5. Dec. 29: The Cavern Beat (Beatles tribute). \$7.

Gorilla Tango's Skokie Theatre

7924 Lincoln Ave. Skokie. www.gorillatango. com. (773) 598-4549. Jan. 7, 8 p.m.: Paul Asaro & The Fat Babies: Chicago Hot. Stride pianist and vocalist Paul Asaro together with The Fat Babies perform 1920s and '30s jazz and swing. \$10.

North Shore Center for the Performing Arts



9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie. (847) 673-6300. www.northshorecenter. org. Jan. 3, 7:30 p.m.:

Elvis Tribute Artist Spectacular. \$20.50, \$37, \$51.

S.P.A.C.E.



1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston. www.evanstonspace.com. (847) 492-8860. Dec. 21, 8 p.m.: Delbert McClinton (blues/rock). \$40-\$85. Dec. 22, 8 p.m.: Deep Blue Organ Trio (jazz). \$12/\$15. Dec. 29, 8 p.m.: Ezra Furman & His Band (pop). \$12/\$15. Dec. 31, 6 p.m.: The Flat Five (pop/ rock). \$15-\$35. Dec. 31, 10 p.m.: Alejandro Escovedo & the Sensitive Boys with Nicholas Tremulis (roots/rock). \$65-\$95. Jan. 1, 7 p.m.: "The Songs of Hank Williams," featuring Nick Tremulis, Ingrid Graudins, Don Stiernburg, John Rice,TC Furlong, Stuart Rosenberg and others (country). \$18/\$22.

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7172 Dempster St., Morton Grove. (847) 966-8282. www.tavadining. com. Dec. 21 and 28. 6:30-10 p.m.: Music by solo jazz guitarist Jerry D. Tiberi.

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Oakton Community College



Koehnline Museum of Art, 1600 E. Golf Road, Des Plaines. (847) 635-2633. www.oakton.edu/ museum. Gallery hours: 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Friday; 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturdays. Through Jan. 25: "Nuances of Landscape: Paintings by Mary Porterfield and Nina Weiss."

AUDITIONS &

Teen casting call



Devonshire Playhouse, 4400 Greenwood St., Skokie, will hold auditions for 12- to 17-yearold actors for its April production of "Fame," 6-8 p.m. Jan. 8 and 4:30-6:30 p.m. Jan. 11. For more information. call (847) 674-1500, ext. 2400.

Call for artists



Amdur Productions, an art festival production company, has issued its annual call for artists. Artists can apply online at www.amdurproductions.com. All applications must be received by midnight Jan. 11; late applications will be accepted through Jan. 18

for an additional processing fee. Festivals include: Barrington Art Festival, May 25-26; Promenade of Art Arlington Heights, June 8-9; The Art Center's Festival of Fine Craft, Highland Park, June 22-23; Chicago Botanic Garden Art Festival. Glencoe, July 5-7; Buffalo Grove Invitational Art Festival, July 13-14; North Shore Festival of Art, Skokie, July 27-28; Glencoe Festival of Art, Aug. 3-4; Art at the Glen Town Center, Glenview, Aug. 10-11; Lincolnshire Art Festival, Aug. 17-18; Port Clinton Art Festival, Highland Park, Aug. 24-25; Downtown Downers Grove Art Festival, Sept. 7-8: Highwood Last Call Starving Artist Art Fair, Sept. 21-22; The Inside Show, Highland Park, Nov. 22-24.

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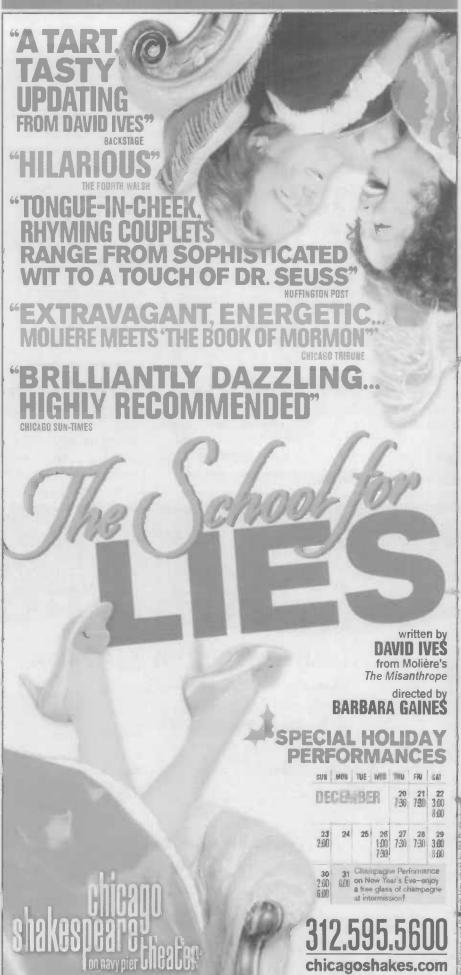
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BOOKS & POETRY

Author appearance



Lois Leveen, author of The Secrets of Mary Bowser, speaks on "Race, Social Justice, 'Chosenness' and Jewish American Literature" at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 16 at Temple Beth Israel, 3601 W. Dempster St., Skokie. \$5 suggested donation. Books will be available for purchase and autographs. For information, call (847) 675-0951 or visit www. tbiskokie.org.

Book signing



Author Bruce Scivally will sign copies of his books, Billion Dollar Batman and Superman on Film, Television, Radio and Broadway, 4-6 p.m. Dec. 21-22 at Curt's Cafe,2922 Central St., Evanston. Visit www.brucescivally.com.

Lincolnwood Public Library



4000 W. Pratt Ave. (847) 677-5277. www. lincolnwoodlibrary.org. Jan. 3, 7 p.m.: Discussion of *Little Bee* by Chris Cleave. Jan. 14, 11 a.m.: Discussion of

The Rules of Civility by Amor Towles.

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4000 W. Pratt Ave. (847) 677-5277. www. lincolnwoodlibrary.org. Jan. 7, 3:30 p.m.: "Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Dog Days," rated PG.

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6960 Oakton St., Niles. (847) 663-6405. www. nileslibrary.org. **Dec. 22**, 2 p.m.: Saturday Family

Movie Series features

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COMEDY

Allstate Arena



6920 N. Mannheim Road, Rosemont. Tickets available at www. ticketmaster.com or (800) 745-3000. **Dec.** 27, 7:30 p.m.: Standup comedian Jeff Dunham — "Disorderly Conduct" World Tour, \$46.50.

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Skokie. www.gorillatango.com. (773) 598-4549. **Through Jan. 26,** 9 p.m. Saturdays, except 10:30 p.m. Jan. 5: "Holy Bouncing Boobies! A Batman Burlesque." 18 and over. \$35. **Jan. 26,** 7:30 p.m.: "The Meshuganas," a standup comedy revue featuring Hollie Himmelman and Steve Himmelman. \$22.

North Shore Center for the Performing Arts



9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie. www.northshorecenter.org. (847) 673-6300. **Jan. 24-27:** The Capitol Steps present political satire. Performances at 7:30 p.m.
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5437 Park Place, Rosemont. http://rosemont. zanies.com. Showtimes at 8 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays; 8 p.m. and 10:15 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. Dec. 19-22: Kevin Bozeman. Dec. 27-28: Russ Williamson. Dec. 29: Hannibal Buress. Dec. 30: Michael Palascak. Dec. 31: Fortune Feimster.

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4000 W. Pratt Ave. (847) 677-5277. www. lincolnwoodlibrary:org. Dec. 21, 1 p.m.: "The Bourne Legacy." Dec. 27, 10:30 a.m.: "The Odd Life of Timothy Green." Dec. 27, 1 p.m.: "Holiday." Dec. 28, 1 p.m.: "Hope Springs." Jan. 3, 10:30 a.m.: "Lawless." Jan. 3, 1 p.m.: "The

Searchers." Jan. 4, 1 p.m.: "Total Recall."

Northwest Chicago Film Society

Classic Film Series is held at 7:30 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, unless otherwise noted, at the Portage Theater, 4050 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago. Admission is \$5. Visit www.northwestchicagofilmsociety.org. Jan. 2: "Some Like It Hot" (1959). Jan. 9: "The Walls of Jericho" (1948). Jan. 16: "Desire" (1936). Jan. 21: "Gunman's Walk" (1958). Jan. 23: "Breaking Away" (1979). Jan. 30: "The Flying Ace" (1926), with live organ accompaniment by Jay Warren.

Gorilla Tango's **Skokie Theatre**

7924 Lincoln Ave. Skokie. www.gorillatango. com. (773) 598-4549. Jan. 16, 1:30 p.m.: Charles Troy presents "The Creation of 'The Wizard of Oz." \$12 in advance: \$14 at the door.

Skokie Art Guild



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workshops from 9 a.m.noon Saturdays at the Devonshire Cultural Center, 4400 Greenwood, Skokie. Live models; no instructor. Fee per session is \$20: \$12 for members. Call Steve Gal, (847) 673-4450, or visit www. skokieartguild.org.

Allstate Arena

6920 N. Mannheim Road, Rosemont. Tickets available at www. ticketmaster.com or (800) 745-3000. For information, visit www. allstatearena.com. Parking is \$20, cash only. Jan. 12-13: Professional **Bull Riders 2013 PBR** Built Ford Tough Series, featuring the top 35 bull riders in the world. \$15, \$35, \$50, \$75 and \$125. March 8, 7:30 p.m.: Stars on Ice "Now & Then" Tour, with Dorothy Hamill, Kurt Browning, Ekaterina Gordeeva and others. \$25-\$85.

Illinois Holocaust Museum & **Education Center**

9603 Woods Drive. Skokie. (847) 967-4889. www.ilholocaustmuseum.org. Admission: \$12: \$8 for students and senior citizens; \$6 for children ages 5-11. Special exhibitions are free with museum admission.

Through Jan. 6: "Spies. Traitors and Saboteurs: Fear and Freedom in America," a creation of the International Spy Museum. The exhibit explores how the United States should balance civil liberties and individual rights during times of conflict, crisis and fear. Jan. 17, 6:30 p.m.: Screening of a new documentary, "Skokie: Invaded, But Not Conquered." The film examines the personalities and issues connected to the attempted neo-Nazi March in Skokie in the late 1970s. Aaron Freeman hosts the program, to be broadcast on WTTW/Channel 11. Free with museum admission. Reservations required. Jan. 27, 1:30-3 p.m.: Remembrance and Beyond: In Recognition of the International Day of Holocaust Remembrance. Free with museum admission. Reser-

Skokie Heritage Museum

vations required.

8031 Floral Ave., Skokie. www.skokieparks.org. Through Dec. 28: "The Art of Hal Foster." The exhibit, from the collection of Skokie resident Sid Weiskirch, presents the work of comic book artist Hal Foster.

Mitchell Museum of the American Indian

3001 Central St., Evanston. (847) 475-1030.

www.mitchellmuseum. org. Admission is \$5; \$3 for senior citizens. students and children. Free admission for Mitchell Museum members and tribal members; and on the first Friday of every month. Admission includes all exhibits and events, unless stated otherwise.

Through Jan. 6: "Changing Views of American Indian Fine Art." Through Aug. 25: "The War of 1812: Fighting for Their Homeland." Through Sept. 8: "New Treasures of Our Collection," an exhibit of 45 recent acquisitions.



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Social Nation: Harness the Power of Social Media to Drive Engagement

By: Barry Libert

Success in today's connected world of social media is increasingly tied to more modern, collaborative business approaches – such as crowd sourcing, open sourcing, and word of mouth marketing – platforms that exude characteristics of 'connectedness' more than 'management'.

As a leading social media company, our experience in building and managing online communities indicate that there are seven principles for success to transform your organization into one that highly engages its customers and creates dedicated, long-term investors. Here are seven principles to enable these entities to be more fulfilled as they achieve their full potential:

Rule 1: Develop Your Social Skills: Leaders in today's socially networked world are expected to follow as much as they lead, while still providing structure and support.

Example: Ducati realized that by creating both on and offline communities of its enthusiasts they could spread the Ducati brand. They also let people create their own modifications and add-ons and display them. In so doing, they essentially let their community of owners, dealers and prospective buyers reshape Ducati's image.

Rule 2: Let Company Culture Lead Your Way: When building a social organization, remember that company culture is very important.

Example: Tony Hseih created his firm based on a simple notion – that achieving happiness is a universal principle and is applicable both at work and home. The result: he built two highly successful companies, most recently Zappos, which he sold to Amazon.

Rule 3: Mind Your Online and Offline Manners: How you say something – online or off – is as important as what you say, and can help make the difference in gaining fans, friends and followers.

Example: Emily Post was the keeper of etiquette of a time that has long passed us by. However, her grandson Peter keeps her thoughts alive for our internet lives. His message of Netiquette is the same as his grandmothers; it's not only what you say, but how you say it.

Rule 4: Listen, Learn, and Adopt: Social intelligence enables your company to benefit from all that is happening around you so you can adapt what you do and how you do it to better meet the needs of your customers, employees and market demands.

Example: Webkinz and its founder, Samuel Ganz, understands that what happens offline to build a great business is based on customer feedback and the ability to act on their recommendations.

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Rule 6: Rely on Others for Growth and Innovation: Friends, fans and followers are crucial in achieving growth in today's connected world. This means you need to engage people on their terms.

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Rule 7: Reward Others and You Will Be Rewarded Too: As organizations focus more and more on social connections, interactions and relationships, they want to be rewarded emotionally as well as financially. Successful businesses will have to meet both needs.

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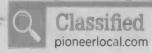












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Diane Nelson Director, Information Technology Pub:12-20 12-27 467706

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STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS PROBATE DIVISION Suzanne Reid, Deceased
Case No. 12 P 6365

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court in Room 1202. Richard J. Daley Center, Alicago, Illinois 60602, or with the representative, or both, on or before June 6, 2013, which date is not less than 6 months from the date of the first publication of this position and applications. tion of this notice and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of any claim filed with the Clerk must be malled or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it is filed. s/Kelly Niemann

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Notice is hereby given of the death of Elverna Stroud, of Paintiff,
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HSS Management Company latine, IL. Letters of office were issued on December 13, 2012
Skokie, IL 60077 Defendant.
To Mark Hagenow, 4317 Gayle
Drive, Woodstock, IL 60098, whose attorney is Cary A. Lind, 121 S. Wilke Rd. Suite 407,Arlington Heights, IL 60005, Small Claims Court of Milwaukee County, 901 North 9th St., Claims anginst the estate may Hilwauke WI 52323.

PUBLICATION NOTICE
Notice is hereby given of the death of Suzanne Reid, of Elk Grove Village, IL. Letters of office were Issued on November 29, 2012 to Kelly Niemann, 36W700 Whispering Trail, St. Charles, IL. 60175, whose attorney is Cary A. Lind, 121 S. Wilke Rd. Suite 407. Arlington Heights, IL. 60005, 847-577-0030.

Small Claims Court of Milwaukee County, 901 North 9th St. Milwaukee, WI 53233. A hear-ding will be held at 9:00 o'clock of the Circuit Court in Room A.M. on January 10, 2013. If Charles, IL. 60175, whose attorney is Cary A. Lind, 121 S. Wilke Rd. Suite 407. Arlington Heights, IL. 60005, 847-577-0030.

Public 1-4 Claims Court of Milwaukee County, 901 North 9th St. Milwaukee, WI 53233. A hear-ding will be held at 9:00 o'clock of the Circuit Court in Room In the Public A.M. on January 10, 2013. If the representative, or both, on or before June 20, 2013, which has been mailed to you at the date of the first publication of this notice and any claim not filed within that period is tion of this notice and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of any claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or

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Dated this 7th day of December

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Attorneys for Plaintiff By: Reggie L. Wegne (State Bar #1054741)

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Take notice that an application for a retail liquor License has been filed By Yusri Kattoum 1070 Stamford Ct. Aurora, IL 60502

For Super K Food, Inc 10400 W. Fullerton Ave. Melrose Park, IL 60104

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VILLAGE OF LINCOLNWOOD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on January 9, 2013, at 7:00PM, a public hearing will be held by the Plan Commission of the Village of Lincolnwood, Cook County, Illinois, in the Council Chambers Room of Lincolnwood Village Hall, 6900 North Lincoln Avenue, Lincolnwood, Illinois for the purpose of considering the following: Applicant: Village of Lincolnwood
Nature of Request: Text Amendments to the Village Zoning Ordinance, including, without limitation to sections related to: (1) the definition of Health Club or Private Recreation; (2) the addition and/or modification of definitions of firearms shooting ranges, commercial recreation facility, and other related terms as deemed necessary; (3) the Land Use Table to consider firearms shooting ranges as a Special Use in the M-B District, subject to certain restrictions; and (4) the addition of off-street parking requirements for firearms shooting ranges, commercial recreation facility, or other similar uses as deemed necessary.

At the public hearing, the Plan Commission will accept and At the public hearing, the Plan Commission will accept and consider all testimony and evidence pertaining to this application, and will consider any zoning actions or relief that may be necessary or convenient related to this request. At the conclusion of the public hearing, the Plan Commission will make recommendation to the Lincolnwood Village Board of Trustees based on the information presented. The Village Board will consider that recommendation at a subsequent public meeting. The decision of the Village Board will be the final decision of the Village regarding this application. Information concerning this application is available for inspection in the Community Development Department of the

of the Village regarding this application is available for inspection in the Community Development Department of the Lincolnwood Village Hall, 6900 North Lincoln Avenue, Lincolnwood Village Hall, 6900 North Lincoln Avenue, Lincolnwood, Illinois. This public hearing may be adjourned to another date by the Plan Commission of the Village without further notice, other than a notice entered upon the minutes of said meeting, fixing the time and place of this reconvening. All persons in attendance at the hearing shall have an opportunity to be heard regarding this application. Any person who also desires to appear as an "Interested party", with the right to cross-examine others at the public hearing, must file an appearance form with the Village of Lincolnwood no later than 5 p.m. on the business day prior to the commencement of the public hearing. Appearance forms are available in the Community Development Department of the Lincolnwood Village Hall, 6900 North Lincoln Avenue, Lincolnwood, Illinois.

This is not a "notice to appear." It is an invitation to all interested persons to submit oral or written comments concerning this application. Written comments must be received no later than 5 p.m. on the business day prior to the public hearing and may be sent to the attention of the Village Zoning Officer at the Lincolnwood, IL 60712. Persons having questions regarding this matter may call the Village Community Development Department at 847-673-7402
Dated December 17, 2012
Village Clerk

Village Clerk
Village of Lincolnwood
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Public Hearings

VILLAGE OF LINCOLNWOOD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HERBY GIVEN that on January 9, 2013, at 7:00PM, a public hearing will be held by the Plan Commission of the Village of Lincolnwood, Cook County, Illinois, in the Council Chambers Room of Lincolnwood Village Hall, 6900 North Lincoln Avenue, Lincolnwood, Illinois for the purpose of considering the following: Applicant: Village of Lincolnwood

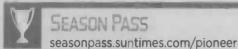
Nature of Request: Text Amendments to various sections of the Village Zonling Ordinance, Including, without limitation, amendments to sections related to: (1) definitions of Gross Floor Area, Lot Coverage, and Development Site, (2) average front yard setback for principal structures, (3) the Land Use Table and Footnote References, (4) Additional Standards for the Lincoln Avenue Corridor, (5) Bulk requirements in the R-4 District, (6) notice requirements for public hearings, (7) the number of permitted wall signs, and (8) requirements for A-frame signs, sandwich board signs, and other similar signs.

At the public hearing, the Plan Commission will accept and consider all testimony and evidence pertaining to this application, and will consider any zoning actions or relief that may be necessary or convenient related to this request. At the conclusion of the public hearing, the Plan Commission will make a recommendation to the Lincolnwood Village Board of Trustees based on the information presented. The Village Board will consider that recommendation at a subsequent public meeting. The decision of the Village Board will be the final decision of the Village Hell, 6900 North Lincoln Avenue, Lincolnwood Village Hell, 6900 North Lincoln Avenue, All persons in attendance at the hearing shall have an opportunity to be heard regarding this application. Any person who also desires to appear as an "Interested party", with the right to cross-examine others at the public hearing may be adjourned to another date by the Plan Commission of the Village without further notice, other than a notice entered upon the

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Maine East

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Don't Miss Friday

Swimming: Niles North at Maine East, 5 p.m.

One week after hosting Niles West, the Blue Demons will welcome Niles North to Park Ridge. Niles North figures to provide a substantial test for Maine East, as it dominated Niles West in a 119-67 early-season win.

Saturday

Boys Basketball: Geneva at Maine East, 6 p.m.

The Blue Demons suffered a letdown with an 18-point loss to Deerfield on Friday after picking up their first CSL North in four years on Dec. 7. Geneva figures to be a much tougher test than Deerfield



Maine East's Ezeke Omeke grabs a rebound during Friday's game at Deerfield. Visit parkridge.suntimes. com/sports to view a photo gallery from the game. | JOE'SHUMAN-For Sun-Times Media

Chokshi displays confidence

BY ERIC VAN DRIL | Contributor | @Eric Van Dril

DEERFIELD

Urchit Chokshi has seen his role on Maine East's boys basketball team blossom from sparsely-used guard to hero in the last 12 months, and the driving force behind Chokshi's evolution has centered around one thing: confidence.

Confidence is a buzzword when talking about Chokshi, largely because it's something he's struggled to possess in previous seasons. But by diligently working on his shot at Maine East's summer camp, Chokshi was confident enough to attempt — and make — the biggest shot of his career in the program's first CSL North victory in four years.

"He put a lot of time, skill-wise, into his game," Maine East coach Dave Genis said. "You can really see it. He's a much better shooter this year than he ever was. ... I think his development from last year through the summer and in

the fall, the confidence has just grown."

Chokshi played the role of hero in Maine East's 48-45 victory over Maine West on Dec. 7. The senior sent the game to overtime by draining a game-tying 3-pointer with 10 seconds remaining in regulation. Chokshi then scored four points in overtime to lead the Blue Demons to victory.

While Maine East's next game in the CSL North — a 58-40 loss Friday to Deerfield — unfolded much differently, Chokshi could still feel the effect of his performance against Maine West.

The senior didn't hesitate when presented with his first open look from behind the arc. He took — and made — an open 3-pointer in the first minute of the game, displaying a level of confidence he's rarely had as a high school player.

"I did feel more confident,"
Chokshi said after the Deerfield
game. "I haven't been shooting
well lately and, if I get cold, I really get cold. It hasn't gone well,
but after the Maine West game
(my confidence) just rose and
I feel like I can shoot more and
make them."

Chokshi's confidence isn't the only thing to be affected by Maine East's win against Maine West. Opposing teams, as Deerfield senior Tony Shapiro said Friday, now have a different

This Week Maine East

BOYS BASKETBALL Saturday Hosts Geneva, 6 p.m. Thursday (12/27) At Luther North Tourn., TBA

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Saturday
At St. Viator Snowflake Tourn.,
TBA
Wednesday
At St. Viator Snowflake Tourn.,
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Thursday (12/27)
At St. Viator Snowflake Tourn.,

GIRLS GYMNASTICS Today Hosts Deerfield, 5:30 p.m.

ICE HOCKEY Saturday At Oakton Ice Arena w/Maine vs. Plainfield, 6:35 p.m.

BOYS SWIM/DIVE Friday Hosts Niles North, 5 p.m.

perception of the Blue Demons.

"Maine West beat us the game before and Maine West, we were thinking, probably took them lightly," Shapiro said. "We were saying that there's no way we were going to do that. We're going to treat them like any other team. Before the game, in the locker room, we said, 'Treat this game like (CSL North power Glenbrook North) last Friday."

Notre Dame

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Don't Miss

Wrestling: Notre Dame at Dvorak Tournament, 9:30 a.m. The Dons easily dismissed conference rivals Carmel and St. Patrick in a pair of dual meets on Dec. 13 - Notre Dame beat Carmel 53-12 and St. Patrick 51-16 — before finishing second in a tournament at Glenbrook South.

Wednesday

Boys Basketball: Notre Dame vs. Alcott at Wheeling Tournament, 7:15 p.m.

The Dons return to the court in Wheeling following an 11-day layoff. Notre Dame (9-1) is currently ranked No. 8 by the Sun-Times after dominating Leo 54-37 at the CCL/ESCC challenge

Young Ice Dons making strides

BY ERIC VAN DRIL | Contributor | @EricVanDril

NILES

The Notre Dame boys hockey team underwent a drastic transformation before the current season when all but three of the team's upperclassmen decided not to play hockey for the Ice Dons.

The mass exodus occurred after a coaching change was made in the offseason and it left two sophomores - Brendan Golden and Nick Yzaguirre - and first-year coach Bart Czachor to lead the inexperienced Ice Dons.

"They switched up the coaching staff last year," Golden said. "A lot of the juniors and seniors either went to play somewhere else, stopped playing hockey or are focusing on other sports. It was kind of last second, and we didn't have a fully-organized team at the beginning. We're still trying to work.off what we have."



Notre Dame goalie Nick Brinskelle makes a save on a shot by Maine's Ethan Flynn during the Dec. 13 game in Niles. Visit niles.suntimes.com/sports to view a photo gallery from the game. | JERRY DALIEGEfor Sun-Times Media

What Notre Dame has is a 17-person roster comprised of six freshmen and eight sophomores. The group has shown vast improvement over the course of the season - especially in practice, according to Czachor - but the Ice Dons can be dominated physically by stronger, faster teams.

More than that, the lack of team-wide experience

has the tendency to lead to breakdowns.

As somebody who said he finds it difficult to be patient, Czachor has had to adopt a more patient approach than he had as the coach of his previous youth teams in Park Ridge. Czachor, who replaced Claude Desgagne, also has had to trust in the process of building a team and believe that

the things he's teaching Notre Dame's hockey team will establish a solid foundation that the team is able to build upon next year.

"We've improved tremendously (from) the beginning of the year to (now)," Czachor said of the Ice Dons, who fell to 8-15-1 this season with a 7-0 loss to Maine on Dec. 13. "It's a process (and) you have to be

This Week Notre Dame

BOYS BASKETBALL

At Wheeling Hardwood Classic Tourn., 9 a.m., Thursday (12/27) At Wheeling Hardwood Classic Tourn., 9 a.m.

12/27 Thursday (12/27) At Gordon Tech at Timber Lanes 9 a.m.

WRESTLING

At Dvorak Tourn, at Harlem, Machesney Pk., 9:30 a.m. Sunday At Dvorak Tourn, at Harlem, Machesney Pk., 9:30 a.m.

patient. Sometimes you don't want to be patient. I walk out of here sometimes and I don't know what to say. Do you go vocal? Do you just back off? It's just a constant struggle because we're so young."

Czachor has relied heavily upon Golden and Yzaguirre this season.

The two sophomores currently lead the team in points - they have four goals and five assists apiece in the CCHL, according to the team's website.



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Niles North

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Don't Miss

Friday

Boys swimming: Niles North at Maine East, 5 p.m.

Niles North won just one event in its 126-59 loss to the state's best team — senior Karol Mlynarski (1 minute, 44.43 seconds) beat New Trier's Brian Walsh In the 200-yard freestyle — on Friday against the Trevians.

Saturday

Girls gymnastics: Niles North at New Trier Invitational, noon

The Vikings edged New Trier 57.85-57.70 at Niles West's A Star Is Born Invitational on Dec. 13 behind Chinonso Ukeje's third-place finish on uneven bars (6.9) and Lily Wong's sixth-place finish on beam (7.7).

Niles North's Danilo Ranger blocks Maine West's Allante Bates during Friday's game in Skokie. Visit skokie.suntimes.com/sports to view a photo gallery from the game. | JON DURR- For Sun-Times Media

Defensive intensity behind success

BY MARK PERLMAN | Contributor | @markdavidperlma

SKOKIE

When watching the Niles North boys basketball team play, one can get fixated on the offensive side of the ball.

Sure, the Vikings are averaging over 63 points a game with offensive stars such as Malachi Nix and BJ Beckford forming one of the best guard tandem around.

But a lot of the offense generated by Niles North's cadre of athletes is predicated on team defense.

"We want a fast pace to the game," Nix said. "Our defense allows us to dictate the speed of the game and then score. It takes a lot of hustle and heart."

It also takes countless hours of practice.

"We work real hard in practice (on defense). It's not fun," said Vikings coach Glenn Olson, who won his 100th career game last weekend.
"We try to have constant ball pressure. Always swarming to the ball."

"We work a lot on disadvantage defense (practices)," Nix said. "It's five on four and you have to do a good job with all the defensive principles. Recovering, helping, help side, showing over the top. It helps us use our speed. And, we play like we practice."

In a 60-47 victory over Maine West on Friday, Niles North forced 24 Warriors turnovers while limiting them to 13-of-35 shooting (37 percent).

"Their (Vikings) defense is very strong," Maine West coach Erik McNeill said. "We rushed our offense. Their defense does that to you."

McNeill added: "We thought we had a chance going into the second half (trailing 29-20), but then they forced turnovers on our first three possessions."

Two steals by the Vikings' JJ Myles opening the third quarter was followed by Nix forcing an errant pass, while

This Week Niles North

BOYS BASKETBALL Wednesday At Wheeling Hardwood Classic Tourn., 9 a.m. Thursday (12/27) At Wheeling Hardwood Classic Tourn., 9 a.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL Saturday At Warren Blue Devil Classic Tourn., 7:30 p.m. Wednesday At Warren Blue Devil Classic Tourn., TBD Thursday (12/27) At Warren Blue Devil*Classic Tourn., TBD

GIRLS GYMNASTICS Saturday At New Trier (Northfield) Invite, noon

ICE HOCKEY Today At Twin Rinks vs. Deerfield, 7:30 p.m.

BOYS SWIM Friday At Maine East, 5 p.m.

overplaying his man.

"Our goal is to make teams uncomfortable," Myles said. "We're all trying to give that





Niles North's BJ Beckford defends Maine West's Anthony Dones in Skokie on Friday. | JON DURR- For Sun-Times Media

extra effort (defensively)."

"JJ is real quick. His defensive base is as good as I've coached," Olson said. "Malachi dives all over the floor for loose balls and plays hard all of the time."

There is one facet of the Vikings' defensive pressure that has to be fine-tuned: Too much intensity leads to fouls. Maine West was 18-for-22 from the foul line, which kept the Warriors in the game.

"Sometimes we lost our discipline on the ball with our hands," Olson said. "We bailed guys out (fouls). But that's fixable."

A night after the Maine West victory, the Vikings clamped down on Sullivan in an 81-35 victory.

After allowing 58 points per game in their first five contests, Niles North is limiting opponents to just 43 over its last four games (all victories).

"We're improving," Olson said. "It's not like we're pitching a shutout, but we're getting better on defense every game."



North's Billy Voitik takes a shot Friday. JON DURR-For Sun-Times Media

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The 2012 NFL campaign appears to be the season of the rookie quarterback - Andrew Luck in Indianapolis, Robert Griffin III in Washington, Russell Wilson in Seattle, Ryan Tannehill in Miami, even Brandon Wheedon in Cleveland - who came out of the gate with a flourish. But they're all chasing the marks set by Peyton Manning with the Colts in 1998, when he took every snap from center and set the rookie records for most attempts (575), most completions (326), most yards (3,739 - broken by Cam Newton's 4,051 with Carolina in 2011) and most touchdowns (26).

No matter how good they are, NFL rookies are routinely humbled by veterans. Take the case of first-year Bears players Shea McClellin and Aston Whiteside, who were handed the bill for a dinner among teammates at a fancy-Chicago steak house early in the 2012 season. The total - a mere \$38,091.91. After several minutes of panic in which they nearly regurgitated their dinners, the rookies were told by veteran Israel Idonije that the bill was a joke. Then he gave them the real bill - for "only" about \$10,000.

The Minnesota Timberwolves have hovered near the bottom of the NBA for several seasons, but entering the 2011-12 campaign they had one significant bright spot in Kevin Love, who had posted a double-double (points and rebounds) in 87.5 per cent of the games in which he'd played over the previous two seasons. The only other player to register double-doubles at that pace over two straight seasons in the last 25 years was Kevin Gamett in 2003-04 and 2004-05 - coincidentally, also for the Timberwolves.





Niles West

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Don't Miss

Girls gymnastics: New Trier at Niles West, 5:30 p.m.

Niles West and New Trier will compete against each other for the second time in a week. The Trevians finished fourth (57.70 points) at Niles West's A Star Is Born Invitational on Dec. 13. The Wolves (55,30) finished seventh out of 13 teams.

Saturday

Wrestling: Niles West at Naperville Central quad, 10 a.m.

The Wolves are coming off an outstanding week after dominating Evanston 44-18 and then finishing third at Lake Park's Ralph W. Krupke Wrestling Classic on Friday, Senior Thomas Williams won the 16-team tournament's 138-pound title.

Reserves come up big for Wolves

BY ELI KABERON | Contributor | @Pioneer_Press

EVANSTON

Trailing by nine points before most of the fans had even taken their seats, Niles West boys basketball head coach Bob Williams was in a bind.

Facing rival Evanston on Friday, his team was depleted by injuries and seeing an important conference game slip away. Williams, knowing his team needed a spark, looked to his bench and found exactly what he needed.

Though the Wolves wound Pup losing the game 55-52, it was the team's backups that allowed Niles West to not only rally from the nine-point deficit it faced early on, but also take the lead for much of the second half.

It's plausible that Niles West never would have even been close on the scoreboard were in not for the contributions of some important reserves. Led by juniors Romeo

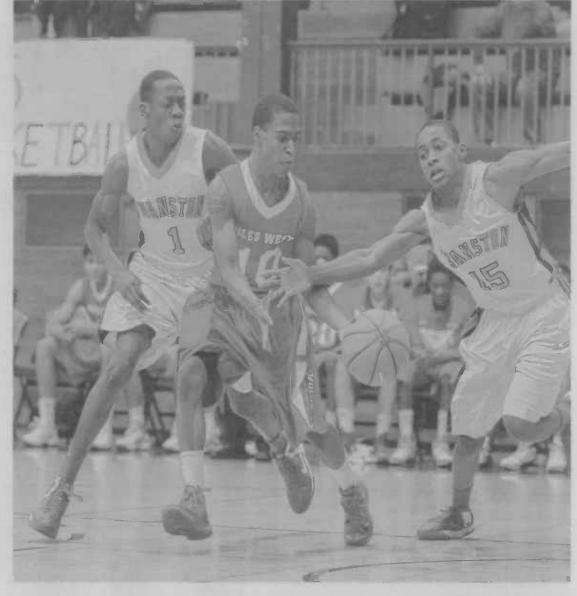
Magloire and Dwayne Smith, the Niles West bench played a key role in the game.

"We had a bunch of kids that came in and did a great job for us," Williams said of his bench following the loss to the Wildkits. "I am very happy with our effort."

The biggest contributor among the Niles West reserves came from Magloire, a 6-foot-1 forward who picked up the scoring load when his team needed it most. He dropped in 11 points and grabbed three rebounds. which included a coast-tocoast layup and a key field goal at the end of the second quarter that helped the Wolves enter halftime tied at

The junior was optimistic that his performance - and the play of his fellow bench mates — would help Niles West in the long rung

"We had a lot of energy coming off the bench," Magloire said. "We take pride in our energy. (As a bench unit) we work hard in practice everyone works hard - and we just got it going during the game, just trying to pick up the lead and put the game



Evanston's Nibra White (1) and Will Jones defend Niles West's Dwayne Smith during Friday's basketball game in Evanston. | DAVID BANKS-for Sun-Times Media

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This Week **Niles West**

BOYS BASKETBALL Thursday (12/27) At Pontiac (Twp.) Holiday Tourn., TBD

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GIRLS BASKETBALL Wednesday At Mundelein Tourn. vs. Streamwood, 5 p.m. Thursday (12/27) At Mundelein Tourn.,

GIRLS GYMNASTICS Today Hosts New Trier, 5:30 p.m.

ICE HOCKEY Today At Twin Rinks vs. Deerfield, 7:30 p.m.

BOYS SWIM/DIVE Friday Hosts Glenbrook South, 5:30 p.m.

WRESTLING Friday At Waukegan, 6 p.m. Saturday At Naperville Central Quad, 10 a.m. Thursday (12/27) At Lincoln Comm., 11 a.m.

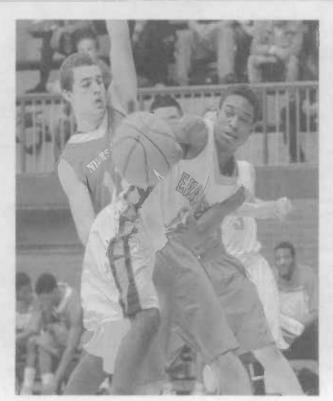
Smith, a 5-7 guard, brought instant energy and speed with him off the bench as he filled in for injured starter Ahmad Gibson.

He scored six of his eight points — and tallied two steals and a pair of assists - in the second quarter, sparking a big run for the Wolves. Using his quick feet and even faster hands, Smith's pressure defense caused several miscues from the Evanston offense, and his ability to push the ball up the court quickly had Wildkit defenders on their heels all evening.

"When Gibson went down with the injury, there was a period of time where we stepped it up and put a little lead on them." Evanston coach Mike Ellis said. "But then their bench came in and did a nice job. Not only did they not let the lead expand, but they cut it. Their bench played well."

With Gibson expected to return soon, the improved depth should serve Niles West well the rest of the season. Still looking for their first victory in the Central Suburban South. the Wolves are expected to benefit from having a strong bench.

"We had some injuries, but hopefully as we get healthy, our depth really helps us out," Williams, said.



ABOVE:

Evanston's C.J Singletary is defended by Niles West's David McCoy (12) and Dwayne Smith on Friday in Evanston. Niles West's Alex Darville watches from the ground. **DAVID BANKS-**

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LEFT: Niles West's David McCoy defends Evanston's Dante Henley during Friday's game. | DAVID **BANKS-Sun-Times**

Power Rankings

Pioneer Press Basketball Power Rankings

As voted on by the Pioneer Press sports staff. First place votes are worth 10 points, second place 9, etc. BOYS

1. Notre Dame 40 (4) 2. Lake Forest 32 3. Maine South 30

4. Fenwick 19

5. Niles North 17 6. New Trier 16 7. Hinsdale Central 15

8. St. Joseph 14 9. Oak Park-River Forest 9

10. Leyden 7
Others receiving votes: Loyola 6; Niles West 6; Stevenson 6; Nazareth 2, Northridge 1.

GIRLS 1. Trinity 39 (3) 2. Fenwick 37 (1) 3. Vernon Hills 31

5. Vernon Hills 31 4. Evanston 29 5. Glenbrook South 24 6. Hinsdale Central 12 7 (t). Barrington 10 7 (t). Haine South 10 9 (t). Hinsdale South 7 Others reaching votes

Others receiving votes: Lyons 5; New Trier 5; Carmel 2; Stevenson 2.

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BOYS BASKETBALL

Saturday New Trier vs. Nazareth 10:30 a.m. Bloom vs. Hinsdale South 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday Hillcrest vs. Maine South Glenbard E. vs. Glenbrook N. 10:30 a.m. Glenbard N. vs. Buffalo Grove 10:30 a.m. Stevenson vs. Hinsdale Central 12:15 p.m. Lyons vs. Lane Tech. 12:30 p.m. Bartlett vs. Barrington 1:30 p.m. Proviso West vs. Fenwick 3:45 p.m. St. Joseph vs. Brooks 8:30 p.m.

HOCKEY Saturday Fenwick at St Rita

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