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# Mayor calls town hall meeting to discuss assault weapons ban

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Using feedback from a town hall meeting, Morton Grove trustees could vote on an assault weapons ban during a special board meeting Thursday, July 18.

Nearly 40 residents attended the July 15 town hall meeting to listen to or voice opinions. Trustees planned to decide on Wednesday if any ban will be proposed during the Thursday meeting.

Illinois legislators overrode Gov. Pat Quinn's veto of House Bill 183 - the "Concealed Carry Act" - on Wednesday, July 9, making the bill law. The law allows local municipalities to ban assault weapons, if they choose, but the bans must be on the books within 10 days of the law's passing. That date is now officially Friday, July 19.

After the 10-day period, the state law governs all use of weapons, and the new law has no specific prohibition on assault weapons. Any local ordinance enacted prior to the override or during the 10-day window will be considered law for that local government.

Another major component is that each municipality can create its own definition of "assault weapon."

Before accepting public comment at Morton Grove's July 15 town hall meeting, Mayor Dan DiMaria said his trustees had not made a decision



Mayor Dan DiMaria listens to public comments during a July 15 town hall meeting on a potential assault weapon ban in Morton Grove. | RICK KAMBIC-Sun-Times Media

for or against a ban, and the group will debate the matter using feedback various forms of feedback.

"We could show up Wednesday and not have anything to propose and end up doing nothing on Thursday," DiMaria said. "On the other hand, there might be an ordinance and the trustees will take sides."

Of the nearly two-dozen speakers, more than half opposed a ban and supported free rights.

Resident Patrick Kansoer said inanimate objects cannot

commit assault, and therefore no government can properly write a definition for "assault weapon."

"Most people who go into public service do so with a genuine desire to do good: to improve life for their fellow citizens and improve the well-being of their communities," Kansoer said. "The problem is they believe the way to do this is to pass a law or ordinance. They labor over the misconception that all problems can be fixed by legislation."

Kansoer said he believes the

real issue is government trying to stay in power by taking more rights from the general public.

Ken Viani also opposed a ban, saying crime comes from illegal use of weapons, and preventing people from safely using weapons is unfair.

"Improper use of anything can be deadly," Viani said. "An ordinance doesn't keep you safe. We already have problems with illegal gun use. Nobody uses a legally registered weapon for crime."

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## Maine Township asks for donated Park Ridge vehicle

BY JENNIFER JOHNSON | jjohnson@pioneerlocal.com

One department's previously used SUV could become a gift for Maine Township's Office of Emergency Management.

The city of Park Ridge may donate a 2002 Ford Explorer to the township that had belonged to the city's community service officers, and was recently taken out of service when it was replaced with a new vehicle. The Park Ridge City Council showed support for the donation during a July 8 Committee of the Whole meeting and will now review the matter again at another Committee of the Whole meeting next month.

According to memo from Park Ridge Fleet Supervisor Mike McGrath, a government auction site indicated the approximate value of the vehicle to be \$3,000.

"It may last them a year, it may last them two months. Who knows?

But their vehicles don't get the same wear-and-tear as ours do," said Park Ridge Police Chief Frank Kaminski.

Robert Cohen, director of the Maine Township Office of Emergency Management, explained that the agency recently entered into a program called First Responder Rehab, and is in need of a vehicle to tow a trailer that is used for the program. The vehicle and trailer will transport materials like cots, chairs, tarps, water, an automated external defibrillator and other supplies.

The First Responder Rehab will largely provide trained volunteers to respond to fires and help firefighters from the Park Ridge and North Maine Fire Departments cool down while also checking their vitals and looking for signs of heat stroke or other conditions.

The Ford Explorer will also serve as a command vehicle and transport volunteers for training, conferences and meetings, Cohen said.

"It will be a multi-use vehicle," he said. ■

### Weapons

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Georgiianne Brunner, however, said allowing more weapons would lead to burglars stealing legal guns and using them for crime.

Mimi Odicho opposed a ban and said Illinois was the safest place she could find to raise her family after fleeing Syria nine years ago.

"I came to the United States because it's safe, and I came to Morton Grove because it was the second safest town in Illinois," Odicho said. "If somebody breaks into my house to rape me or steal my baby, none of your flowers or money will help me. Weapons breed arrogance." ■



Resident Patrick Kansoer opposes a potential ban on assault weapons in Morton Grove. He said any such legislation is designed to strip citizens of their rights.

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# Parking peeve: Neighbors, cops clash on Niles street spots

BY NATASHA WASINSKI | Contributor

Mujeeb Syed thought he would be spared the parking problems suffered by urban dwellers when he moved to Niles nine years ago.

Instead, he's racked up hundreds of dollars in fines for parking on streets near his home on West Nordica Avenue.

"On Nordica there is no parking," Syed said. "Jonquil (Terrace) is a risk for getting

a ticket. ... It's a serious problem."

Longtime Niles resident Phyllis Cohen echoed her neighbor's concerns about parking in the residential area east of Civic Center Plaza at the Village Board's June 25 meeting.

Cohen initially raised the issue with Niles officials and staff nearly three years ago, she said, but parking has since only gotten worse.

For instance, after the mid-April storm caused water damage to 12 cars, drivers began moving their vehicles to Jonquil, Cohen said.

She claimed residents living on the street responded by calling the police when cars remained on their block

for longer than a day.

As a result, cops have been slapping stickers on vehicles indicating abandonment, Cohen said.

Syed added car owners are also getting ticketed for allegedly not meeting minimum parking distance requirements for stop signs and cross walks.

Cohen said officers were "picking on" residents in the area, and that neighbors are "just being nasty."

Under the village's abandoned auto law, vehicles that stay put after three days are subject to a fine, Police Chief Dean Strzelecki said.

He acknowledged receiving calls from residents of the area complaining about

parking tickets.

Mayor Andrew Przybylo said while he couldn't direct police to ignore the ordinance, the village would "figure something out."

"Until the parking has improved, they have to be more understanding. This is about being a good neighbor," Przybylo said, noting Niles is currently celebrating Good Neighbor Month.

Village officials hope the construction of 56 new parking spaces this summer alongside Nordica Apartments is the answer to freeing up street parking on Nordica, Jonquil, West Dobson Street and Nottingham Avenue.

Przybylo issued a letter to neighboring residents

June 29 notifying them of the pending project, which is expected to be completed by early fall.

In the meantime, Przybylo asked homeowners to display patience over the number of cars of their streets, and for residents of the apartment complex to be courteous, to avoid blocking driveways and fire hydrants, and to not park longer than three days in the same spot.

The lot at Culver School is also available for residents' use, the letter stated. However, parking is only allowed outside the hours of 6 a.m. and 8 p.m. from now until November 30. Overnight parking at the school is prohibited between December and April. ■

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# Maine South grad dies after organ failure

BY JENNIFER JOHNSON | jjohnson@pioneerlocal.com

A Maine South High School graduate whose digital artwork was recently chosen as the school's 50th anniversary logo has died.

Delaney Bean, 17, of Park Ridge, passed away July 10, according to her uncle Ed Coyne.

Coyne said Bean was hospitalized for three

days after suffering organ failure.

"She was a bright, vibrant, happy, artistic and engaged in life," he said of his niece.

Bean, a 2013 Maine South grad who was preparing to attend DePaul University in the fall, was featured in the Park Ridge Herald-Advocate last month for the logo she designed. The logo was selected to decorate all anniversary correspondence, stationery, signs and memorabilia associated with Maine South's upcoming 50th anniversary year.

At the time, Bean said she was honored her work had been chosen and was looking forward to continuing to study art and photography in college.

"We are deeply saddened by Delaney's passing and by the loss of a tremendously vibrant and talented young woman," said David Beery, spokesman for Maine South High School.

Coyne said Bean had interest in becoming both a teacher and a photographer. He and his niece had been preparing to do a joint art exhibit at the

Brickton Art Center that would feature Coyne's own metal sculptures and painting and Bean's photography. He hopes the show will still take place.

A wake will be held Monday, July 15, from 3 to 9 p.m. at Ryan Parke Funeral Home, 120 S. Northwest Highway in Park Ridge, Coyne said. A funeral Mass will take place the following day at 10 a.m. at Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Church in Niles.

Survivors include Delaney Bean's parents Bridget and Rick, and brother Dylan. ■



Delaney Bean, a 2013 graduate of Maine South High School, holds up the 50th anniversary logo she designed for the school. Bean died July 10. | JENNIFER JOHNSON-Sun-Times Media



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# Park View using social media for parent outreach, growth

BY RICK KAMBIC | rkambic@pioneerlocal.com

Phil Collins wanted to make a lasting first impression when he met Park View School's staff for the first time last year. To do that, he browsed his Twitter feed.

Education consultant Angela Maiers, of Des Moines, Iowa, had tweeted a video of her "you matter" speech. Collins decided to show excerpts of the video and he told the teachers that everything on their mind, every success and every challenge they incur matters to him.

Just as Twitter helped him learn about leadership strategies, Collins will now use Twitter to help parents of School District 70 learn about Park View School.

On the district's newly designed homepage, parents can now see and follow tweets from Collins' newly created account @D70Super.

When Collins took over as District 70's superintendent last year, he immediately decided to incorporate more technology. The new website, a school Facebook page and his "tweets from the superintendent" come after classroom-based technology ideas were put in motion last year.

"A social media post might reach parents faster than an automated phone call or an eblast," Collins said. "This is yet another way for us to connect with parents on important messages and

interesting events at Park View."

Tweeted information will pertain to school closings, reminders of holidays off, reminders of permission slip deadlines, links to featured district blogs, links to newspaper articles and even Collins' personally written briefs from board of education meetings.

Collins plans to post two or three tweets per day and as the school year progresses, the tweet topics may change based on parent feedback.

At first, neither the Twitter account nor the Facebook page will allow comments or replies, though direct messages can be sent to the accounts. A policy for moderating public posts is still in the works.

Before District 70 finished making the new social media accounts this summer, the Facebook page got 14 likes and @D70Super was followed by 20 people.

"It only took a couple hours for people to find us," Collins said. "I see that as a positive because I don't see all that many people visiting our district website. Social media gets heavy usage, and I want that open, live line of communication."

Park View is not the first school district to utilize social media, but Collins said he wants to catch up and then become a leader among those that are active.

Using Collins' name and face for the Twitter account stems from his two years of extensive tweeting, and a desire to give parents a "direct, credible source" they can find in real life.



District 70 Superintendent Phil Collins uses Twitter to network with and learn from other school administrators, but is now networking with parents using his new @D70Super account. | RICK KAMBIC-Sun-Times Media

Collins has used a personal Twitter account for two years to participate in "profession learning networks." He said groups of superintendents nationwide organize dates and times for topic-based tweeting using distinct hash tags.

"It's just like attending a conference, but a whole lot cheaper," Collins said. "I don't always agree with some of the stuff I see, but sometimes seeing the opposing viewpoint can be beneficial."

Collins also follows a slew of state political groups so he can monitor various pieces of legislation that might affect educators. ■

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# Village OKs Oriole Pool renovation

BY RICK KAMBIC | rkambic@pioneerlocal.com

A new Oriole Pool is officially on the way, after Morton Grove village trustees signed off on final plans to renovate the 44-year-old pool July 8.

The village's plan commission had fretted over the fact that the pool has less than half the parking that village rules require. But Morton Grove trustees were not worried about limited parking and unanimously approved the pool's proposed construction.

The 44-year-old pool had issues with its lining before park officials closed and demolished it this winter. The \$6.5 million renovation plan includes a four-lane,

25-yard lane pool, a zero-depth entry activity pool, a new 6,565-square-foot bath house, a new concession area facing the pools and a community room that will be used all year.

Village code requires 92 parking spaces for the facility, but it only has 36. The plan commission ultimately voted to support the plan because the pool always had 36 stalls and reportedly had no parking problems in the past.

Parks Director Tracey Anderson said the pool's peak hours usually see about 150 people in the pool, far below the 500-person capacity. She

also said it's a "community pool" where patrons usually walk or carpool to.

Village trustees also accepted the explanation before their July 8 vote. Though the Village Board did not inquire about potential parking alternatives, plan commissioners previously told the park district to consider renting property from ComEd under power lines or remove open park land to create more parking should a need arise.

The Village Board typically gives all proposals a first read and then a second, official read at a subsequent board meeting, however, the park



Oriole Pool, located at 9200 Oriole Ave., has been demolished and the park district has been given permission to start construction on a new facility in September. | RICK KAMBIC-Sun-Times Media

district asked to waive that grace period.





Anderson said two village regulatory meetings were canceled and that postponed her timeline by a month, putting the project up against a firm state licensing deadline.

Trustees again accommodated and voted on the topic upon first review.

Park officials plan to break ground on the new pool in September. The facility is expected to reopen on Memorial Day 2014. ■

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# Ousted Morton Grove mayor seeks return to park board

BY RICK KAMBIC | rkambic@pioneerlocal.com

Five months after voters bounced him from his job, former Morton Grove Mayor Dan Staackmann is trying to return to public office by applying for a vacant seat on the Morton Grove Park Board.

Staackmann is one of three applicants vying to replace outgoing Park Board President Kevin Lochner, who is stepping down on Aug. 15 because of a conflict of interest.

But the other two applicants are also politically connected: Rusmir Zec, a recently unseated park commissioner, and Paul Minx, husband of former village trustee Rita Minx.

The Park Board plans to interview each candidate and make a decision before the Aug. 15 meeting. Either Staackmann, Zec or Minx will be sworn on that day.

Staackmann served a four-year term as mayor before Dan DiMaria defeated him in the Action Party's mayoral primary in February.

"I have not disappeared," Staackmann said. "I've been getting a lot of letters and emails lately asking me to stay involved in town. I know in the last 10 years it's been like pulling teeth to get people to run for any election, so I applied for this vacancy because I still have plenty to give and I didn't want the park to be short of options."

Before his 2009 mayoral victory, Staackmann spent 16 years on the Park Board.

Zec was appointed to the Park Board in June 2012 to fill a vacant seat, but Zec was defeated in the April 2013 election by newcomer Dan Ashta.

"I was OK stepping away and spending more time with my kids,



After conceding the Action Party's primary election, former Morton Grove Mayor Dan Staackmann proposes a toast to his campaign workers in February. Staackmann is hoping to return to public life with a seat on the park board | SUN-TIMES MEDIA FILES

but I started to miss giving that valuable feedback," Zec said. "My three kids are at the park all the time, and I like making sure it's a good place."

When he publicly announced he was resigning last week, Lochner said he supported Zec for the seat. Lochner said Zec is a hard-working, ambitious volunteer who is not well-known by virtue of humility.

"What Kevin said was really surprising, but I'm still very appreciative," Zec said. "He's right, I don't seek recognition and nor should I. Knowing that people have confidence in me is something I can do privately. What's important is our common goals."

Zec, 36, is a finance manager for Walgreens who grew up in Niles and moved to Morton Grove in 2005 after having children.

Minx said he applied for the vacancy primarily because he's now

retired and looking to get involved in the community.

"The parks are going in the right direction, and I'd like to be there to make sure everything continues as it should," Minx said.

His son Chris was the only person standing in Minx's way. Both father and son applied for the 2012 vacancy that Zec ultimately took, but Paul Minx backed out in support of his son.

"We didn't want to compete with each other," Paul Minx said. "When I heard about this new vacancy, I called Chris right away. He's too busy this time."

Minx, 62, said he's grown up and spent his whole adult life in Morton Grove. He worked at the Morton Grove post office for 37 years, mostly as a letter carrier. He's also served on the village's fire pension board since 2007 and the Morton Grove Days Commission for "longer than I can remember." ■

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**FORGERY**

Manish G. Patel, 20, of 9432 Greenwood Ave., Glenview, was charged with felony forgery on July 5

after he allegedly attempted to fill a prescription for a controlled substance from CVS Pharmacy, 9640 Milwaukee Ave., using a stolen prescription pad.

According to police, a nurse at Advocate Lutheran General Hospital alleged that Patel stole the prescription pad from the hospital's emergency room on July 3 when he was treated for an injury. He remained in Cook County Jail with bond set at \$10,000. His next court date is Aug. 2.

**RETAIL THEFT**

Gissella Madrid, 20, of 8660 Gregory Lane, unincorporated Maine Township, was charged with retail theft on July 2 after she allegedly stole clothing from a store at Golf Mill Shopping Center while accompanied by her 5-year-old daughter. She has an Aug. 2 court date.

Lauren Gahala, 23, of 241 Graceland Ave., Des

Plaines, was charged with retail theft on July 7 after she allegedly stole three children's baseball jerseys, valued at \$145, from a store on the 7200 block of Dempster Street. She has an Aug. 2 court date.

**DUI**

David Stoklosa, 33, of 177 W. Kathleen Drive, Park Ridge, was charged with driving under the influence, speeding and improper lane

usage on the morning of July 3. He was taken into custody on the 9000 block of Milwaukee Avenue at 2:18 a.m. He has a July 26 court date.

Noel Nape, 47, of 5804 Washington St., Morton Grove, was charged with driving under the influence on the morning of July 7 following a traffic stop on the 6900 block of Dempster Street. She has an Aug. 2 court date. ■

**CRIME BRIEFS**

stolen between July 3 from his van while it was parked in a lot on the 8600 block of Dempster Street.

A metal handrail was discovered broken in three places July 9 on the east side of the Grennan Heights park building on the 8200 block of Oketo Avenue.

On July 4 or July 5, fireworks were set off inside a crawling tube and at the bottom of a slide at Courtland Park, Maryland and Lyons Streets, creating large holes in the

playground equipment. Damage was estimated at \$1,800. A hole was also burned into a slide at Golf Mill Park on the 9100 block of Cumberland Avenue on July 4. ■

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# Animal control prowling Niles streets again

BY NATASHA WASINSKI | Contributor

Irritant critters on the loose in Niles best beware: Animal Control Officer Peter Babikan has returned to prowling the streets.

After several years of cost-cutting, the Niles Police Department, at the direction of Mayor Andrew Przybylo, has implemented a new policy that increases the village's police presence involving animal control.

Babikan is now available to make appointments to assist with nesting and other issues involving wildlife, animal traps, skunks, and stray dogs and cats.

"It's not (an) 8-to-5 (work-day) but he's out there," Police Chief Dean Strzelecki said. "This is going to work a little better."

Babikan had worked solely on animal control with the department for a number of years before the village began downsizing the program in 2010.

In fiscal year 2011, the Niles Police had an animal control budget of \$14,620, and an officer dedicated to the work with an annual salary of \$52,000.

Village officials eliminated the full-time position in the spring of 2011 and limited the program's annual expenses to \$9,000. Last year's budget was pared down even more, to \$4,000.

During this time, Babikan



Niles Village trustees George Alpogianis and John Jekot, Animal Control Officer Peter Babikan, Mayor Andrew Przybylo and Police Chief Dean Strzelecki stand in front of Niles' animal control vehicle. Babikan is returning to the streets. | CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

provided limited assistance by phone to residents who encountered unwanted animals.

And, last summer, Niles and surrounding communities reported more skunk sightings than usual, due a shortened hibernation season and hotter temps.

Strzelecki said the

on-the-move skunk population is tough to track, and that the animals typically don't require trapping.

"Most of the animal problems (residents have) are not emergent," he said.

Under the modified program, homeowners would continue to remain responsible for handling wildlife in

non-emergency situations.

Yet, with the officer position reinstated, Babikan may respond in-person to calls. He maintains administrative duties as well, and the department has allocated \$7,112 for part-time staff to cover the work while he's on patrol, in addition to \$4,000 for animal

control equipment and other services.

Before joining the Niles Police Department as a civilian officer a decade ago, Babikan had worked as an assistant naturalist and veterinary technician, and undertook formal training with the National Animal Control Association. ■

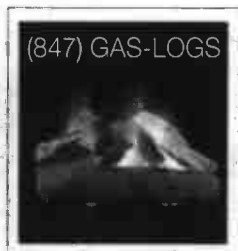
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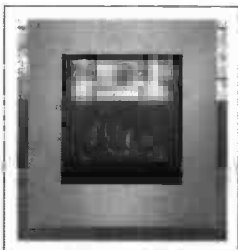
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## Game on: Pastimes serves many hobbies

BY IGOR STUDENKOV |  
Contributor

On a summer afternoon last week, Niles' Pastimes was serving many hobbies.

At the counter, a college-aged couple talked to the clerk about a board game based on the Walking Dead franchise. Over at the magazine racks, two women looked for the latest issue of Unwritten, a cult favorite comic book series. And over in the tournament area in the back of the store, two teenage boys were trading Magic: The Gathering cards.

For almost 21 years, Pastimes has been one of the largest stores of its kind in the northwest suburbs. Its card game tournaments draw players from across Midwest, and comics and board games bring in a steady stream of customers from Niles and other surrounding suburbs.

Owner Alan Hochman credits its success to great location, large inventory and attentive customer service. And as the economy shows signs of rebounding, the store is gearing up for an expansion - both online and in the physical world.

Hochman was interested in comics since he was a kid, but that's not why he started Pastimes. When the store opened in 1992, it sold sports memorabilia and T-shirts. At the time, the Bulls were at the peak of their popularity, bringing in plenty of business. A year later, Pastimes decided to expand into what was then a hot collectibles market - comic books.

In the early 1990s, stories about old issues selling for hundreds of dollars inspired speculators to buy up the newest comics in hopes that they would be able to sell them for profit somewhere down the line. But the old comics were valuable because of their scarcity, while the newer comics had millions of copies printed. By the time Pastimes started carrying



Pastimes offers many board games, including one based on the Walking Dead franchise. | IGOR STUDENKOV-For Sun-Times Media

comics, speculators realized this. Comic book sales plummeted, causing thousands of comic book stores to shut down.

Pastimes was able to weather the storm by focusing on customer service.

"We were going to give [our customers] better service and offer good variety," recalled Hochman.

Meanwhile, trading card game Magic: The Gathering debuted and became wildly successful. Many comic book stores capitalized on that, and Pastimes was no exception. By 1994, trading card games were a significant part of its business. And when board games grew in popularity a few years later, Pastimes decided to stock them as well.

Today, the store caters to all three hobbies, with game sales bringing in the most profit. The store is a popular site for card tournaments, and also offers "organized play" sessions where customers play the store's games casually.

"It's kind of like - you can watch movies at home, but you can go to a theater," said Hochman. "It's about the experience. People like to come out and play in public."

Pastimes has been based

in Niles for 15 years. While it changed location several times, it always remained near the intersection of Golf Road and Milwaukee Avenue. Hochman said that he liked the location, and having a large parking lot helps during tournaments.

Traditionally, one of the biggest draws of stores like Pastimes was that they stocked products that weren't available anywhere else. The proliferation of online stores made finding comics and games easier than ever.

"We have a lot more competition now," Hochman said. "We adapted by having our own online presence, so we have a lot more customers, too."

Pastimes continues to ramp up its online presence. Hochman also plans to expand the store, adding more locations in Northwest suburbs. He said that, at this point, it was too early to talk about any specifics. Hochman believes that there is enough appetite for the sort of experience the store offers to make the expansion work.

"There are lot of people who will enjoy what we can bring to them," he said. "We've been in business for over twenty years - why not spread our wings?" ■

## Four teens charged with drinking, two hospitalized

BY JENNIFER JOHNSON |  
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Four teenagers, including two who had to be taken to the hospital by paramedics, were charged with alcohol-related offenses in and around Hinkley Park last week, according to Park Ridge Police.

The arrests occurred on July 11 and July 12 just blocks from where Taste of Park Ridge festivities were taking place, but were not related to the festival, according to Park Ridge Deputy Police Chief Lou Jogmen. Jogmen said the alcohol the teens are alleged to have possessed or consumed did not come from the Taste, but where and how it was acquired is not known.

In the first of the incidents, a 14-year-old Park Ridge boy was charged with possession of alcohol by a minor after he allegedly discarded a bottle containing alcohol while reportedly running from a bike patrol officer near St. Andrews Lutheran Church, 260 N. Northwest Highway, at 8:40 p.m., July 11. Two other individuals seen with the boy were not charged, police said.

Less than one hour later, police

responded to the corner of Busse Highway and Morris Avenue to find a 16-year-old lying on the sidewalk next to the Hinkley Park entrance, Jogmen said. The boy was breathing and conscious, but was reportedly unable to stand. According to police, it was determined he had consumed alcohol and he was taken to Advocate Lutheran General Hospital by paramedics, later charged with underage drinking.

Noting a large crowd of juveniles in the area, officers remained at the park, arresting a 14-year-old Park Ridge girl after it was discovered she was carrying a water bottle containing an alcoholic beverage, Jogmen said. The teen was charged with possession of alcohol by a minor.

The following night, a 15-year-old Chicago girl was discovered unconscious on a bench at Hinkley and transported to the hospital by paramedics, Jogmen said. She was later charged with underage drinking.

All four teens were cited under a local ordinance and released on their own recognizance. They are scheduled to appear at an Aug. 13 adjudicating hearing. ■

## Police: Man spat on witness in assault case against him

SUN-TIMES MEDIA WIRE

A northwest suburban man already facing an assault charge is in more hot water after being arrested for threatening and spitting on a witness against him in that case.

Michael Schaar, 29, was ordered held on \$125,000 bond Friday after being charged with harassing a witness, a felony; and a misdemeanor count of battery, according to a statement from the Cook County

Sheriff's office.

Schaar was arrested just after midnight Thursday in the 8900 block of Kennedy Drive in an unincorporated area of Maine Township near Des Plaines, according to the sheriff's office.

Police said he threatened to injure a person who was a witness in an assault case against him, and whom he blamed for his June 22 arrest, police said. After making the threat, Schaar allegedly spat on the victim.

Deputies arrested Schaar, who is currently on parole, without incident, police said.

He was ordered held on \$125,000 during a Friday court appearance in Skokie, and is scheduled back in court July 15. ■



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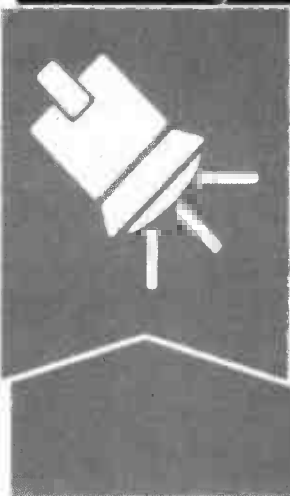
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# Keeping Tabs

How Illinois lawmakers voted in Congress for the week ending July 12, 2013

## Major roll call votes in the Senate

### STUDENT LOAN RATES

Senators voted, 51-49, failing to reach 60 votes needed to advance a Democratic bill reinstating for one year the 3.4 percent interest rate on Stafford loans for undergraduates. Congress allowed that rate to double to 6.8 percent on July 1. A "yes" vote was to pass S.1238.  
**Sen. Richard Durbin: Yes; Sen. Mark Kirk: No**

## Major roll call votes in the House

### 1. FARM BILL, FOOD STAMPS

Members passed, 216-208, a bill to end Congress' 40-year policy of including farm and nutrition programs in one law to garner support from both rural and urban lawmakers. A "yes" vote was to pass a farm bill that was stripped of food-security programs, which will be considered in a stand-alone bill (HR 2642).

### 2. FOOD-SAFETY INSPECTIONS

Members voted, 198-226, to defeat a Democratic bid to require annual Department of Agriculture inspections in countries that export meat, poultry and egg products to the U.S. Those audits are now done every three years. A "yes" vote was to add the requirement to HR 2642 (above).

### 3. 2014 ENERGY BUDGET

Members voted, 227-198, to approve \$30.4 billion in appropriations for energy and water programs in fiscal 2014, down 9 percent from 2013. A "yes" vote was to pass a bill that halves renewable-energy spending and raises spending to modernize the U.S. nuclear arsenal (HR 2609).

### 4. ENERGY INDUSTRY SUBSIDIES

Members voted, 115-300, to defeat an amendment to remove from HR 2609 (above) \$1.54 billion in taxpayer subsidies of the nuclear-energy, fossil-fuels and renewable-energy

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

industries. A "yes" vote was to strip the bill of all of its subsidies for energy companies and projects.

### 5. NUCLEAR WEAPONS V. PUBLIC WORKS

Members voted, 170-253, to defeat an amendment to transfer \$100 million in HR 2609 (above) from the budget for upgrading the U.S. nuclear stockpile to the Army Corps of Engineers' budget for public works. A "yes" vote backed the funds transfer.

## Key votes ahead

The House will take up a repeal of the employer and individual mandates in the 2010 health law and a bill to reduce the federal role in K-12 education. The Senate will hold confirmation votes.



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#### Inspector general: City stonewalling audit on garbage

The feud between Mayor Rahm Emanuel and the aggressive inspector general he inherited escalated Monday with a new claim from Joe Ferguson: that City Hall stonewalled his attempt to audit Emanuel's grid-based garbage collection system and verify the mayor's \$18 million-a-year savings claim.

The latest salvo comes after the Chicago Sun-Times reported last month that Ferguson has been told he must reapply for the \$161,856-a-year job he holds, setting the stage for his exit after two years under Emanuel.

Asked Monday whether he is insulted by the mayor's demand that he reapply, the inspector general said, "I don't do feelings." Ferguson's predecessor, David Hoffman, embarrassed and infuriated former Mayor Richard M. Daley before resigning to run for the U.S. Senate. And Ferguson's relationship with Emanuel has been every bit as tense and frosty from the moment the new mayor took office.

The controversy stems from Emanuel's efforts to block Ferguson's pursuit of unbridled subpoena power and Ferguson's attempts to hold Emanuel to honor his broken promises to expand the inspector general's investigative powers to the City Council, the Public Building Commission and the Chicago Park District. ■

— Chicago Sun-Times

### SPRINGFIELD



#### Madigan asked Metra to give pay raise to associate

Powerful Illinois House Speaker Michael Madigan said Thursday he asked senior staff at Metra to consider a pay raise for an associate who was employed at the commuter rail agency, but withdrew the recommendation after Metra's then-CEO expressed discomfort over it.

Madigan addressed the matter in a one-page statement he prepared for a House committee investigating a costly severance deal for former Metra CEO Alex Clifford, who resigned last month. Clifford has alleged he was pushed out for resisting political pressure in decisions about hiring and contracts. The link to Madigan, one of Illinois' most powerful politicians, was an unexpected turn in hearings that are unearthing details of Clifford's eye-popping severance package, under which he could reap up to \$718,000.

In Thursday's statement, Madigan said that in March 2012, he weighed in on a proposed salary increase for Patrick Ward, who worked as a labor relations specialist at Metra. Madigan said he has worked with Ward for more than 15 years on "a variety of projects," but did not go into detail on their relationship.

He said his office's recommendation for a salary increase was meant to supplement an endorsement from Ward's supervisor. ■

— The Associated Press

### WASHINGTON



#### House Dem: Documents show IRS probe was flawed

The Treasury Department investigator whose probe of the Internal Revenue Service's treatment of tea party groups helped fuel a national uproar failed to tell Congress that his own investigators found no evidence the targeting of conservatives was politically motivated, a top House Democrat said Friday.

Rep. Elijah Cummings, D-Md., released documents that also seemed to indicate progressive groups seeking tax-exempt status may have been handled the same way as conservative organizations. While it has been known the term "progressive" appeared on a list that IRS screeners used, it is unclear whether liberal organizations received the same close scrutiny as conservative groups.

The documents were attached to a letter Cummings sent Friday to Rep. Darrell Issa, R-Calif., who chairs the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee. That panel, on which Cummings is top Democrat, has been among three congressional committees investigating the IRS' handling of conservatives' applications for the tax-exempt designation.

Cummings' letter is the latest Democratic attempt to challenge the fairness and accuracy of the Treasury investigator's probe of the IRS. ■

— The Associated Press

## Opinion

VIEWPOINT | Pioneer Press

## Metra owes explanation

It's time for Metra Chairman Brad O'Halloran to give a good reason Metra CEO Alex Clifford had to go.

O'Halloran vaguely says that under Clifford, Metra "wasn't going in the right direction." That explanation won't do when the buyout for Clifford could cost more than \$700,000.

Clifford wrote a memo alleging, among other things, that House Speaker Mike Madigan pressured Metra to give a particular employee a raise. Madigan admits "recommending" that raise, but vows he didn't pressure anybody. Would that be the same Mike Madigan whose son-in-law in 2011 landed a \$130,000-a-year job as chief lobbyist for the Regional Transportation Authority, which oversees Metra? It would be.

Metra ticket buyers and taxpayers need to hear some real reasons Clifford couldn't be permitted to go on doing his job running the commuter rail agency for eight more months until his contract ran out, at which point there would have been no need for a golden parachute. And Metra should permit Clifford to respond without putting his buyout at risk.

Too many questions are still swirling around Metra. ■

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# Neighbors should know the score

I was right there on the spot.

As it so happened, I was visiting the Friendly Confines just as it was revealed last week the Chicago Landmarks Commission was approving a new Jumbotron and more advertising signs in the outfield at Wrigley Field.

Oh happy day for us who actually pay to watch a baseball game inside the park.

If the Cubs had a big video screen scoreboard, like every other team in the Major Leagues, I could see Starlin Castro's new stats after going 2-for-2 without squinting at some numbers far off in the right field corner.

I could easily find the velocity of that last fastball Edwin Jackson blew past Carlos Beltran during a key at-bat with the game still in doubt.

And maybe, just maybe, they would replay a great catch up against the ivied wall in centerfield by ... oh, what was his name, again? I don't know. I saw the catch once from about 350 feet away so I'll have to be satisfied with that.

As anyone who has ever attended a Major League Baseball game anywhere else can attest, a giant video scoreboard actually enhances the baseball experience. I say this as a self-proclaimed baseball purist. I hate the DH, and I remember when the starting lineups at Wrigley Field were announced by a 100-year-old voice calling out: "Attention, attention please! Have your pencil and scorecard ready!"



RANDY BLASER

The voice is gone and I need a Jumbotron, especially when placing bets on what the current batter will do. (I won on strikeout and grounder to first, but lost on calling for a Soriano dinger.)

Anyway, all these changes to Wrigley would be a no-brainer if it weren't

for the local alderman, Tom Tunney, who's still crying foul. He argues that the scoreboard and signs will dramatically affect the quality of life of the neighborhood.

He says this with a straight face, as if the folks who live on Waveland Avenue actually live in a neighborhood with qualities and ambience most people think of when they think of home. On game day, there's 30,000

plus people walking around this neighborhood. Thousands of out-of-town cars try to park on the streets. There's a gigantic bar on the corner, revving up the revelers well before the game.

There's grown men trying to catch home runs right on the street. And this doesn't stop for hours and hours.

Try buying groceries and getting them home on game day. Try taking Johnny to his Little League game or Janey to her soccer game on game day. Don't plan a birthday party when the Cardinals are in town.

The quality of life of this neighborhood is baseball, and if you don't know that going into it, then you're from another planet.

The neighbors can keep their quaint little park, but we fans need instant replays. ■

# Every tail deserves a real happy ending

It's my favorite memory of her:

There she was, hiding under the couch, a half-pound chunk of Colby cheese crammed into her mouth. She had grabbed the cheese from the buffet table when no one was looking. Now she was hiding and eating that cheese just as fast as she could before anyone took it away from her.

Oh, did I mention that she was a dog? Her name was Winnie and she lived with one of my brothers and his family.

Winnie died recently, full of years and much loved.

If you can't understand the depth of pain felt at the passing of a pet, then you've never had a pet.

Dogs are wonderful pets. (This from a cat owner and cat lover.) Dogs give you everything they have. And all they ask is that you like them. They don't even expect your affection. They hope for it.

But even if you don't like them, they still like you. A dog's full-time job — and only hobby — is loving the people with whom he or she lives.

There's a selflessness, a sweetness about dogs that is almost holy. The first time I ever doubted what a grownup told me was when in Sunday school the nun said that animals don't have souls.

I knew this to be false because our dog, Sandy, had a soul as big as the



PAUL SASSONE

sky over Montana.

And can anyone honestly look at a helper dog, or a guide dog, or a dog that visits the ill or the elderly, and doubt that dogs have souls?

Winnie's death started me thinking these dog thoughts. And reminded me that all these years later

I still miss Sandy. Dogs have that effect.

But I can't quite leave the subject without mentioning cats. To me, dogs and cats are pretty much the same in things that really matter.

Oh, sure, dogs eat like this and cats eat like that.

Dogs run like this. Cats run like that.

Dogs bark. Cats meow.

Dogs get their toys all spitty. Come to think of it, so do cats.

Both dogs and cats run to see you when you come home. And both love the folks who are their family.

It is dreadfully sad that there are millions of these wonderful fellow-beings in the United States that have no home, no family to love and be loved.

Each year in the U.S., more than eight million dogs and cats are put to death.

They don't deserve such a fate.

There are many caring organizations that offer dogs and cats for adoption. Just look on the Internet and you'll find them.

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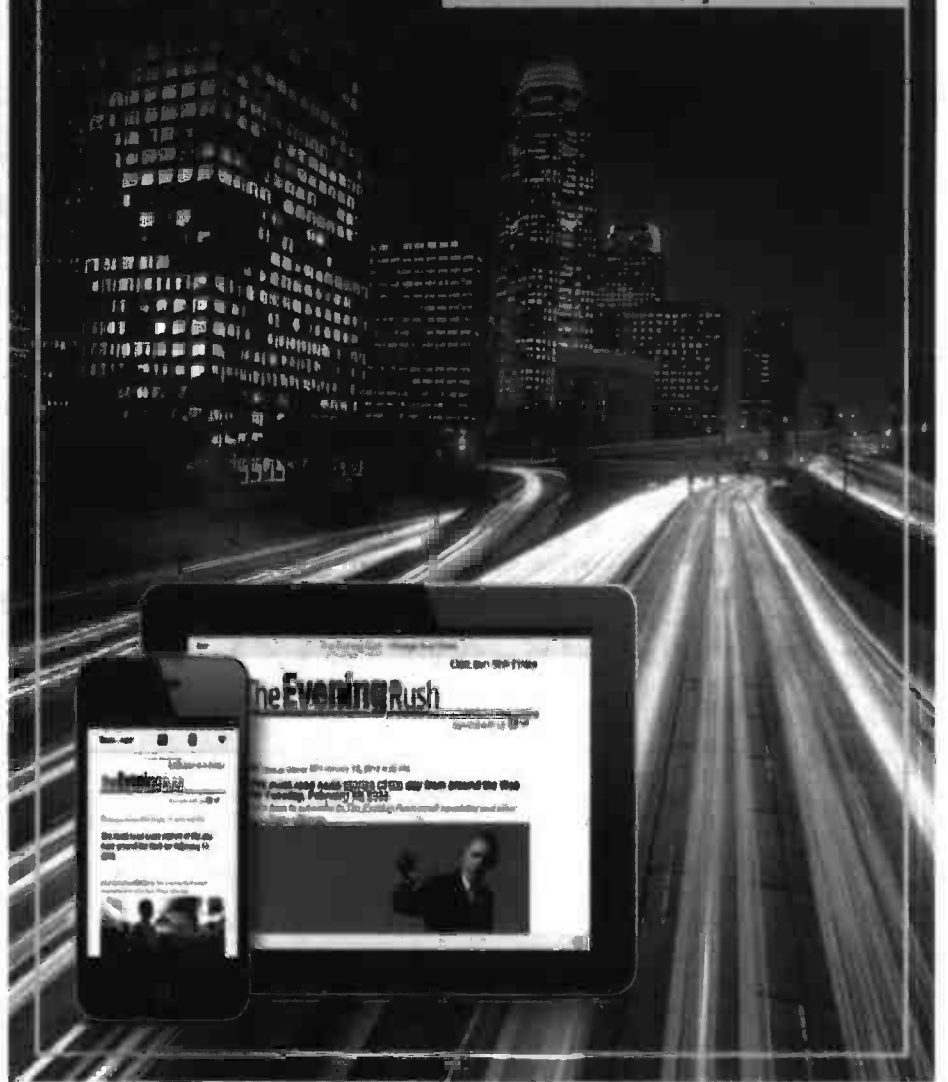
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# Seniors can remain force in job market

Due to the economy, or other life occurrences, many seniors or those approaching the age that would make them "senior" in the workplace are in the market for a job.

Some of those seniors may face job discrimination. A reader recently sent me this email: "[my husband] is now 53 and rather than trying to advocate for work we have accepted that he will probably never work again and we hope to stretch out our savings until he retires and can get a government pension. Interestingly, because I am a less qualified 'senior,' it has been a little easier to get work."

Rosemary Monahan says it is important that seniors, like the reader and her husband, not give up. "I'm not going to tell you that ageism doesn't exist because it does." Monahan is the Executive Director of The Job Search Circle, a professional and education

forum for professionals. "Maybe you don't want to work for an organization that has a mindset about you because you are 'X' number of years old."

Monahan believes that, especially for older job seekers, their identity can be tied to their career and then that identity is shifted to the job search.

"Your job search is what you do, not who you are. You're not unsuccessful, you're just unemployed."

She agrees that for some older adults there can be challenges when re-entering the job market. Especially if they have been in a specific position or company for an extended period of time, Monahan suggests asking a few key questions:

How current are you in your field?



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She says if you don't understand what "the cloud" is, or Twitter, it may be important to get some education before you restart the job search.

Who is your network? A business network needs to include not just former colleagues, but others in your life who may have knowledge or

connections.

How can you help others?

"There has to be that reciprocity," encourages Monahan. "If there isn't, it is a one-way street and that doesn't go very far."

Monahan says that seniors can also make a list of their previous responsibilities and look for transferable skills. She encourages job seekers to conduct informational interviews, where

the goal is not necessarily a job, but to learn what skills potential employers are seeking.

"Things have changed in the way we find and source jobs today," explains Monahan.

The Job Search Circle is open to seniors, and all job seekers. The group holds formal meetings twice a month in Palatine and Lake Forest, as well as smaller groups for specific education and support. Their website is [www.jobsearchcircle.org](http://www.jobsearchcircle.org).

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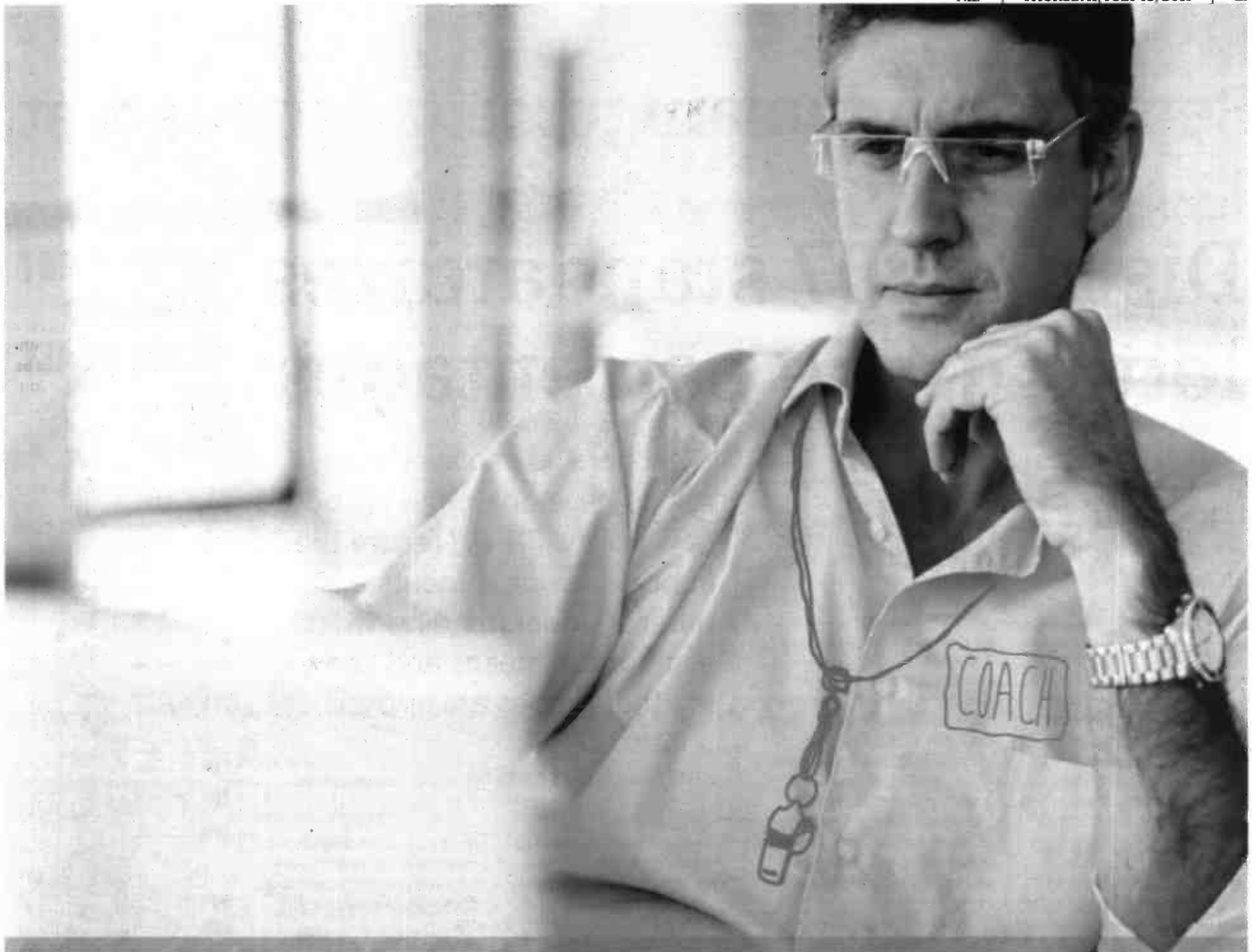
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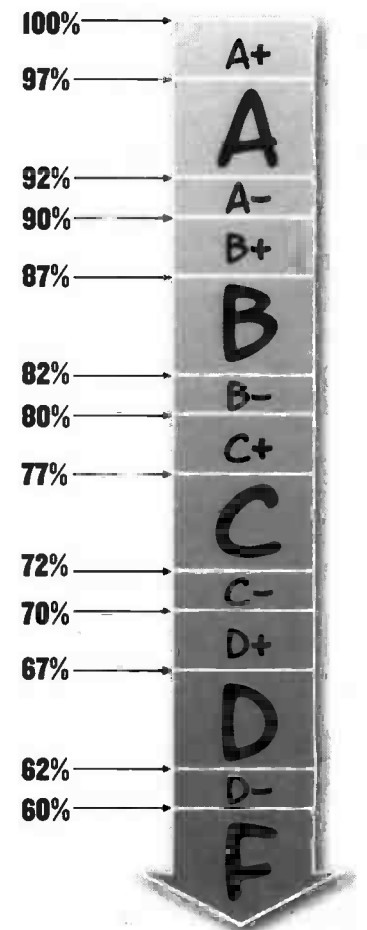
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# Education in Focus

## District 207 standardizes letter grade percentages

### DISTRICT 207 STANDARD GRADE SCALE



SOURCE: Amended District 207 Grade Policy Sun-Times

BY IGOR STUDENKOV | Contributor

Letter grades are pretty straightforward.

Everybody knows a B is a good grade, but not as good as an A, and D is a bad grade, but not as bad as an F.

But when it comes to assigning those grades, there's not always a percentage scale that everybody agrees on. In Maine Township High School District 207, different teachers used different scales across the district.

That changed on July 8, when the district board adopted a standard grade scale. The new policy also introduces pluses and minuses - but, in an effort to protect the students' privacy, only parents and students would be able to see them.

Prior to the July 11 vote, the district's grade policy only defined letter grades. This led to different teachers creating their own grade percentage scales. According to David Beery, District 207's Director of Communications, the differences became increasingly

pronounced over time.

In 2011, district's grade committee looked into the teachers' grading practices and discovered 17 different grading scales. An average score of 90 percent was enough to earn a student an A in one class, but it could only earn a B in another. A teacher's grading scale could make a difference between a C and a D.

The district has been aware of the issue for years, but it wasn't until the last school year that it set out to resolve it. District officials and teachers agreed that a standard grading scale would benefit everyone.

"Teachers have played a key role in developing the proposed new policy," recalled Beery. "[They] realize the importance of students and parents understanding what each grade means and knowing that grades are applied consistently."

The resulting policy, which was unveiled at the June 4 board meeting, established a scale where an A equaled 90-100 percent, a B equaled 80-89 percent, a C equaled

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David Beery, District 207 Director of Communications

70-79 percent, a D equaled to 60-69 percent and an F was 59 percent or lower. The policy also introduced pluses and minuses for the first time in the district's history.

"It was an effort to provide a little more useful information, a little more nuance to help [students and parents] parse grades," Beery said.

The original proposal called for pluses and minuses to be used in transcripts. In response to the parents' concerns, the board tweaked it so that they will only appear on report cards and the SIS online portal.

The modified proposal was

brought up at the July district board meeting, where it was approved unanimously. It took effect immediately after the vote.

Barbara Dill, the Assistant Superintendent for Instruction, said that the board may modify the policy again somewhere down the line, but the district officials are happy with what they accomplished so far.

"It's a good first step," she said. "What we really wanted to accomplish is consistency and provide discreet information, and I think this accomplishes that."

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# D63 budget stable despite state, federal cash woes

BY NATASHA WASINSKI | Contributor

East Maine School District 63 continues to achieve financial stability, despite tenuous fiscal situations at the state and federal levels, the district's administration says.

Whether District 63 stays on solid financial footing is partially dependent on pending contract negotiations its four bargaining units.

According to Assistant Superintendent of Business Services David Bein, the seven-school K-8 district plans to pull in \$52.2 million and spend \$53.2 million in the current fiscal year, which runs through June 30, 2014.

The Board of Education adopted the tentative 2013-14 budget July 1.

Bein reported revenues are expected to be up from all sources except the federal government, as the inability of legislators to strike a deal for trimming the nation's debt in early spring caused across-the-board cuts to programs, including public education.

A 6 to 8 percent drop in federal grants - the equivalent of up to \$230,000 - "ends up being real money," Bein said.

Flat-out cost-cutting in Illinois over the years has also had an impact.

Bein explained District 63 went from receiving \$500,000 dollars annually for non-special needs transportation to a mere \$50,000.

He described the state's financial problems as "horrible."

"We (in Illinois) really continue to be in dismal shape," Bein said, "and the prospects for fixing that aren't readily apparent to me."

District 63 has "not really caught

up" since Springfield fell behind four years ago in issuing school funds, he said, noting one-in-four yearly payments is frequently delayed.

Regardless of these setbacks, he projects the district's year-end fund balance to hover comfortably around \$30 million over the next five years, assuming class sizes are not reduced and salaries increase by no more than 2.5 percent.

Bein explained District 63 is expected to be debt-free in five years, making the "borrowing horizon ... very short."

Yet, he doesn't anticipate a need to borrow money to fund future projects. "We're in good shape," he said.

Bein cautioned that the current year's deficit could become larger by the time a final budget is adopted in September, especially if union contracts roll over without any changes.

Collective bargaining agreements for teachers, teaching assistants, support staff and maintenance and custodial workers expired June 30.

While the school board on July 1 approved the contracts of 16 administrators, the district is not considering changes in administrative compensation until the union contracts are settled, said Lynn Glickman, assistant superintendent of human resources.

Superintendent Scott Clay said contract talks would pick up again in August.

Two years ago District 63's administration and bargaining units butted heads when a \$1.7 million deficit resulted in layoffs, larger class sizes and cutbacks to programs.

Unions at the time declined the school board's request to reopen their contracts for the purpose of reducing or freezing salaries.

The now-expired five-year teachers contract had guaranteed average annual salary increases of more than 5 percent.



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# D71 snags more cash, but still hit hard by tax breaks

**BY NATASHA WASINSKI | Contributor**

Though unexpected tax rebates in the spring hit District 71 hard, the one-school district in Niles expects to have ended the school year with more money in the bank than originally projected.

Last September, school officials had estimated the fund balance to be \$6.95 million by June 30. The amount is likely closer to \$7.8 million, according to an updated 2012-13 budget.

Board officials approved the amended budget last month. No one spoke at a public hearing on the matter.

District 71 had initially planned to spend more than it pulled in over the last year, but closed out with \$1.66 million less in

estimated expenditures.

Revenue projections also decreased to the tune of \$706,000, some of which is attributed to larger-than-usual tax relief for commercial properties.

Superintendent Amy Krupke said changes in revenue due to property reassessments are common, and that rebates for tens of thousands of dollars is "not enough to really feel it," she said.

"We've never really had to worry about it ... because industry (in Niles) is really strong," explained Krupke.

The district's property-tax collection rate had steadily hovered at or above 96 percent for at least six consecutive years.

In 2011, District 71 had to account for \$50,911 in rebates. Tax relief made even less of an

impact in 2012 when it totaled \$10,649.

But alarm bells sounded this past spring when the school district was socked with rebate obligations totaling \$265,569.

Krupke immediately froze the school's budget for supplies, and did not order books and materials for the 2013-14, as is typically done before school lets out for the summer.

"March was quite shocking for us," she said. "If we had a lot of (months like March) come up we'd be in trouble."

She said an audit of last year's finances, once completed, would provide a clearer picture of where the district now stands.

The largest tax rebate this year for District 71 went to a large commercial property

owner, who successfully argued before the Cook County Property Tax Appeal Board that his taxes had been improperly assessed under the 6B tax incentive program.

Class 6B status is a tax abatement designed to stimulate industrial development. Commercial property owners must obtain the endorsement of local municipalities for a tax exemption before applying with Cook County.

Properties with this classification are assessed at 10 percent of their market value for the first decade, with incremental increases of five percent over the next three years.

Industrial real estate without the incentive is typically assessed at 25 percent of the market value.

Regardless, District 71, like other Illinois schools, will continue to rely on local property taxes to sustain public education.

Unlike other districts where a large chunk of revenue comes from the state, "in Illinois, we know it's not the answer," Krupke said. "The state's broke."

Case in point: District 71 expected the state to still owe \$73,000 when the 2012-13 year ended.

On Tuesday, July 16, District 71 officials are scheduled to hear the first reading of the 2013-14 school year budget, which projects revenues to come in at \$8.28 million, and expenditures to total \$9.26 million.

Expenses compared to last year are approximately \$1.22 million more. ■

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  - 100 Like Jack Sprat's diet
  - 101 Rocked on the brink
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  - 105 Chairman of China
  - 106 "— for Innocent" (Grafton novel)
  - 107 Not just stout
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  - 109 Tendencies of a social group's behaviors and beliefs
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  - 49 Actor Charlton
  - 50 Karel Capek play
  - 52 Env. alert
  - 56 Hard: Prefix
  - 58 Bon — (playboy)
  - 59 "Yea, verily"
  - 60 2002 Lucy Liu sci-fi film
  - 62 Sioux shoe
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  - 64 One of four archangels
  - 66 Greek consonants
  - 67 Above
  - 71 Their bulbs produce lathers when crushed
  - 72 Female
  - 73 Colorful parrot
  - 74 Unit of cards
  - 77 "— of robins ..."
  - 78 Brewed drink
  - 80 Lobbying gp.
  - 82 — Lund Laszlo
  - 83 Miner's find
  - 84 Shrieks
  - 85 Shrinking Asian lake
  - 86 Africans of small stature
  - 88 Rand — (map maker)
  - 92 Bronze-hued
  - 93 Discover by digging, as a pig
  - 94 Ear-related
  - 95 Outcome
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  - 97 Lay dormant
  - 98 Ukraine city
  - 102 Doughnut's shape
  - 103 Critic Roger
  - 105 Meditate
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  - 110 D.C.'s home
  - 111 Put a tear in
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BY LINDA THISTLE

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★★

(★: Moderate; ★★: Challenging;

★★★: HOO BOY!)

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## HOROSCOPES

### For the week of July 24 to July 30

#### ARIES (March 21 to April 19)

With new facts to work with, you should feel more confident in moving ahead. But continue to do so at an unhurried pace so you can spot details you might otherwise miss.

#### TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)

Taking on that new workplace project could be one of your smarter career moves. Expect a surprising show of support from someone who had always been a critic.

#### GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)

You might feel you're too busy to undertake a new responsibility. But check it out before making any decisions. What you learn could persuade you to change your mind.

#### CANCER (June 21 to July 22)

You feel quite content enjoying all the comforts of home right now. But the urge to travel grows stronger, and by week's end, you could begin packing your bags.

#### LEO (July 23 to August 22)

A hectic period begins to ease up, but that doesn't mean the Fine Feline can do much catnapping these days. You need to finish those old tasks and prepare for new ones.

#### VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)

Expect to get some good news about your financial situation by week's end. But it could still be too early to rush out with a long shopping list of things to buy.

#### LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)

Your management skills make an impression on some workplace VIPs who might be looking for someone like you to take on an upcoming project. Good luck.

#### SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)

Meeting a former adversary might be unsettling at first. But time has softened hard feelings, and you could be on the brink of starting a new relationship.

#### SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)

A troubling situation close to home might cause you to change your travel plans. But

getting all the facts before you act might cause you to reconsider.

#### CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)

You might be quite alone right now in deciding to support a major workplace shift. But others will join you as new information supports your bold move.

#### AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)

A former co-worker returns with news that could persuade you to reassess recently made plans. Be sure to consult with a trusted colleague before you act.

#### PISCES (February 19 to March 20)

Your motives behind a recent decision could be called into question by a rival. But once you present the facts, all doubts will be resolved. Enjoy an arts-rich weekend.

#### BORN THIS WEEK:

While you love being the center of attention, your generous heart allows you to share the attention with others.

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NEED A HINT? FIND THE PUZZLE SOLUTIONS ON PAGE 27

## Calendar



Toddlers **0-3** Kids **4-12** Family **FAM** Teens **13+** Adults **18+** Seniors **65+**

Submissions for Community Calendar are required two weeks preceding the date of publication. Send to: Darlene Huston, Pioneer Press, 350 N. Orleans St., Chicago, IL 60654; dhuston@pioneerlocal.com. Information may be faxed to (312) 321-2191.

### CENTER OF CONCERN

65+

The Center of Concern: 1580 N. Northwest Highway, Suite 310, Park Ridge, (847) 823-0453, www.centerofconcern.org. Call for an appointment for services.

July 27: Legal counseling, by appointment.

July 27: Blood pressure & blood sugar testing, 10 a.m. to noon (no appointment needed).

July 31: Grief and loss support group (call first)

Preparation of simple wills and durable powers of attorney for health care and property also is available by appointment. Homeowners desiring additional income, companionship, or the ability to remain in their homes may wish to consider The Center of Concern's shared housing program. Residents are matched with screened applicants who possess a temperament suitable to shared accommodations.

### CLASSES

#### Animal assisted therapy

13+ 18+ 65+

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

### CLUBS

#### Niles Township Toastmasters

18+ 65+

Will meet at 7:15 p.m. July 24 at the Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove. The group meets on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month. Visit nilestownship.toastmastersclubs.org or call (847) 665-9003, for further information.

#### Knights of Columbus

18+

North American Martyrs Council Chapter, Niles, provides ways for members to help others

in the community while trying to improve their family and spiritual lives. Call Bob Galassi, (847) 965-0920.

#### MOMS Club

18+

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

### COMMUNITY

#### Catsup or Not?

FAM

A Hot Dog Challenge will take place from 5:30-7:30 p.m. July 23 at Temple Judea Mizpah, 8610 Niles Center Road, Skokie. Join them in the TJM community hall to vote for your favorite hot dog from local hot dog stands: Dear Franks, Irving's For Red Hot Lovers, Nicky Nolo's and Wiener and Still Champion. The meal includes half a hot dog from each vendor, chips and drinks, for \$6, in advance, or \$8, at

the door. RSVP by July 19 to (847) 676-1566 or [TempleJM@aol.com](mailto:TempleJM@aol.com). Bob Schwartz, author of "Never Put Ketchup on a Hot Dog" will appear to sign his book. Books will be available for purchase. Also, help feed the less fortunate by bringing two non-perishable food items for the local food pantry.

#### Toss Old Documents

18+

The Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC) is sponsoring Document Destruction and Electronics Recycling Events from 9 a.m. to noon July 20 at the at the Glenview Police Department, 2500 East Lake Ave., Glenview. As SWANCC residents drive up in their vehicles, workers will unload the paper documents and electronics.

Typical documents to shred include medical forms, bank statements, personal files and retired tax forms. Staples and paper clips are acceptable, but binders should be removed. Residents will be limited to six file-size boxes or paper shopping bags per vehicle. Do Not bring paper in plastic

bags.

#### Jewish Vocational Service Chicago, of-

fers the following program. To register, visit <http://jvschicago.org/workshops-and-events>. JVS clients should provide counselor's name when registering). Click on your program choice. Complete one registration form per person for one or more workshops and email to: Sandra Saltzman, at [sandrasaltzman@jvschicago.org](mailto:sandrasaltzman@jvschicago.org). Classes will take place at the Goldie Bachmann Luftig Building, 5150 Golf Road, Skokie. Call (847) 745-5482.

#### Building your Profile

18+

In LinkedIn 1: Basics and Beyond, you will learn how to build your profile using keywords, how to join groups and their importance, as well as how to begin building your network; the etiquette of LinkedIn and how to use this tool for your networking and research goals from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. July 29.

#### Wanted: Women Artists

18+

Female professional artists are encouraged to submit entries in all media to Oakton Community College for Bodies by Design: Modification, Coercion, and Resistance, the juried art exhibition, co-sponsored by the Koehnline

Museum of Art and Women's and Gender Studies (WGS) at Oakton. Exhibit will run Oct. 3-25. Entries are due by Aug. 8. There is no fee. View a complete list of rules at [www.oakton.edu/newsevents/events/wom\\_art\\_call.pdf](http://www.oakton.edu/newsevents/events/wom_art_call.pdf). Submit entries to: Bodies by Design Exhibition, Koehnline Museum of Art, Oakton Community College, 1600 East Golf Road, Des Plaines, IL 60016. For more information, contact Nathan Harpaz at (847) 635-2633 or [nharpaz@oakton.edu](mailto:nharpaz@oakton.edu).

#### Park Ridge Fine Arts Symphony

18+

Presents its Summer 2013 Season with Barbara Schubert, Music Director and Conductor through July 26. Five concerts by Park Ridge Fine Arts Symphony. All concerts are at 8 p.m. in Hodges Park, in front of Park Ridge City Hall.

July 19: Passion and Poetry. Tchaikovsky's Symphony No. 6, the "Pathétique."

July 26: Broadway to Hollywood. The Park Ridge Fine Arts Symphony concludes its five-concert season with its annual Broadway night.

Aug. 2: Big Band Hits through the Decades by the Brian Patti Big Band. This evening features dancing in the street to

favorite big band hits.

Aug. 9: Special Bonus Concert by Rob Parton Big Band. An extra performance sponsored by the Park Ridge Recreation and Park District. For more details, visit our website: [www.prfas.org](http://www.prfas.org).

**PARKS**

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

**Summer Camp Registration**

Niles Park District offers a wide variety of summer camp programs for preschool age through incoming eighth-graders. Full-day and half-day camps, sports camp, hockey and ice-skating camps. Stop by the Howard Leisure Center, 6676 W. Howard St. to register. Campers will enjoy swimming, weekly field trips, arts & crafts, sports, and tons of fun. Call (847) 967-6633 with questions.

**Summer Jr. Golf Programs**

Golf programs begin the second week of June for youngsters ages 3-5 looking to pick up a club for the first time in Pint Sized Pro's class on Tuesday afternoons. Beginning players 6-13 years old for week long Summer Camps or once a week Monday Evening

Clinics to improve their skills. More in-depth instruction and on-course lessons in our Advanced Junior Camps on Saturday mornings. Registration is also open for Beginning and Advanced Junior Leagues. View all classes online, [www.niles-parks.org](http://www.niles-parks.org). Contact: (847) 583-2736 or email [golflessons@niles-parks.org](mailto:golflessons@niles-parks.org) for more information.

**Golf Maine Parks** offices are located at Feldman Recreation Center, 8800 Kathy Lane (one block south of Golf Road on Western Avenue), in Niles or at Dee Park, at the corner of Dee and Emerson roads, Des Plaines. Call (847) 297-3000 or visit [www.gmpd.org](http://www.gmpd.org).

**Party in the Park**

Spend a fun evening at Dee Park on Aug. 3, with food, games, bounce house, face painting and top it all off with an outdoor movie, "Wreck-it-Ralph." Activities begin at 6 p.m. Movie at dusk.

**Summer Camp**

There are still openings for summer camp at Dee Park. Four two-week sessions, through Aug. 2. Grades K-6.

**Taekwon Do**

Popular martial arts

classes for children, ages 7-15, and adults offered Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays all year round, Dee Park.

**Zumba Classes**

Ongoing classes all year round at 7:15 p.m. Mondays at Feldman.

**NILES SENIOR**

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

**Women's Club Meeting**

Will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. July 22. Lunch is chicken salad, a croissant, fruit and a cookie. Entertainment by Ron & Sandie will follow the meal. Cost is \$5, member, \$7.50, nonmember.

**Cubs vs. Brewers at Milwaukee's Miller Park**

Join us as we head to Miller Park to see our Chicago Cubs take on

the Milwaukee Brewers at 10 a.m. Sept. 19. The seats are in section 109. Fantastic seats! Lunch will be on your own. Cost is \$62, member, \$67, nonmember.

**PARK RIDGE SENIOR CENTER**

Park Ridge Senior

**HOCUS FOCUS**

Center, 100 S. Western Ave., invites new members to join its program. Call (847) 692-3597. Seniors do not need to be a Park Ridge resident to join.

**New membership sales**

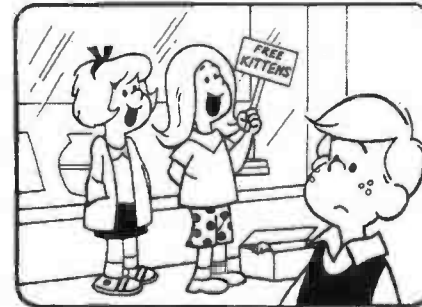
New members are invited to join their programs. All Active

Adults, age 55 and older are welcome to register for classes and events. The 2013-14 membership sales are going on now. Single membership rates are \$46 for resident, and \$65, non resident. Couple rates are \$70, resident and \$99, non-resident. Call (847) 692-3597 for more information.

Find at least six differences in details between panels



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Differences: 1. Bow is different. 2. Hand is concealed. 3. Beads are missing. 4. Sign is smaller. 5. Tail replaced by a paw. 6. Glasses are missing.

**PUZZLE ANSWERS**

See page 25 for this week's **Super Crossword** and **Sudoku** puzzles.

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## Business \$

## Spotlight

## Morton Grove tells industry leaders to prepare for growth

BY RICK KAMBIC | rkambic@pioneerlocal.com

Morton Grove is working on plans to bolster its industrial areas, but first officials need to talk to the people that work there.

They did that last week, at a July 11 meet-and-greet where village officials and a team of strategists teased an upcoming economic development project.

The village wouldn't talk about the plan, which won't be released to the public until September. But officials said they hope the public projects will be augmented by private development.

Nancy Radzevich, the village's director of community and economic development, said everyone can get the best bang for their buck by working together on common needs and recognizing available resources.

Radzevich suggested that companies consider establishing business districts where neighboring companies with similar challenges meet to share ideas with each other and village liaisons so that

potential upcoming work could be more effective.

Mayor Dan DiMaria said retail often takes center stage because it brings sales tax. However, he said industrial businesses bring valuable jobs to residents and drives home sales from out-of-town employees moving closer to work.

"I'm grateful to have this much industry in town and I promise you, we have things in the works to help all our business sectors," DiMaria said.

One such plan is to develop a downtown near the Metra station and along Lincoln Avenue, less than a mile from many of Morton Grove's industrial complexes on Lehigh Avenue. DiMaria said the downtown would have mixed residential, business and transportation assets.

"It may not be tomorrow or next year, but it's going to happen and it'll make coming to work more pleasant for your employees," DiMaria said.

Though specific village plans will not become public until September, the team of strategists reviewed data they've already collected on Morton Grove's industrial areas and asked the companies to start networking.



Nancy Radzevich, director of community and economic development, reviews a map of industrial areas with Burr Martin of Regis Technologies during a July 11 meet and greet. | RICK KAMBIC-Sun-Times Media

Representatives from more than two dozen companies sat quietly and absorbed the information but did not speak openly about their feelings.

The "industrial areas plan" is being created with help from the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) — a federally-funded organization that helps communities navigate population growth in the six northeast counties of Illinois.

In February, the team of planners presented a report explaining the condition of Morton Grove's 19 acres of industrial land along Waukegan Road near Golf Road and the 231 acres of industrial area along Lehigh Avenue between Oakton and Main Streets.

That same data was displayed and briefly explained during the July 11 open house



Morton Grove Mayor Dan DiMaria talks to representatives from industrial and manufacturing companies about his plans to bolster their sector of the local economy. | RICK KAMBIC-Sun-Times Media

with business owners, many of who knew nothing about the project.

Nicole Woods, one of the CMAP planners, said Morton

Grove's industrial area has a 6.7 percent vacancy rate, which is reportedly lower than the seven-to-10 percent in Skokie, Niles and Lincolnwood.



Representatives from more than two dozen industrial and manufacturing companies listened quietly to the village presentation without providing public feedback. | **RICK KAMBIC-Sun-Times Media**



Joseph McKeown, left, from the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity networked with local businesses about getting tax credit for creating jobs. | **RICK KAMBIC-Sun-Times Media**

She also said approximately 60 percent of jobs in Morton Grove are in manufacturing or distribution.

Though 2,741 Morton Grove-based manufacturing jobs were lost in the last decade, Woods said job loss has bottomed out and is on a steady, slow rise. Her report suggests supporting industrial growth instead of converting

the land to retail.

Sewers and transportation, according to the report, are strengths for business attraction and retention. The report says studies and interviews revealed virtually no flooding in those industrial areas, and access to major highways and roads is "excellent."

The upcoming final report will propose ways for Morton Grove to compete with other towns in the area, financial incentives to attract industry and other factors such as training for workers and transportation services.

The Illinois Manufacturing Excellence Center — a public-private consortium — also offered its services to business owners. Linda Green, a development specialist, said her organization can help businesses avoid layoffs by planning for growth with repurposed laborers.

"A major goal of ours is to make sure businesses actually gain profit when they boost revenue," Green said.

One IMAP study claims 60 percent of Illinois manufacturing companies are planning to change management in the next five years. Green said she helps companies build transition plans before deals become final, assuring both parties — and the local government — that the company will survive.

Ultimately, Green said Illinois ranks fourth among all U.S. states in industrial job creations between 2009 and 2012.

Joseph McKeown from the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity followed by describing tax credits businesses can get for creating jobs or hiring veterans. He also shared details on federal money that businesses can borrow for company expansions.

"We plan to utilize everyone and everything under to sun to execute these upgrades for current and future businesses," Radzevich said. "Today's plan was to get these businesses engaged and aware that change is on the way." ■

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# Real Estate



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### 7053 W. Main St., Niles

**House size:** 2,498 square feet

**Lot size:** 8,276 square feet

**Year built:** 1970

**Bedrooms:** 5

**Bathrooms:** 3.5

**Garage:** Two-car attached

**Property tax:** \$9,991.39 (2012)

**Exterior:** Brick and cedar

**School districts:** Niles Elementary School  
District 71 and Niles Township Community High  
School District 219

**AGENT** Laura McEnerney, Real People Realty, 815-469-7449

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## The Tempel Lipizzans presents 2013 Performance Season

Let the Tempel Lipizzans enchant you with their graceful dances, strength and spirit. Summer time means this rare breed of horses will demonstrate and intrigue you with a rare art form derived from cavalry training and battle maneuvers. Don't miss this rare gem- started over 50 years ago by a Chicago industrialist—right in Northern Illinois.

**Next Performance: Saturday, July 20th at 6pm.**  
Cafe opens for dinner and drinks at 4:30pm.

Advance discounted tickets available at [www.tempelfarms.com](http://www.tempelfarms.com) or buy them at the door before the performance.

### 2013 Performance Dates and Times

Evening Performances: 6pm	Matinee Performances: 1pm
July 20th	July 24th + 28th
Aug. 3rd, 10th + 17th	Aug. 21st + 25th
	Sept. 8th + 22nd.

### Tickets

Advance Purchase Online:	At the Door:
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7801 N Octavia Ave: Ioan Ieremcjug and Adriana Ieremcjug to Ivelisse Jimenez for \$180,000 on May 30

7457 W Keeney St: Henryka Surawski to Claudiu Florea for \$220,500 on May 30

8230 W Lyons St: Zbigniew Augustynski and Barbara Augustynski to Andy Liakouras and Chryssanthi Liakouras for \$253,500 on May 31

9019 W Heathwood Circle, #9019: Mim Ho Kim and Ok Hee Kim to Adam Rolek for \$132,000 on May 31

9128 Terrace Drive, #9128: Sung Jin Kim to Liubove Sivolova for \$45,000 on May 31

### Morton Grove

8603 Callie Ave: Mark D Thannert and Cathleen F Thannert to Meggen Davis

and Matthew Davis for \$280,000 on May 30

8942 Birch Ave: Constantine G Avdalas and Marina Avdalas to Lefkothea Fotopoulos and Constantine George Avdalas for \$294,500 on May 30

8902 Mansfield Ave: Judicial Sales Corp and Lisa Stram to Grandview Capital LLC for \$150,000 on May 31

7824 Palma Lane: Barbara Weirstein to Sung Choi and Ae R Hong for \$262,500 on May 31

### Park Ridge

100 Wilma Place: David S Kohler and Anne M Kohler to Tammy Brandenburg Jeffery, Brandenburg Jeffery Tammy Trust and Tammy Brandenburg Jeffery Trust for \$1,050,000 on May 29

519 Summit Ave: Linda Christensen to Lily Ivanova for \$180,000 on May 31

112 S Clifton Ave: Deborah Verlench to Bcl Home Construction LLC for

\$243,500 on May 29

103 N Greenwood Ave: Kathryn Tsichlis to THR Property Illinois LP for \$270,000 on May 29

1000 Kent Ave: Judicial Sales Corp and Lisa Sabatine to Timothy S Perry and Jennifer T Perry for \$222,000 on May 30

1720 Marguerite St: Piotr J Knap and Jolanta Z Knap to Marek W Babala and Agnieszka Babala for \$338,500 on May 31

825 S Broadway Ave: Robert G Plank and Donna M Plank to Raman Yousefi and Niloofar Yousefi for \$508,500 on May 29

300 S Dee Road, #2g: Mary Agnes Haley Trust, Thomas P Gibbons Trust and P Gibbons Thomas Trust to Lona Kovacs for \$130,000 on May 31

2600 Oakton St, #8e: Jose L Tovar Jr and Mariam Cleveringa Tovar to Ayre Lavachi for \$85,000 on May 31

832 Goodwin Drive: Bradley Amund-

sen, Rachael E Shemitis and Rachel E Amundsen to Michael W Solberg for \$265,000 on May 31

### Golf

46 Briar Road: Michael R Kaskie and Mary Kate Kaskie to Garrett Gilles and Rachel Gilles for \$825,000 on May 31

### Harwood Heights

5133 N Oketo Ave: Zofia Ciborowska to Beata Smolen for \$230,000 on May 30

4629 N Nagle Ave: Piotr Waliszewski and Anna Kuma to Phillip Kapogiannis and Constandina Kapogiannis for \$305,000 on May 31

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224 Neva Ave: Clayton J Welter and Doris K Welter to Isabella Gambino for \$320,000 on May 30

726 Raleigh Road: Gino Divito and Rita Jean Divito to Gertrude Just for \$1,050,000 on May 29

711 Elmgate Drive: Turk & Turk Inc to William Ryan Homes for \$189,000 on May 29

2305 Swainwood Drive: Russell Woody and Barbara G Woody to Btc Development LLC for \$310,000 on May 31

### Skokie

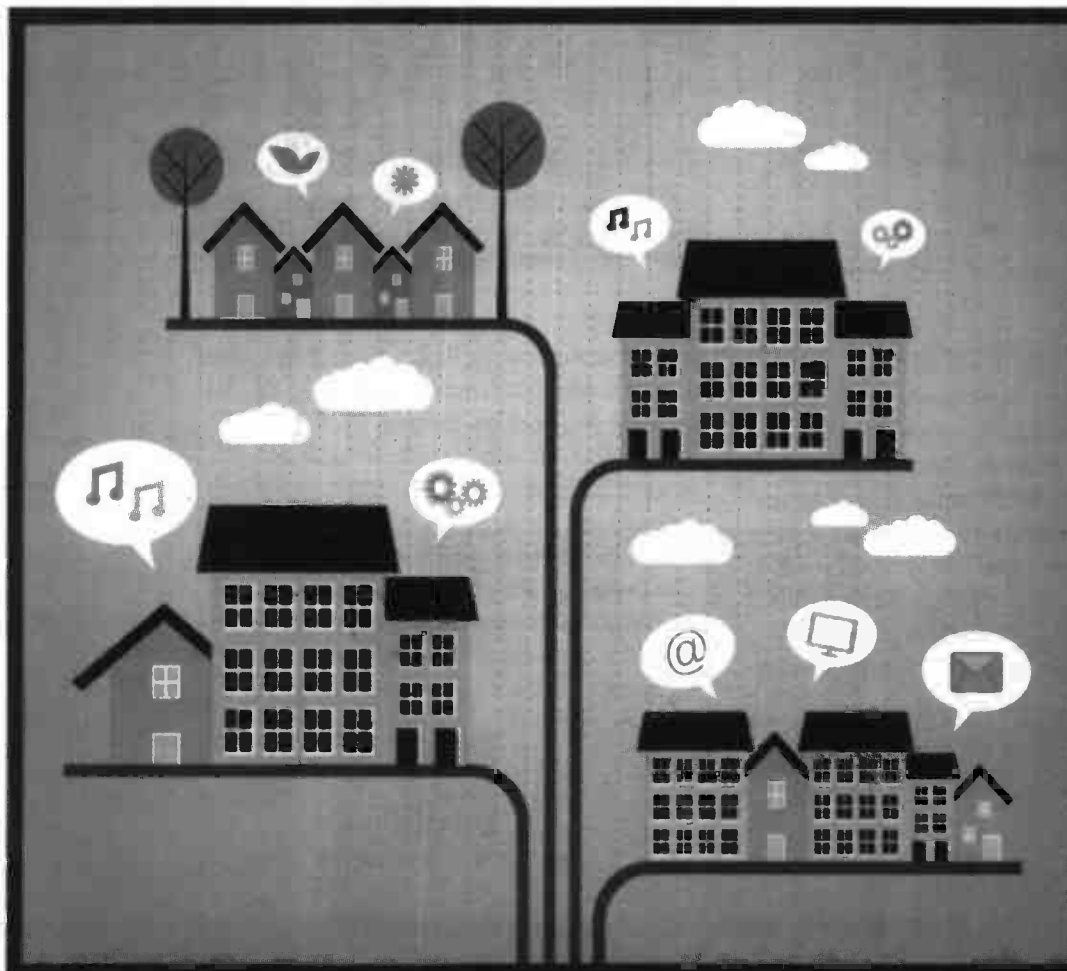
5103 Jerome St: Scott Pector and Susan Castle to Mudassir E Muztar and Shams E Muztar for \$242,000 on May 28

5316 Wright Terrace: Sidney G Clark to Matthew Joffe for \$239,000 on May 31

5240 Greenwood St: Richard Edelman and Kerry Ellen Edelman to Carol L Harris Trust, Carol L Harris Trust and L Harris Carol Trust for \$307,500 on May 31

4635 Main St, #4635: Carolle Leblanc to Mircea Tiran for \$61,000 on May 31

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by Mary Bergin

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## Meaningful Employee Recognition on a Budget

By: Roberta Chinsky Matuson

Meaningful employee recognition as a means of keeping employees engaged and focused has never been more important as during these tumultuous economic times.

People are being asked to do more with less, work with the equipment on hand and be on-call evenings and weekends in case there is a spike in business.

And while budgets are tight all around these days, that doesn't mean you can't afford to recognize your A-players, the employees who give their all. Here are some ways you can provide employee recognition on a budget.

### Think Outside the Giftbox

It's been over 15 years, but I still recall the day the president of a small business that I worked for called me into his office to tell me how pleased he was with the job that I was doing. He then handed me two front row tickets to a sold out concert of one of my favorite artists.

I must have shared this story with dozens of people, as this was a memorable gesture.

Now imagine what would have happened had he chosen instead, to hand me a check for \$250. I would have walked out of his office with a very different feeling and most likely would have started looking for a new job.

What struck me most about this event was the effort the president took to get to know me and then track down tickets that were next to impossible to get. He sent me a message — I mattered.

Think about what is important to your top performers, the people you are recognizing. It may take more effort on your part, but the results will be worth it.

### Give Credit Where Credit is Due

It's nice to be recognized, especially when the recognition takes place in front of peers or important customers. Seek out opportunities to acknowledge an employee's efforts in front of others.

For example, if an employee has done extensive research to sort out a customer problem, be sure to let the customer know who was responsible for resolving the issue. If possible, make sure the employee is in the room when you convey this information.

### Provide Employees with Growth Opportunities

What better way to recognize superior employee performance than to reward employees with opportunities for growth?

There are a number of ways you can do this. Reimbursing employees for seminars and classes that will prepare them for more responsibility in your business will let them know they are valued.

Putting those who are performing well on high profile projects is another way to signal to this person that they are a keeper. Encouraging employees to take an idea one step further lets them know you have confidence in their ability to innovate. And then, of course, you can promote an employee who has demonstrated they are ready for the next step.

### The Significance of Little Things

There are plenty of ways to recognize and reward employees for a job well done that will still leave money in the account to make payroll.

A nice bouquet of flowers or two tickets to a baseball game is one of many low-cost ways you can praise someone for a job well done.

As employees feel the squeeze of having paychecks not going as far as they used to, most will truly appreciate being taken to lunch by the boss or having lunch served to recognize team accomplishments.

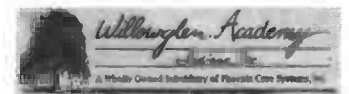
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### The Gift of Time

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Allow for flexible work arrangements during slow periods, give employees permission to leave early or come in late. Extend the lunch hour for an employee who has expressed the need to handle an important family matter during business hours, consider establishing Summer Fridays. These gestures of employee recognition demonstrate that you recognize they are doing their best to be fully present at work, even when things at home aren't going according to plan.

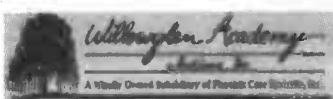
### Day Away from the Office

Small businesses can afford to do things that big businesses can't. Who doesn't like an outing, especially when it's a surprise? Hire a van service to escort your employees off the premises for the day. Ideas for mystery rides include a ride to the outlets (along with envelope for each employee packed with small bills) where you can set your employees loose, or a trip to a special exhibit. Or make plans to attend a matinee, where employees can kick back and relax after the completion of a major milestone.

Saying thank you for a job well done is something that is top of mind for business leaders who are interested in boosting enthusiasm and employee loyalty. Expensive gifts are great, but in the end it really is the thought that counts.



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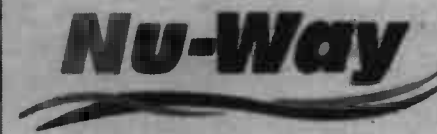
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NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 6, 2013, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on August 6, 2013, at The The Judicial Sales 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 7401 LAKE STREET, MORTON GROVE, IL 60053 Property Index No. 09-13-415-019. 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 or 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. 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 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 14-10-13787. 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.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527 (630) 794-5300 Attorney File No. 14-12-04725 Attorney ARDC No. 00468002 Attorney Code. 21762 Case Number: 12 CH 016962 TJSJC#: 33-12592 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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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.

7/18/13 #605972

## Public Hearings

**PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN**, pursuant to Section 17.56.170(E)(2) of the Harwood Heights Code of Ordinances, that the Village of Harwood Heights Zoning Board of Appeals will be conducting a public hearing on August 5, 2013, at 7:00 PM at the Village of Harwood Heights Village Hall (7300 West Wilson Avenue, Harwood Heights, IL 60706) to consider the application of MICHAEL and EILEEN WALTER ("Beneficial Owners"), pursuant to Section 17.56.220 of the Village Code, for variances from the Village Code authorizing deviation from the minimum three foot (3') side and rear yard setback requirements applicable to detached garages set forth in Section 17.04.120(A)(5) of the Village Code. If said variances are granted, Beneficial Owners desire to replace their existing legally non-conforming detached garage with a new garage of the same size in the same loca-

tion. The existing and proposed garages are located just one foot (1') from the west side property line and just 2.60' from the southern property line. The variances and construction are proposed for the property located at 7441 W. Argyle Street, Harwood Heights, Illinois ("the Property"), bearing tax identification number 12-12-418-008-0000 and legally described as follows:

LOT 14, IN HARWOOD MEADOWS, A SUBDIVISION OF PART OF THE SOUTH 18.61 ACRES OF THE EAST 31.86 ACRES OF THE WEST 1/2 OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 12, TOWNSHIP 40 NORTH, RANGE 12, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT OF RECORD RECORDED FEBRUARY 20, 1953 AS DOCUMENT NO. 1550987. Because the proposed detached garage construction is noncompliant with the above-identified accessory structure setback requirements, Beneficial Owners require a variance in order to proceed with their proposed construction plans. All interested persons are invited to attend, be heard and question those presenting testimony at the hearing. All inquiries regarding this public hearing can be directed to Natalie Mendel at the Village of Harwood Heights Village Hall. Respectfully submitted,  
Marcia Pollowy  
Village Clerk  
7/18/13 #595665

## Storage - Legal

Life Storage Centers of State Street 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, on Tuesday, August 13, 2013 at Life Storage Centers of the State Street, 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 #
James Jefferson	175
Brandon Joseph	1041
Melany LeFlora	1058
Tomas Evans	1081
Mark Hopkins	111516
Michael Bowen	1129
Wendell Smoot	144
Keisha Jones	162
Keisha Jones	163164
Keisha Jones	16566
James Jefferson	175
Keisha Jones	194
Elizabeth M. Beardley	2008
Wanda Lewis	2065
Anthony Bell	2075
Rodney Weems	2080
Debbie Patterson	2153
Hessler Worldwide	2209
Terrance Patterson	3004
Brandi Williams	3039
Deon Neighbors	3083
Meosha Thomas	3093
Elizabeth Oshinson	3113
Daphne Robinson	3150
Designs For Change	3153
Beverly Alexander	3154
Gwendolyn Vann	3180
Aiysha Johnson	3200
David Gardner	4019
Tischa Thomas	4048
Ron Salter	4091
Foot Nanny.com, INC	4098
Emmanuel Okere	4113
Eric Lewis	4120
Leterrance Mitchell	4125
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David Hermach	4152
Ayana Kinchelow	4157
Josephus Robinson	5070
David Murrell	5072
Wauiece Cole	5080
Tracey Adams	5081

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## BID NOTICE

**Niles Township High Schools District 219  
7700 Gross Point Road, Skokie, Illinois 60077  
PROPOSAL FOR OPERATION MAINTENANCE & REPAIR  
OF MECHANICAL SYSTEMS**

## Instruction to Bidders

Mandatory Pre-Bid Conference: July 23, 2013 - 9:00 a.m.  
Bid Opening: July 29, 2013 - 2:00 p.m.

Niles Township High Schools Administrative Center Board Room

7700 Gross Point Road - Skokie, Illinois

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sealed bid proposals for the provision of operation maintenance and repair of mechanical systems beginning with an effective date of August 15, 2013 will be received at the office of the Chief Financial Officer until the time and date indicated above. At that time they will be opened and read aloud. Bid proposals shall thereafter be irrevocable for a period of 90 (ninety) days. No proposal received after the date-time indicated will be considered. The prospective bidder assumes the risk of any delay that may occur in receipt or handling of a mailed proposal.

**PRE-BID CONFERENCE:** There will be a MANDATORY pre-bid meeting at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, July 23 in the Niles Township High Schools Administrative Center Board Room at 7700 Gross Point Road, Skokie, Illinois, followed by a tour of the facilities. All questions must be submitted in writing and further instructions will be provided at the pre-bid conference. Failure to attend the pre-bid meeting shall be grounds for bid rejection.

Each proposal must be wholly completed in the form prescribed in the bid documents and must be submitted in a sealed envelope which shall be marked with the following information: "Operation Maintenance and Repair of Mechanical Systems IFB"

The Board of Education reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to accept bids in whole or in part and/or to waive any irregularities or defects in any proposal, if the Board deems it to be in the interest of the school district to do so.

The contract shall be awarded, if at all, to the lowest responsible bidder meeting the specifications and requirements as determined by the Board of Education. In determining same, price will not be the sole criterion.

The Board of Education will award the contract employing the following criteria:

- References (20%)
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- Comprehensiveness and thoroughness of bidders, training program, operations diagrams, and other enclosures required of this IFB (10%)
- Price (50%)

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For further information please contact: Kristine Rull, Chief Financial Officer at 847-626-3967.

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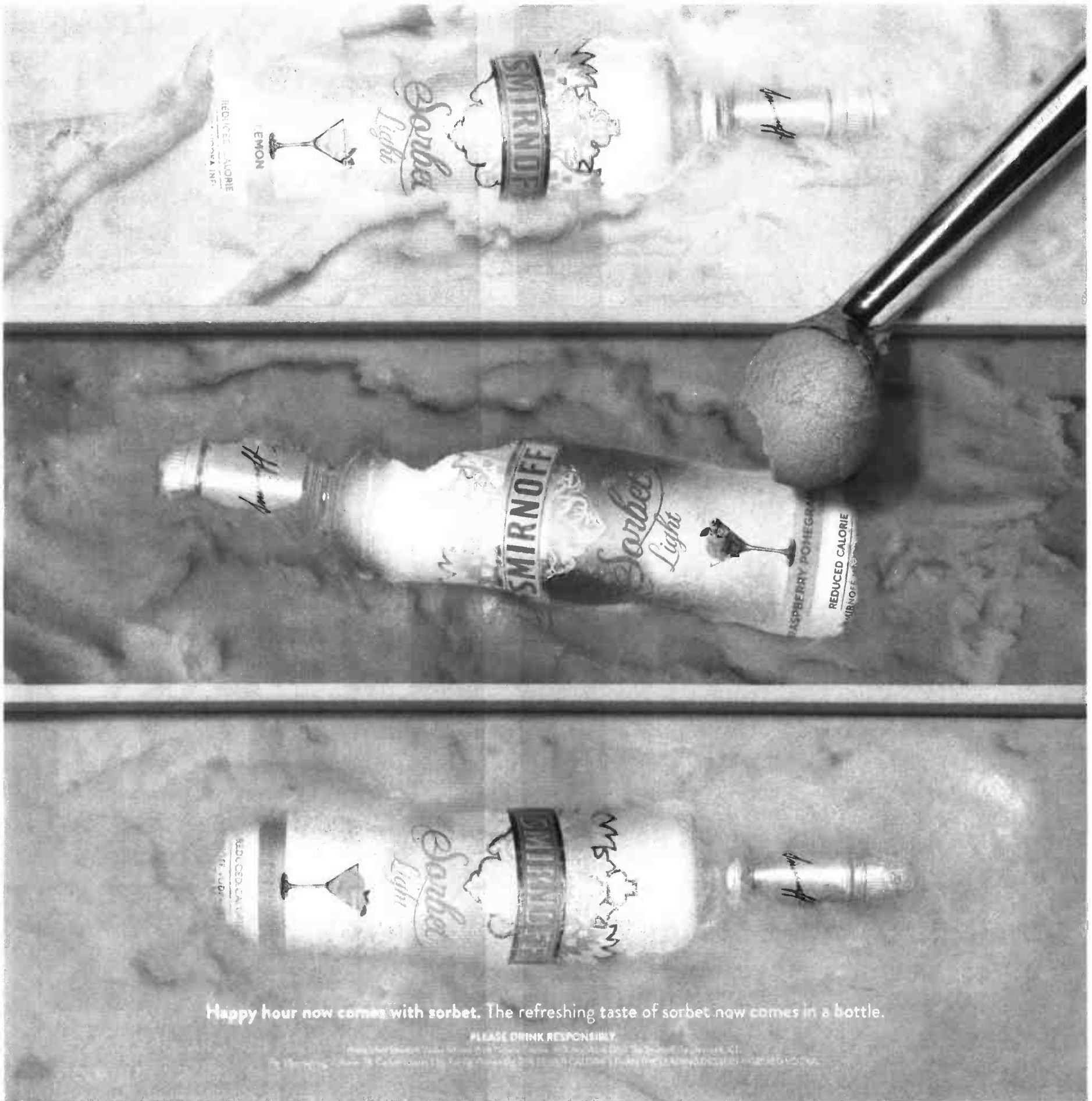
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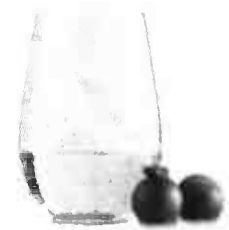


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Stock your summer essentials in style with the Rosamund Bag, crafted by British fashion house L.K. Bennett in collaboration with actress **Rosamund Pike**. The leather tote, inspired by Pike's love for classic British films, comes in a variety of colors and sizes. \$525-\$695, 900 N. Michigan; [Lkbennett.com](http://Lkbennett.com)



Summer's in full swing, so plan the perfect afternoon outing with the Goddess and Grocer's "Pack a Picnic." Stop by the store before heading outdoors and pick up a black-and-white picnic box, stuffed with your choice of deli, prepared and specialty grocery items. 25 E. Delaware; [Goddessandgrocer.com](http://Goddessandgrocer.com)

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## WHAT HAD YOU TWEETING



**eDrop-Off @ShopEdropOff:** The latest @Suntimes\_Splash featuring @DitaVonTeese made our hearts collectively skip a beat. We LOVE her!



**Unite for Strength @unite4strength:** Check out U4S #SAGAFTRA board member @JeffGarlin's interview with @ZakStemer for @Suntimes\_Splash



**Toni Patisserie @ToniPatisserie:** We were in @Suntimes\_Splash with @artinstitutechi and @PalmerHouse over the weekend — stellar #Chicago staycation!



**Jennifer Pilates @JenniferPilates:** @JennyMcCarthy @Suntimes\_Splash #Loving your new blog-very cool! Congratulations!!



# SPLASH

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July 19-21

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**Time:** July 19, gates open at 3 p.m.; July 20-21, gates open at noon.

**Place:** Union Park, Ashland between Washington and Lake

**Cost:** Single-day passes available for \$50. Visit [Pitchforkmusicfestival.com](http://Pitchforkmusicfestival.com).



July 18

### ● PAWS CHICAGO'S 11TH ANNUAL BEACH PARTY

Join veteran journalist **Bill Kurtis** and other fans of four-legged friends at this surside celebration. Bring along your favorite pets and sip seasonally-inspired cocktails, dance to the music of **Tropixsplosion** and bid in a silent auction for prizes like Bulls tickets or dinner for four at Girl & the Goat.

**Time:** 6 p.m.

**Place:** Castaways, North Avenue Beach

**Cost:** \$150 in advance, \$175 at the door. For tickets, call (773) 843-4887 or visit [Beach-party.pawschicago.org](http://Beach-party.pawschicago.org).

July 18

### ● MOVIES IN THE PARK FEATURING 'THE WIZ'

Sidney Lumet's 1978 big-screen version of the Broadway hit features an A-list lineup: **Diana Ross**, **Michael Jackson**, **Nipsey Russell**, **Lena Horne** and **Richard Pryor** all star in the film. Head down to Fuller Park and enjoy the musical on a blanket under the stars as part of the City of Chicago's Movies in the Park series.

**Time:** Dusk, roughly 8:30 p.m.

**Place:** 331 W. 45th

**Cost:** Free. Learn more and view the full Movies in the Park lineup at [Chicagoparkdistrict.com/events/movies](http://Chicagoparkdistrict.com/events/movies).



July 20

● **LIFE IS A CABARET: THE MUSIC AND WORDS OF KANDER AND EBB**

Singer **Scott Gryder** teams up with pianist **Nick Sula** and drummer **Phil Martln** to celebrate the legendary showbiz songwriting duo **John Kander** and **Fred Ebb** in the Auditorium Theatre's Katten/Landau studio. They'll conquer selections from "Chicago," "Kiss of the Spider Woman" and "Cabaret."

**Time:** 8 p.m.

**Place:** 425 S. Wabash, 4th floor

**Cost:** \$25-\$35. For tickets and more information, visit [Auditoriumtheatre.org](http://Auditoriumtheatre.org).

July 20

● **CHICAGO FOLDS OF HONOR GALA**

Country singer/songwriter **Vince Gill** and **Adley Stump** of NBC's "The Voice" take to the stage at this tented outdoor reception, which honors **Brigadier General Steven P. Huber** for his military service and raises funds to provide educational scholarships for spouses and children of soldiers killed or disabled in the line of duty.

**Time:** 5 p.m.

**Place:** Park Grill in Millennium Park, 11 N. Michigan

**Cost:** \$500 per individual, tables of 10 start at \$10,000. For tickets, call (918) 272-5306.

## next week

July 21

● **INAUGURAL SUSAN M. ROMAN SCHOLARSHIP AWARD DINNER**

Veterinary icon **Dr. Sheldon Rubln** and noted animal behaviorist **Steve Dale** are among the speakers at this fundraiser for the Ovarian Cancer Symptom Awareness Organization, at which three promising veterinary students will be awarded scholarships.

**Time:** 6 p.m.

**Place:** The Signature Room at the 95th, 875 N. Michigan

**Cost:** \$125. For more information, visit [Ovariancancersymptomawareness.org](http://Ovariancancersymptomawareness.org).

July 23-24

● **CHICAGO SIDEWALK SALE**

Daley Plaza becomes a fabulous bazaar as more than 40 Chicago-based designers — including **C/FAN**, **Anna Hovet**, **Elda de la Rosa** and **Peach Carr Designs** — set up shop to hawk affordable apparel, jewelry and accessories. Don't miss the runway show, happening each day at noon.

**Time:** 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**Place:** 50 W. Washington

**Cost:** Free. For more information, visit [Cityofchicago.org](http://Cityofchicago.org).

July 24

● **CATHOLIC CHARITIES' GOLF INVITATIONAL**

WMAQ-Channel 5 meteorologist **Andy Avalos** emcees this 16th annual event, which



Lawn Ball

features a Texas Scramble-style tournament, a celebrity contest round with WTMX's **Eric Ferguson** and former Chicago Bears **Shaun Gayle** and **Emery Moorehead**, plus dinner, cocktails, a silent auction and more.

**Time:** 10 a.m.

**Place:** Cog Hill Golf & Country Club, 12294 S. Archer, Lemont

**Cost:** Single players start at \$500, foursomes at \$2,000. Visit [Catholiccharities.net/golf](http://Catholiccharities.net/golf).

July 26

● **GUILD BOARD OF BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF CHICAGO LAWN BALL**

The lakefront Saddle & Cycle Club is the setting for this year's ninth annual fête, featuring a Havana theme. Guests will enjoy cocktails, a candlelit dinner and a speech from a Boys & Girls Clubs youth before dancing the



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night away to salsa music.

**Time:** VIP reception 6 p.m.; Lawn Ball reception 7 p.m.

**Place:** 900 W. Foster

**Cost:** \$350 individual ticket, \$450 VIP ticket. Call (312) 235-8037 or visit [Lawnball.org](http://Lawnball.org).

July 27

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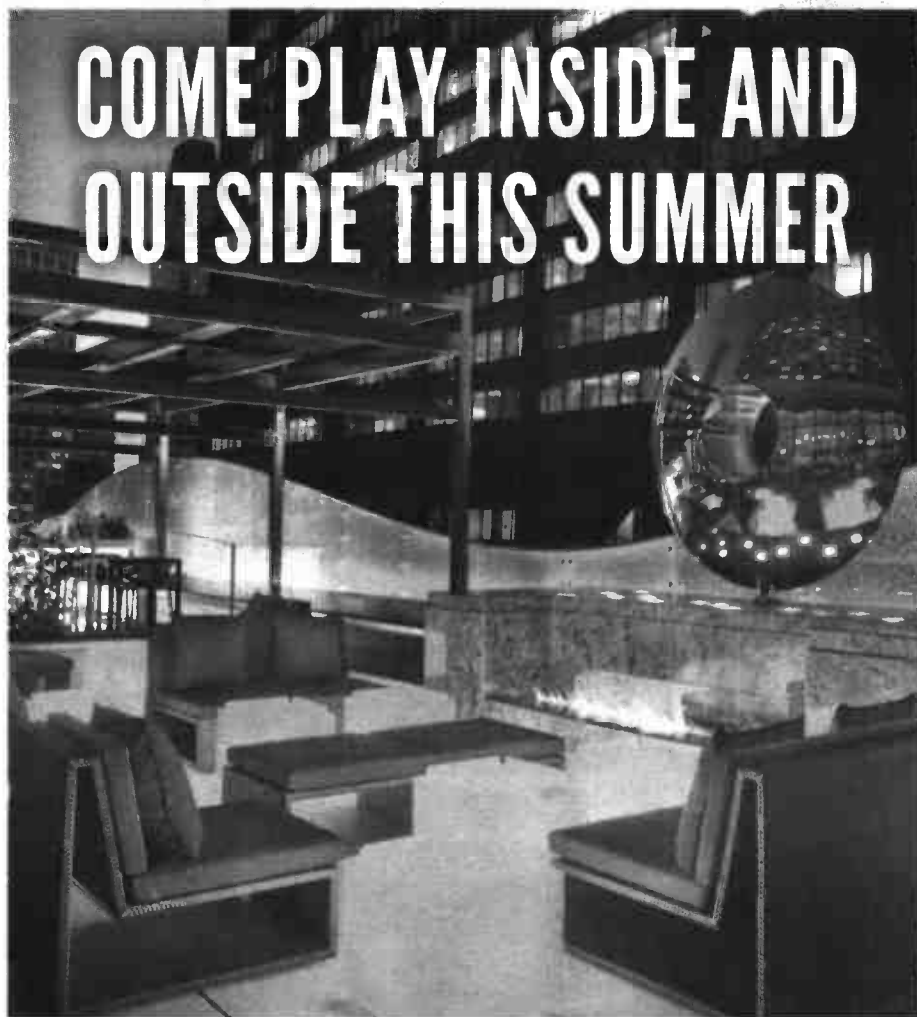
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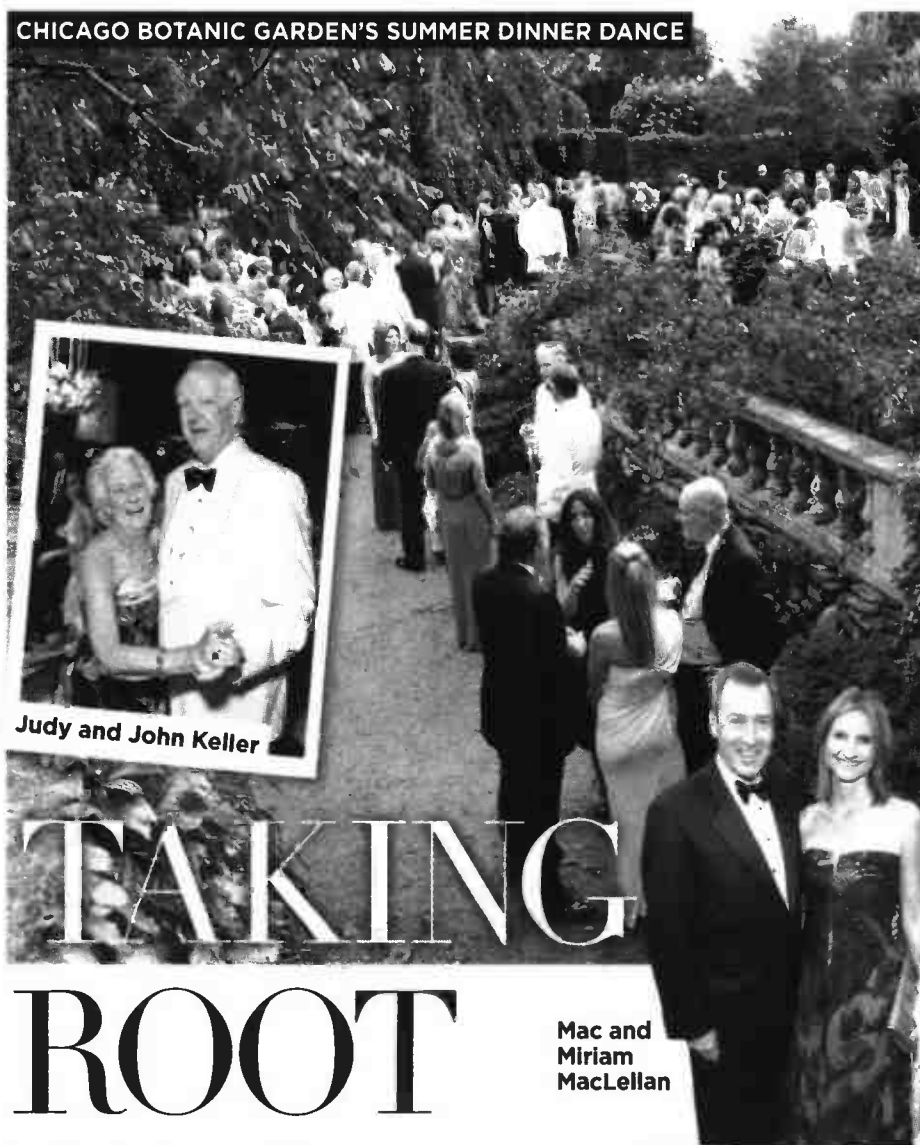
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CITY PORCH SUMMER PARTY

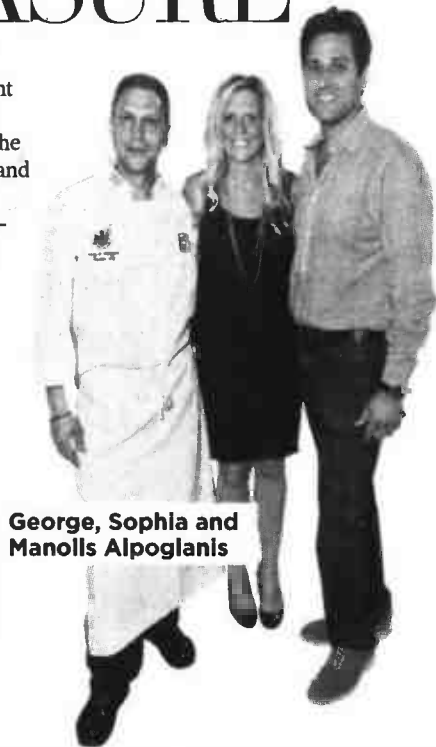
# PIER PLEASURE

On June 19, Navy Pier celebrated its newest attraction: City Porch, a seasonal restaurant perched on the southeast end of the pier. More than 200 guests, invited by Splash, packed the interior and patio, sampling bites from the menu and mingling with owner **Manolis Alpogianis**. The bash ended with a bang as revelers sipped specialty cocktails while watching a sparkling fireworks display over the lake. City Porch will premiere a new menu every month through September.



**Justine Fedak and Christian Madsen**

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**George, Sophia and Manolis Alpogianis**

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**Teddi Galanis, Jane Monzures and Regina Valsamis** | PHOTO BY ROBERT KUSEL

# HEAD STRONG

Poker tables, blackjack and roulette set the scene at Union Station (210 S. Canal) June 22 for the Auxiliary of North Shore University Health System's 41st annual gala. The party — themed "Diamonds and Dice ... How Lucky Can You Get?" — attracted more than 500 business, healthcare and civic leaders for a silent auction, raffle and live entertainment from the **Steve Edwards Orchestra**. Mistress of ceremonies **Jane Monzures** and co-chairs **Teddi Galanis** and **Regina Valsamis** pumped up partygoers, helping to raise more than \$500,000 for the DodoNA Project: DNA Prediction to Improve Neurological Health, which aims to predict, prevent and stop neurological disorders.

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## Alison Victoria and Luke Harding

BY KATERINA BIZIOS

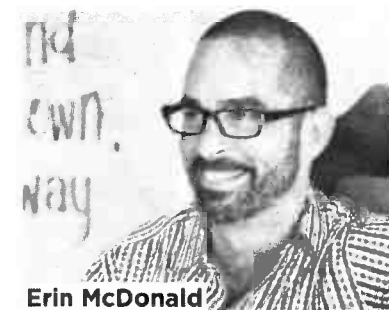
**A**lison Victoria, star of DIY Network's "Kitchen Crashers," has been tearing apart and rebuilding kitchens across the country for more than five seasons. But when it came to the décor for her own engagement party with fiancé **Luke Harding**, the expert designer took the night off. Victoria kept things simple at the June 1 bash, requesting only flowers and candles to fill Lincoln Park's A New Leaf (1818 N. Wells). As for the dress code, Harding and Victoria went all-out: In honor of their engagement in France and favorite film, "Midnight in Paris," the pair asked their guests to don 1920s Parisian-inspired attire. The groom-to-be wore a custom three-piece suit by **Adrian Park**, accessorized with a cane and straw hat, while the bride sparkled in a **Rebecca Taylor** dress layered with a tulle **Reem Acra** skirt and embellished with pearls and crystals. Even Victoria's 82-year-old grandmother, **Alice Karacostas**, pulled out her pearls for the occasion. Tesa Cigar Co. doled out freshly rolled cigars, and artist **Rosemary Fanti** sketched party-goers as they mingled, sipped Moscow Mules and snacked on croque monsieur sandwiches, baked brie and raspberry filo bites. Victoria and Harding ended the evening on the dance floor with family and friends — including the entire "Kitchen Crashers" crew — and grabbed the mic for an impromptu karaoke session. The couple will tie the knot at the Drake Hotel (140 E. Walton) in November.



**Top: Luke Harding and Alison Victoria**  
**Middle: Nick Fobes, Bryan Wilson, Cory Pop and Joe Hoffman**  
**Bottom: Guests enjoy cocktails on the outdoor patio**

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## CHEERS!



**Erin McDonald**

Hats off to **Justin Jacobson** and **Platinum Events**: The strategic event production firm recently brought on **Erin McDonald** to spearhead the wedding and design division.



Congrats to new parents **Taryn Williams-Clark** and **Travis Clark**, who welcomed baby **Blair Zenobia** in May. **Tarrah Cooper**, press secretary to **Mayor Rahm Emanuel**, is the proud godmother.

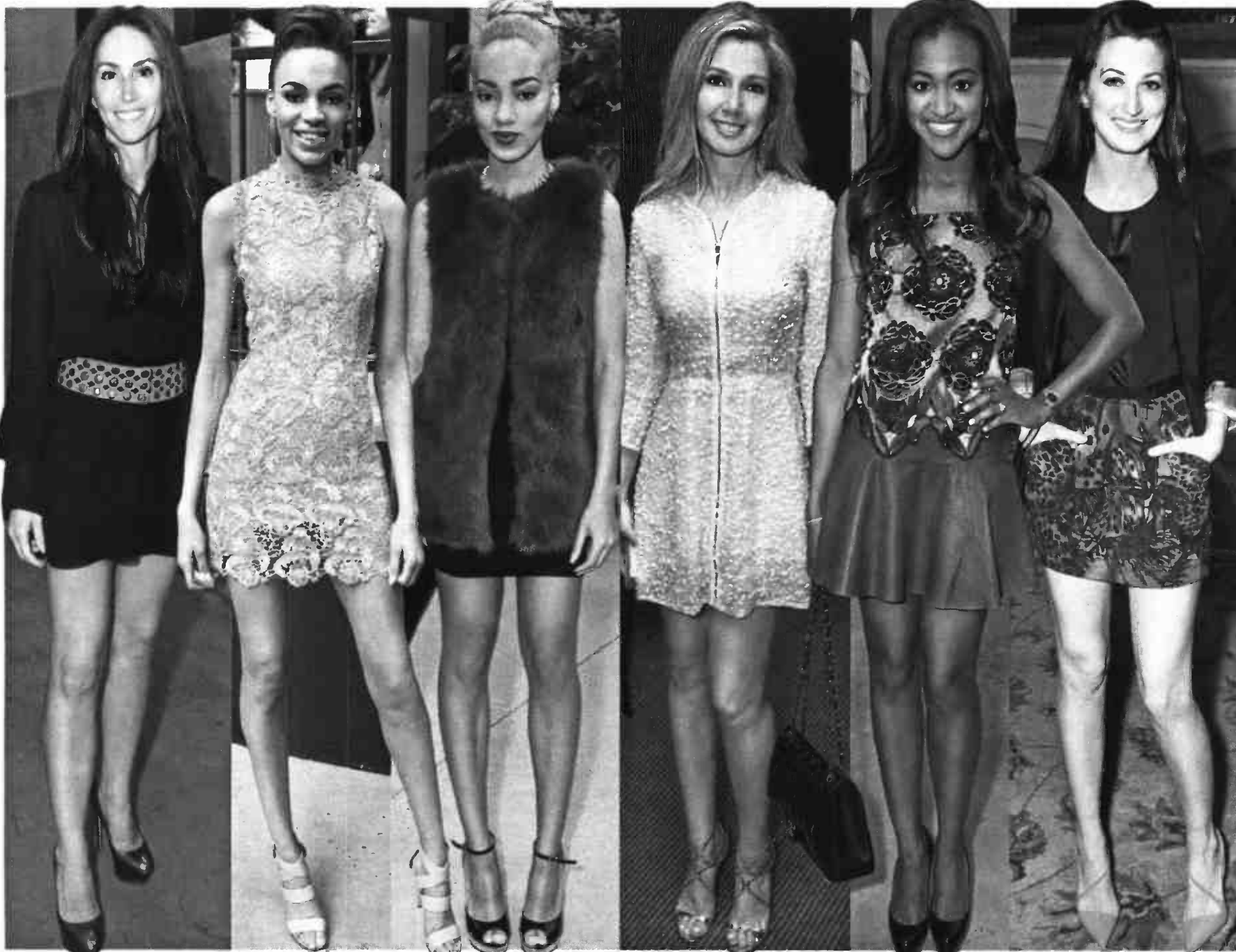


**Paula H. Holderman**

Case closed: **Paula H. Holderman**, chief attorney development officer at Winston and Strawn LLP, was sworn in as 137th president of the Illinois State Bar Association June 21.

## SEND US YOUR CHEERS!

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# SHORT CUTS

**D**are to bare a little leg with the ultimate flirty statement: the mini dress. For an elegant, tasteful version, don a hem that hits the mid-thigh (it's the length that dominated Hermès' spring collection) and remember the rule of balance: If the dress is short, keep the décolletage modest. When it comes to shoes, Splash pal Brian Atwood packed his pre-fall collection with sexy ankle-strapped stilletos in metallic, leather and snakeskin, ideal for accentuating legs. Turns out great things do come in small packages.

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# EASTERN EATS

**Tony Hu** takes over River North with **Lao 18**

BY DAVID HAMMOND

**T**hough it's not his official title, it's safe to say that **Tony Hu** is the culinary Mayor of Chinatown. The restaurateur — known for his upscale, region-by-region take on Chinese cuisine — has built his venerable brand over the past 20 years, opening 10 much-lauded restaurants (including Lao Sze Chuan, Lao Beijing, Lao Shanghai and Lao You Ju) throughout the city and suburbs. In mid-June, he further expanded his empire, launching Lao 18 in River North.

His newest effort doesn't disappoint. From within the 265-seat, pan-Chinese restaurant, Hu serves up a dinner menu filled with gourmet dishes like Lao's crispy duck (\$19) and twice-cooked pork belly (\$14). Soon, he'll add a classic dim-sum lunch and brunch service. And the spot has a unique twist — on the weekends, it transforms into a club, complete with an in-house DJ. Here's what else you can expect to find at Lao 18:

**When Tony met Bing:** Fifteen years ago, Hu and future business partner **Bing Zhou** worked side-by-side at Szechuan House on Michigan Avenue. Now, they're finally together again with Lao 18.

**Decor:** You may have experienced the stark styling at Hu's Lao Sze Chuan and the Maoist agitprop décor of Lao Hunan, both in Chinatown, but "at Lao 18," says Hu, "we put a lot more thought into design." **Hiki Feng** and **Jeremy Stanulis** have designed an entryway with 100-year-old Chinese roof tiles that opens onto 8,000 feet of Sino-Stylish dining space, topped with a



Fei Teng black cod



Tony Hu



Peking duck

dramatic brass cloud.

**Get lucky:** Hu says the brass cloud symbolizes peace and luck, and that woodcarvings behind the banquettes represent good fortune. The space also boasts bubble lights filled with water (you guessed it — also lucky), and 18 is a lucky number in China. With that kind of karma, Hu might consider selling Illinois Lottery tickets at the hostess station.

**Cuisine:** Traditionally, Hu's restaurants have tended to focus on traditional regional foods. Lao 18, however, has broader focus, with selections reflecting Szechuan (beef & tripe, string beans), Cantonese (roast duck, steamed bass) and Shanghai (ponzu red snapper, jelly fish) cooking styles.

**Drinks:** Premium sake is hot — though it's never served warm — and Lao 18 carries an impressive selection of this brewed beverage. If you want to sip something exclusive, ask for Maotai, which Zhou says is "the No.

1 liquor in China." According to Hu, an iPad menu will be debuting soon to help diners navigate the extensive beverage and food choices.

**Must-try dish:** Lao 18's crisp, juicy Peking duck (\$39), thin pancakes spread with plum sauce that's prepared tableside, is a beautiful rendition, and the Fei Teng black cod (\$25) packs serious heat. But Hu believes that in morning-after-dinner conversations, "most guests will be talking about Tony's crispy shrimp (\$16) and the three-chili chicken (\$15)."

**Plant power:** Traditionally, Chinese cuisine devotes equal attention to flora and fauna, and Lao 18 offers many plant-based options. There's a Vegetable & Tofu menu section, and several small plates sans meat or fish. Upon request, even veggie-based dishes that contain small amounts of animal protein (like green beans with bonito flakes) can be made vegetarian.

18 W. Hubbard, (312) 955-8018; [Lao18.com](http://Lao18.com)

# GRADING SPACES

Check out the hottest properties on the market at these five events

BY MADELINE NUSSER

## Door County Midsummer's Music Festival

This all-star chamber music series hosts a concert inside Wisconsin's largest home, a Gatsby-esque manse listed with Jameson Sotheby's International Realty. Gawk at 42 rooms, including the 2,300-square-foot salon housing the grandest of pianos, the Fazioli F308. July 17. \$150, Ellison Bay, Wis., (920) 854-7088; [Midsummersmusic.com](http://Midsummersmusic.com)

## Music, Art and Drinks!

Logan Square's next trendy, chef-

driven restaurant just might be located at Prudential Rubloff Properties' new Milwaukee Avenue listing. It goes on the market with a Latin-inspired art, music and a cocktail shindig for real estate insiders. July 26. 2450 N. Milwaukee; [Rubloff.com](http://Rubloff.com)

## Salon Series Projects

Peruse FLATS' next luxury rental property even before the paint dries. Stop by Salon Series Projects, the ground-floor tenant temporarily installed until construction ends on the buildings' units. Next month, the series presents a salon-

style fête, complete with food, drinks and a discussion with curator **Tempestt Hazel**. September 13. 1319 W. Wilson; [TheSalonSeries.com](http://TheSalonSeries.com)

## Pop-Up Art Loop

Chicago Loop Alliance's temporary exhibitions draw attention to available downtown properties, including the dreamy, old-timey 23 E. Madison storefront in the Jewelers Row District. On the next First Thursdays Gallery Walk, it features artwork by **Dusty Rabjohn**. August 1. 23 E. Madison; [Popupartloop.com](http://Popupartloop.com)

## Charlie Trotter's restaurant reception

Previews, Coldwell Banker's luxury division, is staging an exclusive food-filled party to show off **Charlie Trotter's** old space as it hits the market. For one night only, Trotter alum

**Giuseppe Tentori** will oversee the kitchen with the help of the legendary chef himself. July 22. 816 W. Armitage; [Coldwellbankerpreviews.com](http://Coldwellbankerpreviews.com)

Left: Guests mingle at Charlie Trotter's restaurant last August. | RAMZI DREESSEN-SPLASH



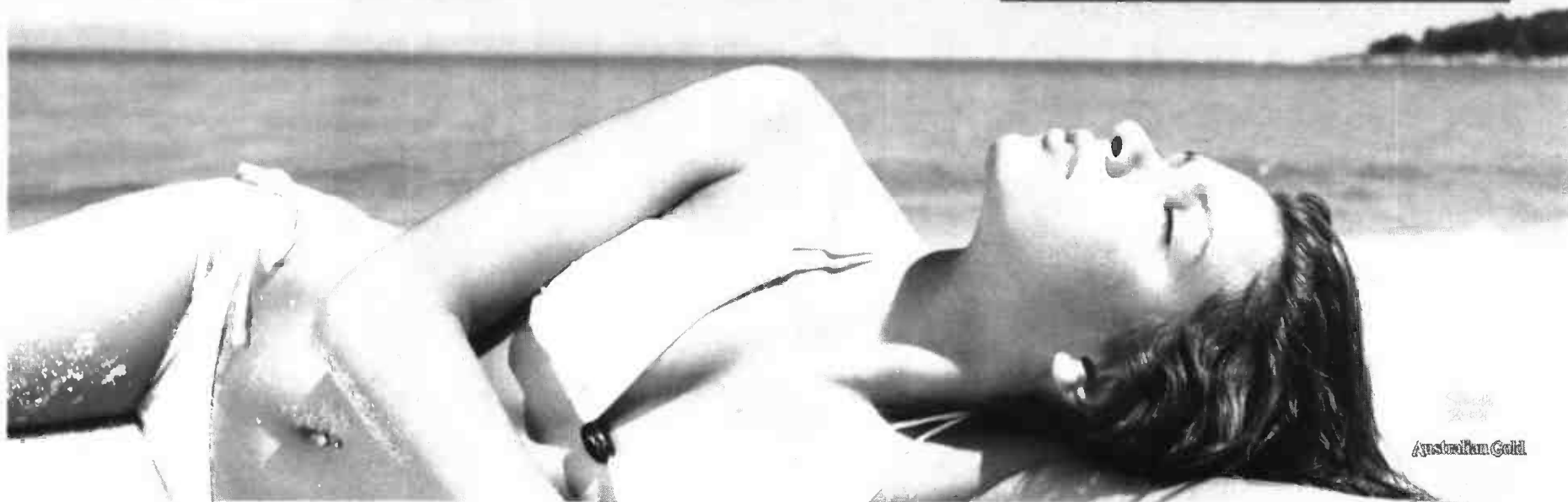
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— STONE GOSSARD OF PEARL JAM



# AND THE BAND GAVE ON

With a one-night Wrigley Field concert, **Pearl Jam** and friends join forces to benefit two local arts nonprofits **BY MOLLY EACH**

It's 10 a.m. on a Wednesday morning and Theo Epstein is sitting at a paint-stained table at the South Chicago Art Center, drawing a dolphin. It's at the request of one of the young students from the program, which runs out of a small storefront on the far Southeast side. The student looks critically at Epstein's drawing, and the Chicago Cubs President of Baseball Operations chuckles. "I think I need to sign up for a drawing class," he says.

Epstein is visiting the nonprofit arts program, along with Mayor Rahm Emanuel, to announce that the center is the recipient of a substantial donation. And though the members of Pearl Jam — lead singer Eddie Vedder, guitarist Mike McCready, bassist Jeff Ament, guitarist Stone Gossard and drummer Matt Cameron — aren't present on this sunny morning, they're at the heart of this whole operation. Since the band was formed in 1990, philanthropy has been as essential to its approach as Vedder's raspy vocals. Early on, the band played benefit concerts, recorded benefit albums and made sporadic donations to charity, but in 2006, members upped the ante: Through their Vitalogy Foundation, Pearl Jam has donated \$2 from every concert ticket sold to a nonprofit organization in the area of arts, education, the environment, community health and social justice.

As fans have been rocking out to "Alive" or "Yellow Ledbetter," the band has quietly raised more than \$15 million since its inception — and \$2 million alone from the \$2-per-ticket initiative — for a range of organizations around the world. When it comes to the funds, the beneficiaries vary: Sometimes, each band member gives a chunk individually, sometimes they donate collectively and sometimes — as in Chicago's case — they give the money to a nonprofit organization located in the city where they just performed.

But for the upcoming sold-out Chicago show, happening July 19 at Wrigley Field, the band tweaked their standard approach. Because they were familiar with Chicago's vibrant art scene, instead of simply selecting a local organization, the band reached out to Mayor Rahm Emanuel for a list of local arts nonprofits that were doing strong, effective work, but were in need of additional funds. The mayor and his team turned over a list, and Pearl Jam and its crew researched each one before settling upon two potential





*"Every kid is just looking for something to connect with. But the important thing is to have an awareness that nonprofits help kids who are overlooked."*

— THEO EPSTEIN

**Epstein draws with Adan Luna at the South Chicago Art Center.** | RAMZI DREESSEN-SPLASH

beneficiaries: Marwen and the South Chicago Art Center. The concert, which sold out in 20 minutes and has a 40,000-person capacity, is poised to raise \$80,000 for the two organizations, both of which seek to improve the lives of underserved Chicago youth through art. It's a cause that holds extra significance for the band, as Vedder is an Evanston native (and avid Cubs fan).

"We wanted to do something that would help provide Chicago's youth access to arts education," says Gossard. "All of us in the band found our way in the world through art and music; it opened our eyes and gave us a kind of language to better understand ourselves and the world. These two organizations are doing amazing work with visual arts and the city's young people."

According to Emanuel, the band chose two charities that span the Chicago arts nonprofit spectrum.

"They serve communities and kids that need to be served," he says of both organizations, adding that South Chicago Art Center is focused on one neighborhood while Marwen serves students citywide.

Pearl Jam's philanthropic spirit has inspired other local heavy hitters to come along for the ride. The Chicago Cubs Charities and Epstein's own nonprofit, Foundation to be Named Later, are kicking in \$10,000 and \$15,000, respectively, for each charity, bringing the grand total for both Marwen and the South Chicago Art Center to \$65,000. (Additionally, fan-run foundation Wishlist is raising money for the organizations, while promoter Live Nation is donating \$5,000 to support research for Epidermolysis Bullosa through [Healeb.org](http://Healeb.org), a cause dear to Vedder and his wife.)

"We found out about [the band's donation] because our ballpark is

hosting the concert, and we thought it would be appropriate to get involved. I've been lucky enough to get to know these guys over the years, and they're incredible people," says Epstein. "If you talk to them, they'll say they never would have gotten where they are with out access to arts programs. Every kid is just looking for something to connect with. But the important thing is to have an awareness that nonprofits help kids who are overlooked. Whether it's arts or summer camps or sports, you just have to get kids off the streets and help them find their passion."

In their 20-year history, Pearl Jam has rarely gone public about its philanthropic donations. But the band feels that if the publicity benefits arts nonprofits — and inspires fans to give as well — then it's worthwhile. Read the sidebars to find out how Marwen and South Chicago Art Center captured the hearts of a legendary rock band.



**Jayvon Jackson works on a painting at Marwen.**

## Marwen

This year, Marwen director Antonia Contro celebrates a milestone: 20 years with the organization. In fact, she's been with the arts nonprofit since the start. "I'm sheepishly admitting it," she laughs. "But I authored the mission for the organization as a young artist in arts education and there were literally two students that came. Now, it's at this remarkable place where I'm meeting alums that are across the city working in arts-related fields. It's a gratifying thing."

Based in River North, Marwen welcomes students in grades

## South Chicago Art Center

As a probation officer in juvenile court, Sarah Ward pioneered the country's first art therapy program for kids on probation — but she knew she could make a bigger difference. "I felt like I was working with kids who needed someone, but they had sisters or brothers at home that *really* needed someone to work with them. Something was missing," she says. "I wanted to create an open center where kids could enjoy themselves and either do art or just be respected." So in 2001, Ward, a visual artist, opened the South Chicago Art Center in a small storefront on the far Southeast side.

Back then, she had only a smattering of supplies and 18 participants. But now, the center serves thousands of kids, who can drop in for free and learn a wide range of visual arts, from painting to mosaic to sculpture. Ward also has a community garden that encompasses four city lots, where students plant, harvest and learn to cook their bounty, and garner art inspiration.

The Center's neighborhood is extremely contentious. "There are 12 active gangs in a 10-by-10 block area, so it's really hard for kids to get to our space," says Ward. "They literally have to risk their lives." To combat this, SCAC and a team of teachers hold programs in 11 schools. In total, Ward and her team are affecting more than 3,000 low-income students who have limited access to creative outlets and positive role models. With the donation from Pearl Jam, the Cubs and Theo Epstein, she hopes to secure a larger space. "The storefront is home, but it's scrappy. The kids deserve a bigger space."

During her tenure, Ward has caught the attention of the neighborhood's students and the city of Chicago. "I've known about her work for awhile, and she won't take no for an answer," says Emanuel. "She's a force of nature."

Learn more and donate to the South Chicago Art Center at [Happyartcenter.org](http://Happyartcenter.org).



**Mayor Rahm Emanuel chats with Shaniya Pollard (from left) Lella Navarette and Adan Luna.** | RAMZI DREESSEN-SPLASH

6-12 from across the city for after-school and weekend studio classes in everything from painting to drawing to animation, many taught by working artists such as fashion designer Elise Bergman and visual artist Regin Igloria. Offerings appeal to every style of artist, while there's a burgeoning digital media program, there's also still an analog black and white photography program. "We think it's valuable in teaching core principles," says Contro.

Since its inception, Marwen has made a mark on the city. "I've known Marwen for years, it's a fabulous organization," says Emanuel. "They serve citywide,

rather than a particular community." Currently Marwen offers more than 100 courses to nearly 800 students from 54 of the city's 57 ZIP codes — and then there's their renowned college planning and career development program, which offers portfolio classes, ACT coaching, college field trips and guidance for students and families. And it's paid off: Last year, 91 percent of Marwen seniors were accepted to college. "We really stand behind the impact and value of arts immersion," says Contro.

Learn more and donate to Marwen at [Marwen.org](http://Marwen.org).

sunday in the life

# Laws of attraction

Meghan Markle, star of USA's hit show 'Suits,' makes the case for a food-filled Sunday

BY ZAK STEMER

If you've caught an episode of USA's addictive legal drama "Suits," chances are you've already taken a liking to Rachel Zane, the perfectly polished paralegal portrayed by Meghan Markle. On screen, Markle, 31, plays a brilliant mind, expert foodie and overachiever — in a form-fitting pencil skirt. Off screen, the Northwestern grad bears a striking similarity to her fictitious counterpart. She's an avid epicure and a whip-smart scholar who double-majored in international relations and theater and once worked at the U.S. Embassy in Buenos Aires. Markle even shares the same first name as her character (though nobody ever calls her Rachel) and admits to raiding Zane's wardrobe from time to time.

For those unfamiliar with the show, "Suits," which airs its third season premiere July 16, follows a wunderkind lawyer who lands a job at New York's top law firm by hiding the fact that he never went to law school, and immediately falls into a will-they-or-won't-they relationship with Markle's character.



Markle and Patrick J. Adams on the set of "Suits."

a shot [this season]. They have this secret office relationship — and she's in on his [other] big secret."

When she's not filming, Markle is enjoying married life in LA — she wed longtime love Trevor Engelson in 2011 — and indulging in her dual passions: food and travel. "It's really close to my heart to try to see this world," she explains. Fortunately, Engelson is just as eager to travel, consistently visiting Markle on set in Toronto.

For Markle, whose rise to stardom has included a gig as Model with Case #24 on "Deal or No Deal" and a slew of failed pilots, it's thrilling to have finally found happiness both at home and on screen. "I remember going to class at Northwestern, sitting there and wondering if I could make it. I had a commercial agent in Chicago and I would drive into the city and try to build this career," she says. "To be able to have a show that's so successful, and to be with people that I respect and care for — I'm the luckiest girl in the world."

Watch "Suits" on USA July 16 at 9 p.m.

"We ended last season with so much going on at the firm: the merger, Rachel not getting into Harvard Law and the Mike and Rachel cat-and-mouse game," says Markle. "I'll say, and I don't know how much I'm giving away, that they're going to give it

Read more from Meghan online at [Chicagosplash.com](http://Chicagosplash.com)



## 9 A.M.

Markle starts her day with light yoga in her room at the James Hotel (55 E. Ontario).



## 10 A.M.

She meets up with her friend and former sorority sister Genevieve Hillis at Longman & Eagle (2657 N. Kedzie) for brunch.

## 11:30 A.M.

To keep her face camera-ready, Markle heads to the Spa at the Trump (401 N. Wabash) for a facial from her go-to aesthetician, Regina.



## 1 P.M.

Markle swings by Grahamwich (615 N. State) for a short rib sandwich before heading up to Northwestern for a campus visit.



## 5 P.M.

Time for cocktails with girlfriends at RL (115 E. Chicago). "I love a good drink, I love a great french fry, and they have both there. It's my kind of place," she says.



## 8:30 P.M.

For dinner Markle hits up the much-lauded Girl & the Goat (left, 809 W. Randolph) or Xoco (449 N. Clark). "It's so hard to choose!" she laments.

# Petersen's 'Slow' dance

The 'CSI' star takes to the Steppenwolf stage in 'Slowgirl' **BY THOMAS CONNERS**

**N**ineteen years ago — long before he became a household name thanks to his role as the complex Gil Grissom on mega-hit "CSI: Crime Scene Investigation" — William Petersen was onstage at the Goodman Theatre in the Tennessee Williams drama "The Night of the Iguana." Set in a less-than-swanky hotel on the coast of Mexico, the play revolves around the psychic tribulations of Lawrence Shannon, an alcoholic minister in retreat from the world. Reviewing the show, critic Richard Christiansen remarked, "Petersen, haggard, haunted and railing against the heavens in a Southern accent, flings himself into the tortures of Shannon with his inimitable fiery force."

**'SLOWGIRL'**  
Steppenwolf Theatre,  
1650 N. Halsted, July 18-August 25, \$20-\$78; (312) 335-1650; [Steppenwolf.org](http://Steppenwolf.org).

Now, Petersen — whose recent Chicago stage forays include a Jeff Award-winning performance as a pedophile in "Blackbird" at Victory Gardens — finds himself portraying another man in self-imposed exile in an alien environment: Sterling in Greg Pierce's "Slowgirl," a lawyer who sees his withdrawal to the Costa Rican jungle upended by the sudden appearance of his 17-year-old niece, Becky.

Chosen to inaugurate Lincoln Center Theater's rooftop Claire Tow Theater last summer, and

playing at Steppenwolf July 18-25, "Slowgirl" considers the all-too-common sin of self-involvement, the seeming ease with which we minimize our shortcomings and the ultimate price one pays for imagining that there's anything durable enough to conceal a moral lapse forever. Sterling, who's left behind a case gone horribly wrong, and Becky (played by Rae Gray), whose role in tormenting a mentally challenged girl may have gone beyond mere insensitivity, both have some accounting to do. She's a typically voluble teen and he's a man accustomed to measuring his words — not the ideal pair to sit and ponder philosophically. And yet, as playwright Pierce has imagined them, the two manage to bring one another to a clearer

understanding of their respective personal dilemmas. "Slowgirl" is a beautiful, actor-driven story depicting a unique relationship," notes director and Steppenwolf ensemble member Randall Arney. "I love the play for Billy, as it stretches him to play a character whose strengths and rhythms are not those that he has played a lot, creating a surprising and compelling complexity."



William Petersen and Rae Gray (Inset) star as uncle and niece in the drama "Slowgirl."

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# IN CHARACTER WITH... Michelle Alegria

The former Chicago reporter talks transitioning into Hollywood

BY LIZ CROKIN

“It’s never too late to reinvent yourself,” says Chicago native Michelle Alegria who, in 2011 after 10 years of working as a reporter on WLS-Channel 7’s “190 North,” decided to move to Los Angeles to pursue an acting career. She’s already scored movie roles — playing, you guessed it, TV reporters — in two major films: Sofia Coppola’s summer hit “The Bling Ring,” and the recently wrapped “Dawn Patrol” with Rita Wilson and Scott Eastwood (Clint’s son). Alegria says making the leap to the West Coast with three small children was no easy decision, but she hasn’t looked



Sofia Coppola



Scott Eastwood

back. “It was scary to uproot my family,” she says. “You just have to have faith that you’re doing the right thing.” Judging by her near-instant success — she’s also landed several national TV commercials, including spots for

Honda and Mike & Ike candy — it was the right choice.

**In transition:** “My first year-and-a-half here was spent training. I wanted to learn everything there was to know about getting into character. I didn’t want to be just a pretty face. Soon, I found a manager who also works as an agent, and he started sending me out on auditions. They were all cattle calls. But you never know what [casting directors] are looking for.”

**Role call:** “It’s important to find a common thread between you and the character. It wasn’t hard playing a reporter — it was so fun. But I am so ready to delve into something really juicy and mysterious.”

**Body language:** “I eat less sandwiches and pizza now. In Chicago, you have that temptation on every corner. Out here, it’s all about juice and veganism and living well and feeling well. I run along the beach every morning and I can do it all year long, unlike in Chicago, where you have to run in a gym during the winter because it’s so cold. I grow my own garden too, so I’m eating fresh.”

**Star gazing:** “Sofia Coppola is such a lady and so welcoming. She is so gracious; she’s almost timid. It was an honor to work with her, and I hope I can work with her again. When Scott Eastwood first walked past me, I started shaking. He is delicious!”

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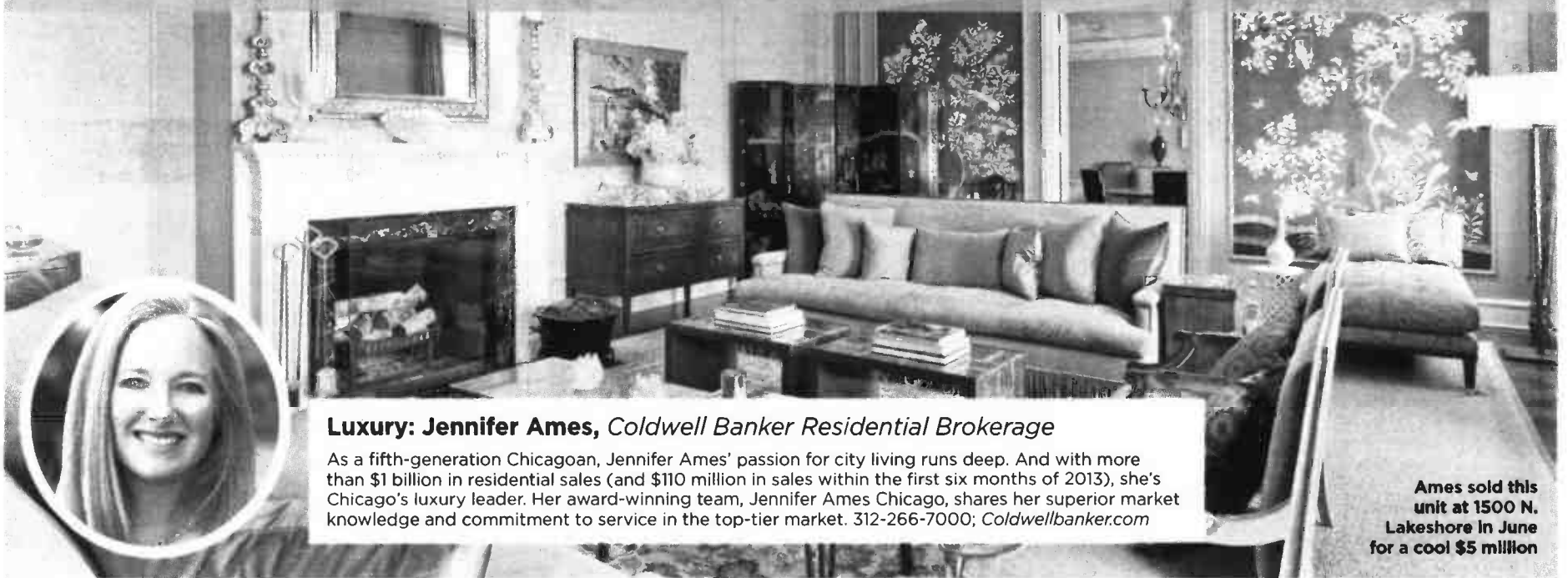
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# Real Geniuses

Finding your dream home is about more than square footage and an extra half-bath — it's about staking out a spot in the right neighborhood, too. Whether you're looking to hit up a high-rise in the burgeoning South Loop or put down roots on the luxe North Shore, these go-to local realtors can help score your ideal abode. **BY STEPHANIE SIMS**



**Luxury: Jennifer Ames, Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage**

As a fifth-generation Chicagoan, Jennifer Ames' passion for city living runs deep. And with more than \$1 billion in residential sales (and \$110 million in sales within the first six months of 2013), she's Chicago's luxury leader. Her award-winning team, Jennifer Ames Chicago, shares her superior market knowledge and commitment to service in the top-tier market. 312-266-7000; [Coldwellbanker.com](http://Coldwellbanker.com)

**Ames sold this unit at 1500 N. Lakeshore in June for a cool \$5 million**



**Lincoln Square/Andersonville: Deborah Hess, CONLON: A Real Estate Company**

In 2000, Deborah Hess was recognized by the Ravenswood Community Council for helping to put Lincoln Square on the map. Her presence there has only expanded: In 2012, Hess sold \$4.3 million in Lincoln Square and Andersonville — both neighborhoods in which she boasts deep family roots. 773-435-5819; [Conlonrealestate.com](http://Conlonrealestate.com)



**Evanston: Linda Levin, Jameson Sotheby's International Realty**

Linda Levin has more than 23 years of experience as a commercial and residential real estate agent. She represents top condo developments in the area, including One Evanston, and has completed at least 34 transactions a year with an average sale price of \$830K. "I literally work every day," she says of her dedication. 312-335-3231; [Conlonrealestate.com](http://Conlonrealestate.com)



**Lincoln Park: Eudice and Jayme Fogel, Prudential Rubloff**

Eudice Fogel has been among the top 20 top-producing agents in Chicago for almost her entire career. And the apple doesn't fall far from the tree: Daughter Jayme recently joined her in selling Lincoln Park properties. Eudice raised Jayme and her other children in the area and both know the ins and outs of the neighborhood, including the evolution of its restaurants, schools and amenities. Eudice: 312-368-5342, Jayme: 312-268-0640; [Rubloff.com](http://Rubloff.com)



**Hinsdale: Dawn McKenna, Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage**

As the No. 2 agent by total dollar volume closed in 2012 with \$64.52 million, Dawn McKenna has found success by understanding the "human aspects" of the Hinsdale market. As a result, her referrals are all through word of mouth. "[My clients] want to know everything about a listing as well as the neighborhood, and I can provide that information," she says. 630-789-8280; [Coldwellbanker.com](http://Coldwellbanker.com)



**North Shore: Jean Anderson, Prudential Rubloff**

Jean Anderson has long had her finger on the pulse of the North Shore market. With transactions in Lake Forest, Lake Bluff, Northbrook, Glenview, Highland Park and Winnetka, she was the No. 3 agent in Lake County last year, with \$31.45 million in sales. 847-460-5412; [Rubloff.com](http://Rubloff.com)



### Hyde Park: Zeke Morris, Keller Williams CCG

Morris is a "lifetime city resident" and has worked in Hyde Park and around the University of Chicago for 15 years. Not only does Morris know the neighborhood, but he has his own team of brokers who also know Hyde Park inside and out. Morris has listed \$5 million so far this year in Hyde Park, and in 2012, his team closed more than \$10 million in sales and listings. "I am very familiar with the neighborhood and have a feel for its environment: its culture, and what people want when they seek to live there," he says. 773-536-1600; Kw.com



Rosenbloom sold this penthouse at 340 W. Superior for \$1.24 million



### Gold Coast: Millie Rosenbloom, Baird & Warner

Since 2009, Millie Rosenbloom has been the No. 1 agent in the entire Baird & Warner company (that's the No. 1 agent out of more than 2,000). In the Gold Coast alone, Rosenbloom has helped clients buy and sell thousands of homes. In fact, she knows the Chicago market so well that she recently brought her expertise to MSNBC. 312-980-1517; Bairdwarner.com



### River North: Michael Rosenblum, Koenig & Strey

Michael Rosenblum has been the No. 1 selling broker in River North since 2007 — he has about 50 transactions a year in that neighborhood alone — and maintains insider knowledge on everything from developments to trends to pricing. "I live, work, play and invest in this neighborhood," he says. "I've mastered building knowledge by floor plan, association, developer and history." 312-893-8197; Koenigstrey.com



### Logan Square: Karen Biazar, The North Clybourn Group

As a resident and longtime Logan Square owner, Karen Biazar championed the now-trendy neighborhood before it was fashionable. "The North Clybourn Group's extensive representation of developers, resales and commercial properties in the area over the last 25 years has given me unique insight," she says. Her current listings are so hot, some haven't even been completed yet, including boutique duplex and simplex units and single-family homes on Henry Court and Dickens. 773-645-7900; Northclybourngroup.com



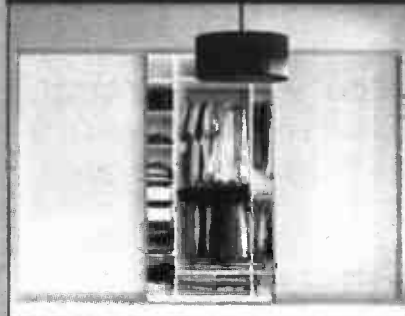
### South Loop: David Wolf, Related Realty

David Wolf's depth of knowledge on the South Loop made him the perfect candidate to sell Related Midwest's three new redeveloped buildings in the area: The Grant, The Adler and Harbor View. "The South Loop is one of the only neighborhoods in the city with a good selection of new construction condos available right now," he says. "[There's] a great mix of shopping and dining, cultural amenities, excellent schools and lakefront access." 312-832-2300; Relatedrealty-chicago.com

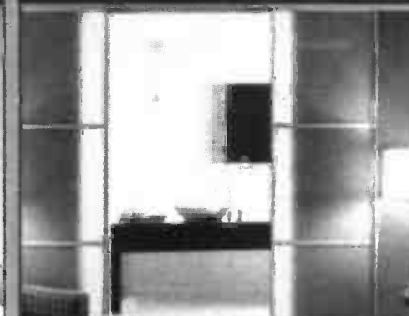
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# Modern love

For fans of mid-century modern, it doesn't get better than this



1189 Terrace

BY LISA SKOLNIK

Real estate trivia: Who built the first glass house in the United States? Or how about the first subdivision of solar homes? Both benchmarks were achieved by Chicago architects **George and William Keck** with the steel-and-glass House of Tomorrow, which debuted at the Century of Progress World's Fair in 1933, and the 22-home Glencoe subdivision Forest Crest, which went up in 1952. "The visionary brothers teamed up to form Keck & Keck in 1935, and went on to design and build hundreds of elegant, livable, energy-efficient homes that were way ahead of their time. The great majority of their residences were built on the North Shore, but you can find them throughout the Midwest," says **Joan Gand**, who cofounded Chicago Bauhaus & Beyond to celebrate and preserve local modern architecture and design. She also lives in a Keck & Keck home and considers the residences "works of art in their own right."

It's a sentiment shared by many architecture fans, which makes this beautifully preserved 1,700-square-foot, three-bedroom, 2.5-bathroom 1956 ranch at 1189 Terrace in the Forest Crest subdivision all the more enticing. The Keck & Keck home is on the market for \$675,000, and has an updated kitchen, pristine windows, a full basement, a spacious screened-in porch and a lushly landscaped, 65-foot by 174-foot lot with a koi pond, says Coldwell Banker broker **Mary Rosinski** (right, call 847-293-6167).



9 Thornwood in Flossmoor

## Highs and lows

Just as works of art come in every shape, size and price point, so do Keck & Keck homes. Two currently on the market illustrate the broad range: a low-slung, three-bed, three-bath, 2,723-square-foot ranch in Flossmoor for \$379,000 (left, call Baird & Warner broker **John Travis Flynn**, 708-602-7090), and a glassy, five-bed, six-bath, 7,550-square-foot stunner — situated on an equally stunning 27-acre parcel of land hugging the water at 925 Sheridan in Lake Bluff — priced at \$9,995,000. It's looking for the right architectural aficionado, as it needs a buyer before it's destroyed by a developer who decides to build all-new homes on the land (call Griffith, Grand & Lackie broker **Marina Carney** at 847-283-0792).

## POPULAR MECHANICS

and so coveted that the rare editions can cost upwards of \$750. But *Julius Schulman: Chicago Mid-Century Modernism* by **Gary Gand** and **Jullus Schulman** includes a chapter on the architects' work. \$60; [Rizzoli.com](http://Rizzoli.com)

Want to know more about the design duo **George and William Keck**? The only book ever written about their work, *Keck and Keck* by **Robert Boyce**, is out-of-print





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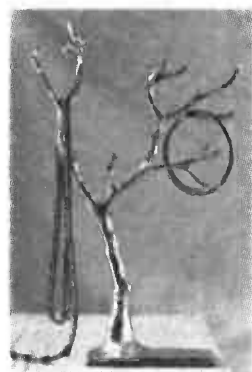
# STYLE

Chicago-based @properties real estate expert **Brandie Malay** and stylist **Mollie Milano** of Bravo's new 'Property Envy' share their fashion and home furnishing faves



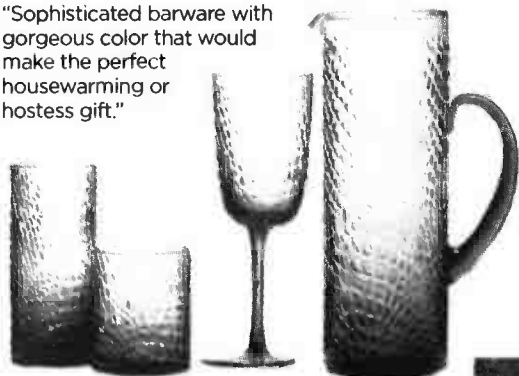
**<< Cire Trudon:** Spiritus Sancti spray, \$190, Jayson Home, 1885 N. Clybourn; [Jaysonhome.com](http://Jaysonhome.com)  
"This room spray is versatile and can be used on furniture, drapes, rugs and linens."

**>> Morning Glory Flower Shop:** lily bouquet, \$69, 1822 Glenview; [Morninggloryltd.com](http://Morninggloryltd.com)  
"Absolutely beautiful arrangements and they last forever. I love the white lily bouquets. They brighten up a home and provide a fragrance that can't be beat."



**West Elm:** cast metal jewelry tree, \$29, 1000 W. North; [Westelm.com](http://Westelm.com)  
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**Kim Seybert:** Smoke Croco glassware, \$20 - \$66, Material Possessions, 704 N. Wabash; [Materialpossessions.com](http://Materialpossessions.com)  
"Sophisticated barware with gorgeous color that would make the perfect housewarming or hostess gift."



**<< Tat2 Designs:** gold and crystal snake stacking rings, E Street Denim, \$175, 1876 1st, Highland Park; [Tat2designs.com](http://Tat2designs.com)  
"Edge up your everyday with this snake ring. It looks amazing layered up with your own bling."

**Rebecca Minkoff >>** mini MAC cross-body bag in sea green, \$195, Cusp, 1206 Northbrook; [Cusp.com](http://Cusp.com)  
"This is the must-have bag of the moment. It fits all the essentials and you can't live without the cross-body functionality."



**<< Young Fabulous & Broke:** Arianna dress, \$185, All About Me, 392 Half Day, Buffalo Grove; [Shopallaboutme.com](http://Shopallaboutme.com)  
"Such a perfect warm-weather dress. It's lightweight and not too tight around the middle, leaving room for summertime guacamole and chips."



**Maze Home:** Lotus Flower chandelier, \$520, 735 W. Elm, Winnetka; [Mazehome.com](http://Mazehome.com)  
"I just sold a home on Sheridan Road with this fixture in the dining room. It is such a statement piece."

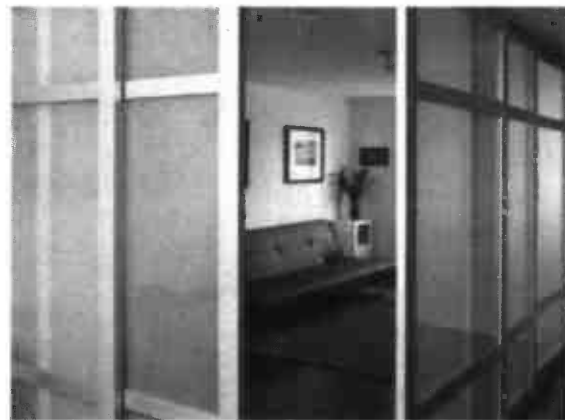
**Tile Outlet:** MSB, \$1.75 per piece, 2434 W. Fullerton; [Tileoutletchicago.com](http://Tileoutletchicago.com)  
"This is absolutely my first stop when I need tile for my kitchens and baths. Cheap as chips and an incredible selection. This place is not to be missed if you are delving into renovations."



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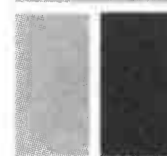
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## GRAND CHEROKEE SRT IDEAL FOR HAULING PEOPLE AND GOODS

BY JEFF TAYLOR  
For Sun-Times Media

If you like to go fast and wave the MOPAR flag then the SRT Viper is the car for you. If you seek cargo space or seating for four passengers, perhaps a Dodge Challenger SRT is a better option. Add towing to the mix and the image changes once again to a Jeep ... a Grand Cherokee SRT. A Grand Cherokee may seem like a long way from a Viper but during a Jeep event in Austin, Texas I discovered Jeep's latest version shares the SRT DNA engineering and performance tuning.

On the road or track this is the meanest looking Grand Cherokee ever created, especially in the darker hues or racy crimson color of my test vehicle. The entire Grand Cherokee line has refreshed styling for 2014. On the 2014 Grand Cherokee SRT a new grille, headlight treatment, fat tires, rear spoiler and lowered stance really max out the aggressive nature of this vehicle.

The heart of this beast is a 6.4-liter Hemi with 465 pound-feet of torque. For 2014, Grand Cherokee SRT adds an all-new eight-speed automatic with paddle shifting. Borrowed SRT hardware includes launch control system that mimics a professional driver's inputs to optimize Grand Cherokee SRT's performance. The

system aligns engine, transmission, driveline, stability control, and suspension settings to deliver a textbook drag racer launch. In the zero to 60 sprint, expect times in the mid-four-second range, which is outstanding for this heavy, blocky vehicle.

Also new for 2014, is a change in transfer case proportioning and dynamic controls for the Selec-Track system when the vehicle is in Track Mode. When this mode is selected the maximum of five modes), 70 percent of the engine's torque is delivered to the rear wheels for a more pronounced rear-wheel-drive experience. But with 30 percent traction bias up-front, the GC SRT really bites hard, delivering more grip off the line and during aggressive cornering. In all settings, the rear wheels get the most traction.

The Grand Cherokee SRT

rides on a short- and long-arm (SLA) independent front suspension with coil springs, Bilstein adaptive damping suspension (ADS), upper- and lower-control arms ("A" arms), and a stabilizer bar. The rear suspension is a multilink design with coil spring, Bilstein ADS, aluminum lower control arm, independent upper links (tension and camber), plus a separate toe link, and a stabilizer bar. So depending on the Selec-Track system mode you're in the ride ranges from slightly firm to filling rattling if you use Track Mode on anything but smooth pavement. Contact with pavement (whatever the condition), is made via handsome 20-inch wheels wrapped with 295/45 Pirelli P Zero tires.



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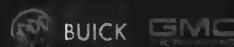
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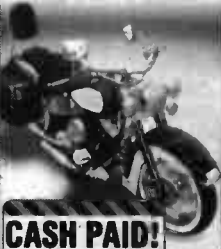
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## New downtown

Chicagoland Realty Services launched WHILE real estate market is hot

Chicagoland Realty Services, LLC, a new full-service real estate brokerage firm led by a veteran management team, has been launched at 1338 West Madison St. in the heart of Chicago's West Loop neighborhood.

"The timing of our brokerage-business launch is perfectly scheduled to take advantage of the on-going rebound in the Chicago-area housing market," said Charles L. Cornelius, Jr., founder and CEO of Chicagoland Realty Services, LLC.

"We have a duplex-business plan that features a Residential Brokerage Division and a Development Marketing Services Division, both headed by veteran real estate professionals with decades of experience."

"Our management team's mission is to develop the company into Chicago's premier downtown residential and commercial real estate brokerage firm both for new multi-family developments and the

resale market," Cornelius said.

"We are targeting Chicago's Loop, West Loop, South Loop, Streeterville, the Gold Coast, River North and River West neighborhoods, to name a few, and plan to grow the company into the leading sales and marketing representative for developers building condominiums, townhomes and single-family homes downtown and in the surrounding Chicagoland area."

Chicagoland Realty Services' real estate brokerage team is headed by real estate veteran Cornelius, multi-family marketing specialist Santo Rizzo and brokerage specialist Lori Wyatt. The team operates out of the company's swank new duplex loft offices on the ground floor of the renovated Angel Lofts building at 1338 West Madison.

In May of 2013, the Chicago-area resale-home market posted its best performance since May of 2006,



Street smart: The management team of Chicago Realty Services — Santo Rizzo, left, Lori Wyatt, center, and Charles Cornelius — pose outside the firm's new Loop offices at 1338 W. Madison with the firm's new "street-smart technology." The touch-screen system gives walk-by home shoppers 24-7 listing information. | SUPPLIED PHOTO

and median existing home prices reached the highest level in three years, according to the Illinois Association of Realtors.

"In the city of Chicago, May's resale-home sales volume rose 30 percent over the same month last year," Cornelius said. "Nearly 2,800 properties were sold and median prices rose 17 percent from a year earlier," Cornelius said.

"This robust performance is a sign of greater consumer confidence in the economy and the housing market. Savvy prospective home buyers are aware of the recent rise of mortgage interest rates and beginning to be serious house hunters," Cornelius said.

"Now is a good time to buy and sell real estate, and it is the perfect time to launch our new real estate brokerage business venture."

The Chicagoland Realty Services veteran management team has a

combined 86 years of real estate experience.

The bustling West Loop location is directly across the street from the Chicago Police Department's 911 Center. Street parking is available on Madison and affordable garage parking is provided at the Block Y condominium building directly across the street.

Emphasizing its "street-smart technology" and vast experience in the downtown real estate market, Chicagoland Realty Services is one of the first real estate brokerage firms to utilize a touch-screen system mounted on the front window of its West Loop brokerage office.

"Our goal is to provide 24-7 listing information for walk-by traffic, whether they are renters and condo owners in the neighborhood, or patrons of restaurants or sporting events at the nearby United Center," Cornelius said.

"Prospective buyers can interact with our touch screen and upload data about their home-hunting goals by price and location and receive instant feed-back and listing information," he said.

In July, Chicago Realty Services will begin conducting real estate brokerage classes at 1338 W. Madison to train recently graduated college students and other professionals who are seeking to begin a career in real estate.

The five-week curriculum course will be taught by the staff of Sam Zakarian of the well-established and fully licensed and accredited Chicago Real Estate School. People interested in signing up for the course and pursuing a career in real estate brokerage, call Lori Wyatt at (312) 733-1300.

For more information on Chicagoland Realty Services, LLC, visit [www.ChicagolandRealtyServices.com](http://www.ChicagolandRealtyServices.com).

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# Ahhh, spa!

Turn your bath into a private resort

Today's bathrooms are evolving into relaxing rooms with many benefits of a spa. Whether remodeling an existing bathroom or building a new one, nature-themed trends add comfort and style.

Bathrooms are one of three most remodeled rooms, along with kitchens and master bedrooms, according to Remodeling Magazine's annual remodeling Cost vs. Value Report for 2013. Bathroom design trends take cues from nature, from environmentally friendly products and earth tones to installing bigger windows to add more natural light.

Earth tones, nature-inspired patterns, wood and stone materials, sustainable products and energy-efficient fixtures are staples of today's top trends.

"Adding comfort and efficiency to your bathroom can be as easy as replacing existing products with Energy Star-qualified options," says Kathy Krafska Harkema, Pella Windows and Doors spokesperson. "Today, you can have it all when it comes to incorporating new windows that are more energy-efficient than cold, old single-pane or clear glass options."

Energy-efficient showerheads, motion-sensing faucets, water-conserving toilets, ambient lighting and high-performing replacement windows, with double or triple-pane insulating glass, will help make your bathroom more comfortable and help save energy year-round.

When it comes to bathroom design, go natural with a mosaic tile backsplash behind the sink or install a tile, stone



**Bubbly bath:** That "old" and somewhat drab bathroom can be transformed into a private oasis with the right colors, windows, and a few other accoutrements. | SUPPLIED PHOTO

or brick wall in the shower. Materials like ceramic tiles, wood cabinets, bamboo mats, stone countertops and natural fibers like cotton or sisal rugs help create a calming atmosphere.

Bold, bright colors can be overpowering in a small bathroom, but color accents of poppy red, nectarine orange or turquoise blue can breathe new energy and life into a drab bathroom.

Accent with a splash of emerald green, the 2013 Pantone color of the year, or other bold colors in tiles, towels, bath mats, artwork or accessories.

Luxurious spa qualities, like open shelving and built-in storage for easy access to towels, toiletries and candles, can be essentials in bathroom remodeling projects. Other favorites include walk-in showers with rain showerheads, relaxing whirlpool or claw-footed bathtubs, towel warmers and even fireplaces.

Lighting is one of the keys to creating the spa experience. The right windows can dramatically transform an ordinary bathroom into an extraordinary experience.

"Windows add essential natural light to bathrooms, to help frame a beautiful view," Krafska Harkema says. "Consider special-shaped windows or groupings of casement, awning, transom or double-hung windows to add more architectural interest."

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## Sheffield Garden Walk & Festival

Chicago, Ill. • July 20-21

The 45th annual Sheffield Garden Walk & Festival in Lincoln Park is a unique festival that has more than just live entertainment and delicious food but also garden & architectural tours. You can visit more than 100 beautiful neighborhood gardens on a self-guided tour, or have a Master Gardener lead you on a tour of three selected gardens. You also can go on an architectural tour of the Sheffield neighborhood, much of which is part of a National Historic District. There is plenty of fun to be had for kids at the Kids' Corner, which features live entertainment each day. Kids also can play in the moonwalk, ride the pig train and kiddie Ferris wheel and meet animals at the petting zoo. And of course, there is live entertainment provided for kids and adults alike, with music playing on the main stage from noon to dusk each day.

## Festival of the Lakes

Hammond, Ind. • July 17-21

One of the top three festivals in Northwest Indiana, the 5-day, 6-night event, based at Wolf Lake Memorial Park, highlights Wolf Lake, Lake Michigan and George Lake.

Held each July, the festival offers food and entertainment geared to the melting pot that is Northwest Indiana.

Annual anchor musical events of the festival include Latin, R&B, and Hip Hop entertainment. Past years also have featured Country music and the Northwest Indiana Symphony Orchestra.

Festival staples are: Seniors Only Day, Special Persons' Day for those with special needs, Beer Garden, Hot Rod & Custom Car Show, Polka Party, Golf Scramble, Fishing Derby, the Mayor's 5K Walk/Run and children's stage activities.

The huge carnival has rides for all ages, plus games and food. Outside the carnival are food vendors offering up their best ethnic fare. Visitors are treated to fireworks displays Friday and Saturday nights. The Hammond Marina also offers free pontoon boat rides during the festival.



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## Port Washington Fish Day

Port Washington, Wis. • July 20

People in Wisconsin love a good fish fry, especially on Fridays, but no one in the state holds a bigger fish fry outdoors than Port Washington during the annual Port Washington Fish Day (aka Port Fish Day to locals).

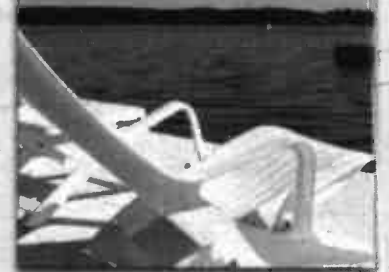
Nine nonprofit groups staff fish-and-chips booths that are set up along the Lake Michigan shore, downtown marina to Upper Lake Park. It's a straightforward menu: "Chips," in this case, means potato chips.

Carnival rides and helicopter rides happen all day. Local firefighters organize soccer water fights; participants should expect to get drenched while trying to score a goal.

Festivities begin at 8 a.m. with the annual Fish Day Run and Walk, whose respective distances are 8 kilometers and 2 miles. The all-volunteer event ends with fireworks, set off from a harbor dock.



## Weekends by WeekAway



Looking for a little road trip this weekend? Check out one of these events within driving distance from Chicago.

### South Shore, Ind.

**Festival of the Lakes**  
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### Antioch, Ill.

**23rd Annual Taste of Summer Festival**  
July 18-21  
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### Port Washington, Wis.

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### Evanston, Ill.

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# Homespun



# Cool treats for summer



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When temperatures begin to rise, most people turn to their freezers for some tasty frozen treats.

But rather than stocking your fridges with store-bought popsicles, frozen yogurt and ice cream, try freezing your own concoctions. You can easily fill the freezer with a customized assortment of goodies that don't take too long to make, can be cost-efficient and are personalized for your taste buds.

Don't have a popsicle mold? You can find inexpensive versions, but disposable cups with the waxy coating on the inside (to make popsicle removal easier) also work well. The cups come in 3- and 5-ounce sizes, which makes portion control easier.

Popsicle sticks in a variety of sizes can be found at craft stores, but the treats can also be eaten with a spoon.

As for the ingredients for



Pudding pops in a popsicle mold.

your desserts, the options are endless. Find a base you like that can be adapted to a variety of recipes, like the ones below. To store your popsicle cups, just wrap the entire cup tightly in cling wrap and freeze for at least two hours. You can also stick your entire batch into gallon bags to keep everything neat in your freezer.

## PUDDING POPS

Pudding is a pretty adaptable base or it can be your only ingredient.

- 1 box of your favorite flavor of pudding
- 2 cups of milk, per the package

Mix the pudding according to the instructions. Chill it in the fridge for at least 15 minutes before putting two tablespoons worth into your



A batch of Greek yogurt and raspberry popsicles. | PHOTOS BY HEATHER LESZCZEWICZ-Sun-Times Media

molds. Leave space near the top, as the pudding will expand when frozen. Freeze for two hours before enjoying.

Variations: Try using two complementary, but different flavors of pudding. Either mix them together into one flavor or layer them in the mold. You can also try adding chocolate chips, crumbled bits of cookie or fruit.

## YOGURT CUPS

Yogurt comes in so many flavors it's easy to freeze one of your go-to options. But try starting off with a plain yogurt and adding to it, like this Greek yogurt and raspberry option. This recipe will fill eight 5-ounce bathroom cups near the top.

- 32-ounce container of plain Greek yogurt
- 12 ounces frozen raspberries, or frozen berries of your choice

- A little bit of honey (optional)

Pour the yogurt and raspberries into a mixing bowl and blend together. Add the honey if you want to sweeten the mixture slightly. Put two full tablespoons of the mixture into your cups. Tap the cup on your counter to allow the mixture to settle and get rid of as many air bubbles as possible. If you are adding in popsicle sticks, freeze the mixture for an hour before adding the stick. Then freeze for at least another hour.

Variations: With a cup of vanilla Greek yogurt, mix in a mashed banana and two heaping tablespoons of peanut butter.

## YOGURT BITES

These little treats can be great finger foods for little kids, a quick snack for yourself or even a topping for



Frozen Greek yogurt bites.

ice cream.

- 2 cups of yogurt, flavor your choice
- 1 gallon bag
- A cookie sheet lined with aluminum foil

Stick the yogurt in the bag and seal it after removing any extra air from the inside. Cut off the corner of the bottom of the bag with a pair of scissors. Then pipe the yogurt onto the cookie sheet in dime-sized drops. Then freeze for two hours. Store in a container with a lid or a quart-sized baggie. ■



# Moules and frites, an exchange student treat



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Quintessential American foods like BBQ, burgers and fried chicken top the list of foods most folks clamor to try when traveling stateside for the first time.

So last week when my family welcomed Élise, an exchange student from Brest, France visiting through the Easy English for All Program, I wanted to curb her American food cravings in style.

Serving up a Chicago-style stadium hot dog, a drippy pulled pork sandwich and an unforgettably frenetic Chinatown dim sum dining experience got our new French friend off to a good start. I even threw in a bowl full of Lucky Charms and explained as best I could that our family only eats sugary cereals when we are on vacation.

Before I knew it, Élise and I were swapping vacation stories and

she told me all about the dish she enjoys most while on holiday in Northwest France. Even with language barriers, I learned that moules and frites [mussels and fries] are served in the harbors near the sea and offer vacationing folks a chance to enjoy some indulgent grab-and-go fare with loads of flavor. Élise's face lit up as she described the unexpected combination of delicately steamed mussels and crispy twice-fried potatoes. In an instant, I knew what we were going to make for dinner that night!

After stuffing her full of American treats all week long, Élise was delighted to discover I had purchased all of the ingredients for her favorite dish and went straight to work preparing the potatoes for the frites.

"Too many frites is never a problem," Élise chuckled as she added to her ever growing pile of potatoes, "but not enough frites is always a big problem!"

While I began the process of frying nearly four pounds of potatoes, our adorable guest began building the broth for the mussels.

It turns out they need nothing more than a combination of celery, onion and wine to bring them to life. A generous knob of salted butter gives the briny shellfish a perfect bit of richness on the finish.

We nibbled on baguette and brie as we worked on the meal. We laughed and chatted while we cooked and suddenly my tiny kitchen was humming with international camaraderie and genuine family fun. In no time, we had created our own French seaside feast in the heart of the Chicago suburbs.

We lingered long at the family table and didn't have a single morsel left over. With full bellies, it suddenly felt unimaginable that a mere five days earlier we had never even met each other. Bringing Élise's food memory to life made us feel more like a part of her world and I am confident our kitchen adventure left her feeling more like a part of ours.

It turns out that a bowl full of mussels and French fries is not only delicious, but can turn strangers into the best of friends. ■



Moules and frites is a popular dish for people vacationing seaside in France.

## Moules and Frites

Getting the mussels and potatoes to finish cooking at the same time is the trickiest part of making this traditional French meal, but having two cooks prepare this recipe together is ideal! Have one cook prepare the broth while the other preps the potatoes. Just don't add the mussels to the pot until the frites are nearly done cooking. (Four servings)

### FOR THE MUSSELS:

3 pounds of fresh mussels, scrubbed clean  
3 tablespoons of olive oil  
4 celery stalks, washed and thinly sliced  
1 large onion, halved and thinly sliced  
Salt and pepper  
4 garlic cloves, minced  
1 bottle of white wine  
2 tablespoons of salted butter  
¼ cup of celery leaves, chopped  
¼ cup of Italian parsley, chopped

### FOR THE POTATOES:

4 large russet potatoes, peeled and cut into ¼-inch by 3-inch batons  
Canola oil for frying  
Kosher salt  
Ketchup for dipping

### To prepare the mussels:

While scrubbing mussels check to make sure they are all firmly closed and none of the shells are cracked. If a mussel does not fully close or has a damaged shell, discard it before cooking.

Heat the olive oil in a large Dutch oven over medium heat and add the celery and onion. Season the vegetables with salt and pepper and cook, stirring frequently until vegetables are soft, but not brown (about 10 minutes). Add the garlic and cook until just fragrant (about 45 seconds). Pour the wine into the pot and bring to a boil.

Allow the liquid to reduce by half before adding the mussels to the liquid. Stir to coat the mussels, cover and allow the mixture to cook until mussels have just opened (about 6 minutes). Add the butter to the pot and stir gently until it melts and coats the mussels. Sprinkle the cooked mussels with the celery leaves and the parsley. Serve at once.

### To prepare the potatoes:

Soak the cut potatoes in ice water for at least 20 minutes. Meanwhile, pour canola oil into a large high sided skillet to a depth of 3 inches. Heat the oil to 325 degrees over medium heat.

Dry the potatoes on paper towels and add to the oil in batches. Do not over crowd the pan; I suggest a minimum of 4 batches. When the oil is the proper temperature it will look like the potatoes are boiling in the oil. Cook the potatoes for 9 minutes or until tender when pricked with a toothpick, but not browned. Drain on paper towels. Repeat until all potatoes are done.

Add additional oil to the pan to keep oil at a depth of 4 inches and increase heat to 375 degrees. Return the potatoes to the oil and fry until crunchy and golden brown. The oil should be bubbling vigorously around the potatoes as they cook. Transfer to paper towel lined pans, season with salt and serve piping hot with ketchup on the side.

# YOUR Local Worship Guide



## BURR RIDGE

### Burr Ridge United Church of Christ

You are always welcome here  
[www.bruc.org](http://www.bruc.org) (630) 654-4544  
 Plainfield & County Line Rds.  
 Worship: Sun 10 AM (year round)  
 Sun School 10 AM Sept. - May,  
 Pastor Gary Faleide

## CLARENDON HILLS

### Church of the Holy Nativity-Episcopal

[www.holynativity-church.org](http://www.holynativity-church.org)  
 275 S. Richmond Ave., (630) 323-6820  
 Sunday Services: 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM  
 with Nursery Provided  
 Christian Formation: 10:45 AM

### Notre Dame Catholic Church

64 Norfolk Ave. (630) 654-3365  
[www.notredameparish.org](http://www.notredameparish.org)  
 Sat: 8AM & 5PM - Sun: 7:30, 9:30 & 11:30 AM  
 Daily Mass: M-F: 7 & 8:45 AM  
 Babysitting: Sun. 9:30 AM  
 Children's Liturgy: Sat. 5:00 PM & Sun. 9:30 AM

## COUNTRYSIDE

### Hope Lutheran Church - LCMS

6455 Joliet Road, 708-354-6176  
 Sun. Service 9:15 AM  
 Communion every Sunday  
 Sun. School & Adult Bible Study 10:30 AM  
 Handicap Accessible

## DARIEN

### St. John Lutheran Church (Missouri Synod)

7214 Cass Avenue, Darien  
 (630) 969-7987  
[www.sjlc Darien.org](http://www.sjlc Darien.org)  
 Services:  
 Saturday, 5:00 PM Contemporary  
 Sunday, 9:00 AM Traditional  
 (Nursery available)  
 Sunday School 10:15 AM  
 Adult Bible Study 10:30 AM  
 Full-Day and Half-Day Pre-School  
 and Daycare available.

### Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Catholic

8404 Cass Avenue, 630-852-3303  
[www.ourladyofmtcarmel.org](http://www.ourladyofmtcarmel.org)  
 Weekend Masses: Sat., 5:30 PM,  
 Sun., 8:15, 10:00 AM, 12:00 Noon,  
 Daily Mass Mon.-Sat.: 9:00 AM

## HINSDALE

### Evangelical Covenant Church of Hinsdale

412 S. Garfield St.  
 630-323-2318  
[www.hinsdalecovenant.com](http://www.hinsdalecovenant.com)  
 Traditional Service: 9:00 AM,  
 Worship and Education 10:15  
 Contemporary Service 11:15 AM

### Hinsdale Seventh-day Adventist Church

201 N. Oak St. (630) 323-0182  
[www.hsdac.org](http://www.hsdac.org)  
 SATURDAYS  
 Study Hour - 9:30 am  
 Worship - 10:50 am  
 Contemporary Worship - 5:00 pm  
 Ron Schultz, Senior Pastor  
 Jennifer Ogden, Associate Pastor  
 Kenneth Parker, Youth Pastor

## HINSDALE

### Hinsdale United Methodist Church

Garfield at 55th Street  
 Sunday Worship  
 Times 8:30 AM, 10:30 AM  
 Christian Education for  
 All Ages - Visit our  
 website for days & times  
[www.hinsdaleumc.com](http://www.hinsdaleumc.com)

### Grace Episcopal Church

120 E First St., 630.323.4900  
 Sundays  
 7:30 AM The Holy Eucharist, Rite I  
 8:00 AM Grace Café  
 9:00 AM Church School Classes  
 and Adult Forum  
 10:00 AM The Holy Eucharist, Rite II  
 Nursery Care is available 8:30-11:30 AM  
**Weekday Worship:**  
 Wednesday Noon - The Holy Eucharist  
 Friday 9:00 AM - Morning Prayer  
[www.gracehinsdale.org](http://www.gracehinsdale.org)

### First Church of Christ, Scientist

Sun. Service & School 10 AM  
 Wed. Meeting 7:30 PM  
 405 E. First Street  
 (630) 323-0781

### The Union Church of Hinsdale, UCC

137 S. Garfield Ave.,  
 (630) 323-4303  
[www.UCHinsdale.org](http://www.UCHinsdale.org)  
 Sunday Worship:  
 Traditional Worship: 9:00 AM,  
 Sunday School: 9:00 AM,  
 Nursery: 8:45 AM  
 Contemporary Worship: 10:30 AM

## LA GRANGE

### St. Cletus Catholic Church

600 West 55th St., (708)352-6209  
 Weekend Mass Schedule  
 Saturday: 5:00 PM  
 Sunday: 7:00 AM, 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM,  
 11:00 AM, 12:30 PM (Spanish)  
 Weekdays:  
 8:00 AM  
 Rev. Robert J Clark, Pastor  
 Rev. Kenneth Baker, Assoc. Pastor  
 Rev. Edgar Rodriguez, Assoc. Pastor

### First Presbyterian Church

150 S. Ashland • (708)354-0771  
 (2blks west of La Grange Rd)  
[www.fpcfg.org](http://www.fpcfg.org)  
 Sunday Worship Service  
 Traditional 9:30 AM,  
 Contemporary 11:15 AM

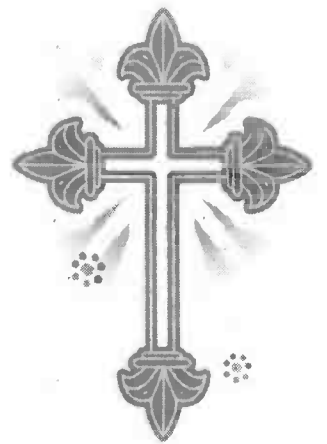
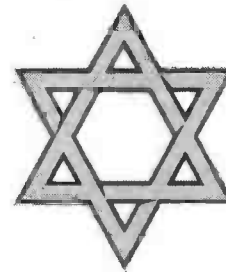
## LA GRANGE

### La Grange Bible Church

850 S. 7th Ave 708-354-2485  
[www.lagrangebible.org](http://www.lagrangebible.org)  
 Summer Sunday Morning Worship.  
 9:00 a.m. July 7 - September 1  
 Nursery and Children's Church available.  
 Thank you for taking care of this change.  
 In Christ, Edward Podlesak  
 Publicity Coordinator

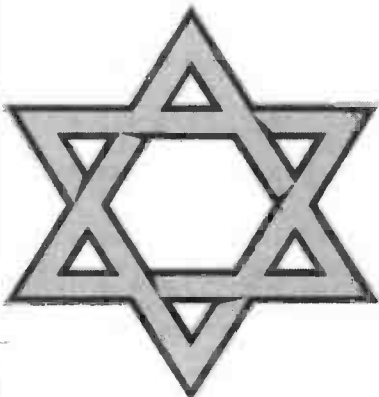
### First United Methodist Church

100 West Cossitt Avenue  
 708.352.1250  
[www.fumclg.org](http://www.fumclg.org)  
 Sunday Services  
 8:00 & 10:15 am  
 Thank God It's Wednesday  
 Wednesdays 4:00-9:00 pm  
 Family Dinner,  
 Bible Study, Choirs  
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## CHICAGO

### Edison Park Lutheran Church

6626 N. Oliphant Ave. Chicago, IL  
 (Across park from Edison Park Metra)  
 773.631.9131, [www.edisonparkchurch.com](http://www.edisonparkchurch.com)  
 Saturday Worship 4:30 p.m.  
 Sunday Worship 9:15 & 10:30 a.m.  
 Rev. Dr. Michael D. Sparby, Sr. Pastor  
 Carole Edwards, Associate In Ministry  
 Matt Haider, Worship /Music  
 Michael Lyda, Children/Youth/Family

### St. Paul Lutheran Church

5650 N. Canfield, 60631,  
 (708)867-5044, [www.stpaulcanfield.org](http://www.stpaulcanfield.org)  
 Street Level, Air Conditioned  
 Sunday Worship 8:15 & 10:45AM  
 Sunday School & Adult Bible 9:30AM  
 Saturday-Worship 6PM

### Lutheran Unity School - West

Pre K-Grade 8, SHARING GOD,  
 TOUCHING LIVES EVERYWHERE

### Faith Lutheran Church (ELCA)

6201 W Peterson Ave.  
 Chicago, IL (773) 631-0715  
 Saturday Worship 5:30PM  
 Sunday Worship 10:30AM  
 Holy Communion Weekly  
 Pastors: Barbara Berry-Bailey  
 and Jeffery King

## GLENVIEW

### Rohr Chabad Center of Glenview

701 Harlem Avenue, Glenview  
 Shabbat morning services 9:30 am  
**NO membership required**  
 For all your Jewish needs call  
 847-910-1738  
[www.ChabadofGlenview.com](http://www.ChabadofGlenview.com)

## MORTON GROVE

### Morton Grove Community Church Presbyterian Church (USA)

8944 Austin Avenue  
 (Lake and Austin)  
 Morton Grove, IL  
 (847) 965-2982  
[www.mgccpresbyterian.org](http://www.mgccpresbyterian.org)  
 Sunday Worship 10 AM  
 Fellowship 11 AM  
 Rev. Lolly Dominski  
 Handicapped Accessible  
**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

## NILES

### St. John Lutheran Church (LCMS)

7429 N. Milwaukee Ave.  
 847-647-9867  
[www.st-john-niles.org](http://www.st-john-niles.org)  
 Preaching Christ crucified  
 for your forgiveness  
 Welcoming traditional worship  
 Sanctuary Handicap accessible  
 Sunday Worship at 9:30  
 Sunday School & Bible Class 10:45  
 Rev. Matthew Joseph Gunia, Pastor  
 "For whenever our heart condemns us,  
 God is greater than our heart...."  
 -1 John 3:20

## NORTHFIELD

### Willow Creek Community Church North Shore Campus

315 Waukegan Road  
 847-441-6599  
 Sunday Services: 9 & 11 am  
 Promiseland (Infants-Gr5): 9 & 11 am  
 Elevate (Grades 6-8): 11 am  
 Impact (Grades 9-12): 6 pm  
 For more information visit  
[www.WillowNorthShore.org](http://www.WillowNorthShore.org)

## NORRIDGE

### Zion Lutheran Church

8600 W Lawrence Avenue  
 Norridge, IL 60706  
 (708) 453-3514  
 Rev. Luther John Bajus, Pastor  
 Sunday Worship 9:30 am  
 Holy Communion 3rd & 5th Sunday  
 Early Communion - 1st Sunday 9:00 am  
 Sunday School - 10:35 am  
 Adult Bible Study - 10:45 am  
 Handicapped Accessible  
 Serving the Community  
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## NORWOOD PARK

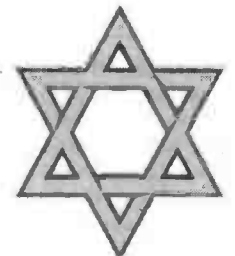
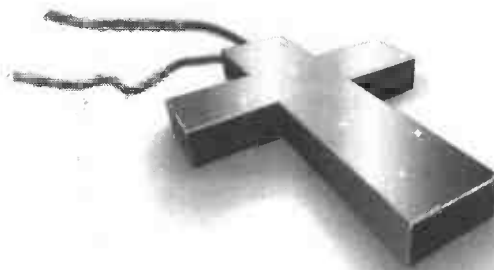
### St. Alban's Episcopal Family-friendly church for every kind of family.

Single? Partnered?  
 Spouse and kids?  
 6240 N. Avondale,  
 near Devon & Harlem  
 Communion every Sunday, 9:30  
[stalbanschicago.org](http://stalbanschicago.org)

## PARK RIDGE

### PARK RIDGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1300 West Crescent Ave.  
 847-823-4135  
**Sunday Service: 10:00 am**  
 Children's programming for Pre-K - 7th grade.  
 Nursery service for younger children  
 8:45 am Confirmation classes for 8th grade  
 9:00 am High School  
 Adult Education Bible Study Sunday 11:30 am  
 Adult Education Bible Study Thursdays 6:30 pm  
 "Open Forum" Adult Learning First Thursday  
 every month 6:30 pm  
 -See website for details -  
[www.parkridgepresby.org](http://www.parkridgepresby.org)  
 Rev. James P. McCracken Senior Pastor  
 Mr. Aaron Higashi Dir. of Youth &  
 Family Ministries  
 Mrs. Amy Schaetzlein Sunday School Dir.



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at \$150.00  
847-676-1566  
[www.TempleJM.org](http://www.TempleJM.org)

**Central United Methodist  
Church**  
8237 Kenton, Ave., Skokie  
(847) 673-1311  
[www.skokiecentralumc.org](http://www.skokiecentralumc.org)  
Worship: Sundays at 10:30 AM

**St. Timothy Campus**  
9000 Kildare Ave. Skokie  
**Sunday Worship**  
10 am: St. Timothy's Lutheran  
11:30am: 시카고 선교교회  
1pm: 시카고 나무교회 (PCUSA)  
[www.StTimothySkokie.org](http://www.StTimothySkokie.org)

**Congregation Bene Shalom**  
4435 Oakton, Skokie (847) 677-3330  
[www.beneshalom.org](http://www.beneshalom.org) • Interfaith Families Welcome  
Rabbi Dr. Douglas Goldhamer  
Asst. Rabbi Shari Chen, Soloist Charlene Brooks  
All services voice and sign language  
Check our website for service times

**Evanshire Presbyterian  
Church**  
4555 Church Street  
[www.evanshirepresbyterian.com](http://www.evanshirepresbyterian.com)  
Every Sunday at 11 AM

## SKOKIE

**St. Peter's United  
Church of Christ**  
Oakton Street & Laramie Avenue  
847-673-8166  
[www.stpeteruccskokie.org](http://www.stpeteruccskokie.org)  
Sunday Worship 10AM  
Sunday School 9AM  
(Sept. thru May)  
Rev. Richard Lanford  
Childcare Provided  
Air Conditioned Sanctuary

**Temple Beth Israel**  
3601 W. Dempster St.  
Skokie, IL 60076  
847-675-0951  
[www.tbiskokie.org](http://www.tbiskokie.org)

**Devar Emet Messianic  
Synagogue**  
7800 Niles Ave., Skokie  
847-674-9146  
[www.devaremet.org](http://www.devaremet.org)  
Join us for Shabbat Services at 10am  
\*A Community of Jews who believe and teach  
that Yeshua (Jesus) is the Promised Jewish Messiah\*

**Carter-Westminster  
United Presbyterian  
Church**  
4950 W. Pratt Ave., Skokie  
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& MAKING CHANGES!!  
9:30 a.m. Praise and Celebration  
Service with Praise Band  
Adult Sunday School  
10:30 am Sunday School (All ages)  
10:45 am Traditional Service  
with Choir  
(Adult Classes in English & Assyrian)  
Fridays 7:00-9:30 pm  
Assyrian Fellowship  
Tuesday Evenings 7:15-8:45 pm  
New Lyfe Youth Group  
(for Jr & Sr High Youth)  
2nd Saturday  
Monthly 7:30-9:30 pm-CW Café  
with Open Microphone:  
Guitar, Singing, Poetry, Comedy  
\*All Positive Forms of Entertainment\*

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Your home for Jewish, Learning,  
Living and Loving  
4500 Dempster St. Skokie, IL 60076  
847-675-4141, Fax: 847-675-0327  
[www.ehnt.org](http://www.ehnt.org)  
Weekly Shabbat Services –  
Fri 7PM & Sat 9:30AM  
Minyan Mon-Thurs 7PM;  
Sat & Sun 6PM  
Monthly Shabbat dinners at 6:30PM  
Religious School Tues & Sat;  
Rabbi Jeffrey Weill  
Cantor Benjamin Warschawski  
Rabbi Neil Brief, Emeritus

**KOL EMETH**  
Conservative Congregation  
Rabbi Barry Schechter  
5130 Touhy, Skokie  
(1 block west of Eden's)  
847-673-3370

**SKOKIE CENTRAL TRADITIONAL  
CONGREGATION**  
Traditional Service – Mixed Seating  
Services led by:  
**Rabbi Dr. Michael Gottesman**  
Minyons: Mon. & Thurs. 8:00 AM  
Kabbala Shabbos-Sept. to June at  
candle lighting time  
Saturday 9:00 AM Followed by Kiddush  
Sunday 8:30 AM Followed by breakfast  
Sanctuary handicapped accessible!  
4040 Main Street, Skokie, Illinois  
847-674-4117  
[www.wix.com/skokiecentral/shul](http://www.wix.com/skokiecentral/shul)

## SKOKIE

**KEHILLAT SHALOM**  
An Egalitarian Conservative Congregation  
Lay Led Shabbat Service, 9:45AM  
8610 Niles Center Rd, Skokie  
847-679-6513  
[www.kehillatshalom.org](http://www.kehillatshalom.org)

**W.M. Temple Church  
of God in Christ, Inc.**  
5151 Church St., Skokie, IL  
(847) 966-1095  
[www.wmtcogic.org](http://www.wmtcogic.org)  
[pastorcranford@gmail.com](mailto:pastorcranford@gmail.com)  
Sunday Service: 11:30 AM  
Sunday School: 10 AM  
Bible Study: Wednesday, 7 PM  
Intercessory Prayer:  
Tuesday & Friday, 12 PM  
Dr. Clarence Cranford, Jr., Pastor  
Elizabeth W. Cranford, 1st Lady

## WILMETTE

**Beth Hillel Congregation  
Bnai Emunah**  
3220 Big Tree Lane, 847-256-1213  
[www.bhcbce.org](http://www.bhcbce.org)  
Kabbalat Shabbat Fridays 6:30 PM  
Shabbat Service – Saturdays 9:15 AM  
Jr. Congregation, Tot Shabbat,  
Torah Time 10:30 AM  
Followed by Kiddush  
Daily Minyan AM and PM  
Rabbi Allan Kensky  
Cantor Pavel Roytman  
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# Obituaries

**Banks, Marian E.**

84 years, of Park Ridge, IL, and Sturgeon Bay, WI, passed away Tuesday, July 9, 2013, at her home in Door County, WI. She was born January 3, 1929, in Chicago, IL, the daughter of the late Fred and Edith (Lindberg) Erickson. Following her graduation in 1946 from Taft High School in Chicago, she received her BS degree in Science from the University of Illinois. Marian also attended Northwestern and the Oklahoma College for Woman. She taught science at Lincoln Jr. High School in Park Ridge for 20 years. Prior to Lincoln School, Marian also taught in Baltimore, MD, and Des Plaines, IL.

On February 3, 1951, she married Charles E. Banks in Chicago. They have summered in Door County for 50 years. Marian enjoyed school summer breaks with her children to their home in Door County, and Charles would join the family on weekend breaks from his architectural business. She enjoyed the lake, swimming, archeology, her book club, nature, hiking, camping, and traveling, entertaining, being with friends and family at the beloved cottage, and taking care of others.

Survivors include her loving husband of 62 years, Charles; four dear children and precious grandchildren, Kendall (Sue) Banks of Sturgeon Bay (and their children, Molly and Abby), Kathy (Mark) Murray of Elmhurst, IL (and their children, Kristina, Brianna), Karen (Carl) Lubicz of Park Ridge, IL (and their child, Kayla), Kim (Steve) Mayer of Waukegan (and their children, Kyle, Kelsey); and brother-in-law, Robert (Betty) Bank of Carol Stream; nieces and nephews.

A celebration service will be held at 3:00 p.m., Monday, July 29, 2013, at Bethel United Church of Christ (315 E. Saint Charles Rd., Elmhurst, IL 60126). Family and friends may visit from 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. at the church.

Online condolences and guestbook signing may be offered at [www.huehnsfuneralhome.com](http://www.huehnsfuneralhome.com). HUEHNS Funeral Home, Sturgeon Bay, WI (920-743-5635).

Sign Guest Book at [www.chicagolandobits.com](http://www.chicagolandobits.com)

**Gall, Stephanie**

91 of Wilmington, formerly Norridge, passed away July 12, 2013.

A 40+ year retiree from Zenith Corporation and former member of St. Eugene Parish, Norridge. Stephanie was a daughter of the late Stephen and Agnes Kocella-Paulik wife of the late Joseph Gall; sister of Vivian (Robert) LeMay of Texas, John (Geraldine) Paulik of Norridge Park, William (Marge) Paulik of Park Ridge and the late Mary Oleaszuk, Julia Simco, Helen Jacobson and Michael Paulik. Many nieces and nephews also survive, including Mary (Larry) Turbett of Wilmington and Judith (Fred) Sopron of Chicago.

Visitation Sunday, July 14th from 2:50 PM at Freitag-Reeves & Baskerville Funeral Home, 700 East Kahler Road, Wilmington, (815/476-2181). Funeral Monday at 10:00 AM in the funeral home, Burtal Elmwood Cemetery, River Grove. Guestbook: [www.FRBfunerals.com](http://www.FRBfunerals.com)



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**Bean, Delaney C.**

Age 17, of Park Ridge, suddenly. Cherished daughter of Bridget (nee Coyne) and Rick; loving sister of Dylan; dear granddaughter of Sis and the late Edward J. Coyne and Nova and Vernon Bean; adored niece of Adrienne (Don) McCoy, Martha Coyne, Edward (Karen) and Matthew (Cheryl) Coyne, Linda (Dean) Rupert, Sue (Robin) Johnson, Mark (LaNeta) Bean and Wendy Junk; loved cousin of Jennifer, Christopher, Kristan and Jacqueline Greene, Shannon, Justin and Veronica Coyne, Molly and Hannah Rupert, Derek and Cheleise Johnson, Jacob and Amye Bean and Matthew Junk; loving extended family: Kelley, Kelly, Kelsey and Kylie Maton, Cooky, David, Colette and Chloe Carroll; fond friend to many.

Visitation was held Monday, July 15, at the RYAN-PARKE FUNERAL HOME, 120 S. Northwest Hwy., Park Ridge. Funeral mass was held Tuesday, July 16, at Our Lady of Ransom Church. Interment followed in All Saints Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials to the Alzheimer's Assn., <http://www.alz.org/>, are appreciated.



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**Brennan, Madeleine**

May 16, 1934 - June 24, 2013. Madeleine was born Madeleine Ramsay in Chicago, Illinois on May 16, 1934. Her mother and grandmother died at a young age and Madeleine grew up in a Catholic orphanage. Madeleine met her husband, Richard Brennan in 1957 and they married and lived in Chicago. Madeleine had three sons, Mike, Tim and Pat and they move to Park Ridge in 1964. Madeleine worked 30 years for the Park Ridge Police Department, from the 1960's thru the 1990's. Madeleine was an avid traveler and visited 48 states and four countries. Madeleine loved history, especially the Civil War, and visited all the major battlefields. Madeleine was a founding member of the Park Ridge Historical Society. She was also a member of the Illinois Historical Society and spent much time in Springfield, Illinois. Madeleine was all Irish and loved to go to Irish bars with her friends and watch the Dooley Brothers. Madeleine moved to Seal Beach, California in 2012, and succumbed to cancer after a short illness.

Madeleine is survived by her son, Tim and grandchildren, Brian, Jamie, Bill and Maggie. A celebration of her life dinner for her family and friends will be held at the Lone Tree Manor at 1730 North Milwaukee Avenue, Niles, Illinois on July 18, 2013 from 4 P.M. to 8 P.M. Sign Guest Book at [www.chicagolandobits.com](http://www.chicagolandobits.com)

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**Faintuch, Bernice Manisben**

January 1, 1923-June 15, 2013. Bernice Manisben Faintuch passed away after a brief but courageous battle with cancer on June 15, 2013 in Encinitas, California. She was 90. A graveside funeral led by Cantor Kathy Robbins was held in San Marcos, California on June 19th.

She is survived by her children, Cheryl (Bill) McCartney of Chapel Hill, NC, and Jane (John) Ploetz of Vista, California. She leaves three grandchildren, Jennifer (Lorin) McCartney Obler, Abigail McCartney, and Steve Ploetz; and one great-grandchild, Veronica Obler. She was predeceased by her parents, Jacob and Pearl (Byck) Manisben; by all of her siblings: sisters, Rae Cohen and Esther Zellekson and brothers, James, Max, and Melvin, and by her grandson, Samuel Hart Ploetz.

Born in Manitoba, Bernice took great pride in her Canadian origin and her childhood community in Winnipeg's North End. She graduated from the University of Manitoba in 1944 with a degree in Home Economics. However, her real passion was the world of books. After moving to the United States and raising her family in Skokie, Illinois, Bernice returned to school for a degree in Library Science. While serving as school librarian in District 68, she attended graduate school, earning a master's degree at the age of 53. She enjoyed a fulfilling career at Sharp Corner and then Highland School for 27 years. Teaching children was a constant pleasure and challenge to her.

Bernice valued family, Judaism, lifelong learning and commitment to community. Throughout her career, and after she "retired," she took Yiddish classes, Chabad classes, was a life member of Hadassah and ORT. She was proud to be a founding member of congregation B'nai Emanuh and a longtime member of Temple Beth Israel, both in Skokie, and took delight in visiting other synagogues in the North suburban area. She enriched herself with adult extension courses with various universities, traveled extensively with Roads Scholars (Elder Hostels), ushered at plays, and pursued hobbies of photography and folk dancing. Her community service included volunteer tutoring of immigrants in English literacy, leading discussions in the Great Books for Children program, and visiting the elderly at the Lieberman Health Care Center in Skokie. Libraries were her "home" and she visited often.

The family would like to thank the staff of Seacrest Village of Encinitas, California for their loving attention and care during her four months there. Donations in Bernice's memory can be made to any of the many Jewish charities, the Skokie or Morton Grove Public Libraries, the Chicago Botanic Garden, or the charity of your choice.

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# Funny Old Broads aging comically

BY MYRNA PETLICKI | Contributor

Think there's nothing amusing about aging?

A long-time stand-up comic, a recent sit-down comic and a pair of witty singing comics hope to change your mind. The women, calling themselves the Funny Old Broads, will share their humorous perspectives on getting older at Gorilla Tango's Skokie Theatre through Aug. 8.

Skokie native Caryn Bark came up with the concept. Bark is a seasoned veteran who toured with her one-woman show, "Diary of a Skokie Girl," and has appeared on Lifetime Channel's "Girls' Nite Out," HBO and Comedy Central. She has performed at comedy clubs across the country.

"I wanted to do something with other women — an over 50 thing," Bark said. The other women she chose were comic Robin Riebman and the duo of Pam Peterson and Jan Slavin, who perform

## Funny Old Broads

7:30 p.m. Thursdays, July 18-Aug. 8  
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parodies as the Boomer Babes. Beckie Menzie is the musical director.

Bark and Riebman were sorority sisters at the University of Illinois. About a year ago, Riebman took the stand-up plunge. Sort of.

"I turned 60 last year and I decided to do something I've always wanted to do, which was make people laugh on stage," Riebman said. Through the years, she focused on being a third-grade teacher and a mother, and noted, "You need a sense of humor for both of those things."

Riebman, who grew up in Skokie, emphasizes that she



Caryn Bark



Robin Riebman

is not a stand-up comedian. "I call myself a sit-down comic because I'm too old and too tired to stand up," she said. "I pretend that I'm sitting around a dinner table with my friends and talking."

She has performed about a dozen shows since her comedy debut and all were sold out.

At the Skokie show, each of the women will do their own bit and then they will do something together. "Every show will be different

because we all have so much material that we can change it around a lot," Bark noted.

"I'm emceeing it," she added, "which is really going to be fun for me because I used to emcee a lot and I haven't in a long time."

Bark noted that her comedy has always been about her life. "When I was raising kids, it was about that," she said. "Now I've started doing material about getting older."

Aging has changed Bark's perspective, she indicated.

When she sees that television commercial about the woman who has fallen and can't get up, she's not thinking about emergency call buttons.

"I'm looking at the woman in the commercial and thinking, 'She looks pretty good. I wonder if I could wear my hair like that,'" Bark revealed. "I wonder if I went to school with her older sister."

Riebman will talk about her life, relating funny things that have happened to her and to her husband, who is a judge. "I try to look at ordinary things in a funny way," she explained. "I do a lot of good-natured teasing of my husband."

"We're all clean," Bark emphasized. "Three generations can come. It's a lot of fun. It's very witty."

Riebman is very pleased with the title Bark came up with for the show. "The good thing about that name," she said, "is that we'll never grow out of it. We could be performing when we're 92 and hopefully we'll still be Funny Old Broads." ■

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# Good times roll on with Buckwheat Zydeco

BY LILLI KUZMA | Contributor

Grammy-winning Buckwheat Zydeco, led by the legendary Stanley "Buckwheat" Dural, Jr., launched a summer tour following Dural being named cancer-free.

The six-member party band performs July 23 at S.P.A.C.E. in Evanston. We spoke to Buckwheat, 65, who resides in Carencro, La., just outside of Lafayette.

**Q:** How did the successful resolution of your cancer issue motivate or inspire you?

**A:** I have always been inspired throughout my life, was an ambitious lad you know. You can't get negative when something like that happens. You take the bitter with the sweet, because whatever comes to you is meant to be.

**Q:** Your Grammy-winning album, "Lay Your Burden Down" (2009), was released on Chicago's Alligator Records label. After years of playing and recording and prior Grammy nominations, what did this win mean to you?

**A:** It was a blessing, it was rewarding. You work so hard, then things come to you, maybe not in the beginning, but next thing you know - surprise! The thing is, it lets me know that somebody is listening to my music.

**Q:** How do you describe the difference between Cajun and zydeco music?

**A:** Zydeco is a music of its own. Where I come from, you have fantastic musicians, you have two groups of people that speak the same language and play the same music, but coming from two different parts of the world. Cajun music which is the white nationality of music, and you have zydeco music which is the black nationality of music. Both types of music are very energetic and you don't find it anywhere else on the planet but Louisiana.

**Q:** As a youngster, you were resistant to learning accordion and playing traditional music, and only turned to it later after playing with Clifton Chenier's band. Tell us about that transformation.



Buckwheat Zydeco, led by Stanley "Buckwheat" Dural, Jr. plays at S.P.A.C.E. in Evanston July 23.

## Buckwheat Zydeco

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**A:** Playing accordion music and zydeco music was what the older generation did, and that's how I felt. My Dad didn't like my music and I couldn't stand his [music]. My dad would pick up old upright pianos, and fix and tune them up. He put one in the house, one on the porch, and one in the garage. I started banging on these, my brothers and I, and I started learning the boogie-woogie, and that's what I wanted to play, and that's what I played until 1976. When I was nine, I started playing the organ in 12-piece bands. And I had a big band in '71 and '75. And I got an invitation from Clifton Chenier to perform in his band as an organist so decided to go

one night. And I couldn't believe the audience [for zydeco music], it stopped me in my tracks. I had been stubborn about not playing zydeco, had heard it at home my whole life - my dad played all the time, before he went to work he played, when he came home for lunch he played - but with Chenier it blew me away.

**Q:** When you finally decided to play the piano key accordion, how did your dad react?

**A:** (Laughing) He was my best friend.

**Q:** Do you look forward to coming back to Chicago for a show?

**A:** I love Chicago. It's the people. It's like I'm back in Louisiana. It's a great music town. If you sing something on stage, people pay attention.

**Q:** What is your take on how New Orleans and Louisiana has recovered from the hurricanes and the oil spill?

**A:** Things like this make us stronger, make people come together. Being positive and keeping the prayers up. I mean, what you do without Louisiana? ■

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# New mini-musicals go to the beach

BY MYRNA PETLICKI | Contributor

A musical motif, a lyric image, a line of dialogue and a North Shore setting.

That's all the six members of the Midwest New Musicals Workshop were given. From those basic directives, they created three very different and intriguing short musicals for the 2013 Mini-Musicals Project. Five actors will perform those pieces, under the blanket title, "North Shore B & B (Boats and Beaches)," Sunday, July 21 at Light Opera Works' Second Stage.

Francesca Peppiatt wrote the book and lyrics for "On the Road to Manderlay." Donald Flayton composed the music.

"I remember thinking that the music sounded a little ghostly to me," Peppiatt recalled. "I enjoy comedy so it's a little bit of a spoof, sort of Abbott and Costello meets 'Rebecca.'"

The musical revolves around a newlywed couple who comes to "rejuvenate their family mansion," Peppiatt related. "She wants to stay in the city. It's his family, so he wants to stay in the country."

The other characters include a woman who has worked for a long time at the mansion, which was a B&B, and the ghost who haunts the place.

"If people get the double entendres of the stuff from 'Rebecca,' it's fine," Peppiatt

## 2013 Mini-Musicals Project: 'North Shore B&B (Boats and Beaches)'

Midwest New Musicals, in association with Light Opera Works, McGaw YMCA Children's Center Auditorium, 1420 Maple, Evanston  
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said. "If they don't, there's still a lot of humor." That includes a pair of tap dancing ghosts.

"We learned we have to use the abilities of the actors," Peppiatt explained.

"The Beached Boat of a Billionaire" is the catchy title of the musical written by John David Nelson (book and lyrics) with music by Christopher Dunn-Rankin of Oak Park.

Nelson described his show as "a chamber musical. It's opera-style music that highlights the story of this group of very eccentric billionaires and one person who wants to be an eccentric billionaire. They are flippant people who let life pass them by and do whatever they want. There's a drastic consequence to that."

Dunn-Rankin revealed that there's a mysterious drowning in "Billionaire."

"The musical goes back in time and reconstructs the



Jasmine Ryan (front, from left), Jessica Hunt, Sarah Jane Blevins, and in back, Nathan Mittleman and Zachary Elmastian, will perform the Midwest New Musicals workshop plays.

events to let the audience in on what actually happened," he said.

The composer described the music as "heavily influenced by contemporary opera and Kurt Weill's contemporary jazz." The entire show is underscored.

Nelson studied musical theater performance at Columbia College Chicago, with a minor in playwriting. "Halfway through, I realized I wanted to be a writer rather than a performer," he said.

Composer Dunn-Rankin, an Oak Park resident, earned a degree in composition from Oberlin Conservatory. He is the music director for Youth Company Chicago, a children's musical theater organization in Jefferson Park.

Mark Adamczyk of Lake Bluff wrote the book and

lyrics for "On the Rocks." Don Nolan wrote lyrics and composed the music.

The musical "involves people living on the North Shore, trying to mess a little bit with Mother Nature," Adamczyk said. "They're visited by a mermaid."

The writer noted that he has had fun tailoring the book to the cast. "I ultimately want the audience to enjoy it, but I'm writing for the actors," he said. "I want to give them juicy lines and juicy characters because they're the ones who are going to sell the show."

Winnetka resident Nolan wrote the lyrics for two of the five songs in the musical. He described the musical style as "traditional theater but a little more operatic."

Nolan revealed that their show spans two centuries.

"In the 1800s, a ship captain and a stowaway run into a storm and are taken by the Mermaid of the Inland Sea in Lake Michigan," he said. They wind up in an unexpected form on the North Shore in the 21st century.

Adamczyk has written songs for a long time and has penned family shows for Lake Forest-based Citadel Theatre Company. "In the last couple of years, I've gotten more serious about trying to put the two together," he said.

Composing was always an interest, Nolan said, "But this is the first formal work I've done."

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# Fans rediscovering a 'new' Vertical Horizon

BY TRICIA DESPRES | Contributor

It was 2003 and it was raining and Vertical Horizon frontman Matt Scannell was walking around the streets of Chicago depressed.

Fresh off the success of his band's breakout single "Everything You Want," this was the day that Vertical Horizon would release their highly anticipated follow-up album "Go."

"Clive Davis had just taken over RCA Records and we knew he was not a fan of our band and certainly didn't like me or our music much," recalls Stillwell of the fateful day in the trajectory of the band. "We knew this album was going to virtually end up stillborn. I remember walking around to seven different record stores that day and finding only one copy of the new album."

So Stillwell went where most people in Chicago go when they are a tad depressed and uninspired: to the museum.

"Here I was, surrounded by all of this magnificent art, and I realized that I needed to pull it together," he recalls. "I realized that here on this day and at that museum, people took the time to make this art, hang it on the wall and wait for people to come back to it."

And that's just what has happened to the music of Vertical Horizon.

The band that was once awarded the coveted Most Played Single of 2000 from Billboard, have now found their loyal legions of fans coming back to their music in 2013. Currently out on the "Under the Sun 2013" tour with retro favorites including Smash Mouth, Sugar Ray, the Gin Blossoms and Fastball, Stillwell says that the current state of the music industry plays right into the hands of bands such as his.

"It feels right for us to be pushing again," says Stillwell of their latest album "Echoes from the Underground" and the single "Broken over You."

"This record was all about chasing inspiration. If something inspired me,

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I wanted to follow it. I didn't want to think about what had come before or what we were supposed to do. I wanted to get back to that feeling that I had as a 13 year-old-kid when I thought it would be the coolest thing in the world to be in a rock band and tour the world."

And while following that innate inspiration led Stillwell down paths that resulted in music that might not completely fit the expected boundaries of what Vertical Horizon has done in the past, Stillwell says it's one of the most artistically pure albums they have ever put out in front of their fans.

"The whole record covers a lot of ground stylistically," says Stillwell of the record. "We tended to always be this mid-tempo, guitar-driven, pop-rock band, but in recent months, I have also been inspired by electronica for example, which resulted in songs that didn't come out of a typical rock band format."

This new freedom within his songwriting allows Scannell to forget all about that depressed guy walking around Chicago on a rainy day back in 2003.

"I used to have to live my songs in order to write them and, as a result, I was really unhappy," says Scannell. "I can now tap into those emotions without leaving a trail of emotional wreckage behind me." ■

Spotlight  
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Tommy Lee Johnston and Jacob Bond rehearse for their roles as father and son in "The Beautiful Dark" at Redtwist Theatre.

## Spotlight: People on the move

BY MYRNA PETLICKI

**Foreshadowing?:** A student is kicked out of college for writing a graphic play about a campus killing spree in "The Beautiful Dark." **Jacob Bond** of Evanston plays that young man in the world premiere of Josh Altman's play at Redtwist Theatre, July 27-Sept. 1. Deerfield resident **Tommy Lee Johnston** plays the young man's father, who has to face the frightening possibility that his son might have been writing about himself. For tickets, call (773) 728-7529.

**It's all relative:** We know that families that play together stay together but what can you say about families in plays together? Oak Park resident **Daniel Hurtado** and his 19-year-old daughter **Alicia Hurtado** are both in the cast of Jedlicka Performing Arts Center's production of Andrew Lloyd Webber's, "Whistle Down the Wind," July 26-Aug. 10. The two also shared the stage in JPAC's "Sunset Boulevard." They're joined in this show by another related pair, brother and sister **Killian and Moira Hughes**, ages 4 and 6, of Hinsdale. For tickets, call (708) 656-1800 or

visit Jpactheatre.com.

**Fun at the Gym:** There's exciting news at **Wendy Morgan's** website, the vocalgymnasium.com. The popular Evanston songwriter and children's performer has a new CD, "Pockets Seasons Rhymes & Reasons" with Darryl Boggs. You can read about it on her website and learn how Morgan is helping raise money for the VHI Save the Music Foundation.

**Show-stopping performances:** Skokie residents **Natalia Semchuk and Mikki Stotter**, members of the Skokie Park District dance team, took top solo honors at the Showstopper Dance Championships at the Paramount Theatre in Aurora. Natalia earned first place overall in the Senior Performance Solo competition for ages 14-18. She also won a platinum award for her pointe solo. Mikki was awarded third place overall in the Senior Performance Solo competition and also captured a gold award for her lyrical solo. Both dancers will compete in the national finals this month. ■

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## Event



# Step right up: County fairs beckon with food, fun

BY ANNIE ALLEMAN | Contributor

## Tractor pulls, demolition derbies, country music and rodeos.

Not just items on a good old boy's bucket list, but trappings of a proper county fair. With mid-summer comes fair time all across the country, and here's a guide to some of the state's county fairs.

### KANE COUNTY FAIR

**Where:** Kane County Fairgrounds, 525 S. Randall Road, St. Charles

**When:** July 18-22

**Hours:** 3 to 11 p.m. Wednesday; noon to 11 p.m. Thursday; noon to midnight Friday and Saturday; noon

to 10 p.m. Sunday

**Cost:** \$5 Wednesday; \$8 Thursday through Sunday. Free for children under 5. Seniors free on Wednesday. Season tickets \$20

**Contact:** (630) 584-6926 or visit [KaneCountyFair.com](http://KaneCountyFair.com)

The Kane County Fair is at heart an old-fashioned county fair with all of its charm and trappings.

Carnival? Check. 4-H kids showing projects? Check. Demolition Derby and rodeo? Check and check.

New this year will be bands playing on the grandstand instead of on the traditional Miller Lite Sound Stage.

Three will play on Wednesday night; including Giving Moon, Train Comp and the Led Zeppelin tribute act Kasmir headlining.

Returning grandstand

entertainment is the International Truck Pull on Thursday and Championship Bull Riding on Friday. Grandstand entertainment costs an additional \$10 nightly; \$12 on Friday (kids 7 and under are free.)

The Miller Lite Sound Stage entertainment is free; and features Tropixlosion and In The Flesh on July 18, Home-town Band and Hillbilly Rockstars July 19, Libido Funk Circus and Hi Infidelity on July 20, Abba Salute and 7th Heaven on July 21, and The Neversly Brothers and Wedding Banned on July 22.

There are plenty of free acts on the grounds; like Swift Swine racing pigs, Miller Petting Zoo and Kiddy Land with younger age-appropriate rides.

The Fantasy Amusements carnival runs throughout.

4-H is still a big part of the fair with more than 1,000 4-H kids exhibiting everything from poultry and swine to photography and cooking.

Traditional fair food will be featured, like elephant ears and lemonade shake-ups, plus some sandwiches and pizza.



Step right up! Carnival worker Tim Simpson high-fives Max Aldred of Elgin after he won a prize at a previous Kane County Fair. | FILE PHOTO

**Contact:** [lcfair.com](http://lcfair.com)

Entertainment for the 85th annual event is a musical mash-up of rock, country, blues, funk, Motown, hip hop, reggae and even dueling pianos. Headliners: Too White Crew, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Bella Cain, 9 p.m. Friday, and Gentlemen of Leisure Band, 8 p.m. Saturday.

Fair food like funnel cakes, pig wings, frozen yogurt, turkey legs, and freshly-made cinnamon. Quench your thirst in the Beer Tent, noon to 9 p.m. daily.

Check out the Chicago Flower and Garden Show, open every day, with vignettes created by area landscape designers, garden experts offering advice on plants and design.

A brand new attraction, the Man Shed, features guy favorites like auto/truck parts, heavy machinery, ATVs, marine gear, tools and more.

Arts, crafts and games for all on Family Fun Boulevard.

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### LAKE COUNTY FAIR

**Where:** Lake County Fairgrounds, 1060 E. Peterson Road, Grayslake

**When:** July 24-July 28

**Hours:** 10 a.m.-10 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday; 10 a.m.-11 p.m. Friday-Saturday; 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Sunday

**Cost:** \$8 adults Wednesday-Friday, \$10 Saturday-Sunday. Seniors 65 and older and children 6 through 12 are \$5 daily. Children 5 free. Discounts for military in uniform and their families. Family packs available.



Last year's participants show off their open class sheep during judging. | **DUPAGE COUNTY FAIR**

p.m. Saturday, Front Porch Stage.

Action with Motocross racing at 7 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday; truck and tractor pull, 7 p.m. Friday at the Grandstand, including one for antique tractors and the new Beauty & the Beast Truck Contest, a Demolition Derby at noon on Sunday, Grandstand.

Four-footed wonders: Lake County Mounted Posse Open Horse Show begins 8:30 a.m. Saturday at the livestock barn.

Wind up your weekend with a Demolition Derby at noon on Sunday, Grandstand.

**DUPAGE COUNTY FAIR**

**Where:** DuPage County Fairgrounds, 2015 Manchester Road, Wheaton

**When:** July 25-29

**Hours:** 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily

**Cost:** \$8; \$3 children 3-12; children 2 and under free. Season pass \$25. Seniors 62 years and older free until 3 p.m. July 25-27

**Contact:** (630) 668-6636 or visit Dupagecounty-fair.org

Rising country music star Kip Moore kicks off the DuPage County Fair July 25 with an 8 p.m. performance. He is known for his single, "Somethin' Bout a Truck." The cost is \$20 to see Kip Moore.

New to the DuPage County Fair this year is Fes-tiva de Musica at 7 p.m. July 26 with headline act Conjunto Atardecer at 8:30 p.m. The cost is \$10.

Returning is the Spirits of DuPage wine tasting event at 6:30 p.m. July 27. For \$40, which includes admission to the fair, visitors can sample several wines and beers and enjoy appetizers and a performance by Back Country Roads.

The high-flying daredevils with the U.S. FMX National Championship Series perform colon-clenching stunts while launching motorcycles through

the air. Show times are at 2 and 7 p.m. July 28. The cost is \$7.

The grandstand entertainment concludes with the crowd favorite, the demolition derby at 2 and 7 p.m. July 29. The cost is \$7.

Finally, a Log House, the world's oldest wooden dwelling, will be on display. The fully-furnished three-room home is more than 1,900 years old.

The free Ag-Ventureland returns with attractions that include milking a cow, shelling corn, touching reptiles and woodcarving.

There will also be a working blacksmith, camel and pony rides, baby chicks hatching, a maple syrup exhibit and a petting zoo.

As if all of that isn't enough, the carnival returns with daily specials.

**ILLINOIS STATE FAIR**

**When:** Aug. 9-19

**Where:** 801 E. Sangamon Ave., State Fairgrounds, Springfield

**Hours:** 7 a.m. to midnight daily

**Cost:** \$7; \$3 for children ages 5-12 and seniors 60 and older; children 4 and under free. Parking costs \$7.

**Contact:** (217) 782-6661 or visit Agr.state.il.us/isf

The Steve Miller Band headlines the 2012 Illinois State Fair, which runs from Aug. 9-19. Other grandstand acts include country music star Miranda Lambert performing Aug. 18, with her own opening act, Pistol Annies.

Cheap Trick, Night Ranger and the Georgia Satellites perform Aug. 17, and Creed plays Aug. 16. Rock band Train plays Aug. 15.

The legendary Charlie Daniels Band will play Aug. 14, Christian rapper TobyMac performs Aug. 12, and Demi Lovato and Hot Chelle Rae play Aug. 10. The fair opens Aug. 9 with country singers Eric Church and Aaron Lewis. All grandstand entertainment begins at 7:30 p.m.

The Illinois State Fair is jam-packed with activities. There are break dancers, magicians, chainsaw artists, comedy acts, a farmer's market, snake show and cooking contests. Kids can let loose on a climbing wall, BB gun or archery range, or try out a fishing clinic.

Other fair highlights include motocross, a demolition derby, truck and tractor pull, chili cook-off and dead lift competition.

A \$55 mega pass to the carnival is available through July 14. It is valid for all 11 days of the fair in the main carnival midway and the Adventure Village. ■

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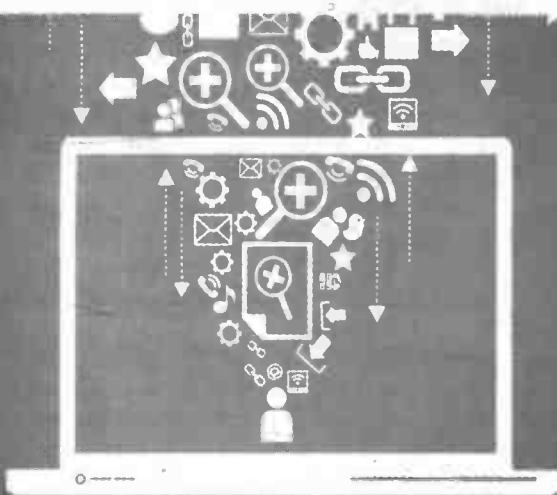
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**New fun, more of it at  
Park Ridge Carnival**

BY MYRNA PETLICKI | Contributor

The Park Ridge Park District's Summer Family Carnival is bigger than ever this year. "We increased the hours because we had about 1200 people turn out last year," said Recreation Supervisor Mary Bart. The former two-hour event will run from 5-9 p.m. Wednesday, July 24 at Centennial Park, 100 S. Western Ave.

"We're gearing up for next year, which is our 100th anniversary," Bart added. "So this year, we're going to be trying out some new things to see how well it goes over." That includes the addition of bungee jumping.

There will also be a climbing wall, kiddy Ferris wheel for the smallest visitors, merry-go-rounds, trackless train, potato sack fun slide, 20-30-person swing, inflatables, face painting, carnival rides, carnival games and a DJ.

For the first time, food will be sold, including hotdogs, nachos and cotton candy.

Tickets are 25 cents. For \$14, you can buy a wristband good for unlimited rides, games and face painting.

For details, call (847) 692-5127 or go to [www.prparks.org](http://www.prparks.org).

**PAYING TRIBUTE**

Your kids will share your Beatlemania after hearing American English, 7 p.m. Thursday, July 25 at MB Financial Park, 5501 Park Place, Rosemont. The Beatles tribute band won a sound-alike contest at Beatfest three consecutive years. Admission to this Rockin' in the Park concert is free.

For details, visit [www.rosemont.com](http://www.rosemont.com).

**TIME AWAY FOR TEDDY TO PLAY**

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The Park Ridge Park District's Summer Family Carnival will have new attractions and longer hours this year.

Bear Sleepover, 6:30 p.m. Monday, July 22 at Niles Public Library, 6960 W. Oakton St. Afterwards, the bears will spend the night at the library. The next morning, kids will learn all about their fluffy friend's overnighter.

For details, call (847) 663-1234 or go to [www.nileslibrary.org](http://www.nileslibrary.org).

**WHEEL EXCITING**

Three-time X Games medalist Matt Wilhelm will do amazing BMX bike stunts during a Tuesday Family Festival, 7 p.m. July 23 at Schack Park, Coyle and Laramie, Skokie. Wilhelm appeared on "America's Got Talent."

For details, call (847) 674-1500 or go to [www.skokieparks.org](http://www.skokieparks.org).

**RIDE 'EM COWBOY**

Kids can take a turn on a mechanical bull, 6-8:30 p.m. Thursday, July 25 at Proesel Park, 7055 Kostner Ave., Lincolnwood. Everyone will be entertained by the Hillbilly Rockstarz, 7-8:30 p.m., as part of the park district's Summer Concert Series. Grownups can also play bingo for free at 6 p.m.

For details, call (847) 673-1540 or go to [www.recreation.lwd.org](http://www.recreation.lwd.org).



BY BRUCE INGRAM | Film Critic

## OPENING THIS WEEK

### THE CONJURING

★★★

**Rated**

R for sequences of disturbing violence and terror

**Stars**

Vera Farmiga, Patrick Wilson, Lili Taylor

Hard-core horror fans will no doubt find it ho-hum, but "The Conjuring" scores points for just saying no to gore (for the most part) and relying instead on old-fashioned chills and suspense. Wilson and Farmiga star as real-life paranormal investigators Ed and Lorraine Warren (whose cases included the Amityville Horror haunting), trying to save a family from demon trouble. (Glencoe native Taylor is the mom.) The dialogue is a little clunky at times and the performances are sometimes a bit awkward, but it all builds to an effectively freaky climax despite its surprisingly wholesome' vibe and explicitly religious moral.

### FRUITVALE STATION

★★★ ½

**Rated**

R for some violence, language throughout and some drug use

**Stars**

Michael B. Jordan, Melonie Diaz, Octavia Spencer  
Based on the fatal shooting of 22-year-old Oscar Grant by a San Francisco rapid-transit policeman in the early hours of New Year's Day 2009, "Fruitvale" won top honors at the Sundance Film Festival and a major award

at Cannes, for good reason. The intimacy of debut writer/director Ryan Coogler's approach to the film and the no-frills, believably real quality of the performances drive the senselessness of Grant's killing home with visceral impact. "Fruitvale" opens with actual cell-phone footage showing Grant handcuffed face-down on the platform before being shot in the back, then flashes back to retrace his final day. This is a breakout role for Jordan ("The Wire," "Friday Night Lights") as Grant, effectively balancing the darker aspects of his life as an ex-convict attempting to go straight with his loving nature and his devotion to family. But the real power of "Fruitvale Station" lies in the fact that it is simply recreating a true, shocking injustice. It's not easy to watch and shouldn't be forgotten.

### GIRL MOST LIKELY

**Rated**

PG-13 for sexual content and language

**Stars**

Kristen Wiig, Matt Dillon, Annette Bening

After initial success, a failed New York playwright (Wiig) is forced to move back home with her parents in New Jersey. Shari Springer Berman and Robert Pulcini ("The Nanny Diaries") directed the comedy.

### ONLY GOD FORGIVES

**Rated**

R for strong bloody violence including grisly images, sexual content and language

**Stars**

Ryan Gosling, Kristin Scott Thomas

A Bangkok drug smuggler (Gosling) is ordered by his mother (Thomas), the boss of a crime syndicate, to avenge the murder of his brother. Nicolas Winding Refn ("Drive") wrote and directed the crime drama.

### RED 2

★★★ ½

**Rated**

PG-13 for pervasive action and violence including frenetic gunplay, and for some language and drug material

**Stars**

Anthony Hopkins, Bruce Willis, John Malkovich, Mary-Louise Parker and Helen Mirren

Retirement suits some people better than others, but it apparently doesn't suit superannuated government assassins at all. That's a good thing, as it turns out, because this insanely action-packed, frequently funny follow-up to the 2010 hit about golden-years super-spies and contract killers (Willis, Malkovich, and Mirren minus Morgan Freeman this time) is even more entertaining than the original.

### R.I.P.D.

**Rated**

PG-13 for violence, sci-fi/fantasy action, some sensuality, and language including sex references

**Stars**

Ryan Reynolds, Mary-Louise Parker, Jeff Bridges

A recently slain cop (Reynolds) is surprised to find himself the newest member of a team of undead law officers called the Rest in Peace Department. Robert Schwentke ("Red") directed the action comedy.



Lili Taylor in "The Conjuring."

### TURBO

**Rated**

PG for some mild action and thematic elements

**Stars**

Ryan Reynolds, Paul Giamatti, Maya Rudolph, Ken Jeong  
A snail (Reynolds) who dreams of winning the Indy 500 gets his chance after a freak garden accident turns him into a speed demon. David Soren makes his directorial debut with the animated family comedy.

## STILL PLAYING

### PACIFIC RIM

**Rated**

PG-13 for sequences of intense sci-fi action and violence throughout, and brief language

**Stars**

Ron Perlman, Idris Elba, Charlie Hunnam, Charlie Day

It takes a while to find its big, robotic footing, but as soon as "Pacific Rim" shifts into full-tilt action mode, roughly halfway through, it delivers all the super-colossal robo-a-monstro mayhem any adrenaline junkie could ask for. It's just a shame, especially coming from master of the fantastic Guillermo del Toro ("Hell Boy," "Pan's Labyrinth"), that the human element is nowhere near as satisfying. This is a mega-budgeted reworking of the classic Japanese kaiju monster-movies of the 1960s ("Godzilla," "Rodan," "Mothra," etc.) It's mankind facing off against giant lizardy invaders with equally gigantic robots operated by human pilots. The increasingly spectacular combat scenes look great. Even though the whole thing seems to have been targeted, intellectually and emotionally, at pre-teen boys, it's way better than the last couple of "Transformers" movies. ■

# Movie Review



## Shocking 'Fruitvale' reenacts a senseless killing

BY BRUCE INGRAM | Film Critic

### "Fruitvale Station"

★★★ 1/2

The social injustice of the ugly crime at the heart of "Fruitvale Station" might have seemed more naturally suited to a documentary, but the story comes to life much more powerfully in this intensely involving drama.

Based on the fatal shooting of 22-year-old Oscar Grant by a San Francisco rapid-transit policeman in the early hours of New Year's Day 2009, "Fruitvale" won top honors at the Sundance Film Festival. The intimacy of debut writer/director Ryan Coogler's approach to the film and the no-frills, believable quality of the main performances combine to drive the senselessness of Grant's killing home with visceral impact.

"Fruitvale" opens with actual cell-phone footage of the shooting, a confused shot of an altercation between Bay Area Rapid Transit cops and a group of handcuffed black men sitting on the station platform. The shouts grow more heated, one of the men is shoved face downward, an officer steps in closer and we hear what sounds like a shot going off. At which point, the film rewinds to early morning on New Year's Eve for a playback of the last day of Grant's life.

Any concern that Coogler might have set out to sanctify him are dispelled in the opening scene, in which Grant (Michael B. Jordan, "The Wire" and "Friday Night Lights") is confronted by his girlfriend Sophina (Melonie Diaz) about having been caught in an affair — before being interrupted by the arrival of their daughter Tatiana (Ariana Neal). There's something else Grant's been hiding from Sophina that's soon revealed. Several months after being released from prison, presumably for low-level drug dealing, he's lost his job at a supermarket for being repeatedly late to work. And with the rent coming due,



Michael B. Jordan and Melonie Diaz in "Fruitvale Station."

he's feeling the pressure to sell the sizable bag of marijuana they keep in the closet. Having disclosed the demons Grant is wrestling with, however, Coogler proceeds to show another side of his character during the rest of the day. He drives Sophina to work after securing grudging semi-forgiveness, he spends the morning tracking down Dungeness crabs for his mother's birthday party. And he flashes back to the previous New Year's Eve, when he was in prison being visited by his mother (Octavia Spencer of "The Help"), who convinces him the path he's on will hurt his daughter.

In short, "Fruitvale" is a portrait of a young man who's clearly trying to turn his life around. All of that ends abruptly, though, when a chance encounter with a prison enemy on the train home leads to a fight, which results in the transit cops being called, which results in them taking Oscar and his friends off the train, cuffing them and re-enacting the opening sequence with much more shocking detail.

At that point, whatever quibbles there might be about the way the film was made or whether it is or isn't an objective depiction of Oscar Grant's life, seem irrelevant compared to the stark truth of a man in this country being shot in the back by police while facedown and handcuffed.

It's something that's not easy to watch and shouldn't be forgotten.

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At 7 p.m. Thursdays, through July 25, at Lake Park Memorial Pavilion, 2200 Lee Street at Fargo Avenue, Des Plaines. Shows will be canceled in the event of rain. Call (847) 391-5700. **July 18:** Artistry in Motion Dance Company. **July 25:** du-page (Motown, adult contemporary).

#### Summer Concert Series

**FAM**  
At 7 p.m. Thursdays, through Aug. 15, at Proesel Park, 6915 Kostner Ave., Lincolnwood. Free admission. Visit [www.recreation.lwd.org](http://www.recreation.lwd.org). **July 18:** Libido Funk Circus (dance and rock). **July 25:** Hillbilly Rockstarz (country).

#### Tunes On Tuesday

**FAM**  
Through July 30 at 7 p.m. at Harrer Park Pavilion, 6250 Dempster

St., Morton Grove. Free admission. See [www.mortongroveparks.com](http://www.mortongroveparks.com). **July 25** (Thursday concert in conjunction with the Classic Car Show): The Rag Tops ('50s and '60s rock 'n' roll). **July 30:** Spoken Four (pop).

#### Mount Prospect Community Band

**FAM**  
Presenting free concerts at 7:30 p.m. Mondays, through July 29, at the Veterans Memorial Band Shell, 411 S. Maple St., Mount Prospect. Information at [www.mppd.org](http://www.mppd.org). **July 22:** Singin' & Swingin' with Leah Novak. **July 29:** Do-It-Yourself Sousa.

#### Sizzling Summer Spectacular

**FAM**  
Concert series at 7:30 p.m. Thursdays, through July 18, at the Mount Prospect Veterans Memorial Band Shell, 411 S. Maple St. Free admission. Visit [www.mppd.org](http://www.mppd.org). **July 18:** 7th Heaven.

#### Fridays on the Green

**FAM**  
Concert series at 6 p.m. the first and third Fridays of each month, through Aug. 30, on the Village Green in front of Village Hall, 50 S. Emerson St., Mount Prospect. For information, visit [www.experiencemount-prospect.org](http://www.experiencemount-prospect.org). **July 19:** A Thousand Julys.

#### Niles Park District

**FAM**  
Hosting free concerts at Oak Park, Lee and Ottawa streets, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Fridays, through Aug. 16. Visit [www.niles-parks.org](http://www.niles-parks.org). **July 19:** Vehicle Adventure Night with music by Soda (rock 'n' roll). **July 26:** Down Home Family Fun with music by The White Saddle Band (country).

#### Norridge Park District

**FAM**  
Presenting concerts at Norridge Community Park, 4631 N. Overhill Ave., on select Fridays. In the event of inclement weather, concerts will be held in the Norridge Recreation Center. Visit [www.norridgepk.com](http://www.norridgepk.com). **July 19,** 7 p.m.: Hillbilly Rockstarz (country). **Aug. 2,** 7 p.m.: The Barefoot Hawaiian.

#### Park Ridge Fine Arts Symphony

**FAM**  
Performing at 8 p.m. Fridays, through Aug. 9, at Hodges Park, 101 Courtland Ave., Park Ridge. Free. Visit [www.prfas.org](http://www.prfas.org). **July 19:** "Passion and Poetry," Tchaikovsky's Symphony No. 6 and Rimsky-Korsakov's Russian Easter Overture. **July 26:** "Broadway to Hollywood," music of Rodgers and Hammerstein, Lerner and Loewe, Andrew Lloyd Webber.

#### "Rockin' in the Park"

**FAM**  
Free summer concert series, 7-9:45 p.m. Thursdays, through Aug. 15, at MB Financial Park, 5501 Park Place, Rosemont, featuring food and beverage tents on the great lawn. Outside coolers cannot be brought into the park. Visit [www.rosemont.com](http://www.rosemont.com). **July 18:** 16 Candles ('80s hits). **July 25:** American English (Beatles tribute). **July 31** (Wednesday concert): Modern Day Romeos.

#### Sunday Sundown Concerts

**FAM**  
Presented at 7 p.m. Sundays, through Aug. 18, at Devonshire Park, 4400 Greenwood, Skokie. Visit [www.skokieparks.org](http://www.skokieparks.org). **July 21:** BMR4 (jazz, swing, blues). **July 28:** R-Gang (R&B).

### STAGE

#### "Going to St. Ives"

**18+**  
Presented by Fleetwood-Jourdain Theatre **July 20-Aug. 4** at the Noyes Cultural Arts Center, 927 Noyes St., Evanston. Performances at 7 p.m. Saturdays and 3 p.m. Sundays. \$10 in advance; \$12 at the door. Call (847) 448-8260 or visit [www.cityofevanston.org/fjttheatre](http://www.cityofevanston.org/fjttheatre).

#### Gorilla Tango's Skokie Theatre

**18+**  
7924 Lincoln Ave. Skokie. [www.gorillatango.com](http://www.gorillatango.com). **July 19,** 7 p.m., and **July 20,** 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.: "Cellar Doors," a play about four adolescents struggling with sexuality, family discord, and the search for life's meaning. \$10. **July 26-Aug. 3,** 7 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays: "Glengarry Glen Ross." \$25. **July 27-Aug. 4,** 2 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays: "Fantastic Folktales." Tickets are \$12.

#### "Laura Ingalls Wilder's A Little House Christmas"

**FAM**  
Presented by the Devonshire Playhouse at 6:30 p.m. **July 18-20 and 25-27** at the Skokie Heritage Museum, 8031 Floral Ave., Skokie. The production begins at Skokie's Historic Log Cabin, where actors will interact with the audience, touring the cabin, presenting folk arts and crafts, offering foods of the time, and then providing the show on the second floor of the museum. \$12; \$10 youth and seniors. Call (847) 674-1500, ext. 2400.

#### "Mine"

**18+**  
**Through Aug. 11** at The Gift Theatre, 4802 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago. Performances

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Adults **18+**

Seniors **65+**

## Submissions

### You Want In? Here's How:

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at 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday; 2:30 p.m. Sundays. \$25-\$30. Visit [www.thegifttheatre.org](http://www.thegifttheatre.org).

### "The Music Man"

**FAM**  
Presented **July 25-Aug. 4** by the Footlighters

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Theater Company at Prairie Lakes Theater, 515 E. Thacker St., Des Plaines, at 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday; 2 p.m. Sundays. \$16; \$14 seniors; \$12 children. Visit [www.dpparks.org](http://www.dpparks.org).

**Shakespeare on the Ridge**

13+ 18+

Featuring "Twelfth Night," presented by The Arc Theater Company at 7 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays, **through Aug. 4**, and "Love's Labour's Lost," presented by the youth actors of Mudlark Theater Company, at 7 p.m. **July 26** and 5 p.m. **July 27-28**, on the East Stage at Ridgeville Park, adjacent to the Ridgeville Park District Community House, 908 Seward St., Evanston. Free admission. Visit [www.ridgeville.org/shakespeare](http://www.ridgeville.org/shakespeare).

CLASSICAL

**Chicago Duo Piano Festival**

18+

Featuring a concert at 7:30 p.m. **July 19** at Nichols Concert Hall, 1490 Chicago Ave., Evanston. Olga and Yuri Sherbakov will perform works by Ukrainian and Russian composers, including Rachmaninoff's Suite No. 1 for Two Pianos. \$30; \$20 seniors; \$10 students. Visit [www.musicinst.org](http://www.musicinst.org) or call (847) 905-1500, ext. 108.

**Summer Sing-Along**

18+

The Music Institute of Chicago Chorale welcomes those who love choral singing to join a performance of Haydn's "The Creation" at 7:30 p.m. **July 24** at Nichols Concert Hall, 1490 Chicago Ave., Evanston. \$10. An optional free rehearsal takes place at 7:30 p.m. **July 23** at Nichols Concert Hall. Call (847) 905-1500, ext. 100.

POP/FOLK/JAZZ

**Akoo Theatre at Rosemont**

18+

5400 N. River Road, Rosemont. Tickets available at [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com) or (800) 745-3000. **July 20**, 7:30 p.m.: "The Music of ABBA," featuring Arival. \$30-\$45. **July 28**, noon: Tween Stars Live Tour, \$25-\$55.

**Allstate Arena**

18+

6920 N. Mannheim Road, Rosemont. Tickets available at [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com). Parking is \$20, cash only. **July 18-19**, 7:30 p.m.: New Kids On The Block, 98 Degrees and Boyz II Men — The Package Tour. \$29.50, \$49.50, \$69.50, \$89.50. **Aug. 12**, 7:30 p.m.: American Idol Live 2013, featuring the top 11 finalists from American Idol. \$33.50, \$46, \$66.

**InterContinental Chicago O'Hare Hotel**

18+

Montrose Room, 5300 N. River Road, Rosemont. [www.montrose-room.com](http://www.montrose-room.com). **July 26**, 9 p.m.: Sean Kelly & the Samples. \$20 general admission; \$75 VIP.

**Jazz Community Big Band**

18+ 65+

The 18-piece big band, based in Norridge, plays 7-10 p.m. **July 23** at Hanging Gardens Banquets, 8301 W. Belmont Ave., River Grove. Dance floor available. \$10; \$5 ages 17 and under. Call (708) 456-2900.

**Legends Tribute Show**

13+ 18+

Concert tributes to Michael Jackson, Whitney Houston, Amy Winehouse, Luther Vandross, Marvin Gaye and others, 3 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. **July 19-20** at Leela Arts Theatre, 620 Lee St., Des Plaines. \$10-\$30. Visit [www.thelegends-tribute.com](http://www.thelegends-tribute.com).

**Park Ridge Chorale**

18+

Presenting its summer concert, "Made in Chicago," at 7 p.m. **July 27** at St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 205 N. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge.

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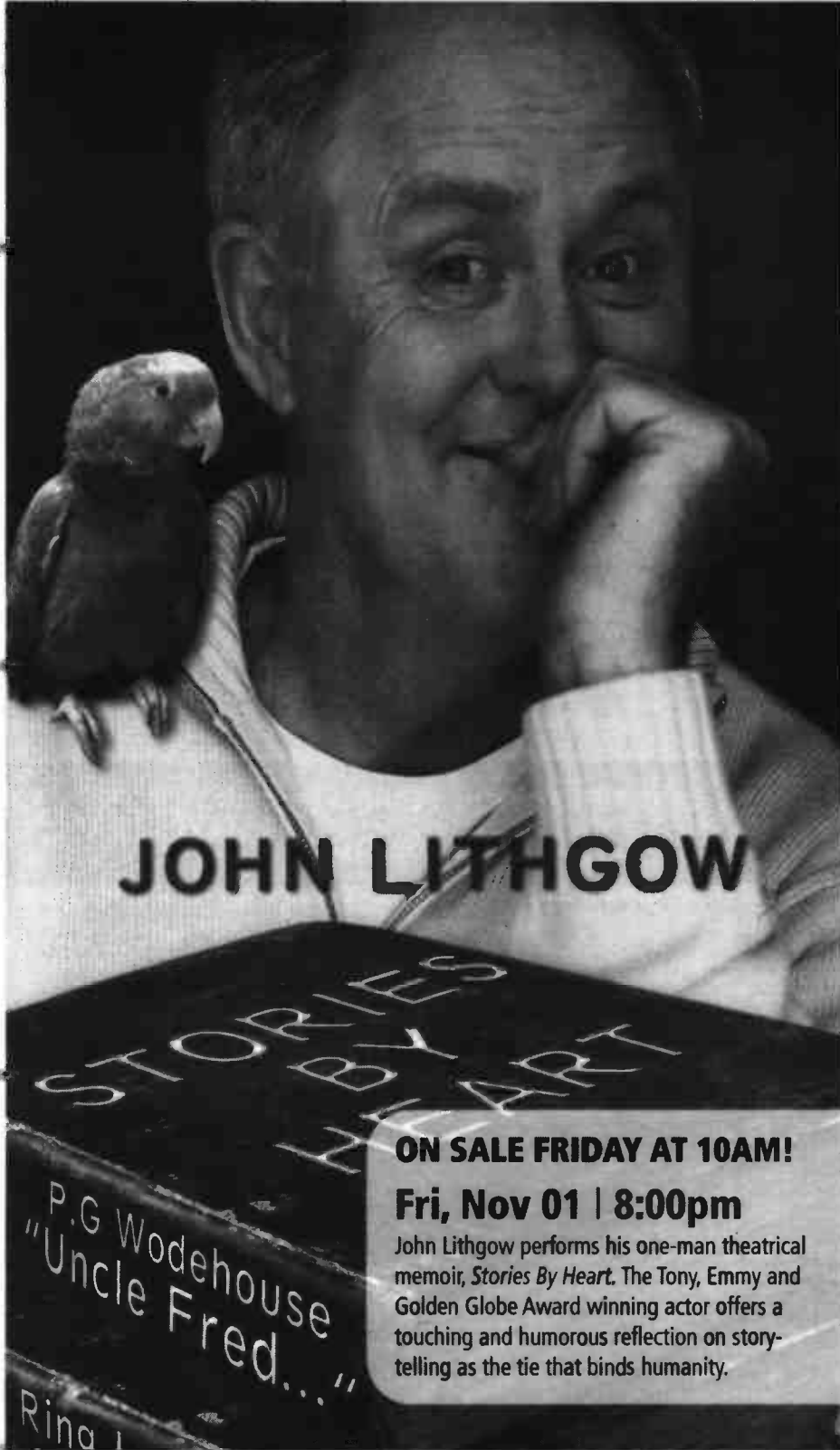
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Tickets in advance are \$16, \$14 for seniors; at the door, tickets are \$18/\$16. Free admission for ages 18 and under. Call Penny Ruder, (847) 823-3958.

**Regenstein Recital Hall**

18+

At Northwestern University, 60 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston. (847) 467-4000. **July 25**, 7:30 p.m.: Northwestern University Summer Jazz Band plays jazz standards by well-known composers and arrangers. \$6; \$4 students.

**S.P.A.C.E.**

18+

1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston. www.evanspace.com. (847) 492-8860. **July 19**, 7 p.m.: Dan Navarro (acoustic folk). \$15-\$28. **July 19**, 10 p.m.: Bernard Allison (blues/rock). \$12-\$22. **July 20**, 8 p.m.: Canned Heat (blues/rock). \$27-\$44. **July 21**, 7:30 p.m.: Gary Louris of The Jayhawks with Musikanto (folk/rock). \$22-\$36. **July 22**, 8 p.m.: Thao & the Get Down Stay Down (indie pop/folk). \$10. **July 23**, 7:30 p.m.: Buckwheat Zydeco (New Orleans blues). \$28-\$42. **July 24**, 7:30 p.m.: Robert Randolph presents The Slide Brothers (blues/gospel). \$15-\$27. **July 25**, 7:30 p.m.: Tierney Sutton (jazz). \$18-\$38.

**July 26**, 8 p.m.: Kermit Ruffins & the Barbecue Swingers (jazz). \$25/\$30/\$42. **July 27**, 8 p.m.: SHOES (New Wave). \$20-\$35. **July 28**, 7 p.m.: Lee Dewyze acoustic show, \$20-\$46. **July 28**, 9 p.m.: Lee Dewyze full band show, \$20-\$46. **July 31**, 8 p.m.: The Fixx (rock). \$30-\$75.

**AUDITIONS & OPPORTUNITIES**

**Young Artists auditions**

4-12 13+

Gorilla Tango will hold auditions, open to ages 10-18, for "The Trial of Goldilocks" 8 a.m.-2 p.m. **July 27** at the Skokie Theatre, 7924 Lincoln Ave., Skokie. Those auditioning should be prepared for a cold reading of a short scripted conversation. Bring a headshot and resume, if available. For an audition appointment, email Maurice D. Proffit at mproffit5@gmail.com.

**Women artists sought**

18+

Professional women artists are invited to submit entries in all media to Oakton Community College for "Bodies by Design: Modification, Coercion, and Resistance." The juried art exhibition, co-sponsored by the Koehline Museum of Art and Women's and Gender

Studies at Oakton, will run Oct. 3-25. Entry deadline is **Aug. 8**. For rules, visit [www.oakton.edu/newsevents/events/wom\\_art\\_call.pdf](http://www.oakton.edu/newsevents/events/wom_art_call.pdf).

**CHILD'S PLAY**

**Lincolnwood Public Library**

4-12

4000 W. Pratt Ave. [www.lincolnwoodlibrary.org](http://www.lincolnwoodlibrary.org). **July 25**, 6:30 p.m.: Night at the Movies for Families features "The Secret World of Arrietty."

**"The Wizard of Oz"**

13+

Presented **July 26-27 and Aug. 23-24** at Youth Company Chicago Studios, 5342 W. Lawrence Avenue, Chicago. Performances are at 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. Fridays; 1 p.m., 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturdays. \$15; \$12.50 youth. Visit [www.youthcompanychicago.org](http://www.youthcompanychicago.org) or call (312) 324-3700.

**FAIRS & FESTIVALS**

**Mount Prospect Downtown Block Party**

P&M

Held 5-11 p.m. **July 26** and 11 a.m.-11 p.m. **July 27** at the intersection of Emerson Street and Busse Avenue, downtown Mount Prospect. Includes live music,

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family activities and food vendors. [www.mp-blockparty.com](http://www.mp-blockparty.com).

### Jeff Fest Arts & Music Festival

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**July 26-28** at Jefferson Memorial Park, 4822 N. Long Ave., just west of Milwaukee Avenue, Chicago. Hours are 6-11 p.m. Friday; noon-11 p.m. Saturday; noon-10 p.m. Sunday. Offering music ranging from soul, alternative rock and folk rock to techno pop. Also featuring the Urban Folk Circuit traveling craft market, food trucks, Kids' Zone, drum circles and a juried art show. Admission is \$7; \$5 before 5 p.m. Free admission for children ages 12 and under. Coolers and liquor are not permitted. Visit [www.jefffest.org](http://www.jefffest.org).

### Polish Festival of Music, Art and Food

FAM

Held 11 a.m.-10 p.m. **July 27** and 11 a.m.-8 p.m. **July 28** on Summit Street between Touhy and Prospect avenues, and in Hodges Park, Park Ridge. The festival features live music, including rock, pop, blues, Polish folk ensembles, Lajkonik and more, Polish foods such as kielbasa, pierogi and potato pancakes, an art exhibition, folk art craft market, and children's activities. Free admission. Visit [www.polish-festinparkridge.com](http://www.polish-festinparkridge.com).

### North Shore Festival of Art

FAM

Held 10 a.m.-5 p.m. **July 27-28** at Westfield Old Orchard Mall, 4999 Old Orchard Center, Skokie. Featuring works by more than 120 juried artists, live music and children's activities. Free admission. Visit [www.NorthShoreFestivalofArt.com](http://www.NorthShoreFestivalofArt.com).

### FILM

#### Lincolnwood Public Library

18+

4000 W. Pratt Ave. (847) 677-5277. [www.lincolnwoodlibrary.org](http://www.lincolnwoodlibrary.org). **July 19**, 1 p.m.: "Oz the Great and Powerful." **July 25**, 10:30 a.m.: "It's a Disaster." **July 25**, 1 p.m.: Cinematic Classics features "Stage Door." **July 26**, 1 p.m.: "The Last Ride."

#### Mini Elvis Presley Film Festival

18+ 65+

Presented in Northwestern University's Ethel M. Barber Theater, 30 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston. Admission: \$5-\$10. Visit [www.tic.northwestern.edu](http://www.tic.northwestern.edu). **July 23**, 7 p.m.: "Viva Las Vegas" (1964). **July 30**, 7 p.m.: "King Creole" (1958).

#### Niles Public Library

18+

6960 Oakton St., Niles. (847) 663-6405. [www.nileslibrary.org](http://www.nileslibrary.org). **July 23**, 2 p.m.: Travel Musicals Film Series features "Cabaret." **July 25**, 2 p.m.: International Film Series features "To Rome with Love."

**Northwest Chicago Film Society**

18+ 65+

Classic Film Series is held at 7:30 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, unless otherwise noted, at the Patio Theater, 6008 W. Irving Park Road, Chicago. Admission is \$5. Visit [www.northwestchicagofilm-society.org](http://www.northwestchicagofilm-society.org). **July 22**: "The Lineup" (1958). **July 24**: "The Miracle Man" (1932), starring Boris Karloff. **July 31**: "The Late George Apley" (1947).

#### Summer Cinema Series

FAM

Films will be shown at dusk (around 9 p.m.) Wednesdays, through Aug. 14, on the east lawn of Northwestern University's Norris University Center, 1999 Campus Drive, Evanston. If it rains, the film will be shown indoors at Norris Center's McCormick Auditorium. Free admission. Call (847) 491-2350. **July 24**: "The Impossible," rated PG-13. **July 31**: "Sixteen Candles," rated PG. **Aug. 7**: "Oz the Great and Powerful," rated PG. **Aug. 14**: "The Sting," rated PG.

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#### TOURS & OUTINGS

##### Skokie Northshore Sculpture Park

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Located along the east side of McCormick Boulevard, between Dempster on the north to Touhy on the south. Free, docent-led tours featuring a different section of the two-mile long park are offered each month. Visit [www.sculpturepark.org](http://www.sculpturepark.org). **July 28, 1 p.m.:** Section IV; park in the lot in the Park, between Howard and Touhy.

#### WORKSHOPS & CLASSES

##### Skokie Art Guild

18+

Offering figure drawing workshops from 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Saturdays at the Devonshire Cultural Center, 4400 Greenwood, Skokie. Live models; no instructor. Fee per session is \$20; \$12 for members. Call Steve Gal, (847) 673-4450, or visit [www.skokieartguild.org](http://www.skokieartguild.org).

#### ET CETERA

##### Gorilla Tango's Skokie Theatre

18+ 65+

7924 Lincoln Ave. Skokie. [www.gorillatango.com](http://www.gorillatango.com). (773) 598-4549. **Through Aug. 2, 9 p.m.**

Fridays: "Gordon Edmund: Out of His Mind & Into Yours," featuring psychology, hypnosis and magic. \$25.

##### Monday Night Car Show

FAM

Classic cars will be on display 6-9 p.m. Mondays, **through Sept. 2**, in the west parking lot of Westfield Old Orchard shopping center, 4999 Old Orchard Center, Skokie. Also featuring music, food and hourly raffles. Free admission. Visit [www.mondaynightcarshows.com](http://www.mondaynightcarshows.com).

##### Summer Circus Intensive Showcase Performance

13+ 18+

Presented at 4:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. **July 27** at The Actors Gymnasium, 927 Noyes St., Evanston. \$15 general admission. Visit [www.actorsgymnasium.com](http://www.actorsgymnasium.com).

#### MUSEUMS

##### Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center

13+ 18+ 65+

9603 Woods Drive, Skokie. (847) 967-4800. [www.ilholocaustmuseum.org](http://www.ilholocaustmuseum.org). Admission: \$12; \$8 for students and senior citizens; \$6 for children ages 5-11. **Through Sept. 8:** "Fire in My Heart: The Story of

Hannah Senesh." Hannah Senesh died by firing squad in 1944, but has endured as one of Israel's most iconic heroes after volunteering for a mission to rescue downed Allied fliers and Jews from Nazi-occupied Hungary. **July 21, 1 p.m.:** Screening of the film "Six Million and One," an award-winning documentary about the Second Generation. Free with museum admission; reservations required. **July 28, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.:** Family Day. Children ages 3-11, along with an adult, can participate in a special program presented by the Illinois Holocaust Museum and the Anti-Defamation League exploring ways to help foster respect, celebrate differences, and stand up against bullying. Free with museum admission; reservations required.

##### Mitchell Museum of the American Indian

13+ 18+ 65+

3001 Central St., Evanston. (847) 475-1030. [www.mitchellmuseum.org](http://www.mitchellmuseum.org). Admission is \$5; \$3 for seniors, students and children. Admission includes all exhibits and events, unless stated otherwise. **Through Aug. 25:** "The War of 1812: Fighting for Their Homeland." **Through Sept. 1:** "Another View of American Indian Fine Art." **Through Sept. 8:** "New Treasures of Our Collection," an exhibit of 45 recent acquisitions.

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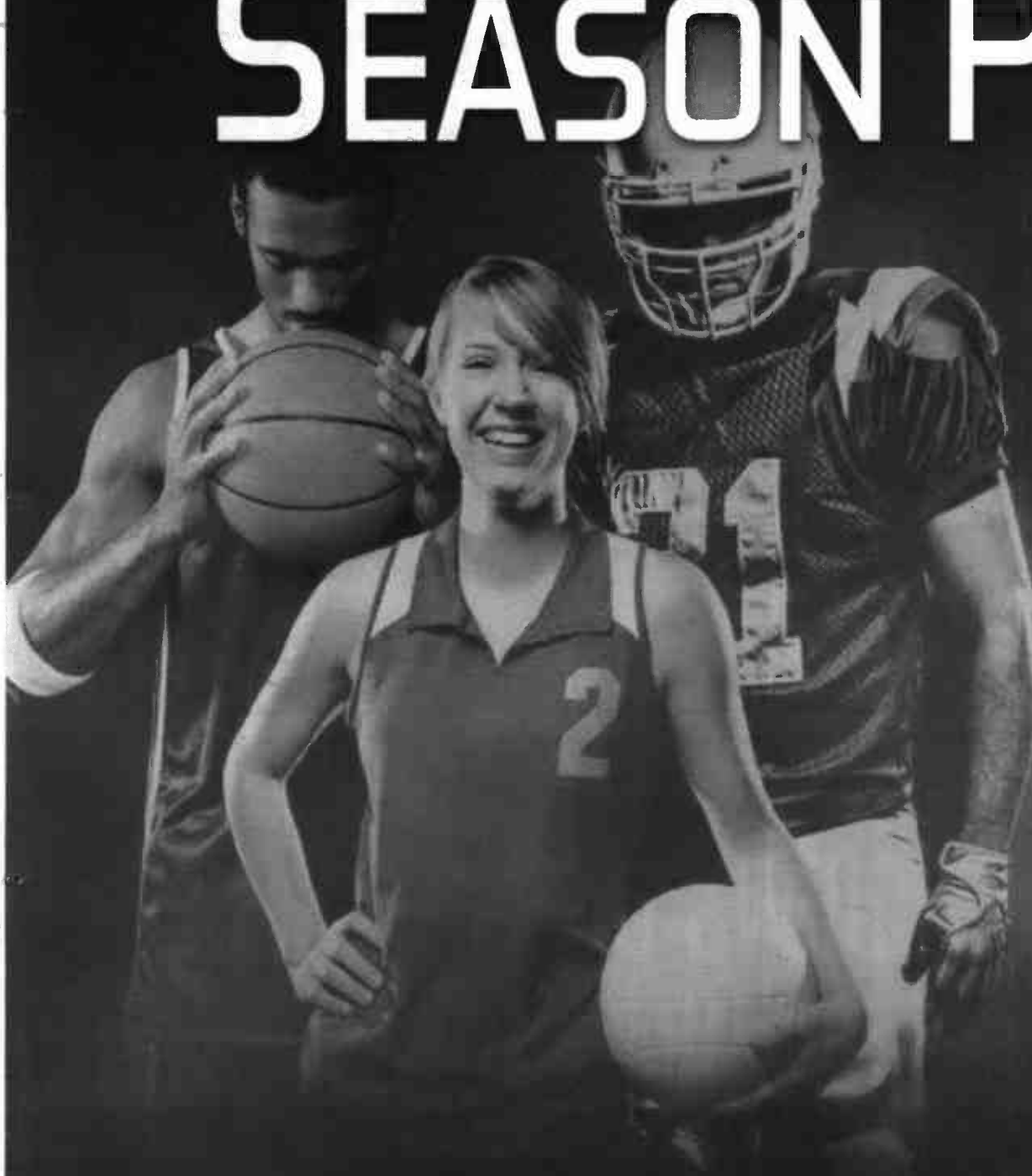


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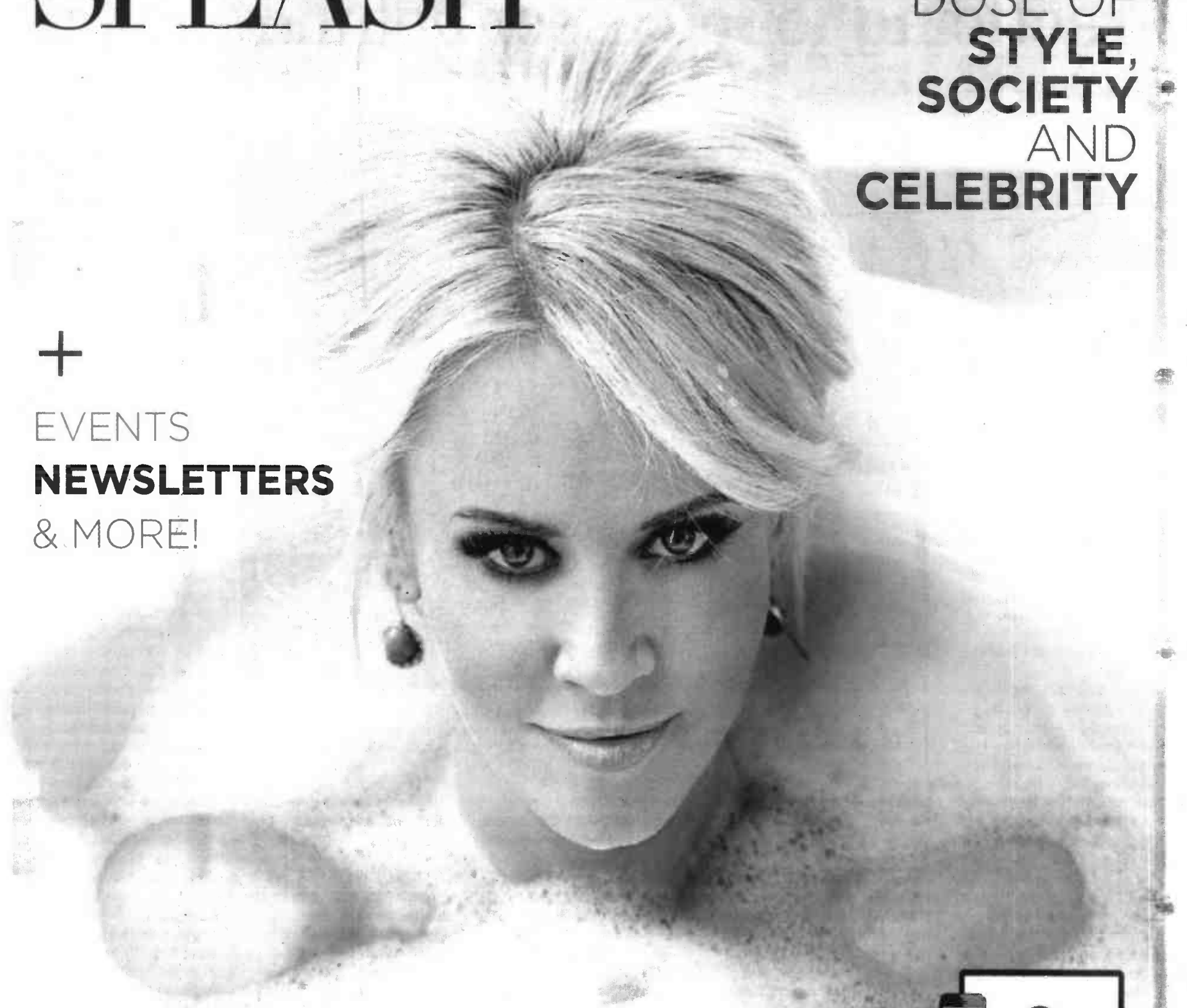
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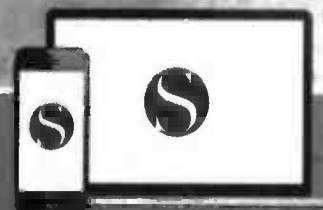
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For all the young athletes who aspire to be the next LeBron James, Aaron Rodgers or Mike Trout, there's a certain contingent of youths who aspire to be the next Peter King, Dan Patrick or Bob Costas.

To see how their heroes of the Fourth Estate do their job, roughly 60 individuals, ages 10-18, participated in the Play by Play Sports Broadcasting Camp from July 8-Friday at the Holiday Inn here.

The event brought together campers from as far away as Massachusetts and Kansas for the five-day event. Campers were given the opportunity to ask questions of Carolina Panthers tight end Brandon Williams in a faux press conference, record their own play-by-play at a Chicago Sky WNBA game, and visit with Blackhawks radio play-by-play announcer John Wiedeman and CBS anchor Megan Ma-wicke, among others in the business.

Steve Goldstein, co-owner of Play by Play, allowed Pioneer Press to observe the activities campers participated in on the morning of July 11.

After a meeting between



(From left) Wichita, Kan., resident Grant Cohen and Chicagoans Kenneth Cohen and Marius Mutijima-Page hone their broadcasting skills during the Play by Play Sports Broadcasting Camp on July 11 in Skokie. Visit [skokie.suntimes.com/sports](http://skokie.suntimes.com/sports) to view a photo gallery from the camp. | KEVIN TANAKA-for Sun-Times Media.

the campers and counselors, the older campers broke up into small groups for on-camera work.

Some started at "In Your Face," Play by Play's debate-centered show. One mediator brought up a topic for two of the commentators to discuss in front of a green screen with a news studio digitally produced in the background.

A counselor recorded all the footage so campers could view their work on YouTube.

"I think Corey Crawford

should have won the MVP Award," Batavia's Claire Jacobi said. "He prepared well all season and made adjustments to his game when he wasn't playing well. He played aggressive. Without him I don't think the Blackhawks would have won the Stanley Cup this year."

Topics discussed included Peyton Manning's place among the best quarterbacks of all time and the Houston Rockets' title chances with the addition of Dwight Howard.

"It has its bad and its good sides," Indiana resident Tommy Devine said of Howard's decision to sign with Houston. "The good side is this is a great chance for him to be a leader and take the steps to become a leader. The bad side is it's a few years before they'll become a championship team but he'll have to take that risk. Right now it's a great decision."

Unlike cable television shows with a similar format, the commentators did not resort to finger-wagging,

name-calling or exaggerated facial gestures to accentuate their point.

For the angst-ridden, the rants section of the morning allowed individuals to rant into the camera about topics and themes that irritated them in sports.

Even when counselors were not recording campers, the topic of conversation centered on sports. The environment promoted a constant dialogue on the subject, even when campers waited to record their rant.

While the older campers completed the series of recordings (which also included voiceovers on highlights and predictions for the 2013 NFL season), younger campers played Sports Scattergories. They were presented with a topic such as "Sports Movies" or "Players on the Blackhawks 2010 or 2013 Stanley Cup Championship Team" and received a point for each correct answer.

One camper pushed a table over in excitement after his team earned the most points for a round.

The morning ended with a group of around 20 engaged in a podcast. Topics varied from Joe Flacco's new contract to what quarterback would deal with a sophomore slump.

Even with the competitive aspect of sports, the campers helped out one another if someone forgot a name, and they allowed others to convey their opinions without interruption. The traits of teamwork and respect, so pertinent to success on the field, found a place off it. ■



## Local youth soccer club built on solid Greek foundation

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After playing and coaching at several amateur soccer clubs and organizing large soccer tournaments, Niles resident John Kosmas turned his attention to youth soccer development.

Though the Chicago area is filled with youth soccer clubs, Kosmas said he observed too many youngsters playing the game incorrectly.

"Kids today, even older kids in the area, are lacking in how to properly play on the field," Kosmas said. "Simple things, like how to pass the ball and how to position themselves on the field. They are lacking that. There is a pure skill-development gap that we're seeing in the area."

Kosmas came to the United States 33 years ago from Greece, where the powerhouse professional soccer club Olympiacos is known for its youth academy. Kosmas wanted to model his organization after this academy, which teaches the game based on sound fundamentals and strong character.

Three years ago, Kosmas and his wife, Angela, traveled to the team's base in Piraeus, just outside Athens, where they presented their idea for Olympiacos Soccer School Chicago to representatives



John Kosmas



Niko Mirtsekis

from the club, which already had 40 soccer schools throughout Greece and Cyprus, and one in Sydney, Australia.

Olympiacos officials liked Kosmas' proposal and made Chicago home to the club's first North American outpost (they have since added a school in Toronto). Kosmas does pay a fee for the affiliation.

Last season, Olympiacos Chicago operated youth teams at U8 and U9 levels out of Park Ridge and U8 and U12 squads out of Naperville. A program called Thylos Soccer, for children aged 3-6, is held in Park Ridge.

Kosmas continues to plot the club's expansion.

Olympiacos Chicago has been working with Maine East to become the official feeder program for that school's soccer teams.

During this growth, Kosmas said the club has stayed true to its mission of stressing player progress over results.

"I'm not afraid to tell parents, that if they are here because all they want their kid to do is win, then we're not the club for them," he said. "We develop kids. We'll win, but we'll lose some games."

Kosmas continued: "If a

kid is 17 years old and college coaches are scouting his game, they are looking at the skills of that player. They will not come up and ask, 'What tournaments did he or she win?'"

This skill development is achieved, Kosmas said, through constant teaching.

"We will stop training sessions many times to let players know what they did wrong and show them how to do it right," he said. "At the beginning, this can be frustrating, but eventually they get it and we see how much better they get."

Training sessions are based on curriculum developed by the pro club in Greece.

Should talented youths emerge in the Chicago club, Kosmas' relationship with the officials overseas will ensure those players are on Olympiacos' radar screen.

Though making it as a professional may be a long-shot, children in the program will have a chance to learn from a talented former player in Niko Mirtsekis, whom Kosmas hired to be the program's director of coaching. Mirtsekis played for Panionios, AEK Athens and Iraklis, and once for the Greek national team.

"John is very passionate about this game," Mirtsekis said. "He's always been interested in trying something new and more appealing than what is out there. That's how he came up with the idea (for the club). He loves the game and he loves the club and he's trying his best to make the club a lot bigger and successful, too." ■



The Niles Renegades 11U team poses for a photo at the 9th Annual St. Jude Brad Wallin Memorial Tournament in Chillicothe. The players shaved their heads to raise funds for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. | SUBMITTED PHOTO

## Renegades help in fight against cancer

The Niles Renegades U11-U14 baseball teams not only took part in the 9th Annual St. Jude Brad Wallin Memorial Tournament in Chillicothe, but the Renegades also shaved their heads to raise funds for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

The Renegades organization raised close to \$2,500 for the hospital in Memphis, Tenn.

Each team member received a gold wristband, wore a gold T-shirt and donned pink socks to show their support in the fight against childhood cancer.

The baseball tournament, which ran from May 31-June 2, is named for Brad Wallin, a baseball player from the Chillicothe area who died of cancer when he was 11. ■

## Abtahi gets Evans Scholarship

Mark Abtahi of Niles was named the recipient of the 2012 BMW Hole-In-One Scholarship, an Evans Scholarship that provides a caddy with a four-year, full-tuition scholarship and housing grant. Abtahi is a caddy at Park Ridge Country Club and will enter his freshman year at Illinois this fall. He graduated from Maine East.

The scholarship was

awarded thanks to Steve Stricker's ace on the sixth hole at the 2012 BMW Championship. Abtahi attended the John Deere Classic over the weekend in Silvis to meet Stricker. He was presented with an autographed pin flag from the 2012 BMW Championship.

The Evans Scholars Foundation is one of the nation's largest privately funded college scholarship programs. ■

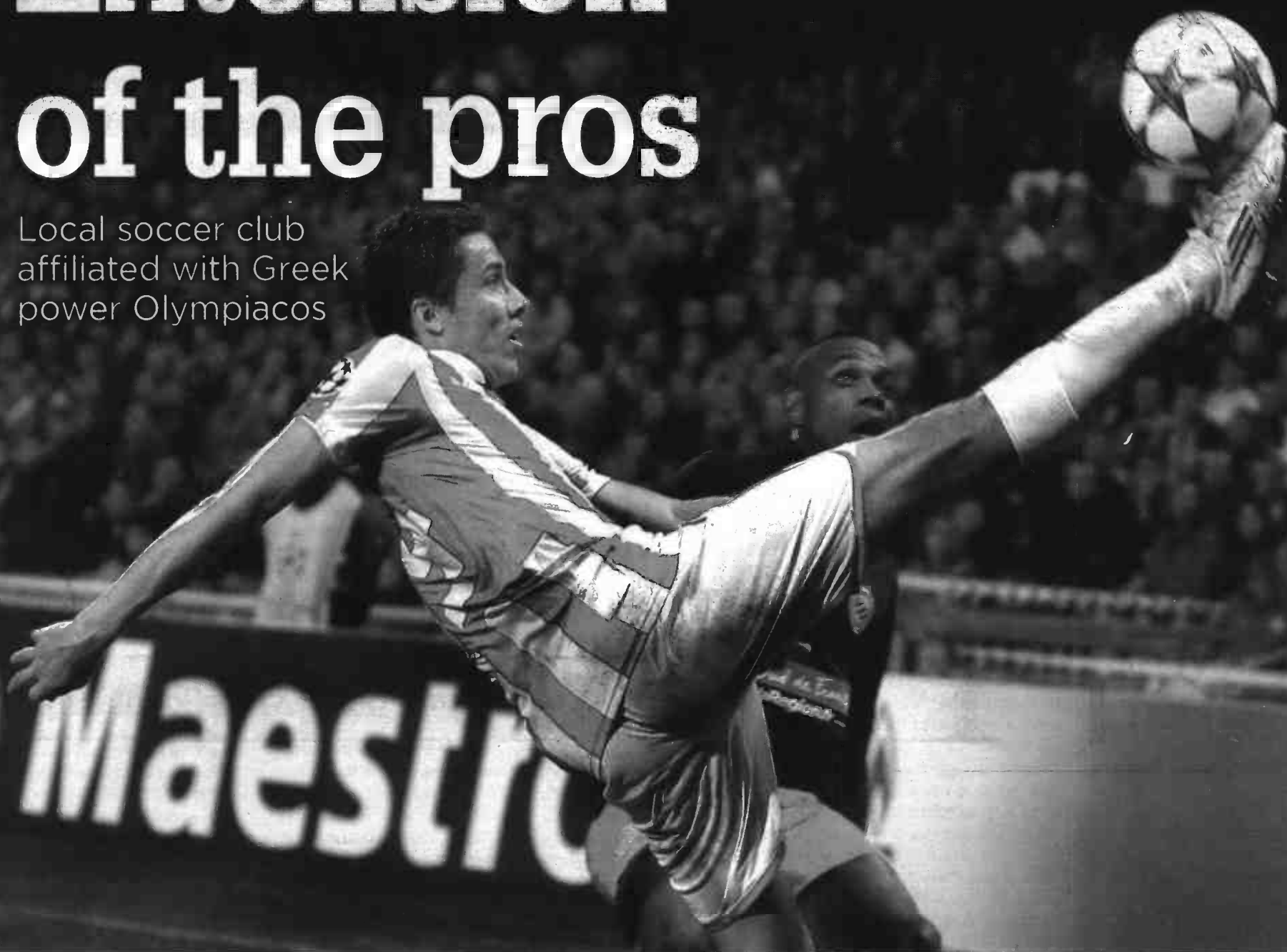
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## Extension of the pros

Local soccer club  
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In this Oct. 24, 2012, photo, Olympiacos forward David Fuster Torrijos stretches to get his foot on the ball in front of Montpellier defender Henri Bedimo during their Champions League Group B soccer match at La Mosson stadium in Montpellier, France. | CLAUDE PARIS-AP

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