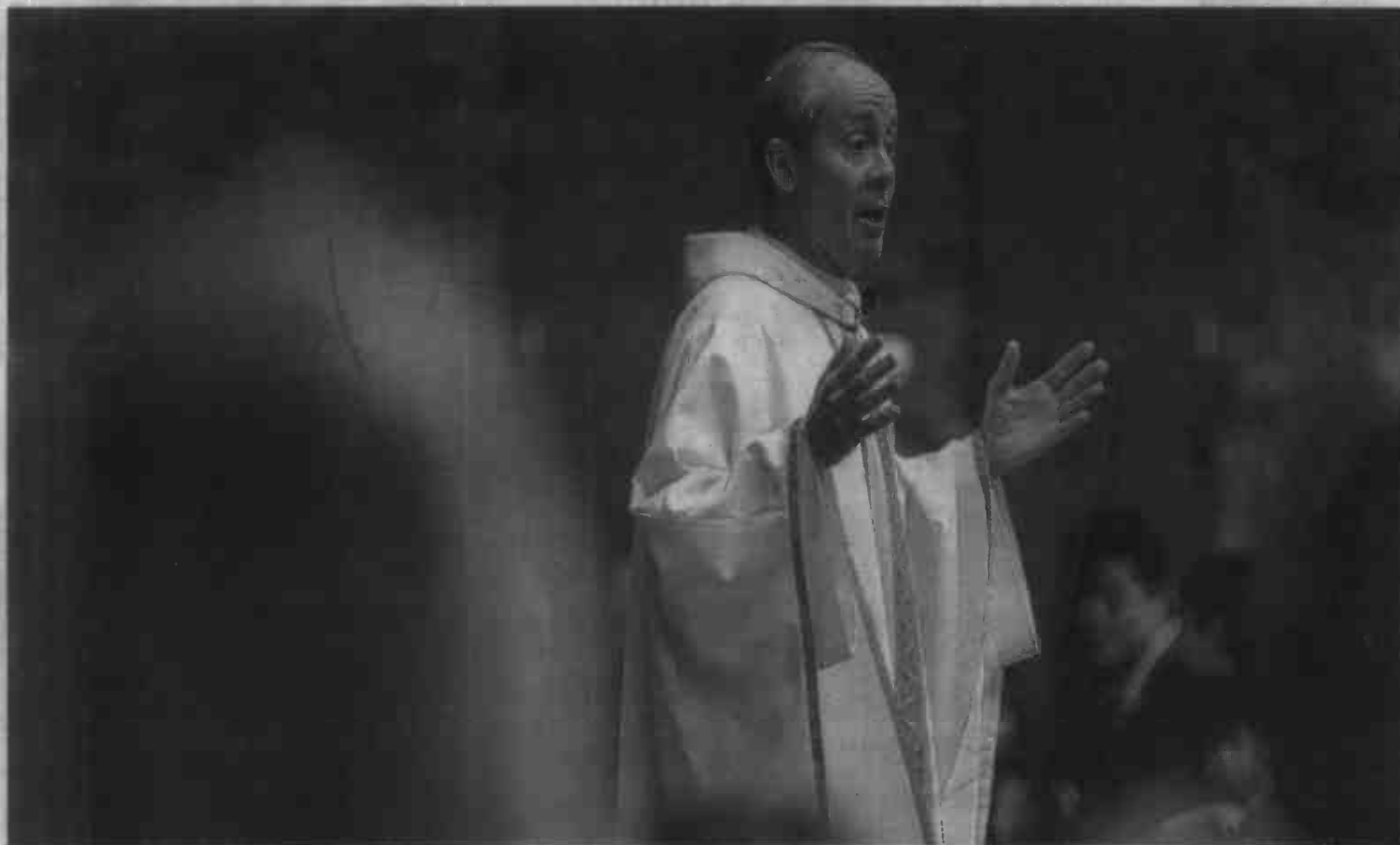


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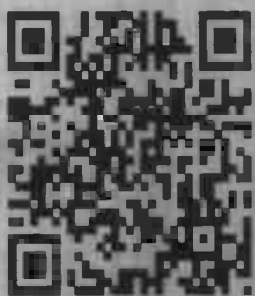
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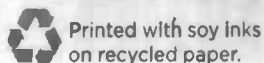
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'A community built with love' — St. John Brebeuf celebrates 60 years

BY TRACY GRUEN | Contributor

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What started out in a "tiny red school-house" with folding chairs set up for Mass, St. John Brebeuf Church has grown into a vibrant parish with about 3,600 people coming to worship on an average weekend.

Located at 8307 N. Harlem Ave. in Niles, St. John Brebeuf is celebrating its 60th anniversary this year.

"The parish is a wonderful community," said the Rev. Michael Meany, pastor. "It's such an active parish. It's one of the largest attended parishes."

In addition to its regular daily masses, the parish holds about 150 baptisms and 200 funerals each year, as well as several community events.

St. John Brebeuf also has a large school, which has been educating kids since 1955. Children from other surrounding parishes, including Our Lady of Ransom and St. Isaac Jogues, have also joined the classrooms as their parishes no longer have their own schools.

The founding pastor of St. John Brebeuf was the Rev. John J. Flanagan. The parish, which initially had only 400 families, was named after one



Parishioners gather for mass at St. John Brebeuf Catholic Church in Niles. | CURTIS LEHMKUHL-Sun-Times Media

of the five Jesuit North American Martyrs.

The church today has a variety of ministries that serve people of the Catholic faith as well as other beliefs in the Niles community and surrounding areas.

One well-known ministry was run by "Uncle Pete" Zonius who passed away last year at 90 years old. Uncle Pete was known to help out the less fortunate and his giving ways still continue through

acts of kindness by volunteers from the parish. Uncle Pete developed a program involving local school children who packed lunches that were later delivered to homeless individuals living on the streets of Chicago.

Lois Kozeny has been running a program that teaches religious education to the developmentally disabled for 43 years. She said the program started out with only a handful of students and now has over

100 students and eight classes. Four of her children have attended St. John Brebeuf and her son, who is disabled, has been an altar server for over 20 years.

"It's been wonderful," Kozeny said about being a long-time parishioner at St. John Brebeuf. "We'll never find another place like it."

Kozeny remembers when construction of the current

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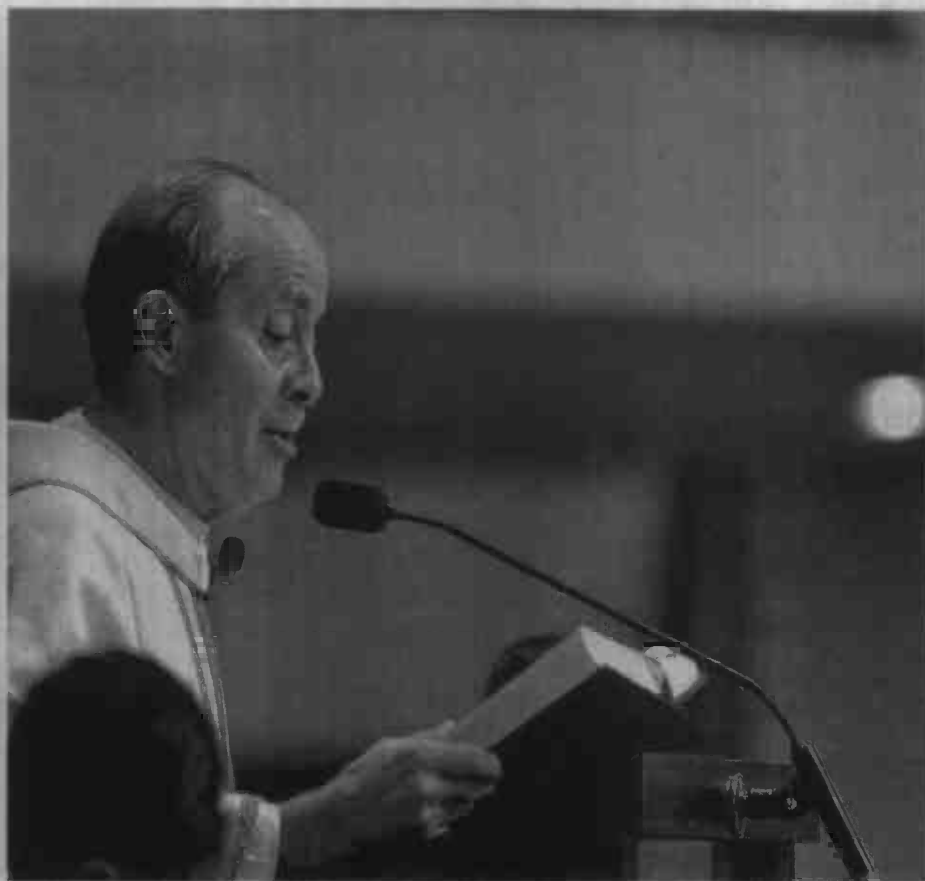
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The Rev. Michael Meany reads from the Bible at St. John Brebeuf Church in Niles on March 14. | **CURTIS LEHMKUHL**-Sun-Times Media

60 years

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church building was completed.

"We marched with trumpets into the church when the new church was built," she shared. "It was so beautiful."

She added: "It was a community built with love."

Kozeny noted that with more people working now and having hectic schedules it is more of a challenge to find volunteers than it was years ago.

Kozeny said that when the parish began the community was largely Italian, German and Irish. Today, it is comprised of people of many different ethnicities, with large groups of Polish, Indian and Filipino Catholics.

"We have the opportunity to meet all different kinds of ethnic groups," Kozeny noted.

"They come and support one another in different activities," Meany said of the parishioners.

Larry Skaja, a deacon at St. John Brebeuf, said he is excited to celebrate the parish's 60th anniversary.

"We're going to be celebrating the entire year," Skaja said. "We're bringing all the different groups together, almost like a major pep rally."

A 60th anniversary party called "The Memories to the Future" will be held on Friday, Sept. 13. This party will feature dinner, cocktails, and a DVD presentation that will review happenings at the parish under its five pastors. Guests will also enjoy an anniversary musical review that will be similar to the Festival Cabaret Shows that were held at the school each year from 1953 to 1974.

Also this year the church is kicking off a capital campaign to remodel some facilities. Repairs to the roofs and better lighting in the parking lots are just a couple of examples of what improvements could happen as a result of the campaign.

The campaign, called "To Teach Who Christ Is," will help to revitalize St. John Brebeuf's facilities and help provide resources to make sure the parish exists and is still thriving 60 years from now, Meany explained. ■



Niles loses water rate dispute with Glenview

BY TODD SHIELDS | tshields@pioneerlocal.com

Citing partial victory, Glenview officials expressed satisfaction Friday that a Cook County judge ruled the village of Niles overcharged Glenview for water.

The judge did not say how much money was overcharged, but Glenview's attorney, Eric Patt, said the judge agreed the

overcharging occurred from April 2010 to July 2011.

In the long-standing dispute, Glenview claimed Niles charged too much for water it sold to Glenview-owned North Maine Water Utility.

The utility has served 4,900 customers in unincorporated Maine Township near Niles, Des Plaines, Glenview and Park Ridge since 2008, Glenview officials said.

"We won that part of the case," Patt said. "A factual determination ruling in court found out that we

were overcharged from 2010 to 2011."

The Glenview attorney also said Niles violated the contract by failing to charge customers its lowest rate.

Patt added that it hasn't been undetermined if Niles illegally charged for sewer services from 2002 to 2011.

"Our hope is that both parties can work out a settlement instead of spending taxpayers' money in a trial," Patt said.

Niles village officials were unavailable for comment Friday.

When Glenview bought

North Maine Utilities in 1997, it had a long-term contract to buy Lake Michigan water from Niles. The deal expires in 2020.

Niles charges North Maine to purchase the water, and Niles sets the rate.

Because North Maine receives no sewer services from Niles, Glenview contends the water rate should not have anything to do with Niles' sewer service, said Lynne Stiefel, Glenview communications director.

In April 2011, Glenview began withholding water payments it collected from

customers in an interest-bearing escrow account, until the Niles' water rate can be determined.

In February, \$9.9 million was in the account, Stiefel said.

Niles filed a lawsuit against Glenview in June 2011, asking a judge to force the village into payments.

Glenview filed a counterclaim the next month.

A judge denied Niles' motion to dismiss Glenview's counterclaim and Niles' motion to limit the scope of the audit Glenview has requested. ■



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Presentation turns political at Village Board meeting

BY TRACY GRUEN |
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A political feud erupted during a Niles Village Board meeting last week after an initiative promoted by a slate of candidates running in the April 9 election appeared on the agenda.

The dispute involved Cook County's STAR performance management system of employees which Trustee Andrew Przybylo, a candidate for village president, and his Niles New Party 2013 are advocating for Niles as part of their campaign platform.

At the board's monthly informal consideration meeting on March 12, a representative from Cook County gave a presentation about the STAR management system that has been a success in Cook County. The program involves setting various goals and holding employees accountable to the goals.

But before the representative started to speak, Trustee Rosemary Palicki said she did

not feel it was an appropriate topic to be on the agenda because it is part of the Niles New Party campaign.

"This is an improper use and perhaps an illegal use," said Palicki, "It's inappropriate."

Przybylo said that he put the discussion on the agenda so the village of Niles could possibly benefit from the STAR program just like Cook County has.

Following the presentation about the program, Przybylo stood up and faced the audience.

"The question should not be, why is performance management being presented today, but rather why have the other trustees (Chris Hanusiak, Louella Preston and

Palicki) not presented anything of substance in the past four months?" Przybylo fired back. "I submit, because they have not much to offer."

Hanusiak is running for village president against Przybylo. Members of Hanusiak's Responsible Leadership for Niles Party include Trustees Hynes and Preston and Mary Marusek. The party will run against the Niles New Party 2013 which includes Przybylo, George Alpogianis, John Jekot, and Danette O'Donovan Matyas.

During the resident comment portion of the meeting, Preston stated she has tried to get employee performance management for the village for awhile and wanted the

board to discuss the topic at a meeting in 2010, but that never took place.

Trustee James Hynes said he has been recommending performance management for employees since he joined the board, but did not support Przybylo putting it on Tuesday night's agenda.

"His party is using this as a platform," said Hynes. "It's grossly inappropriate."

Przybylo, who is the secretary of the Cook County Zoning Board of Appeals, has stated if he is elected village president he wants to create a metric so that village department heads and staff are evaluated based on their performance, similar to the STAR system. ■

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IN PROFILE

For Helen Kasluga, Niles Senior Center makes life 'beautiful'

BY TRACY GRUEN | Contributor

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Helen Kasluga, who has lived in Niles for 39 years, is a huge fan of the Niles Senior Center.

It's a place where she can participate in a number of different activities and events that keep her active. She describes herself as a happy person who likes to surround herself with positive people and activities.

Q: What kind of things do you do at the Niles Senior Center?

A: I play in pinochle tournaments, poker tournaments, music, art and book reviews. I'm in the choral group and we perform at other senior centers. I belong to the cancer survivor group. We're doing a raffle for the group.

Q: What hobbies do you enjoy?

A: I still go ballroom dancing at the American Legion in Franklin Park. I do water aerobics. I have been doing that for maybe 30 years.

Q: What do you like best about ballroom dancing?

A: It's a singles group. Some of the men are very good dancers. I like to dance.

Q: How long have you been a member of the Senior Center?

A: I have been at the Senior Center for 26 years or more.

Q: What do you love about the Niles Senior Center?

A: There's everything to make our life beautiful. I go every day. There's always something to do.

Q: Do you enjoy the social aspect of the senior center?

A: Yes. I got the flu for a few days; I had no one to talk to and nothing was on television. I thought, "Thank god for our Senior Center."

Q: Do you volunteer at the Senior Center?

A: I volunteer whenever they need somebody; I'll be there. Especially with the cancer survivor group.

Q: What did you used to do professionally?

A: I was a shopper for Kraft foods. I would go to the store and buy the groceries that they needed. I was also an extra in movies when they did movies in Chicago. I saw a lot of movie stars. I met Marilyn Monroe and talked to her for about a half an hour. She wanted to know all about my children. In World War II, I inspected the phones that they used during the war. ■



Helen Kasluga



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Cops eye \$1.4M station upgrade

BY TRACY GRUEN | Contributor

The Niles police station, only seven years old, could be getting a \$1.4 million upgrade to become more accessible if the village board signs off on a new proposal.

The proposed project, if approved by the board, will include removing the long ramp and staircase. Instead, there would be a ground-level lobby, indoor staircase and visitors could go to the second floor on an elevator.

Andy Joseph, a senior designer at Wight & Company, said the ramp has steel railings and steel reinforcement in the concrete, and the steel is rusting.

"These are outdoors, and the department staff has to maintain them during snow and ice," Joseph said at the March 12 meeting.

"It's going to save public works a lot of extra work," said Niles Police Chief Dean Strzelecki.

Strzelecki said the new entranceway to the police department will be more accommodating and accessible for visitors.

The current police station building was built in 2004.

"The design was not right," said Strzelecki. He said the ramp is ADA approved, but it is very long.

Strzelecki said the total cost of the project is about \$1.4 million. If approved, funds would come from the Milwaukee-Touhy TIF District.

During the informal consideration meeting, Trustee Louella Preston described the current police building as "probably the most inaccessible building in the Village of Niles."

The proposed project also includes adding landscaping to improve and soften the appearance where the ramp was located. The police department will also gain an extra storage area to store items, such as bikes. A green roof would cover the additional storage area.

Construction is estimated to take about four months, and the board will decide whether they will continue to move forward with the project at the village board meeting on March 26. ■



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DUI

Jesse Charchut, 20, of 8623 Stolting, Niles, was charged with driving under the influence on the morning of March 9 after his vehicle reportedly struck a light pole in the 8600 block of Greenwood Avenue at 4 a.m. He has a March 27 court date.

Billy Hazelwood, 52, of 60 N. Broadway, Des Plaines, was charged with

driving under the influence of drugs and alcohol and driving without a valid license on the morning of March 8. Hazelwood was charged after he was stopped for allegedly speeding on the 7600 block of Milwaukee Avenue and driving through a red light. He had a March 18 court date.

Steve Stanojevic, 56, of 8532 N. Oketo Ave., Niles, was charged March 12 with driving under the influence after he was stopped for allegedly speeding on the 6800 block of Milwaukee Avenue just after midnight. He has a March 27 court date.

Robert Zimolag, 41, of

8829 Belleforte, Morton Grove, was charged with driving under the influence and driving with a suspended license on March 12. He was taken into custody after police stopped his vehicle for reportedly speeding on the 7200 block of Harlem Avenue at 2:20 a.m.

THEFT

An employee's wallet was reported stolen on the evening of March 7 from Global Health Clinic on the 8200 block of Golf Road. The wallet contained credit cards and \$1 in cash, police said.

SUSPICIOUS INCIDENT

Police are investigating

a man's complaint that his elderly father, who suffers from dementia, might be the victim of a "sweetheart scam" because he reportedly gave a Niles woman between \$60,000 and \$70,000 in cash. The man also reported that his father's name is on a vehicle that was registered to a Niles address where the woman reportedly lives.

DISTURBANCE

A 31-year-old woman told police that a male acquaintance, whom she has not seen in 10 years due to a family dispute, swung a red bat at her vehicle on March 6 outside Portillo's, 8832 Dempster St. The woman reported that the man

continued waving the bat as he followed her family east on Dempster before turning onto a side street. Police were unable to locate him.

BATTERY

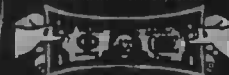
Police said a 47-year-old Niles man grabbed a 64-year-old man by the collar of his shirt and began shaking him on March 9 in the lobby of the YMCA, 6300 W. Touhy Ave. The victim reportedly punched the other man in the face and the two fell to the ground before they were separated by YMCA staff members, police said. The victim declined to sign a complaint, according to police. ■

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Its trees targeted, school looks for new growth

BY TRACY GRUEN | Contributor

When Kim Eggert heard that ash trees at Emerson Middle School in Niles were going to be taken down, she was more than disappointed.

"I was in a state of shock," said Eggert, of Park Ridge.

The trees are infected with emerald ash borer beetles. So Eggert and other members of the Parent Teacher Organization at Emerson Middle School raised about \$5,000 last year and planted a large maple tree, red bud trees and flowering white apple trees at Emerson. They also received a donation from the Chicago Botanic Garden, which was a Magnolia that was started from a seed in China.

Scott Mackall, facilities manager for Park Ridge-Niles Dist. 64, said 15 ash trees located alongside the north end of the soccer field will be removed by the school district. He said it will cost \$1,530 to remove the trees and the district will pay for the removal.

"I'm going to work with the PTO to plant some new trees," said Mackall. "We'll start replacing the trees right away."

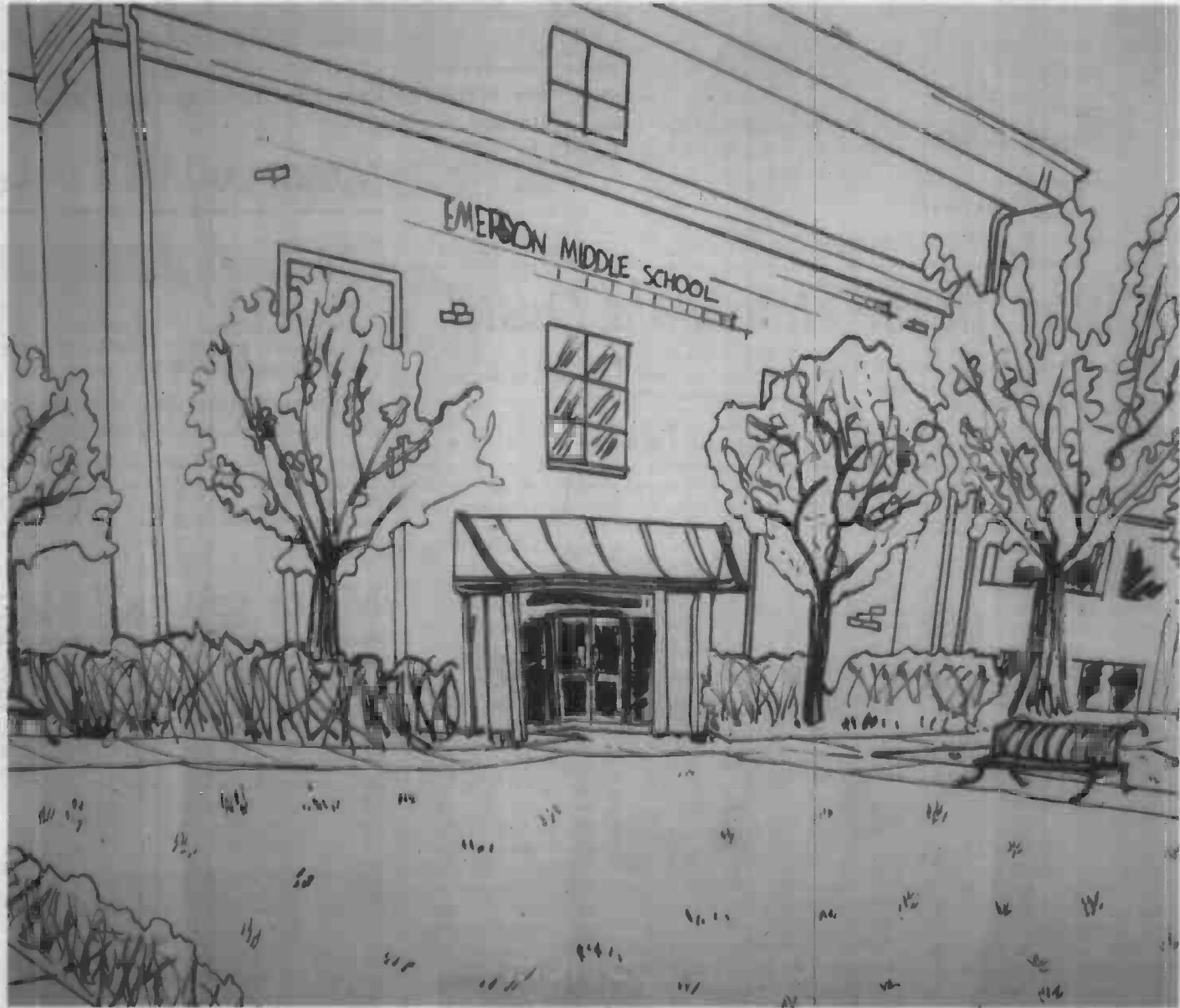
Mackall said it's also possible the district will pay for at least some of the trees.

"It's just a shame," Mackall said. "All the trees around the building are fine and healthy."

But Eggert sees the removal as a new opportunity to beautify Emerson's campus.

"The school was never landscaped properly," said Eggert, who compared the school to a penitentiary. She said there are no trees along the soccer field, and kids get too hot sometimes when they're outside.

"I have a vision for this school," said Eggert. "I want the kids to have



Kim Eggert, a member of the Emerson Middle School-PTO, had Art Club students create a drawing of what the school's entrance could look like with more trees. | COURTESY KIM EGGERT

a civic responsibility."

Eggert asked one of the school's art teachers to have students involved in the art club draw a sketch of what the school would look like if trees were planted at the schools' entrances.

Eggert said trees are very expensive, with a new maple costing about \$1,500. She's hoping that parents, community members and local businesses will recognize their need for trees, since they'll be losing a good number of them due to the Emerald ash Borer.

"We want to make each entrance more appealing," said Eggert.

Eggert is hoping that kids will ask their family members and friends to make a donation in order to be able to plant more trees at Emerson Middle School. She believes it would be great if Emerson graduates come back to the school years later and realize that they helped to improve the school.

Eggert said it was disheartening to find out that some kids had ripped out some smaller trees that PTO members had planted last year.

Tony Dati, superintendent of public works for the Village of Niles, said that last year about 150 to 200 ash trees throughout the village (on public property) were taken down due to the emerald ash borer, and this year about the same number will be removed.

"We're trying to diversify our tree selection," said Dati.

Dati said that while other communities are losing thousands of ash trees, Niles is losing fewer, because they have been planting a variety of different types of trees. ■

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Cold air returns are also the reason new homeowners are experiencing dust. While your drywall was being sanded, your cold air returns sucked all of the dust through the system and it settled on the bottom of the duct lines where a little at a time gets blown back into your home. To prove it, take a walk down into your basement, look up at the ceiling for thin sheets of tin nailed between your floor joists. These are your cold air return lines. Give them a good pounding. You'll see puffs of dust seeping out of the edges. That my friends, is the reason you have uncontrollable dust problems!

This debris cannot be removed without a professional. Which brings me to my next point: choosing an air duct cleaning company. Most companies use truck mounted equipment, which is like a shop vac that you would vacuum your car with and attached inside the back of a van, obviously absolutely useless.

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Keeping Tabs

How Illinois lawmakers voted in Congress for the week ending March 15, 2013

Major roll call votes in the Senate

HEALTH LAW REPEAL

Senators voted, 45-52, to defeat a GOP bid to repeal the Affordable Care Act until U.S. economic growth returns to the range of 3 to 5 percent. A "yes" vote was to kill the health law despite Democrats' arguments that voters affirmed it by re-electing President Obama. (HR 933) **Sen. Richard Durbin: No; Sen. Mark Kirk: Yes**

FEDERAL HIRING FREEZE

Senators voted, 45-54, against freezing the hiring of "non-essential" federal workers — those not directly protecting life and property — through Sept. 30. A "yes" vote backed the measure over arguments Congress has repeatedly imposed austerity on civil servants. (HR 933) **Sen. Richard Durbin: No; Sen. Mark Kirk: Yes**

Major roll call votes in the House

1. STREAMLINED EMPLOYMENT

Members voted, 215-202, to approve a GOP bill to consolidate 35 federal job-training and education programs into a simplified, broad-based workforce program funded by block grants and run by the states. A "yes" vote was to send HR 803 to the Senate.

2. MINIMUM WAGE INCREASE

Members voted, 184-233, to defeat a bid by Democrats to increase the minimum wage from \$7.25 to \$10.10 per hour as part of a GOP workplace bill (HR 803, above). A "yes" vote was to raise the minimum wage for the first time since 2009.

3. DEMOCRATS' WORKFORCE PLAN

Members voted, 192-227, to defeat a Democratic alternative to HR 803 (above) that sought to retain but reform the existing structure of federal job-training and education programs. A "yes" vote backed a plan to review, prune and consolidate the dozens of jobs programs.

4. WELFARE TO WORK

Members voted, 246-181, to kill an administration plan allowing states to use alternative strategies to meet work requirements in the 1996 welfare-reform law. A "yes" vote was to pass a GOP measure (HR 890) that Democrats criticized as a political statement.

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Bobby Rush, D-1st	X	X	X	N
Vacant, 2nd	X	X	X	X
Dan Lipinski, D-3rd	N	Y	Y	Y
Luis Gutierrez, D-4th	N	Y	Y	N
Mike Quigley, D-5th	N	Y	Y	Y
Peter Roskam, R-6th	Y	N	N	N
Danny Davis, D-7th	N	Y	Y	N
Tammy Duckworth, D-8th	N	Y	Y	N
Jan Schakowsky, D-9th	X	X	X	N
Brad Schneider, D-10th	N	Y	Y	N
Bill Foster, D-11th	X	X	X	N
Bill Enyart, D-12th	N	Y	Y	N
Rodney-Davis, R-13th	Y	N	N	Y
Randy Hultgren, R-14th	Y	N	N	Y
John Shimkus, R-15th	Y	N	N	Y
Adam Kinzinger, R-16th	Y	N	N	Y
Cheri Bustos, D-17th	N	Y	Y	N
Aaron Schock, R-18th	Y	N	N	Y

Key votes ahead

In the week of March 18, both chambers are scheduled to debate fiscal 2014 budget resolutions, while the Senate will complete work on a bill to fund the government between March 27-Oct. 1.

What it means to you

TAX DOLLARS AT WORK

CHICAGO



Mayor Emanuel restructures city parking tax to flat rate

Mayor Rahm Emanuel's first budget was balanced, in part, on a \$2-a-weekday hike in parking taxes cleverly billed as a "congestion fee" even though it was confined neither to rush periods nor congested downtown and River North areas.

The mayor restructured the parking tax in a way that will increase rates for some motorists and reduce rates for others.

Instead of imposing the tax on a sliding scale, depending on how long you park and how much you pay, the tax will be converted to a flat rate of 20 percent of the fee paid on weekdays and 18 percent on weekends.

The administration said a change in state law opened the door to the overhaul, and City Hall took advantage of it to make collections simpler for both the city and the parking industry.

The tiered taxing structure with varying dollar amounts for rate changes was complex and "difficult to apply," officials said.

"The goal was to make the change revenue-neutral. While we don't control parking rates in private garages and cannot predict changes in rates or driver behavior that may impact revenue, our goal was to keep it flat overall," mayoral spokesperson Kathleen Strand said in an email to the Chicago Sun-Times. ■

— Chicago Sun-Times

SPRINGFIELD



Senate committee approves pair of pension proposals

State senators moved two somewhat similar pension proposals out of a top committee last week in hopes of generating momentum on a single approach to address Illinois' worst-in-the-nation pension problem.

However, after about three hours of committee debate, several senators said they still had reservations about both plans — ranging from questions of constitutionality to estimated savings — and only gave their tentative "yes" votes to move the bills out of committee for more debate on the Senate floor.

The cautious approval on both plans illustrates how difficult it's been to gain lawmaker consensus on a solution to Illinois' nearly \$100 billion pension problem.

One bill sponsored by state Sen. Daniel Biss, an Evanston Democrat, replicates part of a previous plan and delays cost-of-living increases, pushes back the retirement age for some and calls for more employee contributions. The Senate Executive Committee approved it 11-4.

The other, sponsored by Senate President John Cullerton, echoes some of the same ideas and offers employees a choice on whether they want retirement health care or reduced annual cost-of-living increases. ■

— The Associated Press

WASHINGTON



Pentagon spends nearly \$1B a year on unemployment

Even as it faces budget cuts and forced employee furloughs, the Pentagon is spending \$1 billion a year on a program that sends unemployment checks to former troops who left the military.

Unemployment Compensation for Ex-Servicemembers, a Labor Department program, is a spinoff of the federal-state unemployment insurance program. The Labor Department says the program is meant to help "eligible workers who are unemployed through no fault of their own."

But eligibility for the military compensation requires only that a person served in uniform and was honorably discharged. In other words, anyone who joins the military and serves for several years, then decides not to re-enlist, is potentially eligible for what could amount to more than 90 weeks of unemployment checks.

The program's cost rose from \$300 million in 2003 to \$928 million in 2012.

"It eats away at other parts of the budget, and is for people they no longer have control of," said Joe Davis, a spokesman for the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Navy Lt. Cmdr. Nathan Christensen, a Pentagon spokesman, said another factor could be the recession. ■

— The Associated Press

VIEWPOINT | Pioneer Press

Positive trend on death penalty

When Maryland lawmakers voted Friday to abolish the death penalty, it further cemented a trend away from capital punishment.

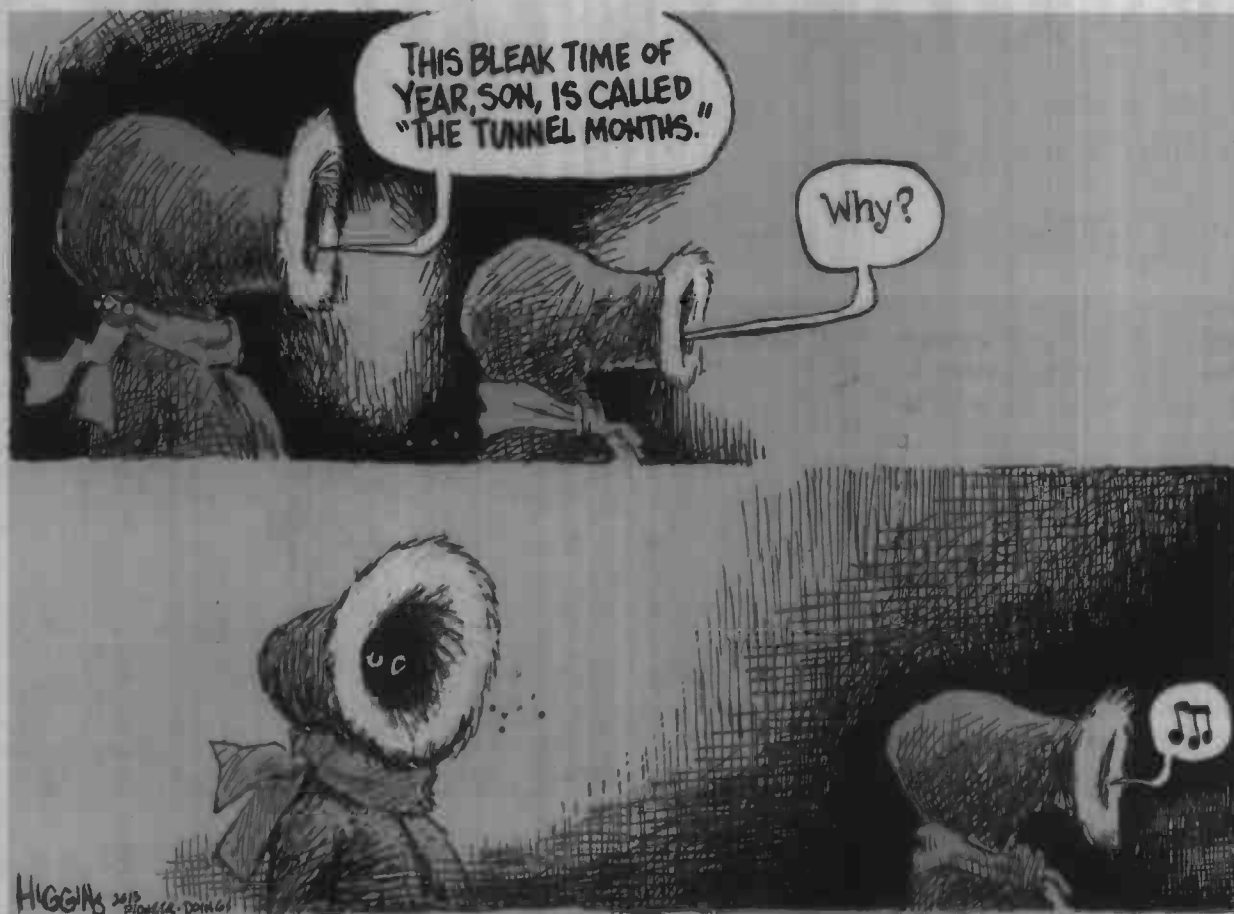
Six states in six years have abolished the death penalty, and none has added it. Maryland will be the 18th state to abandon executions.

This is a trend in the right direction. Not only has the death penalty historically been applied arbitrarily, but also many innocent people were sentenced to death.

Illinois was pivotal in changing public views of the death penalty. Starting with the cases of Rolando Cruz and Alejandro Hernandez, and the so-called Ford Heights Four, Illinois courts began a string of Death Row exonerations based on innocence.

Maryland is making the right move. Other states should follow. ■

1,000 WORDS | Jack Higgins



So much more for Catholics to discuss

Is the pope Catholic?

I know that's the start of an old, tired joke, a sarcastic way of answering someone who questions an obvious truth.

I was reminded of this after watching news coverage of the election of Pope Francis last week.

In covering the reaction, a few questions dominated television news. The talking heads on TV repeatedly asked Catholic experts the same question. For Piers Morgan, there were only two questions to ask.

The first was, "Will the new pope change the church's position on abortion and birth control?"

Hour after hour, the interviewees



RANDY BLASER

always answered politely, which I think only sparked the interviewers' fervor to continually ask the question.

Perhaps the only answer to: "Will the new pope change the church's position on abortion?" is to say, "Is the pope Catholic?"

Yes, he is, and as the pope he will be the last one to know if the church's position on such issues will ever change.

Another question for the new pope, as if the reason the church elects popes is to decide public policy the way we do in America, is about women's ordination. The question is always asked as if there are only two jobs in the Catholic Church — churchgoer and priest.

But women play many leading roles in the ministry of the church, including at Catholic schools, universities, hospitals and parishes. Is there any priest you can name who has had greater influence on the faithful than

women priests, birth control and abortions and the cardinals who are not. Again, is the pope Catholic?

Yes he is, and he is also Hispanic, a fact the media did not miss. But what does that mean for Catholics here in the United States, where race prejudice continues to be an issue regarding where people live and the type of education their children get?

Martin Luther King Jr. once said that 11 a.m. on

Sunday is the most segregated hour in America. A simple statement loaded with much significance.

How about exploring that issue and what it might mean in an America panicking over immigration that a Hispanic is the leader of 58 million Catholics in America? ■

Women play many leading roles in the ministry of the church.

Mother Teresa? Give me more women, and men, like her. Saying mass, the main job of a priest, is a role of service anyway.

The media covers the election of the pope as if issues of public policy are at stake. But it's not a contest between the cardinals who are for

Letter to the Editor

A time for change

Can you keep a secret? In "the good old days" many Niles officials could.

Friends of the "good old boys" were "sold" cars for as little as \$10 and given \$100,000 bonuses without residents or even some trustees knowing about it. As trustees rushed the board agenda as though it was all settled ahead of time, there were no public comments. Finances were handled in secret by a select few.

It has been a long time coming but things have finally changed, because Chris Hanusiak, Louella Preston and Jim Hynes, trustees running as the Responsible Leadership Party candidates, worked for televised meetings and improved budget procedures. They worked for the rights of residents to have a voice. Our slate also supports term limits and I circulated a petition for a referendum on the April

9 ballot.

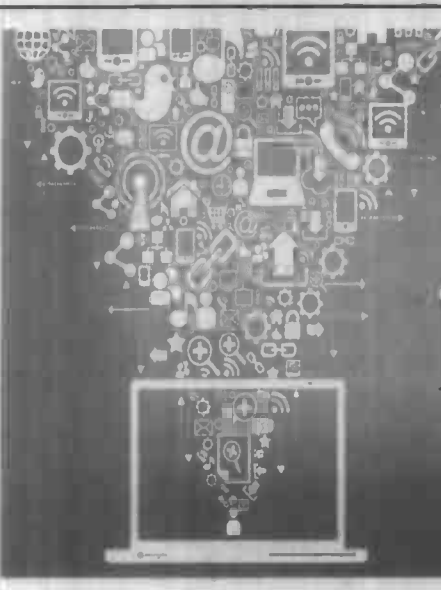
After being on the Village Board for 24 years, Trustee Przybylo voted "No" to term limits. He voted no to televising meetings. He voted no to holding meetings in December. His actions say that he is longing for the "good old days" with short meetings held only 11 months of the year. No debate and no public comments. Is he upset that it is more work to be a trustee now than in the "good old days" of his past 24 years?

Those "good old days" are gone. When the Responsible Leadership for Niles Party is elected, there will be no more secrets, no closed meetings, no decisions by phone calls, no missing records and no more taxpayer money wasted while the taxpayers are being denied knowledge of what is happening to their money. ■

Mary Marusek
Niles

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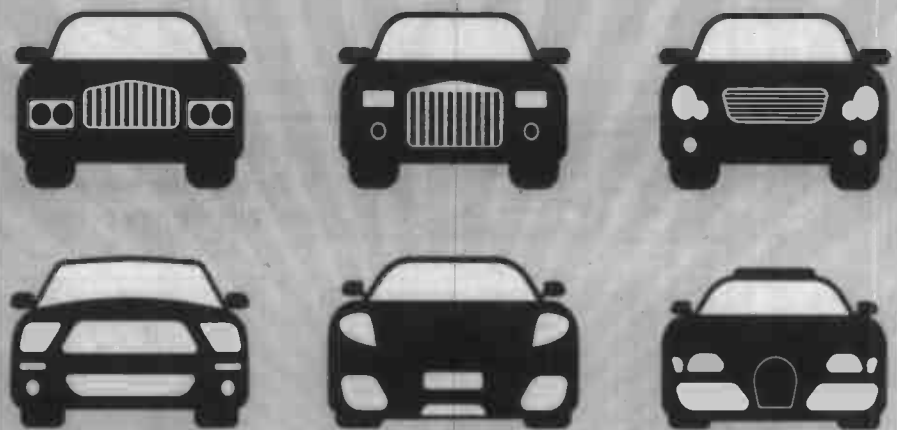
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Question of the Week

Q At White Eagle Banquet Hall in Niles we asked, "How will the Blackhawks do in the post-season?"



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Morton Grove

A **Pat Schey**
Prospect Heights

A **Jason Plotnik**
Skokie

A **Joe Geslcki**
Morton Grove

"I think they're going to go all the way." ■

"I hope great." ■

"I think they might win the Stanley Cup. I give them a 50 percent chance." ■

"They're going all the way. I'm so proud of them right now." ■

People Poll

LAST WEEK'S QUESTION

"What's your favorite part about St. Patrick's Day?"

RESPONSES

- 1) The food and drink: 54%
- 2) celebrating the religious feast: 25%
- 3) Parades, bagpipes: 21%

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

"What will it take to put Illinois state government back on track?"

RESPONSES

- 1) Remove Mike Madigan.
- 2) Replace all Republicans with Democrats.
- 3) End Chicago's influence in Springfield.

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Education in Focus

Kids buzz bald for cancer

BY NATASHA WASINSKI | Contributor

Girls raised up their ponytails like trophies while kids with freshly cut hair rubbed each other's bald heads.

Park Ridge's Lincoln Middle School transformed into the peppiest barbershop on the planet March 14, when approximately 150 students and staff shaved their heads in support of pediatric cancer research.

Children cheered on classmates as volunteer barbers and stylists clipped and buzzed away during the school's second St. Baldrick's Foundation fundraiser.

Students who went under the razor did so for mothers, fathers, grandmas and loved ones who've battled some form of cancer. They also selflessly donated hair to those they didn't know suffering from the disease.

Thirteen-year-old Lauren Katayama gave \$1,126 and 26

inches of hair in honor of her cousin who died of leukemia.

"I've had (long) hair all my life," she said. Now with a shaved head, Katayama said, "it feels cool. I can't stop touching it."

Each "shavee" approached the hair-cutting event in their own way. Some felt nervous; others were at ease with their decision. Danny O'Donnell, 12, prepared by dyeing his hair neon red to create spots of color once his head was shaved.

Tyler Kuta, 13, participated to understand what other people must sometimes endure.

"I just wanted to know what it would be like to be bald like all the cancer patients," he said.

"There's a lot of kids who go through stuff I don't have to," agreed Gabriella Lynch, who received hugs and high-fives after getting her shoulder-length locks chopped.

The 13-year-old, who lost both her grandma and "non-no," or grandpa, to cancer,



Seventh grader Lauren Katayama holds up two locks of her 20-inch-long hair as she prepares to have it all shaved off in memory of her cousin. She raised over \$1,000 for cancer research. Lincoln Middle School hosted a fundraiser to fight childhood cancer March 14 featuring about 200 students, faculty and staff. | JON LANGHAM-for Sun-Times Media

raised nearly \$3,000. She also convinced her dad and uncle to get their heads shaved.

The event was a family affair for District 64 board member Sharon Lawson, who got a shorter hairdo, as did her husband and son.

Lawson wanted to show solidarity with the 22 "brave" girls who cut their hair, she said, and support an event with a powerful message.

"I want them to know what one kid can make a difference," she said.

Park Ridge resident Laura Smail said she wouldn't forget seeing her son Ethan's face light up when she showed up at the school's first St.

Baldrick's event in 2011.

This time she attended for Ethan, now an eighth-grader, and her daughter Katherine, a sixth-grader.

The children shaved their heads in memory of their father David Smail, a District 207 special education teacher and administrator who often fundraised for causes close to his heart. He passed away the past November.

Laura Smail said her daughter didn't think twice about participating.

"She was so calm. She's been at peace," Smail said. "It's been a good distraction and they have great support."

Principal Anthony Murray pledged to shave his head

when the school met its \$50,000 fundraising goal. If students collected \$70,000, sixth-grade teacher Katherine May challenged, she would donate her hair.

The middle-schoolers stepped up, raising more than \$73,000 for the St. Baldrick's Foundation and sending Murray and May to the barber's chair.

The buzz-cut kids may now have less to worry about on top, but they did receive something in exchange for their hair.

"They get a better sense of empathy," said sixth-grade English teacher Irene Kappos with tears in her eyes. "It's a wonderful thing." ■



Niles, Park Ridge cops planning for perfect prom

BY IGOR STUDENKOV | Contributor

Prom is a quintessential part of the American high school experience. But it comes at a cost - literally.

Between the prom tickets, the transportation and the clothes, the expenses can pile up quickly. This is especially true for girls. According to an ABC 7 last year segment on rising prom costs, girls can spend as much as \$1,000 on prom overall, with clothing, shoes and jewelry accounting for nearly two-thirds of the costs.

For many girls, attending prom isn't about what they want - it's about whether or not they can afford it.

The Niles Police

Department wants to help them with that. Together with the Park Ridge and Des Plaines police departments, it launched Fashion Police: Prom Possible, a clothing drive. Throughout the month of March, they will be collecting used dresses. On April 6, the dresses will be gathered and distributed.

This is the first time the police departments are attempting something of this kind, but if it gets good results, it may become an annual event.

The concept of "Fashion Police" was born from another collaborative project. In October of 2012, Niles, Park Ridge and Des Plaines police departments teamed up to provide coats for the needy

throughout Maine Township. The event was successful, and the department officials started thinking about other projects they could do together.

That's when Sgt. Robert Tornabene, the Niles Police Department's Training and Public Information Officer, had an idea.

"I've seen a TV show about girls from families that didn't have enough money to [send them] to the prom, and it became a conversation," he recalled. "We started talking about if it was something we could do."

They decided to organize a clothing drive, where they would ask residents of their respective jurisdictions to donate gently-used prom

dresses, bridesmaid's dresses and accessories. Each department set up a collection bin in their lobbies, where it would be accessible 24/7. The project officially launched on March 1, and it will continue until midnight March 31.

At the beginning of April, the participating police departments will gather the dresses they collected and bring them to the Niles Senior Center (999 Civic Center Drive). On Saturday, April 6, between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., high school students will be able to come and pick up the donations. They will need to present their high school IDs or proof of residence to show that they attend a high school in Niles, Park Ridge or Des Plaines.

Tornabene said that the response has been positive. The police department has received supportive calls from parents and local high schools.

As of last Friday, The donations have been sluggish, but Tornabene was optimistic that they would pick up that weekend. Ultimately, he thought that the project would resonate with enough people to make it a success.

"I think that, for every teenage girl, [prom is] a rite of passage to adulthood, so they should have the opportunity," said Tornabene. "I hope that other ladies know what its like, all the emotional turmoil that goes with it, and they would be willing to help." ■

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Niles North speaker earns top award at state debate tournament

The Niles North Debate Team recently competed at the Illinois Debate Coaches Association Novice/JV State Tournament. Niles North Head Debate Coach Katie Gjerpen reported, "I am very excited to share that this was our most successful tournament to date!"

In the Junior Varsity division, sophomore D'Angelo Oberto was named Top Speaker out of 74 students. In addition, he won a scholarship to a summer debate institute. He selected the seven-week Hoya-Spartan Scholars Institute, where he will spend three weeks at Georgetown University and four weeks at Michigan State University. Leelabari Fulbel was named sixth speaker, Luc Walkington was named 11th speaker and Ambria Benesch was named 14th speaker. Oberto and partner Karli Goldenberg were seeded ninth overall, with Fulbel and Walkington seeded 10th. Both teams, along with Benesch and partner Adam Yusef, finished the tournament with a 3-2 preliminary record. In the Novice division, the freshmen duo of Ben Barov and Martin Barr debated to a second place finish in the state. They entered elimination debates ranked fourth overall in a field of 42 teams.

They defeated Lane Tech in the Octafinals, New Trier in the Quarterfinals, and Glenbrook South in the Semifinals, before falling to a Glenbrook South team in the finals. Barov was named fifth speaker, and Barr was named 10th speaker, out of 84 debaters.

The debate team is led by Head Coach Katie Gjerpen and assistant coaches Brian Rubaie, Katie Klante, Sarah Smaga and Carly Wunderlich.

Niles West Debate qualifies a team for National Forensic League Tournament

The Niles West Debate Team sent 36 debaters to the Viking Invitational held at Homewood-Flossmoor High School on Feb. 23 and 24. The team also competed on March 1 and 2 at the 2013 National Forensics League (NFL) Northern Illinois District Tournament at Niles West. Here are the results:

At the Viking Invitational in the Novice division, 46 Midwest teams competed. Niles West sent six teams. Faith Geraghty and Alex Brown were 4-2 in the preliminary rounds and advanced to the Octafinals as the 10th seed, before losing in that round. Atul Krishna, Jacob Levinson, Natalia Bafia, Brendan McCarthy, Simon Berdes, Mintra Osmin, Anam Farrukh, Justin Sia and Willy Sargool also

competed and did well.

In the Varsity division, 56 teams competed. Niles West sent 12 teams. The team of Theo Noparstak and Jonass Placitis were 6-1 in the preliminary rounds and the second seed entering the Octafinals, before losing to a team from Whitney Young High School. Miranda Kang and James McLellan were 4-2 in the preliminary rounds and failed to advance on speaker points. Out of 112 debaters, Noparstak was the seventh best speaker. Also competing for Niles West: Kris Trivedi, Janat Ahmed, Lia Isono, Nathan Anderson, Sahar Jiwani, Breana Brill, Emma Lazar, Justina Jude, Soretti Donka, Lizzie Prete, Gershon Chan, Nick Charles, Ari Hoffman, Alwin Alex, Tahir Meeks, Rebecca Harbeck, Julia Sarata, Michelle Sproat, Samantha Seo and Sana Khan.

At the NFL Northern Illinois District Tournament, eight debaters from Niles West competed. Theo Noparstak and Jonass Placitis qualified to the NFL National Debate Tournament held this summer in Birmingham, AL. According to Head Coach Eric Oddo, "This is the first time a school other than Glenbrook South or Glenbrook North has earned a slot in policy debate over the past five years (in the northern Illinois District). I am very proud of their

growth as a partnership and their leadership has helped the team immensely."

Also competing at the tournament were: Miranda Kang, Vinay Patel, Emma Lazar, Breana Brill, James McLellan and Janat Ahmed.

Niles West Debate's Head Coach is Eric Oddo. He is assisted by Matt Fahrenbacher, Melanie Johnson, Kevin Bancroft and Val McIntosh.

Auroris Dance Company selected for Illinois Dance Festival

The Auroris Dance Company at Niles North High School auditioned for a slot in the Illinois High School Student Choreography Showcase that will be held on May 11 at Maine West High School. Twenty high schools auditioned approximately 40 dances for this prestigious festival. "On the Edge," choreographed and performed by junior captain Zoe Hertz and senior captain Sammy Schneider was chosen as one of the 11 dances. This is the second appearance of the Auroris Dance Company at the Illinois High School Dance Festival.

The Illinois High School Dance Festival is an annual gathering of high school dancers and their teachers and includes master classes, a professional company performance and a student choreography showcase. ■

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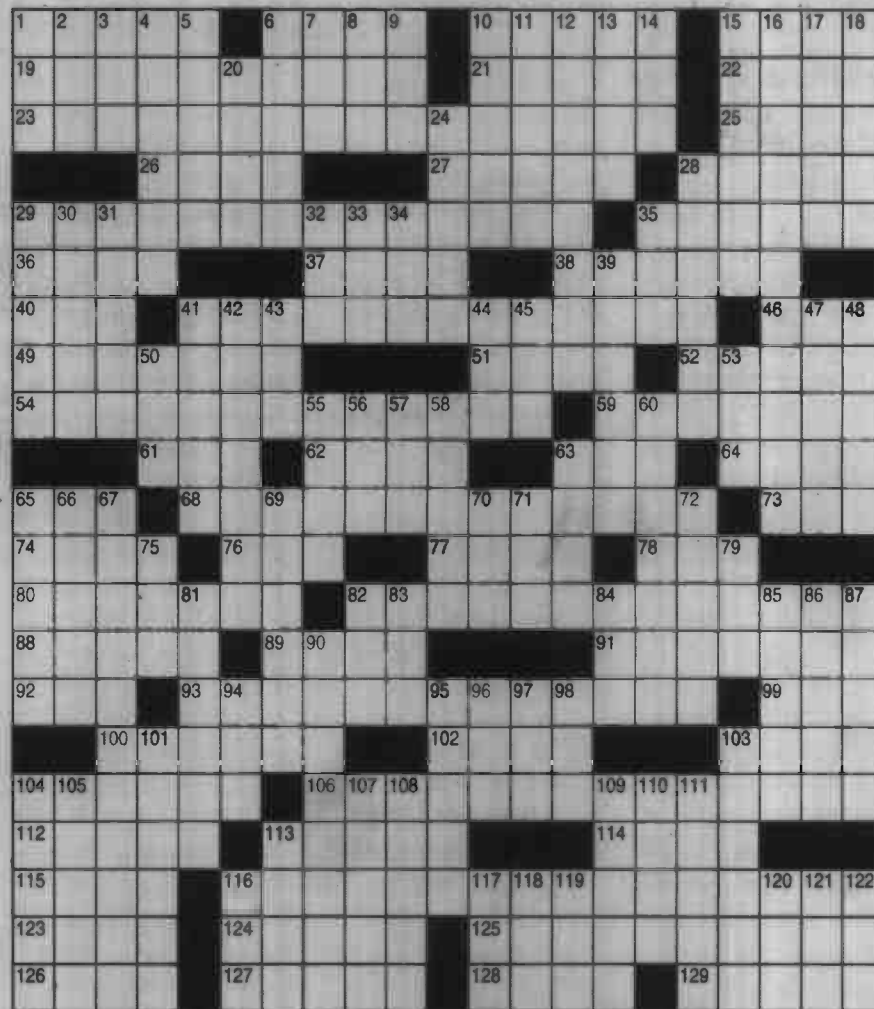
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ACROSS

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- 6 Alan of TV and film
- 10 Shish —
- 15 — Stanley Gardner
- 19 Pacific atoll belonging to the U.S.
- 21 "Spenser: For Hire" star
- 22 Brand for hair removal
- 23 Comedy club event for amateurs, formally?
- 25 Loretta of country
- 26 Unescorted
- 27 Like poison ivy rashes
- 28 Chair creator Charles
- 29 Do a boxing "dance," formally?
- 35 For no profit, perhaps
- 36 "Look what —!"
- 37 4, on some clocks
- 38 West German city
- 40 With 91-Across, tone oneself up
- 41 Supporter of drapes, formally?
- 46 "Dr." of hip-hop
- 49 List the particulars of, to a Brit
- 51 Zap with a stunning weapon
- 52 Opera house boxes
- 54 Owner of an online company, formally?
- 59 Digital music pastiches
- 61 Pollen eater
- 62 Away from the wind
- 63 Baby goat
- 64 Best draft status
- 65 Damone or Tayback
- 68 Its students learn road rules, formally?
- 73 Crafty
- 74 Heavy burden
- 76 Serpent or alp suffix
- 77 Ice skater Kulik
- 78 Tiny charged bit
- 80 Arctic Circle
- 82 Aesthete's question, formally?
- 88 Depression
- 89 Defensive end Antwan
- 91 See 40-Across
- 92 Furry sitcom alien
- 93 Stuck to orie's decision, formally?
- 99 Japanese dance-drama
- 100 Rock's — Tull
- 102 Suit part
- 103 Having left
- 104 "— & Juliet" (animated 2011 film)
- 106 Pay, formally?
- 112 Painting holder
- 113 Prefix with fan or jet
- 114 Resound
- 115 Site of bliss
- 116 Victor Hugo classic, formally?
- 123 Big Apple squad car abbr.
- 124 Often-dipped cookies
- 125 Bun or bagel toppers
- 126 Spa sounds

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- 1 A pair of
- 2 Ice-T hit, e.g.
- 3 Guitar kin
- 4 Got a feeling
- 5 East — (nation since 2002)
- 6 Giant in foil
- 7 "— -di-dahl"
- 8 Forensic ID
- 9 Citrus drink
- 10 — Kinte
- 11 13th-century king of Denmark
- 12 Egotists have them
- 13 Throbbing
- 14 Food preservative
- 15 Interweave
- 16 Sci-fi fryers, formally?
- 17 Creases
- 18 Painter Max
- 20 Nile deposit
- 24 Peaceful
- 26 '60s protest
- 28 Antiknock fluids
- 29 Stiff
- 30 Poem title
- 31 Dog to avoid
- 32 — to pick
- 33 Day, to Juan
- 34 Xbox 360 competitor
- 35 King topper
- 39 Weak state
- 41 Referenced
- 42 Herald
- 43 Playa del —
- 44 I-40, e.g.
- 45 Sculler's tool
- 47 Force back
- 48 Analytic work
- 50 Wild bunch
- 53 "Well well!"
- 55 Bat's home
- 56 Corrida call
- 57 Sartre's sea
- 58 "Let — down. O Juno!"
- 60 Eighth-century pope
- 63 "The Bridge on the River —"
- 65 Long river in Russia
- 66 Totally
- 67 Java serving, formally?
- 69 Not al fresco
- 70 Yalie
- 71 Not dat?
- 72 Backs, anatomically
- 75 — pitch
- 79 — power
- 81 Beer brand
- 82 Muscle mag display
- 83 Play caller
- 84 — Tac
- 85 Far Eastern capital
- 86 Once — time
- 87 Alter, as a skirt edge
- 90 Nitwits
- 94 Even if, for short
- 95 Role player
- 96 Tricycle rider
- 97 Bowl cheer
- 98 Suffix with Canaan
- 101 Makes corrections to
- 103 Orbs
- 104 "Angie" star Davis
- 105 "Octomom" — Suleman
- 107 "What the Butler Saw" playwright
- 108 Past portly
- 109 Bawls
- 110 2001 hit for Ja Rule
- 111 City in Tibet
- 113 Hatcher of "Soapdish"
- 116 Hawaii's Mauna —
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ARIES (March 21 to April 19)
Resist a confrontation with that irksome person. The matter will soon blow over anyway. Meanwhile, channel your high Arian energy into areas with more positive potential.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)
The innovative Bovine finds a creative way to resolve a sensitive domestic problem by midweek. A former colleague returns with an intriguing business suggestion.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)
An unexpected critical statement from someone you trust could catch you momentarily off guard. But you soon recover your equilibrium and rise to the challenge.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22)
You might feel you can handle a new project on your own. But advice from someone with experience could help you avoid possibly costly as well as time-consuming obstacles.

LEO (July 23 to August 22)
Waiting for others to make decisions is difficult for the take-charge Lion. But by week's end, you should hear news that will help you regain control of the situation.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)
Your superjudgmental side could dominate the week unless you try to keep it in check. Otherwise you risk offending people, including some who are very close to you.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)
Expect more information to come out about that possible career snift. Meanwhile, your loving concern helps someone close to you get through a worrisome period.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)
Despite an occasional setback, workplace pressures should continue to ease through most of the week. This would be a good time to plan that long-delayed trip.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)
The sage Sagittarian quickly recognizes an

opportunity when she or he sees it, especially if it's one you've been planning for. Take aim and go for it.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)
The Sea Goat's unique insight guides you as you check out a questionable situation. Your efforts should prove rewarding for you and your many supporters.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)
You might want to pace yourself a bit more. Rushing could lead to serious slip-ups. Take more time to check out details you might otherwise overlook.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20)
The best way to resolve those remaining problems is to ask others for help. They'll be happy to do so, especially when you agree to share the credit for a job well done.

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

Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays - Low-cost income tax preparation (by appointment only).

Monday, March 25 - Employment counseling, by appointment.

Saturday, March 23 - Legal counseling, by appointment.

Wednesday, March 27 - Grief and loss support group (call first).

Saturday, March 23 - Blood pressure and blood sugar testing, 10 a.m.-noon (no appointment needed).

Thursday, March 28 - "Successful Aging: Resources and Programs for Older Adults," workshop, Des Plaines Public Library, 1501 Ellinwood St., Des Plaines; 9 a.m. (registration and

continental breakfast); 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. (program). Free; call (847) 823-0453 or (847) 827-5551 to register.

Successful Aging

18+ 65+

Coping with memory loss, assisted living, nursing home care, and the physical, emotional, and legal challenges of aging will be the focus of a free workshop to be held from 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. March 28 at the Des Plaines Public Library, 1501 Ellinwood St., Des Plaines. Sponsored by Rivers Casino, the program on "Successful Aging: Resources and Programs for Older Adults" is presented by the Center of Concern. The seminar will open with a keynote address by Daniel Kuhn, licensed clinical social worker serving as a community educator for Rainbow Hospice and Palliative Care in Mount Prospect. Kuhn will speak on "making sense of memory loss." Other speakers include Jay Lewkowitz, executive director of Oakton Place, a senior living facility in Des Plaines; John Schumacher, manager of spiritual care and healing arts at Rainbow Hospice; Mary Hegarty, Park Ridge attorney who volunteers to prepare wills

for low-income clients at the Center of Concern; and Kathy Puetz, director of health and human services for the city of Des Plaines. Mary Schurder, the Center of Concern's executive director emeritus, will speak on supportive services for the aging, as will Eva Gertzfeld, a housing counselor who has long managed the Center of Concern's shared housing program. Singer/songwriter Maureen Joy will close out the event with excerpts from "Healing Journey," her album on grief and loss. The workshop includes a continental breakfast. Continuing education credits may be available for social workers who attend. To register, e-mail Jim Ritter at jritter@centerofconcern.org, or call (847) 823-0453, Ext. 1004, or the Des Plaines Public Library, (847) 376-2788. Attendees also may register online at www.dppl.org by clicking on "events" and following the directions.

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Polish-American Congress

18+ 65+

The Illinois Division will meet at 7 p.m. March 25 at the Polish National

Alliance Building, 6100 N. Cicero Ave., Chicago. The meeting will feature a Candidates Night with those who are running on the April 9 ballot. Candidates who wish to speak should contact Kenneth Gill, (773) 852-6757, before March 22. There will also be news about Polonia. Call (773) 631-3300.

COMMUNITY

Visit with the Easter Bunny



The Easter Bunny hops in for a visit, photos and a warm French toast breakfast at Golf Mill Center Court on March 22. Photo times with the Easter Bunny through March 30 are 11 a.m.-8 p.m. weekdays, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Saturdays, and 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Sundays. Furry friends and four legged pals are also welcome to enjoy photos with the Easter Bunny from 5-8 p.m. March 25. Pet treats will be provided to all four-legged visitors through a sponsorship with Heartland Animal Shelter. Dogs must be leashed and cats crated. All are welcome to enjoy a warm French toast breakfast with the Easter Bunny at the Golf Mill Café,

located at Entrance #6, from 10-11 a.m. March 23; cost is \$6 per person and tickets can be purchased at the Golf Mill Café. All attendees receive a free goodie bag full of Golf Mill savings, accompanied with a spring themed coloring packet, and special gifts. Attendees are also entered into a drawing, taking place at the end of the breakfast. All parents and guardians can enter to win free Chicago Blackhawks tickets for the April 19 game against the Nashville Predators; winner of the Blackhawks tickets will be chosen April 14. See www.golfmill.com.

Consignment Sale/Vendor Fair

18+

A Children's Consignment Sale and Vendor Fair will be held at St. John Lutheran Church, 7429 N. Milwaukee Ave., from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. April 6. Shoppers will find great deals on children's clothes, shoes, toys, equipment, books and just about anything children need (babies through teens). Also, browse and shop from a variety of vendors such as Avon, Pampered Chef, handmade chocolates, jewelry, and others. Sellers for the consignment sale are still welcome. Sell gently used children's items and keep 80 percent of what is sold. Call (847) 647-9867.

Gilbert & Sullivan music

18+ 65+

The Savoyaires will perform the music of Gilbert & Sullivan at 7 p.m. March 23 in the community hall of Temple Judea Mizpah, 8610 Niles Center Road, Skokie. Join them for a wine and cheese reception followed by the show. Open to the community. Cost is \$20 each. Call (847) 676-1566.

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'A Night for the Books'

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The Maine Township High School District 207 Educational Foundation will host its annual benefit dinner, "A Night for the Books," from 5:30-9 p.m. April 4 at the Rosewood, 9421 W. Higgins Rd., Rosemont. In addition to entertainment provided by musical ensembles from East, West, and South, and dinner, the evening will feature a raffle and silent auction. District administrators and teachers will be in attendance, as well as retired teachers, alumni, parents, and community members who support District 207 high schools and students. Emcee will be Dave Barker, former Maine East principal. Tickets are \$50 and can be purchased online at www.maine207foundation.org. Donations to the District 207 Educational Foundation, which is a registered 501(c)(3) charity organization, can also be made on the website. The District



207 Foundation funds grants to teachers who are committed to excellence in education. This year, the foundation honors the Summer Reading Program at all three schools and will again defray the cost of books for needy students. It continues to support the work of the School-Based Health Center and the COACH program which serve the bodies and minds

of District 207 students. The Foundation has helped fulfill experiences for students this past year, including the Maine West and Maine South DECA programs' trip to the national conference and the Maine East Lyceum students' efforts to aid flood victims in Pennsylvania. This spring, the foundation will help the Maine South Constitution team return to Washington, D.C., to

represent the state in the national "We The People" competition.

Final Four party

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Maine South Parents' Scholarship Club is hosting an NCAA Final Four party from 5:30-11 p.m. April 6 at Fairway Banquets, Niles. This parents-only fundraiser includes big-screen

viewing of the games, appetizers, salad, pizza and desserts, silent auction, basketball shoot-out and more. Tickets are \$35 per person in advance or \$45 at the door. To purchase tickets, send payment to Maine South, 1111 S. Dee Road, Park Ridge IL 6008; mark envelope attention MSPSC and make check payable to MSPSC or contact Marci Derrick at marciderrick@yahoo.com. MSPSC is a non-profit 501-c3 organization whose purpose is to award scholarships to qualifying students in the senior class.

mammograms for any Monday in March will be treated to a relaxing spa-like atmosphere with a free mini-manicure. Local Park Ridge salon, Carmen Nicole's, will be on site to provide the free mini-manicures. The "M is For Me" campaign will be available to women who schedule an appointment for March 25. Call (847) 813-3273 to schedule a mammo-gram and manicure.

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.

Monthly health programs

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Feat of Fitness, a monthly health seminar which takes place at the Center Court of Golf Mill Shopping Center from 9-10:15 a.m. every second Wednesday of the month, January through October, has added new sponsors and events. Feats of Fitness Health Seminars are free programs open to registered members; become a member by completing an application at the Golf Mill Shopping Center Customer Service Center. Each month a new speaker and topic is featured. The program includes free bingo after the health seminar, where winners receive instant prizes, beginning at 9:45 for members only. Coffee and a light breakfast is another perk.

Notre Dame fundraiser

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Anyone in need of a mattress can save 30 to 60 percent off retail at the fundraiser to support the Notre Dame College Prep Athletic Program which will take place from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. March 23 in the school cafeteria, 7655 W. Dempster St., Niles. Brand name merchandise with factory warranties and delivery are available. Contact JoAnne, (708) 867-4125.

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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. ■

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Spotlight

Euro Plate dishes fresh helpings of Polish cuisine

BY TRACY GRUEN | Contributor

NILES

Patricia Stefanska and her sisters, Kinga and Iwona, enjoy cooking up delicious Eastern European recipes that were passed down to them from their mother who ran a restaurant in her native Poland.

Now they're sharing these same dishes with the Niles community.

Euro Plate, which opened recently at 8482 W. Golf Rd. in Niles, offers a wide variety of Polish foods as well as Russian, Bulgarian, Hungarian and other Eastern European cuisine.

Among the dishes are a Polish breakfast bun that includes a fried egg, ham and cheese; a breakfast French baguette that has scrambled eggs, cheese and ham; a Polish-style hot dog; Polish sausage; stuffed cabbage rolls; pierogis; and Hungarian potato pancakes with goulash. Side dishes



Euro Plate is located at 8482 W. Golf Rd. in Niles. | CURTIS LEHMKUHL-Sun-Times Media

include sauerkraut, sautéed cabbage, Polish-style coleslaw and more.

"Our mom has over 20 years of experience running a restaurant in Poland," said Stefanska.

Though she is now retired, Stefanska said her mother plays a key role in the success of the Niles restaurant: the sisters learned how to cook from her and continue using her traditional recipes.

"I was always in the kitchen with my mom," Stefanska said.

The dishes served at Euro Plate are made from scratch with natural ingredients. The chefs use old world recipes, but add a modern spin on the authentic dishes.

Stefanska said there is such a large Eastern European population in the



Patricia Stefanska is one of three owners of Euro Plate, a restaurant serving Polish and Eastern European cuisine in Niles. | CURTIS LEHMKUHL-Sun-Times Media

Niles area and she could not find an authentic Polish restaurant like Euro Plate in town.

"There's nothing like it here," she explained. "We're always looking for a place to go eat."

At Euro Plate, Stefanska said that the pierogis — dumplings commonly stuffed with potato, sauerkraut, cheese, meat or fruit — are freshly prepared every day, as are other menu items.

"We don't do anything out of the box," said Stefanska, emphasizing the

freshness of the food at Euro Plate.

Before leaving the restaurant, guests can also indulge in a Belgian waffle with whipped cream and fruit or crepes with cheese.

The casual restaurant is in the same plaza as Wal-Mart and other restaurants and shops.

"Wal-Mart generates so much traffic," noted Stefanska.

Euro Plate is open Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Friday and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m., and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. ■

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Maier's Bakery serves up homemade traditions

BY NICK KATZ |
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MORTON GROVE

When customers walk into Maier's Bakery and Frank Silvio is there, they say hello, ask how he's feeling and wish him well, an acknowledgment of his cancer diagnosis.

"You've got to believe," one customer offers as a piece of positive advice.

"My faith has always been strong," Silvio answers.

One of the owners of the Morton Grove landmark - it has been in the village for 40 years - Silvio is a third-generation member of the Maier family. The bakery, which opened in 1954, had locations in Chicago and Nilas before moving to its present home at 9328 Waukegan Rd.

Silvio worked at the store for five years before becoming a partner 11 years ago. Up until the resurgence of his cancer he was there every day, working the weird hours required in a bakery.

"Two years ago we had to hire four people to do what I did," he said.

Silvio's illness, however, has not diminished his passion for the bakery. Standing with the help of two crutches, Silvio likes to talk about what makes the small, family-owner bakery different than the large commercial bakeries.

"Everything is made like your grandmother made it at home," he explained. "We don't use any preservatives. We use real butter. We make everything from scratch."

Everything is made at the store, which is no small feat.

It means having some employees come in at night to begin making the bread which has to sit all night before it can be baked.

Another employee comes in at 1 a.m. to begin making the donuts and other fried items.

Then there are the cookies and other treats to bake. And all of it needs to be done before the store opens at 5 a.m.,



Frank Silvio is the owner of Maier's Bakery in Morton Grove. | J.GEIL - For Sun-Times Media

Silvio said.

"Everybody has to do their part," he said. "If one person doesn't do their part, it doesn't work."

Nancy Lisowski she has been coming to Maier's "forever."

"It's great to have an old-fashioned bakery here," the Glenview resident said. "When I was working we always got our cakes here."

It's that kind of loyalty that has helped the small bakery survive everything from competition from large baking companies to dips in the economy to the popularity of the low-carb Atkins Diet. ("Our bread sales were down for a while," Silvio said.)

Silvio said a big part of the business is wholesale. Maier's supplies some of the hotels in Rosemont as well as some smaller businesses, including area car dealers.

Silvio was a teenager when he was first struck by cancer, a tumor on his spine. His health had been good until two years ago when the cancer came back.

He has been undergoing radiation treatments at Advocate Lutheran General Hospital in Park Ridge and is hoping for the best.

Talking about his illness, he pointed to a slogan painted on a wall of the bakery. It reads, "Live Well. Laugh Often. Love Much."

"That's how I try to live," Silvio said. "My personal life, I wear it on my sleeve."

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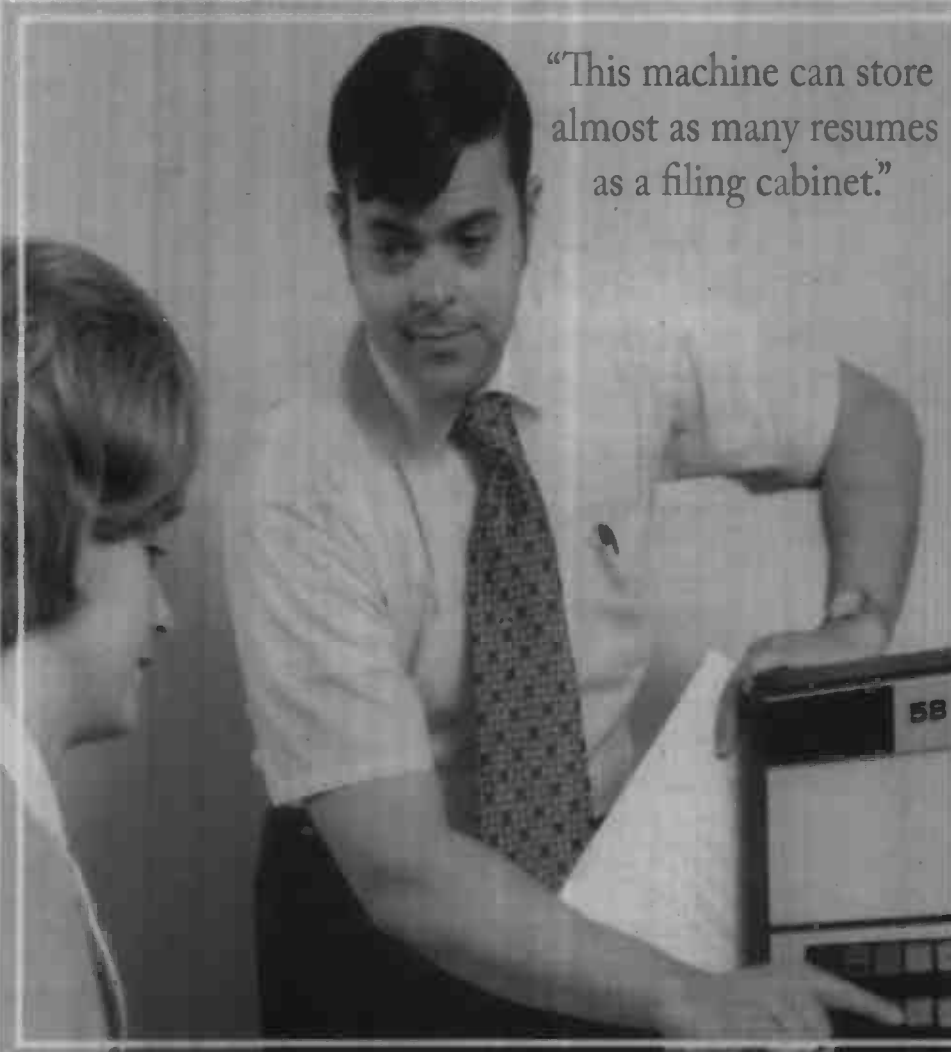
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Camp Guide

Pride: Camp St. John's Northwestern is a high-energy military camp designed to promote leadership, self-confidence, teamwork and physical endurance. I SUPPLIED PHOTO



Support: The Camp STAR staff is comprised of professionals and camp counselors with a stake in the ADHD population. The staff utilizes a points-based rewards system to incentivize good behavior. I SUPPLIED PHOTO



Camps for kids who need STRUCTURE

BY KIMBERLY ELSHAM
For Sun-Times Media

Camp can be a place of fun and learning, but some kids may need some extra structure in their summer camp experience. Here are regional camps that offer just that:

Camp STAR:

Camp STAR, based in Highland Park, is for youth ages 6 to 12 with an ADHD diagnosis. The program is a collaboration between the Institute for Juvenile Research at the University of Illinois-Chicago and the Jewish Council for Youth Services North Shore Day Camp.

The staff — comprised of professionals and camp counselors with a vested interest in the ADHD population — utilizes a points-based rewards system to incentivize good behavior. For example, when kids play a sport, the focus is on following the rules of that sport rather than whether a team wins or loses. If a child does well, she'll receive points

towards rewards such as being released early for recess.

"The kids actually love it. We come at it from a different approach," said Karen Williamson, Camp STAR clinical director.

And the camp isn't just a one-time thing, Williamson said about one-third of the kids each year are returning campers.

This year, Camp STAR is increasing its adolescent programming for ages 11 to 14. Williamson said they would work on "executive functioning skills." Examples of this are organization and time management, such as arranging a calendar and organizing and prioritizing assignments, materials and time.

These campers are notoriously poor in these areas, she said. "It becomes more paramount when that responsibility is handed off to the kids as they get older."

It's a long, structured day lasting from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., but "the kids have fun. It feels like camp to them."

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Class act: Camp STAR works on executive functioning skills, including organization and time management, such as arranging a calendar and organizing and prioritizing assignments, materials and time. |

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This year's session is from June 17 to Aug. 2. Visit www.jcys.org/campstar/index.html for more information.

Camp St. John's Northwestern:

Located in Delafield, Wis., Camp St. John's Northwestern is a military camp that provides boys ages 11 to 16 an opportunity to be physically active and make new friends. These high-energy camps are designed to promote leadership, self-confidence, teamwork and physical endurance, all while still having fun, said Duane Rutherford, director of enrollment.

Each of the four one-week camp sessions includes popular activities such as paintball, rappelling, rock climbing, a mud pit and archery. This year's sessions are from July 7 to Aug. 3.

"Our goal is to provide young men a chance to be physically active in a safe and structured environment," he said.

One of the top examples of what young men learn at camp is the ever-important and sometimes daunting responsibility of a clean room.

"Room cleanliness is the practice of being responsible for yourself and taking pride in your area," Rutherford said.

"Parents often comment on how different their young man is in how he addresses people, stands a little taller and once he returns home, he shows his siblings how to keep their rooms clean. One of the awards [given] at the end of camp is for best room inspections. Parents tend to applaud the loudest for this award," Rutherford said.

Other highlights of the camp promote life skills in other ways, he said. "Marching promotes teamwork and working as a unit. Leadership provides campers an opportunity to learn how to be a leader once they learn how to be a good follower."

For families considering Camp St. John's, Rutherford recommended that whenever possible, families should talk with an admissions counselor but also plan visit the campus in-person.

Camp St. John's is accredited by the American Camp Association. Visit www.sjnma.org/summer-programs/summer-camp.cfm for more information.



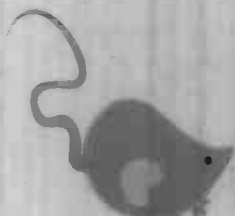
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A MODEL CAMPER

On the circus and self-esteem



BY MIRINDA LEA JAMES
Special Columnist

For a fun alternative to a traditional summer camp experience, consider sending your child to CircEsteem Camp, located at 4730 N. Sheridan Rd. in Chicago.

The mission of CircEsteem is to improve the campers' self-esteem and interpersonal communication skills using fun and interactive circus activities such as juggling, clowning, acrobatics, trapeze, tight rope walking, aerial arts etc. Students are allowed to work at their own pace in an interactive hands-on environment. The camp provides a supportive and challenging environment to learn these fun circus activities and to develop self-confidence and a sense of their personal potential. The summer camp and the classes offered by CircEsteem are open to children ages 7 and up. Summer camp classes begin on June 24 and go until Aug. 9 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The camp also offers a before and after care program that begins at 8

a.m. and ends at 5 p.m. for an additional charge.

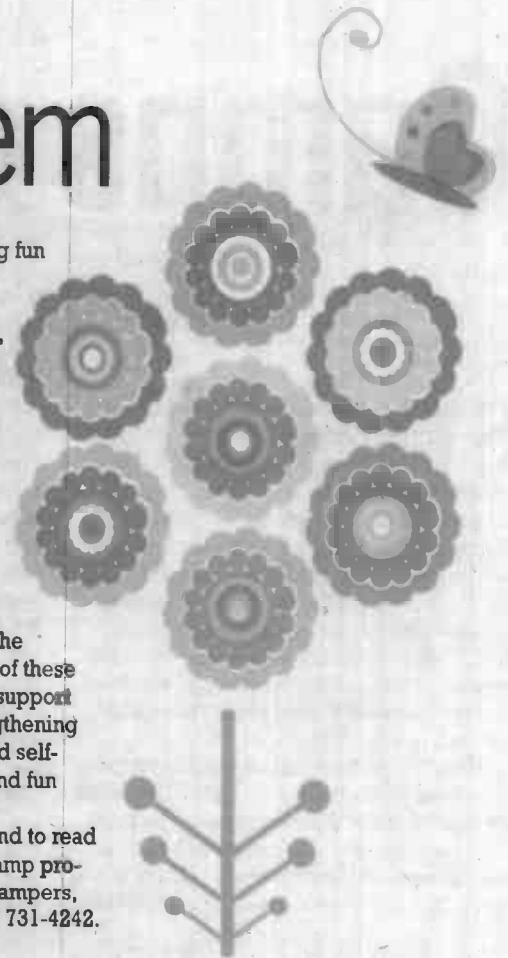
Children who attend this weeklong program will have the opportunity to show off their newly acquired circus performing skills to their family and friends during a show at the end of the week. Campers are given the opportunity to play with different outfits and props during their performance preparation in order to better express themselves and what they have learned during the week. CircEsteem provides opportunities for children who are beginners and learning circus for the first time, as well as advanced students wanting to perfect their circus abilities.

Campers are advised to wear tennis shoes and clothing that are suitable for physical activity, as many of the day's events are physically strenuous, such as acrobatics and aerial arts. During the process of learning the different circus performance activities, the children are allowed the opportunity to strengthen their listening and concentration skills because the activities they learn require a great deal of careful instruction and practice. The best part about the program is that the children don't even think

of it as a chore because they are doing fun activities they enjoy.

CircEsteem also offers a wide variety of classes throughout the year, not just during the summer months. Classes available include Circus-Reads (which meets on Fridays from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. and enhances the students' literacy by allowing them to participate in projects and games to develop their reading, writing, and public speaking skills) Circus Arts (which includes clowning and physical comedy, unicycling and performance troop preparation) and the popular tumbling and trampoline. All of these classes, as well as the summer camp, support CircEsteem's central mission of strengthening the children's personal confidence and self-esteem in a challenging, supportive and fun atmosphere.

To view the details of CircEsteem and to read testimonials about how the summer camp program positively influenced previous campers, visit www.circesteem.org or call (312) 731-4242.

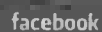


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Camps embrace technology

BY NIKI PAPAK

Banner Day Camp

Spring is right around the corner. Before we know it, summer camp will be in full swing. Camps are busy creating groups, scheduling activities and preparing for your camper's arrival. Before long, you will be putting your camper on the bus and sending them to camp for a summer of play, fun, friendship and learning. Technology has become a great tool for camps and camp families to prepare for the camp season, stay connected throughout the summer and keep parents informed of happenings throughout the year.

Many families use online enrollment tools to register their children for camp. This is just the starting point of how camps use technology to get ready for the camp season. As summer draws closer, many camps will ask you to fill out group requests, health forms and lunch

menus online. Some camps even allow you to make payments over the web. Not sure if your camp is using technology yet? Check out its website or call the camp office to find out.

The use of technology by camps has also allowed for greater opportunities for communication between parents and camp throughout the summer. Parents can read online newsletters, send and receive emails and look at camp pictures allowing them experience the joy of camp from afar. Photo websites allow camps to post photo galleries. It's a simple process to log in and create your own account to be able to see your camper's photos.

Many camps will stay connected throughout the summer and school year using social media such as Facebook and Twitter. You can check out your camp on these sites to find the latest news on enrollment, camp activities and off season events. Facebook is a great social media platform to find out about last minute schedule changes, weather updates

and parent visiting days. Be sure to become a Facebook fan and like the camps that your children attend. You can also use Facebook and Twitter to connect with other parents in the community and can be great resources to explore current parenting topics.

Technology has helped to make preparing for camp and staying connected with the camp community much more simple. Be sure to log on this summer and make the most of your camp experience.



Stay connected: Technology has helped increase communication between parents and camp throughout the summer. Parents can read online newsletters, send and receive emails and look at camp pictures allowing them experience the joy of camp from afar. | SUPPLIED PHOTO

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BY MARCY MARRO
For Sun-Times Media

Parents are going to know best when trying to determine if their child is ready to go to overnight camp. Gordie Kaplan, executive director of the ACA Illinois office, said that for most children ages 8 to 10 is when they are ready to stay away from home, reach out of their comfort level and go away to camp. Before going away though, children should have spent a few nights at a friend's or relative's house first.

Kaplan said to involve your child in the camp decision-making process.

"I would give the child some choices," Kaplan said. "Ideally, the parents could do some research, find two or three camps that they feel are appropriate in terms of the kind of experience their child would get, and their price range, and then let the child choose."

Kaplan suggested contacting the camp director. Talking to the camp director will provide insights on the type of staff that they hire, many of which may be college students or teachers. Ask open-ended questions that can't be answered with just a yes or no, he said.

"When you get a camp director talking about the what and the how, then you, as a parent, are going to develop some impressions, which will

help you make the decision about where you trust sending your child," Kaplan said.

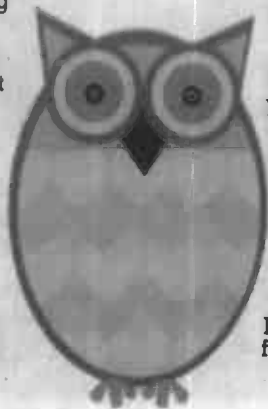
Ask the camp for some references, preferably of families in your area that have sent their children to camp, Kaplan said.

Once two or three camps have been decided upon, have your child participate in the final decision. Many times that choice is going to have to be made by looking at websites online or camp CDs. Kaplan noted that children give clues as to whether they're ready to go away to camp. Note their responses when they look at pictures, Kaplan said. Positive comments and looking forward to trying new things will mean they are most likely ready to go to camp. If they seem anxious or nervous, then they're probably not ready to go away.

Experiencing a little anxiety about going away to camp is normal, Kaplan explained.

"A child shouldn't be forced to go to camp," he said. "There are children who just don't want to go to camp, they're not ready, or they don't want that experience. And that's perfectly fine. Camp is not like school, where you have to go. Camp should be a choice."

"The reason camp works as well as it does is that the camper is in a different environment from home, which gives them the chance to develop some independent living skills and some self-reliance," Kaplan said. "And when that is successful, that is a huge lesson to learn."



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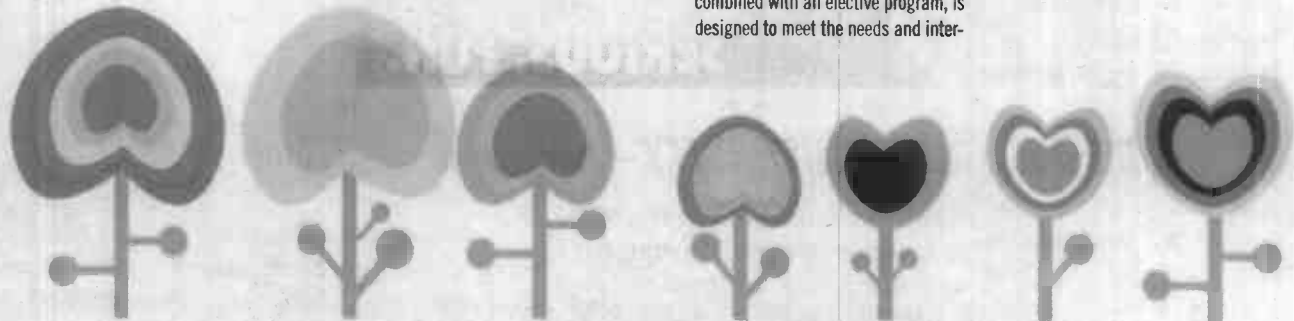
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April Fools' Day foods

Fool your family with sweet treats that will have everyone doing a double take

NOT YOUR GRANNY'S CHICKEN POT PIE

This tasty dessert might look like a chicken pot pie, but it's actually vanilla pudding mixed with assorted candies. The flaky crust adds credibility but it's also a delicious complement to the creamy pudding.

You need:

Mini disposable pie tin
Pie crust dough
1 egg
Vanilla pudding
Orange, yellow and green candies (such as Mike and Ike, Starburst Fruit Chews or Chewy Lemonhead & Friends Candy)

Caramel squares
Aluminum foil

Directions:

Preheat oven to 425 degrees. Unroll pie crust dough and cut a circle that is about 1 inch larger than pie tin. Roll up aluminum foil to make a 2-inch ball that will fit inside tin. Layer a round piece of aluminum foil over ball, so that it creates a smooth mound. Place dough on top of mound. Use a fork to create a crimped edge around the pie crust and then poke a few holes on top. Lightly brush dough with beaten egg.

Bake in oven for about 10 minutes, or until dough is golden brown. Set aside to cool. To make pie filling, mix up a batch of vanilla pudding. Make "carrots" and "corn" by cutting orange and yellow candies into small pieces. Roll pieces of green candy into tiny balls for "peas." Make "chicken" by cutting caramels



into thin strips.

Before serving, remove pie crust topper and fill tin with pudding, carrots, corn, peas and chicken. Top with baked pie crust. Serve immediately.

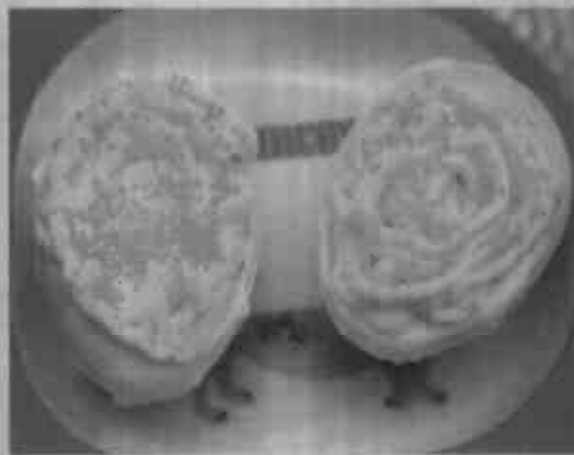
Thank you to www.spoonful.com for inspiring this recipe!

PUPPY CHOW FOR HUMANS

Sorry, Rover, this puppy chow prank is just for kids.

You need:

Clean dog food bowl
Plastic disposable container (such as GladWare)
9 cups Corn-Chex cereal
1 cup chocolate chips
½ cup peanut butter
1½ cups powdered sugar
¼ cup butter



Clockwise from upper left, for April Fools' Day: Not Your Granny's Chicken Pot Pie, Devilish Eggs, Chicken Not-It's and Puppy Chow for Humans. See more photos at pioneerlocal.com/mommy. | **PHOTOS BY BUZZ ORR-Sun-Times Media**

DEVILISH EGGS

Imagine your family's surprise when they discover you're serving deviled eggs for dessert.

You need:

Plastic eggs (used for Easter baskets)
White chocolate
Yellow frosting
Red sugar crystals
Plastic wrap

Directions:

Open plastic eggs and line each half with plastic wrap. Melt white chocolate and pour into lined molds. Place in refrigerator until white chocolate hardens (5-10 hours). Remove from molds.

Fill pastry bag with yellow frosting. In a circular motion, fill eggs with frosting to resemble a deviled egg. Add "paprika" by sprinkling red sugar crystals on top.

CHICKEN NOT-IT'S

I love chicken nuggets as much as the next person, but these nuggets (made with pound cake, graham cracker crumbs and frosting) take the cake.

You need:

Pound cake
Frosting
Graham cracker crumbs

Directions:

Cut pound cake into nugget-shaped pieces. Cover cake with frosting and then dip into graham cracker crumbs until covered.

Place "nuggets" on a plate and serve with your favorite dip (such as orange-tinted vanilla pudding).

Thank you to Liz at www.hoosierhomemade.com for sharing the deviled egg and nugget recipes.

REAL SPONGE CAKE

Although not edible, this is a great prank to try on friends, neighbors or an unsuspecting spouse.

You need:

Yellow sponge
Frosting
Sprinkles

Directions:

Frost and decorate sponge so it resembles a delicious piece of cake. Place on plate and serve.

Happy April Fools' Day! ■



Gefilte fish prepared for Passover by Janet Sameh. | BUZZ ORR-Sun-Times Media

Passed down Passover recipes

BY VERONICA HINKE | Contributor

"My aunt always said the secret to her gefilte fish was the lemon in the broth," Janet Sameh remembers.

"Maybe, or maybe it was just the comfort of tradition. Either way, my family looks forward to it every year."

Passed down recipes are favorites at Passover.

Sameh remembers how her aunt, Ruth Lifshitz, would grind three types of fish to make the fish cakes. Then she simmered the fish cakes in vegetable broth.

"By the time she was done, the house

smelled of fish," Sameh recalls.

Her aunt's original recipe even included a note to ask the fishmonger for the heads and bones to put in the broth.

"Her recipe was really a hand-me-down," Sameh says. "She was thrilled when I asked her for it."

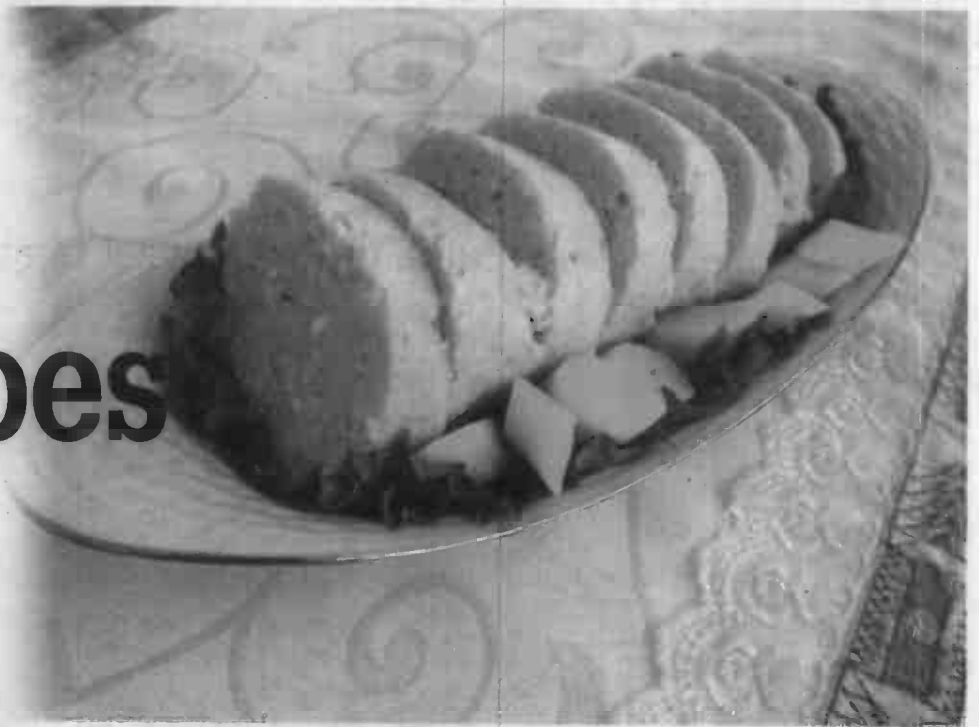
Now, in her own kitchen in

Wilmette, Sameh keeps her aunt's memory alive by making the gefilte fish. But not quite on the same scale. She buys prepared, frozen fish cakes.

"Unless you are a glutton for punishment or you want your kitchen smelling for three days, I would suggest getting fish loaves," she says. "While gefilte fish purists make their own patties, I save time by using frozen loaves. If you make gefilte fish from scratch, it can be such a production. If you make it using the prepared loaves, it can be so much easier."

Traditionally, the cakes include three different types of fish. For those who make the patties from scratch, most fish

will work, as long as 50 percent of the cake is whitefish. Using the least expensive types of fish — like pike, walleye or trout — will keep the recipe closest to tradition. The recipe originated, after all, by the hands of those who knew much about making something out of nothing. The inexpensive fish is stretched by incorporating



Gefilte fish

2 ribs celery, chopped
2 ¼ teaspoons white pepper (not black)
2 large sweet onions, sliced
2 teaspoons sugar
1 lemon, sliced
2 teaspoons of salt
3 big carrots or about 16 small carrots
2-3 medium-sized fish loaves

Fill stock pot ½ to ¾ full of water and add

all ingredients except fish loaves. Bring to boil. Simmer for about 30 minutes. Remove plastic from loaves, but leave paper on. Drop fish loaves in broth. Bring broth to boil again. Reduce to medium as soon as it reaches boiling. Leave at medium for a few minutes, then at low for one hour. Let it cool, and roll while still in paper. Unwrap fish roll on plate and let cool. Slice and serve with carrots from broth. Serve with horseradish.

— Janet Sameh

matzoh meal into the loaves.

The bland-tasting cakes get a flavor lift from vegetable broth.

"Gefilte fish tastes mild, but flavorful," Sameh says. "Some people put horseradish on it to kind of give it a zing."

Red horseradish, which is made crimson-colored by beet juice, is her favorite.

Sometimes a favorite recipe is passed along from a friend. That's the case with a brisket that Wilmette resident Melinda Sharkan makes every year for Passover for the family of Rabbi Allan Kensky. Her holiday gesture has become tradition.

"He is a vegetarian, but his family loves it," Sharkan says.

Sharkan is the originator of another Passover ritual: the advance order bake sale that is held annually by the

Beth Hillel Bnai Emunah Sisterhood in Wilmette. The sale wouldn't be complete without Mini Goldsmith's mandel bread. The recipe was her grandmother's. It was passed along to Goldsmith through her mother, Bernice. She was the only member of her family who survived the Holocaust in Poland.

Goldsmith remembers growing up in Skokie, helping her mother make the biscotti-like treats.

"She always had a cookie jar — special only for Passover," she recalls.

And just as the mandel bread recipe was passed down to her, Goldsmith has passed it on to her daughter, Caryn Engle, and she will pass it to her daughter-in-law Ari Goldsmith, both of Highland Park.

Sometimes a recipe just tastes better with a dash of tradition. ■



Janet Sameh of Wilmette holds a plate of gefilte fish that she made from her aunt's recipe. | BUZZ ORR-Sun-Times Media



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Death Notices

Happ, Elizabeth Dorthy

(nee Platz) of Lake Geneva, WI passed away peacefully Tuesday, March 12, 2013 at Golden Years of Walworth, WI. Elizabeth was born on August 24, 1918 to the late Nicholas and Mary Platz, of Morton Grove IL. She was a 1937 graduate of the Mallinchroot High School, Wilmette, IL. Elizabeth was united in marriage to the late George M. Happ in Skokie, IL. He preceded her in death on October 16, 1971.

Elizabeth was a member of the Zenda Garden Club, Linn Neighbory Club, and Catholic Daughters of the Americas. Elizabeth was a founding member of the Women's Club of Morton Grove and an Honorary member of the Lake Geneva Yacht Club. She was an excellent bridge player, having won numerous tournaments. Elizabeth was renowned for her love of cats.

Elizabeth is survived by 5 children, Elizabeth (Rudolph) Boeckeler of Grafton, WI, Lawrence (Kelley) Happ of Mundelein, IL, Richard (Nancy) Happ of New Bern, NC, James (Janet) Happ of Lake Geneva, WI, and Barbara (Gene) Habrel of Lake Geneva, WI; 16 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren survive Elizabeth. Elizabeth was preceded in death by her parents, Nicholas and Mary Platz, and son, Kenneth Happ of Akron Ohio.

There will be a Mass of Christian burial Monday at 11 a.m. at St. Francis De Sales Catholic Church in Lake Geneva, WI. Father James Scheurman will be presiding. Visitation will be from 10 a.m. until the time of service at the church.

In lieu of other expressions of sympathy the family has requested donations in Elizabeth's name to St. Coletta of Wisconsin charity. To sign the online registries please visit www.derrickfuneralhome.com. The Derrick Funeral Home of Lake Geneva is assisting the family.

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In Memoriam

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Hautop, Gwen

(nee Carlson) A devoted and beloved wife for more than fifty years to the late Bill, whom she met on a playground at Haugan Elementary School in Chicago. A loving mom to Joan (Bob) Fiske and the late Billy. Gwen was a public servant at Park Ridge City hall for decades and retired in the late 1990's. Years prior, she enjoyed her involvement with Washington School Playmakers. Gwen was a keen poker and bridge player; she liked the slots, too. She was an avid reader, creative wordsmith and sharp Scrabble opponent. She was a great and welcome traveling companion who loved family vacations, especially driving to Florida. She also enjoyed relaxing in her recliner and sitting on her front porch. When faced with life's challenges, she fought them with a brave and stoic spirit.

Gwen's passing has left a void in the lives of family and friends; they remember her as loyal and loving; a generous and giving friend, special neighbor, warm-hearted aunt, trusted confidante. She was a good listener who was a steady and calming influence; she was insightful about things. Gwen was also good-humored, funny and could "crack you up."

Gwen was an alumna of William Woods College in Fulton, Missouri, where an endowed scholarship fund has been established in her honor. Contributions may be sent to William Woods Advancement, Gwen Carlson Hautop Scholarship, One University Avenue, Fulton, MO 65251.

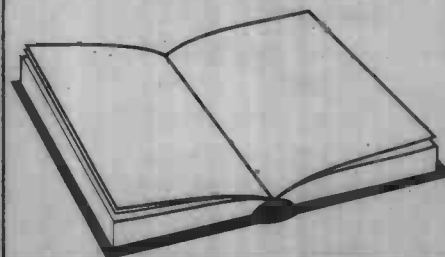
Visitation Friday 4 to 9 p.m. at Nelson Funeral Home, 820 Talcott Road (at Cumberland), Park Ridge. Funeral Saturday 9 a.m. from the funeral home to Mary, Seat of Wisdom Church, Mass 10 a.m. Interment Town of Maine Cemetery. Inquire at 847/823-5122 and online guestbook www.nelsonfunerals.com

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Schober, Milton J.

Age 93, died February 6, 2013, in Evanston. Milt was born in Chicago to John and Elizabeth Schober and attended Beaubien Elementary School, Carl Schurz High School, and Wright Junior College. He received a Bachelor of Science degree from Northwestern University in 1940. Upon graduation, he was employed by Cudahy Packing Company as a traveling auditor until he



was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1942. He served in the Army for three years, including 14 months in Europe as an infantryman. He was awarded the Bronze Star for his service in the Battle of the Bulge.

After discharge from the Army, Milt went into public accounting, auditing various business concerns. In the course of one of these audits at Electric Auto Lite Company in Toledo, OH, Milt met his future wife, Arline, whom he married in 1948. They moved into their new home in Skokie in 1952, where they raised three children. They remained in their Skokie home until Arline's death in 2008.

Milt passed the C.P.A. examination in 1949 and spent the last 17 years of his career with Alexander Grant & Company, currently known as Grant Thornton. He served as a partner in the firm for ten years, taking early retirement in July, 1974. Subsequently, Milt did consulting work during the accounting busy season, January to April, but his main interest was travel. He visited all seven continents, including two visits to Antarctica, as well as Australia and New Zealand, much of South America, Tibet, Mongolia, Japan, China, Thailand, the Philippines, Indonesia, New Guinea, Turkey, the Soviet Union, Egypt, Kenya, Tanzania, Tunisia, and most European countries.

Milt and Arline became members of St. Timothy's Lutheran Church in Skokie in 1953, and Milt was the church treasurer in 1956, when the current church building was constructed.

Milt is survived by his three children, Betty Ann (Robert) Johnson, Trudy Joy Schober (Paul Dayton), and Allan Brian (Nancy) Schober; four grandchildren, Elizabeth (Martin) Mulligan, Benjamin and Katherine Dayton, and Andreas Schober; and one great-grandchild, Maeve Mulligan.

To read Milt's correspondence during and after World War II, please visit <http://dadswwilletters.wordpress.com>.

A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, March 23, at 11 a.m., at St. Timothy's Lutheran Church, 9000 Kildare Ave., Skokie, IL, 60076.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Timothy's Lutheran Church. Funeral info: 847-673-6111 or www.habenfuneral.com.

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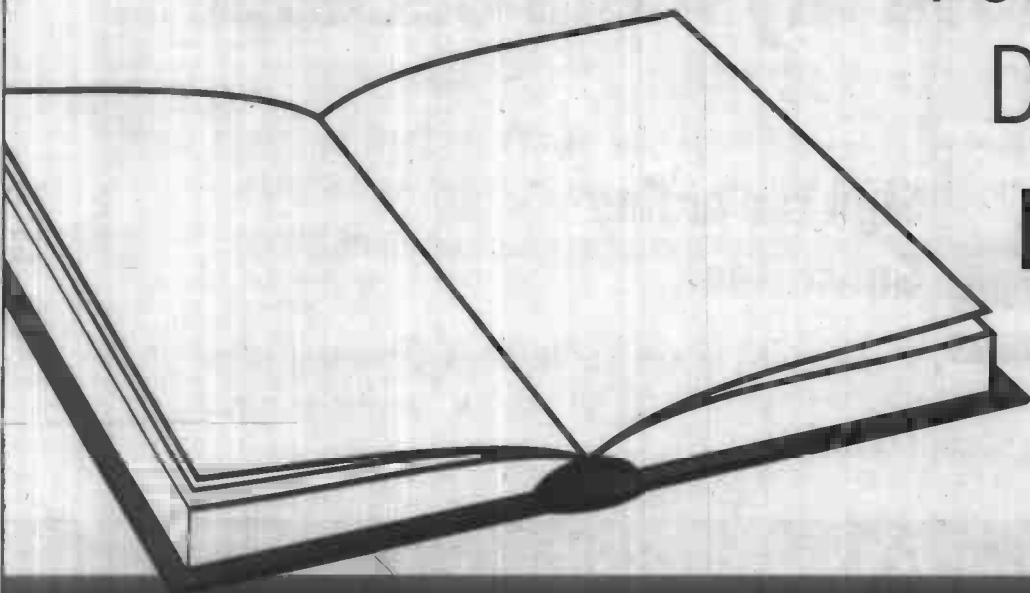
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THIS WEEK



RAMZI DREESSEN-SPLASH

< Dress up spring basics with necklaces from Chicago-based jewelry line Damen + Division. Founder **Sonja Esler** combines vintage and modern components to create each piece like this Monarchy amazonite and glass amethyst necklace. \$260; Damen-division.com



Get the VIP treatment at **Leah Chavie** Skin Care's new facility, where privacy is paramount. The unmarked building sits across the street from the boutique's original Lincoln Park location, and Leah herself performs all skin services. Peels start at \$50, 2500 N. Halsted, (773) 360-1714; Leahchavie.com

Get your tail to the Walnut Room at Macy's on State Street (111 N. State) March 23, 24 and 30 for the Bunny Breakfast, featuring face painting, a buffet brunch and a visit from the Easter Bunny, who will be doling out special gifts. \$19-\$28, call (312) 781-3125 for reservations.



We're seeing green with Sephora and Pantone Universe's Color of the Year beauty collection. Snag the Color Charged lacquer (\$10) in this year's shimmering emerald hue. 108 N. State; Sephora.com

AT THE PHOTO SHOOT

Natalie and Elliot Bergman showed up to RM Champagne Salon with their sister, Elise, a fashion designer who styled them for our shoot. Elliot and Elise weighed in on each of Natalie's outfits, and Elliot and Natalie both sang along to Alabama Shakes' "Hold On" as they posed.

COVER CREDITS

Photographer: **Marla Ponce**
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Stylist: **Elise Bergman**
Venue: **RM Champagne Salon (116 N. Green)**
Shoot Coordinator: **Katerina Bizios**

ON NATALIE

Clothes: Natural white tailored jacket, Burberry London, \$950; dark mustard slim fit stretch silk shirt, Burberry London, \$450; Joe's wax-coated jeans, \$165, Joe's Jeans Boutique

Jewelry: necklace by Pamela Love; ring on index finger: custom by Elise Bergman; on ring finger: vintage, Natalie's own
Shoes: Rachel Comey, \$403



ON ELLIOT

Clothes: navy Sandhurst suit, Burberry London, \$1,495; diamond print shirt, Burberry Prorsum, \$495

Jewelry: vintage, Elliot's own
Shoes: To Boot New York, Elliot's own



"The '70s are a big source of inspiration for the band, so I pulled a few images of Jimi Hendrix in floral prints and velvet sport coats and Natalie sent back a bunch of cool, vintage photos of Mick Jagger wearing incredible suits." — **Elise Bergman (above), stylist and sibling to Natalie and Elliot**

What had you tweeting



Jenni @Jenni_Marie8819: @Suntimes_Splash Loved the recent article with Captain Serious! Now you're obligated to do his partner in crime, Patrick Kane, next! :)



Sandra @prlmeaugurl25: You @Suntimes_Splash got me excited with your issue w/ Jonathan Toews and I live in Windsor, ON, Canada so i can imagine living in Chicago!



Clarins @ClarinsNews: We love Chicago! Read @Suntimes @Suntimes_Splash interview with Virginie Courtin-Clarins before our @nordstrom visit



Emily Cleary @emilycleary10: My forever21 addiction is revealed in today's @suntimes_splash



Christos Garkinos @ChristosDecades: Christos Garkinos and Cameron Silver in Chicago via Suntimes_Splash Can't wait for Chicago Trunk Show this week!

SPLASH

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE SPOT FOR SUNDAY BRUNCH?

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THE CALENDAR

BY THOMAS CONNORS

● ARTS & CULTURE | ● PHILANTHROPY | ● FOOD | ● FASHION

this week

March 19

● ● 'LA VIE EN ROSE: COUTURE FOR A CAUSE'

Chicago-based fashion designer **Elda de la Rosa** debuts her spring collection in a salon-style event at the Peninsula Hotel's Avenues ballroom. The soiree, which begins with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres, benefits the Edgewater Development Corporation.

Time: 6 p.m.

Place: 108 E. Superior

Cost: \$100, \$125 at the door. Call (773) 506-4016 or visit Edgewaterfashion.brownpaper-tickets.com.



Dina Manzo and Atia of Project Ladybug

March 21-23

● COMPAGNIE MARIE CHOUINARD

Montreal choreographer Marie Chouinard brings her rendition of Igor Stravinsky's "The Rite of Spring" to the Museum of Contemporary Art, along with a new work inspired by Belgian-born poet and painter Henri Michaux.

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Place: 220 E. Chicago

Cost: MCA Members, \$28; non-members \$35; students \$10. Call (312) 397-4010 or visit Mcachicago.org.

March 22- June 30

● LATINO THEATRE FESTIVAL

The Goodman Theatre's biannual fest kicks off with an appearance by Cuba's Teatro Buendía. The company, known for reinterpreting classic texts, presents its take on Juan Rulfo's 1955 novel *Pedro Páramo*, a magical tale about a man's return to his mother's hometown and the ghosts that greet him.

Place: 170 N. Dearborn

Cost: \$14-\$27. Call (312) 443-3800 or visit Goodmantheatre.org.

March 23

● THIRD ANNUAL LADYBUG BASH

Hosted by Project Ladybug founder and HGTV design maven **Dina Manzo**, this charity event aims to ease the challenges of childhood cancer. Don your best red and black and enjoy food from Chicago chefs, live entertainment and a gallery featuring regional artists. Proceeds benefit Atia's Project Ladybug Fund at the University of Chicago Comer Children's Hospital.

Time: 7 p.m.

Place: Chicago Cultural Center, 78 E. Washington

Cost: \$65-\$125. Visit Projectladybug.org/ladybugbash.

March 23

● GIORDANO DANCE CHICAGO 50TH ANNIVERSARY GALA

One of the city's most admired and influential dance companies, the jazz-based ensemble marks its first half century with a big bash and a world premiere from **Liz Imperio**, choreographer for such stars as Madonna.

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Place: Harris Theater for Music

March 23

● ● THIRD ANNUAL COMMON GROUND FOUNDATION AWARDS GALA

Hip-hop artist and Chicago native Common hosts a sold-out annual fundraiser to benefit his foundation, which uses the arts to empower young people. But even if you didn't snag a ticket in time, you can still support the organization at the afterparty at the Hard Rock Hotel.

Time: 10:30 p.m.

Place: Hard Rock Hotel, 200 N. Michigan

Cost: \$40. Call (773) 295-1915 or visit Commongroundfoundation.org/events.



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and Dance, 205 E. Randolph
Cost: \$200 and \$500. Call (312) 922-1332 or visit Giordano.com.

March 23-June 16

● 'RISING UP: HALE WOODRUFF'S MURALS AT TALLADEGA COLLEGE'

Centered on the historic slave

revolt aboard the Amistad and illustrating other aspects of the African-American experience, Woodruff's images are key documents from the politically engaged mural movement that arose during the Depression.

Place: Chicago Cultural Center, 78 E. Washington

Cost: free. Visit ChicagoCulturalCenter.org.

next week

March 27-June 16

● 'BARNUM'

Renowned showman P.T. Barnum gets the full musical treatment in this Tony-nominated rendition of his life and times. Replete with puppetry, variety acts and magic numbers, the show stars **Gene Weygandt** ("Wicked") as the man who rarely underestimated the public's taste.

Place: Mercury Theater, 3745 N. Southport

Cost: \$25-\$59. Call (773) 325-1700 or visit Mercurytheaterchicago.com.

March 28

● BOURBON & BEATS AT DRUMBAR

Spend Thursday nights atop the city at Drumbar, the rooftop lounge on the 18th floor of Hotel Raffaello, for its new weekly Bourbon & Beats event. Order up drinks from a special menu of bourbon cocktails created by mixologist **Craig Schoettler** while savoring tunes from Hey Champ! rockers **Saam Hagshenas** and **Jonathan Marks**, followed by sets from **DJ Galvan** and other special musical guests.

Time: 7 p.m.

Place: Hotel Raffaello, 201 E. Delaware

Cost: free. RSVP to Rsvp@drumbar.com.

March 30

● 'THE FLAVOR' DEMONSTRATION

Stephanie Izard, Chicago's own "Top Chef" and the brains behind the wildly popular restaurants **Girl & the Goat** and **Little Goat**, stops by Westmont's Standard Market to showcase new line of condiments and spice rubs.

Time: 10 a.m.

Place: 333 E. Ogden, Westmont

Cost: free. For more info, call (630) 366-7030 or visit Standardmarket.com.

April 2-14

● 'CATCH ME IF YOU CAN'

Based on the Dreamworks film, this Broadway musical tells the story of Frank W. Abagnale Jr., the clever chameleon whose forged checks and assumed professions (pilot, doctor, lawyer) gave him the glamorous life he hankered for — until the law finally reeled him in.

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20TH ANNIVERSARY BEAR TIE BALL

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BY BIANCA BETANCOURT

On March 9, the Bear Necessities Pediatric Cancer Foundation celebrated two decades of working to eliminate pediatric cancer and the burdens it places on patients' families at its 20th Anniversary Bear Tie Ball. Co-chairs **Nina Mariano** and **Tracey Scurto** welcomed more than 850 guests to the UIC Forum (725 W. Roosevelt), including **Cheryl and Mario Tricoci** and **Kristina and Mike McGrath**, who mingled beneath the chandelier-studded ceiling while listening to heartwarming speeches from **Roe Conn** and **Windy City Live's Val Warner** and from Bear Tie Ambassador **Theo Yianas**, who shared his story of conquering the disease. Afterward, a live auction included prizes ranging from spa weekends in Beverly Hills to an autographed Blackhawks jerseys. The festivities brought in more than \$750,000 to supplement the \$15 million that Bear Necessities has raised in the past 20 years.

The Sun-Times was the media sponsor of this event.

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Eleni, Theo and Dean Yianas



Bob Marlano and Dominic DiFrisco



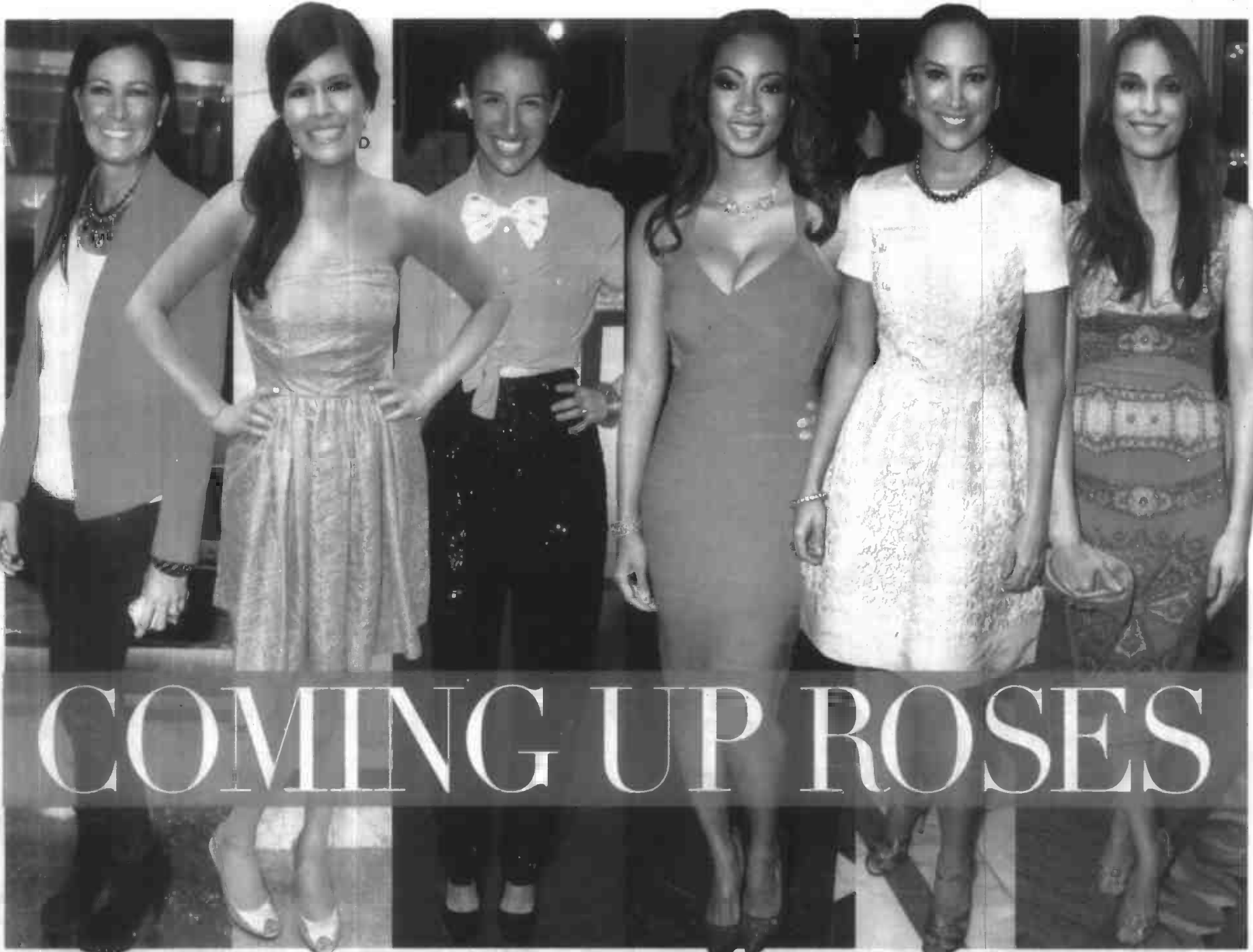
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at the Museum of
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at the Murphy
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in Roberto Cavalli at the
Four Seasons Chicago

It's time to banish the blues and bury the beige — spring is coming (no matter what the weatherman says) and nothing is fresher than a rosy pop of color. From eye-catching neon to baby-doll blush, pair pink with any neutral for a camera-ready look that's guaranteed to help you glow. But be warned: Pink brings out the reddish tones in skin, so use blush sparingly. When it's done right, it's a look to behold so take a lesson from these ladies and when you're scouring your closet before your next party, think pink.

ILLINOIS HOLOCAUST MUSEUM'S HUMANITARIAN AWARDS DINNER

ONE for ALL

BY TALIA BEECHICK

The Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center's Humanitarian Awards Dinner was themed "the power of one." But it was 1,600 individuals — including civic, business and charitable leaders — who came together to honor local community leaders and raise funds for the museum's programs on March 6 at the Hyatt Regency (151 E. Wacker). Holocaust survivors joined guests like Pulitzer Prize winner Bob Woodward to honor William Brodsky, chairman and CEO of the Chicago Board Options Exchange, and Linda Johnson Rice, chairman of Johnson Publishing Co., who were awarded the 2013 Humanitarian Awards. Holocaust survivor and museum president Fritzie Fritzhall presented the inaugural Survivors Legacy Award to J.B. Pritzker for his commitment to the museum. The event helped raise \$2.5 million for the organization's initiatives.

The Sun-Times was the media sponsor of this event. The Sun-Times Foundation and The Chicago Community Trust will match every dollar donated to the Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center, up to a total of \$50,000.



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PARTY POLITICS

BY KATERINA BIZIOS

Lookingglass Theatre Company got the last laugh — and the first — on March 2, when comedian Stephen Colbert entertained more than 500 guests at its 25th anniversary gglassquerade gala at the Four Seasons Chicago (120 E. Delaware). Colbert, who consorted with the Theatre's founders when they were students at Northwestern University, was presented with the organization's Civic Engagement Award in front of an audience that included David Schwimmer, Mayor Rahm Emanuel, Rick Bayless, Gigi Pritzker Pucker, Chaz Ebert, Richard Dent and Shawn Donnelley. The bash raised \$1 million to advance the company's commitment to producing new theatrical works and helping the Chicago community.

The Sun-Times was the media sponsor of this event. The Sun-Times Foundation and The Chicago Community Trust will match every dollar donated to the Lookingglass theater, up to a total of \$10,000.



Andy White, Joey Slotnick and Kevin Douglas



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WONDER WOMEN

BY KATERINA BIZIOS

Actress **Mary-Louise Parker** (“Weeds,” “The West Wing”) took a starring role at Steppenwolf Theatre’s 4th Annual Steppenwolf Salutes Women in the Arts Luncheon, held March 4 at the JW Marriott (151 W. Adams). The fundraiser, co-chaired by **Marlene Breslow-Blitstein**, **Elizabeth H. Connelly**, **Kelly Epstein**, **Nene Foxhall**, **Donna La Pietra**, **Jan Melk** and **Jane Mody**, included a question-and-answer session with the actress and Steppenwolf Artistic Director **Martha Lavey**. Other notable guests included Steppenwolf’s Board Chair **Nora Daley Conroy** and BMO Harris Bank’s **Judith Rice** and **Laura Anderson**, who helped raised more than \$100,000 to support training for the next generation of young leaders in the arts.

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Dear Jenny, This might seem like a mundane question, but I'm 23 and recently started a job in an office that doesn't enforce a "strict" dress code. I've observed the casual and stylish clothing choices of my fellow office workers and I'm wondering if leather pants are an acceptable choice for the workplace. I'm not going all biker by any means, but would you say that, if paired with something classy, it can be pulled off nicely? It's a relatively laid-back atmosphere, but I know there's always a stigma attached to leather.

— Amanda

Jenny says: Well, I don't have to go to the office every day, but I have millions of meetings that are business casual. The items that are big "no-nos" are workout clothing, beachwear or overly sexy nightclub attire. Clothing that reveals too much cleavage, your back, your chest, your feet, your stomach or your underwear is not appropriate for a place of business.

Even in a business-casual work environment, clothing should be pressed and never

wrinkled. Torn, dirty or frayed clothing is not cool either. Any clothing that has words or pictures on it could also be offensive to other employees. A shirt that says "I'm With Stupid" is a perfect example of what won't fly in a workplace environment.

As far as your leather pants, it really depends on where you work. The good news is that leather pants are "in" right now, so I don't expect anyone to scream, "What were

you thinking?" Just be sure to pair them with an appropriate top. Something fancier will downplay the leather pants.

My final thought is this: If you look in the mirror and feel one ounce of doubt, take it off. In order to pull off

any outfit, you need to have confidence. It's not the clothing on your back that people notice, it's the confidence and positive energy you emanate when feeling good about yourself. So rock those leather pants and feel great about yourself and odds are people will be OK with that. I would say hurry though — summer is coming and sweaty leather is not cute!

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Table manners

Restaurateur **Donnie Madia** dishes on his family-centered Sunday in Chicago

BY ZAK STEMER

After 16 years, **Donnie Madia** knows how to make someone feel welcome at dinner. As the one of the partners of One Off Hospitality, the group behind *avec*, *Big Star*, *Blackbird*, *the Publican*, *Publican Quality Meats* and *the Violet Hour*, Madia has dedicated himself to making a restaurant that's more than a place to stuff your stomach. "Food is really important, but the way a guest feels when he comes and when he leaves — that's the lasting impression," he says.

To that end, Madia and his team (composed of Paul Kahan, Eduard Seitan, Rick Diarmit and Terry Alexander) go above and beyond the requirements of a restaurant: Managers have even been known to drive guests back to their hotels in terrible weather when they can't hail a cab. "These are heartfelt services. We mean it, we love it," Madia explains. "We love the word 'hospitality' and we want to do it better than anybody."

After building a gourmet empire in the city, the native Chicagoan has no plans to leave his hometown. According to Madia, "[Chicago] is a tailor-made fit for us. There's no reason to go to New York for our first, third or even sixth or seventh restaurant." And with a newborn son, Madia's roots have become even more firmly planted in the city. "Although I do love working," he admits, "I think it's important that I'm having this beautiful experience with my son and my wife." With success in both his kitchens and at his home, Madia has become an expert plate spinner, balancing gourmet with Gerber's, his family with fame (he was just featured on *GQ.com* for his signature suit-with-Converse style). After launching one restaurant about every 2 ½ years, our calculations show that he's due for another any minute, though he's staying tight-lipped about his current developments. Madia's riding high, and for the king of hospitality, that's something worth toasting.

Here, the restaurateur serves up his perfect Sunday in the city.

PHOTO BY MARK BATTRELL

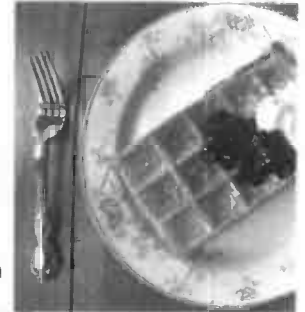


8 A.M.

Sunday's an early morning in the Madias' West Loop pad. Donnie and wife Estelle wake up and have coffee together before Donnie heads to work.

10:30 A.M.

It's all hands on deck for brunch at *The Publican*, and Madia is there to work the bar or bus tables, whatever needs to be done. Now that he has his month-old son, Branson, he alternates Sundays with his business partners.



11:15 A.M.

If Madia's not at *the Publican*, his family goes to church at Old St. Patrick's (700 W. Adams).



1 P.M.

After mass, the Madias head to *Pierrot Gourmet* (108 E. Superior) for brunch. Donnie can't say no to their flatbreads.



3 P.M.

The couple stops by *Barney's New York* (15 E. Oak) then takes in a foreign flick at the *Landmark Theater* (2828 N. Clark).



7 P.M.

Donnie and Estelle have a standing dinner date every Sunday, whether they order pizza from *Coalfire* (1321 W. Grand) or Estelle whips up a lean, healthy dinner with meats from *Publican Quality Meats*.

10 P.M.

Before bed, Madia catches up on his reading. Currently on his nightstand? *The Art of the Restaurateur* by Nicholas Lander and several books on fatherhood.

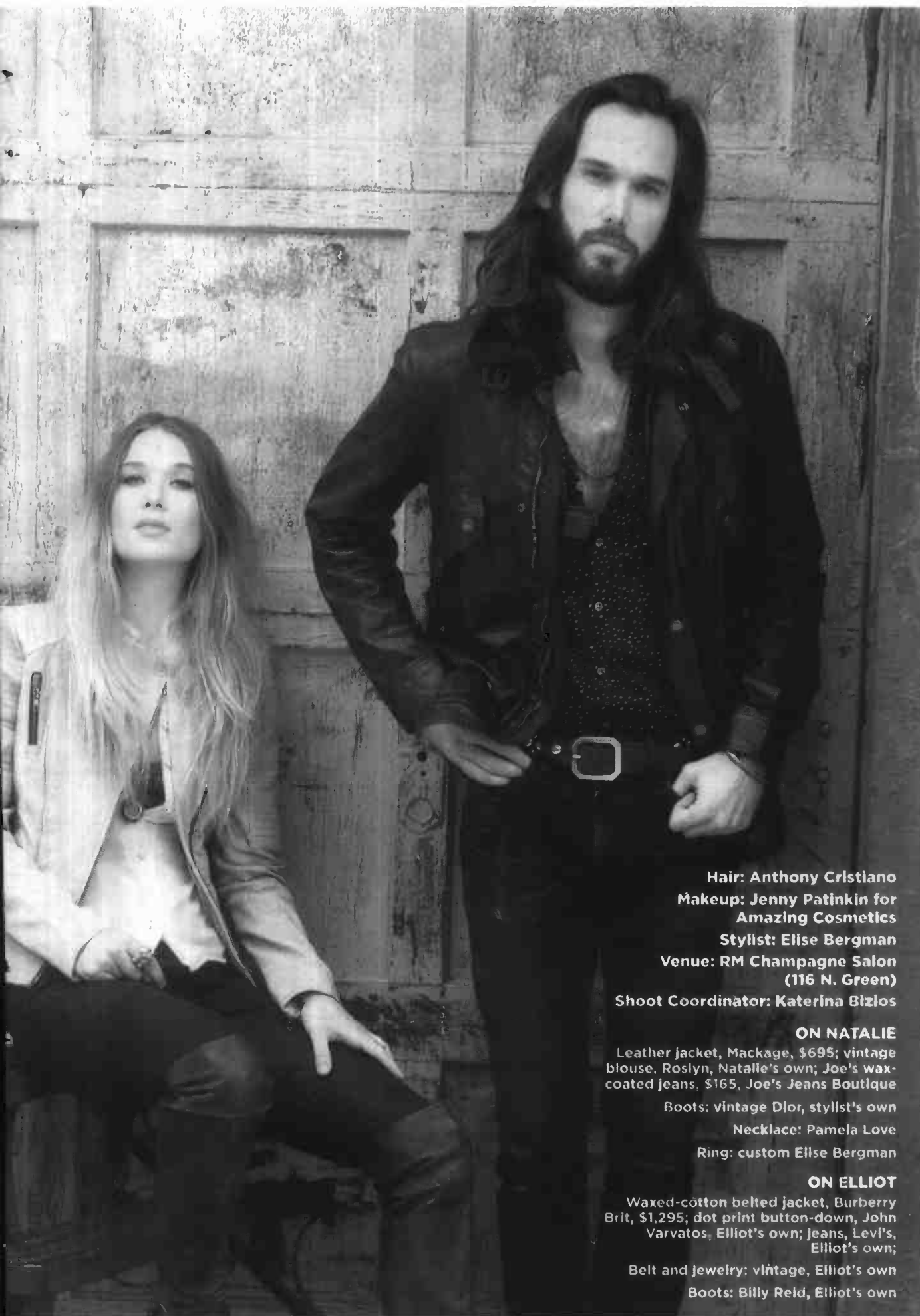


Where the wild things are

Wild Belle's Natalie and Elliot Bergman on their debut album, their musical past and their bright future

STORY BY RACHEL HANDLER • PHOTOS BY MARIA PONCE





Hair: Anthony Cristlano
Makeup: Jenny Patinkin for Amazing Cosmetics
Stylist: Elise Bergman
Venue: RM Champagne Salon (116 N. Green)
Shoot Coordinator: Katerina Bizlos

ON NATALIE

Leather jacket, Mackage, \$695; vintage blouse, Roslyn, Natalie's own; Joe's wax-coated jeans, \$165, Joe's Jeans Boutlque

Boots: vintage Dior, stylist's own

Necklace: Pamela Love

Ring: custom Elise Bergman

ON ELLIOT

Waxed-cotton belted jacket, Burberry Brit, \$1,295; dot print button-down, John Varvatos, Elliot's own; jeans, Levi's, Elliot's own;

Belt and Jewelry: vintage, Elliot's own

Boots: Billy Reid, Elliot's own

If you happened to be in Colorado in January, you may have seen a bikini-clad Natalie Bergman running through the snow. On tour with Wild Belle, the band she leads with her older brother Elliot, Natalie was bored — so she invented a game. “It was 18 degrees below zero, and we were sitting in the hot tub,” she says. “I decided we each had to race across our friend’s lawn in our bathing suits, shake the snow off of an Aspen tree and run back.” Elliot nods. “Then we tried to see who could stay in the snow the longest making snow angels,” he adds. “Our family is really competitive.”

In moments like these, the Bergmans’ sibling dynamic seems typical — competitive, playful, collaborative — except for one thing: this brother-sister duo is on the brink of musical stardom.

On March 12, Natalie, 24, and Elliot, 31, released their debut LP, “Isles,” which they self-produced in a matter of inspiration-fueled months in 2012. Their first single, “Keep You,” went viral last year before they even found a distributor for the album, landing them a three-record deal with Columbia Records. Soon after, they were performing on “Conan,” signing on for music festivals like Coachella and Sasquatch, playing at parties for fashion labels and gracing the pages of *Vogue* and *T*, the *New York Times*’ style magazine. But even awash in accolades, the Bergmans refuse to buy into their own hype. “Our brains don’t operate that way,” says Natalie. “We’re psyched that people are starting to recognize us, but to us, success is just continuing to be able to write and record music.”

They’ve done just that for as long as they can remember. According to Natalie, forming Wild Belle was nothing short of their destiny. “That’s why we’re here on this Earth,” she says. “To learn music, to create music, to share music.” The pair and their siblings, fashion designer Elise and poet Bennet, were born to a painter and an artistic entrepreneur in Barrington, Ill., both of whom encouraged independence, freethinking and careers in the arts. The Bergmans often held family sing-alongs, where, says Natalie, “we’d all flock to different instruments. My dad would play guitar, sometimes Elliot would play clarinet, and some of us would just use our voices.”

Music was always big in our family.”

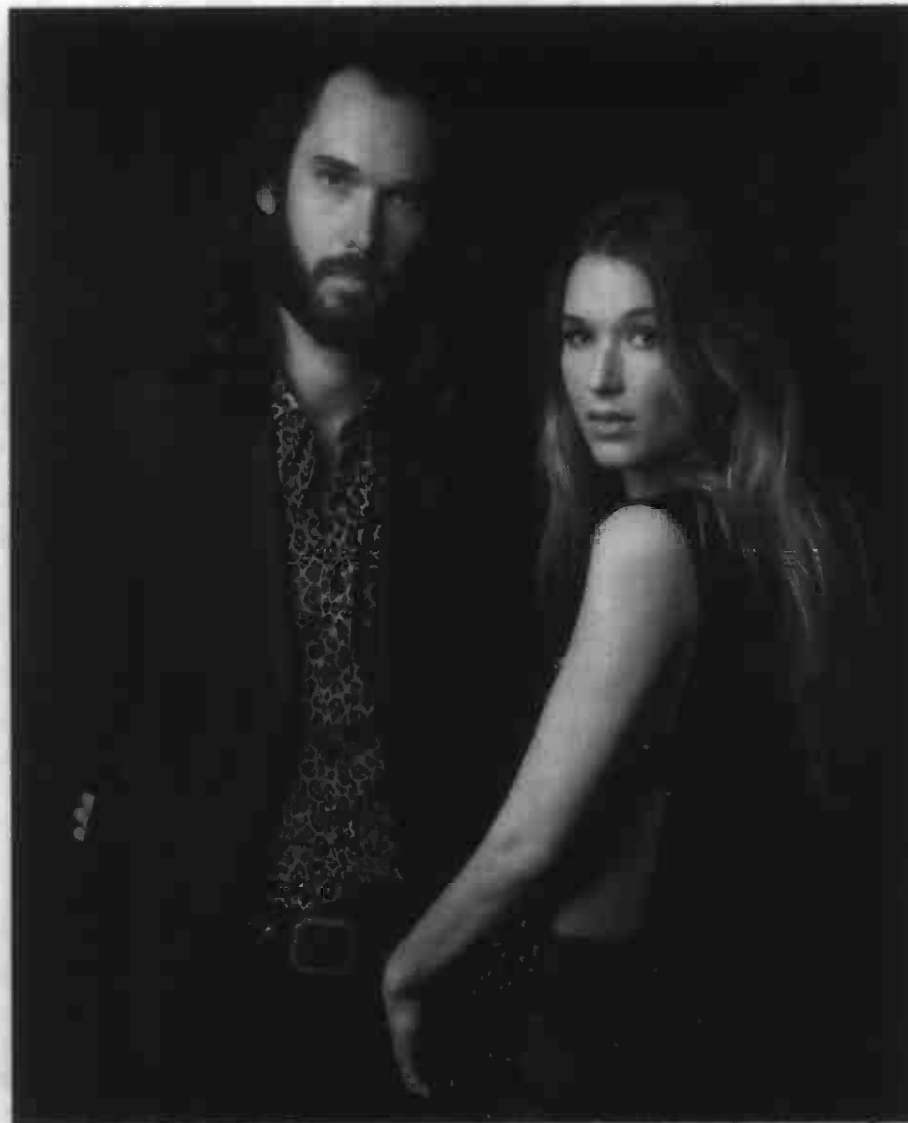
So big, in fact, that Natalie and Elliot spent the majority of their childhoods honing their respective talents: Natalie threw herself into her church's gospel choir and began penning original songs in high school, while Elliot mastered multiple instruments, including the saxophone, drums, guitar and keyboard, and fronted Michigan-based band NOMO post-college. It's appropriate, then, that with Wild Belle, their first collaborative effort, the two have created a sound that's all their own — Natalie “brings the lyrics,” as she puts it, and Elliot creates a multi-instrumental beat around them, or, as he says, “builds the songs from the rhythm up.” The result is a melange of soulful, smoky vocals layered over reggae-inspired beats that's somehow both melancholy and dance-inducing. “We've got so many different influences,” explains Natalie. “Tropicalia music from Brazil, music from all over Africa, like High Life from Zimbabwe. But we also love Etta James, James Brown, Sam Cooke. I could go on forever.”

Lyricaly, the album reflects a more singular vision: Throughout, Natalie sings primarily about love — love lost, lovers who've done her wrong and love unrequited. On “Keep You,” she addresses a man who's hurt her repeatedly, crooning, “You wrong me twice, and I keep coming back.” “It's stories,” she says of the album's content. “Stories of my love life. From my love life. There's a lot of heartbreak on the record. But it's also redemptive. We've all lost a little love in our lives, so it's important to speak about that.”

Despite the rawness of her songwriting, she claims that she doesn't discuss the men behind the words with Elliot. “I have my own love life, and he has his,” she says. When both are asked if Elliot feels it's his duty to step in when he doesn't agree with Natalie's romantic choices, he nods vehemently as she simultaneously shakes her head, and they both laugh. “I guess sometimes you're blinded,” she allows. “If he doesn't think somebody's right for me, he's probably right.”

Though Wild Belle's lyrics attest to what Natalie refers to as their “darkness,” the band's island rhythms mirror another aspect of their personalities: their playfulness. On their current tour, which has hit cities like Aspen, Colo., and Ann Arbor, Mich., and will soon send them to Brussels, Paris and London, “we're driving across the country, and they're just making me laugh so much,” says Natalie of Elliot and their bandmates Kellen Harrison, Erik Hall and Quin Kirchner.

The primary source of entertainment? A series of made-up games that Elliot refers to as “The Tournament of Champions.” One game involves a bandmate singing a line from a Disney film, then waiting for the others to identify both the movie and the character that sings it. Another is simply



called “10 Minutes of Rough Housing.” “But it usually just turns into five minutes of rough-housing,” laughs Elliot. During the last round, “there were chairs on the hotel bed. There were no sheets or pillows left,” says Natalie. Elliot counters: “One of us gets a bruised ego, and it's like, OK, good night, but tomorrow, we'll start round 65 in the Tournament.”

Both put a similar (if less competitive) amount of effort into their wardrobes — they have a bohemian, '70s-inspired style that evokes Mick Jagger and the Rolling Stones. “To us, fashion is just another way of expressing ourselves,” says Elliot. When in Chicago, they frequent vintage shops like Kokorokoko (1323 N. Milwaukee) and Alcala's Western Wear (1733 W. Chicago). “It's fun to find a good hat, or a cool vintage suit, or to shop in my mom's closet,” says Natalie. “But at the heart of it all, it's still about the music.”

And while the music is what will likely propel Wild Belle to new heights in the years to come, Natalie and Elliot's close relationship is what will keep them grounded. “We've grown a lot together over the last few years,” says Elliot. “And we do fight,”

ON NATALIE

Clothes: Vintage black beaded art deco dress, \$450, Lulu's at the Belle Kay; Joe's wax-coated jeans, \$165, Joe's Jeans boutique

ON ELLIOT

Clothes: Leopard print button-down, Topman, Elliot's own; satin lapel dinner jacket, Burberry Prorsum, \$1,795; trousers, Levi's, Elliot's own

admits Natalie, before Elliot finishes the thought with, “but it's because we have no filter. People think we're mad at each other, and we'll be screaming at each other, and then two seconds later we're fine.”

In fact, on set with Splash for a photo shoot at RM Champagne Bar, the two playfully spar over their evening plans — Elliot wants to go to their manager's house for a meeting; Natalie wants to meet up with friends. But after a quick back-and-forth, Elliot acquiesces to Natalie. “Our strength is that we can navigate all of these situations together,” he says. “We come from the same root.”

FAMILY ALBUM

We caught up with Natalie and Elliot again at their album launch party at The Hideout



(1354 W. Wabansia) on March 11. The siblings performed to a sold-out audience of friends and family for more than an hour, pausing between songs to swap spots — Natalie ran back

and forth from the keyboard to the mic, and Elliot transitioned seamlessly from the keys to the saxophone. Here's what they had to say after debuting the record in their hometown:

Q Why'd you pick The Hideout for the release party?

E: I remember when I was a kid, my parents were like, “We've discovered the coolest place in Chicago. Our sculptor friend took us to this place, it's really hard to find, it's in this industrial zone, it's on Wabansia.” I remember my mom saying, “Maybe you'll play there someday.”

N: It's so nice to have a community of people that can abandon any sort of negativity and embrace our new project wholeheartedly and entirely — it doesn't matter what we sound like, they support us. There's no judgment.

Q Did you perform better or worse knowing your friends and family were out there?

N: This is our home. This is where our people are. We know everybody in the room. It's a little nerve-racking sometimes to perform in front of an audience comprised totally of people you know. But I'm so glad we did it and that we had it here. And that it's over [laughs].

E: You look out and see all these people you grew up with.

N: That's so emotional. Our dad was here, and he came up to us afterward and just said, “I'm so proud of you.”

Q What are you guys doing post-show?

E: Going to sleep. We have to rehearse tomorrow all day, and then we're going to Austin, then Europe for three weeks, then Coachella, then Brazil. Then we come back to Chicago. Actually, there's no point in resting, really.

N: We're gonna go hang out with our friends.

As kids, they were fierce rivals on the court. Now, **Alexi Giannoulias, Chris Lardakis** and **Peter Lardakis** are partners in pancakes

BY SETH PUTNAM

Alexi Giannoulias strides with purpose into Kanela Breakfast Club in Old Town, his newest venture. He's dual-wielding a BlackBerry and an iPhone, and while he'll be sitting down for coffee and eggs, he has plenty to accomplish as he takes on a new role: restaurateur.

It's been a low-key 2 1/2 years for the former Illinois State Treasurer. Well, relatively. After the narrowest of losses in 2010's race for the U.S. Senate, Giannoulias decamped to Buenos Aires for a three-month sabbatical. "I'm a very competitive person, and not winning is something that was very, very difficult for me," he says. "But that's part of life: How do you deal with those times when things don't go your way?"

Upon his return, he took a position as VP and senior advisor with BNY Mellon Wealth Management, and he became the chairman of the Illinois Community College Board. Giannoulias doesn't rule out a future bid for office, but he's careful not to tip his hand. Instead, he points back to the comfortable civilian routine he's settled into: "Everything happens for a reason, and now I'm able to do other things I enjoy."

One of those things is breakfast. Giannoulias, who is noted for doing deals over meals, has partnered with childhood pals **Chris** and **Peter Lardakis** on a Wells Street incarnation of the Lardakis' popular Lakeview brunch joint. A regular at the original location, Giannoulias used to bring in other political heavyweights, such as Sen. Dick Durbin.



Peter Lardakis, Alexi Giannoulias and Chris Lardakis

"One day Alexi says, 'Let's open up another spot,'" Chris explains. "And when you've got a regular relationship with someone you trust on that level, it's an automatic yes."

Kanela, the Greek word for cinnamon, fuses super-fresh Mediterranean ingredients with American breakfast tradition. And given the Greeks' deep love of family heritage, it's



Top: Giannoulias' favorite dish: a Tyrokafteri omelette
Bottom: Loukoumades

no surprise that the recipes of Sia Lardakis, Chris and Peter's mother, have ended up on Kanela's menu. (Alexi's go-to order has become Sia's famous Tyrokafteri omelette, made with spicy feta cheese.)

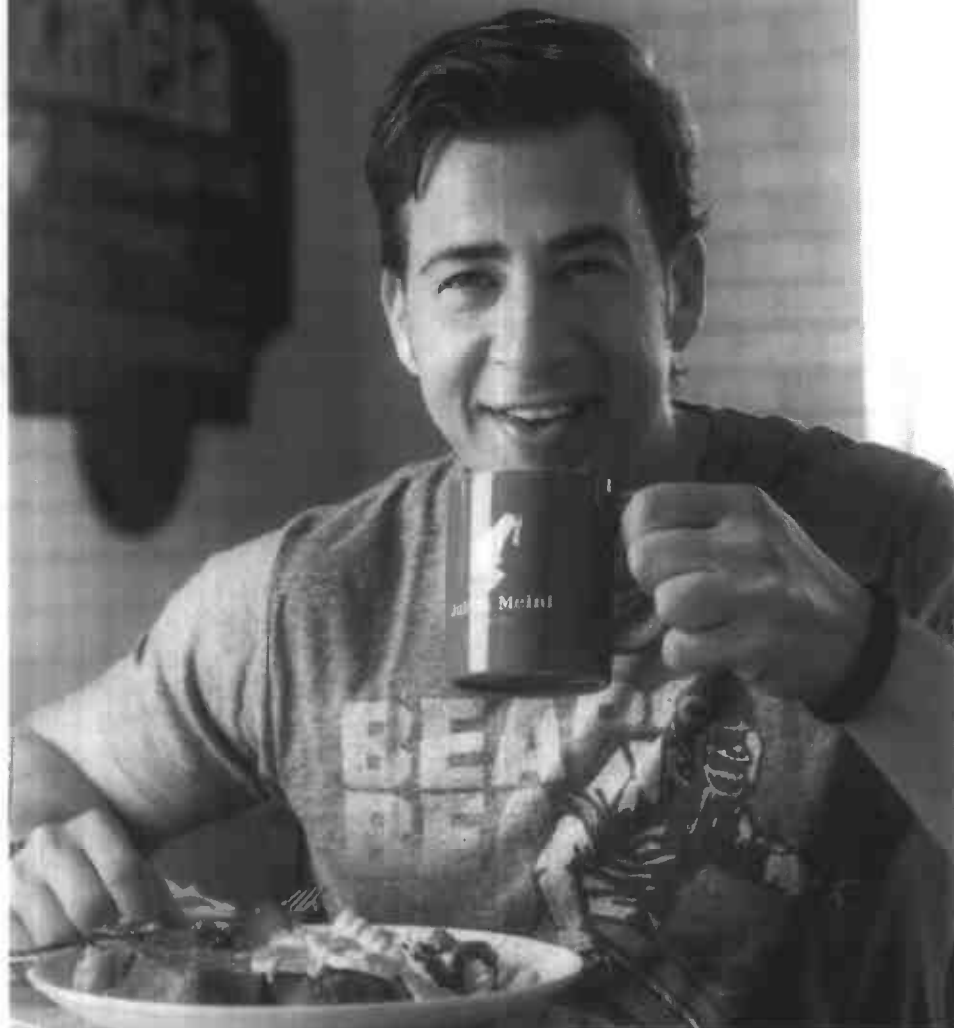
Between bites of loukoumades (fluffy donut holes doused in lemon honey syrup) Giannoulias and the Lardakis brothers reminisce about their childhood basketball rivalry in the Greek Orthodox Church. Giannoulias went on to play professionally for Panionios B.C. in Athens, and he later hooped with President Obama and Scottie Pippen on both of the POTUS' winning election days. But the back-and-forth of church-league ball is still fresh on the friends' minds all these years later.

"He was a great three-point shooter, and so was I," Chris says, before admitting that his business partner would probably win in a shootout. But when Alexi isn't listening, Chris jokes like only an old friend can: "Really, it's half-and-half. But I gotta let him hear what he wants."

As they get older, those shootouts have become few and far between. Instead, they focus on their commitments to both friendship and family as they try to build a restaurant that will be around for many years to come. As for Giannoulias, he's content to step away from the spotlight and work behind the scenes to help Kanela succeed. "People don't come in here because of my public policy," Giannoulias says. "They come in because the food's good."

1552 N. Wells St.; 312-255-1206; Kanelachicago.com.

Breakfast & basketball



Giannoulias eats red velvet french toast. Inset: The Interior of Kanela

| PHOTOS BY TIM KLEIN

Good egg

Food writer **Kiki Luthringshausen** of *BeautyandHerFeast.com* shares the things that make her life delicious.



"I love the vibe and the bold flavors from chef **Abraham Conlon**, and they have the best pot stickers in town."

"These pieces are art for the table."

"I'm a shoe girl, so I plan my outfits from the bottom up!"

1. Fat Rice: pot stickers, \$10, 2957 W. Diversey; *Eatfatrice.com*

2. Material Possessions: sauce bowl, \$88, 704 N. Wabash; *Materialpossessions.com*

"If there is any place that's like a jewelry box for your home, it's Material Possessions. I stop in for little dishes, candles, barware, linens and unusual accessories."

3. Le Saunier De Camargue: Fleur de Sel, \$12, Sur La Table, 4999 Old Orchard, Skokie; *Surlatable.com*

"I order this in bulk and use it as a finishing salt or for grilling; the size of the crystals gives a nice crunch to your dish."

4. Michael Aram: olive branch olive oil dispenser, \$99, Crosell & Co., 900 N. Michigan; *Michaelaram.com*

"I was given this olive oil carafe as a hostess gift and it now holds my favorite Giachi Dolciolio olive oil."

5. Sushi Kushi 3: entrees start at \$10.99, 281 W. Townline, Vernon Hills; *Sushikushi.com*

"This is one of our favorite family spots — we often go with the kids."

6. Marlanos Fresh Market: bulk Italian sausage, \$2.99/lb, 40 S. Halsted; *Marianos.com*

"I work with Mariano's to develop approachable recipes, and this month I featured their bulk Italian sausage in my web cooking program, 'Dish'n with Beauty and Her Feast.'"

7. Baker & Nosh: croissant-making class, \$85 per person, 1303 Wilson; *Bakerandnosh.com*

"I've always wanted to make croissants, and the owner, **Bill Millholland**, does a fantastic job of teaching guests at any level."

8. GT Fish & Oyster: oysters, \$2.50-\$3.75 each with a minimum order of six, 531 N. Wells; *Gtoyster.com*

"You don't want to know how many oysters I can eat in one sitting. I head here for the best oysters in town, especially the kumamoto and fanny bay."

9. Anthropologie: Beast's Feast platter, \$128, 108 N. State; *Anthropologie.com*

"I have a big family that I love to cook for, so I'm always buying serving pieces like this platter with claw feet from Anthropologie."

10. Dennis Bartolomei: hair services start at \$30, 15 E.

Pearson; *Dennisbartolomei.com*

"I owe my color and well-kept curls to the king of coif, **Dennis Bartolomei**."

11. Christian Louboutin: Tosca 140 mm in Rose Metador, \$795, 58 E. Oak; *Us.christianlouboutin.com*

"These shoes from Christian Louboutin's spring collection are perfect for all the dinners and media events I attend."

12. Buffalo Trace: \$24.99, Binny's locations citywide; *Buffalotrace.com*

"I like sipping whiskey cocktails on the rocks that aren't too sweet. I tend to try small batch distilleries, but when in doubt, I drink Buffalo Trace."

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Fashion forward

Celebrate with **Coco Meers** of *Prettyquick.com* as she launches her Member Exclusives program at the Beauty

of Fashion March 19.

The new program offers rewards and credits to frequenters of the site, which helps snag last-minute appointments at Chicago's top salons and spas. Throughout, snack on hors d'oeuvres and sip cocktails while **Halle Borden** of Milk Handmade and **Amber Warren** of Veruca Salt display outfits from their spring 2013 collections. 6-8 p.m. Goran Coban Salon, 9 W. Hubbard; Thebeautyoffashion.eventbrite.com



Milk

ments at Chicago's top salons and spas. Throughout, snack on hors d'oeuvres and sip cocktails while **Halle Borden** of Milk Handmade and **Amber Warren** of Veruca Salt display outfits from their spring 2013 collections. 6-8 p.m. Goran Coban Salon, 9 W. Hubbard; Thebeautyoffashion.eventbrite.com

Finely tuned

Stand out from the crowd at this summer's music festivals with help from Rad & Refined's **Jacqueline Rezak**, who's previously styled chart-toppers like Miley Cyrus and Tegan and Sara. On March 21 at Bloomingdale's, she'll host a fashion show featuring the top looks for feeling your music-fest best. 6 p.m., 900 N. Michigan, RSVP at (312) 440-4515; Bloomingdales.com



Edith Hart

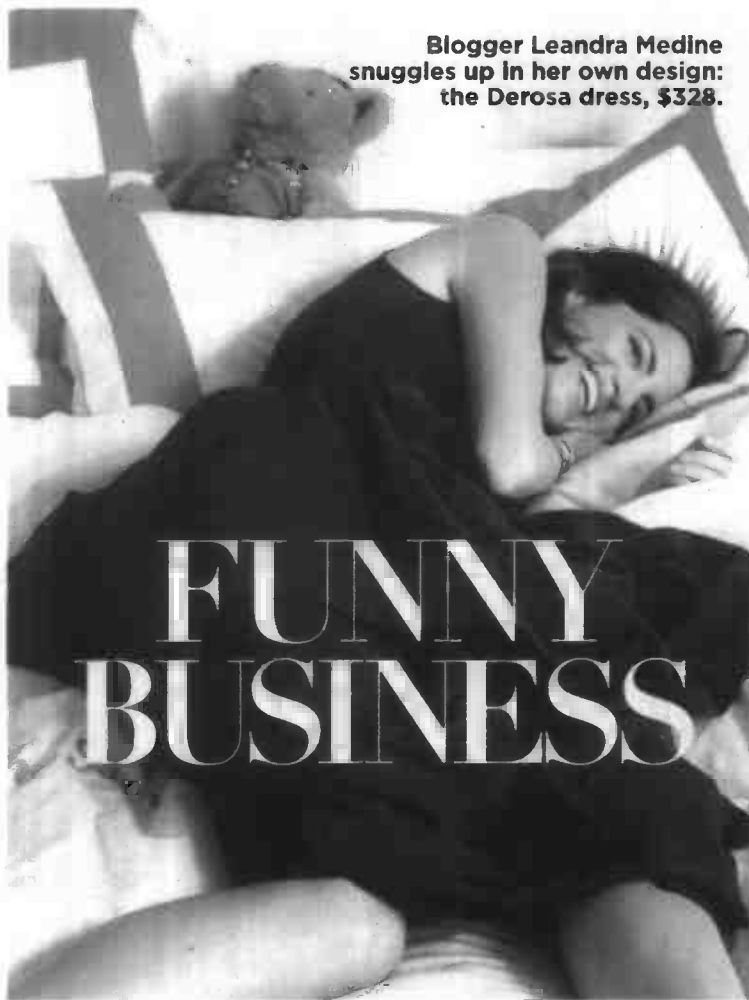
'Hart'-stopping style

Slip on coats, jackets and blazers from Helena Quinn's spring 2013 collection at Edith Hart's trunk show March 23. While you shop, sip bubbly and meet with designer **Andrea Racey** herself, who collaborated with owner **Morgan Guterman** to create three jackets available exclusively at the Bucktown boutique. 11 a.m.- 2 p.m., 1917 N. Damen; Edithhart.com

March madness

Stroll down Division Street on March 23 and 24 for some serious spring savings. During the annual Do-Division March Madness Sale, participating boutiques between Paulina and Hoyne — like Mulberry & Me, Trillium, Penelope's and le Dress — will offer 30-80 percent off designer brands such as Clare Vivier and 360 Cashmere.

Blogger Leandra Medine snuggles up in her own design: the Derosa dress, \$328.



FUNNY BUSINESS

Leandra Medine of fashion blog Man Repeller on her new capsule collection, feminism and flamingos

BY RACHEL HANDLER

It's almost impossible to get **Leandra Medine**, founder of hit fashion blog **Man Repeller**, to be serious. In an interview about her new capsule collection, a whimsical line of dresses and separates designed in conjunction with designer **Chelsey Santry** of West Coast-based line **PJK**, the blogger answers nearly every question with playful sarcasm. When asked where the two met, she deadpans, "On Craigslist, in the Random Encounters section." Both women — who were set up by their respective agents because of their sartorial similarities — erupt into laughter.

Medine's irreverence is hardly surprising. The 24-year-old has become an Internet sensation by speaking her mind and having a sense of humor about fashion. She

started **Man Repeller** — which she describes as a blog about "trends women love that men hate" — at the age of 21 after having a conversation with a friend about how the opposite sex is often baffled by female fashion. She regularly posts photos of herself in eccentric ensembles, such as drop-crotch utility pants, overalls and full-length jumpsuits, alongside smart, snappy commentary on everything from Paris Fashion Week to HBO's "Girls."

Despite her blog's name, she's adamant that her eclectic sense of style is less about deterring men and more about celebrating women. "The blog is a place for women to come and feel smart, confident, like they're part of a team. It's a girls' tree house, no boys allowed," she explains. That feminist bent,

paired with her caustic wit and unabashed, unpretentious opinions, has struck a serious nerve: **Man Repeller** boasts 2 million views per month, has landed her on lists like *Forbes'* Top 30 Under 30 and *Time's* Best Blogs of 2012 and inspired collaborations with labels like **Rag & Bone** and **Rachel Roy**.

The new collection, dubbed "Man Repeller x PJK ... Just Saying," stays true to Medine's quirky aesthetic. Items — all tagged with a tongue-in-cheek "Repel-O-Meter" that ranks them on a scale of 1-10 — include a tank top emblazoned with a unicorn (\$98), tropical-print silk pants (\$198) and a T-shirt topped with a pink flamingo named **Pete** (\$88). "Last year at Coachella, I met this plastic flamingo named **Pete**," explains Medine of the T-shirt's inspiration. "He was stuck in the grass and I felt bad for him, so I pulled him out. Now he lives in my apartment." **Santry** elaborates on the collection's cheeky sensibility: "I've never taken fashion too seriously. We're making clothes. We're not curing cancer. So they should be easy to wear and fun."

Medine is confident that the collection, available at **Bloomingdale's** (900 N. Michigan), **Neiman Marcus** (737 N. Michigan), **Nordstrom** (55 E. Grand), **Saks Fifth Avenue** (700 N. Michigan) and on *Shopbop.com*, will sit well with her legions of readers. "I like to think that the collection is a reflection of the girl who reads my blog," she says. "She's funny, she's intelligent ... she's like a box of kittens, but she's also like, 'Screw this! Yeah, women!'" She pauses for a moment. "Honestly, I'd love **Fran Lebowitz** to wear this collection. What are the odds, do you think?"

Pink flamingo T-shirt, \$88



ever after



Doug Zweig and Naomi Couillard

BY KATERINA BIZIOS

It took Doug Zweig 2 1/2 years to catch Naomi Couillard's attention. Both worked as consultants for Allianz Life Insurance Co. of North America in Minneapolis in 2007, and Zweig says he noticed Couillard in the office almost immediately. Though at the time he claimed it was her "kind personality" that caught his eye, he now jokes that it was "a pair of pants that she looked really, really good in." After several email flirtations went nowhere, Zweig finally decided to ask Couillard out in person. "Persistence really paid off," he laughs. The duo hit it off immediately and decided to move to Chicago together for work in 2010. They got engaged two years later — he proposed while they were relaxing at home on a lazy Saturday morning. On Feb. 16, more than 200 guests arrived from both coasts to celebrate with Zweig and Couillard, who held their ceremony and reception at the InterContinental Chicago (505 N. Michigan). The couples' most memorable moments included walking into their reception, where they say they were "blown away" by lighting from Platinum Events and the wedding planning efforts of Syril Karel. Their high-energy rendition of the Hora was another highlight, setting the tone for the rest of the evening. The newlyweds held an afterparty in a hotel room, where friends and family showered them with confetti until the sun came up.



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CHEERS



• We're applauding **David Otunga**: The Chicagoan and fiance to singing sensation **Jennifer Hudson** walked the red carpet March 15 at the River East Arts Center for the release of his new film, "The Call,"

which also stars **Halle Berry** and **Morris Chestnut**.

• Congrats to chef **Rodolfo Aglibot**, aka "The Food Buddha," and business partners **Aeron Lancero** and **Paul Lee**, who opened their new restaurant, Earth + Ocean, March 2 in Mount Prospect.



• You can't hide a winner: Amazing-Cosmetics founders **Lisa Thurman** and **Sue Katz** and Director of Sales and Marketing **Sandy Incardona** are expanding their Libertyville-based line by introducing 10 new shades of their award-winning Amazing-Concealer, available at Sephora.com.



sunday dinner

Escaping Ireland

A new chef expands
The Gage's global
approach

BY MOLLY EACH



Smoked antelope
tartare at The Gage

With menu items such as fish and chips, curry fries and scotch eggs — plus an impressive selection of Irish whiskeys — it's easy

to see why The Gage is often mistaken for an Irish restaurant. But that's seriously short-changing the Michigan Avenue eatery.

"There's an Irish influence in what we do, of course, since the owner [Billy Lawless] is from Ireland. But we're not tied down to it," says executive chef Pete Coenen. "We're a gastropub, so there are no limitations to what we can do."

For Coenen — who recently took the reins of the kitchen when predecessor Dirk Flanagan left to pursue his own project — that means expanding the menu to include a range of global flavors, culled from Africa to Asia to Canada to the American South. The scallops dish (\$17), which combines Asian and American flavors, exemplifies Coenen's all-inclusive philosophy. "Sea scallops are delicate and soft, so I wanted something that would melt in the mouth," he says. He paired them with Korean barbecue-style short ribs, which are first marinated in soy with pear and Coca-Cola. "It's high in acid," he explains, "so it breaks down the meat." He finishes the ribs on the grill, then tops them with housemade kimchi. Other offerings include lamb meatballs, paired with spicy harissa and a cool yogurt sauce (\$10), lobster and grits (\$16), sweet potato ravioli (\$21) and a much-lauded venison burger, topped with melted onion, smoked gouda, jalapeno, woodland mushrooms, red wine ketchup and a mustard aioli (\$17).

It's all accompanied by a long list of whis-



keys, bourbons and scotches that hail from a range of locales, from small Scottish islands to Kentucky to Japan. There's even a list of more than 20 small-batch, aged and hard-to-find varieties, such as a Tomatin 30 year (\$65), of which only 1,500 bottles were produced. And while the front half of the restaurant — with its dark wood, mirrored bar and the occasional Irish music performance — radiates classic pub, the back half is well-suited for a modern, gourmet meal, thanks to exposed brick, subway tiles and white tablecloths.

This spring, Coenen plans on sourcing ingredients from Green City Market and tweaking the menu to showcase the seasonal flavors. Dishes such as the scotch egg and fish and chips won't go away ("We have the best tartar sauce in the city," Coenen says), but he's eager to show the city what else his team can do. "We'll keep things rustic but refined," he says. "We're simple, but really, really good."

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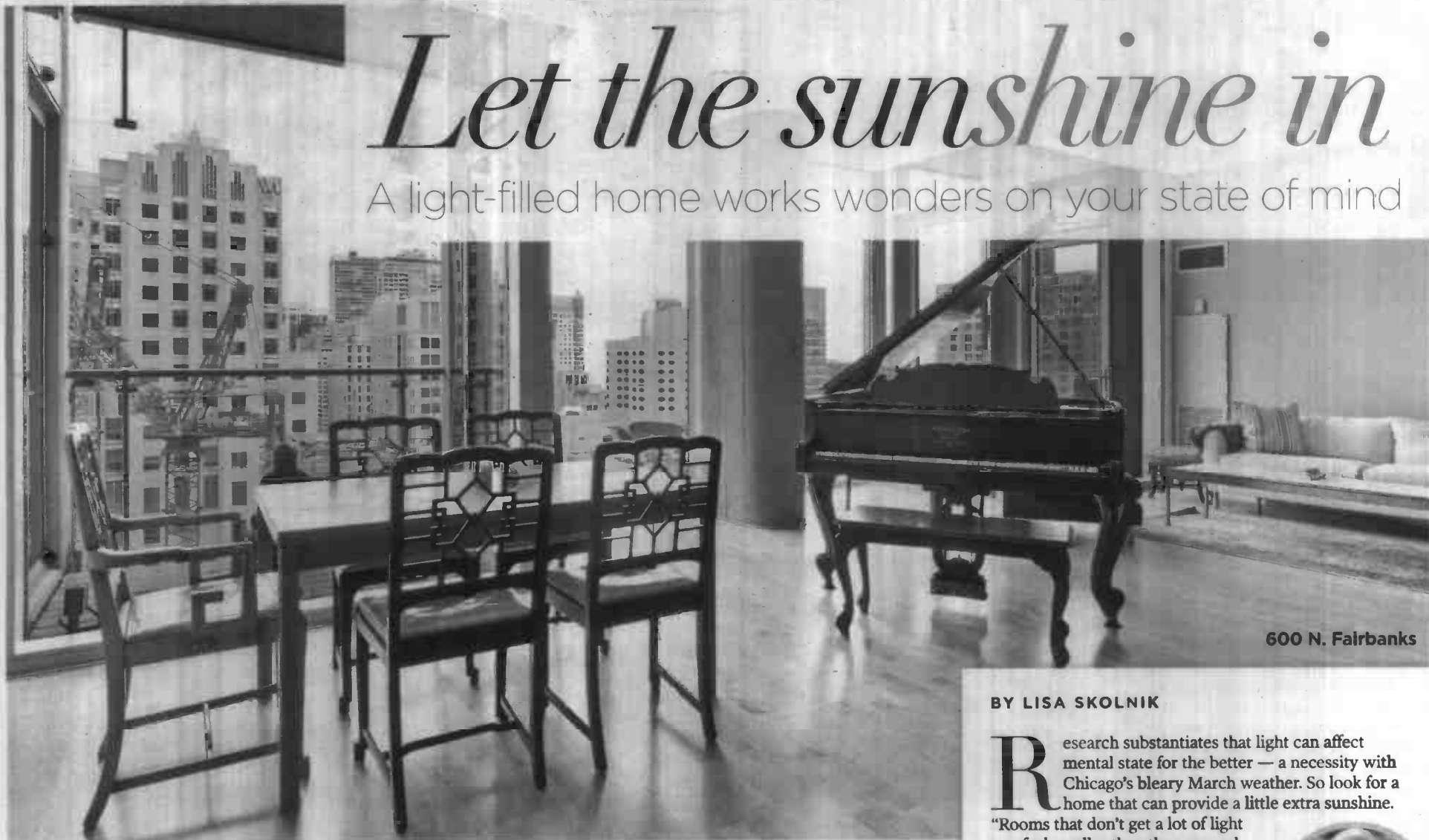
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A light-filled home works wonders on your state of mind



600 N. Fairbanks

BY LISA SKOLNIK

Research substantiates that light can affect mental state for the better — a necessity with Chicago's bleary March weather. So look for a home that can provide a little extra sunshine.

"Rooms that don't get a lot of light can feel smaller than they are and depressing," notes Coldwell Banker broker **Jennifer Ames** (right, call 773-908-3632). That explains why real estate brokers routinely turn on every light in a place before they show it — even at high noon.

"People want bright, airy spaces and light increases that impression," notes Ames.

After a gray winter, what could be more appealing than a light-flooded place, namely one that lets the radiance in via floor-to-ceiling windows and 10-foot ceilings? A prime example is unit 1811 in 600 N. Fairbanks, currently marketed by Ames and going for \$869,000. The amenity-laden Streeterville tower, designed by **Helmet Jahn**, debuted in 2007 to rave reviews from architectural critics. Unit 1811, a two-bedroom, two-bath, 1,745-square-foot apartment was specially designed for the original owner, who combined two one-bedrooms to create a loft-style space with two balconies and two master suites; upgraded the fixtures, finishes and flooring (now hardwood); and added recessed lighting and dimmers. The unit also faces north for day-long natural light without glare and has views that include the skyline and lake.



WINDSOR REVISITED

Patricia Urquola's Com-back chair for Kartell (\$594), a 21st century version of the historical 16th century Windsor, is already destined to be a classic given the awards it's racking up. It's also 20 percent off through March 26 during Kartell's semi-annual sale. Check it out at I.D. (idchicago.com).



Light bright

Other naturally sun-kissed spots on the market include:

- 3100 N. Kenmore, unit 3G, a 2,000-square-foot, three-bed, 2.5 bath triplex-penthouse in a converted rectory for \$599,000 (Baird & Warner broker **Robert John Anderson**, 312-980-1580).
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3100 N. Kenmore

- 910 N. Lake Shore, units 1716 and 2815, two 841-square-foot, one-bed, one-bath corner units that are lined in windows and mirror images of each other, are going for \$259,000 and \$269,000, respectively (both Koenig & Strey broker **Peggy Quinn**, 312-893-3545).

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No love lost at 'Idol' party

Nicki Minaj was the one person missing at the "American Idol" finalists party at the Grove in Los Angeles — and Mariah Carey certainly didn't shed a tear about it. "There aren't too many catfights behind the scenes anymore, but they definitely don't like each other," a source said. "They're both getting paid a lot of money to be civil." So what was up with Nicki's absence? "She thinks she's too good for this type of function," the source said.

Mariah — who walked the red carpet in a black lace cocktail dress — breezed in and out. Keith Urban stayed for a while, happily mingling with all of his adoring lady fans — myself included. "I'm having so much fun doing the show," Keith said. "I love it out here. I'm really enjoying the weather. This is a lot better than Nashville right now." Looking around the bash, I only noticed one thing that didn't belong: Gordon Ramsay! But the "Hell's Kitchen" star stole the show — the reality-TV nemesis attracted more attention than anyone!

Mel's night out

Mel Gibson was at my local Hollywood dive the same



night I was there last week, and I'm happy to report that ... there's

not much to report. Some people and booze just don't mix well, and we all certainly know what happens when the "Braveheart" star throws



Mariah Carey wore black lace at the "Idol" finalists party, while Nicki Minaj was a no-show.

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back one too many. Keep up the good work, Mel!

Dishing on 'Dancing'

Louis Van Amstel hosted Voli Light Vodka's Happier Hour at Crunch Fitness in Hollywood. The "Dancing with the Stars" alum is now traveling the country promoting his LaBlast dance fitness program — he'll be in Chicago in June — but



he still dished about the upcoming season. "It's an interesting crowd," he told this column. "I want to see what Aly Raisman is going to do. I also want to see Wynonna Judd — is she going to go down the Kelly Osbourne and Kirstie Alley path? People can identify with that." It looks like Wynonna is heading that direction, using the competition to lose weight and endear herself to the fans. She's been seeking advice from Kirstie.

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We're raising our glasses to these 10 local spots, where you can pair your wine with everything from live music to a mani

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At Eno, both locally handmade chocolate truffles and wine arrive at tables in flights. The only thing that could make this date-night spot more romantic is an overnight stay at the attached InterContinental Hotel. 505 N. Michigan, (312) 321-8738; Enowinerooms.com/hotspots/intercontinental-chicago

Lucky Strike

It's bowling for grown-ups

at this spot's two locations, where you can bring a glass (or bottle) of wine with you onto the lanes. Reward yourself after a strike, but don't spare yourself from indulging in the food as well. 100 Yorktown Center, Lombard, (630) 916-8681; 322 E. Illinois, (312) 245-8331; Bowlluckystrike.com

Bar Pastoral

Pastoral's three market locations are already gourmand go-tos, and

the new sit-in shop is a perfect place for a date. Try a trio of cheeses and taste different wines — offered by the half glass — from the list created by Beverage Director **Mark Hayes**. 2947 N. Broadway, (773) 472-4781; Pastoralartisan.com/bar-pastoral

Poison Cup

Celebrate good wine (especially from small producers), great friends and thought-provoking art at this Lincoln Park boutique. Featured artists include **Bill Bartelt**,

whose gorgeous watercolors depict Chicago scenes. 1128 W. Armitage, (773) 935-1325; Poisoncup.com

Webster Wine Bar

This wine bar throws a plethora of events, but playing host to local storytelling series 2nd Story is its most unique; each monthly installment integrates wine, music and live storytelling. Coming in April: stories of home, shared over a glass of wine from Sommelier **Jeremy Gulnn's** curated list. 1480 W. Webster, (773) 868-0608; Websterwinebar.com

STAFF PICK!
"If you're a cheese lover, Bar Pastoral will make you giddy. The selection goes on for days, and the staff is helpful and not at all snooty."
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BEST YET: PORSCHE BOXSTER LOSES WEIGHT, ADDS MUSCLE

BY ARV VOSS
Motor Matters

Mysteriously, every model that Porsche produces — which is already steeped in excellence — grows better with each successive iteration. Besting itself once more, Porsche gives roadster fans the all-new 2013 Boxster.

The beauty of this Boxster is in its genuine sporting details. In the past it was perceived by many to be more feminine in both its appeal and in its nature. No longer is that the case. The 2013 Boxster displays a bold athletic persona, drawing several dynamic styling and design cues from the artfully tasteful and much more expensive Porsche Carrera GT supercar.

The interior reflects styling influences from the Panamera and the latest 911 Carrera, evidenced by the aircraft-style instrument panel located in an extended center console.

Starting at \$49,500, this new third-generation Boxster represents a level

of comprehensive change never experienced before in the history of the open-top two-seater. It receives an entirely new lightweight body and a completely reworked chassis, weighing less than the previous generation, and riding on a longer wheelbase with a wider track.

Power sources are unique for the Boxster and Boxster S. The base Boxster is powered by a 2.7-liter flat horizontally-opposed water-cooled (Boxer) six-cylinder engine that delivers 265 horsepower, while the Boxster S draws its motive force from a 3.4-liter, water-cooled flat-opposed six-cylinder with variable valve timing and stroke (Variocam Plus) and hydraulic valve play compensation. The 3.4-liter pumps out 315 horses along with 266 pound-feet of torque.

Both engines are mid-mounted and connect to either a six-speed manual gearbox or to a seven-speed PDK automatic transmission.

Contributing to the

heightened performance in this newest Boxster series, are the electro-mechanical power steering, Porsche Torque Vectoring, dynamic transaxle mounts, new larger brakes (ceramic brakes are optionally available), and available Sport Chrono Package.

Three exercises were slated for evaluating the new Boxster S: an hour-and-a-half drive through the surrounding countryside of Birmingham, Ala.; speed laps on the exquisite and challenging 2.3-mile course track, and finally extensive laps over a wet autocross course.

All vehicles were equipped with Sport Chrono and the PDK transmission for all exercises. My driving partner and I were in a Boxster S for our on-road excursion, that was priced somewhere in the neighborhood north of \$65,000.

The 2013 Porsche Boxster S is a kinder, more potent roadster than before. It is incredibly stable and handles with unprecedented precision. There were those who expressed some disdain for the new steering feel, claiming that it took away from a genuine driving sensation. But I say things have changed for the better.

The new roadster is quicker, more powerful, more comfortable and considerably better looking. It wasn't bad looking before mind you, but now, it's much more expressive and athletic in its appearance.

This newest Boxster S is an incredible sports machine, whose limitations far exceed my personal capability, if not the laws of physics. In terms of its performance, it now exceeds what used to be delivered.



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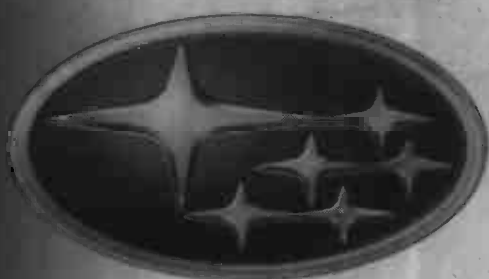
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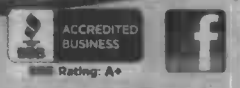


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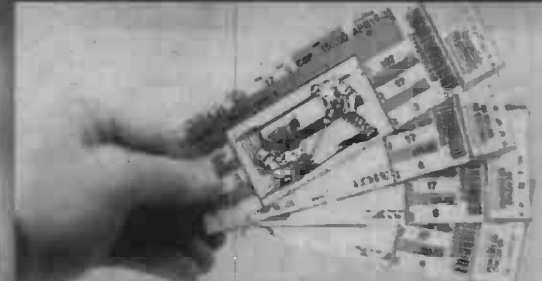
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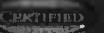
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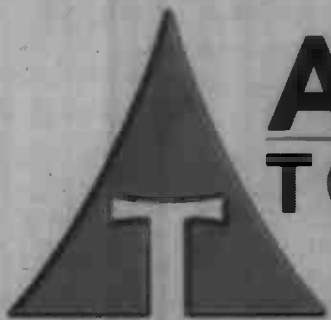
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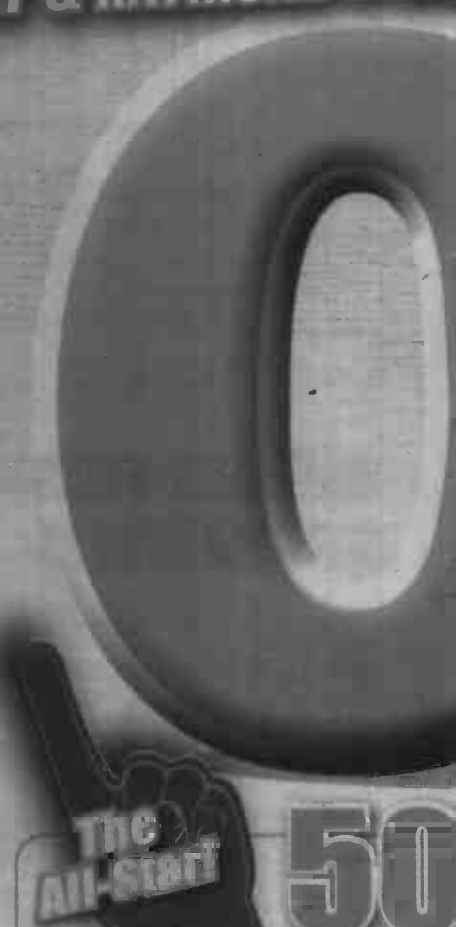
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"While we can't change the exterior footprint of our buildings, we try to meet each buyer's needs. We can enlarge a bedroom or relocate a bathroom and help them choose their finishes," Gary said. "I love seeing the looks on their faces when they tour their completed home and it is just as they envisioned, only better. Our goal is to provide our buyers with value and quality. We want them to love their new home and feel that they got a great buy that will appreciate in years to come."

Levitas was extremely accommodating to Ellen and David Kay, permitting them to customize their home to their heart's content.

"We selected different cabinets, hardware, backsplash, light fixtures and ceiling fans and then Gary installed all the products we purchased. Dealing with Gary was like working with a custom builder but at production builder pricing," said Ellen.

Levitas reconfigured the kitchen by adding an additional row of cabinets over and

under the existing counter for extra storage. In the master bath, the couple wanted a larger walk-in shower with a shower seat, so the entire bathroom was reconfigured. In the powder room, he substituted a vanity in lieu of the standard pedestal to add counter space.

When Janet Chankin and Barbara Saltzman purchased townhomes, the Millbrook Pointe staff scored kudos from the two women.

"I feel like I'm part of the family because Gary and project manager Greg are so warm and friendly and very helpful," said Janet.

Construction manager Greg helped them finish their basements, organize their closets and even hung their pictures. They were able to change out bathroom and lighting fixtures and all were installed free of charge.

Not only was Levitas accommodating and easy to work with, but he always said "yes" to all requests from first-time buyers Paola and David. He allowed them to customize their home to reflect their lifestyle.

From selecting a special cabinet, vessel sink, and faucet for their bathroom to pick-

ing their own light fixtures throughout their home, the builder said OK and made all the installations.

"We saw a contemporary stainless steel backsplash in a model home and Gary bought it and installed it for us at no additional charge."

They added a pantry in their kitchen and moved the existing water tank to another area of the home.

"Not only did we customize our home from start to finish, but after closing, the Millbrook Pointe team followed up with us to ensure our complete satisfaction," said David.

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View from the top

Wicker West opens chic duplex penthouse

A contemporary-style, furnished and decorated new duplex penthouse model is open for viewing at Wicker West 1555, a 9-unit mixed-use condominium development at 1555 N. Talman Ave. in Chicago's West Town.

Unit 3F is a three-bedroom, three-bath condominium with 1,621 square feet of living area. The penthouse unit features a living room with a corner fireplace, a master bedroom suite with whirlpool tub and walk-in shower, and a private rooftop deck with compelling Chicago Loop and northwest city views. The model is listed at \$379,000.

"Every condominium residence at Wicker West 1555 is unique," said Realtor Sara Benson, president of Chicago-based Benson Stanley Realty, the exclusive broker. "The development showcases avant-garde architecture, innovative floor plans, upscale contemporary finishes and extremely attractive pricing."

The four-story elevator building, on the southeast corner of North Avenue and Talman Avenue, was recently purchased by Mosaic Development, LLC, a real estate investment firm, which is completing construction on the building and marketing the remaining units.

Three two-bedroom and three-bedroom residences with two to three baths and 1,512 to 1,640 square

feet are now available for immediate occupancy. Prices at Wicker West 1555 begin at \$329,000 for the most affordable two-bedroom unit and range upward to \$399,000 for the largest three-bedroom layout.

While supplies last, buyer incentives at Wicker West 1555 include a free deeded indoor parking space valued at \$15,000, a free washer-dryer hook-up valued at \$1,000 and a free Maytag washer and dryer valued at \$1,800, Benson said.

The new penthouse model includes an entry gallery that opens to a spacious 20-by-12-foot living/dining room with a gas fireplace showcasing a granite mantle and slate-tile surround.

The adjoining island kitchen is open to the living room, and features sleek custom granite countertops with translucent glass backsplashes. The main living areas feature 5-inch-wide platinum-stained oak-plank flooring.

A 10-by-10½-foot bedroom with adjoining shower bath is furnished as a den or home office. A guest closet and laundry center complete the main level of the condominium.

A staircase accented with a custom-steel handrail leads up from the gallery to two bedrooms and two full baths. The 17-by-10-foot master bedroom suite features a private bath with double vanity, whirlpool

tub and separate glass-walled shower. The third bedroom measures 10 by 13 feet and features an adjoining shower bath.

Another stairway leads to the 350-square-foot private rooftop deck Benson Stanley Realty currently is marketing these other immediate-occupancy residences at Wicker West 1555:

■ Unit 3D, a three-bedroom, three-bath duplex penthouse condominium with 1,640 square, two balconies and a private 350-square-foot rooftop deck with panoramic skyline views, listed at \$399,000.

■ Unit 2A, a two-bedroom, two-bath simplex condominium with 1,512 square feet and a private 191-square-foot roof-top deck, listed at \$329,000. The unit has a master-bedroom suite with private balcony, and large walk-in closet.

The duplex and simplex condominium homes at Wicker Park West feature gas-log fireplaces and either wide-plank ¾-inch-thick designer oak flooring or sustainable bamboo flooring. The designer appliance package includes a refrigerator-freezer, Jenn Aire cooktop, microwave, wall oven and dishwasher.

Baths showcase porcelain floor tile and marble and porcelain tile in the tub and shower areas. Each condo has individually controlled heating and central air-conditioning system.



The new chic: A spacious master bedroom suite with large windows and a comfortable living room with fireplace are just two of the unique style elements of the new "chic" duplex penthouse model open for viewing at Wicker West 1555, a mixed-use condominium development in Chicago's West Town. | SUPPLIED PHOTOS

The development contains a total of eight residential units and one ground-floor commercial space.

Assessments on residential units are estimated to range from \$230 to \$270 per month, according to Mosaic Development. Parking assessments range from \$12 to \$24 per month.

Wicker West 1555 is located between Wicker Park and 219-acre Humboldt Park.

The Wicker West Condominiums model and sales center is at 1555 N. Talman Ave. Sales center hours are by appointment. Call Benson Stanley Realty at (312) 337-4600, or visit the development Website at www.WickerWest1555.com.

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Sweet senior suite

Gerstad offers 'special ranch' with in-law suite

We like to think that as we age, we will easily move from one home to another, to another. Each step along the way the house reflects changes in our. In reality, life is not that simple, and does not move in a straight line from the first apartment, to condo or townhome, to a two-story single-family home, to an age-targeted community, to a fully-staffed retirement center with 24-hour assistance, and so on.

The transitions between housing types become difficult when a loved one's family member doesn't fit neatly into any of these categories.

To help families during these tough emotional housing transitions, Roger Gerstad, president of Gerstad Builders, has created from a clean sheet of paper a solution for families looking for something in between.

"Recent issues in my own family brought to light the difficulty of dealing with loved ones who can no longer live on their own, but are too healthy for an assisted living environment, got me thinking about this dilemma. It seemed

that there must be other families out there like mine, that simply couldn't find a housing lifestyle that met the family's needs," said Gerstad. "Then it came to me, and I took one of our successful ranch plans and started sketching a room that could easily be built onto our ranch home and provide a maximum amount of privacy. We call it the 'Multi-Generation Prestwick plan'."

For this new plan, the builder started with the 1,567-square-foot Prestwick plan available at all four of Gerstad's communities in Richmond, McHenry, Poplar Grove and Williams Bay, Wis. In its typical format it includes three bedrooms, two bathrooms, large great room with vaulted ceiling, a breakfast room and kitchen with vaulted ceiling. The home also includes a two-car garage and a full basement.

"From this starting point, I wanted to make sure that any addition to the house was more than just a third bedroom. In order for it to be a viable solution for both sides of the family, independence and privacy had to be



Special suite: From the front, no-one can tell that this is "almost" two homes. This 2,100-square-foot ranch home has a private in-law suite conveniently tucked behind the third bay of the garage. It is available any of Gerstad Builders communities in Richmond, McHenry, Poplar Grove and Williams Bay, Wis. Base prices with the in-law suite range from \$239,990 to \$279,990, depending on the community. | SUPPLIED PHOTO

of utmost importance, and when you look at the suite we have designed for the Prestwick, you can see the devotion to these concepts," said Gerstad.

The "in-law" suite blends with rest of the Prestwick floor plan. First, a third garage bay was added with a direct entrance to the in-law suite. Measuring 566 square feet, tucked behind the third bay, and immediately adjacent to the standard home's laundry room, kitchen and breakfast area, the suite consists of a bedroom, large walk-in closet, handicap-accessible bathroom,

and a sitting room. Bedroom and sitting room measure larger than 15-by-10 feet.

Between the kitchen and the suite is a 36-inch-wide door fitted with a sound proofing gasket.

"We know that the transmission of sound can negatively impact the sensation of privacy. Thus we designed the shared wall and its door opening to keep as much sound as possible from transferring from one living area to the next," said Gerstad. "To further enhance the feeling of independence,

we also added a private entrance leading outside into the suite's sitting room, so guests can visit their loved ones without interrupting the rest of the family in the main house."

As a result of careful design and clever architecture, the Prestwick Multi-Generation Plan will look good from the front yard, back and side yards as well.

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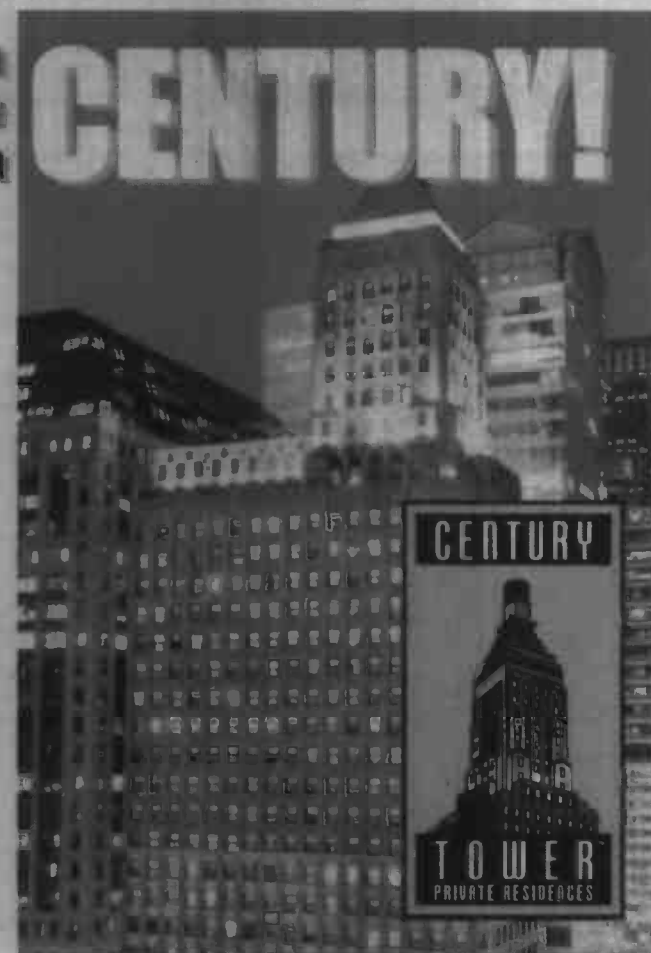
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Ten East nears sellout

Ten East Delaware, the 121-unit new-construction luxury condominium development in Chicago's Gold Coast, is nearing sellout with only three residences remaining.

The final floor plans include:

- Unit 17E, a three-bedroom, 3½-bath home with 2,200 square feet, priced at \$1,699,000 furnished or \$1,620,000 unfurnished. This model unit, designed by Darcy Bonner Associates, features a custom built library, custom furniture, designer lighting and a north-facing balcony.
- Unit 18E, a three-bedroom, 3½-bath corner unit with 2,200 square feet, expansive views, dark hardwood floors, custom closets and a north-facing balcony, priced at \$1,525,000.
- Unit 25CD, a three-bedroom, 3½-bath custom home with 2,900

square feet. This combination unit features an open floor plan for entertaining, a large master suite with adjoining dressing room, sleek white cabinetry, and three private balconies with views of the Chicago skyline. This plan is priced at \$1,999,000.

Upscale finishes in all residences include hardwood floors, Poggenpohl cabinetry, Sub-Zero, Wolf and Miele appliances, natural stone countertops, marble window sills and crown molding. Each home also has a private terrace and an en-suite bath in every bedroom.

The 35-story building, designed by acclaimed architect Lucien Lagrange, features a variety of luxurious amenities including the Ten Club, a residents-only rooftop

clubhouse with an outdoor swimming pool, sundeck and gardens, professionally-equipped fitness center, and a private club room for dining and entertaining. Residents also enjoy a number of à la carte services from the neighboring Talbott Hotel, including housekeeping, room service and catering.

Located in the heart of Chicago's Gold Coast, Ten East Delaware is just steps from the lakefront and world-class shopping and dining.

Ten East Delaware is developed by Chicago-based Prime Group, Inc. and sold and marketed by @properties. The sales center for Ten East Delaware is located on-site and open Saturday and Sunday from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. For sales information, visit www.TenEastDelaware.com or call (312) 397-1010.

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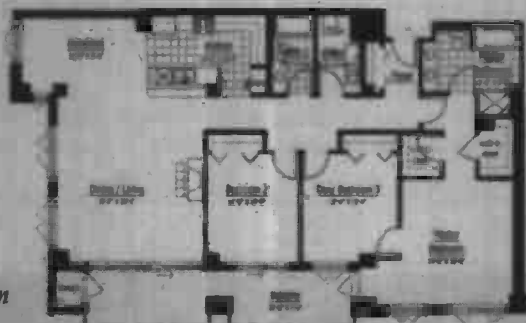
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Gerstad believes that this "in-law" suite option, which adds \$65,000 to the base price of the Prestwick model, is a win-win for families. Depending on the community, The Prestwick

is base-priced from \$174,990 to \$214,990 (\$239,990 to \$279,990 with suite

"We have not had an opportunity to build this home yet, after all, we just got done designing it, but we believe there are families out there that will see merit in what we have to offer," said Gerstad.

If the Multi-Generation Prestwick Plan is a success, Gerstad plans to offer this "in-law" suite

option on all its other ranch and two story plans in Liberty Trails, Pheasant Ridge, Dawson Creek and Bailey Estates.

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McHenry

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1600 Reagan Blvd., McHenry IL
Single Family
From \$196,990
815-385-4495
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Mokena

Hartz
Whisper Creek
12519 Whisper Creek Ct. Mokena, IL 60448
Duplexes
from \$293,900
708-479-7771
www.HartzHomes.com

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Toll Brothers
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Rowhomes
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Hartz
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Single Family from \$258,900
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• Near I-355, I-80

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www.cacheybuilders.com

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www.epconcommunities.com/new-homes/illinois/plainfield/villas-at-fox-run

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Popular Grove

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112 Dawson Creek Trail, Popular Grove, IL
Single Family

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Priced from \$156,990 to \$258,990, the single-family homes of the Trails of Dawson Creek present a variety of styles to meet the needs of different families. Ranch, two-story and tri-level homes offer from two to five bedrooms and from one to 3.5 baths in about 1,300 to 3,200 square feet of living space. Each home has a partial basement. Interiors feature GE appliances, popular Colonist doors and trim, and furniture quality cabinetry.

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Richmond IL

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Northfield Group, LTD

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Wheeling, IL 60090

Townhomes & Rowhomes

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Smith Family Construction

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Woodstock

Epcor Communities

Maples at the Sonatas

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815-334-0340

<http://www.epconcommunities.com/new-homes/illinois/woodstock/maples-at-the-sonatas/>

Maples at the Sonatas, an Epcor Community, is located on the north side of Woodstock and is maintenance-free luxury ranch living at its best! Our community is located in beautiful surroundings near the historic Woodstock Square, and offers a well-equipped 3,000 square foot clubhouse, community ponds, and walking paths.

Chesterton, IN

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Village Green at Coffee Creek

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Townhomes

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<http://www.epconcommunities.com/new-homes/indiana/valparaiso/the-courtyards-at-pepper-creek/>

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Epcor Communities

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Maintenance-free luxury ranch condos

Upper \$100s to low \$200s

219-464-7387

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'Going Hollywood'

Hollywood Casino Aurora, Joliet debut 'Hollywood Poker Opens'

The stage is set and players in and around Chicagoland are ready to take the lead role in the newest poker blockbuster — the world premiere of the \$500,000 Hollywood Poker Open.

Players can qualify at several Hollywood Casinos, including right here at Hollywood Casino Aurora and Hollywood Casino Joliet. If you win here, you'll be off to the Championship Event at the M Resort Spa Casino in Las Vegas, June 28-30.

The four-star resort owned and operated by Penn National Gaming will turn into the epicenter of all-in, no-limit poker excitement as only one poker superstar will stake claim as the first-ever Hollywood Poker Open champion.

"Poker players in the Midwest have come to know the Hollywood brand and its reputation for hosting some of the hottest poker action in the industry," said Gaye Gullo, Penn National Corporate Vice President of Marketing. "The inaugural Hollywood Poker Open is a great way for our players to match strategy and wits."

Your ticket to Vegas is waiting at Chicagoland's favorite spots for the best live tournament poker.

At Hollywood Casino Aurora, the HPO Qualifying Event is scheduled for Sunday, May 26. The 10 top finishers will win a seat and a prize package valued at \$4,000 for the Championship Event in Las Vegas. Total prize pool for the May 26 Qualifying Event is estimated at \$120,000. To play in the Aurora Qualifying Event, you can buy-in every Sunday for \$120, or clock a minimum of 20 live poker hours every Sunday through Friday now through May 17.

The Poker Room in Aurora offers action seven days a week beginning at 9:30 a.m. Texas Hold'em is the featured game, with limit games starting at \$5/\$10 and no-limit games starting at \$1/\$2.

The biggest and baddest payouts in Aurora come from the Bad Beat



You first?: Only one can be the first. Who will win the inaugural Hollywood Poker Open in Las Vegas? Don't miss your chance to qualify at Hollywood Casino Aurora or Joliet. | SUPPLIED PHOTO

Progressive Jackpot, which can deliver hundreds of thousands of dollars to the "lucky" player who gets beat with a hand of Four 5's or better. As recently as late February, the jackpot had grown to more than \$170,000!

The new menu in the Poker Room, complete with sandwiches, energy bars, and more, makes for a comfortable experience any day of the week.

At Hollywood Casino Joliet, players can earn a spot at the Qualifying Event simply by staying in the center of all the action. The 60 players with the most clocked hours now through May 23 will get a seat at the Qualifying Event in Aurora.

Like at Hollywood Casino Aurora, the Poker Room in Joliet is filled with excitement each and every day. Starting at 10 a.m., players can find the game of their choice, as well as a Bad Beat Progressive Jackpot that keeps on growing until someone is beat with Four 5's or better.

Poker isn't the only action scene at Hollywood. At each Chicagoland casino, players will find a wide selection world-class slots — including hot new titles and popular favorites in various denominations — and live action table games like blackjack, craps, pai gow, roulette and more.

Take the stage

If you're looking for a different kind of action, you'll find that, too. Live music and ultra lounge electric-



Where the action is: Center Stage at Hollywood Casino Aurora brings live entertainment, giveaways and more right in the middle of all the great slot and table games action. | SUPPLIED PHOTO

ity fill the air and give players an always entertaining alternative.

Chicagoland's newest entertainment venue is Center Stage at Hollywood Casino Aurora. This unique spot is a true Hollywood original, located on the casino floor, right in the middle of all the action. So whether you're playing your favorite slots, doubling down at blackjack, or cheering a winning roll at the craps table, you'll never miss a single beat of the music.

Center Stage features a great lineup of local bands every Friday and Saturday. In addition, this is where Hollywood Casino announces the winners of all its great giveaways, literally putting the luckiest players on Center Stage.

The night is right

Hollywood Casino Joliet turns up the nighttime heat with the all-new Réve Nightclub & Ultra Lounge. This stunning, dream-like setting is where you can live the fantasy and make it your own reality.

Réve attracts the area's hottest DJ's who play only the best electronic and house music. It's one unbelievable night after another, and it's exclusively at Réve.

To make any visit to Hollywood complete, be sure to save room for a



'Réve' it up: Chicagoland's hottest new spot is the Réve Nightclub & Ultra Lounge at Hollywood Casino Joliet. | SUPPLIED PHOTO

delicious meal or two. In Aurora, the dining options include Fairbanks Steakhouse, the Epic Buffet, and Take Two Deli. Joliet offers the Final Cut Steakhouse as well as the Epic Buffet, plus Hollywood Stadium — Chicagoland's most exciting sports bar, well-equipped for every big game with an enormous 80- by 20-foot screen and over 40 flat-screens TVs and even personal TVs in many of the booths.

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Casino Aurora and Hollywood Casino Joliet. Stop in today and find out why there's no place like Hollywood.

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Provided by Hollywood Casino

Table talk

Gamers share their tales of winning, losing and just having fun

BY JOHN GROCHOWSKI

For Sun-Times Media

Whether we win or we lose, casinos want us to leave feeling good enough about our experiences keep coming back. That's not always about the games, nor even about the restaurants, shows or other amenities. Sometimes it's just a small act by a casino employee that makes our day.

Take Margie. During a break for a shuffle at a blackjack table — often a great time to tell a story or two — she told of one such small customer service touch.

"This was pretty cool," she said, explaining that more of her play came on penny slots than at the tables. "My husband and I drove a couple of hours to a casino I'd never played in before. I spotted a sign that said they were giving a free case of soda to new club members after some minimum amount of play. It was a kind I liked, so I asked my husband about how much I'd have to play. He said I probably wasn't eligible, that he thought I already was a member of the club. There's another casino we go to that's owned by the same company."

"I didn't think to bring my card from the other club. So I went to the booth to get a new card, and I asked them about the soda. They said yes, I was already a member, but that I'd never redeemed a new member bonus, so if I played, I could get the soda."

"I teased my husband that he should have left his card at home. Maybe we could have gotten two cases. They were so nice about it." I love collecting stories like that, and I steered conversation to small touches other players have experienced.

A 50-ish gentleman called Roy was grateful to a dealer for a first step in improving his game.

"One of the nicest things a dealer ever did for me was point me to another customer," he said. "My friend Paul and I were playing blackjack, and just getting beat up. Another player showed up, betting \$25 a hand, and he was WINNING. I asked Paul if we should be jealous, and Paul said, "No, anyone who can beat Tom here is all right with me."



Talk it over: The gaming tables bring friends together for talk, celebrations and trading of stories, tips and good times. | FILE PHOTO

"Then Tom the dealer threw in his two cents. He's just a good player. You should watch him. He knows how to play this game."

"When the other player left the table, Tom said, 'I'm not really supposed to give a lot of advice, but you should ask him how he learned to play like that.'"

"I don't usually do things like this, but I asked Tom to mark my spot, and I chased after the guy. He said I should learn basic strategy. And he recommended a couple of books."

"The dealer noticing and caring and giving good advice ranks high on my list of the best customer service I've ever had."

Gerry, an older man with a big mustache, was a bit of a showman during play, cracking jokes with every hand. During one shuffle, he talked about learning to play craps.

"I like when they have game demonstrations and learners tables. They don't have them in Illinois where I live, but I learned a lot at one of those in Las Vegas."

"I play a lot of craps now, but I was always afraid to try until one day I was in a casino that was giving free lessons. They had a dealer walk us through how to make the bets, and let us do a little practice play with no money. They used chips that had no logos or values on them and couldn't be cashed in. I had fun, and I decided to try the game at a \$5 table. It wasn't too crowded, and the dealers answered all my questions ... and I had a lot of them."

"Isn't this a customer service thing that makes sense both for the players and the casino? I think it is. I play more now because I know what I'm doing."

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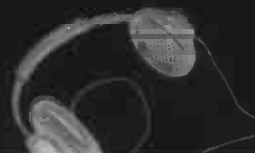
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Charging up

Slots get a big boost from new themes, bonuses, music and video

BY JOHN GROCHOWSKI
For Sun-Times Media

Every new slot machine has three missions. It must have a way to shout out "Play me!" to any passing players. Once it grabs you, it must keep you in your seat. And it has to provide the fun that will keep you coming back for more.

Exciting game themes, sometimes licensed from pop culture icons, progressive jackpots, free spins, interactive bonus events, music and video all are part of the package in modern slots.

Now add the slot designers' imagination. Here are some of their hottest ideas for 2013.

Pirate's Quest, Bally Technologies: We've seen Bally turn touchscreens into fully interactive fun with U-Spin in wheel-spinning games such as Vegas Hits, and in U-Race in its NASCAR game. In Pirate's Quest it's U-Aim, and you touch to aim and fire your cannons at the enemy. It's a

40-line video slot that figures to be perfect for pennies, and it features a free spins bonus as well as the target practice. The big prize — 7,500 times your line bet — comes when you land five skull-and-crossbones symbols on a payline during the free spins feature.

The Amazing Spider-Man, WMS Gaming: From comic books to TV to the movies, the Amazing Spider-Man has kept fans enthralled with its blend of adventure and hero's angst. Now WMS is rolling out its Spider-Man slot machines, and the result is ... well ... amazing. It's on WMS' advanced Sensory Immersion 2.0 format with synchronized motion technology, and the CPU-NXT3 operating platform gives it the boost for some pretty incredible effects. During free spin bonuses, the effects chair is synchronized with film clips in an event that can have up to eight reel sets spinning at once, all collecting extra credits. And the highlight battle between superhero and supervillain is



breathtaking fun.

Monopoly Legends, WMS Gaming: The "legends" involved are classic WMS video slots. In bonus events, you could find yourself taken to Goldfish, Jackpot Party, Zeus or Reel 'Em In. A spinning wheel tells you just what game you'll be playing at bonus time. Bonuses from the other WMS favorites are given a Monopoly spin. If the wheel takes you to the Reel 'Em In bonus, it's Mr. Monopoly out on a boat, dropping a line into the water as he fishes for you prize.

Dolly, International Game Technology: Dolly comes in three themes: Dolly Parton Video Slots, Two Doors Down and Nine to Five Spinning Reels. All feature the country queen talking to you as you

play, cheering you on. One fun bonus come in Nine to Five. It's the Rockin' Reels respin, triggered when you get stacked wild symbols on the center reel. The wilds are held, but rock and roll to Dolly's hit "9 to 5" while the other reels respin, opening the possibility of big winners.

Little Green Men: Cosmic Blaster, International Game Technology: The latest take on IGT's Little Green Men theme that long has been a durable favorite of alien chasers everywhere, Cosmic Blaster features a skill-based bonus events. Instead of merely picking spaceships to shoot down, you use a joystick to maneuver into firing range to blast them out of the sky. It's fun,

and I can only hope to get to the bonus event often enough to get in some practice.

The Munsters Family Portrait, Incredible Technologies: Instead of the standard five reels that we usually see on video slots, there are nine reels full of Munsters characters and icons, including the actors from the spooky 1960s sitcom. But only five of the nine are used to determine your outcome on each spin. There's a five-reel frame for this portrait, and it slides back and forth over the full reel set. Wherever it stops, it frames the five reels that are going to count for that spin. Those reels are bright and in full color, while the other four are dimmed. **Superman, Aristocrat Technolo-**

gies: Aristocrat already had brought out a mechanical-reel version of Superman, but the Man of Steel was made for video. Sometimes the Clark Kent symbol turns into Superman, soars up the screen and extends the reel, creating extra symbols and extra paying connections. Superman is really two games in one. You can bet with a row of red buttons to play for pennies, with increments from 50 cents to \$2.50. Or, just above, there's a row of green (for kryptonite) buttons to play the Lex Luthor game instead. That's a high-denom game, with increments from \$8 to \$25. Play for 50 cents, and the top jackpot starts at \$50,000. Play for \$25, and it's \$2.5 million.



In the cards: What you hold and how you play 'em are still the keys to table games, but gamers are being offered some interesting twists on "old faithfuls" like blackjack and poker. FILE PHOTO

Solid bets

Blackjack, poker the mainstays, even with "new" games

BY JOHN GROCHOWSKI
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Table players aren't always looking for the newest, flashiest, most innovative takes on the games people play.

Game designers know that, and nearly always use reliable favorites such as blackjack and poker as starting points for new games they hope will carve a niche on casino floors.

Take BJ-Bac, from Toke Gaming Corp., one of the new games with a chance to

break through in 2013. As the name suggests, it's a hybrid of blackjack and baccarat. The game is blackjack, but as in baccarat, only two hands are dealt: a player hand and a banker hand. You can bet on player, banker or tie, just as in baccarat. And there are two optional side bets.

The banker hand hits on 16 and below, and stands on 17 and above, just like blackjack. And the dealers plays out the player hand according to a basic strategy chart. There are double down

and pair splitting opportunities, but you don't have to make the extra bets to get a decision on the hand. With only two hands, the game moves fast, something casino operators will like.

On the player side, the hand is played out by the dealer according to a basic strategy chart posted right at the table. The banker hand wins more often than it loses, but winning bets must pay a 5 percent commission, as in baccarat. Toke Gaming's analysis shows a 1.22 percent

house edge if you bet on player, 1.04 percent on banker, both among the better bets in the house. Just don't bet on ties. With an 8-1 payoff in a six-deck shoe, Toke says the house edge is 20.3 percent. If a casino raises the payoff to 9-1, it reduces the edge to 11.5 percent. Either way, you're better off sticking with banker or player.

SHFL Entertainment, long known as Shuffle Master, introduced Free Bet Blackjack with a Push 22 progressive side bet. The free part is that

you may split pairs without an extra bet, except there is no splitting of 4s or the 10-value cards. You also may double down for free on any hard 9, 10, or 11, on any number of cards, including after splitting pairs.

The tradeoff? If the dealer busts with a total of 22, any bets you have remaining in action are pushes. You still win on your blackjacks; they're paid before the dealer draws. But any of your

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It's Vegas Baby!, a lively, Vegas-themed restaurant offering American classics and an extensive specialty drink selection.

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The High Limit Room features the very best in service, comfort and excitement. The exclusive area is discreetly located off the casino floor and includes personalized VIP service, a variety of slots and table games such as Blackjack, Baccarat, Pai Gow Poker and more.

Four Winds New Buffalo now offers Bingo in morning and afternoon sessions at the Silver Creek Event Center on select weekends. Players can win a share of \$8,500 in the morning session and \$10,000 in the evening session. For Bingo dates and more information visit www.fourwindscasino.com/casino/bingo.asp.

The Silver Creek Event Center is a 1,500-seat, multi-use facility located next to the casino floor that has hosted concerts from music legends such as Rod Stewart, Little Big Town, Sheryl Crow, and comedians and personalities such as Dana Carvey and chef Robert Irvine. The 17,000-square-foot event center can also be reconfigured to host a variety of meetings, events, and banquets. Details on all events at Silver Creek Event Center are available at: www.fourwindscasino.com/events.

In addition to its gaming and entertainment attractions, Four Winds New Buffalo offers four restaurants including the new Hard Rock Cafe Four Winds, which spans two floors, includes seating for over 275 people, and features live music from Thursdays to Sundays. It also includes more than 150 pieces of rock 'n' roll

memorabilia from Hard Rock's unmatched collection. Guests of Hard Rock Cafe Four Winds enjoy fresh, high-quality items from Hard Rock's scratch-based menu, including the favorite Legendary Experience menu. Reminiscent of good old-fashioned Southern barbeque, Hard Rock's Smokehouse Menu items offer unique flavors including a variety of regional barbeque styles like the classic pulled pork sandwich. A selection of 24 draft beers complements two full service bars.

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The Buffet at Four Winds New Buffalo offers seating for up to 500 people. It has several menu options throughout the week including an International Buffet on Sundays through Wednesdays; a Prime Rib and Shrimp Buffet on Thursdays and Fridays; and the Signature Seafood and Prime Rib Buffet on Saturdays.

Timbers Fast Food and Deli features an array of menu items including pizza, burgers, hotdogs and fries alongside pastrami and rye and mile high deli sandwiches.

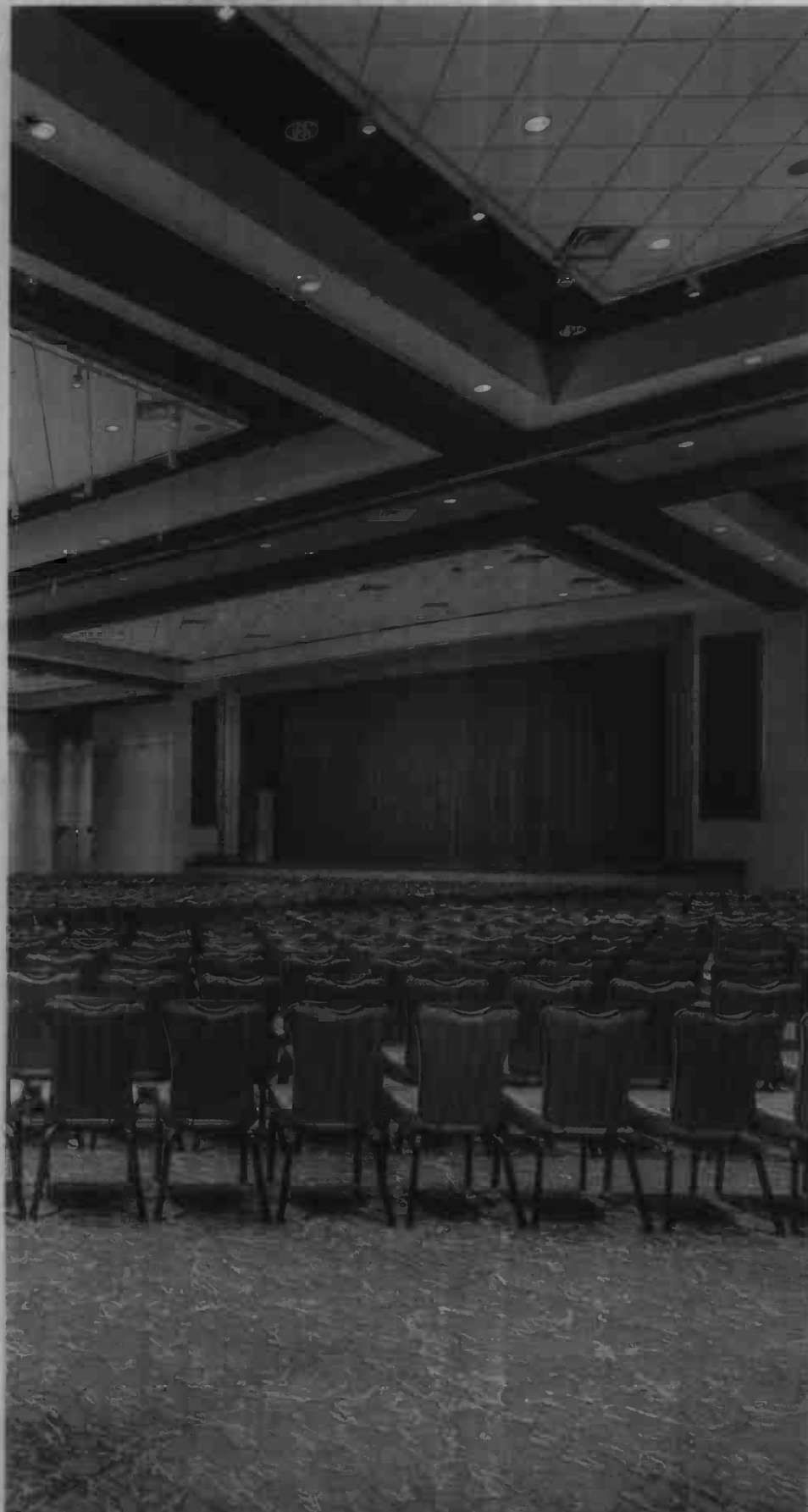
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Legendary tunes: The Silver Creek Event Center at Four Winds New Buffalo has played host to concerts by such music legends as Rod Stewart, Rick Springfield, Sheryl Crow, and comedians and personalities such as Dana Carvey and chef Robert Irvine. | SUPPLIED PHOTO



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Video poker gets hotter

New animation sparks more interest in casino favorite

BY JOHN GROCHOWSKI

For Sun-Times Media

Video poker was the first massively popular coin-operated casino gaming that used video screens and virtual images instead of spinning reels or other mechanical components.

But one thing video poker hasn't used is the kind of animation we've seen since video slots became the hottest growth area of the casino industry.

In one of the new video poker games we'll be seeing in the coming year, International Game Technology is making the leap with Tap House Poker. Tap House brings an animated twist to familiar five-card draw poker games such as Jacks or Better and Double Double Bonus Poker.

A win on the initial deal takes players into a five-hand bonus that multiplies your winnings by factors chosen randomly. Winners during the bonus could be doubled, tripled or even more.

Finding out how big your multiplier will be is where Tap House Poker takes its detour into the animated realm that has proven so popular with slot players. You're called on to select one of three animated bartenders, each with individualized dialog and animation. Animated beer mugs fill and reveal the multiplier for each hand, and the bartenders cheer on the players and celebrate bonuses and wins.

There's a range of multipliers for each winning hand, so that a bonus initiated by four of a kind will bring random selection from a higher range of multipliers than a dealt two pair.

Start with a big win, reach out to the right to keep for a big bonus, then draw a hand high up the pay table during the bonus event, and you'll brew up a big winner.

That's just one of the new takes on video poker we'll be seeing in the coming year, with others coming from IGT, WMS Gaming and Incredible Technologies. Here are some others.

Ultimate Aces, IGT: In a game with multiple hands a la Triple Play Poker, Aces bring extra rewards. Every time an Ace or multiple Aces come up on screen, they create multipliers that make your winning hands more valuable. The multiplier format has served IGT well in player favorites such as Ultimate X and Super Times Pay.

Triple Play Keno Draw Poker: A fun combination features the three-hand-at-once Triple Play Poker with an optional side bet on a keno card. The keno card not only has its own wins and pay table, but also creates mul-



tipliers for the poker hand. Alternatively, IGT is offering a poker-keno combo with a single poker hand tied to four keno cards. For those who can't decide between poker and keno at a multigame machine, here's your game.

Triple Play Poker with Match Card:

There's some fun bonusing going on here. At the end of a draw, you get three cards off to the side. If there's a match between hand and extra card, you get a multiplier. In a demonstration hand, a match with a 6 of clubs multiplied winnings by three. The multipliers can go up to 11x if two of the extra cards are matches. In another demonstration hand, the Match Cards included Kings of diamonds and hearts. The bottom hand was a big winner with four Kings, and since it matched two of the extra cards, the quads were multiplied by 11.

Winning Streak Poker, WMS Gaming:

After sitting on the video poker sidelines, WMS returned to the fray last year with its multigame My Poker line. The games chock full of customizable features, including card style, position of the cards on the screen, even a sequencing option so the initial deal is displayed in order of card rank or with suits grouped together. That makes it easy for players to tell at a glance if they have a draw for a straight or a flush.

Winning Streak Poker extends the line with a new approach to multihand games. If you have a winning hand, it's moved up a level signifying a one-times pay table winner, and you're dealt a second hand. Win again, and the second hand moves to the 1x slot, while the first moves up to 2x, where additional wins move it to 5x and 10x. You keep playing as long as the winning streak holds up.

Magic Touch Video Poker, Incredible Technologies: Based in Vernon Hills, IT is rolling out an upgraded version of the Magic Touch multigame machine with an updated operating system that allows for progressive jackpots. A new user interface adds information such as player speed and a skill rating. As on its initial video poker games, IT offers the ProTip feature, where you earn tips as you play. Then, when a difficult strategy decision comes up, you can rely on the pro.

The tips are accurate, too. I checked.



Poker power: New animation should add a new dimension to the excitement of the "traditional" video poker games that gamers enjoy and know so well and are so comfortable playing. | FILE PHOTO

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other bets, just give you your money back if the dealer hits the magic number.

SHFL also has several new poker-based games, including Raise It Up Stud Poker. It's a six-card poker game where the player combines his own three cards with three community cards. The object is to make a hand of a pair of 10s or better. The hand starts with equal wagers on ante and blind.

You then are dealt three cards, and three community cards are dealt face down in the middle of the table. After you look at your cards, you may make a "play" bet of three times your ante. If you wait until seeing the first community card, you can play for twice your ante. After seeing the second card, if you haven't already made the play, you can either fold or play for a bet equal to your ante.

If you're dealt a winner, then you can take full advantage with a 3x play bet. If not, you

can wait for the free looks before deciding to jump in.

Away from blackjack and poker-based games, Riverboat Roulette from Double Luck Gaming creates multiple-spin wagers, a la craps. A traditional-looking wheel adds different colors in the spaces between frets, where the ball falls. The numbers themselves still are on red and black backgrounds. That means with green for 0 and 00, so you can still make all the traditional roulette bets. But you also can bet on the three light blue numbers, the four purple numbers, seven colors in all. Bets on colors pay odds — 2-1 on light blue or 8-5 on purple, for example — but non-winners push and stay in action if the winning color is anything but white. They lose only if one the ball drops in one of the eight white numbers.

It's an interesting twist, and doesn't intrude at all on the traditional game.

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11:00 am Festival Worship with Holy Communion
9:30 - 11:00 am Easter Breakfast

Poems, music honor female photographers

BY MYRNA PETLICKI |
Contributor

Three female photographers from the past are the focus of a new multimedia piece called, "The Testing Fields."

The world premiere of the work written, produced and directed by Gaspard Le Dem, with lyrics by Elisa Sutherland, will be performed by Sutherland at Gorilla Tango's Skokie Theatre on Friday, March 29 and Sunday, March 31. The production features piano music, performed by Nate Raskin, as well as electronic music and projections.

"The original impetus was a set of poems written by Elisa," Le Dem said. The two met at Northwestern University where Sutherland created the poems for an undergraduate thesis. (Sutherland majored in both creative writing and music as an undergraduate. She is currently working on a graduate degree in opera at Northwestern.)

"I started to feel some sort of kindred spirit with these women," said Sutherland, who wrote about a total of nine female photographers. "In a way, by exploring their stories I was able to find something out about myself as an artist."

Sutherland agreed to collaborate with Le Dem on this show because they had



"The Testing Field," a performance piece, includes these photos by Clover Adams (from left), Margaret Bourke-White and Alexandra Boulat.

worked together before. "He knew my voice. He knew my artistic style," she said. "And I was very familiar with his musical aesthetic."

A year and a half ago, Le Dem set one of the poems to music and Sutherland's performance of it was well received but they felt something was missing. "We decided we wanted to make a performance piece out of it," she said. "There's only one character but she gets transformed into three different characters."

The pair concentrated on three of Sutherland's subjects — Clover Adams (1843-1885), Margaret Bourke-White (1904-1971) and Alexandra Boulat (1962-2007).

"We're doing interpretive portraiture of these three photographers who are from completely different eras," Le Dem noted. Sutherland's character, who isn't given a

'The Testing Fields'

Gorilla Tango's Skokie Theatre,
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name in the piece, "goes back and relives the experiences of these photographers and their subjects through three specific photographs."

The photo used with the poem about Adams shows a well-dressed 19th century woman holding a dog. "She is not looking into the camera," Le Dem said. "There is a very oppressed aura about her. She seems very introspective and refined — obviously a thinker but there's something about

the photograph that screams repression."

Le Dem reported that Adams' husband wasn't very supportive of her photography career. "She got very depressed and decided to drink her developing liquid," he said. "That's how she ended her life."

"The whole idea of overexposing a photograph became a metaphor for a life that was overexposed," Sutherland said.

The portion of the show about Bourke-White doesn't delve into her personal life, concentrating on the image instead. "The photograph is a picture of a man in a field holding a parachute," Le Dem explained. "It was taken at a parachute factory testing field a little bit before World War II. When you're testing parachutes, you're risking your life. We focus on the tension. These men aren't yet ready

for war but they're preparing for it. I think that was what Margaret Bourke-White was trying to capture."

"A photograph is passive by nature but you have this action happening," Sutherland noted.

Boulat's photo is of a hand. "She was a photographer during the third Balkan War," Le Dem said. "She took this amazing photograph of a dead woman's hand surrounded by leaves. Her body had been lying there for a long time. It could seem like a shocking photo but instead it's really beautiful. You feel this connection that she had as a female photographer with her subject."

"We chose those three [photographers] because there seemed to be a sort of natural progression between them," Sutherland said. "And at the same time, they're all very different." ■

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'Stones in His Pockets' captures Celtic spirit

BY CATEY SULLIVAN | Contributor

In "Stones in His Pockets," playwright Marie Jones creates a juicy tour-de-force for two actors.

She also captures that singularly Irish temperament that is at once tragic and comic, giving audiences a vivid concoction of humor and sorrow. This is a piece that is all about duality — a vivid portrait of laughter embedded with sadness and an intelligent, cutting glimpse at the clash between the rich, famous and powerful with the borderline impoverished.

Directed by J.R. Sullivan for Northlight Theatre, the minimalist production skips simple sentiment (you'll find no leprechauns here). Instead, we get an incisive look at the hardships and the hopes within a rural village on County Kerry's Dingle Peninsula.

At the deceptively complex heart of "Stones in His Pockets" are Jake Quinn (David Ivers) and Charlie Conlon (Brian Vaughn), both of whom sign on as extras when a Hollywood film crew rolls into town to shoot a movie called "The Quiet Valley." For 40 quid a day, Charlie and Jake are immersed in a world of condescending stars perpetuating emerald-tinted stereotypes, their lives reduced for mass consumption to postcard views of hand-knit sweaters and pastorally rolling green hills.

The real story of County Kerry, of course, is far more complicated and far less romantic than that created for the would-be blockbuster. As for Jake and Charlie, they quickly find that working as an extra



Brian Vaughn and David Ivers star in "Stones in His Pockets" at Northlight Theatre. | PHOTO BY KARL HUGH

brings more than desperately needed income and the occasional slice of free pie. For both, the work is an eye-opening exercise illuminating the gulf between the Hollywood haves and the Irish have-nots. Charlie and Jake are inconsequential extras not just in the micro-world of "The Quiet Valley," but also in a macro-world filled with rich, powerful folk who are clueless as to their impact on workaday strugglers.

The starkest contrast between Ireland and Hollywood's dream manufacturers lies in the character of Jake's cousin, Sean Quinn, a young man whose dreams have been repeatedly snuffed out and who has turned to alcohol and drugs to blunt the razor edges of his losses. It's his painful interaction with the film's culturally clueless

'Stones in His Pockets'

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leading lady that propels the tragedy that largely defines "Stones in His Pockets," and that puts Hollywood's opinion of the Dingle Peninsula locals into sharp, unforgiving focus. But even Sean's fate can't completely douse the aspirations of Charlie and Jake, whose attempts at writing their own screenplay give Jones' play a steely thread of unquenchable

optimism.

Vaughn and Ivers are masters of quicksilver transformation — a core requirement in a production in which all of the character changes occur onstage and without the help of much costuming. From pampered star to assistant director to doomed County Kerry native, Vaughn and Ivers make the people of "Stones in His Pockets" pop with authenticity. That they do so using little but their voices, posture and the occasional doffing of a cap speaks to their collective acting prowess.

In the wake of the commercialization of St. Patrick's Day, Northlight's production of "Stones in His Pockets" is a thoughtful anecdote that evokes both the laughter and the tears inherent to the Celtic sensibility. ■

TOP FIVE



Managing Editor Jennifer Thomas' entertainment picks for this week



[1] 13th Annual Grove Show,

featuring the work of artist Dennis Downes, is March 21-24 at The Redfield Center, 1421 Milwaukee Road, Glenview. Call (847) 298-0095.

[2] Jewelry, Gem, Fossil

Mineral and Lapidary Arts Show is March 23-24 at the Des Plaines Park District Leisure Center, 2222 Birch St. Call (847) 298-4653.

[3] The English Beat

performs at 8 p.m. March 23 and March 24 at SPACE, 1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston. Visit evanston.space.com or call (847) 492-8860.

[4] 'Blade Runner'

(above) will be discussed by Pioneer Press film critic Bruce Ingram at 2 p.m. March 24 at the Winnetka Public Library. See winnetkalibrary.org.

[5] 'Catch Me If You Can'

is on stage April 2-14 at Cadillac Palace Theatre, 151 W. Randolph St., Chicago. Visit BroadwayInChicago.com or call (800) 775-2000.

Eat



Festive brunches for celebrating Easter

BY SARA BURROWS |
sburrows@pioneerlocal.com

The eggs are all hunted down, the family is gathered. It's Easter, and it's time to eat. A sumptuous brunch at a favorite restaurant is in order. We've collected a number of festive Easter Sunday brunches that would make fitting meal to crown the holiday.

Blind Faith Cafe, 525 Dempster St., Evanston

9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Eggs Florentine, Warm Peach Crepes, Banana Almond Pancakes, Eggs Mornay, omelettes, quiche, Mimosas and pastries

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Chicago Botanic Garden, Nichols Hall, Regenstein Center, 1000 Lake

Cook Road, Glencoe

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Mr. and Mrs. Bunny will join guests for Easter brunch at Brookfield Zoo. | PHOTO COURTESY CHICAGO ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY

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Davis Street Fish Market, 501 Davis St., Evanston

A massive seafood station features crab legs, shrimp, mahi-mahi, salmon and more. Carving station will include beef tenderloin, ham, smoked chicken and brisket. Breakfast items with omlets, pancakes also available.

10:3 a.m.-3 p.m.

Adults, \$34.95; kids under 10 can choose both breakfast and lunch items from the kids menu, all items priced at \$4.95.

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Fleming's Steakhouse, 960 Milwaukee Ave., Lincolnshire

A 3-course brunch menu for \$36.95 from 11:30-3 and regular menu selections; 3-course children's brunch for \$17.95

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Globe Cafe and Bar, Hilton Orrington Hotel, 1710 Orrington Ave., Evanston.

Grand Easter Brunch Buffet includes complimentary glass of Champagne starting at noon; sparkling water before noon. Breakfast Station, Hot buffet for entrees like Dijon and Sage Roasted Turkey Breast, salads, chilled seafood and a Kidss' Buffet. Live music.

11 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Adults, \$37; seniors \$30; children 5-10, \$15; children under 4 free with paying adult

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Jerry's, 507 Chestnut St., Winnetka
French toast, egg cups, herb stuffed roasted pork, salads, poached salmon, desserts

11-2:30 p.m.

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Karma Asian Food and Fine Wine, 510 Illinois 83, Mundelein

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Morton Arboretum, Ginkgo Room, 4100 Illinois Route 53, Lisle

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Adults \$28; kids 6-12, \$14, kids 5 and under free

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Prairie Grass Cafe, 601 Skokie Blvd., Northbrook

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Dinner buffet, 2-7 p.m., featuring fresh Parmesan haddock and crab, a pasta station, Chicken Parmesan, salads and more

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Tribute to Vietnam vets revisits music they loved

BY MARISSA CURNUTTE | Contributor

The seven-piece band 1969 rocks lots of tie die and fringe as it takes listeners back in a musical time machine to the psychedelic era.

And on March 29, the Woodstock-themed performance takes on a special meaning as the cover band revisits the '60s with fellow Chicagoland group, Classical Blast, in a tribute concert on National Vietnam Veterans Day at Viper Alley.

"The Vietnam era was fraught with complexities — the age of a horrible war, the age of Aquarius, age of the peace movement. It was also an era of fantastic — what has now become classic — rock music and huge outdoor music festivals," said Barbara Weigand, of ArtsWarrior, an arts management company.

With much of the music from that time being a product of the war, the songs were how soldiers stayed connected to home. Bass player Jaimie Koppenhoefer recalled a previous show 1969 played in Elmhurst where a veteran requested "We've Gotta Get Out Of This Place" by The Animals.

"That was the song that got them through. People lived through their music then," Koppenhoefer said. "We'll always get a Vietnam vet come up at shows and tell us how much that music really means to them."

The Viper Alley concert, set in the 40th anniversary year of the American troops return from Vietnam, aims to evoke the same feelings music gave during that decade.

"We're going to recreate a little piece of Woodstock as perhaps it should have been done the first time, as a homecoming celebration for those vets," Weigand said. "We hope the healing force of

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1969 revisits the music of the '60s with a show at Viper Alley on March 29 in honor of Viet Nam veterans.

Woodstock Tribute to Vietnam Vets

Viper Alley, 275 Parkway Drive, Lincolnshire
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music will sustain them and bring everyone in the community together to pay tribute to our local Vietnam vets. They deserve this kind of party."

1969 and Classical Blast will cover musical legends Janis Joplin, Jimi Hendrix, Led Zeppelin, Pink Floyd, Aretha Franklin, Jefferson Airplane, Sly & the Family Stone, Joe Cocker, The Beatles and many other artists from the era.

Playing the classics true to form — with no backing tracks or laptops used on stage as in today's popular music — is 1969's highest priority.

"Everyone still remembers and loves that music no matter where we play. We have a lot of fun recreating that time period," Koppenhoefer said.

Only 10 years old in 1969, Koppenhoefer was falling asleep on his mother's lap under strobe lights at rock concerts. He'd see seven bands in a night at the original Kinetic Playground in Uptown, including the Moody Blues, The Who and The Band.

"That's another reason why I live in the past; you used to live a good life back then," he said. "Maybe it was a little dangerous or risky, but I'm proud of it."

Moments like those with bands no longer around are what many Vietnam veterans missed out on, and what bands like 1969 enjoy bringing back.

"The show is for all veterans. We're proud of all of them. But especially the Vietnam vets who weren't necessarily recognized like they should have been back then," Koppenhoefer said. "God bless you, welcome home and let's rock." ■



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BY MYRNA PETLICKI | Contributor

Ben Jiminez loves to create bubbles — really big bubbles.

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You can watch those big beauties form at Ben's Bubble Show, 6 to 7 p.m. March 25 at Eisenhower Public Library, 4613 N. Oketo, Harwood Heights.

The bubble-maker likes to make his library performances educational as well as entertaining by sharing fun scientific facts.

"I often start the show by talking about the huge bubble that sits on top of the Milky Way and one that sits under the Milky Way," Jiminez said. "Bubbles are everywhere."

Jiminez began making bubbles professionally about two years ago.

"It started off as a hobby," he said. "I practice at the lakefront because I live in Evanston. People started asking me, 'Do you do birthday parties?' 'Do you do block parties?' So I started doing them."

Now it's his full-time job.

Registration is required. For details, call (708) 867-7828 or go to www.eisenhowerlibrary.org.



Ben Jiminez will be blowing bubbles March 25 at Eisenhower Public Library.

Library, 6960 W. Oakton St. A snack will be served.

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

TREE-MENDOUS CHALLENGE

A boy who lives in a walled city where everything is artificial searches for a real tree to impress a girl in "The Lorax." The animated musical comedy film, based on Dr. Seuss' book, will be screened at 3 p.m. March 25 at Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave.

For details, call (847) 825-3123 or go to www.parkridgelibrary.org.

SHE'S HOW OLD?

Bring a camera to capture your child with the guest of honor at Happy Birthday, Amelia Bedelia, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. March 26 at Skokie Public Library, 5215 Oakton St. There will be stories, games, crafts and birthday cake to celebrate the 50th birthday of the star of Peggy Parish's books. Registration is required.

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

LAST RESORT

Monsters meet at Dracula's lavish five-stakes resort to celebrate his daughter's 118th birthday in "Hotel Transylvania." The guest list includes the Mummy, the Invisible Man, the Werewolf and others. The family film will be shown at 4 p.m. Friday, March 22 at Morton Grove Public Library,

6140 Lincoln Ave.

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

WIMP OUT

Summer gets off to a rough start for a young boy named Greg in "Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Dog Days." The Family Movie will be screened at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 23 at Niles Public



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Raise a glass to good health at Peeled

BY LEE A. LITAS | Dining Columnist

Juicing is no longer just what you do to lemons to get lemonade.

It's a movement among a segment of the health-conscious. It's proponents say drinking juices of fruits and vegetables is better, healthwise, than eating those fruits and vegetables whole. They believe the human body can absorb the foods' nutrients better because drinking juice eliminates the need for the digestive system to work overtime to break down fiber from the skins.

However others, including dietitians from the Mayo Clinic, argue that the nutritional difference between juicing an apple or eating it whole is minimal, if there is any.

Regardless of which camp you're in, what is not in dispute is the fact that, while you may be able to grab an apple on the go, it's far less likely that you'll grab an apple, several leaves of kale, some shaved ginger and a whole pineapple to wolf down in your car on the way to work.

So to help you out, Peeled opened in Evanston last June with a mission to provide the community with nutritious juices, smoothies, hand-crafted gelato and detoxifying cold-press juice cleanses.

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breakfast smoothies that include oats, and decadent dessert smoothies with raspberries and chocolate. And their gelato is hand-crafted on site with fresh fruit.

"We have something for every palate," said Benjamin Harvey, general manager. He explains that juices are a great way to attain the variety of nutrients necessary for the body in a given day.

"Your body metabolizes juice very quickly and you will find yourself energized (and) rejuvenated with all the raw nutrients entering it," he said.

For those who have never considered adding fresh juices to their daily health routine, Harvey has this advice: "Start on your own terms with ingredients you



"We have something for everyone," says Benjamin Harvey, general manager at Peeled Juice Bar in Evanston. | **LEE A. LITAS-Sun-Times Media**

enjoy and then eventually pepper in some more densely-nutritious choices."

When customers enter the brightly-lit storefront of Peeled, the first question they are likely to be asked is: "Do you have a taste for a particular ingredient?" Upon which a juice purveyor will then spend time describing each

juice from ingredients to taste profile and nutritional value.

Try the Blue Magic, a rich, dreamy smoothie with blueberries, bananas, mango and pineapple (\$6.50). The densely-nutritious Rappers Delight contains kale leaves, mango, camu camu (a powdered version of a vitamin C-rich berry found in the Amazon), raw almond, cinnamon, agave and date water (\$6.50).

The spicy Life Support includes carrot, apple, beet, lemon, ginger and kale (\$6.50). Or the immensely-popular Forever Young made with kale, apple, celery, lime and cilantro and tastes like a breath of spring with a tangy twist (\$6).

"We pride ourselves on providing the community with a healthy, nutritious snack (and) we're happy to be in the limelight," said Harvey. Pun intended. ■

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ADMISSION

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PG-13 for language and some sexual material

Stars

Tina Fey, Paul Rudd, Michael Sheen, Lily Tomlin, Wallace Shawn

A strait-laced Princeton admissions officer (Fey) takes a professional risk after meeting an applicant who may be the son she gave up for adoption. Paul Weitz ("About a Boy") directed the comedy.



Morgan Freeman stars in "Olympus Has Fallen."

THE CROODS

Rated

PG for some scary action

Stars

Nicolas Cage, Ryan Reynolds, Emma Stone

After their cave is destroyed, a prehistoric family goes on a journey to a fantastic new world. Kirk De Micco ("Space Chimps") and Chris Sanders ("How to Train Your Dragon") co-wrote and directed the animated adventure.

GINGER & ROSA

Rated

PG-13 for mature disturbing thematic material involving teen choices — sexuality, drinking, smoking and language

Stars

Elle Fanning, Alice Englert, Annette Bening

The friendship of two teenage girls (Fanning, Englert) growing up in 1960s London is threatened by tensions raised during the Cuban

missile crisis. Sally Potter ("Orlando") wrote and directed the drama.

THE SAPPHIRES

Rated

PG-13 for sexuality, a scene of war violence, some language, thematic elements and smoking

Stars

Chris O'Dowd, Deborah Mailman, Jessica Mauboy
In 1968 Australia, a talent scout (O'Dowd) spots an Aboriginal girl group and puts them on the road to stardom — beginning with a tour to entertain American troops in Vietnam. Australian TV veteran Wayne Blair directed the comedy-drama.

SPRING BREAKERS

Rated

Rated R for strong sexual content, language, nudity, drug use and violence throughout

Stars

James Franco, Selena Gomez, Vanessa Hudgens, Rachel

Korine

Four college girls trying to fund a spring-break vacation get in over their heads when a rapper named Alien (Franco) involves them in various criminal enterprises. Harmony Korine ("Kids") wrote and directed the crime comedy.

OLYMPUS HAS FALLEN

Rated

R for strong violence and language throughout

Stars

Gerard Butler, Aaron Eckhart, Morgan Freeman, Melissa Leo
When terrorists in the White House capture the President (Eckhart), a disgraced former Presidential guard (Butler) is his only hope for rescue.

STILL PLAYING

BEYOND THE HILLS

★★★½

Rated

No MPAA rating

Stars

Cosmina Stratan, Cristina Flutur, Valeriu Andriuta

A deeply unsettling story that examines the limits of love, charity and faith, "Beyond the Hills" is a worthy successor to Romanian writer/director Cristian Mungiu's devastating 2007 drama "4 Months, 3 Weeks and 2 Days." Mungiu won the screenwriting prize at Cannes for this naturalistic (meaning slow, somber and morally ambiguous) tale of lifelong friends and former lovers reuniting at a remote Russian Orthodox monastery with tragic results. Needy and volatile Alina (Flutur) wants newly devout Voichita (Stratan, who shared the Best Actress prize at Cannes with Flutur) to give up her new life of faith and return with her to Germany and she becomes jealously enraged when she learns Voichita's heart is now devoted exclusively to God. "Beyond the Hills" is painful and challenging and it raises questions with no easy answers, but there are profound moments here that you're

likely to remember for a long time to come.

THE CALL

Rated

R for violence, disturbing content and some language

Stars

Halle Berry, Michael Eklund, Abigail Breslin

A veteran 911 operator is haunted by the memory of her phone encounter with a serial killer, until another woman calls after being kidnapped by him.

THE INCREDIBLE BURT WONDERSTONE

Rated

PG-13 for sexual content, dangerous stunts, a drug-related incident and language

Stars

Steve Carell, Steve Buscemi, Jim Carrey, Alan Arkin

The career of a flamboyant Las Vegas stage magician (Carell) hits the skids after he's consistently shown up by the stunts of a street magician (Carrey). ■



Movie Review

'Admission' blindsides funny lady Tina Fey

BY BRUCE INGRAM | Film Critic

"Admission"
★★1/2

With "30 Rock" off the air, legions of Liz Lemon fans are undoubtedly primed for a Tina Fey fix, but they're likely to be a little disappointed by the mismatched moods and modest laughs in this so-so romantic dramedy.

Directed by Paul Weitz ("American Pie," "About a Boy"), "Admission" tries to mix a complementary blend of mild humor, heartfelt romance and soul-searching drama. Unfortunately, those divergent elements wind up feeling mutually exclusive.

That's not the fault of Fey, or Paul Rudd, or Lily Tomlin, or Wallace Shawn or anyone else in the generally likeable cast — and Weitz does his usual capable job moving things along. The real problem seems to be the double dose of the ridiculously intense dramatic upheaval that suddenly confronts our heroine while she is simultaneously required to generate yuks and navigate an odd-couple romantic relationship.

Fey plays Portia Nathan, a workaholic, child-phobic, control freak who is a veteran admissions officer at Princeton University. Portia's personal life might not be much — she has a less-than-ardent boyfriend (Michael Sheen) and a disapproving feminist-icon mother (Tomlin) — but she clearly enjoys her work. Which basically amounts to screening 20,000 annual Princeton applicants and rejecting 19,000 of them. In fact, she's increased her workload to compete with her archrival (Gloria Reuben) for the Dean of Admissions job that's soon to be vacated by their boss (Shawn).

It's at that stressful moment that John Pressman (Rudd) makes his appearance as an old college classmate who's now a teacher at an alternative school that's a highly unlikely



Opposites attract: Ivy League Tina Fey and alternative Paul Rudd in "Admission."

springboard to the Ivy League. John has a special student he wants her to meet — an extremely intelligent autodidact named Jeremiah (Nat Wolff) who has a history of low grades but perfect test scores. Then John drops his double-bombshell: He believes Nat is the child Portia secretly gave up for adoption in college and, oh, by the way, he wants to go to Princeton. Anything you can do?

Contending with this major moral dilemma causes the tightly wound Portia to unravel as she attempts to pull strings for Nat on the inside in a way that jeopardizes her career. And though there's nothing wrong with the way that's handled, it stands in awkward contrast with the film's light comic touches (such as Portia imagining encounters with the over-achieving students whose files she is reading) and its mandated romance.

That doesn't mean "Admission" isn't worth watching. It only means that it doesn't quite live up to its full potential. If it were a prospective college student, it wouldn't be Princeton material. ■

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"Everything is Illuminated"

18+

Presented by Next Theatre **through March 31** at the Noyes Cultural Arts Center, 927 Noyes St., Evanston. \$30-\$40; \$15-\$20 young adult (age 25 and younger) and students. Visit www.nexttheatre.org.

Gorilla Tango's Skokie Theatre

18+

7924 Lincoln Ave. Skokie. www.gorillatango.com. **Through March 29**, 7:30 p.m. Fridays: "Dial with a Smile: An Office Musical," \$15. **March 29**, 9 p.m., and **March 31**, 5 p.m.: "The Testing Fields," a multimedia monodrama for soprano accompanied

by piano, electronics and projections. \$10.

"Stones in His Pockets"

18+

Presented by Northlight Theatre **through April 14** at the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie. \$25-\$72; student tickets \$15, subject to availability. Visit www.northlight.org.

"Vigils"

18+

Through April 21 at The Gift Theatre, 4802 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago (Jefferson Park). \$25-\$30. Visit www.thegifttheatre.org.

CLASSICAL

Music of the Baroque

18+

Performing Handel's "Israel in Egypt," 7:30 p.m. **April 7** at the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie. Jonathan Miller, conductor and artistic director of Chicago a cappella, will give a pre-concert lecture at 6:30 p.m. in the Athens Room at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel, 9599 Skokie Blvd., Skokie. \$27-\$75. Call (312) 551-1414 or visit www.baroque.org.

Music Institute of Chicago

18+

Nichols Concert Hall, 1490 Chicago Ave., Evanston. www.musicinst.org. **March 23**, 7:30 p.m.: "Opus 10 Faculty Extravaganza," featuring works by Chopin and Brahms. \$30; \$20 seniors; \$10 students.

Northwest Symphony Orchestra

13+ 18+

"Midsummer Night's Dream," 3:30 p.m. **April 7** in the Theatre for the Performing Arts at Maine West High School, 1755 S. Wolf Road, Des Plaines. \$20; \$15 seniors; \$10 students. Visit www.northwestsymphony.org.

Pick-Staiger Concert Hall

13+ 18+ 65+

At Northwestern University, 50 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston. www.pickstaiger.org. **March 22**, 7:30 p.m.: Pianist Jeffrey Siegel's Keyboard Conversations program, "Schubert in the Age of the Sound Bite." \$22; \$16 students.

POP/FOLK/JAZZ

Akoo Theatre at Rosemont

18+

5400 N. River Road, Rosemont. Tickets

available at www.ticketmaster.com or (800) 745-3000. **March 22**, 7:30 p.m.: The Australian Bee Gees Show (a tribute to the Bee Gees). \$35, \$45, \$55. **March 23**, 3 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.: Elvis Lives. \$39.50, \$49.50, \$69.50.

Allstate Arena

18+

6920 N. Mannheim Road, Rosemont. Tickets available at www.ticketmaster.com or (800) 745-3000. Parking is \$20, cash only. **March 28**, 7:30 p.m.: Green Day with Best Coast. \$27.50, \$52. **April 6**: Maroon 5 with special guests Neon Trees and Owl City.

Hanging Gardens Banquets

18+

8301 W. Belmont Ave., River Grove. (708) 456-2900. **March 26**, 7-10 p.m.: Jazz Community Big Band, an 18-piece big band based in Norridge, plays the music of Count Basie, Duke Ellington, Stan Kenton and others. \$10.

InterContinental Chicago O'Hare Hotel

18+

Montrose Room, 5300 N. River Road, Rosemont. www.montrose-room.com. **March 30**, 8 p.m.: Local H (alternative rock). \$15.

North Shore Harmonizers

18+ 65+

The women's a cappella chorus performs at 2 p.m. **March 21** at Central Baptist Village retirement home, 4747 N. Canfield Ave., Norridge. To attend, call (708) 583-8549.

Park Ridge Chorale

18+ 65+

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Pick-Staiger Concert Hall

18+

At Northwestern University, 50 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston. www.pickstaiger.org. **April 2**, 7:30 p.m.: Post-classical string quartet ETHEL and rock icon Todd Rundgren present "Tell Me Something Good." \$20; \$10 students. **April 3**, 7:30 p.m.: Grammy Award-winning jazz vocalist Kurt Elling and the Chicago Jazz Orchestra perform music of Cole Porter. \$26; \$10 students. **April 6**, 7:30 p.m.: "Chicago Reflections," featuring the Greater Harvest Missionary Baptist Church Mass

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**Smooth Jazz
Chicago**

18+

Hosting events at the InterContinental Chicago O'Hare Hotel, 5300 N. River Road, Rosemont. www.smooth-chicago.com. **April 13**, 7 p.m.: Saxophonist Richard Elliot, \$49-\$69.

April 14, 6:30 p.m.: Trumpeter Rick Braun, \$49-\$69.

S.P.A.C.E.

18+

1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston. www.evanspace.com. **March 22**, 7 p.m.: Karla Bonoff,

\$15-\$35. **March 22**, 7:30 p.m.: Cameron McGill in The Studios at SPACE (folk). \$15. **March 23-24**, 7 p.m.: The English Beat (ska). \$38/\$40. **March 27**, 7:30 p.m.: Holly Williams with Emily Hearn (country). \$10/\$12. **March 28**, 7 p.m.: Otis Taylor (blues). \$17/\$20.

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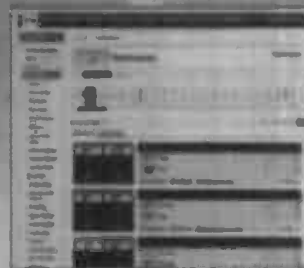
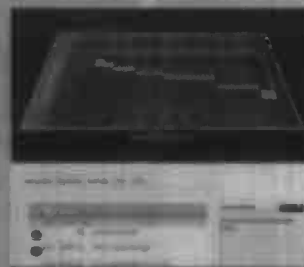
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Evanston Public Library

18+
1703 Orrington Ave. www.epl.org. **March 23, 2 p.m.:** Des Plaines Art Guild member Ed Dougal will discuss and demonstrate his print-making techniques.

Oakton Community College

18+ 65+
Koehonline 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 March 22:** "Farewell Show: Ceramics by Peter Hessemer and Paintings by James Krauss." **April 4-26:** "OakArt 2013," featuring paintings, drawings, ceramics, digital art, and photography by student artists. Opening reception 5-8 p.m. April 4.

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COMEDY

Curt's Cafe

18+
2922 Central St., Evanston. **March 22, 7:30 p.m.:** "An Evening of Comedy & Music" with Skokie resident Debbie Sue Goodman and friends. \$3.

Gorilla Tango's Skokie Theatre

18+
7924 Lincoln Ave. Skokie. www.gorillatango.com. **March 23, 7:30 p.m.:** "Breaking Belding." \$20. **March 30, 7:30 p.m.:** The Meshuganas, a stand-up comedy revue featuring Hollie and Steve Himmelman. \$22.

Zanies Comedy Club

18+
5437 Park Place, Rosemont. <http://rosemont.zanies.com>. **March 21:** Dobie Maxwell. **March 23:** Larry Reeb. **March 24:** Sarah Colonna. **March 27-30:** Tim Walkoe.

DANCE

North Shore Center for the Performing Arts

13+ 18+
9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie. (847) 673-6300. www.northshorecenter.org. **April 20-21, 2 p.m.:** Salt Creek Ballet presents "Alice in Wonderland." \$26, \$32. **April 27, 7:30 p.m.:** DanceWorks Chicago and Sons of the Never Wrong. \$20, \$26, \$32.

Polynesian Paradise Dancers

13+ 18+
Performing "Postcards from Paradise" at 6 p.m. **April 14** at Gorilla Tango Theatre, 7924 N. Lincoln Ave., Skokie. \$15. Visit www.gorillatangotheatre.com or call (847) 677-7761.

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Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge, with free admission, unless noted otherwise. Visit <http://crossedswords2013.wordpress.com> or call (847) 825-3123. **March 21:** "The Count of Monte Cristo" (1934). **March 28:** "Captain Blood" (1935).

Lincolnwood Public Library

18+
4000 W. Pratt Ave. (847) 677-5277. www.lincolnwoodlibrary.org. **March 22, 1 p.m.:** "End of Watch." **March 28, 10:30 a.m.:** "Alex Cross." **March 28, 1 p.m.:** Cinematic Classics features

"Out of the Past." **March 29, 1 p.m.:** "California Solo."

A Night at the Movies

18+
Turning Point Behavioral Health Care Center hosts a screening of the documentary "Of Two Minds," exploring life with bipolar disorder, 6-9 p.m. **April 8** at 27 Live, 1012 Church St., Evanston. An hors d'oeuvres reception and conversation with filmmaker Doug Blush, and Carlton Davis, one of the six individuals featured in the film, follows the screening. Tickets are \$70. For

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Northwest Chicago Film Society

18+ 65+
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.northwestchicagofilm-society.org. **March 27:** "City of Fear" (1959). **April 3:** "Dorothy Vernon of Haddon Hall" (1924), starring Mary Pickford. The screening

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18+

Hosting a wood sculpting demonstration by multimedia artist Tom Robinson at 7 p.m. **March 26** at the Skokie Public Library, 5215 Oakton St. Visit www.skokieartguild.org.

Skokie Photographic Society

18+

Meetings are held at 7:30 p.m. **the third Thursday** of each month at the Village Hall, 5127 Oakton St., Skokie. All levels of

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ET CETERA

"Brush with Nature"

13+ 18+

A free plein air painting demonstration will take place 11 a.m.-3 p.m. **April 20** at the Emily

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18+

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"Skooped: A Study in Circus"

13+ 18+

The production includes clowning, aerial acrobatics and live music, at 7:30 p.m. **March 22** and 4:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. **March 23** at The Actors Gymnasium, 927 Noyes St., Evanston. \$15-\$20. Call (847) 328-2795 or visit www.actorsgymnasium.com.

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13+ 18+ 65+

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www.ilholocaustmuseum.org. Admission: \$12; \$8 for students and senior citizens; \$6 for children ages 5-11. **Through April 21:** "Courage: The Vision to End Segregation, The Guts to Fight for It." Created by the Levine Museum of the New South, Charlotte, N.C., the exhibit traces the saga of Reverend J.A. De Laine and the citizens of Clarendon County, S.C., who brought a pivotal law suit challenging racial segregation in public schools. **April 7, 3 p.m.:** Holocaust Remembrance program that commemorates the 70th anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising will be presented in cooperation with the North Shore Fellowship of Rabbis and Chicago's Cantors. Free; reservations required. **April 14, 2 p.m.:** Artifact Talk: Rescue and Renewal — The Jewish Cultural Reconstruction Collection of the Hebrew Theological College. Grace Cohen Grossman


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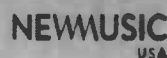
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By: Connie Blaszczyk, Managing Editor, Resource Center

The Great Place to Work® Institute, co-founded by Amy Lyman, recently announced their list of The 100 Best Companies to Work for in America for 2012.

As she points out in her new book, *The Trustworthy Leader: Leveraging the Power of Trust to Transform Your Organization* (Wiley, 2011) it's the adherence to building employee trust and employee engagement that puts many of the same top companies on the list, year after year.

We spoke with Lyman about the best practices that make some companies great places to work.

Monster: You interviewed many CEOs of companies that consistently make the list of 100 Best Companies list for your book, *The Trustworthy Leader*. What best practices stood out?

Lyman: The best practices of trustworthy and effective leaders really have more to do with how things are done rather than any specific practice.

There are many ways that a leader can make him or herself visible and talk with people, yet for leaders to develop trust-based relationships with people, their interactions need to be genuine and sincere. So a practice such as joining a department staff meeting to listen to people's ideas, or inviting people to lunch to learn more about who they are will help develop trust, if the leader is able to show genuine and sincere interest in the people at the meeting or lunch.

Leaders wanting to be trustworthy do not all need to be charismatic or polished public speakers, yet they do need to be genuinely interested in other people, value their ideas, and have a desire to be of service to them.

Monster: Has the recession redefined the characteristics of what makes a good company?

Lyman: The recession has only reinforced what makes a Best Company great. Even during financially difficult times, great companies utilize workplace communications to support their employees, share information, answer questions and provide equitable benefits.

A great place to work is based on the level of trust between employees and management; when times are tough, the importance of employee trust really shines through.

Monster: What new trends define today's great companies?

Lyman: Great companies are always looking for ways to insure that people are treated with respect and that everyone has a level playing field. Companies are seeking to insure career progress and development for a broad range of employees to support employee retention.

Workplace flexibility continues to be popular, as well as support for parental leave for parents giving birth and adopting.

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Monster: What about virtual or global companies with diverse ethnic and cultural workforces?

Lyman: Best Companies around the world seek to follow the same principles in every country by creating trust-based relationships between employees and management.

Certainly employees' cultural differences can come into play in terms of 'how' that is done, yet the fundamental commitment to employee engagement is the same.

Leaders focus significant resources on sharing information across country boundaries and time zones to insure that everyone is up to date on company activities and opportunities.

Global companies in particular seek to take advantage of company knowledge, wherever it exists, by using technology to boost collaboration and idea-sharing and promote professional development.

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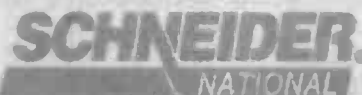
Monster: What advice do you have for employers about becoming an employer of choice? Companies are very interested in having a positive reputation in the marketplace as that affects people's interest in buying their products or services.

Lyman: In terms of the workplace, and being an employer of choice, leaders need to focus on the employees who are already working there – including all their employees. Word-of-mouth advertising is one of the most powerful mechanisms for recruiting new talent.

If leaders create high trust relationships with employees throughout the organization, then those employees will become walking spokespeople for the entire organization, making recruitment efforts much easier.

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 Plaintiff,
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 Defendants
 11 CH 038937
 5220 W. OAKTON STREET, UNIT #411 SKOKIE, IL 60077
 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on January 7, 2013, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on April 9, 2013, at the The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 5220 W. OAKTON STREET, UNIT #411, SKOKIE, IL 60077 Property Index No. 10-21-330-035-1039. The real estate is improved with a condo/townhouse. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For information, examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876. Please refer to file number 14-11-32900. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE You can also visit www.jscc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. 15W030

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NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100 BURR RIDGE, IL 60527 (630) 794-5300 Attorney File No. 14-11-32900 Attorney ARDC No. 00468002 Attorney Code. 21762 Case Number: 11 CH 038937 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.
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 3/7, 3/14, 3/21/13 #515039

SKOKIE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION
JP MORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION,
 Plaintiff
 -v-
OSCAR T. ROXAS A/K/A OSCAR ROXAS; UNKNOWN TRUSTEE, AS TRUSTEE OF THE OSCAR T. ROXAS REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST; CITIBANK, N.A. S/I TO CITIBANK (SOUTH DAKOTA), N.A.; MIDLAND FUNDING, LLC; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS,
 Defendants
 11 CH 27566
 Property Address: 9639 KOSTNER AVENUE SKOKIE, IL 60076
 NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
 Fisher and Shapiro file # 11-054159
 (It is advised that interested parties consult with their own attorneys before bidding at mortgage foreclosure sales.)
 PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered on January 17, 2013, Kallen Realty Services, Inc., as Selling Official will at 12:30 p.m. on April 18, 2013, at 205 W. Randolph Street, Suite 1020, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real property:
 Commonly known as 9639 Kostner Avenue, Skokie, IL 60076 Permanent Index No.: 10-10-420-038
 The mortgaged real estate is improved with a dwelling. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
 The judgment amount was \$112,233.58. Sale terms for non-parties: 10% of successful bid immediately at conclusion of auction, balance by 12:30 p.m. the next business day, both by cashier's checks; and no refunds. The sale shall be subject to general real estate taxes, special taxes levied, and superior liens, if any. The property is offered "as is," with no express or implied warranties and without any representation as to the quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to review the court file to verify all information.
 For information: Sale Clerk, Fisher and Shapiro, Attorney # 42168, 2121 Waukegan Road, Suite 301, Bannockburn, Illinois 60015, (847) 498-9990, between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. weekdays only. 1511571
 3/7, 3/14, 3/21/13 #514989

NORRIDGE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.
 Plaintiff,
 -v-
DANIEL RASIC, TRACIE RASIC A/K/A TRACIE D. RASIC
 Defendants
 12 CH 161
 4424 NORTH OZANAM AVENUE NORRIDGE, IL 60706
 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on January 9, 2013, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on April 11, 2013, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 4424 North Ozanam Avenue, Norridge, IL 60706 Property Index No. 12-13-110-016-0000. The real estate is improved with a single family one story home with a detached 2 car garage. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid

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by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For information, visit our website at service.atty-pierce.com, between the hours of 3 and 5 pm. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One North Dearborn Street Suite 1300, CHICAGO, IL 60602. Tel No. (312) 476-5500. Please refer to file number PA1127353. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.jscc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES One North Dearborn Street Suite 1300 CHICAGO, IL 60602 (312) 476-5500 Attorney File No. PA1127353 Attorney Code. 91220 Case Number: 12 CH 161
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 3/21, 3/28, 4/4/13 #524026

SKOKIE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois, County Department, Chancery Division.
Beal Bank S.S.B.,
 Plaintiff,
 vs.
Susan M. Johnson; Resurgence Financial, LLC; Centuron Capital Corp. dba Phoenix Capital Holdings Inc.; Midland Funding LLC; 8919 North LaCrosse Building Condominium Association; Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants
 Defendants,
 12 CH 4962
 Sheriff's # 130162
 Pursuant to a Judgment made and entered by said Court in the above entitled cause, Thomas J. Dart, Sheriff of Cook County, Illinois, will on May 1, 2013, at 1pm in room LL06 of the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction the following described premises and real estate mentioned in said Judgment:
 Common Address: 8919 La Crosse Avenue, Unit 1N, Skokie, Illinois 60077
 P.L.N.: 10-16-423-064-1001 (new); 10-16-423-043 (old)
 Improvements: This property consists of a Residential Condominium Unit.
 Sale shall be under the following terms: payment of not less than ten percent (10%) of the amount of the successful and highest bid to be paid to the Sheriff by cashier's check or certified funds at the sale; and the full remaining balance to be paid to the Sheriff by cashier's check or certified funds within twenty-four (24) hours after the sale.
 Sale shall be subject to general taxes, special assessments.
 Premise will NOT be open for inspection.
 The purchaser of a condominium unit, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments as required by 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).
 Firm Information: Plaintiff's Attorney FREEDMAN ANSELMO LINDBERG LLC
 Anthony Porto
 1807 W. DIEHL, Ste 333
 Naperville, IL 60566-7228
 foreclosurenotice@fal-illinois.com

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866-402-8661 fax 630-428-4620
 For bidding instructions, visit www.fal-illinois.com
 This is an attempt to collect a debt pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.
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 3/21, 3/28, 4/4/13 #523960

SKOKIE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
BANK OF AMERICA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
 Plaintiff,
 -v-
ENRIQUE MURILLO, NANCY MURILLO, 8336 N. CHRISTIANA BUILDING ASSOCIATION, SPRINGLEAF FINANCIAL SERVICES OF ILLINOIS, INC., FORD MOTOR CREDIT COMPANY, LLC
 Defendants
 12 CH 022319
 8336 CHRISTIANA AVENUE UNIT #2E SKOKIE, IL 60076
 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on October 18, 2012, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on April 1, 2013, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 8336 CHRISTIANA AVENUE UNIT #2E, SKOKIE, IL 60076 Property Index No. 10-23-404-079-1003. The real estate is improved with a single family residence. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For information, examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876. Please refer to file number 14-12-09730. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE You can also visit www.jscc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100 BURR RIDGE, IL 60527

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(630) 794-5300 Attorney File No. 14-12-09730 Attorney ARDC No. 00468002 Attorney Code. 21762 Case Number: 12 CH 022319
 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.
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MORTON GROVE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON, AS TRUSTEE FOR STRUCTURED ASSET MORTGAGE INVESTMENTS II TRUST 2006-AR5, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-AR5
 Plaintiff,
 -v-
FREDERICK L. GABRIEL A/K/A FREDERICK GABRIEL CHICAGO TITLE LAND TRUST COMPANY AS TRUSTEE U/T/A DATED 9/18/08 A/K/A TRUST NO. 8002351719, UNKNOWN BENEFICIARIES OF CHICAGO TITLE LAND TRUST COMPANY U/T/A DATED 9/18/08 A/K/A TRUST NO. 8002351719, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS
 Defendants
 12 CH 013671
 7309 ARCADIA STREET MORTON GROVE, IL 60053
 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on September 10, 2012, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on April 1, 2013, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 7309 ARCADIA STREET, MORTON GROVE, IL 60053 Property Index No. 09-13-408-012. The real estate is improved with a residence. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. 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Bid Notice

The Board of Education, Evanston/Skokie School District 65, 1500 McDaniel Avenue, Evanston, Illinois 60201, will receive sealed bids for:

SITE IMPROVEMENTS AT ORRINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PROJECT NO. 12139

The Bid Opening will be on Wednesday, April 3, 2013 at 10:00 AM at the Administrative Warehouse Office, 2017 Greenleaf, Evanston, Illinois 60202. At this time the Bids will be publicly opened and read. A Performance and Payment Bond in the full amount of the contract will be required. A Bid Security of 10% of the Bid is required with the proposal. The Contractor must pay the Prevailing Wage Rates for all work per Illinois Law.

It is the policy of Evanston/Skokie School District 65 to provide equal opportunity to all qualified businesses in the awarding of contracts and accordingly promotes the utilization of diversified businesses to the maximum extent feasible in any contract issued against this solicitation to bid.

Scope of Work: Concrete pavement, asphalt pavement, tree removal, playfield restoration and landscaping.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all Bids, to waive irregularities in the bidding procedure, or accept the Bid that in its opinion will serve its best interest. Any such decision shall be considered final. The Owner reserves the right to set aside a Bid from a Contractor who, in the Owner's opinion, does not exhibit past experience equal to the size and scope of this project.

The bidder shall have a written sexual harassment policy in place in full compliance with Section 2-105 of the Illinois Human Rights Act.

EDIT TO SUIT PROJECT. THREE SETS IS STANDARD FOR ARCON. ON LARGER PROJECTS CONSIDER INCREASING THE NUMBER.

PREVAILING WAGE LAW: This contract calls for the construction of a public work, within the meaning of the Illinois Prevailing Wage Act, 820 ILCS 130.01 et seq. (the Act). The Act requires contractors and subcontractors to pay laborers, workers and mechanics performing services on public works projects no less than the current prevailing rate of wages (hourly cash wages plus amount for fringe benefits) in the county where the work is performed. The Department publishes the prevailing wage rates on its website at: <http://www.state.il.us/agency/idol/rates/rates.htm>. The Department revises the prevailing wage rates and the contractor/subcontractor has an obligation to check the Department's web site for revisions to prevailing wage rates. For information regarding current prevailing wage rates, please refer to the Illinois Department of Labor website. All contractors and sub-contractors rendering services under this contract must comply with all requirements of the Act, including but not limited to, all wage, notice and record keeping duties.

Obtain Bidding Documents (maximum 3 sets) after March 20, 2013 at: BHFx, LLC 30W250 Butterfield Road Warrenville, Illinois 60555 P: 630-393-0777 F: 630-393-0888 <http://planroom.bhfx.net/pnonin> [Warrenville@bhfx.net](http://warrenville@bhfx.net)

A refundable deposit for the drawings and specifications of \$ 100.00 per set is required. Pub: 3/21/2013 524666

Divorce

State Of Illinois
County of Cook
In the Circuit Court for Cook County, Illinois County Department, Domestic Relations Division
In Re the Marriage of Tetyana Bondarenko, Plaintiff vs Oleg Bondarenko, Defendant
No. 13 D 002352
Notice by Publication
Public notice is hereby given you, Oleg Bondarenko, that the above suit has been filed against you for a Dissolution of Marriage and other relief, which suit is now pending. Unless you, Oleg Bondarenko, answer or otherwise appear in said suit on or before May 24, 2013, a judgment of default may be entered against you.
s/s Dorothy Brown, Clerk of the Circuit Court
50 W. Washington, Chicago, IL Dated this 15th day of March, 2013
Igor Gromov
Attorney for Plaintiff
1020 N. Milwaukee Ave., Ste. 101
Deerfield, IL 60015
(847) 845-1779
3/21 3/28 4/13 #525601

Probate
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - PROBATE DIVISION
ESTATE OF GRACE M. MAJDA, Deceased
No. 05 P 0086
PUBLICATION NOTICE
TO: CHERYL ANN BANCROFT, EDWARD MALIN, and ROBERT MALIN or their heirs, successors, or assigns:
1. GRACE M. MAJDA died on December 7, 2004, and was a resident of Mt. Prospect, Illinois.
2. The Representative for the Estate is ROY E. MALINOWSKI, 1327 Seafarer Street, Ventura, CA 93001-4251.
3. The Attorney for the Estate is CARY A. LIND, P.C., 121 S. Wilke Rd., Suite 407, Arlington Hts., Illinois 60005.
4. On February 7, 2013, The Final Report of Independent Representative was filed; if no objection is filed within 42 days after the filing of the report, the Independent Representative will be discharged and the Estate closed in accordance with 755 ILCS 5/28-11(e).
s/ BY: CARY A. LIND, P.C. Attorneys for Representative
CARY A. LIND, P.C.
Attorneys for Plenary Guardian
121 S. Wilke Road - Suite 407
Arlington Heights, IL 60005
(847) 577-0030
Attorney No.: 23703
3/21, 3/28, 4/13 #504804

State of Illinois in the Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois
Probate Division
In the matter of the estate of Lula Fugate, Deceased
Case No. 2012 P 5559
PUBLICATION NOTICE
Notice is given in the death of Lula Fugate of Chicago, Illinois Letters of office were issued on February 20, 2013 to Larry Fugate, 175 Davis Court, Round Lake Park, IL 60073, whose attorney is: Edwin R. Niemira, pc. 1110 N. Ashland Ave., Chicago, IL 60622 773-276-1322
Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the clerk on or before September 18, 2013, which date is not less than six (6) months from the date of the first publication of the notice and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of any claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.
s/Edwin R. Niemira pc
Pub:3/14, 21, 28/2013 515756

Probate

State of Illinois
In the Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois
In the matter of the estate of Konstantina Tselikis (Deceased)
Case No. 2013 P 758
Publication Notice
Notice is hereby given of the death of Konstantina Tselikis of Wheeling, Illinois. Letters of office were issued on February 25, 2013 to Peter Tselekis, 715 N. Drury Lane, Arlington Heights, IL 60004 whose attorney is Shari A. Shapiro, 4355 Foster St., Skokie, IL 60076. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court in Room 1292, Richard J. Daley Center, Chicago, Illinois 60602 or with the representative, or both, on or before September 12, 2013, which date is not less than 6 months from the date of the first publication 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 delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.
s/Peter Tselikis Representative
s/ Shari A. Shapiro Attorney
Pub: 3/7 14 21/2013 515116

STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS PROBATE DIVISION
In the matter of the estate of Edward A. Vavrik, Deceased
Case No. 2013 P 627
NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of Edward A. Vavrik of Chicago, Illinois. Letters of office were issued on February 14, 2013 to Anne M. Langford, 8709 49th Terrace East, Bradenton, FL 34211, whose attorney is Robert J. Ross, Atty. Code 50254, 1622 W. Colonial Parkway, Suite 201, Inverness, Illinois 60067. 847-358-5757
Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court in Room 1202, Richard J. Daley Center, Chicago, Illinois 60602 or with the representative, or both, on or before September 16, 2013, which date is not less than 6 months from the date of the first publication of this notice and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of this claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it is filed.
s/Anne M. Langford, Administrator
s/Robert J. Ross, Attorney
522179 Pub: 3/21 28 4/4/2013

Public Notices

PUBLIC NOTICE
If you live in Niles Township and have a child in grades K-8 who is home-schooled or attends a private school and you are concerned about their educational growth and development, please contact Niles Township District for Special Education, Tarin Kendrick, Executive Director. PH: 847-965-9040, 8701 Menard, Morton Grove, IL 60053.
Pub: 3-21-13 524671

LEGAL NOTICE
**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT 64 IN THE COUNTY OF COOK, STATE OF ILLINOIS, THAT A TENTATIVE AMENDED BUDGET FOR SAID SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2012 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2013 WILL BE ON FILE AND CONVENIENTLY AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION AT THE RAYMOND E. HENDEE EDUCATIONAL SERVICE CENTER (ESC), 164 S. PROSPECT AVENUE, PARK RIDGE, ILLINOIS, 60068, FROM 8:00 A.M. TO 4:00 P.M., MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY, BEGINNING TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 2013, EXCEPT FOR MARCH 25 THROUGH MARCH 29, 2013, ESC WILL BE CLOSED FOR SPRING BREAK. COPIES OF SAID AMENDED BUDGET WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE AT THE PARK RIDGE AND NILES PUBLIC LIBRARIES. NOTICE IS FURTHER HEREBY GIVEN THAT A PUBLIC HEARING ON SAID AMENDED BUDGET WILL BE HELD AT 7:15 P.M. ON MONDAY, APRIL 22, 2013 AT ROOSEVELT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, 1001 S. FAIRVIEW, PARK RIDGE, IL 60068. DATED THIS MARCH 18, 2013 BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT 64 ERIC UHLIG SECRETARY
3/21/2013 524675**

Public Hearings
LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Skokie Plan Commission, Thursday, April 18, 2013, Village of Skokie, 5127 Oakton Street, Skokie, Illinois 60077, at 7:30 P.M., to consider the following:
NEW Zoning Map Amendment: 5150 Touhy
Abdul R. Panjwani & Salma Panjwani as co-trustees of the Abdul R. Panjwani Living Trust request a map amendment to change the zoning district of 5150 Touhy Avenue from B1 Service Commercial to B2 Commercial.
2013-6P - Special Use Permit: 5150 Touhy
Abdul R. Panjwani and Salma Panjwani as co-trustees of the Abdul R. Panjwani Living Trust,
3/21, 3/28, 4/4, 4/11 #523853

Public Hearings
PUBLIC NOTICE
PUBLIC HEARING HELD ON PROPOSED AMENDED BUDGET FOR 2012-13
Notice is hereby given by the Board of Education of School District 73.5, County of Cook, State of Illinois, that the Proposed Amended Budget for said School District for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2012 and ending June 30, 2013 will be on file and conveniently available for public inspection at the Skokie School District 73.5, Superintendent's Office, 8000 East Prairie Road, Skokie, IL 60076, from 7:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. each Monday through Friday on or after March 21, 2013. In addition, the Proposed Amended Budget will be posted on the District's Web site (www.sd735.org) and will also be available for public inspection at the Skokie Public Library, 5217 Oakton St.
Notice is further hereby given that a Public Hearing on said Proposed Amended Budget will be held at 7:00 p.m. on the 23rd day of April 2013 at McCracken Middle School, 8000 East Prairie Road, in this School District.
James McNelis, President
Skokie School District 73.5
Board of Education
Pub:3/21/2013 524431

Public Hearings

request a special use permit to allow outdoor dining at an existing limited service restaurant and any relief discovered during the review of this case.
2013-7P - Subdivision: 9599 Skokie Boulevard
Oxford OBG-Waterton Skokie Hotel Property Company, LLC, requests a 2-lot subdivision in a B4 Regional Shopping district.
2013-8P - Site Plan Approval: 9501-9599 Skokie Boulevard and 4707 & 4709 Golf Road
Oxford OBG-Waterton Skokie Hotel Property Company LLC; CFO2, Skokie LLC; Village of Skokie; and Centre East Metropolitan Exposition Authority; request modification of an existing site plan approval for a planned development in a B4 Regional Shopping district to allow for the construction of an additional 3,567 sq ft building near the northwest corner of the property, 2 drive-up ATMs, and an expansion of the east-side parking lot. The petitioners are also requesting relief from the Village Code to build 101' and 136' from the B4 district boundary rather than 150', additional relief from the parking requirements for the entire site, which would require modifications to the shared parking reduction in the existing site plan approval, and any other relief discovered during the review of this case.
2013-9P - Special Use Permit: 4749 Golf Road
Oxford OBG-Waterton Skokie Hotel Property Company, LLC, requests a special use permit for 2 drive-up ATM machines in a B4 Regional Shopping district and any relief discovered during the review of this case.
FOR YOUR INFORMATION: Plans and related documents are available at the Village's Community Development Department, Planning Division, (847) 933-8447 Monday through Friday, from 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM.
SPECIAL AID: Available upon request for the disabled. Call (847) 673-0500 or TDD (847) 933-8455.
Interested parties are invited to attend this meeting. This notice is for information purposes only. Published in the Skokie Review on March 21, 2013.
Paul Luke, Chairman
3/21/13 #525980

Storage - Legal
Life Storage Centers of Algonquin, LLC will hold a public sale to enforce a lien imposed on said property, as described below, pursuant to the Illinois Self-Service Storage Facility Act, Illinois Code 770 ILCS 95/1 to 95/7, at 03:00 PM on Wednesday, April 10, 2013, at Life Storage Centers of Algonquin, LLC, 2301 W. Algonquin Road, Algonquin, Illinois 60102 (847)658-8600.
Management reserves the right to withdraw any unit from sale. Registered or motor vehicles are sold "As Is / Parts Only," no titles or registration.

Storage - Legal

Tenant Name	Unit #
Robert Prudik	109
Jeffery Pruemer	520
Jimmy Ragan	572 & 589
Ellen Dueland	665
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Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Illinois Self-Service Storage Facilities Act, a sale will be held on April 10th, 2013 11:00 AM., at Life Storage Centers of Elgin, 450 Airport Rd, Elgin, IL 60123 (847)888-1834. The contents of the below spaces will be sold at a public sale for cash, credit card or certified funds. If there is no market value or no bids received, the goods will be otherwise disposed of.
Jennifer Cully Unit #229
Brandon Kitchen Unit #234
Laura Alarcon Unit #662
Laura Aldeguer Unit #721
Shari Ramirez Unit #768
Tyreshia Harper Unit #5101
Pub: 3/21 & 3/28/2013 524677

NOTICE OF AUCTION
Life Storage Centers of Hermosa will hold a public sale to enforce a lien imposed on said property, as described below, pursuant to the Illinois Self-Service Storage Facility Act, Illinois Code 770 ILCS 95/1 to 95/7, at 4:00 PM on Monday April 8, 2013 at Life Storage Centers of Hermosa, 4500 W. Grand Ave. Chicago, IL 60639. Phone number is 773-235-8452.
Management reserves the right to withdraw any unit from sale. Registered or motor vehicles are sold "As Is/Parts Only" no titles or registration.
Unit Tenant Name
688 George Jones
132 Maritza Jauregui
246 Patrick Wandick
475 Lovella Murray
363 Payton L. Tisby
446 Delmy Fonseca
538 Cheryl Martin
550 Cheryl Martin
515 Sasha Paez
3/21/13, 3/28/13 524669

NOTICE OF AUCTION
Life Storage Centers of Morton Grove will hold a public sale to enforce a lien imposed on said property, as described below, pursuant to the Illinois Self-Service Storage Facility Act Illinois Code 770 ILCS 95/1 to 95/7, at 1:00 PM on Thursday, April 11th, 2013, at Life Storage Centers of Morton Grove, 6505 West Oakton Street, Morton Grove, Illinois, 60053, 847-966-1899. Management reserves the right to withdraw any unit from sale. Registered or motor vehicles are sold "As Is / Parts Only," no titles or registration.
Tenant Name Unit #
Patricia Brooks 1141
Patricia Brooks 1142
James Hoffman 1333
George D. Banc 1230
Nestor Nano 1535
Bruce L. Levin 1323
Jerold LeVine 1031
Richard Spandary 1724
Kyung Nam 1344
Zabrin Inan 1044
Pub:3/21, 3/28/2013 524683

Notice of Auction
Life Storage Centers of River North will hold a public sale to enforce a lien imposed on said property, as described below, pursuant to the Illinois Self-Service Storage Facilities Act, Illinois Code 770 ILCS to 95/7, at 10:00 AM on Monday, April 8, 2013, at Life Storage of River North, 333 West Ohio Street, Chicago, Illinois, 60654. Phone: 312-222-0136
Management reserves the right to withdraw any unit from sale. Registered or motor vehicles are sold "As Is / Parts Only." No titles or registration.
Tenant Name Unit #
Level-1, McElroy: Unit# 1030
Bevery, T. Unit# 1068
Brinker, H. Unit# 1069
Kamis, M. Unit #3001
3/21, 3/28/2013 #525925

Storage - Legal

Life Storage Centers of Rogers Park will hold a public sale to enforce a lien imposed on said property, as described below, pursuant to the Illinois Self-Service Storage Facility Act, Illinois Code 770 ILCS 95/1 to 95/7, at 11:00 AM on Thursday, April 11th, 2013, at Life Storage Centers of Rogers Park, 7524 N. Paulina St. Chicago, Illinois, 60626. (773) 381-1417
Management reserves the right to withdraw any unit from sale. Registered or motor vehicles are sold "As Is / Parts Only," no titles or registration.
Tenant Name Unit #
Sherman S. Hall L39
Albert Espino 108
Elaine Mason 111
Eddie Mae Ferguson 115
Ashli Serrano 166
Lasaundra Collins 170
Nicholas Kennedy 192
Mauricio Rincon 213
Rodney Bates 215
Debra L. Crestoni 224
Luke F. Urbanowski 246
Jim H. Roberts 328
Mertene Tillis 361
Tierra Weisinger 362
Laura Ann Hans 394
James O. Hollis 395
Joelle Johnson 403
Dawn Hanks 427
Wyvetta A. Westbrook 431
Harth Razaa 435
Cornel Gorahm 450
Brandon Espinosa 485
Maria D. Ramos 514
Tamika Ross 515
Tony F. Cayuela Jr. 554
Denise Johnson 576
Raisa Danilova 663
Anthony Wolfe 666
Malik Shakir 697
Michael McCarthy 706
Billy J. Tatum 721
Jeremy Hays 801
Anthony S. Robinson 813
Theodore Thomas 864
Stanley Jones 883
Malcolm Amos 891
Adonis Horton 907
Roderick Mobleby 964
Leta Watson 967
Vashti Watson 973
Pub: 3/21, 3/28/2013 520154

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY
Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Section 4 of the Self-Service Storage Facility Act, State of Illinois, the undersigned will sell at a public sale by competitive bidding on: Date & Time 4-5-13 at 3 pm
Units to be auctioned:
Bethany Joy Dean # 674 personal item and boxes, one bed.
Pub: 3/21, 3/28/2013 524680

Life Storage Centers of South Loop will hold a public sale to enforce a lien imposed on said property, as described below, pursuant to the Illinois Self-Service Storage Facility Act, Illinois Code 770 ILCS 95/1 to 95/7, at 10:00 AM on Friday, April 12, 2013 at Life Storage Centers of the South Loop, 2361 S. State St. Chicago, IL 60616.
Management reserves the right to withdraw any unit from sale. Registered or motor vehicles are sold "As Is / Parts Only," no titles or registration.
Tenant Name Unit #
Wendell Smoot 144
Mark Hopkins 111516
Shannon D. Hampton 1123
Michael Bowen 1129
Elizabeth M. Beardsley 2008
Sabrina Morgan 2015
Sabrina Morgan 2016
Louis Jenkins 2024
Rodney Weems 2080
Katondria McCarter 2098
Debbie Patterson 2153
Vincent Winn 2181
Community Renovation Partners 2187
Brandi Williams 3039
Joseph Phillips 3062
Jan Vega 3081
Elizabeth Oshinson 3113
Daphne Robinson 3150
Raymond Brazell 3173
Gwendolyn Vann 3180
David Gardner 4019
Kenneth Ray 4054
Wyvette Hawkins 4075

Storage - Legal

Foot Nanny.Com INC 4099
Emmanuel Okere 4113
Eric Lewis 4120
Carlisa Battles 4151
Chantal Battle 4173
David Maedane 5060
Wauince Cole 5080
3/21, 3/28/2013 #525594

Life Storage Centers of the Southwest Loop will hold a public sale to enforce a lien imposed on said property, as described below, pursuant to the Illinois Self-Service Storage Facility Act, Illinois Code 770 ILCS 95/1 to 95/7, at 2:00 PM on Wednesday, April 10, 2013, at Life Storage Centers of the Southwest Loop, 601 W. Harrison St., Chicago, IL, 60607 (312)-360-1153
Management reserves the right to withdraw any unit from sale. Registered or motor vehicles are sold "As Is / Parts Only," no titles or registration.
Tenant Name Unit #
Kevin Clay 200
Apria Healthcare 407
Claude Turner 449
Amelia Fugham 503
Darlene Williams 596
Betty Davis 681
Jeanne Julien 762
Darius D Bell 814
Alan Maynie 823
David Hamilton 1074A
Barbara Barnes 1084A
Pub:3/21, 3/28/2013 524672

Life Storage Centers of Wrigleyville will hold a public sale to enforce a lien imposed on said property, as described below, pursuant to the Illinois Self-Service Storage Facility Act, Illinois Code 770 ILCS 95/1 to 95/7, at 12:00 PM on Monday, April 8, 2013, at Life Storage Centers of Wrigleyville, 3323 West Addison Street, Chicago, Illinois, 60618.
Management reserves the right to withdraw any unit from sale. Registered or motor vehicles are sold "As Is / Parts Only," no titles or registration.
Tenant Name Unit #
James Rosenthal 1066, 1146
Aubrey Harvey 2053
Rosa M. Gonzalez 2105
Michael DeValle 2110
Maria Ines Quiroz 3176
Nancy Lituma 4001
Arthur J. Krauss 4002
Deanne L. Robinson 4153
Michael S. Chesler 4187
Daniel Maor 4206
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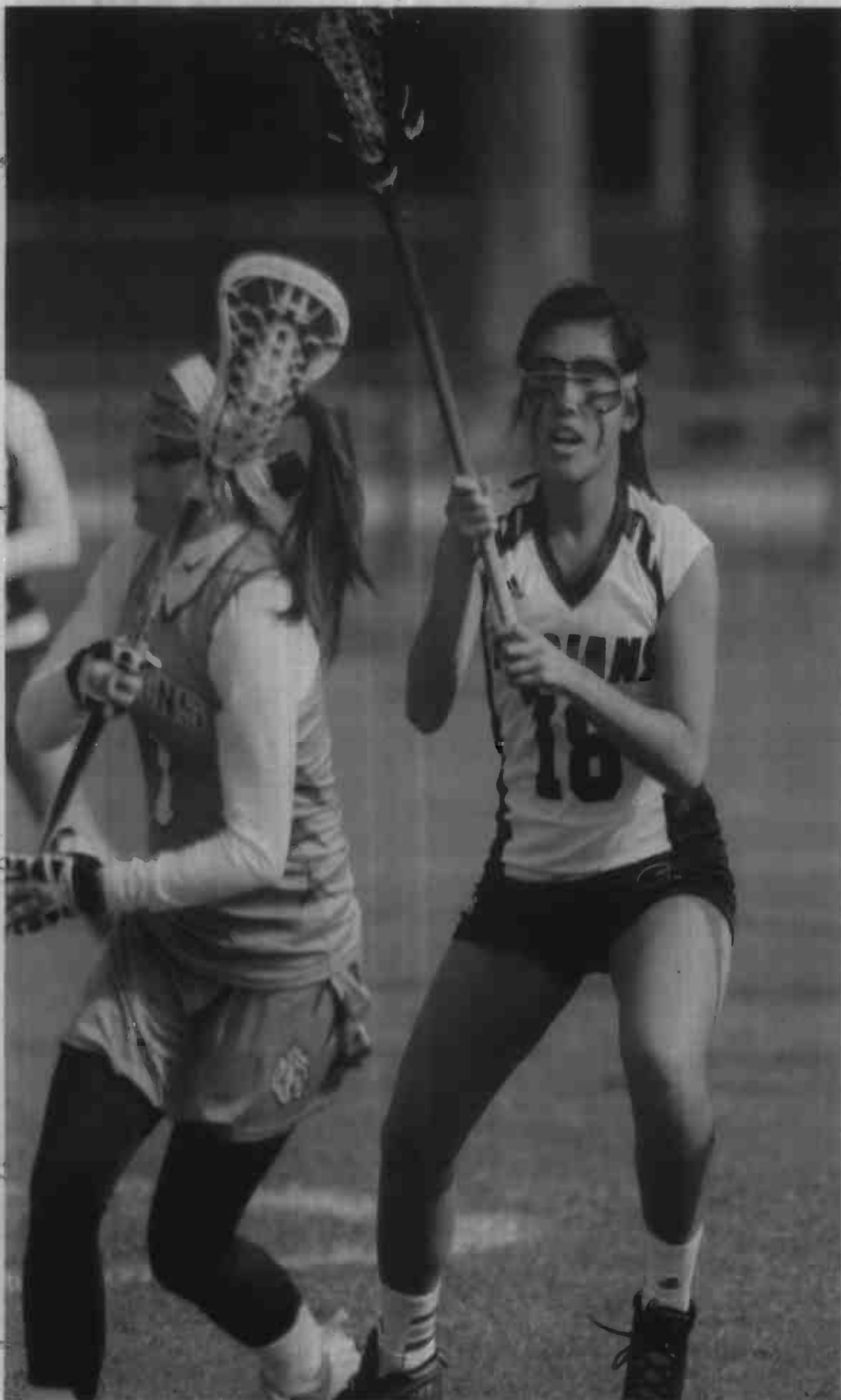
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Vernon Hills alumna Jihee Choi (right) is a freshman on the Mount Olive (N.C.) women's lacrosse team, a Division II program. This is the first season that Mount Olive has fielded a women's lacrosse team. |

MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE ATHLETICS

COLLEGE ROUNDUP

Choi nets first collegiate goal for Mount Olive

BY NICK BULLOCK | Contributor | @Pioneer_Press

Vernon Hills alumna **Jihee Choi**, a freshman on the Mount Olive (N.C.) women's lacrosse team, scored her first collegiate goal against Saint Leo on March 8 in Saint Leo, Fla.

Choi's goal came late in the first half, but her Trojans ultimately fell 11-6.

Audrey Kiefer, a Fenwick alumna and sophomore member of the women's tennis team at Saint Mary's College in Notre Dame, Ind., contributed to two of the Belles' points in their 6-3 loss to Haverford on Friday.

Kiefer and her doubles partner took an 8-5 win at No. 3 doubles. Then in singles, the Hinsdale native battled back after losing the first set 6-4. She took the second set 6-2 and then won the tiebreaker 10-2.

Glenbrook South alumna **Maddy Stark** recently earned North Coast Athletic Conference Pitcher of the Week honors after she started her season out with a 5-0 record through six starts for Kenyon College. The sophomore had a .106 ERA and 28 strikeouts in 39 2/3 innings pitched and held batters to a .179 batting average in those first six starts, which included two shutouts.

Power Rankings

Pioneer Press Basketball Final Power Rankings

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

BOYS

1. Stevenson 40 (4)
2. New Trier 36
- 3 (t). Niles North 27
- 3 (t). Notre Dame 27
5. Oak Park-River Forest 22
6. Maine South 21
7. St. Joseph 9
8. Fenwick 8
9. Mundelein 7
10. Loyola 6

Others receiving votes:

Carmel 5; Hinsdale Central 5; North Shore Country Day 4; Lake Zurich 2; Lake Forest 1.

With her help, the Ladies got off to a 10-3 start.

New Trier graduate **Chelsea Delaney** is a third baseman on the team. The sophomore from Kenilworth is batting .283.

Evanston alumnus **Chris Medard**, a freshman guard on the Oakton Community College men's basketball team, recently became a second-team selection for the NJCAA Division II Region IV 2012-2013 All-Region Men's Basketball Team.



Glenbrook South alumna and Kenyon College sophomore Maddy Stark recently earned North Coast Athletic Conference Pitcher of the Week honors. | **KENYON COLLEGE**

Stevenson alumnus **Matt Loochtan**, a freshman on the then-No. 8-ranked Iowa men's gymnastics team, scored a 14.950 to take first place on the vault against then-No. 10 Nebraska on Feb. 23 in Iowa City, Iowa.

The Hawthorn Woods native also led the Hawk-eyes in the floor exercise and took fourth place in the meet in that event. Those two finishes helped the Hawkeyes defeat Nebraska 427.500-425.400.

Loochtan then followed up that performance with a first-place team finish and third-place meet finish in the floor exercise against then-No. 7

Minnesota on March 2 in Minneapolis. Loochtan also took seventh on the parallel bars, but Iowa fell 428.750-416.300.

Del Vecchio Orozco (Maine East) and **Eric Lofstrom** (Mundelein) are two other freshmen on the team that attended area high schools.

Evanston alumnus **Jack Anderson**, a freshman reliever for the Penn State baseball team, recorded his second career save in a 3-0 win on March 3 against Nebraska-Omaha in San Antonio.

The Evanston native had a 1.35 ERA in his first six

appearances, which is second lowest on the team through Penn State's first 14 games. Anderson also has two strikeouts in his 6 2/3 innings pitched.

New Trier graduate **Nick Hedge** also is a freshman pitcher on the team.

Have a suggestion for the College Roundup? Email Nick Bullock at bullockpioneerpress@gmail.com. ■

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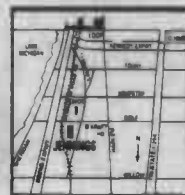
More than any other sport, baseball is a game of statistics. So here's the latest from a Yale professor of economics who used mathematical models to determine the age at which hitters and pitchers reach their peak. Using the career stats of every major leaguer from 1921 through 2004 who played at least 10 full seasons, the professor's findings were surprising. The peak age for a hitter is roughly 28 (which just happens to be the age at which eyesight begins to decline) and for a pitcher approximately 26.

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BOYS VOLLEYBALL SEASON PREVIEW

Wolf devotes himself to sport in offseason

Look out for ...

Matt Kaiser (sr.)**Setter****Glenbrook South**

The 6-foot-1 Kaiser was a CSL South All-Conference player a year ago. In addition to being a pinpoint ball distributor, Kaiser has the ability to help the block at the net, which is so critical in the loaded CSL South. "He will be a big contributor for us this season," Glenbrook South coach Timothy Monahan said.

Matt Wascher (sr.)**Setter****New Trier**

Wascher, a senior and second-year starter on varsity, was appointed to the all-conference team last season and named all-tournament in the prestigious Lincoln Way East and Warren invitationals. "Matt is an all-around player. He does everything well," New Trier coach Sue Ellen Haak said. "He is the truest team player in every sense." Wascher's blocking ability will be important against the big CSL front lines.

Cody Bolan (sr.)**Libero****Glenbrook North**

Once again the Spartans should have a dominant back line; it helped them become the state runners-up last season. They will be led by arguably one of the area's top liberos in Bolan. "He is very fast and he plays fearlessly," Glenbrook North coach Chris Cooper said. The 5-foot-7 libero's passing should make the Spartans' front line formidable.

Michael Hopkins (sr.)**Outside hitter****Maine South**

"Michael jumps well and he hits the ball hard," Maine South coach Gary Granell said. "He also brings us a lot of versatility by being able to play the left or right side."



In this April 19, 2012, photo, Maine South's Nate Wolf attacks the ball against Evanston. The 6-foot-8 Wolf trained with the Vortex Volleyball Club in the offseason. | MICHELLE LAVIGNE-Sun-Times Media

BY MARK PERLMAN | Contributor

Maine South senior outside hitter Nate Wolf had a big decision to make back in the fall.

"I was always a basketball player," said Wolf, who played three years for the Hawks. "I only played volleyball during the high school season. But I decided to quit basketball to concentrate on volleyball. I thought there was a lot more upside with volleyball."

Wolf joined the Vortex Volleyball Club in Glenview last year and has never looked back.

At 6-foot-8, Wolf can intimidate opponents on the other side of the net.

"He's got the size to be a dominant force, both offensively and defensively," Maine South coach Gary Granell said. "He's got long arms with a big block and he's pretty good in the back row."

Wolf has gone from a solid player last year to potentially one of the area's top performers.

"He can be right up there with the group of elite players," Granell said.

Just one season of club volleyball has paid dividends for the Hawks outside hitter.

"My swing technique has improved a lot. I'm able to reach higher above the net," Wolf said. "I'm making smarter shots also, using the (opponents') block to my advantage. Of course my size helps out a lot. I can get above the net with ease."

When Wolf recounted one of the club drills that he credits for helping him, he let out a bit of a chuckle.

"I wore these aqua gloves in practice that are made for swimming," Wolf said. "They were funky big blue mittens that kept my fingers spread apart so that I could use more of the surface of my hand when I hit. The team kind of harassed me about them. I looked like Aquaman."

With the volleyball season scheduled to begin this week, Wolf's high school teammates are excited about the potential of their outside hitter.

"Nate has definitely improved his blocking and hitting," the Hawks other star outside hitter Michael Hopkins said. "We have a really good team with him." ■

JORDAN REICH



106

VERNON HILLS
JUNIOR

His third-place finish in Class 2A guaranteed Vernon Hills a third consecutive state medalist, following in the footsteps of Gideon Yim in 2011 and state champ Jeremy Brazil in 2012. Reich (46-6) won the Lakes Regional and Antioch Sectional before falling to eventual state champion Danny Swan of Oak Forest in the semifinals.

MATTHEW RUNDSELL



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The runner-up in 2012 made a return trip to the state meet as a sophomore. He fell victim to a tough draw, dropping his first bout to an eventual state finalist. Rundell (29-8) captured titles at Hinsdale Central's Whitlatch Invitational and the York Regional.

LARRY EARLY



132

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SOPHOMORE

Early (47-1) took another step after placing third downstate in 2012. He grabbed second this year, his only loss coming when he was pinned by Marmion's George Fisher in the state final. He won at Whitlatch, the OPRF Invite, the York Regional and the Maine East Sectional.

JUSTIN WEBER



145

STEVENSON
SENIOR

The Lake Zurich Regional champion became only the sixth medalist in school history by finishing third downstate. Danny Sabatello, who claimed consecutive state titles in 2010-11, is the lone Stevenson wrestler who placed higher than Weber (42-4).

DAVONTE MAHOMES



160

OPRF
JUNIOR

Mahomes' only blemish of the season came in the state quarterfinals to eventual champ C.J. Brucki of Sandburg. Mahomes (46-1) rebounded to place third for the second consecutive year. He led the Huskies in takedowns (236), won the Whitlatch and OPRF Invites, and posted wins at the York Regional and the Maine East Sectional.

JOE ARIOLA



182

OPRF
SENIOR

The Co-Wrestler of the Year took an undefeated record into the last match of his career, in the state dual-team quarterfinals. Ariola (47-1), who won the Class 3A championship, paced OPRF in pins (25) and three-point near falls (44). His other titles came at the Whitlatch and OPRF invites, the York Regional and the Maine East Sectional.

JACOB SUTER



220

GLENBROOK SOUTH
SENIOR

Suter (38-3) emerged as Glenbrook South's first Class 3A medalist, grabbing third after losing in the semifinal to eventual state champion Tom Howell of Marist. The last state medalist from GBS was Craig Swenson, who placed second at 145 in Class AA in 1990. Suter won titles at the Fremd Regional and Barrington Sectional.

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JIMMY GALLARDO



113

NOTRE DAME
SOPHOMORE

Gallardo (35-6) led Notre Dame to the Class 3A Evanston Regional team title and won his match against a Glenbard North opponent in the dual-team sectional final. Gallardo made his second consecutive state appearance, competing at Class 2A a year ago.

ISAIAH WHITE



126

OPRF
FRESHMAN

The four-time IKWF champion kept winning in high school while finishing third at the IHSA state meet. White (48-3) won the OPRF Invitational and York Regional and posted a victory in the Huskies' state dual-team quarter-final loss to Sandburg. White led the Huskies in wins, decisions (17) and technical falls (12).

JUWAN EDMOND



138

HINSDALE CENTRAL
SOPHOMORE

Edmond (42-10) was one of the biggest surprises at the state meet, finishing second in Champaign after taking third at the Shepard Sectional and winning the Hinsdale Central Regional. He entered Assembly Hall with the third most losses in his weight class. He was fifth at state in 2012.

KAMAL BEY



152

OPRF
FRESHMAN

The second of OPRF's Fab Five freshmen on the all-area team placed fifth in his state meet debut. Bey (30-7) won the OPRF Invite and the York Regional. His first loss downstate came against eventual champion Kyle Langenderfer of Lincoln-Way East.

AUSTIN KOZIOL



170

LIBERTYVILLE
JUNIOR

One of six Libertyville wrestlers to qualify for the Class 3A championships, Koziol (28-12) lost his only match in Assembly Hall, to Addison Trail's Niko Gomez-Rocha. Koziol finished second at the Barrington Sectional and Grant Regional.

PAT VITEK



195

NAZARETH
SENIOR

Vitek (40-2) remained undefeated entering the Class 2A state meet and finished fourth to become the third state medalist in Nazareth history. A lineman for the football team in the fall, he won the Riverside-Brookfield Regional and Rich East Sectional.

BRIAN ALLEN



285

HINSDALE CENTRAL
JUNIOR

The Co-Wrestler of the Year followed the path of his brother Jack Allen by going undefeated and winning the Devils' second individual state championship. Brian Allen (49-0) broke his older brother's school record for wins in a season; next year he could eclipse his career mark.

All-Area Second Team

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DEERFIELD
FRESHMAN — 106

JAKE MORGAN
CARMEL
FRESHMAN — 120

BRIAN EGAN
BUFFALO GROVE
SENIOR — 132

SAM KARIM
RIDGWOOD
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CARMEL
SENIOR — 285



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PIONEER PRESS CO-WRESTLER OF THE YEAR

Making a Name

Stellar season has colleges calling for OPRF's Joe Ariola

BY GEORGE M. WILCOX | gwilcox@pioneerlocal.com | @geomwilcox

College recruiters have a hard time overlooking a wrestler who didn't lose during the regular season.

That's why Oak Park-River Forest senior Joe Ariola's dream of competing in college is on track to become a reality following a standout senior campaign that earned him Pioneer Press Co-Wrestler of the Year honors.

Before the season, only a few colleges were interested in Ariola.

After going 47-1, Ariola now is planning on visiting NCAA power Minnesota, Central Michigan, Old Dominion, Northern Iowa and Division II program St. Cloud (Minn.) State in the coming months. He checked out North Dakota State before regionals.

Ariola's season-long journey led to the Class 3A 182-pound state championship in Champaign. He registered a point when Homewood-Flossmoor senior Donnie Bell yielded an escape and Ariola held on to win the title match 1-0.

He suffered his only loss a week later in the state dual-team quarterfinal in Bloomington.

"I didn't think all of these colleges would want to talk to me," Ariola said. "(Before the season), I expected to hear from a couple of Division II or Division III schools. Hearing from all of these Division I schools is awesome."

The biggest boost to his recruitment came during OPRF's trip to Rochester, Minn., in December for the Clash, a series of dual-team matches featuring top schools from across the country.

Coaches from the University of Minnesota — where Ariola's former high school teammates Nick and Chris Dardanes currently compete — talked with Ariola.

"It was awesome (meeting Minnesota coaches)," Ariola said. "They said they have been doing some scouting. I know the Dardanes (twins) have had good success there."

Ariola's coach, Mike Powell, was an All-American at Indiana after winning the 1994 state championship at OPRF. Powell, who went 42-0 and remains the only OPRF wrestler to post an undefeated season, felt bad when Ariola ended his career with a 2-1 loss to Sandburg senior Chris Pajak.

"I hurt for Joe," Powell said following the bout. "He'll beat himself up. Remember, Joe is a state champion. He has come so far. I'm proud of Joe. He's a great kid. We got a lot out of Joe."

Powell acts as a recruiting advisor to Ariola, who is in no hurry to make a decision on college.

"I want to take all my visits," Ariola said. "Coach Powell told me, 'Take all your visits. You never know which school you will like.'"

ARIOLA



PIONEER PRESS CO-WRESTLER OF THE YEAR

Shifting his Focus

Hinsdale Central's Brian Allen prepares for football at the next level

BY GEORGE M. WILCOX | gwilcox@pioneerlocal.com | @geomwilcox

The first priority for undefeated state champion Brian Allen isn't wrestling.

The Hinsdale Central junior plans on competing in only two national wrestling tournaments in the offseason. He will return with Team Illinois next month to a dual-team meet in Crawfordsville, Ind., and he'll also compete in a tournament in Virginia Beach, Va.

Other than that, the Pioneer Press Co-Wrestler of the Year will work on the sport he hopes will lead to a college scholarship — football. It's a family tradition.

His grandfather, John Allen, played at Wisconsin in 1957 and his older brother Jack Allen became Michigan State's starting center in the fall as a redshirt freshman.

"It's fun getting up there seeing (Jack) play," Brian Allen said. "It's surreal. You are in a stadium of 80,000 people and one of the 22 guys on the field is your brother. It's incredible."

Brian Allen, Hinsdale Central's starting center, already has scholarship offers from both Wisconsin and Michigan State and visited Wisconsin over the weekend with Hinsdale Central tight end fan Bunting, another Division I prospect.

Brian Allen currently has offers from four other Big Ten schools. Already 10 programs have tendered scholarships, according to Rivals.com, a number expected to grow for the 6-foot-2, 270-pound center from Hinsdale.

Brian Allen and Jack Allen, a 2011 Hinsdale Central graduate, are the Red Devils' only state wrestling champion. Brian

Allen finished undefeated at 49-0, beating Nequa Valley senior Andrew Geers 4-2 in the 285-pound state final.

Until next wrestling season, Brian Allen is focused on football. He and Bunting have joined Core 6, a year-round football training center based in Deerfield. Brian Allen and Bunting take turns driving each other at least 30 minutes every Sunday and a few days during the week to Core 6's headquarters for drills and instructions from the center's staff. Core 6 is run by former Indiana linebacker Paul Szezesny, who played his high school football at Notre Dame in Niles.

"We work on offensive line drills and individual stuff" Brian Allen said. "This is so I can keep getting better in the winter." ■

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PIONEER PRESS BOYS BASKETBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

A rising Star

Stevenson sophomore Brunson leads Patriots to state final

BY MATT HARNES | mharness@pioneerlocal.com | @harnesspreps

It was another offensive take during a pre-Peoria practice at Lake Forest College.

It was nothing too special, just Stevenson running a play against a defensive look Edwardsville might present in the Class 4A state semifinals.

Even then, Brunson's artistry with the basketball was evident.

The 6-foot-2 point guard sees plays before they happen, and one of his passes to an unsuspecting teammate in the post demonstrated that. It appears that Brunson realizes his teammates are going to be open before they do.

Despite the degree of difficulty in what he does, Brunson makes everything look easy. It's hard to believe he's only a sophomore.

"He is no doubt the most confident player anywhere, the most confident basketball player I've ever seen," Stevenson senior guard Andy Stempel said. "That's one reason why he is so good. He doesn't back down from any challenge. He makes everyone better. That's why I get open looks."

A two-year starter, Brunson headlined Stevenson's best-ever season. The Patriots finished 29-5 and took second place to Simeon, which won its fourth state title in a row.

The youngest headliner on any of the four Class 4A teams in Peoria, the Pioneer Press Boys Basketball Player of the Year led the Patriots in scoring (20.2) and assists (3.5) this season, and has won 48 games in high school.

Dickey Simpkins, a former Chicago Bull, first started working with the prodigy three years ago. Brunson plays for Simpkins' AAU team.

"He's very advanced for his age, and his basketball IQ is very high," said Simpkins, who has known Rick Brunson, Jalen's father and a former NBA journeyman, since high school. "He just sees the game at a high level, and that comes from his dad and being around the game for such a long time."

Jalen Brunson said he developed his drive to be the best while following his father, now an assistant coach with the Charlotte Bobcats, around the country. Rick Brunson played for eight NBA teams, including two tours with the Chicago Bulls, during his nine-year career.

"It was key for me to see how hard they had to work at it," said Jalen Brunson, who moved to the Chicago area from Cherry Hills, N.J., before enrolling in high school. "There a lot of good players out there, so you really have to want it and go after it. Seeing that really fueled me."

Jalen Brunson still maintains a connection with the NBA talent because of his friendship with Michael Kidd-Gilchrist, a rookie with the Bobcats. Brunson said he's known Kidd-Gilchrist since the "second or third grade" from their days on the East Coast.

"He's always told me not to lose confidence in myself," Brunson said. "The key is to always stay positive at all times."

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Jalen Brunson

**STEVENSON
SOPHOMORE
GUARD**

The progeny of NBA Journeyman and former Chicago Bull Rick Brunson, Jalen Brunson already is beginning to create his own identity. The 6-foot-2 point guard is the total package, a player who can score and get others

involved. While spearheading the Patriots (29-5) to Peoria for the first time since 2007, the two-year starter averaged 20.2 points per game to go with 4.0 rebounds and 3.5 assists. Jalen Brunson was named to the Associated Press Class 4A second team.

Malachi Nix

**NILES NORTH
SENIOR
GUARD**

A four-year varsity starter, the 5-foot-8 Nix is the face of the school's basketball program. He helped the Vikings to three regional titles in a row, the program's first-ever sectional championship and two CSL North titles, including a 10-0 campaign this season on the way to the team's 27-5 record. As a senior, the all-CSL guard averaged 17.2 points to eventually become Niles North's all-time leading scorer.



Matt Mooney

**NOTRE DAME
SENIOR
GUARD**

As a junior starter last season, Mooney showed the kind of player he could become when he shined during a regular-season loss to Simeon, finishing with 10 points. Mooney, a 6-foot-4 guard, blossomed this season, leading the Dons (24-6) to a regional championship by averaging 17 points, 6.5 rebounds and 3.5 assists per game. Mooney, who has committed to Air Force, was chosen as the MVP at Lane's tournament and Wheeling's tournament and named an all-ESCC selection.



Sean O'Brien

**MUNDELEIN
SENIOR
FORWARD**

Richard Knar called O'Brien's senior season one of the best he's ever seen as a coach. The Southern Illinois-bound O'Brien was dominant on both ends of the floor and led the Mustangs (17-14) to a regional championship by beating rival Lake Forest. The 6-foot-7 O'Brien averaged 21 points and 11.1 rebounds a game. His 55 blocks this season raised his career total to a program-record 150. O'Brien also finished second in career rebounds for Mundelein.



Steven Cook

**NEW TRIER
SENIOR
FORWARD**

A role player last season, Cook's emergence as the go-to player as a senior helped the Trevlans win a program-record 28 games and capture the team's first sectional championship since 2005. The 6-foot-4 forward and Princeton recruit scored a team-best 18 points a game — the highlight was his career-best 30-point game in the sectional final — and averaged a team-best eight rebounds a game. The all-CSL selection also was New Trier's best defender, as evidenced by his three blocks and three steals per game.



All-Area Second Team

**REID
BERMAN**
NEW TRIER
SENIOR GUARD

**ERICK
LOCKE**
OPRF
JUNIOR GUARD

**SAM
DOWNEY**
LAKE FOREST
SENIOR CENTER

**ANDREW
MCAULIFFE**
GLENBROOK NORTH
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PIONEER PRESS GIRLS BASKETBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

All in the Family

Maine South senior Grant's parents, brother tutored her on the game

BY JON KERR | Contributor | @prepspioneer

Jacqui Grant is one of the all-time greatest Maine South girls basketball players.

She is the school's second-leading career scorer and rebounder. She's also a three-time all-CSL South pick.

Her accomplishments were the result of growing up in an environment where basketball was the family currency.

Grant's father Josh, a 6-foot-9 forward, was a second-round pick out of Utah and played for the NBA's Golden State Warriors during the 1993-94 season and in Europe. Her mother, Tina Grusecki, was a member of Niles West's 1978-79 state championship team and went on to play at Elm-hurst College. Her older brother, Josh Grant Jr., averaged 1.5 points his senior year at Maine South in 2009-10. Even Grant's 8-year-old brother James has installed a Nerf hoop in the house.

"I let James win. I can't always be the big bad sister," said Jacqui Grant, the Pioneer Press Girls Basketball Player of the Year. Tough is just what the 6-3 Jacqui Grant is when she plays against her peers. The make-up of her game — the strong post moves, the midrange jump shot — is a product of all those influences.

"She is unselfish to a fault, like her father," said her mom, who stands 5-7. "She runs the floor so well. She got that from me."

Josh Grant Jr. is a student at Butler University in Indianapolis. While home, he'll attend Jacqui Grant's games and when he's at school he'll check in by phone.

After the parents divorced when Jacqui Grant was in eighth grade, Josh Grant moved back to Utah. Josh Grant Jr., then in high school, became a sounding board and playing partner for his sister.

"It's a foundation of our relationship," Josh Grant Jr. said. "If she wants to complain about something basketball related, she can come to me or my mom."

Neither hesitate to tell Jacqui Grant what she needs to hear. Whether it comes from Grusecki following a game or Josh Grant Jr. on the phone, all constructive criticism finds a rapt audience in Jacqui Grant.

"(Josh Grant Jr. will) say, 'Next time, you should go to the basket with this hand,'" said Jacqui Grant, who has committed to play at Illinois. "She (Grusecki) can be tough and tell you like it is. It makes sense the way she talks to me."

And why wouldn't it? It's the language of basketball, words Jacqui Grant's family all know how to speak.

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Jade Owens

FENWICK JUNIOR GUARD

Most of coach Dave Power's up-tempo offense runs through Owens, a junior point guard.

Owens was named tournament MVP at Niles North, all-tournament at Dundee-Crown and all-ESCC. Her career-high was 28 points in

Fenwick's 99-97 overtime win at Marist Dec. 8, which ranked as one of the highest-scoring girls basketball games in state history. She averaged 19 points, 5 rebounds and 4 assists on the season and has already scored more than 1,000 career points for the Friars (23-7).



Anna Schueler

LOYOLA SENIOR GUARD

One of the best all-around athletes in Chicagoland, Schueler was a guard who could will her team to a win. A season after contributing to Loyola's fourth-place finish in Class 4A, the three-year varsity veteran led the Ramblers (21-8) to a share of the GCAC Red's regular season title as a senior. Schueler, who will play lacrosse at Michigan in college, did it all on the court, averaging 13.5 points, 5.1 rebounds, 4.2 assists and 2.5 steals per game.



Jacquie Grant

MAINE SOUTH SENIOR CENTER

A four-year varsity starter, Grant capped her career at Maine South with a 27-6 record and fourth regional title. The 6-foot-3 Illinois-bound center was a threat all over the court and was selected to the Class 4A all-state first team by the Associated Press after averaging 14.8 points, 7 rebounds, 1.4 steals and 1.3 blocks per game. Grant also earned all-CSL honors to go with all-tournament selections at Buffalo Grove and Dundee-Crown.



Taylor Nazon

TRINITY SENIOR GUARD

When senior starter Mikayla Leyden suffered a season-ending injury early in the year, Nazon became the clear on-court leader for the Blazers (23-5), who won a share of a second-consecutive GCAC Red regular season title and the postseason tournament. The Loyola recruit averaged 16 points this season and scored 26 points in her final game. The senior guard finished with more than 1,200 points, 250 assists and 200 steals in her career.



Sydney Smith

VERNON HILLS JUNIOR FORWARD

Smith, a 5-foot-10 forward, was a big reason why the Cougars repeated as the Class 3A state runner-up. Smith's blocked shot late in overtime helped Vernon Hills beat three-time defending state champion Montini in the semifinals at Redbird Arena. The Vermont recruit and all-NSC selection led the team in scoring at 13.1 points per game and also contributed 6.5 rebounds and 2.2 assists per contest for the 31-3 club.



All-Area Second Team

REGAN CARMICHAEL
MAINE SOUTH
SENIOR GUARD

LENA MUNZER
HIGHLAND PARK
SENIOR GUARD

LAUREN PROCHASKA
TRINITY
JUNIOR GUARD

ALECIA COOLEY
EVANSTON
SENIOR FORWARD

MERI BENNETT-SWANSON
VERNON HILLS
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OAK PARK-RIVER FOREST - REGINA - RIDGEWOOD - STEVENSON - ST. JOSEPH - TRINITY - WOODLANDS ACADEMY - VERNON HILLS

HIGHLAND PARK - HINSDALE CENTRAL - HINSDALE SOUTH - LAKE FOREST - LAKE FOREST ACADEMY - LAKE ZURICH - LEYDEN - LIBERTYVILLE



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