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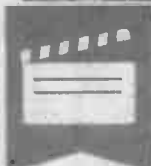


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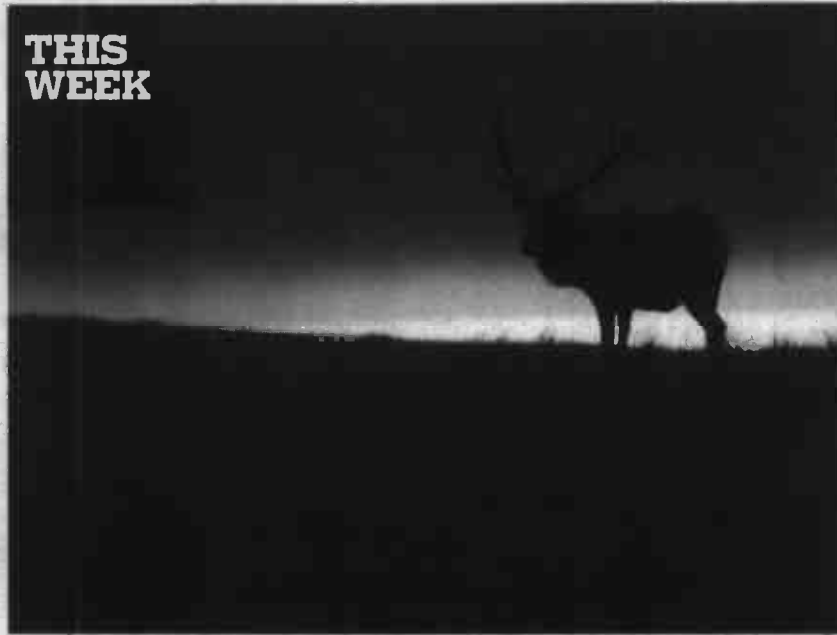
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Local's shots of nature on display

Dan Elster returns to his hometown for a display of his wildlife photography at the Brickton Art Center.
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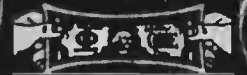
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||| NILES

Officials salute fallen veterans at Memorial Day ceremony

BY IGOR STUDENKOV
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For Michael Crisci, Memorial Day is a chance to remember the contributions of Niles locals to various wars — something that, he feels, many residents don't know much about.

"People in Niles don't realize how those men have dedicated their lives to our country," said Crisci, administrative assistant at the Niles Historical Society.

In that spirit, government officials, police and fire department members, local little league players, Boy Scouts and members of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 7712 joined together Monday to salute fallen troops from the village.

The ceremony took place at the Veterans Memorial Waterfall, on the corner of Touhy and Milwaukee avenues. The officials gave speeches paying tribute to veterans, and VFW Post members laid down a memorial wreath.

Speaker after speaker emphasized the importance of honoring Niles veterans in particular — and passing the memories to the future generations.

Jim Kozak, commander of the VFW, has been with Post 7712 since it was founded in 1947. He is one of the two surviving founding members, and the only one who is still lives in the area.

As the crowd gathered, he was busy practicing his speech. The ceremony, he explained, was as important to him as ever.

"It's the day when you can show respect for the departed and those who are still with us," said Kozak.

There are currently 147 veterans in Niles. About half of them served in World War II, while other half served during the Korean War, Vietnam War and more recent conflicts like the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq.

In his speech, Kozak explained why Memorial Day was a sorrowful and joyful occasion.



Mayor Andrew Przybylo speaks at Niles' Memorial Day ceremony.

"Today, we share a common sorrow, but we are also united in thanks to everyone who served," he said.

He emphasized the importance of passing on memories of what veterans strove to secure for future generations.

"It is up to us to make sure that the legacy lives on," said Kozak.

Niles Mayor Andrew Przybylo praised the veterans for their accomplishments and sacrifices, touching upon the ways the war impacted him personally.

"[I honor] my father, who returned from World War II, and friends who returned from Vietnam, and some who didn't," he said.

Officials from Niles Police Department and Niles Fire Department spoke as well.

"We need to remember those who stood shoulder to shoulder for freedom," said Deputy Chief Vincenzo Genualdi. "Remember the veterans, remember their families."

The attention then turned to the memorial itself as Ben Puesta, a VFW member and veteran of Operation Iraqi Freedom, placed the memorial wreath.

"It felt good," he said after the



A crowd had already gathered near the Veterans Memorial Waterfall in Niles 10 minutes before the Memorial Day ceremony began Monday. IGOR STUDENKOV/FOR SUN-TIMES MEDIA

ceremony. "This is for all those who are currently serving. We know the hardships [they deal with]. It's almost our duty to honor them."

Individual VFW members went over to add flowers to the wreath. The ceremony ended with the VFW's rifle squad giving the veterans a three-rifle salute.

Trustee Rosemary Palicki, who was one of the trustees attending the ceremony, said she

was pleased with how the event turned out. She was especially pleased to see Boy Scouts and little leaguers taking part.

"I think it's wonderful that young people were here," said Palicki. "I think it's easy to think that, just because you don't have a relative who is a veteran, this doesn't matter. All of us benefit from the sacrifices every [serviceman] gave, and we need to keep it in our minds."



Jim Kozak salutes veterans who are still alive and the veterans who have died during Niles' Memorial Day ceremony Monday.

||| NILES PUBLIC LIBRARY

Four more Niles library employees take buyouts

BY IGOR STUDENKOV
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Four more Niles Public Library employees have chosen to take advantage of a retirement incentive program, leaving three leadership positions vacant.

Their retirement was approved at the Niles Public Library Board of Trustees' May 21 meeting, a little more than a month after library director Linda Weiss announced her retirement under the same program.

The retirements are set to take effect on June 30.

The library estimates that it will save approximately \$1.2 million — though the program doesn't take the cost of hiring replacements into account. At this point, the library plans to fill two of the five positions, but the future of the remaining three hadn't been settled at press time.

The retirement incentive program was originally approved in March. Any employee who is age 62 or older and worked at the library for at least 10 years had until mid-May to decide if they would stay on or retire. If they chose to retire, they could choose either a one-time cash payout approximately equal to what they'd earn in six months, or health insurance coverage for 36 months.

Eleven employees were eligible for the program, but only five chose to retire. Weiss, Patron Services Supervisor Kathy Pricone, Page Services Supervisor Sue Brice and Circulation Clerk Janet Weiser chose to take cash payouts. Don Burkhart, the IT Services Supervisor, chose to take the



Books on the Niles Public Library's second floor. | FILE

health insurance.

The board expects to save \$2,138,810 over the next five years thanks to the retirement program. The number was calculated based on the employees' salaries and how much their respective retirement incentives would cost. According to the document, the retiring employees' combined five-year salaries are \$2,340,453, while the retirement incentives add up to \$201,643.

During the meeting, Greg Pritz, the library's business manager and soon-to-be interim director, noted that the library won't know how much it will save until the positions are permanently filled.

The library plans to fill two out of the five soon-to-be vacant positions, according to a press release.

"The library will replace two of the retiring employees, the library director and patron services department supervisor," the release said.

"The replacements will likely come from the ranks of full-time employees already on staff."

The future of the page services supervisor position will depend on whether the board will approve a reorganization plan. It calls for the page services department to be merged with the patron services department, with the patron services supervisor running both. The plan was originally scheduled to be approved at the May 21 meeting, but the votes were postponed until the special May 29 meeting.

Weiss told Pioneer Press that the library hasn't settled on what will happen to the IT services supervisor position. As for the circulation clerk position, it may be filled somewhere down the line, but it won't be in the same type of position as it is now.

"At this point, we are not filling it," said Weiss. "If we do fill it, it will be part-time."



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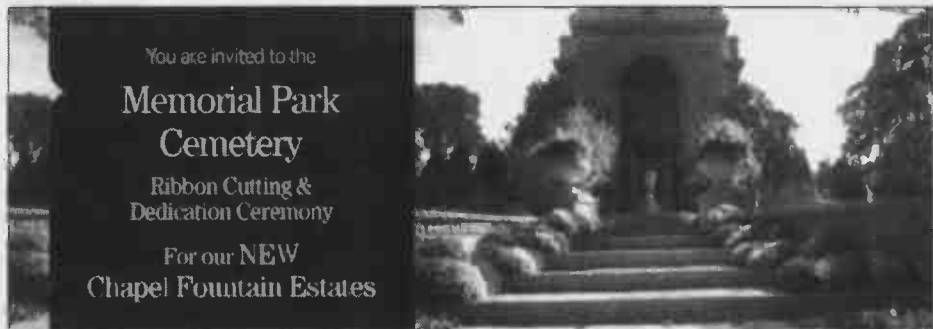
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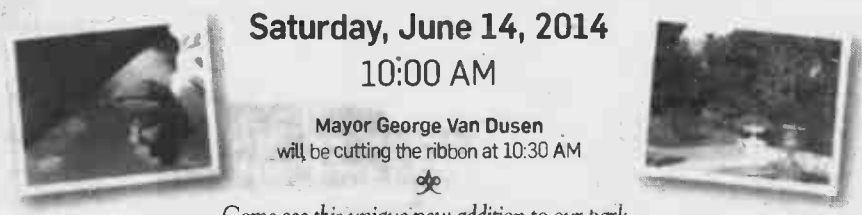


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||| **SNAPSHOT OF NATURE**

Notre Dame grad's photography captures the wild side of life

BY JENNIFER JOHNSON
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Ask photographer Dan Elster about his childhood growing up in Park Ridge and a wayward deer will come up.

"One memory that stuck with me was a young deer walking down our street," Elster recalled. "I lived on Brookline Lane and I remember looking outside and seeing a deer. ... It was a really big deal for me."

It's not surprising, then, that wildlife would eventually factor prominently into Elster's life. As a wildlife photographer, Elster captures animals and birds in their natural habitats, far from the suburban block on which he once lived. A resident of Ashland, Oregon — located just north of the California border — Elster's home is close to miles and miles of national forest, giving him plenty of subjects to photograph.

"I try to capture a little bit of the personality of the animal or bird," he said of his photographic technique. "I like capturing their spirit — that's a big thing for me. And I only photograph wild animals. A lot of photographers will photograph captive animals in zoos, but I think there's something different about a wild animal living in its own native habitat, living on its own terms."

Elster's images — from a sea gull munching on its starfish lunch, to a northern spotted owl perched in a tree, to otters lounging on the shore — will be on view in his hometown as part of a special exhibit at the Brickton Art Center. "Spirits in the Wild," featuring around 35 to 40 of Elster's photographs, will run from June 10-28 at the Park Ridge gallery, 306 Busse Highway, with a special reception planned for Saturday, June 14 from 2 to 5 p.m. The reception is open to the public and admission is free.

Elster, who normally exhibits his work in the Pacific Northwest, reached out to the Brickton Art Center — where his mother still takes classes — with an interest in bringing some of his work back



Park Ridge native Dan Elster's photography will be on exhibit at the Brickton Art Center in June. | PHOTO COURTESY OF DAN ELSTER



A hummingbird feeding its young. The photo is one of many by Park Ridge native Dan Elster that will be on display at the Brickton Art Center in June. | PHOTO BY DAN ELSTER



Roaming coyote. | PHOTO BY DAN ELSTER

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home.

"We have never really had a show of wildlife photographs by one artist before," explained Brickton Director Kristin Haas. "When we took a look at his images, they were really professional and they just stood out to us visually. We definitely wanted to work with him on it."

The show, according to Elster's website, will be his "largest gallery installation ever."

Growing up in Park Ridge in the 1970s and 1980s, Elster attended St. Paul of the Cross Catholic School and Notre Dame College Prep in neighboring Niles. Nature was a part of his life even then, as he enjoyed fishing with his father and watching the birds that flew nearby. He also kept a number of pets, including lizards, guinea pigs, frogs, turtles, snakes and other reptiles.

"I've always had weird pets from as far back as I can remember," he



Barn Owl. | PHOTO BY DAN ELSTER

said with a laugh.

Elster picked up photography as an adult after receiving a camera as a gift from his wife, Patty. During walks through the woods near his then-home in Island Lake, he started photographing the deer, hawks and other wildlife he saw along the way.

"She bought me a gift and changed my life, really," Elster said.



Bull Elk. | PHOTO BY DAN ELSTER

Looking to further pursue his dream of wildlife photography, the Elsters moved to Oregon, where Dan Elster has found not only plentiful source material, but a good art market as well.

Owls in particular are a draw for the photographer's lens.

"They are difficult to photograph. They are mostly nocturnal and I like the challenge of it," he said. "There's something about owls, I can't put my finger on it. I'm doing a lot of work now on the spotted owl, which is an endangered species."

Some of the rarest birds Elster has caught with his camera include the northern spotted owl and bald eagles. He hasn't yet

ventured outside the United States and appears content continuing to work where he now lives.

"Fortunately, I live in a beautiful place where I could be happy [photographing] for a long time."

Elster largely sells his fine art prints at festivals and galleries, though some of his photos have appeared in textbooks. He also supports organizations aimed at wildlife conservation and says he has donated some of his work for fundraising auctions or publications supporting these efforts.

"I want to open eyes to what's out there and the importance of preserving it," Elster said. "Conservation is a big theme in my work."

III OAKTON COLLEGE

Oakton College confronts youth unemployment in Cook County

BY TODD SHIELDS
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Students Jason Nwosu and Abdullah Motan had hardships to overcome the day they entered Oakton Community College in Des Plaines.

Nwosu's family was low income and Motan had immigrated to Chicago from Pakistan.

"I was a first-generation college student in my family. I was shown all the steps here at Oakton," Nwosu said.

"English is a new language for me," Motan added.

"The culture is different here and my first semester was a little uncomfortable, then I realized people here don't care if I'm from Pakistan."

Both young men went on to join several campus leadership clubs and will soon attend four-year colleges.

Nwosu is transferring to Loyola University and his classmate is attending the University of Illinois.

On Wednesday, they participated in a panel discussion at Oakton on turning around youth unemployment through higher education or college job training in the Chicago area.

David Pattinson's American Future, a nonprofit that aims to lower youth unemployment, hosted the roundtable, where several corporations, educators and social service groups participated.

"I graduated from college and right into the 2008 economic collapse. Too many graduates go right into unemployment," said Pattinson, who hosted the discussion event in 15 states.

According to Opportunity Nation, 15.4 percent of 16 to 24-year-olds in Cook County are not in school or working, compared to 14 percent in Illinois and 14.6 percent nationally.

Kathy Brock, human resource manager for Federal-Mogul Corp., has found "a big gap" of job applicants with two-year technical degrees, which was the type of employee she really needed.

"Many technical fields don't require four-year degrees," she explained.

Margaret Lee, president of Oakton College, said the computer age of emailing resumes has significant drawbacks.

"The electronic media looks for keywords on resumes and our youth suffers for it," she said.



Oakton College students Abdullah Motan, left, and Jason Nwosu speak at a roundtable discussion on youth unemployment in Cook County. Cook County.

| TODD SHIELDS/SUN-TIMES MEDIA

"The key is to be like Jason and Abdullah. Get opportunities to connect with people," Lee said, referring to student clubs, internships and job fairs.

Other corporate executives said companies should publicize more for kinds of workers they will hire.

"You can't just put out your shingle and hope they will come. You need to find different organizations that have start-up training for new workers," he said.

"Many of us are not willing to put an unskilled worker in front of a half-million-dollar machine — that's not good."

Other local school officials said curriculums were designed to show students connections between classes and actual job skills.

For instance, Peter Bavis, associate principal of teaching and learning at Evanston Township High School, said freshman and sophomores receive post-secondary education planning, as well as hands-on job training in building full-scale homes for eventual sale.

Other educators said parents believed their children have failed if they did not have four-year degrees.

They said such a perception needed to change, especially when manufacturing companies were hiring people with technical degrees and certificates.

Niles Park District gets a helping hand from TARGET!

Target Store Management provided 40 volunteers and a half day of service to Niles Park District on May 20. Tony Pena is a District Team Leader & Sunda Obendorf is Community Captain. Volunteers were from 9 Chicagoland stores, and were here to kick off their United Way Campaign. Volunteers spread mulch & pulled weeds at Pioneer Park and Golf Mill Park. We appreciate them and all their hard work!



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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

RETAIL THEFT

Barbara Swiderska, 61, of 9340 Hamilton Court, unincorporated Maine Township, was charged with retail theft on May 20 after she allegedly stole eight bottles of wine from a store on the 9000 block of Golf Road. She has a June 20 court date.

Somsri Kumwong, 64, of 624 W. Kensington Road, Mount Prospect, was charged with retail theft on May 20 after she allegedly stole clothing of an undisclosed value from a store inside Golf Mill Shopping Center. She has a June 20 court date.

DUI

Hildy Lieberman, 56, of 3332 N. Green-

leaf St., Skokie, was charged with driving under the influence on May 18 after police stopped her for allegedly speeding on the 7800 block of Dempster Street at 1:15 a.m. She has a June 13 court date.

Victor Cruz, 33, of 672 W. Pickwick Court, Mount Prospect, was charged with aggravated driving under the influence and driving without a valid license on May 18. Police said Cruz was stopped on the 8600 block of Dempster Street at 1:43 a.m. after he was seen driving erratically. He had a May 27 court date.

Manuel Juarez, 28, of 3231 N. Kenneth Ave., Chicago, was charged with driving under the influence on May 17 after he was stopped for allegedly speeding on Milwaukee Avenue just before 2 a.m. Police said he was traveling at 60 mph in a 35 mph speed zone. Court information was not available.

CRIME BRIEFS

THEFT

A Niles woman told police that between March 25 and May 7, Social Security funds were stolen from the account of her disabled daughter. Police said the woman learned that several transactions had occurred in New York City, resulting in the depletion of the account.

A \$660 smartphone was stolen May 18 from a display inside a store on the 7800 block of Milwaukee Avenue.

BURGLARY TO VEHICLE

An unlocked vehicle parked in a driveway on the 8900 block of Heathwood Circle was burglarized overnight between May 17 and May 18. Nothing was reported missing. Clothing was also stolen from a vehicle parked nearby on the 9000 block of Terrace Drive.

A man told police that his laptop was stolen on May 20 after he

placed it in the trunk of his car and went to a doctor's appointment on the 7900 block of Milwaukee Avenue.

A 65-year-old Skokie woman told police that on May 21 she saw someone steal her purse from her car while she was returning a shopping cart outside a store on the 7300 block of Melvina Avenue. The purse contained several credit cards and \$120 in cash, police said.

A wallet, loose change and several tools were stolen between May 20 and May 21 from a minivan parked in the 8900 block of Elmore Street. The van's sliding door was forced open and the dome light was broken, police said. A debit card that was inside the wallet was reportedly used at a gas station to make a \$100 charge. A second minivan, parked on the 8800 block of Wisner Street, was also burglarized overnight between May 20 and

May 21 when a side door was forced open. An undisclosed amount of property, valued at approximately \$2,600, was reported stolen.

Designer clothes and accessories, valued at approximately \$1,084, were stolen on the evening of May 21 from a vehicle parked at 800 Civic Center Drive. The rear window was broken to gain entry, police said.

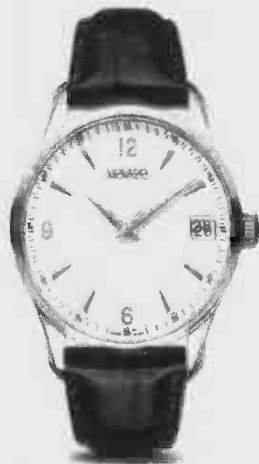
PROPERTY DAMAGE

Three windows were broken on two ground-level apartments on the 8200 block of Elizabeth Avenue on May 18 between 3:40 and 4 a.m. The residents did not know who may have caused the damage, police said.

Graffiti was discovered written in black spray paint on the playground and picnic area at Jonquil Terrace Park, 7560 W. Mulford St., on the evening of May 18.

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||| MORTON GROVE

Dominick's neighbors taking hit with grocer closed

BY PAM DEFIGLIO
For Sun-Times Media

Without the shoppers who used to flock to Morton Grove's Dominick's grocery store, other businesses in the Prairie View Plaza shopping center have seen traffic and sales decline since the grocer closed at the end of last year, some store managers said.

Those managers were heartened by recent news that a Meijer grocery store may open in Dominick's former space. They hope it will bring in more shoppers who then spot the plaza's other businesses and decide to walk in the doors.

Customer traffic at the Salvation Army Family Store is down about 20 percent, and sales are down about 10 percent over a year earlier, estimates Joseph Gordon, the store manager.

"It's been a lot slower," he said. "People used to go to Dominick's and then come here too."

January and February are his typical slow months, he said, but once people begin spring cleaning, it picks up again.

Since Dominick's left, the L.A. Fitness health club draws the greatest number of people to the shopping center, Gordon said. Other than that, there is a RoomPlace furniture store, a Rug and



The Dominick's at Dempster Street and Waukegan Road in Prairie View Plaza closed at the end of 2013. | PAM DEFIGLIO/FOR SUN-TIMES MEDIA

Sofa furniture store and a K&G Fashion Superstore. There are also outlots containing a Kentucky Fried Chicken restaurant, Bank of America branch, a Starbucks and a few other businesses.

Several retail spaces at the east end of the mall, including 6717 Dempster, a former Chinese buffet, and 6725 Dempster, are vacant. The Hair Studio at 6733 Dempster has product displays visible, but

was locked and dark during business hours last week.

Wajeh Hassan, the store manager at the RoomPlace furniture store, said customer traffic and sales are down at his store, too.



The Rug and Sofa store in Morton Grove has put up signs and specials to lure customers. | PAM DEFIGLIO/FOR SUN-TIMES MEDIA

"If a Meijer does open up there, it would be good for business," he said.

Gordon, of the Salvation Army store, was more cautious, saying a Meijer store could be good if it brings in more shoppers, but not if locating it in the shopping center forces his store to move.

A Meijer store would very possibly be bigger than the footprint of the Dominick's store and could locate anywhere within the shopping plaza, Alan Saposnik of Tower Realty Services, the local commercial leasing agent for Prairie View Plaza's owner, Federal Construction, said last week.

A Dollar Store is located immediately next to Dominick's former space, but a company representative did not return a phone call by press time. Managers at K&G and the Rug and Sofa store declined to comment for this story.

Gordon, the manager of the Salvation Army store, said he wished the Morton Grove Farmer's Market would move to Prairie View Plaza because it would bring in shoppers. He said his store attracts people from all walks of life, and many people come in to scoop up collectibles or buy vintage clothing to resell at Wicker Park boutiques.

"I'd like people to know we're still here, and we're open for business," he said.



The Salvation Army store in Prairie View plaza has seen a 10 percent decline in sales, over last year, since Dominick's left, the manager said. | PAM DEFIGLIO/FOR SUN-TIMES MEDIA



The Rug & Sofa store in Prairie View Plaza could be bumped in favor of a new Meijer store in Morton Grove. | PAM DEFIGLIO/FOR SUN-TIMES MEDIA

|| NILES

Police: Caller harassed woman, threatened to kill officer

BY JENNIFER JOHNSON
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A man accused of harassing a woman over the phone allegedly threatened to kill a Niles police officer who was investigating the case.

According to police, a 54-year-old Niles woman reported on May 17 that she had received a call the week before from a man who told her she had won \$3.2 million. Thinking the prize was a scam, the woman told the caller she was not interested, which prompted him to begin screaming at her and threatening to come to her house, police said.

The woman told police that the caller called back that same day and two more times on May 17, again threatening her.

Calling the phone number the man had used to contact the woman, a Niles police officer reached a man and asked to speak with him about his repeated calls and alleged threats. According to the police report, the suspect allegedly shouted at the officer, said he used the phone number for business purposes and that the officer was taking up his time. Before hanging up, the man threatened to find and kill the officer if any more of his time was wasted, police said.

When the officer called the number back, no one reportedly answered.

The caller spoke with what police described as a "Jamaican accent." The victim asked that police continue to follow up on the incident.

Niles, Park Ridge cops again join donut fundraiser

BY JENNIFER JOHNSON
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Park Ridge and Niles police officers will again be headed up to the rooftops of area Dunkin' Donuts locations for the annual fundraiser benefiting Special Olympics Illinois.

The Cop of a Rooftop event will take place Friday, May 30, from 5 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Park Ridge police officers will be staffing the Dunkin' Donuts shops at 1129 W. Touhy Ave., 2606 W. Dempster St., and 742 W. Higgins Road. Niles officers will be at the 7039 W. Dempster St., 7235 N. Caldwell Ave., and 7525 N. Harlem Ave. locations.

A list of additional locations around the Chicago area and the state can be found at www.soill.org/ailec_event/dunkin-donuts-cop-on-rooftop.

Donations to the Law Enforcement Torch Run, which raises money for Special Olympics, will be accepted at the three locations. Anyone who makes a donation will receive a coupon for a free donut and customers donating at least



Park Ridge police collect donations for Special Olympics Illinois during a past "Cop on Top" fundraiser at Dunkin Donuts, 2606 W. Dempster St. | FILE

\$10 will receive a Law Enforcement Torch Run travel mug while supplies last, as well as a coupon for a free medium coffee.

Dunkin' Donuts will also donate \$15,000 to the Torch Run fund.

The Illinois Law Enforcement Torch Run has raised nearly \$31 million over 28 years while increas-

ing awareness of Special Olympics Illinois athletes and their accomplishments, according to the Park Ridge Police Department.

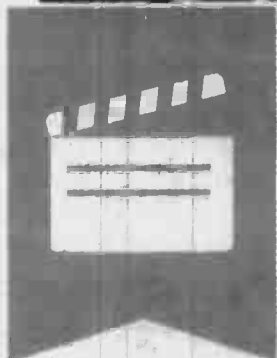
Local police raise money for Special Olympics in other ways as well, including the Lake Michigan Polar Plunge, plane pull at O'Hare Airport and Torch Run event itself.



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||| BRIEFS

NILES

Village Board member joins hunt for water leak

The Village of Niles has decided on a new plan of attack for tracking down an elusive water leak that has been plaguing a stretch of Oakton Street for eight weeks.

Mayor Andrew Przybylo said in a recent press release that he's asked Trustee Joe LoVerde, who has 30 years of construction experience with village water and sewers and 18 years of experience with the park district, to help Public Services crews find the source of the leak, which so far has cost the village \$36,000.

"I'm not Superman," LoVerde said after the mayor announced the decision. "I'm just going to pitch in my experience and my background to find [the leak]."

The main is scheduled to be replaced this year and Village Manager Steve Vinzeano said he is concerned the search for the leak will deplete the village's water fund. He has said every time crews dig up another section, it

costs the village \$6,000.

The leak along the 6900 block of Oakton was first reported March 24 and despite the efforts of two private leak companies and help from neighboring Morton Grove, crews have been unable to find the source. Replacing all bolts and flanges failed to make a difference, the release said.

A complicating factor in the search was village records: A map of the nearly 60-year-old water main was wrong, making it difficult to find the main and its connection. Another complication was emergency leaks popping up elsewhere — eight water main breaks, nine b-box repairs, five hydrant repairs and two valve repairs — that forced crews to interrupt their search.

Przybylo said the longer the leak goes on, the more chance it will cause subterranean damage to "other utility lines and the roadbed."

"I am fearful that even a sinkhole could appear if this leak isn't found," he said.

The village has battled 321 water main breaks in the past two years, at a cost of more than \$600,000.

NILES

Village open two Saturdays for vehicle sticker purchases

The Village of Niles' Finance Department will be open two Saturdays for residents to purchase vehicle stickers.

Car owners may purchase stickers from 8:30 a.m. to noon on Saturdays, June 21 and June 28, at 1000 Civic Center Drive, Niles. Reduced rates are also available to senior citizens, age 62 or older, by June 30.

The vehicle stickers are valid from July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015, and can be purchased by mail, in person or at local currency exchanges.

For more information, call the Administration Building at 847-588-8000.

PARK RIDGE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Sunday library closures to start in Park Ridge

As of May 25, the Park Ridge Public Library is closed on Sundays for the summer.

The closures are part of cost-cutting measures implemented by the Library

Board last December.

Executive Director Janet Van De Carr said the library will resume Sunday hours of 1 to 5 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 7.

PARK RIDGE

Lutheran General to host run/walk for Adult Down Syndrome Center

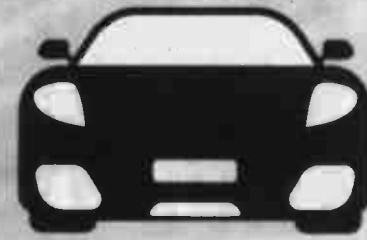
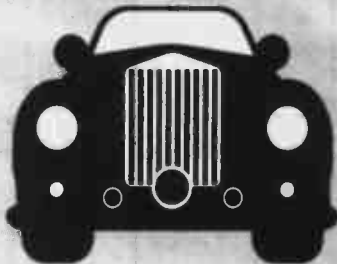
Advocate Lutheran General Hospital will host a 5K run/3K walk benefitting the hospital's Adult Down Syndrome Center on Saturday, May 31.

Open to runners, walkers and spectators, the Fitness Fun for Everyone event begins with registration and check-in from 7:15 to 7:45 a.m. at the Adult Down Syndrome Center, 1610 Luther Lane. The run/walk will follow at 8:15 a.m.

Cost is \$30 per participant and proceeds will go toward the Adult Down Syndrome Center. ADSC patients and non-patients with Down Syndrome can participate for free.

The run/walk will be followed by a picnic until 11 a.m., though participants are asked to bring their own refreshments.

For more information, contact sarah.childers@advocatehealth.com or call 847-723-6139.



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HELP SQUAD

Money-saving tips for business people who work from home

HELP SQUAD
BY
JACKIE PILOSSOPH



Anyone who works from home will tell you there are several advantages. There is no traffic to deal with or long commutes, immense lifestyle flexibility and, of course, the fact that you can stay in your pajamas as long as you'd like.

Yet, working from home also can involve business costs you might not incur if you went to an office every day, such as supplies, phone usage and utilities.

According to Douglas Nash, President and CEO of MobileGear, a North Shore-based online office supply and technology accessories company, 30 million Americans work from home at least one day per week, and that number is expected to rise over the next five years to where nearly 63 percent of the population will be spending work time outside a traditional office environment.

With Nash's help, Help Squad came up with six money-saving tips for business people who work from home.

1. Find products that have multiple uses. In other words, buy one product to use for two or more purposes. For example, Bluetooth speakers provide great sound for listening to music, but they are also able to answer calls and act as conference phones. So don't buy a headset and speakers, just buy the speakers. Another example: don't buy both a pen and a stylus. Instead, buy a pen/stylus combo, which will allow you to take notes on paper with your favorite touchscreen device.

2. Make sure your devices aren't driving up your electric bill. Computers, laptops, and printers all have "sleep modes," but the power is still going. By using an eco-friendly surge protector you can save up to \$40 per year or more on your electric bill. These surge protectors shut off electricity completely when the devices go into sleep mode or are turned off.

3. Save on printing costs. Ink and paper for your printer can be very expensive, but if

you buy private label ink and/or paper, which is another word for generic, you are saving an average of 30 percent or more. Additionally, private label ink is made from recycled products, so not only are you saving money, but you're also helping the environment!

4. Be more organized. Want to save both time and money? One way to do this is to purchase hanging folders that can fit both into a filing cabinet and into your briefcase. This way you aren't transferring or losing documents and you're only paying for one set of folders.

5. Shred everything. Not only is shredding good for keeping your important information secure, but shredding reduces the waste, so you will use fewer trash bags. There are products that serve both as a shredder and a waste basket.

6. Talk to your accountant. Working from home offers tax advantages you might not know about. Make sure your accountant knows you are using part of your home as an office for your job. You might be able to write off a percentage of your home utilities and your office space, which could make you eligible for a tax deduction.

Nash said working from home is estimated to save large companies nearly \$10,000 per employee per year! Savings are generated by increased productivity, reduced facility costs, lower absenteeism and reduced turnover, as employees working from home value the flexibility.

So, if companies are saving, why shouldn't you?

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LETTERS

Residents can't afford latest raise for D207

Just this month, we were informed that District 207 has approved another pay raise for the teachers' union. This was done without input or regard for the taxpayers who have to pay the bill. Despite the fact that the average household income is \$86,000 for taxpayers who are working all year long, we are asked to raise the salaries of teachers who average \$114,000 for 9 months or 1,100 contract hours.

Over the past 12 years, the average household income has increased 46 percent but the CPI is up 54 percent. Our middle class residents are falling behind. Educators, however, have enjoyed over 60 percent in pay increases. Dig deeper into your pockets, or get another job, for the taxman will soon be coming to your door.

Even though the ACT test scores have dropped for students and two of District 207 schools have below national average scores we are told to pay more. Salaries that are higher than the national average for educators providing the same level of service. How much longer can this go on?

You have to understand the administration has no interest in contesting raises. They also get raises. Board of Education trustees approve the request of the administration and union without much push back, so there is little the taxpayer can do to stop the train wreck.

Today, six-figure pensions are routine, as a result the state is broke and ranks 46th in the nation as a place for companies to locate to because of high taxes. The state is helpless, as long as school boards continue to raise salaries beyond free market norms.

If taxpayers would demand publicly-funded charter schools, which are out of the state pension system and free of union demands, we could begin reverse the damaged educational system. Charter schools could provide a level of education not currently available and at realistic costs. I suggest you visit the website "publicwatchdog.org" and click on the "Maine Twp. High School Dist. 207" link for insightful information.

Michael Frey
Park Ridge

Schools too quick on the literature trigger

BY RANDY BLASER

One of the joys of college life is that the campus is a sacred space, a relatively safe place to learn about life, to learn about yourself and to learn about others.

For many students, lately, it seems the classroom is just not safe enough.

The latest campus fad is something called "trigger warnings" for classroom material.

Students have dreamed up this mechanism as a way to warn other students of an artistic portrayal of heavy, and at times, unpleasant life events. And I'm not talking about binge drinking, hazing and date rape, all of which have been identified as all too real issues confronting today's coeds.

Trigger warnings are meant to warn students about the awful things they might come across in literature. To today's fragile students, simply reading about some bad things might cause a student to suffer from some sort of post-traumatic stress disorder.

What books have been targeted for trigger warnings? Would you believe "The Great Gatsby"? Why? I always thought it was just a grossly over-rated piece of work. Turns out, that when college kids are about to read "Gatsby," they need to be warned that the material covers suicide, domestic



Oscar Wilde: "All art is quite useless."

abuse and graphic violence.

Other books on the trigger list include the classic "Things Fall Apart" by Chinua Achebe, "Mrs. Dalloway" by Virginia Woolf, and Shakespeare's "The Merchant of Venice."

Are there others waiting in the wings? Certainly anyone who has lived through the last 14 years of Big Brotherism, the never-ending war on terror, so-called Homeland Security and NSA spying might need a trigger warning for "1984."

When you think about it, the list of great books deemed too subversive or coercive to be read by college students would be endless.

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"When you think about it, the list of great books deemed too subversive or coercive to be read by college students would be endless. Literature does not explore the kind and the meek and the best of all possible worlds. 'Pollyanna' was a dangerous place to be."

possible worlds. "Pollyanna" was a dangerous place to be.

Literature explores the human condition and how people deal with the hand that life has dealt them, however lousy that might be.

So the study of literature is the study of life. Its purpose is to teach life lessons.

Sometimes those lessons are hard to learn, but learn them we must. Sometimes the lessons are unpleasant, but deal with them we must.

Otherwise, what is the point of literature, of college, of art?

Oscar Wilde, the famous Irish wit, once said that all art is quite useless. With this trigger thing, universities will make sure of that.

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||| 1,000 WORDS BY JACK HIGGINS



From fast-food workers to museum attendees, cash is king

Sometimes, if you look at two seemingly unrelated things, you discover a relationship.

At least, looking at two things in the context of each other can pose new perspectives.

I was reading a story in the paper about the opening of the 9/11 Memorial Museum in New York City.

Unlike other museums that are about art, or science, the 9/11 museum is more a secular shrine. It honors those murdered by terrorists that tragic day and seeks to unify and solidify all Americans in their resolve to oppose terrorism.

Though operated by a nonprofit foundation, the federal government gave \$250 million toward the museum's construction.

Admission to the museum is \$24 per person.

Too expensive for such a hallowed, patriotic place? Those who think so should — said former New York City



BY PAUL SASSONE

“How many of these millions of Americans ever will be able to afford the \$24 admission to the 9/11 Museum?”

Mayor Michael Bloomberg with his customary humility — write a letter to their reessional representative.

That same day I read that fast-food industry workers in 155 cities and 33 countries were marching for wages higher than minimum wage. Minimum wage in Illinois is \$8.25 an hour. It is \$7.25 in the rest of the U.S.

A new study by the University of Illinois and the

University of California at Berkeley finds that fast-food workers make so little that they rely on \$7 billion a year in food stamps, Medicare and other government assistance programs. That one in five families with a member who works in the fast-food industry has an income below the poverty line. And that more than half of families of full-time fast-food workers are on public assistance.

How many of these millions of Americans ever will be able to afford the \$24 admission to the 9/11 Museum? That \$24 is about a half-day's pay — before taxes. And those people better not be married or have kids. Bam! \$24 for a spouse. Bam! \$24 per kid.

So, what does that tell me about the museum and wages for fast-food industry and other low-pay workers?

I guess I'll write a letter to my congressional representative and ask.



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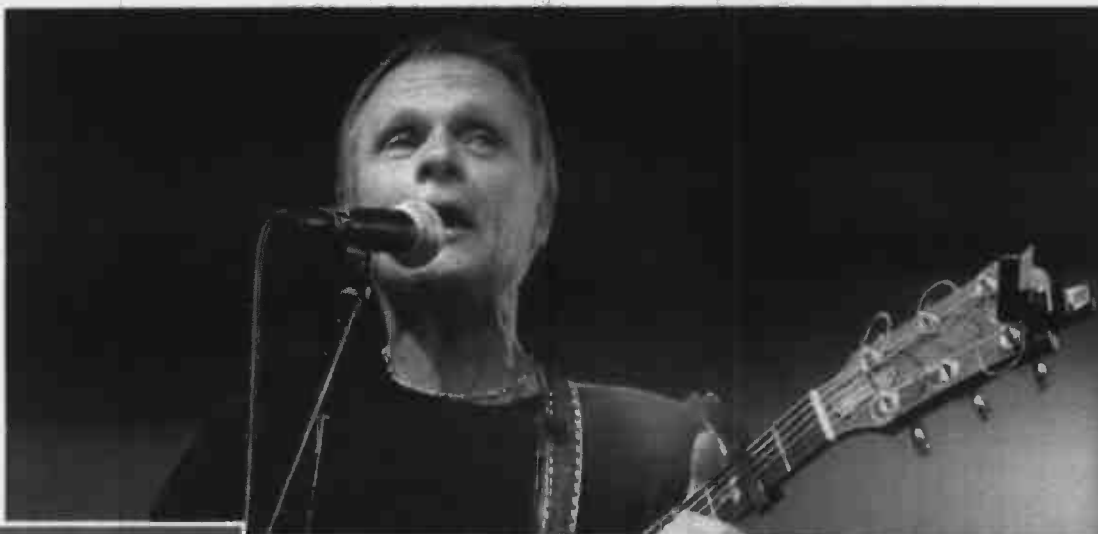
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7450 N Waukegan Road, #507: Raymond Coronado and Judy Ann Lopez to Theresa A Jaworski for \$181,500 on April 11

8045 N Ozark Ave: 2004 Tax & Scavenger Sale LLC to Adam Konopka and Amanda Konopka for \$332,000 on April 10

8141 N Susan Court: William Feigenbaum and Zvia Feigenbaum to Stanley Pazik and Rose Pazik for \$315,000 on April 7

9927 Huber Lane: Jerzy Trzeciak to Ernest D Ruby for \$405,000 on April 11

Morton Grove

7530 Suffield St: Camille Lamonica to Kwang Jae Shin for \$255,000 on April 8

7647 Church St: Kolja Koljovic and Palina Koljovic to Mark F Kwasigroch and Veronica Canete-Kwasigroch for \$312,500 on April 10

Park Ridge

403 N Merrill St: Beth A Jacobellis to Timothy Scannell and Kelly Scannell for \$520,000 on April 11

1032 Vine Ave: William E Szramek Trust, Elizabeth Kay Szramek Trust and Szramek Trust to Teresa S Hamilton and Andrew J Hamilton for \$620,000 on April 10

905 N Western Ave: John Mietus to Vasilios Dendramis and Kathy Dendramis for \$385,000 on April 9

116 Glenlake Ave: Philip B Kosar Trust and Kosar Trust to Michael Marschke for \$260,000 on April 10

1312 Brophy Ave: Gertrude Just to Matthew A Paoelli and Theresa N Niehaus for \$250,000 on April 9

1604 Brophy Ave: Filip Kochanski to Kyle Walker for \$370,500 on April 9

821 S Aldine Ave: Andrea E Dipasquale to Charles C Difranco and Marissa A Difranco for \$425,000 on April 8

219 Murphy Lake Lane: John S Gavin and Elizabeth C Szron-Gavin to Joseph J Perillo for \$1,200,000 on April 10

2765 Dempster St: Real Equities Inc to Robert Lulkiewicz and Malgorzata Lulkiewicz for \$100,500 on April 10

Glenview

1501 Blackthorn Drive: Kenneth E Kraus and Luann Swartzlander-Draus to William Varga and Julie Varga for \$715,000 on April 10

1133 Pfingsten Road: Elaine R Engle Trust, Engle Bernard Trust, Bernard Engle Trust, R Engle Elaine Trust and Elaine R Engle Trust to Andrada Filip for \$340,000 on April 11

Skokie

7649 E Prairie Road: Amir Kalamperovic to Zubair Ijaz for \$244,000 on April 10

Lincolnwood

3840 W North Shore Ave: Midwest Advisors LLC to Tahsin Khan for \$380,000 on April 8

Norridge

4940 N Leonard Drive, #4940: Michael Lipsey, Jr to Krzysztof Zmuda for \$78,000 on April 8

Des Plaines

1785 Sherwood Road: Ramiro Cundapi and Melissa S Cruz to Huamao Chen for \$212,000 on April 9

10036 Holly Lane, #10036-IS: Ramesh-bhai Tailor and Gitaben Tailor to Izabella Redlinski and Maciej Redlinski for \$38,000 on April 9

10005 Linda Lane, #10005: Ellen Tkach to D & B Mgmt LLC for \$315,000 on April 9

1633 River St, #4: Elaine M Tejcek Trust, Elaine M Tejcek Trust, M Tejcek Elaine Trust, Albert Tejcek and Tina Tejcek to Carl Sanders and Patricia Sanders for \$90,000 on April 7

Wilmette

517 Romona Road: Bertha Cabrera to Joshua E Lerner and Laura L Lerner for \$400,000 on April 8

819 Leyden Lane: Oakley G Stevens and Pamela T Stevens to James D Ryan and Julie M Hextell for \$710,000 on April 8

713 Locust Road: Margaret W Fohn Trust, W Fohn Margaret Trust and Margaret W Fohn Trust to Tong Zhao for

\$1,120,000 on April 7

2124 Schiller Ave: Slawomir Sienkiewicz and Alicja Sienkiewicz to Steven C Seeger and Kristen R Seeger for \$1,540,000 on April 8

Northfield

1701 Harding Road: Dre Realty Investments LLC to Blanca S Recio-Calvo for \$325,000 on April 11

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9507 Central Park Ave: Nathan Kipnis and Francine Kipnis to Anthony Breitbart and Mary Michalski for \$885,000 on April 10

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2700 Lincoln St: William A Kristofiek and Debra J Kristofek to Ryan Maneri and Patricia Chidiac Maneri for \$1,390,000 on April 9

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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NILES

THURSDAY, MAY 29

St. John Brebeuf McTeacher's Night Fundraiser

5 p.m.: St. John Brebeuf Teachers will be taking over the Niles McDonald's to help raise money for their school. Fifteen percent of monies brought in with a fundraiser slip will be donated back to St. John Brebeuf. Get your fundraiser slip from the school. The event includes a appearance by Ronald McDonald at 5:30 p.m. McDonald's, 8460 Dempster St., Niles. For more information, call 630-699-6099.

FRIDAY, MAY 30

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.

SATURDAY, MAY 31

Summer Reading Club 2014 Volunteer Orientation

10:30 a.m.: Kids in seventh grade and older can learn about the summer volunteer opportunities available at the library. Niles Public Library District, 6960 W. Oakton St., Niles. Call 847-663-1234.

SUNDAY, JUNE 1

Niles Garden Club: Creating Summer Containers

1 p.m.: Learn tricks to creating containers, while decorating the library entrance and lower level window-well with seasonal arrangements in this hands-on outdoor workshop. Bring garden gloves and a small spade. Dress for the weather. Niles Public Library District, 6960 W. Oakton St., Niles. Call 847-663-1234.

MONDAY, JUNE 2

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. For more information, call 847-663-1234.

SUNDAY, JUNE 8

Torch Run for Special Olympics Illinois

10 a.m.: Cheer on members of the Niles Police Department who run to raise money for the Special Olympics Illinois. Niles Village Hall, 1000 Civic Center Drive, Niles. For more information, call 847-588-8000.

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HAPPENING NEARBY

THURSDAY, MAY 29

Auditions for 'Little Women'

6 p.m.: Audition for the theatrical adaptation of Louisa May Alcott's classic novel about the March sisters during their transition to adulthood during the Civil War Era. For aspiring actors ages 10 and up. Call 847-929-7420 or email rhhorwitz@skokieparks.org for more information. Devonshire Cultural Center, 4400 Greenwood St., Skokie.

Hour of Code

6:30 p.m.: Learn the basics of computer programming. For kids in fourth to eighth grade. Registration required. Skokie Public Library, 5215 Oakton St., Skokie. Call 847-324-3149.

Down to Business Book Discussion: 'Lean In'

7 p.m.: The group meets to discuss the book by Sheryl Sandberg. Skokie Public Library, 5215 Oakton St., Skokie. Call 847-673-7774.

LinkedIn for Advanced Users

7 p.m.: Learn how to go beyond basic functions to enhance the presence of a professional profile. Registration required. Skokie Public Library, 5215 Oakton St., Skokie. Call 847-673-7774.

FRIDAY, MAY 30

Off Day, Fun Days

7:30 a.m.: Children can spend the day off games, crafts, movies and more. Children must bring a lunch and a drink. For students in kindergarten through sixth grade. Registration is limited. Dee Park, 9229 Emerson St., Des Plaines. Call 847-297-3000. \$32.

Write Your Socks Off

2 p.m.: The writing group meets to share individual work and receive feedback. For aspiring writers in their 20s or 30s. Eisenhower Public Library, 4613 N. Oketo Ave., Harwood Heights.

Make Your Own Zine

3:30 p.m.: The group meets monthly to edit and publish a mini magazine. Eisenhower Public

Library, 4613 N. Oketo Ave., Harwood Heights.

Summer Volunteer Kickoff

5 p.m.: Applications for the summer volunteering program are due by May 18. Skokie Public Library, 5215 Oakton St., Skokie.

Shabbat Dinner

6:30 p.m.: Followed by Shabbat service. Ezra-Habonim Niles Township Jewish Congregation, 4500 Dempster St., Skokie.

SATURDAY, MAY 31

Park Ridge Farmers Market

7 a.m.: The weekly farmers market runs every Saturday through October. Park Ridge Farmers Market, Prairie and Garden Streets, Park Ridge.

Science and Religion in Modern Jewish Thought

9 a.m.: Kehillat Shalom (KS) is a conservative Jewish congregation that is lay-led, egalitarian, participatory, family and community-friendly and full of ruach. The group meets in the social hall. Temple Judea Mizpah, 8610 Niles Center Road, Skokie. Call 847-679-6513.

Skokie Art Guild

9:30 a.m.: The group offers figure drawing workshops every Saturday. There are live models but no instructor. Devonshire Cultural Center, 4400 Greenwood St., Skokie. Call 847-673-4450. \$20 per session; \$12 for guild members.

Blood Pressure and Blood Sugar Screening

10 a.m.: No appointment needed. Just walk in. No charge, but donations are welcome. For more information, call 847-823-0453 or visit www.centerofconcern.org. The Center of Concern, 1580 N. Northwest Highway, Suite 310, Park Ridge.

Romp & Rhyme

11 a.m.: A special library time to play and share rhymes, stories and songs. Parent or caregiver must be present. For ages 12-24 months. Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview. Call 847-729-7500.

Parent-Tot Sports

11 a.m.: Children are introduced to a variety of sports, including football, basketball and baseball. For children ages 18 months to 3 years. Parents are encouraged to participate. Classes begin at 11 a.m. Saturdays through June 28, except May 24. Norridge Park District, 4631 N. Overhill Ave., Norridge. Call 708-457-1244. \$50-\$60.

Digital Craft Time: Green Screen for Photography

1 p.m.: Learn about green screens. For kids in fourth to eighth grade. Registration required.

Additional program at 2 p.m. Skokie Public Library, 5215 Oakton St., Skokie.

Gnome, Elf and Fairy Festival

1 p.m.: Dress up as an elf, gnome or fairy and bring the family to enjoy an afternoon of outdoor magic. The event includes themed story times, crafts and keepsakes. For ages 2 to 10 with an adult. Wildwood Nature Center, 529 Forestview Ave., Park Ridge. Call 847-692-5127.

Sean Masterson's Magic Matinee

1:30 p.m.: A theatrical magic show that combines sleight-of-hand illusions with skilled storytelling. Skokie Theatre, 7924 Lincoln Ave., Skokie. Call 847-677-7761. \$12.

Origami Workshop

2 p.m.: Discover how Japanese art influenced Frank Lloyd Wright's architecture, and learn basic folds and designs in origami to make figures inspired by architecture. For students in grades four to six. Call to register. Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove. Call 847-929-5102.

SUNDAY, JUNE 1

Summer Reading Kick-Off

1 p.m.: Celebrate the beginning of the summer reading program with a variety of activities. Events run from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. A couple of them required registration. Skokie Public Library, 5215 Oakton St., Skokie.

Family Workshop: Photography Fun!

3 p.m.: We take photos nearly every day, but how does a camera lens work? And how can we use photography to produce remarkable images that showcase imagination, passion and talent? Join Chicago photographer Matthew Austin to explore photography as a means of storytelling by making your own pinhole camera and composing fleeting images throughout the museum's stunning indoor and outdoor spaces. Recommended for ages 8 to 14 with an adult. Reservations required; email education@ilhmec.org. Illinois Holocaust Museum, 9603 Woods Drive, Skokie.

MONDAY, JUNE 2

Money Matters Discussion

10 a.m.: The group meets on the first and third Monday of each month. Park Ridge Senior Center, 100 S. Western Ave., Park Ridge.

Women Inventors: Part Two

1 p.m.: A discussion about important discoveries made by women throughout history. Mather's, 7134 W. Higgins Ave., Chicago. Call 773-774-4804. \$8 suggested donation.

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CALENDAR

Page Turners

1 p.m.: The group discusses "The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry" by Rachel Joyce. New members are always welcome. Just drop in. Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview. Call 847-729-7500.

Lego Club

4 p.m.: Play and create with the library's Lego collection. Kids under the age of 8 must be accompanied by an adult. Skokie Public Library, 5215 Oakton St., Skokie. Call 847-324-3149.

Alzheimer's Support Group

6:30 p.m.: Meets on the first Tuesday of each month. Home Instead Senior Care, 8822 Niles Center Road, Skokie. Call 847-673-1250.

Beyond Google Group

7 p.m.: Explore the latest Internet developments and search techniques. Your questions direct the discussion, so bring them with you. New members are welcome. Just drop in. Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview. Call 847-729-7500.

TUESDAY, JUNE 3

Microsoft Word

1 p.m.: Learn how to use Word to create documents that have an impact. This is a two-part class beginning 1 p.m. June 3 and 10. Mather's, 7134 W. Higgins Ave., Chicago. Call 773-774-4804. \$28-\$35.

Pop-Up Junior High Program

3:30 p.m.: Middle schoolers are invited to stop by the library after school to socialize, play games, utilize the library's resources and more. Skokie Public Library, 5215 Oakton St., Skokie. Call 847-324-3149.

Create a Simple Website with WordPress

7 p.m.: Learn to use this free tool to create a blog or simple website. You will use your email address to sign up for an account, create a site, and learn to add text, pictures and more. Please bring your email account information. Registration limited to 5. Morton Grove residents have priority. Students must be experienced and comfortable with a computer, a keyboard and a mouse. For more information or to register, go to calendar.mgpl.org or call 847-929-5101. Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4

Book Talk: Stories Set in the Great Outdoors

1 p.m.: Get away from the city and explore the great outdoors through books of various genres set against the backdrop of nature. Every month, a librarian from the Morton Grove Public Library comes to the North Shore Senior Center to talk

about interesting books and have some available for you to check out. Registration required. North Shore Senior Center, 6140 Dempster St., Morton Grove. Call 847-470-5223.

'Minecraft' Mania

4:30 p.m.: Play "Minecraft" with other gamers. For kids in fourth to eighth grade. Registration required. Skokie Public Library, 5215 Oakton St., Skokie. Call 847-324-3149.

Office of Representative Jan Schakowsky and State Representative Lou Lang

5:30 p.m.: A community outreach representative will offer guidance on immigration, visas, the Post Office, Social Security, Medicare, Veteran's Administration or any other federal agency. Skokie Public Library, 5215 Oakton St., Skokie.

iPad Apps: Intermediate

7 p.m.: The demo class reviews different app categories. Attendees can bring an iPad if they own one. Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge. Call 847-825-3123. \$15 for non-Park Ridge Library cardholders.

FRIDAY, JUNE 6

Nonfiction Book Discussion

10 a.m.: The group discusses "Wicked River" by Lee Sandlin. Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge. Call 847-825-3123.

SATURDAY, JUNE 7

Great Discoveries Beyond Google

10 a.m.: Learn about online resources available at the library. Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge. Call 847-825-3123.

DAR Genealogy Workshop

1:30 p.m.: This drop-in workshop is for women who are interested in joining the 21st Star Chapter of Daughters of the American Revolution. Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge. Call 847-825-3123.

SUNDAY, JUNE 8

Greater Chicago Jewish Festival

11 a.m.: Peter Himmelman will headline this year's Greater Chicago Jewish Festival. In the event of rain, the festival will be held at Niles West High School. St. Paul Woods, 6500 W. Oakton St., Morton Grove. Call 847-933-3000. \$5 suggested donation; children and seniors free.

Book & Author: Isaac Leventel

1:30 p.m.: Six years of research contributed to "Hunting Down the Jews: Vichy, Nazis and Mafia Collaborators in Provence 1942-1944," Isaac Leventel's penetrating analysis of Nazi and Vichy anti-semitic policy. A book signing will follow. Reservations required; email reservations@ilhmec.org. Illinois Holocaust Museum, 9603 Woods Drive, Skokie.

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1 Sewer repair/clean out
 Address: 6916 W. Birchwood Ave., Niles
 Issue date: Feb. 12
 Permit cost: \$340
 Construction cost: \$5,000

2 Alarm
 Address: 6801 W. Jarvis St., Niles
 Issue date: Feb. 13
 Permit cost: \$172
 Construction cost: \$14,885

3 Sewer repair/clean out
 Address: 7431 W. Lawler Ave., Niles
 Issue date: Feb. 12
 Permit cost: \$60
 Construction cost: \$2,500

4 Single family - remodel
 Address: 8247 N. Octavia Ave., Niles
 Issue date: Feb. 14
 Permit cost: \$961
 Construction cost: \$64,456

5 Single family - remodel
 Address: 7053 W. Main St., Niles
 Issue date: Feb. 10
 Permit cost: \$710
 Construction cost: \$55,000

6 Water heater
 Address: 8245 N. Olcott Ave., Niles
 Issue date: Feb. 12

Permit cost: \$40
 Construction cost: \$923

7 Demolition
 Address: 8361 N. Oconto Ave., Niles
 Issue date: Feb. 13
 Permit cost: \$750
 Construction cost: \$750

8 Fence
 Address: 8361 N. Oconto Ave., Niles
 Issue date: Feb. 13
 Permit cost: \$27
 Construction cost: \$3,000

9 Single family - addition
 Address: 8361 N. Oconto Ave., Niles
 Issue date: Feb. 13
 Permit cost: \$5,217
 Construction cost: \$253,097

10 Service walk
 Address: 8316 N. Osceola Ave., Niles
 Issue date: Feb. 14
 Permit cost: \$54
 Construction cost: \$6,300

11 Single family - remodel
 Address: 7237 W. Breen St., Niles
 Issue date: Feb. 14
 Permit cost: \$730
 Construction cost: \$35,417

12 Single family - remodel
 Address: 8338 N. Osceola Ave., Niles
 Issue date: Feb. 11
 Permit cost: \$1,498
 Construction cost: \$36,520

BIZ NOTES

• Hinsdale-based **Home Helpers** was recently ranked as one of the best places to work for caregivers, companions, and nurse aides, as determined by the caregivers themselves.

Home Helpers is one of only 10 agencies selected in the recent **myCNAjobs Caregiver Choice Awards** program. The Caregiver Choice Awards rely solely on the input of caregivers across the nation, who anonymously provide feedback through a survey. The survey is distributed to thousands of professional caregivers working in homecare via myCNAjobs' caregiver marketplace.

• **Northwestern Lake Forest Hospital** awarded the **2014 Jean Ewing Nursing Excellence Award** to **Amanda Hiett, BSN, RN**, who works in the day surgery post-anesthesia care unit at Northwestern Lake Forest. She received the award during a Nurses Week ceremony for exemplifying the highest standards of professional and nursing excellence.

• **Computer Help Key, Inc.**, a Computer Consulting Corporation located in Lake Bluff, awarded the 8th annual **Computer Help Key Technology Scholarship** to **Wesley Hampson**, a graduating senior at Zion Benton Township High School, at the May 19, 2014 **Community Honors and Awards Ceremony** in Zion.

• **Takeda Pharmaceuticals U.S.A., Inc.** was recognized as one of the "Healthiest Companies in America" by **Interactive Health**, the leading provider of outcomes-based health management solutions. Takeda was one of 67 honorees from across the United States recognized for their efforts to prioritize employee wellness and create an ongoing health culture.

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BUSINESS

Great America brings out Goliath for new season

BY ANNIE ALLEMAN
For Sun-Times Media

Roller coaster fans → it's time to take on Goliath.

The new giant in the world of wooden roller coaster, the Goliath (opening soon) is a triple-world-record-breaking coaster, said Six Flags Great America communications manager Katy Enrique.

"It will be the fastest wooden roller coaster, and [features] the tallest and steepest drop [180-feet] of any wooden roller coaster in the world," she said. "We're very excited about it."

Wooden roller coasters have a certain cache among coaster purists. They're intriguing to a lot of theme parks, she said.

"For one, they're a staple," she said. "Every major theme park has at least one wooden roller coaster. Secondly, it also is undergoing probably some of the biggest roller coaster innovations. Our American Eagle roller coaster for instance, was the longest, tallest, fastest wooden roller coaster of its time.

"But now with Goliath, the track offers a smoother ride and getting the trains to do elements that they've never been able to do before. [including] overbanked turns, which means your feet will kind of go over your head a little bit when you tilt over to the side, so you'll be beyond 90 degrees on the track, and then you're actually going to go upside down two times on Goliath, which is something not many wooden roller coasters do.

"There's only two others in the world right now that actually go upside down. I think that's the major draw to these wooden roller coasters — they can do these amazing elements that nobody's ever seen before, and that's really due some engineering innovation out there."

Season pass

In addition to the 14 heart-clenching roller coasters and



Six Flags Great America's Goliath is touted as the world's tallest, fastest and steepest wooden roller coaster. | COURTESY SIX FLAGS

20-acre water park, Six Flags Great America boasts live shows and three children's themed areas with more than 30 rides. So how are you supposed to get through the two parks in one day? The season pass is recommended.

"It's definitely challenging for people to come in and do both parks in one day," she said. "Our season passes are such a great value; we find most of our guests are turning over into seasonal pass holders. It's nice for season pass holders that there is almost too much to do in one day. It gives them the flexibility to come and experience the park a bunch of different ways throughout the summer and even into the fall."

Six Flags also offers a monthly payment plan for families, and discounts for online daily ticket sales. There's also a no-frills Thrill Pass that costs the same as a daily ticket and lets you come back as many times as you want — but it does not include admission to Hurricane Harbor or Fright Fest.

Now, if you are coming to Six Flags with the singular goal of doing all the thrill rides, it is possible to have that kind of an experience.

"We usually tell people to go into the left [once you enter the park] and start your day that way, because a lot of people tend to go into the park towards the right for whatever reason. We tell them to go against the flow," Enrique said.

"Then if they want to do the big coasters, try to get those done in the morning, because that's when we have the fewest amount of people in the park."

If you're coming with a minivan full of ankle biters, rest easy. The park was laid out with you in mind.

"Say that you go into Southwest Territory. If you have teenagers with you, they can ride Raging Bull, they can ride Viper, they can ride Giant Drop. Now if you have little kids with you, there are smaller rides in that same area," Enrique said. "A lot of



Six Flags Great America. The Batman ride | COURTESY SIX FLAGS



Six Flags Great America Hurricane Harbor | SUPPLIED PHOTO

our territories[have] features for all ages. You will see a big coaster and some of those in-between rides [like] Revolution, Home Town Fun Machine and Triple Play. Then you'll see kids' areas throughout the park — Kidzopolis and Camp Cartoon and Little Dipper. So the family can kind of stay together as a unit but still venture off and do their own thing."

Hurricane Harbor

In 2011, Great America underwent a major expansion to its water park, Hurricane Harbor, called Riptide Bay. The five-acre expansion included four new drop slides, a surf rider, an activity pool and another family raft ride.

The Harbor opens at 11:30 a.m. daily starting May 24 and closes around sunset; it closes for the

season Sept. 1. If you want to do both parks, figure out what's most important to your family and hit that first. If it's the water park, going there first might be a good thing — you'll be dry before the ride home.

"Enjoy all the bigger thrill rides ... the drop slides are very popular. The surf ride is very popular. Some of the body slides over by the wave pool are extremely popular, so we recommend people tackle those things first," Enrique said. "Then if you just want to bob and float the rest of the day, then you can go into the wave pool and do the lazy river after you've gotten everything checked off your to-do list."

Fright Fest

One of the park's biggest phenoms is Fright Fest, which takes over Six Flags from the end of September through Halloween weekend. This season, look for Fright Fest Six Six Six.

"It's going to be six weeks of terror; those six weekends starting Sept. 27 to Nov. 2, six haunted houses and six live shows," Enrique said.

Live shows

The entertainment department puts on a live singing and dancing show in the musical hall, plus a character show in the Mardi Gras area (that's where you'll find Tweety and Bugs and Sylvester). Then there's a Southwest show in the Mooseburger Lodge, and there's usually something playing the Victorian.

Additionally, adults might enjoy a "Screams and Dreams, Volumes 1-3."

"It's basically a history of the park, back in the '70s when it was built and then through the '80s and '90s and into today," she said. "It's a fun show for adults who have grown up going to the park, with different owners and expansions. It's really an interesting history of Great America."

TREND

'Glamour and Gourmet' work to conserve Great Lakes

KARIE ANGELL LUC
For Sun-Times Media

Honoring Earth Month, the Andreas Hogue Salon and Whole Foods Market, both in Northbrook, hosted "Glamour + Gourmet, A Girls' Night Out," to raise funds for and awareness of the Alliance for the Great Lakes at the salon on April 29.

The mission of the Alliance for the Great Lakes is to conserve and restore the lakes, the world's largest freshwater resource, via policy, education and local efforts, and to ensure healthy Great Lakes and clean water for today's wildlife and people, and those of the future.

About 72 women who came out were pampered with mini spa services such as hand massages, manicure and make-up consultation. Coffee and desserts were available but a glass of ice water got star billing from many.

"I drink tap water," Nikki (Nicole) Buscemi of Wheeling and of the salon said. "I love Lake Michigan and I love living near it."

"With the Great Lakes being among the largest sources of water in the world, I think it's essential to work towards keeping them clean," said Kim LaCassa of Glenview.

Last year, the salon evening raised \$9,000 for the Alliance.

This year, they had the help of a mascot goldfish is named Art.

"This is really fun because not only do my best clients come out but so many women in the community are excited about this event," said Ashley Hogue of Golf, principal of the salon with her husband Andreas Hogue.

Laurel Soler-Baffes of Glenview liked being able to "combine a good cause with a fun event. "I think that water (availability) is going to be more of an issue as so many areas expand."

The evening raised \$2,500 for the Alliance. See andreashogue.com and <http://greatlakes.org/mission>.



Sarah Kurysz of Niles and of Whole Foods Market | KARIE ANGELL LUC/FOR SUN-TIMES MEDIA



Kim LaCassa of Glenview | KARIE ANGELL LUC/FOR SUN-TIMES MEDIA



Susie Ohlandt (left) and Natalie Kaddatz, both of Glenview at Northbrook's Whole Foods Market | KARIE ANGELL LUC/FOR SUN-TIMES MEDIA



Sarah Wallach (from left, front), Buffalo Grove, Sammi Derango, Wheeling, Debbie Galatie, Mundelein, Monika Grabias, Niles; (from left, back) Hilary Ruff, Wauconda, Carla Makowski, Vernon Hills, Andreas & Ashley Hogue, Golf, Susan Olson, Park Ridge, Jessica Schaut, Mount Prospect, Nicole Buscemi, Wheeling | KARIE ANGELL LUC/FOR SUN-TIMES MEDIA

||| CAUSE & EVENT

'ROCK4AUTISM'

Benefiting: Northern Illinois Center for Autism

Location: 27 Live, Evanston

Attended: 450

Date: April 27

Raised: \$8,000

Website: NICAutism.org



TOP: Alyssa Umana, 11, of Deerfield and Kipling Elementary School fifth grader (left) and Nicky Espinosa, 17 of Niles and a Niles North High School junior.

ABOVE: Luis Espinosa of Skokie (from left), Sandra Trevino and Linda Eyzaguirre, both of Niles and James Tremblay of Chicago.

LEFT: Eva Wengerski of Des Plaines (from left), Karen Britten and Bonnie Greenleaf, both of Highland Park | PHOTOS BY KARIE ANGELL LUC/FOR SUN-TIMES MEDIA

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A bride's bouquet can be a lot more than just an accessory to the wedding-day look. It can help a bride express her creativity or honor a loved one. Here's a look at some bridal bouquet ideas.

- 1.** Michelle Bradley, from Matteson, consulted with Steve's Flower Market in Chicago and recruited her bridesmaids to put together bouquets and boutonnieres the morning of her and Marcus Emebo's Vernon Hills wedding.
- 2.** For her musical Danada House wedding to Thomas Gunther, Suna Avcı created a bouquet with flowers using a mixture of photocopied sheet music, handmade mulberry and banana paper she bought at a shop in Thailand and crocheted straw flowers she bought from an artisan stand in Micronesia.
- 3.** Robyn Carlson, a Naperville native, mirrored the quirky '50s-rockabilly theme of her and Alex Felten's Oak Park wedding in her bouquet.
- 4.** At her Kildeer wedding to Daniel Schuh, Kellan Covert made sure to honor the memory of her father, who died when she was 8 years old. Charms with photos of her father personalized her bouquet.
- 5.** Sarah Blecher chose a bouquet of peonies, dahlias, lisianthus, thistle and lavender by FlowersFlowers in Evanston for her and Rob Gartzman's Winnetka Community House wedding.
- 6.** Natalie Levendoski collected brooches from family and friends to assemble a unique bouquet for her and Gary Bernacchi's Geneva wedding. A charm with a photo of Natalie's grandmother also adorned the bouquet.



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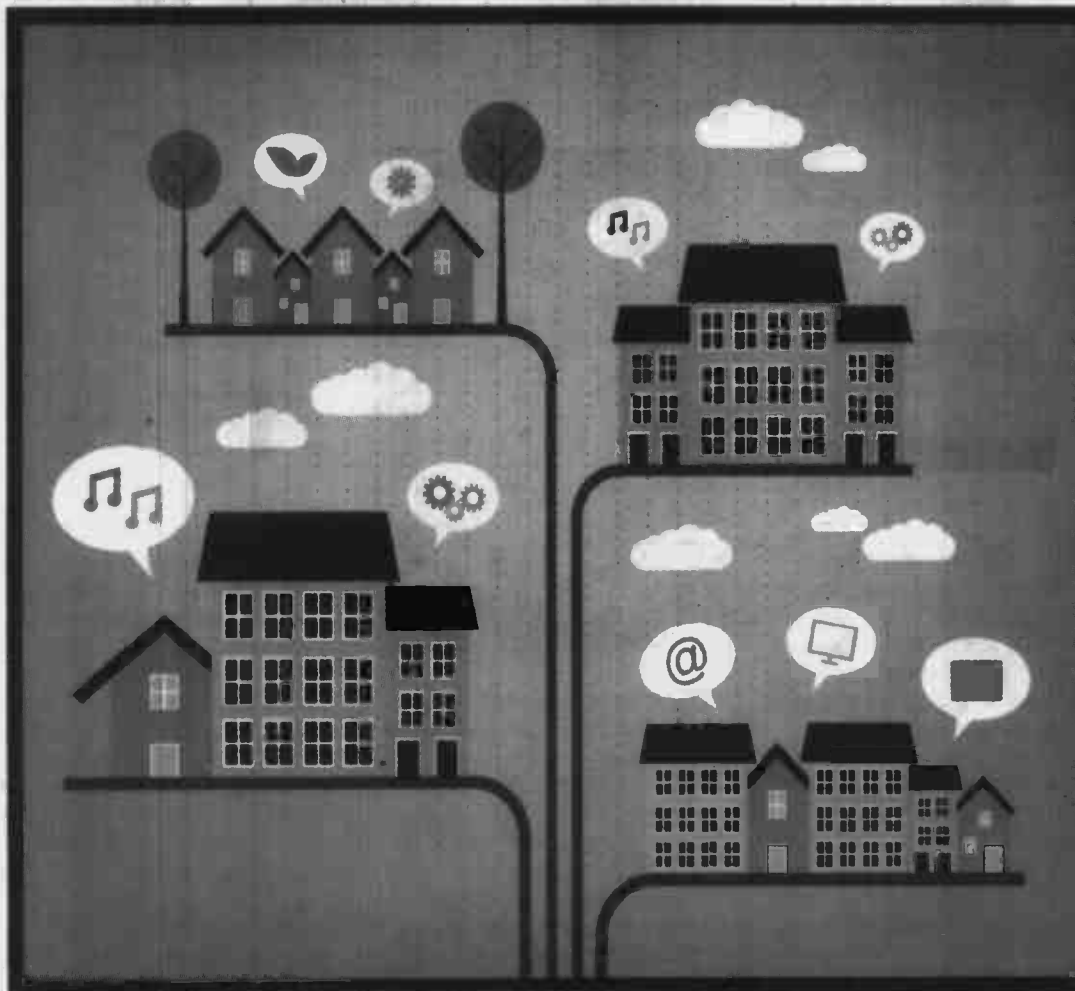
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Jenna Vucic & Andrew Fujii

Jenna, originally of Algonquin, and Andrew, from Elk Grove Village, married March 8 at the Danada House in Wheaton. Jenna described the wedding as "elegantly vintage" with a high-quality, low-cost theme. The couple live in Elk Grove Village.

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Summer sounds: Your guide to 2014 outdoor music

Ah, summer! It's time once again for the annual roundup of suburban outdoor concerts, created to help you enjoy these few months of the Midwest's best weather to its fullest. Grab your lawn chairs and blankets, put the babies in strollers, arm the kids with soap bubbles and glow sticks ... and be sure to keep this guide handy all season!

DES PLAINES

Live at the Lake Summer Entertainment Series, 7 p.m. Thursdays at Lake Park Memorial Pavilion, 2200 Lee Street at Fargo Avenue, Des Plaines. Shows will be canceled in the event of rain. Call (847) 391-5700. **June 26:** The Barefoot Hawaiian (Polynesian dancers and drummers). **July 10:** Des Plaines Park District Community Concert Band: Under the direction of William Gilmer. **July 17:** Rio Bamba: (blend of Bossa Nova, Samba, and American and Latin Jazz). **July 24:** Artistry in Motion Dance Company: The Des Plaines Park District's dance company performs a mix of jazz, ballet, modern, hip hop, and tap routines. **July 31:** Five Guys Named Moe: A classic rock 'n' roll band.

EVANSTON

Starlight Concert Series, 7:30-9 p.m. for all concerts except on June 25, when the time is 6:30 to 8 p.m. Concerts run **June 10-Aug. 19**, at seven Evanston parks. Free admission. **June 10 and 25, Aug. 5:** James Park, Dodge at Mulford. **June 17 and July 29:** Harbert Park, Dempster at McDaniel. **June 24 and July 1:** Bent Park, Central

at Cowper Avenue. **June 19 and Aug. 12:** Twiggs Park, Simpson at Dodge. **July 8:** Leahy Park, Lincoln west of Ridge. **July 15:** Brummel Park, Brummel at Elmwood. **July 22 and Aug. 19:** Centennial Park, Sheridan at Church. In the event of inclement weather, rain site information will be available after 4:30 p.m. on the show date at (847) 448-8058, (847) 448-8260 or (847) 448-4311.

GLENCOE

Glencoe Park District Gazebo Grooves, on Liza's Gazebo in Kalk Park, 298 Park Ave., concerts 6:30-8 p.m. on select Wednesdays. Free. For rain information, call (847) 835-7970 after 5 p.m. the day of the concert. **June 11:** Midwest Dueling Pianos (all request driven show). **July 16:** Soda (Johnny Cash to Cee Lo Green, and from John Mellencamp to LMFAO). **Aug. 13:** Bopology (Frank Sinatra band).

Music on the Esplanade, 6-8 p.m. Tuesdays, **June 10-Aug. 26**, at the Chicago Botanic Garden, 1000 Lake Cook Road, Glencoe. Admission is free; parking is \$25 per car. Call (847) 835-5440 or visit www.chicagobotanic.org. **June 10:** Bopology (swing/jazz). **June 17:** Rio Bamba (bossa nova, samba and American & Latin jazz). **June 24:** Dave Specter (blues). **July 1:** The Special Consensus (bluegrass). **July 8:** Cuban Essence (Afro-Cuban). **July 15:** Kimberly Gordon Big Band (Duke Ellington and Count Basie). **July 22:** Joe Sounds Steel Drum Trio (Caribbean/calypso). **July 29:** Pamela Rose and Windy City Country (classics, contemporary country and rock 'n'

roll). **Aug. 5:** Alfonso Ponticelli & Swing Gitan Quartet (gypsy jazz, flamenco & American jazz). **Aug. 12:** Fernandez + Kimball (Spanish guitar). **Aug. 19:** Nia Quintet (Original music written and arranged by trumpeter/composer Scott Anderson). **Aug. 26:** Shamrock Ragsters (Irish/Celtic, bluegrass and Dixieland jazz).

Hot Summer Nights, 6-8 p.m. Thursdays, **June 12-Aug. 28**, at the Chicago Botanic Garden, 1000 Lake Cook Road, Glencoe. Admission is free; parking is \$25 per car. Call (847) 835-5440 or visit www.chicagobotanic.org. **June 12:** Proyecto Sur (tango). **June 19:** The Mike Knauf Quartet (swing, Latin & standards). **June 26:** Pamela Rose and Windy City Country (classics, contemporary country and rock 'n' roll). **July 3:** Silver Stars (fiddle, banjo, guitar, bass, and washboard, patriotic songs and more). **July 10:** José Vaides & Mambo All-stars (mambo, cha-cha, and boleros). **July 17:** El Payo (flamenco group). **July 24:** The Boils (Celtic music and Irish step dance). **July 31:** Grupo Cha Cha (Latin Jazz). **Aug. 7:** Bopology (swing and jazz). **Aug. 14:** Rio Bamba (bossa nova, samba and American and Latin jazz). **Aug. 21:** Hillbilly Rockstarz (country and classic). **Aug. 28:** Aloha Lives! (Hawaiian music)

Dancin' Sprouts children's music series, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesdays, **June 11-Aug. 27**, at the Chicago Botanic Garden, 1000 Lake Cook Road, Glencoe. Admission is free; parking is \$25 per car. Call (847) 835-5440 or visit www.chicagobotanic.org.



The Flat Cats



Melody Mallin and Jimmy Herter of "The New Invaders." | JON CUNNINGHAM/FOR SUN-TIMES MEDIA

chicagobotanic.org. **June 11:** Duke Otherwise. **June 18:** Wendy Morgan & DB. **June 25:** Mr. Singer & the Sharp Cookies. **July 2:** Karen Banks-Lubicz (folk/rock). **July 9:** Human Tim + Robot Tim. **July 16:**

Rolie Polie Guacamole. July 23: The Swingset. **July 30:** Leonardo and the Makin' Waves Band. **Aug. 6:** Karen K and the Jitterbugs. **Aug. 13:** Morgan & DB & the Band. **Aug. 20:** Super Stolie & the Rockstars. **Aug. 27:** Little Miss Ann.

Carillon Concerts, 7 p.m. Mondays, **June 9-Sept. 1**, at the Chicago Botanic Garden, 1000 Lake Cook Road, Glencoe. Carillonists from around the world perform music on the 48-bell Theodore C. Butz Memorial Carillon. Preconcert carillon tours and demonstrations 5:30-6:30 p.m. (every 15 minutes). Admission is free; parking is \$25 per car. Call (847) 835-5440 or visit www.chicagobotanic.org. **June 9:** Stefano Colletti of Douai, France. **June 16:** Jim Brown of Naperville. **June 23:** Andrée-Anne Doane of Montréal, Canada. **June 30:** Jim Fackenthal of Chicago. **July 7:** Tim Sleep of Naperville. **July 14:** Roy Lee of Ottawa, Canada. **July 21:** David Hunsberger of Berkeley, Cal.

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THINGS WE LOVE

THIS WEEK



Tommy Bahama

Thanks to a new partnership with the Chicago Park District, the laid-back line is now the official sponsor of Chicago's summer: They're dressing more than 400 lifeguards in fashion-forward uniforms and joining forces with the Chicago Sport & Social Club to hold weekly volleyball matches. Grab the brand's beach essentials — chairs, coolers and swimwear — and hit the sand in style. 520 N. Michigan; Tommybahama.com



L'Oréal's Back to Bronze Collection

Be bronzed and beautiful with this new pack, featuring items like the TANTalizer bronzer, peach-colored Lip Lustre gloss and a lustrous black-cherry eyeliner — all in a copper-accented travel bag ideal for spontaneous weekend getaways. \$36 for the set, Kohl's locations citywide; Kohls.com



Sunda's spring menu

Never one to play it safe, the contemporary Asian restaurant just released its revamped menu, featuring Chef **Jess DeGuzman's** exotic twists on seasonal dishes. Try the chili albacore sashimi (above, \$16) and the Sand & Sea cocktail, made with Bacardi, coconut water, lemongrass and lime juice (\$14). 110 W. Illinois; Sundachicago.com



Baderbräu Lawnmower Lager

Welcome the warm weather with this locally-brewed, fruity, hop-heavy IPA, designed to pair perfectly with Chicago's hot summer days and backyard barbecues. \$8.99, Binny's locations citywide; Binnys.com



AT THE SHOOT

Gillian Anderson stepped away from her hectic filming schedule for an elegant shoot with the Splash team in New York City, where she posed in glam looks from Oscar de la Renta, Christian Dior, Carolina Herrera and Thakoon.



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Under the Streetlamp

May 31

● **WOMAN'S BOARD OF THE BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF CHICAGO SUMMER BALL**

This signature summer soiree marks its 65th anniversary with help from co-chairs **Virginia Bobins, Renée Crown, Linda Gantz, Karen Gray, Marty Higgins, Ellen O'Connor, Barbara Pearlman, Bonnie Stearns and Carol Walter.** The black-tie event offers dinner, drinks

and live entertainment from **Under the Streetlamp**, featuring "Jersey Boys" cast members. All of it benefits BGCC's after-school programs, which provide a safe haven for Chicago kids.

Time: 6:30 p.m. cocktails, 8 p.m. dinner

Place: Navy Pier Grand Ballroom, 600 E. Grand

Cost: \$700. For tickets, call Brice Kanzer at (312) 235-8037 or email Bkanzer@bgcc.org.

THE CALENDAR

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this week

May 29-June 1

● **RAISE YOUR HAND CHICAGOLAND**

Habitat for Humanity makes it easy to spend a few hours giving back with this four-day downtown building event. Drop by Pioneer Court Plaza on Michigan Avenue and join fellow volunteers in helping construct the walls of 12 new homes — plus one entire home exterior — to benefit 13 Chicagoland families.

Time: Thursday 10 a.m.- 6:30 p.m., Friday and Saturday 8 a.m.- 6:30 p.m., Sunday 9 a.m.- 4 p.m.



A dress by Elda De La Rosa

Place: Pioneer Court Plaza, 401 N. Michigan

Cost: Free. For more informa-

tion, visit Raiseyourhandchicagoland.org.

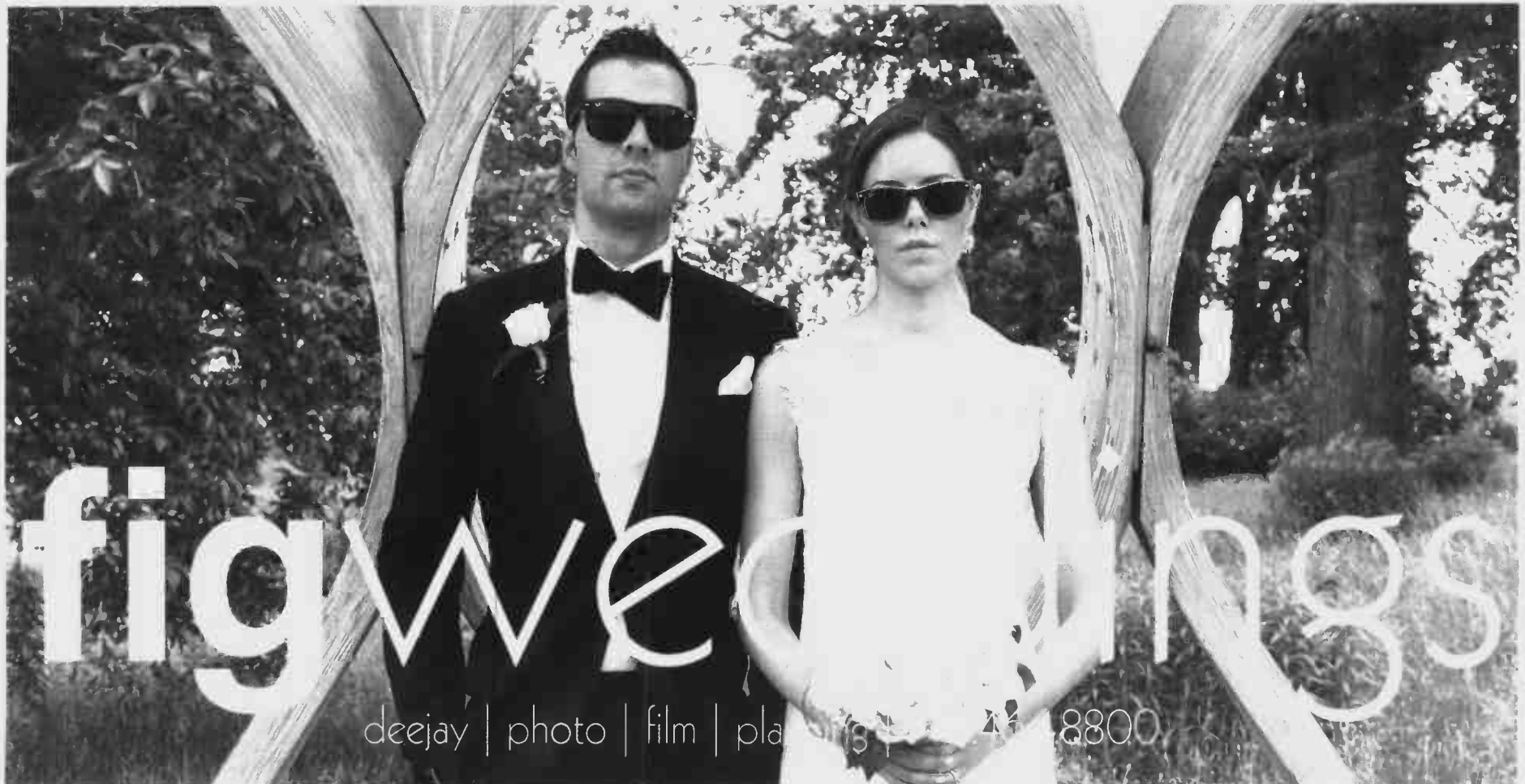
May 29

● **THE AGE OF OPULENCE FASHION SHOW**

WMAQ-5's **Zoraida Sambolin** emcees as prominent Chicago women walk the runway in everything from ready-to-wear to bridal couture, all from local fashion designer **Elda De La Rosa.** It all happens in the new event space from the Gibson Restaurant Group, which will also dish up cocktails and appetizers.

Time: 6 p.m. cocktails, 7:30 p.m. fashion show

Place: The Montgomery



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Club, 500 W. Superior

Cost: \$100. For tickets, visit Brownpapertickets.com/event/687137.

May 31

● YOGA IN THE CITY

Roll out your mat and do your best Warrior One pose in the great outdoors at Wanderlust's al fresco event, where top yoga instructors teach three class sessions, followed by tunes from Chicago DJ Taz Rashid. Additional nourishment in-



Yoga in the City 2013
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cludes a Zen lounge, healthy snacks and picturesque views of Lake Michigan.

Time: 1:30-2:30 p.m., 3-4 p.m. and 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Place: Butler Field at Grant Park, 400 E. Monroe

Cost: Free. To register, visit Chicago.wanderlustfestival.com.

next week

June 2

● VOICES OF A CREATIVE STATE BENEFIT LUNCHEON

Playwright, MacArthur Fellow and Steppenwolf Theatre Ensemble member Tarell Alvin McCraney delivers a keynote presentation on the role of arts in Illinois at this second annual afternoon event, which honors Richard and Susan Klphart with the Citizen Advocate Award. Proceeds benefit Arts Alliance Illinois and its mission to promote arts and arts education.

Time: 11:30 a.m.- 1:30 p.m.

Place: Palmer House Hilton, 17 E. Monroe

Cost: \$150-\$500. For tickets, visit Artsalliance.org.

June 3

●● DON QUIXOTE DINNER

Held by El Valor, a local organization that seeks to support and empower the disenfranchised, disabled and underserved, this 41st annual event honors the Illinois Latino Legislative Caucus and Vanessa Rich, chair of the National Head Start Association.

Time: 6 p.m. reception, 7 p.m. dinner and program

Place: Hilton Chicago, 720 S. Michigan

Cost: \$300. For tickets, visit Elvalor.org.

June 3

● MERCY HOME BOYS AND GIRLS

GRADUATES' LUNCHEON

Celebrate the accomplishments of Mercy Home's graduating students — while raising funds to help the nonprofit continue to offer youth educational opportunities — at this 12th annual luncheon. Nancy Horan, author of the best-selling novel *Loving Frank*, serves as the featured speaker.

Time: 12-1:30 p.m.

Place: Hilton Chicago, 720 S. Michigan

Cost: \$150. For tickets, visit Mercyhome.org/graduates-luncheon.

June 3

● FREE SPIRIT MEDIA FOCUS 2014

Sip Goose Island beers, snack on appetizers and meet our city's young media talent at Free Spirit Media's annual event, celebrating the nearly 500 students who are learning skills in digital media and storytelling through the organization. Karen Jordan of ABC-7 emcees a short presentation.

Time: 6-10 p.m.

Place: The Attic at American Junkie, 15 W. Illinois

Cost: \$100. For tickets, visit Freespiritmedia.org/2014.

June 4

● MAKING HISTORY AWARDS

Chicago Historical Society's 20th annual event celebrates the accomplishments of five organizations and people

who have made the city a better place to live: Northern Trust, Paul J. Adams III, Mary Dempsey, Ronald J. Gidwitz and Richard M. Jaffee.

Presenters include prominent Chicagoans such as former Mayor Richard M. Daley, and all proceeds benefit the Chicago History Museum.

Time: 6 p.m. reception, 7 p.m. dinner and awards

Place: Four Seasons Hotel Chicago, 120 E. Delaware

Cost: \$500. For tickets, visit Pjhchicago.com/event/chicago-history.

June 5

● UCAN LEADERSHIP AWARDS DINNER

WTTW's Whitney Reynolds (below) emcees this 15th annual night of cocktails,

dinner, a raffle and a live auction featuring items such as a South African safari and a vacation for 10 in a Mexican villa. Gregory D. Wasson and Walgreens receive the John D. Nichols Impact Award, while proceeds benefit the Uhlich Children's Advantage Network's mission to help positively impact youth who have suffered trauma.

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

Place: The United Club at Soldier Field, 1410 S. Museum Campus

Cost: \$500. For tickets, visit Ucanchicago.org/news.



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Guests packed the UIC Forum.

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Local civic leaders — including co-chairs **Anne Kaplan**, **Coco Meers**, **Taylor O'Malley** and **Brent Rasmussen** — came together to raise \$1.13 million for low-income Chicagoans at A Better Chicago's second annual benefit May 14, held at the UIC Forum (725 W. Roosevelt). Supporters sipped on custom gin, bourbon, Champagne and Scotch cocktails crafted by mixologist **Zach Friedlander** at the sold-out bash while bidding on hot-ticket items — including a trip to Paris Fashion Week with behind-the-scenes tours of fashion houses and golf trips to Bandon Dunes and Riviera Country Club — during a live auction. Later, founder and CEO **Liam Krehbiel** spoke to the success of the organization, which invests in local nonprofits that create opportunities for low-income children, adults and families. — *Sydney Epstein*
Splash was the media sponsor of this event.



Brent Rasmussen, Coco Meers, Liam Krehbiel, Anne Kaplan and Taylor O'Malley



Colleen Gearty, Stewart Mather and Silvia Beltrametti



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Kristin Chenoweth performs.

GOODMAN THEATRE'S GALA

ONE VOICE

Eva Pawlus and Monika Dixon

Oklahoma native **Kristin Chenoweth** spoke candidly about her journey from small-town Southern girl to Broadway star — appropriately fitting the evening's "Dream" theme — at the Goodman Theatre's annual spring gala May 17. The Emmy and Tony Award-winning film and television star took the stage at the Hilton Chicago (720 S. Michigan) to share her story and perform Broadway hits and songs from her studio album. Afterward, guests indulged in a three-course dinner and danced to the sounds of local band **Gentleman of Leisure**. The evening's fundraising total of more than \$1 million spoke volumes about Chicago's dedication to the theater's programming. — *Katerina Bizios*

Splash was the media sponsor of this event. The Sun-Times Foundation and the Chicago Community Trust will match every dollar donated to the Goodman Theatre up to a total of \$25,000. Up to \$1,000 can be matched per individual donation.

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VIEW FROM THE TOP

**SHERRILL
BODINE**

in a MonArrez dress
and hat

**LURIE
DAVIS**

in Carmen Marc Valvo
and a John Koch hat

**LARISA
KRONFELD**

in Dolce & Gabbana
and a ChikiBird hat

**APRIL
SCHWARTZ**

in Monique Lhuillier and
a Loreta Corsetti hat

**KATRINA
SAMPRACT**

in Ralph Lauren and
a vintage hat

**SEAN
ESHAGHY**

in Gant
and a Morris hat

Hats off to the Service Club of Chicago: The city's oldest all-women's charitable organization held its annual spring hat luncheon at the Four Seasons Chicago (120 E. Delaware) May 19. More than 400 stylish men and women joined co-chairs **Ann Gerber, Lezley Hodes, Karen Peters** and **Mamie Walton** at the bash, filling the ballroom with a sea of ornate brims, fascinators and headpieces before bidding on millinery from local designers like **Loreta Corsetti, John Koch** and **Veronica Chin**. During lunch, **Joan Curto** and **Becky Menzie** serenaded the stylish guests with a musical program. The top-notch afternoon netted \$80,000 for the Service Club's docket of Chicago charities.

CHICAGO HOUSE'S BRUNCH & FASHION SHOW

IN THE HOUSE



Chicago House and its supporters celebrated 27 years of social efforts for those affected by HIV/AIDS, poverty, homelessness and gender nonconformity at the annual Spring Brunch and Fashion Show May 4. Local boutiques Roam, Cram, Monarc, Mira Couture and Columbia College student fashion designers showed off the latest in spring fashion, sending looks down the runway inside Harold Washington Library's Winter Garden Ballroom (400 S. State). Later, Illinois Representative **Naomi Jakobsson** received Chicago House's annual Spirit Award for co-sponsoring legislation to allow same-sex marriage in Illinois. The event raised \$145,000 to support Chicago House's programs. — *Alicia Hauge*
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Co-chairs **Ted Grady, Mallory Ulaszek** and **Dr. Ross Sloten**

Bridget Halanski Jovanovich and **Alex Jovanovich**



Columbia College student designs



Todd Michael Kiech, Stan J. Sloan and **Quenten Schumacher**

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Above: Guests were treated to a sneak peek of the upcoming film "Grace of Monaco."



John McCord, Janis Notz and **Graham Paul**



Above: **Véronique Bushala, Claire Koeneman** and **Lisa Bailey**

ALLIANCE FRANÇAISE'S WOMAN'S BOARD GALA

FRENCH CONNECTION

French cocktails, cuisine and films transported guests to Monte Carlo at Chicago's Alliance Française Woman's Board Gala May 10. Co-chairs **Lisa Bailey** and **Véronique Bushala** and honorary co-chair **Betsey N. Pinkert** hosted nearly 550 guests — including French Ambassador to the United States **François Delattre** — for the bash, held at the Ritz-Carlton Chicago (160 E. Pearson). Models in designs from Lanvin and Carolina Herrera welcomed attendees on the red carpet and guests later tried their luck at roulette and baccarat. More than \$700,000 was raised to benefit Alliance's French-focused education, cultural programs, library and after-school programs. — *Sydney Epstein*
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VERTIGO SKY LOUNGE'S SPLASH INTO SUMMER

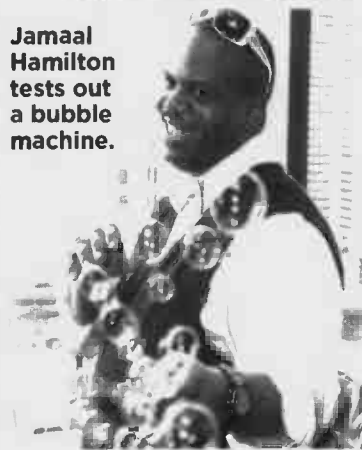
SKY HIGH



Staffers serve cotton candy and Grey Goose cocktails.



Jamaal Hamilton tests out a bubble machine.



Above: Gino Bartucci, Vince Pusateri and James Feeley

Right: Christa Hibbs, Monica Canellis and Lana Bramlette



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Vertigo Sky Lounge (2 W. Erie) was packed with partygoers May 15 for a Splash bash to kick off the rooftop patio's seasonal opening. More than 200 guests enjoyed appetizers, Grey Goose Le Melon snow cones and cocktails while DJs Sean Strange, Mitty Evans and Johnny Fiasco kept the party hopping all night. — *Alicia Hauge*

CASA LAKE COUNTY'S CASABLANCA 2014

BIG HEARTS

In front of nearly 300 guests at CASABLANCA 2014, Walgreens Chief Diversity Officer and former foster child Steve Pemberton shared his story of overcoming abuse before receiving the 2014 Terri Zenner Award for outstanding service to children in the community. The May 10 gala, held at Ravinia (418 Sheridan, Highland Park), celebrated CASA's 20th anniversary of making a difference for abused and neglected children in Lake County. Before dancing late into the night, attendees heard a special song written and sung by 18-year-old Lilly Grayce, dedicated to Chance, an abused five-month-old baby boy cared for by her family. Nearly \$325,000 was raised to support CASA Lake County's child advocacy program. — *Alicia Hauge*

Splash was the media sponsor of this event.



Gala chair Mary T. Szela and Terri Zenner Greenberg
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Wilco drummer Glenn Kotche
PHOTO BY CHUCK OSGOOD

FEAR NO ART'S 'THE DINNER PARTY'

DINNER CLUB

Wilco drummer Glenn Kotche, The Mix radio host Kathy Hart, actor Marc Grapey and host Elysabeth Alfano headed to City Winery (1200 W. Randolph) May 12 for Fear No ART's "The Dinner Party." As the quartet engaged in lively conversation on stage, The Gage chef Peter Coenen served up scrumptious bites to the audience, who took in the show while snacking on Vosges Haute-Chocolat and sipping Voss artesian water and wine. And there were front-row seats available to those who couldn't attend, with the show streaming live at *Splash.suntimes.com*. — *Alicia Hauge*
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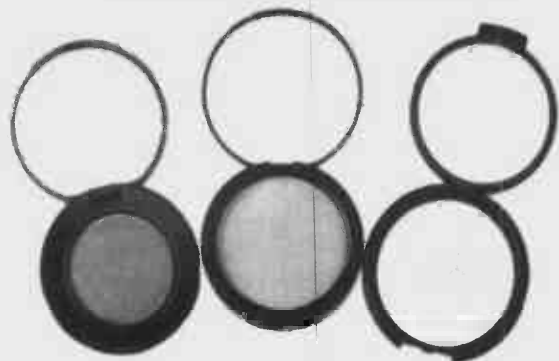


Rory Hohenstein, Jonathan Daniel and Fernando Duarte



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Spruce up your workplace wardrobe this spring with Splash's help. Now through June 1, submit a photo and 250 words or less to Splash@suntimes.com, explaining why you deserve to win a prize package that includes a \$500 Macy's shopping spree with Macy's by-appointment personal shoppers, a new hairstyle from Art + Science Salon and a makeover by Amazing Cosmetics. We'll top off the pampering with a photo shoot at Splash, which will be featured on the pages of our June 26 Workplace issue.



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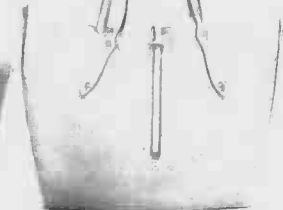
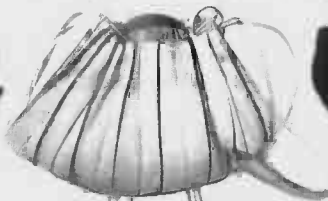
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BUCKETS OF FUN

We're officially celebrating the start of summer — and after the winter we've endured, I'm all about the celebration and planning for summertime. Barbecues, outdoor parties, swimming and exotic vacations, here we come! Here are a few things on my summer 2014 bucket list:

- Putting my toes in a lake and/or ocean somewhere — and not getting frostbite!
- Eating all of the deliciously fresh fruit warm weather has to offer.
- Slathering on extra sunscreen because the sunshine is so abundant.
- Drinking a mimosa on a boat, anywhere. I don't even care where it is, as long as I can breathe in the fresh air.
- Grilling skewer after skewer of fresh veggies. I love the smell of a

barbecue.

- Playing in a swimming pool with Evan all day — and then comparing whose fingertips and toes are more wrinkled.
 - Drinking lots and lots of refreshing beverages with little, colorful umbrellas in them.
 - Curling up with my Sunday Splash.
- I hope to check off as many of these items as possible this summer, but I'd love to hear what's on your summer 2014 bucket list?



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DIRECT EFFECT

Up-and-coming director **ARAM RAPPAPORT** on his star-packed, Chicago-filmed flick, 'A Conspiracy on Jekyll Island' **BY ZAK STEMER**

The first time I saw 26-year-old directorial wunderkind Aram Rappaport, he was dispatching instructions to a team of six people while walking briskly down the hallway at Splash headquarters. He was filming the financial thriller "A Conspiracy on Jekyll Island" starring Minnie Driver, Frank Grillo, Dianna Agron and Ed Westwick (among other Hollywood notables). On that day, Rappaport was using Splash as the location for a high-tension scene between Driver and Grillo, and the young director proved he could hold his own alongside the seasoned Hollywood vets — after sharing a few words with his stars about the script, he returned to his chair and monitor, then called "action!"

Rappaport's comfort behind the camera isn't a coincidence; he's chased his directorial dreams since childhood. "I wanted to be in film since the beginning of time," laughs the LA native. "I wanted to act originally but my dad had always said, 'Don't be a victim of the industry. Write your own material so you don't have to wait for a phone call or wait for an audition and hopefully get a role.'" Rappaport took his dad's advice and ran with it, penning, producing and starring in his first flick while still in high school. Dubbed "One Line," the film followed an autistic boy who auditioned for a school play and earned a one-line part. "Whether I was good or awful, I will never know," he jokes.

Since that first film, Rappaport's projects have ramped up rapidly in terms of production value and star power. His second feature film, 2013's "Syrup" — an adaptation of the 1999 novel by Max Barry — starred bombshell (and future Mrs. Johnny Depp) Amber Heard and actor Shiloh Fernandez, both hired by Rappaport before their careers had taken off. Those prescient casting choices underscored Rappaport's eye for young talent; now, Hollywood bigwigs are calling Rappaport himself the big thing. "My relationship with Aram was formed under the trials of shooting on such a small budget," says "Jekyll Island" producer Hilary Shor, whose other recent credits include "The Paperboy" with Nicole Kidman and Zac Efron and "Lee Daniels' The Butler." "I have faith he will develop into an extraordinary filmmaker, and I was happy to be able to nurture that talent."

"Jekyll Island," the director's third effort, will be released this fall with a Chicago premiere. It's an apropos nod to the city that was the movie's muse. "Coming to [Chicago] as a child gave me the vibe for the city," says Rappaport, who took regular summer trips here with his father. "It's what I was thinking inspirationally when I wrote the script."

To pen that script, which follows Driver and Grillo as they attempt to thwart a cyber attack on the US financial system, Rappaport had to become something of a Wall Street expert. "Over the course of two years I ended up meeting with economists, stock brokers, marketers — anyone who had any semblance of knowledge on how the market would fluctuate and how that relates to regulation and the Federal Reserve. We walked down the street asking people, 'What is The Fed?' and 'What does the Federal Reserve do?' The answers would be different across the board, and no one would have any idea [what The Fed] actually does." He hopes his movie inspires "the audience to leave wanting to do research on their own and find their own stance on the topic."

In advance of "Jekyll Island's" release, Rappaport is hunkering down in Rogers Park and devoting his time to editing, re-editing and testing the film in Chicago markets. Though the end is in sight, he's determined to keep his laser-sharp focus. "I've never stepped out of the work," he says. "It's the most stressful thing I've ever done. When you're in it, it's so much about the story and just having this one shot and hoping and praying that this thing works ... When I take a step back and see what we accomplished so quickly, it's exciting."

Favorite movies

- "Big Fish" (2003): "I am such a supporter of magical realism and a shoot-for-the-moon, bigger-than-life mentality."
- "Monsters" (2010)
- "Ides of March" (2011)



Favorite Chicago spots

- "My favorite restaurant is Blind Faith in Evanston [inset, 525 Dempster; Blindfaithcafe.com]. I'm a vegetarian and it's an amazing restaurant."
- "Northwestern [University] has a great sailing program. My favorite thing to do is sail." 1823 Campus; Fitrec.northwestern.edu
- "Eleven City Diner [2301 N. Clark; Elevencitydiner.com] has the biggest omelets I've ever seen. It's where I first met Frank [Grillo] — I made him come to the diner and get an omelet with me because I had to have it."

Off set stories

- "While we were shooting, there was a fight on HBO that Ed Westwick, Frank and Minnie wanted to watch. They convinced the owners of the house we shot at to let them watch it on the big-screen TV. I go to check up on them and someone is yelling about the fight, 'Come on, hit 'em! Hit 'em!' And it's Dianna! Dianna is freaking out in front of the fight, putting up her fists, aggressively angry at the TV. It was a hilarious moment."





DRAMA QUEEN

After changing the game for women on TV with 'The X-Files,' **Gillian Anderson** is at it again

BY RACHEL HANDLER • PHOTOS BY ALEX MARTINEZ

As an actress, much of Gillian Anderson's most memorable work has occurred in the darkness — her TV characters have stared down everything from alien conspiracies to serial killers to kidnappers. But the unaffected Anderson remains anything but gloomy off-screen. "I'm a complete goofball most of the time," she says. "I learned a long time ago to leave stuff at the door. If there's anything that I take home with me, it's exhaustion after a day."

It's a lesson Anderson picked up during her nine-year tenure as Dr. Dana Scully on "The X-Files," but one that continues to serve her these days as she acts in three separate TV shows: On NBC's "Crisis" (which films in Chicago and concludes June 29), Anderson stars as Meg Fitch, a mother who has to sacrifice nearly everything in an attempt to rescue her

ON GILLIAN

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kidnapped daughter; on BBC's "The Fall," she's Stella Gibson, a stoic detective charged with unmasking a serial killer who targets young women; and on another NBC vehicle, "Hannibal," she's Dr. Bedelia Du Maurier, the titular character's psychiatrist.

But no amount of murderous psychopaths can bring Anderson down — in fact, the only time she uses the word "bleak" in our interview is to describe the state of TV roles for women pre-Scully. "There was a big question mark as to whether the world was ready for strong, independent women," recalls Anderson of "The X-Files's" 1993 debut. "And lo and behold, the world was ready, and has been ever since."

She's not overstating Scully's impact — since the show's 2002 finale, TV has steadily surpassed film in terms of embracing and promoting its female stars; according to recent research from USC's Annenberg School for Communication & Journalism, while women make up roughly 30 percent of movie characters, they make up nearly 40 percent of characters on prime-time. "People wanted to emulate ['The X-Files']," posits Anderson. "There are more female-led dramas on TV right now than ever before. And most of the women are intelligent, high-powered, independent." It's more than appropriate, then, that Anderson is now taking on three intelligent, independent characters herself, reaping the benefits of what she sowed so many years ago.

Anderson, 45, has always been just as autonomous and whip-smart as the women she portrays. Though she was born in Chicago, her family moved to London soon after, where they stayed until moving to Grand Rapids, Michigan, when Anderson was 11 (all of which explains Anderson's delightfully inscrutable accent, a collision of precise English consonants and flowing Midwestern vowels). She's previously spoken at length about her "punk phase" in high school, when she was voted "Most Bizarre" and "Most Likely to Be Arrested." That outsider status followed Anderson to DePaul University, where she studied theater and waitressed to support herself while sporting "big, maroon-colored hair and pointy black boots." "I had a few friends, but at the same time, I was a bit of a recluse," says Anderson, who recalls rotating through 14 different roommates over four years in her Bucktown apartment (where she lived long before it became, as she puts it, "fancy shmancy").

After graduating, Anderson moved to New York, started in a series of plays, then headed to LA, where she landed her first TV role as a guest-star on Fox's "Class of '96." That's when "The X-Files" producers took notice of the young actress and sent her a script. Anderson, then 24, immediately identified with the shrewd, stubborn Scully — and was pleasantly surprised to see a woman like that represented on the page. "Just in terms of character structure, how she was defined was so different than what was then normal on TV," she says.

Though "The X-Files's" impact on television



With Hugh Dancy in "Hannibal" (center photo) and Rachael Taylor in "Crisis."

drama is incalculable, its impact on its audience is fairly easy to quantify. Anderson says she's still approached by die-hard fans of the nine-season series — not to mention courted via the US Postal Service. "If I'd kept everything people have sent me over the years, I'd have to have a second home," she laughs. Last year, when Anderson and co-star David Duchovny reunited for a Reddit "Ask Me Anything" interview, they ignited an Internet firestorm, bantering about the dating rumors that have plagued the pair for years thanks to their overabundance of chemistry. While she only recently admitted that the two never got together, she does claim that they're "much closer on the whole, more appreciative and understanding since [filming 'The X-Files']." "We don't talk," she adds. "But every once in a while, we'll email, every once in a while, we'll have a meal together. We reminisce.

He'll remember something funny that happened on the show and email me about it."

When "The X-Files" ended in 2002, Anderson moved back to London, in part to escape the attention she was garnering in the US due to the series and parts she'd taken in films like 2000's "The House of Mirth." Until recently, things were relatively quiet for the actress — she starred in a few movies, including "How to Lose Friends & Alienate People" in 2008, took the stage in several West End productions and portrayed Miss Havisham in a BBC version of "Great Expectations" in 2011.

Staying relatively off the radar was a choice; Anderson says she didn't feel pressure to follow up her "X-Files" success. Instead, she had bigger priorities, focusing on raising her three children: Piper, now 19, who she had with her first husband Clyde Klotz; Oscar, 7; and Felix, 5; both fathered by ex-boyfriend Mark Griffiths. "The only pressure I feel is to be a good mom," she says. "I'm very particular about the work that I do. It has to be, in my mind, good enough to take me away from my children."

Her newly ramped-up workload is evidence that all three of her current projects fit that criteria. "Crisis" in particular drew Anderson's attention because of its tight script, full of hairpin twists. "I just couldn't put it down," she says. She says she also signed on because she believed both "Crisis" and "Hannibal" were attempting to subvert network TV stereotypes — much like the "The X-Files" once did. "I think [both shows] are shaking it up for NBC, which is trying to fall away from its old, more typical shows."

As she takes on this series of unconventional female roles, Anderson challenges herself to make sure each character retains her individuality. "I'm simultaneously playing three strong blond women — to me, they're completely different. But the jury's out on whether they actually are," she says, laughing. "I might be delusional." But she does see the common thread between the three — and how it's a direct result of her body of work. "I have a tendency to be offered very strong women [roles]," she says. "I'm usually cast as everybody's boss, because I think that — regardless of my own real level of power and intelligence — it looks like I know what I'm talking about, even if I don't know the first thing about it."

And though her white-hot career proves that women on TV have come a long way, Anderson still thinks there's room for improvement: The actress has yet to play a woman as multifaceted as herself. "I'm very willful and very independent," she says. "I don't usually play women who have both that and [silliness] in their character. I don't know why, but I've never really seen that before to the degree that I've manifested it in my own life."

The good news? Given the way Anderson's changed the course of TV history before, it's only a matter of time before fictional women measure up to her real-world complexity.

X-PHILE?



We tested Anderson's "X-Files" recall by reading her three real episode synopses — and two that we completely made up. (She cautioned us up front: "People will tell me about episodes I shot and I literally have no memory.") Here's how she fared:

Splash: Bizarre murders in a hospital's plastic surgery unit lead Mulder and Scully to suspect a supernatural force may be responsible.

Gillian Anderson: Yes, I think we did an episode about that.

S: Do you remember anything?

GA: No. [Laughs] Well, very, very vaguely.

S: Mulder and Scully get stranded at sea while investigating a possible sea monster sighting, and discover that the boat captain they've entrusted with their lives may be involved in the government cover-up of the creature.

GA: Yes? Real?

S: No, we made that up.

GA: [Laughs loudly] All right, well it's plausible. Very plausible.

S: A little girl is kidnapped and imprisoned by a mentally unstable photographer. Mulder discovers a psychic connection between the recently kidnapped victim and another girl kidnapped by the same man years ago.

GA: No?

S: No, that's real.

GA: What was that called?

S: 'Oubliette,' season three.

G: Ohhhhh ... I remember the title.

S: Scully pursues a cult that worship a slug-like organism and believe it to be the Second Coming of Jesus Christ, but in her efforts to save an injured stranger, she discovers she is in over her head.

GA: Yes, yes we did that one. Is that the one where I was Ilke, Amish, and strapped to a bed?

S: Maybe? Last one: After Mulder is witness to a spontaneous human combustion, he shares with Scully that he fears extraterrestrials may be behind the phenomenon. His suspicions are confirmed when he begins to have dreams of being abducted and slow-roasted over a votive candle on a nightly basis.

GA: [Laughs] Just based on ratio, I'm gonna say no. But it is possible.

S: Yep, we made that one up.

ROCKsteady.

Hit a high note
this summer
at these **10**
upcoming
music festivals

BY ERIN OSMON

Fans at Pitchfork Music Festival last year | RAMZI DREESSEN-SPLASH



Above and left: Do Division

< DO DIVISION STREET FEST

This once-tiny neighborhood fête has exploded into a full-on fest with 30 bands across three days. Highlights this year include Dinosaur Jr. mastermind **J Mascis** (who plays solo), New Jersey punks **Screaming Females** and the anonymous producer **Slow Magic**, who delivers electro nostalgia circa infectious beats from behind a tribal mask. \$5, May 30–June 1, 2000 W. Division; Do-divisionstreetfest.com

DOWNTOWN SOUND: NEW MUSIC MONDAYS

Among the acts taking the stage at this weekly series: **Shara Worden**, aka **My Brightest Diamond**, whose angelic voice and arresting stage presence will fill every nook and cranny of Millennium Park's grounds; **Bob Mould** of Hüsker Dü fame, who presents a set

spanning his career; **Joe Pug**, whose rootsy vibe complements the breezy setting, and **Omar Souleyman**, a Syrian crooner boosted by none other than ex-Blur frontman and in-demand producer **Damon Albarn**. Free, Mondays June 2–Aug. 11, 201 E. Randolph; Cityofchicago.org

SPRING AWAKENING

Grab your glow sticks: EDM — the electronic “wob wob” music emitted from your teen’s vehicle and many undergrad house parties — is the name of the game at this annual dance-centric celebration at Soldier Field. Highlights include **Tiësto**, **Pretty Lights**, **Eric Prydz**, **Diplo** and **Steve Aoki**. \$110 single-day pass, \$260 three-day pass, June 13–15, 1410 S. Museum Campus; Springawakeningfestival.com

Shemekia Copeland performs at the Chicago Blues Festival last year. | CHANDLER WEST-STM



PITCHFORK MUSIC FESTIVAL

Born of a tiny music blog-gone-big-time, the Pitchfork Music Festival has blown up to become one of summer's "it" fests, where celebs and fashion and music fans flock from around the globe each July. This year's lineup leans heavily on proven fest vets such as **Kendrick Lamar**, **Grimes** and **St. Vincent**, reunited acts **Neutral Milk Hotel**, **Slowdive** and **Sun Kil Moon** and **Beck**, whose excellent 12th studio LP, "Morning Phase," is expected to top many "best of" lists later this year. \$60 single-day pass, \$110 three-day pass, July 18-20, 1501 W. Randolph; pitchforkmusicfestival.com

LOLLAPALOOZA

This year marks the 10th anniversary of **Perry Farrell's** mammoth music throwdown in Chicago. The milelong fest includes multiple music stages, a farmer's market, food booths curated by **Graham Elliot**, a kids' fest and an entire arm devoted to EDM. This year, headliners include **Lorde** (Friday), a reunited **Outkast** (Saturday) and brostep founder **Skrillex** (Sunday). Scan further down the lineup to reveal incredible up-and-comer **Run The Jewels**, a rap collab between **MC Killer Mike** and producer **El-P**, plus local talents **Chance The Rapper**, **Vic Mensa** and **Into It. Over It.** \$100 single-day pass, \$250 three-day pass, Aug. 1-3, 337 E. Randolph; Lollapalooza.com

CHICAGO JAZZ FESTIVAL

For nearly four decades, this free shindig has brought some of the sprawling genre's biggest contemporary and legacy stars to downtown. This year, they wail across four stages in Millennium Park. Be sure to catch rising Grammy-nominated vocalist **Cecile McLorin Salvant**, hard-bop trumpet phenom **Terence Blanchard** and a reunited **Sun Ra Arkestra**, directed by reedist **Marshall Allen**, paying homage to the ensemble's Afrofuturist founder. Free, Aug. 28-31, 201 E. Randolph; Cityofchicago.org

NORTH COAST MUSIC FESTIVAL

Perhaps the most peculiar combo of acts comes each year at North Coast, which celebrates five years at Union Park this summer and offers a mix of electronic music, rappers and jam bands. Nineties holdover **Snoop Lion** and "Day 'n' Night" MC **Kid Cudi** are the big names at the top of the marquee this year. After a bizarre (and heavily memed) appearance on "The Late Show With David Letterman" a few months ago, arty Baltimore electronic act **Future Islands** will have attendees flocking to see what goes down. Sold out (tickets still available through various ticket brokers), August 29-31, 1501 W. Randolph; North-coastfestival.com

CHICAGO BLUES FESTIVAL

Cementing Chicago's status as the "Blues Capital of the World" is this free three-day celebration in Grant Park, which draws hundreds of thousands each year. Don't miss Detroit diva belter **Bettye LaVette** — whose husky version of Sinead O'Connor's "I Do Not Want What I Have Not Got" will make your bottom lip quiver — celebrated NOLA ivory tickler **Dr. John** and Grammy Award-winning traditional string band **Carolina Chocolate Drops**. Free, June 13-15, 337 E. Randolph; Cityofchicago.org

MILWAUKEE SUMMERFEST

This monolithic gathering to our north runs 11 days across 11 stages and boasts about 800 performers — whew. For the discerning top 40 fan, the headliners at this one skew a bit more mainstream: This year, they include some of the biggest names in contemporary pop, rock, hip-hop and country, such as **Bruno Mars**, **Brad Paisley**, **Usher**, **Tegan and Sara** and **Ray LaMontagne**. Tickets start at \$17, June 25-29 and July 1-6, 200 N. Harbor, Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Summerfest.com

TASTE OF CHICAGO

Wilco fans should flock to The Taste this year for frontman **Jeff Tweedy's** solo set, which will no doubt contain a hilarious anecdote or two. And don't miss adorable avant-pop star **Janelle Monae**, who consistently oozes style and gets the crowd shaking with bangers like "Tightrope," "Q.U.E.E.N." and "Cold War." Free, July 9-13, 337 E. Randolph; Cityofchicago.org

MORE MUSIC



Check out some of the other artists heading to Chicago this summer:

Elvis Costello: There's no denying the staying power of the grandfather of new wave, and here's your chance to sing along to fan favorites like "Pump It Up" and "Alison." Tickets start at \$45, June 11, Copernicus Center, 5216 W. Lawrence; Jamusa.com.

Cat Power and Rufus Wainwright: Chan Marshall is notorious for onstage fits (and not showing up for shows at all). So here's hoping that this gig with noted indie balladeer Rufus Wainwright (pictured) will be just the dose of confidence the gorgeously shaky songbird needs to deliver a great set. Tickets start at \$27, June 25, Ravinia, 418 Sheridan, Highland Park; Ravinia.org

Paul McCartney: Sir Paul returns to town after a stellar performance at Wrigley Field three years ago. He's pushing a solid new album, the appropriately titled "New," but fingers crossed for classic solo cuts like "Maybe I'm Amazed" and some Beatles-era tunes. Tickets start at \$283, July 9, United Center, 1901 W. Madison; Ticketmaster.com

Lady Gaga: Though Gaga's newest album "Artpop" didn't quite live up to its sales expectations, there's no still no stopping its breakout single, "Applause." Tickets start at \$63, July 11, United Center, 1901 W. Madison; Ticketmaster.com

Jay Z and Beyoncé: It's been 11 years since Jay's '03 ode to his megastar partner, "'03 Bonnie & Clyde" — finally, the two lovebirds join forces again for one of the most anticipated North American tours of the decade. Tickets start at \$118, July 24, Soldier Field, 1410 S. Museum Campus; Ticketmaster.com

Jurassic 5: Those nostalgic for old school hip-hop can get their fix at this reunion. Throw your hands in the air for classic J5 cuts like "Concrete Jungle." \$36, July 25, Aragon Ballroom, 1106 W. Lawrence; Jamusa.com

Arcade Fire: The Canadian art rockers attempted to institute a dress code for their Reflektor Tour, which quickly fell apart. But that doesn't mean the sextet won't be dressed to the glam-goth nines. Tickets start at \$55, Aug. 26-27, United Center, 1901 W. Madison; Ticketmaster.com

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Abigail Weinberg & Nathaniel Liedl

BY KRISTIN J. LARSON

IT'S IN THE DETAILS

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Bride's jewelry: Eve Alfille Gallery and Fine Jewelry, 623 Grove, Evanston; Evejewelry.com

Groom's attire: Theory vest and trousers, Neiman Marcus, 737 N. Michigan; Neiman-marcus.com



It took moving halfway across the world for **Abigail Weinberg**, a medical social worker, and **Nathaniel Liedl**, an English teacher, to fall in love. Although they attended the University of Wisconsin-Madison at the same time, their paths didn't cross until April 2010, when they were both working as teachers in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam. "We both instantly knew we wanted to be together," says Weinberg. The duo embarked on countless adventures during their time abroad, but it was an unexpected health crisis that propelled their relationship to the next level: After getting sick during a trip to Delhi in 2011, Weinberg returned home to Chicago to see a doctor, where the otherwise healthy 27-year-old was diagnosed with Hodgkin's lymphoma. The disease was a shock to them both, but with treatment and the support of her loved ones, she was able to conquer it. "It was tough seeing her as sick as she was, but she was amazing and so strong," says Liedl.

Beating cancer inspired Weinberg to celebrate her longtime love with a wedding, something that had never been on her radar before. "I didn't grow up wanting a wedding or white dress, but it was my two-year mark of being cancer-free that gave it a little more emotion for us," she says. The pair tied the knot in two ceremonies: a traditional Jewish service at Temple Sholom (3480 N. Lake Shore) in Chicago and, one week later, a larger gathering at Merchant restaurant (121 S. Pinckney) in Madison, Wisconsin. The newlyweds spent the evening of their Chicago fête at her mother's Lincoln Park home, dining on Big Star (1531 N. Damen) and Bang Bang Pie & Biscuits (2051 N. California) with 30 close family members, while their Madison affair featured a rustic farm-to-table meal for 100 guests. The couple stuck to Weinberg's no-white dress code, the bride opting instead for a printed Mary Katrantzou frock. "The [weddings] were really different, but personal, meaningful — and anything but typical," says Liedl.



Mayor Rahm Emanuel speaks at the JBF Awards announcement.

CHEERS!

• Bon appétit, Chicago: Our food-centric city was named host of the next James Beard Foundation Awards ceremony. On May 4, 2015, the black-tie event — known as the "Oscars of the food industry" — will be held at the Lyric Opera of Chicago (20 N. Upper Wacker).

Mayor Rahm Emanuel made the announcement last week with the help of corporate sponsors, including Mariano's and HMSHost.

• Congrats to former Vice President for Institutional Advancement at Columbia



College **Dr. Eric Winston**, who recently called "action!" on a new media production company, AMMAK Productions. Winston and his team will embark on a journey to Israel later this month to film a documentary showing the experiences of African-American students who traveled to Israel from 1988 to 2002.

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Quality time

The Harding Tavern revives Logan Square's storied past

BY SELENA FRAGASSI



Classic burger, \$8

"see the same faces night after night" and create an atmosphere that's "upscale, but not pretentious." A dark wood interior, leather stools and fancier bar fare are met with an open kitchen and friendly staff that make the space feel more communal.

Bar stars: In addition to classics like the Sidecar and Old-Fashioned, six rotating signature cocktails feature recipes inspired by the bartending staff. One of the current options, a Negroni-style drink called The Beard, is mixed with gin, artichoke liqueur and green chartreuse (\$6) — and named as such because, according to Kupferschmidt, "All of our male bartenders have beards."

Good sports: The Harding Tavern is one of the rare places in Logan Square where you can catch the big games. Four LCD TVs anchored over the bar have recently broadcast all the grueling playoff battles — sometimes all at once. "This is a sports city, and we want to be hospitable to our guests," says Kupferschmidt.

Hot properties: In addition to The Harding Tavern and Café Con Leche, Hani also owns Red Star Liquors, part of his One Of a Kind Hospitality Group portfolio. Rumor has it he's developing other projects for the side of Milwaukee Avenue near Diversey. "It may appear desolate now, but there's a lot going on behind the scenes that will make it the next big attraction," he hints.

2732 N. Milwaukee, (872) 802-0182; Thehardingtavern.com

Sometimes history is meant to be repeated. It's something Esam Hani believes firmly: When Hani was growing up in Logan Square, the stretch of Milwaukee between Spaulding and Sawyer Avenues was considered the neighborhood's epicenter, a bustling district flanked by the former Harding Theatre and several storefronts until it went vacant in the 1960s. In March, Hani — who still lives just around the corner — paid homage to the neighborhood's past by opening a brand-new bar and restaurant, appropriately named The Harding Tavern. "I want to bring the downtown back here," he explains.

Open daily from lunch until 2 a.m., The Harding Tavern goes far beyond standard bar sustenance — Hani consulted with Mark Hill (sous chef, David Burke's Primehouse) to develop the menu, which is overseen by the current chef de cuisine Antonio Del Real (Chicago Cut Steakhouse) and chock full of

American staples like burgers, mac 'n' cheese and fries. A long bar delivers 12 rotating taps, more than 50 bottles and cans, a healthy variety of craft whiskeys and bourbons and traditional and signature cocktails, developed by manager Scott Kupferschmidt and his team. And along one of the walls, Hani has assembled a mini exhibit of photos and newspaper clippings featuring the old Harding Theatre. "I wanted it to be subtle, but also keep the history alive," he says.

Here's what else to expect at The Harding Tavern:

Must-try dishes: While menus will change seasonally, The Harding Tavern will hold on to its most popular dishes. Try the wasabi wings, dusted with jalapenos, soy and peanuts (\$6), or the THT burger, a roasted garlic beef patty ground in-house and peppered with arugula, spicy fresh herb aioli, brie and Nueske bacon on a brioche bun (\$9).

The vibe: Hani says his goal with The Harding Tavern is to

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Talented playwrights keep things short and sweet in Collaboraction's 'SKETCHBOOK 2014' BY THOMAS CONNORS

There's a wonderful ritual in going to the theater: joining the line at the box office, scanning the house to see who you might know, sharing notes over a drink at intermission. But it's an experience that's not for everyone — especially those not wired for sitting still or following the action of, say, "Long Day's Journey into Night." But not to worry: For those who prefer a shorter story, Collaboraction's got just the ticket: "SKETCHBOOK 2014," its annual smorgasbord of short plays.

Now in its 14th season, "SKETCHBOOK" has long offered a wide-open notion of what the theater experience can be. "We have always embraced the feeling of an event or rave or amazing house party, with a lot of visual stimuli and music in between a collection of theatrical sketches," says Collaboraction's Artistic Director Anthony Moseley. "As we continued and grew, it became more about the community of people

'SKETCHBOOK 2014'
\$30; \$15 students, educators, industry; May 22-June 15, Flat Iron Arts Building, 1579 N. Milwaukee. (312) 226-9633; Collaboraction.org

coming together to share the stories of our times, of that specific year — healing, grieving, celebrating, questioning. [For instance,] there was the Iraq War year, the gay rights year, the Columbine year and 9/11."

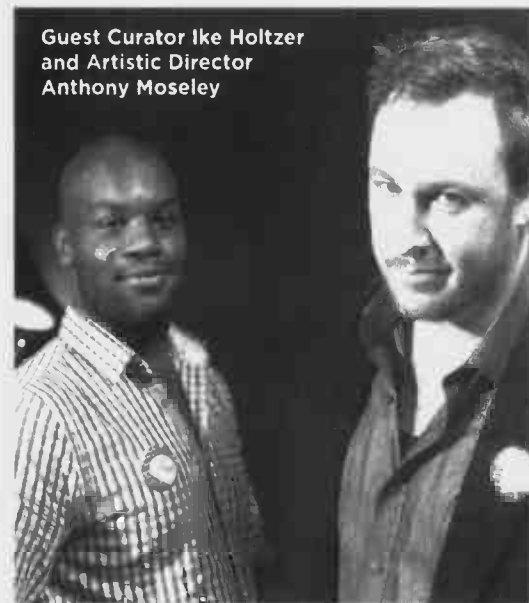
Opening May 22 and running through June 15, this year's fest imagines a post-apocalyptic world in which plays from the past have been revived to reveal life before everything went south. It's as if, says Moseley, "we were about to open the festival, but had to postpone it due to a pending revolution, and covered up the costumes, props and computers. And 35 years later, a group of building archivists find the theater

and look at how we lived, in 2014, on the eve of a revolution and great change."

The pieces slated range from Sam Graber's "To the NSA Agents Listening in on this Play" to Mackenzie Yeager's consideration of peculiarly male pastimes in "Boys and Violence." As she relates, "I never had brothers, so watching little boys play with each other when I'm babysitting is fascinating. What's the story in this 'game' you're playing, 7-year-olds? Don't you get tired of pretending to hit or shoot someone? And I think what I've found is no, no they do not."

No matter what the subject, keeping it short is a skill. As playwright Anthony Donald Kochensperger — whose two-person piece, "Attic Play" is on the bill this year — explains: "The idea is to strip away all the building blocks you don't need. You don't get to slowly reel the audience in. You either have them on page one or you don't have them at all."

Guest Curator Ike Holtzer and Artistic Director Anthony Moseley



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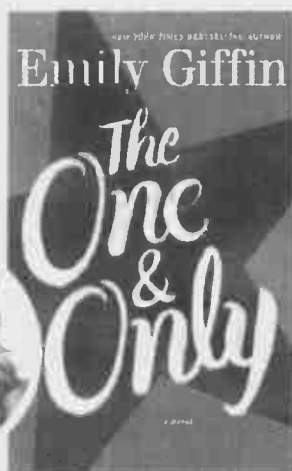
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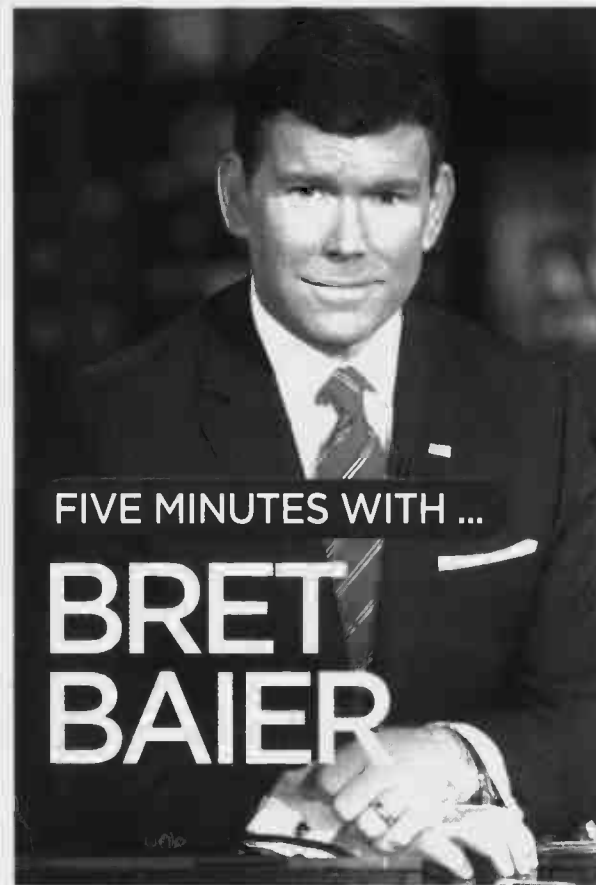
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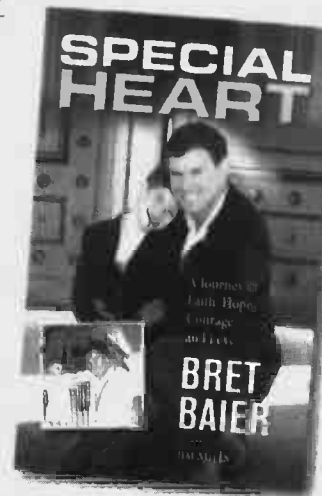
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BRET BAIER

The 'Special Report' anchor
authors his first book,
Special Heart

BY ELLE EICHINGER

Fox News Channel chief political anchor and "Special Report" host Bret Baier is turning his family's adversity into hope for others with his new book, *Special Heart: A Journey of Faith, Hope, Courage and Love*, out June 3. The tome follows the struggles Baier and his wife endured when their first son, Paul, now 6, was born with a series of congenital heart defects, eventually undergoing three open-heart surgeries and seven angioplasties. Baier is donating 100 percent of the book's proceeds to various pediatric heart causes, including Children's National Medical Center in Washington, D.C. — where Paul was treated — and the Chicago-based Saving tiny Hearts Society.



Plot line

"As a journalist I cover other things, other people, so it was different focusing the spotlight on myself and my family and our experiences. The book is based on a series of emails I sent out to family and friends around the [time of Paul's] surger-

ies. Someone said, 'You should put these together, they're really heartfelt.' The reader experiences it just the way [those close to me] did."

Emotional journey

"When you get through some of these big things, people say, 'Pain knows no memory.' — [that] you'll forget how tough it was going through it at the time. But I documented it all and then we structured in some [light-hearted], funny stories about my journey to Washington and courting my wife."

Onward and upward

"Paul is fantastic. He's a very, very energetic 6 1/2-year-old — the tallest kid in his class. If you looked at him on the playground you would never know what he's been through. [Our other son] Daniel is 3 and has never missed a beat, never gone easy on Paul."

Chicago tie

"My wife is from Barrington Hills and we got married in Chicago — it's home away from home. She's the one who's hip on the latest and greatest in Chicago, so I defer to her when scheduling [our trips], but Gibsons [1028 N. Rush] is usually on the agenda."

Star-struck

"I've interviewed presidents and huge political figures, but my most interesting interview was with Jimmy Buffet in Havana, Cuba. We just happened to be there and he was there for a music festival, so I interviewed him overlooking the Malecón."

Meet Baier at Books-A-Million (144 S. Clark) June 4, where he will be signing copies of *Special Heart* at noon, and catch "Special Report" on FOXNEWS weekdays at 5 p.m.

THE art OF THE DEAL

For artists, the right home spurs creativity — and security

BY MADELINE NUSSER

An important tool for artists? Space. Creative types need plenty of room for large canvases, loud instruments and an inquisitive audience. But for many artists, property is not only a tool of the trade — it's a means of survival.

"I spent a lot of time thinking about how, as a creative person, you create a long-term, stable situation and continue to do creative things," says managing broker **Annie Coleman**. A trained classical bassoonist, she bought and developed property to support herself before stumbling upon a job perfectly suited to her interests: using her real estate knowledge to help other creatives — from photographers and musicians to activists and entrepreneurs — purchase homes.

So what do artists want? According to Coleman — who co-founded West Town brokerage LivingRoom Realty five years ago — a low price, ample space and good light rank high. And, like Coleman, many artists see buying an inexpensive home or studio as both a way to make art and as an investment in an up-and-coming neighborhood.

With that in mind, the spacious two-unit at 4929 S. Campbell in underdeveloped Gage Park is the consummate artist residence. (Call Coleman at 312-371-9293.) Boasting barrel-vaulted ceilings, two drive-in garages, a 100-by-121-foot lot and a \$375,000 ask, the building is move-in ready but spartan enough to, appropriately, offer its new owner a blank canvas.



Annie Coleman



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CROSSING CULTURE

The art world's "it" man and former Splash cover star, **Theaster Gates** turns blighted Chicago real estate into art projects. His transformations in the Greater Grand Crossing neighborhood include a cluster of homes (now art center Dorchester Projects); a 28,000-square-foot warehouse-turned-studio; and a former CHA project he's busy converting into 36 units of mixed-income and artist housing. Right down the street from Gates' cultural hub is a charming two-bedroom for sale at 7316 S. Woodlawn. For the frugal sort, a \$52,900 price tag sweetens the deal. (Call Coldwell Banker broker **Shirley Rucker** at 773-617-6776.)

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Pictured: Philip Von Zweck, more, Edition of 40, \$100



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"This is my favorite nail polish line, and they've recently released some new colors. Scarlet is the perfect red for summer — it literally glows on your nails."

Sicky: eyewear, \$262, Sofia, 100 E. Walton; Sofialivelovely.com

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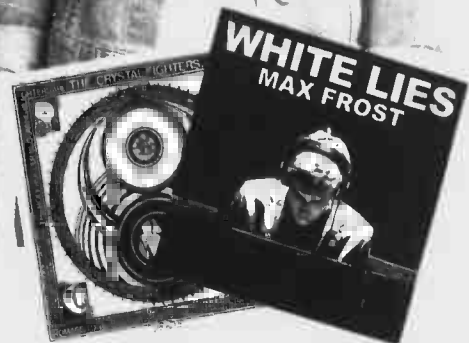


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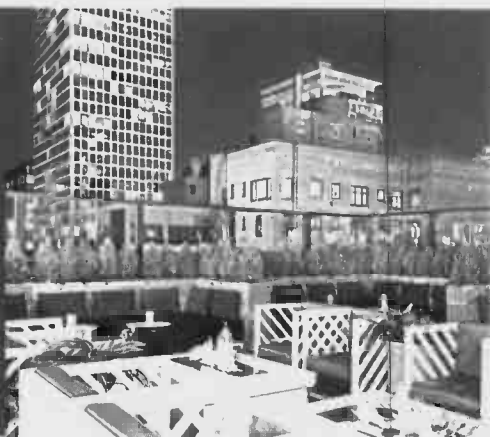


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Jamie Weil, founder of YL Communications, throws summer parties with serious style

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Engage New Nursing Graduates for Future Hiring Needs

By: Catherine Spader, RN

Whatever happened to the nursing shortage? It's a question asked by bewildered new graduate RNs who are having an unprecedented tough time in landing a job. In fact, the nursing job market is so tight for new registered nurses that industry experts fear many will be unable to keep their skills sharp and get the experience they need to stay in the field.

However, new graduate RNs can take heart and health care specialists should take note: health care recruitment of registered nurses is expected to grow by 22 percent by 2018, much faster than the average for all occupations, according to the US Bureau of Labor Statistics.

"This is just a blip on the radar in the demand for nurses," says Nikki West, MPH, project manager for the California Institute for Nursing & Health Care (CINHC) in Oakland, CA. Once the economy picks up, adds West, "there will be an exodus of retiring nurses and we will need competent nurses primed and ready to fill a spike in demand."

In response to the new graduate RN employment dilemma, CINHC has partnered with the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation and the Kaiser Permanente Fund and other foundations and community organizations in the San Francisco Bay Area, creating the New Graduate RN Transition Program. The program aims to secure a well-prepared future nursing workforce by offering unemployed new graduate RNs expanded education, training and clinical opportunities.

"We want to take their preparation to a level beyond what they did in nursing school," says Colleen O'Leary-Kelley, PhD, RN, CNE and co-coordinator of the South Bay New Graduate RN Transition Program curriculum, as well as professor at San Jose State School of Nursing, one of the program partners.

The program, which is divided among four Bay Area regional collaboratives, provides a comprehensive training program for 250 specially-selected new graduate RNs, including a minimum of 16 hours per week of clinical experience coupled with eight hours per week of classroom instruction. It also provides transition nurses with simulation lab experiences, Web-based programs, college and continuing education credits and guest lectures.

A Smart Venture in Future Employee Engagement

One of the clinical sites for the New Graduate RN Transition Program is O'Connor Hospital, a San Jose community hospital. The program began there in June 2010 with four unemployed new graduate RNs who did their clinical time on a variety of units, including med/surg and telemetry. Its success became evident when one of the nurse participants left early to accept a position in another facility's ICU.

"I believe that the program helped her get a job because transition nurses go through a rigorous interview process and just getting into this program shows employers a very high level of dedication," says Debra Sun MSN, RN, FNP, a nurse educator at O'Connor Hospital.

Sun adds that ideally, O'Connor Hospital would have been in a position to hire the new nurse in-house. However, she believes the hospital's investment in the transition nurses is still a smart venture.

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will need more nurses and we will need them now," she says.

The remaining new nurses graduated from the program at the end of September 2010.

An Investment in Nursing Recruitment

Pulling together the resources needed to fund and staff a similar new graduate program may seem prohibitive during tight economic times. In fact, costs in the CINHC New Graduate RN Transition Program are about \$2,000 per participant. Major funding for the program was provided by a \$710,000 grant from the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation. O'Leary-Kelley points out that, "A program doesn't need to cost an arm and a leg, but it does need to be well planned, and it has to be a collaborative with academia and clinical providers."

The emphasis here is on partnerships. For instance, the New Graduate RN Transition Program partners with over 35 Bay Area nursing schools, health care facilities and other community organizations. The program, curriculum and classroom instructors are provided by local schools of nursing; specially-trained nurse preceptors are provided by the clinical sites, which are not obliged to hire the transition RNs.

"Clinical sites and schools and other community groups, such as the workforce investment boards, are providing either direct funds or in-kind work," says West. She adds that funding is also available for workforce programs for unemployed skilled workers through the US Department of Labor.

Another organization that is hailing the New Graduate RN Transition Program as successful is Santa Clara Valley Medical Center in San Jose.

"We get a bang for our buck with this program, because we have put nine RNs through the program who are now very desirable candidates for positions that are opening up here," says Lawrence M. Marsco, MSN, RN, and Santa Clara's Director of Nursing Professional Practice. "We have also given these nurses a great toolset to be successful that other new grads don't have."

Marsco adds that maintaining the program could potentially decrease the cost of nursing orientation of new graduate nurses in the future.

"In the long run this is something that could translate into cost savings for organizations," he says.

For more information about grant funding and developing a New Graduate RN Transition Program, contact Nikki West, project Manager of the California Institute for Nursing & Health Care at nikki@cinhc.org.

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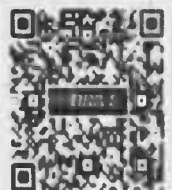
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PROPERTY ADDRESS: 6605 North Kostner Avenue PROPERTY P.I.N.: 10-34-324-041-0000 APPLICANT: Mark & Vera Knobel NATURE OF REQUEST: The petitioner seeks a variation to permit an addition to the rear of the existing home to exceed the maximum three feet finished first floor height...

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE - THE MORTON GROVE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS will hold a public hearing on Monday, June 16, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. in the Board of Trustees Chambers, Richard T. Flickinger Municipal Center, 6101 Capulina Avenue, Morton Grove, Illinois to consider the following cases:

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**
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Property Address: 6822 North Kenneth Avenue
Property P.I.N.: 10-34-124-035-0000
Applicant: Tom & Silvia Sajkovic
Nature of Request: The petitioner seeks variations from Section 3.13(11) to permit a 4-5 foot semi-private fence to be erected in the corner side yard and front yard.
At the public hearing, the Zoning Board of Appeals will accept all testimony and evidence pertaining to this application, and will consider any Zoning Ordinance actions or relief that may be necessary or convenient to allow development of the type described in this notice, including, without limitation, special use permits, variations, map or text amendments, or other special approvals. All persons in attendance at the hearing shall have an opportunity to be heard regarding this application.
Information concerning this application is available for inspection in the Community Development Department of the Lincolnwood Village Hall, 6900 North Lincoln Avenue, Lincolnwood, Illinois. This public hearing may be adjourned to another date by the Zoning Board of Appeals without further notice other than a notice entered upon the minutes of said meeting fixing the time and place of its reconvening. Persons having questions may call the Community Development Department at 847-673-7402.
Dated: May 23, 2014.
Village Clerk
Village of Lincolnwood
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Property Address: 6824 North Tripp Avenue
Property P.I.N.: 10-34-225-054-0000 and 10-34-225-027-0000
Applicant: Rivak & Nina Albazi
Nature of Request: The petitioner seeks a variation to permit an addition to the rear of the existing home to exceed the maximum three feet finished first floor height. The petitioner additionally seeks a variation to permit the addition/remodel to not comply with the Residential Design Standards relative to materials on the exterior walls.
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CASE PC 14-02
Request for a Text Amendments to Title 12, of Ordinance 07-07 (Village of Morton Grove Unified Development Code) to allow certain "de minimis" modifications to existing structures to be approved administratively rather than require a variance; such as expansions of non-conforming structures that do not expand or alter the non-conformance nature of that structure and meet all other dimensional controls; to allow for replacement of existing non-conforming fences if they meet established criteria and do not obstruct sight lines to ensure traffic/pedestrian safety.
The applicant is Village of Morton Grove, 6101 Capulina, Morton Grove, IL 60053.
5/29/2014 785756

Storage - Legal

LifeStorage of Wrigleyville will hold a public sale to enforce a lien imposed on said property, as described below, pursuant to the Illinois Self-Service Storage Facility Act, Illinois Code 770 ILCS 95/1 to 95/7, on Wednesday, June 11, 2014, at LifeStorage of Wrigleyville, 3323 West Addison Street, Chicago, Illinois, 60618. Management reserves the right to withdraw any unit, from sale. Registered or motor vehicles are sold "As Is / Parts Only" no titles or registration.
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Joseph Krueger 1226
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Anthony Montegna 2038
Mary E Stalzer 2042
Marquita M Harris 2068
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Tenant Name Unit #
James T. Jordan L19
Christine D. Sanders 113
Ashli Serrano 166
Wenark Wilbert 177
Laronda Kelley 189
Nicholas Kennedy 192
Jason Nahas 195
Debra L. Crestoni 224
Irene West 263
Jonathan Yancey 341
Merlene Tillis 361
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Henry Nishimoto 833
Trumaine Hardy 934
Henry Nishimoto 968
5/22, 5/29/14 #781536

Storage - Legal

LifeStorage of Montclare 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 95/7 on Wednesday June 11, 2014. Location: LifeStorage of Montclare, at 6603 W Diversey Ave. Chicago, Illinois 60707 (773)237-3030. Management reserves the right to withdraw any unit from the sale. The contents of the below spaces will be sold at a public sale for cash or credit card. If there is no market value or no bids received, the goods will be disposed.
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Tenant Name Unit Number
Pedro Martinez 00012
Victoria McGee C2154
Laura Horwitz C2161
Carolina Macias C2165
Yoanis Barzaga C2169
Sayisha Lloyd C2216
Marisol Felix D2131
Danielle Gullickson C2147
Catherine Ann Saldana C2182
Elias (Lily) Acevedo D1107
Luismar Tapia D1150
Yasmine Andrade D1161
Richard Jackson D1167
Adrian Santana D2116
Jairo Duran D2219
5/22, 5/29/14 #781160

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, June 10, 2014 at Life Storage Centers of the South Loop, 2381 S. State St. Chicago, IL 60616. Management reserves the right to withdraw any unit from sale. Registered or motor vehicles are sold "As Is / Parts Only," no titles or registration.
Tenant Name Unit #
Angel Strong 1088
Michelle Pitts 4028
Gail Hutson 4134
Dawn Daffin 146
David Gardner 4019
Shaun Gray 113
Francisco Collaso 4103
Laurence Matthews 215
Rhonda Stone 4101
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Carmen Marshall 2065
Wanda Lewis 5/22, 5/29/14 #780841

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Unit Tenant Name
555 Donnie Taylor
256 Jose Orjales
462 Julius A Campbel
174 Maria A Gandara
380 Wendy Kelly
384 Maria Pabon
456 Elizabeth Portillo-Montes
572 Dulce Alvarez
683 Nieves Salgado
733 Valerie Mayhew
715 Valerie Mayhew
764 Valerie Mayhew
398 Pamela D Chapman
376 Selena Easton
018 Emmanuel B Jones
278 Lillie S Jones
441 Niida Santiago
343 Angela Tucker
496 Tamesha Glass
117 Brittany Fenton
5/22, 5/29/14 #779945

Storage - Legal

Life Storage Centers of the Southwest Loop will hold a public sale to enforce a lien imposed on said property, as described below, pursuant to the Illinois Self-Service Storage Facility Act, Illinois Code 770 ILCS 95/1 to 95/7, on Tuesday June 10, 2014, at Life Storage Centers of the Southwest Loop, 601 W. Harrison St., Chicago, IL, 60607 (312) -360-1153. Management reserves the right to withdraw any unit from sale. Registered or motor vehicles are sold "As Is / Parts Only," no titles or registration.
Tenant Name Unit #
Margaret Fontano 145
Ashley Cox 347
Marilyn Miller 402
Quiana Patton 479
Vita Faulkner 577
Kenn Voogele 612
Freddie Arnett 624
Lisa Vessey 654
Gwen Woolridge 789
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5/29, 6/5/14 #778621

NOTICE OF AUCTION

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Tenant Name Unit #
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Joseph Alvarez 1266
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5/22, 5/29/14 781584

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5/22, 5/29/14 #781481

Notice of Auction

Life Storage Centers of River North will hold a public sale to enforce a lien imposed on said property, as described below, pursuant to the Illinois Self-Service Storage Facilities Act, Illinois Code 770 ILCS to 95/7, on June 10th, 2014, at Life Storage of River North, 333 West Ohio Street, Chicago, Illinois, 60654. Phone: 312-222-0136. Management reserves the right to withdraw any unit from sale. Registered or motor vehicles are sold "As Is / Parts Only." No titles or registration.
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Hallie VanStraaten 2025
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Cheryl Glenn 4067
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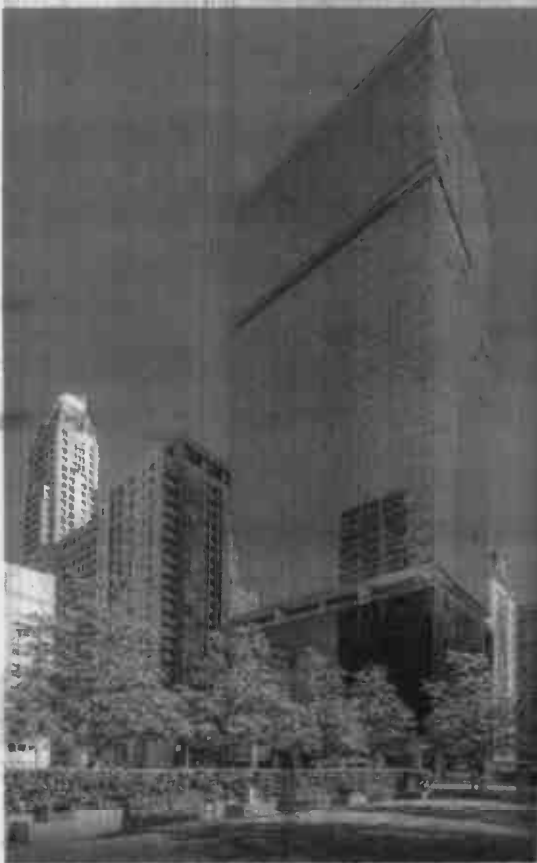
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Openbay.com is the brainchild of Rob Infantino who originally started the service for car owners in the Boston vicinity, before rolling out a national plan that's available in most states. Here's the way it works:

You go to the Openbay.com web site and type in the service your vehicle requires. There's also a cellphone app available for download from the Apple app store so you can use your mobile device to reach the web site. Infantino said 47 percent of all work is ordered via cellphone.

Openbay.com then relays your request to a group of shops and dealers in your local area. If a shop only services BMWs, for instance, it wouldn't receive a pro-

posal for another brand of car. Also, if a provider only handles tires and batteries, it wouldn't get proposals for replacing a catalytic converter.

Service providers submit bids on your job for you to review, sometimes in as little

as a few hours for less complicated jobs and up to a day for more involved work. Ultimately, you decide which shop offers you the best deal.

You then pay Openbay.com for the service with a credit card before driving your vehicle to the shop at an appointed time arranged online to have the work performed. You know in advance what the job will cost and there are no extras to pay for at the shop. The provider gets paid by Openbay.com, which deducts 13 percent as its fee for finding the customer and for paying the credit card company its charge for handling the transaction. Infantino said the average job handled is in the range of \$350 to \$375 currently.

"People come to us for serious repairs," he said. "We don't just do oil changes." He claims that customers can save big bucks using openbay.com — getting some jobs for half the going rate.

Openbay.com uses mostly independent shops; however some of the service providers are shops run by franchised new-car dealers. About five percent of the providers are mobile services who send vans to your home, or office, to do the work in your own driveway.

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Since its grand opening last fall, leases have reached a milestone of 70 percent, and those who act quickly can enjoy a summer just minutes from beautiful beaches and warm-weather fun.

Optima Chicago Center has a 95 percent walkability rating, and residents can stroll to world-class shopping and outdoor eateries on Michigan Avenue as well as the clubs, bistros and nightlife of adjacent River North. Also within walking distance of Oak Street Beach and the Chicago River Walk with its boat rides, water taxis and waterfront park land, Optima Chicago Center offers residents amenities both in the building and throughout the nearby area.

"Optima Chicago Center was designed for those who want to take advantage of all that downtown Chicago offers," said David Hovey, architect and owner of Optima, Inc., the developer. "This building appeals to sophisticated urbanites who are looking for contemporary architecture that raises space,

luxury and comfort to new standards."

Located at 200 E. Illinois Avenue, on the northeast corner of Illinois and St. Clair streets, Optima Chicago Center is just a block off the Magnificent Mile. The 42-story building was designed by Hovey and constructed by Optima, Inc., his development company, in a joint venture with DeBartolo Development.

The building offers some of Chicago's most panoramic views and overlooks the greenery of an island and a linear park. The building includes 325 luxury residences, 235 parking spaces, extensive recreational amenities, offices to rent, and pet-friendly floors.

"Due to the brisk pace of our leasing activity, we advise prospective residents to act quickly to make sure their preferred sizes, prices and locations are still available," said Eric Richards, vice president of Optima Real Estate, Inc. "Two- and three-bedroom residences have been very popular, as are the more plentiful one-bedroom and convertible units. Just two offices remain available for \$500 rental fee per month. This is the ideal time to lease."

The sunny residences have floor-to-ceiling windows and open, flexible floor plans. Several models are available for viewing. They include convertible units, priced from the \$2,400s monthly; a one-bedroom plan, priced from the \$2,700s monthly; two-bedroom plans from the \$3,600s monthly; and three-bedroom plans from the low \$5,000s. In addition, a three-bedroom penthouse is priced at \$10,719 monthly. Among the included features are kitchens with European-



Urban convenience: Optima Chicago Center is just off the Magnificent Mile and within walking distance of other Chicago attractions. Seventy percent of the building's residences are leased, and prospective renters should act soon to ensure their preferences in size, price and location. | SUPPLIED PHOTO

style wood cabinets, stainless-steel appliances, granite countertops and plenty of storage, bamboo floors, natural stone and neutral finishes.

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Clocktower Pointe to open for sales May 31

Hinsdale, Ill.-based Foxford Communities has announced the start of sales at Clocktower Pointe, a 108-unit luxury condominium development in Countryside, Ill.

The new-construction condominiums offer buyers two-bedroom homes with up to 2,267 square feet and luxury finishes. A grand opening on May 31 will include a tour of a newly decorated model home.

Located at the intersection of Joliet Road and Willow Springs Road, the development is just minutes from Interstates 55 and 294, providing easy access to the city and suburbs for commuters.

Clocktower Pointe was started in 2009 by another developer. After the first of six planned buildings was completed, work came to a halt because of the recession. Foxford purchased Clocktower Pointe in the fall of 2013 and began construction on a second building, which will be move-in ready this fall.

"Revitalizing stalled residential real estate projects is what we do," said Peter Brennan, president of Foxford Communities. "When we looked at Clocktower Pointe, we saw great potential. Not

only is it one of the only luxury condominium developments in the area, but it's also in one of the best locations in Countryside, with access to just about any type of shopping and restaurant a homeowner would enjoy."

The two-bedroom homes have two to 2½ baths, and select plans offer an option to include a third bedroom. Homes are priced from \$359,900 to \$550,000, with approximately 1,882 to 2,267 square feet.

With only four units to a floor, each building offers optimum privacy, and windows wrap around on two sides of each residence to let in natural light. All of the Clocktower Pointe condominiums provide a large, flexible and open living area that leads to oversized private outdoor balconies and/or terraces that range from 165 to 1,000 square feet, providing ample space for a full-sized grill and patio furniture.

Homes at Clocktower Pointe feature upscale, eat-in gourmet kitchens with quartz countertops, stainless-steel appliances and custom cabinets. Master suites feature a walk-in closet and master bath with a soaking tub,

walk-in shower and a quartz-topped double-bowl vanity. Residences also include a large laundry room complete with a full-capacity, side-by-side top-load washer and dryer.

"With only four plans per floor, and only two on the penthouse level, Clocktower Pointe offers homes so spacious that in some cases they rival single-family home sizes," said Brennan. "It's an ideal community for those looking to downsize from a home and enjoy maintenance-free living."

Additional standard features in Clocktower Pointe condominiums include nine-foot ceilings that create a spacious feel along with crown molding and hardwood floors in the kitchen, living and dining room areas. Each building also includes an elevator and a secured heated parking garage with extra storage space.

Clocktower Pointe is part of the Lyons Township High School district and is minutes away from shopping, dining, theaters and recreational activities. The complex is only 30 minutes away from downtown Chicago.

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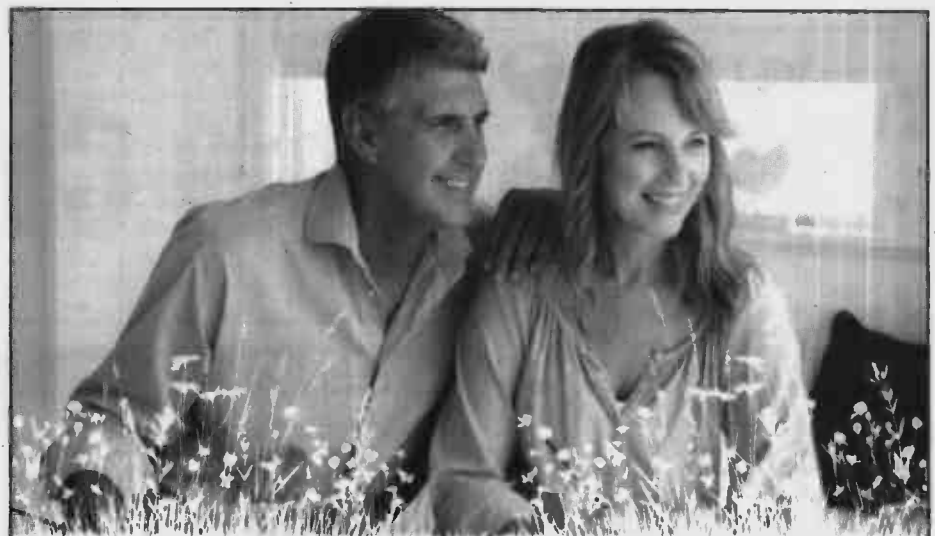


Upscale: Luxury condominiums at Clocktower Pointe in Countryside feature eat-in gourmet kitchens with quartz countertops, stainless-steel appliances and custom cabinets. Sales at the community begin May 31. | SUPPLIED PHOTO

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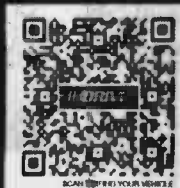


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Summer Concert Series, 7 p.m. Thursdays at Proesel Park, 6915 Kostner Ave., Lincolnwood. Concession stand will be open. Free admission; bring lawn chairs or blankets for seating. Visit www.recreation.lwd.org. **June 12:** Wind Gypsies (danceable guitar driven classic rock sprinkled with blues and classic country). **June 19:** Out of Control (high dance energy from the '80s and beyond). **June 26:** Saturday June Band (eclectic mix from the '60s through today). **July 10:** Skip Towne Productions (class blues, jazz, swing, ballads). **July 17:** Swing Express (swing classics, pop, Motown and R&B). **July 31:** The Paul Avers Band (country-influenced songs). **Aug. 7:** Ac•Rock (a cappella quartet, classic rock 'n' roll from the '50s forward). **Aug. 14:** Felix and Fingers (dueling pianos, all-request show).

MORTON GROVE

Tunes On Tuesday, 7 p.m. at Harrer Park Pavillion, 6250 Dempster St., (north end of the park) Morton Grove. Free admission. See www.mortongroveparks.com. **June 10:** The Flat Cats (jazz, blues, classics and standards). **June 17:** Epic (rock of the '80s and more). **June 24:** Billy Elton (Billy Joel & Elton John). **July 8:** Tropixplosion (Caribbean). **July 15:** Righteous Hillbillies (rock 'n' roll). **July 24:** Rockin' Fendershirts (special time 6:30 p.m., rock 'n' roll). **July 29:** Dupage (Motown, '70s to present).

NILES

Niles Park District hosts free family concerts at Oak Park, Lee and Ottawa streets, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Fridays. Food will be available for a nominal fee. Visit www.niles-parks.org. **July 11:** Penny Carnival Night featuring the music of the Associates (Motown variety). **July 18:** Vehicle Adventure Night with music by Soda (rock 'n' roll). **July 25:** Down Home Family Fun with music by the White Saddle Band (country). **Aug. 1:** Party in the Park with music by the StingRays (oldies). **Aug. 8:** The Juke Box Band (pop, classic rock, country). **Aug. 15:** BBI (hits of the '70s and '80s).

PARK RIDGE

Park Ridge Fine Arts Symphony, (50-piece orchestra) under the direction of Barbara Schubert, performs at 8 p.m. Fridays at Hodges Park, 101 Courtland Ave., Park Ridge. Free admission. Visit www.prfas.org. **June 20, June 27, July 11 and July 18.** On **July 25:** Brian Patti Big Band (donations requested for this concert).



The White Saddle Band

ROSEMONT

"Rockin' in the Park" free summer concert series, 7-9:45 p.m. Thursdays at MB Financial Park, 5501 Park Place, Rosemont, featuring food and beverage tents on the great lawn. Outside coolers cannot be brought into the park. Visit www.rosemont.com. **June 5:** Think Floyd (Pink Floyd Tribute Night). Fireworks show follows concert. **June 12:** Your Villian, My Hero (top Chicago club act). **June 19:** Slippery When Wet (Bon Jovi Tribute Night). Fireworks show follows concert. **June 26:** Rod Tuffcurls & Benchpress (top Chicago club act). **July 3:** Brother Trouble (patriotic night). Fireworks show follows concert. **July 10:** American English (Beatles Tribute). **July 17:** Johnny Russler & The Beach Bums Band (sand). Fireworks show follows concert. **July 24:** The New Invaders (ultimate '60s flashback show). **July 31:** Live The Who (the Who Tribute Night). Fireworks show follows concert. **Aug. 7:** Wedding Banned (top Chicago club act). **Aug. 14:** Kashmir (Led Zeppelin Tribute night). Fireworks show follows concert. **Aug. 21:** Maggie Speaks (Chicago's #1 dance band). **Aug. 28:** Pride of Lions (featuring Jim Peterik). Fireworks show follows concert.

SKOKIE

Skokie's Backlot Bash, Aug. 22-24 in a closed-off, two-block portion of Oakton Street, between Lincoln and Laramie avenues adjacent to Village Hall. Hours are 6-10 p.m. Friday; 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Saturday; noon-8 p.m. Sunday. The event features free live music, an amusement park/carnival, 5K run, silent movies at the Skokie Theatre, a classic auto show, a business expo and sidewalk sale, food and beer, pancake breakfast, Bingo, farmers market, dunk tank, fire hydrant auction, teen dance. Music lineup — **Aug. 22:** TBA, 6:45 p.m.; Spin Doctors, 8:30 p.m. **Aug. 23:** Lisa DeRosia, noon; Corned Beef Hash, 1 p.m.; Paulinho Garcia, 2 p.m.; Sanctified Grumblers, 3 p.m.; Patrick Donley, 4 p.m.; Foreign Shores, 5 p.m.; Funkadesi, 6:30 p.m.; The Original Wailers, 8:30 p.m. **Aug. 24:** Bailey Dee Trio, 1 p.m.; Grant Ziolkowski Duo, 2 p.m.; Tiny Miles Trio, 3 p.m.; Kevin Purcell and The Nighburners, 4:30 p.m.; Tributosaurus becomes The Doors, 6:15 p.m. Visit www.backlotbash.com.

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Artist reflects on 50 years of his changing face

An exhibit of Joe Steiner's work is on display at Chicago's ARC Gallery through June 21

BY MYRNA PETLICKI
For Sun-Times Media

Everywhere you look in Joe Steiner's home studio, you come face-to-face with the artist. That's because the Skokie resident is preparing for an upcoming exhibit, "Reflections: 50 Years of Self Portraits by Joe Steiner" at ARC Gallery in Chicago.

Viewing the many portraits is like taking a visual journey through the life of the 75-year-old artist. The hairstyles and fashion choices change, wrinkles are added, pounds come and go, but the intense gaze is present in every image.

"I like to see how I've changed over the years," Steiner said.

Steiner created his first self-portrait in 1965. "Then I became really interested in painting from life which I do exclusively now," he recalled. "Every time I couldn't get a model, I turned to the mirror and did my own." Steiner uses a special mirror that reflects his image exactly the way others see him, rather than reversed.

Steiner has over 80 portraits of himself but only 30 of them will fit in the gallery space.

Although Steiner's home studio is a repository for his huge collection of portraits of himself and others, he does most of his painting in a studio on Howard Street near Sheridan Road. That's also where he locates models.

"I have a sign out there: 'Help wanted. People to pose for artist,'" he explained. "I get calls every day."

Steiner has attempted still life and landscape paintings but it lacked interest for him. "I love the reflectiveness of skin," he said.

The artist isn't concerned about selling

'REFLECTIONS: 50 YEARS OF SELF PORTRAITS BY JOE STEINER'

Through June 21

ARC Gallery, 2156 N. Damen, Chicago

Opening reception is 6-9 p.m. Friday, May 30

Steinerpaintings.com; Arcgallery.org

his paintings. "It's more about the process of painting than about selling," he declared.

Steiner's wife and biggest fan Leslie, agreed, noting, "To me, my husband is a true artist. He paints because he has to."

"I have to paint three or four hours a day," Steiner added. "It's nice to be productive when you're 75."

Steiner, who grew up in Chicago, has been painting since childhood. He took one class at the Art Institute of Chicago but is primarily self-taught. He earned teaching credentials but, despite having limited art training, taught art in the Chicago Public Schools for many years. Later he earned his living in real estate:

From 1970-1979 he owned a gallery and art school in Lincolnwood. He has also taught art at Oakton Community College and at Cook County Jail.

He enjoys teaching art because, "I like to bring people into painting because it has given me so much joy that I want to give it to other people."

Many people might find it frightening to have a constant reminder of how they've changed through the years staring them in the face, but Steiner isn't one of them. "It brings me back," he said. "There's a history about every one of them."

FAMILY FRIENDLY



Kids can meet with some of their favorite book characters, including Bad Kitty and Clifford, at the Skokie Public Library's Summer Reading Kickoff Day on June 1.

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Summer reading means fun for everyone

BY MYRNA PETLICKI
For Sun-Times Media

Four hours of fun awaits families at Skokie Public Library's Summer Reading Kickoff Day, 1-5 p.m. Sunday, June 1 on the Village Green, 5215 Oakton St.

First up, at 1 p.m., is a Junior Jazzercise class for kids led by Skokie Jazzercise. Registration is required.

"At 2 o'clock, we have two children's book characters, Bad Kitty and Clifford. Kids can get their photos taken with them," said Linda Sawyer, assistant manager of Youth Services. "We'll also have bubble fun, chalk drawing and other outside games."

At 3 p.m., there will be a giant outdoor dance party with Skokie's Kaleidoscope Dance. Then at 4 p.m., Brian Wismer will lead team games for kids and adults.

All suburban residents can participate in the Summer Reading Club. Skokie residents receive a Summer Reading T-shirt upon completion; non-resident members can participate in periodic prize drawings.

For details, call (847) 673-7774 or go to www.skokieliibrary.info.

ONE PLUS ONE FOR FUN

You can count on having a good time with your 3-to-5-year-old at a Mathematics Tea Party, 2-3 p.m. Sunday, June 1 at the Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave. There will be songs, stories and activities, all

related to numbers. Registration is required.

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

WHAT AN APPETITE!

It's the 45th anniversary of Eric Carle's "The Very Hungry Caterpillar" and that critter's appetite hasn't diminished one bit. Celebrate 11 a.m. Wednesday, June 4 at Barnes & Noble, 55 Old Orchard Center, Skokie.

For details, call (847) 676-2230 or go to www.barnesandnoble.com.

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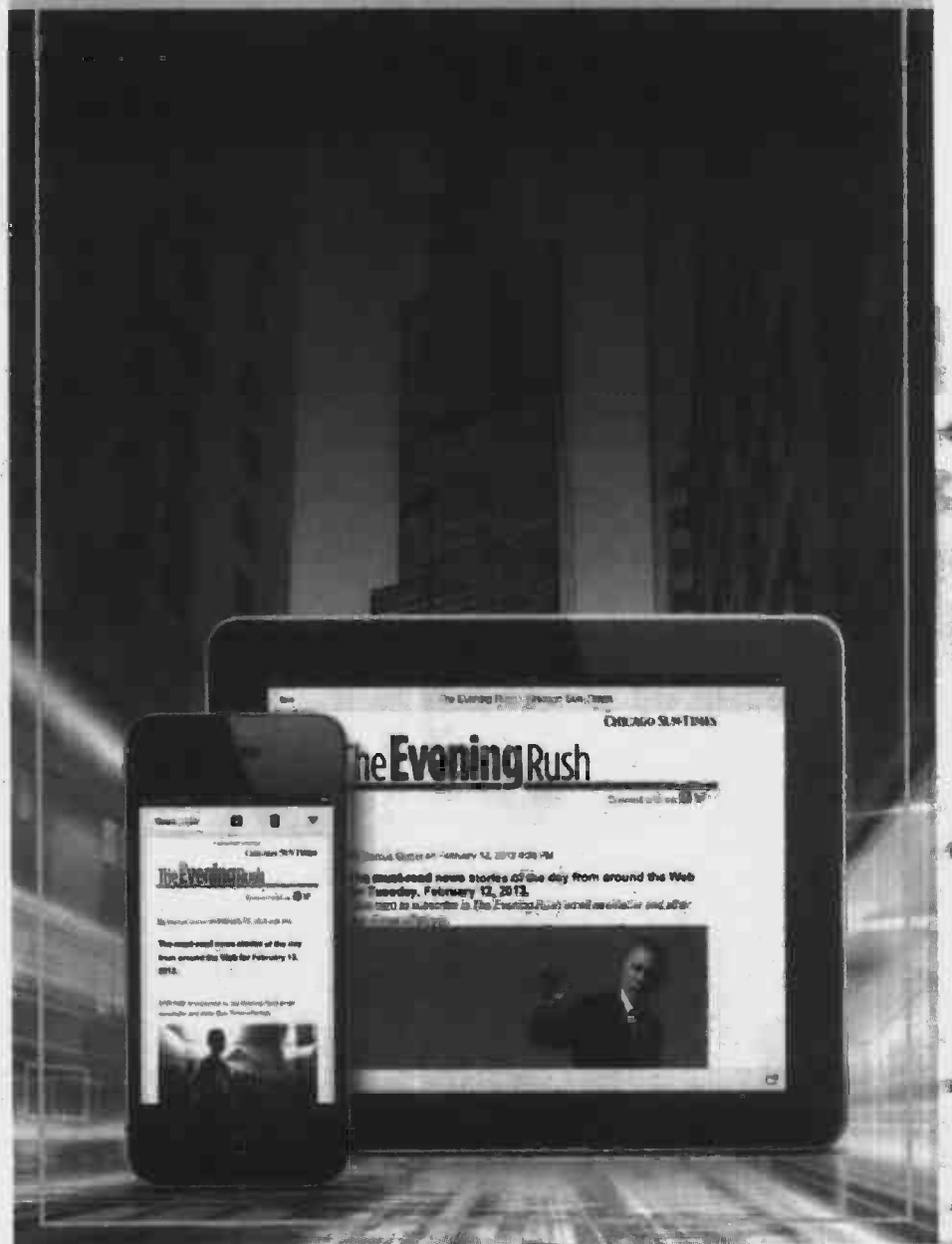
Anna must locate her sister or their kingdom will have eternal winter in "Frozen." The PG-rated film will be shown at 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Monday, June 2 at Eisenhower Public Library, 4613 N. Oketo Ave., Harwood Heights. Audience members are encouraged to sing along. Popcorn will be served.

For details, call (708) 867-7828 or go to eisenhowerlibrary.org.

LOOM AT THE STOP

You can do more than check out reading material when the Skokie Public Library's Bookmobile stops at Central Park Ave. and Lyons St., 4-5:30 p.m. Friday, June 6. Kids in grades K-8 can make Rainbow Loom bracelets. Materials will be provided but children are encouraged to bring a loom if they have one. No registration required.

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



III FOOD

Forbidden take on a healthy rice pudding

BY SARA MOULTON
Associated Press

There's nothing like comforting, traditional rice pudding. Or maybe not so traditional. Classic rice puddings are made from plain white rice. The grains are very tender, the flavor is kind of bland, and the color is white. In my recipe, which is made using black forbidden rice, the grains are slightly chewy, the flavor is slightly nutty, and the color is deep purple.

Once upon a time forbidden rice was said to be literally forbidden. First cultivated in China, forbidden rice was so rare — and so nutritious — no one was allowed to eat it except for the emperor. Today, forbidden rice is considered a delicious and healthy whole grain we can all enjoy.

Like brown rice, forbidden rice is unpolished; the hull of the grain, a rich source of insoluble fiber, is left intact. It's also a good source of iron and vitamin E, and a great source of the same antioxidants that put the blue in blueberries. I was first introduced to forbidden rice six years ago, when it was still rare. Thankfully, these days it's readily available at most grocers.



Crystallized ginger makes a great topping for forbidden rice pudding. IAP PHOTO

In this recipe, the rice is cooked until tender, then combined with whole milk, sugar, cinnamon, eggs and vanilla. The whole milk — replacing the more traditional (and more caloric) heavy cream — does a great job of delivering the desired silkiness. The cinnamon stick and vanilla — which deliver big flavor — are the most important ingredients next to the rice. If you've been waiting for an occasion to use that extra-special Sri Lankan cinnamon or Tahitian vanilla you received as Christmas gifts, now's the time to pull them off the shelf.

Making this recipe is pretty near a snap. It shouldn't require more than 15 minutes of your undivided attention. The rest of the time it'll just simmer away on its own. Unlike brown rice, forbidden rice cooks up in a relatively speedy 30 minutes. You will, however, need to pay close attention when you add the eggs, making sure they don't get so hot that they scramble.

Finally, I'd like to encourage you to top it all off with some crystallized ginger, as suggested. It was one of my mom's favorite little treats and it provides the perfect finishing touch of chewy, spicy contrast to the creamy pudding.



Forbidden rice pudding is easy to make and is a tasty option for dessert. The dish uses forbidden rice, which has a slightly nutty flavor and gives the pudding its purple color. IAP PHOTO

FORBIDDEN RICE PUDDING

Start to finish: 3 hours 25 minutes (15 minutes active)

Servings: 4

1/2 cup forbidden rice (Chinese black rice)
1 cup water
2 1/2 cups whole milk, divided
3 tablespoons sugar
1 large cinnamon stick
Salt
2 large eggs
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1/4 cup chopped crystallized ginger, to garnish (optional)

In a small saucepan over medium-high heat, combine the rice and water. Bring to a boil, then reduce the heat

to a simmer. Cook, covered, for 30 minutes. Let stand for a few minutes, then pour through a mesh strainer to discard any excess water. Return the rice to the pot over medium-high heat. Add 2 cups of the milk, the sugar, the cinnamon stick and a hefty pinch of salt. Bring to a boil, then reduce the heat to simmer and cook, uncovered and stirring occasionally, for 40 minutes.

In a small bowl, beat the eggs with the remaining 1/2 cup milk. Whisk in a large spoonful of the hot rice mixture. Add the egg mixture to the rice and cook over medium-low heat, stirring constantly, until the custard coats the back of a spoon, 4 to 5 minutes. Do not let the

rice pudding boil or the eggs will scramble.

Remove the saucepan from the heat, stir in the vanilla and transfer the rice pudding to a bowl. Cover the pudding and chill until cold, at least 2 hours. The pudding will thicken as it chills. To serve, discard the cinnamon stick and divide the rice pudding among 4 bowls. Top each portion with some of the ginger.

Nutrition information per serving: 280 calories; 70 calories from fat (25 percent of total calories); 8 g fat (3.5 g saturated; 0 g trans fat's); 105 mg cholesterol; 42 g carbohydrate; 0 g fiber; 17 g sugar; 10 g protein; 160 mg sodium

GO CALENDAR
BY AGGREGO NEWS SERVICE

THURSDAY, MAY 29

Bakers Square Lunch and Take-Home Pie

11:30 a.m.: Enjoy an afternoon of friends, lunch and baking. After lunch guests can make a mini pie to take home. For ages 18 and older. Norridge Park, 4631 N. Overhill Ave., Norridge. Call 708-457-1244. \$15-\$17.

Classic Film Series: 'Seven Brides for Seven Brothers'

1 p.m.: A screening of the 1954 comedy about a man who brings his wife to the farm to meet his family and inspires his six brothers to also get married. 102 minutes. Eisenhower Public Library, 4613 N. Oketo Ave., Harwood Heights.

Movie: 'Saving Mr. Banks'

6:30 p.m.: A screening of the 2013 drama about author P.L. Travers and Walt Disney's mission to adapt her Mary Poppins books into a movie. 125 minutes. Skokie Public Library, 5215 Oakton St., Skokie.

Classic Film Series: 'Theodora Goes Wild'

7 p.m.: Watch the rediscovered 1936 film about the author of a racy best-selling book who tries to hide her celebrity from her small-town neighbors. Stars Irene Dunne, Melvyn Douglas and Thomas Mitchell. 94 minutes. Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge. Call 847-825-3123.

Laura Freeman-Sentimental Journey: The Music of Doris Day

8 p.m.: Chicago cabaret favorite Laura Freeman hosts a celebration of the music of Doris Day. Having recorded over 600 songs, Day is known for such hits as Sentimental Journey, Secret Love and Everybody Loves a Lover. Doris was not just a pretty voice and a pratfall. She represents the spirit of us all, at various times in history. Join the theater in celebrating Day. With music director Beckie Menzie. Skokie Theatre, 7924 Lincoln Ave., Skokie. \$20.

Spencer James

8 p.m.: The comedian incorporates music and dance into his standup performance. Must be 21 or over. \$22 and a minimum purchase of two food or drink items. Additional performances Friday and Saturday at 10:30 p.m. Zanies Comedy Night Club Rosemont, 5437 Park Place, Rosemont.

FRIDAY, MAY 30

Movie: 'Closed Circuit'

1:30 p.m.: A screening of the 2013 crime drama about the defense team of a high-profile terrorism case. 96 minutes. Skokie Public Library, 5215 Oakton St., Skokie.

Home Cheesemaking

2 p.m.: Learn how to make soft lemon-herb cheese from owner and founder of Green Thumb at Your Service Mark Lyons. Mather's, 3235 N. Central Ave., Chicago. Call 773-205-3300. \$5 suggested donation.

Make Your Own Zine

3:30 p.m.: The group meets monthly to edit and publish a mini magazine. Eisenhower Public Library, 4613 N. Oketo Ave., Harwood Heights.

Shabbat Dinner

6:30 p.m.: Followed by Shabbat service. Ezra-Habonim Niles Township Jewish Congregation, 4500 Dempster St., Skokie.

SATURDAY, MAY 31

All-You-Can-Eat Pancakes

Noon: Mather's, 7134 W. Higgins Ave., Chicago. Call 773-774-4804.

Digital Craft Time: Green Screen for Photography

1 p.m.: Learn about green screens. For kids in fourth to eighth grade. Registration required. Additional program at 2 p.m. Skokie Public Library, 5215 Oakton St., Skokie.

Gnome, Elf and Fairy Festival

1 p.m.: Dress up as an elf, gnome or fairy, and bring the family to enjoy an afternoon of outdoor magic. The event includes themed story times, crafts and keepsakes. For ages 2 to 10 with an adult. Wildwood Nature Center, 529 Forestview Ave., Park Ridge. Call 847-692-5127.

Origami Workshop

2 p.m.: Discover how Japanese art influenced Frank Lloyd Wright's architecture, and learn basic folds and designs in origami to make figures inspired by architecture. For students in grades four to six. Call to register. Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove. Call 847-929-5102.

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The Moth StorySLAM

6 p.m.: Storytellers are invited to share five-minute anecdotes with the audience, which votes for its favorite. Martyrs', 3855 N. Lincoln Ave., Chicago. \$8.

Infrasound Chicago Pre-Party

9 p.m.: The festival pre-party includes performances by Ganja White Night, Grimblee, sMILoDon, Bommer and more. For ages 21 and older. Abbey Pub, 3420 W. Grace St., Chicago. Call 773-478-4408. \$10-\$15.

The SAFES

9:30 p.m.: The rock band performs, along with Penthouse Sweets, The Phenoms and The Red Plastic Buddha. Must be 21 or over. Martyrs', 3855 N. Lincoln Ave., Chicago. \$8.

SUNDAY, JUNE 1

'Woofstock'

11 a.m.: Dogs and owners can enjoy a puppy skills competition, food, activities and more. All dogs must be on a leash during the event. Pooch Park, 3220 Oakton St., Skokie. Call 847-674-1500.

Niles Garden Club: Creating Summer Containers

1 p.m.: Learn tricks to creating containers, while decorating the library entrance and lower level window well with seasonal arrangements in this hands-on outdoor workshop. Bring garden gloves and a small spade. Dress for the weather. Niles Public Library District, 6960 W. Oakton St., Niles. Call 847-663-1234.

Dance Center Evanston Recital

1 p.m.: The dance company celebrates its 20th anniversary with performances by its ballet, jazz, tap, modern and hip-hop students. Tickets required.

Visit www.dancecenterevanston.com for more information. Additional performances Saturday at 6:30 p.m. and Sunday at 3:30 and 6:30 p.m. North Shore Center for the Performing Arts in Skokie, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie. \$13.50-\$15.50.

Silver Screen Series: 'Hell's Angels'

2 p.m.: Two buddies take on World War I flying aces and a seductive blonde. The 1930 film runs two hours and stars Ben Lyon, James Hall and Jean Harlow. 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.

Family Workshop: Photography Fun

3 p.m.: We take photos nearly every day, but how does a camera lens work? And how can we use photography to produce remarkable images that showcase imagination, passion and talent? Join Chicago photographer Matthew Austin to explore photography as a means of storytelling by making your own pinhole camera and composing fleeting images throughout the museum's stunning indoor and outdoor spaces. Recommended for ages 8 to 14 with an adult. Reservations required; email education@ilhmec.org. Illinois Holocaust Museum, 9603 Woods Drive, Skokie.

The Skokie Concert Choirs' 2014 Spring Choral Concert

3 p.m.: Join the Skokie Concert Choir for a Sunday afternoon of beautiful choral music. Candice Crane is the esteemed choral director and Adrian Metzger is the talented accompanist. The musical selections range from Lionel Bart's "Oliver" to Johann Brahms' "May Night." The Skokie Concert Choir is a non-audition choir open to those who love to sing. The next season will begin in August. Ezra-Habonim Niles Township Jewish Congregation, 4500 Dempster St., Skokie. Call 847-675-7463. \$10 Adults; \$4 children.

Concert for Ken Bartoz

3 p.m.: The Glenview Concert Band, a community band sponsored by the Glenview Park District, presents a special concert, "Remembering Ken Bartoz." This concert celebrates the beloved director of 25 years and will include

members of the Deerfield Community Concert Band and Sunset Ridge Jr. High Band. See www.glenviewband.org for more information. Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, 1775 Grove St, Glenview.

Mahler's 2nd

3:30 p.m.: Lake Shore Symphony Orchestra performs its season finale, featuring Symphony No. 2 by Gustav Mahler. Northside College Preparatory High School, 5501 N. Kedzie Ave., Chicago. Call 312-409-5670. \$10-\$20.

MONDAY, JUNE 2

World Film: 'Offside'

7 p.m.: A screening of the 2006 Iranian film about a group of girls who try to sneak into the World Cup qualifying match between Iran and Bahrain despite being banned from the stadium because of their gender. 92 minutes. Skokie Public Library, 5215 Oakton St., Skokie.

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, JUNE 3

Film: 'War Horse'

11:30 a.m.: The film follows the extraordinary journey of a horse named Joey, as he moves through World War I, changing and inspiring the lives of British cavalry, German soldiers, a French farmer and his granddaughter. The cast includes Benedict Cumberbatch, David Thewlis, Emily Watson and Peter Mullan. 146 minutes. Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove. Call 847-965-4220.

'The Tuesday Ten' Showcase

8 p.m.: A mix of 10 headliners, including rising stars and surprise guests, perform stand-up. \$10 and the purchase of at least two food or drink items. Zanies Comedy Night Club Rosemont, 5437 Park Place, Rosemont. Call 847-813-0484.

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GO CALENDAR**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4****Kids Concert With Little Miss Ann**

10 a.m.: Enjoy the groovy tunes of Little Miss Ann, a veteran teacher from the Old Town School of Folk Music, and her special guest Carolyn on violin. Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge. Call 847-825-3123. \$3.

Young Rembrandts Drawing Classes

4 p.m.: Children can learn how to draw scenes, characters, figures, portraits and still lifes through different forms of media. Preschool drawing for ages 3 to 5 begins at 4 p.m., elementary drawing for ages 6 to 12 begins at 5 p.m. and cartoon drawing for ages 6 to 13 begins at 6:15 p.m. Wednesdays through June 25. Norridge Park District, 4631 N. Overhill Ave., Norridge. Call 708-457-1244. \$37-\$57.

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.

THURSDAY, JUNE 5**'Les Miserables'**

10:45 a.m.: The Norridge Park District Adult Recreation Club hosts a trip to Drury Lane Theater for the production of "Les Miserables" and lunch. Registration ended May 10. For ages 18 and older. The group departs and returns to the Divine Savior parking lot. Catholic Community of Divine Savior, 7740 W. Montrose Ave., Norridge. Call 708-457-1244. \$65-\$75.

FRIDAY, JUNE 6**Dinner Theater: Introducing Edizon Dayao**

4:30 p.m.: Enjoy dinner and a performance by vocalist and keyboardist at this BYOB event. Mather's, 7134 W. Higgins Ave., Chicago. Call 773-774-4804. \$16-\$28.

SATURDAY, JUNE 7**Amr Diab**

7 p.m.: The Egyptian singer, who is known as the "Father of Mediterranean Music," performs. Rosemont Theatre, 5400 N. River Road, Rosemont. \$29-\$300.

SUNDAY, JUNE 8**Graduation Breakfast**

8:30 a.m.: Graduates and their families are invited for breakfast and a recognition of their accomplishments. All level graduates are invited. Contact the PRPC office to register. Park Ridge Presbyterian Church, 1300 W. Crescent Ave., Park Ridge. Call 847-823-4135.

Greater Chicago Jewish Festival

11 a.m.: Peter Himmelman will headline this year's Greater Chicago Jewish Festival. The festival is truly the heart and soul of Jewish Chicago. In the event of rain, the festival will be held at Niles West High School. St. Paul Woods, 6500 W. Oakton St., Morton Grove. Call 847-933-3000. \$5 suggested donation; children and seniors free.

Book & Author: Isaac Levindel

1:30 p.m.: Six years of research

contributed to "Hunting Down the Jews: Vichy, Nazis and Mafia Collaborators in Provence 1942-1944," Isaac Levindel's penetrating analysis of Nazi and Vichy anti-semitic policy. A book signing will follow. Reservations required; email reservations@ilhmc.org. Illinois Holocaust Museum, 9603 Woods Drive, Skokie.

Concert: American History Through Folk Song

2 p.m.: Two accomplished musicians, Pat Gaughan and LJ Slavin, tell the story of our American heritage starting with songs of the Revolutionary War and traveling through time to the post-Civil War era. They will perform love songs, songs of Irish immigrants, and music with African American and Hispanic roots. Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove. Call 847-965-4220.

MONDAY, JUNE 9**Art in the City**

1 p.m.: Mary Petty, from the Art Institute of Chicago, leads a presentation and discussion about great art and great American cities. Mather's, 7134 W. Higgins Ave., Chicago. Call 773-774-4804.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11**Flower Arranging**

2 p.m.: Robert Neri, from Robert's Floral Design Studio, teaches participants how to make a seasonal flower arrangement. Payment required in advance. All supplies included. Mather's, 7134 W. Higgins Ave., Chicago. Call 773-774-4804. \$15 suggested donation.

FRIDAY, JUNE 13**Dinner Theater: Broadway at Mather's**

4:30 p.m.: The BYOB evening includes dinner and a live guitar and vocal performance by Stu Frank. Mather's, 7134 W. Higgins Ave., Chicago. Call 773-774-4804. \$16-\$18.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18**Critic's Choice: 'The Color Purple' by Alice Walker**

1 p.m.: The group joins to watch the film version of the book read during the month, followed by a discussion comparing the book and the film. Mather's, 7134 W. Higgins Ave., Chicago. Call 773-774-4804.

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Stars: Romaine Duris, Audrey Tautou, Cecile De France

A French novelist (Duris) relocates to New York after the mother of his children (Tautou) moves there with them. The third in a series of romantic comedies written and directed by Cedric Klapisch.

MALEFICENT

Rated PG for sequences of fantasy action and violence, including frightening images

Stars: Angelina Jolie, Elle Fanning, Sharlto Copley, Sam Riley

After placing a sleeping curse on an infant princess, a vindictive fairy (Jolie) realizes the girl is the only one who can restore peace in her kingdom. Oscar-winning visual effects artist Robert Stromberg makes his directorial debut with the action fantasy.

A MILLION WAYS TO DIE IN THE WEST

Rated R for strong crude and sexual content, language throughout, some violence and drug material

Stars: Seth MacFarlane, Charlize Theron, Liam Neeson, Neil Patrick Harris, Sarah Silverman

A cowardly farmer (MacFarlane) in the Old West is forced to confront a gunfighter (Neeson) after falling in love with his wife (Theron). MacFarlane ("Ted") co-wrote and directed the comedy.

STILL PLAYING

BLENDED

★ ★ 1/2

Rated PG-13 for crude and sexual content

Stars: Adam Sandler, Drew Barrymore

The mere fact that it isn't "Grownups 3" is reason enough to view the latest Adam Sandler comedy as an improvement, but it also helps that Drew Barrymore is part of the mix. Barrymore has a way of bringing out the best in Sandler. She did it in 1998's "The Wedding Singer" and 10 years ago in "50 First Dates." And she does it here as single mom with two boys forced to share a family vacation with widower Sandler and his three girls. Still, every time "Blended" starts to achieve a little sophistication it quickly devolves to dumb default mode.

THE IMMIGRANT

Rated R for sexual content, nudity and some language

Stars: Marion Cotillard, Joaquin Phoenix, Jeremy Renner

After immigrating to America in the

1920s, a woman (Cotillard) falls victim to a charming pimp (Phoenix) before falling in love with a stage magician (Renner). James Gray co-wrote and directed the drama.

X-MEN: DAYS OF FUTURE PAST

★ ★ ★

Rated PG-13 for sequences of intense sci-fi violence and action, some suggestive material, nudity and language

Stars: Hugh Jackman, Patrick Stewart, Ian McKellen, Jennifer Lawrence

The superhero action is as mega-spectacular as you might expect and quite nicely handled by director Bryan Singer, returning to the franchise after 10 years. But the greatest entertainment comes from the 1970s setting, where Wolverine (Jackman) has traveled to prevent an assassination that messes up the future for man and mutant alike — think lava lamps, water beds and hairstyles that make Wolverine look right at home. As a bonus, there's also a satisfying emotional component as the aging professor Xavier (Stewart) helps his younger self (James McAvoy) make some difficult choices.

CHEF

★ ★ ★ 1/2

Rated R for language, including some suggestive references

Stars: Jon Favreau, John Leguizamo, Scarlett Johansson, Dustin Hoffman

After hit-and-miss results in big budget land, (hits including "Elf" and the first two "Iron Man" movies, misses such as "Cowboys and Aliens" and "Zathura"), writer/director Jon Favreau returns to his roots with this small-scale, artistically nourishing charmer. And you can almost sense his relief to be making a movie entirely devoid of special effects. Favreau also stars as an upscale LA chef who takes advantage of career disaster to start over with a food truck — rediscovering what he loved about cooking in the first place. And reconnecting with the people he loves.

FOR NO GOOD REASON

★ ★ ★

Rated R for language, some drug content and brief sexual images

Stars: Johnny Depp, Ralph Steadman

Apparently 15 years in the making, this working portrait of artist and illustrator Ralph Steadman is both welcome and long overdue. It's just a shame it doesn't include a little more personal revelation — or a little less unquestioning admiration. Depp, a buddy of gonzo journalist Hunter S. Thompson, whose work provided the greatest outlet for Steadman's savage vision, offers little but star-power and mumbled appreciation as the kindly, soft-spoken artist creates new pieces from scratch. But the work speaks vividly for itself.

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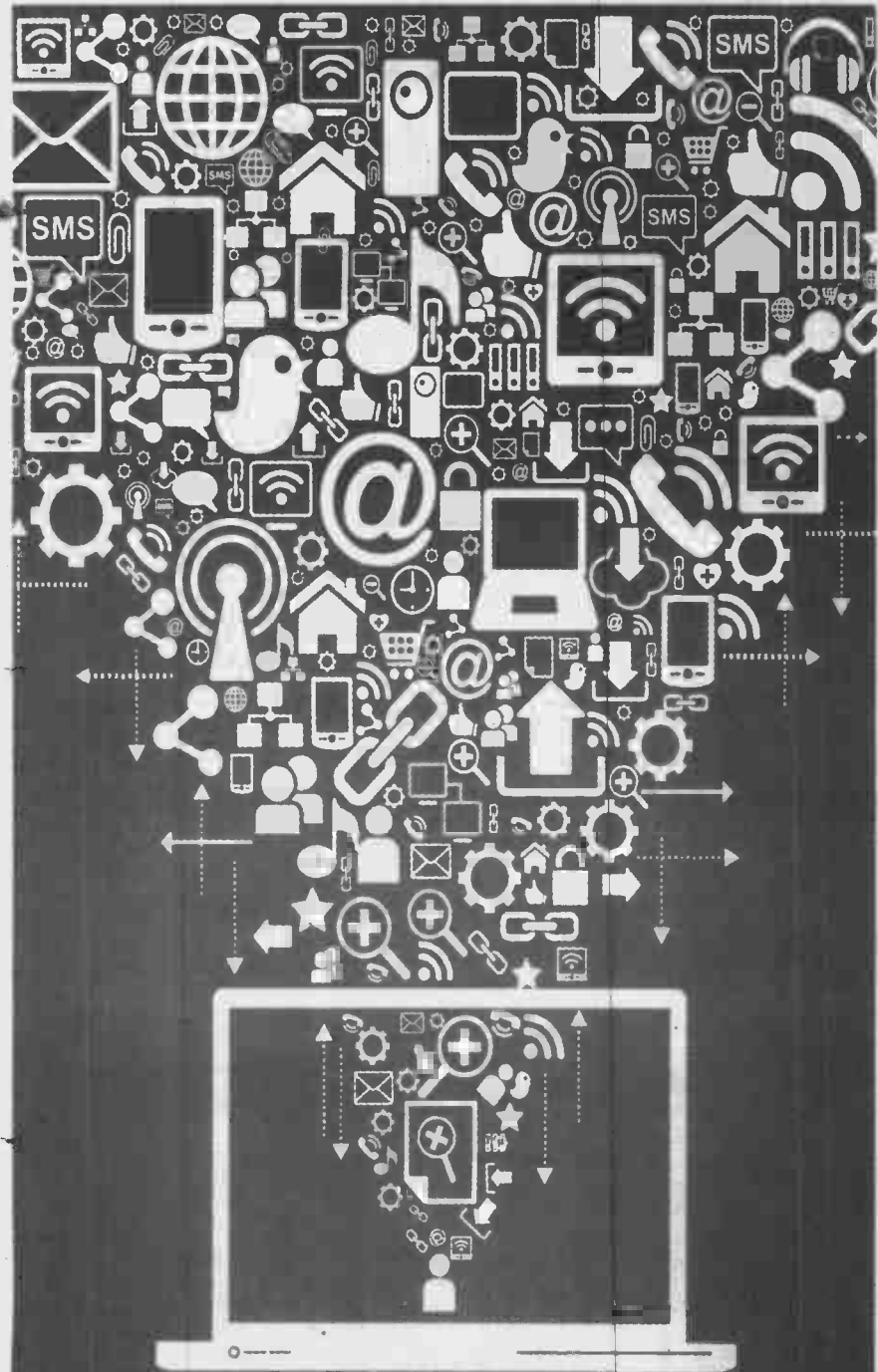


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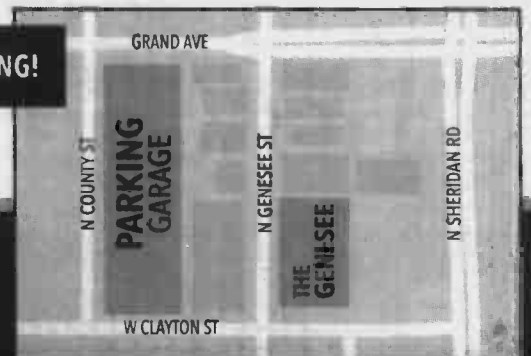
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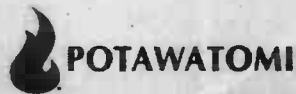
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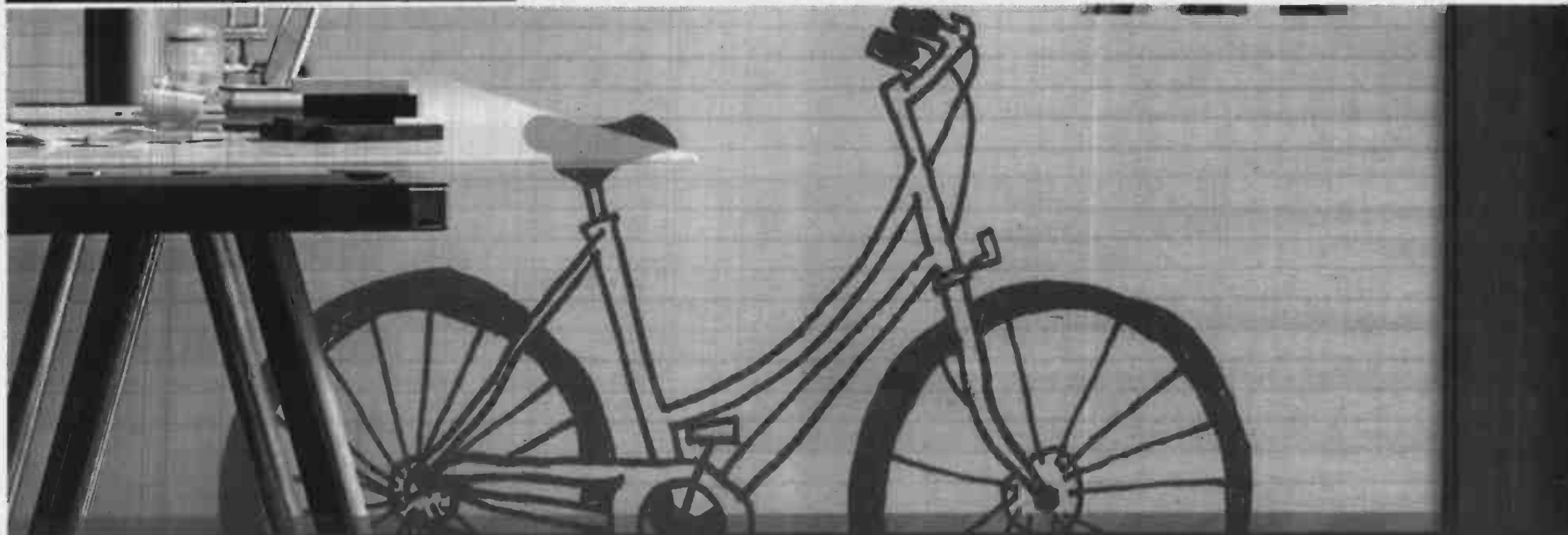


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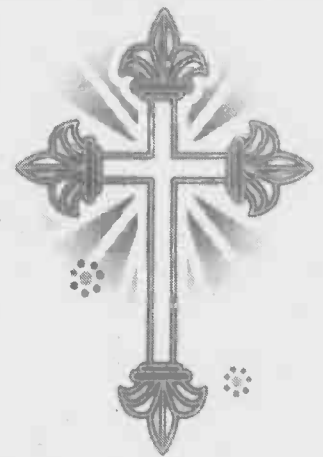
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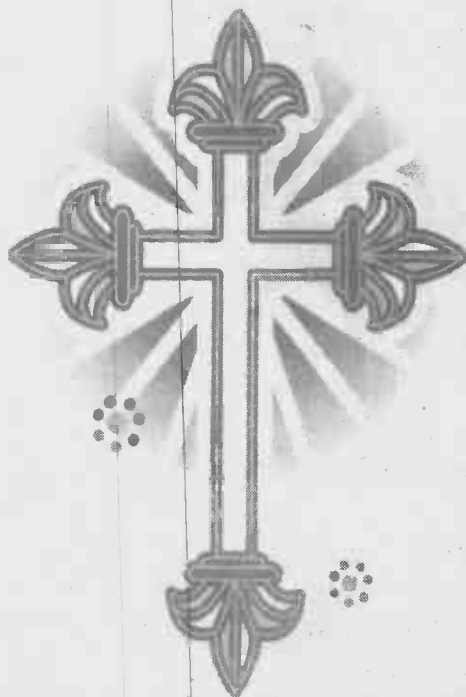
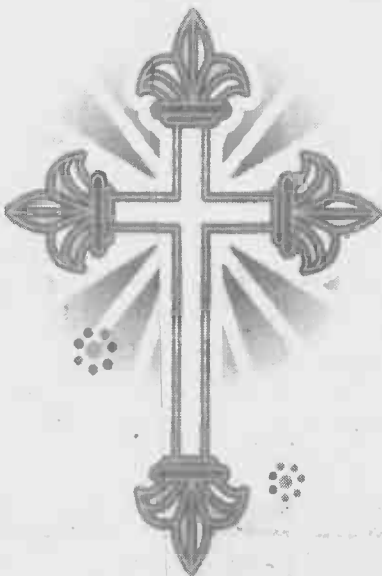
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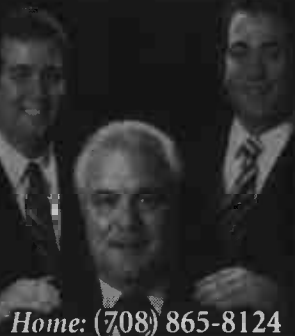


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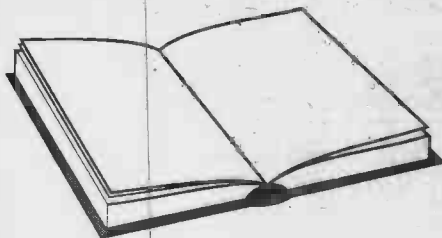
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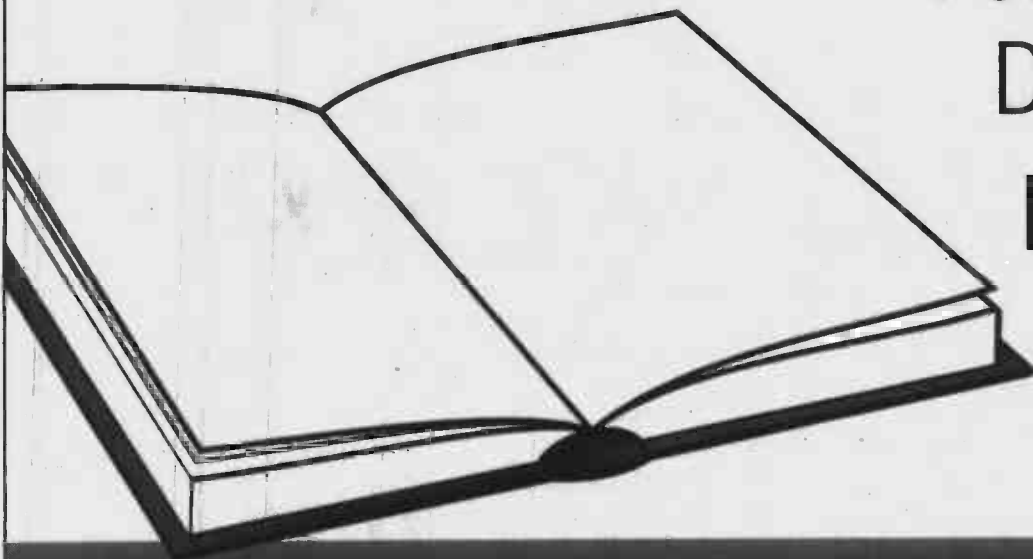
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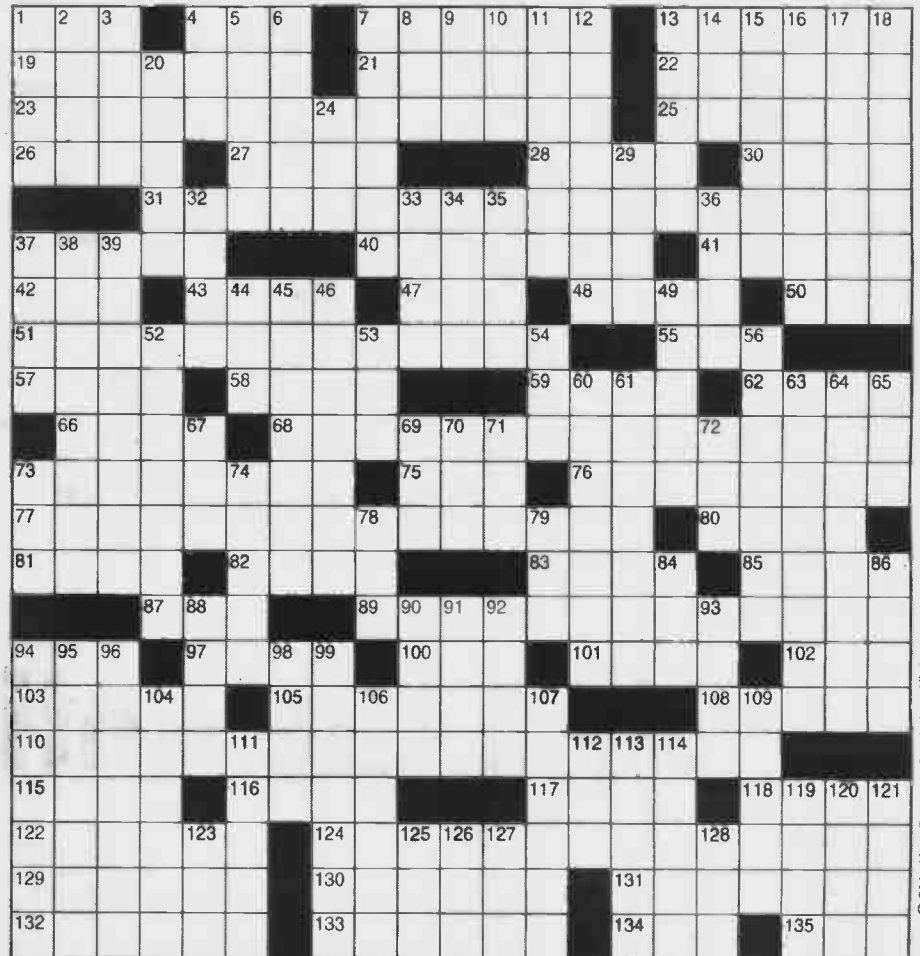
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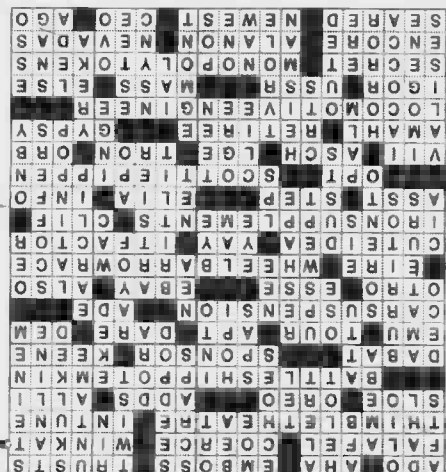
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||| PUZZLE ANSWERS



||| HOROSCOPES: JUNE 4 — JUNE 10

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Try using that Aries charm to warm up the usual set of workplace naysayers, and then back it up with a solid block of facts and figures to sell your idea.



TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) While nothing can deter a determined Bovine from following a course you believe in, it helps to have some supporting data and statements.



GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Take advantage of new information that could help make your career transition easier. The weekend is a good time to re-establish relationships.



CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Personal matters demand your attention as once-stable situations begin to shift. Quick action to shore things up is called for in order to avoid more problems.



LEO (July 23 to August 22) Although your financial picture begins to brighten, "thrift" and "caution" are still the watchwords to live by. Expect news about a family matter.



VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Before you try to blame a colleague for a workplace problem, make sure you have the proof to back you up. Some quiet inquiries on your own will help.



LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Trying to cheer up a depressed friend or downcast family member can be difficult. But keep at it, and your efforts should soon pay off.



SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Taking a new look at an old recurring problem might lead you to consider making some surprising changes in the way you had been handling it.



SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Despite what the naysayers might say, setting your sights on a new goal could be one of the smartest things you have done in a long time.



CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Rebuilding an unraveling relationship won't be easy. But you can do it, if you really want to. Just remember to keep the lines of communication open.



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My 1999 Mazda Millenia

By Diane Griffin of Chicago



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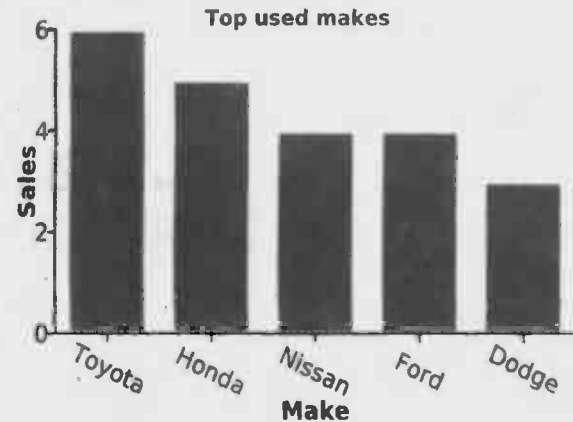
Used cars 60 percent of sales

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In the month of March, Niles residents chose Toyota more often than any other make when purchasing pre-owned vehicles and opted for Nissan above all other makes when buying new.

All told, new car sales accounted for 40 percent of overall auto sales to residents of Niles, totaling 29 of the 72 overall auto sales in the month. Following Nissan as the most popular brands bought new by residents in March were Hyundai and Toyota. Residents of Niles bought nine new Nissan vehicles in the month, and they also purchased four new Hyundai cars and three new Toyota vehicles.

Used car sales brought in 60 percent of overall auto sales, bringing in 43 of the 72 overall car sales. Toyota was the most popular brand bought used, totaling six sales. Honda and Nissan also made a good showing



SOURCE: Illinois Secretary of State

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in the used car sales category, with five and four sales, respectively.

Over the course of March, 62 percent of purchases by Niles residents came through a local dealer, while 38 percent were private party transactions. The 62 percent originating from auto dealerships translated to 45 total dealer sales in the month.

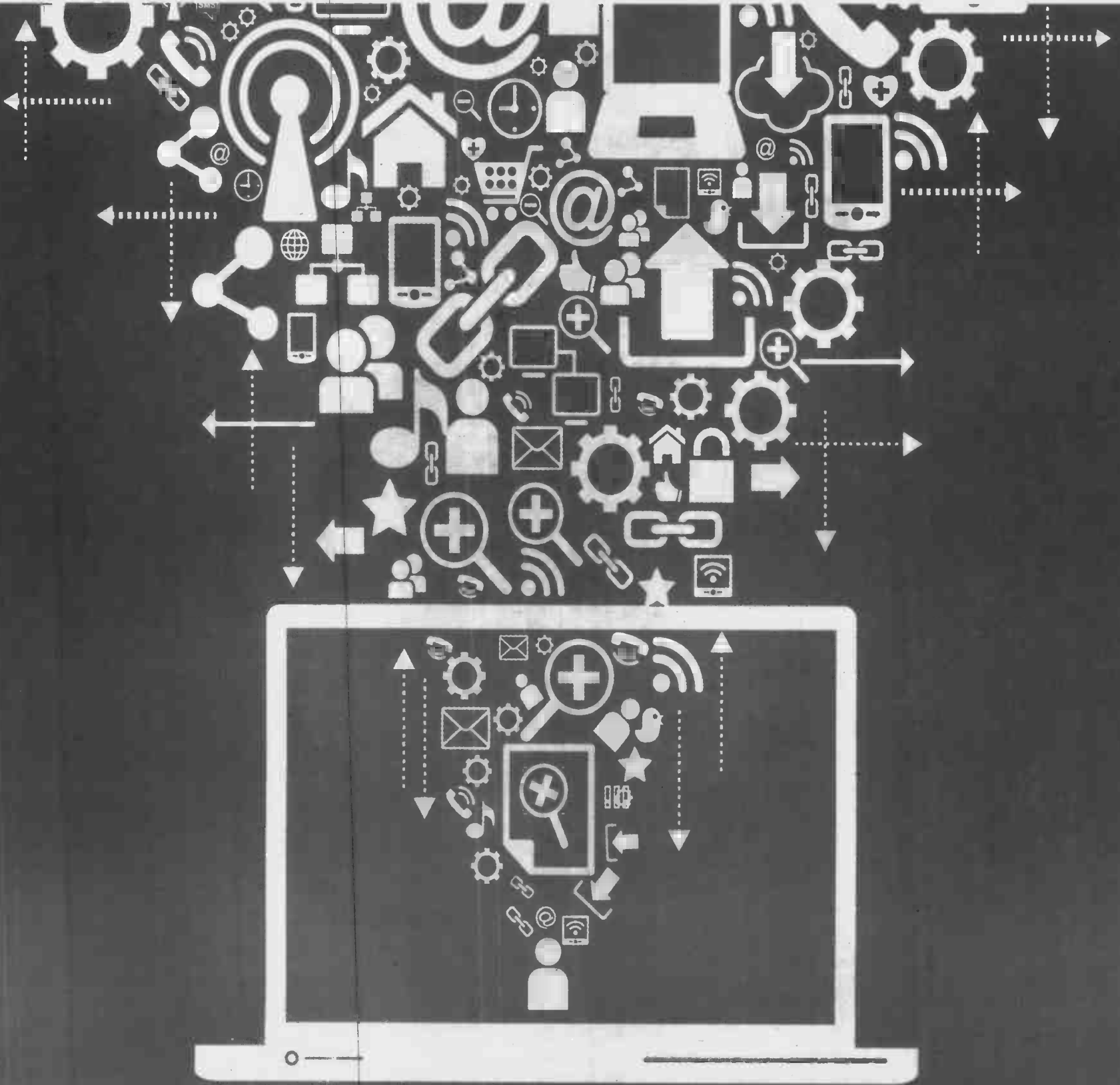
Bredemann Lexus in Glenview led the way with two sales of used cars to Niles residents in March, trailed by Castle Honda (two sales) and Zion Motors (one). The three most popular dealers of new cars to Niles residents in the month were Star Nissan with five sales, Loren Hyundai (three sales) and Martin Nissan (two).

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||| BOYS TENNIS STATE PREVIEW NOTEBOOK

Bad back forces Galoustian to play doubles

Sandwich delivery helped Evanston doubles team reach state tournament

BY MIKE CHAMERNIK
For Sun-Times Media, @MikeChamernik

New Trier senior Alex Galoustian advanced to the boys tennis state tournament for the third straight year.

Last season, he cruised through the first four rounds in the singles bracket before losing in the state quarterfinals. He ended up being eliminated in the consolation semifinals.

Though Galoustian wanted to play singles at state in his senior season, his body didn't cooperate. A sore back has hindered Galoustian for the last month, affecting his serves. To get around that, coach Tad Eckert paired him up with junior Corey Schwartz.

"I know he had his sights on winning the singles state championship, but his back just wouldn't allow that kind of effort," Eckert said. "It's a little easier when you have your partner hitting half of your shots in doubles."

Galoustian and Schwartz have known each other since last year, became friends this year and have already found a good rapport on the court in a short time. They received a 5-8 seed for the state tournament.

"We have a chance to go very far into state," Galoustian said.

Galoustian and Schwartz finished first in doubles at last weekend's New Trier boys tennis sectional and helped the Trevians have the best showing among the eight teams.

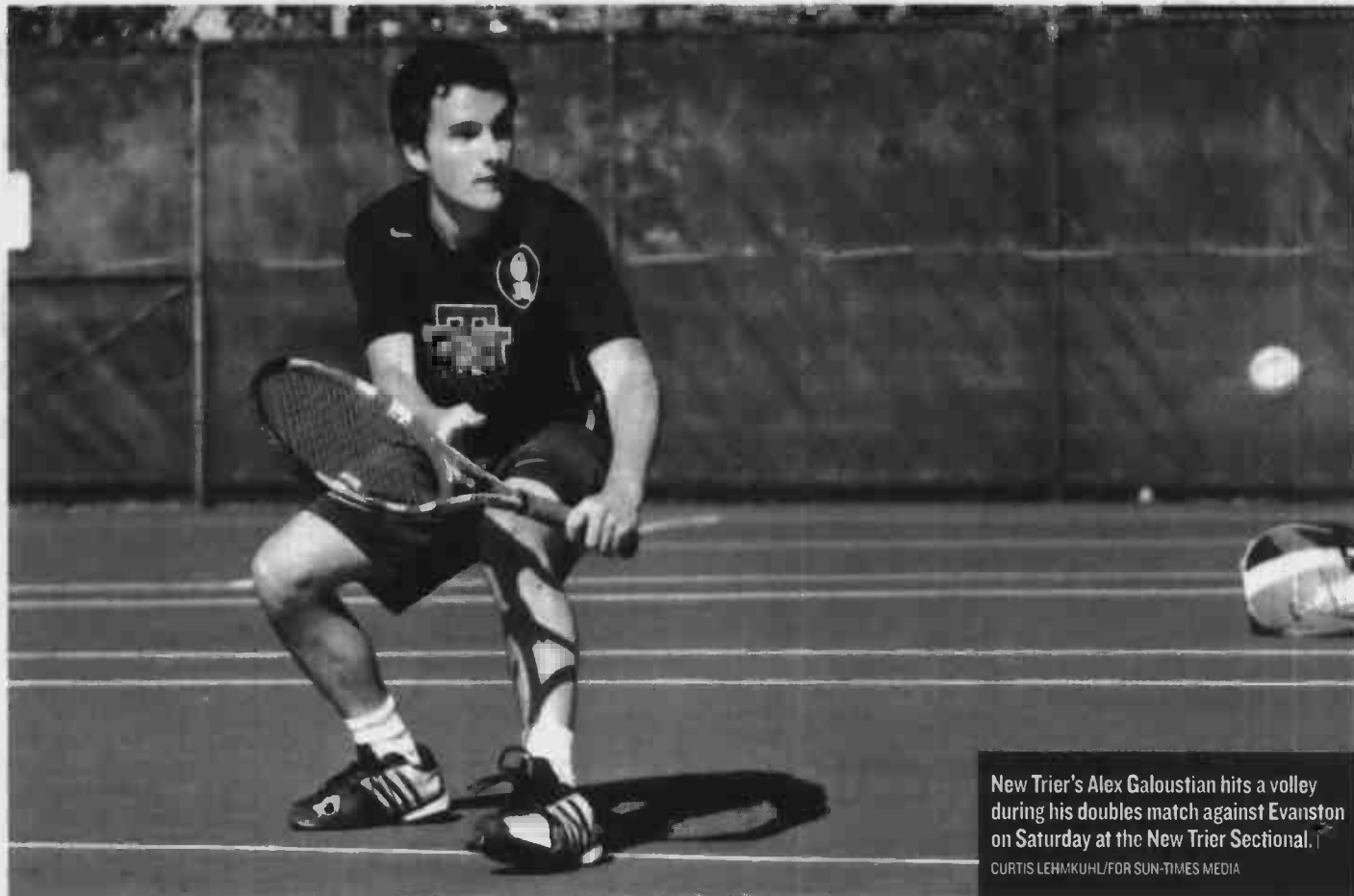
New Trier twin sophomores Tom and Scott Bickel took first and second, respectively, in singles and in doubles the Trevians team of junior Thomas Hanley and sophomore Wyatt Mayer came in second.

The semifinalists in singles and doubles advanced to the state meet, which will take place today through Saturday at several locations around the Northwest suburbs

North Shore Country Day

Last year as a freshman, Blake Oslan came very close to making the state cut. Before this season, Oslan and coach Nazlie Ghazal discussed Oslan's goal — to make it to state.

He did just that over the weekend, winning his first two matches to reach the sectional



New Trier's Alex Galoustian hits a volley during his doubles match against Evanston on Saturday at the New Trier Sectional.

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semifinals. Oslan took third place in Winnetka, with his only loss coming to Tom Bickel in a close fought 6-7, 6-3, 6-0 loss.

While Oslan is quicker on his feet and hitting the ball harder and smarter than he was a year ago, a new mental toughness and confidence in his skills has boosted his game.

"That change was what won him that first set there," Ghazal said of Oslan's semifinal loss. "That's kind of a mentally and emotionally exhausting set and the fact that he was able to pull that off was a victory."

Now he's accomplished his goal of advancing to compete against Illinois' best this weekend. Oslan said that getting to state "means the world" to him.

"Being there, just competing and playing as well as I can is really the main goal now," Oslan said. "I think I can do that."

Evanston

With a trip to the state tournament on the line in their second-round match against Loyola's Mark Bredemann and Jack Pillion, Evanston's senior duo of Ben Garfin and Alex

Velasco came out flat. They lost the first set 6-2 to the Ramblers' No. 2 doubles team.

They just needed something to eat. Coach Marcus Polonus made a trip to a local Corner Bakery Cafe after the first set and picked up some sandwiches for Garfin and Velasco. The food run paid off.

"When I saw him [Velasco] smiling and moving his feet better, I knew we were in a better spot to win the match," Polonus said.

Even after eating the Wildkits trailed 4-1, but they stormed back to win the second set 6-4. They took the last set 7-6 (5) to reach the sectional semifinals, ensuring that they'd made the state cut. Garfin and Velasco ended up taking third place.

Next week will be the first time at state for both Garfin and Velasco, and the comeback against Loyola made it possible.

"At that moment, I think we were more excited about actually coming back and winning that match," Velasco said. "Later in the day that [making state] kind of sunk in. It was really nice."

Loyola

Freshman Peter Horne took fourth place in singles at the sectional and seniors Carl Beck and Duncan Parrot took fourth place in doubles. All three of them have never been to state before.

Horne in particular had a big match against Niles West's Jesse Sacks, topping him in three sets (4-6, 7-5, 6-2) to reach the sectional semifinal and clinch a state-qualifying spot. While he sometimes can show some freshman immaturity, coach Tom Fitzgerald said, Horne can keep his composure and not get overwhelmed.

"In many respects he's really a veteran when it comes to playing tennis and points," Fitzgerald said.

Note

Niles West finished fifth at the New Trier Sectional with four points. Maine East picked up two points and took sixth. Neither Notre Dame nor Niles North registered a point and they finished tied for seventh.



Carleton College's Jeff Dsida makes a throw from behind the plate this season. | CARLETON COLLEGE SPORTS INFORMATION

COLLEGE NOTES

Dsida, Stillerman close careers

BY NICK BULLOCK
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Two area athletes recently concluded impressive careers for the Carleton College baseball team in Northfield, Minnesota. **Jeff Dsida**, a New Trier alumnus, and **David Stillerman**, an Evanston graduate, led the Knights to a 22-14 record, including a 12-5 mark at home and a 12-8 record in the Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference. Both players were also named to the D3baseball.com All-Region team.

Dsida, a senior catcher, started 31 games and played in 32. He finished the season with a .415 batting average, a team-leading .489 on-base percentage and a .661 slugging percentage. He finished 3-for-4 in stolen base attempts, knocked in 17 runs and scored 32. He also led the team in triples with seven.

Stillerman, a senior infielder, hit .370 with a .437 on-base percentage and a .533 slugging percentage. He started each of the 34 games in which he played. He finished with 24

RBI and a team-high 47 runs scored. Lake Forest Academy alumnus **Eric Bauer**, a sophomore first baseman, is also on the team.

Mundelein alumna **Megan Geldernick**, a redshirt sophomore for the Wisconsin-Oshkosh women's track and field team, took third place in the 100-meter hurdles at the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Outdoor Championships May 2-3 at the Oshkosh Sports Complex in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. Geldernick finished with a time of 14.58 seconds. With her help, Oshkosh finished second as a team in at the event.

Hinsdale Central alumna **Adabelle Ekechukwu**, a senior on the Harvard track and field team, posted a new personal best in the hammer throw with a mark of 62.5 meters, taking third place at the Eastern College Athletic Conference and Intercollegiate Association of Amateur Athletes of America Championships May

16-18 in Princeton, New Jersey. Her mark is the second-best in Harvard history.

Deerfield alumnus **Igor Liokumovich**, a junior thrower, is also on the team. He took seventh place in shot put at the Ivy League Heptagonal Championships May 11 in New Haven, Connecticut, with a throw of 17.2 meters.

Carolina Carmichael, a Lake Forest alumna and sophomore on the Memphis women's track and field team, earned the gold medal in the pole vault with a height of 4.08 meters at the 2014 American Athletic Conference Outdoor Track and Field Championship. The mark was a new AAC record.

Ofelia Carmichael, Carolina's sister, is also a member of the Memphis women's track and field team. The sophomore pole vaulter and Lake Forest alumna transferred from North Central College.

Have a suggestion for the College Roundup? Email Nick Bullock at bullockpioneerpress@gmail.com.

NORTHRIDGE

State-qualifying gymnast quits to focus on pole vault

Clark returning to boys track and field state meet after one-year absence

BY MIKE CHAMERNIK
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For the second time in three years, Northridge senior Henry Clark qualified for the boys track and field state meet in the pole vault.

At the Class 1A Lisle Sectional meet Friday, Clark won the pole vault event, clearing a height of 10 feet. Two years ago, he qualified with a height of 9-6.

Last year, though, he didn't qualify partly because he split his time between track and gymnastics. Though he is accomplished at gymnastics, the Evanston resident gave up the sport at the high school level this year. The big reason for the decision was that instead of competing individually in gymnastics for the Knights, he could compete on Northridge's track team.

"Gymnastics is very much an individual sport," Clark said. "Track is similar in that regard, but there's individual events that sum up to competing as a team."

Clark still does club gymnastics and competes on the national level, but he had a chance to make his mark at the IHSA state meet this year had he competed. In 2013, Clark reached the state prelims in two events, finishing tied for 22nd on the horizontal bar and 29th in still rings.

"This year he just wanted to concentrate on one," Northridge

Going to state

Three Northridge track and field athletes qualified for the Class 1A state meet, which starts today at Eastern Illinois University in Charleston:

- **HENRY CLARK**, senior, pole vault (10 feet, 0 inches)
- **FOREST MOSES**, junior, high jump (6-3) and 110-meter high hurdles (16.38 seconds)
- **LIAM MAHONEY**, senior, 800 (2:05.89)

track coach Mike Egle said. "It was a very mature and unselfish decision he made to help our team."

Clark's gymnastics background helps with the pole vault because he knows how to contort his body properly, and he knows how to get inverted.

"In gymnastics you're upside down all the time, so the second half of the vault has become a lot easier for me," said Clark, who is scheduled to compete in the pole vault state prelims today.

Clark's life is still very much about gymnastics. For his club season he trained more than three hours a day for five or six days a week. He plans to attend the University of Minnesota in the fall and participate in gymnastics on a club team. Perhaps he'll even try out to be a walk-on on the varsity team, he said. Focusing on track this year, though, was still meaningful to him.

"My goal with that was to just to try to focus on vault for one more season and see if I could help out the team in that event as much as possible," Clark said. "Then I would have the next four years to do gymnastics."

||| BOYS TRACK AND FIELD STATE PREVIEW NOTEBOOK

Hader seeks historic state finish for Hawks

Niles West's Henry motivated by Glenbrook South's Pilliod in 300 hurdles

BY MIKE CHAMERNIK
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During the Class 3A Loyola boys track and field sectional, Maine South's John Hader qualified for state in three events: the 100-meter dash, 200 and 4x100 relay. He won the 100 and 200 outright, with times of 10.96 and 22.15, respectively, and the relay team finished second at 43.51.

Hader was happy with his performance on May 22, but his mind-set has shifted to state and the chance to make history in Charleston.

"My goal is to run on Saturday, whether it's to run the 100 or the 200," Hader said. "Maine South has never had an all-stater in either of those races. That's been my goal."

The two top boys in each event at the sectional and the two top relay teams earned automatic bids to the state meet. Individuals and relays also can advance by equaling or bettering the qualifying standard. The Class 3A state prelims are Friday and the finals are Saturday.

This will be Hader's second straight year at state. Last year he ran a 22.41 in the 200, but he said he's more confident now and will run a better time as a senior.

Along with the track experience, Hader said that football has helped him and his 4x100 teammates — senior Clay Burdelik, junior Tom Bazarek and sophomore Nick Sajenko. They all play football, and while the techniques are different, the work ethic carries over.

"If you play football, you're going to be a hard worker, so I think that really helps us a lot," Hader said. "We work really hard throughout the season. You're not



Maine South's John Hader (5) edges out Evanston's Reggie Murphy in the 100-meter dash at the Class 3A Loyola Sectional on May 22. Hader qualified for state in the 100, 200 and 4x100 relay. | CURTIS LENMKUHL/FOR SUN-TIMES MEDIA

going to feel 100 percent best all the time, so having played football, that helps a lot."

Niles West

Before Matt Henry stepped to the blocks for the 110 high hurdles, the voice over the loudspeaker told the crowd that Henry was a top-30 hurdler in the state. A little added pressure, no big deal.

"Even my coaches are depending on me to win top-three and make it to state," Henry said. "There's definitely a lot of pressure surrounding it. But I try to not let it get to my head that much. I try to relax. I just reassure myself that I know I have it, because I know I have the times."

Henry fell short in the 110 with a

time of 15.32, but he finished third in his best event, the 300 intermediate hurdles. The senior had a time of 39.84, hitting the qualifying time exactly.

At state, Henry said that Glenbrook South's Luke Pilliod will be a tough challenge. Henry advanced to the state finals in the 300 hurdles last year and took eighth while Pilliod didn't advance out of prelims, but Pilliod won the May 22 event by more than 1 second (38.83).

"I think it's going to be between me and him at state," Henry said, adding that it will take "everything" he has to beat Pilliod. "He has the same mind-set as me: he's trying to beat me, I'm trying to beat him."

Maine East

Only one Blue Demon reached state, and it was someone who was inactive for nearly the entire outdoor track season.

Senior Christian Lopez tore his left hamstring a week into the spring season. Then, he came back for three days during the season and tore it again. After returning for the conference meet, the May 22 sectional was only his second meet of the year.

No matter. In the long jump, Lopez hit a distance of 20 feet, 11.75 inches, just 4 inches off a personal best.

"I knew I was going to jump," Lopez said. "I wanted to get to state, but I didn't know if it was possible with the injury and every-

thing."

Though his hamstring still is a little tight, Lopez said he wouldn't let it hold him back and thinks he can jump 22 feet. He worked hard to earn his first trip to state.

"It was a lot of rehab," Lopez said. "A lot of ice, a lot of heat, a lot of stretching, a lot of drills. But this is what it was for. It's a big goal."

Niles North

While many of the other state qualifiers said they would be resting and practicing lightly in the week before the finals, junior Adrian Coardos will not be taking it easy. A two-sport athlete, Coardos had a soccer tournament over the weekend.

"I actually have a game tonight," Coardos said moments after the May 22 sectional meet ended. "Three games this weekend and another game next week."

Coardos qualified with the second-place distance in the triple jump, leaping 44 feet, 0.5 inches. The mark, he said, is a foot better than his personal best.

Coardos said soccer has helped him with his speed and endurance.

"I just need to stay healthy and try not to get hurt," he said.

Notre Dame

Senior Tim O'Hara qualified for state last year, running a 22.46 in the 200 prelims. This year, though, O'Hara came up short in both the 200 (he ran a 23.76) and 100 (11.62) at the sectional. In both events, he was ousted in the preliminaries and didn't reach the finals.

"He was pretty disappointed with himself," Notre Dame coach Mike Jankowski said.

Jankowski said O'Hara had been sick with the flu earlier in the week. O'Hara had been the rock of an injury-plagued team all season, and he won both the 100 and 200 at the East Suburban Catholic Conference meet May 15. But O'Hara's flu symptoms occurred at a bad time.

"I think it finally caught up with him," Jankowski said.

||| GIRLS TRACK & FIELD STATE NOTEBOOK

Loyola relay brings fun times to fast times

Wildkits have bright future with Harvey and Watson

BY MATT HARNESS
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CHARLESTON — Every member of Loyola's 4x800-meter relay team shared the same sentiment after running into the program's record books at the Class 3A girls track and field state meet at Eastern Illinois.

"We just wanted to have fun out there," sophomore Kathryn House said.

That mind-set carried the Ramblers to second place in the race in a team-record time of 9 minutes, 8.77 seconds, less than one second slower than state champion St. Charles East. It was Loyola's all-time best state meet finish in the event.

"We were happy to be here, so we tried to make it fun," junior Caroline Zaworski said.

Sarah Kelley, who ran the anchor leg and is one of two seniors on the relay, said the team was "cracking jokes" with one another at the hotel before arriving at O'Brien Stadium.

"There was a lot of that going on," she said.

Senior Jackie McDonnell, added, "We are goofy kids."

Loyola coach ChrisJon Simon said the relay's chemistry, along with its talent, enabled it to make history.

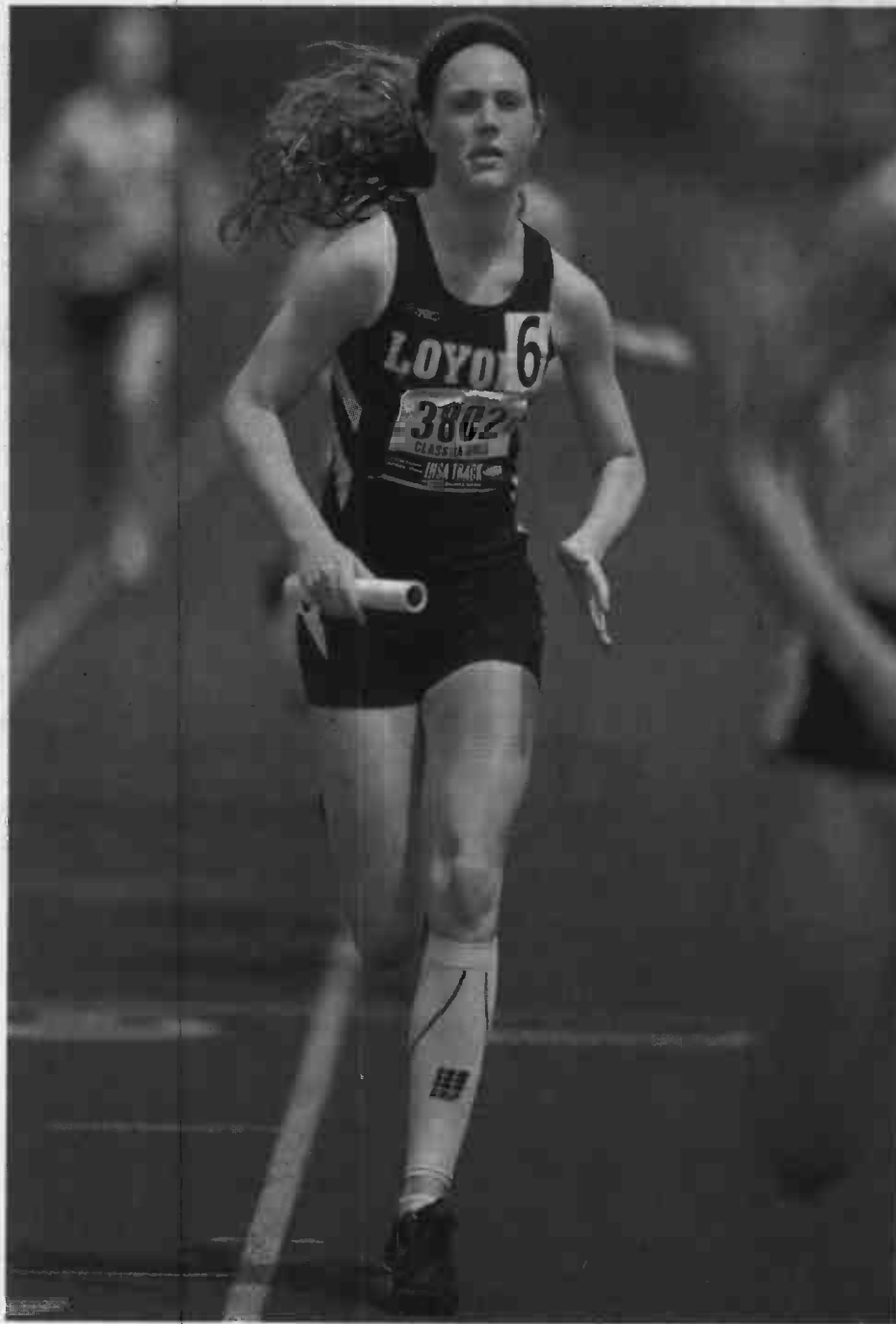
"First and foremost, they wanted to enjoy this experience," he said. "Everything else will fall in line. They were relaxed and focused, but they were laughing as they got onto the track."

Evanston

Although senior standout Parker English won't be back at Evanston next season, the Wildkits should be in good shape with the expected return of junior Alexia Harvey and sophomore Gabriell Watson. Along with two-time state champion Parker, Harvey and Watson competed in Saturday's finals.

What's more, neither started training in their events until this season. Harvey finished seventh in the 100 high hurdles (15.23), and Watson was 11th in the high jump (5 feet, 2 inches).

"I never thought I'd be here," said Harvey, who ran a personal-best 14.92 in Friday's preliminaries. "I just ran with it, and it took me here."



Loyola's Sara Kelly runs in the 4x800-meter relay during Saturday's Class 3A girls track and field state meet at Eastern Illinois University in Charleston. Loyola finished second in the event. | BRIAN O'MAHONEY/FOR SUN-TIMES MEDIA

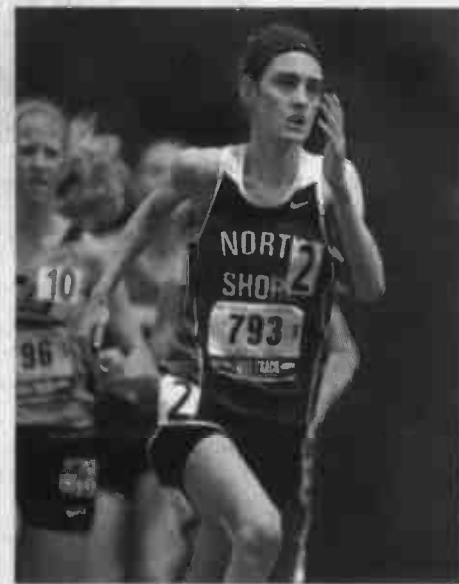
Harvey said Evanston assistant coach Tameeka McFarlane, a three-time state champion in hurdles events, has been a big help in her development.

"I sometimes bring myself down, but she's always encouraging me," Harvey said. "She

has so much faith in me, and that's an awesome feeling."

North Shore Country Day

Patrick McHugh said he couldn't ask for much more than what distance runner Rory



North Shore Country Day's Rory Kelly finished fourth in the 3,200-meter run at Saturday's Class 1A girls track and field state meet in Charleston. | BRIAN O'MAHONEY/FOR SUN-TIMES MEDIA

Kelly gave him Saturday in the Class 1A state meet at O'Brien Stadium.

"You want them to perform their best at the biggest meets," the Raiders coach said.

Kelly, a senior, finished fourth in the 3,200 in 11:07.97, a personal best by more than 31 seconds. She followed that up by earning another medal with her fifth-place finish in the 1,600 (5:11.05).

"Even though I was one second off my PR, I was happy how I ran my second race," said Kelly, who ran track for only one full season for the Raiders. "It was the last race of mine in high school, and I was right there fighting until the end."

Notes

Niles North junior thrower Fiona Kanam became the first girl in program history to earn a state medal in the field after placing eighth in the shot put (42-3). The Vikings have had two athletes win medals on the track. ... Maine East senior Elanta Slowek ended a decade-long drought of Blue Demons not earning medals in the field. Her sixth-place in the discus (129-11) was the first time since 2005 that Maine East scored in the field. ... New Trier junior Mimi Smith took third in the 3,200 (10:41.17), but she struggled to 12th in the 1,600 (5:11.06). Nicole Karabas, a junior at New Trier, finished 14th in the pole vault (10-0).



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