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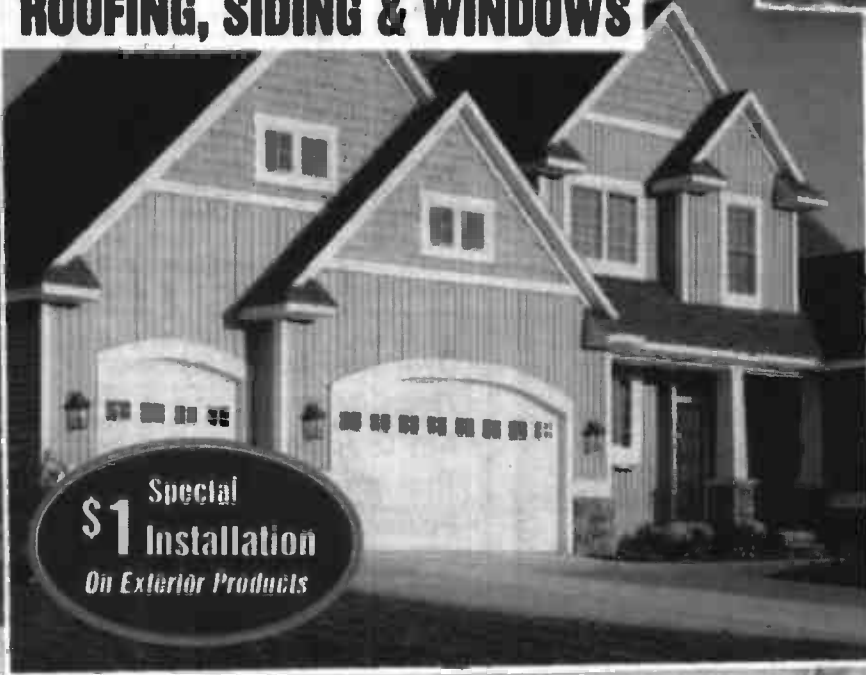
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||| **MORTON GROVE**

Local makes Pillsbury Bake-Off for second year

Morton Grove woman needs online votes to become finalist

BY RICK KAMBIC
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Arlene Erlbach of Morton Grove created a cranberry dark chocolate flatbread that was recognized as one of the top 60 recipes in a nationwide Pillsbury Bake-Off competition.

Now, as a semi-finalist in the annual competition, Erlbach needs help to get closer to the \$1 million prize. Judges sorted through thousands of recipes to find those top 60, and now online voting will decide the final 30.

"I'm a baker, not a politician, but I understand that Pillsbury wants traffic to their website," Erlbach said jokingly. "What's frustrating and endearing at the same time is when I ask people to vote for me and they repeatedly call back wanting some of the flatbread."

Erlbach said she's always enjoyed creating new blends of foods and attempting complicated recipes, but she found more time on her hands after retiring from Chicago's William P. Gray Elementary School



Arlene Erlbach of Morton Grove created a flatbread with cranberries, chocolate chips and almonds, and it was named a semifinalist in Pillsbury's 46th annual bakeoff. | RICK KAMBIC/SUN-TIMES MEDIA.

and decided to put her hobby to work by entering competitions.

Pillsbury's competition has three main categories for its competition: breakfast, appetizers and dinners. The final 30 in each category are flown to Las Vegas to bake side-by-side against each other for the best overall recipes.

First place gets a \$1 million prize, second place gets a \$10,000 prize and \$3,000 worth of kitchenware, and third place gets a \$5,000 prize and \$2,000 worth of kitchenware. Other sponsors also give prizes of lesser value.

The competition challenges bakers to create a recipe using only seven ingredients, with at least two

VOTE FOR ARLENE

To vote for Arlene Erlbach's cranberry orange dark chocolate flatbread, visit:

<http://www.pillsbury.com/BakeOff/Voting-Home>

Voting ends Sept. 26.

Pillsbury products or one Pillsbury product and one item from a list of other sponsors — which include JIF peanut butter, Smuckers, Crisco and Eagle.

The inventions are judged on creativity, taste, appearance and consumer appeal.

This year is the first time in Pillsbury's 45-year competition that public input will be factored into the results. Last year, judges chose Erlbach as one of the overall 100 finalists and she went to Virginia to square off against her competition.

"I didn't want to go alone, so I was going to ask a friend to accompany me, but my husband Herb and my adult son Matthew asked to go with," Erlbach said. "That was the million-dollar prize for me. Having my family recognize my interest and go out of their way to cheer me on was the greatest reward I could



Arlene Erlbach of Morton Grove created a cranberry orange dark chocolate flatbread that was named a semifinalist in Pillsbury's 46th annual bakeoff. She now needs public votes to advance. | PHOTOS BY RICK KAMBIC/SUN-TIMES MEDIA



Arlene Erlbach's recipe starts with spreading Smucker's jam and olive oil onto rolled pizza crust.



Next, spread dried cranberries onto the jam-covered crust.



Chocolate chips are then sprinkled atop the cranberries.



STEP 4

The final ingredient is a cup of sliced almonds.



STEP 5

Arlene Erlbach pats her flatbread to mix the cranberries, chocolate chips and dried almonds.



STEP 6

The flatbread bakes at 400 degrees for 12 to 18 minutes.



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ARLENE'S RECIPE: CRANBERRY ORANGE DARK CHOCOLATE FLATBREAD

- 3/4 cup turbinado sugar
- 1 can of Pillsbury refrigerated thin pizza crust
- 12 ounce jar of Smuckers Orchard's Finest Pacific Grove Orange Marmalade Medley
- 2 tablespoons Crisco light olive oil
- 3/4 cup sweetened dried cranberries
- 3/4 cup dark chocolate chips
- 3/4 cup sliced almonds

Spread jam and olive oil onto dough, layer other ingredients and bake for 12 to 18 minutes or until edges are golden.

get.” Erlbach's interest in blending tastes first started when she was 5 years old. She was playing with her cousin Mark Favermann when his mother, Aunt Evelyn, took them out for lunch. Aunt Evelyn was drinking iced coffee and offered the children a taste.

“I immediately fell in love with the taste of coffee,” Erlbach said. “Iced coffee wasn't as hip back in the 50s and 60s, so it was a real special order. When I became a teenager, I started drinking iced coffee all the time and began baking with coffee, too.”

Erlbach said her mother wasn't much of a cook, and so there was no “baking gene” passed down. The hobby came from her desire to mix favorite foods or mix healthy foods with sweets to justify eating both.

“I know it's not good to associate emotions with food, but there's something to be said about wanting others to feel relaxed and enjoy themselves when visiting or coming home from work,” Erlbach said.

Jello malts used to be one of Erlbach's trademarks when hosting social events. Now, friends and family reportedly praise her white cheese lasagna with spinach and her lamb stew with apricots.

In her two years of retirement, Erlbach has submitted custom recipes to about a dozen contests and has been published in

magazines, but she said Pillsbury's contest is the “granddaddy” of them all.

“If I won a prize, I'd probably donate some to charity and then take my family on a trip,” Erlbach said. “It's a lot of money, but money doesn't change who you are. I love my family and I love to bake.”

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||| **MORTON GROVE**

Seniors still fretting about North Shore Senior Center's future

BY RICK KAMBIC
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Both Mayor Dan DiMaria and Tracey Anderson of the Morton Grove Park District have said there's no effort to collaborate on senior services or programing that would rival the North Shore Senior Center, yet Hope Hornstein wanted to hear it for herself.

Hornstein took her questions to the Sept. 10 Commission on Aging meeting, which has representatives from North Shore and the village government.

"As a citizen who enjoys the senior center a lot, I wrote a letter to the Village Board and the Park Board of Commissioners expressing my concern over this potential miscommunication," said Hornstein, who was reportedly speaking on behalf of friends as well. "If there are new programs, what would those offerings be and how would they be financially supported?"

Anderson, executive director of the park district, was also in attendance and said she alone would like to create "supplementary" programing because she has more than 30 years of experience working with seniors and she anticipates a large group of baby boomers retiring soon.

Village Trustee Shel Marcus, who sits on the commission, supported Anderson and said North Shore has a long future in Morton Grove.

"I see nothing at the (village) board level that would change the relationships we have with the North Shore Senior Center," Marcus said. "What has been provided and continues is better than anything we've ever had."



Mary Staackmann, director of lifelong learning for the North Shore Senior Center and wife of former Mayor Dan Staackmann, gives her business card to concerned patron Hope Hornstein. | RICK KAMBIC/SUN-TIMES MEDIA

Mary Staackmann, director of lifelong learning for North Shore, quickly asked Marcus to send that promise in writing to her board of directors — who reportedly got several complaints from patrons.

The miscommunication stems from an Aug. 12 Village Board meeting when an intergovernmental agreement with the park district was up for renewal, something Anderson wanted to do with all such agreements before conflicts arise.

This particular agreement, however, was from 1990 and certain portions were not being acted on anymore, according to Village Attorney Terry Liston.

Most of the agreement revolves around borrowing equipment and corresponding employees with 24-hour notice, among other shared services like grass cutting.

The portion in question says the park district will provide staff expertise for the development of programing titled "leisure services for seniors," provide advertising for that programing, and host senior activities when needed; while the village agrees to host most of the programing at the civic center and coordinate a reservation process for the programs.

Liston said that clause is obsolete and was not changed because the agreement was never updated. Anderson, who was hired in April, was not familiar with the senior center situation when suggesting the "housekeeping" measure, Liston said.

However, a group of residents worried that political tension between DiMaria and former Mayor Dan Staackmann had resurfaced. The village previously provided



During a June 11 advisory commission on aging meeting, Mayor Dan DiMaria said he's not opposed to the North Shore Senior Center. | RICK KAMBIC/SUN-TIMES MEDIA

a wide array of senior services until a budget crisis in 2009 forced slimmer programing and staff cutbacks, eventually leading to a contract the with North Shore Senior Center instead.

Months after that contract, then-Mayor Dan Staackmann began dating his wife Mary, the director of lifelong learning.

The two eventually married, but further budget cuts in 2012 led to the elimination of the social services director, which cost Morton Grove \$116,000.

Mayor Dan Staackmann then asked a committee to investigate potential cheaper ways to provide social services, and the group suggested North Shore after visiting two other providers.

DiMaria, a trustee at the time, expressed a concern over a potential conflict of interest between the mayor and North

Shore administrator. An outside attorney was hired to review the case and no conflict was found. DiMaria, along with two other trustees, still voted against the \$78,000 contract.

In August, after the intergovernmental agreement came up for a vote, DiMaria said he has no intention to get rid of North Shore and he supports all their efforts.

The intergovernmental agreement was never approved because of the confusion and the two governments are currently rewriting the document. Assistant Village Administrator Peter Falcone said that portion of the agreement will most likely be eliminated in the final proposal.

As for the park district's new senior programing, Anderson said she is still drafting possible ideas but she hopes to have classes offered in the winter catalog.

||| MORTON GROVE

Metra work to close Dempster Street for a week

BY RICK KAMBIC

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Repairs to the Metra railroad tracks will close all four lanes of Dempster Street in Morton Grove starting Saturday, Oct. 5 and reopening Sunday, Oct. 13.

Metra Spokesman Mike Gillis confirmed the closure and said the whole crossing will be replaced, including new tracks and a smoother crossing for motorists. He said patchwork fixes were done in recent years, but the crossing is due for a "routine overhaul."

The crossing is just east of Waukegan Road but west of Linne Woods Forest Preserve and the Edens Expressway.

Morton Grove is responsible for creating detours. Village Trustee Shel Marcus said the last traffic study he saw indicated that 65,000 cars per day drive through town on Dempster Street.

"This closure is an inconvenience, no doubt, but it has to be done," Marcus said. "The track has gotten rough and they need something smoother."

Vehicles traveling eastbound on Dempster Street will be diverted onto Lehigh Avenue



Metra trackwork is scheduled to close Dempster Street in Morton Grove from Oct. 5 through Oct. 13. |

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until it dead-ends at the Beckwith Road tracks crossing, according to Marcus.

Beckwith Road is parallel to Dempster Street and has a number of residential streets, including Austin Avenue and Central Avenue, which can return commuters to Dempster.

Cars and trucks driving westbound will be diverted onto Ferris Avenue, which dead ends at a railroad crossing, Marcus said. Southbound Lehigh Avenue connects to that crossing and will take commuters to Oakton Street.

Marcus and other Morton Grove officials encourage drivers to plan ahead and drive Golf Road or Oakton Street instead of using the Dempster Street detour. Residents living on nearby side streets are also encouraged to be patient.

Commuters with questions about detours or alternate routes through Morton Grove can call Morton Grove Village Hall at (847) 965-4100.

||| NILES

New nail salon coming to Niles

BY NATASHA WASINSKI

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A new nail salon is coming to Niles, despite concerns over a shortage of parking space.

The Village Board on Aug. 27 granted a special-use permit for a manicure business to set up shop at 8206 W. Oakton St. in a multi-tenant building currently occupied by Yogli Mogli and a picture framing store.

The applicant, Cynthia Atuna, of Chicago, anticipates having five workstations in her leased 1,000 square-foot space.

The village's zoning ordinance requires 15 parking spots for a nail salon of her size. A retail store in the same space, on the other hand, would only need parking for four.

But the commercial shopping center only has 22 off-street stalls, 17 of which are required for the ice cream store.

Though an insufficient amount of on-site

parking might result in patrons leaving their cars on nearby residential streets, the Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals recommended the village allow the new business into town.

Atuna observed Yogli Mogli's peak hours to be in the evening; she anticipates accepting appointments up to 6 p.m.

She said her own third-party parking analysis found there would be a minimal overlap of customers between the businesses.

Trustee Rosemary Palicki disagreed, noting residents are already expressing issues with parking in the area.

She suggested restricting the salon's closing time to 6 p.m. instead of the proposed 7 p.m.

"I think that one hour would make a difference to the residents there," Palicki said.

The board split 3-3 on limiting the manicure business' hours of operation, with Palicki, Joe LoVerde and Danette O'Donovan Matyas voting in favor of the amendment. Mayor Andrew Przybylo broke the tie by voting "no," allowing the salon to stay open later.

Officials later approved Atuna's request. Przybylo called the move "a step in the right direction."

"I don't believe (parking) is going to be that impactful," he said.



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A 39-year-old Niles woman told police that on the morning of Sept. 7 the driver of another vehicle exited his car at a stop light at Waukegan Road and Oakton Street and threw a water bottle at her vehicle, denting the driver's side door. According to police, the woman said the driver had cut her off in traffic earlier.

DISPUTE

Police were called to a home on the 8400 block of Bruce Drive on Sept. 6 after a 54-year-old woman said she got into an argument with her husband because he had contacted a former girlfriend on Facebook. Police said the woman was intoxicated and she was

cited for the cost of emergency services.

Police were contacted on the morning of Sept. 3 after a woman reported that, after an argument, her husband left a party intoxicated and threatened to jump into traffic and kill himself. Police located the man near Dempster and Root streets where he reportedly denied saying he wanted to kill himself. The man took a cab to a friend's home, police said.

A 45-year-old woman was accused of harassing her son's girlfriend on Sept. 8 while she was working inside a store at Golf Mill Shopping Center. When the woman's sons arrived to take her home, she reportedly

called 911. She was subsequently banned from the property by Golf Mill security, police said.

BURGLARY

A gas-powered water pump was stolen overnight between Sept. 8 and Sept. 9 from a garage on the 8400 block of Osceola Avenue. A generator was also moved, but not taken, and a bicycle that did not belong to the homeowner was discovered in the driveway, police said.

Three laptop computers were stolen overnight between Sept. 9 and Sept. 10 from a business on the 6200 block of Howard Street. A window was discovered broken on

the west side of the building, police said.

THEFT

A vehicle, the make and model undisclosed, was stolen overnight between Sept. 7 and Sept. 8 from the rear of 8513 N. Milwaukee Ave.

A package containing a dress valued at approximately \$540 was reported stolen Sept. 10 from the porch of a home on the 7000 block of Carol Avenue.

BURGLARY TO VEHICLE

A purse was stolen overnight between Sept. 8 and Sept. 9 from an unlocked vehicle parked on the 8100 block of Oketo Avenue.

POLICE BLOTTER

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

DUI

Alfred Figueroa, 27, of 2535 N. 73rd Ave., Elmwood Park, was charged with driving

under the influence, improper lane usage and driving without his license present on Sept. 7. He was taken into custody at Octavia Avenue and Mulford Street at 3 a.m. following a traffic stop after police said he was driving erratically. He has an Oct. 11 court date.

WARRANT

Angkham Souvongkham, 35, of 1706

N. Kedzie Ave., Chicago, was taken into custody on an Illinois Department of Corrections parole warrant on Sept. 7 after police responded to a complaint on the 6800 block of Oakton Street at 6:20 a.m. According to police, a witness reported seeing a man, later identified as Souvongkham, lunging at cars in the middle of the street. Souvongkham denied lunging at vehicles in the street, police said. He was turned over

the custody of the Illinois Department of Corrections.

RETAIL THEFT

Kristina Grillas, 27, of 9009 Golf Rd., unincorporated Maine Township, was charged with retail theft on Sept. 10 after she allegedly stole two purses and two wallets valued at \$143 from a store at Golf Mill Shopping Center. She has an Oct. 9 court date.

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EDUCATION

||| DISTRICT 67

District 67 returns to revamped Hynes, Golf schools

BY RICK KAMBIC
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The first few weeks of school at Hynes Elementary and Golf Middle School have gone smoothly, especially considering teachers and staff only had four days to rebuild their classrooms before students returned on Sept. 4.

Morton Grove building inspectors granted access to Golf Middle School on Friday, Aug. 30, and to Hynes School on Saturday, Aug. 31. Superintendent Beth Flores said teachers brought family and friends to help carry desks, furniture and boxes.

"Students deserve a warm, organized environment," said Anne Moss, a fifth grade teacher at Golf Middle School. "They like seeing their names on desks and bulletin boards, and knowing they're part of this school. I didn't want them to come into class and find stacks of boxes."

District 67 passed an \$8 million capital referendum earlier this year and completed most of the work throughout the summer. Major improvements include new air conditioners, boilers, ductwork, plumbing, sprinklers and secured entrances.

Both schools have new foyers that require visitors to talk with a receptionist through a window before getting buzzed into the main office. The foyers do have doors to the main hallways for student entry when busses arrive, but Flores said the thick doors are mostly locked and impenetrable.

"I've always said that secretaries are our first line of defense," Flores said. "Now they have some help in screening our visitors."

In addition to the new vents, many of the classrooms also got new floors and motion sensors attached to the lights.

The multipurpose room at Golf

Middle School, which is used for gym classes and extra curricular activities, got a new \$33,564 floor as well. The Morton Grove Park District contributed toward that expense, because after-school programming is allowed in that room.

Golf Middle School's main gym received extensive work, as it's now air conditioned and the ceiling and lighting above the theater stage was replaced.

"We used to have block windows that didn't let much light into the gym and usually leaked when it rained," physical education teacher Kevin Atwood said. "There was also an exhaust fan that was loud. That's gone, and our new windows let natural light bounce off our freshly-painted white walls. It's a much better environment for the kids."

Lockers in the PE locker rooms were also replaced, and the old showers were removed to create a new storage room and renovated bathrooms.

Most noticeably, the new 6,400 square-foot new gymnasium at Hynes School is still under construction and expected to open in January. Approximately 60 percent of the masonry work is completed and the structure should be enclosed soon, according to facilities manager Russ Jensen.

Once finished, Golf Middle School's basketball teams will play their home games in the new gym at Hynes School.

As for the rest of both schools, Jensen said several small tasks remain, but he's mostly reviewing checklists with contractors before sending the final payments.

"We're scrutinizing all the budgets to make sure we've got what we need and at a value we want," Jensen said. "You have to look at it like we're spending money out of our own pockets. We want the taxpayers to get the best bang for their buck, since this referendum



Students at Golf Middle School enjoy their newly renovated gym, which includes new windows, air conditioning and spruced up locker rooms. | RICK KAMBIC/SUN-TIMES MEDIA

was a privilege."

Jensen was hired in early August to oversee construction on behalf of the district, and then learn about all the new equipment and properly train the regular building staff on how to use it. Flores knew Jensen from a previous job and advocated for his hiring to keep construction crews accountable.

"I myself am new, Golf's principal is new and we have a few new board members, and none of us were here when this process started," Flores said. "We're coming in at the 11th hour and obviously want to do a good job. So far, things are looking up."



District 67's new 6,400-square-foot gymnasium outside Hynes Elementary School is scheduled to open in January. It's the main unfinished component of the renovation. | RICK KAMBIC/SUN-TIMES MEDIA

III **DISTRICT 67**

District 67 families toast new school year

BY BRIDGET O'SHEA
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Dozens of families in Morton Grove and Niles spent their afternoon at the National Park Field House Sept. 8 to get reacquainted with the routines that come with the beginning of the school year.

After a late start to the year as a result of several construction projects, the District 67 PTA organized an ice cream social for district families complete with a craft table, face painting and a DJ.

"We try to have a welcome back bash every year," said PTA president Iliana McKittrick. "We try to welcome new parents and give them a sense of our community."

Golf District 67 includes Hynes Elementary School and Golf Middle School.

As most of the children at the event played outside, several stayed in serving lemonade and taking donations.

"We're raising money for Alex's Lemonade Stand," said Patty Puetz, a member of the PTA. Puetz said it was originally her grade-school daughter who came up with the idea to sell lemonade.

"Our goal is to raise \$100," she said.



Kids served lemonade to raise money for cancer charity Alex's Lemonade Stand at District 67's back-to-school bash. | PHOTO COURTESY OF PATTY PUETZ

Puetz said the ice cream for the event was provided by Culver's.

"We had vanilla with red sprinkles, because those are our district colors, red and white," she said.

Beth Flores, Superintendent for Golf District 67, said she's happy to get back to school after a later-than-usual start on Sept. 4.

"We started school late because of the construction on our building, so this is the first weekend of the school year," said Flores. "Everyone is happy to be back in school."

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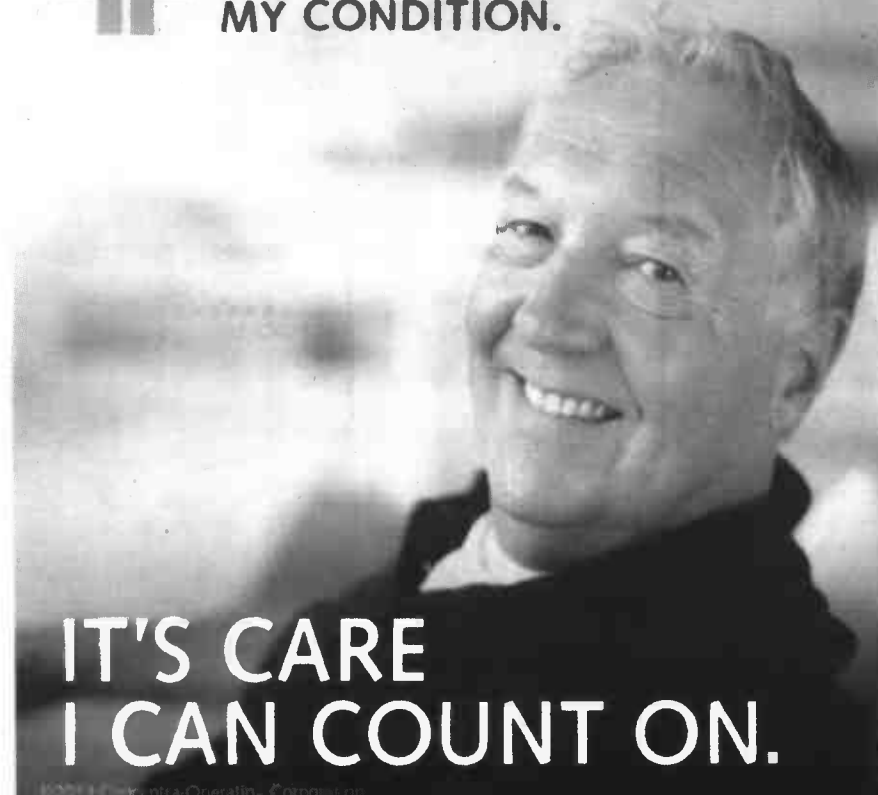
Prizes will be given for the winners in first, second and third place in each grade level.

Judges' choices for the top three stories in each grade level, as well as some submitted drawings, will be printed in our Oct. 31 editions.

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VILLAGE BOARD BRIEFS

The following were some of the items discussed and/or action was taken on at the Village of Niles board of trustees meeting Aug. 27.

Family services director hired

Officials unanimously approved Anthony Hollenbeck as the village's new family services director.

Hollenbeck is a licensed clinical social worker with over 20 years of management and behavioral health experience. He most recently served as director of the Healing Center of Chicago and an adjunct professor at Dominican University.

He was one of the 35 applicants who applied for the vacant post following the termination of former chief Seth Knobel in February due to "questionable business practices."

Hollenbeck assumed the post Aug. 19 with an annual salary of \$90,000.

Member appointed to IT committee

Mayor Andrew Przybylo appointed Cam-

eron "Cammy" Fortuna to the new general government and information technology committee.

In this volunteer capacity, Fortuna joins trustee George Alpogianis, Village Manager Steven Vinezano, and IT Director Bill Shaw as voting members.

The panel is one of six standing committees charged with advising government leaders, reviewing village code, and supporting ongoing projects of various departments.

Przybylo credited Fortuna's "vast knowledge of management and computers and service" and "love for Niles" as the reasons for his selection. He also noted Fortuna worked at his family's White Eagle Banquet Hall.

Fortuna, who lives in Glenview, is in the midst of restoring her childhood home in Niles in order to move back to the village, the mayor said.

Discussion deferred on term limit referenda

The village board denied a request by trustee Rosemary Palicki to hold a special session Sept. 10 in order to address the

outcome of two conflicting referenda passed in the spring.

Voters responded positively to a question on the April election ballot that would limit service on the village board to a total of 16 years.

A second referendum, put forth by the village and also supported by voters, revised an ordinance to allow trustees to serve a maximum of three full terms, equal to 12 years, and to limit the mayor to two full terms in office, or eight years.

Village Attorney Joe Annunzio noted he had consulted with outside legal counsel about the village's options for remedying the conflicting language.

Officials agreed to pick up the matter at the end of the month during a regularly scheduled meeting.

Chamber of Commerce recognized Sept. 9-13

Niles joined the State of Illinois in designating the second week of September as Chamber of Commerce Week.

"We realize, more than ever, that businesses need a chamber of commerce and its resources, and we continue to strengthen

our organization, strengthen our local businesses, and strengthen our local economy," said Katie Schneider, executive director of the Niles Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

The local chamber represents over 400 businesses and organizations in the area.

U.S. Constitution celebrated

Przybylo proclaimed the week of Sept. 17-23 as Constitution Week in recognition of the 226th anniversary of the drafting of the Constitution of the United States.

The proclamation, presented to Daughters of the American Revolution member Jeanette Frye, encourages citizens "to reaffirm the ideals of the Constitution by vigilantly protecting and defending the freedoms guaranteed to us through this guardian of our liberties."

Next board meeting scheduled

The next Niles Village Board meeting will be held Sept. 24 at 7 p.m. at Village Hall, 1000 Civic Center Drive.

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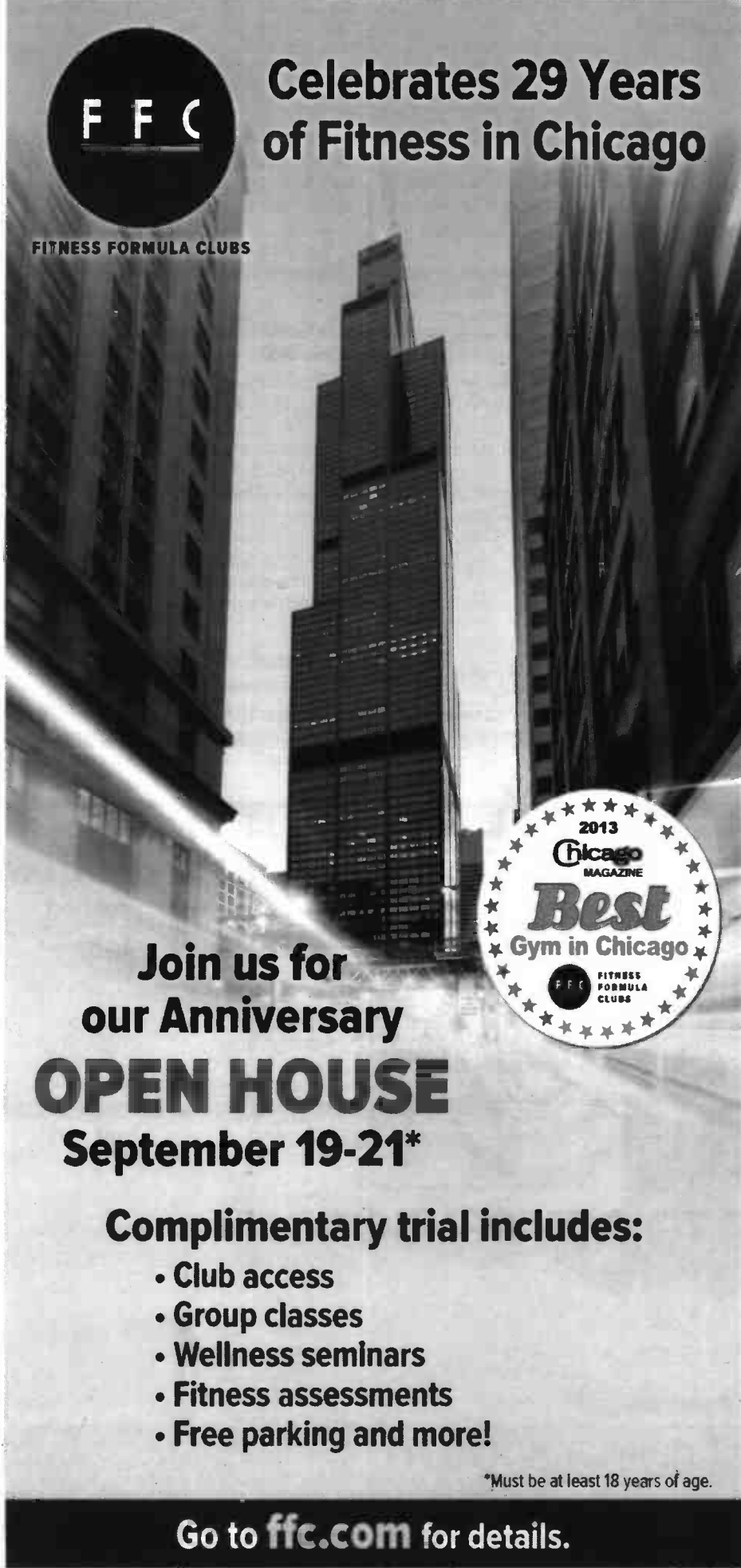
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BY
JACKIE PILOSSOPH



Thinking of moving right now? Maybe you feel your family needs more space.

Or the opposite, you just dropped off your last child at college and you're now an empty nester.

Or, you fortuitously spotted a house you adore and there's a "for sale" sign in the yard.

If you're thinking of putting your home on the market, this is the time to do it, according to suburban real estate expert, Missy Jerfita.

"What I'm seeing right now is it's definitely a sellers' market," Jerfita said. "There is very little inventory out there."

According to Realtor.com, the number of homes listed in Chicago and the 'burbs is down almost 8.5 percent from last year at this time, which I interpret as slim pickin's! If you're a seller, that's great, but if you're buying, as well, you could find yourself either in bidding wars, settling for a home out of desperation, or the worst one, ending up with no place to live.

With the help of Jerfita, I composed a list of tips for buyers and sellers:

SELLERS:

1. The first impression of a home is its yard. So, it's got to have curb appeal, which means the landscaping needs to be clean and neat, the lawn mowed and edged, and the bushes trimmed. Jerfita said she's had clients who have pulled up to a home, and because of their dislike of the outside, immediately dismissed it, and wouldn't even go inside.

2. De-clutter and de-personalize the home. It should be "Q-tip clean" and free of any bad smell that includes dogs, smoke or food, with the exception of freshly baked cookies. Put away picture frames and knick-knacks. The potential buyer wants to picture their family there, not yours.

3. Invest a little money in having carpets cleaned and paint touched up.

4. When showing the home, the blinds should be open and all the lights should be turned on.

5. Price the home right. According to Jerfita, this is the most important tip. Look at the comparables, also known as the "comp values" of homes that have sold in your neighborhood in the last three months, and price similarly. If it's priced right, it will sell quickly. If it's priced too high, it will sit.

BUYERS:

1. If you like a house, before you make an offer, make sure you get comp values to find out if it's priced fairly.

2. Before closing on the home, get an inspection. However, beware. Sometimes an inspector can turn out to be an alarmist, meaning he or she will make a big deal of something that isn't a big deal, such as a cracked tile or a slow drain. According to Jerfita, the purpose of inspections is for safety and for structural issues, not for cosmetic things or imperfections.

3. Get a radon gas test during the inspection. Radon testing detects if there is any radon gas coming from the ground below your home. If there is, it's a simple solution to fix, and safer for your family.

4. Buy smart. Think long term. Will I be able to sell this in 5 years or 10 years? In that regard, location is extremely important.

5. If you get into a multiple bid situation, think carefully and pick a final number, meaning figure out the highest you are willing to pay. Then, you have to be OK with losing it. Give it your best shot, and if you're going to kick yourself for not going up a couple thousand dollars, then go up, but no more than that.

Is it better to buy first or to sell first?

Even in this market, Jerfita feels it's better to sell first because you have more negotiating power. Then again, if the seller knows you've already sold your home, that gives them an edge.

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OPINION

LETTERS

Local renters out of control

There appears to be no control over people living in rental homes in Morton Grove.

I have observed these renters ignoring laws for things like dog licenses, cutting the grass, and village stickers. Absentee landlords are not monitoring their properties checking on things, like the number of occupants.

The police will only intervene if they suspect some crime is taking place. There should be regulations enforced on occupancy and cars clogging up our streets.

Even if permanent residents complain about congestion and violations of village codes, the police are reluctant to intervene. The landlords seem uninterested in village codes or disturbances to neighbors as long as the rent is paid.

Residents need more assistance from the village government to control these temporary residents, who don't seem to think it is important to follow village codes.

Sherwin Dubren
Morton Grove

Let's retire the talk about term limits

BY RANDY BLASER

It's September and that means politicians are girding themselves for their next run for office.

One issue that always comes up this time of year is term limits, especially when someone with incredibly lengthy service — in other words, a career politician — decides to seek re-election.

So the question came up last week in Springfield when long-serving Secretary of State Jesse White announced he would seek an unprecedented fifth term in office.

Now White is probably the most popular statewide official ever. Not only has he won four elections, he gets more votes than anyone when he does.

So the question came up for White about term limits.

His response is typical for just about everyone enjoying a popular run at the trough of public service: "I think that the voters should make the determination as to what your term should be," he said.

What I think is the natural follow-up question to that response was never asked.

"So, Mr. White," the erstwhile reporter never says. "You are going to lead the fight to repeal the 22nd Amendment, the one that limits the president to two terms in office?"

Just think, if there were no 22nd Amendment, Bill Clinton would prob-



"[Jesse] White is probably the most popular statewide official ever. Not only has he won four elections, he gets more votes than anyone when he does. So the question came up for White about term limits."

ably still be president.

Anyway, I digress. The president is the only politician with term limits and it just doesn't seem fair.

The folks who back term limits are usually political wannabes, the people who want Jesse White's job, or the job

of some other entrenched pol, but can't get them out unless they go feet first.

The other class of term-limiters are folks just sick of the entrenched power. Power is entrenched usually in the legislatures — the General Assembly in Springfield and Congress in Washington. Once there, career politicians use their position and power to amass political war chests so large no one could defeat them. The term-limiters argue that the framers never meant for legislators to make careers out of their service.

Both sides have a point. It's not supposed to be a career, as if you're some middle manager from IBM, but if someone is great at the job, maybe they should stay.

So I have an idea that solves both problems, and maybe a couple others.

Here it is: No retirement.

Since serving in the legislature is to be considered a public service, not a career, why give the servant a retirement package? Most legislators have other jobs — attorney, insurance agent, pawnbroker — why do they need a retirement?

I guarantee that if you take away the lucrative retirement these politicians have awarded themselves, they will self term limit.

And the ones who want to stay, can. They can create an IRA they fund themselves like everyone else.

As a bonus, we take a big bite out of that looming pension funding issue that will wreck the state in a few years.

So no term limits, no pension. Or the reverse: two terms, like the president; or pension after 20 years of service. I could go either way.

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|| 1,000 WORDS BY JACK HIGGINS



Give me a roll — hold the pretzel

You only got one?"
 Yep.
 "Why didn't you get one for yourself?"

Don't like 'em.
 The subject is pretzel rolls. I bought one for my wife to have with dinner to-night. She likes pretzel rolls. A lot of people like them.

I don't.
 Food should taste like what it is. Though I love steak and chocolate eclairs, I don't want my steak to taste like an eclair.

Same for pretzels.
 When I want a pretzel, I eat a pretzel. When I want a roll, I eat a roll. I don't want a pretzel that simulates a roll, or a roll that simulates a pretzel.

There are more and more such needless pairings and simulations in food these days. The most frequent is the use of bacon in everything. I've been seeing TV commercials lately for bacon-flavored lunchmeats. Why would

BY PAUL SASSONE



you want various kinds of cold cuts to taste like bacon? If you want the taste of bacon, why not just eat bacon?

And it's difficult these days to buy a hamburger that doesn't come with bacon plopped on top. Bacon and hamburgers just don't go together. Bacon gives a burger a greasy, slick, fatty taste and consistency.

I say this as a bacon lover. The BLT is the best sandwich ever invented by the human race. And what's better in the morning than bacon and a couple of fried eggs?

Just don't put the bacon on the burger.

Further, stop stirring bits of candy and cookies and dough and whatnot into ice cream. Fruit and nuts

are the only complementary ice cream ingredients. Oh, for a pint of Ben and Jerry's strawberry ice cream! Hold the Oreos and Heath bars.

Unfortunately, simulation not only is found in food, but in our society at large.

We have politicians who prefer to call themselves public servants, even though it is apparent they do not serve the public. They listen only to special interests and serve only the furtherance of their own careers.

We have corporate owners and managers who claim to be job creators, when it is clear that all they wish to create is more personal wealth.

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Last year	3.81	3.04	2.75

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Niles

7636 N Neva Ave: Slawomir Szymanski, Monika Szymanska and Tadeusz Wiktorzak to Charles E Behrens and Cathy A Behrens for \$285,000 on July 29

7111 W Cleveland St: Roger J Kells and Mildred B Kells to Ottavio Auteri for \$305,000 on July 30

8246 N Osceola Ave: Kathryn Bathan, Kathryn Leonardo and Ryan Leonardo to Xiaomeng Yan and Jian Li for \$310,000 on July 31

7162 W Greenleaf Ave: Joyce Ferdinand to Michael Pandev and Dragana Kocera for \$155,000 on July 29

Morton Grove

6616 Hazel St: Shaheen Akbar to Geoff W Woodhouse and Dianne M Woodhouse for \$230,000 on Aug. 1

7408 Davis St: Jack Youna to Senadin Gredelej for \$230,000 on July 29

6861 Church St: Jeffrey S Gwozdz, Jessica L Gwozdz and Jessica L Lason to Karen Schnobel Lemaistre and Michael Lemaistre for \$430,000 on July 30

7916 Churchill St: Bijesh R Tolia and Sunita B Tolia to Fahad Haroon and Nabila Musa for \$385,000 on Aug. 2

5501 Lincoln Ave, #501: Timothy G Smith to Bogdan Dolinski and Marek Dolinski for \$66,500 on July 29

8926 Mason Ave: Kevin T Hoban and Chris E Hoban to Francisco J Rodriguez and Tanaina Santa for \$266,500 on July 29

9418 Shermer Road: Yoav Levy and Elana Levy to Wenqing Li and Kiseung Lee for \$277,000 on July 29

9016 Mango Ave: Intercounty Judicial Sales Corp and Yatsenko to Right Residential LLC Series 5 for \$368,000 on July 31

9504 Oriole Ave: Louise Young Park to John Duignan and Yordanka Duignan for \$260,000 on July 29

5908 Capri Lane: Robert F Scholtes and Debra L Scholtes to Christopher Casci-

no and Kathleen Holman for \$355,500 on Aug. 1

Park Ridge

10 Elm St: Jaye J Stricker Trust and Jean B Stricker Trust to Bcl-Home Construction LLC for \$375,000 on July 29

306 N Merrill St: Robert F Kleiner and Laura M Kleiner to James M Holmes and Tracy L Holmes for \$430,000 on Aug. 2

417 Wisner St: Jill F Barr Trust, Jill F Barr Trust and F Barr Jill Trust to James H Corcoran and Erica Corcoran for \$735,000 on July 31

126 N Prospect Ave: Brian J Hogan and Jamie A Hogan to Matthew T Par for \$347,000 on July 30

322 Grand Blvd: Nicholas C Giordano and Angela M Giordano to Haralmbos Tzotzolis for \$1,180,000 on Aug. 2

120 N Northwest Highway, #120: Joseph E Miller and Annette M Miller to Abel Hauri and Laura Hauri for \$390,000 on July 30

255 Vine Ave: Community Cu Northwest to

Ivan Drenkarov for \$175,000 on July 29

241 Vine Ave: Alfred L Shaykin to Parin Upadhyay and Divya Upadhyay for \$250,000 on July 31

505 Courtland Ave: Edward S Moroney to Jonathan Scott Rink and Gordana Bajanski Rink for \$335,000 on July 30

737 N Lincoln Ave: Ndm Construction Inc to Janina Kowal for \$175,000 on July 31

704 S Chester Ave: John J Holmes and Mary Grace Holmes to John J Ciemins and Nancy M Ciemins for \$985,000 on July 29

433 S Delphia Ave: Leo J Hirsch Trust, Leo J Hirsch Trust, J Hirsch Leo Trust, Lorraine M Hirsch Trust and M Hirsch Lorraine Trust to Gioacchino Prato and Leslie M Prato for \$396,000 on July 29

328 S Knight Ave: Joseph Cromer Trust, Shirley Cromer Trust and Cromer Trust to Clada Construction LLC for \$362,500 on Aug. 2

319 S Redfield Court: Anthony J Kenevan and Josephine Kenevan to Susan Farquhar and R Michael Farquhar for \$530,000 on Aug. 1

716 Parkwood Ave: Kathleen A Wickless, Mark R Syska and Scott R Syska to Restoration Remedies LLC for \$200,000 on July 30

50 S Dee Road, #50: Annette Catalano to Christopher M Kostro and Nora Kostro for \$245,000 on Aug. 2

2000 Parkside Drive, #A1: Carmella R Laird and Rosemary A Kezon to Robert Chang for \$85,000 on Aug. 1

1021 Peterson Ave, #302: Sheridan Peterson LLC to Ashley R Strass and Norma Strass for \$280,000 on July 31

732 Goodwin Drive: Amidei Paul L Trust Trust 732, Paul L Amidei Trust Trust 732, Dan E Amidei Trust Trust 732 and Amidei Dan E Trust Trust 732 to Sylwia Duda for \$265,500 on July 30

Glenview

8 Henneberry Lane: Mariusz Swierczek to Tony Kalogerakos for \$1,500,000 on July 30

412 Washington St: Brad J Wilkinson and Alysia J Wilkinson to Lynn Williams and Iain Williams for \$367,500 on Aug. 1

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NILES

THURSDAY, SEPT. 19

Niles Songwriters' Group

7 p.m.: A group of singer-songwriters who play for fun and feedback, or just for fun. New songwriters and their acoustic instruments are always welcome to join. Niles Public Library District, 6960 W. Oakton St., Niles. Call 847-663-6614.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 21

Low Vision Fair

10 a.m.: Six north suburban Chicago public libraries are collaborating on the annual Low Vision Fair, which features a speaker on care and treatment of low vision disorders, glaucoma screenings by Glenbrook Hospital Eye and Vision Center, vendors from companies who produce assistive devices and representatives of supportive service agencies serving those with low vision. Dr. Jack Cohen will give a lecture titled "Current Concepts in Dry and Wet Macular Degeneration" at 11 a.m. as the centerpiece of the fair. The event's chief host is the North Suburban Low Vision Consortium. Light refreshments will be served. Flu shots will also be available, provided by Meijer. Niles Senior Center, 999 Civic Center Drive, Niles. Call 847-965-4220. Free.

Anime & Manga Club

2 p.m.: Watch and discuss anime and manga, as well as build fandom-inspired crafts. Niles Public Library District, 6960 W. Oakton St., Niles. Call 847-663-6434.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 22

Fifth Annual International Celebration

2 p.m.: Enjoy an international extravaganza featuring dance performances from around the world and a complimentary food tasting sponsored by local restaurants. Feldman Recreation Center, 8800 W. Kathy Lane, Niles.

MONDAY, SEPT. 23

Book Discussion

7 p.m.: A group will discuss "Mourning Hours" by Paula Treick DeBoard. Niles Public Library District, 6960 W. Oakton St., Niles. Call 847-663-6617.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 24

'Otello' Lyric Opera Lecture

7 p.m.: Docents of the award-winning Education Corps lecture on Verdi and the performances while sharing recorded excerpts. The opera, which captures the essence of Shakespeare's tragedy,

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brings new dimension to the story of Otello, the Moor of Venice, who's worshipped for his prowess at war, beloved by his gentle wife Desdemona and despised by his supposedly loyal ensign, Iago. Niles Public Library District, 6960 W. Oakton St., Niles. Call 847-663-1234.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 28

Practice ACT

Noon: College Nannies & Tutors of Glenview will proctor a free practice test that includes science, math, reading comprehension and English. Bring a pencil and calculator. Niles Public Library District, 6960 W. Oakton St., Niles. Call 847-663-1234.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 29

Golf Outing

8 a.m.: Resurrection College High School Men's Club sponsors this best ball scramble golf outing. Check-in starts at 7 a.m. Stay after golf to watch the Detroit Lions play the Chicago Bears. Prizes will be awarded for the longest drive, closet to the pin and other contests. Register online, www.reshs.org. Tam O'Shanter Golf Course, 6700 Howard St., Niles. Call 773-775-6616, ext. 136. \$50 for 9 holes.

HAPPENING NEARBY

THURSDAY, SEPT. 19

Storytime for 2s

9:30 a.m.: Stories and songs for 2 year olds and an adult. A second session is held at 10 a.m. Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge. Call 847-825-3123.

Book Discussion: 'House of Stone'

10 a.m.: The late journalist traces the story of his family's efforts to rebuild an ancestral home in Lebanon amid political strife and how the work enabled a greater understanding of the emotions behind Middle East turbulence. Discussion materials are available on the book display located near the library's south entrance. Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove. Free.

Little Tykes Playgroup

11 a.m.: Free play for ages 2-4 with a parent or

caregiver. Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge. Call 847-825-3123.

Little Tykes Play Group

11 a.m.: A play group for children 2-4 years old. A parent or caregiver must attend. Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge. Call 847-825-3123.

Travel Film: Alabama

2 p.m.: Tour the beautiful attractions of this southern state. Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge. Call 847-825-3123.

Film: 'The Great Gatsby'

2 p.m.: A Midwestern war veteran finds himself drawn to the past and lifestyle of his millionaire neighbor. Stars Leonardo DiCaprio, Carey Mulligan. 140 minutes. Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove. For more information, call 847-965-4220. Free.

Art Class

4 p.m.: Children grades 2-6 are welcome to drop in for an art class taught by the staff from Brickton Art Center. Registration begins Saturday, September 7. Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge. Call 847-825-3123.

'Funny Old Broads'

7:30 p.m.: Caryn Bark's comedy "Funny Old Broads" has been extended due to popular demand. Featuring The Boomer Babes, Robin Riebman and musical director Beckie Menzies. Gorilla Tango Skokie, 7924 Lincoln Ave., Skokie. Call 847-677-7761. \$24.

An Evening with Jim Schwantz

8 p.m.: Meet the former Chicago Bears and Dallas Cowboys player, Jim Schwantz, and hear what he has to say about his days as a professional football player. Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge. Call 847-825-3123.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 20

Baubles, Bangles and Beads Rummage Sale

9 a.m.: The sale features jewelry, purses, scarves and other accessories. Funds raised will benefit local, regional and global mission projects. Runs 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Sept. 20-21. First United Methodist Church, 418 W. Touhy Ave., Park Ridge.

Friday Morning Coffee Club: 'Mount Rushmore'

10 a.m.: Drink coffee and learn about the creation of the four American Presidents' faces carved into the side of a cliff, in this documentary. Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge. Call 847-825-3123.

Healing Our Losses

10 a.m.: A support group for adults who have lost a spouse, partner or significant other within the past year. Registration required. American Legion Memorial Civic Center, 6140 W. Dempster St., Morton Grove. Call 847-663-3072.

4th & 5th Grade Back to School Bash

7 p.m.: This party, sponsored by the Skokie Park District, features a guest DJ, games, pizza, juice and more. Plenty of supervision will be offered. Advance registration is required. Oakton Park, 4701 W. Oakton St., Skokie. Call 847-674-1500. \$7-\$8.

Skokie Chamber Breakfast Club

7:30 p.m.: Moderated by Catherine Johns, these meetings offer each attendee a chance to speak about their business, network with over 40 other professional community members, and interactively learn about monthly business topics. The cost covers breakfast. Hampton Inn & Suites, 5201 Old Orchard Road, Skokie. Call 847-673-0240. \$12-\$15.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 21

Twice As Nice Moms Fall Resale

8 a.m.: The sale includes gently used and like-new clothing for ages newborn to 8+, shoes and boots, coats, holiday clothing, maternity clothing and items, baby equipment and gear, books, toys and much more. Bring a laundry basket or bag (please no strollers) for easier shopping. Park Ridge Presbyterian Church, 1300 W. Crescent Ave., Park Ridge. \$1.

Morton Grove Farmers Market

8 a.m.: All items are home-grown, handmade or vendor-created from locally-owned operations. Market Grounds, 6210 Dempster St., Morton Grove. Call 847-750-6436.

Run Back to School Fun Run for Kids

8 a.m.: GCCNS will hold its 6th Annual Run Back to School Kids Fun Run, open to children of crawling age up to age 10. The race course will be on Prairie Street between Elm and Spruce streets in Glenview, directly behind the preschool. Distances will range from the Diaper Dash for crawlers up to a quarter mile for 8-10 year olds. The first 150 registered runners ages 2 and up will receive a race T-shirt, race number, goodie bag and medal. Glenview Community Church Nursery School, 1000 Elm St., Glenview. Call 847-729-1440. \$15 individuals; \$40 for a family of three or more.

Fall Arts & Crafts Adventure

9 a.m.: The American Society of Artists is seeking artists to be part of this 23rd annual event. For more information, visit www.americansocietyofartists.org

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artists.org. Hodges Park, 101 S. Courtland Ave., Park Ridge.

Job Hunting on the Internet

10 a.m.: Learn how to use the tools available on the Internet to benefit your job search. Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge. Call 847-825-3123.

Touch-a-Truck

10 a.m.: Toddlers and children can check out some of the Skokie area's coolest trucks. A parent should plan on being present. Oakton Park, 4701 W. Oakton St., Skokie.

ACT Prep Exam

Noon: Take a free ACT practice exam. Scores will be provided before you leave. Calculators are not provided. Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge. For more information, call 847-825-3123.

The Smarty Pants Big Balloon Circus Show

2 p.m.: The Amazing Smarty Pants will craft balloons into astounding sculptures and larger-than-life balloon art. Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove. For more information, call 847-929-5102.

National Gymnastics Day

2:30 p.m.: For more information, contact Cindy Morano at cmorano@mortongrovetparks.com or at 847-965-1200. Niles West High School, 5701 Oakton St., Skokie.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 22

Skokie Farmers Market

7:30 a.m.: Vendors from Illinois, Indiana, Wisconsin and Michigan converge upon Skokie for this weekly market, held through October. Closes around 12:45 p.m. Village Green Park, 5201 Oakton St., Skokie. Call 847-933-8223.

'Unstoppable Secular Students: Changing the Public Discourse on Religion'

10:30 a.m.: August Brunsmann, the Executive Director of the Secular Student Alliance, will discuss civic engagement and activism among secular youths. Ethical Humanist Society, 7574 Lincoln Ave., Skokie. Call 847-677-3334.

Lyrical Opera Profile: 'Otello'

2 p.m.: Rochelle Klapman discusses Giuseppe Verdi's musical interpretation of Shakespeare's tragedy, the story of Otello, the Moor of Venice, who is admired for his prowess at war but despised by his supposedly loyal ensign, Iago. Morton Grove

Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove. Call 847-965-4220.

MONDAY, SEPT. 23

Teddy Bear Time

9:30 a.m.: Stories, songs and fingerplays for ages 12-24 months with an adult. Siblings welcome. Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge. Call 847-825-3123.

MGPL Kids: Meet Officer Friendly

10:30 a.m.: Officer Patrick Mallaney from the Morton Grove Police Department will demonstrate safety tips. For ages 2-6; registration required. Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove. Call 847-929-5102.

Music and Movement Storytime

1:30 p.m.: Open to all ages for a little bit of music and movement with the stories. Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge. Call 847-825-3123.

Teen Creative Writers Club

6 p.m.: Get inspired and refine creative writing skills with other teens. Bring a notebook and pencil. Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove. Call 847-965-4220.

Film: 'We Steal Secrets: The Story of Wikileaks'

6:30 p.m.: The film details the creation of Julian Assange's controversial website, which facilitated the largest security breach in U.S. history. 130 minutes. Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove. Call 847-965-4220.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 24

Baby Bounce

9:15 a.m.: Story time for babies birth-12 months. Babies will enjoy stories, songs, rhymes and playtime. Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge. Call 847-825-3123.

Storytime for 4s & 5s

10:15 a.m.: Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge. Call 847-825-3123.

Film: 'Becoming Jane'

11:30 a.m.: The young Jane Austen (Anne Hathaway) attempts to begin her literary career as she meets the mischievous Thomas Lefroy, who shows up and turns her world around. 120 minutes. Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove. Call 847-965-4220.

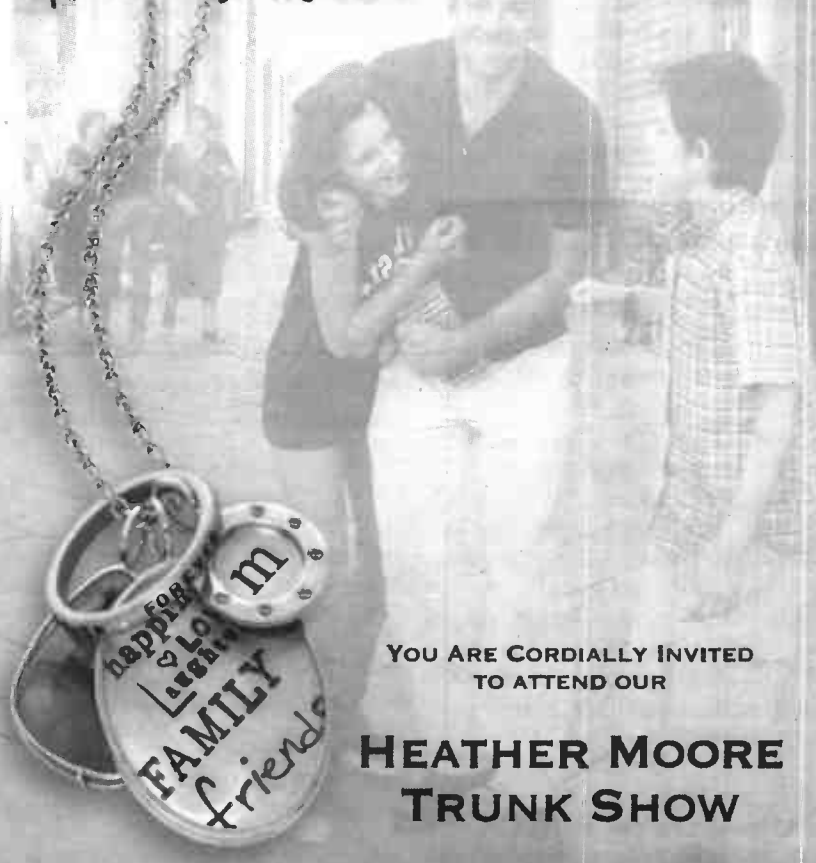
FRIDAY, SEPT. 27

'Phoenix Rising: A Broadway Revue'

9 p.m.: Produced by Phoenix Rising Chicago. Gorilla Tango Skokie, 7924 Lincoln Ave., Skokie. Call 847-677-7761. \$15.

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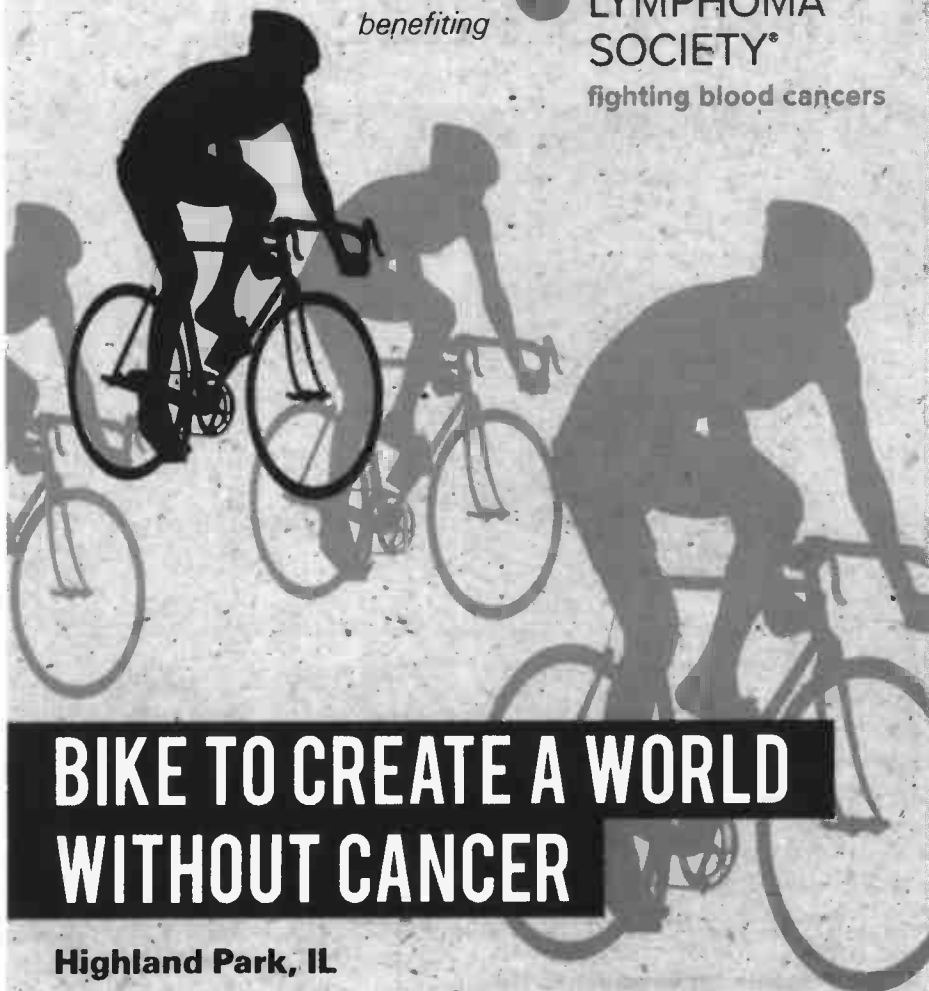
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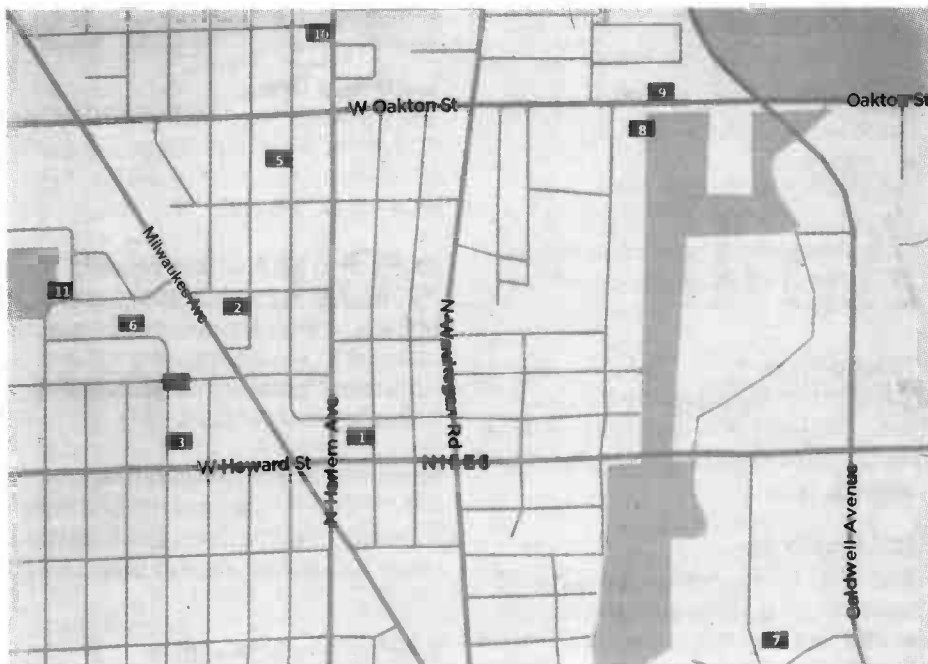
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Address: 7424 W Lawler Ave., Niles
Issue date: June 3
Permit cost: \$80
Construction cost: \$7,676

1 Driveway

Address: 7614 N Nora Ave., Niles
Issue date: June 5
Permit cost: \$40
Construction cost: \$1,200

7 Fire Protection

Address: 7401 N Oak Park Ave., Niles
Issue date: June 5
Permit cost: \$45
Construction cost: \$2,766

2 Patio/flatwork

Address: 7746 N Octavia Ave., Niles
Issue date: June 5
Permit cost: \$40
Construction cost: \$3,250

8 Fence

Address: 7971 N Nordica Ave., Niles
Issue date: June 3
Permit cost: \$25
Construction cost: \$1,000

3 Flood control

Address: 7617 N Oketo Ave., Niles
Issue date: June 3
Permit cost: \$80
Construction cost: \$7,676

9 Fence

Address: 6810 W Oakton St., Niles
Issue date: June 4
Permit cost: \$36
Construction cost: \$4,000

4 Flood control

Address: 7657 N Oketo Ave., Niles
Issue date: June 7
Permit cost: \$120
Construction cost: \$6,500

5 Fence

Address: 7928 N Oconto Ave., Niles
Issue date: June 7
Permit cost: \$27
Construction cost: \$2,400

10 Steps/stoops

Address: 7201 W Keeney St., Niles
Issue date: June 4
Permit cost: \$80
Construction cost: \$3,500

6 Flood control

11 Sewer repair/clean out

Address: 7800 N Oleander Ave., Niles
Issue date: June 3
Permit cost: \$40
Construction cost: \$2,600

BUSINESS

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Amling Cycle helps bikers ride again

BY IGOR STUDENKOV
For Sun-Times Media | @istudenkov

Amling Cycle is no ordinary bike shop.

For starters, the bicycles they sell don't look like "regular" bikes. Their seats look more like chairs. The pedals are located at the front, at the top of a long pole. There are no handlebars — instead, the riders steer using the handles on the side of the seats. And, in probably the most jarring difference of all, those bikes don't require riders to lean forward — if anything, the design encourages them to sit back and relax.

They're called recumbent cycles, and Amling specializes in them.

When Joe Reichert took over the long-running Niles bike shop, he decided to specialize in recumbent bicycles and tricycles. This type of bike is primarily geared toward individuals who have trouble using ordinary bikes due to age or disability. A life-long biking enthusiast, Reichert aims to make biking possible for anyone who comes through his door. And as the economy starts to rebound, the store is preparing to broaden its inventory to attract new customers.

Amling Cycle has been around since 1967. The Amling family owned it until 1999, when they decided to sell it off.

Reichert became an owner thanks to serendipity. He was looking into buying a campground when he saw Amling's "for sale" ad. As a life-long biking enthusiast, Reichert knew that he couldn't pass that up.

He knew from the get-go that he didn't want it to remain an ordinary bike shop.

"When I bought it, it was to bring recumbent bikes to the masses," said Reichert. "Most bike shops don't want to deal with them. They need different tools, different skills."

Once he took over, Amling slowly transitioned to a recumbent-centric shop. He only sold seven recumbents his first year as an owner, but the number has been climbing ever since.

Because Amling is the only recumbent bike shop in the northwestern suburbs, the store gets clients from all across the Chicago area. Many of them are referred by other bike shops.

Many recumbent buyers are individuals who are either retired or are reaching retirement age. Their medical issues make it harder for them to use conventional "upright" bikes, and they're often looking for something that they can keep moving with. Many of them biked when they were younger and are looking to get back into it, but aren't sure if they can.

"Many [of our customers] thought they'd never bike again," said Reichert. "We get them back on the road."

Amling offers a wide variety of recumbent bicycles and tricycles. If none of the models quite fit, the store mechanics can adjust the features to suit the customers' needs.

"Folks come in, we put them on different bikes, get them what's right for them," said Reichert. "We are here to solve problems for customers. We really try to go above and beyond."

While Amling only sells recumbents, it will repair recumbent and upright models alike. It sells accessories for both types.

Like many businesses, Amling's overall profits took a hit during the economic downturn. But over the past few years, its numbers have recovered, to the point where 2012 had the shop's highest sales in the last two decades.

The numbers were helped by the weather — which can make a huge difference to a bike shop.

"Last year, because of the long spring, the sales were fantastic,"



Amling Cycle's current selection of recumbent bicycles and tricycles. | IGOR STUDENKOV/FOR SUN-TIMES MEDIA

said Reichert. "This year, we had a lot of rain, and fell a bit behind. But we were still ahead of 2011."

Earlier this year, Reichert joined the Nile Multi-Modal Plan Steering Committee. This all-volunteer committee is charged with developing the village's Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan.

Reichert insisted that he's on the committee to help improve biking for Niles residents. While those improvements could benefit Amling Cycle, he doubts they would have any significant impact on sales.

"If there are more people riding bikes, we might sell a few more recumbents," said Reichert. "But we're not going to sell tons [of bikes]."



Amling Cycle owner Joe Reichert poses with 2012 "Dealer of the Year" award from TerraTrike, a recumbent tricycle manufacturer. | IGOR STUDENKOV/FOR SUN-TIMES MEDIA

TREND

Fighting vasculitis right up the alley for bowlers

BY KARIE ANGELL LUC
For Sun-Times Media

Vasculitis is a condition that is not well known. However, awareness and open discussion about vasculitis have helped patients connect with other families facing similar symptoms and challenges.

Supporters of these education efforts gathered for an evening of fun at the first annual Vasculitis Foundation "Rally in the Alley" at the Brunswick Zone in Deerfield on Aug. 15. More than 200 bowlers took part in the cosmic games, and the event raised more than \$21,000 for the Foundation.

"The purpose of tonight is really to raise awareness and funds for the Vasculitis Foundation," said Jason Wadler, of Glencoe. He added that this first annual "Rally in the Alley" will become a national program next year with Brunswick's assistance.

Vasculitis is a term for a group of diseases that have in common the inflammation of blood vessels that can affect people of all ages and both genders. Some forms of vasculitis are life threatening, making early detection and treatment critical to avoid long-term damage or death.

Due to the difficulty of diagnosing vasculitis, it is believed to be more common than people realize.

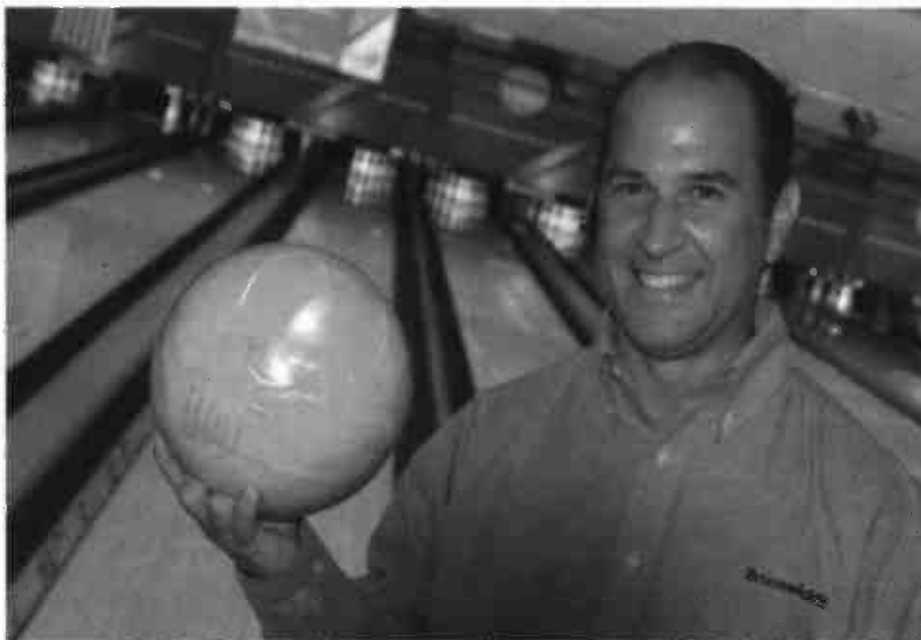
Karen Hirsch, a 25-year Glenview resident, also a foundation board member, also attended. Her son Michael, 21, a Harvard University senior, has been diagnosed with vasculitis.

"It's a set of autoimmune diseases," explained Hirsch. "And what's inflamed — that's what 'itis' means — is any one of the blood vessels in the body, whether they be small blood vessels, medium or large."

The foundation advocates for early diagnosis and funds and partners with researchers worldwide to find the cause and cure for vasculitis.

"Every day brings hope and brings a little bit more information," Wadler said, adding that new drugs help manage the condition. "If someone had this disease 30 years ago, the story is that 'Remember that person who had vasculitis? They died.' Back then, within five months of diagnosis, it was an 80 percent chance of mortality. A lot of progress has been made."

Visit www.vasculitisfoundation.org.



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Noah Schencker, 5, a Glencoe South School kindergartner, gets ready to bowl backwards.



Jason Wadler of Glencoe (from left), Karen Hirsch of Glenview, Jen Grosse of Elmhurst and Cindy Webber of Wheaton, all board members.



Rosie Farrell of Deerfield (left) and Helen Simon of Northbrook, formerly a Deerfield resident for 33 years.



Alex Mann of Glenview.

||| FASHION

On the plus side, fashion shapes up

BY LYNN TAYLOR SCHWAAB
For Sun-Times Media

"When I'm working in the real world with real women and we're shopping, we find that fashion seems to end when you get any larger than a size 12. How ridiculous is that?"

So said Tim Gunn of Project Runway to the Huffington Post. He's right, but times are changing.

One designer bucking that trend is Shavonne Dorsey, a Chicago full-figured clothing designer, at shavonedorsey.com. She declared, "Amazingly, 75 percent of American women wear a size 14 but less than 20 percent of retailers cater to these women. This is the opportunity that we have accepted and the challenge to provide beautiful garments for such deserving women," she said.

"Clearly, curves are here to stay and we will continue to dress them!"

She also believes that the full-figured women can embrace, love and appreciate their curves. Her designs speak to women who are confident, loving and fashionable — not focused on size. These women choose to be dramatically different and love

a fresh approach to their look.

Curvy women look their best when they avoid clothes that are too tight, too loose and have too much volume. Tailored styles and defined waistlines create a classic, elegant look for any woman.

One of the best websites for plus-size fashion is GabiFresh.com. Gabi Gregg, who now is also In-Style Magazine's Plus Size Contributor, started this blog in 2008 because of the lack of resources for younger, trendier women of size 14 and up. She felt like she needed to fill a void, she said. Asked what she'd tell plus-size women who are into fashion, she declared: "My biggest advice is to ignore fashion rules and wear what you think best expresses your style."

These days, you can find fashionable plus-size wear at Carson's (carsons.com). It's Ruff Hewn and Laura Ashley offer plus size lines that are exclusive to their stores, and include everything from tops to jeans to dresses to jackets. Other stores with plus size clothing are Macy's, Forever 21, Target, Talbots, Kohl's, Nordstrom and Lane Bryant.

So ladies, embrace your curves and go shopping!



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Sparks fly for forever friends

Natalie Levendoski and Gary Bernacchi

BY **RENEE LEE**
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Niles native Natalie Levendoski and husband, Gary Bernacchi, met 15 years ago while attending Maine South High School in Gary's hometown of Park Ridge. They've known each other just about half their lives.

"We've known each other forever," Natalie said. "He's my best friend."

The couple also car pooled to work every day for the past year. They work in the Kemper Lakes buildings in Lake Zurich — Natalie is a corporate trainer; Gary is an attorney.

They recently celebrated five years of being together on Aug. 15 and will soon celebrate their first wedding anniversary, likely with a stay at the Herrington Inn & Spa in Geneva where they honeymooned.

Though the couple attended high school together, knew each other through theatre and crew and were friends "back in the day," it wasn't until 2008 that something sparked when they reconnected with mutual high school friends. Looking back, Natalie said, it's pretty amazing that the people she called best friends in high school still remained her best friends half a life later.

When deciding where to tie the knot, the bride remembered hearing about Riverside Receptions in Geneva. Natalie managed a jewelry store for several years and recalled a couple talking about the unique venue. She and Gary knew they didn't want just a cookie-cutter banquet hall.

Natalie, a huge fan of red and the "retro '50s" look, made sure to include the color in their Nov. 3, 2012, wedding. She wore red Converse sneakers, a red shawl and eye-catching red lipstick.

The bride opted for a brooch bridal bouquet, including a collection of the jewelry pieces from friends and family. Natalie honored her grandmother who passed away a year earlier by using a cake topper originally from her 1953 wedding and a charm with her photo affixed to the bouquet.

Until recently, it just had been Natalie, Gary, their Labrador mix Molly, calico cat Mocha and long-haired cat Smokey together in their Hoffman Estates home. They recently received news they will be welcoming a baby girl in January.



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Kristi Schluckbier & Jaron McCracken

Michigan native Kristi Schluckbier and Jaron McCracken, originally from southern Illinois, married at Salvage One in Chicago. The couple added some personal touches to their already unique wedding venue, mostly using Mason jars for added decor. Two weeks before their March 23 wedding, they got matching tattoos of their wedding date in Roman numerals on their forearms. They live in Chicago.

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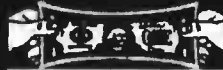
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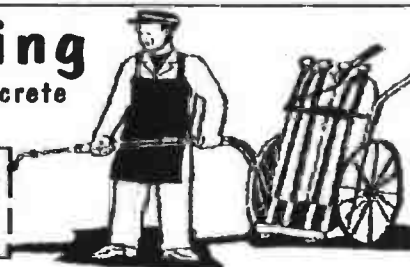
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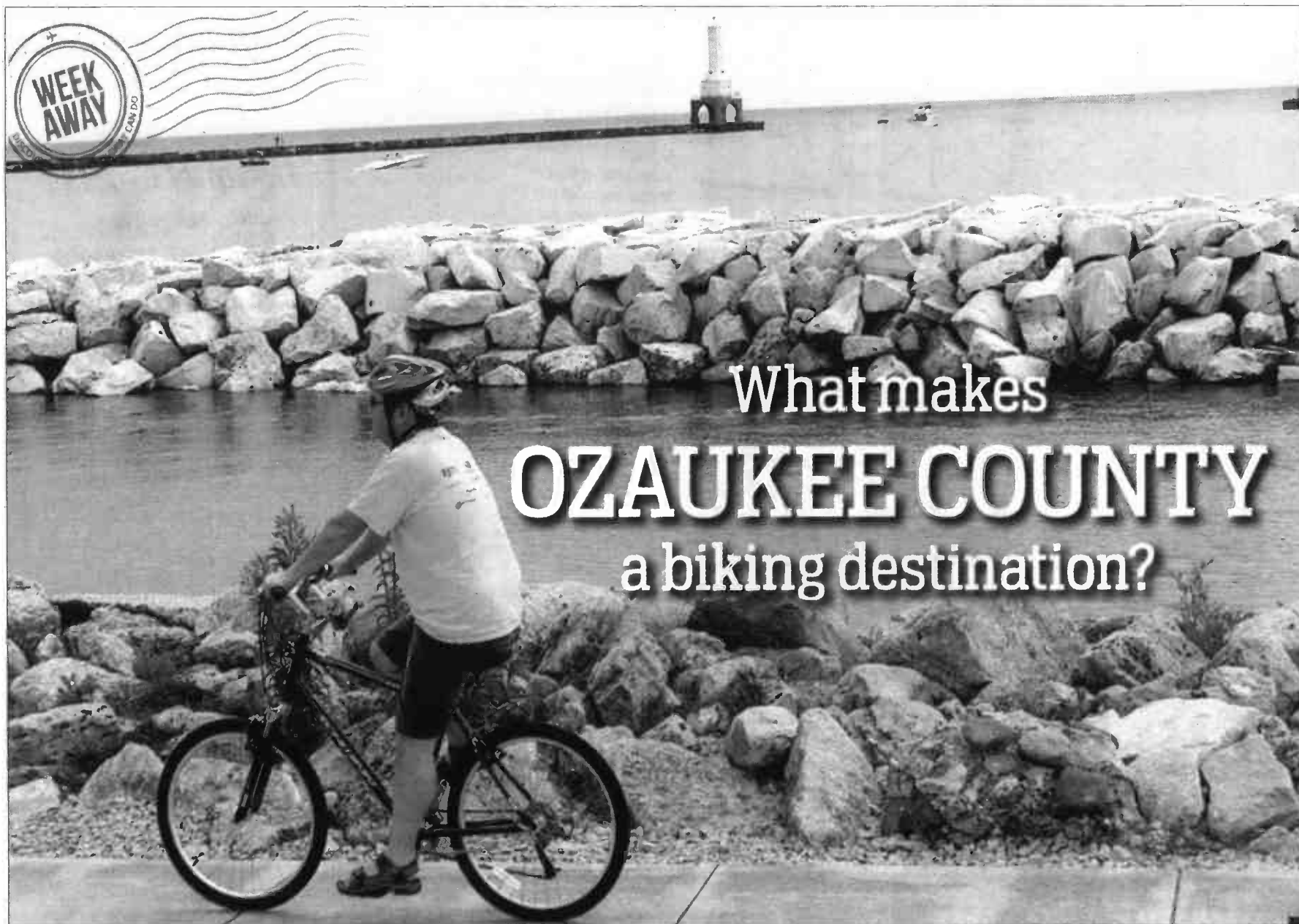


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What makes OZAUKEE COUNTY a biking destination?

By Matthew Villanueva

If you are an outdoor cycling enthusiast, then you know the joy of riding on a low-traffic trail far away from the dangerous traffic of an urban center. Ozaukee County, located less than two hours' drive north of Chicago, boasts some of the best bike trails in Wisconsin and the entire Midwest. Starting from scenic Port Washington, you can access more than 30 miles of bike trails.

Lakefront trails

Biking along the shores of Lake Michigan offers a tranquil view of the water and the sandy beaches along the coast. During the summer, the lake breezes

are especially refreshing. Start from the bandshell at Port Washington Harbor and you can ride along the shore to Harrington Beach State Park for a round trip of about 20 miles.

Inland trails

For a longer adventure, you can bike all the way from Port Washington to Random Lake, a round trip of more than 40 miles. This trail will take you down scenic country roads and quaint small-town streets. Don't start too early, though—most shops and restaurants in Random Lake don't open until 11 a.m.

The Ozaukee Interurban Trail

Following the historic railroad routes that connected

the county to Milwaukee, the Ozaukee Interurban Trail is paved for more than 30 miles of scenic riding. Most of the trail is away from car traffic, making it perfect for beginning cyclists while still fun for experienced riders. The trail is intended for year-round use, and when it's too cold and snowy to bike, you can ride cross-country skis here.



The town of Port Washington is the perfect place to start your Wisconsin adventure. For more information about biking, boating, and fishing in the area, as well as lodging and dining, contact Port Washington Tourism at 800-719-4881.

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The Hiring Process: Five Things Candidates Are Saying Behind your Back

By: Jon Picoutt

"Your brand is what people say about you when you leave the room."

That's how Jeff Bezos, Founder and CEO of Amazon.com, defines company branding. It's the sum of all the impressions that you, or your business, leave on another person. And the real test of the quality of your brand identity is what people say to their friends, family and colleagues.

But there's another, equally important dimension to your brand strategy, and that's the employer component: what are current and prospective employees saying about your company?

Managing your employer brand is important since it influences your ability to attract and acquire talent. However, with job candidates frequently griping about recruiting processes that are devoid of basic professional courtesy and respect, it seems many businesses are neglecting this part of their brand strategy.

Here are five examples of common grievances that job candidates wouldn't dare reveal to you directly – grievances that have the potential to damage your brand strategy, along with tips on how to ensure that your applicants don't utter these same words:

"I still don't have a clue what I'd be doing in this job."

Many job descriptions focus more on what skills and experience the position requires, and less on the actual job responsibilities. Those that do detail job duties often do so in such a generic fashion, that they provide scant guidance as to what a typical day on the job involves.

Quick tip: Write your job description so the content addresses the candidate's (and not just the company's) information needs. Once the candidate pool is narrowed, give your finalists a chance to talk to and shadow an existing employee who is in a comparable position. They'll appreciate your transparency and the opportunity to hear what the job really entails from someone who's currently in the role.

"I can't get a straight answer from them."

Job candidates often feel strung along by prospective employers. One minute the hiring process is moving forward at breakneck speed; the next it comes to a complete standstill – yet the employer continues to reassure the candidate that everything is on track. Internal dynamics are often driving this equivocation: glitches in getting approval to hire, longer-than-anticipated candidate sourcing, an extended interview process, etc. But no matter how legitimate the back story is, the end result is a candidate who feels misled.

Quick tip: You may be inclined to keep candidates in the dark for fear of exposing internal dysfunction or losing the candidate due to a delay in the recruiting process. Resist that temptation. Be straight with candidates if your hiring process has run into a few speed bumps. Set clear expectations when hiring timetables have changed. Candidates will appreciate your candor and find it a refreshing change from their interactions with other employers.

"My time is as valuable as yours. Don't waste it."

Ever arrive late to interview a job candidate? You apologize and the candidate politely replies, "No problem; I understand you're busy." What candidates won't say to your face is that making them wait 20, 30 or more minutes is a personal affront to them. It sends a signal that you don't think their time is as valuable as yours.

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Quick tip: Make a point of keeping scheduled interview times. If you're held up for some reason, have someone contact the candidate to advise of the delay and indicate how long you'll be.

"Here's an outrageous idea: How about reviewing my resume before the interview?"

Employers like candidates who demonstrate that they're organized and prepared -- as evidenced during an interview by their knowledge of the company and the job, and the quality of questions they ask. But this expectation cuts both ways. When candidates encounter an interviewer who is obviously unprepared ("What job are you applying for again? Give me a minute to browse your resume..."), it sends a disturbing signal.

Quick tip: Reserve at least fifteen minutes before each scheduled interview to familiarize yourself with the candidate's background. Make a point of demonstrating to the person that you've reviewed their resume or application in advance.

"Thanks for following up with me as promised... NOT!"

It's so easy for those involved in the hiring process to make cavalier commitments ("You'll hear from us in the next two to three weeks"). Then three weeks go by and most candidates are greeted with... deafening silence. Promising to follow-up promptly is a great show of respect to the candidate. It's the follow-through, however, that's really needed to earn goodwill with your candidates.

Quick tip: Even if you don't have any news to share about the status of their candidacy, still follow-up with applicants when you promised. A phone call or e-mail just to say "you're still in the running and you'll hear from me again in [x] weeks" will leave candidates reassured and impressed.

The importance of understanding what candidates are saying behind your back (and addressing their criticisms) can't be overstated.

These days, when candidates do talk behind your back, they're usually shouting from the rooftops, thanks to various social media platforms, some of which were established precisely for the exchange of information about employers. A single, negative impression made by just one job applicant can easily turn into a broader, brand tarnishing incident.

Fortunately, you can put the candidate word-of-mouth dynamic to your advantage. All it requires is shaping a recruiting experience that's distinguished by its professionalism, respect and courtesy.

Do that and you're bound to have people talking behind your back. But this time around, they'll be singing your praises and pointing other candidates in your direction. That's what great branding is all about.

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BY JOHN GROCHOWSKI

For Sun-Times Media

Are you a casino traditionalist? Plenty of opportunities remain for you in modern casinos, where blackjack, craps, roulette and three-reel slots have thrived for generations.

But casinos live and breathe through change and innovation, and where there's innovation, there are trends.

The hottest trend in gaming: expansion of slot machines.

Let's take a look at slot expansion, and some of the other trends that are shaping the way we play in today's casinos.

More slots

Nationwide, casinos derive more than 80 percent of their gaming revenue from electronic gaming devices, which include video poker, video blackjack and video keno as well as slots.

To use Illinois as an example, 10 years ago the nine casinos in operation had 9,721 electronic games on their floors. Today, those casinos have 10,212 EGDs. The space for those slots has come from dropping a couple of table games. In 2003, there were 258 gaming tables. Today, 227 tables remain at those nine, a decline of 31. A 10th casino not in operation a decade ago brings Illinois' totals up to 11,256 electronic games and 275 tables.

In the cards

Another attraction for gamers is an upsurge in poker-based table games.

A decade ago, 159 of Illinois' 258 tables were for blackjack. Only five were for poker, plus 35 for the poker-based games Let It Ride, Caribbean Stud, Three Card Poker and pai-gow poker.

Today, there are 123 blackjack tables, and much of the difference has been made up in poker and poker-based games. In 2013, there are 40 poker tables, along with 43 for Let It Ride, Caribbean Stud, Three Card Poker, Four Card Poker, pai-gow poker, Texas Hold'Em Bonus Poker and Mississippi Stud.

That's part of a nationwide trend. Casinos want you to be able to sit down and play immediately, with as small a learning curve as possible. Most players are familiar with the rankings of poker hands, and that makes it easy to pick up on newer games such as Mississippi Stud.

Tougher, but fun

But the rules are getting tough for so-called "beatable" games. Meeting the ever-increasing demand for slots and adding plenty of easy-to-play poker-based tables has made casinos more user-friendly for casual players, but the opportunity for serious gamblers to play for a profit has decreased.

A prime opportunity for players seeking an edge — or at least to cut the house edge to the bone — has been blackjack. There have been adaptations to pad the house edge, including a nationwide shift to having dealers hit soft 17 instead of standing on all 17s.

A soft 17 is a hand such as Ace-6 or Ace-2-4 in which the Ace is counted as 11. Such a hand can't be busted with a

one-card hit, because the Ace could always be counted as 1 instead of having the dealer exceed 21. Even five years ago, the most common condition at tables using six or eight decks was to have the dealer stand on all 17s, including the soft totals. Today, nearly all blackjack tables in the United States have the dealer stand only on hard 17s, while hitting soft 17. That adds two-tenths of a percent to the house edge, bigger than it sounds at a game where the entire edge is only half a percent or so against players who know basic strategy.

In the Midwest, we've not yet seen a big shift toward casinos paying only 6-5 on blackjacks instead of the traditional 3-2. Such games are common in Nevada, and they're tough on players.

Easier on you

Remember sitting on backless stools when playing the slots? Remember how your back felt at the end of the day?

There's been an ergonomics revolution in the 2000s with furniture designed for player comfort. It costs more, but there's a benefit to casinos in that comfortable players stay in their seats longer.

The old stools have made way for chairs by companies including Gasser and Gary Platt, with contoured foam and lumbar support. They work hand in hand with ergonomically designed slot cabinets with cutouts to enable the player to pull within optimal seating range of the screen, and with button

panels placed to ease repetitive stress. Chicago slotmaker WMS Gaming has been a pioneer there with its Bluebird cabinet, introduced at the beginning of the 2000s, and the next generation Bluebird2 and Bluebird xD.

Many rewards

Most of us use rewards cards whenever we play in a casino, sliding the card into a reader at electronic games or putting it on the table for the dealer or pit supervisor to pick up and log in for table play. Based on our play, the cards bring free play, meal comps, hotel room comps or discounts and other benefits.

One major trend in rewards cards has been to permit use in multiple rewards cards. If you have a Total Rewards card, you can use it to have your play rated at any Caesars Entertainment property in the United States. Boyd Gaming goes the multiproperty route with its B Connected card, and MGM Resorts does the same with M Life.

Within that trend there's the beginning of another. Advanced information systems allow casinos not only to reward customers based on how much they play, but on how much they spend on the hotel, restaurants, gift shop, spa and other resort amenities. Analytics are in place to evaluate the player's

total value to the resort, and to forecast future value. When you get a voucher for a return visit by direct mail or online, it could be based on more than how much you put into the slots on your last trip.

Technology itself is one more innovation that's sparking a trend in the making.

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Slots are hot

Casinos, game designers add options, excitement to keep this popular pastime fresh

BY JOHN GROCHOWSKI

For Sun-Times Media

Slot design in the 21st Century has become a game of one-upmanship, with each manufacturer trying to outdo the next in creative use of technological tools, and in trying to anticipate players' changing tastes.

That's only natural, with the expansion of slot games being the biggest overall trend in the casino industry. That big trend has sparked a number of trends itself.

Bonusing, progressive jackpots and community-style play are among the tools gamemakers use to keep the games fresh, enticing and exciting. Those tools are constantly evolving as technology allows gamemakers to follow their imaginations.

Here's a look at where some of the latest trends are taking manufacturers in slot creativity.

Bonusing

Bonus events are expected game features nowadays, but we have to look back only to the mid-1990s to find a time they didn't even exist. That changed with the advent of "Wheel of Gold" by Anchor Gaming, the first megahit bonus event that affixed a tower with a wheel atop Bally slant-top three-reel slot machines.

Around the same time, we started seeing the first video slot machines with bonus events. The fishing-round on WMS Gaming's "Reel 'Em In" made a major impact. Nowadays, the bonuses are getting ever more creative.

■ Bally Technologies fills the need for speed with its racing-themed NASCAR. The main is an interactive 3-D feature called U-Race, where

the player gets to guide his driver down the track. Racing fans get tons of extras. When you sit down to play, you get to pick a driver. The screen displays a bio, and the driver talks to you, encouraging you for the big race.

■ WMS goes the Sensory Immersion route in bonusing on its "Willie Wonka and the Chocolate Factory" slot. A ride down the chocolate river is sometimes bumpy, sometimes smooth with special effects through the WMS' motion chair with 3-D sound. It's an adventure in storyland with Willie, the Oompa Loompas and the whole cast of characters.

Incredible Technologies, based in Vernon Hills, is going the licensed-theme route for the first time with its recently-released "Archie in Riverdale Riches." It features long-popular comic book teen Archie Andrews with his Riverdale High School pals and gals.

There's a "Jughead Free Spins" event, as well as a "Betty vs. Veronica" pick 'em game where the winner captures Archie's heart. There are game-within-a-game bonus triggers, and a lot of variability within the bonuses themselves so that you'll experience something new each time you play.

Progressive jackpots

■ Cash Express Gold Class is an update of the Aristocrat Technologies' Cash Express system that remains popular after 11 years in American casinos. Gold Class uses popular base games including "More Hearts," "More Chilli," "Buffalo" and "Pompei," with "50 Lions" and "Geisha" near regulatory approval. The four-tiered, quick hit Hyperlink jackpots remain from the original, along with the railroad



The hot spot: For many gamers, the slots are the place to be. Progressive games are a big hit among newcomers to the field, but don't pass by the chance to join in community gaming. | FILE PHOTO

theme of the bonus events, but Gold Class layers on a fifth progressive level, one that starts building from \$9,500.

Gold Class means you've had a ticket upgrade for your rail journey through world-famous bullet trains. If you get three train symbols in line with each other, you progress through the sixth rail stages, with the sixth being the Gold Class.

■ IGT always has a wide array of progressives. Among the new crop is Wheel of Fortune Triple Wild Spins Duo Wheel. It's a dollar denomination game with a \$3 maximum bet. It features the ever-popular Wheel of Fortune brand, multiple progressive levels, the chance to spin up to three giant wheels in the bonus events and a lifestyle-changing jackpot on top.

■ Spielo International's volcano-themed "Cash Eruption" give players a chance to multiply their winnings. It has three progressive levels that are guaranteed to hit by a

certain amount and, after a progressive win, players have a chance to double, triple or even multiply the win by five.

Multipliers are in play in a different way in "In Plants vs. Zombies Gargantuar" and "Plants vs. Zombies Backyard Showdown." On most progressive games, the progressive jackpots aren't multiplied by the size of the bets. On the Zombies games, they are. You can choose the size of the jackpot you're playing for.

Community-style gaming

■ "The Game of Life" from WMS Gaming is based on the classic board game. And WMS knows something about transferring board classics to the slots, having had a long run of success with Monopoly.

There are four community bonus features. One of them is "Speed Spins," a quick-spin bonus where everyone moves together along the board, but there's also an individual pursuit element. You pick your ca-

reer. Do you want to be a doctor, an athlete, a lawyer? Then in the big event, if the lawyer gets called, the ones who picked the lawyer get an enhanced payoff.

■ "Hot Roll Community" is part of International Game Technology's new Connected series. You touch dice on your screen, drag and let fly as they appear in the giant community display overhead. Three players go to the dice-rolling bonus together, and the bonus credits keep mounting until all three seven-out. For non-craps players, that means rolling a loser 7 to end play and pass the dice to the next player. In Hot Roll Community, each player is eliminated from the bonus rolls when he or she rolls a 7. But when two are eliminated, they still can keep rooting for the third to keep their bonuses growing.

With bonusing, progressives and community play, you could say slot variety is trending up.

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This September, we've got an enormous amount of special food and beverage options for you. If you're looking for a great place for lunch, we've got you covered! Rush Rewards card holders receive 20% off lunch at Hugo's Frog Bar and Chop House, any day of the week! Canopy features an extensive wine list that offers something for everyone at a great value, including \$6 featured wines by the glass and \$22 bottles. On Wednesday nights, Canopy proudly hosts Crab Grab, an all-you-can-eat buffet from 5:00pm to 10:00pm. In addition, guests with a Rush Rewards card can receive 15% off their lunch or dinner buffet every day and on Mondays & Tuesdays guests aged 50 and older can enjoy 25% off their lunch or dinner buffet in Canopy. Looking for great nightlife options? Keep up to date on Cube's live bands, DJs and more by liking our Facebook page

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The 22-story Spa Blu Tower, which has 272 guest rooms and 30 suites, offers the latest in luxury décor, with floor-to-ceiling windows, rich millwork and bold contemporary styling with soft cream and white organic textures and finishes. Guests can also stay at the Blue Chip Tower, with its 184 spacious and tastefully appointed rooms, including 4 grand suites and 8 luxury suites.

Dining options

Blue Chip's five restaurants provide guests with virtually unlimited dining choices, and include a deli, an extensive buffet, a fine dining restaurant for steaks and seafood and Vegas and sports-themed eateries.

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Gaming excitement abounds at Blue Chip, with a spacious casino floor and a bright, welcoming atmosphere. The casino features more than 1,900 slot machines with denominations from one penny to \$100, 48 table games, and an eight-table live poker room. Weekly poker events, Texas Hold'em Poker tournaments and slot tournaments round out the fun.



Special destination: A 65,000-square-foot, full-service casino is the anchor for Blue Chip, which also offers five restaurants, an entertainment lounge, a spa with full-service salon and fitness center, two gift shops, two hotel towers, and the 1,300-seat Stardust Event Center. | SUPPLIED PHOTO



A real break: Blue Chip offers gaming, dining and events center guests two hotel towers for a restful break from the action and excitement. Spa Blu Tower offers luxury décor with large windows, rich millwork and contemporary styling with soft cream and white organic textures and finishes. Guests can also stay at Blue Chip Tower, which offers 12 special suites among its 184 spacious accommodations. | SUPPLIED PHOTOS

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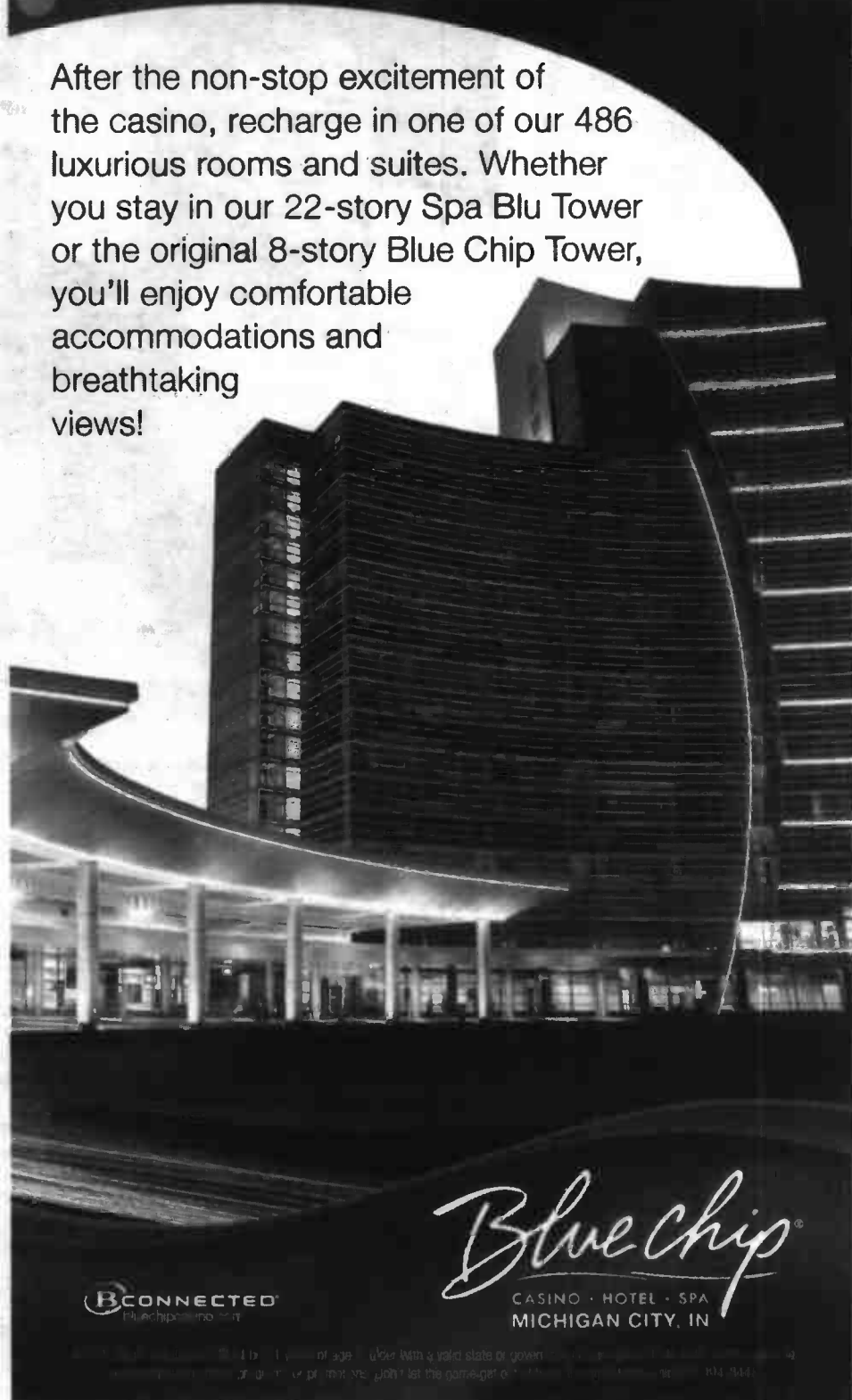
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Table talk

Blackjack gamers tell tales of winning, almost winning and just having fun

BY JOHN GROCHOWSKI

For Sun-Times Media

Amid the cheers and high fives of the craps players when the shooter's on a roll, and the music, TV/movie dialog and sound effects of the slot machines, blackjack players live a quieter casino life. Not everyone wins together, so the craps-like cheers are rare.

But there is time for a little discussion and storytelling. Here are a few tales gathered during time taken for a little table talk.

Ben, dealt a 10 and a 2, while the dealer had a 3 face up: "None of you mind if I hit that, do you?" he asked, chuckling a little. When no one objected he continued, "It wouldn't really matter if you did mind, I'd hit it anyway. That's just what I do."

"Somebody really got steamed at me last night, though. I was sitting at third base [the position all the way to the players' left, and the last to hit or stand before the dealer plays].

I hit my 12, and this guy yelled across the table, 'Hey! Don't take the dealer's bust card!'"

That's all he said until the dealer finished the hand. Ben wound up with an 18, but lost to the dealer's 19. He continued as the next hand was dealt.

"I have no way of knowing whether the next card will make the dealer bust. I just said, 'Easy, friend,' and he said, 'If you play like that, I'm not your friend. At third base, you have to play for the team.' I said, 'That's how I play.' He said, 'Thanks for telling me,' but nasty like, and he picked up his chips and left. Can't say I missed him."

Maria, during a shuffle: "I guess my husband and I have a little role reversal. I like blackjack. He always



Talk a good game: Any table game, especially blackjack, is a both play and a social gathering, a great place to share gaming "war stories" ... about the wins and losses, the good and bad plays, and of course, the people. | DAN COMANICIU ~ FOTOLIA

plays the slots. It's because when I was really young, we used to have a big family party at my great-grandfather's house every year. I was lucky enough to have great-grandpa until I was 19."

"I had several second cousins, and they'd learned to play blackjack. They taught me and my brother at the party. I've been playing ever since. It wasn't for money. Just for fun. I didn't have any money at that age anyway, but I had a good time and I taught friends at home to play."

"My husband didn't have any card-playing background. He'd done a little betting on sports. He likes the NCAA pools and he has fantasy baseball and football teams ... you know those things. But there's

no sports in the casinos here, so he gravitated to the slots, and a little video poker."

Jackson, same table, next shuffle: "Talk about playing outside the casinos, I used to be in a poker game where one guy liked to deal blackjack. They were dealer's choice games. When it was your turn to deal, you got to choose. We finally limited him to calling blackjack once a night, two times through a single deck."

"I didn't know much about blackjack then. I'd never been to a casino. All I knew is I lost money pretty much every time he called it. If we had known then what I know now, that he was dealing a game that didn't give us an even chance with him, we probably would have

thrown him out."

Raul, different table, different night, during a shuffle: "You guys ever play any craps? I was at a table early this morning where it was just me and two other guys, and the one guy had his girlfriend watching. The guy was telling his girlfriend that the way to win was to play don't pass, betting the shooter won't make his point."

"He was taunting us about it, getting all in our faces. 'You know why these casinos make so much money,' he told his girlfriend. 'It's losers like that. All those losers bet with the shooter. Not me. I'm gonna take their money, just like the house.'"

"It was the other guy's turn to shoot, and he just kept knocking down point after point. He and I

were both on pass and come, and we both kept winning. The trash talker kept going to his wallet for more money. I don't know how much he lost, but you could tell his girlfriend was getting madder and madder. She finally dragged him away, and you know what he said? He said, 'Keep shooting, losers. I'll be back for your money later!'"

Mike, same table, during a deal: "I'm no craps player. When I'm not playing blackjack, I'm playing video poker. I was playing this morning, and I drew a royal flush. I held a Queen and 10 of clubs, and up popped the Ace, King and Jack."

"Apropos of nothing, I suppose, but it made me feel good!"

And that's what the talk of the table is all about.

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When you step into Horseshoe, you'll have your pick of nearly 3,000 slot machines, the most in Chicagoland. With more than 700 new games, Horseshoe offers the perfect mix of the classic slots you love and the newest slots you crave.

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The Midwest's top gambling destination features more than 100 tables including "Le Cheng," Chicagoland's premier Asian gaming experience. Inside Le Cheng, you will find games like Pai Gow Tiles, Baccarat, Mini Baccarat Dragon Bonus and EZ Baccarat in an atmosphere of exquisite detail and appropriate feng shui. Spacious and elegant, it features an oversized display of a water cascade on the beautiful etched glass artwork within classic rosewood stained cabinets.

Getting serious

If you are into more serious table game action, gamblers know that nobody does high-limit gambling better than Horseshoe. From our spacious gambling floor to the luxurious high-limit rooms, and our exclusive VIP gambling salons, this is the real thing.

In the High Limit Table Room, you'll discover action that's bigger than anything you'll find in Las Vegas. We're talking serious blackjack and baccarat, all in a plush atmosphere that features exceptional service and highly-skilled dealers. The newly-

remodeled High Limit Slot Room offers similar luxury, with big-hitting machines in denominations all the way up to \$1,000. It just doesn't get any bigger than this.

Just around the corner from the Poker Room is Horseshoe Casino's newest tavern, Sixth Street. This "beer bar" features an abundant selection of locally-crafted beers, as well as 24 rotating taps for different seasonal offerings. This authentic-in-character "watering hole" offers a relaxing bar scene featuring local favorites and unique bartop foods such as gourmet bacon, served out of beer bottles. Live entertainment is featured on Fridays and Saturdays, with local artists and well known performers, such as Howie Day. Named after the Fifth Street card in Texas Hold 'em, Sixth Street is the perfect place to toast another win at Horseshoe Casino.

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The Venue at Horseshoe Casino is one of Chicagoland's premier entertainment centers. This impressive theater regularly showcases the hottest entertainment acts in the country, such as Judas Priest, Godsmack, Weezer, Kelly Clarkson, Miranda Lambert, John Legend, Gladys Knight



High times: The Venue at Horseshoe Casino regularly hosts the biggest names in entertainment. Visit chicagohorseshoe.com for the most up-to-date lineup. | SUPPLIED PHOTO

and top comedians like Jay Leno and Jeff Dunham.

The Venue can host up to 3,300 attendees, and also transform into a smaller, more intimate setting. Featuring eight luxury suites and offering a spectacular bird's-eye view of the stage along with outstanding VIP amenities, The Venue provides the best views of your favorite performers. For the most recent lineup, visit Horseshoe Casino's Website, Ticketmaster or the Horseshoe Casino Gift Shop to purchase tickets.

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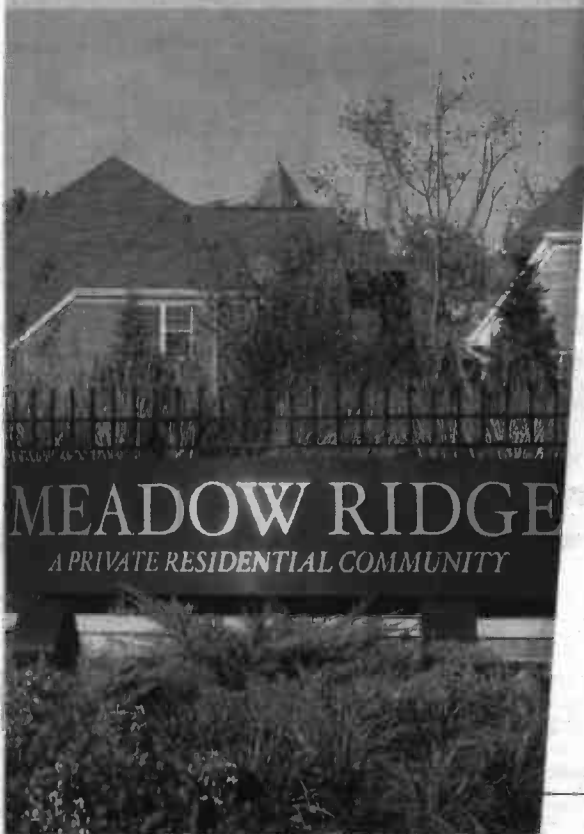
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NEW IMPALA IS WAY AHEAD OF ITS ANCESTORS

BY JEFF TAYLOR

For Sun-Times Media

Over the past decade, the Impala nameplate has been looked upon as a basic, no-frills "fleet special" due to its ho-hum styling, performance and ride. For 2014 Chevrolet is looking to put that Impala in the rear view mirror with the all-new tenth generation model.

According to Chevrolet, August sales of Impala were up 76 percent over prior year. The new Impala has increased its retail share of the large car segment by about 3 percent over the previous generation, according to J.D. Power PIN data.

So consumers have taken notice. And with an all-new model visual "pop" as one of the key elements and in this category, the 2014 Impala scores big. This Impala has long, low proportions with a sharp nose, active grille shutters, HID headlamps and LED daytime running lamps (LTZ models). A "power dome" hood projects forward motion. Sculpted side body coves recall earlier Chevrolets, as does the new, sweeping shoulder line in the rear fenders.

Under the slick body is GM's 3.6-liter V-6, with 264 lb.-ft. of torque. A 2.5-liter four-cylinder is available and a 35-mpg 2.4-liter Ecotec with eAssist will be around at the end of the year. All engines are coupled to a six-speed automatic.

In the interior, "Fleet" is out and "premium" is in. The overall look and quality of materials is a cross between Buick and Cadillac. My test car featured power/heated

front seats. Reduced dash intrusion means more passenger room. The instrument cluster has multidimensional gauges and a configurable driver information center with a standard 4.2-inch screen. In LTZ models the two-tone dash and trim quality really validate the premium experience.

The center stack is cleanly integrated into the instrument panel and displays the climate controls and Chevrolet MyLink for navigation and Bluetooth audio-controlled via a touch screen on an optional eight-inch display screen. The cluster's ice-blue lighting is another nice touch. The seats are comfortable and, with a one-inch increase in wheelbase, rear passengers have more foot room. In fact, I was easily able to

relax in back. Rear seat space hasn't been this plentiful since the 1980's.

As for storage, the trunk has a cargo-friendly opening and liftover height to access a huge 18.8 cubic feet of storage space.

With the V-6 the Impala's acceleration is strong. Handling is now more in line with the car's namesake.

Body roll has been significantly reduced, and cornering takes another leap courtesy of new 18-, 19- (my tester), or 20-inch wheels.



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Luxury anew

Open house showcases new Meadow Ridge plan

The new three-bedroom, 2½-bath G luxury home floor plan was recently unveiled at the sales office at Meadow Ridge, an upscale community in Northbrook on the North Shore.

A special event open to the public will be held Saturday, Sept. 21, from noon to 4 p.m.

Joe Giampa of Gibson, of Giampa & Partners, Inc., the exclusive marketing agent for the KZF Development at Meadow Ridge, said this new duplex-style home features a first-floor master suite, a large great room with vaulted ceiling, dining room, breakfast area and generous "backwards-basement" storage on the second floor.

"The G luxury home floor plan

is a direct result of all the best design ideas, suggestions and personal feedback from prospective buyers," said Giampa. "We already have taken five reservations for this new plan and anticipate more at our special event Saturday at the sales center."

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Potential buyers should plan to come out and view these impressive luxury residences.

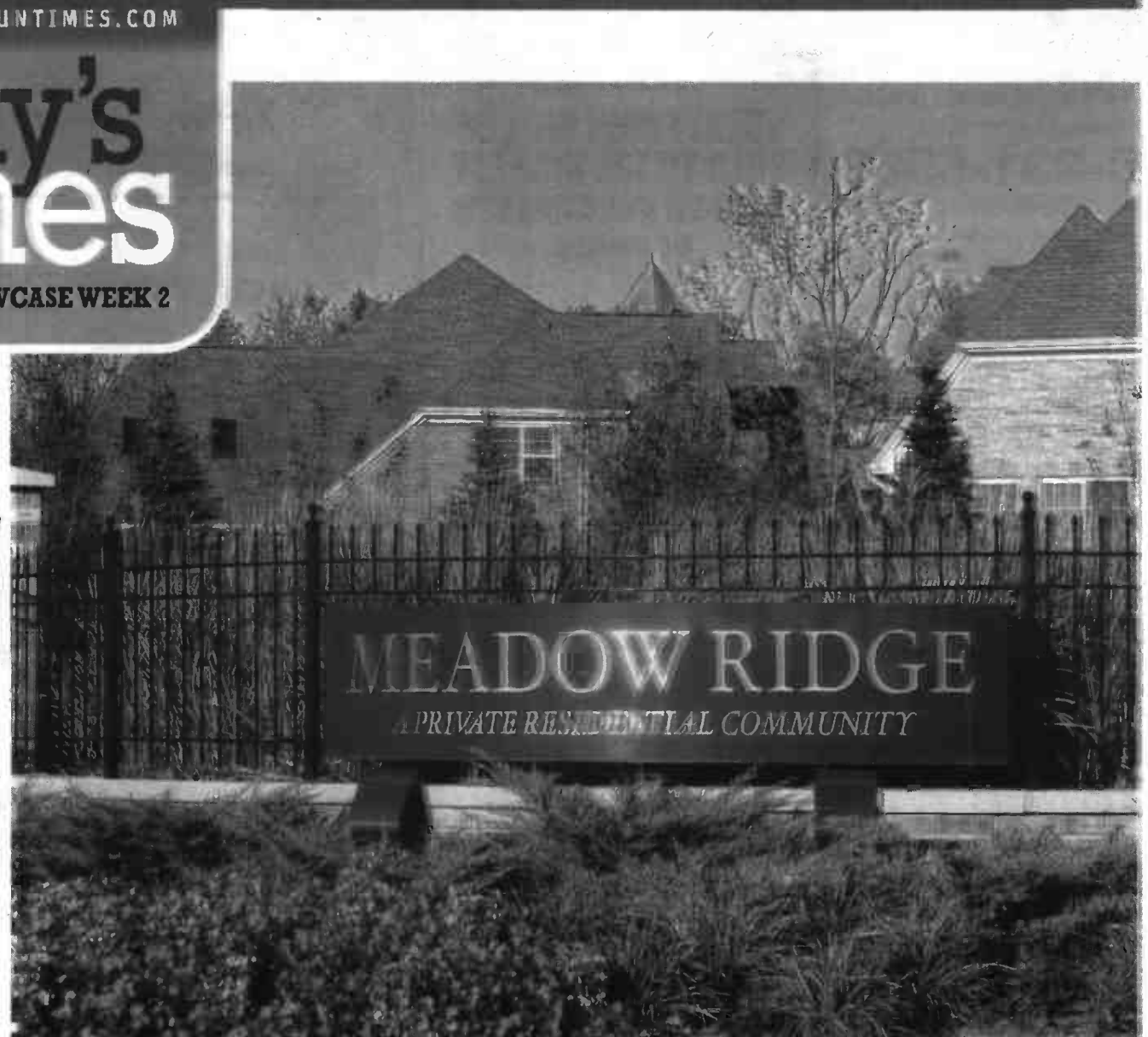
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The Meadow Ridge sales center is located at Waukegan and Founders roads and is open Wednesday through Friday 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday, Sunday from noon to 5 p.m., or by appointment. For more information, call (847) 559-9800,

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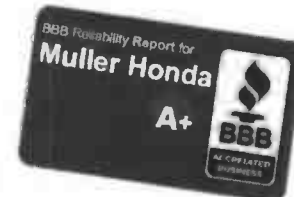
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Centreville, Mich. • Sept. 15-21

The St. Joseph County Grange Fair is ranked among the top five fairs in Michigan, bringing in an average of 150,000 people every year. Known to locals as the Centreville Grange Fair, the fair has been a favorite tradition since it started back in 1851.

The week-long fair has carnival rides, farm truck pulls, motorcross, a demolition derby, 4-H shows and more. You can enjoy live music at the Grandstand, with performances by Blackjack Billy, Josh Turner and Kix Brooks. Be sure to explore the various food vendors and commercial exhibitors on the fairgrounds.

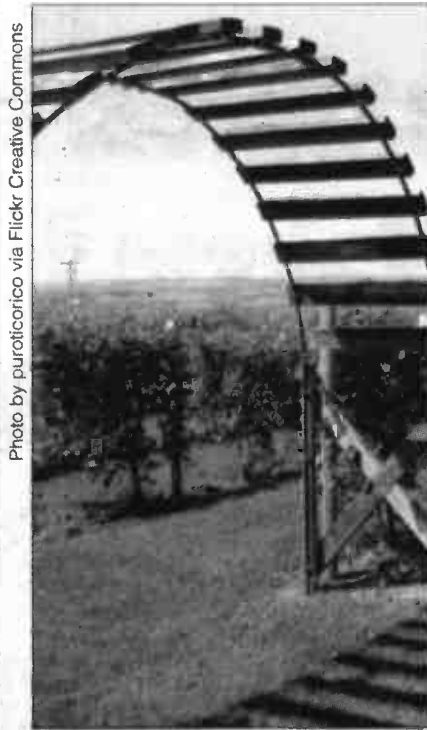


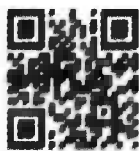
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Vintage Illinois Wine Festival Mathiessen State Park

North Utica, Ill. • Sept. 21-22

The annual Vintage Illinois Wine Festival is held on the grounds of beautiful Mathiessen State Park, nearby the famous Starved Rock State Park, just an hour-and-a-half drive from Chicago. This is the state's largest festival devoted to exclusively Illinois wine, featuring a variety of state wineries and vineyards: Fox Valley Winery, Galena Cellars, Kickapoo Creek, and Owl Creek, to name a few.

There also will be musical entertainment from Wally Mulso, Midnite Shade, The Steve Sharp Band, Lynne Jordan and the Shivers, Hands Luchs and Paul & Jay. The festival does not provide chairs or tables, so it's best to bring blankets or lawn chairs to guarantee your seat.



Harvest & Wine Festival

Cedarburg, Wis. • Sept. 21-22

During most of the year, Cedar Creek Winery does business in a restored woolen mill from the 1860s, and the building's limestone basement is a prime place for fermenting wine-maker Philippe Coquard's oak-barreled products.

Some grapes come from Washington and New York. Others grow near Prairie du Sac, not far from the Wisconsin River, and they are harvested in September. Cedarburg turns this bounty, and those of other locally grown fruits and vegetables, into an annual reason to celebrate.

The Wine and Harvest Festival is an end-of-summer serenade. It is a time for families to enjoy grilled sweet corn, caramel apples, specialty foods and traditional Wisconsin fare, such as grilled pork chop sandwiches. The local Piggly Wiggly produces its Harvest Apple Brat for the occasion.

What distinguishes the look of this festival from others? Dozens of scarecrows are created for contest prizes and propped up throughout Cedarburg's downtown.



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

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TOP 5

Managing Editor Jennifer Thomas' picks for this week.

1. The annual Fall Arts & Crafts Adventure takes place 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sept. 21 at Hodges Park, 1991 S. Courtland, Park Ridge. See AmericanSocietyofArtists.org.
2. The Music Institute of Chicago hosts a concert with performances from more than 30 faculty members at 7:30 p.m. Sept. 21 at Nichols Concert Hall, 1490 Chicago Ave., Evanston. Call (847) 905-1500, Ext. 108 or see Musicinst.org.
3. Enjoy the amazing musical talent of Billy McLaughlin — who learned to play guitar left-handed after being diagnosed with an incurable neuromuscular disorder — at 8 p.m. Sept. 21, at Studio One, 1600 E. Golf Road, Des Plaines. Call (847) 635-1900.
4. Ars Viva Symphony Orchestra performs at 3 p.m. Sept. 29 at the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie. Visit Arsviva.org.



5. "Evita" (pictured) is on stage through Oct. 6 at Oriental Theatre, 24 W. Randolph, Chicago. Visit BroadwayinChicago.com.

'20,000 Leagues' launches Pickwick classic film series

BY BRUCE INGRAM
For Sun-Times Media

Movie fans will have the chance to see some of Hollywood's most venerable vintage films back up on the big screen with a new monthly series at the Pickwick Theatre.

The Pickwick Classic Film Series will debut Sept. 26 with a screening of the 1954 Disney classic "20,000 Leagues Under the Sea." Not exactly first-run fare? That's the point.

"There are so many great films people haven't had the chance to see in a theater," said series programmer Matthew Hoffman, a film historian who has presented classic films at the Park Ridge Public Library for the past five years — in addition to programming classics for the much-missed LaSalle Bank Theatre film series. "My goal is always to show that going to these films can be a lot more fun than taking your family to see 'Smurfs 2.'"

Management at the Pickwick asked Hoffman to book classic films for them after noticing that more than 300 people attended screenings he held there this spring as part of the library's "Crossed Swords" series of swashbucklers, including Errol Flynn in "The Adventures of Robin Hood."

Hoffman said he decided to open with "20,000 Leagues," with Kirk Douglas and James Mason starring in the Jules Verne adventure, partially because it was one of his TV-viewing favorites as a kid and partially because "it's just great film making."

"It was the most expensive film Disney had made up to that time and it features all the elements of film making in their top form," he explained. "It has a fantastic cast, a great score, Technicolor, Cinemascope, excellent special effects and it's just wonderfully entertaining. My hope is that people will bring their kids and grandkids and give them the chance to discover it."

Before the film, Hoffman will show the 1954



Kirk Douglas (clockwise from top), Paul Lukas, Peter Lorre and James Mason star in "20,000 Leagues Under the Sea."

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Donald Duck cartoon "Grand Canyonscope" and he has also arranged for Jay Warren of Chicago's Silent Film Society to play prelude music on the organ.

Hoffman's Halloween selection is the 1958 drive-in classic "The Blob," starring Steve McQueen, followed by the silent 1924 Douglas Fairbanks adventure "The Thief of Baghdad"

in November, and wrapping up the year with Laurel and Hardy's 1934 "March of the Wooden Soldiers" as a Christmas presentation.

Beginning in January, Hoffman will complete the series' first year with a selection of some of the greatest films of one of Hollywood's greatest years — 1939 — including "Gone with the Wind," "The Wizard of Oz," "Gunga Din," "Wuthering Heights," and "Mr. Smith Goes to Washington."

"Smith" star Claude Rains will be honored with a guest appearance by his daughter Jessica Rains, co-author of the book *Claude Rains: An Actor's Voice* — one of several guest appearances Hoffman plans to present.

Though, of course, the movies are the main attraction.

"What better way to see them than on the big screen, the way it was meant to be," Hoffman said.



Monsignor Fermoyle (Orion Silvertree) angrily confronts Sister Ascencione (Rachel Martindale) in "When Angels Wept." | PHOTO BY DON VANASEK

Our Lady of the Angels tragedy inspires play

BY MYRNA PETLICKI
Contributor

Charles Grippo was a third-grader at Chicago's Resurrection School in 1958 when fire took the lives of 92 children and three nuns at Our Lady of the Angels School on the West Side. The memory of that tragedy has stayed on the mind of the Park Ridge playwright.

It forms a backdrop for Grippo's new play, "When Angels Wept," which is being produced by his New Lincoln Theatre at the City Lit Theater performance space.

"I always thought it would be an interesting topic for a play," Grippo said.

Prior to writing the script, Grippo read the transcripts from the inquest, newspaper articles, and police and fire department reports. "I deliberately did not want to talk to any of the survivors or anyone who had lost someone in the fire because I did not want to invade anybody's privacy," he explained. "And I did not want to be exploiting anybody's grief." He did speak with some of the firefighters who were there and a policeman who was at the funeral procession.

Grippo's play is set at a fictional Chicago parish, Our Holy Mother of All the Saints. "It centers on a family who loses a child in a fire at a school like Our Lady of Angels," he related. The work focuses on how the Donahue family deals with the tragedy, particularly son Joseph, who was very close to his sister, who died in the fire.

"They are very strict Irish Catholics," Grippo said. "Then they lose their daughter in the fire and it tears them apart. They

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have to try to reconcile their faith with how they could lose a child when they are so faithful to God."

The beginning of the play focuses on the fire itself. Then it covers the next 10 or more years while Joseph attempts to discover the cause of the fire, "trying to find some closure," Grippo said.

Grippo, who is also an entertainment lawyer, began writing plays when he was 12 years old. "I sent plays off to Broadway producers," he said. "I ended up writing books, too, and sent them off. Most of the time they came back unopened but there were a few producers who looked at them and they were very encouraging."

Fifteen years ago, Grippo's play, "Sex Marks the Spot," was produced at a theater in Indiana. It was later produced in New York and Chicago.

Grippo has curtailed most of his law practice in favor of writing and producing shows. His plays include "Outrageous Misfortune," "The Tooth of the Matter," "Bedroom Follies," "A Wife's Tale," and "Santa's Children."

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Oktoberfest: Pick a place to say 'Prosit!'

BY VERONICA HINKE
For Sun-Times Media

Glenview House Oktoberfest. Around this time every year, Jeff Podjasik, proprietor of Glenview House in Glenview, 1843 Glenview Road, puts on a pair of lederhosen — just for one day. They belonged to his grandfather, the late Richard Meiers of Arlington Heights. "Oktoberfest is really near and dear to my heart, because I am half German," Podjasik says.

So dear, in fact, that he and his staff will host the second annual fest on Sept. 21. Activities all day, including a free jumpy house for kids open from 11 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. Entertainment will include live music performed by Die Musikmeisters. See TheGlenviewHouse.com.

Oktoberfest in Niles. Our Lady of Ransom Church, 8300 N. Greenwood Ave., Niles, will host its annual Oktoberfest in Paluch Hall at 6 p.m. Sept. 20. Festivities will include a raffle, food and music.

Oktoberfest at Edelweiss Restaurant, Norridge. From Liver Dumping Soup to the ever-popular Bayerische Schweinhaxe — or baked pork shanks — Oktoberfest favorites will be on a special menu through Nov. 2 at Edelweiss, 7650 W. Irving Park Road, where they recently opened a new patio. Beer will include some Oktoberfest brews, as well as 16 imported draft beers. Edelweiss also offers a selection of German Schnapps. For live music from the Paloma Band, the Johnny Wagner Band and others, plus dancing, come Thursday through Sunday nights. For full music schedule, see www.Edelweiss-Dining.com or call (708) 452-6040.

Oktoberfest for Center of Concern. The Park Ridge-based agency providing support services to Maine Township seniors holds a festive fundraiser at the Ridgemoor Country Club, 6601 W. Gunnison, Harwood Heights, Sept. 28.

The event starts at 6 p.m. with a cocktail hour, then a traditional German dinner is followed by dancing to authentic German band music. Tickets are \$50 per person in advance, \$55 at the door; proceeds support Center activities. Deadline for ticket sales is Sept. 23. There is a 10 percent discount for groups of eight or more. For tickets, see: www.centerofconcern.org/OKTFEST or (847) 823-0453.

Oktoberfest at Hofbräuhaus, Rosemont. Bratwurst is a given during Oktoberfest, and so are the seasonal beers that go with it. "We love when Oktoberfest time rolls around and we have the chance to brew our favorite 'Oktoberfestbier' using the same method used



Steve Podjasik (left), owner of Glenview House in Glenview, with his brother Jeff Podjasik, also a Glenview resident, at Oktoberfest 2012 at Glenview House. Podjasik will wear his grandfather's lederhosen again when he hosts the 2nd annual Oktoberfest at Glenview House on Oct. 21. | PHOTO COURTESY OF GLENVIEW HOUSE

for centuries at the original Hofbräuhaus in Munich. All of the beers at Hofbräuhaus Chicago are brewed on-site at our micro-brewery using 400-year-old recipes and techniques," said Mike Matuschka, co-owner of Hofbräuhaus, 5500 Park Place. It will be available during the eatery's fest through Oct. 31. See HofbrauhausChicago.com.

St. Peter Catholic School, Skokie, Oktoberfest. Family fun and plenty of German-style food will be part of the annual Oktoberfest on the St. Peter School grounds. Fest runs 5-11 p.m. Sept. 20, noon-11 p.m. Sept. 21, and 1-7 p.m. Sept. 22. Call (847) 673-1492.

St. Joseph Oktoberfest, Wilmette. The fest, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Sept. 21, is a Family Festival and Market on the grounds of St. Joseph Catholic School at the intersection of Lake Street and Ridge Avenue. The event includes shopping for antiques and handcrafts, family games, crafts food and entertainment. Adults can enjoy an evening complete with an oompah band, German dinner and live music from Chicago's very own Sugar High under a tent in the St. Joseph's Biergarten. Information at stjosephwilmette.com or (847) 256-7870.

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Gorilla Tango Skokie Young Artists will present "The Trial of Goldilocks."

Goldilocks gets day in court at Gorilla Tango

BY MYRNA PETLICKI
For Sun-Times Media

Goldilocks is not as innocent as she looks. Maurice D. Proffit has decided that it's time for "The Trial of Goldilocks."

The director's original play will be performed by Gorilla Tango Skokie Young Artists, 4 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays, Sept. 28-Oct. 6, at Gorilla Tango's Skokie Theatre, 7924 Lincoln Ave., Skokie.

Proffit reported that his tale "encompasses all the characters in the Enchanted Forest — Rapunzel, the Three Little Pigs, the Three Bears, Little Red Riding Hood. They're all part of this one community. The word gets around about what Goldilocks did."

Soon everyone is gathering at the "must-see trial," Proffit related. "There's testimonies from all the characters, like Old McDonald and Humpty Dumpty. They give their take on how they know her and the situation."

A cast of 20, ages 10-18, play Goldilocks and all the other characters.

"This is something that the entire family can come out for and enjoy," Proffit said.

Tickets are \$12.

For details, call (847) 677-7761 or go to www.gorillatango.com.

RUFF LESSON

Kids will learn about "Getting Along with Dogs," 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 22 at the Lincolnwood Public Library, 4000 W. Pratt Ave. The educational program will be presented by Rainbow Animal Assisted Therapy. It is

particularly intended for kids in kindergarten-fourth grade but all ages are welcome.

For details, call (847) 677-5277 or go to www.lincolnwoodlibrary.org.

RIDE A RIG

A wide variety of vehicles will be parked in the lot of the Oakton Community Center, 4701 Oakton St., Skokie, for Touch-A-Truck, 10-11:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 21. Kids can climb aboard, honk horns and pretend they are on the highway at this free event.

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

HOT DOG! LAURA'S COMING

Popular Chicago family entertainer Laura Doherty will sing her "Chicago Hot Dog" song and rock out on other favorite numbers, 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 21 at 27 Live, 1012-14 Church St., Evanston. Doherty is a longtime teacher in the Wiggleworms program at the Old Town School of Folk Music. Tickets are \$12.

For details, call (855) 927-5483 or go to www.27live.com.

THAR HE BLOWS!

Come one, come all, to the "Smarty Pants Big Balloon Circus Show," 2-3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 21 at the Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave. Smarty, who has performed on WGN-TV, will create larger-than-life structures and creatures with balloons during his hilarious show.

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You Tube meets Yelp

KidzVuz a safe site for the under-13 crowd

MOMMY ON A
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My 7-year-old loves to make videos. Whether it's sharing his favorite recipe or talking about the latest "Wimpy Kid" book, there is no subject that's too small for him to review. I love this about him. He's creative, thoughtful and has a strong point of view, but until recently, his desire to share his content was less than appealing.

The Children's Online Privacy Protection Act prevents kids under the age of 13 from having their own YouTube, Facebook or Instagram accounts. And even if the act wasn't in place, I'm not comfortable letting my young son share his content in an online forum that is often riddled with inappropriate content and "unkind" comments. Enter KidzVuz, a unique online community for kids, by kids that allows children to create, post and watch homemade videos in a safe, secure and bully-free environment.

"We like to think of KidzVuz as 'You Tube with training wheels,'" says Rebecca Levey, who along with Nancy Friedman founded the kid-oriented review site. "When we created KidzVuz, we wanted to create a place where kids could share their interests and passions in a safe, secure and monitored environment."

In fact, the KidzVuz monitoring system is one of the things that makes it such a great resource for kids. While most "monitored" sites use complex algorithms and

keyword searches to monitor their content, KidzVuz uses a team of experts to monitor every video, comment and response that is posted online.

"Our goal is to encourage self-expression but also teach kids about boundaries and help them understand the difference between appropriate content and things that really ought to be left unsaid or offline," says Friedman.

KidzVuz encourages its users to share their passions. The result is a diverse website with a wide variety of reviews from toys and games to TV shows, movies and travel destinations. Consequently, kids from all over the country can go to KidzVuz to "meet" other friends who share their hobbies and interests. For many kids, this can be a great outlet as they are able to connect with other kids who share their views while also having the opportunity to pontificate about things they really love.

KidzVuz is free and open to kids ages 7-12. Kids need their parents' permission to register but then posting a video is as easy as choosing a username and pressing "record." Although the site's main goal is to be a safe place where kids can share their views and opinions, they do host contests, giveaways and other programs that offer extra incentives and exciting experiences. As our kids become more tech savvy and feel more empowered to express their thoughts and opinions, I'm thrilled there is a safe place that encourages creative thought, higher order thinking and plenty of fun.

For more information about KidzVuz, visit www.kidzvuz.com.

Nancy Friedman and Rebecca Levey, founders of KidzVuz, a website aimed at kids ages 7-12, where they can post videos and share opinions. PHOTO BY ANDREW SCHWARTZ



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THURSDAY, SEPT. 19

Morning Matinee: 'Hitchcock'
10:30 a.m.: This 2012 movie examines filmmaker Alfred Hitchcock's relationship to Alma Reville during the filming of "Psycho" in 1959. Starring Anthony Hopkins, Helen Mirren and Scarlett Johansson. 98 minutes. Lincolnwood Public Library, 4000 W. Pratt Ave., Lincolnwood. For more information, call 847-677-5277.

Travel Film: Alabama
2 p.m.: Tour the beautiful attractions of this southern state. Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge. Call 847-825-3123.

Film: 'The Great Gatsby'
2 p.m.: A Midwestern war veteran finds himself drawn to the past and lifestyle of his millionaire neighbor. Stars Leonardo DiCaprio, Carey Mulligan. 140 minutes. Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove. Call 847-965-4220.

Art Class
4 p.m.: Children grades two to six are welcome to drop in for an art class taught by the staff from Brickton Art Center. Registration begins Sept. 7. Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge. For more information, call 847-825-3123.

Drop-in Big Kids Storytime
5:30 p.m.: Children should be between kindergarten and second grade. Eisenhower Public Library, 4613 N. Oketo Ave., Harwood Heights. Call 708-867-2298.

Melissa Ferrick
7 p.m.: The multi-instrumentalist singer-songwriter performs songs from her latest album, "The Truth is," released June 4. Evanston SPACE, 1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston. Call 847-492-8860 or visit www.evanstonospace.com. \$25-\$40.

An Evening with Jim Schwantz
8 p.m.: Meet the former Chicago Bears and Dallas Cowboys player, Jim Schwantz, and hear what he has to say about his days as a professional football player. Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge. Call 847-825-3123.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 20

Friday Morning Coffee Club: 'Mount Rushmore'
10 a.m.: Drink coffee and learn about the creation of the four American Presidents' faces carved into the side of a cliff in this documentary. Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge. Call 847-825-3123.

Drop-in Junior Storytime
10 a.m.: Children should be between 3 and 5 to participate. Eisenhower Public Library, 4613 N. Oketo Ave., Harwood Heights. Call 708-867-2298.

Friday Fun Time
10 a.m.: Infant through school-age children and their caregivers are invited for an hour of stories, music and play. Lincolnwood Public Library, 4000 W. Pratt Ave., Lincolnwood. Call 847-677-5277.

Film: 'Oblivion'
1 p.m.: In this 2013 sci-fi thriller, a man assigned to look after Earth's remaining resources begins to question his mission. Starring Tom Cruise, Morgan Freeman and Olga Kurylenko. 124 minutes. Lincolnwood Public Library, 4000 W. Pratt Ave., Lincolnwood. Call 847-677-5277.

YA Minecraft Tournament
3:30 p.m.: Pop into the library for a Minecraft creative competition. The winner receives a Minecraft prize. Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge. For more information, call 847-825-3123.

'The Avengers'
8 p.m.: The movie tells the story of a group of super humans coming together to save the Earth from disaster and villains. Robert Downey Jr., Scarlett Johansson, Mark Ruffalo and Chris Hemsworth star. 140 minutes. Bring a blanket, pillow or lawn chair. Timber Park, 3103 Hawthorne St., Franklin Park.

Band of Heathens
10 p.m.: The five-man band out of Austin, Texas, performs American rock with its updated lineup. Evanston SPACE, 1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston. Call 847-492-8860 or visit www.evanstonospace.com. \$15-\$27.

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SATURDAY, SEPT. 21

Fall Arts & Crafts Adventure
9 a.m.: The American Society of Artists is seeking artists to be part of this 23rd annual event. For more information, visit www.americansocietyofartists.org. Hodges Park, 101 S. Courtland Ave., Park Ridge.

Touch-a-Truck
10 a.m.: Toddlers and children can check out some of the Skokie area's coolest trucks. A parent should plan on being present. Oakton Park, 4701 W. Oakton St., Skokie.

4 Wheels & Fall Fun!
11 a.m.: Climb on and explore your favorite vehicles including fire engines, police cars, tractors, and more. Enjoy fall games and crafts, fall food and many other activities. Sponsored by the Park Ridge Park District Maine Park Leisure Center, 2701 W. Sibley St., Park Ridge. \$8-\$15.

Norwood Park Fall Fest
Noon: The event celebrates the autumnal equinox and features live music, a beer garden, Irish dancing, face painting and plenty of fun activities for children. Norwood Park Metra Station, 6088 N. Northwest Highway, Chicago. Call 773-763-3606.

Autumn Fest
Noon: Celebrate the autumnal equinox with the Morton Grove Park District at this event, which features hay rides, games, live music, a petting zoo and other fun activities for families. Giordano's will be on hand to sell pizza and a local Culver's franchise will offer frozen custard. Harter Park, 6250 W. Dempster St., Morton Grove.

City Made Fest
Noon: The fest will feature Chicago beers, Chicago music and Chicago ar-

tisans in a weekend-long celebration of all things local. Runs noon-9 p.m. Sept. 21 and 22. Intersection, North Clark Street and Winnemac Avenue, Chicago. \$5 suggested donation.

Logan Square Beer Fest
2 p.m.: Sample 40 seasonal and rare beers, including Wild Onion, Lakefront, Two Brothers and more. Festival also includes live music, food vendors and raffles. Admission includes 20 drink tickets. Logan Square Auditorium, 2539 N. Kedzie Ave., Chicago. Call 847-217-1626.

Saturday Family Films at CAMS: 'James and the Giant Peach'
2 p.m.: This 1996 film, based on the Roald Dahl book, tells the story of a boy who journeys to New York City inside a giant peach with bugs as travel companions. Featuring the voices of Paul Terry, Joanna Lumley and Pete Postlethwaite. 79 minutes. There are two screenings of the film at the same time, one at the Evanston Public Library - Chicago Avenue Branch, 900 Chicago Ave., Evanston, and one at the library's Main Branch, 1703 Orrington Ave., Evanston. For more information, call 847-448-8610.

Paul Taylor
7 p.m.: For VIP tickets, call 312-725-0740. Regular ticket information available at www.smoothchicago.com. InterContinental O'Hare Hotel and Gallery, 5300 N. River Road, Rosemont. \$49-\$69.

Family Star Gazing
7:30 p.m.: The event is organized by the Chicago Astronomical Society and the Cernan Space Center. North Park, 10040 W. Addison Ave., Franklin Park.

Music Institute of Chicago Showcases Stellar Faculty in Concert
7:30 p.m.: The program includes several Chopin nocturnes as well as Rachmaninoff's Suite No. 1. Music Institute of Chicago - Nichols Concert Hall, 1490 Chicago Ave., Evanston. Call 847-905-1500, ext. 108. \$30 for adults, \$20 for seniors, \$10 for students.

Kashmir: A Tribute to Led Zeppelin
9 p.m.: The band recreates the Led-Zep-

plin experience with authentic stage gear, costumes and special effects in a family-oriented show. 27 Live, 1012 Church St., Evanston. Call 855-927-5483. \$10-\$12.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 22

Log House Jubilee
1 p.m.: This event celebrates the historic log house, which was moved into Crow Island Woods about a decade ago. Expect barbecue and fun games for children and families. Schmidt-Burnham Log House, 1140 Willow Road, Winnetka. Call 847-446-0001.

Fifth Annual International Celebration
2 p.m.: Enjoy an international extravaganza featuring dance performances from around the world and a complimentary food tasting sponsored by local restaurants. Feldman Recreation Center, 8800 W. Kathy Lane, Niles.

MONDAY, SEPT. 23

WWE Raw TV
6:30 p.m.: Parking is \$20, cash only. More information and ticketing at www.allstatearena.com. Allstate Arena, 6920 Mannheim Road, Rosemont. \$20-\$95.

Film: 'We Steal Secrets: The Story of Wikileaks'
6:30 p.m.: The film details the creation of Julian Assange's controversial website, which facilitated the largest security breach in U.S. history. 130 minutes. Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove. Call 847-965-4220.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 24

Film: 'Becoming Jane'
11:30 a.m.: The young Jane Austen (Anne Hathaway) attempts to begin her literary career as she meets the mischievous Thomas Lefroy, who shows up and turns her world around. 120 minutes. Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove. Call 847-965-4220.

Foreign Film: 'Amour'
7 p.m.: Watch this movie about a retired music teacher in the final months of her

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life. French with English subtitles. PG-13, 127 min. Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge. Call 847-825-3123.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 25

Northwest Chicago Film Society: 'Casque D'or'

7:30 p.m.: A 1952 French film with English subtitles directed by Jacques Becker. 94 minutes. Patio Theatre, 6008 W. Irving Park Road, Chicago.

Vienna Teng With Barnaby Bright

7:30 p.m.: The Ann Arbor based pianist and singer-songwriter performs a mixture of folk, pop and classical piano. Evanston SPACE, 1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston. For more information, call 847-492-8860 or visit www.evanston-space.com. \$15-\$35.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 26

Last Chance for Korean War Exhibit

Noon: This exhibit commemorating the 60th Anniversary of the Korean War Armistice ends Sept. 26. The exhibit is presented in conjunction with the Korean Keumsil Cultural Society and features a variety of images and memorabilia, including items from the private collection of Jin Lee. The museum is open until 4 p.m. Skokie Heritage Museum, 8031 Floral Ave., Skokie. Call 847-674-1500, ext. 3000.

Travel Film: 'Secret Caribbean'

2 p.m.: Discover the incredible extremes of the Caribbean. Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge. Call 847-825-3123.

Mucca Pazza: Sitting In Chairs

8 p.m.: The rock-styled marching band performs restless, rambunctious live shows. Evanston SPACE, 1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston. For more information, call 847-492-8860 or visit www.evanston-space.com. \$15-\$27.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 27

MGPL Kids Flicks: 'Epic'

4 p.m.: A teenager finds herself transported to a deep forest setting where a battle between the forces of good and the forces of evil is taking place. 102 minutes. Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove. Call 847-965-4220.

MGPL After Dark: Echoes of Spain Concert

7 p.m.: Celebrate the end of the week with a musical performance at the library. Norman Ruiz and Jeffrey Warren, two virtuoso guitar players, are Echoes of Spain and will present a concert of classical guitar. Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove. Call 847-965-4220.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 28

Oktoberfest to Benefit Center of Concern

6 p.m.: A \$50 ticket includes a traditional German dinner, complimentary

wine and one beer or mixed drink (cash bar available throughout the evening), entertainment provided by German band and slap dancers, raffles and more. Ridgemoor Country Club, 6601 W. Gunnison St., Harwood Heights. Call 847-823-3699.

by creating a jack-o'-lantern that looks like your favorite character from a children's book. All ages are invited and all materials will be supplied. Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge. For more information, call 847-825-3123.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 29

Film: 'Three Worlds'

2 p.m.: A hit-and-run accident results in the death of an illegal foreigner. Three men, including a young executive, are aboard the vehicle and decide to keep silence about the whole thing, but a young woman is witness to it and succeeds in finding the driver. French, Moldovan with English subtitles; 100 minutes. Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove. Call 847-965-4220.

SATURDAY, OCT. 5

Film: 'Psycho'

2 p.m.: An unsuspecting victim (Janet Leigh) visits the Bates Motel and falls prey to one of cinema's most notorious psychopaths, Norman Bates. 110 minutes. Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove. For more information, please call 847-965-4220.

SUNDAY, OCT. 6

Family Scarecrow Making

Noon: Bring some old clothes and the park will bring straw so that you can make your very own scarecrow. Norridge Park, 4631 N. Overhill Ave., Norridge. Call 708-457-1244. \$9-\$15 per family.

TUESDAY, OCT. 1

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Paul Dano and Jake Gyllenhaal in "Prisoners."

Morally complicated thriller takes no 'Prisoners'

BY **BRUCE INGRAM**
Film Critic

After his teenage son completes a rite of passage by shooting his first deer in the opening scene of this grim, morally complicated thriller, Keller Dover passes on the watchword he learned from his father: Be ready.

Meaning that the boy is becoming a man and one of the things a man has to do is prepare himself to handle anything — especially when he has a family to protect. Hence the survivalist gear and rations Keller (Hugh Jackman in a career-best performance) has stashed in the basement of their home. Even when something so unthinkable he couldn't prepare for it happens, there's nothing — nothing — Keller won't do to keep his family safe.

Of course, that's the sort of attitude we admire in a movie hero, right? Or is it? What if that nothing he won't do includes kidnapping and torture? One of the most effective, and most disturbing, things about "Prisoners" is that it doesn't provide an easy answer to that question.

The English-language debut of Quebec director Denis Villeneuve, who was Oscar-nominated for the 2010 war drama "Incendies," "Prisoners" wastes no time establishing that central moral dilemma. Keller and his family are enjoying Thanksgiving dinner with their neighbors, the Birches (Terrence Howard and Viola Davis), when the youngest daughters in each family go outside to play together and never return. The two girls simply disappear without a trace, the only clue being that they had been seen earlier climbing on an unfamiliar recreational

vehicle parked on the street.

Police, led by a local ace detective named Loki (Jake Gyllenhaal, also turning in one of his best performances), locate the RV and arrest the driver, a young man named Alex (Paul Dano), whose matted hair, vacant expression and creepy demeanor practically shriek child abductor. It turns out that Alex, who is cared for by his aunt (Melissa

Leo), has the IQ of a 10-year-old, so the police let him go when they find no physical evidence in the vehicle.

That doesn't sit well with Keller, however, whose typically suppressed anger has erupted into barely controllable rage. After attacking Alex at the police station and hearing him say something Keller interprets as an admission of guilt, the tormented father decides to take the matter into his own hands. Soon he has abducted Alex at gunpoint and taken him to an isolated building where he subjects the dazed and confused young man to brutal beatings and interrogation techniques straight out of Abu Ghraib.

From that point, "Prisoners" develops along two complementary and equally effective lines. First, as a character study of Keller (who becomes increasingly conflicted about what he's doing as days pass) and Detective Loki (whose mild, soft-spoken manner conceals rage of his own). And second, as a complex and well-executed mystery with several major surprises in store, including one that manages to sustain suspense until the very last frame.

Most of all, though, "Prisoners" raises questions about whether or not extreme means are justified by a crucially important end, making it very much a drama of and about these times.

'PRISONERS'
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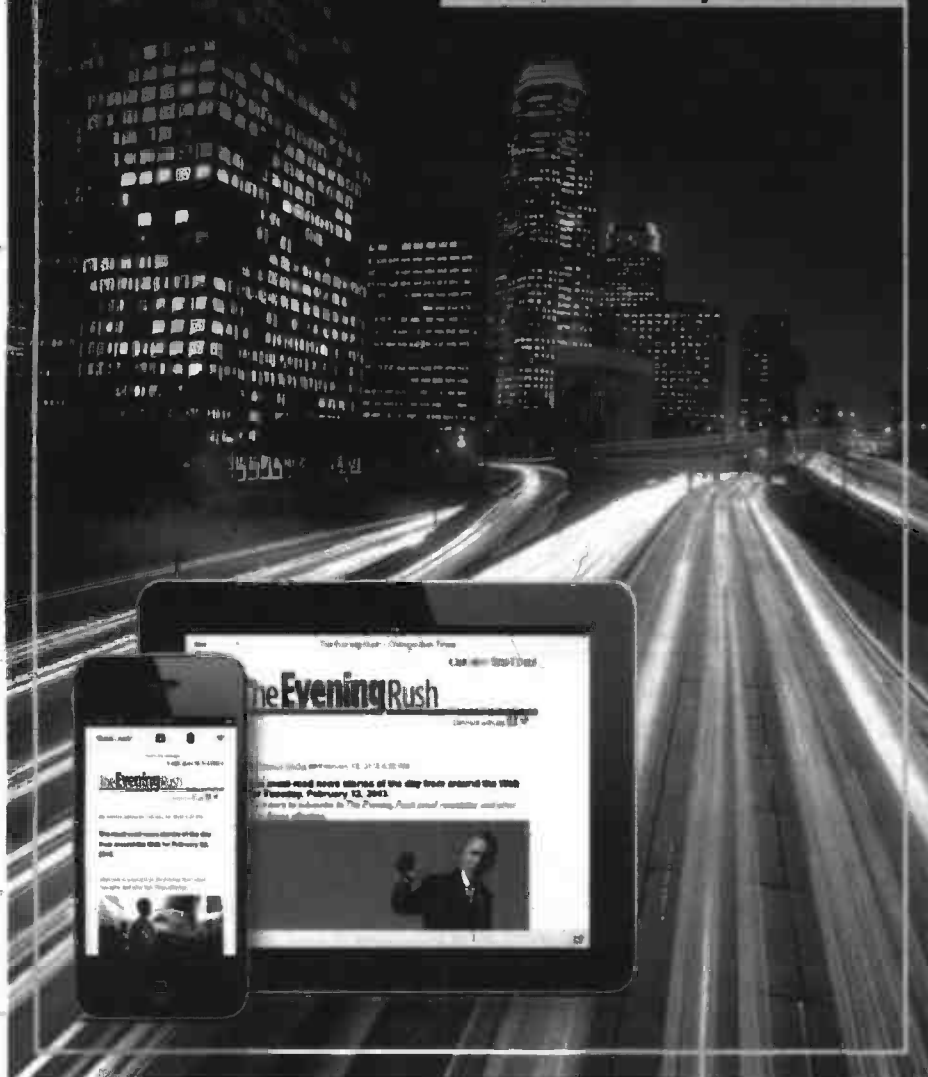
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Fri, Sat 1:30-4:15-7-9:45-12:25; Sun 1:30-4:15-7-9:45; Mon-Thu 11:50-2:35-5:15-8:05-10:50

Battle of the Year in 3-D (PG-13)

Fri, Sat 11:20-2-4:45-7:30-10:15-12:55; Sun 11:20-2-4:45-7:30-10:15; Mon-Thu 2-4:45-7:30-10:15

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Mon-Wed 12:15-2:30-3:45-6-7:15-9:30-10:45; Thu 2:30-2:45-6-8:15-9:30

Insidious: Chapter 2 (PG-13)

Fri, Sat 11:10-1:50-4:30-7:10-9:50-12:30; Sun 11:10-1:50-4:30-7:10-9:50; Mon-Wed 1:50-4:30-7:10-9:50; Thu 12:15-2:55-5:35-8:15-10:55

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The Family (R)

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The Mortal Instruments: City of Bones (PG-13)

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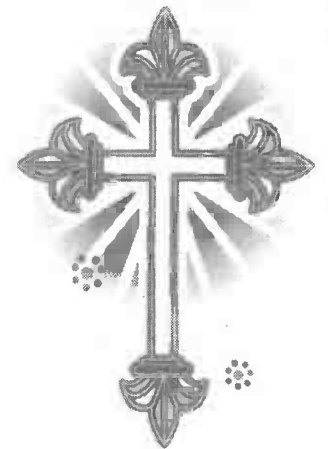
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www.wmtcogic.org
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Sunday Service: 11:30 AM
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 Impact (Grades 9-12): 6 pm
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www.WillowNorthShore.org

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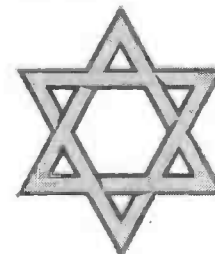
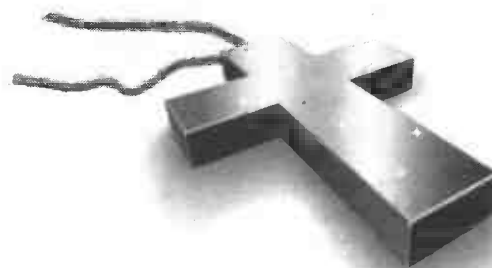
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www.holynativity-church.org
 275 S. Richmond Ave., (630) 323-6820
 Sunday Services: 7:30 AM; 9:30 AM
 with Nursery Provided
 Christian Formation: 10:45 AM

Notre Dame Catholic Church
 64 Norfolk Ave. (630) 654-3365
www.notredameparish.org
 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
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www.sjlcdarien.org
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 (Nursery available)
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www.ourladyofmtcarmel.org
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 Sun., 8:15, 10:00 AM, 12:00 Noon,
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HINSDALE

Evangelical Covenant Church of Hinsdale
 412 S. Garfield St.
 630-323-2318
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
 SATURDAYS
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www.UCHinsdale.org
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 Traditional Worship: 9:00 AM,
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 Nursery: 8:45 AM
 Contemporary Worship: 10:30 AM



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 Sunday: 7:00 AM, 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM,
 11:00 AM, 12:30 PM (Spanish)
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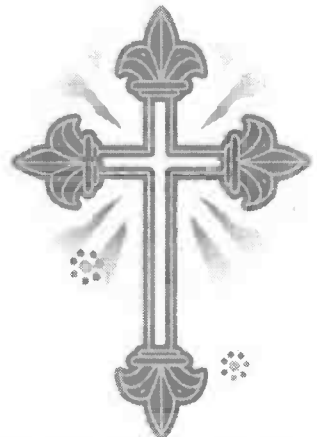
First Presbyterian Church
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www.fpclg.org
 Sunday Worship Service
 Traditional 9:30 AM,
 Contemporary 11:15 AM



LA GRANGE

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Lowy, Alice

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Visitation Thursday, September 19, 3-8 p.m., at **Ryan-Parke Funeral Home**, 120 S. Northwest Hwy., Park Ridge. Funeral Friday, 9:30 a.m. from funeral home, to St. Paul of the Cross Church. Mass 10 a.m. Interment All Saints Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials to Lutheran Home, 800 W. Oakton, Arlington Heights, IL 60004. Info. <http://www.ryan-parke.com/>.

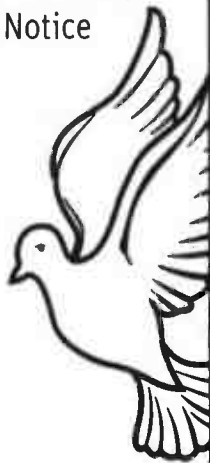


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(nee Kiso) August 2, 1943 - July 4, 2013. Betsy was born in Chicago to Karl and Lorene Kiso, and spent her childhood in Morton Grove, IL, moved to Palatine, IL in 1967 and moved to Spring Grove, IL in 1998.

Betsy was a talented American Decorative Painting teacher and also a lifetime needlepoint artist. She had an eye for beauty - the beauty in a flower, a smile, a baby, in having and being a friend, of both hardship and joy in life, and in the love for family and feeling loved by her family. Important lessons Betsy left us with: do your best, don't take it personally, be impeccable with your word, don't make assumptions, and in parting - "Dry your tears dear, there will never be enough time".

Betsy is survived by her husband Phil, Spring Grove, IL; her children, Mark Thomas (Iwona), Arlington, TX; Brian Thomas (Diann), Salem, WI; Marcia Chellman (Robert), Kenosha, WI; Karen Kohn (Jim), Middleton, WI; step-children, Kacey Troyer (Karen), Mechanicsburg, PA; and Kamela Harrison (Neil), Itasca, IL. Betsy is also survived by eleven grandchildren: Christopher and Samantha (Thomas); Tyler (Thomas); Jarrod, Joel, Caleb, and Dana (Chellman); Kyle and Kimberlyn (Troyer); and Louise and Jay (Harrison).

A memorial service will be held at a future time. Memorials may be made to the charity of your choice or to your local library as Betsy was an avid reader and user of the local public library.

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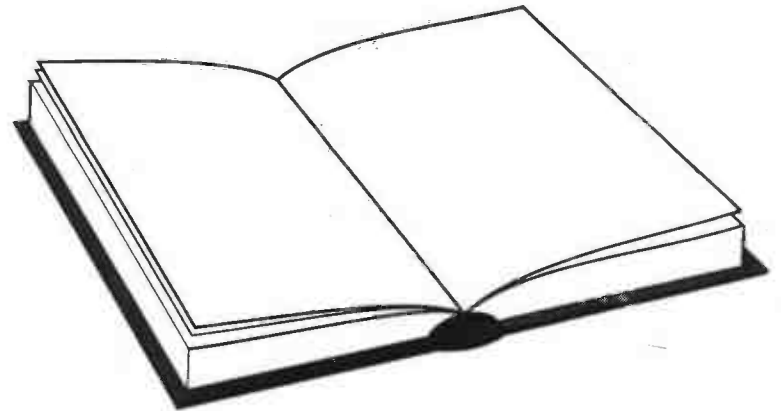
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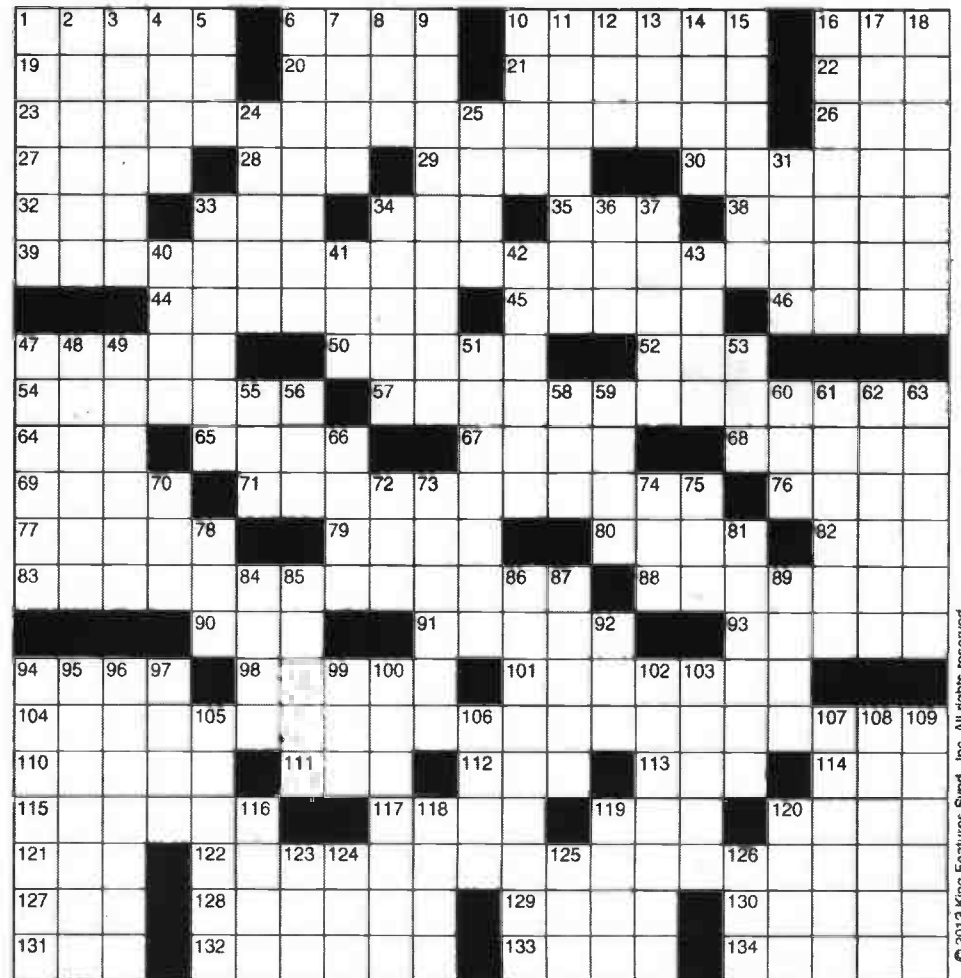


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 - 28 BlackBerry device, e.g., for short
 - 29 Floppy parts of a beagle
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 - 32 Partner of neither
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 - 34 Miss the mark
 - 35 Adherent: Suffix
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 - 39 Riddle, part 2
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 - 65 Bread buy
 - 67 Shoulder of a road
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 - 69 Hollow between hills
 - 71 Riddle, part 4
 - 76 Entwined
 - 77 Behave theatrically
 - 79 Feline cry
 - 80 Kosovo resident
 - 82 Vote "for"
 - 83 Riddle, part 5
 - 88 Revised, as text
 - 90 Dove noise
 - 91 Unbusy bee
 - 93 Sloppy
 - 94 Ladder part
 - 98 Explorer — da Gama
 - 101 Hockey great Mario
 - 104 End of the riddle
 - 110 Trendily dated
 - 111 Woodcutting tool
 - 112 "So nasty!"
 - 113 Pindaric poem
 - 114 A fire sign
 - 115 Melodious
 - 117 Actress Olin
 - 119 Haloed Fr. woman
 - 120 Spurt
 - 121 Abbr. in co. names
 - 122 Riddle's answer
 - 127 Leisure shirt
 - 128 Bee or flea
 - 129 Axel or lutz
 - 130 Word with city or circle
 - 131 Part of OS: Abbr.
 - 132 Capital of Kansas
 - 133 — terrier
 - 134 Feats of skill
 - 6 Woman's bedroom
 - 7 Former Vegas star
 - 8 Terminus
 - 9 Passenger-transporting motorboat
 - 10 Champagne bucket
 - 11 Nobel Prize category
 - 12 — Solo
 - 13 — scale of 1 to 10
 - 14 Sci-fi manner
 - 15 It has lashes
 - 16 Participant in an arguing contest
 - 17 Posh
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 - 24 Voice a view
 - 25 Rabbit kin
 - 31 TV "explorer"
 - 33 Warm-blooded one
 - 34 Consume, Bible-style
 - 36 "Na Na" lead-in
 - 37 Chicken — masala (Indian dish)
 - 40 Fuse
 - 41 1997 sci-fi spoof, briefly
 - 42 Projecting window
 - 43 Milk, in Metz
 - 47 Innocent until — guilty
 - 48 Deli staple
 - 49 Alternative to digital
 - 51 Person jostling someone in jest
 - 53 — Z (thorough)
 - 55 Park place?
 - 56 "Well, — di-dah!"
 - 58 Hear legally
 - 59 Medical ins. plans
 - 60 "So nasty!"
 - 61 Big London insurer
 - 62 Flood zone structures
 - 63 Unwavering
 - 66 U.S. disaster relief org.
 - 70 Ordinal number ending
 - 72 Stitch up
 - 73 Flatted out
 - 74 Doctor's charge
 - 75 It has triceps
 - 78 List finisher: Abbr.
 - 81 Mystify
 - 84 Harbor inlet
 - 85 Lion sounds
 - 86 Attendance-checking routines
 - 87 Skulk around
 - 89 Subsequent
 - 92 They precede ens
 - 94 Narrow ship passages
 - 95 "Laura" star Gene
 - 96 Leads on
 - 97 Firebug
 - 99 Org. issuing nine-digit IDs
 - 100 Unruly patch of hair
 - 102 Related element form
 - 103 Quilt stuffing
 - 105 Small, sticky note
 - 106 "If it — broke ..."
 - 107 Like Swiss peaks
 - 108 Not optional
 - 109 High-rises
 - 116 "How awful!"
 - 118 Jazz singer James
 - 119 Totter
 - 120 Clearheaded
 - 123 Sci-fi talent
 - 124 Director Spike or Ang
 - 125 "I see mice!"
 - 126 Prefix with life or size



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PUZZLE ANSWERS



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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You might need to get more facts to help you work out those problems with your new project. A friendly approach shows the charming Arians at their best.



TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Information is what energizes ambition, and this is a good time for the ambitious Bovine to expand his or her range of knowledge.



GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) This is a good time to consider making some long-overdue decorating changes at home or in your workplace. A splash of color can help raise spirits.



CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Learn more. Earn more. That's the formula for Moon Children looking to expand their career horizons. Investigate the best places to get those training courses.



LEO (July 23 to August 22) Your creative side helps gain attention for many of your ideas. But don't neglect the practical aspects involved in implementing their move from paper to production.



VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A health problem should not be ignored. The sooner you check it out, the sooner you can deal with it. Some job advice comes from an unlikely source.



LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A relationship takes an unexpected shift that could leave you puzzled and hurt. Asking for an explanation could help uncover the reason for this turn of events.



SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Your busy schedule has drawn down much of your energy levels. Restore them by spending a well-earned timeout enjoying the arts.



SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Make that presentation with confidence. When you show you believe in yourself, it helps persuade others that you truly know what you're doing.



CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Although you usually prefer doing things on your own, a group effort might be advisable at this time. Try to keep an open mind about suggestions.



AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) This could be a good time to reassess some of your recent decisions and see if any adjustments should be made based on facts just uncovered.



PISCES (February 19 to March 20) An emotionally charged situation creates uncertainty about the future of your relationship. Talk things out while there's still time to reach a new understanding.

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Dennis Roberts' 1950 Ford Customline

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Dennis Roberts 1950 Ford Customline Convertible used to look like a banana; and a dirty banana at that. But that was before Roberts was able to get his hands on it. Roberts purchased the Ford in 1998 from an owner in Pennsylvania. That's when his restoration project began.

First it was all the engine restoration, which Roberts did on his own. That included the installation of a brand-new chrome

plated flathead V8; an engine similar to the ones seen in custom-made hot rods. The extensive body work and upholstery, was done by others who specialize in the trade. Roberts officially laid to rest the car's "Yellow Banana" nickname when he topped it off with a black cherry metallic paint job. The color, which often comes off as a dark maroon, was first seen on Cadillacs.

These days, Roberts's souped-up Ford is collection

of transplanted parts. It sports Plymouth bumpers, a Pontiac grill and Oldsmobile Fiesta hubcaps.

Thus far, Roberts says it hasn't been on many long distance adventures. The Customline spends most of its time being shown off at car shows.

The restoration project, in its entirety, took five years for Roberts, but now, when he sits behind the wheel, he says it was well worth it.

Marco Kubil's 1997 Volvo 850R

By Joshua Beckman - joshua.beckman@wrapports.com

"One of the things my dad always told me was never fall in love with a car, and I took his advice on a lot of things, but not on this," says Marco Kubil of La Grange. "I love this car."

Kubil's 1997 850R Volvo is his "real baby," he says. "It only comes out when it's warm out - only when it's nice out." The R designation on the model is a high performance designation, but the car has been out of commission quite a few times. "My wife, Rhonda, got into a crash with this car - someone else crashed into her - my employee once crashed it, my daughters and son have put dents and scratches



into it - it's bad luck! Maybe that's why I don't drive it too much - I'm afraid a jet engine would fall on me or something."

Still, Kubil values this battered and rebuilt car more than many things. Coming from an auto background, Kubil performs

all the maintenance on the car himself - keeping the body and engine in top shape at all times of the year.

The license plate on the bright red volvo reads "RCRASH 1." That stands for "Rhonda crash 1, Marco crash 0," Kubil says, with a grin.

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In June, Niles residents opted to purchase Mercedes-Benz vehicles more often than any other luxury car brand. Mercedes-Benz topped the luxury sales chart with eight sales of the 34 total sales of luxury cars to Niles residents. A total of two new Mercedes-Benz vehicles and six used Mercedes-Benz vehicles made up the eight overall Mercedes-Benz sales in the month.

Lexus, which accounted for seven sales, was the second most popular luxury brand sold to Niles residents in June. BMW ranked third on the June list of most popular car brands totaling five sales. Overall, Lexus was the most popular luxury auto brand bought new (three purchases), while Mercedes-Benz was the most popular luxury brand bought used (six purchases).

In June, 65 percent of luxury car purchases



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by Niles residents came through a local dealer, while 35 percent came via private party transactions. Private party transactions accounted for 12 of the 34 total luxury car sales to Niles residents in June, while local dealer transactions accounted for 22 luxury auto sales. Bredemann Lexus in Glenview was the top dealer of luxury cars to Niles residents in June with four overall sales. Other popular dealerships

selling luxury vehicles to Niles residents in the month included McGrath Imports (three sales) and Loeber Motors (two). Taking all auto sales into account (not just luxury sales), Niles residents bought 229 vehicles in June. Of the 229 total auto purchases, 147 were used vehicles and 82 were new vehicles. In other words, used cars and trucks accounted for 64 percent of total sales in the month.

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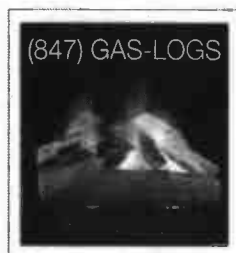
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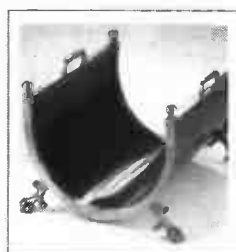
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Taking the reins

Only a sophomore, Adams a leader on the Dons' back line

BY JONAH ROSENBLUM
For Sun-Times Media, @HSCNewsNorth

NILES — As a freshman, Nate Adams may have come on a little strong.

"Coming in, when I played club and stuff before high school, I was always the leader, so the first couple of days, I sort of had that mentality and I was just barking orders and I got a few glares from people wondering who's this freshman telling me what to do," Adams said.

So the defender on Notre Dame's soccer team stepped back.

"Playing with a bunch of juniors and seniors I didn't really feel that I had the right per se to really step up," Adams said.

As a sophomore, Adams is now suddenly expected to play a leadership role for the Dons.

"We always knew he was a good player and as a freshman he was kind of quiet and played a role and just kind of kept his mouth quiet," coach Reggie Lara said. "But now we're expecting him as one of the better players on the team to kind of step up and he's been doing that, especially in terms of his communication."

Adams is an unusual candidate to lead. Not only is he the only underclassman playing defense for the Dons, but Steven Nowotarski and Mitch Wernet — both senior captains — stand directly to Adams' right. But Adams is the only returning defensive starter, and so he has a special role to play for Notre Dame.

"Even though they're captains, they're really open to learning and stuff. It's much easier this year because I do have a much stronger foothold with the team," Adams said. "It's been nerve-wracking but I have confidence in myself and in my back line."

That confidence is key — given

that surrendering eight goals to Maine East on Sept. 4 could have easily shattered it.

"We had arrogance," Adams said. "We didn't think we could be beaten by anyone and that slapped a little humility in us."

The Dons bounced back, particularly in their first victory, a crisply played 2-1 win over St. Rita on Sept. 10.

Goaltender Robert Hill — another senior captain — barely touched the ball.

"We knew we'd have growing pains," Lara said. "I think we got most of them out of the way in the Maine East Tournament, especially with that Maine East loss. Today (against St. Rita) was definitely a big step forward."

Adams was a key part of that step.

Early on, St. Rita junior forward Bailey Marth took big touches as he dribbled upfield, booting the ball several feet ahead of him. Unfortunately for Marth, Adams was a little quicker and caught up to the ball.

Shortly after, Adams scrapped away along the sideline, sliding a foot in between a Mustangs player's legs to pry the ball away.

In the second half, with the Dons clinging to a one-goal lead, it was Adams again beating St. Rita senior midfielder Chris Delgado to a loose ball.

"He's a great defender, very aggressive and a real hard worker," Dons senior midfielder Lucas Carlson said. "He's a real tough defender, tough to get past, a tough-nosed player."

Such grit and skills were helped by a hard-working summer in which Adams attended college soccer camps at Notre Dame, Indiana and Northwestern. Adams said that going against bigger and older players was a helpful experience, the fruits of which were noted by his coach.

"His speed is definitely what helps him be a great outside defender," Lara said. "Part of that is also his experience. He's able to read things very soon, very early and that's from his experience."



The Notre Dame defense, which is pictured in action against Prairie Ridge on Aug. 31 in Niles, has surrendered a total of 13 points in the last two games. | J.GEIL/FOR SUN-TIMES MEDIA

||| NOTRE DAME

Hennessey says ability to adjust bodes well

Dons execute their game plan, shut down no-huddle

BY KATE HEDLIN
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The Notre Dame football team put up some impressive offensive numbers in its first two games, scoring 44 and 47 points in wins over Prairie Ridge and Bartlett, respectively.

But the Dons are showing they are equally capable on the defensive side, a fact that is not too surprising given their experience.

Notre Dame is coming off consecutive strong defensive efforts. Following the 47-6 win over Bartlett on Sept. 7, the Dons defeated Normal Community 21-7 on the road Friday, limiting the Ironmen to 108 yards of total offense.

"(The defense) has been outstanding," Dons senior quarterback Ryan Greene said. "Their prepara-

tion last week in practice was great and they made the big plays (Friday). It really bailed out the offense because we had trouble getting it going. They won the game for us."

The preparation included focusing on stopping a no-huddle offense after allowing a Bartlett score on a similar scheme the previous week. Normal Community implemented a no-huddle throughout the game Friday, but the Dons were ready for it, holding firm most of the way.

"We knew that's what teams would target us with and sure enough, Normal came out and ran no-huddle," senior linebacker Tom Sora said. "To get a stop on the first drive, that's a great way to start the game. With that style, it's important everyone knows their responsibility and takes their spot seriously."

Notre Dame coach Mike Hennessey, whose team opens East Suburban Catholic Conference play against Marian Catholic on Friday in Niles, was pleased to see the Dons make adjustments and follow through against Normal Com-

munity, saying it's a good sign for tougher competition in the future.

"The defensive coaches put together a good game plan and the kids bought it," Hennessey said. "It's good to see because as we go through the season, the kids are going to be in different situations and see different things. To see the kids make adjustments and still come through in a strong fashion, it says a lot."

Given the experience of the unit, it's not difficult to see why the Dons have been so strong defensively and so apt at making adjustments. Sora and senior Dan Proano anchor the linebacking corps, while senior linemen Chris Bargione, Quatre Coats and Matt Kuszynski provide a big presence up front.

"The guys up front are doing a tremendous job keeping our linebackers free, and that's what our defense is predicated on," Hennessey said.

In addition, senior defensive back Tom Gonzales returned an interception 11 yards for a touchdown Friday.



Niles West's George Tripkos blocks Maine East's Scott Johnson as Wolves quarterback Tommy Galanopoulos looks for a receiver during the Sept. 12 game in Park Ridge. Tripkos is playing at both right guard and left tackle for the Wolves' short-handed offensive line. | NIC SUMMERS/FOR SUN-TIMES MEDIA

||| NILES WEST

Dearth of offensive linemen doesn't slow down Wolves

Team working on plays, technique in practice to reduce the chance of more injuries

BY ERIC VAN DRIL
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PARK RIDGE — The Niles West football team has nine spots to fill on its offensive and defensive lines, and just 16 linemen listed on its roster.

Wolves coach Scott Baum said he was able to fill those nine spots with nine different players a year ago. This year, because Niles West has fewer linemen and a pair of starters on its offensive line are sidelined with injuries, the Wolves have put a premium on keeping their players healthy in practice and versatility.

"We can't avoid all injuries, but we're trying to do the best we can," senior defensive end Denis Gar-

govic said. "This year we're more focusing on our plays and we're focusing on our technique more than our intensity (in practice). ... I think everyone's getting technically better. We don't have the biggest line, but technique's a big part."

Junior left tackle Daniel Studer (finger surgery) and junior left guard Tahir Meeks (hip flexor) were both starters at the beginning of the season, but Baum said they will both miss about two or three more weeks. Their injuries have forced the Wolves to use junior George Tripkos at both right guard and left tackle and insert junior middle linebacker Adam Pignato at left guard.

Tripkos and Pignato have been mainstays on the offensive line the last two weeks, and so too has senior Louis Reinemann. All three were joined by junior Andy Loathaveerungsawad in Niles West's 44-8 victory over Maine East on Sept. 12. Loathaveerungsawad's return to the lineup following a 10-day trip to Thailand

to attend a family funeral allowed Reinemann to move from center to right tackle against Maine East. Juniors Brian Stranz and Kaleb Siemieniewski also saw action against the Blue Demons.

The Wolves' offense has remained explosive, despite so little stability on its offensive line. Niles West, which is 3-0 and plays host Friday to Glenbrook North, is currently averaging 45.6 points per game and Baum is hopeful the return of Loathaveerungsawad, Studer and Meeks will make the team even stronger.

"We're looking to get more guys every week to come in and step (up)," Baum said.

"Andy has come back. He was out of town and now he's back, so now we've at least got a group of guys to rotate in and spell them (the linemen) a little bit. (The line is) a tough position to play both sides of the ball. Adam will be a kid that benefits — Denis will be (too). So hopefully that will help our defense out."

Growing up fast

Balourdos, Rusek lead the inexperienced Wolves past

BY MATT HARNESSE
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SKOKIE — Niles West notched its best win of the season last week against its biggest rival.

Freshman Eleni Balourdos was right in the middle of it all.

The rookie setter passed out 26 assists in the 20-25, 25-20, 25-17 win over Niles North on Sept. 11. Balourdos connected with senior outside hitter Olivia Rusek for two kills in the final four points.

"I was almost crying," Balourdos said after the victory, which avenged an earlier loss to the Vikings at New Trier's tournament. "This is such a good experience. I feel like I am getting better with every game."

Balourdos is one of several new starters for the Wolves. Rusek, who is verbally committed to Miami (Ohio), is the only returning starter.

"We've grown up quickly," said Niles West coach Stacy Metoyer, whose team improved to 5-4 overall. "For a freshman to set all the way through, for every rotation, is rare. She's really come in and done a great job."

"I thought we would experience more growing pains."

Along with Balourdos, first-year starters Keiann Williams, a junior, and Dominique Krason, a sophomore, also contributed to the win. Krason totaled eight kills, while Williams finished with four blocks.

But Metoyer said Rusek remains the backbone of the team. She had 19 kills, 12 digs and three blocks.

Balourdos said she's lucky to have such a talented player on her side. It makes her job that much easier.

"It's awesome," she said. "I will



Niles West's Eleni Balourdos sets a ball during the first game of a match at Niles North on Sept. 11. Niles West won the match 20-25, 25-20, 25-17. | BRIAN O'MAHONEY/FOR SUN-TIMES MEDIA

set her all day long. It doesn't even matter if the other team knows it."

Balourdos, who plays club ball for Niles-based Energy Volleyball Club, came on Metoyer's radar during the offseason. The coach said she liked Balourdos' hands and mentality.

"She's very mature," Metoyer said. "She listens well. She plays more like a junior or a senior than a freshman."

Balourdos said she figured to play on varsity, but she admitted she didn't expect to be successful so soon.

"Honestly, I had no idea what it was going to be like, but it was something I had worked hard for," she said. "I am getting more and more confident, and we are gelling more as a team."

||| NILES NORTH

Green developing into a force at new position for Vikings

In just her third season playing volleyball, junior making an impact at outside hitter

BY MATT HARNESS
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SKOKIE — In many ways, Amanda Green is auditioning for the job of go-to player for Niles North next season.

The junior is one of two outside hitters for the Vikings, but she's the second option to 6-foot-2 senior Taylor Louis, who has verbally committed to Marquette.

"Yeah, I do feel like I am preparing myself for that role, not only to be that kind of player but also that kind of leader," said Green, who moved from the middle to the outside this season.

The 6-1 Green said she can't believe she's come this far in a sport she started when she was a freshman.

"When I watch video from my first year, I'm like, 'Wow, I was really bad,'" she said with a laugh.

Green said simply getting the ball over the net or staying on her feet was a challenge during her freshman season.

"I was all over the place," she said. "I am more in control now. I am more in-tune with my body, instead of flying around everywhere."

Michael Cott said he moved Green to the outside to take advantage of her abilities, including her hitting and blocking. The Niles North coach said Green remains a work in progress, especially on the back row.

"She's very talented and a dynamic hitter," he said. "But she needs to improve her focus, her mentality on being out on the court for every play.

"I'm excited to see her improve and get more consistent. She just needs to be more disciplined in all aspects."

In the Vikings' 20-25, 25-20, 25-17 home loss to Niles West on Sept. 11, Green finished with eight kills, which was second only to Louis among Niles North players. Green, a club teammate of Louis' on the Evanston-based Wildcat Juniors, put down two consecutive kills in the third set that sparked a Vikings rally.

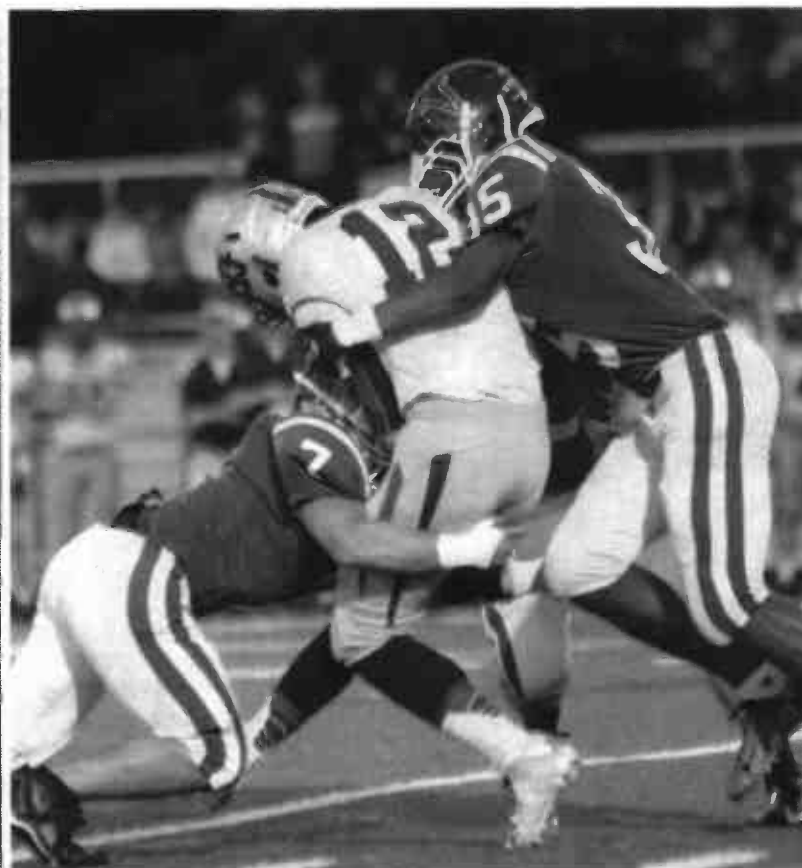
"I like the position change," said Green, one of 10 players on the roster either in a new position from last season or new to the varsity. "You get more sets, and the team relies on you more. But I know I have to be a good all-around player, and that is something I continue to work on."

Green said it's her defense that needs the most attention, but she believes it will come along the more experience she gets on the court.

Like Louis, Green wants to play volleyball in college. She said she's drawing interest from Division I programs, and she hopes to make a decision this fall. Green didn't reveal any of her college options.

Karen Sonders, the club director and recruiting coordinator at Wildcat Juniors, said Green can star at the next level. From a three-step takeoff, Green can reach 10 feet, a height that is rare among high school players.

"College coaches like to see that, and that's one of the first things they notice when they see her play," Sonders said. "That and her blocking."



||| NILES NORTH

Trevians blank Vikes

The Niles North football team scored three touchdowns in the fourth quarter of a Week 2 loss to Niles West, but the Vikings were not able to carry any of that momentum over into their game against New Trier.

The Trevians defeated the Vikings 52-0 in Skokie on Sept. 12. It was New Trier's first win of the season.

Niles North, which was coming off a 41-35 loss to the Wolves, dropped to 1-2. The Vikings play Friday at Glenbrook South.



TOP: Niles North's Vincent Rodriguez (7) and Daniel Monyongo (35) bring down New Trier starting quarterback Frank Nicholas (12) in the first quarter of the Sept. 12 game at Niles North. Nicholas left the game after the play. | MICHAEL JARECKI/FOR SUN-TIMES MEDIA

ABOVE: Niles North senior Ricco Benitez carries the ball upfield on a kick return in the first quarter of the Sept. 12 game against New Trier in Skokie. | MICHAEL JARECKI/FOR SUN-TIMES MEDIA

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Maine East left tackle Nick Pavlovic (72) and teammate Jasin Murati (81) line up during the Blue Demons' home game against Niles West in Park Ridge on Sept. 12. The complexion of the game changed when Pavlovic suffered an injury in the third quarter and the Wolves proceeded to score 28 straight points. | NIC SUMMERS/FOR SUN-TIMES MEDIA

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Blue Demons beset by injuries

Pavlovic, Lukovic latest contributors to get hurt

BY ERIC VAN DRIL
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PARK RIDGE — Injuries have been an inescapable constant for the Maine East football team this season.

Yet, the Blue Demons' healthy fullback and healthy offensive line-men allowed their team to hang with high-powered Niles West for the first two-and-a-half quarters of their Sept. 12 game. Maine East held the vast majority of possession against the Wolves in the first half — the Blue Demons (2-1) ran 33 plays to Niles West's 10, and only

trailed 16-8 at halftime — because of its power running game.

Then, suddenly, the team's two greatest strengths were on the sideline, injured. Left tackle Nick Pavlovic, a junior, went down holding his left knee with a little less than three minutes remaining in the third quarter. Senior fullback Javed Lukovic had to be helped off the field just two plays later due to an injury to his right ankle.

"Injuries brought us down in the third quarter," said junior George Corey, who started at left guard against Niles West and finished the game at fullback. "It just went down from there."

Niles West (3-0) scored 28 straight points after Pavlovic was injured en route to a 44-8 victory.

Not only did the Blue Demons' two biggest strengths disappear, but the mood on Maine East's

sideline shifted from enthusiastic to distraught.

Pavlovic is scheduled to miss Friday's road game against Maine South with a leg injury, but Maine East coach Gabe Corey said he's hopeful that the junior will return against Glenbrook North on Sept. 27. Lukovic's status was not known at press time.

"It's like a season from hell right now with injuries," said Gabe Corey, who's also George's father. "I've never had it (this bad), in all 34 years of coaching. I've never, in Week 1, (lost) 10 positions — five guys, (all) two-way starters. I've never had that. Then, (against Amundsen), we came out unscathed. We didn't have any injuries last week, and then (against Niles West) five or six guys (go) down. ... We're thin, but we're battling."

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Coronado heavily influenced by Dajani

BY DAN SHALIN
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PARK RIDGE — Maine East boys soccer coach Vic DiPrizio is not saying sophomore Matt Coronado is another Rami Dajani.

Athletes like Dajani, the former Blue Demons star and current freshman at Alabama-Birmingham, usually don't come around often.

Yet, DiPrizio has said since Coronado's all-conference freshman season that the striker was better than Dajani at that age.

"As a freshman, I thought he was a little above where Rami was as a freshman," DiPrizio said. "And then, Rami got better and better. It will be interesting to see how Matt develops this season."

Playing forward last season alongside Dajani in Maine East's 4-4-2 formation, Coronado found the net 10 times on a team that went 12-8-2. Coronado finished second on the team in goals scored to Dajani, who had 31.

But Coronado said he wasn't going to let any comparisons to a young Dajani lead to complacency.

"Even though the coach said I'm better at this age (than Dajani), I want to work hard and push to get better, to be (a) good forward," Coronado said.

Through the first five games this season, Coronado had scored twice for a team that started 3-1-1. These days, Coronado mostly is deployed in the center of a three-man frontline that also includes seniors Marco Marin and Dino Tjanic and has sophomore Mumen Hussein coming off the bench.

Coronado said all the Blue Demons will have to do their parts on the field to replace Dajani's offensive production.

"I don't expect to replace Rami (alone)," Coronado said. "He was such a magnificent player. The things he did on the field were brilliant. I want to focus on

teamwork. We're not a one-man team, it's all 11 players. If someone scores, it's the whole team."

Though he does not necessarily consider himself the heir apparent to Dajani, who is the program's all-time leading scorer with 88 goals and 42 assists, Coronado said his work ethic and determination have been heavily influenced by his former teammate.

"The main thing that I learned from Rami is that the moment he stepped onto the field, he never quit and never gave up. That was him, all day," Coronado said. "In practice and games, he was going 100 percent no matter what the score, pushing himself to the limit. That made him a great role model. That, and his great technique and skill and just his ability play to the game."

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Dajani scored the game-winning goal with his head with 17 seconds remaining in the first sudden-death overtime to give UAB a 2-1 home victory over defending national champion Indiana on Sept. 6.

"Honestly, out of all my years playing soccer, it was, for sure, the best moment I've ever been a part of," Dajani told UABSports.com. "You can't beat that feeling, at all."

Dajani also played a key role in the Blazers' dramatic equalizer that night when he drew a penalty kick in the final minute of regulation. Junior Diego Navarrete scored from the spot to force overtime, sending the West Campus Field-record crowd of 3,205 into a frenzy.

With the victory, UAB moved up 10 spots to No. 8 in the National Soccer Coaches Association of America national poll.

However, the Blazers dropped to 3-1-1 with a 1-0 loss to East Tennessee State on Sunday.

Through five games, Dajani had two goals and an assist.

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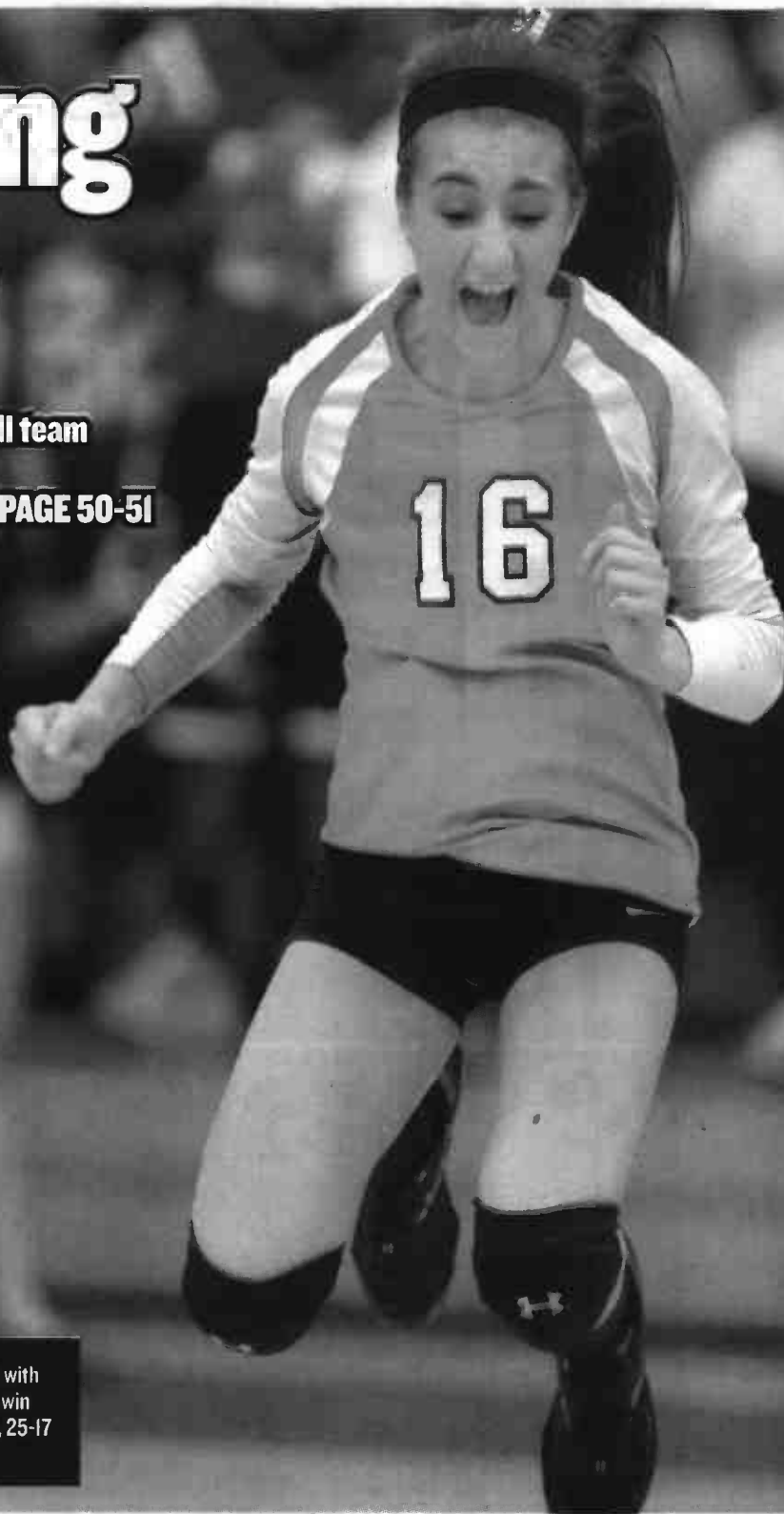
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Niles West's Dominique Krason (16) celebrates with her teammates at the conclusion of the Sept. 11 win over Niles North. Niles West won 20-25, 25-20, 25-17 at Niles North. | BRIAN O'MAHONEY/FOR SUN-TIMES MEDIA

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