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First shot of spring: Farmers' Market


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III MAINE TOWNSHIP DISTRICT 207

International Celebration keeps students close to roots

BY JENNIFER JOHNSON
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With popular Bollywood songs blasting from speakers, Maine East High School students sampled ethnic foods and cheered on their friends in stage performances during the school's International Celebration Saturday.

The 24th annual event, held to showcase the Park Ridge high school's ethnic diversity, featured traditional foods from about a dozen countries — from Indian samosas and Greek baklava to banana spring rolls from the Philippines — as well as performances of Bollywood-style dance, Serbian and Greek line dance, Middle Eastern belly dance and garba, a style of dance that originated in Gujarati, India.

Principal Michael Pressler says he thinks of International Celebration as Maine East's second homecoming, because it brings a number of graduates and families back to the school.

"It's a neat celebration that's very visual of where the kids come from and of their backgrounds," he said. "What they know and what they've experienced is fascinating."

Indian culture was largely represented in the stage show, with four different groups performing.

"It's how we keep in touch with our roots," said Anjali Varghese, who studies South Indian dance and was part of a group number entitled "Nee Nadaswaram," which featured a selection of movie songs.

Dance is also an important cul-



India Club members Shimul Sheth and Bina Patel perform Bollywood at Maine East High School March 15, during the school's International Celebration. | JASON GLOSNIK/FOR SUN-TIMES MEDIA

tural touchstone for Nikola Nikolic, Katja Damajanic, Lucy Ivkovic, Jovana Ilic and Tanja Rakovic, who performed a traditional Serbian dance. The students attend church together at Holy Resurrection Cathedral on Chicago's Northwest Side and every Saturday take part in dance performances.

"It's very family oriented," said Damajanic of their relationship.

Shimul Sheth, who danced to a set of current Bollywood numbers with Maine East's International Club, came to the U.S. from India a year ago, and admits it can be difficult being so far from where she grew up.

"I don't feel like I'm home," she said.

Friend Neha Patel promptly put



Tanja Rakovic, Katja Damjanic, Jovana Ilic, Nikola Nikolic, and Lucy Ivkovic in the group Soko dance for the Serbian Club at the 24th Annual International Celebration, held at Maine East High School on March 15. | JASON GLOSNIK/FOR SUN-TIMES MEDIA



Hellenic group dancers Perry Haspis, Samatha McGrath, Niko Haralampopoulos, Maria Skoufos, Peter Kosmas and Continis Belesiotis perform at the 24th Annual International Celebration at Maine East High School March 15. | JASON GLOSNIK/FOR SUN-TIMES MEDIA

an arm around her.

"I'm with her, so she doesn't have to feel alone," Patel said with a smile.

Along with other classmates who have roots in India, Sheth and Patel were looking forward to Holi, the centuries-old "festival of colors" celebrated in spring. Both planned to take part in the traditional spraying of colored water and powder that would be held at their temple.

At the Mongolian Club's booth, Tserenchunt Bayarjargal showed off a traditional two-string horse-

head fiddle from his native country of Mongolia — but admitted he doesn't know how to play it.

"I was going to, but I didn't have a teacher," he said. "We hang it on the wall for decoration."

Bayarjargal's family keeps their culture alive in the U.S. by marking Mongolian Independence Day each August and celebrating "White Moon," a new year's festival where families visit elderly relatives and community members.

"We don't forget about our culture. It's very important," Bayar-



Maine East High School students Amisha Patel and Janvi Patel set up the South Asian table at the 24th Annual International Celebration March 15. | JASON GLOSNIK/FOR SUN-TIMES MEDIA

jargal said.

Jin Lee, a member of the Maine Township High School District 207 Board of Education, said he would like International Celebration to become something even bigger in the near future.

"If we can really expand this and put all three schools together and have a larger cultural diversity program or festival of some kind, I think that would be great," Lee said.

• To see video of the International Celebration, visit www.parkridge.suntimes.com.

||| ELECTIONS 2014

Mo Khan declares victory in 20th District House race

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With applause from a room of supporters and a champagne toast, Park Ridge native Mo Khan declared victory in what turned out to be a tight race in the 20th Illinois House District Democratic primary Tuesday night.



Mo Khan

Unofficial suburban vote totals from the Cook County Clerk's Office and Chicago precinct totals from the Chicago Board of Elections show Khan with 2,200 votes to opponent Jerry Acciari's 2,043 votes. One Chicago precinct still had not reported as of 10:30 p.m.

"Thank you for helping me

get to this point," Khan told supporters who gathered at his Uptown Park Ridge campaign headquarters Tuesday night. "Now we're on to the general election. Let's do what we set out to do six months ago: Let's keep working together, bringing more people into the fold, and make sure we have a positive impact on not only this district, but the people of the entire state of Illinois."

Khan credited his win on what he called "unbelievable support from so many friends and so many family members — an unbelievable team of people coming together." He also called it a "hard-fought primary," despite the fact that his opponent, Acciari, was virtually

absent from the campaign.

Unofficial vote totals show Khan with 63 percent of the vote in the suburbs, but with only 46 percent in the 41 Chicago precincts that are part of the 20th District.

Khan will face Republican incumbent Michael McAuliffe in the November general election.

"This election is going to be about the economy of Illinois, who can create more jobs — me or Rep. McAuliffe?" Khan said. "We've seen what he has or has not done in the course of 16 years and I'm coming here to make sure we prepare our students for the jobs of tomorrow and make Illinois a better place."

Khan, 28, graduated from Maine South High School in Park Ridge and is currently pursuing a law degree at Loyola University.

||| MAINE TOWNSHIP

Foss-Eggemann wins Republican committeeman seat

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With campaign promises to restore leadership within the Maine Township Republican party, Park Ridge resident Char Foss-Eggemann is the winner in the Maine Township Republican committeeman race.



Charlene Foss-Eggemann

With all precincts reporting, unofficial vote totals Tuesday night show Foss-Eggemann with 63 percent of the vote to opponent Carol Teschky's 37 percent.

Foss-Eggemann, who spent election day at Roosevelt School, her home precinct, and at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Park Ridge, credited her win to the volunteers who assisted her, saying they are "completely dedicated" to

rebuilding the local GOP. Her first plans as committeeman-elect include hosting a unity breakfast for all Republicans this Saturday at Sunset Grill in Des Plaines and partnering with opponent Teschky.

"I'm hoping now that the campaign has ended we are going to mend fences and continue to build on the strong campaigns we both ran and join forces to support all our Republican candidates and push back the Democrats on Nov. 4," Foss-Eggemann said.

Currently the president of Park Ridge Republican Women and a trustee on the Park Ridge Public Library Board, Foss-Eggemann has cited a lack of leadership within the Maine Township Republican Organization in recent years

and called the organization "defunct" as a result.

As committeeman, she said she plans to recruit a "grass-roots group of volunteers to get out the vote" and serve as precinct captains, while also focusing on other duties required of township committeeman, including appointing election judges, raising money for the Maine Township Regular Republican Organization, and campaigning for Republican candidates.

Just days prior to the election, Foss-Eggemann received an endorsement from Park Ridge Mayor David Schmidt who emailed supporters and other constituents, urging them to vote for Foss-Eggemann, whom he identified as a friend.

Teschky currently serves as Maine Township supervisor. She was reelected to a four-year term for that position last year.



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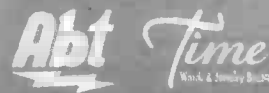
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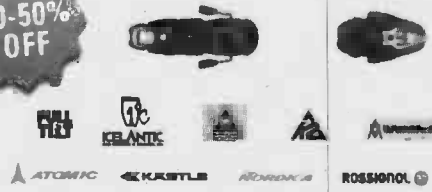
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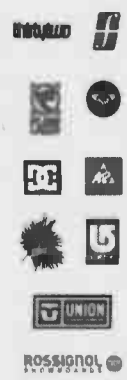
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Holocaust Museum, Evanston YWCA unveil plan for race exhibit

"RACE: Are We so Different?" set for October opening

BY MIKE ISAACS
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It's a subject that many find difficult to raise and perhaps even more difficult to discuss in a meaningful way.

But an enlightening exhibition set for next fall at the Illinois Holocaust Museum in Skokie aims to fearlessly focus on different aspects of race. "Race: Are We So Different?" comes to the Chicago area under a special partnership between the museum and YWCA Evanston/North Shore.

"Racism is not how you look," historian Robin Kelly once said. "It is about how people assign meaning to how you look."

Noreen Brand, the museum's director of education, began her comments about the upcoming exhibit by reciting that provocative quote last week during a press conference in Evanston.

"We celebrate differences and personal identity and family background, country and language, and at the same time differences among people have been the basis for discrimination and oppression," she said.

The museum hosts thousands of students every year to engage them in questions about "what does it mean to be who you are, how to celebrate differences, how to look at identity and how to foster understanding of what it means to be a human being."

Brand called the effort "an investigation of the history of race from a scientific perspective, looking at human invention of race



The Illinois Holocaust Museum and the YWCA Evanston/North Shore are partnering to bring the acclaimed exhibition, "Race: Are We So Different?" to the museum in October. | MIKE ISAACS/SUN-TIMES MEDIA

and then how, at one point, it was legitimized and now we're looking at how can we dismantle this concept."

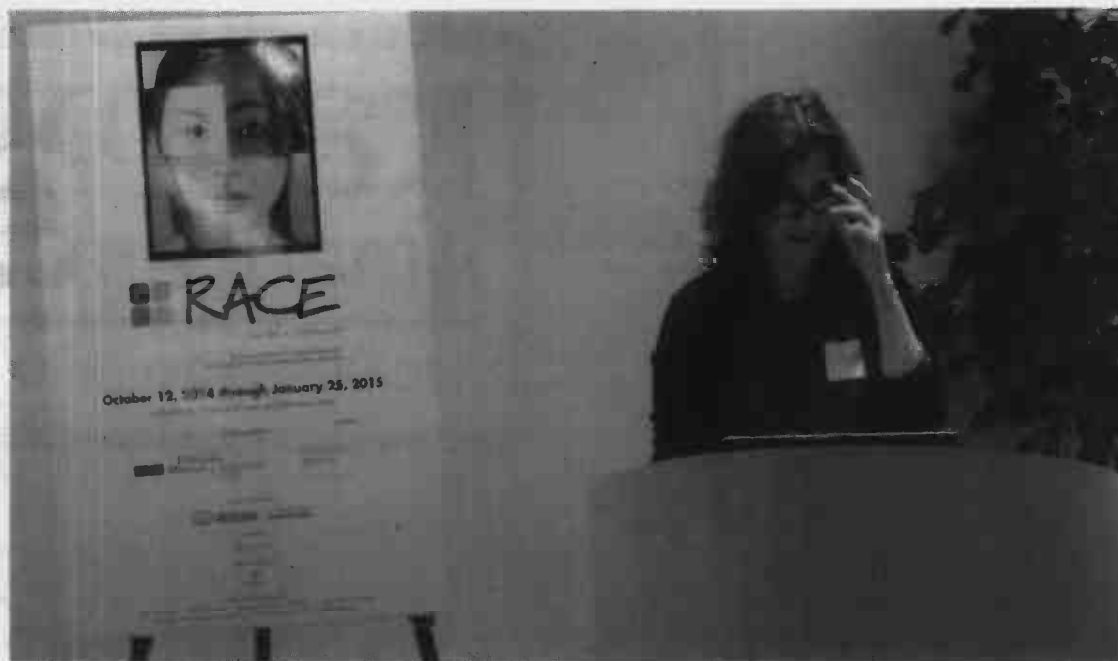
"This was a natural for us," she concluded about hosting the project.

It proved a natural for YWCA Evanston/North Shore as well.

President and CEO Karen Singer called the exhibition and its associated events an important new initiative in the organization's racial justice work, "one that will have a profound effect on all of us and on our communities."

The result of three years of dreaming, planning and collaborating, she said, the two partners along with sponsors are bringing a national expedition to the Chicago area for the first time.

It runs from Oct. 12 through Jan. 25, 2015 at the Skokie museum, but many associated programs will be held in Chicago and North Suburban communities this spring, summer and during the exhibition's run.



YWCA Evanston/North Shore CEO Karen Singer speaks about a new exhibition, "Race: Are We So Different?" that will come to the Illinois Holocaust Museum in October. The museum and the YWCA are sponsoring the exhibition. | MIKE ISAACS/SUN-TIMES MEDIA

"RACE: ARE WE SO DIFFERENT?"

For more information on the exhibition and various programs, access the following:

- www.illinoisholocaustmuseum.org
- www.ywca.org/evanston
- www.understandingrace.org

In fact, a discussion series on the works of August Wilson already got under way in Evanston, but that's likely to be the tip of the iceberg. The Evanston Public Library has a series of events scheduled throughout the year focusing on African American history and culture as well.

Eileen Hogan Heineman, racial justice program director at YWCA Evanston/North Shore, added that communities beyond Skokie and Evanston will be encouraged to host programs that align with the exhibition. The museum and the YWCA also are cosponsoring on-site programs that will include a scholar series, teacher trainings and local government workshops around race.

"The YWCA Evanston/North Shore is encouraging educational, civic, business, faith-based, youth development and arts organiza-



The Illinois Holocaust Museum and the YWCA Evanston/North Shore are partnering to bring the acclaimed exhibition, "Race: Are We So Different?" to the museum in October. | MIKE ISAACS/SUN-TIMES MEDIA

tions to create or participate in programs that will help move people individually, and collectively, to seek racial equity," the YWCA said in statement.

"Eliminating racism is core to the identity and mission of the YWCA," Singer said. "Our work reflects this key commitment. Understanding and talking about race and racism, understanding how our communities and institutions have and continue be affected by racism is critical to our ability to work together to create racial equity."

"Race: Are We So Different?"

was developed by the American Anthropological Association. It looks at race through history, variation and lived experienced. First presented at the Science Museum of Minnesota, it tells stories and explores race from biological, cultural and historical perspectives.

Like many of the museum's provocative and most resonant traveling exhibitions, "Race: Are We Still Here?" uses different multimedia tools to explore in a unique way a difficult subject. Interactive components, multimedia presentations, iconic objects, photographs, and graphic displays will all be central pieces of an in-depth exploration of race.

Evanston Mayor Elizabeth Tisdahl last week said one of the reasons she wanted to run for mayor was to preserve the city's significant diversity. At that point, she said, Evanston was losing its African American population, which has somewhat turned around.

But celebrating diversity is not solely indicative that Evanston has solved all racial problems, Tisdahl said.

"We clearly have not. But the one thing you can say about Evanston is we are always working to be better. That's why having this exhibit here is so tremendously important," she said.

Carson's Clearance Center to open in former Loehmann's space

BY PAM DEFIGLIO
For Sun-Times Media

A Carson's Clearance Center, featuring merchandise from the department store, is coming to Morton Grove, Mayor Dan DiMaria announced at Monday's village board meeting.

The store will fill the 20,000 square feet recently vacated by Loehmann's, a nationwide discounter of high-end designer women's fashions, in the Village Plaza Shopping Center at the northwest corner of Harlem Avenue and Dempster Street. It could open as soon as early April.

The Carson's Clearance Center will carry apparel, shoes and home goods; it will be only the third such store for Bon-Ton Stores Inc., Carson's corporate parent.

"A regional company took note there was going to be

a vacancy," said DiMaria.

"People are starting to get the vibe Morton Grove is a good place to do business."

Nancy Radzevich, community and economic development director for the village, said the Carson's Clearance Center would fit in well with the other retailers in the mall, which include the Eddie Bauer Outlet, Home Goods, TJMaxx, Planet Fitness, Produce World and Pet Supplies Plus.

"Our permit team did a walk-through with them; it looks like they're doing minimal alterations," Radzevich said, adding that could mean the store would open sooner than if significant construction work were involved.

"I don't know when it will be up," she said. We're just working with their schedule."

The Morton Grove clearance center would open in early April, according to a

press release from Bon-Ton Stores Inc.

"We are pleased to announce the opening of our third free-standing clearance center," President and CEO Brendan Hoffman said in the release. "The store in Morton Grove will feature a wide assortment of clearance merchandise from women's, men's and children's apparel, shoes, handbags and home items, all offered at terrific values."

Mary Kerr, vice president of investor and public relations for Bon-Ton, said the other two clearance center stores are located in Lansing, Ill., and the Milwaukee, Wis., area.

CBRE, a national commercial real estate brokerage, also released a statement saying it leased the space to Bon-Ton, resulting in a 98 percent occupancy rate for the Village Plaza shopping center.

||| DISTRICT 207

Maine East registers 77 student new voters

BY JENNIFER JOHNSON
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A February voter registration drive at Maine East High School in Park Ridge generated 77 new voters this year, Cook County Clerk David Orr announced.

The drive took place on Feb. 6 and was aimed at both students who had recently turned 18 and 17-year-olds who will turn 18 by the November general election. A new state law allows 17-year-olds to vote in a primary election if they will be 18 at the time of the general election.

"We had a few teachers who had gone through training to be voter registrants, so we manned tables in the cafeteria

during the lunch periods and registered as many students as we could," said Carl Brownell, social science department chairman at Maine East.

Across Cook County, more than 5,400 high school students were registered to vote between Jan. 1 and Feb. 21, according to the Cook County Clerk's Office. The suburban high school with the most new voters registered was Lyons Township High School in La Grange (with 423), followed by New Trier High School in Winnetka (309) and Palatine High School in Palatine (258).

Locally, Maine West High School registered more than 150 new voters this year. Maine South High School also conducted voter registration, but the number of registrants

was not known, according to David Beery, spokesman for Maine Township High School District 207.

"Our number always tends to be a little lower at Maine East than other schools mainly because we have more students who aren't U.S. citizens," explained Brownell, referring to the school's large population of recent immigrants.

This year was the first time that 17-year-olds could register to vote in a primary election under the state's new Suffrage at 17 law.

Two Maine East students, Andrea Garneata and Veronica Walesinski, were selected as winners of a Cook County video contest aimed at promoting the Suffrage at 17 law.



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||| 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.

NILES

PUBLIC INDECENCY

William McDonald, 27, of 9670 N. Dee Road, unincorporated Maine Township, was charged with public indecency on March 9 after a woman told police she saw a man exposing himself while driving his car around a Golf Mill Shopping Center parking lot. The woman obtained the license plate information on the vehicle, which led police to McDonald, who was taken into custody outside his residence. He has a March 28 court date.

OBSTRUCTION

Marcos Beltran, 18, of 8809 Wisner St., Niles, was charged with obstructing police on March 10. According to police, officers responding to a

report of suspicious people in front of an apartment on Wisner at 12:20 a.m. met with Beltran and another 18-year-old man who said a group of four people had approached their car while holding baseball bats and yelling gang slogans at them. Police said Beltran admitted to being a former member of a gang and had a baseball bat in his car, but was unwilling to provide additional information about the suspects who were not present when police arrived. Beltran then allegedly refused to cooperate with officers and, when he was told he was receiving a ticket for driving a car with a cracked windshield, he reportedly refused to follow police to the police station to post bond. He has a court date of April 18.

RETAIL THEFT

Steven Parker, 35, of 5534 W. Bernice Ave., Chicago, was charged with retail theft on March 8 after he allegedly stole a Bluetooth speaker from a store on the 5600 block of Touhy Avenue. Police said Parker also had arrests warrants for failing to appear in court on a February

retail theft charge out of Chicago and for a traffic offense in DeKalb County.

DUI

Candis Johnson, 27, of 1859 S. Springfield Ave., Chicago, was charged with driving under the influence of drugs, possession of marijuana and driving with a suspended license on March 8 following a traffic stop on the 8100 block of Milwaukee Avenue. Police said Johnson admitted to smoking marijuana about 20 minutes earlier and allegedly stated that she started driving because she did not want her kids to smell the marijuana on her. According to police, three small plastic bags containing suspected marijuana were found in Johnson's possession. She had a March 14 court date.

Philip Yuen, 36, of 5050 W. Greenleaf St., Skokie, was charged with driving under the influence on March 9 after he was stopped at 3:30 a.m. for allegedly traveling at a high rate of speed and nearly striking a police car in the area of Milwaukee Avenue and Dempster Street. Court information was not available.

||| CRIME BRIEFS

BURGLARY

A furnace, hot water tank and air conditioning condenser were stolen between March 10 and March 12 from a home that was being renovated on the 7900 block of Milwaukee Avenue. Police said two doors and some windows were discovered unlocked and the power had been turned off when the theft occurred. The items were all installed in November, the contractor told police.

THREAT

A Niles man told police that on March 9 a caller threatened him, accusing the man of sleeping with his girlfriend. Police said the man believes the caller is the boyfriend of a female friend he met four months ago and he denied having a relationship with her.

PROPERTY DAMAGE

The rear window of a vehicle parked in a lot on the 8300 block of Ballard Road was broken between 12:40 and 2:40 p.m., March 7.

THEFT

An employee at Golf Mill Shopping Center reported that her iPhone was stolen while

she was working on March 7. Police said the woman was able to track the location of her phone to the area of Talcott and Dee Roads in Park Ridge, but Park Ridge police were unable to find the phone.

A woman told police that her wallet was taken on March 7 while she was eating inside a restaurant on the 7000 block of Dempster Street. A credit card that had been inside was reportedly used to make \$1,600 worth of purchases at a store and was also used at gas stations in Chicago and in Blue Island.

A designer watch and \$150 in cash were stolen on March 6 from an unlocked locker at XSport Fitness, 9210 N. Milwaukee Ave.

On March 10, a woman allegedly picked up a purse that had been left unattended briefly inside a store at Golf Mill Shopping Center. When the husband of the purse's owner confronted the woman, she reportedly handed the purse back to him and left the store. The purse was missing a phone and wallet containing \$300 worth of gift cards, police said.



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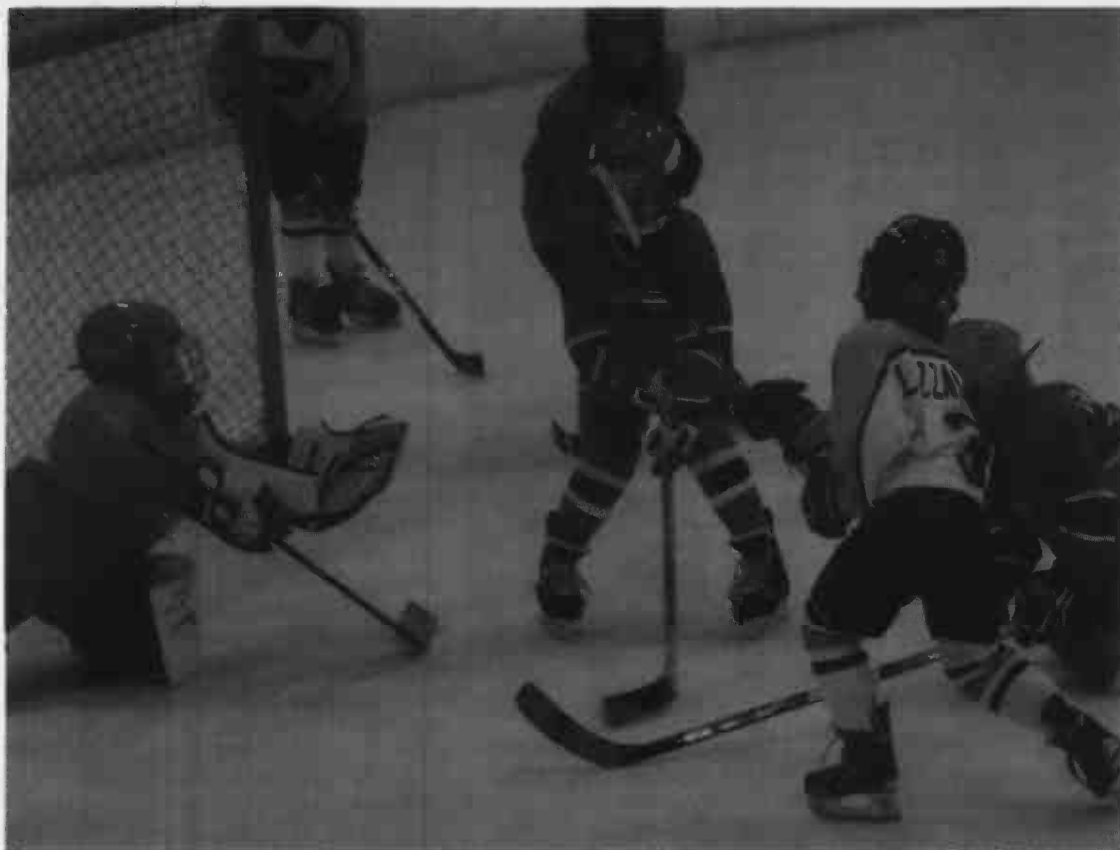
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|| SKOKIE



Youth hockey team bonds over tournament championship

BY NATALIE HAYES
For Sun-Times Media | @nathayreporter

A team of 8-year-old hockey players from Skokie have proved that age doesn't matter when it comes to gliding across the ice to get the puck in the net.

For the past 12 years, the Skokie Flyers Mite A team has maintained a tradition of trekking five hours up to Baraboo, Wisc. for the Logan Klemm Memorial Hockey Tournament, where the kids face off against teams from Illinois' northerly neighbor.

This year's tournament was extra special, Flyers coach Victor Lazzaroni said.

That's because for the first time in the team's history, the Flyers clinched the Championship Logan Klemm Memorial Trophy after the March 2 tournament.

The victory was a big deal for the players and their families, who

look forward to tournament each year.

Each morning at dawn, the players and their parents emerge from their hotels in the Wisconsin Dells to gather in the small makeshift Pierce Park Ice Arena for a youth hockey tournament described as "unlike any other" by parent Patrick Long.

"What I've learned about hockey — perhaps unlike any sport — is that the kids' passion for it is overwhelming and can be life-changing if you're receptive to it," Long said. "Good luck getting a kid out of bed to play baseball — I've tried — but get out of their way if they're going to play hockey."

The families convene on a few cold, dark winter mornings in late February to watch the kids play in an old-fashioned, one ice sheet facility in rural Wisconsin with no mechanical refrigeration, meaning

the ice is naturally frozen by the cold weather.

Frigid Wisconsin nights freeze the ice to sub-zero temperatures, which makes perfect conditions for "fast hockey" in the early morning hours, Long said.

"It is so cold — guaranteeing fast ice — that the players have to wear long underwear and use hot pockets to keep warm," Long said. "In this environment, kids simply play their hearts out, and you can feel the emotion of the game rise and fall."

More than just a hockey tournament, the trip is a bonding experience for the players and their families, who play "shinny" hockey in the empty halls of the Dells water park hotels at night and splash around in the indoor water parks during the day.

The tournament was named in memory of Logan Klemm, a hockey player who was in third

TOP LEFT: The Flyers hold the puck in the slot in front of an opponent's goalie. The pressure from two Flyer's players made a goal happen.

TOP: Goalies in the Mites level face shots up to 40 mph.

ABOVE: The Skokie Flyers fight for the puck in front of the an opponent's goal. The Flyers eventually pushed the puck behind the right calf of the goalie into the goal. | PHOTOS PROVIDED

grade when he passed away from a sudden illness in 2000.

Logan's parents, Timm and Tana Klemm, started the tournament the following year as a way to remember their son and celebrate his love of hockey.

"The Flyers played in honor of Logan by exuding his passion for the sport," Long said. "A young boy's love for the game has propelled the people around him

to make something special happen that brings our players on a pilgrimage to enjoy it — it's worth noting and talking about."

Skokie Flyers Mite A Team players come from Skokie, Lincolnwood, Evanston and Chicago.

The Flyers beat three other teams — the Onalaska Tornadoes, the Monroe Avalanche and the Waunakee Wildcat — to win the championship.

||| **MORTON GROVE**

Farmers' Market holding spring event this weekend

BY PAM DEFIGLIO
For Sun-Times Media

Dispelling any doubts that spring is on its way, the Morton Grove Farmers' Market is holding its Spring Market Day on Saturday, March 22, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The market will be held indoors at the Morton Grove Civic Center, 6140 W. Dempster.

It's a pre-season event for the Farmers' Market, which will then hold a Mother's Day Market May 10 and start holding regular weekly markets starting June 7.

"This Saturday, we will introduce two new vendors, Kountry Kettle Corn and 72 Decorations," said Elaine Monterola, public relations manager for the market.

They make homemade kettle corn and dried floral arrangements, respectively, and join a lineup of vendors selling chocolates, baked goods, artisanal cheeses, natural meats, fruits and vegetables and other delectables.

Saturday's entertainment features three bands: Whitey O'Day, CJ Lele, and Bob Perlstein. RC Juggles, a balloon artist, will also be at the market from from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

"Many of our vendors have been very busy



Katie, Josie, and Chuck Falzone purchase vegetables and plants from Rebecca Sutter of Lyons Farm at the Morton Grove Farmers' Market in 2013. | FILE

during the off season creating new products, most notably Beijo de Chocolat, Jilly Bean Jar, LAZ Cosmetics and Tamales Express," Monterola said.

The market is still accepting applications for vendors for the full summer season. The managers are especially looking for jelly/jam vendors and prepared-food vendors. They also

need volunteers, and are hoping community groups and sponsors will get involved.

"This year, we are introducing a Market Friends fundraiser that allows families and individuals to 'sponsor' the market," Monterola explained. Sponsors will receive a Market Friends T-shirt and a mention on the market website.

That helps the nonprofit market survive financially, she said. It is its own entity, but under the umbrella of the Morton Grove Chamber of Commerce, which is also a nonprofit.

That requires careful money management. "Any funds left over from the previous year are used to fund the market the following year," Monterola said. "We are very careful to not spend beyond our means. Approximately half of our budget comes from regular season vendor fees. If we are not able to reach our sponsorship and fundraising goals to make up the other half, we are forced to cut back on our festivals, outreach, and marketing efforts."

The Farmers' Market is returning this summer in the same space as last year — 6140 W. Dempster, or more precisely, the parking lot between the Harrer Park field house and the American Legion Civic Center.

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III MAINE TOWNSHIP

Police: Man shot at on Golf Road

BY JENNIFER JOHNSON
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Cook County Sheriff's Police are investigating a report of a gun fired at a man in unincorporated Maine Township Monday afternoon.

Sheriff's Department Spokeswoman Sophia Ansari said a 41-year-old man was walking east on Golf Road between Potter and Dee roads at around 1:45 p.m. when he said he was approached by a group of men. Words were exchanged and the man reported that he was chased before one of the individuals shot a gun at him, Ansari said.

The man was not hit, she added. Police searched the area, but no suspects were reportedly located. The incident remains under investigation, Ansari said.

Sheriff's Police have not revealed if the incident is believed to be gang-related, nor was the exact location of the alleged shooting identified. Assisting Cook County in the

search for the suspects were Park Ridge police officers. The initial 911 call, according to Deputy Police Chief Lou Jogmen, came in as four men running down Golf Road with guns, one of them carrying an assault rifle. The men were initially described as black, but were later said to be Hispanic, Jogmen said.

Park Ridge police also maintained a presence near Maine East High School and Franklin Elementary School when students were dismissed later that afternoon, he added. Several officers were present at Maine East, located one mile south of where the alleged incident occurred, and one officer was present outside Franklin School, which is about 1.5 miles away, Jogmen said.

Maine Township High School District 207 spokesman David Beery said a lockdown was not instituted at Maine East, though school administrators and security personnel were "monitoring the situation."

"We had no classes that were meeting outdoors during this time and at no time during this incident was there any threat to the safety of students or staff," Beery said.

East Maine School District 63, which has a school just blocks from where the alleged incident was reported, was not notified by Cook County Sheriff's Police that a shooting was under investigation in the area, a district representative told Pioneer Press.

"We didn't hear anything about it until we had dismissed the students," said District 63 administrative assistant Debbie Piazza, speaking on behalf of Superintendent Scott Clay.

Mark Twain School is located in Niles, about one block south of Golf Road and two blocks east of Dee Road. Apollo School, also in District 63, is located about one mile north where the alleged shooting occurred, while Stevenson School is 1.2 miles southeast.

III PARK RIDGE

Alcohol sales on tap at Park Ridge convenience stores

BY JENNIFER JOHNSON
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Convenience stores in Park Ridge will soon be stocking shelves with alcoholic beverages.

The City Council on March 3 approved the first reading of an ordinance establishing a new liquor license that allows convenience stores to sell alcohol between 8 a.m. and 10 p.m. Final approval is expected on March 19.

The license was established at the request of 7-Eleven, which is interested in selling liquor at its three Park Ridge stores, including a gas station at Cumberland Avenue and Higgins Road.

Charlene Brandt, community relations manager for 7-Eleven, could not say

exactly when alcohol sales will begin at the stores, adding that it is dependent on the length of the application process.

"That varies from three to 12 weeks," she told the Park Ridge Herald-Advocate.

The new liquor license sets restrictions on the amount of space allowed for packaged alcohol to be displayed, requires the stores to have an electronic scanning device to read driver's licenses and identification cards, and requires "hard spirits" to be stored in a locked shelving unit that is only accessible by employees. Sales must also be monitored by cameras.

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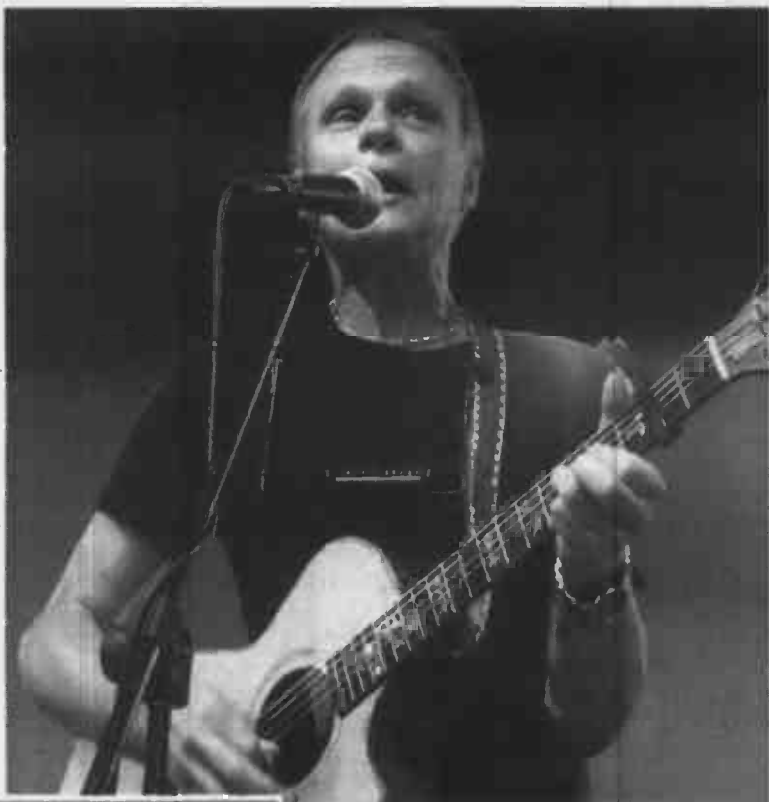
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Basketball company gives deserved refund to injured player

HELPSQUAD
BY
JACKIE PILOSSOPH



Dear Help Squad,
Last Spring we had three of our four daughters play at Full Package Basketball of Northfield. The program began in early April. On May 5, my oldest daughter came home from practice with ankle pain, and by the next morning it hurt her to walk.

That week, my daughter was put in a boot, told not to play any sports and was advised to see an ankle surgeon. We spent the next two months seeing ankle surgeons, trying to determine if and when she should have surgery. I kept in touch with Matt Truding and told him that Kelly would not be able to play for the rest of the season.

I paid the full, agreed upon amount for my younger two daughters (\$850 each) and \$800 of the \$1,300 for my oldest daughter. In June, Kristen Sheehan of Full Package contacted me to pay the \$500 remaining balance for my oldest daughter. I told her that my daughter was injured still and couldn't play, and that since she only played four weeks of the four-month season, I was hoping for a partial refund. She said that I needed to talk to Matt.

I called and e-mailed Matt several times over the summer, asking to discuss a refund. He did not respond. In October, I e-mailed Danielle Levin, another owner at Full Package. When she received my initial e-mail, she apologized that Matt had not responded to me, and said that she would look into the situation and get back to me. After a couple of weeks and no response, I e-mailed her again, and she did not respond.

After reading your column in the Park Ridge Advocate each week, I began to think that maybe you could help resolve this. My voicemail to Matt asked to discuss a possible refund of \$400, which I thought was fair.

Can you please help me resolve this situation?

Mary Kons
Park Ridge

Dear Mary,

First of all, we hope your daughter's ankle is healed, that she's doing well and that she's back out on the basketball court!

When we received your e-mail we called Matt and left a message. He called us right back, said he remembered the situation and told us he felt badly that they never resolved the situation with you.

Matt then agreed to send you a check for \$400 that day, a partial credit for the session since your daughter only played a month into it.

This was perhaps one of Help Squad's easiest solves ever. A total slam dunk!

Since Full Package rebounded so quickly, and since Matt is the president of Full Package Basketball for girls, which offers leagues for fourth- through eleventh-graders, we thought we'd ask him to share with our readers the benefits of girl's basketball.

Here's what he said:

- It builds self-confidence, on and off the court.
- It teaches players how to work through their conflicts. They learn how to understand interpersonal relationships which enables them to be more successful in life.
- In the game of basketball, players are dealing with constant changes and learning to work through any problems that come up.
- It is a constant movement activity. There's not a lot of standing around which is physically and emotionally healthy.
- It is a skill sport. What that means is, anyone can make themselves a good player by working at it. Even if you aren't the fastest or tallest, if you learn the skills and understand the game, you can be successful.
- It's one of the few sports in which individual skills can be rewarded and also be used within a team to make a team successful. In basketball, everyone is a part of the game.
- Being on a basketball team gives players a sense of being part of something, and a sense of pride, which improves self-esteem and self-assurance.
- It teaches discipline.
- It teaches players how to trust each other.

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OPINION

|| LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Don't jettison religious freedom

The Arizona bill Randy Blaser wrote about (March 6), was, I believe, brought about by situations involving wedding photographers and cake bakers being forced to work for homosexual weddings. Let's turn the tables for a moment and imagine a graphic design company asked to design a logo for a local Klu Klux Klan group. Should the graphic designers be forced, by law, to exert their skill for the glory of something they rightfully disagree with? I say absolutely not.

No reasonable person wants to bring back Jim Crow laws and apply them to homosexuals. All we are asking for is the freedom to make a living in a way that accords with our principles. That's why freedom of religion is in the First Amendment. As a Catholic, I wonder about my own future when I see my fellow citizens so hastily jettisoning religious freedom. If you let go of it now, folks, it won't be there when you need it later!

Finally, Randy Blaser missed a key point in the story about Jesus and the adulterous woman: after the crowd disperses, Jesus tells her that he does not condemn her, and follows up with a significant command: "Go, and sin no more." Jesus, and Pope Francis, wisely teach us to refrain from judging people, but they still judge behaviors as right and wrong. By refusing to stone the woman, Jesus wasn't abolishing sin; he was making room for repentance in a vindictive world. Those are two very different things, and only one of them is needed today.

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Bill Gates reaches well beyond his grasp

BY RANDY BLASER



Have you ever met the two most influential people in how you live your life?

I'm not talking about your mentor, or the relative who gave you your worldview, or the person who gave you a moral foundation. I'm talking about the two people who have had the most influence on how each and every one of us lives and works.

Is there anyone in the world who has had more influence than Bill Gates and Steve Jobs?

These two computer geniuses stand with the likes of Thomas Edison and Henry Ford as innovators who have changed everything about how we live.

I've been thinking about this because I am a devotee of the products given to us by Steve Jobs and Apple. I love their ease of use, their elegance, their intuitiveness and their simplicity.

And I've long been a harsh critic of Microsoft products, particularly the Windows operating system. I used to joke that Windows crashes so much that if Bill Gates made cars he'd be in jail. Nevertheless, both men have accumulated wealth beyond anyone's wildest dreams, more money than anyone could spend in a lifetime.

Which raises another issue: Is there something beyond accumulat-

"Most people who fret about these monumental global issues have little wherewithal to do anything about them other than join a service organization and play a small part. More than anyone, Gates has the wherewithal to do something gigantic about it and he is doing it."

ing money? Both have been well rewarded for their innovation and ideas, deservedly so. But I think any person in such a position would have to ask, is that all there is? What's the point of having it all when so many in our world have nothing?

I have no idea if Steve Jobs ever tried to answer that question, let alone even ask it.

Yet every time I see some innovative or interesting solution to a really big world problem, Bill Gates is behind it.

For example, I've been a member of Rotary since 1992, serving in the Oak Park, Wilmette Harbor and Gurnee clubs over time. Rotary's ambitious world project, begun in 1985, is

to wipe out polio. In 2009, Rotary got a \$200 million grant from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, and polio is darn near wiped out.

A few years ago I heard a snide news report about Gates. His idea was that a new type of toilet could change the world, and he sponsored a contest to reinvent the toilet. Seems goofy at first, until you wonder what it's like to live in a place where the only source of water is the same place your village uses for a wash-room.

Last year I heard a report about a new teaching program that is changing the way kids learn called Khan Academy. Bill Gates is helping to fund it.

Go on the website for the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and search for what they do, and you will see the scope and ambition of how Bill Gates really wants to change the world. A more ambitious agenda I've never seen. There are global health initiatives to address HIV, malaria and pneumonia, and public development initiatives from agriculture development and building libraries to nutrition and water and sanitation.

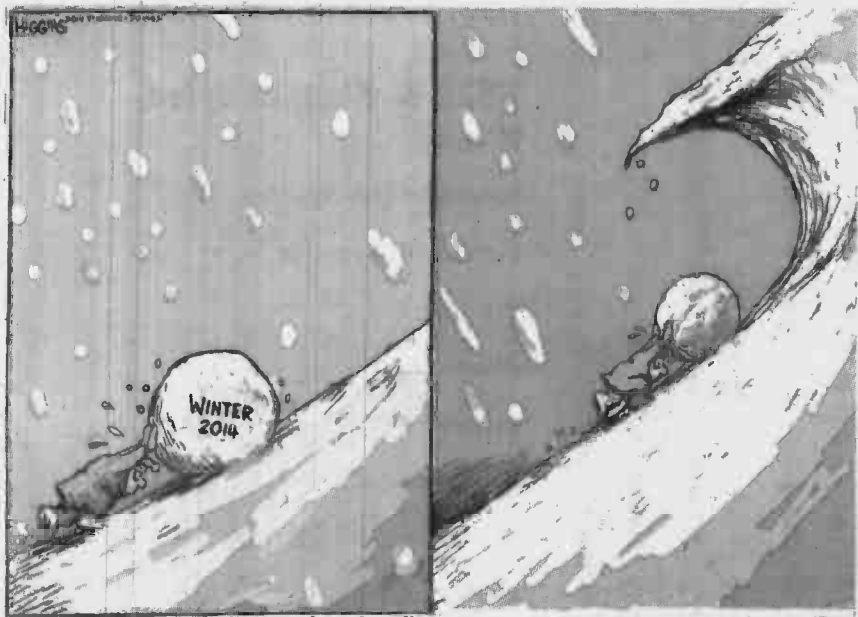
Most people who fret about these monumental global issues have little wherewithal to do anything about them other than join a service organization and play a small part. More than anyone, Gates has the wherewithal to do something gigantic about it and he is doing it.

It's like the poet Robert Browning said, "A man's reach should exceed his grasp, or what's a heaven for?"

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||| 1,000 WORDS BY JACK HIGGINS



There are two sides to Oregon cat attack story

Real news, at last! By now you must have heard about Lux the cat from Portland, Ore. His family called 911 on him because Lux attacked them, held them prisoner, as it were, in their own bedroom.

The cops came and snared Lux with one of those things they grab dogs with. But that's only one side of the story.

Anyone who knows cats knows there is another side: Lux's side.

Cats are dignified beings. They do not take insults or abuse lightly.

The family Lux lives with has a baby. The baby pulled Lux's tail. Lux retaliated and scratched the baby. The baby's father then kicked Lux in the behind.

This outraged Lux's dignity and he took action.

That behavior is typical of cats — and humans.

Let me ask you: What



BY PAUL SASSONE

would you do if someone kicked you in the behind?

Right.

People and cats are a lot alike. That, I think, is why some people don't like cats.

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Cats, like people, will love you under certain conditions. And the love of a cat is a wonderful thing. But it has to be earned.

Whereas a dog will love you no matter what. You don't have to earn a dog's love. It is freely given.

So, are dogs thus better than cats? Some people would say so.

I've lived with dogs and I've lived with cats. I've loved them and they've loved me. In that sense I always have considered them of equal value and delight.

Right now I have a cat. So, I love her best.

And, oh yes, I never kick

my pets.

Well, gotta go.

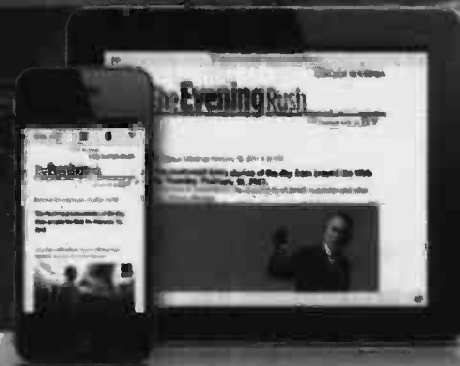
Kate, my cat, likes to start the day with a paper cup full of cold water she drinks while standing on the bathroom sink.

Just who is the pet? That's the real question.

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Year built: 1928

Bedrooms: 4

Bathrooms: 4

Garage: Two-car detached

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6330 Lincoln Ave, #4: Reni Zoe Ziwin Trust and Edith Mandell Trust to Amel Ramic for \$95,000 on Jan. 29

7435 Foster St: Lynn B Smith and Thomas B Smith to Niron Youkhanna for \$192,500 on Jan. 29

Park Ridge

735 Vine Ave: 1420 So Prospect Inc to Agnieszka M Filipek and Piotr Filipek for \$420,000 on Jan. 27

1322 Elliott Ave: Charles Koules to Mariusz S Domusiewicz for \$225,500 on Jan. 28

1731 Pavilion Way, #1731: Irene Stasiuk Trust and Roma M Jacura Trust to Kathleen Gillespie Trust and Gillespie Kathleen Trust for \$252,000 on Jan. 31

Glenview

1622 Glenview Road: Catherine C Davis to Shaozhao Dong and Yi Xie for

\$420,000 on Jan. 27

1307 Hawthorne Lane: Spyros Vaselopulos and Katherine Vaselopulos to Gregory M Hildebrand and Erin B Hildebrand for \$600,000 on Jan. 28

913 Revere Road: Bruce Pearson and Brock Pearson to Olha Belesku for \$251,000 on Jan. 29

1429 Sunset Ridge Road: Kristin J Zerkowitz to James P Larson and Audrey Kromelow Larson for \$910,000 on Jan. 30

Skokie

7910 Babb Ave: John Cornici and Livia Cornici to Gregory M Ray for \$310,000 on Jan. 29

9655 Woods Drive, #408: Jennifer Mandell to Ram Thonangi and Binou Sadhnani for \$225,000 on Jan. 27

8227 Springfield Ave: Amir Kalamperovic and Ashraf I Memon to Ninos Ibrahim for \$305,000 on Jan. 30

Lincolnwood

6758 N Nokomis Ave: Louis S Vasta to Nan Ly and Crystal Quach for

\$295,000 on Jan. 30

Des Plaines

8925 Robin Drive: Thomas George and Laly Thomas to Abid U Begum for \$120,000 on Jan. 31

9814 Bianco Terrace, #189: Barbara Kulesza to Orlik Property Inc, Jozef Maclolek and Zofia Maclolek for \$71,000 on Jan. 30

180 Grove Ave, #10: Jacqueline Wojcik to Community Savings Bank Trust for \$110,000 on Jan. 31

591 Jarvis Ave: Ivan Diaz to Jimmy Quay Wong and Kimberly Nguyen Wong for \$465,000 on Jan. 29

852 S Golf Cul De Sac St: Dan Asher to Henry D Santos and Eloisa T Santos for \$225,000 on Jan. 28

Wilmette

232 Sunset Drive: Ultimate Development & Mgmt Inc to Selena Spritz for \$505,000 on Jan. 30

Northfield

308 Happ Road, #402: Marcia M

Patterson and Marila M Beatty to Suad G Lubbat for \$200,000 on Jan. 30

Evanston

3619 Foster St: Timothy F McCarthy and Michaela G McCarthy to Elizabeth Daly and William Daly for \$595,000 on Jan. 29

2950 Payne St: Jonathan A Parker and Anne E Sartori to Frank J Himel, Naomi Himel and Sharon J Goodman for \$806,500 on Jan. 30

3219 Central St: Craig Witty Trust and Margaret O'Witty Trust to Mary Louise Happ for \$90,000 on Jan. 30

1036 Dodge Ave: John Ciesielski to Erin M Huberty for \$144,000 on Jan. 30

1129 Dewey Ave: Kmgcg Holdings LLC-1129 Dewey Series to Bradley P Nelson for \$380,000 on Jan. 28

2607 Hartzell St: Bonnie H Jackson to Carolyn Kanagy for \$600,000 on Jan. 29

2306 Harrison St: John J Gillan and Mary Sue Gillan to John M Font and Ashley Yuen-Ling Chan for \$615,000 on Jan. 29

351 Sherman Ave: Huang Property LLC to Tolga Basaydin for \$435,000 on Jan. 30

Winnetka

11 Woodley Road: Richard B Kapnick, Claudia Kapnick-Norris and Claudia N Kapnick to Sean L Cunningham and Jennifer B Cunningham for \$2,350,000 on Jan. 30

Chicago

7251 W Fitch Ave: Jeffrey Mayer to James B Sugrue for \$250,000 on Jan. 28

7122 N Olcott Ave: Grady James O and Grady Lisa O to Micjael S Price and Peggy L Mateski-Price for \$450,000 on Jan. 28

6525 N Nashville Ave, #1d: Sonja Barreto Trust, Dalum Wilbert C Estate and Wilbert C Dalum Estate to Waldemar Dyjewski and Lidia Dyjewski for \$100,000 on Jan. 27

6735 W Schreiber Ave: Chuck W Gerald and Kellyanne M Bernard to Todd Strother and Sara Strother for \$332,500 on Jan. 28



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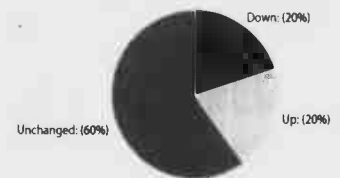
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THURSDAY, MARCH 20

Toddler Time

10 a.m.: Stories, songs and rhymes for children ages 1 to 3 with a caregiver. Niles Public Library District, 6960 W. Oakton St., Niles. Call 847-663-6625.

Be Ready for Spring

1 p.m.: The church will be accepting winter coats and accessories from 1 to 3 p.m. through March 20 for donation to the needy. Call the office at 847-647-9867 for pickup. St. John Lutheran Church, 7429 N. Milwaukee Ave., Niles. Call 847-647-9867.

Reading with Rover

7 p.m.: Students in kindergarten and older can sign up for a 20 minute slot to read to a therapy dog. Niles Public Library District, 6960 W. Oakton St., Niles. Call 847-663-1234.

FRIDAY, MARCH 21

Rise and Shine Story Time

10 a.m.: A 30-minute story time for children ages 2 to 6 with a caregiver. Niles Public Library District, 6960 W. Oakton St., Niles. Call 847-663-1234.

East Maine School District 63's Annual Charity Basketball Game

5:45 p.m.: Watch the teachers and staff from the district display their skills on the basketball court and enjoy exciting half-time entertainment. All proceeds from the event benefit Ann and Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago. Gemini Junior High School, 8955 N. Greenwood Ave., Niles. Call 847-827-1181. \$5.

MONDAY, MARCH 24

Baby Time

11 a.m.: A short program of stories, songs, rhymes and playtime for children 2 and under with a caregiver. Niles Public Library District, 6960 W. Oakton St., Niles. Call 847-663-1234.

Citizenship: Spring Session

6 p.m.: Attendance at all classes is mandatory. Niles Public Library District, 6960 W. Oakton St., Niles. Call 847-663-1234.

TUESDAY, MARCH 25

Preschool Story Time

10 a.m.: Stories, songs, and action rhymes for children aged 3 to 5. Niles Public Library District, 6960 W. Oakton St., Niles. Call 847-663-1234.

Family Story Time

7 p.m.: Stories, songs and activities for families with children ages 2 to 6. Attendees are welcome

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to wear pajamas. Niles Public Library District, 6960 W. Oakton St., Niles. Call 847-663-1234.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26

Big Kids Story Time

1:30 p.m.: Stories, songs, creative dramatics and other fun activities for children ages 4 to 6. Niles Public Library District, 6960 W. Oakton St., Niles. Call 847-663-1234.

THURSDAY, MARCH 27

CJE SeniorLife Resource Counseling

1:30 p.m.: Make an appointment for a private session with a Resource Specialist from CJE SeniorLife, trained to counsel adults 60 and older, their families and caregivers. 60-minute sessions are available. Niles Public Library District, 6960 W. Oakton St., Niles. Call 773-508-1054.

SATURDAY, MARCH 29

Children's Consignment Sale & Vendor Fair

8 a.m.: Shop for deals on all children's items including clothes, books, toys, furniture and more. Vendors include Pampered Chef, Tastefully Simple and more. Runs 8 a.m.-2 p.m. For more information, email stjohnconsignment@yahoo.com. St. John Lutheran Church, 7429 N. Milwaukee Ave., Niles. Call 847-647-9867.

Free Microsoft SkyDrive Deep Dive Class

10 a.m.: Learn how to set up a free account, save existing Office files into the SkyDrive cloud and leverage Microsoft's Office Web Apps. Registration required. Niles Public Library District, 6960 W. Oakton St., Niles. For more information, call 847-663-1234.

HAPPENING NEARBY

THURSDAY, MARCH 20

Trip to the Water Reclamation Plant

Noon: For more information, call 773-775-4790 or email info@npseniorcenter.org. Norwood Crossing, 6016 N. Nina Ave., Chicago.

Senior Spelling Bee

1 p.m.: Participate in the 2014 Senior Spelling Bee, hosted by the North Shore Senior Center in partnership with the Morton Grove Public Library. The winner and runners up will advance to the regional semi-final in June. The state finals will be held at the 2014 Illinois State Fair on Senior Day. Coffee and dessert provided. The public is invited to cheer on contestants. North Shore Senior Center, 6140 Dempster St., Morton Grove. Call 847-663-3073.

Brickton Art Center Class

4 p.m.: Students grades two to six can enjoy a monthly art class taught by a staff member from the Brickton Art Center. Registration is limited. Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge. Call 847-825-3123.

Learn to Use Online Photo Editing Tools

7 p.m.: Learn how to use free online photo editing tools, like Pixlr, PicMonkey, Fotor, Sumopaint and more. Registration required. Skokie Public Library, 5215 Oakton St., Skokie. Call 847-673-3733.

FRIDAY, MARCH 21

Do More with Word 2010

10 a.m.: Participants will learn how to create and change page layouts, work with columns, bullet points and more. Registration is required. This is a follow-up class to Introduction to Microsoft Word 2010. Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove. Call 847-965-4220.

Low Vision Support Group

10:30 a.m.: Join others who face the challenges of living with low vision. The meeting includes speakers, assistive products, new research and open discussion. Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge. Call 847-720-3382.

Get Health Coverage

1 p.m.: Illinois Health Marketplace navigators will be available for confidential, individual consultation. Bring verification of income (pay stubs, income tax return) and a form of identification (driver's license, Social Security card, student visa) to complete the online registration. For further information, navigators can be reached at 773-262-6622, ext. 267. Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove.

YA 'Divergent' Release Party

4 p.m.: Students in grades six to 12 can find out what faction they are and celebrate the movie release of "Divergent" with faction tattoos, trivia and more. Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge. Call 847-825-3123.

Lego CodeBots Club

4:30 p.m.: Kids ages 4 to 8 can use Lego WeGo sets to make robots. Registration required. Skokie Public Library, 5215 Oakton St., Skokie.

Call 847-324-3149.

Field School 60th Annual V-Show 'Queen of Diamonds: A Crowned Cap'

7 p.m.: By using their observation skills, a Field School student (played by a parent) solves a mystery that even the most famous grown-up detectives can't begin to crack. Performances are at 7 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays through March 23. Eugene Field Elementary School, 707 Wisner St., Park Ridge. Call 312-636-1717. \$7, \$5 ages 12 and under.

Friday After Class (F.A.C.)

7 p.m.: A luau-themed event, featuring live music and games, for kids in fifth to eighth grade. Prairie View Community Center, 6834 Dempster St., Morton Grove. Call 847-965-1200. \$3-\$5.

SATURDAY, MARCH 22

Park Ridge Newcomers Club Spring/Summer Kids Sale

9 a.m.: Gently used children's items for sale, including spring/summer clothing (newborn to size 12), shoes, coats/jackets, toys and games, books, DVDs, furniture, bedding and maternity clothes. Visit www.parkridgenewcomersclub.org/kidssale for more information. St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, 260 N. Northwest Highway, Park Ridge. \$2.

Morton Grove Farmers Market Indoor Spring Market

9 a.m.: Enjoy prepared foods, artisan foods, baked goods, jewelry, handmade body products, pet foods, children's activities, live music by CJ Lele and Bob Perlstein and ever-popular RC Juggles balloon artist. Morton Grove Civic Center, 6140 Dempster St., Morton Grove. Call 847-750-6436.

Playdate with Nature

9 a.m.: Games, crafts and educational activities based around the seasonal nature theme of the day. Registration required. Wildwood Nature Center, 529 Forestview Ave., Park Ridge. Call 847-692-5127.

American Red Cross Babysitting Training

9 a.m.: Learn how to act in an emergency, prevent accidents, play with and supervise children of different ages and more. Come to class with a pen, pad of paper and a baby-like doll. Please bring a lunch. For ages 11 to 15. Maine Park Leisure Center, 2701 W. Sibley St., Park Ridge. Call 847-692-5127. \$60-\$95.

PowerPoint 2007 Basics

10 a.m.: Learn the basics of the program. Attendees must have a firm understanding of mouse usage and basic computer commands. Registration is required. Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect

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Ave., Park Ridge. Call 847-720-3234.

Art Exploration Series: The Impressionists

Noon: Learn about some of the most famous impressionist painters. This is a five-week session that begins at noon Feb. 8, Feb. 22, March 8 and March 22. Mather's, 7134 W. Higgins Ave., Chicago. Call 773-774-4804.

Babysitting Basics

1:30 p.m.: A three-hour training course for responsible babysitters. For kids in grades six to 12. Registration required. Skokie Public Library, 5215 Oakton St., Skokie. Call 847-673-7774.

Family Fun: Untuned, Unplugged Game Day

2 p.m.: Play some good, old-fashioned board games. Skokie Public Library, 5215 Oakton St., Skokie. Call 847-324-3149.

St. Peter's UCC Annual Bunco & Card Party

7 p.m.: A game night complete with cards, prizes and a raffle. Snack bags, coffee and deserts are included. To reserve a table, call 847-673-8166. St. Peter's United Church of Christ, 8013 Laramie Ave., Skokie. \$5 suggested donation.

Party with the Park

7 p.m.: This sixth-grade social includes a DJ, inflatables, an open gym, swimming, wallyball, ping pong and racquetball. Snacks and soft drinks are available for purchase. No admittance after 7:30 p.m.; pick-up is at 9. Park Ridge Community Center, 1515 W. Touhy Ave., Park Ridge. Call 847-692-5129. \$5.

SUNDAY, MARCH 23

What is a Banned Book? Who Decides?

10:30 a.m.: Barbara Jones, director of the American Library Association's Office for Intellectual Freedom and executive director of the Freedom to Read Foundation, will point to the ALA's latest "Top Ten List of Challenged Books" and charge that the use of software to filter content in libraries is an insidious form of censorship. Ethical Humanist Society, 7574 Lincoln Ave., Skokie. Call 847-667-3334.

YA 'Divergent' Book-to-Movie Event

Noon: Join friends for a trip to the Pickwick to watch the "Divergent" movie; followed by a discussion at the library comparing the book and the movie. For students in grades six to 12. Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge. Call 847-825-3123.

TAG Meeting

12:30 p.m.: Teens meet to plan future programming at the library and enjoy pizza. Registration required.

Skokie Public Library, 5215 Oakton St., Skokie.

Do More with Excel 2010

2 p.m.: Participants will learn more about Microsoft Excel 2010 with hands-on projects. Some projects include calculations, sorting and filtering data and custom formatting. Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove. Call 847-965-4220.

Antiques Appraisal

2 p.m.: Learn the value of antique items with an appraisal by Leonard Auctioneers & Appraisers, Inc. Skokie Heritage Museum, 8031 Floral Ave., Skokie. \$5 per item.

MONDAY, MARCH 24

Teddy Bear Time

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

One Woman Show: Beverly Sills

1 p.m.: Roberta Randall's portrayal of the internationally acclaimed soprano's life as a singer, impresario, wife and mother from child performer in 1933 to Co-Director of the New York City Opera. Call 847-470-5223 to register. North Shore Senior Center, 6140 Dempster St., Morton Grove. \$9-\$12.

Music and Movement Story Time

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.

Morton Grove Village Board of Trustees Meeting

6 p.m.: Richard T. Flickinger Municipal Center, 6101 Capulina Ave., Morton Grove. Call 847-965-4100.

Lenten Talze Prayer Service

7 p.m.: Spend an hour in prayer, song and reflection. All religious denominations are welcome. Saint Paul of the Cross Church, 320 S. Washington St., Park Ridge. Call 847-825-7605.

TUESDAY, MARCH 25

Baby Bounce

9:15 a.m.: Special stories, songs, rhymes and play time just for babies ages 1 and under. Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge. Call 847-825-3123.

THURSDAY, MARCH 27

'Hitler's Furies: German Women in the Nazi Killing Fields' Lecture

6:30 p.m.: Elliot Lefkovitz will discuss the National Jewish Book Award finalist "Hitler's Furies: German Women in the Nazi Killing Fields." Account of the participation of German women on the World War II Nazi Eastern Front. Registration required. Illinois Holocaust Museum, 9603 Woods Drive, Skokie. Call 847-967-4800.

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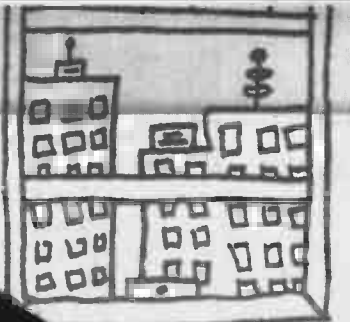
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1 Commercial - remodel

Address: 7525 N. Oak Park Ave., Niles
Issue date: Dec. 5
Permit cost: \$835
Construction cost: \$65,000

2 Single family - remodel

Address: 7635 N. Olcott Ave., Niles
Issue date: Dec. 2
Permit cost: \$634
Construction cost: \$37,000

3 Electrical service

Address: 7933 N. Odell Ave., Niles
Issue date: Dec. 3
Permit cost: \$40
Construction cost: \$300

4 Sewer repair/clean out

Address: 8115 N. Octavia Ave., Niles
Issue date: Dec. 6
Permit cost: \$40
Construction cost: \$3,500

5 Data/telecommunications

Address: 7255 N. Caldwell Ave., Niles
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Permit cost: \$150
Improvement value: \$7,676

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Deerfield financial advisor named tops by Barron's

• Deerfield financial advisor **Steven Hefter**, 59, has been named the 2014 Top Advisor in Illinois by Barron's Magazine. According to the magazine, the rankings are based on information supplied by more than 4,000 advisors, and factors include assets under management, revenue produced for the firm, regulatory record, quality of practice and philanthropic work.

• Independent investment and wealth management firm **Gresham Partners** announced that **Jay Owen** has joined the firm as a principal. Owen will be involved with the firm's delivery of investment and wealth management services to families and family offices, and he will serve as a member of the firm's investment committee. Jay is co-founder and co-managing partner, with his brother, of DOM Capital Group LLC, a family office established in 2007 to serve members of their family whose ancestors founded Dominick's Finer Foods supermarket stores. Previously, Jay was an executive director with J.P. Morgan Private Bank and he held positions with Morgan Stanley and PricewaterhouseCoopers.

• Eight Alden short-term rehabilitation centers are on the U.S. News and World Report Best Nursing Homes 2014 list. The facilities received the highest score of five stars to make the list. The Alden locations on the list include: Alden Des Plaines; Alden Estates of Barrington; Alden Estates of Evanston; and Alden Estates of Skokie.

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BUSINESS

||| MORTON GROVE

Taste enjoys large helping of ticket-buyers

BY PAM DEFIGLIO
For Sun-Times Media

The Taste of Morton Grove fundraiser March 8 was so packed that latecomers could not find a space in White Eagle Banquets' mammoth parking lot.

Because of the crowds at one of Morton Grove's best-attended Tastes ever, organizers were able to best last year's total of funds raised for local nonprofit organizations.

"There were more people than I expected," said Mike Simkins, who chaired the event put on by the Morton Grove Foundation.

Eileen Harford, the foundation's event and raffle chair, tallied some figures and estimated that 800 people attended the Taste, which was held in a huge ballroom at White Eagle in Niles.

"It's for such a wonderful cause," she said. The foundation awarded checks to 24 non-profits with the proceeds.

As of Monday March 11, the Foundation had taken in \$61,981, with another \$200 or so expected to trickle in from silent auction items, according to Cindy Kopczyk, also one of the organizers. She said it would be safe to say the event raised \$62,000, or about \$1,500 more than last year's total.

The hundreds of attendees visited table after table to sample dishes from local restaurateurs. Offerings included pasta from Graziano's and Father and Son Italian Kitchen; pizza from Giordano's and Gulliver's; Asian food from Sri Siam, China Chef and Unimart; chili from Morton Grove firefighters; pierogi from White Eagle; and desserts from Meier's Bakery, Nothing Bundt Cakes, Dairy Queen, Culver's, Classy Cut Catering and others.

Terry LeBeau, who with his wife Mary Jo has been a key



Morton Grove Mayor Dan DiMaria poses with Dakota Hosfield, 14, who was helping Morton Grove firefighters dish out chili and corn bread. | PAM DEFIGLIO/FOR SUN-TIMES MEDIA

event organizer for years, said the increased online presence this year may have helped drive the attendance. For the first time, people could buy both event tickets and raffle tickets online.

"And the weather today didn't hurt," he said, alluding to milder temperatures and no snowfall on March 8.

LeBeau also credited the fact that the foundation started a few years ago to engage the beneficiary organizations more deeply in event planning. Foundation members invited the beneficiaries to a breakfast and asked them to help secure silent auction items and sell a certain number of event and raffle tickets.

"It went over well — they liked intermingling and networking,"

LeBeau said. "They're more involved now, and I think they feel partial ownership of the event."

Harford said the foundation took advantage of five income sources: event tickets and sponsorships, raffle tickets, quick pick raffle tickets, the silent auction and the fire department boards. For the latter, firefighters carry around large boards with checkerboard squares drawn on them, and event-goers can buy a square to support the charities.

Checks were presented to charities at the Taste itself; Kopczyk said proceeds from earlier years stay in the account and roll over from year to year. The foundation presents different amounts to different charities.



Laura Lake, a Village of Morton Grove government intern and also Miss Northern Suburbs "in her other life," was selling quick pick raffle tickets. | PAM DEFIGLIO/FOR SUN-TIMES MEDIA



Volunteers from Orchard Village, a residential and daytime support organization for the developmentally disabled, served cake pops and chocolate-dipped pretzels. | PAM DEFIGLIO/FOR SUN-TIMES MEDIA

TREND

'Palate' serves up \$27,000 for Infant Welfare Society of Evanston

WARM YOUR PALATE

Benefiting: The Infant Welfare Society of Evanston

Date: Feb. 27

Location: Now We're Cooking, Evanston

Attended: 100+

Raised: \$27,000

Website: iwse.org



Nicole Pederson, executive chef of Found in Evanston, serves braised beef tongue and sour root puree on a crostini with mushrooms to guests of IWSE's Warm Your Plate benefit.



Susan Julian of Glencoe (left) and Ann Mommsen of Winnetka, former president and IWSE member since 1972



Cass Wolfe of Evanston, executive director (left) and Helen Hilken of Evanston, president of the board | ALL PHOTOS LEE A. LITAS/FOR SUN-TIMES MEDIA



Skokie's Libertad co-owners executive chef Armando Gonzales and Marcos Rivera



Dave Perlick of Barrington, executive chef at Terra American Bistro in Evanston, cuts chilled lobster to serve to guests of the Infant Welfare Society of Evanston's "Warm Your Plate" fundraiser.



Mary Galvin of Barrington Hills (left) and Dawn Meiners of Winnetka

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Monica Thuet (from left) and Peggy Hopkins, both of Glenview, Kristen Huber and Shawn Sandor, both of Winnetka, Becky Kadel and Ann Noone, both of Glenview | PHOTOS COURTESY OF MARY BROCCOLO OF NORTHFIELD

KELLY CORRIGAN BOOK REVIEW

Benefiting: The American Cancer Society

Date: Feb. 26

Location: Sunset Ridge Country Club, Northfield

Attended: 250

Raised: \$7,500



Jennifer Rahaley of Glenview (left), Hallie Bodman of Northbrook



Co-chairman Shannon Weasler of Glenview (from left), author Kelly Corrigan of San Francisco and co-chairman Megan Galante of Glenview

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Former circus duo celebrate in Rosemont

Julie Gordon and Nathan Botkin

BY HEATHER DORNHECKER
Contributing writer

Julie Gordon and Nathan Botkin were brought together in 2006 as performers in the Illinois State University Gamma Phi Circus, the oldest collegiate circus in the United States.

Julie, a Western Springs native and former gymnast, flipped and flew in the air, and Nathan, formerly of Bolingbrook, was a base who often caught her after stunts.

"We really learned to trust each other and grew a very strong friendship," Julie said. The couple performed together for about two years.

In April 2013, the couple traveled back to the university to attend the annual circus home show, the most anticipated performance of the year.

With the help of the circus director and current performers, Nathan coordinated a proposal that called Julie from the audience to help with a clown act.

"We both know a lot of the clowns, so I knew she wouldn't find it odd for them to use her as an audience participant," he said.

The clowns formed a wall behind Julie as she held a "Kissing Booth" sign toward the audience. When she turned around, Nathan was down on one knee.

"She definitely had no idea it was coming. I just told her earlier that day that I couldn't pick out a ring because I was too indecisive. She kind of got mad about it, but I had the ring in my pocket the whole time," Nathan said.

Nine months later, they married Jan. 18 at Saint John of the Cross in Western Springs. Their reception followed in the Penthouse Ballroom of Victoria Rosemont.

The couple included a generation dance where the DJ invited married couples onto the dance floor. After a bit of dancing, he asked those who have been married five years or fewer to leave the dance floor, followed by 10 years or fewer and so on, until the longest-married couple remained.

The longest-married couple were Julie's grandma and grandpa Cozza, who have been married 62 years. When asked what their secret was, they said love was what keeps them strong.

Julie and Nathan said the dance floor was packed until the very last song, "Piano Man" by Billy Joel.

"Everyone knows and enjoys the song," Nathan said. "It was a great way to end the night."

Julie and Nathan live in Glen Ellyn. Julie is an elementary school teacher in Elk Grove Village, and Nathan is a firefighter-paramedic in Elgin.



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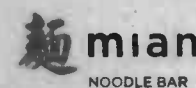
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Good strategy says don't 'play house'

BY JOHN GROCHOWSKI

For Sun-Times Media

While playing blackjack recently, I encountered a player who was mimicking the strategy the dealer was required to follow. He was standing on every 17 and higher, and hitting every 16 or lower, regardless of what card the dealer had face up.

"The house makes money playing this way," he said. "Seems like I should, too."

The problem is that players and dealers operate under very different conditions, and the way that works best for the dealer results in a lopsided game if followed by players. Casinos know this, and they don't want the games to be too lopsided. They want you to feel as if you can win, and keep you coming back to enjoy their hospitality. So they give you options, different potential strategies. It's up to you to understand you have avenues open to you that give you a better chance to win than does the dealer's strategy.

It's only natural that players who start thinking about how the games work often begin with, "If hitting all 16s and under and standing on 17s and above works for the blackjack dealer, why shouldn't it work for the player?"

There are natural questions that arise in other games, too, including "Doesn't betting the don't side in craps mean you're betting with the house?" And there is "If the house gets its edge on the zeroes in roulette, aren't the zeroes where your money should go?"

My encounter with the dealer's rules player came in October. He determinedly hit every 16 and under, even if the dealer had a 6 or some other weak card face up. He stood on every 17, including the soft kind with an Ace being used as an 11, no matter what the dealer's hand. You can't go bust with one card when hitting a soft 17, because the Ace can always be used as a 1 instead.

I keep silent in such situations. The bad play of another is as likely to help me as to hurt me, and I don't give advice unless asked. But it took only a short time before one 30-ish fellow spoke up.

"You know you should stand on that," he said, when the first player hit a 16 vs. a dealer's 5. "Give the dealer a chance to bust once in a while."

That's when Mr. Dealer's Rules gave his theory on what's good for the house being good for the player.

There's a flaw in that logic, of course, or else everyone would be playing the house even at its own game. An even game doesn't pay the casino's bills.

Let's take a look at why following the house's lead doesn't work.

Blackjack

Players and the dealer play under different conditions. Players can bust and lose their bets

before the dealer ever plays his hand. If both dealer and player bust, it's the dealer who wins.

If you play a mimic the dealer strategy, you and the dealer will both bust in the same hand about 8 percent of the time. So the house starts with an 8 percent natural edge, and it gives back about 2.3 percent by paying 3-2 on blackjacks. That takes the house edge down to about 5.7 percent, a bit more or less depending on the number of decks in play and other house rules.

A game with a 5.7 percent house edge is pretty awful, but fortunately, you don't have to mimic the dealer. By using basic strategy for hitting, standing, doubling down and splitting pairs, you can narrow that house edge to a half percent or so. Again, variable depending on house rules.

Craps

Almost everybody at the table will be betting with the shooter, and the house makes money. So why not bet the opposite of the main flow of the game, and bet don't pass?

Because "don't pass" is not purely the opposite of "pass." If the shooter rolls 12 on the comeout, that's a loss for pass bettors, but it's not a win for don't pass. It's just a push, getting your money back.

That's enough of an adjustment that the house will win more often than it loses if you bet don't pass, just as it will on pass. You're not betting with the house when you bet don't pass. You're betting against the house in a different way, spotting the house a 1.36 percent edge that's not that far removed from the 1.41 percent edge on pass.

Roulette

The notion that the house derives its edge from the zeroes isn't strictly accurate. The house makes money because it pays off at levels that would yield an even game if there were 36 numbers on the wheel, when there actually are 38, including 0 and 00.

That same condition is as true if you're betting 0 or 00 as it is if you're betting 3, 16, 28 or any other number. A single number bet on 0 at a double-zero wheel will pay 35-1 odds, even though the true odds are 37-1. A split bet on 0 and 00 will pay 17-1 odds, even though the true odds are 18-1.

When it comes to the outside bets — red/black, odd/even, first 18/last 18, the dozens and columns — you can't bet on the zeroes. Part of the conditions of the game is that those extra numbers are there to facilitate the house paying at less than true odds. You can bet the zeroes only on inside bets, where they're just part of the 38-number set, the same as any other numbers.

There's no such thing as betting with the house. Trying to go the house way just subjects you to conditions built into the games to make sure the casino always has the edge.

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CAMP TRENDS

The American Camp Association's 2013 findings

Camp has been an American tradition for more than 150 years. Some things at camp — forming friendships, having fun, practicing new skills and summer learning gains — will never change. However, trends do.

Who goes to camp?

In 2013, American Camp Association (ACA) estimated that approximately 12,000 traditional, organized

camps are in the United States. Each year, more than 11.5 million children, youth and adults attend camp. The ACA visions that by the year 2020, more than 20 million youth will attend camp each year.

What types of camps are most popular?

Of the estimated 12,000 American camps, approximately 7,000 are resident camps and 5,000 are

day camps. Resident camps are designed for campers staying at camp from several days to eight weeks. Traditional camps are still popular — maybe more popular today than a decade ago — because young people are concerned about the environment, global awareness, mentorship and getting along with one another. The camp community embraces those values. As camps adapt to meet the changing needs

of families, specialty camps, day camps and family camps are experiencing a rise in the popularity.

What activities and programs are popular?

In the 2013 ACA Emerging Issues survey, 54 percent of directors responded they had added a new activity or program in the past two years. The top three areas were adventure programs (challenge

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courses, zip lines, backpacking, mountain biking, etc.) (22 percent), family camps (19 percent) and new nature programs (17 percent). Other increases were seen in gardening (15 percent), cooking using camp garden foods (14 percent), wellness/fitness (12 percent) and STEM programs (12 percent). Nearly half of camps surveyed report having community service or good-deed programs incorporated into the camp curriculum. The top projects conducted at camps are: community cleanups, food drives, recycling programs and volunteering with senior citizens and hospital patients.

The most popular activities at camps today are swimming, arts/crafts, challenge/ropes course, archery and aquatic activities. In addition, ACA research shows 52 percent of day camps and 50 percent of resident camps offered one or more academic/science and technology programs in 2013. More than four out of five ACA-accredited residential camps offer at least one environmental education program for campers. Whatever the activity, camp gets kids moving. While at camp, campers are typically

active three to five hours per day. This exceeds the recommended daily amount of physical activity from the CDC (one hour per day).

SPECIALTY CAMPS

Some camps provide programs to special groups: seniors, families, campers with cancer, gifted and talented children, youth at risk, diabetics, asthmatics or persons with disabilities. In addition to the increase of children with disabilities being mainstreamed into camps, many new camps have opened to provide specialized services to children

with special medical needs.

Other trends incorporate less traditional models for the camp experience. Trip camps provide programs where the participants transport themselves to different sites by backpacking, riding or canoeing. Travel camps often transport campers by car or bus to geographic and topographic places of interest.

Year-round use of camp facilities is a growing trend. Programs are evolving from spring and fall ancillary weekends to winterized full-

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Surf and turf: According to a 2013 study, the top five sports activities offered at summer camp are recreational swimming (87 percent), aquatic activities (76 percent), basketball (72 percent), archery (71 percent) and camping skills (67 percent). (above) McGaw YMCA Camp Echo. (below) Park District of Highland Park's Sand Trackers Camp. 1 SUPPLIED PHOTOS



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activities, special events, field trips and crafts. Register for one or more of our fun camps. Camp begins June 16, 2014. The Park Ridge Park District Camp Program is accredited by the American Camp Association. Not sure which camp to register your child for or need more information? Contact Julie Greve at (847) 692-6911 or jgreve@prparks.org. Visit the website for all your camp information.

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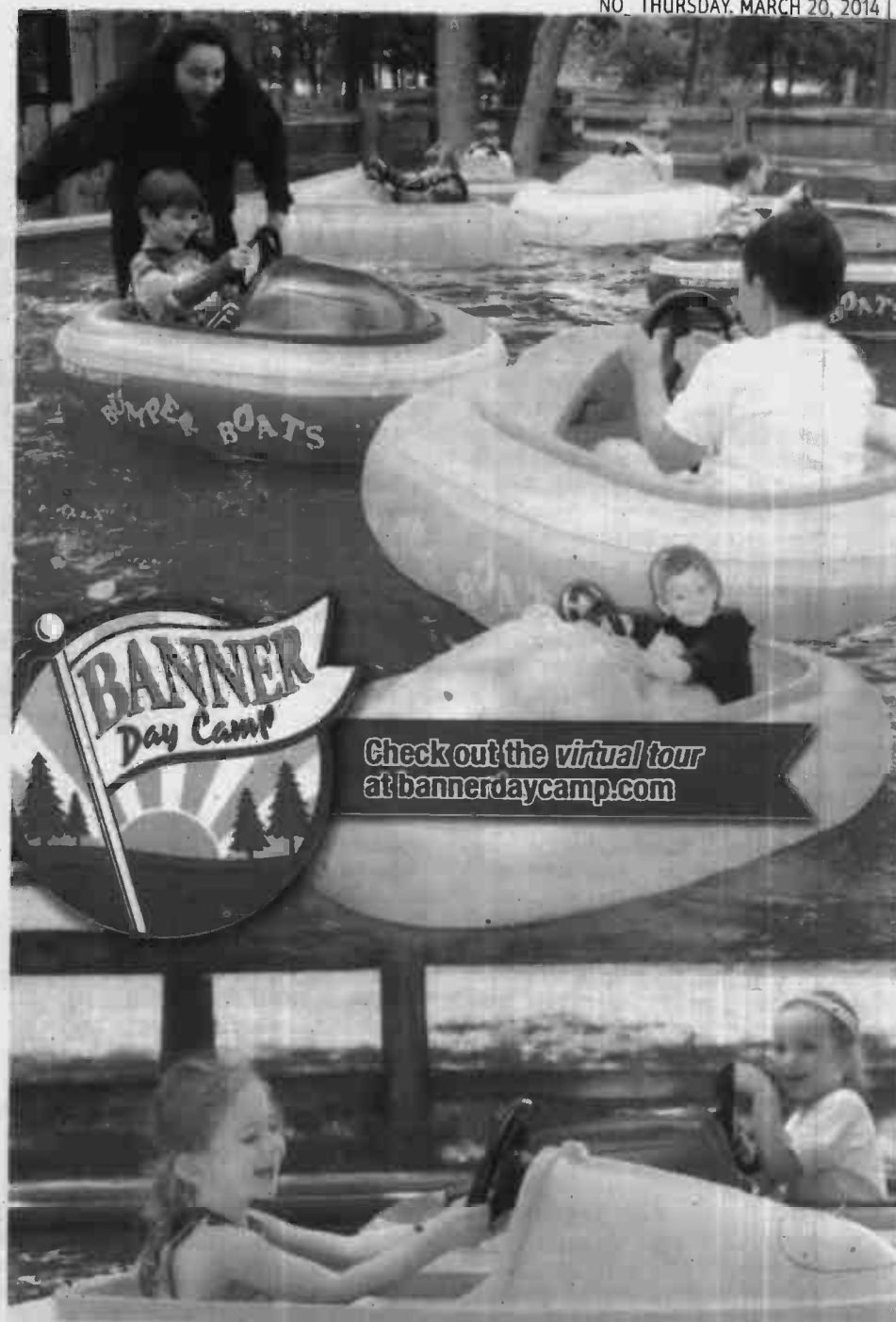
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Steve Earle, please write a song with me

In 2008, on its third album called "Love on the Inside," the country duo Sugarland released a song entitled "Steve Earle" (lyrics below).

This song is a straight-up Earle-songwriting love fest. According to the lyrics, Earle has written songs for all his wives as the relationship grows and then dissolves. The singer requests: "Steve Earle, please write a song for me." Although the validity of the song's claims has not been verified, one thing is not lost in translation: Steve Earle is an amazing songwriter.

Grammy Award-winning Earle quickly became a master storyteller. A protégé of legendary songwriters Townes Van Zandt and Guy Clark, Earle's songs have been recorded by Johnny Cash, Willie Nelson, Emmylou Harris, Waylon Jennings, Travis Tritt, The Pretenders, Joan Baez and countless others. Last spring, he released his 15th studio album, "The Low Highway," to worldwide critical acclaim. Earle is also an actor and author.

"Copperhead Road," Earle's alternative-country/country-rock album, was released in 1988. The title song (lyrics to the right) tells the story of a Vietnam War veteran, a descendant of a rural moonshine bootlegging clan, who returns home to Johnson County, Tenn. The song also inspired a popular line dance, and it has been used as the theme music for the Discovery Channel reality series "Moonshiners." Copperhead Road was an actual road near Mountain City, Tenn., although it has since been renamed Copperhead Hollow Road because the road signs bearing the song's

name were constantly stolen.

In 2000, Earle decided to share his wisdom at a songwriting course at the Old Town School of Folk Music in Chicago. In 2012, he held classes as part of Jorma Kaukonen's Fur Peace Ranch workshop.

Now, this summer, from July 7-11, Earle will be the sole instructor at his most refined and in-depth course yet: Camp Copperhead. This fully immersive learning experience will take place at the Full Moon Resort, located at 1 Valley View Road in Big Indian, N.Y. Approximately 100 students of all ages and skill will have uniquely intimate access to a master artisan. The cost covers classes, meals and accommodations.

The camp's website quotes Earle to have said: Camp Copperhead will "be an intensive, all-day-long songwriting workshop, which I'm going to teach every minute of, I love to teach. I have fun doing it."

Classes on a specific aspect of writing will be presented each morning, and afternoon workshops will give students time to pair up to work on their assignments under Earle's supervision. The nightly open-mic offers students the opportunity to play their brand-new songs.

Camp Copperhead is part of a series of camps, called Music Masters Camps, held at the Full Moon Resort. Music Masters Camps bridge the gap between artist and audience and provide a unique opportunity for participants and world-class artists to meet and collaborate in an inspiring and creative atmosphere.



Campfire songs: Steve Earle will be the sole instructor at Camp Copperhead that will be held July 7-11 at the Full Moon Resort, located at 1 Valley View Road in Big Indian, N.Y. He will present writing classes each morning and workshops each afternoon. I SUPPLIED PHOTO

Visit www.camp-copperhead.com and www.musicmasterscamps.com for additional information, including registration and pricing.

"Steve Earle"

By Sugarland

One more!

Well I heard Steve Earle had lots of wives,

About as many as cats have lives.

Met him on his records and we're good friends.

He writes a song for everyone.

They fall in love and before it's done,

He writes an even better one when it ends.

Well I don't have to take your name.

And you won't have to take the blame.

[Chorus]

Steve Earle, Steve Earle,
please write a song for me.

I promise I won't take a dime
when it comes my time to
leave.

The others wanted your whole
heart, but I just want your
sleeve.

Steve Earle, Steve Earle,
please write a song for me.

Well I heard he loves each one
the same.

As much as Ireland loves the
rain.

Steve, it rains at my house
everyday.

He met 'em all in every port,
'Cause falling in love is a

pilgrim sport.

And as long as I can be the
pirate, I'm ok!

You moved to the city. Baby,
you had to go.

But I love apples and I could
learn to love the snow.

[Chorus]

Come on!

I could walk around in your
favorite shoes.

Come on, just one line,
What do you got to lose?

And I don't bruise.

Steve Earle, Steve Earle,
please write a song for me.

I promise I won't take a dime
when it comes my time to
leave.

The others wanted your whole
heart, but I just want your
sleeve.

[spoken]

And the shirt that goes with
it 'cause it smells like you,
and you

know I like to sleep in that in
the vacation house at the
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ding, only 'bout 300 people.

Did I tell you I have kids?

You're gonna love 'em.

They're gonna need to go to
college.

Do you like reggae?

I love reggae.

On Tuesday nights, I like to go
to trivia, so that's your night
to go

out with the boys and then
you can...

Is this thing on?

Steve Earle, Steve Earle,
please write a song for me.

I do!

Yeah!

Fine!

Cool!

Should we come listen then?

"Copperhead Road"

By Steve Earle

Well, my name's John Lee Pettimore

Same as my daddy and his daddy before

You hardly ever saw Granddaddy down here

He only came to town about twice a year

He'd buy a hundred pounds of yeast and
some copper line

Everybody knew that he made moonshine

Now the revenue man wanted Granddaddy bad

He headed up the holler with everything he
had

It's before my time but I've been told

He never came back from Copperhead Road

Now Daddy ran the whiskey in a big block
Dodge

Bought it at an auction at the Mason's Lodge

Johnson County Sheriff painted on the side

Just shot a coat of primer then he looked
inside

Well him and my uncle tore that engine down

I still remember that rumblin' sound

Well the sheriff came around in the middle
of the night

Heard mama cryin', knew something wasn't
right

He was headed down to Knoxville with the
weekly load

You could smell the whiskey burnin' down
Copperhead Road

I volunteered for the Army on my birthday

They draft the white trash first, round here
anyway

I done two tours of duty in Vietnam

And I came home with a brand new plan

I take the seed from Colombia and Mexico

I plant it up the holler down Copperhead
Road

Well the D.E.A.'s got a chopper in the air

I wake up screaming like I'm back over there

I learned a thing or two from ol' Charlie don't
you know

You better stay away from Copperhead Road

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service operations seven days a week. Many camps work with schools to provide environmental education during the school year.

SPORTS-SPECIFIC SPECIALTY CAMPS

Specialty camp experiences with a sports focus can offer campers a community and friendships with peers and role models with similar interests. They are able to concentrate on and gain confidence in the sport they love. Ten percent of ACA-accredited camps offered a targeted sports focus in 2013. In 2004, only 3 percent of ACA camps offered a targeted sport focus. Ac-



Spirit fingers: The most popular activities at camps today are swimming, arts/crafts, challenge/ropes course, archery and aquatic activities. (left) Camp Anokijig. (above) Northbrook Park District. | SUPPLIED PHOTOS

According to an ACA report, 98 percent of responding ACA camps reported offering at least one sport even if sports were not a targeted focus. The top five sports activities offered are recreational swimming (87 percent), aquatic activities (76 percent), basketball (72 percent), archery (71

percent) and camping skills (67 percent). Unique offerings include fencing, lacrosse, SCUBA diving and windsurfing.

Search for the perfect camp experience on ACA's Find a Camp database (www.find.acacamps.org). This resource allows families to search for camp programs based on

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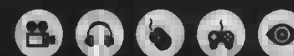
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(above and left) Camp Henry Horner

BIG CITY DAY CAMP

Ages: Kindergarten – 8th Grade

Location: Chicago, IL

An urban day camp offering diverse activities and field trips, Big City Day Camp offers swim lessons with Red Cross certified instructors, weekly sessions with professional sport coaches, artists, musicians and yoga instructors, while college-educated counselors sprinkle in singing, cooperative games, dancing and arts and crafts. Campers enjoy sun and sand at Chicago beaches, unique field trips with behind-the-scenes experiences and cookouts with this urban camp adventure.

CAMP HENRY HORNER

Ages: Kindergarten – 10th Grade

Location: Ingleside, IL

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Ages: Youth 9 – 21 years old; Adults 21 and older

Location: Ingleside, IL

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CAMP STAR

Ages: 6 – 12 years old.

Location: Highland Park, IL

A joint effort by the Hyperactivity, Attention and Learning Problems Clinic



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HORNER GROVE DAY CAMP

Ages: 6 weeks – 6 years old

Location: Buffalo Grove, IL

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Ages: 1st – 6th Grade

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SMARTY-PANTS CAMP

BY ANDY FRYE

For Sun-Times Media

Summer camp is a great place for kids to do, see, and play during the summer months off from school. Better yet, the Chicagoland area has some great options for kids who love to learn and prefer activities that challenge the mind as much as hiking and lake activities challenge the spirit.

One such camp, Jay's Camp in Long Grove, has a number of programs and daily activities to stimulate your child's mind, creative flair and sense of adventure.

Boys between second and eighth grades can jump into the Boys Camp of the Arts, which emphasize arts and crafts along with a variety of "wacky science projects," as the camp calls them. Other activities at Jay's include music, ceramics and pottery, creative drama, photography and much more.

If your child is technologically inclined or just wants to spend part of the summer immersed in the ins and outs of software, 3D animation and digital photography, iD Tech Camps offer summer camp that allow kids to get involved with everything from video game design to robotics.

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Camp director Steve Goldstein said his camp "brings out the best in kids who are communicators. And even shy ones come out of their shell



If you build it: Parents of technologically inclined children should look into iD Tech Camps, which features instruction in software, 3D animation, digital photography, video game design to robotics. | SUPPLIED PHOTO

Cameraman: A camper in Play-by-Play Sports Camp takes his turn behind the microphone at Soldier Field. | SUPPLIED PHOTO

by day two of camp."

Professionals such

as clinical psychologist Pam Niesluchowski tend to agree that summer camp is a great to help a school-aged child grow intellectually and communicate better with peers and adults. However, Niesluchowski also points out that, when compared to backyard summer play or watching TV, the experience of summer-camp does even more.

"Summer activities, such as camps, provide kids with opportunities for ongoing learning during a time when they would otherwise be doing little," Niesluchowski said.

Niesluchowski, who maintains a private practice and teaches at a Chicago graduate school states that there is evidence that during summer break kids forget some of what they have learned in the previous school year.

"Providing ongoing stimulation through camps and other structured activities, Niesluchowski said, "can help kids stay sharp and get tuned in more quickly, come September."

Camp's added benefits

BY MARCY MARRO

For Sun-Times Media

Going to summer camp is about so much more than just having fun and hanging out with friends. Summer camp also provides a safe environment for children to learn new skills and gain self-confidence, reaching far beyond summer.

Learn New Skills

"The foundation of camp is having fun, building friendships and learning new skills," said Kathy Donahue, director of recreation services at the Park District of Highland Park. "We provide children with many different and unique opportunities, all of which are learning experiences."

Developing new skills and increased confidence in abilities is key at the Park District of Highland Park's Camp Big Top/Little Top, one of the park district's many camps offerings where campers learn how to fly on a trapeze and how to ride horses and other circus-related skills. When faced with new and unfamiliar challenges, campers also learn the importance of patience and persistence as they try to master new skills.

"Kids go to camp to have fun, and without realizing it, they are learning all these new things," Donahue said.

Self-Confidence

At the Northbrook Park District, the camp philosophy emphasizes the importance of campers developing a strong sense of self-confidence, while creating memories that last a lifetime.

"Camp is an environment that provides the opportunity to learn new activities and increase skills in many areas, but especially in the social aspect," said Jonathan Pratscher, CPRP, leisure services supervisor with the

Northbrook Park District. "Summer camp teaches kids how to handle stress, be courageous enough to try new things, and that it's OK to be yourself."

"The learning opportunities are limitless at camp," Pratscher continued. "Each day presents new challenges and campers continually demonstrate their ability to step out of their comfort zone and try new things."

Pratscher said that he has observed groups of campers learning how to trust their peers and witnessed kids learn the importance of supporting their fellow campers during more difficult situations.

Core Values

Summer camps at the YMCA are designed to encourage the four core values of caring, honesty, respect and responsibility, and campers learn the values, skills and relationships that lead to positive behaviors, better health and educational achievement. In addition to making new friends, campers build self-confidence while discovering new skills and developing a respect for the outdoors, said Mary Craig, association program director at the Lake County Family YMCA, which has locations in Vernon Hills and Waukegan.

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BY NIKI PAPAK

Banner Day Camp

All parents wish the very best for their child; wishes like happiness, success in school, fulfillment with their life and the ability to make and keep friends. Resilient children who can adapt to new situations can only realize each of these attributes. Camps are the perfect place to help children learn to adjust to change, build their coping strategies and optimize their development.

Why are camps so ideal in building resilience? The camp experience provides children with simple and complex challenges like conquering the climbing wall, trying a new sport, making and getting along with new friends and learning to ask for help. Each challenge encourages them to take manageable and safe risks away from their parents without their parents' direction and encouragement. Campers are given the space to put away their electronic devices and get a little dirty while developing new relationships and having fun.

Camps also provide safe settings in which campers can start anew without any of the struggles they carry from school. Campers are able to be themselves and create strong relationships not only with their peers but also with their camp counselors. Having such

a solid connection with trusted adults other than parents allows children to develop confidence and a powerful identity. This doesn't develop by being good at everything; it develops by having a great camp counselor that will help them find something that they can be proud of doing well. It is also these very relationships and being part of a group bond and common purpose that cultivate a feeling of belonging and community.

A great camp program often gives children choices to help them feel in control of their camp experience. This fosters feelings of competence and these feelings of competence allow campers to be better problem-solvers in new situations. Camp programs also help children develop physically through exercise and enjoy fresh air while being outdoors. Excellent camp programs have a good balance of structured and unstructured activities and provide experiences in a variety of areas like sports, aquatics, arts and adventure.

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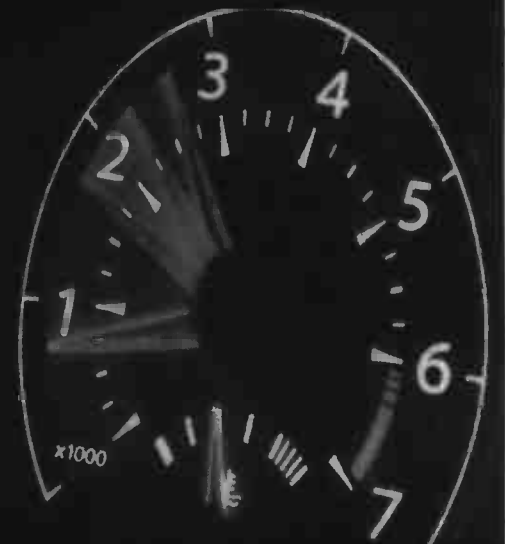
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Make Seasonal Hiring Easier and More Efficient

By: John Rosshelm, Monster Senior Contributing Writer

Any season may be the season of your discontent – if you don't take care to source, hire and onboard seasonal workers who represent the best that your business has to offer.

Many pitfalls plague employers that must supplement their full-time staff for the summer, for tax season, or for any other portion of the year when business peaks. Most of these troubles stem from a failure of the company's leadership to devote energy and resources to assembling an optimal seasonal workforce.

Are you willing to take a fresh look at your seasonal operations to see where you might improve your staffing? Consider these 11 approaches to fielding superlative workers when the annual rush is on.

Don't assume that high unemployment will make your seasonal hiring a cinch. In fact, "we've experienced pockets of the country where it was very difficult to hire," says Jennifer Lemcke, chief operating officer of Weed Man USA, a lawn-care franchisor. "It's been hard to hire in Detroit." Michigan has very high unemployment; the catch for seasonal employers is that extensions of Federal jobless benefits have made many Michiganders eligible to collect for up to 99 weeks, reducing the motivation to find work, according to Mark Perry, a professor of economics at University of Michigan in Flint.

Use sourcing channels that offer a high yield of candidates who only want seasonal work. You'll make better seasonal hires faster if you can mine rich veins of candidates who just want to work for the season. "We have tapped into graduating university students who are taking time to figure out what they want to do," says Lemcke.

If your seasonal staff is large, dedicate substantial resources to successful onboarding. Giving seasonal employees the sink-or-swim test could hurt your bottom line at season's end. "One of the most common mistakes is throwing seasonal hires on a sales floor with minimal training or onboarding, viewing them as a way to fill a schedule rather than as company representatives to serve your customers," says Nels Wroe, partner and product director at SHL Group, a vendor of talent-assessment tools.

Take time to ensure that job descriptions for seasonal hires are accurate, complete and up-to-date. "We have clients using job descriptions that are four or more years old," says Wroe. Consider asking the author of the job description to spend a few hours shadowing an employee in the relevant position. Your customers won't forgive poor service simply because it's rendered by a seasonal worker.

Consider tools for high-volume hiring and screening. If you're hiring for hundreds or thousands of seasonal positions, you'll probably benefit from talent-management systems. "Our candidates have doubled or tripled over the last few years, so we need tools to manage the flow," says Kyle Martin, manager of talent acquisition at Vail Resorts Management Company in Broomfield, Colorado. Wroe says that with seasonal hires, "you have a very limited window to get a return on your hiring investment. Assessments let you select workers who will get up to speed more quickly."

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Hire for attitude as much as aptitude. Most seasonal work is about being flexible and getting up to speed quickly, rather than bringing to bear an elaborate skill set. "All of our training is so in-depth -- we don't necessarily need someone with experience," says Lemcke. "We're looking for dependable workers who emphasize safety and customer focus," says Martin.

Give preference to "same time, next year" candidates. If you're able to select for candidates most likely to return for another season, do so; it'll streamline your hiring next year. "We'll hire 10,000 seasonal workers in 2010, including about 5,000 who are returning," says Martin.

Don't shortchange HR and related processes for seasonal employees. You may be tempted to save short-term costs by bypassing some HR processes for seasonal employees. This can bring you trouble on many fronts, from fielding confused workers to running afoul of labor laws. So keep your seasonal workers on your regular HR platform, and disseminate systems and knowledge to branch offices that are hiring for the season. "We supply franchisees with information on how to interview and evaluate candidates, with orientation and training programs, and with all the forms they'll need," says Lemcke.

If you use staffing vendors, consider giving just one an exclusive for your seasonal hires. Staffing agencies may be swamped filling the seasonal needs of many clients at once. If you promise one agency all your business, they may be more willing to go the extra mile to bring you the best seasonal workers.

Don't assume that all your seasonal hires are just for the season. Many of your seasonal workers will never be candidates for permanent positions, but some of them may be. Tag potential permanent hires early on, keep close tabs on their performance, and at the end of the season, evaluate their fitness for full-time employment.

Don't neglect your end game. Never assume that your workforce will remain intact through the season; it most likely won't. "No matter how much we plan, we still have to hire some people toward the end of the season," says Lemcke. Consider structuring compensation to reward seasonal workers for staying as long as you need them. "Our lawn-care technicians get a bonus based on production if they complete the season," Lemcke adds.

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4907 N OKETO AVENUE HARWOOD HEIGHTS, IL 60656 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT PURSUANT TO A JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE AND SALE ENTERED IN THE ABOVE CAUSE ON JANUARY 13, 2014, AN AGENT FOR THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION, ONE SOUTH WACKER DRIVE - 24TH FLOOR, CHICAGO, IL 60606, SHALL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER, AS SET FORTH BELOW, THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE: Commonly known as 4333 N. NEWCASTLE AVE, Harwood Heights, IL. 60706 Property Index No. 13-18-307-014. The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was \$271,207.93. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: LAW OFFICES OF IRA T. NEVEL, LLC, 175 N. Franklin Street, Suite 201, CHICAGO, IL 60606, (312) 357-1125. Please refer calls to the sales department. Please refer to file number 13-02918. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.jssc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876. Please refer to file number 14-11-30398. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE You can also visit www.jssc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100 BURR RIDGE, IL 60527 (630) 794-5300 Attorney File No. 14-11-30398 Attorney ARDC No. 00468002 Attorney Code. 21762 Case Number: 11-CH 032871 TJSC#: 34-3901 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. 1595971 3/20, 3/27, 4/3/14 #745911

STANISLAV JANIC and SYLVIA JANICOVA Defendants 13 CH 17348 4333 N. NEWCASTLE AVE Harwood Heights, IL 60706 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT PURSUANT TO A JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE AND SALE ENTERED IN THE ABOVE CAUSE ON JANUARY 13, 2014, AN AGENT FOR THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION, ONE SOUTH WACKER DRIVE - 24TH FLOOR, CHICAGO, IL 60606, SHALL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER, AS SET FORTH BELOW, THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE: Commonly known as 4333 N. NEWCASTLE AVE, Harwood Heights, IL. 60706 Property Index No. 13-18-307-014. The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was \$271,207.93. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: LAW OFFICES OF IRA T. NEVEL, LLC, 175 N. Franklin Street, Suite 201, CHICAGO, IL 60606, (312) 357-1125. Please refer calls to the sales department. Please refer to file number 13-02918. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.jssc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100 BURR RIDGE, IL 60527 (630) 794-5300 Attorney File No. 14-11-30363 Attorney ARDC No. 00468002 Attorney Code. 21762 Case Number: 11-CH 042778 TJSC#: 34-3946 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. 1595979 3/20, 3/27, 4/3/14 #745913

ARIF U. BALAGAM A/K/A ARIF BALAGAM MEHER BALAGAM A/K/A MEHER P. BALAGAM A/K/A MEHER PERVEEN BALAGAM A/K/A M. BALAGAM. BGM HOME LLC, FOUZIA KHAN, LAW OFFICES MITCHELL F. ASHER, VILLAGE OF MORTON GROVE, STATE OF ILLINOIS Defendants 11 CH 042778 3325 W. ARTHUR AVENUE LINCOLNWOOD, IL 60712 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT PURSUANT TO A JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE AND SALE ENTERED IN THE ABOVE CAUSE ON APRIL 21, 2014, AT THE HOUR OF 11 A.M. IN THEIR OFFICE AT 120 WEST MADISON STREET, SUITE 718A, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, SELL TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY: P.I.N. 10-35-310-031-0000. Commonly known as 6608 NORTH SPRINGFIELD AVENUE, LINCOLNWOOD, IL 60712. The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence. If the subject mortgaged real estate is a unit of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by subsection (g-1) of Section 18.5 of the Condominium Property Act. Sale terms: 25% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale. For information: Visit our website at http://service.atty-pierce.com. Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only. Pierce & Associates, Plaintiffs Attorneys, 1 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602. Tel.No. (312) 476-5500. Refer to File Number 1200736. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 1595542 3/20, 3/27, 4/3/14 #745899

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LINCOLNWOOD IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION RESIDENTIAL CREDIT SOLUTIONS, INC. Plaintiff, -v- HING TSENG KAO, SZU CHUN KAO, FOSTER BANK, STATE OF ILLINOIS, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, MIDLAND FUNDING LLC Defendants 13 CH 021268 3909 W. LOYOLA AVENUE LINCOLNWOOD, IL 60712 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT PURSUANT TO A JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE AND SALE ENTERED IN THE ABOVE CAUSE ON JANUARY 6, 2014, AN AGENT FOR THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION, ONE SOUTH WACKER DRIVE - 24TH FLOOR, CHICAGO, IL 60606, SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER, AS SET FORTH BELOW, THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE: Commonly known as 3909 W. LOYOLA AVENUE, LINCOLNWOOD, IL 60712 Property Index No. 10-35-323-020; 10-35-323-021. The real estate is improved with a residence. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale, or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100 BURR RIDGE, IL 60527 (630) 794-5300 Attorney File No. 14-13-17872 Attorney ARDC No. 00468002 Attorney Code. 21762 Case Number: 13-CH 021268 TJSC#: 34-579 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. 1595355 3/20, 3/27, 4/3/14 #745896

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LINCOLNWOOD
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
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DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY
DIVISION
DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL
TRUST COMPANY AS TRUSTEE
FOR WAMU MORTGAGE PASS-
THROUGH CERTIFICATES SER-
IES 2005-AR8 G1
Plaintiff,
-v-
NASIM FAROOQI A/K/A NASIM F.
FAROOQI, TARIQ M. KHAWAJA,
HARRIS, NA, UNITED STATES OF
AMERICA, PENTECH FINANCIAL
SERVICES, INC.
Defendants
10 CH 018779
7001 N. KARLOV AVENUE
LINCOLNWOOD, IL 60712
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT PUR-
SUANT TO A Judgment of Foreclosure
and Sale entered in the above
cause on January 10, 2014, an
agent for The Judicial Sales Corpora-
tion, will at 10:30 AM on April 14,
2014, at the The Judicial Sales Corpora-
tion, One South Wacker Drive -
24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606,
sell at public auction to the highest
bidder, as set forth below, the fol-
lowing described real estate:
Commonly known as 7001
N. KARLOV AVENUE,
LINCOLNWOOD, IL 60712 Property
Index No. 10-34-213-058. The real
estate is improved with a residence.
Sale terms: 25% down of
the highest bid by certified funds at
the close of the sale payable to the
Judicial Sales Corporation. No third
party checks will be accepted. The
balance, including the Judicial sale
fee for Abandoned Residential
Property Municipality Relief Fund,
which is calculated on residential
real estate at the rate of \$1 for each
\$1,000 or fraction thereof of the
amount paid by the purchaser not
to exceed \$300, in-certified funds/
wire transfer, is due within twenty-
four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid
by the mortgagee acquiring the resi-
dential real estate pursuant to its
credit bid at the sale or by any
mortgagee, judgment creditor, or
other lienor acquiring the residential
real estate whose rights in and to
the residential real estate arose prior
to the sale. The subject property is
subject to general real estate taxes,
special assessments, or special
taxes levied against said real estate
and is offered for sale without any
representation as to quality or
quantity of title and without recourse
to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition.
The sale is further subject to confirma-
tion by the court. Upon payment
in full of the amount bid, the purchaser
will receive a Certificate of
Sale that will entitle the purchaser
to a deed to the real estate after
confirmation of the sale. Where a
sale of real estate is made to satisfy
a lien prior to that of the United
States, the United States shall have
one year from the date of sale with-
in which to redeem, except that with
respect to a lien arising under the
internal revenue laws the period
shall be 120 days or the period al-
lowable for redemption under State
law, whichever is longer, and in any
case in which, under the provisions
of section 505 of the Housing Act of
1950, as amended (12 U.S.C.
1701k), and subsection (d) of section
3720 of title 38 of the United
States Code, the right to redeem
does not arise, there shall be no
right of redemption. The property
will NOT be open for inspection and
plaintiff makes no representation as
to the condition of the property. Pros-
pective bidders are admonished to
check the court file to verify all in-
formation. If this property is a con-
dominium unit, the purchaser of the
unit at the foreclosure sale, other
than a mortgagee, shall pay the as-
sessments and the legal fees re-
quired by The Condominium Prop-
erty Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and
(g)(4). If this property is a con-
dominium unit which is part of a com-
mon interest community, the pur-
chaser of the unit at the foreclosure
sale other than a mortgagee shall
pay the assessments required by
The Condominium Property Act,
765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU
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OWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT
TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION
FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF
AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN
ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION
15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS
MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE
LAW. For information, examine the
court file or contact Plaintiff's attor-
ney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES,
P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE
ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE,
IL 60527, (630) 794-9876. Please
refer to file number 14-10-11507.
THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION
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The Judicial Sales Corporation at
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port of pending sales: CODILIS &
ASSOCIATES, P.C. 15W030
NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD,
SUITE 100 BURR RIDGE, IL 60527
(630) 794-5300 Attorney File No.
14-10-11507 Attorney ARDC No.
00468002 Attorney Code. 218762
Case Number: 10 CH 018779
TJSC#: 34-1354 NOTE: Pursuant
to the Fair Debt Collection Practices
Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's
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3/13, 3/20, 3/27/14 8742349

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PIERCE & ASSOCIATES One
North Dearborn Street Suite 1300
CHICAGO, IL 60602 (312) 476-
5500 Attorney File No. PA1034059
Attorney Code. 91220 Case Num-
ber: 10 CH 48925 TJSC#: 34-3489
1593955
3/13, 3/20, 3/27/14 8742329

Judicial Sales-Real Est.

MORTON GROVE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY
DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY
DIVISION
DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL
TRUST COMPANY AS TRUSTEE
FOR HARBORVIEW MORTGAGE
LOAN TRUST MORTGAGE PASS-
THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SER-
IES 2005-9
Plaintiff,
-v-
SYED IQBAL AKA SYED S. IQBAL,
SHAHNAZ SIKENDER AKA
SHAHNAZ SIKANDAR AKA
SHAHNAZ SIKENDER, TCF NA-
TIONAL BANK, SYRACUSE UNI-
VERSITY, PREFERRED PETRO-
LEUM, INC.
Defendants
12 CH 17304
7810 Lotus Ave. Morton Grove, IL
60053
NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTI-
CE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT PUR-
SUANT TO A Judgment of Foreclosure
and Sale entered in the above
cause on January 29, 2014, an
agent for The Judicial Sales Corpora-
tion, will at 10:30 AM on April 30,
2014, at the The Judicial Sales Corpora-
tion, One South Wacker Drive -
24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606,
sell at public auction to the highest
bidder, as set forth below, the fol-
lowing described real estate: Com-
monly known as 7810 Lotus Ave.,
Morton Grove, IL 60053 Property
Index No. 10-28-108-036-0000, 10-
28-108-037-0000. The real estate is
improved with a single family resi-
dence. The judgment amount was
\$348,841.43. Sale terms: The bid
amount, including the Judicial sale
fee for Abandoned Residential
Property Municipality Relief Fund,
which is calculated on residential
real estate at the rate of \$1 for each
\$1,000 or fraction thereof of the
amount paid by the purchaser not
to exceed \$300, shall be paid in
certified funds immediately by the
highest and best bidder at the con-
clusion of the sale. No fee shall be
paid by the mortgagee acquiring the
residential real estate pursuant to
its credit bid at the sale or by any
mortgagee, judgment creditor, or
other lienor acquiring the residential
real estate whose rights in and to
the residential real estate arose prior
to the sale. The subject property is
subject to general real estate taxes,
special assessments, or special
taxes levied against said real estate
and is offered for sale without any
representation as to quality or
quantity of title and without recourse
to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition.
The sale is further subject to confirma-
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15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS
MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE
LAW. For information, contact
Plaintiff's attorney: HEAVNER,
SCOTT, BEYERS & MIHLAR, LLC,
111 East Main Street, DECATUR,
IL 62523, (217) 422-1719. If the
sale is not confirmed for any rea-
son, the Purchaser at the sale shall
be entitled only to a return of the
purchase price paid. The Purchaser
shall have no further recourse
against the Mortgagor, the
Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attor-
ney. THE JUDICIAL SALES COR-
PORATION One South Wacker
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60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE You
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Decatur, IL 62523 (217) 422-
1719 Attorney Code. 40387 Case
Number: 12 CH 17304 TJSC#: 34-
2689 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair
Debt Collection Practices Act, you
are advised that Plaintiff's attorney
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3/20, 3/27, 4/3/14 8745889

Judicial Sales-Real Est.

LINCOLNWOOD
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COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHAN-
CERY DIVISION
HSBC BANK USA, NATIONAL AS-
SOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR
WELLS FARGO ASSET SECURI-
TIES CORPORATION MORT-
GAGE ASSET-BACKED PASS-
THROUGH CERTIFICATES SER-
IES 2007-AR6 Plaintiff,
-v-
DEVID GEORGE, ANNA DEVID
Defendants
10 CH 48925
6732 EAST PRAIRIE AVENUE
LINCOLNWOOD, IL 60712
NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTI-
CE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT PUR-
SUANT TO A Judgment of Foreclosure
and Sale entered in the above
cause on October 9, 2013, an agent
for The Judicial Sales Corporation,
will at 10:30 AM on April 7, 2014,
at the The Judicial Sales Corpora-
tion, One South Wacker Drive - 24th
Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at
public auction to the highest bidder,
as set forth below, the following de-
scribed real estate:
Commonly known as: 6732 EAST
PRAIRIE AVENUE,
LINCOLNWOOD, IL 60712 Property
Index No. 10-35-301-041-0000.
The real estate is improved with a
brick single family house; attached
2 car garage. Sale terms: 25%
down of the highest bid by certified
funds at the close of the sale paya-
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the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned
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LAW. For information: Visit our
website at service.atty-pierce.com,
between the hours of 9 and 5 pm.
PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's
Attorneys, One North Dearborn
Street Suite 1300, CHICAGO, IL
60602. Tel. No. (312) 476-5500.
Please refer to file number
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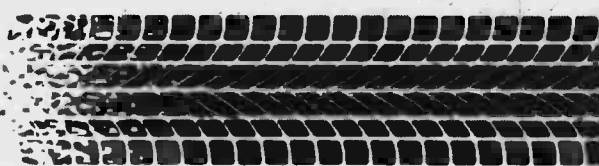
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LINCOLNWOOD
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHAN-
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U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIA-
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MORTGAGE FINANCE CORPO-
RATION MULTI-CLASS MORT-
GAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFI-
CATES CHASEFLEX TRUST,
SERIES 2006-2,
Plaintiff
-v-
CARLOS A. MARTINEZ; MARY A.
MARTINEZ A/K/A MARIA A. MAR-
TINEZ A/K/A MARIA A. FLORES;
CARLOS A. MARTINEZ AS
TRUSTEE UNDER THE PROVI-
SIONS OF A TRUST AGREEMENT
DATED THE 12TH DAY OF FEB-
RUARY, 2010 AND KNOWN AS
THE CARLOS A. MARTINEZ AND
MARY A. MARTINEZ TRUST;
MARY A. MARTINEZ AS TRUSTEE
UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF A
TRUST AGREEMENT DATED
THE 12TH DAY OF FEBRUARY,
2010 AND KNOWN AS THE CAR-
LOS A. MARTINEZ AND MARY A.
MARTINEZ TRUST; JPMORGAN
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HOME IMPROVERS, LLC; UNITED
STATES OF AMERICA; NADLER,
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MATTHEW C. ARNOUX, LLC;
CITY OF CHICAGO, AN ILLINOIS
MUNICIPAL CORPORATION;
NORTHERN ILLINOIS GAS COM-
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FORD MOTOR CREDIT COMPA-
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TO HARRIS BANK BARRINGTON,
N.A.; TD AUTO FINANCE, LLC
F/K/A DAIMLERCHRYSLER FI-
NANCIAL SERVICES AMERICAS,
LLC D/B/A CHRYSLER FINAN-
CIAL SERVICES OF ILLINOIS, INC.
F/K/A AMERICAN GENERAL FI-
NANCIAL SERVICES OF ILLINOIS,
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LLC; RESURGENCE FINANCIAL,
LLC; MIDLAND FUNDING, LLC;
CHRISTIAN LOPEZ; LILLIANA
RUEDA; ALDEN-TOWN MANOR
REHABILITATION AND HEALTH
CARE CENTER, INC.; UNKNOWN
OWNERS AND NON-RECORD
CLAIMANTS; UNKNOWN OCCU-
PANTS,
Defendants
12 CH 23267
Property Address: 6759 NORTH
LONGMEADOW AVENUE,
LINCOLNWOOD IL 60712
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE
SALE
Fisher and Shapiro file # 11-050561
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The judgment amount was \$
897,381.50. Sale terms for non-
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CITIMORTGAGE, INC.
Plaintiff,
-v-
T. SCOTT KEMPNER, HARRIS,
NA. MORTON HOUSE CONDO-
MINIUM ASSOCIATION, UN-
KNOWN OWNERS AND
NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, WIL-
LIAM P. BUTCHER, AS PERSON-
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KNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES
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11 CH 009927

Judicial Sales-Real Est.

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6411 LINCOLN AVENUE UNIT
#214 MORTON GROVE, IL 60653
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Chicago Mart Plaza, 350 West Mart
Center Drive (in the Auction.com
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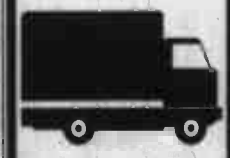
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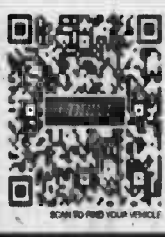
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Assumed Name

ASSUMED NAME

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to "An Act in relation to the use of an Assumed Business Name in the conduct or transaction of Business in the State," as amended, that a certification was registered by the undersigned with the County Clerk of Cook County, Registration Number: D14137246 on March 6, 2014. Under the Assumed Name of

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with the business located at 502 S. Crestwood Lane, Mt. Prospect, IL 60056. The true and real full name(s) and residence address of the owner(s)/partner(s) is: Melissa M. Ptak, 502 S. Crestwood Lane, Mt. Prospect, IL 60056, USA.

3/20, 3/27, 4/3/14 #745557

Bid Notice

Village of Skokie Notice to Bidders

The Village of Skokie is now accepting sealed REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS for

Automated License Plate Recognition System

Notice is hereby given that the Village of Skokie will receive PROPOSALS at 5127 Oakton Street, Skokie, Illinois 60077 Attention: Michael Aleksic, Purchasing Agent until 3:00 p.m. local time on Tuesday, April 15, 2014.

A copy of the proposal can be obtained by visiting www.skokie.org. Click on Village Departments, Purchasing, Bids & RFP's to download a copy. Bids can also be obtained from the Village of Skokie Purchasing Office at the address shown above.

Any proposal submitted unsealed, unsigned, fax transmissions or received subsequent to the aforementioned date and time will be disqualified and returned to the bidder. The Village of Skokie reserves the right to reject any and all bids or parts thereof, to waive any irregularities or informalities in bidding procedures and to award the contract in a manner best serving the interest of the Village.

Skokie Village Hall is a fully accessible building. Persons requiring assistance should contact the Purchasing Office at 847-933-8240 or TTY 673-9330 Michael Aleksic Purchasing Agent Village of Skokie 3/20/14 #747611

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Bid Notice

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Education of Fairview School District No. 72 will accept sealed bids for ONE (1) 49 PASSENGER SPECIAL NEEDS SCHOOL BUS. Bid Specifications and all Contract Documents may be obtained from Fairview School District No. 72 Administrative Office located at 7040 North Laramie Avenue, Skokie, Illinois 60077. Prices quoted must be valid for a minimum period of sixty (60) days from the date of the bid opening.

Sealed Bids will be received by the Superintendent, or her administrative assistant, in the Administrative Office, at the above address until 10:00 a.m., on Monday, April 14, 2014, at which time and place the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

The Board of Education of Fairview School District No. 72 ("Board") reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, or parts thereof, and to waive technicalities, irregularities or defects in any proposal. All bids shall be deemed final, conclusive and irrevocable, and no bid shall be subject to correction or amendment for any error or miscalculation. No bid shall be withdrawn without the consent of the Board after the scheduled closing time for the receipt of proposals.

The Contract will be awarded, if at all, to the lowest responsible bidder meeting specifications as determined by the Board. The actual dollar cost of the proposal submitted by each bidder may not be the sole criterion for determining the best bid. The Board reserves the right to accept the bid that most closely meets the needs of the District.

The Contract Documents shall be on file for public inspection at the School District Administrative Office and will be furnished to a prospective bidder upon request.

Each bid must be submitted on the form provided in the specifications along with the signed Contract, Exhibit B. Bids must be contained in a sealed envelope, which shall be endorsed on the outside with the following information:

a. Name and address of the bidder

b. Marked: "Sealed Bid - FAIRVIEW SCHOOL DISTRICT 72 SCHOOL BUS BID"

Attention: Mr. Jeff Feyerer, Business Manager

General questions regarding this Legal Notice should be directed to Mr. Jeff Feyerer, Business Manager, at 847/929-1050. All detailed questions concerning actual bid specifications must be in writing and forwarded to Mr. Jeff Feyerer, Business Manager by facsimile to 847/929-1060 or by e-mail to jfeyerer@fairview.k12.il.us no less than five (5) business days prior to the scheduled bid opening date.

3/20/14 #682585

Niles Township High Schools, District 219, will receive sealed bids for the purchase of Schwinn Performance Plus with Carbon Blue spincycles up to 2:00 p.m. on Monday, March 31, 2014 at the Business Office of District 219, 7700 Gross Point Road, Skokie, IL 60077. Bids will thereafter be publicly opened and read aloud. Specifications of items to be supplied may be obtained from the Business Office at the above address.

For further information contact: Jean Hedstrom, Purchasing Agent District 219 - Business Office 847-626-3978 3/20/14 #747587

Bid Notice

LEGAL NOTICE INVITATION FOR PROPOSALS Storage Area Network (SAN) IT-14-01

The City of Park Ridge invites proposals from firms with the experience, capabilities and qualified staff to provide equipment and services for the design, construction and installation of a new Storage Area Network (SAN) to support the City of Park Ridge in accordance with the specifications and documents now available:

Specification No. IT-14-01 for the design, construction and installation of a new Storage Area Network (SAN)

The specifications and proposal documents can be obtained from the Cashier's Office located at 505 Butler Place, Park Ridge, Illinois, Monday through Friday, 8:00am through 5:00 pm CDT beginning March 24, 2014. All proposals will be submitted in two (2), separate, sealed envelopes:

Technical Proposals must be placed in a sealed envelope and clearly marked on the outside: RFP IT14-01 Technical Proposal for SAN

Price Proposals must be placed in a sealed envelope and clearly marked on the outside: RFP IT14-01 Cost Proposal for SAN

Sealed proposals will be received at the Cashier's Office - Finance Department, 505 Butler Place, City Hall, Park Ridge, Illinois 60068, until 10:00 am CDT, April 7, 2014.

The proposal opening will be held on Monday, April 7, 2014, 10:00 am CDT at Park Ridge City Hall, at which time all proposals will be publicly opened and read. All proposals must be received prior to the date and time of the proposal opening.

Proposals transmitted by facsimile (fax) or electronic mail will not be accepted.

A deposit is required which must be in the form of a bid bond, or bank cashier's check or certified check payable to the City of Park Ridge. The successful proposer will be required to furnish a Performance and Payment Bond(s) for the full amount of the contract and a Certificate of Insurance. The successful proposer will be required to comply with the provisions of all State of Illinois and federal laws concerning public works projects, including but not limited to the Illinois Human Rights Act, the regulations of the Illinois Human Rights Commission and the Prevailing Wage Act.

The City of Park Ridge reserves the right to reject any and all proposals.

Diane Nelson Director, Information Technology 3/20/14 #747966

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Bid Notice

Village of Skokie Notice to Bidders

The Village of Skokie is now accepting sealed BIDS for Walk-In Step Van

Notice is hereby given that the Village of Skokie will receive BIDS at 5127 Oakton Street, Skokie, Illinois 60077 Attention: Michael Aleksic, Purchasing Agent until 11:00 a.m. local time on Thursday, April 3, 2014. A copy of the BID can be obtained by visiting www.skokie.org. Click on Village Departments, Purchasing, Bids & RFP's to download a copy. Bids can also be obtained from the Village of Skokie Purchasing Office at the address shown above.

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Divorce

State of Illinois In The Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois Domestic Relations Division In the matter of Laura Venter, (Petitioner) and Horatiu Moldovan, (Respondent) Case No. 13D230449 Publication Notice

The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby give to you, the above named respondent, a petition has been filed in the Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois by the petitioner, for Dissolution of Marriage and for other relief, and that said suit is now pending.

Now, therefore, unless you, the said respondent, file your response to said petition or otherwise make your appearance herein, in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington St., Chicago, IL 60602 on or before April 6, 2014, default may be entered against you at any time after that day and a judgment for Dissolution of Marriage entered in accordance with the prayer of said petition.

3/6, 3/13, 3/20/14 #736711

Probate

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, PROBATE DIVISION IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Edward F. Rebacz Name: Edward F. Rebacz Address: 4625 N. Plainfield City, State, Zip: Norridge, Illinois 60706 Date and Place of Death: November 19, 2013, Norridge, Illinois

PUBLICATION NOTICE INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATION TO: CREDITORS AND CLAIMANTS (ONLY) CASE NO.: 2014 P 000881

1. Notice is hereby given of the death of Edward F. Rebacz who died on November 19, 2013, a resident of Norridge, Illinois.

2. The Representative of the estate is: Stanley Rebacz.

3. The Attorney for the estate: James A. Marino, P.C., 5521 North Cumberland, Ste 1109, Chicago, Illinois 60656.

4. Claims against the estate may be filed on or before September 22, 2014. Claims against the estate may be filed with the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Room 1202, Richard J. Daley Center, Chicago, Illinois 60602 or with the Representative, or both. Any claim not filed within that period is barred.

Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

On February 21, 2014, an order appointing the Representative was entered.

Within forty-two (42) days after the effective date of the original Order Admitting the Will to Probate, you may file a petition with the Court to require proof of the validity of the Will by testimony or witnesses to the Will in open Court, or other evidence, as provided in Article VI 5/6-21 (755 ILCS 5/6-21).

Within six (6) months after the effective date of the original Order Admitting the Will to Probate, you may file a petition with the Court to contest the validity of the Will as provided under Article VIII 5/8-1 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/8-1).

The estate will be administered without Court supervision unless an interested party terminates independent supervision administration by filing a petition to terminate under Article XXVIII 5/28-4 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/28-4).

3/20, 3/27, 4/3/2014 #747137

Probate

STATE OF ILLINOIS COUNTY OF COOK (SS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT, PROBATE DIVISION ESTATE OF EDWIN J. FABISZAK, Deceased. NO: 14 P 867 CLAIMS NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of Edwin J. Fabiszak on December 21, 2013. His address was 1285 S. Sixth Avenue, Des Plaines, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on March 6, 2014, naming Kenneth Fabiszak, of 5453 N. Kenmore Avenue, Chicago, IL 60640, as Independent Executor of his estate. I am his attorney. Claims against the estate may be filed with the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County at the Richard J. Daley Center, Room 1202, Chicago, Illinois, or with my office at the address indicated on the bottom left of this notice, or with the Independent Executor on or before September 21, 2014. Any claims not filed within that period will be barred.

Copies of a claim filed with the Circuit Court must be mailed or delivered to the representative and the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed with the Circuit Clerk.

If you have any questions about the meaning or effect of this notice, you are advised to seek the advice of any attorney.

/s/ Michael J. Moran, Attorney for The Estate of Edwin J. Fabiszak Michael J. Moran & Associates, P.C. 121 S. Wilke Road, Suite 201 Arlington Heights, IL 60005 (847)577-8556 3/20, 3/27, 4/3/14 #745600

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3/6, 3/13, 3/20/14 #736711

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/s/ Michael J. Moran, Attorney for The Estate of Edwin J. Fabiszak Michael J. Moran & Associates, P.C. 121 S. Wilke Road, Suite 201 Arlington Heights, IL 60005 (847)577-8556 3/20, 3/27, 4/3/14 #745600

Probate

STATE OF ILLINOIS In The Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois Probate Division In the matter of the estate of DOLORES M. SENEW, (Deceased) Case No. 2014 P 001267 Publication Notice

Notice is hereby given of the death of Dolores M. Senew of Chicago, Illinois. Letters of office were issued on March 11, 2014 to Paul Czernia, 3740 N. Oconto, Chicago, IL 60634, whose attorney is Vincent Sansonetti and Associates, Ltd., 5521 N. Cumberland Ave., Suite 1109, Chicago, IL 60656 Phone: 773-775-2626.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court in Room 1202, Richard J. Daley Center, Chicago, Illinois 60602 or with the representative, or both, on or before September 20, 2014 which date is not less than 6 months from the date of the first publication of this notice and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of any claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

/s/ Carol J. Jagielski (Representative) /s/ Shari A. Shapiro (Attorney) 3/20, 3/27, 4/3/2014 #747127

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Probate

STATE OF ILLINOIS COUNTY OF COOK (SS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT, PROBATE DIVISION ESTATE OF EDWIN J. FABISZAK, Deceased. NO: 14 P 867 CLAIMS NOTICE

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Public Notices

NOTICE OF SEIZURE AND INTENT TO FORFEIT

Notice is hereby given that the United States Department of the Interior is hereby commencing a forfeiture proceeding against the following items of wildlife or wildlife products, which were seized in the Chicago area of Illinois on the dates indicated because they were involved in one or more violations of any of the following laws: Endangered Species Act, Title 16 U.S.C. Sec. 1538, the Marine Mammal Protection Act, 11 U.S.C. Sec. 1371-1372, the Lacey Act, 16 U.S.C. Sec. 3372, Wild Bird Conservation Act, 16 U.S.C. Sec. 4901-4916 or the African Elephant Conservation Act, 16 U.S.C. Sec. 4221-4245. These items are subject to forfeiture to the United States under Title 16, U.S.C. Sec. 1540(e), 16 U.S.C. Sec. 1377, or 16 U.S.C. Sec. 3374 and Title 50, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 12.23. Any person with an ownership or financial interest in said items who desires to claim them must file a claim with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Office of Law Enforcement, 10600 Higgins Road, Suite 200, Rosemont, IL 60018, Telephone 847-298-3250. Such claim must be received by the above office by April 20, 2014. The claim will be transmitted to the U.S. Attorney for institution of a forfeiture action in U.S. District Court. If a proper claim is not received by the above office by such date, the items will be declared forfeited to the United States and disposed of according to law. Any person who has an interest in the items may also file with the above office a petition for remission of forfeiture in accordance with Title 50, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 12.24, which petition must be received in such office before disposition of the items. Storage costs may also be assessed.

File Number: 2013305651 Seizure Date: 10/25/2013 Value: \$1,310.00 Items: Nine hundred thirty (930) grams of Siberian Sturgeon (Acipenser baeri) caviar 3/6, 3/13, 3/20/14 #736749

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Public Notices

OPEN HOUSE INFORMATIONAL PUBLIC MEETING
Scheduled by Village of Skokie and Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways For Improvement of Old Orchard Road

The Village of Skokie and Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways (CCDOH) will hold an Open House Informational Public Meeting concerning the proposed improvement of Old Orchard Road from Woods Drive to Skokie Boulevard.

Attendees can sign in, pick up project brochures and observe exhibits on display from 7 to 7:15 p.m. Village and County staff and the project team will introduce themselves and provide a project overview from 7:15 to 7:45 p.m.

The proposed improvements include widening and reconstructing approximately 0.6 miles of Old Orchard Road to provide intersection improvements including additional turn lanes and larger corner radii to address future traffic demands.

The Old Orchard Road Bridge over Interstate 94 (I-94) is not included in this project but will be improved under a separate Illinois Department of Transportation project.

Phase 1 of the project, the design phase, is near completion. Phase 2, which includes preparation of plans and specifications, is anticipated to begin in the summer of 2014.

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time of the meeting or at the Village of Skokie Engineering Division. To be included in the project record, comments must be received by the Village of Skokie at the address given below on or before 5 p.m. on Thursday, May 1, 2014.

If you live in Niles Township and have a child in grades K-8 who is home-schooled or attends a private school and you are concerned about their educational growth and development, please contact Niles Township District for Special Education, Tarin Kendrick, Executive Director.

Public Hearings

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Skokie Plan Commission, Thursday, April 17, 2014, Village of Skokie, 5127 Oakton Street, Skokie, Illinois 60077, at 7:30 P.M., to consider the following:

2014-5P Zoning Chapter Amendment: Self-storage Warehouse
The Village of Skokie requests an amendment to the Zoning chapter of the Village Code to modify the definition of self-storage warehouse to include limited retail sales, and any other necessary changes to the zoning chapter related to this use.

2014-6P Parking Determination: Extra Space Storage
Christopher Michalek requests a parking determination for a self-storage warehouse at 7540 McCormick Boulevard.

2014-7P Special Use Permit: 7540 McCormick Boulevard
Extra Space Properties Ninety One LLC, on behalf of Christopher Michalek for Sullivan Goulette Wilson Ltd, requests a special use permit for a self-storage warehouse at 7540 McCormick Boulevard, relief from 82-28(b)(1)a, to allow more than 1 wall sign facing a street, and any other relief determined during the review of this case.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION: Plans and related documents are available at the Village's Community Development Department, Planning Division, (847) 933-8447 Monday through Friday, from 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM.

SPECIAL AID: Available upon request for the disabled. Call (847) 673-0500 or TDD (847) 933-8455. Interested parties are invited to attend this meeting. This notice is for information purposes only. Published in the Skokie Review on March 20, 2014.

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existing nonconforming 4.67-foot north side yard rather than the 6-foot minimum as required by Section 118-111(6)a. of the Zoning Chapter of the Skokie Village Code in an R1 Single-Family district.

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PARALLEL WITH SAID WEST LINE OF LOT 9 FOR THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUING NORTH 87 DEGREES 45 MINUTES 30 SECONDS EAST A DISTANCE OF 40.03 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 41.57 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 90 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 40.0 FEET TO A LINE 10.0 FEET EAST OF AND PARALLEL WITH THE WEST LINE OF SAID LOT 9; THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST ON SAID PARALLEL LINE, A DISTANCE OF 40.0 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, ALL IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

Management reserves the right to withdraw any unit from sale, Registered or motor vehicles are sold "As Is / Parts Only," no titles or registration.

Storage - Legal
Life Storage Centers of South Loop will hold a public sale to enforce a lien imposed on said property, as described below, pursuant to the Illinois Self-Service Storage Facility Act, Illinois Code 770 ILCS 95/1 to 95/7, at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, April 15, 2014 at Life Storage Centers of the South Loop, 2361 S. State St. Chicago, IL 60616.

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LifeStorage of Humboldt Park will hold a public sale to enforce a lien imposed on said property, as described below, pursuant to the Illinois Self-Service Storage Facility Act, Illinois Code 770 ILCS 95/1 to 95/7, on Tuesday, April 15, 2014 at LifeStorage of Humboldt Park, 4014 W. Grand Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, 60651. Phone number is 1-773-235-2800. Management reserves the right to withdraw any unit from sale. Registered or motor vehicles are sold "As Is/Parts Only," no titles or registration.

Table with columns: Name, Unit, and list of names and unit numbers for the Humboldt Park sale.

Table with columns: Tenant Name, Unit #, and list of tenants and unit numbers for the South Loop sale.

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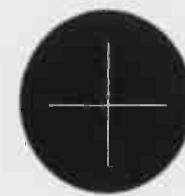
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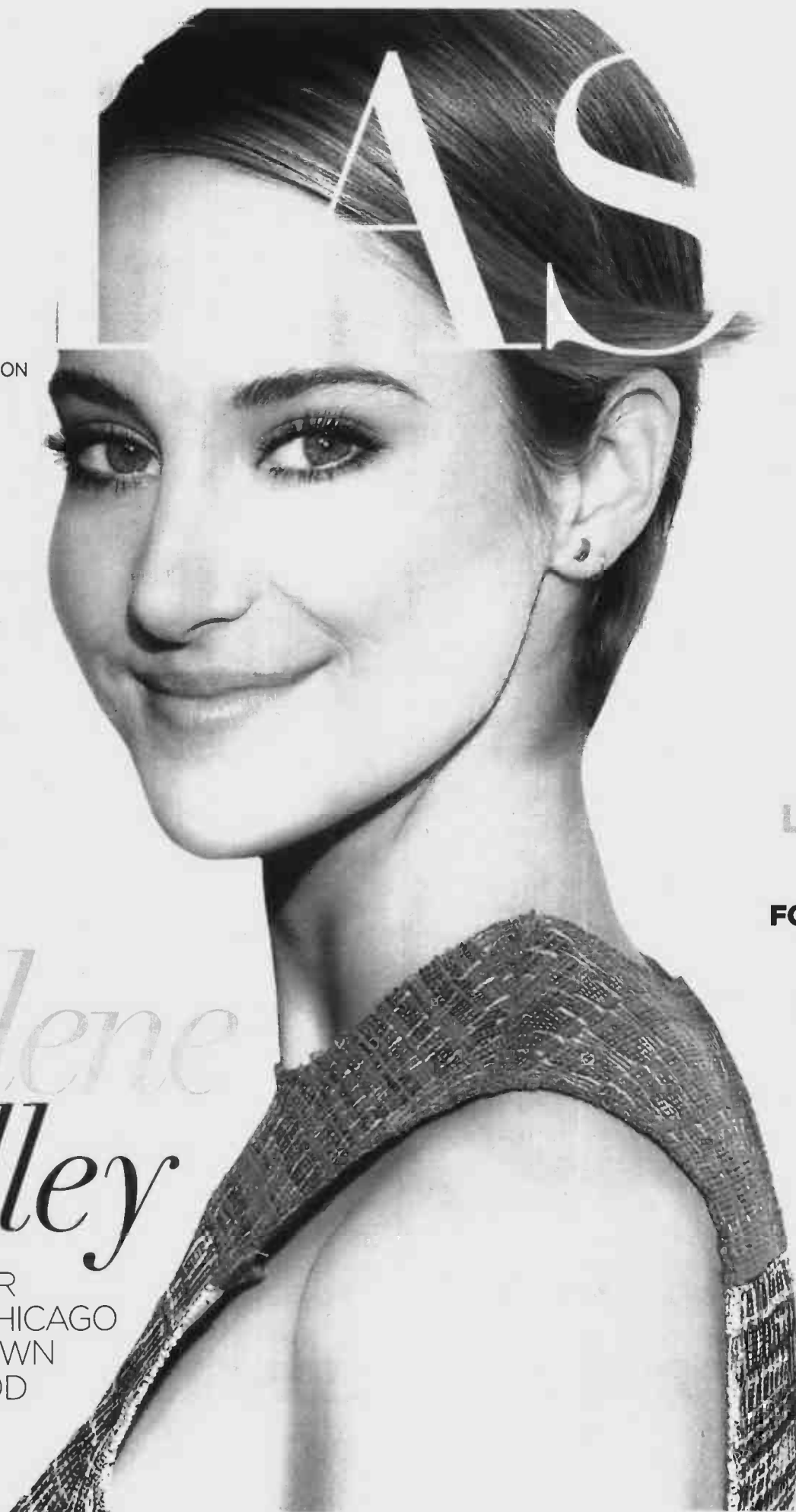


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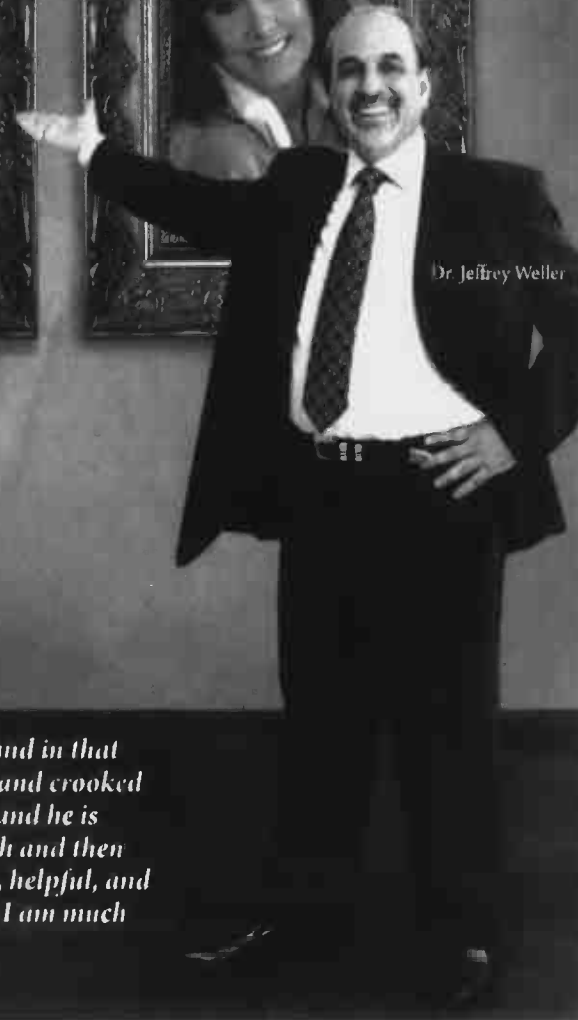
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Chicago Chef Week

Spring is in the air, and there's no better reason to come out of hibernation than Chef Week, taking place March 16-22. Drop by more than 50 of the city's top restaurants, including Nico Osteria (right), Balena, Antique Taco and Ada Street, and dig into a three-course lunch for \$22 or a four-course dinner for \$44. For the full lineup, visit Chicagochefweek.com.



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this week

March 22

BLUE TIE BALL

The Greek America Foundation celebrates Greek Independence Day with this festive evening, complete with music from **DJ John Grammatis**, cocktails, light hors d'oeuvres by Ambassador of Greek Cuisine and chef **Maria Loi**, a silent auction, cash raffle and charity casino. The Hellenic American Leadership Council, the Greek American Motorcycle Association and Olympics Soccer Club of Chicago will be honored for their dedication to community.

Time: 9 p.m.

Place: Blackstone Hotel, 636 S. Michigan

Cost: \$150. For tickets, visit Greekamerica.org.



March 18-30

'JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT'

The show that started it all for lyricist **Tim Rice** and composer **Andrew Lloyd Webber**, who went on to create such hits as "Jesus Christ Superstar" and "Evita," arrives at the Cadillac Palace Theatre in a new production. This version of the Biblical story of Joseph, his 11 brothers and the coat of many colors features Broadway stars **Diana DeGarmo** and **Ace Young**.

Place: 151 W. Randolph

Cost: \$25-\$130. For tickets, call (312) 977-1700 or visit Broadwayinchicago.com.

March 19

DAY OF GLASS

The Glass Art Society hosts

this celebration of the fine art in many forms. Taking place at various locations, from Ignite Glass Studios in West Town to Ed Hoy's International in Warrenville, the day-long event offers studio tours, exhibition and artist demos, giving an up-close look at the world of glass art.

Place: Venues across the city.

Cost: Free. For more information, visit Glassart.org.

March 21

'CITY LIGHTS' AT THE CHICAGO SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Charlie Chaplin's silent screen masterpiece gets a top-notch treatment, as members of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, under the baton of **Richard Kaufman**, accompany a showing of the film, in which the Little Tramp struggles

to save his Little Flower Girl from a hard-knock life.

Time: 8 p.m.

Place: Symphony Center, 220 S. Michigan

Cost: \$45-\$115. For tickets, call (312) 294-3000 or visit Cso.org.

March 22

MORNING SAFARI

Take a walk on the wild side with an early-morning visit to Lincoln Park Zoo's Regenstein Small Mammal-Reptile House. A zoo horticulturist and an animal expert lead nature-lovers through exhibits featuring the plants and animals of the tropics.

Time: 9 a.m.

Place: 2001 N. Clark

Cost: \$10 for members, \$13 for non-members. For tickets, visit Lpzoo.org/education/programs/morning-safari.

next week

March 24

● DRINKS BEFORE DINNER

An offshoot of the popular "The Dinner Party" series, this low-key, salon-style event offers drinks and appetizers, while creator **Elysabeth Alfano** engages in casual dialogue with two notable Chicagoans. For the first-ever installment, Alfano chats with stand-up comedian **Brian Babylon** and Splash editor and publisher **Susanna Negovan**.

Time: 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Place: Four Seasons Chicago, 120 E. Delaware

Cost: \$18, which includes appetizers and a cocktail. For more information, visit fearnoartchicago.com/drinks-before-dinner.

March 27

● MISERICORDIA 30TH ANNUAL SPRING LUNCHEON & FASHION SHOW

The Misericordia Women's Auxiliary Board's annual event is as much a spring fashion staple as floral prints. Enjoy lunch and a runway show courtesy of Saks Fifth Avenue. Proceeds benefit Misericordia, an organization that provides care and opportunities for people with mild to profound develop-

mental disabilities.

Time: 10:30 a.m.

Place: Palmer House Hilton, 17 E. Monroe

Cost: \$175. For tickets, visit Events.org/mwafashion.

March 28

● STEPPENWOLF AUXILIARY COUNCIL'S RED OR WHITE BALL



Tarell Alvin McCraney

Benefiting Steppenwolf for Young Adults, this annual event — chaired by **Jennifer Stuart** — features fare from spots such as Summer House Santa Monica and RA Sushi, drinks from City Winery and Goose Island

and a raffle and silent auction. The evening's honorary chair is playwright, ensemble member and MacArthur fellow **Tarell Alvin McCraney**.

Time: 9 p.m.

Place: Venue One, 1044 W. Randolph

Cost: \$125. For tickets, call (312) 654-5623 or visit Steppenwolf.org/rowb.

March 27

● DANGEROUSLY EXPLICIT: PAINTING THE GAY MALE

The Chicago History Museum's celebrated series

"Out at CHM" celebrates our city's LGBTQ history. Now in its 11th season, the latest installment, featuring **David Getsy** of the School of the Art Institute and scholars **Jim Vopat** and **Kate Pollasch-Thames**, explores how local artists such as **Roger Brown** have captured the gay male experience on canvas.

Time: 5:30 p.m. reception, 6:30 program

Place: 1601 N. Clark

Cost: \$20 non-members, \$15 members and students. For tickets, visit Chicagohistory.org.

March 29

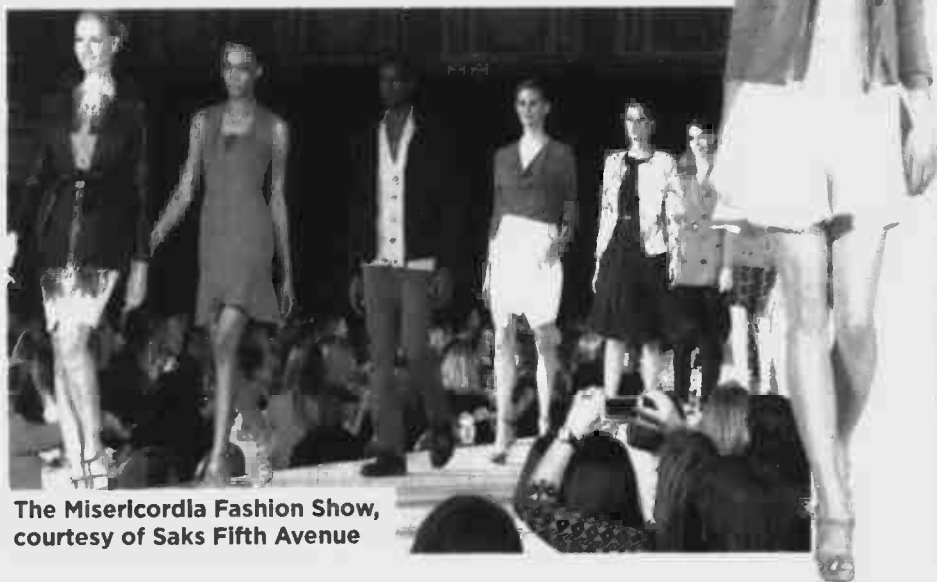
● THE BIG PROM

Barrel of Monkeys conducts creative-writing workshops with third through fifth grade students in underserved Chicago Public Schools. So it's fitting that its benefit takes inspiration from a student-written story called "Space Horses in Space." Cocktails and appetizers, live music, dancing, a raffle and silent auction keep the evening humming.

Time: 7 p.m.

Place: The Drucker Center, 1535 N. Dayton

Cost: \$50 and \$75. For tickets, visit Barrelofmonkeys.org/big-prom.



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in a dress from
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at the Sheraton Chicago

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in BCBG
at A. Finkl & Sons

Green WITH ENVY

Like plants popping out after the winter thaw, green hues are springing up left and right this season. From emerald to ivy, shades of green help give skin a healthy glow, especially when accented by gold accessories. On the spring runways, no variant was off-limits. Hermès sent bluish-greens down a jungle-inspired runway, while John Galliano showed off minty minis and tapered pants, proving one thing: You don't need the luck of the Irish to embrace this leafy look.

CAMP KESEM'S FAMILY NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM

FAMILY MATTERS

Children whose parents are dealing with cancer can find solace through Camp Kesem, an organization that sends kids on a fun-filled week of activities each summer. Nearly 1,000 parents, kids and volunteers turned out to the Field Museum (1400 S. Lake Shore) for the nonprofit's second annual Family Night at the Museum, which included camp-inspired activities for kids like a scavenger hunt, while adults got down to the serious business of fundraising in Stanley Field Hall. Victory Park Capital CEO **Richard Levy** and his wife **Dara** were honored for their deep support of Camp Kesem, and in a move that surprised both the attendees and Dara, Richard announced a matching grant of \$30,000 to open "Jimmy's Camp" in memory of Dara's late husband Jim Fieldman. The event raised \$500,000 for Camp Kesem's 54 chapters across 27 states.

The Sun-Times was the media sponsor of this event. The Sun-Times Foundation and the Chicago Community Trust will match donations to Camp Kesem up to a total of \$5,000.

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Mike Shapiro and Jerry Kata



Children check out the beetle exhibit at the Field Museum.



Yorgo Koutsogiorgas with Dara and Richard Levy



Right: Camp Kesem CEO Jane Saccaro takes the mic.



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LOOKINGGLASS THEATRE'S GGLASSQUERADE

STAR POWER

Lookingglass Theatre Company celebrated 26 years with 400 of its biggest fans March 8 at the Ritz-Carlton Chicago (160 E. Pearson). Co-chairs **Jon Harris** and **Diane Whatton** welcomed guests to the annual Gglassquerade gala — themed “A Celestial Evening” — for cocktails, dinner and silent auctions. Ensemble members **David Schwimmer**, **Philip R. Smith** and **Heidi Stillman** captured the crowd’s attention, presenting civic engagement award to **Anne Pramaggiore**, president and CEO of ComEd. Later, guests hit the dance floor to the sounds of local band **Dr. Bombay**. But it was the fundraising total that stole the show: \$725,000 was raised to benefit Lookingglass’ award-winning theatrical programming. — *Katerina Bizios*

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Top: Rachel Kraft, Jon Harris, Diane Whatton and Andrew White

Bottom: Mike Harrington, Anne Pramaggiore and Jack Harrington



Carolyn Carter, David Schwimmer and Taylor Golub

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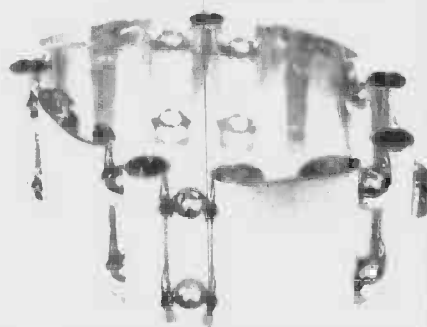
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CHICAGO CHILDREN'S MUSEUM'S HIDE 'N' SEEK



Entertainers cycled around the room.

Tissue-paper corsages, a '90s soundtrack and photo booths took 550 guests back to their high school days at the Chicago Children's Museum's fourth annual Hide 'N' Seek fundraiser March 8. The museum's Metropolitan Board, made up of young professionals, hosted the Back to School-themed gala, where partygoers snacked on bites by Lettuce Entertain You Restaurants and danced to DJ sets by **Hexes** and **A-Trak** while surrounded by Redmoon performers, who served wine from tall bikes. It was an A+ evening, hitting a fundraising high of \$115,000 to benefit the Museum's exhibits, programming and community access initiatives. — *Katerina Bizios The Sun-Times was the media sponsor of this event.*



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Above: Rick Carrico, Brett Saltzman, Brandon Smith and Danny Tuchman

Right: Lyndsey Ager and Leslie Venetz



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making a splash

RUNNING MAN

Chicago Bears star **Matt Forte** sprints toward a better future

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Top tunes

- "The Language" by Drake (left)
- "Show Me" by Kid Ink and Chris Brown
- "Drop that NaeNae" by We Are Toonz

Chicago faves

- Shedd Aquarium (1200 S. Lake Shore Drive): "[My wife and I] switch it up and go to museums. Sometimes people who see me don't know if it's me or not. They come up and are like, 'Are you Matt?' Sometimes I just mess with them and say, 'No, I just look like him.'"
- Del Frisco's Double Eagle Steakhouse (left, 58 E. Oak): "I'm glad we finally got a Del Frisco's, because the one in New York [served] one of the best steaks I've ever had."
- Roof on the Wit (201 N. State)

Sartorial scores

- "I think [men's fashion] is getting so much more popular because athletes are more than just what you see on the field. A lot of people have style. Some people try to have style, but just end up looking silly."
- ESQ Custom Clothing for Men (450 E. Waterside): "They make my suits — [recently] I had a red suit on, and everyone was raving about how it looked on the NFL Network."
 - "Another favorite [from ESQ] is this deep, dark blue velvet tuxedo with black lapels."
 - The fashionable footballer also loves to shop at Tom Ford (66 E. Oak).



On the field, Chicago Bears running back Matt Forte breaks tackles and sprints toward touchdowns, and now ranks as the team's second all-time leader in rushing yards (after Walter Payton). Though it's the off-season, he hasn't slowed down — he's charging forward, dedicating himself to a new goal: breaking the cycle of poverty. "The dropout rate in Chicago is so bad and it correlates with crime in Chicago," the football star says. "I figure if we can shrink the dropout rate, we can lower the crime rate as well."

To that end, through his Matt Forte Foundation, Forte is teaming up with the Bank of America Shamrock Shuffle for A Run for Our Future. The way it works is simple: Runners in the March 30 Shamrock Shuffle have the option to donate \$22 or more to join Forte's team and, based on how much they raise, they'll receive items like autographed jerseys, bracelets, T-shirts and even a VIP meet and greet with Forte. All proceeds will go into the organization's scholarship fund — the more money collected, the more students Forte can help. "Having graduated from Tulane, I know how valuable [an education] is," he says. "When you start a foundation, you have to figure out what you want to impact. [Usually] it's something close to you."

According to Forte, the high-risk, high-reward nature of his chosen career is what inspired him to hit the books. "You always have to have a backup plan. There are injuries and all sorts of stuff that can happen when you're playing football," he says. "That's why I take education so seriously."

Forte says he'll be in peak physical condition for the Shamrock Shuffle, thanks to his off-season training regimen. And he's optimistic about the Bears' chances next season. "We have a lot of pieces in place, we have our entire offense and I think all the starters are back. I think we can make leaps and bounds, just like last year." That ascension to greatness is the cornerstone of Forte's football philosophy — and his philanthropic efforts. "Each year I say, 'Do bigger and better than the year before.' When you get to this level, you can't get complacent or satisfied," he says. "Although I've had some career highs, there's still more I can do."

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When talking to Shailene Woodley, it's immediately clear that she's not your typical starlet. Right off the bat, she calls attention to the peculiarity of the interview process. "How funny are our jobs?" she laughs. "I'm talking about myself, you're asking me about me and we don't know each other."

And while she's happy to discuss her most recent role — starring in the March 21 cinematic adaptation of the wildly popular, Chicago-based *Divergent* novels — she's noticeably more animated when expounding upon the real-world causes close to her heart, including, to name just a few, feminism and "re-wilding" (more on that later). In the throes of these types of conversations, any Hollywood posturing falls away and Woodley's voice takes on a musical quality, rising as she makes a passionate point, falling as she pauses to consider an answer and punctuated by a steady beat of laid-back "dudes" and "mans."

For the wise-beyond-her-years 22-year-old, acting has nothing to do with celebrity. Yet, almost to her chagrin, she's got fame to spare, thanks to critically acclaimed performances in last year's indie hit "The Spectacular Now," 2011's Oscar-winning "The Descendants" and ABC Family's ratings juggernaut "The Secret Life of the American Teenager." In Woodley's world, performing — like everything else she does — is about passion. "It's been the same since I was five," she says. "I either have butterflies in my stomach when I read a script, or I don't. If I do have butterflies, I do everything in my power to be in that film, because it's something my soul asked me to do." And perhaps because she's following her heart instead of chasing fame, each of Woodley's parts has taught her something about herself. "You collect little tidbits of wisdom as you go," she says.

"Divergent" more than passed Woodley's butterfly test. Based on the first installment of the best-selling young-adult trilogy by Barrington native Veronica Roth, the film is set in the not-so-distant future in Chicago, where every member of society is forced to join a "faction," or tribe, based on their personality type. When Woodley's character Beatrice "Tris" Prior attempts to, well, diverge from the dystopian system, she instigates an epic war. Woodley says she instantly identified with Tris' dissatisfaction with the status quo. "Tris is fighting for selflessness and bravery and courage in a world where those things are looked down upon. That was an interesting connection to things that are important to me."

Growing up in Simi Valley, Calif., Woodley displayed that same sense of purpose. She began modeling at the age of 4, and by the age of 10, she was already guest-starring on TV shows like "The District" and "The O.C." She landed her first lead role on "The Secret Life of the American Teenager" at 17. The show, which ended last year, chronicled her character's coming-of-age as she struggled with teen motherhood. But it was also a coming-of-age for Woodley, who wrestled with promoting messages she didn't fully support.



From top: Woodley with Theo James in "Divergent"; with Ansel Elgort in this June's "The Fault in Our Stars"; with Miles Teller in 2013's "The Spectacular Now"; and with George Clooney in 2011's "The Descendants"

"The show did so many beautiful things for me, and there were times when I thought the writing was really realistic and truthful," she says. "But there were other times when it was written from a [viewpoint] I didn't agree with."

Woodley talks about truth a lot, and likely because of her experience on "Secret Life," it's become a key criteria in selecting jobs. "When I started thinking about acting, I was like, 'Why do I love it so much? Why do I feel so fueled from it?'" she says. "And I realized it's because when I see most films, I leave feeling affected and inspired and emotionally captivated. And all of that has to be based in truth."

That epiphany encouraged Woodley to accept the part of George Clooney's bright, troubled daughter in Alexander Payne's "The Descendants," which marked her feature-film debut and nabbed her a Golden Globe nomination. But the industry accolades were nothing compared to what Woodley calls the "life-changing" experience of filming in Hawaii, where she formed lasting bonds with the cast and crew — particularly Clooney. "He's like my second dad. He's got my

back," she says. "I've never met somebody in the industry who's more grateful, who pays it forward without talking about it in the press or speaking about it to anyone else. That to me was the best advice, just learning through his actions."

Living in the lush paradise, Woodley discovered yet another passion: environmentalism. "It was the first time I'd been surrounded by that much nature," she says. "It really raised the stakes for the life I wanted to live." After leaving the island, Woodley got into "re-wilding," which for her means "reconnecting to the ecosystem" by doing things like eating organically, studying herbalism and spending time outdoors. She also began using her burgeoning fame as a springboard for speaking out in the press about the things that mattered to her. "Part of what I've been given is an opportunity to talk about things that I feel like need to be talked about, regardless of whether people agree with me," she says.

In her following movie, "The Spectacular Now," Woodley made a bold statement without saying a word. As down-to-earth teen Aimee, she wore no makeup on screen, and often refused to paint her face for the red carpet in hopes of promoting a more realistic standard of beauty for young women. "One big thing for me is empowering my sisters that are around me, every woman on this planet," she says. "We got this. We can love each other."

The "Divergent" script spoke similarly to Woodley's female-empowering instincts — she found herself drawn to the unorthodox relationship between Tris and her love interest. "In a lot of young adult films, relationships are based on attraction and materialism versus respect, honor and communication," she says. "I thought this would be a great platform to showcase what love can be. It doesn't have to be something that revolves around codependency."

Though Woodley spent several months shooting the film in Chicago in the summer of 2013, playing the lead meant she rarely had time to explore the city. "I got to know my apartment and I got to know movie sets," she laughs. During her limited downtime, she ate at The Publican and thrift-shopped virtually unrecognized, something she knows she'll no longer be able to do once the much-anticipated movie premieres. But she's not concerned about her snowballing stardom. "I know me, I know my friends and family, and if it ever gets to be too much, I'll do something else," she says.

She's not bluffing: After she shoots the sequels, "Insurgent" and "Allegiant," Woodley's schedule is clear. "Right now, I have zero intentions of doing another film," she says. "Until I read something I'm deeply invested in from an artistic point of view, there's no reason to." For now, though, Woodley's fans can still catch her in two big projects set to premiere in 2014: Gregg Araki's "White Bird in a Blizzard," a moody 1980s thriller that debuted at Sundance, and another adaptation of a popular young adult novel, "The Fault in Our Stars."

The latter, a heart-wrenching romance involving a cancer-stricken teen, instilled in her yet another life lesson: "We have a set number of years to be alive. Are we going to focus on negativity and fear and doubt? Or are we going to focus on love and compassion and kindness and fun and laughter?"

And even as Woodley's focus increasingly turns toward activism, she's careful not to cast herself as a heroine. "I don't even know that it's bravery or outspokenness — it's just who I am," she says. "I feel like we have a duty, we have a responsibility to be the best version of ourselves every single day."

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Indulgent eating is a part of any great vacation, but why not make food the focus of your next getaway? Here, we've rounded up three different trips centered around a particular food or drink, allowing you to see, study, and, of course, sample it on its home turf.

BY DAVID HAMMOND

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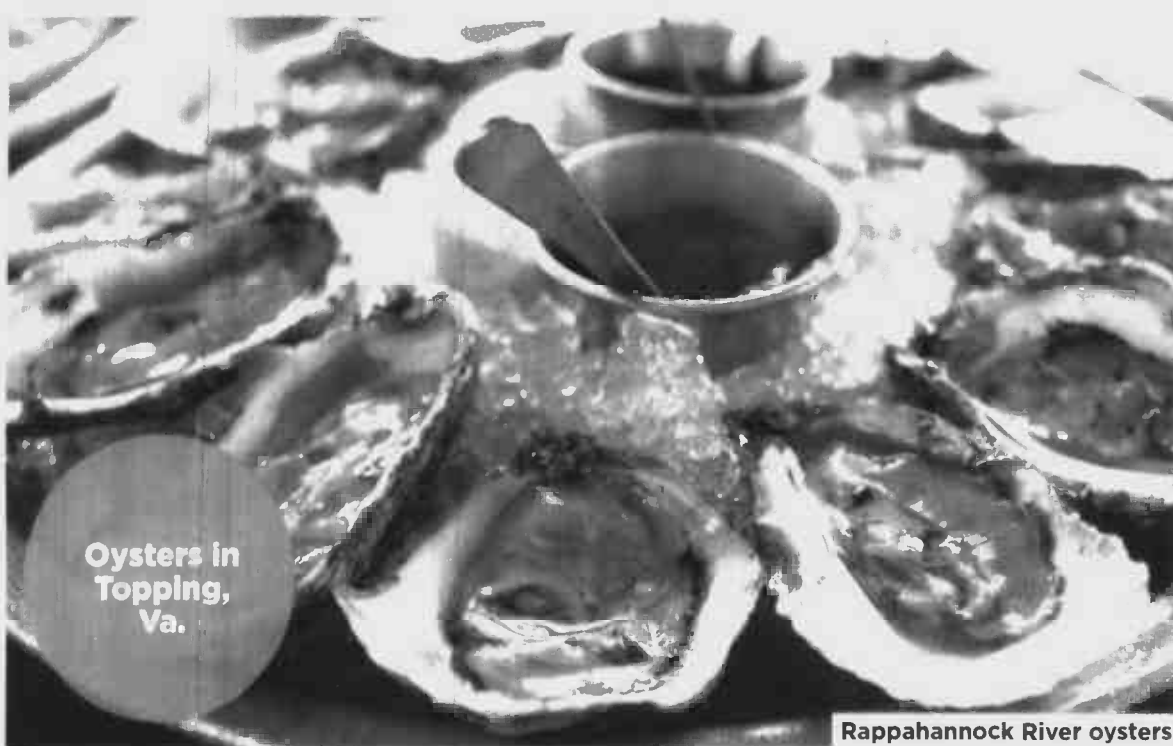
Bourbon in
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Bourbon can be made anywhere — all it takes is corn whiskey, a charred new oak barrel and a bit of aging. But there's no better place to learn about the spirit than in Kentucky, its birthplace. Distilleries of all sizes dot the Louisville area, offering tours, a look at the distilling process and tastings. We recommend a visit to Buffalo Trace, located an hour outside Louisville, which produces many labels, including the spicy Sazerac rye and the much-revered Pappy Van Winkle (113 Great Buffalo Trace, Frankfort; Buffalotracedistillery.com). Or for a trip back in time, head to Evan Williams Bourbon Experience, located on Louisville's "whiskey row." It was Kentucky's first commercial distillery, and now offers a historical tour on how America's native spirit goes from grain to glass, complete with bourbon samples. (528 W. Main; Evanwilliams.com)



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Where to stay: The grand, old-school Brown Hotel (left) is the birthplace of the Hot Brown (\$22), a traditional Louisville dish that's a combination of toast points, bacon, turkey and Mornay sauce — an ideal accompaniment to a day of bourbon sampling. (Rooms start at \$199. 335 W. Broadway; Brownhotel.com)



Oysters in Topping, Va.

Rappahannock River oysters

In the early 1890s, James Arthur Croxton Jr. started harvesting Rappahannock River oysters in order to supplement his farmer's income. But the business has survived — and thrived — over 100 years and through three generations, and now it's run by great-grandsons and cousins Ryan and Travis Croxton. At Rappahannock Oyster Company, bivalve fans can check out breeding rooms, where teeny-tiny oysters are cultivated before they're "planted" in the river via cages — in the exact same spot where their ancestors culled their harvest. If it's not peak season, take a walk down to the water and try some fresh-shucked, straight-from-the-river oysters — a memorable experience, as the mollusk is most full-flavored when eaten on the spot. "Our fathers weren't sentimental about any of this. We are," says Travis. (784 Locklies; Rroysters.com)



Travis and Ryan Croxton

Continue the feast: Dig into Rappahannock Oyster Company's harvest at one of the Croxtons' three restaurants. Our pick? Merroir, a shore-side spot just feet from the farm, where almost the entire ever-changing menu is served raw or cooked on an outdoor grill. (784 Locklies Creek; Rroysters.com)

Where to stay: While staying in the Rappahannock region, pass memorable nights at Pop Castle (right), a fully equipped, mid-19th century plantation home that sleeps 16, with rents starting at \$650-\$800 per night. (Vrbo.com/357713)



Oaxaca cheese in Huatulco, Mexico

The state of Oaxaca in Mexico is home to pre-Columbian cities like Monte Alban and the recently excavated Copalita, located outside Huatulco. It's also home to Oaxaca cheese, a fresh, mozzarella-like cheese that's native to the region and boasts a slightly sweet flavor and a supple, pliable texture. And like mozzarella and other fresh cheeses, it loses flavor just days after it's made due to oxidation, meaning there's an immense taste difference between weeks-old, refrigerated Oaxaca cheese and the stuff you can eat every morning at roadside stands. "I won't eat Oaxaca cheese that's more than one day old," says chef Jane Bauer, an Oaxacan resident who runs Chiles + Chocolate Food Services in Huatulco. Under her knowledgeable eye, visitors can prepare handmade tortillas, salsa from scratch and other fresh, authentic foods, such as an avocado and poblano salad with pumpkin seeds, radishes and Oaxacan cheese. (\$75 per person; Huatulco-catering.com)

Expand the adventure: Oaxacan cheese is served in most restaurants and markets, so there's no shortage of opportunities to try it. But we also recommend a trip two hours down the coast from Huatulco to the market in Tehuantepec, where you'll have your pick of bowling ball-sized cheeses from various vendors (above).

Where to stay: In addition to infinity pools and a well-appointed spa, the new Secrets Resort and Spa in Huatulco (below) is a foodie's delight, with nine different restaurants, many of which serve regional cuisine. At Market Café, for example, dig into a buffet featuring fresh-made mole negro and mole verde, chapulines (spiced grasshoppers) and plenty of dishes with Oaxaca cheese. (Rooms start around \$300 a night; Secretsresorts.com/huatulco)

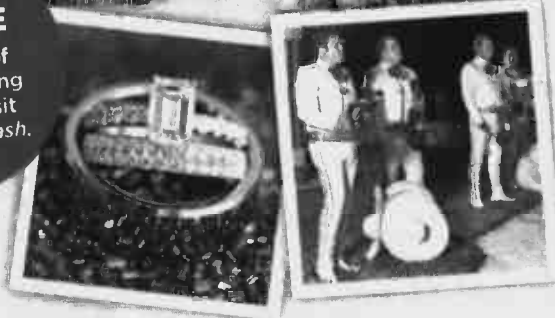


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Heather Walpert & Johnny Divita

BY KRISTIN LARSON

Heather Walpert and Johnny Divita will always remember where they were during this winter's Polar Vortex: "stranded" in Cabo San Lucas, soaking up the sun as newlyweds. Divita, a project manager for Norfolk Southern Railway, and Walpert, the director of compliance for Dealership Development, exchanged vows Jan. 4 at the Pueblo Bonito Pacifica Resort, far away from Chicago's sub-zero temperatures. The stunning, sandy setting inspired Walpert to keep the other details simple: She chose an all-white theme for everything from the flowers to the bridesmaids' dresses. The only thing that wasn't white was the bride's gown. "Nobody knew I was wearing blush," she says. "I felt like such a princess." After the ceremony, Walpert, Divita and their 70 guests sipped cocktails by the fire pits and had a lively dance party under the stars to the sounds of a local mariachi band. And although their fairytale wedding weekend was technically supposed to end the next day, the couple's flight was cancelled due to the inclement weather back at home — which meant spending another three days in paradise along with several of their guests. "It was crazy, but so amazing to have some extra time," says Walpert. "I didn't want to come back. The whole week was just perfect."

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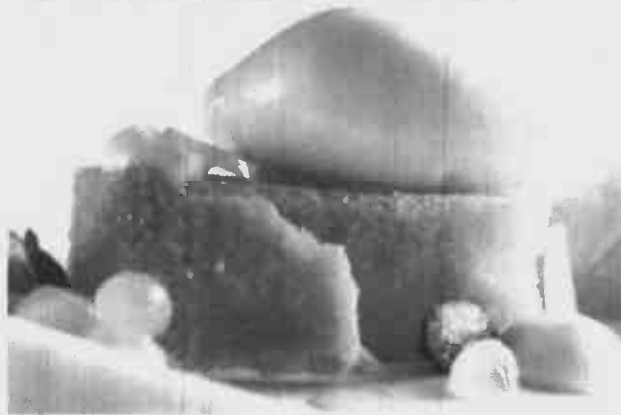
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Fresh take



Chicago standby Boka gets a makeover for its 10th birthday

BY SAMANTHA LANDE

Few restaurateurs can boast that they've run a successful Chicago restaurant for a decade. Even fewer have the confidence to make swooping changes when that restaurant is still drawing crowds nightly. But **Kevin Boehm** and **Rob Katz** — the masterminds behind Boka Group's top-notch spots (Girl & the Goat, GT Fish & Oyster, Perennial Virant) — did just that, revamping their original restaurant, Boka, with a fresh look and a new executive chef and partner, **Lee Wolen**. "Kevin really inspired [the team] when he talked about how rare an opportunity it is to be open for 10 years," says Wolen. "He constantly drives home the point that it's just as important to be restaurant-driven as chef-driven, [with] great service and atmosphere."



Lee Wolen

Gone is the cream interior, with the sail-draped ceiling and black-clothed tables. The upgraded space now highlights new elements, like a front wall plated with escutcheons, sleek

leather banquettes and a greenhouse-like terrace with a 30-foot living moss and fern wall. What remains is the contemporary American food, along with the laser-focused service people have come to expect from the restaurant. "It should always feel like Boka to our customers," says Wolen.

Here's what else you can expect when you step into the updated Boka:

Chef stats: Wolen most recently served as chef de cuisine of The Lobby at The Peninsula Hotel. Prior to that, he worked at acclaimed New York City restaurant Eleven Madison Park. Wolen has also spent time cooking at world renowned El Bulli in Spain and Le Manoir aux Quat'Saisons in Oxford, England.

Must-try dishes: The roasted broccoli salad, a crisp starter accompanied by yogurt and preserved lemon, sprinkled with Marcona almonds and served atop a savory Parmesan cracker (\$12). The ricotta gnudi is delicate but satisfying, with vibrant squash sauce garnished with sage and shiitake mushrooms (\$15). Expect Wolen's spring menu to include dishes like roasted lamb shoulder with garlic, lettuce and turnips and a spring onion salad with barley and smoked ricotta.

Lemon olive oil cake



Bird on a Wire Cocktail

PHOTOS BY ERIC KLEINBERG

Behind the bar: With the face-lift came a new bar area and bar manager, **Tim Stanczykiewicz** (Balena, GT Fish & Oyster), who has taken a seasonal approach to cocktails that highlights the use of bitters and herbal liquors. A particularly unique choice is the Date with Divinity, made with Atlantico Platino rum, Ramazzotti, green Chartreuse, lime and mint (\$12). Stanczykiewicz also hand-carves all of the ice for the cocktail program.

Growing green: One of the marquee design elements is the beautiful moss wall in the terrace, designed by **Heather Shouse** from Bottle & Branch and interwoven with quirky portraits of cats and birds. Plans are in the works with Shouse to create a raised garden in the back for Wolen, where he'll grow herbs and vegetables to be used in the restaurant. The garden will also house a 10-seat chef's table. "We're toying with the idea of a tasting menu, or maybe something more casual, like a suckling pig or a theme based on a country," says Wolen.

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From screen to stage

Actress **Molly Ringwald** carves out a career as a singer

BY TIGHAR CONNORS

Though she rose to stardom in the teen-driven, generation-defining 1980s films of John Hughes, including "Sixteen Candles," "The Breakfast Club" and "Pretty in Pink," Molly Ringwald has since proven talented in a range of mediums. She's penned two books, including a novel-in-stories called *When It Happens To You*, has kept her acting chops sharp by starring on ABC Family's "The Secret Life of an American Teenager" and now, perhaps most surprisingly, she's fashioning a career as a songstress, issuing an album on the

respected Concord Records label. On March 19, she'll showcase her musical talents in Chicago, taking the stage at City Winery.

"Except Sometimes" marks her recording debut, but music is anything but new for Ringwald. The daughter of jazz pianist Bob Ringwald, she was raised listening to Louis Armstrong, Sidney Bechet and Art Tatum. (And thanks to her country-music-loving mother, she was privy to a good helping of Hank Williams and Roger Miller, too.)

"My father was very focused on the music, rather than the lyrics, so I think that he helped me the most in developing an ear," says Ringwald. "He worked with me on pitch as a young person, and on understanding rhythm. Essentially, he taught me how to 'swing.' I think I came to understanding lyrics naturally because

I've always been drawn to words, in all aspects of my artistic life."

As a teen she discovered The Beatles, and shortly after got in to Elvis Costello, The Cure, Kate Bush, Squeeze and The Jam. Although she never lost her love for the standards she heard as a child, acting, writing and being a mother drove her life, not music, and when Ringwald did begin to entertain the notion of singing, she envisioned a few gigs in "dingy little jazz clubs," not an album and attendant tour. "Life takes you to unexpected places," she says. "I just make

myself available for the adventure!"

In her new role, Ringwald hasn't taken a complete departure from her acting roots. For the redhead — whose repertoire ranges from "The Very Thought of You" to the "The Breakfast Club" anthem "Don't You (Forget About Me)" — rendering a song is not so different from inhabiting a character. "I approach songs as I would approach a scene that I act, asking myself the same questions: Who is this person? To whom are they singing?" She says. "Some nights it's me singing to someone I know personally, other nights it's a character singing to someone else from my imagination, or from a book that I read. Some nights I don't think about anything, and just feel swept away by the melody and the poetry in the sounds of the words, playing together."



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FIVE MINUTES WITH ...

Katie Chang

'The Bling Ring' star on her new film and nervously approaching her idols

After cutting her teeth at the Actors Training Center in Wilmette, 19-year-old Katie Chang got her big break as the lead in Sofia Coppola's 2013 film "The Bling Ring" — before even hiring an agent. This month, the Chicago native and Columbia University student stars in "A Birder's Guide to Everything," which follows a group of teens who escape into the woods in search of a rare bird.

Hitting the books

"I remember reading [the script for 'A Birder's Guide to Everything'] on my living room couch before my senior year of high school, and just laughing out loud. I thought it was one of the funniest, smartest, sweetest things I'd read in a while. I love writing and I'm a harsh critic, so to read something that really, genuinely made me laugh was exciting."

Role call

"I play a character named Ellen. She's the new girl in school. She's very intellectual but also creative, and she's headstrong and stubborn. I felt like I had more in common [with her than with my character in 'The Bling Ring']. I understood her motivations more. That was a struggle for me with 'The Bling Ring' — it was hard to find a motivation for robbing people with no care in the world. But this girl is just a regular high school girl and she goes through regular high school things, and I could certainly relate to that, being in high school myself at the time."

Set stories

"[Being on set] was like going to summer camp. The dynamic of the characters pretty much came across off screen, too; I was like the mom of the group. Alex [Wolff], Kodi [Smit-McPhee], Michael [Chen] and I spent every minute together and they definitely annoyed me, just like my own little brothers annoy me — I have no problem saying that — but at the end of the day, I loved working with them."

Star-struck

"Last May at the Cannes Film Festival, I was star-struck [meeting] Daniel Auteuil. I don't speak French [well] and I ended up completely messing up and telling him I loved a movie he wasn't even in, I got so flabbergasted. I would be totally beside myself if I met somebody like Wes Anderson or George Lucas or Kathryn Bigelow — if I met her I would probably just tell her that I loved her and then go cry in a corner."

"A Birder's Guide to Everything" hits theaters March 21.



Katie Chang (from left), Alex Wolff, Kodi Smit-McPhee and Michael Chen star in "A Birder's Guide to Everything."

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5:45-7:30-8:30-10:00

MR. PEABODY & SHERMAN (PG) ✓

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NON STOP (PG13)

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SON OF GOD (PG13)

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REPENTANCE (R)

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ABOUT LAST NIGHT (R)

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LEGO: THE MOVIE (PG)

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MOVIE Guide



'If you could trade lives with anyone for a day, who would you choose?'

If someone asked me, "Out of everyone in the world, who would you trade lives with forever?" I would immediately answer, "Nobody." But if the question was, "Who would you trade lives with for a day?" lots of names would float through my head. There are so many people out there who would be fun to trade with for a quick 24 hours, just to get a taste of a different and possibly more exotic or intriguing life. But you know who I would really, really want to trade lives with for 24 hours? Evan. If I could be Evan for 24 hours, then I could actually see and know how I am doing as his mom. By choosing to be him, I could make sure that I am being the best mom that I can be.

Read Jenny's blog at ChicagoSplash.com.

Donna Herold @Donnajherold: My younger self! 20 somethings.

Marla D'Errico Hardy: Kate Winslet on Oscar day, she kills it every time!

Ashley Howard: Miley Cyrus for fun.

Allen Taylor: I would trade places with my mom. She was disabled before I was born and in severe pain every day. Yet, she kept her faith, ran a successful business with my awesome dad, raised 5 kids who were in gymnastics, dance, baseball, football, volleyball, cross country and track.

Amanda Clark: I'd switch with Shakira. She's beautiful, rich, talented, and awesome.

Brian D. Scott Richard Branson. I like his style.

Renee Lee Greco: Gwen Stefani. Let me rock the red lipstick, clothes & band!

Tweet your response to @JennyMcCarthy and @Suntimes_Splash, and check our Facebook page for new Jenny questions.

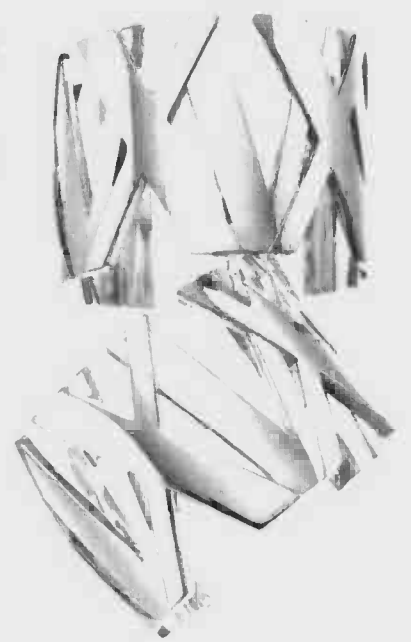
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THE LATEST INTELLIGENCE FROM THE RETAIL SCENE

Chalk talk
On March 20, Evanston's Chalk Boutique hosts **Jeanne Yang** (pictured), veteran stylist and designer behind luxury line Holmes & Yang. At the exclusive trunk show, peruse Yang's Spring 2014 collection and shop wardrobe fundamentals such as dresses, jackets, pants and skirts. Noon-4:30 p.m., 2611 Prairie, Evanston; Chalkboutique.com

and Cappellini furniture during WPA Chicago's spring promotion. Score up to 20 percent off new orders now through March 21st. Monday-Friday 10 a.m.-6 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Wpachicago.com

Spring bling
This month, Tiffany and Co. launches the new Atlas Collection, inspired by the sculpture of Greek god Atlas above the entrance of its New York City location. Accessorize your spring fashions with everything from necklaces to cuffs in 18-karat yellow, white or rose gold and sterling silver, all adorned with Roman numerals. 730 N. Michigan; Tiffany.com



Atlas Weave cuffs in 18-karat gold (\$10,500) and sterling silver (\$1,850)

WILD WEST

As developers scramble to build in the West Loop, old properties bring out the meatpacking district's charms

BY MADELINE NUSSER



1217 W. Monroe

When Google announced a move to the West Loop in 2012, a flurry of developers set their sights on the neighborhood. Now, as Google's "1K" Chicago headquarters — located at 1000 W. Fulton — inches closer to completion, and other tech companies such as Twitter plan their own West Loop moves, a spate of new developments are following suit, including rental high rises and the Soho House hotel. As it is, the hot 'hood has no shortage of renowned restaurants and entertainment venues, with others on the way. In fact, the only thing not multiplying in the neighborhood might be its signature converted warehouses — the charming spaces that initially attracted restaurants and tech ventures, and before them, a wave of urban pioneers and art galleries in the 1980s.

It's that rustic, lofted appeal that makes the top floor condo at 1217 W. Monroe stand out. (Call Koenig and Strey broker **Jennifer Mills Klatt**, right, at 773-914-4422.) Recently gutted from the shell, the 6,000-square-foot former warehouse space features soaring ceilings, a private elevator and a two-car garage. But what really drives the \$2,795,000 ask is the touch of luxury in the midst of the meatpacking district. The four-and-a-half-bathroom, four-bedroom home boasts modern finishes, a sizable kitchen with sleek Italian cabinetry and Sub-Zero & Wolf and Viking appliances (three fridges and two dishwashers) and a master suite with a floor-to-ceiling tiled bathroom containing a freestanding soak tub and his-and-her sinks.

The luxe surroundings won't detract from the neighborhood's appeal as a creative and artist hub — the 81 feet of hallway space is begging for good art from nearby galleries.



Longtime West Loop gallery owner and denizen **Kavi Gupta** helped shape the neighborhood, and continues to do so today, having opened a second eponymous gallery in the neighborhood in 2012. His current exhibition features work by Chicago artist **José Lerma**, whose paintings' mirrored surfaces and electric colors (above) make a bold statement in any home. 835 W. Washington: Kavigupta.com

LOFTY AMBITIONS

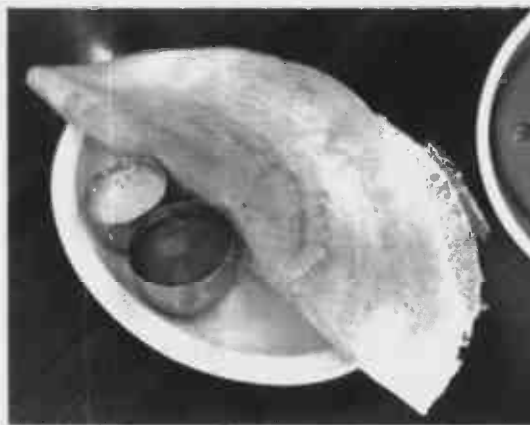


For those hankering for the classic West Loop look, no property comes closer than new-to-market 106 N. Aberdeen, unit 5A (above, call Related Realty broker **Juany Monroy-Honeycutt** at 773-968-6625). Tucked in a live-work building, the loft features exposed-beam, concrete and brick details, plus a stellar view of the downtown skyline. Priced at \$329,000, the two-bed, one-and-a-half-bath condo is situated near restaurants, transportation and something only recently associated with the entertainment-filled neighborhood: good schools.



Tanta: Lomo Saltado (beef stir-fry), \$29, 118 W. Grand; Tantachicago.com

"Love the vibe, flavors and food. It's playful and unpretentious — a rarity in upscale restaurants."



Dosas: \$6.99, Udipi Palace Restaurant, 2543 W. Devon; Udupipalace.com

"Try classic fare like dosas (lentil, semolina and other crepes with a range of stuffings), idlis (rice cakes) and vadas (lentil fritters)."



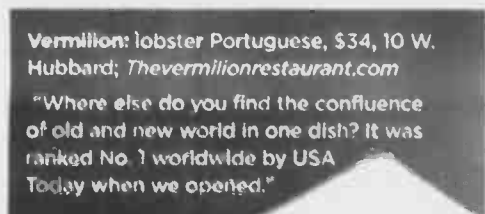
Yo Soy: ticket prices and locations vary; Yosoychicago.com

"Amazing Mexican-inspired underground suppers by **Michael Corona** and partner **Bryan Riggenbach**. Almost always sold out — theirs is a list you want to be on." (left: scallops from Yo Soy)



Mariscos el Veneno: seafood platter, starts at \$12.99 1024 N. Ashland, (773) 252-7200

"Amazing Nayarit seafood with a dive vibe. No frills, BYOB, platters of shrimp, crab legs, deadly hot salsas and giant glasses of horchata to wash it all down."



Vermilion: lobster Portuguese, \$34, 10 W. Hubbard; Thevermillionrestaurant.com

"Where else do you find the confluence of old and new world in one dish? It was ranked No. 1 worldwide by USA Today when we opened."



► **Pitú Cachaça:** cocktails start at \$9, Carnivale, 702 W. Fulton, Carnivalechicago.com

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'Dey' on the town



Vermilion owner **Rohini Dey** dishes on her favorite local food, cocktails and kitchen must-haves



Tiffins: food container, \$24.95, Patel Brothers, 2610 W. Devon, Happytiffin.com

"Retro-chic, steel-layered containers harken back to days before the dominance of plastic."

Rosa Regale: sparkling red wine, \$17.99, Binny's locations citywide; Rosaregale.com

"An amazing value for a soft, sparkling wine made with 100 percent Brachetto, a black-skinned Italian grape. Rumor has it that Julius Caesar and Marc Antony wooed Cleopatra with this."



Crate & Barrel: medium slate board, \$19.95, 850 W. North; Crateandbarrel.com

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Town & Country anniversary edition celebrates minivan

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PART 5 OF A 6-PART SERIES

BY IRA SIEGEL

For Sun-Times Media

The Chrysler Town & Country has been the quintessential luxury minivan since it debuted in 1989.

The Chrysler Group minivans are quite impressive when you consider their long list of minivan-first innovations, and the fact they have sold more than 13 million copies since the Dodge Caravan debuted in 1983.

The Town & Country continues to carry the torch as the premier luxury minivan in its segment. However, not long ago, Chrysler Group's chairman and CEO, Sergio Marchionne, talked of ending production of the Town & Country.

That no longer appears to be the case, as there are rumors of a totally redesigned 2016 Town & Country due out sometime next year.

So for now, the Town & Country lives on. In fact, Chrysler is celebrating the 30th anniversary of the modern minivan with the 2014 Town & Country 30th Anniversary Edition.

From an affordability standpoint, the 2014 Chrysler Town & Country is modestly priced (starting at \$30,765), and it offers a very long list of standard amenities and optional equipment.

The Touring trim level is the base, although it hardly seems fair calling it a base model. It comes standard with leather-trimmed first- and second-row seats, eight-way power front seats, Stow 'n Go seating with second-row bucket seats that fold flat into the floor, leather-trimmed steering wheel with audio controls, a media center with 6.5-inch touchscreen, 30GB hard drive, Gracenote music ID, voice command and Bluetooth, and a second-row high-resolution nine-inch video screen and DVD console.

That standard entertainment system also includes an HDMI input, wireless headphones, video remote control, a 115-volt power outlet, and two USB charging ports.

Optional with the Touring-L and standard in the S and Limited trim levels, is the addition of a third-row high-resolution nine-inch video screen.

All Town & Country models also feature standard power sliding doors, power tailgate, rearview camera, and a long list of safety features.

The 2014 Chrysler Town & Country is offered in four trim levels; Touring, S, Touring-L, and Limited. All are powered by a potent 3.6-liter V6 engine mated to a six-speed automatic transmission.

The V6 delivers 283 horsepower and thanks to an ECO mode, Town & Country can achieve up to 25 miles per gallon on the highway.

The V6 very responsive, and it provides plenty of power for taking off from a dead stop and for passing, even when loaded down with seven passengers.

I am not so fond of the transmission, though. At times the shifts were intermittent and harsh. Aside from that, there is a lot to like.

The ride is very smooth and agreeable. With the second- and third-row seats in use, there still 33 cubic-feet of cargo volume. Fold the third row down and that increases to 83.3 cubic-feet.

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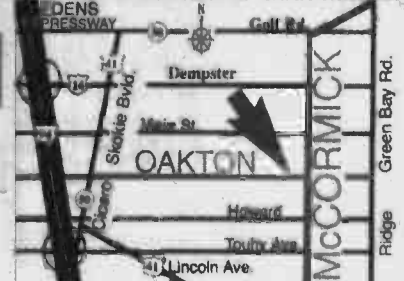
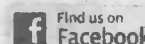
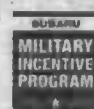
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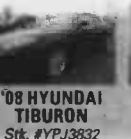
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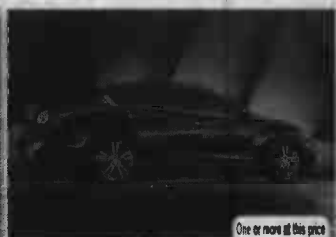
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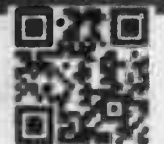
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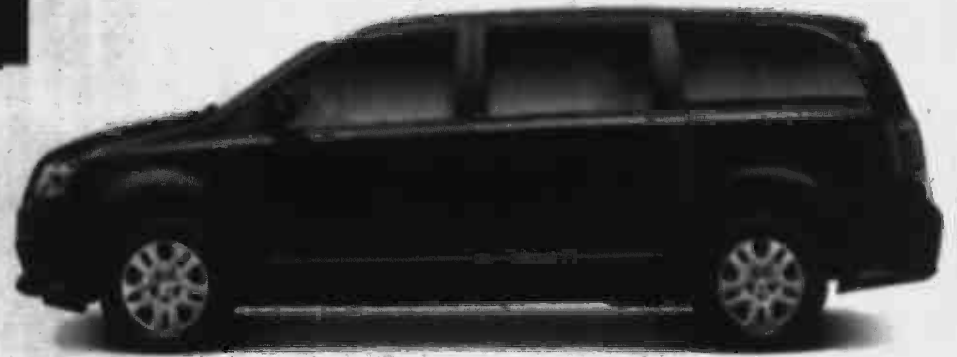
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55-and-older crowdBY JOHN ROBERTS
for Sun-Times Media

Active" is the key word for the 55-and-older crowd, and that means most of that age are looking to live in communities where there are plenty of options for entertainment, exercise and recreation.

Homeownership rates are very high among households headed by someone 55 or older, according to the American Housing Survey, a study released in 2011 by the MetLife Mature Market Institute. More than two-thirds of 55-plus households own single-family detached homes.

Builders and developers in the region know all too well how important it is to provide the right types of housing and options for 55-plus communities.

Maples at the Sonatas, a Wilcox Community, spans 24 acres on the north side of Woodstock. Minutes from Route 47 and the historic Woodstock Square, the subdivision features maintenance-free, single-family ranch luxury homes.

Models have as many as three bedrooms, two bathrooms and an attached two- or 2.5-car garage, each home combining ample living space with thought-

ful design. The homes boast 9-foot tray ceilings, European country exteriors and open floor plans that offer flexible living space, including a four-season veranda or a private courtyard, depending on the model.

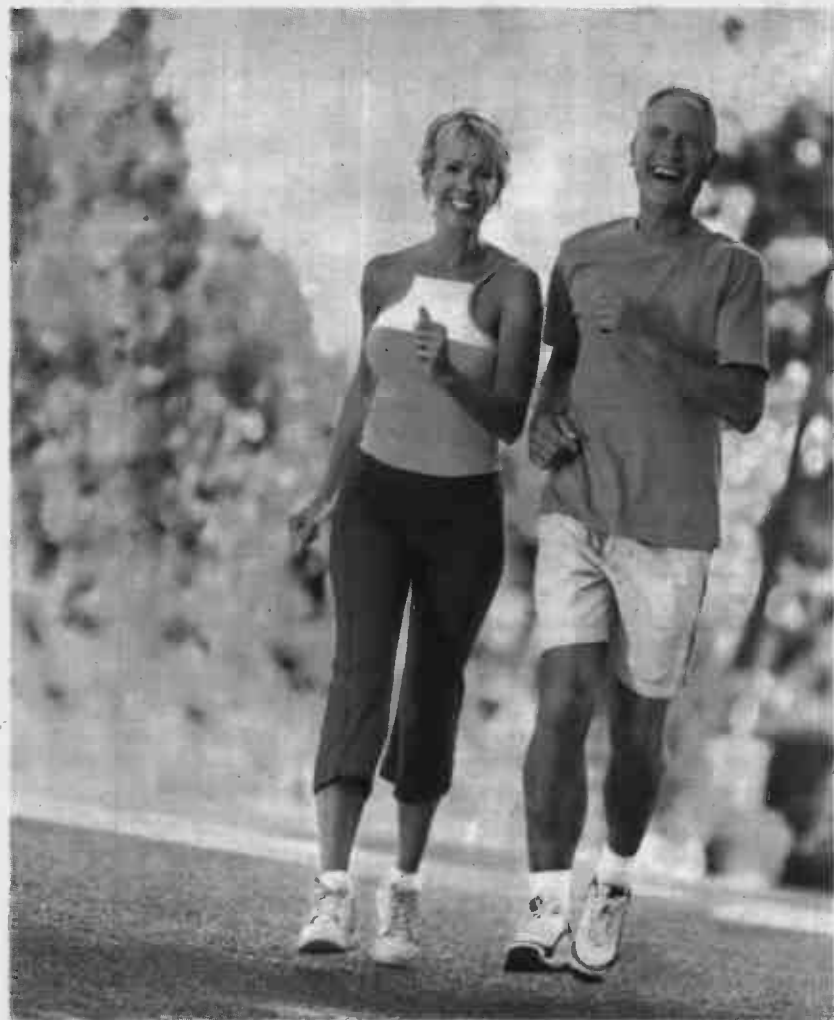
The neighborhood includes an on-site clubhouse, often used as a gathering location for neighbors to enjoy a morning cup of coffee or an afternoon game of cards. The clubhouse is the hub for weekly social events such as "Coffee & Conversation" and Book Club on Tuesdays. This Wilcox community also includes a fitness center and outdoor heated pool designed for its residents' exclusive use.

Another development that fits the bill for the active 55-plus buyer is a maintenance-free clubhouse community in Plainfield known as Villas at Fox Run. The community currently has both single-family ranch and luxury ranch homes under construction with only 22 home sites remaining.

The community features several amenities, such as a bike trail, clubhouse, fitness center and outdoor heated pool with a large paved deck and lounge chairs.

The clubhouse features a great room with cathedral ceilings and open floor plan ideal for meeting a neighbor for a cup of coffee or a game of billiards. The cozy fireplace, recessed lighting and comfortable seating areas offer a relaxing setting any time of day.

With an on-site fitness center, there



On the move: A path for walking and jogging is an essential amenity for any 55-and-older community.

are no pricey gyms to join or drive to. Equipment includes treadmills, elliptical machines, a weight machine, free weights and an exercise bicycle.

Each luxury ranch home features many upscale details and amenities such as rich cabinetry, hardwood floors, expansive windows for lots of natural light and generous open floor plans. The ranch homes and villas boast contemporary designs with a European country-style exterior and elegant seasonal veranda.

The one-level living single-family homes feature two bedrooms, two bathrooms, den and a 2.5 car garage. These homes are part of the Courtyard Series of Wilcox Homes and include the Promenade, Portico and Palazzo models. Signature features include an outdoor courtyard accessed through sliding glass patio doors. A private oasis, the

courtyard is the perfect location for a quiet dinner with friends or a solo afternoon reading a good book.

Part of the Cathedral Series, the ranch villas include two models, the Canterbury and the Abbey. Both offer two bedrooms, two bathrooms and a two-car garage; however, the Canterbury's den could be converted into a third bedroom with ease. With open spaces perfect for oversized furniture, Palladian-style windows and walk-in closets, the Cathedral Series provides spacious one-level living. The Canterbury also features a double vanity in the owner's bathroom, while the Abbey has an optional bonus room.

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Nancy and Peter Smith, Lake Forest Place residents, value opportunities to make their lives healthier and more satisfying.

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Wellness choices: Nancy Smith, a resident of Lake Forest Place, makes full use of the exercise opportunities available through Presbyterian Homes' community programs. I SUPPLIED PHOTO

healthier. Last year, Peter had some health challenges, but is recovering nicely. Now, he's getting back his strength, thanks in large part to his work with the rehab staff in the Balmoral Care Center," Nancy said. She exercises six days a week, works with a personal trainer and does yoga, strength training and water aerobics. She also walks and loves gardening.

Presbyterian Homes adjusts programs as residents' characteristics, interests and needs change. Recently, Lake Forest Place fitness instructor Benny Rodriguez introduced a Boot Camp program to challenge residents in their workout routine. Nancy Smith

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was one of many residents to embrace the new program. Other recent programs include residents' recording their life stories to share with their families, a national senior fit test to track personal goals over time and a partnership with a local school to collect and deliver school supplies for low-income children.

Presbyterian Homes is a not-for-profit, faith-based organization serving older adults through its residential and healthcare programs on campuses in Evanston, Lake Forest and Arlington Heights. The organization is accredited by the CARF/CCAC, the nation's only accrediting body for retirement communities.

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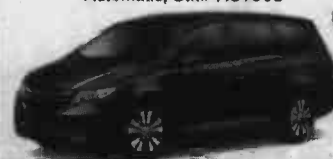
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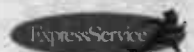
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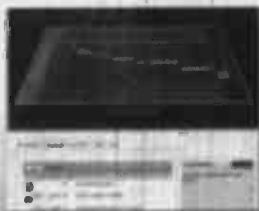
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TOP 5

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1. One Night of Queen, a tribute to rock band Queen by Gary Mullen & the Works, takes place at 8 p.m. March 21 at the Rosemont Theatre, 5400 N. River Road. RosemontTheatre.com.
2. The Wilmette Theatre hosts the Chicago premiere of "A Birder's Guide to Everything" (pictured) starring Ben Kingsley as well as Actors Training Center alumna Katie Chang at 7:30 p.m. March 21. Following the screening, Chang will give a post-show chat. WilmetteTheatre.com.



3. "A Midsummer Night's Dream" is on stage March 21-May 3 at Piccolo Theatre, 600 Main St., Evanston. PiccoloTheatre.com.
4. Barbara Jones, director of the American Library Association's Office for Intellectual Freedom, will point to the ALA's latest "Top Ten List of Challenged Books" at 10:30 a.m. March 23 at the Ethical Humanist Society, 7574 Lincoln Ave., Skokie. Call (847) 677-3334.
5. A free screening of the 2011 HBO documentary "Gloria: In Her Own Words" about Gloria Steinem takes place at 6:30 p.m. March 25 at Oakton's Skokie campus, 7701 N. Lincoln Ave. (Room P103), and 6:30 p.m. March 27, at the College's Des Plaines campus, 1600 E. Golf Road (Room 1610). Oakton.edu.

Clint Black unplugs for latest tour

BY BRUCE INGRAM
For Sun-Times Media

Fans of country superstar Clint Black have a couple of big Clint-related events to look forward to soon.

Later this year, Black will be releasing his first album since 2005's "Drinkin' Songs and Other Logic," and March 28 he'll be bringing his stripped-down, mostly acoustic, national tour to Skokie's North Shore Center for the Performing Arts.

We caught up with him on the road for a few quick questions about the new album, playing acoustic and keeping things interesting after nearly 30 years.

Q: Why have you decided to do a mostly acoustic tour now? What appeals to you about playing that way?

A: The idea was to play America's great collection of theaters. We still have drums, bass, piano, and my lead guitarist [mostly on acoustic guitars], but we've kept it as small as we can to make sense in all the venues.

Q: What can people expect to see? How much of the show is just you and a guitar?

A: I start the show alone and

CLINT BLACK ACOUSTIC
8 p.m. March 28

North Shore Center for the Performing Arts, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie

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play for 15 or 20 minutes. Then the band joins me and for the early part of the show, I share funny tidbits about the songs we're playing. As the show progresses, though, it becomes more quickly paced with less anecdotes. And near the end we introduce some electric guitars into the mix.

Q: Is it true you're debuting material from your upcoming album?

A: We are playing a few new songs, but it's mostly hits with a few of my personal favorite album cuts thrown in.

Q: Will the album have a bare-bones musical vibe similar to this tour? What about the rumor that it's going to be a large package of material — several albums worth, plus a DVD?



Clint Black's national tour includes a stop at the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts in Skokie March 28.

A: The album is going to have a mix of styles, though that's always my aim. I'm not sure about a DVD or the number of the songs, but we have the potential to do far more than a regular CD. It may include some live music and footage as well as a couple of covers in tribute to my influences.

Q: You're still performing with musicians you've worked with for nearly 30 years now — particularly your songwriting partner Hayden Nicholas. How do you account for that, when so many bands and creative partnerships are lucky to last for 10?

A: It was always my wish to look around and see the same faces 30 years hence. It didn't work with everyone for various reasons, but I'm happy to have Hayden, my drummer and bass player still with me since 1987.

Q: Speaking of longevity, is performing still fun for you? You have a reputation for having a good time with the audience at shows.

A: I do still enjoy performing, but it's the audience that makes that happen. Every show for me is a chance to entertain people and I strive for excellence every time.

||| CONCERT

Chicago folk singers honor Pete Seeger

BY LILLI KUZMA
For Sun-Times Media

When legendary folk artist and activist Pete Seeger passed away at the end of January at age 94, a shock wave spread throughout the music community and the world at large. Despite Seeger's advanced age, it was still a surprise to so many who had been influenced by his life.

Tribute events have been ongoing, and an event involving a long list of outstanding Chicago-based musicians will be at SPACE in Evanston March 28. Performers include Corky Siegel, Sons of the Never Wrong, Eddie Holstein, Megon McDonough, Mark Dvorak, Justin Roberts, Ingrid Graudins, Chip Covington and Steve Dawson for "If I Had a Hammer: A Tribute to the Life and Songs of Pete Seeger." Tickets have been selling quickly, with just standing-room-only tickets remaining. Proceeds will benefit Seeger's foundation, Hudson River Sloop Clearwater.

We spoke with one of the event's performers, Mark Dvorak, who is on staff at the Old Town School of Folk Music. Dvorak is also a member of Weavermania, a quartet that recreates the sound of The Weavers [a group formed in 1948 by Seeger, along with Lee Hays, Ronnie Gilbert and Fred Hellerman.]

Q: The March 28 event at SPACE involves a lot of musicians. Will each perform, or will there be group sings?

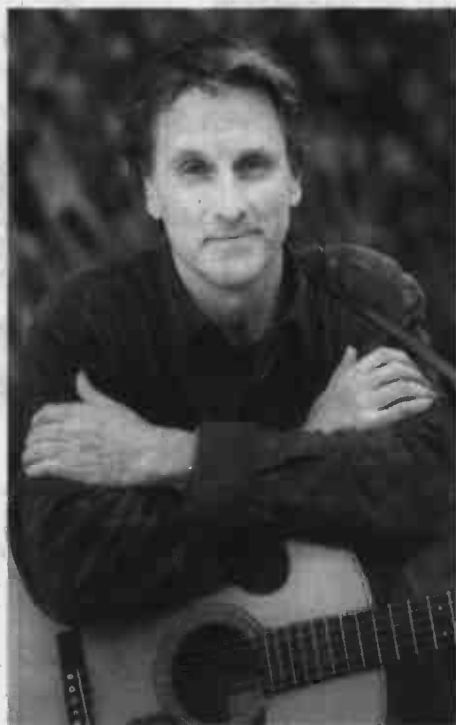
A: Mark Dvorak: The idea was to get as many people involved as possible, and each performer to do one or two songs, keep it brief and keep it moving. I'm sure there will be a group sing at the end. People all over the world feel a sadness over losing Pete, a very great man; this will allow us to share our loss.

Q: The list of artists reveals an eclectic range of performers, because almost all musicians have been touched by Pete in some way, right?

A: He touched any kind of music you could imagine — from children's music to ballads to world music. He reinvented the banjo, he popularized the 12-string guitar. If you are a folksinger, you're lying if you don't say Pete Seeger was an influence.

Q: You're an artist who carries forward Pete Seeger's legacy — in fact you play the part of Seeger in Weavermania.

A: When I was a new performer and trying to learn and make a living, Pete had



Folk singer Mark Dvorak, a member of Weavermania, a quartet that plays the music of the Weavers, is among those who will perform a tribute to Pete Seeger at SPACE in Evanston.

**'IF I HAD A HAMMER:
A TRIBUTE TO THE LIFE AND
SONGS OF PETE SEEGER'**

7 p.m. March 28
SPACE, 1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston
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all the materials. I didn't realize the level of impact he had on my growth as a performer, and one of the things I inherited from his way, was that I became a live performer first, and recording artist second.

Q: Did you have occasion to meet Pete Seeger?

A: Sure. Several times. We sang together with Weavermania at the Chicago Historical Society in 2002. I picked him up at the airport a couple of times, had lunch with him on a couple occasions, and talked with him on the phone. He was thoughtful and considerate.

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MOVIES



Gerard Butler might have started the abs-centric trend in "300."

Hollywood overdoes abs on parade

BY BRUCE INGRAM
Film Critic

Six-packs, eight-packs, 12-packs, full cases; abs are definitely a-poppin' in movies these days.

And personally I wish they'd pop back to wherever they came from. Not that I feel threatened or inadequate in any way, you understand. I'm pretty sure I have a set somewhere, maybe down in the basement.

No, I just think there's something ridiculous about them, basically because they have no practical application. Pumped-up pecs and bulging biceps can come in very handy in a movie if you're Samson, say, trying to pull down the pillars of the temple. But a washboard stomach? Useless except for scrubbing clothes or playing rhythm in a skiffle band.

Useless or not, a rectus abdominus with tendinous inscriptions is now standard-issue acting equipment, though it's hard to pin down how that got started. Maybe it was Gerard Butler's brawny loincloth-and-cape look in the original "300." Maybe it was Matthew McConaughey doing his shirtless pre-Academy Award thing. Me, I blame Taylor Lautner in "Twilight." But it doesn't really matter because the trend is entrenched. Male movie

stars now pop their tops on the regular.

There are so many sets of chiseled abs on display in the "300" sequel "Rise of an Empire" — the Spartans clearly had the best personal trainers in the ancient world — that a colleague was convinced they must be computer-generated. A buff-bod CGI effect similar to the algorithm that makes fur look realistic in PIXAR movies.

That wouldn't be surprising, really, but it seems more likely that today in Hollywood a good gym membership is at least as important as acting classes — maybe more so. Or perhaps it's closer to the mark to say actors still have to be able to emote convincingly, but they have to be able to do it with 3-percent body fat. In the recent "Son of God," for example, even Jesus has abs. A discrete set, it's true, but it was clear he had been doing his sit-ups.

It wasn't always that way. In the old days, if you wanted to ogle some abs you had to go to a Steve Reeves movie. And in those, acting was optional.

Of course, ogling is what this is all about, and that may be all the justification that's needed. It's only fair, after a hundred years of cinematic fixation on what '90s comic Pauly Shore might have called "boobage," that abs should be get equal time.

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||| FAMILY FRIENDLY



Lyle (Anthony Kayer, right) plays with his adopted human brother Joshua (Brian Tochtermann Jr., left); in Lifeline Theatre's musical adaptation of "Lyle Finds His Mother," running March 22- April 27. | PHOTO BY SUZANNE PLUNKETT

Crocodiles and humans share the laughs

BY MYRNA PETLICH
For Sun-Times Media

Lyle is not your ordinary crocodile. "He's a vaudevillian/dancer/circus performer," said Anthony Kayer, who plays the creature in the world premiere musical, "Lyle Finds His Mother," 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays, March 22-April 27, at Lifeline Theatre, 6912 N. Glenwood Ave., Chicago. He's also different because his adoptive family is human.

This is Kayer's first time performing as an animal and he's enjoying it. "He has the eagerness and wanting and wonder of a child," the actor said. "But, at the same time, he's very conscientious about rules and regulations, and other people's feelings. He's everyone's best friend."

Lyle sets off on an adventure when his former performing partner writes a letter saying he has located Lyle's crocodile mother. But can he trust Hector P. Valenti?

Tickets are \$15. For details, call (773) 761-4477 or go to www.lifelinetheatre.com.

DUCK!

Food is flying in "Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs 2," 2-4 p.m. Saturday, March 22 at Niles Public Library, 6960 Oakton St. You and your children will get a little snack (but not meatballs) during the 94-minute PG film.

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

CHILL WITH 'FROZEN'

A prophecy traps a kingdom in eternal winter. Sound familiar? That's not the weather forecast but the scenario in "Frozen." The 2013 PG film will be shown at 4 p.m. Friday, March 21 and 10 a.m. Saturday, March 22 at Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave.

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

WONDER-FILLED SHOW

Anything is possible is the message of Geoff Akins. He proves it at every performance of his Bubble Wonders show. Akins will cut bubbles in half, insert a pencil into a bubble without it popping and do other amazing things while encouraging kids to believe in themselves, 2 p.m. Sunday, March 23 at Lincolnwood Public Library, 4000 W. Pratt Ave.

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

GO TO THE GARDEN

Kids will learn an ancient Japanese art form during an Interactive Suminagashi Demonstration, at the Malott Japanese Garden Spring Weekend, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, March 22 and Sunday, March 23 at the Chicago Botanic Garden, 1000 Lake Cook Road, Glencoe. The festival includes a Japanese tea demonstration, traditional storytelling and Koto harp performances.

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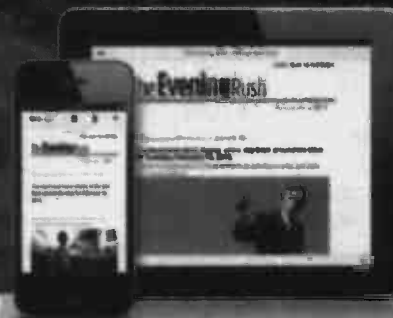
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MOMMY ON A SHOESTRING
BY BETH ENGELMAN

Turn your everyday photos into works of art with these easy to make projects.

Photo Action Figures

Superman who? This craft turns family and friends into action figures, sports stars, and superheroes.

You need:

- Photographs of family and friends
- Chipboard (available at most office supply and craft stores)
- Glue stick
- Scissors
- Embellishments such as 3-D stickers, rhinestones and capes (made with felt)

Directions:

Cut photograph into a silhouette of your subject.

Glue photograph to chipboard and cut around silhouette.

Embellish "action figure" as desired.

To make a stand, cut the leftover chipboard into a 4-inch semicircle.

Cut a 1-inch slit at the bottom of the figure and slide onto stand.

Note: To keep the figure from wobbling, make sure bottoms of both the action figure and stand are flush and perpendicular.

Embellished Notecards

These whimsical handmade cards are perfect for weddings, graduations and times when you want to send a little extra something. Another bonus? You'll finally have a chance to showcase those lovely scenic shots you took on your last vacation.

You need:

- Photographs
- Colored cardstock

Clear cellophane

- Embellishments such as sequins, sand, pebbles or glitter
- Double-sided tape

Directions:

Measure and cut cellophane so that it's about 2 inches longer and wider than the cardstock.

Fold cardstock in half and glue photograph to front cover

Unfold cardstock and tape cellophane to bottom and both sides of the cardstock.

Pour in embellishments (pebbles, sand, etc.) through the top opening.

Tape the top opening closed, making sure the cellophane is

pulled taut, yet has enough give to allow the card to fold.

Photo Flowers

Let love bloom with these fresh-faced flowers that are made with — what else? Photographs.

You need:

- Photographs (it's easiest to use photos that are printed on computer paper)
 - Glass or round object (for tracing)
 - Pencil
 - Glue
 - Floral tape
 - Floral wire
- Directions:**

Use the glass to help you draw a circle on your photograph. Note: the middle of the circle will be the middle of the flower, so position the glass to highlight your favorite part of the photo.

Cut photograph into a circle.

Fold the circle in half so that you have a semicircle.

Fold the semicircle in half again (making a fan shape).

Cut the "fan" from end to end until it resembles an ice cream cone.

Unfold your circle to find an 8-petal flower.

Cut off the least important petal as well as half of the petal next to it.

Place a dab of glue on one of the petals and pull petals together, to make a flower.

Pinch the petals at the crease to give the flower more shape.

Add a stem with floral wire; first, make a small loop at the end of your wire, then poke the wire through the center of your photo.

Secure flower to stem with floral tape.

Place flowers in a vase and enjoy!

— Thank you to the creative minds at Photojojo for sharing this lovely craft. For more cool projects visit <http://photojojo.com/store/?src=chicago>.



Photo "action figures," embellished photo note cards and photo flowers are all fun and easy for kids to make.

PHOTO BY BETH ENGELMAN

GO CALENDAR

BY AGREGO NEWS SERVICE

THURSDAY, MARCH 20

Mysterious Morocco

1 p.m.: Join professor Joe Cunniff for a film and creative commentary with Moroccan stuffed dates. Mather's, 7134 W. Higgins Ave., Chicago. Call 773-774-4804.

State of the Village Luncheon

1 p.m.: Lincolnwood Chamber's Annual State of the Village address by Mayor Jerry Turry. Lincolnwood Community Room, 4170 W. Morse Ave., Lincolnwood. Call 847-679-5760. \$25-\$35.

Travel Film

2 p.m.: Enjoy a family-friendly movie traveling through a different part of the world. Call 847-825-3123 to find out what movie is playing this week. Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge.

Hot Ticket: 'Gravity'

2 p.m.: A medical engineer and an astronaut work together to survive after an accident leaves them adrift in space. Stars Sandra Bullock, George Clooney. Call 847-929-5101 or check out the Movies & More page on www.mgpl.org to learn more. Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove.

Brickton Art Center Class

4 p.m.: Students grades two to six can enjoy a monthly art class taught by a staff member from the Brickton Art Center. Registration is limited. Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge. Call 847-825-3123.

Craft Studio: Rainbow Loom

4:30 p.m.: Learn how to make a bracelet using colorful rubber bands. For kids in grades 4 to 8. No registration required. Skokie Public Library, 5215 Oakton St., Skokie. Call 847-324-3149.

Women in Motion Wine Tasting

6 p.m.: Join the Lincolnwood, Sauganash and Edgebrook Chambers of Commerce for the Lincolnwood's Women's Business Organization wine tasting. Whole Foods Market Sauganash will provide wines, cheeses and hors d'oeuvres. Proceeds benefit the Whole Planet Foundation. North Branch Arts, 5421 W. Devon Ave., Chicago. Call 847-679-5760. \$15-\$20.

Skokie's Young Professionals Group: March Madness

6 p.m.: Join Infuse, the Skokie Chamber's Young Professionals Group for a night of March Madness. The Village Irlin Pizzeria, 8050 Lincoln Ave., Skokie. Call 847-673-0240. \$12 for members and nonmembers; includes appetizers and cash bar.

Classic Film Series: 'Abraham Lincoln'

7 p.m.: Watch the rediscovered 1930 film that was one of the first major historical films of the sound era. 93 minutes. Stars Walter Huston, Una Merkel and William L. Thorne. Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge. Call 847-825-3123.

John Caperna

8 p.m.: The Chicago native, who has appeared on HBO and Comedy Central, performs stand-up. \$22 and a minimum of two food or drink items. Additional performances Friday at 10:30 p.m. at Saturday at 9:30 p.m. Zanies Comedy Night Club Rosemont, 5437 Park Place, Rosemont.

FRIDAY, MARCH 21

Happy Hour with Shirley

1 p.m.: Shirley shares jokes, riddles and funny stories with the group. Mather's, 7134 W. Higgins Ave., Chicago. Call 773-774-4804.

Friday Film: 'Gravity'

1 p.m.: A medical engineer and an astronaut work together to survive after an accident leaves them floating in space. Starring Sandra Bullock and George Clooney. 91 minutes. Lincolnwood Public Library, 4000 W. Pratt Ave., Lincolnwood. Call 847-677-5277.

Movie: 'Last Vegas'

1:30 p.m.: A screening of the 2013 comedy about the antics of three 60-something friends during their stay in Las Vegas. Starring Robert De Niro, Morgan Freeman and Michael Douglas. 105 minutes. Skokie Public Library, 5215 Oakton St., Skokie.

YA 'Divergent' Release Party

4 p.m.: Students in grades six to 12 can find out what faction they are and celebrate the movie release of "Divergent" with faction tattoos, trivia and more. Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge. Call 847-825-3123.

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Dinner Theater: Petra & Andy

4:30 p.m.: Dinner followed by vocalist Petra van Nuis and guitarist Andy Brown performing soft jazz stylings of classic songs. Mather's, 7134 W. Higgins Ave., Chicago. Call 773-774-4804. \$8-\$10.

Field School 60th Annual V-Show 'Queen of Diamonds: A Crowned Capor'

7 p.m.: By using their observation skills, a Field School student (played by a parent) solves a mystery that even the most famous grown-up detectives can't begin to crack. Performances are at 7 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays through March 23. Eugene Field Elementary School, 707 Wisner St., Park Ridge. Call 312-636-1717. \$7, \$5 ages 12 and under.

'One Night of Queen'

8 p.m.: Gary Mullen & The Works perform a tribute to Queen. Rosemont Theatre, 5400 N. River Road, Rosemont. \$37.20-\$78.20.

SATURDAY, MARCH 22

Morton Grove Farmers Market Indoor Spring Market

9 a.m.: Enjoy prepared foods, artisan foods, baked goods, jewelry, handmade body products, pet foods, children's activities, live music by CJ Lele and Bob Perlestein and ever-popular RC Juggles balloon artist. Morton Grove Civic Center, 6140 Dempster St., Morton Grove. Call 847-750-6436.

Playdate with Nature

9 a.m.: Games, crafts and educational activities based around the seasonal nature theme of the day. Registration required. Wildwood Nature Center, 529 Forestview Ave., Park Ridge. Call 847-692-5127.

Des Plaines Geological Society's 49th Annual Jewelry, Gem, Fossil, Mineral and Lapidary Arts Show

9:30 a.m.: Guests will enjoy live demonstrations, educational exhibits, door prizes, raffles, silent auctions and other activities. Des Plaines Park District Leisure Center, 2222 Birch St., Des Plaines. Call 847-298-4653. \$1-\$3.

Homebrewing Club: Brew Day

10 a.m.: The club meets to brew its March beer. Must be 21 or older to attend. Elmwood Park Public Library, 1 W. Conti Parkway, Elmwood Park. Call 708-453-7645.

Introduction to the Open Studio Process

10 a.m.: Explore the OSP process and learn to combine intuitive art-making with thoughtful writing and reflection. No art or writing experience necessary. Open Studio Project, 903 Sherman Ave., Evanston. Call 847-475-0390. \$55-\$65.

Art Exploration Series: The Impressionists

Noon: Learn about some of the most famous impressionist painters. This is a five-week session that begins at noon Feb. 8, Feb. 22, March 8 and March 22. Mather's, 7134 W. Higgins Ave., Chicago. For more information, call 773-774-4804.

Card Making Party

Noon: The event features guest artist Yvonne Hurlburt. Call to register. Iannelli Studios Heritage Center, 255 N. Northwest Highway, Park Ridge. Call 847-692-4297. \$20.

Mother-Son Strike Zone

Noon: Put on those bowling shoes and hit the lanes for cosmic bowling. The afternoon includes pizza, bowling and a special photo of mom and her son(s). Registration required. Brunswick Zone, 3111 River Road, River Grove. Call 847-455-2852. \$16 residents, \$18 nonresidents.

Friends Book Sale

2 p.m.: Browse a selection of discounted items, including hardcover books, DVDs and CDs for \$1 and paperback books for 50 cents. Eisenhower Public Library, 4613 N. Oketo Ave., Harwood Heights. For more information, call 708-867-7828.

Family Fun: Untuned, Unplugged Game Day

2 p.m.: Play some good, old-fashioned board games. Skokie Public Library, 5215 Oakton St., Skokie. Call 847-324-3149.

Saturday Family Films at CAMS: 'Frozen'

2 p.m.: Anna, a fearless optimist, sets off on an epic journey to find her sister Elsa, whose icy powers have trapped the kingdom of Arendelle in eternal winter. Stars Idina Menzel, Kristen Bell. 102 minutes. Evanston Public Library - Chicago Avenue Branch, 900 Chicago Ave., Evanston. Call 847-448-8610.

Leave No Child Inside: Seeds

2 p.m.: Children ages 2 and older with a caregiver can start a spring garden. Evanston Ecology Center, 2024 McCormick Blvd., Evanston. Call 847-448-8256. \$5 per person.

'Jump Up!'

3 p.m.: Dana McCarthy performs high-energy music for families. Eisenhower Public Library, 4613 N. Oketo Ave., Harwood Heights.

'It Gets Better: The Concert'

5 p.m.: "It Gets Better: The Concert" is a musical testament to the power of song to move hearts and change minds and to promote support of openly gay and lesbian adults, mentors and straight allies. Ebenezer Lutheran Church, 1650 W. Foster Ave., Chicago. Call 773-661-0928. \$20, \$15 - Seniors; \$10 - Student/Children.

The Ten Tenors

8 p.m.: The Australian vocal troupe performs. Rosemont Theatre, 5400 N. River Road, Rosemont. \$52.05-\$113.05.

Gerald Albright

8 p.m.: The saxophonist performs, along with special guest vocalist Selina Albright. InterContinental O'Hare Hotel and Gallery, 5300 N. River Road, Rosemont. \$49-\$69.

SUNDAY, MARCH 23

YA 'Divergent' Book-to-Movie Event

Noon: Join friends for a trip to the Pickwick to watch the "Divergent" movie, followed by a discussion at the library

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comparing the book and the movie. For students in grades six to 12. Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge. Call 847-825-3123.

TAG Meeting

12:30 p.m.: Teens meet to plan future programming at the library and enjoy pizza. Registration required. Skokie Public Library, 5215 Oakton St., Skokie.

Critics' Choice Cinema: 'The Iran Job'

2 p.m.: When American basketball player Kevin Sheppard accepts a job to play in one of the world's most feared countries — Iran — he expects the worst. But what he finds is a country brimming with generosity, acceptance and sensuality. 90 minutes. Call 847-929-5101 or visit www.mgpl.org to learn more. Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove.

Bubble Wonders

2 p.m.: "The Magic of Bubbles" by Geoff Akins will demonstrate all of the

cool and unusual things bubbles can do. Registration required. Lincolnwood Public Library, 4000 W. Pratt Ave., Lincolnwood. Call 847-677-5277.

MONDAY, MARCH 24

Close Encounters of the Chemical Kind

4 p.m.: Learn about atoms, molecules, and chemical reaction. Registration required. Skokie Public Library, 5215 Oakton St., Skokie. Call 847-324-3149.

Special Event: Doug Benson

8 p.m.: The "Super High Me" comedian performs stand-up. \$20 and a minimum of two food or drink items. Zanies Comedy Night Club Rosemont, 5437 Park Place, Rosemont.

Trivia Night

8 p.m.: Winners receive gift cards. Specials include \$4 Budweiser products and 60-cent wings. Buffalo Wild Wings, 7020 Carpenter Road, Skokie. Call 847-329-9333.

TUESDAY, MARCH 25

Family Story Time

7 p.m.: Stories, songs and activities for

families with children ages 2 to 6. Attendees are welcome to wear pajamas. Niles Public Library District, 6960 W. Oakton St., Niles. For more information, call 847-663-1234.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26

Natural Gas

8 p.m.: The improvisational group takes a suggestion from the audience and turns it into a show. The Gift Theatre, 4802 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago. Call 773-283-7071. \$5.

Tim Walkoe

8 p.m.: The comedian, who won "America's Funniest People," performs stand-up. \$22 and a minimum of two food or drink items. Additional performances Friday at 10:30 p.m. and Saturday at 9:30 p.m. Zanies Comedy Night Club Rosemont, 5437 Park Place, Rosemont.

THURSDAY, MARCH 27

Classic Film Series: 'An American in Paris'

1 p.m.: A screening of the 1951 musical about a man who falls in love with the same woman his friend is interested in.

113 minutes. Eisenhower Public Library, 4613 N. Oketo Ave., Harwood Heights.

SATURDAY, MARCH 29

Sock Hop

Noon: Wear your saddle shoes and bobby socks for a night of music and dancing from the 1950s and 1960s. Light refreshments served. Mather's, 7134 W. Higgins Ave., Chicago. Call 773-774-4804. \$4-\$5.

'All in the Timing'

6 p.m.: Luther North College Prep presents a collection of six short comedies by American playwright David Ives. Luther North College Prep, 5700 W. Berteau Ave., Chicago. \$25.

SUNDAY, MARCH 30

'Skokie: Invaded, But Not Conquered'

1:30 p.m.: A screening and discussion of the documentary that explores the impact of the attempted neo-Nazi march of the late 1970s. Reservations required. Illinois Holocaust Museum, 9603 Woods Drive, Skokie. Call 847-967-4800. \$12, \$8 seniors and students.

MONDAY, MARCH 31

Breakfast at Brennan's

1 p.m.: Join the Mather's culinary team as they recreate some of the famous dishes from the New Orleans restaurant. Mather's, 7134 W. Higgins Ave., Chicago. Call 773-774-4804. \$12.80-\$16.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2

Dream the Dream: 'Les Miserables'

10 a.m.: The group travels to the Drury Lane Theatre in Oak Brook to see the uplifting story based on Victor Hugo's classic novel. The group departs from Mather's and stops for lunch before the performance. Registration ends March 3. Mather's, 7134 W. Higgins Ave., Chicago. Call 773-774-4804. \$64-\$80.

SUNDAY, APRIL 6

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OPENING FRIDAY

DIVERGENT

Rated PG-13 for intense violence and action, thematic elements and some sensuality
Stars: Shailene Woodley, Theo James, Kate Winslet, Miles Teller, Jai Courtney
 A girl classified "Divergent" (Woodley) in a future society divided into factions based on abilities, discovers she and others of her kind have been targeted for extinction. Neil Burger ("The Illusionist") directed the futuristic thriller.

ENEMY

Rated R for some strong sexual content, graphic nudity and language
Stars: Jake Gyllenhaal, Melanie Laurent, Sarah Gadon
 A professor (Gyllenhaal) decides to track down his double after spotting him in a movie — and suddenly finds his life dangerously complicated. Denis Villeneuve ("Prisoners") directed the thriller.

MUPPETS MOST WANTED

Rated PG for some mild action
Stars: Tina Fey, Ricky Gervais, Ty Burrell
 During a world tour, the Muppets find themselves mistaken for a gang of jewel thieves led by a Kermit look-alike. James Bobin ("The Muppets," "Flight of the Conchords") returns for the family comedy.

NYMPHOMANIAC: VOL. I

★★ 1/2
Rated: No MPAA rating
Stars: Charlotte Gainsbourg, Stellan Skarsgard, Stacy Martin, Shia LaBeouf
 After putting mankind out of its misery with a cosmic cataclysm in "Melancholia," Danish director Lars von Trier is back with another artfully filmed misanthropic provocation. This time, the subject is sex (complete with trickily edited hardcore sequences featuring porn-actor stand-ins) and the main character is Joe (Gainsbourg), a soul-deadened lust addict recounting her erotic misadventures to a sympathetic listener (Skarsgard) who found her beaten in an alley. "The Joy of Sex" it's not, and things presumably get worse next month in volume two.

STILL PLAYING

THE SINGLE MOMS CLUB

Rated PG-13 for some sexual material and thematic elements
Stars: Nia Long, Amy Smart, Wendi McLendon-Covey, Cocoa Brown, Tyler Perry
 A solid base-hit for writer/director/producer Perry ("A Madea Christmas"). It's a little heavy on the solidarity vibe, perhaps,



Home-wreckers anonymous: Stacy Martin and Uma Thurman in "Nymphomaniac."

and a melodramatic meltdown midway almost knocks it off course, but it's pretty funny at times — mainly because it's raunchier than usual and Brown and McLendon-Covey strike a few sparks. A group of five very different single moms reluctantly join forces after their kids get into trouble at a ritzy prep school.

THE GRAND BUDAPEST HOTEL

★★★★
Rated R for language, some sexual content and violence
Stars: Ralph Fiennes, F. Murray Abraham, Bill Murray, Willem Dafoe, Adrien Brody
 If you admire director Wes Anderson at his best ("Rushmore," "The Royal Tenenbaums," "Fantastic Mr. Fox," 2012's "Moonrise Kingdom"), there's a good chance you'll be delighted by this masterfully executed, highly stylized, occasionally perverse farce. "Grand Budapest Hotel" is the story of Gustav H (Fiennes in a rare comic role), legendary concierge of the hotel in its 1930s glory days. He's embroiled in an increasingly complicated struggle involving murder, a priceless stolen painting, young love, an evil aristocrat with a homicidal henchman (Brody and Dafoe), more murders, a prison break and a climactic cross-country chase. It's strange to think of Anderson turning out a crowd pleaser given his eccentric work (on display here), but this may be as close as he gets.

VERONICA MARS

Rated PG-13 for sexuality including references, drug content, violence, strong language
Stars: Kristen Bell, Jason Dohring, Jamie Lee Curtis, Martin Starr
 Years after walking away from her career as a teen private eye, Veronica (Bell) returns home to help an old flame (Dohring) accused of murder. Rob Thomas wrote and directed the return to his hit TV series.

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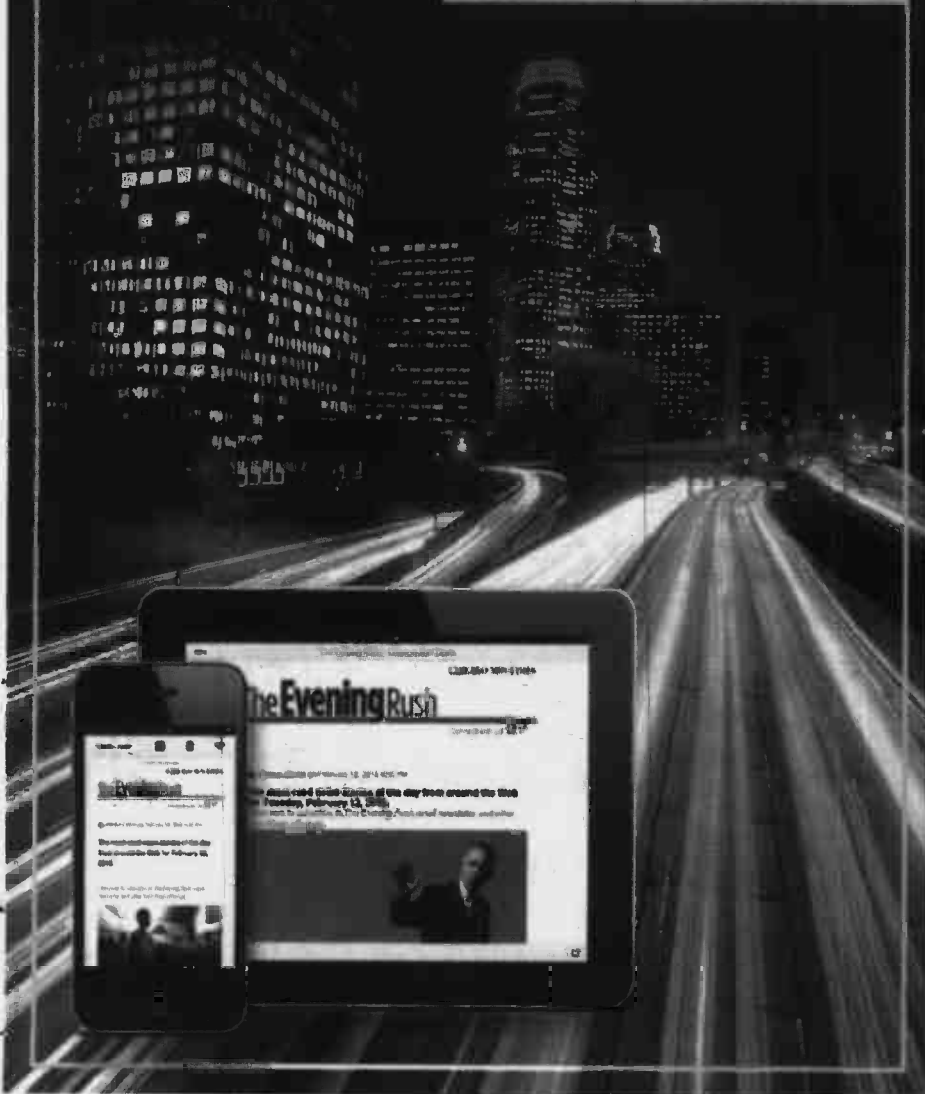
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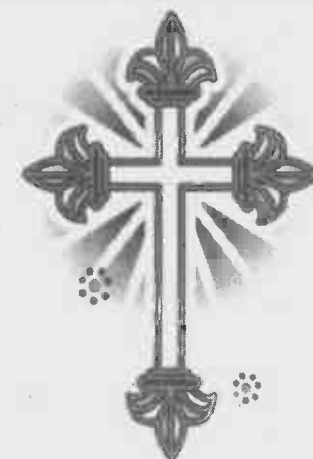
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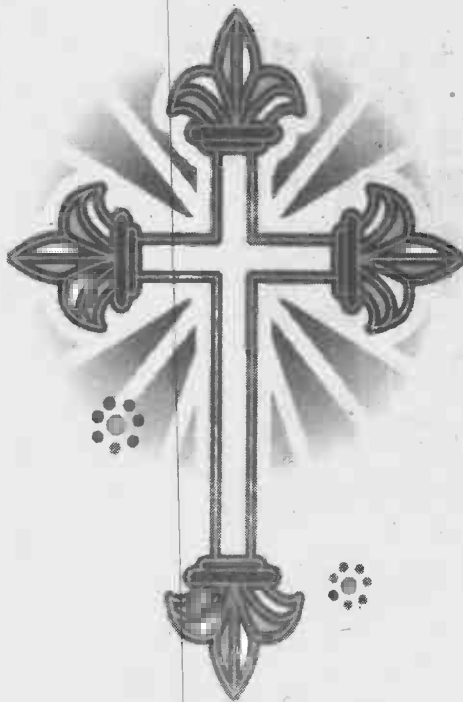
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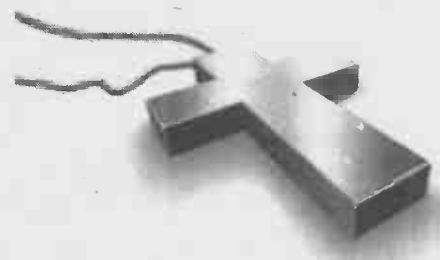
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Mishkin, Madolyn "Meg"

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Longtime bus driver and jack-of-all-trades at Golf Middle School and Hynes Elementary, she will be missed by countless students, parents, teachers and Morton Grove neighbors.

She always loved to tend to her garden, read, dote on her dogs, and travel, especially to Arizona and Colorado.

In keeping with Meg's wishes, there will be no funeral service. In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting that contributions be made to the Parkinson's Disease Foundation, 1359 Broadway, Suite 1509, New York, NY, 10018 (or www.pdf.org, 800-457-6676).



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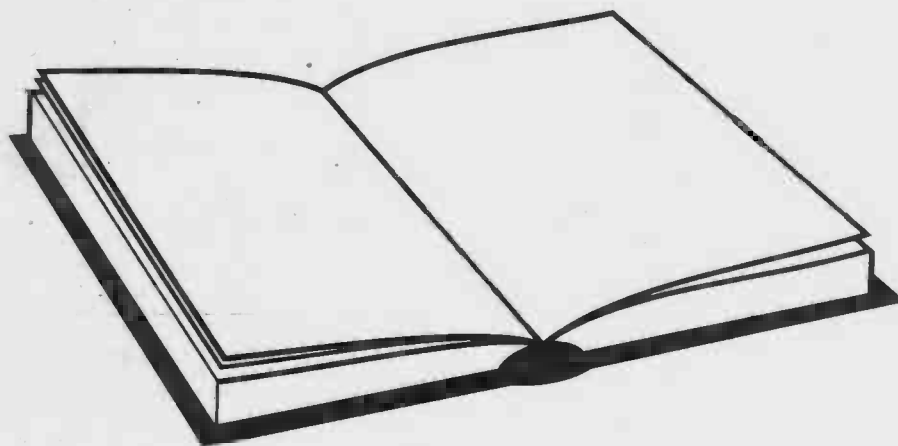
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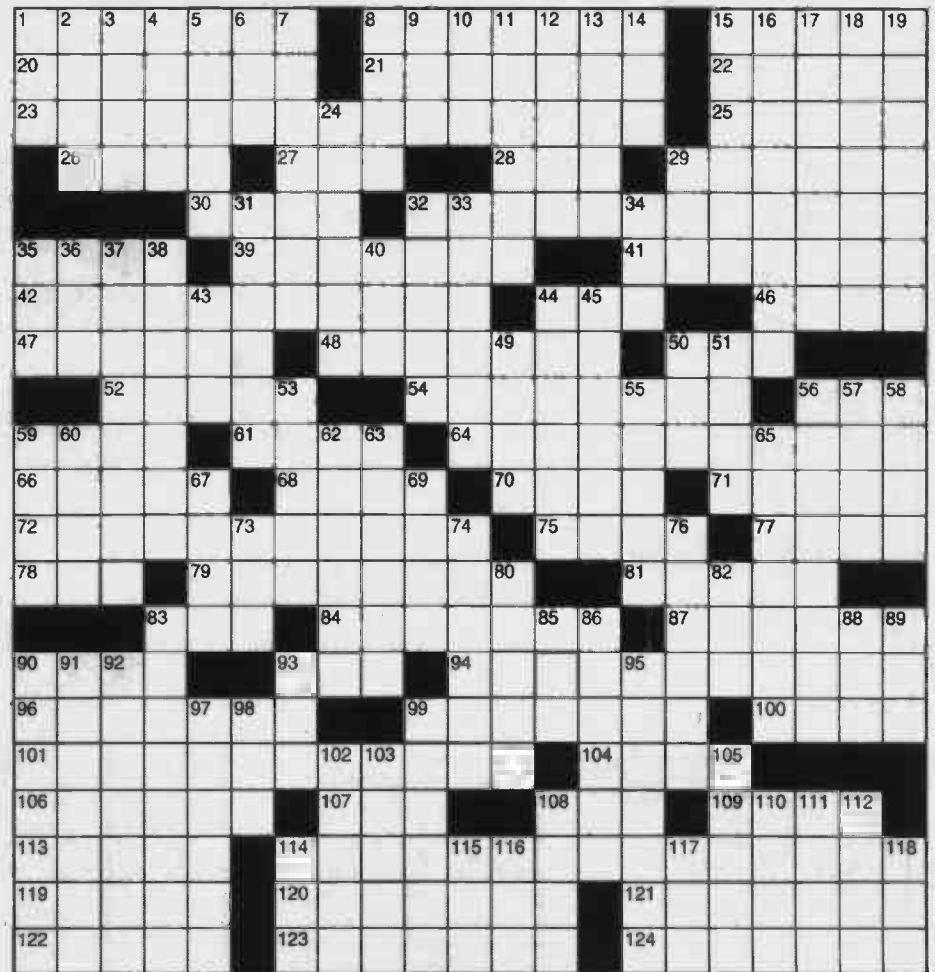
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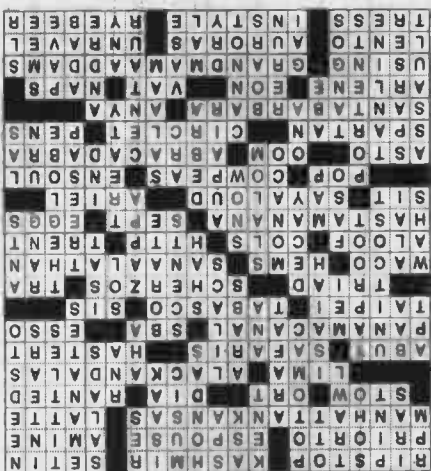
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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Putting yourself in someone else's shoes isn't easy for you. But if you do it, you'll gain a better perspective of what you need to do to achieve your goals. Be open to new ideas.



TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) There are still some problems you might have to deal with before moving on to your next project. It's a good idea to accept help from those who share your objectives.



GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) It's time to recognize the difference between those who are truly concerned for you and those who simply plan to use your good nature to their advantage.



CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Depending on a promise made becoming a promise kept could be more than a mite unwise at this time. It's best to proceed on your own rather than wait for aid that might never arrive.



LEO (July 23 to August 22) A recently revitalized relationship might not be quite what the Big Cat expected. But give yourself more time to deal with the changes. A little flexibility can go a long way. Good luck.



VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A major change could prompt more adjustments. And some of them might be difficult to deal with at first.



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SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Creating a fuss is not usually your style. But that doesn't mean you should tolerate an ill-mannered attitude. Speak up for yourself, and you'll earn the respect of others.



SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) You might have a few loose ends to tie up before you can stamp your project as truly complete.



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CAR STORY

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Chicago Auto Show: 2015 Ford Mustang

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PHOTOS BY BRIANNA KELLY

In celebration of the Ford Mustang's 50th anniversary in April, the 2015 Mustang captures key characteristics of the iconic vehicle. Overall, the car is lower, wider and more streamlined. The redesigned interior features an aviation theme with a combination of analog and digital equipment and, for the first time, a push-button start.



AUTO



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Lexus is top luxury brand

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In the month of November, Niles residents opted to purchase Lexus vehicles more often than any other luxury car brand. Lexus topped the luxury sales chart with 12 sales of the 38 total sales of luxury cars to Niles residents. A total of four new vehicles and eight used vehicles made up the 12 overall Lexus sales in the month.

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

In November, 82 percent of luxury car purchases



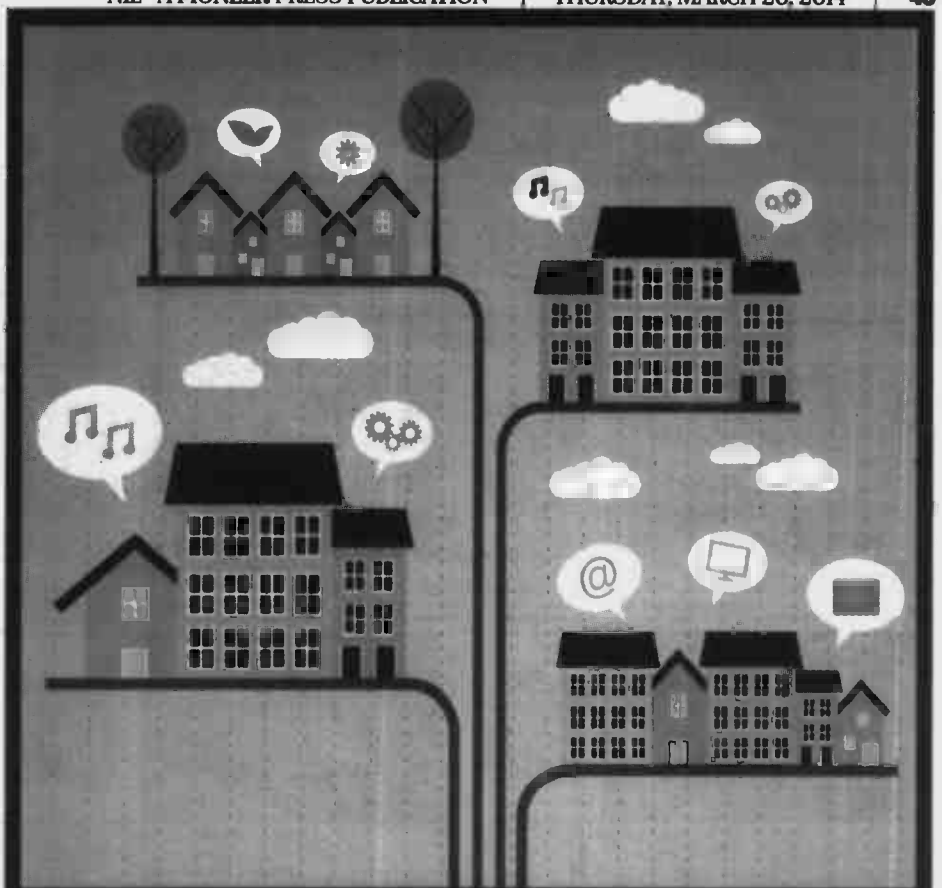
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by Niles residents came through a local dealer, while 18 percent came via private party transactions. Private party transactions accounted for seven of the 38 total luxury car sales to Niles residents in November, while local dealer transactions accounted for 31 luxury auto sales. The top auto dealership selling luxury vehicles to Niles residents in November was

Jidd Motors with three total sales, followed by Brede-mann Lexus in Glenview (two sales) and McGrath Lexus (two).

Niles residents purchased a total of 216 vehicles (all brands) in the month of November — 114 pre-owned and 102 new. So, the share of overall car and truck sales in the month made up by used vehicles was 53 percent.



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COLLEGE NOTES

Palucki, Burt named all-UAA at Washington

BY NICK BULLOCK
For Sun-Times Media, @HSCNewsNorth

Matt Palucki and Nick Burt both recently earned all-University Athletic Association honors for their play on the Washington University men's basketball team.

Palucki, a junior forward from Park Ridge and a Maine South alumnus, was named to the all-UAA first team, while Burt, a junior forward from Western Springs and a Lyons alumnus, was named an all-UAA honorable mention.

Led in part by Palucki and Burt, the Bears from St. Louis finished their season with a 24-3 record and a run to the second round of the NCAA Division III Men's Basketball Championship.

Palucki finished the season ranked third on the team in scoring (14.4 points per game) and second in rebounding (6.9) while starting all 27 games. Burt also started every game and ranked fifth on the team in scoring (7.8 points) and third in rebounding (5.8).

Forward Tom Garvin, a Hinsdale Central alumnus from Hinsdale, was also a member of the team. He appeared in 15 games as a sophomore and contributed 19 points and 12 rebounds.

Another Washington University athlete, Maggie Ingell was recently named UAA Athlete of the Week for softball. The senior outfielder, a Loyola alumna from Winnetka, hit .833 (10-for-12) with three doubles, two home runs and eight RBI in the Bears' three season-opening wins against Austin College, Greenville College and Hendrix College, all on March 1 in Conway, Ark.

After missing six games with mononucleosis, freshman forward Jacqui Grant, a Maine South alumna, played 20 minutes and scored seven points during the Illinois women's basketball team's loss to Nebraska in the Illini's regular season finale. The Park Ridge native followed that performance



ABOVE: Maine South alumnus Matt Palucki puts up a shot for Washington during the Bears' NCAA D-III regional game with Calvin College at the Washington fieldhouse in St. Louis. | PHOTO COURTESY DANNY REISE/WUSTL

LEFT: Nick Burt, from Western Springs, drives the lane during Washington's NCAA D-III game with Calvin. | PHOTO COURTESY DANNY REISE/WUSTL

with a 10-point effort to close out the postseason.

Illinois (9-21) fell to No. 23 Iowa in the first round of the Big Ten

Tournament, but Grant turned in a nice season for the Illini. She started 24 games and finished third on the team in scoring (13

field-goal percentage.

With the help of Barrington alumna Meg Crowley, the No.

points), second in rebounds per game (5.7) and first in blocks per game (1.4). She also led the team with a 45.8

13-ranked DePauw women's tennis team defeated California-Santa Cruz to finish seventh at the recent Intercollegiate Tennis Association Division III Women's Indoor Team Championship. The senior scored a point for DePauw with a 6-1, 6-1 victory at No. 4 singles.

Have a suggestion for the College Roundup? Email Nick Bullock at bullockpioneerpress@gmail.com

||| GIRLS LACROSSE SEASON PREVIEW NOTEBOOK

Loyola's lineup loaded with college recruits

While Murray has moved on to Stanford, Trevians still feature Marquette recruit McGuire

BY MATT HARNESSE
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The last year the Loyola girls lacrosse team had this many seniors planning to play the sport in college was 2010.

Those Ramblers went on to a state championship, the second in a run that now stands at five in a row.

"It's hard to compare, but they are similar," Loyola coach John Dwyer said of the 2010 and 2014 senior classes.

Going into this season, seven Ramblers are scheduled to play lacrosse at the next level, including senior midfielders Annie Dooley and Maggie Nick. Dooley has signed with Notre Dame, and Nick has signed with Stanford.

But there could be a difference between the two clubs, Dwyer said.

"We might be deeper, and we have a lot of players who can play a lot of positions," the 13th-year coach said.

Dwyer said he could play as many as 18 girls this season from a roster that features 11 sophomores and freshmen. The coach said the competition for playing time has led to the younger players working out at multiple positions.

But the veterans also are versatile, according to Dwyer. Senior Gieriet Bowen, a Boston College recruit, is a good example.

"Last year, she was an attacker, but she's such a good defender, too," said Dwyer, who probably will play Bowen as a midfielder this year.

Loyola, which went 23-3 a year ago, once again should be the favorite to win the state title.

"It's a battle-tested group," Dwyer said. "They are an unselfish group, and they trust each other.



Loyola's Gieriet Bowen, who is pictured during the state championship game against Montini on May 31, 2013, exemplifies the Ramblers' versatility. She played attacker last season and is a good defender. FILE

When we integrate the younger girls and get them some experience, we will have a lot of depth."

New Trier

A new era is upon New Trier after last year's graduation of Kelsey Murray, arguably the program's best-ever player and now a freshman attacker at Stanford.

But the Trevians, who finished 17-4-1 and third in the state a year ago, aren't exactly starting over.

Senior midfielder Charlotte McGuire, who has signed to play at Marquette, headlines a team that

is itching to end Loyola's reign. The left-hander is one of the top players in the state and will be looked to as one of the Trevians' go-to scorers, according to New Trier coach Pete Collins.

"She brings a very determined attitude, and she will pose matchup problems on the attack," said Collins, the 14th-year coach who guided New Trier to the state championship in 2008.

Seniors Julie Ball, Betsey Kvam and Bridget Zimmerman are three other returning starters who will join McGuire in the midfield.

"New Trier had the luxury of having a player like Kelsey Murray, and she was a phenomenal asset to have," Loyola coach John Dwyer said. "But they have a lot of talented players still there."

Glenbrook South

The Titans welcome back eight starters from a team that advanced to the state quarterfinals and went 13-9 a year ago.

Glenbrook South coach Annie Lesch said the main focus this season is getting the girls to believe in themselves.

"We have to remain composed in the bigger games and have confidence in ourselves as a team," the eighth-year coach said.

Lesch will lean on senior attacker Calie Nowak, senior defender Kara Stevens and senior goalie Evi Gountanis this spring.

Glenbrook North

Glenbrook North coach Thomas Rosenbaum said his team needs consistent play from its defense to be successful this spring.

It should help that seven of the eight returning starters are from the midfield and defense, including senior goalie Marielle Billig.

Evanston

The Wildkits welcome back 11 of 18 players, including seven starters, from a team that finished 9-9 during the regular season a year ago.

Evanston's strength rests in the midfield, where seniors Joan Gibbons, Rachel Kornbluh and Kate Pingry all are back in uniform.

"We have a very balanced and well-rounded team this year," sixth-year coach Sarah McKenna said.

Maine South

The Hawks will have as many sophomores (seven) as juniors and seniors combined, according to second-year coach Charles Solomon.

Attacker Lauren Hendry, defender Abigail Greiber and defender Jenny Swanson are the only returning seniors with varsity experience.

Maine South finished 10-12 last spring.

Regina

Kate Houston is in her first season in charge of the Panthers, who won one game last season. Houston said twice as many girls are on the roster this spring as a year ago.

"We have players and coaches who are energized and excited to get out and play this year," Houston said.

||| GIRLS SOFTBALL SEASON PREVIEW NOTEBOOK

Maine South improves strength, conditioning

Villalobos' ability to locate her pitches creates optimism for Maine East

BY MIKE CHAMERNIK
For Sun-Times Media, @MikeChamernik

Like most local softball teams, Maine South has practiced indoors for most of the season. But, according to coach Emmy Pasier, the Hawks have made the most of their time off the field.

Pasier said the team needed to get physically stronger and faster, so they've lifted in the weight room and done body-bearing exercises (push-ups, lunges, squats) and sprints during practice.

"We're inside, so let's take advantage of that," Pasier said. "We have one area of the school that has three levels, so let's run stairs."

The Hawks' experienced roster expects to improve on last year's 9-14 record. Maine South has five returning starters. Senior pitcher Jenna Christie, senior catcher Emily Wolf and junior shortstop Nina Anderson anchor the infield, and juniors Courtney Richardson and Emily Suwanski will play center field and left field, respectively.

"If you're looking at a roster, that's pretty nice," Pasier said. "I haven't had the luxury of returning five starters in a while."

Maine East

The Blue Demons' defense will get a jolt from freshman pitcher Alex Villalobos.

Villalobos has two primary pitches, a fastball and changeup, and pounds the strike zone. Maine East coach Emiliano Hernandez said he doesn't expect many walks or wild pitches, so the defense will be more engaged with a faster game.

"We finally have a girl that's a natural pitcher, not someone that we've had to constantly train," Hernandez said.

Elsewhere, senior Alyssa Matej has played varsity for three years as a shortstop. This year she might play other positions, including the outfield.

"She's just a good athlete," Hernandez said. "She can play anywhere on the diamond."

Niles West

The Wolves hope experience will take



Maine East's Alyssa Matej tags out Niles West's Alyssa Falcone at second base during their April 5, 2013, game. Matej has played shortstop on the varsity the last three years, but she could be moved around this season. FILE

them far this year. The team has six seniors, five juniors and three sophomores, and coach Nicole Reynolds has coached a majority of them in travel softball as far back as four years ago.

"They've been working for this season," Reynolds said. "They're probably the most committed team I've ever had."

Senior pitcher Payton Genis returns to the circle after missing most of last year with injuries.

Her twin sister Taylor Genis is a good-hitting first baseman.

Junior Val Sherman will play third base for senior Jill Rashid, a 2013 all-conference player who's likely out this season after shoulder surgery, according to Reynolds.

Niles North

Niles North's lack of situational experience hurt the team last season. This year, coach Karin Wick has incorporated game situations and challenges into practices. Batters, for instance, don't get 10 batting practice swings; they have to work the count and only get three strikes.

"I'm hoping that when we get to those big games, that we actually perform like we've been there before," Wick said.

Niles North has eight sophomores, but senior Sarah Benjamin is a standout offensive player and team leader in the outfield. Benjamin hit three home runs and had an .856 OPS in 2013, along with only two fielding errors and four assists.

"Every year her arm and bat gets stronger," Wick said. "She's a girl that works hard on and off the field."

Ridgewood

With 10 sophomores, including pitcher Sarah Straughn, Ridgewood is very young. Senior Arlena D'Amato, a quick-second baseman, is the team's veteran leader.

The Rebels have practiced primarily indoors. They have worked on all aspects of the game, splitting the team up and working on offense and defense equally.

"We just vary what we do to try to keep everyone interested and working hard," coach Steve Poznansky said.

||| GIRLS SOCCER SEASON PREVIEW NOTEBOOK

Maine South boasts dedicated senior class

BY DAN SHALIN
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Once again this season, the Maine South girls soccer team almost certainly will have to find a way past powerhouses Loyola and New Trier if it wants to win a sectional title.

The Hawks went 13-5-7 last year and lost to Loyola in the Class 3A sectional semifinals. If there is any advantage Maine South might have over the Ramblers and Trevians — and both teams could be even better than they were a year ago — it's experience.

Though the Hawks lost 35-goal-scorer Allison Curry to graduation, the team has eight seniors who played a year ago and it welcomes back senior midfielder Jessie Schmidt, a DePaul signee who missed last season with an ACL injury.

"We haven't even voted on captains yet," Maine South coach JJ Crawford said. "This is the first year I honestly don't know who will be [the captains] because [all the seniors] would do a great job. We'll vote for three, but all could be captains because of their leadership ability, how serious they are and their drive to want to do well. We're in good hands."

Up front, senior Lexi Kiotis, who has committed to Dominican in River Forest, is expected to fill some of the scoring void left by Curry's departure.

Niles North

Vikings third-year coach Paul Elkins said the bar has been raised slightly after the school's boys soccer team captured that program's first CSL North title in the fall.

"I think the boys winning this year made an impact on our school and the girls are aware of that and it's meaningful for the girls," Elkins said. "[This season] is kind of the first time we brought that up for our team, the first time we talked about [winning conference] and the goal for us to win a conference championship."

Elkins returns most of the impact players from a team that went 7-9-3 last season and he said the defense should be the strength of this year's team.

Sophomore goalkeeper Nina Yonan returns after an all-conference performance last season. Senior defender Sara Beladi is a returning starter.

Junior Alyssa Brand is back in the midfield after being named team MVP last season. Brand, who led the team with 12 goals in 2013, has verbally committed to play



Maine South forward Lexi Kiotis, who is pictured in an April 6, 2013, game, is expected to help the Hawks overcome the loss of Allison Curry to graduation. Curry scored 35 goals in 2013. FILE

at Drake.

Junior midfielder Luci Valenzuela was an all-conference performer last spring, and senior forward Itzy Hernandez has signed to play at Chicago's Robert Morris University.

Niles West

Junior forward Vicki Tirovolas scored 16 goals last season as a sophomore and found the net 17 times as a freshman.

Tirovolas' 33 career goals put her fourth

on the school's all-time list, just three shy of the 36 scored by record-holder Cory Zielke (2005-08).

Tirovolas also has 13 career assists and is tied for fifth on the school's all-time list. Zielke ranks first with 18.

Niles West coach Brett Clish said he's still trying to decide which formation will bring out the best in Tirovolas again this season.

"She's continuing to get better and work on her game, on her shot, her speed and everything," he said. "We're trying to figure out if it will just be Vicki [up top] or we'll play two up there. We're switching it around [in preseason] practice to see what fits us best."

The Wolves, who went 8-14-1 last season, remain a young team, with just two seniors, seven juniors, 11 sophomores and two freshmen.

Maine East

Though the Blue Demons went just 3-17 last year, coach Julie Dickinson said all signs point to improvement this spring.

One reason for Dickinson's optimism is Maine East has more club players than ever, which is due in large part to two-year-old local club team Olympiacos. In addition to playing more soccer, athletes from the five communities that feed into Maine East are playing together in the offseason.

"[This preseason] their touch on the ball is better, their conditioning is better and they're starting at a level we normally have to work to get to," Dickinson said.

Ridgewood

The Nardulli family continues to supply the Rebels with plenty of soccer talent. This year, freshman Gabriella Nardulli will join her older sister Cettina, a senior midfielder, on the squad.

Two years ago, Cettina Nardulli and older sister Annalisa Nardulli were part of a Ridgewood team that reached the Class 1A sectional final.

Now, Gabriella Nardulli joins the program with a stellar reputation and a chance to strike up a partnership with her sister in the midfield.

"[Gabriella Nardulli] can dribble, pass and shoot with both feet and has great field awareness and composure," Ridgewood coach Kenny Caslin said. "Cettina and Gabriella are playing on the same team, and this combination might prove to have more chemistry than the first Nardulli connection."

||| **BASEBALL SEASON PREVIEW NOTEBOOK****Dons' top pitchers to make shorter, more frequent appearances**

BY ERIC VAN DRIL
For Sun-Times Media, @VanDrilSports

Notre Dame baseball coach Nelson Gord tried something radical two years ago when he used a different pitcher in each inning during the Dons' playoff run.

Gord doesn't plan to use that exact same strategy this year, but he'll try something similar. The Dons have four quality starters — senior Pat Dillon, sophomore Sam Ferri, junior Joe Rimac and junior Adnan Sator — and Gord said he plans on having them each throw about 2-3 innings an outing, and make two appearances a week. The goal is to keep hitters from getting acclimated to a pitcher, Gord explained, and it also will let him use the staff's top pitchers more.

"In any game, the first time through the order, the pitcher always has the advantage — he's going to be fresh, you haven't seen what he has that day," Gord said. "Then you get to the second time through the lineup, and that competitive edge goes down a little bit. And the third time through the lineup is really where it starts tipping in favor of hitters because the pitcher's fatigued [and] you've already seen him twice. So really anything that we can do to keep it in our pitchers' favor, and our defense's favor, why not do that?"

Gord said he tentatively plans to use Dillon and Rimac in the same game, and pair Sator with Ferri. Sator (verbally committed to pitch at Kansas) and Ferri (verbally committed to catch at Notre Dame) are both Division I recruits.

Maine South

Maine South has had a slew of talented players — the list includes Division I signees like Frank Perrone (Eastern Illinois), Jimmy

Frankos (Iowa) and Kyle Richardson (Notre Dame) — come through its program recently, and the Hawks have compiled an impressive list of accomplishments during the last four years: The Hawks have won two CSL South titles, three regionals and two sectional crowns.

Replacing the college players and many other above-average high school players doesn't faze Maine South coach Bill Milano. He said the Hawks have enough skill on this year's roster to challenge New Trier and Glenbrook South for a CSL South championship.

Maine South will be led by senior center fielder Gehrig Parker, a Butler recruit, and senior Bobby Pennington. Pennington, who was the squad's closer last year, is expected to be the ace of the pitching staff. Junior shortstop Caleb deMarigny and junior catcher Zach Parker — Gehrig Parker's younger brother — also figure to have prominent roles for the Hawks.

Niles West

The Wolves have featured a pair of standouts in recent seasons and Niles West coach Garry Gustafson said he'll try to overcome the losses of 2012 graduate Kevin Ross (a Pittsburgh Pirates minor leaguer) and 2013 graduate Kyle Colletta (playing at Northern Kentucky) by stressing work ethic during the preseason.

"Our motto this year that we've got on our shirts is 'red-collar baseball,' meaning we have to bring our lunch pail and go out every day in practice and get a little better," said Gustafson, whose team's collars are red and white. "There's other programs that stockpile talent every year, and we're the type of team that develops within our freshman team and work hard all the way through our



Notre Dame pitcher Adnan Sator throws to first to check on the runner during a May 9, 2013, game. Sator, who has verbally committed to Kansas, is one of four pitchers scheduled to pitch 2-3 innings twice a week for the Dons. FILE

program."

Niles North

Things will look different for Niles North up the middle this year. Junior Tony Granato is the team's first-year starting center fielder, and while senior Ari Cone is back at shortstop, he's also the team's No. 1 pitcher. That means coach Ed Toledo will have to shuffle his middle infield when Cone is on the mound.

Sophomore Alex Nanut, junior Chris Jefferies and freshman Giovanni Sanchez all figure to see time at second base and shortstop this year.

Junior Anthony Sanchez will move from left field to catcher this season to replace Gabe Dwyer, who had been the Vikings' starter behind the plate the last three seasons.

Dwyer is a member of the Illinois-Chicago baseball team.

Maine East

The Blue Demons, who have just three seniors on their roster, will be led by sophomore shortstop Jose Trujillo, junior catcher/pitcher Lukas Parker, senior third baseman/pitcher Will Heins and senior first baseman/pitcher David Schnobrich.

Ridgewood

There have been instances when Ridgewood has struggled with its depth during coach Chris Uhle's tenure — the Rebels won the Class 3A Guerin Regional with just 11 players in 2011 — but that's not an issue this season.

Uhle called this year's squad the deepest he's had during his four years at the program's helm. It features several veterans, including third baseman Anthony Mroz, outfielders David Parker and Frank Malicki, second baseman Alex Tomaszewski and staff ace

Chris Rzewnicki. Malicki is the only junior among those players. The others are seniors.

The Rebels also have a talented sophomore class headlined by shortstop Michael Ruffolo, a transfer from Notre Dame. Uhle said Ruffolo will likely bat leadoff this year.

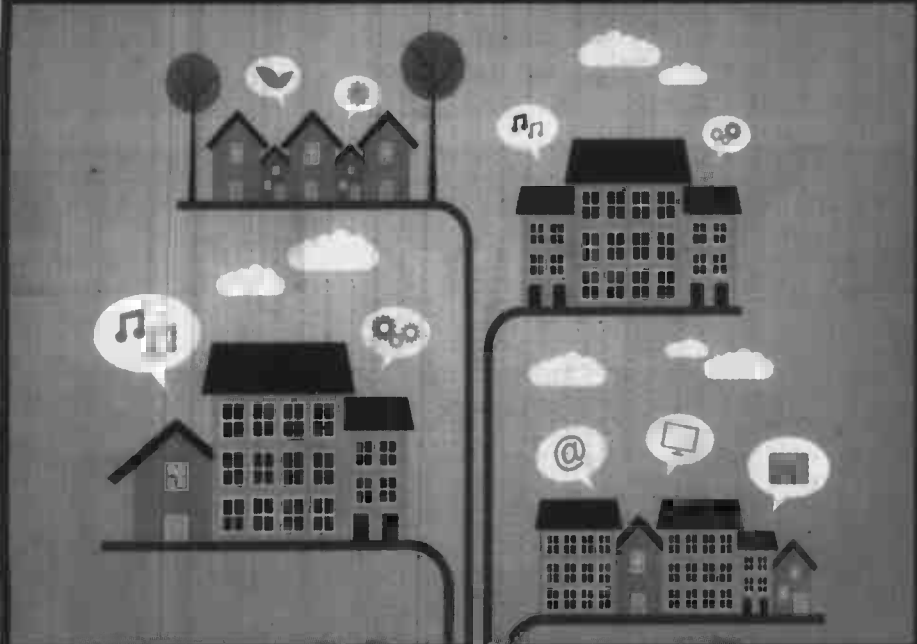
Northridge

Northridge annually travels to a warmer climate during its spring break.

The Knights are scheduled to leave for Orlando, Fla., on Monday and they will play in a tournament at Disney's Wide World of Sports Complex. Northridge went to Nashville, Tenn., last season, Orlando two years ago and Kansas City, Mo., in 2011.

Northridge coach Pat Hunt said playing in a tournament during spring break allows his squad to bond.

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Niles West pitcher Payton Genis throws to first for an out in an April 5, 2013, game. Genis returns to the circle after being sidelined by injuries for much of last season. FILE

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