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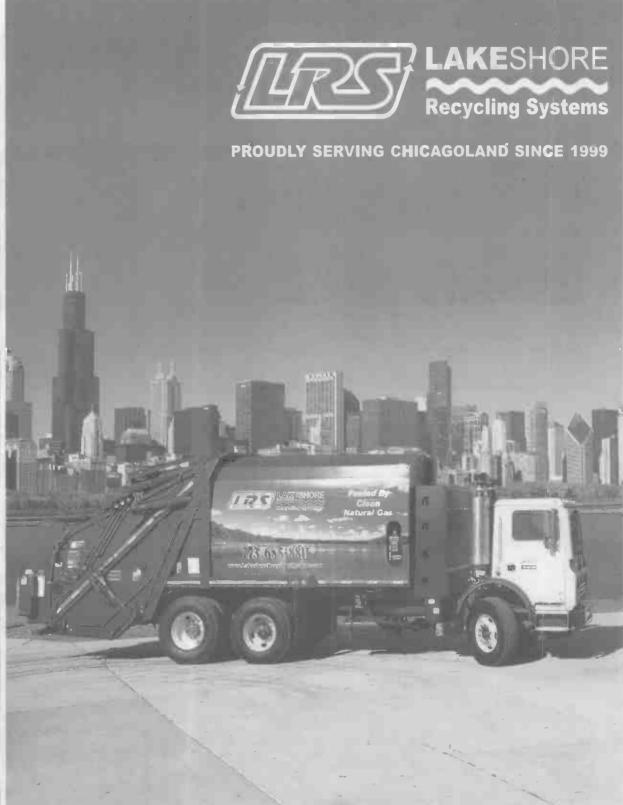












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Niles library's Russian Storytime offers stories, crafts for local kids

BY IGOR STUDENKOV Special for Ploneer Press | @istudenkov

n the cold, but sunny afternoon of Jan. 10, families from across Chicago's suburbs arrived at the Niles Public Library's main meeting room.

Young kids gathered around librarian Vlada Bernhardtz as she got ready to read "Bark, George" by Jules Feiffer. The book was in English. But Bernharditz read it in Russian 7 and most of the kids listened intently.

For the past two years, the Niles library has organized Russian Storytimes 7 quarterly events where Russian-American kids get to listen to Russian-language stories, sing Russian-language songs, do crafts and get some snacks. The event is part of the library's World Language Storytimes program, which also includes Storytimes in Polish, Serbian, Hindi and Korean.

Parents at the Jan. 10 event said they've been very pleased with the program. In fact, it proved to be so popular that the library increased the frequency of the event to once every two months.

The World Language Storytimes program has been around for the past six years. It started with a Polish-language Storytime. As Bernharditz explained, adding Storytimes in other languages isn't

"The difficulty has been twofold: finding someone not only comfortable with children but also skilled with doing this sort of programming," she said. "In addition to that, it has become clear that different groups have different levels of interest in attending this type of

Russian Storytimes started two years ago, when Bernharditz became one of the library' children's librarian. As a native Russian speaker and a professional storyteller, she was a logical person to start the program.

The program started slow, but it wasn't long before it gained steam.



ABOVE: Children ages 3 years and up, attended the Russian Storytime program at the Niles Public Library Saturday, Jan. 10, 2015. | KEVIN TANAKA/FOR CHICAGO TRIBUNE MEDIA RIGHT: Shelly Villalobos of Niles consoles her daughter, Sophia, during the Storytime program at the Niles Public Library on Saturday, Jan. 10, 2015. | KEVIN TANAKA/FOR CHICAGO

"The first Russian Storytime was attended by only one family, but the attendance has been consistently growing since then," Bernharditz said. "The [September 2014] Storytime was attended by 22 people."

According to Bernharditz and parents at the Jan. 10 event, some of the growth is due to word of mouth. Marianna Levin, a regular for more than a year, proudly told Bernharditz that she told four families about the program.

The library has also advertised the event on its bulletin boards and purchased ads in Reklama,

a free weekly Russian-language newspaper distributed throughout Chicagoland. The ads, Bernharditz said, usually attract between one to three new children every time.

While many of the families that attended the Jan. 10 event were from Niles, others came from Wilmette, Des Plaines, Glenview and Buffalo Grove.

Each Storytime is divided into two halves 7 the reading portion and the crafts portion. Each time, Bernharditz does something dif-

'The chosen books for each Storytime have to have a diversity





Vlada Bernhardtz reads to children attending the Storytime program at the Niles Public Library Saturday, Jan. 10, 2015. [KEVIN TANAKA/FOR CHICAGO TRIBUNE MEDIA

of subjects, characters and issues," she said. "When it comes to choosing crafts, I try to tie them to the current season or a universal holiday like Valentine's Day."

In addition to "Bark, George," Bernharditz read read other two books during the Jan. 10 Russian Storytime: "Good Night Baby Bear" by Frank Asch and "Waddles" by David McPhail.

The readings were interactive. While reading "Bark, George," a story about a puppy who couldn't bark, Bernharditz asked kids which animals said what.

During the crafts portion, kids decorated circles made out of paper plates with winter-themed objects such such as snowmen.

Parents praised for the event. Levin praised Bernharditz's skills as a storyteller.

"Vlada runs those events very well," she said. "She is very charismatic and she knows how to keep kids engaged."

Levin also offered praise for the Niles

"[The other parents and I] are glad that the library listened to us and added more Storytimes," she said.

Leonid Povarazonyuk, of Glenview, came to the event with his wife and his granddaughter, Alexandra. He said the event was well worth traveling to another town.

"It isn't that far," he said. "Just down Milwaukee Avenue."

The Jan. 10 Storytime even earned praise from the one family that didn't speak Russian. Shelli Villalobos, of Niles, said that she tries to expose her daughter to other cultures. And while she didn't realize the event would involve virtually no English, she



Olga Chiragiev of Vernon Hills assists her daughter, Alissa, during the Storytime program at the Niles Public Library Saturday, Jan. 10, 2015. I KEVIN TANAKA FOR CHICAGO TRIBUNE MEDIA

said she didn't regret attending.

"My 5-year-old sat there listening for several minutes straight," said Villalobos. "Idon't think she would pay that much attention to an English-language book. I think she was intrigued."

She said being immersed in another language was good for her daughter.

"I think it's good for kids to experience other cultures and hear other languages," said Villalobos.







Arlene Mulder, left, chairs the Sept. 5, 2014 meeting of the O'Hare Noise Compatibility Commission. | FILE

Noise commission chairwoman to step down

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he long-time chairwoman of the O'Hare Noise Compatibility Commission has announced her plans to step down from the intergovernmental agency.

Arlene Mulder, who has chaired the commission since its creation in 1997, said she will not seek reelection to the position in March.

In a statement released by the ONCC Friday, "personal time constraints" and a desire to spend more time with her husband, children and grandchildren were cited as Mulder's reasons for stepping down from the board.

"I know the organization will continue to be a strong advocate for residents in the region," Mulder was quoted as saying.

Mulder, who was mayor of Arlington Heights during the bulk of ner tenure as ONCC chairwoman, was a 2005 recipient of the Jay Hollingsworth Speas Airport Award for her work in "achieving

compatible relationships among O'Hare International Airport and neighboring communities." She was also presented with the Gilfilan Award in 2007 for her perspectives on the environmental impact of aviation.

Mulder could not be for further comment Friday morning.

Her announcement comes months after Park Ridge Mayor David Schmidt and members of the Chicago-based citizen group Fair Allocation in Runways called for her resignation as chairwoman, claiming that communities east of the airport have been ignored by the ONCC as aircraft noise has increased in the wake of

"My initial reaction is, too late. The damage has been done." Schmidt said Friday in response to Mulder stepping down. "I wonder if she feels she has lost control over the ONCC now that there are several new members who are joining with older members in becoming increasingly vocal in opposition to the effects of the O'Hare expansion and are less willing to follow along like sheep, which was more Mulder's style.

Schmidt, one of the ONCC's most vocal members, had also battled with Mulder in attempts to get the ONCC to support Park Ridge's request for new environmental studies by the Federal Aviation Administration. He claimed she was reluctant to support the request because Arlington Heights is set to experience less noise when the O'Hare Airport modernization project is completed as proposed.

Mulder denied that she was opposed to Park Ridge's request.

In November, the FAiR Coalition issued a second request for Mulder

"Most notably, Chairwoman Mulder's priorities have not addressed the critical issues of escalating noise complaints," said Jim Argionis, chairman of Park Ridge's O'Hare Airport Commission and a member of FAiR. "No matter how many complaints have been made, nothing changes in how the ONCC operates."

According to the ONCC, an election for a new chairperson will take place during the group's annual meeting on March 13. A nominating committee, consisting of commission members, will recommend a slate of officers, the commission said.

Schmidt said he would like Mulder's replacement to be "someone with more skin in the game," suggesting a representative from communities that have been negatively impacted by new runway configurations. Though he considers Park Ridge to be an impacted community, he said he will not be a candidate to become the next chairman.

The ONCC consists of 53 municipalities and school districts. According to its mission statement, the group assists in "developing meaningful methods to reduce aircraft noise in neighborhoods surrounding O'Hare International Airport through home and school sound insulation and to reduce. wherever possible, aircraft noise at its source.'

First meeting of new O'Hare group planned in Park Ridge

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State Rep. Marty Moylan has announced he will convene a meeting of his new O'Hare Airport Noise Advisory Committee next month in Park Ridge.

The meeting is scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 12, at 7 p.m. at Park Ridge City Hall, 505 Butler Place. In a press release issued Thursday, Moylan, a Democrat from Des Plaines, explained that the meeting is open to residents with concerns about aircraft noise.

"My goal for this group is to work on practicable and economically viable solutions to the growing presence of airplane noise," Moylan said in his statement. He added that he will be inviting officials from the Chicago Department of Aviation and the Federal Aviation Administration, as well as local members of congress.

Though Moylan indicated he will be "reaching out to grassroots organizations to join the committee and have their voices represented," Jim Argionis, chairman of Park Ridge's O'Hare Airport Commission, said Thursday that he had not been informed of the Feb. 12 meeting.

Upon learning about it from the Park Ridge Herald-Advocate, Argionis said he would inform the Park Ridge commission members, as well as Chicago's Fair Allocation in Runways Coalition.

Moylan announced in December that he would be forming a committee to address "the ongoing problem" of noise generated by flights taking off from and landing at O'Hare. Meetings would also allow for community input, he said.

At the time, Park Ridge Mayor David Schmidt called the group "a little redundant," due to the existence of similar groups.

Mistaken for garbage, Niles woman dies after lying in snow: cops

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Police say a man shoveling snow mistook his mother-in-law for a bag of garbage while she reportedly lay outside her Niles home.

Elizabeth Lutz, 55, was pronounced dead Monday night, after she was reportedly found by her son-in-law in the parkway of her home on the 6800 block of Dobson Street, west of the Tam Golf Course, police

Lutz, who was found face down in the snow when authorities arrived, was wearing a winter jacket and snow boots, said Niles Police Sgt. Robert Tornabene.

According to Niles police, Lutz's son-inlaw arrived at the house at about 5:15 p.m. to woman's body, he said.

shovel show and saw what he believed to be a garbage bag in the parkway area. About 40 minutes later, he realized the "garbage bag" was actually his relative in the snow, police

The man called 911 and a responding officer began CPR on Lutz until paramedics arrived, police said. She was pronounced dead at Advocate Lutheran General Hospital, according to police.

An autopsy by the Cook County Medical Examiner's Office was scheduled for Tuesday. Results were still pending late Tuesday afternoon, according to the office.

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"People usually claim it a lot sooner than that," he said.

The winning ticket was purchased at the Marathon Gas station at 7145 W. Dempster Street. The gas station will get a \$10,000 bonus regardless of when the prize is claimed, Lang said.

The ticket was one of seven tickets that won as part of the lottery's New Year's Millionaire Raffle. Other winning million-dollar tickets were bought in Glen Ellyn and Troy, Ill. Lang indicated that the prize for the Troy ticket has already been claimed.

If the other winning money isn't claimed, the lottery won't keep the money, he said.

"If the money does happen to go unclaimed, which is unlikely, it will go to one of the causes we support," said Lang. "It will most likely go to the Common School fund."

The Common School Fund is a state fund divided among all Illinois public schools. The fund already gets 29 cents for every dollar earned from a lottery ticket purchase, so the money from the unclaimed jackpot would be extra, Lang said.

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RETAIL THEFT

Stephanie Morales, 21 and Rose Torres-Rodriguez, 40, both of 3932 N. Narragansett Ave., Chicago, were each charged with retail theft on Jan. 3 after they allegedly stole a total of \$614 with of merchandise, including children's clothing and jewelry, from a store at Golf Mill Shopping Center. They have a Feb. 19 court date.

DUI

Jimmy Gerontzos, 23, of 8019 Merrill Street, Niles, was charged with driving under the influence and illegal possession of marijuana on Jan. I following a traffic stop for allegedly speeding on the 7500 block of Milwaukee Avenue. Police said approximately II grams of suspected marijuana was found inside Gerontzos' vehicle. He has a Feb. 10 court date.

WARRANT

Jorell Diaz, 24, of 2157 Sprucewood, Des Plaines, was taken into custody on a Kane County warrant for retail theft on Jan. 2. Diaz was taken into custody on the 8700 block of Milwaukee Avenue at 3:40 a.m. after an officer on patrol checked the registration of his vehicle and learned the owner had an arrest warrant. Diaz was one of four people inside the car at the time, police said.

MORTON GROVE

Davis Sarkes, 37, of Niles, was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol after he was arrested on the 8300 block of Waukegan Road on Jan. I. He is scheduled to appear in court on Feb. 6.

DRUGS

Abraham Vadakaramcherry, 24, of Mount Prospect, was charged with possession of a controlled substance after he was

arrested on the 9100 block of Central Avenue on Dec. 29. Police said he was allegedly in possession of ecstasy. A court date is scheduled for Jan. 20.

Jakub Zientek, 29, of Niles, was charged with possession of drug paraphernalia after he was arrested on Athletic Avenue in Morton Grove on Jan. 4. Police said Zientek was the passenger in a vehicle when it was pulled over for a traffic violation. Police allegedly found hypodermic needles in the vehicle. He is scheduled to appear in court on Feb. II.

Aaron H. Hardin, 34, of an unknown address, was charged with possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia when he was arrested on the 5700 block of Keeney Street in Morton Grove on Jan. 5. Police said Hardin was allegedly involved in a traffic crash, and officers found an undisclosed amount of marijuana and a grinder (a device used to break up cannabis) in his vehicle. He is scheduled to appear in court on Jan. 27.

HIT & RUN

Nelly Cherkezova, 53, of Glenview, was charged with hit and run on Jan. 4 on

the 7800 block of Central Avenue. She is scheduled to appear in court on Jan. 27.

THEFT

Helio Lopez, 47, of Chicago, was charged with theft after he was arrested at the Just Tires store on the 9200 block of Waukegan Road on Jan. 3. Police said Lopez was allegedly caught trying to steal tires. A court date is scheduled for Jan. 27.

BURGLARY

A home was burglarized on the 8100 block of Gross Point Road on Jan. 4. Police said the resident was home when a dark-colored, full-sized van parked in her driveway. The driver, described as six-feet tall weighing about 200 pounds, came up to her door. The resident allowed the man to come in and talk about construction work planned for her neighbor's home. He walked into her kitchen and asked about removing a tree from her yard, police said. Another man then entered the home without the woman's knowledge and rummaged through the bedrooms, police said. It was unclear whether anything was taken from the home.

CRIME BRIEFS

BURGLARY TO VEHICLE

A man told police that \$200 in cash was stolen from the console area of his vehicle while it was parked outside a store on the 5600 block of Touhy Avenue on the night of Jan. 2.

A biology book, two baseball hats and medication were reported stolen Jan. 3 from an unlocked vehicle parked on the 9800 block of Lauren Lane.

A purse was stolen out of the trunk of a car on the night of Jan. 5 while it was parked outside a business on the 9200 block of Milwaukee Avenue. A credit card inside the purse was reportedly used to make two purchases.

BURGLARY

A home on the 8600 block of Olcott Avenue was burgiarized Dec. 31 between 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. A condominium was burglarized on Jan. 4 on the 7800 block of Caldwell Avenue. No additional details were provided.





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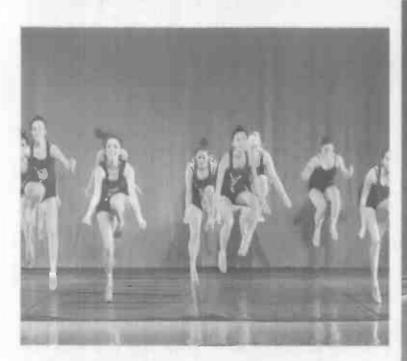
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Maine South Orchesis dancers return to the stage in 'Rewind'

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aine South High School's Orchesis dance troupe will take a trip back through the last 10 years during its annual show this month.

"Rewind: A 10-Year Review," will be staged Friday, Jan. 16, and Saturday, Jan. 17, at 7:30 p.m. in the Maine South auditorium, 1111 S. Dee Road. Tickets are \$7 each and will be sold at the door.

The show will feature studentchoreographed dances selected from the last 10 years, reflecting Orchesis director Amelia Faulstick's 10th year leading the group. Additionally, 24 alumni members

who graduated Maine South between 2006 and 2014 will return to the stage

Dance styles include modern, contemporary, lyrical, jazz, hiphop, tap, and musical theater.

'This year's performance is not only a milestone for myself, but for the company as well," Faulstick said. "We have definitely come a long way in 10 years and I'm extremely proud to have directed so many talented young dancers during my time at Maine South."

Orchesis dancers include Julia Araneta, Reagan Argaez, Melissa Belmont, Gianna Catania, Claire Christie, Emily Donahue, Anastasia Economy, Margaret Kopoulos, Rachel Maramba, Haley Marcin,





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Orchesis Alumni who will be

performing include Caitlin Potts, Daniella Ambrosino, Angela Randazzo, Maddie Cisneros, Lauren Grieco, Leah Hedrick, Catherine Cupp, Sara Phillips, Erin Self, Natalia Rog, Tamra Tarant, Liz Teahan, Dana Theel, Gabby Porras, Eva Castaneda, Meghan

Maine South's Orchesis dancers rehearse for their upcoming show, 'Rewind: A 10 Year Review' Monday Jan. 12. 2015. I KEVIN TANAKA/FOR CHICAGO TRIBUNE MEDIA

Farrell, Hayley Jaffe, Anna Graziano, Katherine Kopoulos, Jessica Self, Lauren Konopinski, Allanah Baresky, Marissa Sulek, and Emily Yurkovich.

Local middle school students will also perform a special piece. They include Julia Anderson, Annabel Bochat, Jennifer Briglio, Emily Buerk, Erin Doherty, Michelle Dolecki, Danielle Dyball, Caroline Filipova, Valerie Fresh, Ana Gauder, Sophia Gauder, Andrea Hassman, Macy Lee, Francesca Loise, Rachael Malinowski, Gwen Maramba, Daniela Marin, Teagan McKitrick, Isabelle Nararra, Ruby Nelson, Aleah Parafinezuk, Alice Petrick, Lena Pontikes, Victoria Pontikes, Claire Primeau, Sara Rossi, Sophia Rouse, Valerie Simpson, Katie Straka, Hailey Springer, Emily Torre, Caroline Tully, Gwynevere Viola, Sophie Vowell and Brittany Wisowaty.

Candidate cited in sexual harassment suit running for D64 board

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A man who was named in a high-profile sexual harassment lawsuit three years ago is one of six candidates running for the Park Ridge-Niles School District 64 Board of Education in the April 7 election.

Athan "Tom" Sotos is the owner of Tilted Kilt Pub and Eatery, 17 N. Wabash Ave. In February 2012, 19 female employees sued the restaurant, accusing its manager. a relative of Sotos, of creating "a sexually hostile, offensive, humiliating and degrading work environment."

Among the accusations are claims that the manager, Dennis Sotos, made a number of remarks of a sexual nature to the women, touched some of the women's breasts and buttocks, and told one woman that "the way to get a promotion was to have sex with him," according to the lawsuit.

Athan Sotos is not specifically

named as a defendant, but is cited in the complaint, which accuses him of calling one or more of the female employees by "sexually derogatory nicknames," the lawsuit states.

The suit, which sought back pay for the women and other monetary damages, was settled in August 2012.

Mark Roth, the attorney who represented the plaintiffs, declined to discuss the settlement. Sotos also stated that the terms of the settlement prohibit him from talking about it.

Sotos did say the lawsuit was settled for insurance reasons and. "The situation that occurred allegedly at the bar ... doesn't rise to the level that the allegations claim."

The manager named in the suit no longer works for the company, Sotos said.

"He is a family member and I stand by him," he said. "I believe he did nothing wrong."

Tilted Kilt, a nationwide Celticthemed sports bar chain, is known for its scantily dressed female servers whose uniforms consist of short tartan kilts, plaid bras and white shirts that reveal the server's midsection.

When asked about claims that the restaurant promotes sexism. Sotos said anyone making this statement "should probably visit the establishment before they make that determination."

"The girls who work at Tilted Kilt go on to become nurses, doctors, accountants," he added. "They use their employment at Tilted Kilt to put themselves through school."

Of Park Ridge-Niles School District 64 s 356 teachers working during the 2013-14 school year, nearly 86 percent were female, according to the latest Illinois School Report Card.

Sotos, a resident of Park Ridge for one year, is the father of two children who attend Franklin School, Growing up in Niles, Sotos also attended District 64 schools, including Jefferson, Field and

Lincoln.

Becoming involved in his children's schooling, he said, led to interest in running for the Board of Education.

"I have a lot of history in the district," he said. "I have some thoughts on where I feel Park Ridge schools should rank in Illinois. Where they rank today is still good, but I think it could be better."

When it comes to how he believes District 64 schools are performing, Sotos acknowledged, "I don't know as much as I should at this point — I'm learning. But from what I can tell and from my kids being in school, I think they are doing OK. They are going through a transition in the curriculum and how the kids are tested, so it's going to be difficult to judge that this year and maybe even next year as well.'

In addition to owning a restaurant franchise, Sotos is an attorney and a real estate investor. He believes his background in law and running a business will be a

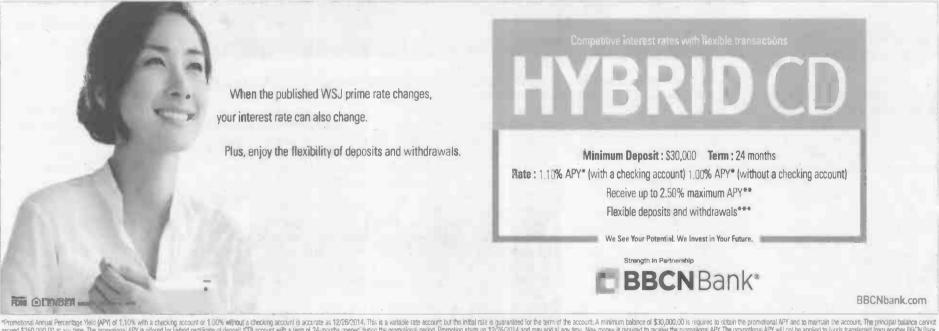
benefit to the school board. He said he can bring a "good balance" to the board as both a taxpayer and parent.

"I want to keep taxes at an acceptable level," he said. "At the same time, I have children in the school system, so I want to make sure the schools are appropriately funded."

Sotos is one of five candidates seeking to be elected to three four-year seats on the District 64 board. The other candidates include incumbent Board President Anthony Borrelli and newcomers Gregory Bublitz, Kristin Gruss, and Mark Eggemann.

Incumbent Bob Johnson, appointed this summer to fill a vacancy, is running unopposed to retain his seat for another two years.

The Cook County Electoral Board is considering a challenge filed against the nominating petitions of Gruss, and an examination of her petitions' voter signatures is underway. The board is expected to reconvene the case on Jan. 16.



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Coming Together opening links voices, stories to move beyond race

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This was a day of shared humanity, standing together in the face of ugly discrimination and violent assault.

On the same day millions of people united in Paris, throughout this country, a few miles away in the city - proclaiming the unassailable right of all people to think and speak freely — there was unprecedented discussion taking place at the Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center in Skokie.

It wasn't about last week's act of lethal terrorism at the satirical magazine Charlie Hebdo and a nearby kosher supermarket. Rather, it was about our commonality as human beings despite relentless societal influence to artificially separate and distinguish among us.

At the heart of the opening ceremony of this year's different Coming Together in Skokie and Niles Township was a conversation one almost never hears. The topic was race, and those who spoke openly, honestly and even poetically about it were of different backgrounds, ages and genders.

Coming Together in Skokie and Niles Township, now in its sixth year, has historically taken a look at one culture through dozens of programs over winter months. That is, until this year.

The 2015 Coming Together in Skokie and Niles Township shines its spotlight on race and ties itself to the museum's comprehensive exhibition on the subject, which is also sponsored by the YWCA of Evanston/North Shore.

When the race exhibition was conceived, when the Coming Together in Skokie and Niles Township committee made its decision to take a different approach this year, Michael Brown and Eric Garner were not in the news, Charlie Hebdo was paid little attention to at least all over the world.

But many people, both on stage and in the large audience of more than 300 people Sunday, Jan. 11, couldn't help but note how timely this year's series is, how relevant the race exhibition its aligned to has become.



The Illinois Holocaust Museum's exhibition on race attracted many visitors Sunday, Jan. II following the opening ceremony of Coming Together in Skokie and Niles Township. I KEVIN TANAKA/FOR CHICAGO TRIBUNE MEDIA GROUP

Voices of Race

"Race is not about how you look. It's about how people assign meaning to how you look."

"Racism is interpersonal and institutional. It is current and it is historical. It is explicit and implicit. It can be articulated and it can be silent."

"Racism doesn't require the presence of ill will. Only in the presence of bias and ignorance, willful or otherwise, it doesn't even require more than one race."

Voices of Race, the theatrical centerpiece of the opening ceremony, was developed and directed by Julie Ganey through Next Theater.

More than two dozen participants — some strudents from Niles West and Niles North High Schools, others older community members - spoke about race and racism from myriad perspectives.

This was a theater piece to be

sure, but it sprung not from the pen of a professional playwright but from everyday people both younger and older, male and female and, most importantly, from varied backgrounds.

Ganey called Voices of Race "a community-based theater piece."

"It's theater created by a specific community for that community and about that community," she said.

Skokie Mayor George Van Dusen, in his welcoming remarks about Coming Together, said the start of this conversation belongs at the Illinois Holocaust Museum.

"[Coming Together] is not a reaction to the controversies that have swept the country in the last few months," he said. "But obviously it was very timely. This is the time for us to begin our conversation on race."

As the mayor noted, Niles Township and Skokie are among the most diverse communities in the state outside of Chicago. It was this reality that prompted five women - leaders in the community who regularly lunched together — to create the program a half-dozen years ago.

"Here, we like to think that we live together, we work together, we socialize together, we educate our children here together," Van Dusen said. "We are here together in Niles Township and Skokie. We are one."

But that hardly means that race issues are invisible in Niles Township. Among the most effective moments of Voices of Race was a mix of personal testimony reflecting how people can see race issues in different ways.

Different, but not always mutually exclusive.

One high schooler says that students stick to their own ethnic cliques in school, that a survey of the cafeteria shows segregation is still alive and well at District

Another student says that there has been great progress in accepting people from different backgrounds, that the exposure to students who grew up in different places in the world remains an invaluable plus to shaping students' tolerance.

One older adult says that racism still exists in Evanston in different ways, another proudly reflects about the positive changes that have come about in Evanston since she first moved there.

U.S. Rep. Jan Schakowsky (D-9th), in her remarks, referenced the recent 50th anniversary of the infamous murders of three Freedom Summer civil rights workers in Mississippi.

Following the disappearance of James Chaney, Andrew Goodman and Michael Schwerner, two white Jewish males and one black male, the remaining students were not able to register a single voter in Mississippi that summer, the mission behind Freedom Summer.

Schakowsky just a few weeks ago attended a White House ceremony where President Obama presented the Medal of Freedom to the three families of the slain students.

"Their role in the Civil Rights Movement changed our country," Schakowsky said. "And today, in Mississippi, there are more elected black officials than any state in the country."

But a half century later, Schakowsky said, a key question must be asked: "Have we come far enough?"

"Three more dead black males have been in the news," she said. "Eric Garner, Tamir Rice only 12 years old and Michael Brown. And before them we all remember the Trayvon Martin story. No one has been held accountable for those

"So we ask, are those deaths about race? I personally believe they are. What should and can we do about it? This is a serious issue that has to be talked about in our country, in our community, in our schools, in this hallowed place, and explored as well in our minds and in our hearts."

Unforeseeable chain of events brings Leslie Munger to comptroller's office

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Following her losing bid for state representative and the sudden death of state Comptroller Judy Baar Topinka, Lincolnshire resident Leslie Munger's future plans changed in the span of 36 hours.

For the next two to four years, the former business executive turned "full-time volunteer" will take over the role of the Illinois comptroller.

Whatever the duration of her term, Munger said she wants to remove waste from the state budget.

"What better place to be, to try to fix the fiscal responsibility of our state?" she said Jan. 8, speaking from a long-scheduled family vacation in Florida, where she is in the midst of organizing her staff and settling her priorities. "That's what I view as the role of the comptroller."

On Sunday, Jan. 4, Gov.-elect Bruce Rauner appointed Munger to the position, which opened Dec. 10 when Topinka, freshly re-elected to a second term, died of a stroke.

Munger said she had only a day and a half to decide, but did not need that much time. "It's going to be a disruption to my fam-



Leslie Munger gives a wave during the Lincolnshire Fourth of July Parade. I MARK UKENA/FOR PIONEER PRESS

ily, I know, but I think it's going to be one of the most important things I'll ever have the opportunity to do," she said.

Having spent the majority of her career at Proctor & Gamble, the only years the Joliet native and University of Illinois grad spent living outside Illinois were while working at its headquarters in Cincinnati. Managing the turnaround of hair care products took her on trips around the world and often took her away from her two growing boys, so she retired to Lincolnshire.

Years of volunteering, particularly at the Riverside Foundation's Auxiliary, could not satisfy her business interest, though, and with one son in the working world and the other in college, Munger ran for state office last fall, losing to state Rep. Carol

After the election, with Rauner working to populate his staff, she put her name in for consideration.

"I honestly thought, when I did it, that I'd be participating on a committee," Munger said.

On Jan. 3, as Munger and her husband, John, prepared for their trip, Rauner's transition team called. Her resume had landed on his short list of comptroller candidates, and they needed to know her interest level.

This was quite a different job than representative. Besides covering the entire state instead of her neighborhood and

dealing solely with finances instead of legislation, comptroller is a full-time gig that requires that the office-holder also hold a residence in Springfield.

Munger said she wanted in, and she received a call the next night from Rauner.

"It was extremely fast," Munger said. "I feel honored, and humbled."

Now Munger is putting her own staff together, figuring out her office hours in Springfield and Chicago's Thompson Center and trying to settle on what she will target first.

The cessation of "reckless borrowing," unfunded and underfunded mandates and interfund borrowing will all receive her attention at some point, she said.

She will be searching for the sources of bad-money arrangements, Munger said.

Her next campaign might be in 2018, but Munger expects the General Assembly to cut her term in half. Rather than allow political appointees to serve an entire term to elected office, a bill that passed both houses of the legislature on Thursday, Jan. 8, would require all appointees face a vote in the next general election -November 2016, in this case. The bill was signed Jan. 10 by Gov. Pat Quinn.



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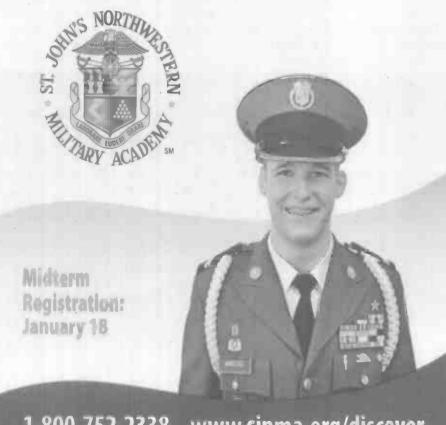
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Niles prepares to unveil three possible village logos, slogans

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The Village of Niles is getting closer to having a new logo and tagline as it prepares to finalize three potential designs.

On May 27, the Niles Village Board voted to hire LS+Team, a Glen Ellyn-based branding consultant, to revamp the village brand. The idea originated from the Executive Committee of the Niles Commission for Economic Development and Neighborhood Renewal.

The committee members argued that Niles needs a new logo to attract businesses, encourage development and attract

During the Jan. 7 Executive Committee meeting, Niles Economic Development Director and commission member Ross Klicker said that LS+Team is down to three possible designs. Those designs will be unveiled at the next full Economic Development and Neighborhood Renewal commission meeting, which is tentatively scheduled for Feb. 18.

The design may be changed in response to commission feedback. It will be up to the Village Board to give final approval over which brand Niles will use.

The original vote to hire LS+Team was one of the rare cases in recent history where the mayor had to cast a tie-breaking vote. Mayor Andrew Przybyło spoke strongly in favor of getting a new brand, arguing that the village needs to put its best face forward.

During the Jan. 7 meeting, committee member Mike Shields said that while he is in favor a new brand, he wanted Klicker to explain again why it was necessary.

Klicker replied that current logo is too

"You see this kind of logo in municipalities everywhere," he said.

Klicker also argued that the current tagline has issues.

"Our tagline 7 'Where People Count' 7 it could be viewed as a negative," he said. "Someone could say, 'where people count > only up to 10."

Klicker also said that when talking to potential businesses and developers, he found that many of them had no idea what Niles is 7 but they became interested once

he explained were Niles is. A new brand, Klicker argued, would give the village more name recognition.

He told the committee that since the Village Board vote, LS+Team interviewed local organizations and did pop-up interviews at the Niles Public Library to get a better idea of what locals want. It also talked with Klicker, Niles Communications Coordinator Hayley Gerard and Assistant Village Manager Hadley Skeffington-Vos.

Based on that information, LS+Team came up with a "brand position" 7 a statement that would serve as the basis for the new logo and tagline. The position touted Niles a safe, diverse community with friendly residents, comfortable homes and convenient transportation corridors. It also touted Niles' welcoming business climate.

LS+team came up with a number of designs, ultimately narrowing it down to three options. Klicker said the designs haven't been finalized, so he doesn't want to discuss them yet. But later during the meeting, Przybylo wound up mentioning that one of the potential taglines is "Crossroads of Community and Commerce."

Shields asked whether any of the potential designs use symbols currently associated with the village, such as the Leaning Tower of Niles.

There's only one proposal featuring the Leaning Tower," replied Klicker.

Committee member Joe Bialko wondered if the village should take more time to design a logo. He said that the village could wait until it has a better idea of what the Touhy Corridor will be developed into before it settles on a brand, because he doesn't want a mismatch between the brand and what the village has to offer.

Bialko used Rosemont as an example of something he wanted to avoid, arguing that it's symbol 7 a rose 7 doesn't fit the village's reputation as a major entertainment and convention hub.

Klicker responded that the village wants to get a new logo and tagline in place as soon as possible.

"The logo and a brand we develop is an indication that we are a strong community," he said. "It says that we are going to help you be successful."

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Shure not in need of financial boon given by Niles officials

Break out the champagne! Bring on the caviar! Let the music begin!

That's what the moguls who run Shure, Inc. in mega-millionaire-friendly Niles might be yelling to the wait-staff of elite Chicago area restaurants. Why the celebration? The village of Niles has just handed a financial boon to this corporation under the pretext that special taxing policies will "help" this company.

Is Shure in deep debt? No. Is Shure on the brink of bankruptcy? No. Is Shure rifting employees? No. In fact, Shure, a leading manufacturer of audio equipment, is quite solvent and has been active in opening manufacturing sites in Mexico and China, places which have grabbed American manufacturing jobs and left countless thousands of Americans without employment. It has offices in Germany, China, Holland, Japan, Dubai and Britain. That's how good its business has become. Its main office is in Niles. OFFICE!

Village politicians have followed the lead of Niles "tax liberator" Mayor Andrew Przybylo in granting a nine-year extension of the infamous 6B designation to this multinational, solvent company to reduce that company's taxes! Here's how it works: the village's exemption is designed to encourage industrial development and, as the County says, "for the development of new industrial facilities, the rehabilitation of existing industrial structures, and the industrial re-utilization of abandoned buildings.'

Is there a case for building, fixing, or rehabbing Shure? Nope. Tax benefits given to Shure also adversely reflect the tax collections of Niles school districts, library district and park districts.

Who pays for Shure's relief? Niles homeowners and mortgagers. Great deal, huh? Only the free and the brave, independent trustees Rosemary Palicki and Chris Hanusiak, refused to support such a blatant giveaway as burdens are added to residents.

Another sucker punch from the Przybylo intrigue machine.

Dave Laske

Closing for cold? Why, back in my day



This week raised the first red flag that I may have reached a certain age — the age where men pay for everything with exact change, have no concern over wearing a beret or flirting with the cashier at the grocery store, or begin every story with the phrase: "Back in my

day ..."

The event that sparked my fears was last week's cold weather snap.

It has been cold before. But last week's cold weather forecast, not the weather itself, caused schools across Chicago to announce that they would

Upon hearing the news, I immediately thought to myself: "Back in my day, they didn't close schools for cold weather."

Indeed, I racked my brain and could recall only one closing in my long history of Chicago weather the snowstorm of 1967. I remember getting a ride to school that morning instead of walking the seven blocks and being glad for the ride when I saw a girl who lived half a block away standing soaking wet in the hallway.

In high school we had cold and snowy days. But that just meant waking up an hour earlier to take the CTA to good old Lane Tech. I remember

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one winter storm when other high schools in Chicago closed, but Lane stayed open. One teacher came into the auditorium announcing, "That's why Lane's No. 1."

The only reprieve from bad weather I could recall was an announcement from Mr. Penfield, his voice slow and steady over the loudspeaker in each room, proclaiming: "Today's inclement weather has caused an excessive number of students to be tardy to school. Please allow students into class without a tardy slip."

I was not alone in my surprise about the rush to close school. My wife said the same things about last week's closing. And so did just about every adult I met.

The questions: Is it really that

cold? Hasn't it been this cold before? They sell all sorts of high tech cold weather gear all over and they close school for this?

Chicago Public Schools announced that they would be open for students to come and hang out after announcing that they would close for instruc-

Huh? It's too dangerous to go to school to learn, but not too dangerous to go to school to hang out?

Everyone seemed to use safety as the reason for closing schools, and citing the fear of a student getting

I suppose it is possible if a child is sent to stand outside waiting for the bus without a hat or gloves or coat. Or a kid might try what I did in first grade, leaving the house with my hat on, throwing it into the basement before I left, and retrieving it later and pretending I wore it all day.

But high schools closed too? I see. teenagers going to school in short sleeves and no jacket almost all winter if it is 20 degrees or warmer.

When it comes to safety, let's face facts. Schools are driving kids around town in buses without seatbelts. If I try that with my air-bagged SUV, I'll be hauled off to jail and have an interview with DCFS.

Which reminds me: Back in my day, we didn't have seatbelts.

Now excuse me. I've got just enough change to buy a loaf of bread at the store. I hope my favorite cashier is working!

LET US HEAR FROM YOU

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Why all the barking and hissing over pets in Heaven?

It sounded good, soothing and comforting.
But everything has to

be a controversy today.

He never said it. Well. if

He never said it. Well, if he said it he didn't mean it. It violates teaching.

It's the remark attributed to Pope Francis that people could hope to see their beloved dogs in heaven.

I refuse to get caught up in this debate. As a former philosophy student I know better than to embroil myself in the toils of theology.

But I can't resist asking: What about cats?

I love dogs. But I love cats, too.

Can I hope to see my cat pals in heaven — assuming I get there, myself?

Ultimately, we are responsible for our own beliefs. I have been around dogs and cats for a lifetime.



Based on that lifetime of experience, I believe dogs and cats have souls. They are capable of great love and self-sacrifice. And the presence of dogs and cats comforts the ill, the despairing and the dying. That's more than enough soul for me. How can there be heaven without dogs and cats?

That's just my personal belief, you understand. Because, this leads to a problem. What about other animals? Do they have souls, too? Are they going to be in heaven?

Take snakes. Some people love them and keep them as pets.

My sister lived above

a pet shop. One day she was minding her grand-daughter on the back porch. She noticed something large moving in the corner. The little girl saw it, too, and started toward it. It was a boa constrictor that had escaped from the pet store below.

My sister scooped up her granddaughter, ran inside and called the cops.

Do I want to meet boa constrictors in heaven? No way. But that maybe is just me. You see the predicament.

So, the issue of animals in heaven may not be settled for all. But for me, I'm hoping to see Sandy, Smokey, Bootsie, Rutherford, Kali, Jake, Nick, Jack, Tuffy, Daisy, Harvey, and Scooter.

It'll be a noisy reunion. But a happy one.



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Cheating doesn't always mean it's over

LOVE ESSENTIALLY BY JACKIE PILOSSOPH



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I've heard a lot of people say things like, "If my spouse ever cheated on me, I'd leave him in a second," or "Once a cheater, always a cheater."

I've come to realize that those who make blanket statements like these have never experienced infidelity firsthand. Why do I feel this way? Because believe it or not, there are couples — countless couples — whose marriages survive, even thrive after one of them cheats.

Dr. Gary Hill is a Northfield-based clinical psychologist and licensed marriage and family therapist who, during his 20-year career, has seen hundreds of couples for the issue of cheating. I sat down with Hill to talk about reasons people cheat, and how to repair and rebuild after someone is unfaithful.

Why men and women cheat

Hill said every situation is unique, but that there are two kinds of cheating: physical encounters and emotional affairs.

"A one-night stand is the least damaging to a relationship and is often a one-time, impulsive bad decision," said Hill, who has a doctorate in clinical psychology. "If the person feels guilty and regretful, that's a sign they are still connected to the marriage."

But Hill said that one-night affairs are much less common than emotional affairs, which often develop because the couple has drifted apart, and have put the health of their marriage low on their list of priorities.

"One or both of the people become vulnerable to affairs because over time — usually years — they do less and less things together. They have a lack of bonding and a lack of connection," he said. "Their marriage becomes all about the children and not about their relationship anymore."

Hill said that he asks a bottom line question in therapy: "Why did you really have the affair?"

He said the answer he usually gets isn't, "The sex was better," or "It was exciting."

"The person says, Tve been feeling lonely for years, and this person paid attention to me and made me feel more loved and wanted," said Hill.

Believe it or not, there is one good thing that comes from cheating.

"Discovering an affair causes crisis in a marriage," said Hill. "You can't ignore your marital problems anymore. The cheating is highlighting that there are issues that need repair."

A narcissistic attitude equals failure

According to Hill, if there is still some love and a connection left in the marriage, along with remorse or guilt for the affair, the relationship can be repaired. On the other hand, beware of the narcissist.

"If a person feels like the affair is justified, and rationalizes it by saying something like, 'My wife and I haven't had sex in six months, and I need sex,' the chance of saving the marriage is much less," he said.

Repairing and rebuilding

According to Hill, to save the marriage, the person having the affair has to be willing to stop it immediately and prove to the other that they ended it. He even went so far as to say the person needs to show "transparency," meaning they need to give their spouse open access to their cell phone and email accounts for several months.

I'm actually not one of those people who thinks cheating automatically means the end of a marriage. I also don't believe "once a cheater, always a cheater." But, if a marriage is going to survive cheating, both people have to want it to work out for the right reasons. Not for the kids, and not because it's easier financially, or more convenient, or because they don't want to live alone, but because they think they could have a beautiful life together again.

Additionally, both people have to be committed to working really hard to save it, which includes things like therapy, better communication, date nights, and doing whatever it takes to get back to the place they were in when they first fell in love.

Have a dating question or story you'd like to share? We'd LOVE to hear about it! Email: Jackie@loveessentially.com. It's all confidential, by the way!

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Niles commission working on mapping neighborhoods, with plans to name each

BY IGOR STUDENKOV
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The Niles Economic Development and Neighborhood Renewal Commission is working to clearly define village neighborhoods 7 and name each.

The initiative was described as a way to better define various parts of the village and a way to encourage community pride. The commission plans to draw largely on historical names of Niles subdivisions. The borders will also be based on historical subdivisions, while taking into account expansions and developments that have taken place since then.

During the Jan. 7 meeting of the commission's Executive Committee, Niles' Economic Development Director and commission member Ross Klicker showed the first draft of the Niles neighborhood map. This draft will be presented at the commission's next meeting, which is tentatively scheduled for Feb. 18. It is ultimately up to the Village Board to sign off on the final version of the map.

As Klicker explained in his presentation to the Executive Committee, most of the village didn't have any clearly defined neighborhoods. Even when there are neighborhood names, the boundaries are not always clear.

Committee member Joe Bialko illustrated the point by noting that he lives in the west part of Niles, but struggled to describe what the area is actually called.

During the meeting, Mayor Andrew Przybylo said that he'd like to change that.

"I'd really like to see neighbor-

hoods named," he said. "If you don't have a name, you don't have an identity. What we need to do is create names and attach them to history, attach them to geography."

Klicker explained that village staff looked back to the beginnings of Niles as a farming village. Sidwell Company records tooks of maps created by the St. Charles-based map-making company toontain names of the village's original sub-divisions.

Many of those names survived in the names of Niles' parks. Klicker said that since the subdivisions changed as the village grew, the neighborhoods don't follow those boundaries exactly, but the subdivisions can be used as a starting point.

"We can make the map based on our best assumptions and say, 'This is where this neighborhood is, this is where that neighborhood is,'" said Klicker.

Przybylo said that he would eventually like to include neighborhood names in street signs, right below the street names.

The committee also considered doing neighborhood competitions during the village Independence Day celebrations.

Przybylo prepared a draft map, which will be presented to the full commission at its next meeting. The commission members are expected to look at the map and consider whether the proposal makes sense and suggest changes, he said.

The meeting has been tentatively scheduled for Feb. 18, at 5 p.m. Klicker indicated that it may be rescheduled if another date is more convenient for committee

members. If the date is changed, it will be posted on the calendar on the village's website.

Przybylo also said he wants to do more to encourage residents to organize block parties.

"I had one in my neighborhood," he said. "It was a lot of fun. Thing is, we need to make it easier."

For block parties, village staff drops off tables and chairs, leaving residents to set them up, which is inconvenient, Przybylo said. He also said that the current arrangement encourages residents to set up tables in their own driveways, which defeats the point of a block party as a community event. He suggested adding tents into the package.

"If we can make it easier, it will be more well-received," said Przybylo.







PROPERTY TRANSFERS

1488 Snow Drift Cir, Niles 60714: Janusz Buz sold the property to Jeremy J Stanke & Danielle L Stanke for \$239,000 on December 18

7022 W Monroe St. Niles 60714-3042: Jozef Bugaj sold the property to Mete Hachim & Tyurkyan Hachim for \$375,000 on December 19

704I W Touhy Ave 204d, Niles 607I4-4364: Ioan Saveanu sold the property to Rose Pesoli for \$220,000 on December

8050 N Osceola Ave, Niles 60714-2970: Heidy Hwang sold the property to Sung Hee Hwang & Dae Yong Hwang for \$271,000 on December 18

9959 N Huber Ln. Niles 60714-1016: Wells Fargo Bank sold the property to Linda L Teckler & Judy M Teckler for \$315,000 on December 24

1620 Pfingsten Rd, Northbrook 60062-5849: Cheryl Lamm sold the property to Peirong Fu & Fang Xu for \$425,000 on December 18

1673 Western Ave, Northbrook 60062-5042: Ilva Shegelman sold the property to Jessica M Wasserman for \$300,000 on December 18

1740 Mission Hills Rd 203, Northbrook 60062-5731: Jerry L Schwartz sold the property to Lynn Winston for \$260,000 on December 19

1951 Koehling Rd, Northbrook 60062-1346: Roman Pisman sold the property to Keith Smith for \$370,000 on December 22

2201 Ash Ln, Northbrook 60062-3535: David L Moore sold the property to Carl S White & Gayle E White for \$540,000 on December 19

2350 Peachtree Ln, Northbrook 60062-3548: David F Nyren sold the property to Jeffrey M Olson & Amy B Olson for \$1,275,000 on December 19

2435 Briarford Ln, Northbrook 60062-7530: Joseph M Hazan sold the property to Dmitriy Fortel & Sveta L Fortel for \$540,000 on December 22

2550 Shannon Rd, Northbrook 60062-4465: Michael S Paleczny sold the property to Brian P Roche & Abigail K Roche for \$1,065,000 on December 19

2738 Maple Ave, Northbrook 60062-5251: Lynn Winston sold the property to Dohn A Arms & Deshawn C Arms for \$590,000 on December 26

2820 Farmington Rd, Northbrook 60062-6912: Isc Capital Llc Series 2820 sold the property to Adam Hopkins & Kelsey Mckeown for \$700,000 on December 26

3225 Brookdale Ln, Northbrook 60062-7501: William G Pappas sold the property to James P Burke & Jeanne S Burke for \$702,500 on December 24

372! Torrey Pines Pkwy, Northbrook 60062-3129: Lois Harmon sold the property to Paul A Bornstein & Amy P Bornstein for \$690,000 on December

3946 Crestwood Dr. Northbrook 60062-7541: Leonid Khanin sold the property to Todd E Sarbaugh & Carina T Sarbaugh for \$630,000 on December 18

642 Charlemagne Dr. Northbrook 60062-2112: Michael J Sherrow sold the property to Jason Risdon & Pamela Risdon for \$530,000 on December 19

651 Helen Dr, Northbrook 60062-2529: Alexander Ryabov sold the property

to Maria G Pereira for \$935,000 on December 22

715 Alice Dr. Northbrook 60062-2519: Anna Davydov sold the property to Aneta Cwik Pescatore for \$360,000 on December 24

105 S Hanilin Ave, Park Ridge 60068-3723: George E Becker sold the property to Pablo Morales & Celene Morales for \$635,000 on December 18

1912 S Crescent Ave, Park Ridge 60068-5384: Veronica Frehe sold the property to Gregory K Adler & Erika N Schoenstene for \$315,000 on December 19

2001 S Washington Ave, Park Ridge 60068-5448; Joshua Painter sold the property to Eric D Carlson & Amy B Carlson for \$440,000 on December 24

239 Gillick St, Park Ridge 60068-4929: Raymond D Parpan sold the property to Jack A Aimers & Maribeth Aimers for \$425,000 on December 19

44 Park Ln 136, Park Ridge 60068-2830: Carpenter Trust sold the property to Salvatore Dragotta & Andrea

Dragotta for \$325,000 on December 19 619 Florence Dr., Park Ridge 60068-2101: Michael G Koziol sold the property to Phillip J Gaske & Erin N Gaske for \$350,000 on December 18

724 Florence Dr, Park Ridge 60068-2104: Hai Motiwalla sold the property to Melissa A Ortiz & Sharon J Cooney for \$345,000 on December 19

809 Florence Dr, Park Ridge 60068-2105: Fannie Mae sold the property to Steve Filo for \$315,000 on December 26

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1030 Pine St B 3, Glenview 60025-2937: Carl Mitsakopoulos sold the property to Paul L Brancky & Laura C Brancky for \$462,500 on December 18 IIIO Shermer Rd, Glenview 60025-2732: Fannie Mae sold the property to Caroline

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Baby Time

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Park Board of Commissioners

6 p.m.: Meets on the third Tuesday of the month. Howard Leisure Center, 6676 W. Howard St., Niles.

HAPPENING NEARBY

THURSDAY, JAN. 15

German Stammtisch

I p.m.: The group meets on the first and third Thursday of each month in the community center to practice German and learn about German culture. For all experience levels, from native speakers to beginners. Oakton Park Community Center, 4701 W. Oakton St., Skokie.

Twitter

2 p.m.: What is Twitter, anyway? Get acquainted with this online social networking service that has more than just text messaging. Sign up for a Twitter account before class. Registration and Glenview Library card required unless otherwise noted. Register at glenviewpl.org/register, 847-729-7500 Ext. 7700, or the Reference Services Desk. Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview.

Race and the Economy: Jobs, Housing. **Poverty**

5 p.m.: In conjunction with the special exhibition RACE: Are We So Different?, the Illinois Holocaust Museum and YWCA Evanston/North Shore present a Scholar Series: moderated by Dr. Yolanda Moses, University of California-Riverside, former President of American Anthropological Association and co-author of "RACE: Are We So Different?" and Dr. David Stovall, University of Illinois at Chicago, **Associate Professor Educational Policy Studies** and African American Studies. Reservations required: RACEexhibit@vwcae-ns.org. Illinois Holocaust Museum, 9603 Woods Drive, Skokie. Call 847-967-4835.

Pizza Wars V

6 p.m.: The fifth annual Pizza Wars takes place in the school's main gymnasium to benefit the District 219 Education Foundation, assisting children in need in the Niles Township area, which covers the villages of Skokie, Morton Grove, Lincolnwood, Niles and Golf. Pizza Wars V commences with a standoff between the four area mayors in a fierce

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pizza eating battle to see who can consume the most pizza in five minutes. After the mayoral showdown, attendees enjoy pizza tastings from the participating pizzerias and cast their single vote for best pizza. Features live entertainment from Niles North High School and Niles West High School student band. Tickets may be purchased on the 219 District Education Foundation website at http:// www.219foundation.org/. Sponsorship opportunities are available. Niles North High School, 9800 Lawler Ave., Skokie. Call 847-626-2000. Advance tickets \$12 per person; \$15 per person at the door.

Lyric Opera of Chicago Lecture Series: Tosca by Giacomo Puccini

7 p.m.: Tales of intrigue, love, and death from the Lyric Opera season. Moderated by Lyric Opera docents. Register at glenviewpl.org/register, 847-729-7500 x 7600, or the Reader Services Desk. Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road.

Skokie Photographic Society

7:30 p.m.: The group meets on the third Thursday of each month. All levels of photographic skill are welcome. Skokie Village Hall, 5127 Oakton St., Skokie, Call 847-677-8324.

FRIDAY, JAN. 16

Duplicate Bridge

9 a.m.: The senior center offers a friendly bridge game every Friday morning. Park Ridge Senior Center, 100 S. Western Ave., Park Ridge. Call 847-692-5127.

Share the Warmth

9 a.m.: Volunteers wanted. Join a group of warm, friendly, supportive women (men welcome) to prepare one-of-a-kind fleece blankets for chemo patients. We add a crochet edge to fleece and send these free blankets to new adult chemotherapy patients. We can teach you a basic crochet stitch if needed. Bring lunch. We often gather until 2 or 3 p.m. Donations are welcome to this 501(c)3 non-profit organization. North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Road, Northfield. Call 847-784-6030.

Staying Motivated in a Tough Job Market

9:30 a.m.: Co-sponsored with JVS Chicago. Thursdays through Feb. 5, untill1:30 a.m. Looking for a job takes an enomous amount of emotional energy. Learn to understand one's personal barriers to motivation, manage stress, find support and create an action plan to help one succeed with a job search. Registration required. No fee. Contact Rosalie Greenberger, LCSW, 224-625-2819, RosalieGreenberger@jcfs.org, or Roberta Glick, LCPC, NCC. 224-625-2819. Goldie Bachman Luftig Building, 5150 Golf Road, Room 235, Skokie, IL, Skokie. Call 224-625-2819.

Make Your Own Business Cards

10 a.m.: Want professional business cards at an affordable price, or even free? Learn about print-ondemand websites that let one design high quality business cards. Walk through the process and go over options. Eisenhower Public Library, 4613 N. Oketo Ave., Harwood Heights. Call 708-867-7828.

Handicrafters

10 a.m.: Held every Friday at 10 a.m. Park Ridge Senior Center, 100 S. Western Ave., Park Ridge. Call 847-692-5127.

Gamers

I p.m.: The group meets every Friday. Park Ridge Senior Center, 100 S. Western Ave., Park Ridge. Call 847-692-5127.

Candy Crush Hunt

6 p.m.: Explore for hidden candy treats at Maine Park. Grab your jackets and flashlights! Those who find the special treats, find out what they win when the whole group returns inside. There is also time for games! Registration deadline: Jan. 9. (Ages: II-I6) Register online at www.prparks.org. Maine Park Leisure Center, 2701 W. Sibley St., Park Ridge. Call 847-692-5127, \$8.

Mr. Guerin Prep Charity Pageant and Fundraiser

6:30 p.m.: Guerin Prep High School's Varsity Dance team presents its first Mr. GP Charity Pageant and Fundraiser. The majority of the proceeds goes to an affiliated charity. Each contestant is representing one of the charities. The winner's charity receives the funds. Raffles, concessions, and fun for a good cause. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. Donations welcome. Guerin College Prep, 8001 W Belmont Ave., River Grove. Call 773-304-7418. \$10.

Friday Night Live

7 p.m.: Friday Night Live Club is a fun and safe club designed for students in fourth and fifth grades. Each month is themed with live DJ. Everyone is guaranteed to have a blast! Pre-register or pay at the door. Concessions are available (pizza/ hot dogs, pop, water, candy, and chips). Register online at www.prparks.org Maine Park Leisure Center, 2701 W. Sibley St., Park Ridge. Call 847-692-5127. \$5 at the door.

5Rhythms Dance - A Moving Meditation

7:30 p.m.: Come and explore the 5Rhythms Dance - a movement meditation to music. No experience necessary and one "cannot do it wrong". First class free. Ample street parking. Foster Street Dance, 915 Foster St. (next to the Purple line Foster stop), Evanston. Call 847-869-0250. \$15; \$10 Students/ Seniors.

Shabbat Children's Program

9 a.m.: Children in Shabbat Kids Club can enjoy a program that includes davening, interactive games, a healthy snack and stories. Lubavitch Chabad of Skokie, 4059 Dempster St., Skokie. Call 847-677-

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.

Romp & Rhyme

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

Introduction to Effective Networking

I p.m.: Lori Howard and Deb Berger present a Job Networking Group Event. Learn what networking really is and how to form relationships that support one's job search and career. Learn the tools and skills of effective networking, online and in person, Eisenhower Public Library, 4613 N. Oketo Ave., Harwood Heights. Call 708-867-7828.

Family Movie: Frozen Sing-Along

2 p.m.: (PG, I hr. 42 min.) Bring the entire family to sing-a-long with everyone's favorite ice princess, Elsa, as she teams up with her sister, Anna, a mountain man, his playful reindeer and a snowman to change the weather condition (IMDb). Lincolnwood Public Library, 4000 W. Pratt Ave., Lincolnwood. Call 847-677-5277 x232. Free.

Open House at Raydiant Day in Evanston

2 p.m.: Join in for all things Raydiant, refreshments and fun, prizes and special course coupons. Meet Raydiant Day instructors for upcoming courses and gatherings. Open House until 5 p.m. Raydiant Day Center for Raydiant Life Fitness, 1400 Greenleaf Street, Evanston, Call 847-869-6477.

Friendship Ambassadors Training

2:30 p.m.: Participate in Friendship Club events as a volunteer. Trained Friendship Ambassadors « FROM PREVIOUS PAGE

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make everybody feel welcome while enjoying fun activities together. Earn service hours, too. Grades 4-12. Training provided by the Northern Suburban Special Education District. Register at glenviewpl. org/register, 847-729-7500 x 7900, or the Youth Services Desk. Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview. Call 847-729-7500.

80s Night Public Skate

8:30 p.m.: Get ready for a totally awesome time! Skate to the retro hits of the 80s. Enjoy treats for the kids, and everyone in attendance entered in a drawing for two tickets to a Chicago Wolves hockey game! Oakton Ice Arena, 2800 W. Oakton St., Park Ridge. Call 847-692-3359. Daily Public Skate Admission Fee.

SUNDAY, JAN. 48

Get Curious: How Curiosity Replaced Revelation

10:30 a.m.: Jeff Wagg, a travel agent and the founder and curator of the College of Curiosity. His topic is, "Get Curious: How Curiosity Replaced Revelation." In a blend of story- and history telling, audience participation, humor, some sleightof-hand, and a demonstration of everyday and unusual objects, Wagg contends that curiosity can be a replacement for false spirituality. Coffee Hour after the talk. Childcare is available. Ethical Humanist Society, 7574 Lincoln Ave., Skokie. Call 847-677-3334.

The Hardest Job in the World Just Got a Little Easier

10:30 a.m.: Parenting is quite possibly the most difficult job in the world. Where does a parent turn for direction? A new accredited six-week course explores parenting principles and techniques rooted in millennia of Jewish wisdom. Rabbi Dovid Flinkenstein, executive director of Chabad of Wilmette conducts the course sessions on Sunday and Wednesday mornings and Monday evenings. Designed to appeal to people at all levels of knowledge. Attendees need not be affiliated with a particular synagogue, temple, or other house of worship. Interested students may call 847-251-7707 or visit www.ChabadWilmette.com/JLI for registration and other course-related information. For other locations, visit www.mvJLl.com, JLl is the adult education branch of Chabad Lubavitch, the largest Jewish education network in the world. Chabad of Wilmette - Center for Jewish Life and Learning, 2904 Old Glenview Road, Wilmette. Call 847-251-7707. \$100.

Career Support Group

9:30 a.m.: Network with others who are looking for work and learn strategies for finding a job. The group meets on the third Monday of each month. Skokie Public Library, 5215 Oakton St., Skokie. Call 847-324-3176.

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.

MGPL Kids: Monday Morning Playgroup

10:30 a.m.: Drop-in play time for preschoolers with a parent or caregiver to introduce young children to the library in a low-key, unstructured session. Call 847-929-5102 or visit www.mgpl.org for more information. Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove. Free.

Oakton Open House

Il a.m.: Join in on day off school for some ice skating! All ages and abilities are welcome. "Skates," the Chicago Wolves mascot attends. Enjoy halfprice admission and \$1 skate rental while they last. Oakton Ice Arena, 2800 W. Oakton St., Park Ridge. Call 847-692-3359.

Knitting Roundtable for Adults

2:30 p.m.: Work through knitting projects and socialize with fellow knitters. Expert knitters can show you how to solve knitting challenges. Call 847-929-5101 or visit www.mgpl.org for more information. Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove.

Yarn Gang

4 p.m.: Kids in grades one and up are invited to try their hand at knitting, crocneting or other yarn crafts. Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove. Call 847-965-4220.

Snack & Study

5 p.m.: Study for Finals Week at the Library. Meeting rooms will be open for group or individual study; snacks provided. Stop by the Information Desk in the Library Lobby for Snack & Study daily locations. Grades 9-12. Just drop in. Until 9 p.m. Jan. 19-21. Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview. Call 847-729-7500.

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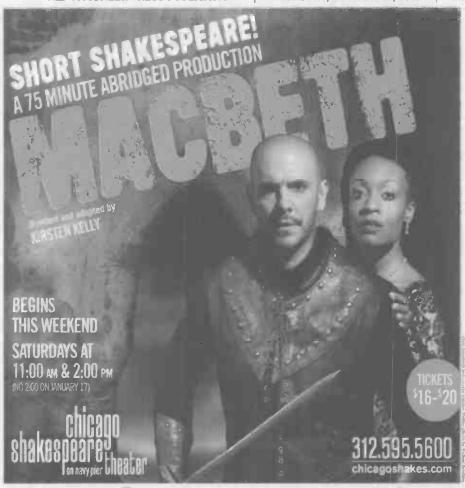
6 p.m.: Get a new electronic device? Feeling confused or intimidated? Drop in for help from the staff. Eisenhower Public Library, 4613 N. Oketo Ave., Harwood Heights. Call 708-867-7828.

Park Ridge City Council Meeting

7 p.m.: Park Ridge City Hall, 505 Butler Place, Park Ridge, Call 847-318-5200.

Parenting Support Group

7 p.m.: This is a drop-in group that is designed to help parents think about their parenting styles and allow for group support around parenting decisions. The group is formatted with an educational portion and a discussion portion and runs until 8:30 p.m. Parents may attend multiple sessions. Parents should register with Julia Wall, LCSW. 224-625-2914, JuliaWall@jcfs.org Response Center, 9304 N. Skokie Blvd., Skokie. Call 224-625-2914. \$15 per couple.





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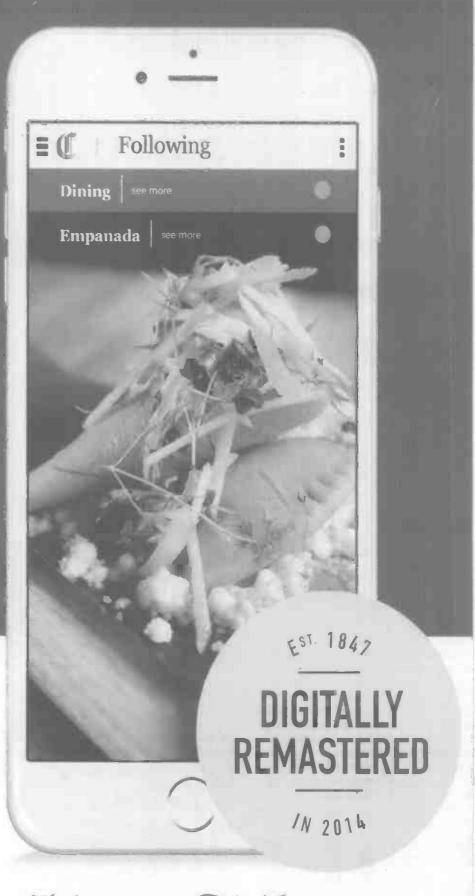
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Best Selling, Best Value Electronics and Appliances of 2014

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The combination of 2014 coming to an end and Help Squad's unwavering pursuit of the best deals and advice for everyday consumers has resulted in a "Best-Of" list for you, our cost- and quality-conscious readers. The below-assembled list focuses on household electronics and appliances that offer a combination of the following: a great price point, solid durability, energy efficiency and/or minimal maintenance.

To compile this list, we turned to one of the Chicago area's largest electronics and appliance retailers, Abt Electronics, based in Glenview (with a nationwide sales presence at Abt.com).

Jon Abt. co-president of Abt Electronics. made the following recommendations based upon customer feedback and his company's 2014 product sales.

Media streaming devices - Google **Chromecast (\$35), Apple TV (\$95),** Roku (\$99)

Media streaming devices are small boxes that connect to your "non-smart" TV (a TV that is not Internet-enabled) via the TV's HDMI port for the purpose of accessing Internet-based media content, such as movies, TV shows, music and photos. The way it works is users send their favorite online programming from an app or website on their smart phone, tablet or laptop to their TVs. Says Jon, "These devices provide all the 'smart' for the TV that doesn't have it built-in, and it is a fraction of the price of an actual smart TV."

Samsung LED TVs (example prices: \$604 for 40," \$690 for 50," \$1223 for 60")

LED stands for light emitting diode, and LEDs have become the industry standard for flat screen TVs. They are lighter, thinner, produce less heat and use less energy than plasma TVs. And according to Jon, Samsung LED TVs are top sellers because "they are long-lasting televisions at a great price point compared with the competition."

Portable Bluetooth speakers - Bose (\$199-\$299), JBL (\$50-\$250), Beats (\$50-\$300)

These small, battery-operated speakers produce extremely clear, rich sound and connect wirelessly to all Bluetooth-enabled devices, such as smart phones, tablets and MP3 players. Many are no larger than the palm of your hand and have a battery life of up to 14 hours. Other features can include built-in microphones that enable users to answer phone calls and the ability to select tracks and adjust volume from up to 30 feet away. Jon's observation is that these high quality speakers are available at such a low price point due to this category's incredibly competitive marketplace. He adds, "These speakers produce amazing sound in a very small component."

Nest Learning Thermostat (\$249)

This is a wi-fi enabled home thermostat that is said to be as "easy to install as a light fixture." Following installation, a user answers a few questions, and after a few days of adjusting temperatures up and down, Nest learns the home's heating and cooling schedule. The thermostat even has an "auto-away" function that knows when everyone has left the house and adjusts the temperature accordingly. Additionally, Nest can be controlled from just about anywhere via a user's laptop, tablet or cell phone. Nest is said to be able to reduce a home's heating and cooling bills by up to 20 percent. According to Jon, consumers are moving to this thermostat because, "It learns from your schedule, it saves energy when you're away and you can control it from your phone."

Bosch Express Cycle Dishwashers (\$594)

These dishwashers are the quietest in their class at 50 dBA (decibels), they reduce energy usage by 20 percent, can save up to 280 gallons of water per year compared with other comparable machines, and they exceed Energy Star water requirements by 69 percent. Says Jon, "These dishwashers are best-sellers because they start at just under \$600. They also use the least amount of water compared to other dishwashers and can clean your dishes in half an hour."

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 Michael Corr, newly elected president of the Evanston Chamber of Commerce, will be introduced to chamber members, along with other new officers and Board members, on Wednesday, Jan. 28, 5:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m., at the Hilton Orrington Hotel. Corr is Senior Vice President, Commercial Banking, at First Bank & Trust.

·Thomas Kapfer, president and chief executive officer of Beaver-Visitec International, Inc., has been appointed to the Governing Council of Advocate Condell Medical Center. Kapfer joined Beaver-Visitec International at its launch in August of 2010. BVI is a global manufacturer, developer and marketer of ophthalmic and other specialty microsurgical products.

 Key Mortgage Services, Inc. announced that Dan Moran, a nationally recognized mortgage professional, has joined the company as vice president of sales. Previously a regional manager for Guaranteed Rate, Moran was named one of the 100 Most Influential Mortgage **Executives by Mortgage Executive Magazine in 2013** and 2014.

· Midtronics, Inc. announced the recent addition of Jim Solari to its board of directors. Solari has served since 2011 as president of G&W Electric Company, based in Bolingbrook. Joining G&W as Vice President of Operations in 2005, Solari has led a dramatic period of sales and profit growth for the company, developing new custom solutions for the electric power industry.

· John Nelson, P.E., regional vice president, recently celebrated 15 years of service at Hanson Professional Services Inc.'s Chicago regional office. Nelson joined the company in 1999 as a civil engineer. Prior to joining the firm, he was a project manager for an engineering firm in Chicago.

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NARS SPRING 2015 COLOR COLLECTION

This line of soft pinks, caramels and beiges is anything but basic: The beauty company is introducing a barely-there (but always flawless) look for spring, with sheer blush, peach eyeshadows and silvery glosses. Starting. at \$25, available at NARS boutiques citywide Jan. 15 and in department stores Feb. 1: Narscosmetics.com



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Raise the stakes when you dine out with this 52-card deck. Valued at over \$500 - but retailing for just \$30 - the deck contains 52 \$10 gift certificates to the city's hottest

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at the shoot

While in town surveying his latest Good Stuff Eatery outpost, D.C. chef and "Top Chef" star Spike Mendelsohn posed for our cover at W Chicago City Center (172 W. Adams), playfully climbing out onto a fire escape and testing his old-school video-game prowess on Space Invaders (see page 12) during our photo shoot



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Woody's Winter Warm-Up

The Wood Family Foundation partners with Harry Caray's for the fourth annual event, which brings out sports figures past and present from the Cubs, White Sox, Bears and Blackhawks for an evening of food, games and a silent auction. The organization, founded by former Cubs pitcher Kerry Wood and his wife Sarah, supports various kid-centric programs and children's charities.

THIS WEEK

FEAR NO ART PRESENTS THE DINNER PARTY

"SNL's" Julia Sweeney and news icon Bill Kurtis join Elysabeth Alfano for an unscripted conversation and meal from Chef Kevin Hickey of Bottlefork and Duck Inn. A pre-dinner wine tasting benefits The. Trotter Project.

Time: 5 p.m. wine tasting, 6:30 p.m. doors open, 7 p.m. event

Place: City Winery, 1200 W. Randolph

Cost: \$45. For tickets, call-(312) 733-9463 or visit Citywinery.com.

'ACCIDENTAL-LY LIKE A MARTYR'

In this Grant James Varjas play, a motley group spars in a Manhattan bar, revealing the various ways men experience and respond to the reality of HIV/AIDS.

Place: A Red Orchid Theatre, 1531 N. Wells

Cost: \$30-\$35. For tickets, call (312) 943-8722 or visit Aredorchidtheatre.org.

CHICAGO INTERNATIONAL **PUPPET THEATER FESTIVAL**

Founded by Blair Thomas & Co., this fest showcases more than a dozen puppet theater acts from around the world and includes workshops for teachers and families

Cost: Prices vary. For tickets, visit Chicagopuppetfest.org.

87TH **ACADEMY** AWARDS*

NOMINATIONS PANEL

Illinois Film Office Deputy Director Betsy Steinberg helms a cinephile-friendly conversation with critics, including Chicago Reader's J.R. Jones and The Dissolve's Tasha Robinson. A reception follows.

Time: 4:30 p.m.

Place: Gene Siskel Film Center of the School of the Art Institue of Chicago, 164

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

ARCTIC WHITE NIGHTS

With a 15-foot ice bar. ice-statues, frozen furniture and a shot luge, this frosty aerie is one unique watering hole. Kick off the season at its Splash-sponsored winter opening: Sip a White Chocolate Martini, design your own snow cone and roast s'mores over the crystalized fire pit.

Time: 9 p.m.

Place: Vertigo Sky Lounge at the Dana Hotel, 2 W. Erie

Cost: Free.

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Che s Kurt Guzowski and Thomas Rice of TÊTE Charcuterie and Quartino's Chef John Coletta demonstrate their chops at this fami-ly-style feast benefiting the Ann & Robert H.

of Chicago. Using an entire pig from a local Illinois farm, the talented trio will serve up inventive pork-driven dishes, whipped up under the eyes of hungry guests in TEJE's open

Time: 6 p.m.

Place: TÊTE, 1114 W.:Randolph

NEXT WEEK

EISENOPOLY

The Harold E. Fisenberg Foundation Associate Board. throws this sixth annual fundraiser supporting gastrointestinal cancer research at the Robert H. Lurie Comprehensive Cancer Center. The event showcases a Monopoly-themed game, open bar, music and more.

Time: 7 p.m.

Place: The Walnut Room, Macy's, 111 N. State

Cost: \$90 general admission, \$200 VIP. For tickets, visit Eisenberg foundation.org.

THE SOCCER BALL

Urban Initiatives, which empowers underserved children to embrace a healthy lifestyle and value academic performance through soccer, hosts an elegant evening of dinner and dancing. ESPN 1000's Marc Silverman and Carmen DeFalco emcee.

Time: 7 p.m.

Place: Morgan Manufacturing, 401 N. Morgan

Cost: \$150 or \$200 at the door. For tickets, visit Urbaninitiatives.org.



Black Creativity Gala

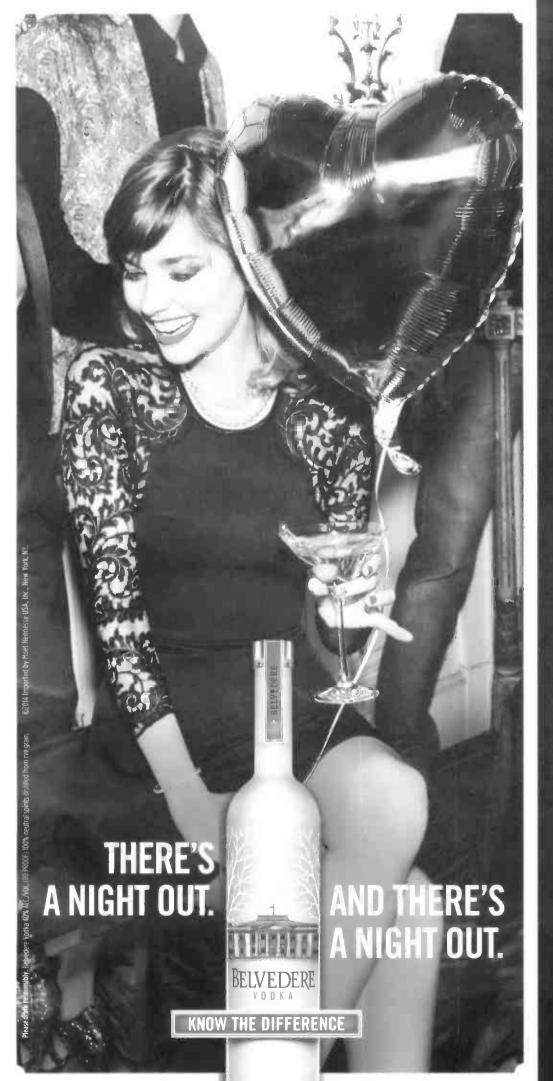
This 32nd annual black-tie bash — co-chaired by **Anne** Pramaggiore and Cheryl Harris — raises funds for Museum of Science and Industry programming and events that pay tribute to the culture, heritage and scientific contributions of African-Americans and help motivate youth in the sciences. Galagoers can visit the Juried Art Exhibition, the longest-running exhibition of African-American art, which has been displayed annually since 1970.

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Place: Museum of Science and Industry, 5700 S. Lake Shore

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CHILDREN'S RESEARCH FUND'S BALL

The scene: The Children's Research Fund of the Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital hosted its 56th annual signature black-tie event, themed "Big Dreams, Bright Futures," at the Hilton Chicago (720 S. Michigan) Dec. 6. The event featured cocktails, hors d'oeuvres. dinner and a live luxury auction including items like a Van Cleef & Arpels workshop tour in Paris and an exclusive "Chicago Fire" set visit - which scored \$326,000 in just 15 minutes. To cap off the evening, the Ken Arlen Orchestra performed pop classics and current hits along with 18 musicians, including rock violinists The Sirens.

The Invite list: The Children's Ball brought out a record-breaking 1,100 guests, including co-chairs Roxanne and Rocco Martino and Justin and Angela Dearborn, who helped organize the paddle-raise.

The bottom line: Partygoers celebrated the more than \$2.7 million raised by the Fund this year in support of pediatric medical research conducted at the Stanley Manne Children's Research Institute. -Chiara Milioulis

Splash was the media sponsor of this event. The Sun-Times Foundation and the Chicago Community Trust will match every dollar donated to the Children's Research Fund up to a total of \$50,000. Up to \$1,000 can be matched per individual donation.





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CASL'S TASTE OF ASIA

The scene: Nearly 500 guests enjoyed traditional Asian fare and thrilling dance performances at The Chinese American Service League's 35th Anniversary Taste of Asia. The event, held at the Zhou B Art Center (1029 W. 35th) Dec. 5, featured decadent samplings from 20 Chicago-area Asian restaurants, plus a silent auction and raffle, with prizes like Southwest Airlines tickets, an iPad Air from Best Buy and MingHin Cuisine gift certificates. Later, guests enjoyed dance



performances by CASL children and an Indian Bollywood dance by A.NU. Bhav of Northwestern University.

The Invite list: Judy Hsu of WLS-Channel 7 and Nancy Loo of WGN-Channel 9 emceed the event. which also saw special appearances by Nesita Kwan of WMAQ-Channel 5 and Linda Yu of WLS-Channel 7.

The bottom line: More than \$92,000 was raised for CASL, which enables clients to flourish and contribute to the greater Chicago community through its services for children and the elderly, employment training and family counseling. -Chiara Milioulis

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alk about a trend that's always shipshape: Navy blue is fashion's truest staple. But rather than just add splashes of the watery hue, dive in and embrace dresses in pure navy. Need to refresh your wardrobe? Check out Balenciaga's winter collection, filled to the brim with the shade — think fur coats, chic shifts and even leather dresses. Add a black clutch and a simple silver bauble and you'll be set to make waves on the high scene.

parties



The scene: The Puerto Rican Arts Alliance drew the best Latin guitarists — known as cuatristas — from around the country to perform a youth matinee followed by an evening concert at the 16th annual National Cuatro Festival at the Harris Theater (205 E. Randolph) Nov. 8.

The Invite list: Performers included Edwin Colon Zayas y Su Taller Campesino, Los Cantores de Bayamon, David Ortiz and the Chicago Cuatro Orchestra, and AfriCaribe and the Ruth Page Civic Ballet showcased special dance performances. More than 1,500 people came out for the festival and over 50 community members and youth helped organize the educational workshops, outreach events and student performances.

The bottom line: The bash serves as a fundraiser for PRAA's educational programs, many of which serve underprivileged children and their families. — *Chiara Milioulis*

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GAGE DIAMONDS' PREVIEW EVENT

The scene: The city's newest jeweler, Gage Diamonds, welcomed glamorous guests to a grand preview of its space (755 N. Wells) Dec. 11. The event, hosted by owner **Dustin Mauldin**, featured bites by Jordan's Food of Distinction and cocktails from **Bom**bay Sapphire.

The invite list: Notable hosts included Gillon Carrara of the School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Cedar Street Companies co-founder Jay Michael, Kate Lorenz of Hyde Park Art Center and Michael Patrick Thornton of The Gift Theatre. —Chiara Milioulis







1. Nat Sanit, Jay Michael and Angela Kang 2. Ken Walker and Christopher Augmon 3. Erikka and Patrick Wang look at jewelry. 4. Christopher Greene and Dustin Mauldin

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The scene: HighSight, a nonprofit dedicated to academic and social support for Chicago high school students, celebrated its 21st annual charity bash Dec. 30 at Union Station's Great Hall (225 S. Canal). A silent auction included prizes such as tickets to a Chicago Bulls game, VIP tickets to Pitchfork Music Festival and a weeklong vacation in Nuevo Vallarta, Mexico.

The invite list: More than 2,000 partygoers indulged in libations and hors d'oeuvres and danced to live performances by Dairy Pill and South of 80.

The bottom line: Proceeds of \$175,000 will provide scholarships, mentoring.



Katie Ebbesen, Melissa Marchand and Jessica Traverse

leadership development and college readiness programs to aid 100 students in succeeding at the private high school of their choice.

—Chiara Milioulis

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Left: Guests fill Union Station.



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STYLE HOUSE

Luxury Garage Sale hosts its second annual Winter Warehouse Sale Jan: 22-25, packed with designer clothing, shoes, accessories and costume jewelry from designers like Chanel (right), Missonl, YSL and Prada, Monday-Friday 10 a.m.-7 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Sunday 12 p.m.-5 p.m., 1658 N. Wells; Luxurygaragesäle.com



GREAT OUTDOORS

Columbia Sportswear Company unveiled its new branded store at Oakbrook Center last month, stocked with a wide range of outerwear, apparel and footwear. 460 Oakbrook Center. Oakbrook; Columbia.com







making a splash

British Invasion

Singer and style star Rita Ora talks new music, movies and making it in America BY ZAK STEMER

ita Ora is the music industry's greatest star-inwaiting. The British-raised bombshell is the first to admit that in the U.S., she's still an unproven artist. "I've never actually released [a record] here," the 24-year-old songbird says while in town for 103.5 KISS FM's Jingle Ball last month. She's had one album, "Ora," released to wide acclaim in the U.K., but her offerings stateside have been limited to a few singles, like "I Will Never Let You Down," "How We Do (Party)" and her current guest vocals on Iggy Azalea's hit "Black Widow."

Fortunately, Ora is used to biding her time. After being discovered by a representative from Roc Nation in 2009, she was flown to New York to meet the label's head, rapper Jay-Z, who offered her a contract on the spot. Still, it was three years before Ora could release an album she was happy with. "It's like building — and when the time is right, you release your record," she says. "That's what's going to happen [here]."

Ora's first U.S. release is due out late this spring and will feature collaborations with a slew of her famous friends, including Prince and Diplo. "It's way bolder, darker, more energetic and way more sexy," she says. Last summer, Ora went through a widely publicized breakup with DJ and producer Calvin Harris, and while she's been mum on the topic, she promises her new tracks will shed some light. "It's definitely just a more honest record," she says. "[There are songs] about my relationships, my life. ... But it's not like [listeners] are my therapists. It's a feel-good, heartfelt record, but what people wondered [about] is what's in the songs."

While Ora is a bona fide star when it comes to music she's got four U.K. No. 1 singles and was named Harper's Bazaar's Musician of the Year in 2013 — she's also carved out a niche for herself as a fashion icon. She's graced the covers of Elle, Cosmopolitan and Glamour, developed her own line for Adidas and secured her spot as the face of Roberto Cavalli and Rimmel London. She's also a ubiquitous presence in tabloid red-carpet recaps; she's usually lauded for her fashion hits, but even when she's called out for style missteps, she's unapologetic. "I take risks — some people may like that, some people may not like that," she explains. "[Either way], I've kind of already won because they're thinking about it.'

That confidence is the basis of Ora's persona. Love her or hate her, she doesn't care - she says she just likes "knowing that I've put an opinion in someone's mind." It's the same reason she never doubted she'd reach success: "If you don't think about [the doubt | and you just think about the fact that you're singing, it's less scary," she explains. "If you think, 'Oh gosh, maybe it won't work, maybe people won't like it,' you won't [ever] know the answer. I just take every day as it comes."





Following his first success, Mendelsohn proceeded to cut the ribbons on several other D.C. spots, including We, The Pizza, an aptly dubbed pizza parlor; The Sheppard, a speakeasy; and Béarnaise, a chic French restaurant. He's also swung open the doors to three other Good Stuff Eatery locations on the East Coast. But Chicago remains a sweetspot for Mendelsohn: His sister went to Northwestern University and his development partner for Good Stuff, Brian Dralle, is a Chicago native who was itching to set up shop in the city. "[Chicago is] a meat-and-potatoes kind of town," says Mendelsohn. "It's got a great food

It's tough to imagine a restaurant more American than Good Stuff — think burgers, hand-cut fries, hand-spun milkshakes, farmfresh ingredients and a selection of local brews on tap - which is ironic, given that Mendelsohn was born in Montreal and cut his teeth working at Pepin Restaurant, his parents' Spanish fine-dining hot spot in Florida. "I grew up in restaurants," he explains. "I was a dishwasher, I did all the nitty-gritty [jobs]. But becoming a chef was the last thing I wanted to do growing up. It wasn't as glamorous as it is now."Mendelsohn laughs: "It was long hours - still long hours. It was working holidays - still working holidays, too."

That early reluctance to become a chef shifted when Mendelsohn's grandfather became ill, and his parents left the then 18-year-old in charge of the kitchen. A year later, the kitchen ran more smoothly than ever before. "I didn't really know what I wanted to do [with my life]," he remembers. "[My parents] said, 'Why don't you stick around another year and we'll send you to culinary school?'... I thought it was a joke, but they held up their end of the bargain and I held up mine."

The deal was enough to seal Mendelsohn's fate. He attended The Culinary Institute of America in 2004, which he credits for giving him the confidence to pursue cooking. "It made me feel like I had something a little different," he says.

It's yet another understatement from Mendelsohn; while he's built a brand slinging burgers and fries, he's proved his mettle in some of the toughest gourmet kitchens in the world. During his culinary school years, the young chef jetted off to Europe to work at the famed Château Les Crayères, tucked away in a castle in northern France. "That was an intense experience, big time," he remembers. "I begged for eight months on the phone with a French chef to get that position. I'm the only American walking through the door, and they instantly called me 'L'américain.' They really put it to me. They didn't let me just stroll right in and think I was awesome, they put me in check and embarrassed me and made me learn a lot of those hard lessons. But after about two months of initiation, they accepted me as [one of] their own."

In 2005, the globetrotting gourmand left France for the California countryside, working in Napa Valley at Bouchon before switching coasts



to join the famous Le Cirque in New York.

But it was "Top Chef" that unlocked Mendelsohn's full potential: Though he began as a culinary purist with no eyes on fame, he's since carved out a niche for himself, thanks to his charming personality and trademark fedoras. Now, his rock-star status continues to rise: He's launched a private events company in D.C. where he currently resides, and is simultaneously taking his burger empire global. "We just signed an international expansion [deal] for Good Stuff Eatery in Saudi Arabia," he says. "There happens to be a huge burger boom going on [there] right now."

Mendelsohn hasn't given up on TV, either. Last year, he moved from show competitor to figurehead, helming programs like FYI's "Midnight Feast" and "Late Nite Chef Fight." But, female fans, prepare to be disappointed: The wunderkind chef is spoken for. "I am seeing somebody," he admits, before adding a humorous aside: "If you can't be near the one you love, love the one you're near. ... I'm just playing! My grandfather used to say that to me, [it was] one of his little schticks."

Despite already earning accolades here at the Hamburger Hop and garnering a fawning female fan base (Cosmopolitan magazine even spotlighted his dating tips), Mendeslohn is determined not to get a big head. He never saw fame coming and recognizes the spotlight's fleeting nature, so he stays focused on the food, saying, "You never know when the idea of rockstar chefs is going to go away."





Colletti's Smokehouse burger (top) and Sunny's hand-cut fries with sauces from the mayo bar at Good Stuff Eatery, opening at 22 S. Wabash Jan. 28.

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BY SELENA FRAGASSI

o matter their political views, their baseball rivalries or their neighborhood loyalties, Chicagoans can agree on one thing: Brunch is the most important meal of the day. Yet with so many delicious options, how does one ever decide where to dine? Here, we pick 10 unique spots and highlight their Sunday best, from the healthiest menu to the best morning brew.

> LAZY, BLOODY SUNDAY: **DAVANTI ENOTECA**

No need to get up — the Italian staple just launched a tableside bar-on-wheels that makes Bloody Marys mobile. Choose from five options, including the traditional house style (\$10), the El Guapo with Don Julio Blanco, chipotle, tomato and Cholula sauce (\$12) and the Frank Costello with vodka, Clamato, horseradish, Old Bay and oyster hot sauce (\$14). As for the food, Italian flair spices up the menu, which features dishes like a prosciutto and egg sandwich (\$11) and a mascarpone polenta board (\$15-\$18).

30 E. Hubbard, (312) 605-5900; Davantienoteca.com



Feel like brunching mid-week? The meal is served seven days a week at Logan Square's Parson's. That means you can eat the tasty chicken and waffles (\$12) on the regular, or mix it up with huevos rancheros with crispy tortillas, charred salsa, drunken pintos, sunny-side eggs and Chihuaha cheese (\$10) or the Early Riser with fries, eggs, hash browns and toast (\$8). Afterward, burn off calories on the new ice-skating rink on the back patio.

2952 W. Armitage, (773) 384-3333; Parsonschickenandfish.com

< HEALTHY AND HEARTY: BEATRIX

Brunch doesn't always have to leave you feeling guilty; Lettuce Entertain You's Beatrix is a perfect option for the health conscious. Start your meal with a fresh-squeezed juice such as the Cherry Chia Cooler (left, \$5.95) and fill up on ten-grain oatmeal with sun-dried sour cherries, dark brown sugar and toasted almonds (\$4.95), quinoa cakes with poached eggs (\$11.95) or light and fluffy lemon pancakes with blackberries and lemon syrup (\$10.95).

519 N. Clark, (312) 284-1377; Beatrixchicago.com

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BOOZE-INFUSED: DELIGHTFUL PASTRIES + CAFÉ

If the doughnut craze hasn't made you woozy enough, check out European-inspired Delightful Pastries + Café's new alcohol-infused treats, including a vodka custard doughnut made with Grey Goose, a chocolate whiskey doughnut infused with Jameson or a lemon Moonshine doughnut with shots of Ole Smokey Tennessee Moonshine (\$3.25 each). Varieties of boozy cupcakes, cookies and pies are also available, as is a full brunch menu with specialties like quiche, apple pancakes, pierogies and smoothies — just nibble responsibly.

1710 N. Wells, (312) 255-0724; Delightfulpastries.com



ALL ABOUT EGGS: **TIPPLING HALL**

Eggs can be made a dozen different ways, which is why Chef Guillermo Tellez lets picky eaters customize theirs at Mercadito Hospitality's newly opened Tippling Hall. Build your own frittata (\$14.50) with bacon, ham or beef; gruvere, cheddar or fontiago cheese; and mushrooms, spinach or roasted peppers. Or build your eggs Benedict (\$14.50) with crab, lobster, smoked salmon, pork confit, ham or mushrooms and your choice of house-made classic, Old Bay or Sriracha-spiced hollandaise sauce. For an added kick, order one of the 20-ounce Big Ass Bloody Marys (\$11-\$14).

646 N. Franklin, (312) 448-9922; Tipplinghall.com



A SIDE OF ENTERTAINMENT: **RIVER ROAST**

In the style of House of Blues' long-lived Gospel Brunch, there's a new act in town: Blues & Brews Brunch at Chefs Tony Mantuano and John Hogan's meat haven River Roast, Hogan curates the local artist lineup, which this month includes Hot Rod, Quintus McCormick and Mike Wheeler; music plays from 11:30 a.m.-3 p.m. every weekend. Try the gamey rabbit & waffles (\$12), Scotch eggs (\$6), smoked trout soft scramble (\$14) and hearty roasts carved tableside (\$32-\$43).

315 N. Lasalle, (312) 822-0100; Riverroastchicago.com



BOLD COFFEE: **TRENCHERMEN**

There's something special brewing at this Wicker Park spot. For its exclusive Roaster Series (available at weekend brunch only), the restaurant partners with a specialty coffee brand each month to provide a taste you'd be hard-pressed to find elsewhere. It was the first to pour California-based Blue Bottle Coffee locally and, in 2015, is expanding to international flavors, such as 4 Letter Word (Turkey) and Espresso Lab Microroasters (South Africa). Plus, Trenchermen's pastry chefs create a new treat to be paired with each month's roast (\$7 for both).

2039 W. North, (773) 661-1540; Trenchermen.com



PIZZA PARTY: PARLOR PIZZA BAR

It's like college all over again: Pizza for breakfast is fully endorsed at this West Loop restaurant - except here, it's served warm and fresh. Wood-burning ovens cook up specialty brunch pies like the salmon cream cheese with garlic whipped cream cheese. capers, red onion, arugula and baby heirloom tomatoes (above, \$14) and the eggs Benedict with Fontina cheese, Canadian ham, garlic, scallions, chives and hollandaise sauce (\$12).

108 N. Green, (312) 600-6090; Parlorchicago.com



INTERNATIONAL HOUSE: MERCAT A LA PLANXA

If you're stuck in a brunch rut, this Spanish spot is your passport to a whole new world. The Catalan-inspired three-course tasting menu (\$28) changes weekly - recent offerings have included almond-milk pancakes with kiwi-caramel sauce, chorizo-stuffed peppers and braised pork shoulder Benedict (above) - and always includes a cheese-andmeat selection and Spanish pastries. Pair your meal with a concoction from the expansive Bloody Mary bar

638 S. Michigan, (312) 765-0524; Mercatchicago.com



CHILDHOOD THROWBACK: PARTS AND LABOR

Some things from childhood should always live on — like Saturday and Sunday morning cartoons. That's the rationale behind Parts and Labor's new "Bar Tunes" brunch: series like "Bob's Burgers", "Family Guy" and "The Simpsons" play on big screens, and a special burger is topped with a fried egg and bacon (\$7.50). Wash it down with \$5 mimosas and Bellini's or channel your inner child and sip on a Green River float (\$5).

2700 N. Milwaukee, (773) 360-7840; Partsandlaborchicago.com

ever after

Lindsay Brooke Rosen & Charlie Goldberg

When it came to the proposal, Lindsay Rosen was adamant about keeping things private. Her boyfriend of three years, NinthDecimal account executive Charlie Goldberg, listened, and on Nov. 22, 2013, he popped the question in their Old Town apartment.

Exactly one year later, the couple wed in a traditional Jewish ceremony in the Marriott Harbor Beach Resort & Spa (3030 Holiday) in the bride's hometown of Fort Lauderdale. "After a few months of casually dating, [Charlie was in Florida] and he drove down to Harbor Beach to see me," says Rosen, the marketing and brand manager of DineAmic Group. "It's a significant place because it's where it all started."

The "Rose Gold Wedding," a play on words of the

couple's last names, featured a gold-and-white reception boasting tapas-style serving stations and rustic décor, with white calla lilies and baby's breath. After the first dance to "Can You Feel the Love Tonight" by Elton John, the newlyweds' 230 friends and family swarmed the dance floor for an all-night dance party.

But the real showstopper was Goldberg, who surprised his wife by serenading her to "You've Lost That Lovin' Feelin'" by The Righteous Brothers. "It was my favorite part of the night - even though it was probably more embarrassing for me than I would've liked," Goldberg laughs. "I wanted it to be the most fun night of our lives," Rosen adds. "I think we can both agree it was." - Chiara Milioulis



IT'S IN THE DETAILS

Bride's gown: Vera Wang, 945 N. Rush; Verawang,com

Bride's shoes: Jimmy Choo, 63 E. Oak; Jimmychoo.com

Bride's jewelry: BHLDN, 8 E. Walton: Bhldn.com

Bride's hair: Your Stylist AJ: Yourstylistal.com

Groom's attire: Paul Betenly, Avant for Men. 1849 Green Bay, Highland Park: Avantformen.com

Rings: Shelle Jewelers, 322 Skokie, Northbrook; Shellejewelers.com

Bridesmaids' dresses: twobirds Bridesmaid, Bella Bridesmaid, 1 E. Delaware; Bellabridesmaids com

Groomsmen's attire: Calvin Klein, Men's Wearhouse, 535 N. Michigan; Menswearhouse.com

Wedding planner: Jean Wilco: Jeanwilcoevents com

Cake: We Take the Cake. 1211 Northeast 9th. Fort Lauderdale, Florida; Wetakethecake.com

Florist: Dalsimer Atlas 2151 Alternate A1A, Jupiter, Florida: Dalsimercom

Entertainment: The Headliners Band: Theheadlinersband.com

Invitations: The Paper Tree; Thepapertreecompany.com

Programs, menu & design: Anna Kate Design, 1011 W. Fulton Market: Annakatede-



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CHEERS!



Sun-Times Regional Media Specialist Nick Scafiezzo proposed to his girlfriend, WMAQ-Channel 5 meteorologist Alicia Roman, last month on the ice rink at Millennium Park. Fifty friends and family skated around the couple as he got down on one knee, then headed inside to celebrate at Park Grill. The two will marry later this year.



Amata Office Solutions donated \$2,000 to support the Israel Idoniie Foundation's (Idonije, above center) annual Shop with a Cop event Dec. 9: when the nonprofit invited 50 children from Breakthrough Urban Ministries to bowl and shop with Chicago Police Department officers.



Chicago's Mount Sinai Hospital received an early holiday present Dec. 23: The Barbara Bates Foundation (Bates, above left) donated \$80,000. raised during last year's Knocking Out Breast Cancer fashion show, which featured breast cancer survivors as models.



University Village gets a sophisticated update with Bascule Wine Bar

BY SAMANTHA LANDE

hen Jason Prah and Scott Harney decided on the name Bascule Wine Bar for their University Village spot, they did so with intention. The French "bascule" refers to a style of counterweight bridges, most prominently found in Chicago. For Prah, the name represents the idea of taking someone from one place to another. "Whether that be old-world to newworld wines, cocktails to wine, different types of cuisine ... it's really representing what we're trying to do here."

Prah and Harney, sommeliers who began their partnership and longtime friendship at Enology (now Eno Wine Bar), stocked Bascule's wine list with labels that span the world from France to Uruguay — plus six domestic varietals on tap — and range in price from \$24-\$180 (\$10-\$13 by the glass).

Complementing the wine is a seasonal American bistro-style menu created by Michael Burkauskas (Luxbar, Gibson's Group), featuring dishes like short ribs with gnocchi, mushrooms and horseradish gremolata (\$15) and Maine mussels

with hops butter and fennel pollen (\$12):

Here's what else you can expect at Bascule Wine Bar:

Smart sip: Prah sources bottles that may not have name recognition but are unique finds, like the 2008 Movia Pinot Grigio from Brda, Slovenia (\$71), and peppers the list with narrative, describing the winemaker, vineyard or region. He and manager Charles Schneider (Benny's Chop House) help customers navigate the selection, and make choosing a wine an educational and interactive experience.

The European way: "We wanted people to have a sophisticated experience from late afternoon to late evening," says Prah. "The Italian idea of [being] open all day long, and [people] can drift in and out."To achieve that, the spot serves food from 3 p.m.-1 a.m. (menu is abbreviated after 11 p.m.).

Love locked down: The eclectic interior mirrors the "bascule" theme; one feature takes influence from the Parisian Pont des Arts, a pedestrian bridge know for its "love locks." Customers are encouraged to bring their own padlocks and lock their love, secret or promise on a chain-link fence inside the restaurant.

Wine-inspired cocktails: Try the unoaked chardonnay cocktail with flavors of lemon-green apple, fig, pineapple, passion fruit, flint, jasmine and almond (\$10). Plus, each cocktail is served with a taste of wine that relates to it:

1421 W. Taylor, (312) 763-6912; Basculewinebar.com

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Then and now

Feminist friends reconnect in Gina Gionfriddo's 'Rapture, Blister, Burn'

BY THOMAS CONNORS

hen director Kimberly Senior made a splash on Broadway last fall with her rendition of Ayad Akhtar's Pulitzer Prize-winning "Disgraced," those unfamiliar with her career might have assumed she was an overnight sensation. But Senior has been hard at work for 20 years right here in Chicago, where she founded Collaboraction Theatre Company and has worked at Steppenwolf, among others. This month, she makes her mark at the Goodman, directing Gina Gionfriddo's "Rapture, Blister, Burn."

Though the New Jersey native grew up thinking of New York theater as "the axis on which we all are just lucky to rotate," she says that making her home in Chicago "has really opened my eyes and world view, and I am all the better artist and person for it."

A resident director at Writers Theatre and an associate artist at TimeLine Theatre Company, Senior lives in Evanston with her husband, the play's set designer Jack Magaw, and their two young children. The roster of work she's undertaken ranges from Martin McDonagh's "The Cripple of Inishmaan" to Amy Herzog's "The Great God Pan."

"I love a play with muscular language and characters who act almost impulsively to get what they need," she says. "We go to the theater to see people behave in a way we can't in real life, to say the things

'RAPTURE, BLISTER, BURN'

Jan. 17-Feb. 22, The Goodman Theatre, 170 N. Dearborn. For tickets (\$25-\$81), call (312) 443-3800 or visit Goodman theatre.org

Director Kartherly Senlor (left) with Robin Weigert and Mark L. Monigomery in rehearsal

we would never say. I love plays that do that all while seeming so naturalistic."

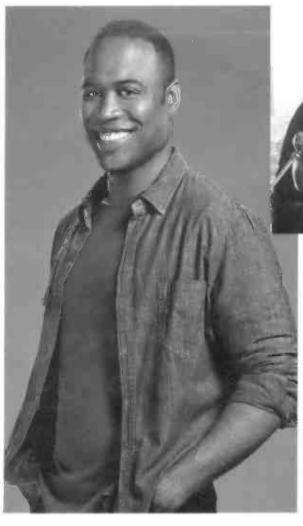
"Rapture, Blister, Burn" spins on the reunion of two grad school friends as they ponder the paths their lives have taken. Senior describes it as "a deeply personal story about regret, nostalgia and living life while you can." If that makes it sound as if this show skews sad, not to worry. According to Senior, the play boasts "some of the funniest lines, situations and moments in the

history of theater."

It also examines the philosophy and practice of feminist principles and, in working on the piece, Senior had to re-assess her own notions of the independent and purposeful life. "On an intellectual level, it's really moving me to a greater accountability, in particular the message I send to my daughter. On a personal level, I'm very challenged and excited by the questions the play asks: [such as] 'Can you have it all?'"



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ON SPEED DIAL ...

Kevin Daniels

The 'Sirens' star calls in for a rapid-fire Q&A BY ELLE EICHINGER

evin Daniels spends three months a year here, filming the Chicago-set cop comedy "Sirens" - also starring former Splash cover star Jessica McNamee - which premieres its second season Jan. 27 on USA. The rest of his year is spent on the West Coast, where he works on various other projects, including a

recurring role as Longinus, the hilariously flamboyant friend of Mitchell and Cam on ABC's "Modern Family."

Calling from: I'm at home - and I'm getting horrible reception.

Growing up: Everybody wanted me to play sports. I can see why - I grew up in Texas and I feel like I was born



co-stars Michael Mosley (left) and Kevin Bigley

6-foot-5. I played football in high school and basketball with my dad, and I was like, 'This is cool, but I could get hurt!'

Actors that inspire me: I've been on the J.K. Simmons bandwagon for years. Also Stanley Tucci, Meryl Streep and Jeffrey Wright.

Before doing a scene: | spent a hell of a lot of money on a training program, so I still do a lot of those exercises: breathing, connecting body to breath, stupid tongue twisters. I could do one but you'd never be able to print it. [Rattles off an impressive but unintelligible series of sounds.] And then on set, these days, I sing. I'm not a great singer, but it puts people in a good mood.

Pet peeve: I can't stand when I'm late or when someone is late to meet me. Every once in a while it's fine, but when someone is consistently late and then acts like it's your fault, like, 'Oh, I thought you said 12:30!

People would be surprised to know: I have two cats. Dorian and Skittles. If you had told me 10 years ago [that] at 38 I'd be living in Hollywood with two cats, I'd be like, 'You're lying.' I rescued them when they were two days old. They lay around all day on the bed and I'm like, 'Get a job!'

Season 2 of "Sirens" will be: Bigger and bolder and louder; there are explosions .. and maybe zombies.



The dating

BY JENNY McCARTHY

ow that I'm happily out of the dating pool, I can look at the dating scene from a whole new perspective. It's amazing how quickly things change these days - particularly the way we go about meeting potential mates. Back in the day, you'd be set up by a friend, head to a bar or maybe meet someone at a party.

As technology advanced, we were introduced to online dating sites like el larmony and Match. At first, anyone who participated in online dating - or better yet, actually found their spouse through one of these sites — was scoffed and laughed at, probably because we were so accustomed to an initial face-to-face interaction: making eye contact, spending time with one another and actually utilizing more than just our imaginations and a text message full of emoiis.

Fast-forward to today: Techonology is even further advanced. Not only can we meet our future lovers while sitting at computers

in our underwear, now we have apps like Grindr and Tinder to make landing a date even more convenient. A simple swipe of the finger or kissy-face emoji and chances are, you're getting lucky.

It seems that the way we date nowadays is severely lacking emotion. It also seems just a bit too easy and convenient. What happened to sweaty palms and working up the nerve to call the girl you met the night before? Now it's more about crafting a text with the perfect acronyms.

But maybe this is the way our parents felt when we started meeting our dates in bars, instead of being set up with Great-Aunt Ethel's neighbor's niece's very nice and successful son. Times are changing and, with them, dating is changing. I'm just grateful I don't have to navigate my way around Tinder, because I'm sure I'd end up as one of those hilarious #TinderFails.

Are you single? Tweet @ JennyMcCarthy and tell me how you prefer to meet your next date.



Age: 29. Claim to fame: Owner of Marinello Tartufi, LLC. Lives In: Streeterville and Padua, Italy. Road to success: I worked in London for nine years under Chef Giorgio Locatelli, and then I met [my wife] Amanda, so I decided to move to Chicago with her. I had this great contact in Italy, the owner of San Pietro a Pettine, a third-generation truffle business. Four months ago, I decided to open a sister company here. Product line: I want to be the person you think of when you think of truffles. We have truffle oil, butter, salt, honey, olive oil [and more] - [all] directly from Umbria, Italy. We're going to have a hazelnut cream very soon — it's like Nutella with truffles. Striking gold: A pound of white truffles is [approximate-Iv1 \$1,500. When you spend that kind of money, you want to feel comfortable. If something is wrong [at one of the more than 30 restaurants we supply to], I'll be there in 20 minutes. Class act: I conduct seminars. I want people to understand it's not impossible to make a dish with truffles. I don't like when people take notes because they need to experience the cooking, so we use this app called Cookbooth; guests can go under my profile and check the recipe [later]. DIY: Cook pasta or risotto and [add] a little bit of our truffle sauce. You can even put a little bit of truffle butter in scrambled eggs - they work great together. Favorite spots: Pelago [Ristorante], Nando Milano Trattoria, Merlo on Maple and Coco Pazzo.

Shop San Pietro a Pettine products at Mariano's locations citywide, and visit Cookbooth.com to see some of Marinello's truffle recipes.

It's a really nice touch of color and you can wear it with a lot.

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ith another crop of outstanding new vehicles entering the market in 2015, Kia could be poised to have its best year ever.

The latest Kia comes in the form of a flagship sedan, the 2015 Kia K900. Equipped with the first V-8 engine ever offered in a Kia sedan, the K900 is a rear-drive luxury sedan that redefines the brand. It's the most opulent, luxurious vehicle from the company to date.

The K900 was a natural next step for Kia — a world-class luxury sedan with a wide array of standard equipment and amenities. Offered with a 311-horsepower V-6 or the 420-horsepower V-8, the rear-drive K900 has all the power it needs and then some. The transmission is a smooth-as-butter eight-speed automatic.

Our VIP-packaged V-8 K900 was opulent in the extreme. The leather cabin was quiet and comfortable, with standard heated and ventilated power front seats that adjust 16 ways. Rear-seat passengers are not an afterthought; the heated and ventilated back seats recline independently. Rear passengers can also control the air conditioning and the powered rear sunshade.

Overhead, the panoramic sunroof

had a power shade. The standard navigation system has a 9.2-inch display, and the VIP package added power door latches and power headrests. Rain-sensing wipers are standard.

The K900 is also equipped with Kia's UVO eServices telematics system, and front- and rear-park assist with cameras is standard across the trim lineup. Kia gives the K900 an available Surround View Monitor system, a first-class camera system that allows the driver to have a bird's-eye view when backing up or maneuvering in tight places.

A lane departure warning system is standard in the V-6 Technology Package and in the V-8 trims. A

radar-based adaptive cruise control system is available in the K900 and is standard in the V-6 Technology Package and the VIP Package on the V-8. The system adjusts the K900's speed to keep a set distance behind the car in front, and it can bring the K900 to a full stop.

Although the 2015 K900 has not yet been crash tested by the government nor safety rated by the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, it introduces Kia's Advanced Vehicle Safety Management system. If an impending collision is detected, the AVSM system sounds an audible alarm, flashes a visual warning on the heads-up display and cinches the seatbelts. The

K900 also has a full complement of airbags, including full-length side curtains.

Our test K900 with the V-8 was rated at 15 mpg city and 23 mpg highway. It had a base price of \$59,500 that rose to \$66,500 with the optional VIP package.

Kia certainly has come a long way in 20 years — 765 dealers across the United States and hundreds of millions of dollars of investment in its vehicle assembly plant in West Point, Georgia, where the Optima and Sorento are built.

Kia has also invested in its vehicles, and the American carbuying public is beginning to notice

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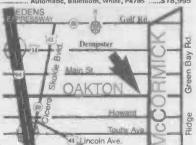


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Seven Easy Resolutions to Improve your Recruitment Strategies

By:Jon Picoult

As you develop your recruitment strategies for the year ahead, consider this idea: give applicants a pleasant surprise.

How can something so simple be effective, you ask?

When you deliver the unexpected in the hiring process, it makes a powerful impression on job applicants. It creates positive memories that set your company apart from competing employers, helping you attract top talent.

Of course, you've got to nail some fundamentals in order for this recruitment strategy to work. Even the most delightful surprises can't make up for basic shortcomings in the career opportunity you're offering - for example, a very uncompetitive salary and benefits package or an unsafe work environment.

However, if you've got those table stakes covered, then pleasant surprises can give you the edge you need to win the war for talent.

In the context of business Interactions, just what is a pleasant surprise? It's something that you do, say, or deliver that is unexpected, positive and memorable relative to competitors. Often times, it can be a small gesture, but one that speaks volumes about your business values.

Start with Solid Recruiting Practices

Ask job seekers what constitutes a pleasant surprise and they'll probably cite things like an employment application that's easy to complete, a job description that's clear and informative, or a recruiter who returns phone calls.

Those might seem like basics, rather than pleasant surprises. Yet so many businesses disregard the quality of their applicant experience -- when candidates come across a company that consistently delivers on these fundamentals, they take notice.

I've addressed this concept in previous recrulting articles and videos. However, without diminishing the importance of those fundamentals, today's focus is on a powerful complement to traditional recruiting strategies.

Impress Applicants with Pleasant Surprises

That complement is about not just nalling the basics, but delivering something more. So in 2012, when you're trying to recruit great hires, consider surprising your job applicants by applying these ideas:

Make eye contact and smile -- from 10 feet away. In our smartphone-addicted culture, it's rare that people make eye contact with one another, let alone do it from a distance When a job applicant walks into your store or approaches a reception desk, and is greeted by a heads up, smiling face, it's unusual and striking. It sends a refreshing message that applicants don't often receive: you're important to me and you have my attention

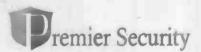
Offer VIP greetings. Many employers may not realize it, but they frequently treat job applicants with discourtesy (e.g., unreturned phone calls). Turn that to your advantage by treating applicants (especially your finalists) like VIPs. When calling them to schedule a final interview, turn the conversation into more than a robotic calendaring exercise. Mention how excited everyone is to meet them, and how glad you are that they'll be paying you a visit. Apply the same approach when the applicant arrives onsite. Don't treat them like a number or shuffle them around like a piece of paper -- focus on making them feel welcome.

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Give a "swag" bag. As you whittle down your list of applicants, consider giving them a basket of promotional items from your company (a mug, t-shirt, or small gift card). This gesture would be reserved just for the final few candidates, so it wouldn't cost much, but is guaranteed to make a memorable impression. After all, how often is it that job applicants go to an interview and leave with a gift?

Offer a shadow session. Applicants may be thrilled with everything they hear about your business and the role, but they may be left wondering -- what's it really like working there? If you have confidence in the quality of your work environment, consider offering the most promising applicants a "shadow session" with an existing employee who's already doing the job.

Even if it's just for one hour, it gives applicants an unvarnished look at the role they've applied for, and an opportunity to pepper a future potential colleague with questions. It's a pleasant surprise for the applicant because it reflects uncommon transparency, and a genuine effort by the employer to ensure a good mutual fit.

Demystify the compensation package. Eventually, you'll make a job offer to an applicant. But the game's not over there, because the individual might still be considering competing offers -- the opportunity remains to influence them with a pleasant surprise

After making a verbal offer, follow-up with a polished information packet that clearly and simply describes all the elements of the package -- such as compensation information, benefits, training programs, and other unique offerings (e.g, employee discounts).

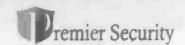
Many businesses view this as an "administrative" communication with a prospective employee. View it instead as a final sales pitch, a platform for making the applicant's decision easy and straightforward.

Incorporating pleasant surprises into your recruitment strategy -- particularly those that make the candidate feel good or special in some way - create positive, memorable impressions. As such, they can be very powerful sources of differentiation, in any type of business interaction.

Presuming you've got the recruiting basics nailed, it's the pleasant surprises that applicants will remember when they return home and evaluate their employment options.

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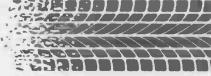
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Unit A110- Boxes, Luggage, Totes, Toys & Other Hidden Items
Sihachan Touch- 4310N Moody Chicago, IL. 60634
Unit A128- Sofa & Table
James Walker- 2213 W Rosemont, Chicago, IL 60659

Unit A215 -Misc. Items Stacey Williams- 3047 N Kilpätrick Chicago, IL. 60641 Unit B105- Misc. Items

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Unit 156-Misc. Items
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Harry Carr- 5420 N Kenmore Ave Apt#409 Chicago, IL. 60640 Unit 360- Sofa

Lorna Johnson- 8201 South Shore Dr. Apt#59 Chicago, IL

Unit 400- Boxes, Totes, Sofa & Other Hidden Items 899676 1/8 1/15/2015

U-HAUL STORAGE AUCTION 2015 758076 Evanston

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Unit 1154- Bike, TV Stand & Other Hidden Items
Barbara Gaspard- 1133 Pitner Evanston, IL. 60202

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Brittariy Providence- 90 Lilac Street New Haven, CT. 06511

Unit 1457- Kid's bed, Totes, Boxes & Other Hidden Items

Dianne Hillesland- 708 Prospect Winnetka, IL. 60076

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Susan' Miller- 1825 Milwaukee Ave La Porte, IN. 46350

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Ashley Sweeney- 1414 Brown Ave. Evanston, IL. 60201

Unit 1622- Tools, Boxes & Baby Items

Danielle Williams- 1001 Emerson Apt 211 Evanston, IL. 60201

Unit 2026- Boxes, Book Shelf & Other Hidden Items

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U-HAUL STORAGE AUCTION 2015 758059 Lincoln Park NOTICE OF SALE UNDER THE SELF STORAGE FACILITY ACT, ILLINOIS REVISE STATUTES, CHAPTER 114, PARAGRAPH 301, ET. SEQ

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Unit C127- Books, Bags & Boxes Erica Ferguson- 7244 Kings Cross St Apt#2 Avon, IL. 48123
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Unit 3823- Bags, Boxes, Totes & Misc. Items
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Business

Northwestern Dental emphasizes effective technique for implants

BY JACKIE PILOSSOPH Special to Pioneer Press

As if practicing at and overseeing four dental offices that treat over 10,000 patients isn't enough, Dr. Larry Mulvaney typically completes 200-400 hours of continuing education in his field every year.

"This industry is changing so fast that it is imperative to do that much in order to stay on the cutting edge," said Mulvaney, who is the founder and president of Northwestern Dental Group, his Niles-based comprehensive adult dental care practice with an emphasis on dental implants.

Estimated by the American Academy of Implant Dentistry to be a \$6.4 billion industry by 2018, dental implants are rapidly becoming more and more common in older adults.

With a dramatic increase in the number of dentists who offer the procedure, Mulvaney warned that effective technique is crucial for a positive outcome.

"As frightening as it is, there are dentists who have one weekend of training and get the certification to place implants," said Mulvaney, who has been placing implants since 2006 and who has completed multiple programs in implant surgery and prosthetics, studying under pioneers in the field, Dr. Carl Misch and Dr. Hilt Tatum.

Mulvaney, who has also taught the procedure to other dentists, explained that dental implants are constructed in three parts: a titanium post that is placed in the jawbone, an abutment that fits over the part of the implant that protrudes from the gum line, and the crown.

Northwestern Dental offers implants for a single missing tooth, multiple missing teeth or all miss-



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ing teeth. Mulvaney said the procedure for a single tooth takes only 10-15 minutes. It is done using a local anesthetic, and if the patient prefers, sedation, he said. A crown is made and inserted three to five months later.

"It truly is a life-changing experience for many patients," said Mulvaney, a graduate of University of Illinois Dental School, who also holds an MBA. "I tell them, 'It's so much like a regular tooth that after a while, you will forget which one

Gina Sinacori, one of Mulvaney's patients, had implants on her entire mouth done last year.

"Not only did my teeth look bad, but I couldn't eat a lot of food," said Sinacori, a 60-year-old beauty salon owner who lives in Michigan and who was referred to Mulvanev by a friend. "I couldn't chew, and I was losing weight."

Sinacori described Mulvaney as "soothing" and "calming," and said he alleviated her fears by being



"I can't tell you how many times patients who have implants come in for a follow-up and they just start crying because they are so happy and emotional," said Dr. Larry Mulvaney. "That's what motivates me to work as hard as I do." | Jackie Pilossoph for Chicago tribune media group



Niles-based Northwest Dental, which also has offices in Arlington Heights, Gurnee. and Rockford, has a staff of 35, which includes six general dentists. I JACKIE PILOSSOPH FOR CHICAGO TRIBUNE MEDIA GROUP

communicative, both before and during the procedure. She said the result was life changing, and that not only can she eat normally, but

that her smile is very natural.

"My friends can't believe the difference in my appearance," she

Northwest Dental, which also has offices in Arlington Heights, Gurnee, and Rockford, has a staff of 35, which includes five other general dentists. The practice also offers general dentistry, cosmetic dentistry, and treatment options for sleep apnea.

Mulvaney, who lives in Lake Forest with his wife, Lorraine, and their two children, has been practicing dentistry for 28 years. He said he knew he wanted to be a dentist when he was just eight years old and that he was inspired by his uncle, who was a dentist.

"I can't tell you how many times patients who have implants come in for a follow-up and they just start crying because they are so happy and emotional," said Mulvaney. "That's what motivates me to work as hard as I do."

"People who don't know me that well say, 'You look beautiful,' but they can't pinpoint it," Sinacori said. "Someone asked me if I had a facelift!"

Trend

Auditorium Theatre celebrates 125 years



The event: As if on cue, the 125th anniversary of the Auditorium Theatre took center stage on the exact day the theater opened 125 years ago. The national historic landmark, headed by board chairman Melvin L. Katten of Winnetka and executive director Brett Batterson, drew back the curtains for "Living the History: 125 Years of the Auditorium Theatre" on Dec. 9. A rapt audience of 600 turned out for a star-studded program that ushered in the next era of artistic excellence.

Hosted by veteran Chicago actor John Mahoney ("Frasier"), the 1.5 hour celebration featured symphonic music, opera, Broadway musicals, rock and dance. Nostalgically, it offered performances by Broadway legend Patti Lu-Pone whose great aunt, Adelina Patti, performed at the Auditorium's 1889 opening, and by the Apollo Chorus of Chicago who also performed that night.

Cause célèbre: When first built, the theater was one of the tallest buildings in Chicago, noted Mayor Emanuel who issued a proclamation to make Dec. 9 "Auditorium Theatre Day" in Chicago. "It still stands with all the skyscrapers in Chicago (because) it's what is done in the building that makes it stand so tall. (The Auditorium Theatre) has enriched all of our lives and is making Chicago one of the great cultural capitals of the world," said Emanuel in his remarks.

"This a very special evening for the 125th of the Auditorium," added Ashley Wheater, artistic director of the Joffrey Ballet. "It shows Chicago at its best. We all come together because we believe in our city; we celebrate our city and our art and our history and our culture."

"Because of all the achievements and all the future achievements," said Katten, "To all the people who got the Auditorium to this level, we say 'Thank

Bottom line: The dinner raised more than \$500,000 for Auditorium Theatre programming.



Evening entertainer Broadway actor Patti LuPone with Mel Katten of Winnetka, board chairman, Auditorium Theatre of Roosevelt University, and Renee Katten | PHOTOS LEE A. LITAS/FOR PIONEER PRESS



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CELEBRATION



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Tazioli and DeCleene Engagement

ou and Nancy Tazioli of Park Ridge are delighted to announce the engagement of their daughter, Cara Fallon, to Arik Peter DeCleene, son of Kevin and JoDee DeCleene of De Pere,

Cara is a 2007 graduate of Maine South High School and received a bachelor's degree in Business Administration in 2011 from St. Norbert College. She is currently working in advertising sales for NBCUniversal in Chicago.

Arik is a 2007 graduate of De Pere High School and received a bachelor's degree in finance from St. Norbert College in 2011. Arik is currently employed as a Special Projects Manager for the Rabine Group in Schaumburg.

A June 2015 wedding is being planned at St. Paul of the Cross Church in Park Ridge with a reception to follow at the Michigan Shores Club in Wilmette.

SAVE THE DATE

Super Bowl Party

To benefit Misericordia, home to approximately 600 adults and children with physical and mental disabilities takes place at 4 p.m. Feb. 1 at Zia's Trattoria, 6699 N. Northwest Highway, Chicago. Hosts are Joe and Mary Calabrese. Zia's donates food and open bar from kickoff to Super Bowl finish, so 100 percent of donations go to Misericordia. Tickets \$100 per person. Call (773) 775-0808.

Evening with the Stars Awards Dinner

The Park Ridge Chamber awards ceremony honoring the volunteer leaders in the community takes place at 6 p.m. Feb. 21 at the Marriott O'Hare Hotel, 8535 Higgins Ave., Chicago. Cocktail reception, dinner and dancing, silent auction and raffles on the program. Tickets are \$85 at (847) 825-3121 or the Park Ridge Chamber office, 720 Garden St.

'Lucky 21' Annual Gala Benefit

Festivities from 6:30-11:30 p.m. April 10, for the Park Ridge Civic Orchestra, at Café la Cave, 2777 N. Mannheim Road, Des Plaines. "Lucky 21" casino night includes dinner, silent auction and raffle. Tickets are \$125 per person. See parkridgecivicorches-

'A Night for Our Stars'

The 7th annual benefit dinner of the Maine Township High School Educational Foundation, takes place 5:30-8:30 p.m. April 23 at Café la Cave, 2777 N. Mannheim Road, Des Plaines. Tickets are \$60. The event supports the Foundation, which provides enhanced and extended learning opportunities for students attending the three Maine Township District 207 high schools. Complete information and tickets at (847) 692-8697 or maine 207 foundation@ gmail.com.

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Buddhist art exhibit asks: what's the cost of collecting?

BY SHERYL DEVORE For Pioneer Press

In the 8th century, an artist in Kashmir created a brass sculpture of Buddha intricately woven with copper and silver. Northwestern University art history professor Robert Linrothe said the piece is one of the finest representations of metalwork art — but its original use was to adorn a Buddhist temple and reflect the Buddhist teachings.

That sculpture will be among more than 40 Buddhist artifacts including metal, ivory and wood pieces; manuscripts; and textiles in a new exhibition at the Mary and Leigh Block Museum of Art at Northwestern University in

Called "Collecting Paradise: Buddhist Art of Kashmir and Its Legacies," the exhibition unveils layers of spirituality, art and the complicated culture of collecting. The exhibit runs through April 19, with an opening celebration from 2 to 5 p.m., Jan. 17.

Linrothe will speak at the event. which is free public event. A smaller complementary exhibition, "Collecting Culture: Himalaya Through The Lens," which focuses on two prime collectors of Buddhist art, will also be open.

"This is one of the most ambitious exhibitions to open at the gallery," said Lisa Corrin, the Ellen Philips Katz Director of the Block Museum. "It is new for us to be doing Asian art. We're also dealing with objects from the 7th to the

COLLECTING CULTURE: HIMALAYA THROUGH THE LENS'

through April 12

Mary and Leigh Block Museum of Art at Northwestern University, 40 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston

Free screenings, music and lectures related to the exhibition are being held through April 8. www.blockmuseum.northwest-

16th centuries. We are bringing art from across time and cultures to the museum."

The exhibition pieces are being borrowed from museums and private collections throughout the nation. The Block exhibition "will be the only place where all these pieces can be viewed together," Corrin said.

They include "some of the most spectacular paisley shawls from Kashmir I have ever seen. They're huge. The traditions of making them are all but lost. People who love textiles will be truly awestruck by their beauty."

Choosing to focus on the art of the Himalayas and Kashmir hinges on the fact that Linrothe is one of the country's top experts on the subject, Corrin said. In addition, the exhibit "is intended to put a spotlight on a glorious artistic past, which is left out of very unhappy stories" of the Kashmir region today, which focus on bor-



Power of Faith, Folio from a Shatasahasrika Prainaparamita (The Perfection of Wisdom in 100,000 Verses) Western Tibet, Maryul district, Tholing Monastery, Himalayas. If th-century painting on paper; watercolor, ink, opaque watercolor and gold on paper. ILOS ANGELES COUNTY MUSEUM OF ART, FROM THE NASLI AND ALICE HEERAMANECK COLLECTION, PURCHASED WITH FUNDS PROVIDED BY THE JANE AND JUSTIN DART FOUNDATION

der disputes and civil conflict.

"We are also raising some important questions about what it means for these objects to be relocated from the tops of mountains in remote locations in Buddhist temples to an art museum," she

Beginning in the 6th century, Buddhist artists in Kashmir, called a paradise on earth, created fine works including ivory carvings to

adorn their temples.

Beginning in the 10th century, Buddhists from the bordering Western Himalayas visited Kashmir to learn about their artistic techniques and began a collaboration to create more exquisite artifacts for their temples.

As Kashmir's hevday declined, the region became poorer, leaving an opening to collectors in the 20th century to acquire these

spiritual artifacts.

Linrothe spent three years gathering the artifacts for the exhibition. He has visited the western Himalayas at least 20 times since 1983. "I have seen this art in its intended context, in Buddhist shrines. And then I have seen it in museums. That led me to investigate how it got here."

In the early 1930s, for example, American zoologist Walter Koelz,



A Pair of Female Attendants, Kashmir, 8th century. Hvory Cleveland Museum of Art, John L. Severance fund

supported by the University of Michigan, brought textiles, jewelry and paintings from Kashmir and the western Himalayas; Linrothe said.

"He came at a time when people were extremely poor there, so he was able to extract some of the art," he said. "I've been to some of the same monasteries today where he got this art.

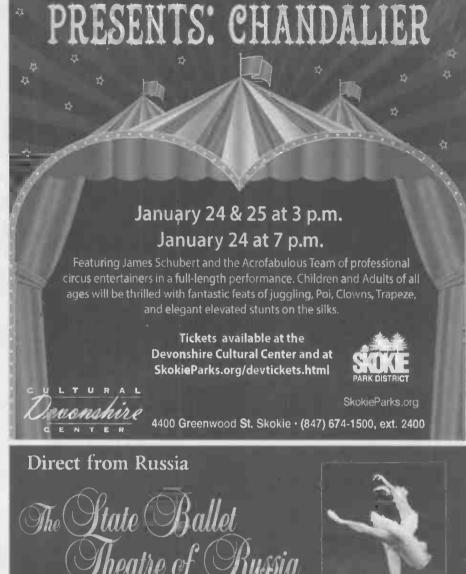
"When we look at these objects in a museum, we don't think about how they got here. It's not always pretty, but just because it isn't pretty, should we ignore it? This exhibition is part of a larger movement to understand how collecting has taken place in the West and at what cost to us, and at what cost to the people who produced it."

In his travels, Linrothe has spoken with Buddhists about featuring their spiritual art in museums. "They are somewhat puzzled because for them, the primary purpose of these objects is to convey a Buddhist message." But they are also proud that these pieces will be seen by people in the United States, he said.

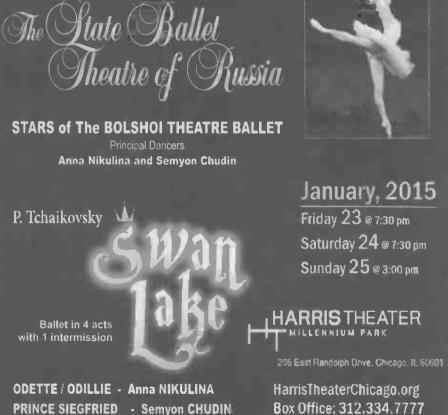
After its premiere at the Block, "Collecting Paradise" will travel to New York City's Rubin Museum of Art, one of the foremost museums of Himalayan art in the U.S.



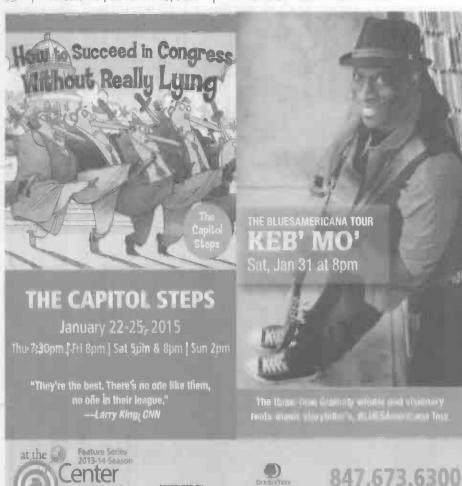
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One-man show shares all sides of Emmett Till tragedy

BY MYRNA PETLICKI For Sun-Times Media

A catcall at an attractive white woman or a way to clear a stutter? No matter what Emmett Till's motivation was that day in 1955 when he whistled, it resulted in a violent death for the black Chicago 14-year-old who was visiting relatives in Money, Miss.

Mike Wiley recounts Emmett Till's story, playing 36 characters, in his one-man show, "Dar He: The Story of Emmett Till," Sunday, Jan. 18 at the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts in Skokie. It's being presented in conjunction with the Village of Skokie's annual Coming Together in Skokie and Niles Township festival, which this year focuses on racé.

Wiley, 42, who lives in North Carolina and grew up in West Virginia, recalls learning about Till's murder when he was in middle school or high school. He noted that in the South, teachers and parents, especially African-American parents and grandparents, "were compelled to tell about Emmett Till. Emmett Till was a cautionary

When Wiley first heard the story, "I was amazed by it and saddened and heartbroken by it, but it didn't surprise me." The two perpetrators were acquitted but later admitted that they committed the crime.

Wiley decided to create his one-man show because he felt the story wasn't being told any longer. "I have children and I want to put my arms around them and shield them from that kind of information," he admitted. "Yet, they have to know these things. They have to understand their history. We don't understand current policies and current events if we don't understand the history."

Wiley has written and performed a number of one-person, multiple character historical dramas. He chose the one-actor format for this piece because he felt, "It allowed the audience to empathize with each of the characters - not just Emmett and his mother - but find an understanding even in the men that perpetrated such a horrible, horrible atrocity. You have to hear their side. You have to hear why they would commit such a crime."

The play's title, "Dar He" refers to the words spoken by Emmett's great uncle, Mose Wright, when he was asked to point out the men who had lynched his great nephew. It was a brave act for a black man to implicate a white man in that time and



Mike Wiley portrays 36 characters in his show, "Dar He: The Story of Emmett Till," at the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts.

'DAR HE: THE STORY OF EMMETT TILL'

2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 18

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

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Wiley spent most of 2005 researching the story and visiting Mississippi, "digging through newspaper articles and journals and autobiographies," he said. "I present the points of view - whether they're factual or not. They're the actual words that these individuals spoke. The audience has to decide for themselves what is true and what is not true."

Wiley said that the historical significance of Emmett Till's story is that, in some corners, "It is sounded as the spark that lit the Civil Rights Movement. I will continue to tell the story as long as I can."

Family Friendly



Anna and Olaf will skate on actual ice at the Allstate Arena for "Disney On Ice Presents Frozen," Jan. 21-26.

'Frozen' returns to its roots for 'Disney on Ice'

BY MYRNA PETLICKI For Pioneer Press

An ice rink will be the perfect setting for a live version of "Frozen," the Academy Award-winning animated family film. Your kids will thrill to see their movie friends in "Disney On Ice Presents Frozen," Wednesday, Jan. 21-Monday, Jan. 26 for 13 performances at Allstate Arena, 6920 N. Mannheim Road, Rosemont.

All of the memorable characters from the film will be there — the two princesses Anna and Elsa, the handsome Kristoff and his reindeer Sven, and Olaf, the loveable snowman. Audiences will be encouraged to sing along to "Let It Go," "Do You Want to Build a Snowman?" and the other popular "Frozen" tunes.

There will be state-of-the-art special effects as well as wonderful skating.

Other Disney characters will be on hand, including Mickey Mouse and Minnie Mouse; Disney princesses; and characters from "Toy Story," "Finding Nemo" and "The Lion King."

Tickets start at \$25.

For details, call (800) 745-3000 or go to www.ticketmaster.com.

GO TO THE SOURCE

Anna, Elsa, Kristoff, Sven and Olaf will also delight your family during a "Frozen" Sing-Along, 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 17 at Lincolnwood Public Library, 4000 W. Pratt Ave. The PG movie runs 1 hour and 42 minutes.

For details, call (847) 677-5277, ext. 232 or go to lincolnwoodlibrary.org.

IT'S NICE TO BE ON ICE

Your family can enjoy free skating outdoors at the IceLand Grand Opening, 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 17 at 8435 Ballard, Niles. The event also includes an indoor skating performance from Team IceLand and Ice Infinity, hockey demonstrations and refreshments.

For details, call (847) 297-8010 or go to www.niles-parks.org.

QUICK CHANCE TO DANCE

Dance the cold away at the Polar Bear Bash, 10:30-11:15 a.m. Friday, Jan. 16 at Skokie Public Library, 5215 Oakton St. Jodi Koplin's Jigglejam will have kids ages 2-6, with a caregiver, singing, dancing and participating in polarthemed activities. Siblings are welcome. Register by Jan. 15.

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

IN GOOD TASTE

Wiggling, giggling and singing along are ingredients that will make the Macaroni Soup Family Concert, 10-11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 17 at Eisenhower Public Library, 4613 N. Oketo Ave., Harwood Heights, fun for babies through 6-year-olds. Registration is

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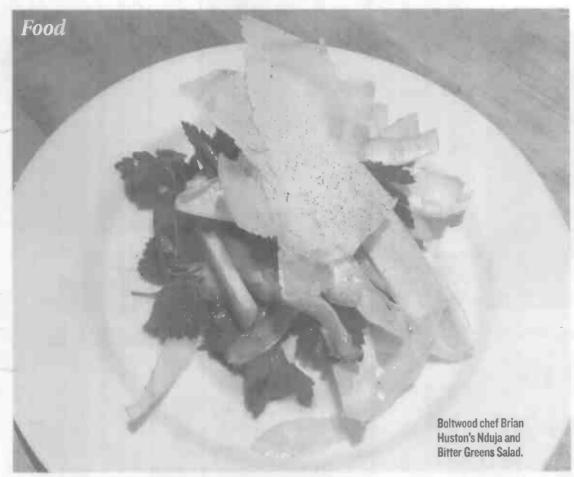












A spicy and bitter (greens) start to 2015

BY VERONICA HINKE

hat will the 2015 dinner table look like? This year, expect bolder, brighter tasting foods with more pronounced flavors, "Chefs are pushing flavors," said Brian Huston, chef at Boltwood in Evanston.

That means bitter is bigger than ever as more and more chefs bring bitter coffee, bitter chocolate and bitter greens to their tables. And nduja (pronounced: en-doo-ya), a spicy, spreadable sausage from Calabria, Italy, is holding court in kitchens everywhere. Here's a look at how these two leading trends are taking hold locally.

"Nduia has the flavor of spicy paprika," Huston said. "Its texture is soft and smooth."

Huston sharpened his sense for all things sausage as the chef de

cuisine at The Publican in Chicago. At Boltwood, which opened in June, he works nduja into marinades to accompany seafood and poultry, and vinaigrettes for salads. He has a new favorite recipe for a vinaigrette dressing that combines nduja with honey and vinegar. "The vinaigrette packs a ton of flavor," he said. "It has a great balance of spicy from nduja, sweet from honey and acid from vinegar."

The bold-flavored green known as puntarelle, a seasonal chicory, stars in Huston's bitter greens salad. At Boltwood, Huston uses puntarelle and other bitter greens such as endive, frisée, radicchio and escarole.

It's easy enough to find bitter greens, but hunting down nduja requires a bit more effort. The stylish sausage can usually be found at upmarket purveyors in Chicago like City Olive, Eataly, Provenance Food and Wine, and Publican Quality Meats. Nduja can also be ordered online through Chicago-based Nduja Artisans, www.ndujaartisans. com, run by the Fiasche family.

"The large amount of peppers in nduja bring a palate-pleasing spiciness, acidity and sweetness," said Antonio Fiasche.

Antonio and his father, Agostino Fiasche, started making nduja for consumers when they noticed a growing interest in 2010. "We are from the area of nduja's birthplace, which is the Monte Poro region of Calabria, Italy," Antonio said.

Antonio's family crafted salami for five generations in Italy. The tradition required growing, stringing and sun-drying sweet and spicy peppers. A family pig was fattened to make salami including prosciutto, soppressata, dried sausage, pancetta and nduja.

Nduja Artisans suggests brush-



Chef Brian Huston blends nduja vinaigrette dressing in the kitchen at **Boltwood in Evanston.**



Nduja, a spicy, spreadable salami, simmers in extra virgin olive oil on the stovetop at Boltwood in Evanston. "The vinaigrette ... has a great balance of spicy from nduja, sweet from honey and acid from vinegar," Boltwood Chef Brian

ing nduja on warm-grilled, roasted or seared meat or fish, adding it as a base for a pasta sauce - even with fried or scrambled eggs. "Sauté some prosciutto cotto, and add a little nduja to the pan. Crack in two eggs and fry until the whites are firm. Serve on hot toast for a filling, warming breakfast," Fiasche

Agostino and his wife Anna (Antonio's mother) still head up the kitchen at the family's restaurant. Ristorante Agostino Gustofino in Chicago. At Agostino's, nduja stars as an ingredient in everything from mint meatballs

NDUJA AND BITTER GREENS SALAD

1/2 head puntarelle or two heads endive, trimmed and cut into thirds, on a diagonal

2 ribs celery, cut lengthwise into very thin strips, 3-4 inches long

1/2 cup Italian parsley leaves

14-ounce chunk Parmesan cheese, peeled into chards using a vegetable peeler

Refrigerate the celery in ice water until slightly curled (30-40 minutes). Drain, pat dry and toss with the puntarelle and parsley in a bowl.

Vinaigrette Dressing:

8 tablespoons extra virgin olive

1/4 cup nduja

2 tablespoons red wine vinegar

I shallot, minced

I teaspoon honey

Salt and freshly ground pepper

Warm two tablespoons oil in small saucepan over medium heat. Add nduja and reduce heat to low. Simmer until nduja breaks down a little (3-4 minutes). While nduia is cooking, macerate shallots in red wine vinegar. Remove nduja from heat and let cool for 2-3 minutes. Stir in vinegar, honey and remaining six tablespoons of olive oil. Pour all ingredients (including shallots and red wine vinegar) into blender and emulsify. Taste, and season lightly with salt and

Add 6-8 tablespoons of dressing to salad bowl. Divide equally among chilled plates. Garnish with Parmesan chards.

- Brian Huston, Boltwood

to sautéed mussels to spaghetti capricciosa, a dish of shrimp, sweet bell peppers, nduja and gorgonzola dolce.

For those with little time to fuss, there are simple ways to get the robust flavors of nduja. Huston spreads nduja under the skin of chicken before cooking it. "And it's even good enough just on its own on a slice of bread," he said.

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THURSDAY, JAN, 15

Pizza Wars V

6 p.m.: The fifth annual Pizza Wars takes place in the school's main gymnasium to benefit the District 219 Education Foundation, assisting children in need in the Niles Township area, which covers the villages of Skokie, Morton Grove, Lincolnwood. NIles and Golf, Pizza Wars V commences with a standoff between the four area mayors in a fierce pizza eating battle to see who can consume the most pizza in five minutes. After the mayoral showdown, attendees enjoy pizza tastings from the participating pizzerias and cast their single vote for best pizza. Features live entertainment from Niles North High School and Niles West High School student band. Tickets may be purchased on the 219 District Education Foundation website at http:// www.219foundation.org/. Sponsorship opportunities are available. Niles North High School, 9800 Lawler Ave., Skokie, Call 847-626-2000. Advance tickets \$12 per person; \$15 per person at the

Eat 'n eRead

6:30 p.m.: Patrons ages 10 and up are invited to bring their digital devices, including iPads, Kindles, etc., to learn how to download eBooks and audiobooks for free from the library's website. District 90 iPads will work! If attendees don't have their own device, come and learn about eBooks and give one of the library's devices a try. There will be a pizza dinner so registration is required. River Forest Public Library, 735 Lathrop Ave., River Forest. Call 708-366-5205.

Lyric Opera of Chicago Lecture Series: Tosca by Giacomo **Puccini**

7 p.m.: Tales of intrigue, love, and death from the Lyric Opera season. Moderated by Lyric Opera docents. Register at glenviewpl.org/register, 847-729-7500 x 7600, or the Reader Services Desk. Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview.

FRIDAY, JAN. 16

Handicrafters

10 a.m.: Held every Friday at 10 a.m. Park Ridge Senior Center, 100 S. Western Ave., Park Ridge. Call 847-692-5127.

Winter Documentary Series:

Resurrect Dead

Noon: Keep warm every Friday afternoon this January with the Documentary Film Series. This week, view "Resurrect Dead: The Mystery of the Toynbee Tiles", an unfurling detective story of one man's search for the meaning of hundreds of cryptic messages appearing in streets across the U.S. and South America. Eisenhower Public Library, 4613 N. Oketo Ave., Harwood Heights. Call 708-867-7828.

Kruger Gallery "Villains and **Victims**" Exhibition

Noon: The gallery represents emerging artists working in a variety of media and design. 'Victims & Villains," opens a solo exhibition of new works by Chicago-based artist Heather Green. The exhibition features 12 of Green's pieces, which focus on two bodies of her work, the mug shot and the current rape culture on both a political and social level. Kruger Gallery, 3709 N. Southport Ave., Chicago. Call 312-995-0776.

GlenVIEWINGS Winter Film Series: "Boyhood"

1:30 p.m.: "Boyhood" runs 165 min. and is rated R. Richard Linklater's "Boyhood" is a groundbreaking story of growing up as seen through the eyes of a child. It was filmed over 12 years with the same cast. An ode to perhaps life's biggest journeys-growing up and parenting. Please note: Special Friday matinee and evening times (1:30) and 6 p.m.) due to the length of the film. A casual audience-led discussion follows matinee screening. Just drop in. Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview. Call 847-729-7500.

Drop-in Gaming/Movie, Grades

3:30 p.m.: Kids and teens in grades 5-8 are invited to drop in to watch a movie or play games. All movies will be rated G or PG. River Forest Public Library, 735 Lathrop Ave., River Forest. Call 708-366-5205.

5Rhythms Dance - A Moving Meditation

7:30 p.m.: Come and explore the 5Rhythms Dance - a movement meditation to music. No experience necessary and one "cannot do it wrong". First class free. Ample street parking. Foster Street Dance, 915 Foster St. (next to the Purple line Foster stop), Evanston. Call 847-869-0250. \$15; \$10 Students/Seniors.

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SATURDAY, JAN. 17

Creative Creatures

9 a.m.: School-aged children are invited to join Miss Dana for a different art project each week. A variety of materials will be available to participants. Drop in for crafting at any time. Bensenville Community Library, 200 S. Church Road, Bensenville, Call 630-766-4642,

Macaroni Soup Family Concert

10 a.m.; What makes a 'Macaroni Soup!' concert so much fun? It's the energy and enthusiasm Miss Carole and Clarence bring, combined with participatory music that gets everyone wiggling and giggling, hopping and stomping, and singing along! Eisenhower Public Library, 4613 N. Oketo Ave., Harwood Heights. Call 708-867-7828.

Four young bands come together to support the institution that launched them

Noon: Power pop girl band Serendipity headlines a lineup of up-and-coming bands are gathering until 4 p.m. to support the place they were born. The showcase will also include Cadence, Breaking Ice and Chapter I. The bands and their families are organizing the event to honor and heighten awareness for The El Rey Music Center, the Arlington Heights music school that shaped their love of learning and performing live music. All ages are invited. The event is perfect for younger musicians looking to learn more about improving their own skills and learning more about the music business. Each band performs a 45 minute set. Peggy Kinanne's Irish Restaurant & Pub, 8 N. Vail Ave., Arlington Heights. Call 847-577-7733.

Opera on Screen - "Tosca"

2 p.m.: Viewing of this week's featured opera, "Tosca," on the big screen. Based

on the play by Victorien Sardou, "Tosca" features music by Puccini and libretto by Luigi Illica and Giuseppe Giacosa. Elmwood Park Public Library, I W. Conti Parkway, Elmwood Park, Call 708-453-

Winter 2015 Opening Celebration

2 p.m.: Robert Linrothe, Northwestern art history faculty member and curator of the exhibition, provides an overview of "Collecting Paradise: Buddhist Art of Kashmir and Its Legacies." Linrothe will address two sets of themes underpinning the exhibition -- travel, trade and artistic exchange across the Himalayas between the 7th and 17th centuries; and how and why works like those in the exhibition have been collected by Himalayan Buddhists and by Westerners, and the consequences of their respective approaches. The presentation will be followed by a conversation between Linrothe and Sonya Rhie Quintanilla, the George P. Bickford Curator of Indian and Southeast Asian Art at the Cleveland Museum of Art. - See more at: http:// www.blockmuseum.northwestern.edu/ visit/come-to-an-event.html#sthash. MihiRn55.dpuf. Until 5 p.m. Northwestern University - Block Museum of Art, 40 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston. Call 847-491-2261.

St. Luke's Bottle Band

3 p.m.: Bringing new meaning to the term garage band, the costumed mirthful musicians from St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Park Ridge pop, strike, and blow into a variety of bottles (adding a few unconventional instruments in the mix) to create joyful renditions of the William Tell Overture, music from Harry Potter, the Liberty Bell March (for all you Monty Python fans) and other unlikely compositions. The Bottle Band has been heard on National Public Radio, the NBC Nightly News, Wild Chicago, America's Got Talent and (twice!) on the Late Show with David Letterman. Tickets can be ordered online at www. prairiecenter.org or by calling 847-895-3600. Prairie Center for the Arts, 201 Schaumburg Court, Schaumburg. \$20 (\$18 students and seniors).

Beat those Winter Blues Ballroom Dance Party

7:30 p.m.: Start with a Cha Cha group lesson taught by professional instructor Vito Magrone. The lesson is included in the price of admission and starts

promptly. Then, beginning at 8 p.m., ballroom favorites are played - Waltz, Tango, Cha Cha, Rumba, Swing, Quickstep, Hustle, Salsa, Foxtrot and more... dancing until II p.m. Dancers of every skill level as well as both couples and singles welcome. Free parking in private lot across the street. Light refreshments served. Ballroom City, 207 S. Villa Ave., Suite 250, Villa Park. Call 630-542-7644, \$10.

SUNDAY, JAN. 18

Global Warming Video Shown Every Half Hour

9 a.m.: Fifteen Minute Global Warming Video Shown Every Half Hour. The Green Team shows a 15 minute TedTalk video "Climate Change Is Simple" by David Roberts. The video shown every half hour (or whenever two or more are gathered) until 9 p.m. The video covers the basic threats of global warming. Comments after each showing are welcomed. Come and be informed for the sake of our children and our planet. All are welcome. Enter at East door off of parking lot. Follow the signs. St. Edmund Murphy Hall, 188 South Oak Park Ave., Oak Park.

Ondas Ensemble present Latin sounds from Baroque to Bossa Nova

10 a.m.: Ondas Ensemble present Latin sounds from Baroque to Bossa Nova at Church of Beethoven. Chicago's Ondas Ensemble (flute, voice and classical guitar) performs Spanish Baroque music from Fernande Feradiere and Antonio Guerrero, as well as music by early Paraguayan recording pioneer Agustin Barrios Mangore. They'll also perform Bossa Novas by contemporary composers Machado, Kertsman and Máximo Diego Pujol. Open Door Theater, 902 S. Ridgeland Ave., Oak Park. Call 7085101776. \$10.

Faces of Humanity

I p.m.: "Whoopi Goldberg Presents Moms Mabley, the Original Queen of Comedy" is an homage to showbiz pioneer Jackie "Moms" Mabley. Chicago comedian, journalist and author Aaron Freeman leads a post-screening discussion on humor and ethnicity. Reservations required: reservations@ ilhmec.org. Illinois Holocaust Museum,

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CALENDAR

9603 Woods Drive, Skokie. Call 847-967-4835.

Just Something My Grandma Used to Sing

2 p.m.: Join Mark Dvorak for an arremoon or autobiographical and entertaining songs and stories for an intergenerational audience. Plenty of great classic songs, stories, sing alongs and humor. Lincolnwood Public Library. 4000 W. Pratt Ave., Lincolnwood. Call 847-677-5277 Ext. 232.

Mark Dvorak Presents Music Program

2 p.m.: Chicago Singer/Songwriter Mark Dvorak presents "Just Something My Grandma Used to Sing": an autobiographical and entertaining program of songs and stories for inter-generational and senior audiences. Plenty of great classic songs, stories, sing alongs and humor. Lincolnwood Public Library, 4000 W. Pratt Ave., Lincolnwood. Call 847-677-5277.

Skokie Concert Choir

3 p.m.: 2015 choral concert directed by Candice Crane, accompanist, Adrian Metzger. Choral music selections range from Mozart's Lacrimosa to Paul Simon's Sound of Silence. It is with great pleasure and an honor to have a guest performance by the Niles North Chorale, directed by Dan Grergerman. Ezra-Habonim Niles Township Jewish Congregation, 4500 Dempster St., Skokie, Call 773-251-7890, \$10 adults \$5 children.

Cinema Retro Series Kicks-off with "The Deer Hunter"

3 p.m.: Cinema Retro, running mostly on Sundays brings the most influential movies of the 1960s and 70s back for a return engagement. Before each film-your host, George Mangan treats moviegoers to a film score montage from the Cinema Retrofilm series, a brief introduction to the film's awards, talent, reception, and behind-thescenes stories, and a classic cartoon. Senior discounts available when children or grandchildren accompany classic film buffs. Discounts are also available when buying the full film series package. For tickets and other information visit: www.wilmettetheatre. com. The series includes: Jan. 18: The Deer Hunter (1978); Feb. 15: Cape Fear

(1962); March 22: Once Upon A Time In The West (1968); April 17 (at 7 p.m.): Goldfinger (1964); May 31: Planet of the Apes (1968). Wilmette Theatre, II22 Central Ave., Wilmette, Call 847-251-7424, \$10.

Special Concert of the Baroque

3 p.m.: The Callipygian Players with Julia Davids, soprano, will perform songs and sonatas from England. Selections from Jane Austen's own songbook will be heard, along with Handel, Purcell, and violin sonatas from their newly released CD. The Callipygian Players are an ensemble of Chicago's finest period instrument musicians and singers under the leadership of Director and Baroque Violinist Martin Davids. Trinity United Methodist Church, 1024 Lake Ave., Wilmette. Call 847-251-7333.

Beethoven's Work of Art, **Symphony Number 9, ODE TO**

4 p.m.: The Symphony of Oak Park & River Forest Jay Friedman, Music Director Maurice Boyer, Choral Conductor, Heritage Chorale William Chin, Choral Director: City Voices, Symphony of Oak Park & River Forest Chorus Soloists: Kathleen van de Graaff Deborah Guscott Bradley Schuller Peter van de Graaff Pre-concert Conversation with David

Leehey at 3 p.m. Concordia University, Chapel of Our Lord/Werner Auditorium, Bonnie Brae Place@ Thomas Street, River Forest. Call 708-218-2648. \$25, students through college free.

Jazz in January

4 p.m.: Standards are played by the jazz ensemble, jazz orchestra, jazz workshop and big band. The concert also features Matt Wilson, a New York-based drummer. Tickets are available online at http://www.mya.org/store/tickets.php. Bennett Gordon Hall at Ravinia Festival Grounds, 400 Iris Lane, Highland Park. Call 847-266-5100.

League of Women Voters-**Evanston: Luncheon and Presentation**

II:45 a.m.: Jim Kenney, Co-founder/ Exec. Dir. of Common Ground is presenter. All league members and interested candidates are invited to a Luncheon/Presentation by Jim Kenney. Mr. Kenney's topic is 'The Political Landscape - 2015" Reservation Deadline: Jan.13, Call 847-859-7883 or by e-mail: lwvevanston@gmail.com Crystal Ballroom-in the Merion, 529 Davis St., Evanston. \$20.

Free MLK Day workout event just 4 girls

2 p.m.: A workout for body and mind for all girls ages 5-12. Join Game On! Sports Camps 4 Girls and ivivva as they dance and drum to the beat in a cardio jam session. After the event, ivivva will offer a trunk show full of clothing. Goal setting session (ages 7 - 12) or throwing carnival (ages 5-6) raffle: You give and we will pay it forward - enter the raffle to win a Perfect your Practice jacket for yourself and IO of your friends or team members. All funds raised will be donated to the Game On! Sports Foundation which funds opportunities for deserving, underserved young girls to attend quality sports camps and programs. Regina Dominican High School, 701 Locust Road, Wilmette. Call 847-229-9959.

Snack & Study

5 p.m.: Study for Finals Week at the Library. Meeting rooms will be open for group or individual study; snacks provided. Stop by the Information Desk in the Library Lobby for Snack & Study daily locations. Grades 9-12. Just drop in. Until 9 p.m. Jan. 19-21, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview. Call 847-729-7500.





BLACKHAT

Rated R for violence and some language Stars: Chris Hemsworth, Viola Davis, Wei

A furloughed convict (Hemsworth) hunts the leaders of a high-level cybercrime network across the globe. Michael Mann ("Public Enemies") directed the crime thriller.

A MOST VIOLENT YEAR ★★★ 1/2

Rated R for language and some violence Stars: Oscar Isaac, Jessica Chastain, David Oyelowo, Albert Brooks

Despite the title, the thing that makes "A Most Violent Year" interesting is its atypical hero's determination to avoid violence at all costs. Former immigrant truck driver Abel (Isaac, confirming the promise displayed in last year's "Inside Llewyn Davis"), now the owner of an embattled NYC heating-oil business, is determined to take the "most right" road wherever possible despite the cutthroat nature of his business. That position puts him at great risk after gambling on one make-or-break deal. This dark, brooding urban drama is the third smart, serious, finely crafted film in a row from 41-year-old writer/director J.C. Chandor ("Margin Call," "All is Lost").

PADDINGTON

Rated PG for mild action and rude humor Stars: Hugh Bonneville, Nicole Kidman, Ben Whishaw, Sally Hawkins, Peter Capaldi

A walking, talking teddy bear disrupts the lives of a family that finds him in a London train station. Paul King ("Bunny and the Bull") co-wrote and directed the family adventure based on the children's books by Michael Bond.

SPARE PARTS

Rated PG-13 for some language and violence

Stars: George Lopez, Marisa Tomei, Esai Morales, Carlos PenaVega

Four Hispanic high school kids form a micro-budget robotics club and eventually compete against the reigning champion MIT. Sean McNamara ("Field of Lost Shoes") directed the inspirational comedy-drama.

THREE NIGHT STAND

Rated: No MPAA rating

Stars: Sam Huntington, Meaghan Rath, Emmanuelle Chriqui, Reagan Pasternak

A married couple's romantic weekend is severely challenged when the husband's ex shows up at their ski lodge. Pat Kiely ("Who is KK Downey?") directed the comedy.

THE WEDDING RINGER

Rated R for crude and sexual content, language throughout, some drug use and brief graphic nudity

Stars: Kevin Hart, Josh Gad, Kaley Cuoco-Sweeting, Olivia Thirlby

A friendless young man (Gad), hoping to impress his prospective in-laws, hires a professional best man (Hart) for the wedding ceremony. Jeremy Garelick makes his writing/directing debut with the comedy.

STILL PLAYING

LEVIATHAN

 $Rated\ R$ for language and some sexuality/ graphic nudity

Stars: Aleksey Serebryakov, Roman Madyanov, Vladimir Vdovichenkov

Guns, vodka, corrupt politics and plain-old domestic unhappiness combine to threaten the existence of a modern-day Russian everyman in this slow-moving, deeply melancholy and ultimately devastating drama — a broodingly fatalistic tale reminiscent of Tolstoy and Dostoyevsky. In the final stages of a losing battle against a corrupt small-town mayor intent on seizing his home, a violently hot-headed auto mechanic (Serebryakov) calls on an old friend, now a hotshot Moscow lawyer. Don't count on a reassuring outcome. In addition to taking dark satirical jabs at the Putin regime, director Andrey Zvyagintsev intended "Leviathan" as a loosely constructed, modern-day retelling of the Book of Job. Winner of the Best Screenplay award at last year's Cannes festival.

PREDESTINATION

Rated R for violence, some sexuality, nudity and language

Stars: Ethan Hawke, Sarah Snook, Noah Taylor

On his final assignment, a time-traveling special agent (Hawke) tries to capture the only criminal who has successfully eluded him in the past. Michael and Peter Spierig ("Daybreakers") directed the sci-fi adventure.

TAKEN 3

Rated PG-13 for intense sequences of violence and action, and for brief strong language Stars: Liam Neeson, Maggie Grace, Famke

Janssen, Forest Whitaker

After being framed for the murder of his wife, an ex-CIA operative (Neeson) goes on a rampage to bring the true killer to justice, while being chased by the FBI and the CIA. Director Olivier Megaton ("Taken 2") returns for the third installment of the action-adventure series.



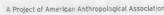
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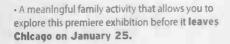
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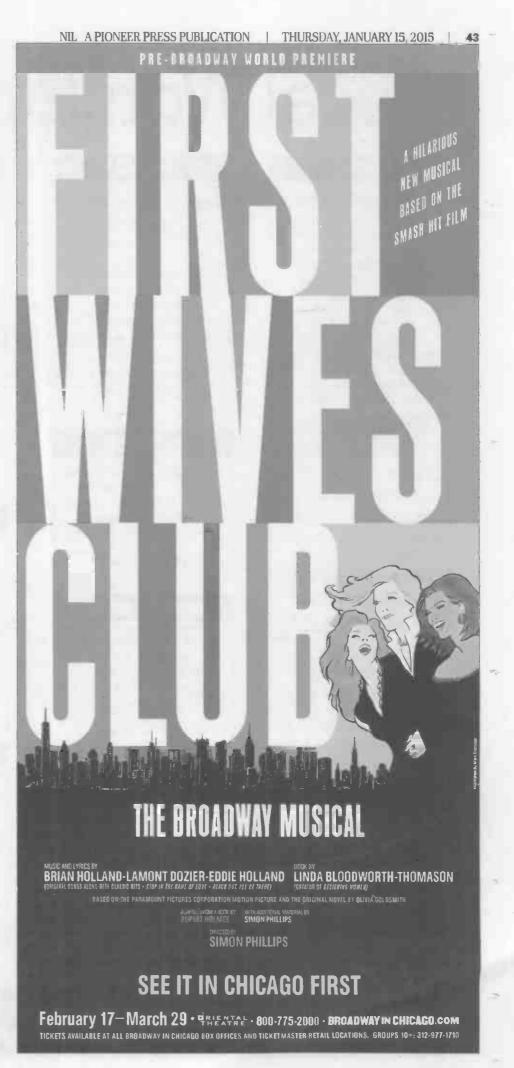




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Barbara is survived by her three daughters, Dale Duplessis, Susan Larson and husband Rajeev Jain, Kirsten Larson; grandsons, Matthew and Daniel Duplessis, and her brother Gary Mowder. She was preceded by her husband, Roger Larson.

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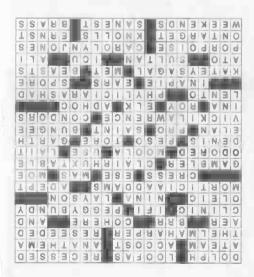
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MAINE EAST

Support from family, team helps Lindberg

Junior eager to return from season-ending Achilles tendon injury

BY ERIC VAN DRIL Special to the Tribune, @VanDrilSports

On the eve of surgery to repair the torn Achilles tendon in her right foot, junior Kelli Lindberg received a binder.

It included blank pages so she could chronicle her lengthy recovery. There were also little pieces of construction paper with notes and pictures from her Maine East girls basketball teammates, as well as her

"I have so much support from my teammates. my coaches, my family, ... They have all been there for me. Theu just told me to keep my head up and that there's. always next year."

Kelli Lindberg, Maine East junior

coaches and the school's athletic trainer. The binder was full of encouraging messages that reminded Lindberg to stay positive during her recovery and that her friends were there for her.

"I have so much support from my teammates, my coaches, my family," Lindberg said. "They have all been there for me. They just told me to keep my head up and that there's always next year."

It wasn't always easy for Lindberg to stay positive, though.

Lindberg's season ended with a freak injury against

Niles North on Dec. 9. She was playing in the Blue Demons' zone defense when the ball rotated to her side during the fourth quarter. Lindberg stepped forward with her left foot and pushed off with her right to close out a nearby Vikings player, but the Blue Demons' starting guard fell to the floor in agony.

The severity of the injury was evident in that moment, Lindberg said. She could feel a rolling pain up her leg. Later on, she was informed that her Achilles tendon had torn completely off the bone.

Lindberg had surgery to repair her Achilles tendon on Dec. 18. Her right leg was numbed from a little bit below her knee all



Maine East's Kelli Lindberg hopes to have recovered from surgery on her Achilles tendon in time to play her senior volleyball season. I NICSUMMERS/FOR SUN-TIMES MEDIA

the way down her toes, she said, by using a nerve block. It stayed numb for about a day and a half, but the block wore off in the middle of the night.

"I woke up one morning — at like 3 in the morning - and the pain was just so bad," Lindberg said.

That happened often in the days after her surgery, Lindberg added. Her pain medication would wear off at some point from about 1-3 a.m., and then again from about 6-8 a.m. The pain in her leg would cause her to wake up and take her pain pills.

That was the low point in her recovery,

Those first couple days afterwards I got many texts about how painful it was and how she just kind of broke down because it hurt so much," Maine East coach Karol Hanusiak said. But Hanusiak would remind

"her how strong she is and ... that her teammates are here for her, she's got a strong family and she's going to get through this."

At home, Holly Lindberg - who's a sophomore forward for Maine East - did her best to help her sister through that tough time. She did whatever she could to help, like bringing her clothes from upstairs or making her something to eat.

Kelli Lindberg eventually turned a corner. The ability to sleep through the night was a big reason why. Remaining involved with her team and being supported by her family, coaches and teammates also helped. She's attended every Maine East game except for one since her surgery — it was the Blue Demons' win over Highland Park the day after her surgery - and she's been able to still do team-bonding activities like go to Buffalo Wild Wings.

"She's definitely way more positive now," Holly Lindberg said on Sunday. "She wasn't [initially] because she was so upset she couldn't do anything, but now as the days go on, she's getting more and more positive because she's starting to do a little more. She's getting used to everything."

At this point, Kelli Lindberg is eager to start her rehab. She can't put any weight on her right leg yet, but that should change in the coming weeks. She said she's aiming to be back in time for volleyball season in August and is looking forward to playing with her sister and the Blue Demons' basketball team next winter.

"I'm so ready to come back," Kelli Lindberg said. "It hurts me so much to go to the games and watch because I want to be out there, too. But with all the rehab I plan on doing, I should be back for next season."

EVANSTON INVITATIONAL BOYS SWIMMING NOTEBOOK

Loyola's Kearney eyeing individual berths at state

Evanston still auditioning swimmers to be part of 400 free relay

BY MATT HARNESS mharness@tribpub.com, @harnesspreps

EVANSTON -- Christopher Kearney has paid his dues for the Loyola boys swimming

In his first two varsity seasons, he sacrificed individual glory for the good of the team. Last season, he swam on all three relays, and all three qualified for the state meet. He also took eighth in the state in the 100-yard freestyle.

'He could have made it to the state meet in two individual events, but we needed him on those relays," Loyola coach Mike Hengelmann said. "He's willing to do whatever is best for the team. But this year, we are going to see if he can score [at the state meet] in two individual events."

A 6-5 junior, Kearney said he's looking forward to the challenge. More than likely, he will aim to qualify for the state meet in the 100 and 200 free. Hengelmann also said Kearney will be a factor in the two freestyle relays. He's a veteran of those races, having competed in the championship finals of the 200 and 400 free relays at the state meet as a freshman.

At Evanston's 18-team invitational on Saturday, Kearney was fourth in the 100 free (48.65 seconds) and sixth in the 200 free (1:47.33). The meet featured Glenbrook South. New Trier and Lake Forest, three of the best teams in the state.

The Ramblers placed 10th as a team with 2,345 college points.

"I've always enjoyed helping the guys out, but this year will be fun, too, to have that individual focus," Kearney said. "I think it will push me even more and bring me to new heights."

New Trier

Josh Runkle, New Trier's first-year coach, joked Saturday that he might have overworked the Trevians over the winter break because he said they looked tired at Evanston's invitational.

That probably wasn't too funny to the rest of the field as New Trier finished first with 2,836 points, edging out Glenbrook South by

Runkle said he and his swimmers have been feeling each other out so far this season. While he hasn't made wholesale changes, Runkle said he's tweaked a few things since





taking over for Mark Onstott, a legendary

"We are doing things a little differently,

maybe not as many water sessions," Runkle

every morning. Now, it's three mornings a

week and the other days are dryland work-

getting adjusted to them. It's a great group

to work with, and I'm even excited to get to

Runkle was an assistant under Onstott

school at 4:45 [in the morning].

from 1996-98.

said. "Maybe in the past, they were in the pool

"They are getting adjusted to me, and I am

coach who retired after last season.

ABOVE: Loyola's Christopher Kearney swims the 200-yard freestyle during Saturday's invitational at Evanston. Kearney placed sixth in the race. I BRIAN O'MAHONEY/FOR CHICAGO TRIBUNE MEDIA GROUP LEFT: New Trier's Murphy McQuet won the 100-yard freestyle in 47,09 seconds on Saturday at the Evanston invitational. He also won the 200 free (1:42.06) and swam a leg on the victorious 200 medley relay team (1:38.02). I BRIAN O'MAHONEY/FOR CHICAGO TRIBUNE MEDIA GROUP

"I learned from Mark," Runkle said. "I might cycle things differently, but the transition has been smooth,"

The star for the Trevians on Saturday was Murphy McQuet, who was part of all three of the Trevians' first-place finishes.

The senior won both the 100 free (47.09) and 200 free (1:42.06). He also swam on the winning 200 med-

ley relay (1:38.02) with seniors Drew Keenan. Alex Grant and Tomo Sharpee.

Coach Kevin Auger said he's been trying out swimmers for the Wildkits' 400 free relay team, and the auditions probably will continue into next month.

Last season, Evanston's 400 free relay placed second in the state. Two of the members, senior Ryan Knohl and junior Adrian Lafont-Mueller, are back. Auger said senior Christian Stankovic is a good bet to make the final team, but the last spot is up for grabs.

Junior Quinn Tucker swam on the relay with Knohl, Lafont-Mueller and Stankovic on Saturday and helped the Wildkits finish fifth in a time of 3:17.94. Another possible candidates for the relay is senior Jake Girard, who took eighth in the 50 free (22.80) at Evanston. Girard also was part of the 200 free relay along with junior Axel Lafont-Mueller, Adrian Lafont-Mueller and Stankovic — that finished

"We do miss Chris Russo and Joe Seguine-Hall, and we have some big shoes to fill there," Auger said of the two graduated swimmers from last season's 400 free relay. "But I think we have the horses to fill it. It's just a matter of who that will be."

Niles West

Senior Kohler Mohr finished 17th in the 50 free (23.23) and 21st in the 100 free (51.39) as the Wolves totaled 1,873 points to take 18th in the field.

Another senior, Matt Lefler, posted a top-20 finish at Evanston by placing 17th in the 100 backstroke (59.89).

NILES NORTH

Cook stands as a strong silent cornerstone

BY SAM BRIEF Special to the Tribune, @sambrief

SKOKIE — Cris Cook doesn't say much.

He listens to Lil Herb — his favorite rapper — before games. He warms up with his team. He aims to incorporate his teammates into his all-around game, focusing on assists and rebounds more than points.

But he doesn't say much.
"I've always been that way,"
Cook said after Niles North's 56-48
loss to Highland Park on Friday
night. "I'm trying to be more
talkative."

"He's more of a silent guy," junior guard Craig "Dutch" Dawkins said. "He plays his game. He doesn't argue with anybody — he just plays ball."

"I wish sometimes he would say what he's thinking," Niles North coach Glenn Olson said. "He thinks the right things."

Cook's nickname around the Niles North program is fitting: Breeze.

"Breeze ... just nice and easy," Olson said. "He's not the loudest guy, but he's in there laughing and hanging out with his teammates. He's respected by all."

Cook, a junior guard who hopes to play at the Division I college level, started each of Niles North's varsity games last season as a sophomore and has continued his impressive run this year. At 6-2 and 180 pounds, he sometimes brings the ball upcourt for the Vikings, but also has taken the opening tip against centers who tower over him.

"He does everything for us," Olson said. "He handles the ball, he finishes at the rim, he's got the ability to knock down a shot, he rebounds it. He's got an inner fire to be great, and you certainly see that when you watch him."

"He takes a big role in our program," Dawkins said. "With his athleticism and the things he can do around the rim, we try to use him to our best advantage.

"And he practices how he wants

Cook has molded his reputation into that of a team-oriented player. His mentality when he steps on the court? A fierce drive to win.

"I want to win, and I try to do the little things to win," Cook said. "I'm trying to be more of a leader, to be a team player."

His primary goals are also team-centered and involve winning.

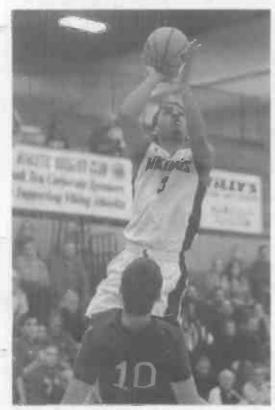
"I want to win a regional championship," Cook said, "trying to win sectionals and get down to state."

"Breeze is an outstanding kid and a humble person," Olson said. "His focus is to help the team win. One of his best qualities is that he puts others before himself, and that shows up in his play."



ABOVE: Niles North's Cris Cook drives on Highland Park's Jacob Iden during a 56-48 loss on Friday in Skokie.

LEFT: Niles North's Cris Cook shoots while being fouled by Highland Park's David Sachs (10) during Friday's game, which the Vikings lost 56-48 on their home floor. | Photos By KEVIN TANAKA/FOR CHICAGO TRIBUNE MEDIA



NOTRE DAME

Holding his own

Dons' Becar plays well in loss to Lake Forest's Boudreaux

BY ION KERR Special to the Tribune, @prepspioneer

LAKE FOREST — The night before an important test, Notre Dame junior Ammar Becar did as any diligent student would.

He studied.

Becar examined how to play against Lake Forest senior forward Evan Boudreaux.

"I watched him on High School Cube. I know he's a scorer, a great player," Becar said of Boudreaux, the Scouts' all-time leading scorer. "I was looking at things I can do."

Friday night, Becar took.his examination when the Dons played the Scouts on the road. And Becar, a 6-5 forward, played well in an overtime

thriller that the Dons lost 82-78.

In the first half, Becar hit threepoint shots, baseline step-backs and midrange jumpers along with baskets where he posted up Boudreaux and finished around the rim. Boudreaux was Lake Forest's primary defender on Becar. When the Scouts switched to zone, it did little to slow Becar.

Becar's production in the first half - 16 points on 6-for-10 shooting, including 2-for-3 from three was a big reason for Notre Dame's 34-33 halftime lead.

"[Becar] started the game out hot so we kept feeding him," Dons senior guard Joe Mooney said. "We wanted to go after [Boudreaux] and get him in foul trouble."

However, Boudreaux only had one foul at halftime and finished with a game-high 38 points.

Boudreaux added: "There was a lot of back and forth. You can't take anything away from [Becar]. He's a great player."

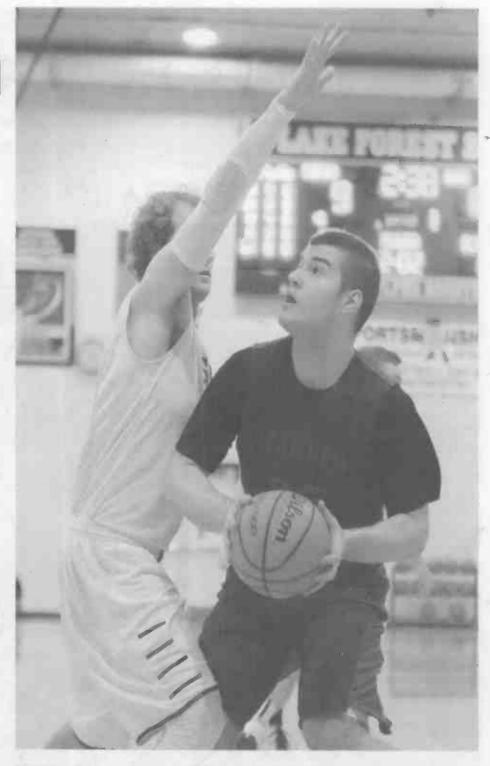
Notre Dame fell behind in the second half and Mooney kept the ball in his hands. Lake Forest employed multiple defenders on Mooney, none of whom could slow down his dribble penetration or pull-ups without fouling.

Becar worked away from the ball, setting screens to free up floor space for Mooney.

"We thought we had an advantage there -[Mooney's] pull-ups, his drives to the basket." Dons coach Tom Les said. "If he got deep enough, [Becar] could pop out."

Mooney had 32 points on the night and Becar finished with 29, including a threepointer at the end of regulation that tied the game at 69 and sent it to overtime.

Becar's continued



ABOVE: Notre Dame junior Ammar Becar (right) looks to put up a shot while defended by Lake Forest's Evan Boudreaux during Friday's game in Lake Forest.

LEFT: Notre Dame junior Ammar Becar (left) finished with 29 points and Lake Forest senior Evan Boudreaux (right) scored 38 in Friday's game at Lake Forest, I PHOTOS BY MARK UKENA/FOR CHICAGO TRIBUNE MEDIA GROUP

emergence could take some of the pressure off Mooney. The Dons have won games when Mooney binge scores - he had 36 in a 49-42 win over Prospect Dec. 23 - but they've also lost games when he's been hot - most notably a 74-70 loss to Hinsdale Central on Dec. 13 when Mooney scored 37.

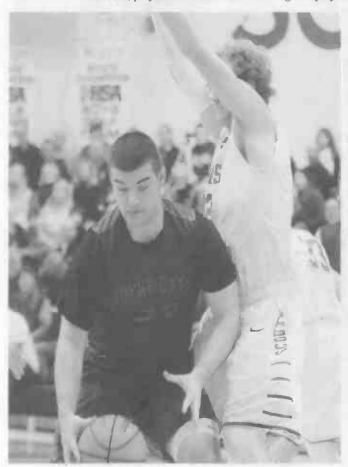
After his battle with Boudreaux,

Becar said he's ready for more challenges.

And more study sessions.

"I've improved my outside and inside game. I knew coming into the game I had to be ready. [Boudreaux] is a physical guy, a really good player," Becar said.

"We got after it and gave the crowd a good game."



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Niles North's Cris Cook is fouled by Highland Park's Jordan Krawitz during Friday's game in Skokie. I KEVIN TANAKA/FOR CHICAGO TRIBUNE MEDIA GROUP

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