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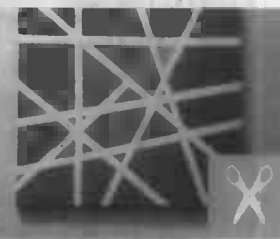
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Richard Balentine

Teacher killed self after accusations of 'inappropriate communications'

BY JENNIFER JOHNSON |
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Funeral services were held in Pennsylvania this week for a Notre Dame College Prep teacher who committed suicide amid a police investigation.

The Niles Police Department said the investigation of Richard Balentine, 38, involved allegations of "inappropriate communications between Mr. Balentine and current or former Notre Dame students."

Niles Police Chief Dean

Strzelecki this week declined to comment further on the allegations or the number of complainants. The investigation, he said, was "in its infancy" at the time of Balentine's death.

"We're going to wait and see if there is anyone else who calls (with an allegation)," Strzelecki said.

Balentine, who was set to receive a Teacher of the Year Award from the Niles Chamber of Commerce on April 27, was found

Teacher who committed suicide was picked for award

BY JENNIFER JOHNSON | jjohnson@pioneerlocal.com

When Richard Balentine was named the Niles Chamber of Commerce's Teacher of the Year, it was at the encouragement of Niles mother Sandie Beierwaltes.

Beierwaltes nominated Balentine for the honor, saying she was impressed by the Notre Dame College Prep teacher's interactions with students and the positive influence he had over her own son Jonathan, a Notre Dame graduate.

"He was a constant fixture there," Beierwaltes said of Balentine, whose April 16 death at the Notre Dame campus has been ruled a suicide. "I was always impressed with the relationship he had with the parents and students. You'd see him and there would be a flock of people around him. He was just very kind and gentle. He had a way with the kids and they knew if they needed anything he was a person they could go to."

Balentine took groups of Notre Dame students to New Orleans each year as part of a Habitat for Humanity project where they participated in building homes for victims of Hurricane Katrina. Jonathan attended the mission twice and even returned to help immediately following his graduation, Beierwaltes said. She attributed her son's dedication to Balentine's influence.

"He gave them experiences they normally wouldn't have in their life," Beierwaltes said.

The Niles Police Department said that prior to Balentine's death he had been under investigation by the department for an allegation of "inappropriate communications between Mr. Balentine and current or former Notre Dame students."

"That's nothing that was ever experienced in my house," Beierwaltes said, saying she is "devastated" by Balentine's death, but happy that he knew he had been selected for the Teacher of the Year award.

"I'm so grateful I nominated him and he saw the letter that I wrote so he knew what an impact he made on so many people, not just the boys at Notre Dame, but the whole community," she said. ■

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dead on the morning of April 16 inside his residence on the Notre Dame campus at 7655 W. Dempster St.

The Cook County Medical Examiner's Office said Balentine was found hanged and ruled his death a suicide.

Police said Balentine had been interviewed by investigators on the morning of April 15, the day before he was found dead. Police released Balentine after the interview and have not determined if the communications were criminal in nature, the department said.

Teresa Connolly, spokeswoman for Notre Dame College Prep, said Balentine had taught at the school for six years. Though it is uncommon for teachers to reside on campus, she said Balentine was staying in an area that had once housed priests.

"He had been living here for a brief time while awaiting the closing on his condo," Connolly said.

According to Connolly, Notre Dame was made aware of the police investigation, but school officials are not aware of any details beyond what police released publicly.

"We always cooperate with the police, but we have not been asked for any information," she said.

According to a statement on the school's website posted later in week, Notre Dame had not received any complaints regarding Balentine.

Ryan Blackburn, a spokesman for the Archdiocese of Chicago, said the Archdiocese was never involved in the police investigation, nor is it aware of the details behind the allegation.

A native of Pennsylvania, Balentine served as Notre Dame's director of campus ministry and was also chairman of the Religious Studies Department.

He had been nominated for a Teacher of the Year award by a parent and had been set to receive the award during the Niles

Chamber's Night of Roses banquet, said Chamber Director Katie Schneider.

Scott Czarnik, a former student in Balentine's religion class and a 2009 graduate of Notre Dame, described the teacher as "a friend as well as an educator."

"The way he bonded with the kids was one-of-a-kind," Czarnik recalled. "No other teacher would relate to us the way he did. He became close to everyone who wanted to become close to him."

Czarnik said Balentine made himself available to his students after school, and kept in contact with them after the graduated. Czarnik said the two attended Blackhawks games together and were "friends outside of school."

After graduating and moving to Arizona for college, Czarnik found himself reaching out to his former teacher when he was having trouble adjusting to college life.

He called the allegation that Balentine had engaged in "inappropriate communication" with students "very out of character."

"As far as I knew him, he was a friend and that's what he wanted to be — nothing more," Czarnik said.

Anthony Lupo, also a 2009 graduate, called the allegation "shocking."

"I never thought any of the communication I or any of my friends had with him was anywhere near inappropriate," he said. "There was a fine teacher-student line there that I never saw crossed."

Lupo knew Balentine as the chaplain to the school's hockey team. Lupo, a member of the team, said Balentine drove the team bus to every hockey game.

Lupo called the teacher "one of the most genuine people I had ever met. He loved his students. He was strict in that he wanted you to do well in school, but if it was outside of school and you wanted to talk about sports or whatever, you could talk about that, too."

Counselors and religious staff were made available to Notre Dame students and faculty following Balentine's death. ■



Park District names new chief

BY NATASHA WASINSKI | Contributor

The Morton Grove Park District will enter the busy summer season with a new leader at its helm.

Tracey Anderson, a 25-year parks and recreation veteran, assumes the executive director post May 6.

Commissioners unanimously approved Anderson's hire at a special meeting on April 15. She will earn \$102,000 annually plus benefits.

Anderson has served as Homewood-Flossmoor's

superintendent of recreation since December 2009. She has also worked at Olympia Fields' Irons Oaks Environmental Learning Center, the Lake Bluff Health Care Center and Vitas Hospice Care in Skokie.

According to a release from the park district, Anderson is skilled in the areas of program development, fundraising, budgeting and management.

Park Board Vice President Eileen Coursey described Anderson as a "very vivacious person" with a great sense of humor. She said the park board sought "somebody (who) had a good fight" in them.

The park district has been without a permanent leader

since last October when Brian Sullivan, the former director, abruptly resigned to "pursue other opportunities," a park district release said.

Rich Grodsky, who retired from Elmhurst's park district last year, was tapped to serve in interim capacity in early November. He did not apply for the permanent position, park district spokeswoman Sue Braubach said.

For assistance in finding the new top leader, the park district worked with executive search firm Hazard, Young, Attea & Associates, which is headquartered in Rosemont.

Over 40 applicants, half of whom had experience in parks

and recreation work, applied for the position, reported commissioner Dominick Burdi. He said Anderson was one of three applicants interviewed by the park board for the job.

At the April 19 park board meeting, commissioner Kevin Lochner read a statement recognizing Grodsky's contributions to the Morton Grove Park District over the past five months.

During his brief tenure, Grodsky completed the park district's five-year capital plan and orchestrated the financial and construction planning for the upcoming \$6.44-million overhaul of Oriole Pool.

Lochner thanked Grodsky for



Tracey Anderson

his time and work, noting "his experience and organizational skills make a tremendous difference in how quickly the park district was able to stay on course and find a new director."

Park staff and officials echoed Lochner's sentiment.

"We all feel a great deal of gratitude and we appreciate your hard work," Coursey told Grodsky.

His last day with the park district is April 25. ■

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Park district delays paving Harrer Park lot

BY NATASHA WASINSKI | Contributor

Plans are on hold to pave a lot adjacent to Harrer Park where a now-vacant building stands.

Morton Grove Park District officials tabled a motion April 18 to authorize a \$69,900 construction contract with Lake Zurich-based Chicagoland Paving Contractors, Inc. in order to

buy more time for discussing the future of the 6210 Dempster Street site.

The park district purchased the former bank property in December 2010. In February, park officials approved tearing down the structure, which includes a drive-through, for \$108,400.

Demolition was scheduled for March, but had been postponed due to pending permits

from Cook County, reported park spokesman Sue Braubach.

Commissioner Dominick Burdi said work at the lot needed to be part of a larger, long-term planning discussion on Harrer Park.

"We didn't think it was an appropriate amount of money," he said of the decision to postpone the paving. "Instead of putting a ton of money into there right now, we're looking

at doing something different."

Harrer Park's pool would likely need to be fully replaced in the next three to five years. Constructed in 1962 and first renovated in 1995, it is in slightly better shape than the younger Oriole Pool.

This summer the park district is undertaking a \$6.44-million project to create a state-of-the-art aquatic facility at Oriole. The park district is eyeing

Harrer next.

Braubach said the 6210 Dempster Street site would be fenced off for safety purposes until the park board makes a decision on how to proceed.

The park district received eight proposals for asphalt work ranging between \$69,900 and \$90,730.

The park board is expected to take the matter back up May 2. ■

Park district to spend 4 percent more

BY NATASHA WASINSKI | Contributor

The Morton Grove Park District is predicting a four-percent bump over last year's budget.

For the upcoming 2013-14 fiscal year, the park district budgeted \$5.75 million in expenditures, an amount appropriated to \$6 million to defray additional costs and liabilities.

Most revenue comes from real estate taxes, followed by income from programs. The park district expects to collect more than \$150,000 more in each area, with property taxes

making up \$3.27 million and program revenue accounting for \$1.22 million.

However, with Oriole Park Pool closed for the summer, pool passes and related income are expected to be down by \$51,000.

The park district's expected

fund balance on May 1 is \$4.5 million.

Cash reserves were also expected to decline in the current fiscal year. The 2012-13 budget reflected an estimated year-end cash balance of \$4.25 million, down from \$5 million a year ago. ■

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IN PROFILE

Youth of year honored by Niles chamber

BY TRACY GRUEN | Contributor

It's no wonder why Niles resident Melissa Anderson was chosen as the "Youth of the Year" by the Niles Chamber of Commerce.

The senior at Resurrection College Prep High School is a leader at school as well as at St. John Brebeuf Parish. She is also very involved with the Girl Scouts of America and is ranked as a Girl Scouts Ambassador. She will be honored at the Niles Chamber of Commerce's annual awards ceremony on April 27.

Q: How did you feel when you found out you won the award?

A: I was surprised! I didn't expect it at all.

Q: What are you involved in at St. John Brebeuf Parish?

A: I'm a Eucharist minister; I serve communion to the congregation during mass, I'm in the youth ministry. In grade school I was in the children's choir and hand bell choir. The first Sunday of every month I teach students six through 10 about the readings of the gospel for the day.

Q: What types of activities do you do at Resurrection school?

A: At Res, I'm the junior class vice president and the vice president of the student council club. I'm a student ambassador. At open houses, we're the tour guides for the families and every so often we have shadows for the day. I'm in a peer helping program at resurrection. I'm part of the National Honors Society. I played freshman volleyball and JV volleyball my second year. Sophomore and junior year, I was on the JV bowling team.

Q: Is it challenging being so busy and balancing activities, or do you enjoy it?

A: I love being busy. I've been involved ever since grade school and I love it.

Q: What inspired you to want to be so involved?

A: My grade school, St. John Brebeuf, was my building foundation with being involved in everything. I was the vice president in eighth grade of the student council. I looked up to everybody. It was a great experience.

Q: Do you know what you'd like to pursue after



Melissa Anderson is the Niles Chamber of Commerce's Youth of the Year. | CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

college?

A: Ever since I was little I always wanted to help animals so I'd like to be a veterinary technician.

Q: How would you describe yourself as a person?

A: I would say I'm a leader, not a follower. ■



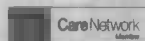
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Both parties agreed to the decision, in which Novak determined that Niles overcharged Glenview for 15 months from April 2010 to July 2011.

The dispute began when Glenview officials discovered Niles had overcharged Glenview's North Maine Utilities by including in its water rate costs for its sewer system, and not providing North Maine Utilities with the lowest

rate.

Glenview then withheld payments to Niles in escrow and asked for an audit of the village's utility records.

In response, Niles sued Glenview for nonpayment and Glenview countersued.

In late March, the escrow account totaled \$10 million, and a court hearing on the issue was set for June 28.

"Niles officials have indicated a desire to resolve the dispute. Absent a resolution of the issue, Niles said it will continue to pursue its lawsuit," stated a Niles' release.

Niles also will continue to provide water to the Glenview customers.

Glenview and Niles will hold discussions to resolve the remaining issues in the lawsuit. Should a resolution not result, Glenview will continue to pursue its counterclaim. ■

Niles teen arrested for theft

BY JENNIFER JOHNSON | jjohnson@pioneerlocal.com

A Niles teen was taken into custody last week after he was seen allegedly throwing a video game system and suspected marijuana out of his car while being followed by police down several village streets.

Police said Eric Biarnesen, 18, of 8040 Ottawa St., was suspected of stealing three packs of cigarettes from an address in Elk Grove Village and an a Niles police officer was dispatched to his home on the morning of April 15. Upon arriving at the home, police said a vehicle

matching the description of the one seen in the Elk Grove theft pulled out of the alley and drove away. While the officer followed the car, the driver began throwing items out the window including a bag containing suspected marijuana, an electronic scale, and a Nintendo DS video game system, police said.

The driver, later identified as Biarnesen, was taken into custody after driving down several streets and returning to the 8000 block of Ottawa Avenue, police said. Biarnesen also reportedly struck a parked car on Overhill Avenue, but no damage was reported by the owner.

Biarnesen was charged with theft, possession of marijuana and reckless driving. He has a May 21 court date. ■



A fire destroyed this dryer inside a home on the 300 block of Cedar Street on April 16. | CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Firefighter hurt responding to call

BY JENNIFER JOHNSON |
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A Park Ridge firefighter was slightly injured in a fall while responding to an appliance fire inside a single-family home.

The fire occurred April 16 inside the utility room of a two-story home on the 300 block of Cedar Street. Park Ridge Deputy Fire Chief Jeff Sorensen said the fire originated in the dryer, but whether it was the result of a mechanical malfunction, electrical problem or other

cause remained under investigation.

The fire was discovered by a resident of the home around 6:30 p.m.

"I'm glad the resident was home because if she wasn't there to notice the fire, it could have been a lot worse," Sorensen said.

The fire was contained to the utility room, though smoke damage was reported throughout the home. Damage was estimated at \$10,000.

While responding to the fire a firefighter suffered a minor leg injury after falling on an uneven surface outside the home, the Fire Department said. He was treated and released from Advocate Lutheran General Hospital in Park Ridge. ■

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Senior expo draws 1,600 at Golf Mill

BY TRACY GRUEN | Contributor

Holding bags with free giveaways and useful information, senior citizens waited anxiously for the next round of entertainment to start at center court of Golf Mill Shopping Center on Friday, Apr. 19.

The seventh annual "Swing into Spring" Senior Expo is put on by the Mainstreamers, the senior citizen organization that is part of Maine Township. Dick Barton, public information coordinator for Maine Township, believes the event brought in about 1,600 people.

Seniors were able to chat with representatives and pick up brochures from about 70 different vendors and organizations, including the Niles Public Library, Niles Chamber of Commerce, Advocate Lutheran General Hospital, Niles and Park Ridge Senior Centers, Pace bus, St. Matthew's church, The Summit of Park Ridge and Oehler Funeral Home.

"We look at it as a public service for seniors," said Barton. Seniors received information on how to stay healthy and active and they learned what organizations in the community can offer them.

"It's been a really good turnout," said Dan Balmes, a volunteer with St. Matthew's Church. "The entertainment definitely draws people here."

The day's entertainment included a performance by Norma and Heidi Lucky, who are award-winning ballroom dancers and Denny Diamond and the Family Jewels, who performed music by Neil Diamond and other musicians.

"The entertainment was upgraded," said Barton, compared to past years.

"I think it's very informative," said Iris Roman, of Morton Grove. She has attended the Senior Expo in the past. "I like information and I like entertainment."

"I think it's great," said Edward Schwartz, of Skokie. "I like all the free giveaways." ■

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Boston Marathon runner from Niles avoids blast

BY TRACY GRUEN |
Contributor

When Arlie Ramirez was walking to the train station to go back to his hotel after proudly crossing the finish line at the Boston Marathon, he heard a boom, but didn't think too much of it.

However, when he walked into a restaurant by his hotel, people were coming into the restaurant crying, and he knew something was really wrong.

The Niles resident crossed the finish line at the Boston Marathon after three hours and 13 minutes, a time that he is proud of. He was supposed to meet some friends near the finish line, but since he was experiencing some cramping he decided to go back to his hotel room instead.

"People started walking into the restaurant and hotel minutes later crying and freaked out over what happened," wrote Ramirez, in a Facebook message to the Niles Herald-Spectator. "In a way, I wish I was there to help anyone. At the same time I'm blessed to not have been there because who knows what could have happened."

Ramirez said he finally qualified for the Boston Marathon after trying for five years.

"It's such a big deal for

everybody," said Ramirez.

"There is camaraderie that runners share globally and this one sport unites the world," wrote Ramirez. "I'm sad this marathon or any can be ruined by one selfish person who put a scar on so many people. ... People shared so many stories of their accounts and you can see the fear in many of them."

In the wake of the bombs, that camaraderie held strong.

"People on the street were giving people rides

because they shut down the whole town," said Ramirez.

Although a sad experience to witness, Ramirez will not let what happened stop him from achieving his goals.

"Hopefully I'll qualify in Chicago this year and go back to Boston next year," shared Ramirez.

The Boston Marathon was Ramirez's seventh marathon. He has three kids, the oldest one attending Maine South High School in Park Ridge. ■

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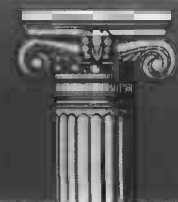
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The following incidents were listed in the official bulletin of the Niles Police Department. Readers are reminded that an arrest does not constitute a finding of guilt. Only a court of law can make that determination.

DUI

Bayarkhuu Tumurbat, 23, of 4918 Conrad, Skokie, was charged with driving under the influence, speeding, improper lane usage and driving off the roadway on April 14. He was taken into custody at Washington Street and Park Avenue at 3:20 a.m. He has a May 31 court date.

RETAIL THEFT

Niki Tavoularis, 74, of 648 Shermer Road, Glenview, was charged with retail theft on April 16 after she allegedly stole \$21 worth of clothing from a store at Golf Mill Shopping Center. She has a May 29 court date.

Diego Hernandez, 21, of 3758 Salem Walk, Glenview, was charged with retail theft on April 16 after he allegedly stole two baseball caps valued at \$75 from a store at Golf Mill Shopping Center. ■

NILES CRIME BRIEFS

DISORDERLY CONDUCT

A 43-year-old Niles man told police on April 12 that he has been receiving text messages of a threatening nature from a man suspected of damaging his vehicle. One of the messages threatened to knock the victim's teeth out, police said.

A Niles man told police that another man threatened him on April 8 after they were involved in an accident on the 8400 block of Dempster Street.

on the 7600 block of Milwaukee Avenue. Police said the drugs went missing after the man spent the night with a woman he knew only by her first name.

A cigarette receptacle was stolen March 26 from outside a business on the 7900 block of Milwaukee Avenue. Surveillance video showed two men removing the receptacle just after 2 a.m. and placing it in the trunk of a silver vehicle. The object was valued at \$165.

86-year-old mother picked up a kitchen knife after complaining that the television was too loud. Police spoke to the woman who reportedly stated that she was aggravated with her son and tired of him always making her chicken soup. Both mother and son agreed to stay away from each other for the remainder of the night, police said.

Police responded to a residence on the 7000 block of Greenleaf Street on the morning of April 15 after a 38-year-old woman allegedly removed a thermostat from the wall during an argument with a man inside the house. The pair agreed to stay away from each other for the rest of the day, police said. ■

THEFT

On April 12 a 28-year-old Niles man reported that a bottle of prescription painkillers was taken from his apartment

DISPUTE

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Floodwaters fill Maine Township homes — again

BY JENNIFER JOHNSON | jjohnson@pioneerlocal.com

Thalia Davos has had enough.

She's tired of replacing her furnace, hot water heater and everything else destroyed by floodwaters pouring into her unincorporated Maine Township townhouse. And she's equally tired of cleaning up the mess that has been left behind in at least eight floods she's counted since moving into the Colonial Ridge subdivision on Robin Drive 17 years ago.

"It's time to move out," Davos said, standing in the alley outside her home last Thursday after yet another flood, her eyes on the swollen retention pond next door. "I cannot take it anymore."

This time, in addition to the eight feet of water in her basement, Davos watched as water flowed over her front steps, under the door and into her living room on the morning of April 18. She had already replaced her hardwood floors, which were ruined in an earlier flood.

Nearby, cars slowly made their way through the still-flooded alley on the east side of the densely-populated neighborhood north of Maine East High School, creating waves which flowed into the backyards of homes closest to the retention pond. Davos' husband, Gus, waded into the almost knee-deep water with a shovel, attempting to clear debris from a sewer to speed up the drainage.

But the water continued to flow as residents in the rows of townhouses behind him pumped out their basements, adding to the deluge.



Residents of Robin Drive in unincorporated Maine Township north of Park Ridge are forced to find dry land for their cars as high flood waters continued rising on the residential street this morning. |

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

"My husband just had heart surgery. Why does he have to clean the sewer? Why isn't the city coming out?" Thalia Davos asked. "Nobody comes to see if you are alive or dead."

Flooding is nothing new on Robin Drive and the neighboring Dee Road community to the west. Before last week, the area had flooded each year between 2008 and 2011. In the 1980s, one man drowned in his own basement.

Also not new is the frustration among residents in the

ethnically diverse, mixed-income neighborhood who feel little attention has been paid to them as their homes flood and then flood again.

Because it is an unincorporated area, Robin Drive is under the jurisdiction of the township government. Maine Township Supervisor Carol Teschky said she and other township officials did visit the area the day of the flooding and provided sand, sandbags and trash receptacles for the residents to dispose of their damaged possessions.

"We've done everything

we can," she said Friday from the township's Senior Expo at Golf Mill.

On Monday, Teschky and other township officials returned with clean-up kits consisting of mops, buckets, rubber gloves and cleaning solutions which were distributed to Dee and Robin residents.

On the morning of April 18, Julia Cabrales had just finished spring cleaning at her Robin Drive townhouse when, for the fourth time in as many years, she and her family found themselves again

fighting against rising waters to rescue whatever they could from their basement. Stacks of boxes, children's toys and mattresses were piled high in the living room of the home, the floor still wet and muddy from water that had, once again, reached the first floor.

"It's unfortunate that we have to keep going through this," said Cabrales, a wife and mother of eight children who had also invited Pioneer Press into her home following the September 2008 floods that ravaged the area. Last week she described how her family pulled together to try to save their possessions as the water rushed in around 3 a.m.

"They get nervous, they get scared," Cabrales said of her children. "We were all forming a chain so we could bring up as much as we can. One was holding one thing, the other was holding another. The two smallest were asleep, but the older ones were in gear, helping us. They know we can't keep going through this every single time. It's expensive."

Nearby neighbor Brenda Berrum, 12, described how water reached the second stair on the first floor of her home.

"It smells really bad, too," she said.

Families on the east end of the subdivision blame overland flooding on the nearby retention pond which sits on property belonging to Advocate Lutheran General Hospital and is located within the

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Flood

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city of Park Ridge. Sarah Mitchell, engineer for the city of Park Ridge, said the city required water retention when the hospital built its north campus.

A call to Lutheran General was not returned.

Several residents in the area filed a lawsuit against a number of municipalities, including Maine Township and the city of Park Ridge, due to severe flooding that occurred in 2008. The case is still pending in Cook County Circuit Court.

A deluge of water on Dempster Street — which resulted in closure of the road for much of the day last Thursday — also flowed into the Robin and Dee neighborhoods, forcing residents to find higher ground for their cars. Adding to the residents' problems is Prairie Creek, which snakes through the area just feet from some homes; the Des

Plaines River, which backs up into the creek and its tributaries; and the low-lying nature of the area, according to Maine Township Highway Commissioner Robert Provenzano.

"They should have never been built there," Provenzano said of the townhouses, duplexes and apartments that line the small area across the street north of Maine East High School. "They were built next to a creek 40 years ago."

In 2010 Robert Cohen, Maine Township's Director of Emergency Management, reported that creek beds may also have been bulldozed in order to construct the residences decades ago. They were also built without stormwater detention, he said, something that would be required of new construction today.

According to the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District, the organization is evaluating floodwater storage and improvements along Prairie Creek that "would provide flood reduction to areas of Park

Ridge and unincorporated areas of Maine Township north of Dempster Street and west of Greenwood Avenue."

A preliminary analysis is currently being finalized and the project, which would cost an estimated \$19.8 million, would be funded by the MWRD, according to spokesperson Dan Wendt.

Prairie Creek, as well as the Prairie/Farmer Creek to which it connects, have long been part of watershed studies and projects over the years, including the Levee 50 project which was expected to relieve flooding in Des Plaines, Park Ridge and unincorporated Maine Township.

Until — or if — change comes to the neighborhood, residents who remain behind are hoping last week's flood will, finally, be the last.

"You try to think positive. It's hard, but you have to stay positive," Cabrales said. "What else can we do? Just keep going forward." ■



Thanh Tran pushes a kid's stroller filled with three sandbags to his house on Robbins Street in Maine Township. | **ROB DICKER-Sun-Times Media**

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Village workers rescue biker from floodwaters

BY TRACY GRUEN | Contributor

What they thought was a garbage bag floating on the street along with tree limbs, was really a man who fell off his bike and was stuck in deep water.

"All of a sudden a hand came up," said George Alpogianis, owner of Kappy's Restaurant in Morton Grove and a new Niles village trustee. "He barely had his head up over the water."

Alpogianis lives in the area near Harts Road and Riverside Drive, and was out helping the Niles Public Works team with sandbagging during the rain that hit Niles and surrounding communities hard on Thursday, Apr. 18.

Alpogianis said the man, who was wearing a garbage bag as a rain coat, was trapped by his bike near a tree stump.

"He was pinned," said Alpogianis. He said that logs were flying through the water and it was a very dangerous situation.

When the man put his arm up, Tony Dati, Mike Reid and Peter Arvanitis heroically came to the rescue.

"He was all tangled up in his bike," said Dati. He said that the whole time they were trying to rescue him he kept pointing to Touhy Avenue and saying he had to go that way.

After the brave public works employees rescued the man in waist-high water, he didn't talk with the men who saved him. Dati said he wasn't sure if he spoke



Prospect Street in Niles south of Maryville Cemetery, covered in water from flooding on Thursday. | ELISABETH MISTRETTA-Sun-Times Media

another language and there was a language barrier.

"He just got on his bike and left," said Dati. He said the main thing is that the man is safe.

"They put their lives in harm's way," said Alpogianis. "It shows how great our village is and the people who work for us."

Dati said Alpogianis also helped them save the biker.

Throughout the village, streets were closed, homes were flooded and vehicles were stranded.

Niles firefighters rescued a few people who were stuck in their vehicles, shared Niles Fire Chief Steve Borkowski.

Four vehicles were stranded on the roads on April 18, according to Niles Police Sgt. Robert Tornabene.

"We've had vehicles that have gone around barricades that ended up getting stranded on the roadway," said Tornabene.

"It's been nonstop," Tornabene said Thursday morning. "There's

flooding throughout the village."

Tornabene said the road was closed on Harts Road between Days Terrace and Franks Avenue due to the Chicago River cresting over the bridge. Howard Street was also closed between Nordica and Oak Park avenues.

"I can't tell you how big a flood situation it was yet," said Acting Village Manager Steve Vinezeano on Friday. He said that he did not think the numbers were as bad as in 2011, when the village received more than 750 calls about flooding. On Monday morning, Vinezeano said he still did not have any information on the number of homes affected by flooding.

Niles Public Works Director Scott Jochim said that a tree limb also damaged a gas main under the bridge on Harts Road between Milwaukee and Touhy avenues.

Jochim said he is very proud of the public works employees that put their own lives in jeopardy to save the biker. ■

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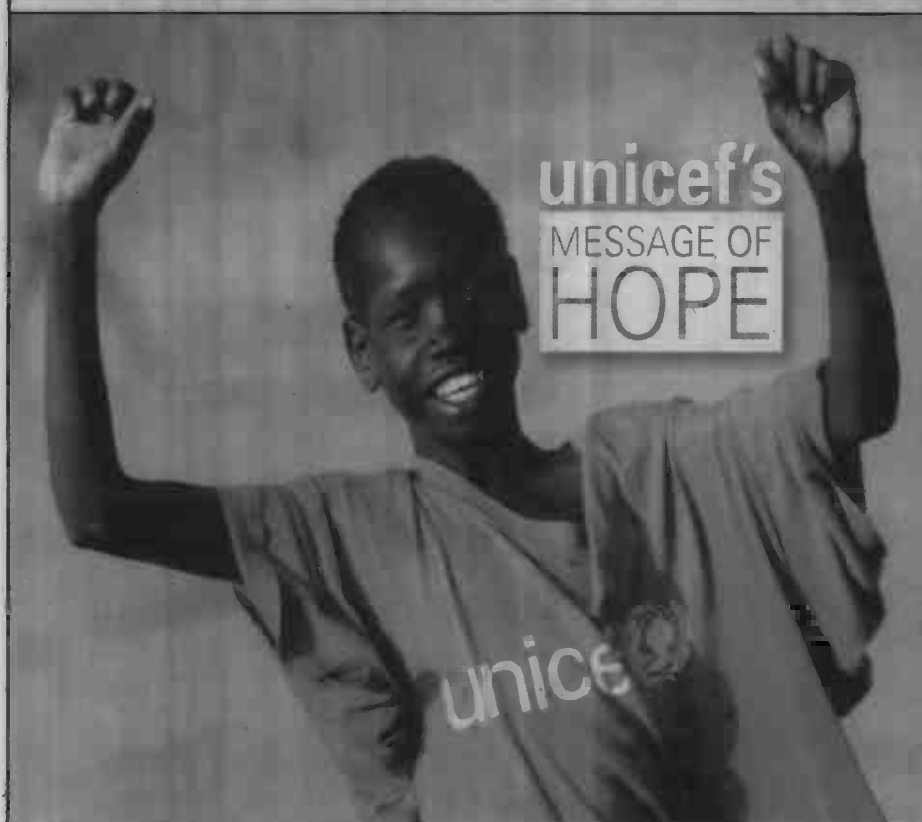
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Keeping Tabs

How Illinois lawmakers voted in Congress for the week ending April 19, 2013

Major roll call votes in the Senate

EXPANDED GUN CHECKS

Senators voted, 54-46, failing to reach 60 votes needed to advance a bid to require criminal and mental-health background checks on most gun purchases. A "yes" vote backed the so-called Manchin-Toomey measure to greatly expand background checks on gun sales. (S 649) **Sen. Richard Durbin: Yes; Sen. Mark Kirk: Yes**

CONCEALED-CARRY LAWS

Senators voted, 57-43, failing to reach 60 votes needed to amend S 649 (above) so as to make it easier for individuals to carry concealed handguns to other states. A "yes" vote was to impose a de facto, uniform federal standard on the variety of state concealed-carry gun laws. **Sen. Richard Durbin: No; Sen. Mark Kirk: No**

ASSAULT WEAPONS BAN

Senators voted, 40-60, refusing to outlaw the future sale, manufacture, possession and importation of 157 specific semi-automatic

assault weapons while defining as legal 2,258 specific hunting and sporting firearms. A "yes" vote was to ban military-style assault weapons. (S 649) **Sen. Richard Durbin: Yes; Sen. Mark Kirk: Yes**

REPUBLICAN GUN PLAN

Senators voted, 52-48, failing to reach 60 votes needed to advance a GOP alternative to a pending Democratic-drafted gun bill (S 649). A "yes" vote backed a bill that emphasized school-safety and mental-health efforts along with stricter enforcement of existing gun laws. **Sen. Richard Durbin: No; Sen. Mark Kirk: No**

MAGAZINE LIMITS

Senators voted, 46-54, to turn back an amendment to S 649 (above) that sought to outlaw magazine clips holding more than 10 bullets. Present law has no such limit on high-capacity magazines. A "yes" vote was to end a GOP-led filibuster against the amendment. **Sen. Richard Durbin: Yes; Sen. Mark Kirk: Yes**

Major roll call votes in the House

1. CYBER-SECURITY, CIVIL LIBERTIES

Members voted, 288-127, to ease privacy and antitrust laws in order to spur data-sharing between U.S. security agencies and private firms such as Internet service providers. A "yes" vote was to send the Senate a bill to bolster cyber-security in the U.S. (HR 624)

2. PASSWORD PRIVACY

Members voted, 189-224, to defeat a motion to assure the privacy of passwords for social network sites such as Facebook as part of HR 624 (above). A "yes" vote was to prohibit employers from requiring employees to divulge their passwords as a condition of employment.

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Bobby Rush, D-1st	N	Y
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Peter Roskam, R-6th	Y	N
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Tammy Duckworth, D-8th	Y	Y
Jan Schakowsky, D-9th	N	Y
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Randy Hultgren, R-14th	Y	N
John Shimkus, R-15th	X	X
Adam Kinzinger, R-16th	Y	N
Cheri Bustos, D-17th	Y	Y
Aaron Schock, R-18th	Y	N

Key votes ahead

This week, the House will take up bills on pre-existing conditions and the Federal Helium Reserve, while the Senate will debate whether to allow states to collect sales tax on Internet transactions.

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City IG blasts Rahm Emanuel for lack of access to documents

Chicago faces a "risk of increased waste, fraud and misconduct" by city employees and contractors because Mayor Rahm Emanuel has refused to give the city's inspector general unrestricted access to city documents and the power to enforce his own subpoenas, Inspector General Joe Ferguson warned last week.

Ferguson fired back, one week after Emanuel made it clear he has no intention of introducing a legislative remedy to an Illinois Supreme Court ruling that could tie Ferguson's hands and insulate Emanuel and his staff from investigation.

"The city faces risk of increased waste, fraud and misconduct among city employees and vendors by ignoring the problems the IGO faces ... This office has only the authority to do the job the mayor wants it to do and not the authority to do the job that it is statutorily obligated to do," Ferguson wrote in a letter to aldermen that preceded his quarterly report.

"The mayor, in publicly stating that the IGO has all the authority it needs, is mandating that the IGO cannot follow the evidence where it leads. Instead, the mayor and his corporation counsel can cut off access to the evidence needed to definitively determine who, or what is responsible for possible waste, fraud and abuse in city government. ■

— Chicago Sun-Times

SPRINGFIELD



Pat Quinn and Lisa Madigan differ on issues of guns, housing

Illinois voters got a peek last week at what a 2014 gubernatorial primary might look like, as Gov. Pat Quinn and his potential toughest Democratic challenger played up their individual efforts to help the housing market bounce back and offered differing takes on the state's concealed carry discussions.

Quinn and Attorney General Lisa Madigan — who said she's still mulling a decision on if she'll run — separately addressed the Illinois Housing Leaders Conference in Springfield.

Quinn detailed state agency efforts with a focus on work to get veterans housing, while Madigan touted her office's legal efforts to take on the banking industry, including a large 2011 settlement with a Bank of America subsidiary over allegations of discriminatory loans.

The ongoing work "at times feels like it has become my life's mission to save homes and rebuild our housing market in the wake of the mortgage crisis that turned into a devastating foreclosure crisis," Madigan told the group, which includes real estate agents. Her office sued Countrywide Financial Corp. in 2010, which helped lead to a \$335 million national settlement the following year.

Quinn, a Chicago Democrat like Madigan, praised his own housing authority and real estate agents as the "heart and soul" of neighborhoods. ■

— The Associated Press

WASHINGTON



AP Poll: Public pessimism on sour economy is on the rise

For the third year in a row, the nation's economic recovery has hit a springtime soft spot. Reflecting that weakness, only 1 in 4 Americans now expects his or her own financial situation to improve over the next year, a new Associated Press-GfK poll shows.

The sour mood is undermining support for President Barack Obama's economic stewardship and for government in general.

The poll shows that just 46 percent of Americans approve of Obama's handling of the economy while 52 percent disapprove. That's a negative turn from an even split last September — ahead of Obama's November re-election victory — when 49 percent approved and 48 percent disapproved.

Just 7 percent of Americans said they trust the government in Washington to do what is right "just about always," the AP-GfK poll found. Fourteen percent trust it "most" of the time and two-thirds trust the federal government just "some of the time"; 11 percent say they never do.

The downbeat public attitudes registered in the survey coincide with several dour economic reports showing recent slowdowns in gains in hiring, consumer retail spending, manufacturing activity and economic growth. ■

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Opinion

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Legislature must figure out concealed carry

In the debate over the concealed carrying of weapons in Illinois, legislation must not put the public at greater risk of gun violence.

Advocates of concealed carry argue it makes citizens safer, but there is no systematic evidence of this. In one recent example, a Texas district attorney and his wife were shot to death last month even though the attorney was armed at all times and knew he had been threatened.

Illinois and the District of Columbia are the only places remaining in America with an outright ban on concealed carry. The U.S. 7th District Court ruled Illinois law is unconstitutional and gave the Legislature 180 days to agree on a law permitting some kind of concealed carry.

The 180 days runs out on June 9. If the Legislature doesn't act by then, the case will be sent back to the lower court, and what would happen next is anyone's guess. It would be wisest not to leave such an important issue up to the courts. ■

1,000 WORDS | Jack Higgins



More patriots, massacred in Boston

If you have ever lived in Boston, it is a city you've come to love.

Many come to Boston as college students. While Harvard and MIT are across the Charles River in Cambridge, Boston itself is filled with colleges and universities that draw students from all over the United States. Nearly a quarter of Boston's population is college-aged.

So there are many alums of Boston, who remember it as a special place and who have been hurting this past week in the wake of the terror bombings at the Boston Marathon.

Of course the entire nation has been shocked and hurt by the attack, but I think the choice of Boston and the marathon makes it

especially painful.

Boston is really a small town despite it being a major American city. It is very parochial and provincial and its residents feel united by the special place that is their city.

The Boston Marathon is more than just a major race.

The day is a happy, family day. There's the start of spring, the race which brings everyone to the finish line in Copley Square in the middle of the city and the nearby Red Sox game scheduled to end just in time for the end of the race.

It is held on Patriots' Day, a state holiday that marks the beginning of the Revolution at Concord and Lexington on April 19, 1775.



RANDY BLASER

Indeed, this idea of patriotism and the founding of the nation is very close in Boston. John Adams was president, but it is patriot Sam Adams who is revered. Paul Revere's home is preserved in the North End and the Old North Church that signaled that the British are coming is there.

It is the site of Bunker Hill and the first Boston massacre.

History and patriotism are part of the city's memory. One can't walk through downtown Boston without passing by an old church that contains an old burial ground with the graves of patriots.

You can stop to honor the graves of the victims of the Boston

massacre, or Paul Revere, John Hancock, and Sam Adams.

To live and walk among the patriots and the sites of the Revolution gives one a special sense of history and a real connection to what America is all about and what it means to be an American.

So in that way, the attack on Boston is truly an attack on all of us who love freedom and the gift of a nation the patriots gave us.

Little did we realize that history would happen again, and that the days of the patriots are not over.

We didn't know that there would be new graves for new patriots, for the victims of the attack in Boston are certainly today's patriots, as much as the heroes of the Revolution. ■



Famous John eats like average Joe

You don't get much celebrity news out of this column.



PAUL
SASSONE

mashed potatoes on the menu.

So, there we were, waiting for our beef stew to arrive when the host seated three people in the booth directly opposite me. One of the three was John Mahoney, distinguished actor of stage, screen and TV. Perhaps

you know him best as Marty Crane, father of Frazier on the series of that name.

Is that John Mahoney? I whispered to my wife. With great subtlety she glanced in his direction. "I think it is," she said.

What should I have done? What would you have done?

I wanted to avoid an I-Love-Lucy moment where I pestered him and wound up dumping a bowl of spaghetti on his head. But I really do admire his work. Should I just go and tell him that? Or should I just let him alone to enjoy his lunch?

I decided to let him alone. Let him eat. Though, if someone felt they just had to tell me how wonderful I was, I wouldn't mind.

But at least I came away with news for you. In addition to the tuna salad on toast, Mr. Mahoney had coffee. And halfway through his meal he ordered some french fries.

And that's John Mahoney's lunch.

At least I'm pretty sure it was John Mahoney. ■

And for that I am sorry. I haven't encountered many celebrities in my life. There was the time when I was a boy that Gene Autry stepped on my foot as he rushed from the Chicago Theater to his waiting limo. And I once met and shook hands with Tito Gobbi. (If you don't care for opera this will mean nothing to you. If you do care for opera it will mean everything to you. Tito Gobbi was one of the great baritones of the 20th Century.)

That's about it for my encounters with celebrities.

But, I am proud to announce that this column today will give you some hot celebrity news.

Ready?

Here it is: Actor John Mahoney eats tuna salad sandwiches for lunch.

No, I did not read this while waiting in line at the supermarket. I saw this with my own eyes.

My wife and I were having lunch in one of those restaurants that used to be everywhere but have been squeezed out by fast-food burger chains. You know the kind I mean, family-owned, still serves breakfast, lunch and dinner, offers daily specials and always has meat loaf and



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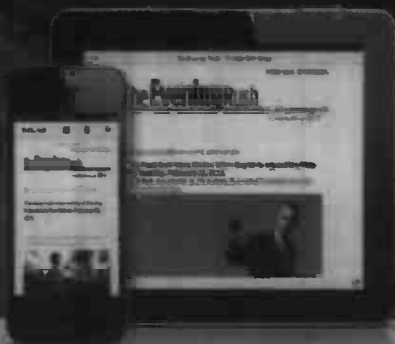
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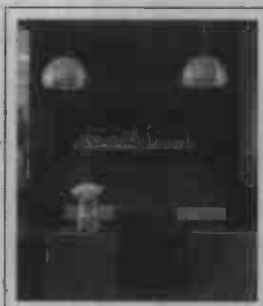


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Education in Focus

Teachers bank on basketball fundraiser

BY NATASHA WASINSKI | Contributor

After sinking a long two-point shot from top of the key, social studies teacher Matthew Arends raised his arms in triumph.

Danny Walker, who assists with extracurricular programming at Apollo School in Des Plaines, returned the favor with a steal and layup assist on the opposite end of the court.

Fans wearing blue and yellow in the bleachers went wild.

There were no losers in the fast-paced yet friendly basketball game between faculties at Gemini Junior High School April 12.

The only number that mattered was the amount East Maine School District 63 raised for children with cancer.

The district-wide basketball fundraiser, now in its 34th year, pits junior high staff members against their elementary and educational service center colleagues.

Gemini's former athletic director, Bill Gibson, organized the first basketball charity event in 1979 following the death of one of his pupils, Sharon Helbrun, from juvenile leukemia.

The event honors Helbrun

as well as Gemini student Kelly Russotto, who succumbed to a brain tumor four years ago at age 12.

Gibson said the painful reality is that, with a yearly student population of about 800 students, some become fatally ill.

That's not to say nothing can be done to lessen the weight of statistics. Since event's inception District 63 has raised over \$130,000 for pediatric services.

This year the community rallied to donate \$5,614 to the Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago.

The Friday night faculty face-off was held in the William Gibson Gymnasium, renamed last August for the fundraiser's founder.

Though retired from teaching, Gibson continues to run an after-school teen center and two open-gym programs for the school district. He handed over the reins for the charity game to math teacher and basketball coach Bob Wirtz, who has helped plan the event with Gemini's student council over the past 12 years.

"We're raising money for an amazing cause and, at the same time, it's bringing everyone together in our area," Wirtz said.

Gemini took home a win for the second year in a row, but no one is really counting the score. Wirtz said the 60 staff

members who step onto the court do more so for show than competition.

The players - some in jeans, a few with striped knee-high socks, and many with sweatbands - subbed in every two minutes.

"There is a wide variety of talent," said Wirtz, who played alongside his wife and brother, also staff at Gemini.

"The kids get a kick out of seeing teachers playing," he said.

Whether they throw air balls or alley-oop passes, "the kids of course cheer everyone on," Gibson added.

Two rising stars who once walked the junior high's halls returned for the game.

Glennview songstress Iliana Incandela, a finalist last year on the CW music competition show, "The Next," had an endless line of youngsters seeking autographs.

Kids also surrounded Des Plaines native Charles McKinney, the DePaul Blue Demons' six-foot-three guard.

McKinney played with Gemini's squad, picking up an assist from Gibson's three-pointer. He also caught air a few times and slam-dunked the ball, causing Wirtz to pump his fists from the sidelines and students to scream.

It took the efforts of many to pull off the annual event.

Members of the Parent Teacher Organization worked



Stevenson first grade teacher, Andrea Mishkin playing for the Yellow Team during Friday evening's charity basketball game at Gemini Junior High School. This is the 34th year of the annual event, which matched faculty and staff from the junior high school against faculty and staff from district 63's elementary schools and the Educational Service Center. Proceeds from the game benefit the Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago Cancer Research. | **BRIAN O'MAHONEY**-for Sun-Times Media

with local businesses to get all food and beverages donated so that 100-percent of concession sales went to the children's hospital.

"They really went to town and hustled," said language arts instructor John Turnbow, who also serves as a student council moderator.

"This is like our favorite thing to do," he said.

Seventh-grader Peter Azzo was on the ground with a

camera capturing the electric atmosphere for the school yearbook. Gemini cheerleaders, along with a cheer squad from Maine East High School, tumbled during halftime.

Among them was 14-year-old Natalia Pieczonka, who grinned from ear to ear at the turnout.

"It's really nice for the community and it's all for a good cause," the eighth-grader said. "It all worked out." ■

Dog escapes death, lands on Maine South stage

BY JENNIFER JOHNSON | jjohnson@pioneerlocal.com

One of the stars of Maine South High School's latest musical production almost didn't live long enough to make his stage debut.

Rusty, a 1-year-old Chihuahua who plays the part of Bruiser in this weekend's debut of "Legally Blonde," was one day away from being euthanized at a Tucson, Ariz. shelter when he caught the eye of Jay Haines last summer.

"He was emaciated — you could see his bones he was so skinny," the Des Plaines resident recalled. "I asked (an employee) what the blue lines on his paper were and he said, 'He's a \$10 special. He's going to be put down tomorrow.'"

Wanting to save the dog from the fate that awaited him, Haines adopted Rusty — then named Ranger — and nursed him back to health. Five months later he brought Rusty to the Maine South stage in Park Ridge for his very first audition.

"I wasn't sure the dog was going to work when it came to the audition, but it ended up being the best choice," said John Muszynski, director of "Legally Blonde." "I'm a softie for animal rescue and I think it's a great story. He's a wonderful little dog and I'm hoping people can find out about animal rescue when hear his story."

Haines himself is a proud stage parent of sorts.

"I tell him, 'You're going to work now because you're a working boy,'" he laughed.

"He's getting along with the other kids really well," Haines noted. "He's just a great little dog. He responded very well, better than I expected."

Rusty is also seemingly content to be carried around in a big pink purse by Giuliana Bartucci, who plays the lead role of Harvard Law student Elle



Giuliana Bartucci, who plays the part of Elle Woods, holds Rusty, who is playing the lovable part of Bruiser the dog in Maine South High School's theater production of "Legally Blonde" this spring, as they attend a rehearsal at the school in Park Ridge, Monday, April 15, 2013. | J.GEIL-For Sun-Times Media

Woods.

"Oh my God, I love the dog!" she exclaimed. "I have a Chihuahua myself so I'm used to them. He's so precious. He's just so cute."

But Rusty isn't the only pet on stage. A bulldog named Bear plays the role of Rufus Buonofuonte. Not exactly a mover and shaker, Bear was being carted about in a wagon during rehearsals.

"Both of the dogs seem to be pretty attentive — for the moment," Muszynski said, laughing. "You never know."

"Legally Blonde" tells the story of Elle Woods, a college sorority girl who, in an effort to win back her ex-boyfriend, enrolls in Harvard Law

School. While there, she surprises everyone with her legal expertise.

Playing the part of Elle has required Bartucci to undergo her own personal transformation.

"I did end up dying my hair," said Bartucci, a natural brunette. "We were going to use a wig, but the role calls for so much energy and costume changes. It would be just way too hard with a wig."

She's also taken away some characteristics from her alter ego.

"She's made me a better person," Bartucci said of the character Elle. "I have to keep up her optimism and all her personality. She's a very loving, non-judgmental person and I think I've taken that out of rehearsal and

applied that to my life."

Muszynski says audiences can expect a fast-paced, exciting, music-packed production — a "guilty pleasure" of sorts, but with an important message at its core.

"People think it's a fun, contemporary story, but for my students and the community it makes a really strong statement about not judging anyone on a surface level," he said. "There's so much more to them than just the color of their hair, per se."

Performances of "Legally Blonde" will take place April 26 and April 27 and May 3 and May 4 at 7:30 p.m., and April 28 at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased at www.seatyoursself.biz. ■



Rowdy students shut down Niles West pep rally

BY NATASHA WASINSKI | Contributor

Pep rallies are meant to be high-energy events.

But the scene at Niles West High School Friday afternoon was borderline chaotic.

The boys' gymnastics team had just begun a tumbling routine at the last school-wide assembly of the year when the cheering and chanting started.

Then rolls of toilet paper were launched. Colorful strands of silly string and confetti flew all around. The shouting rapidly got louder.

One student, hoisted into the air, briefly body surfed in the bleachers.

After seeing a bicycle tire-like object fly overhead,

sophomore John Botonakis said he remarked to a buddy: "It's about to get crazy here."

As more than 200 of the 2,600 teens appeared increasingly out of control, principal Kalne Osburn abruptly called the event off.

But rowdiness ensued. After calls by staff to get out of the gym, some students began running through the hallways. Someone scribbled "2013" and "2014," representative of the class' graduating years, in washable paint on the walls.

The assembly, scheduled for the last hour of school, lasted a mere 10 minutes.

Students were not violent or hostile, Osburn said, but their actions were also not tolerable.

"It wasn't anything like a riot," he said. "It was simply a group of seniors in the assembly who chose to behave in a way that was disruptive, and it bordered on unsafe."

Teens immediately took to Twitter to recount and question what went wrong. A Twitter account run by student publication Niles West News started using the hashtag #nwnassembly.

"Did that just happen? Was our assembly 9 minutes? Did I really have to wait 45 mins for my bus? What's with all the glitter?" wrote user @morgGstalt.

Several used the social media website to chastise their unruly peers, primarily the seniors, for being disrespectful

to the event's participants and planners.

"Senior class should be ashamed," posted user @Kyle_Collett. "Ruining Osborn's (sic) last assembly was what we'll be remembered by. Really showed them."

Osburn is leaving for a new job in Naperville after 14 years at District 219.

Students still managed to sneak in toilet paper, balloons and other celebratory props, just as they had in the past.

Senior Daniela Cicio said she didn't understand the administration's reaction. Such behavior had been tolerated in the past, she said.

"It has been worse in previous years," the 18-year-old from Skokie said. "We

thought we were showing our school spirit."

Osburn said exhibiting school and class spirit is OK, as long as the behavior is appropriate.

The rambunctious cheering on Friday, however, took away from the students who were performing, he said. Other student groups, including a dance team and basketball players, were also expected to show off their skills.

"Ultimately it's really just selfish behavior," Osburn said, adding disciplinary measures would be taken on Monday.

Botonakis, of Lincolnwood, acknowledged students might have gotten out of hand but they didn't need to be sent home.

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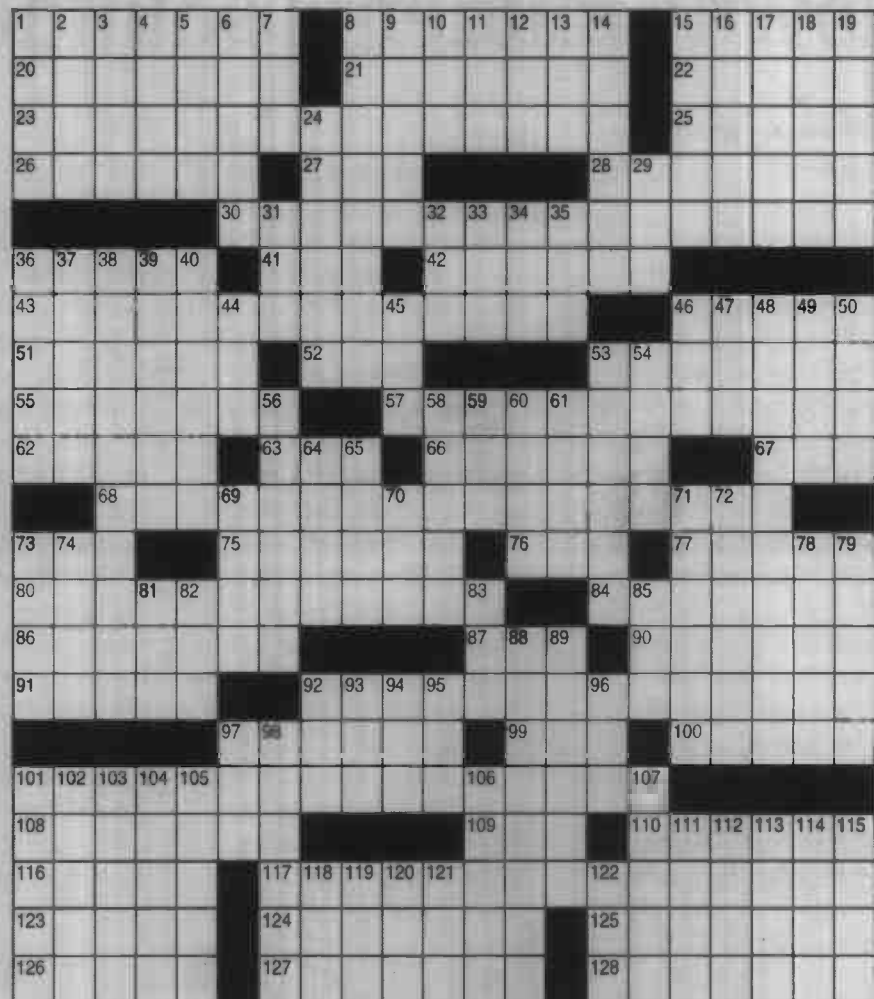
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Patience continues to be a virtue for the Divine Bovine. So as eager as you might be to get things moving, remember that time is on your side. Make good use of it.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)

There's a wee bit of uncertainty in the early part of the week. But things clear up as more facts come to light. Spend quality time this weekend with family and friends.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22)

An old friend's return could open new possibilities for both of you. But don't let yourself be rushed into anything. There could be some factors you haven't yet explored.

LEO (July 23 to August 22)

This week offers a challenge you're raring to take on. And while eager to get started, do so slowly so that you can focus those sharp Cat's Eyes on every detail.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)

Put your skepticism aside and listen to advice from colleagues who've been where you are now. What they say could be helpful as you get closer to a decision.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)

A family matter might again require your reassuring touch. Handle it, as always, with kindness and fairness, even if some of your kin prove to be especially difficult.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)

Your ability to tackle even the most intricate details of a project is likely to impress some very important people. A relative shares news later this week.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)

The Archer's aim might be focused on the big picture this week, but don't overlook checking for those details you might have missed.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)

You might feel awkward asking for assistance, but who would refuse the charming Goat's request? Do it, then go ahead and enjoy a musical weekend.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)

Pour some cold water on that simmering misunderstanding before it boils over. The sooner things settle, the sooner you can move ahead with your plans.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20)

You're in a highly productive period, which you feel can go on forever. But you could be courting exhaustion. Take time out to relax and restore your energies.

BORN THIS WEEK:

You can combine a sense of adventure with a penchant for practicality. Have you considered a travel-related field?

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CENTER OF CONCERN

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The Center of Concern: 1580 N. Northwest Highway, Suite 310, Park Ridge, (847) 823-0453, www.centerofconcern.org, calendar of events includes:

The Center will be closed May 25-27 for Memorial Day weekend.

Monday, April 29 - Employment counseling, by appointment.

Saturday, April 27 - Blood pressure and blood sugar testing, 10 a.m.-noon (no appointment needed).

Saturdays, May 4 and 18 - Legal counseling, by appointment.

Mondays, May 6, 13, and 20 - Employment counseling, by appointment.

Tuesday, May 7 and 21 - Medicare counseling, by appointment. (Sponsored by the federally-funded Senior Health Insurance Program).

CLASSES

Animal assisted

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

Des Plaines Toastmasters

18+ 65+

An open-house will be hosted by the Des Plaines Toastmasters Club #1645/30 at 7 p.m. April 29 in Room A of the Des Plaines Public Library, 1501 Ellinwood St. The keynote speaker will be Romeo Gimeno, who will speak on "Creating A Speech in 20 Minutes or Less." Gimeno is a tutor, trainer, facilitator and teacher. A general meeting will follow the open house from 7:45-8:35 p.m. Contact Rich Ludwig at (847) 207-5065 or richglo@comcast.net.

COMMUNITY

Music, Food And Wine

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Park Ridge Civic

Orchestra Presents Musical Treats and More with Beethoven's epic 9th Symphony. A not-to-be-missed finale concert of the Park Ridge Civic Orchestra season. This masterwork features full orchestra, chorus, and soloists. Local musical celebrity Sasha Gerritson is the choral director and Victor Muenzer conducts the work on Sunday, April 28th at the Pickwick Theatre. Join them for this festive event that includes a post-concert wine and cheese reception. Tickets online at www.parkridgeciviorchestra.org and by phone at (847) 692-7726.

Medication Take Back Day

18+ 65+

Do you have expired, unused or unwanted medications in your medicine cabinet? Dispose of them safely from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. April 27 at the Park Ridge, Niles or Des Plaines Police Stations. Drop off prescription and over-the-counter medications in their original containers. Do not remove labels. Personal information (name, address, doctor) should be crossed out, but information about the medication should be legible. This event is sponsored by the Maine

Community Youth Assistance Foundation, your police department and the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA). For more information, contact MCYAF at www.mcyaf.com or (847) 858-7090.

HEALTH

Weight Loss Seminar

18+ 65+

Advocate Lutheran General Hospital, 1775 Dempster St., Park Ridge, provides a variety of options for weight loss, including medically supervised very low and low calorie diets, nutrition exchange and long-term maintenance programs to help keep weight from returning. Team approach includes exercise training, nutrition education and behavior modification plus information relating to metabolic/bariatric surgical options including gastric bypass, sleeve gastrectomy, Lap-BAND placement and revision surgery. Sessions continue from 7-8 p.m. May 9, June 13, July 11, Aug. 8, Sept. 12, Oct. 10, Nov. 14, Dec. 12. Call to register for this free program at (800) 323-8622 and refer to class code 8N67.

Healthy Living

18+ 65+

Advocate Lutheran General Hospital is hosting a weekly Community Healthbeat lecture series at 7 p.m. Tuesdays at the hospital's West End Conference Center, 1775 W. Dempster St., Park Ridge. To register, visit www.advocatehealth.com/luth/aclasssupportgroup or call (800) 323-8622 and mention class code 8G52. April 30: "Warning Signs and Living with Dementia."

390-0160.

Niles Historical Museum, 8970 N. Milwaukee Ave., is open to the public 10:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Drop in, make arrangements for a tour, drop off artifacts and collections, or just come to visit. The new magnetic elevator makes the auditorium easily accessible. Call (847) 390-0160.

LIBRARY

Niles Public Library: 6960 W. Oakton St., (847) 663-1234 or online at www.nileslibrary.org. Registration is required for most programs unless indicated otherwise.

Programs for Kids:

FAM

Knights of Niles Chess Club at 3:45 p.m. April 26. Learn chess or improve your skills in this fun after-school activity. Mr. Chris will help participants learn everything from the names of the pieces to winning strategies. For kids in kindergarten through eighth grades.

Polish Storytime

10+

Meets at 10 a.m. April 26. Share stories and songs in Polish (with a bit of English). Craft and snack included. For kids ages 2 and up, with grownup.

El Dia de los Niños/ El Dia de los Libros Children's Day/Book Day

4-12

Meets from 10:30 a.m.-noon April 27. Come celebrate with stories and rhythms in English and Spanish. This celebration is for both English and Spanish speakers. Complete a craft, and enjoy a delicious treat.

Adult Programs:

18+ 65+

Smart Solution\$ initiative will present the following financial programs. Presented at the Niles Public Library, unless noted. To register, call the Niles Public Library at (847) 663-1234 or visit www.nileslibrary.org/calendar.

Identity & Theft will take place at 10:30 a.m. April 25. Learn how to reduce your risk by managing your personal information wisely. Deidra Thomas, Consumer and Family Economics, University of Illinois Extension will demonstrate customer vulnerabilities and how to reduce the victimization process.

Preventing Predatory Loans. A program on how to Prevent Predatory Loans will be presented at 10 a.m. April 29 at Maine Township Building, 1700 Ballard Road, Park Ridge. The

Preventing Predatory Loans program includes information on the proper authorities to notify if you are a victim and how to protect your home. Presenter: Jasmine Brewer, Director of Housing Counseling at Open Communities. Call (847) 297-2510, and ask for the MaineS-treamers Department.

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RELIGION

St. Paul of the Cross Catechesis

4-12

Registration for fall 2013-14 classes has begun. Classes are for pre-school through eighth grades. There are many class types, times and day options to choose from - a place for everyone. Visit www.spc-catechesis.net and click on the registration link for information and forms. Call or email the church

with questions at (847) 692-2758 or spccat-echesis@yahoo.com.

St. Paul of the Cross Vacation Bible School

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Register now. Children entering 4-year-old pre-kindergarten through fifth grade will attend a fun-filled week of religion, songs, projects and games. VBS takes place in the mornings starting June 24-28. Visit www.spc-catechesis.net and follow the VBS link for information and registration forms. Or call (847) 692-2758.

NILES SENIOR CENTER

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

Women's Golf Kick-Off

18+ 65+

An informative meeting about this year's golf season takes place at 10:30 a.m. May 3. Refreshments served, raffles and more. New participants are welcome. After the meeting you can register for

outings. Free.

Men's Kick-off

65+

An informative meeting about this year's golf season at 10:30 a.m. May 3. Refreshments will be served. New participants are welcome.

Issues in the News

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Is held from 9:30-11:30 a.m. Thursdays with Arlene Golub. Issues for discussion are brought up by class participants, and everyone's opinion is valued. Call the NSC at (847) 588-8420.

Got the Dot?

65+

Assist first responders with the information

they need. Become part of the Illinois Dot Program. The Illinois Dot Program is a statewide initiative designed to provide vital medical information on vehicle drivers and passengers. Information contained on the medical card can assist first responders in the "Golden Hour" immediately following a serious crash. Call the Niles Senior Center (847) 588-8420. ■

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Find at least six differences in details between panels



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PUZZLE ANSWERS

See page 26 for this week's Super Crossword and Sudoku puzzles.

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Business \$

Spotlight

Suit store buttons up business in Golf Mill

BY IGOR STUDENKOV | Contributor

A few Golf Mill Shopping Center customers looked on as Niles Chamber of Commerce & Industry members and village officials lined up in front of the D&K Clothiers men's clothing store for the grand opening ceremony.

The April 16 ceremony was simple and to the point. Mayor Robert Calero cut the ribbon, and Chamber of Commerce members shook store president Klaudio Celiku's hand, congratulating him on joining Niles' business community.

The store already had a "soft opening" a month earlier. The grand opening, which was organized by the Chamber of Commerce, was meant to be D&K's official introduction to Niles. Even before the opening, the store was already getting decent traffic, and Caliku is hoping it will continue to increase in months and years to come.

The store was originally known Ramani's Clothiers. It opened in Middletown, Conn., six years ago. In August 2012, the store suffered heavy flood damage, forcing Caliku to look for another location.

According to the Middletown Press report at the time, he originally intended to stay in Middletown. But Caliku ultimately decided to move to Niles to be close to his sister.

The original location's landlord



D&K Clothiers president Klaudio Celiku, center, is surrounded by his family and Mayor Robert M. Callero during the opening of the new men's clothing store at Golf Mill Center in Niles on April 16. | **ROB HART**-Sun-Times Media

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owned the rights to the store's name, forcing Caliku to come up with an alternative. The store has always been a family business, and he decided on something that would reflect that.

"My father's name is Dylber and my name is Klaudio," said Caliku. "That's how you get D&K."

The store offerings haven't changed much since the move.

"We [sell] men's clothing, suits, sports coats, casual wear," said Caliku. "We offer alterations on site. We've got great selections for a great price."

He said that the response from the community has been positive.

"The Chamber [of Commerce] has been great, and so has Golf Mill Shopping Center," said Caliku. "Niles has a great business community, and we are glad to become a part of it."

The response from the customers has been positive as well.

"We already started getting some regular customers," he said.

Caliku is hoping the grand

opening will bring in even more customers.

Monika Kalicki, the Marketing Director at Golf Mill, said having a male-orientated upscale clothing store benefits the shopping center, attracting new customers and adding diversity to the center's offerings. The fact that the store sells both formal and more business-casual clothing helps, too.

Katie Schneider, the Chamber of Commerce's Executive Director, said that she thought D&K Clothiers is a great fit for Niles.

"It's a really nice store," she said. "It's great for our community. It's a family-owned business, which is really nice."

Chamber of Commerce member Roberta Koch said that she was impressed with D&K's customer service.

"I ask if they might have a suit for my husband," she said. "He's tall, so suit shopping isn't easy. They said they could take care of it, and that makes me happy." ■

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Suicide summit to focus on prevention

BY RONNIE WACHTER | rwachter@pioneerlocal.com

RIVERWOODS

The saddest moment in the 15-year history of Willow House is measurable: It came in the huge number of phone calls that followed a Stevenson High School student's suicide.

And that sadness was the spark of what may prove to be the brightest hour for both Willow House and another non-profit agency serving the grief-stricken, the Lauri S. Bauer Foundation for Sudden Loss. The groups are organizing a conference next week in Wheeling to battle teen suicide.

"I don't think we've ever had as many calls as we did for this one," Stefanie Norris, Willow House's executive director, said of the community's response to a 15-year-old girl's suicide during Spring Break. "We can't just keep taking the calls and, one-to-one, help people as best we can. We know it's going to happen again.

"Why wait until we have more?" she added. "Let's do something now."

That something will be "Understanding, Preventing and Coping with Teen Suicide," a two-hour program with three featured speakers that the Bauer Foundation and Willow House are putting together May 1 at the Westin Chicago Northshore. Experts David Clark, Peggy Kubert and Nancy Perlson will answer questions from the audience and address points: recognizing someone who may be suicidal,

what one can do to prevent suicide, and how to cope when someone close kills him- or herself.

"We really expect it to be a full house," said Scott Bauer, who created a foundation in memory of his wife, who died of a sudden heart arrhythmia. "It is, unfortunately, something that is really on the minds of a lot of people."

Students at Stevenson, Glenbrook North and Barrington high schools have all lost classmates in recent weeks. Norris said that spring has always been the time of year when suicide rates increase — a counterintuitive phenomenon that she said Clark would speak about.

There is no registration or fee for the event, Bauer said. He thanked the Westin management for waiving almost all of its typical rates.

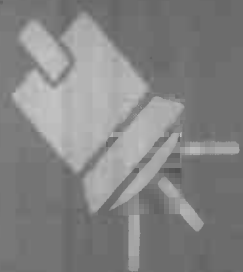
"The Westin is charging us a minimal, minimal amount," he said. "The speakers are not charging us."

Norris said that when she came up with the idea for this event, she knew right away that she wanted it to be larger than anything her staff could handle. Willow House specializes in helping young people deal with losses of loved ones, and the Bauer Foundation specializes in helping survivors of an unexpected loss cope with their grief; the two groups have worked together before.

"We have a shared mission, and I think we could do a wonderful job putting a program together," Norris said.

Both said that the gathering needed to be their urgent priority — before spring goes much further.

"Unfortunately, these deaths just keep coming," Norris said. ■



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Parkinson's researchers may need to change course

April is Parkinson's Awareness month.

A local physician and researcher is using new research to show that we may need to take a second look at the strategies being considered as potential treatments for the disease.

"It's an opportunity to pause, and to reconsider the treatment strategy," explains Dr. Demetrius Maraganore, Chairman of Department of Neurology at NorthShore University HealthSystems and Co-Director of the NorthShore Neurologic Institute.

After many years of research, Maraganore recently published a paper that questions the approach many scientists and researchers are taking as they look for a treatment for Parkinson's disease. Maraganore explains that Parkinson's is a complicated disease, and for many years the research focused on "identifying people at risk

and trying to predict and prevent Parkinson's disease altogether."

That research led experts to focus on a specific gene, alpha-synuclein. Since its discovery as a cause of familial Parkinson's disease nearly 20 years ago, alpha-synuclein has been at the center of the research and the conventional wisdom was that suppressing this gene could be a treatment for the disease.

"Our research suggests therapies that seek to suppress alpha-synuclein in Parkinson's disease may actually accelerate the disease process and increase the risk for developing severe physical disability and dementia," Maraganore said.

Maraganore and the NorthShore team, in conjunction with a team



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of researchers from The Mayo Clinic, followed almost 1,100 patients for nearly 15 years. They wanted to see how natural levels of alpha-synuclein impacted outcomes. Researchers focused on the patients' need to use a wheelchair and/or their likelihood of developing dementia, two debilitating

side effects of Parkinson's disease. The results showed those with lower levels actually had a 23-percent-greater risk of becoming wheelchair-dependent or developing dementia.

He is sharing this information not to disappoint those who are seeking a treatment or cure, or to discourage, but to encourage further investigation by the research community.

"It's a much more complex story," said Maraganore. "The number one

therapeutic strategy for slowing or halting Parkinson's disease may be very effective in prevention, but could be devastating in treating the disease if you've got it. We believe it is our responsibility to release this data because this type of treatment may have long-term harmful effects. Our primary responsibility is 'first do no harm.'"

A vaccine that targets reducing alpha-synuclein levels is currently in Phase I clinical trials, and other preclinical research is targeting molecules that target the protein for reduction.

Maraganore and other researchers will now continue to review the results and see if they can replicate the findings. While this is occurring they will continue to undertake the task of trying to understand Parkinson's disease and to develop a safe and effective treatment. ■



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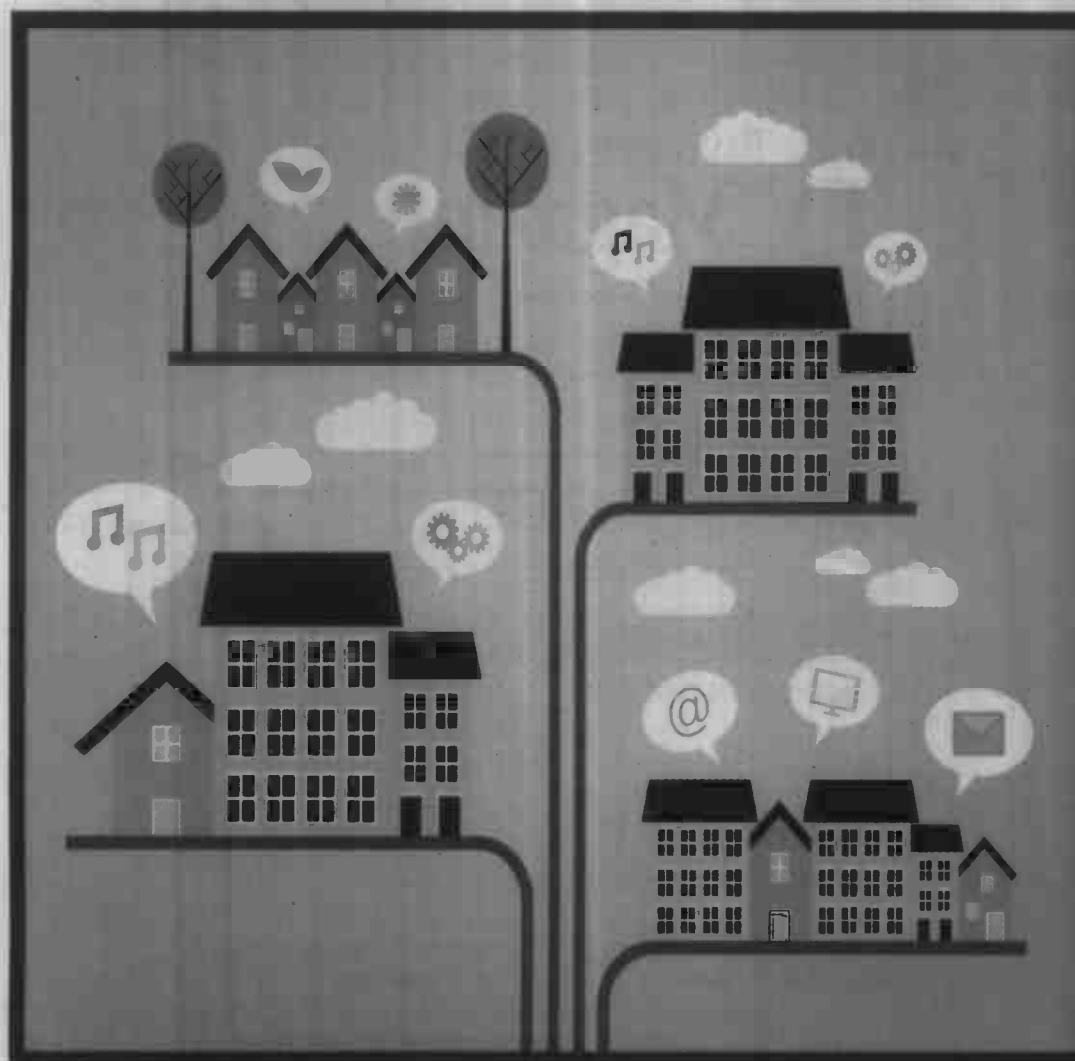
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8531 N National Ave: William J Christie and Linda M Christie to Anwer M Ghani and Sajida Anwer for \$320,000 on March 7

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8440 Callie Ave #506: Lorenz Schey to Martin B Bresler for \$125,000 on March 8

6401 Lincoln Ave #505: Blake Eastman to Gregory M Eastman, Dale G Easman and Bonnie I Eastman for \$170,000 on March 8

9024 Linder Ave: Glen D Kawazoye to Dorina Beldie for \$175,000 on March 5

PARK RIDGE

463 Summit Ave: James D Hock and Julianne C Hock to Grant Haughton and Lea Nissen for \$445,000 on March 7

835 Park Plaine Ave: Artur Koszczuk and Izabela Koszczuk to Gregory Brounsuzian and Natalie Kzirian for \$336,000 on March 8

HARWOOD HEIGHTS

4218 N Newcastle Ave: Kenny W Suh to Arlene Carrion for \$222,000 on March 8

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637 Garden Court: Dendobres LLC to Sherman F Reynolds and Jane B Reynolds for \$555,000 on March 6

701 Elmgate Drive: Tyrone A Sanders to Erick W Yang and Nerussa E Yang for

\$357,000 on March 5

4212 Triumvera Drive #8: Alexander Polyakov to Nizar Somani for \$163,000 on March 5

4000 Triumvera Drive #101: Anita Lefkowitz Trust to Jules Beuck for \$90,000 on March 5

4126 Cove Lane #4126: Bok Soon Oh and Jenny Bok Oh to Cynthia Oh for \$76,000 on March 8

1145 Pleasant Lane: James L Miller and Kimberly Miller to Glenn McClanahan and Susan McClanahan for \$950,000 on March 8

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5226 Suffield Court: Gregory L Burke Trust to Maureen Griseto Trust, Gilbrim Olipas and Kristina Olipas for \$235,000 on March 6

9227 Linder Ave: Marcia K Ratkus to Bobby Deleon and Liliana K Deleon for \$195,000 on March 8

8215 Lowell Ave: Dendobres LLC to Rakhi M Bowkes, Robert Lee Bowker, Susan H Bowker and Adam F Bowker for \$336,500 on March 6

9530 Lamon Ave #117: Nedeljko Kovacevic and Sinisa Kovacevic to Paul Zanotti for \$97,500 on March 5

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6400 N Cicero Ave #213: Victoria Ferker to Stella Zervos for \$143,000 on March 6

7315 N Kenneth Ave: Harold Edelman to

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7650 W Lawrence Ave #206: Marilyn G Schulz, Noreen C Aukst, Sue Carol Rose and Richard N Schmidt to Chicago Title & Trust Co Trust for \$112,000 on March 6

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Freshen up your home with handmade artwork



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There's something about spring that makes you want to freshen up.

It's time to throw open the windows, clean up, declutter and bring a little brightness into life. (Although spring has been taking its sweet time getting to the Chicagoland area.)

This is also the perfect time to refresh your decor. All you need is a canvas and a couple of supplies. These three art projects won't take up too much time and don't cost much, depending on the size of your canvas.

TAPE-PAINTING

- A canvas
- Tape (you can use masking tape or a painter's tape)
- Acrylic paint
- Foam brush or pouncer

This is a versatile project. They can be in the same color palette, but the designs can be radically different. Tape-painting uses multiple strips of tape to make a design across the canvas. Take a strip of tape and lay it across your canvas. Make sure the ends of the tape reach the back of the canvas. Do this vertically, horizontally and diagonally. Don't fill the entire canvas with tape. The strips of tape should intersect, but you should still see spots of the canvas. Make sure the tape sticks to the canvas tightly or the paint will seep under the tape. Using acrylic paint, paint the entire canvas including the tape. Remember to paint the sides of the canvas too since they will be visible. Let the canvas dry for at least an hour, then remove the tape. You can create a pop of color by using one or more paint colors.

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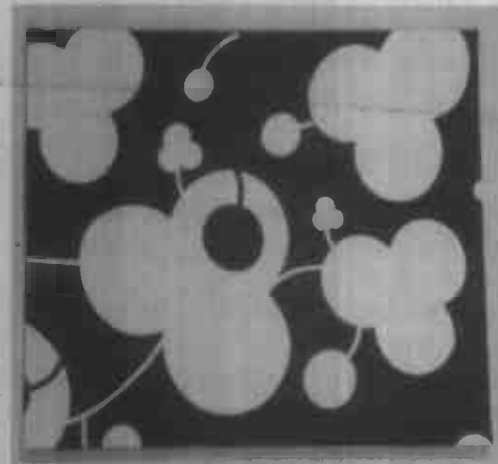
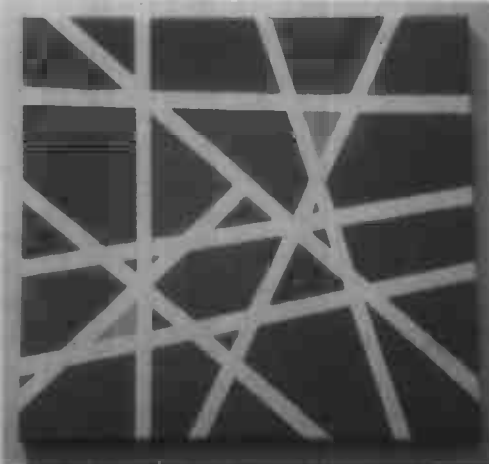
- A canvas
- Fabric that will fit your canvas
- Staple gun



You can find fabric at stores such as Jo-Ann Fabric and Craft Stores, Hobby Lobby and Ikea. You can also use things like tablecloths or bedsheets if they fit your decor. Put the canvas in the middle of the fabric, with the back of the canvas facing up. Cut the fabric so there's at least a 2-inch border of excess that will be stapled to the back of the canvas. Start at a corner and staple the fabric to the canvas. Continue to staple the fabric, pulling it taut as you go, until the entire piece is stapled to the back of the canvas. Cut off any excess fabric.

CRAYONS

- A canvas
- At least two packs of 24-count crayons
- Hot glue gun
- Hair dryer or heat gun



LEFT: Crayons are melted on canvas to make a new piece of art. TOP: Artwork made with the tape-painting method. ABOVE: Fabric on canvas. | **HEATHER LESZCZEWICZ**-Sun-Times Media

This project is perfect for a kid's room or a craft room. Take the boxes of crayons and pair the like colors together. Arrange the crayons in a line, side-by-side, in a color pattern you like. You can either leave the crayon wrappers on or remove them. Take the hot glue gun and start gluing the crayons, point-side down, along one side of the canvas. Once all the crayons have been glued to the canvas, put down a tarp or a couple of garbage bags next to a wall. Lean the canvas, with the crayons on top, against the wall. Take the hair dryer and start melting the crayons. Continue to apply heat until the crayons melt all the way down the canvas in a pattern you like.

For more crafts and ideas, check out Heather's blog at craftingandcooking.wordpress.com or follow our boards at pinterest.com/pioneerpressgo.



Food

Eats come in eights at Just-8

BY VERONICA HINKE | Contributor

"If you really want to make a friend, go to someone's house and eat with him ... the people who give you their food give you their heart."

That Cesar Chavez quote is the mantra at Curt's Cafe.

Since its inception one year ago, the nonprofit training café, located at 2922 Central St. in Evanston, has helped place a dozen participants in its at-risk youth program into schools or jobs.

Students learn employable skills working on the café line, individual mentoring and classroom instruction. Subjects range from computers to food history. Students receive a stipend while they train, as well as job placement assistance upon program completion.

"I love the concept behind Curt's," said Blythe Yost. Yost, a Winnetka native, has an exhibit of 20 watercolor paintings at the café through May 15.

"This show is an opportunity to help — to be involved," she said.

The paintings, a series she calls "From Above," were inspired through her work as a landscape architect. She operates two landscape businesses while living in Pearl River, N.Y.

"Just as in landscaping, there

is a juxtaposition of natural, linear lines and swirly elements in these works," she said.

Curt's Cafe also hosts music performances, yoga sessions and other events.

And yes, there is plenty of food. The daytime menu features sandwiches, salads and snacks.

In the late afternoon, the café is leased to the owners of Just-8 Pizzeria. Ian Proctor and Trevor Trieschmann operate the business. Their menu reflects the name of their business, the premise of which is to offer items in batches of eight: eight different types of cookies, pastas, sandwiches, salads and even eight different custom pizzas.

"The Chezwick" pizza is topped with a spinach-artichoke blend made with cream cheese, mayo, onions, spinach and garlic, then covered with more spinach. "The Big Friendly Jiant (BFJ)" is a tomato sauce pizza with bacon, feta cheese and jalapeno peppers. "The Sasquatch" is topped with chicken, bacon, red onion and barbecue sauce. The list goes on.

"My favorite is the BFJ," Proctor said. "I really like hot foods and bacon, so the combination of ingredients is perfect."

The pizzas are made with their Just-8 proprietary cheese blend and special dough they

researched for months.

"We reached out to local pizzeria owners and family members who have been involved in the industry," Trieschmann said. "We reviewed a ton of online articles, recipe books and videos and combined all the knowledge we found into what we believed would be the best recipe. It was a long process of trial and error, making batch after batch of dough and throwing tons of — average, at best — pizzas away for countless different reasons until we were finally satisfied."

Their trial and error approach continues as they generate new ideas for pizza toppings.



ABOVE: Trevor Trieschmann sits with three of Just-8 Pizzeria's gourmet pizzas. Just-8 Pizzeria works out of Curt's Cafe in Evanston in the afternoon.

LEFT: Just-8 Pizzeria's Trevor Trieschmann cuts up pizzas at Curt's Cafe in Evanston. | ROB HART-Sun-Times Media

Just-8 Pizza Dough

Makes three 13-ounce pizza crusts
24 ounces all-purpose unbleached flour
1 teaspoon sugar
1 teaspoon garlic salt
1 teaspoon oregano
1 teaspoon rapid rise yeast
1 ¾ cups water
¼ cup olive oil

Combine dry ingredients in large bowl with a whisk to evenly spread seasonings throughout the flour. Using a mixer or your hands, slowly add olive oil and water until all liquid is incorporated. The dough should stick slightly to the bottom of the bowl, but not to the sides. If the dough appears too sticky, add a pinch more flour. If the dough is too dry, coat your hands with water and continue mixing by hand or add a slight drop at a time until you achieve the right consistency. The dough should be soft and smooth if well incorporated. Roll dough into thin, round shape. Add sauce and toppings. Bake until golden brown, about 15-20 minutes in 350-400 degree oven.
— Trevor Trieschmann and Ian Proctor

"The most interesting pizza we have made is a breakfast pizza," Proctor said. "One of our friends jokingly asked if we could crack an egg on his pizza, and a couple days later we decided to try it out."

The breakfast pizza could be a monthly special at Just-8. Plans also include expansion into the Northwestern University market.

Trieschmann and Proctor hope to also offer, "one day, down the line, wines and beers," Trieschmann said. How many of each? Eight — of course. ■

For more information, see: www.curtscafe.org and www.blytheyost.com.



Blythe Yost

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Mother's Day

Contest winners! "I love my mom because..."



Our relationship consists of a friendship. We enjoy going on vacation as well as experimenting with new recipes in the kitchen. She is my best friend. She supports and believes in everything I pursue. She pushes me to do my best and loves me unconditionally.

by Stephanie Tonn,
Chicago



She always, always picks me up when I fall down, and I fall down a lot. I can go to her with anything, and she will help me. She has taught me the real right from wrong, and we love each other so much.

by Samantha Scheinfeld,
Glencoe



She is by my side through thick and thin (especially thick), and she defends me whether I'm right or wrong (especially wrong). She is my friend, but she is much more. She's my mom. I only get one mom, and I'm glad it's her.

by Sophie Morris,
Glencoe



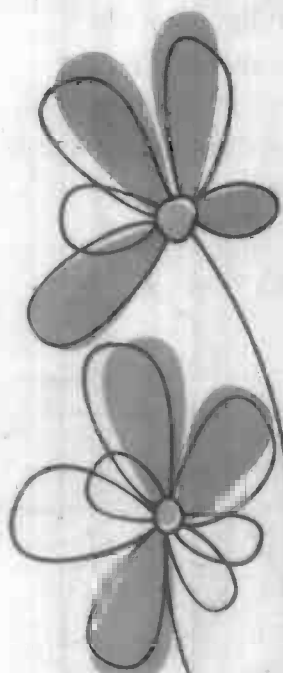
She loves unconditionally. She's the most dedicated and nurturing mother, the most loving and supportive wife and the most inspirational and motivational teacher at St. Norberts (Northbrook). Her generosity and kindness inspires others. I'm eternally grateful to have been blessed with Josephine as my mother, role model and best friend.

by Christine MacVay,
Wilmette

Honorable mentions inside ...



Honorable Mentions



I love my mom because, not only is she my best friend, but also my rock. Without her, my two brothers, father and I would be nothing. There are not enough words to thank her for the sacrifices she makes for us each and every day. Love you mom!

by Kaitlyn Taylor, Norridge



I love my step-mom because she's made me a better person. Each day, she makes the choice to work, teach me, love me, help me, correct me and put my needs before hers. The best day of my life was when my dad married my step-mom. She's my gift!

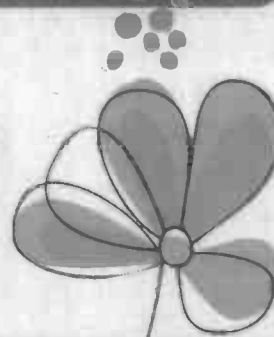
by Louie Jogmen, Park Ridge

I'm ten years old. I wrote my first "mom essay" when I was five.

"MY MOM and ME. I love my mom because she teaches me new things. When she teaches me new things, I get better than ever at it."

I still feel the same.
MY MOM and I

by Erin Oakley,
Evanston



I love my mom because she encourages me to do new stuff. When I get sad, she cheers me up. My mom will cheer me on when I do sports. She gets me stuff for holidays. She hugs me and says she loves me. She works hard everyday. I love her.

by Victoria Duszynski,
Norridge



She never gives up and always remains true to her core principals. In the race for Illinois Governor a few years ago, she was out-spent three to one. She lost that race but never gave up. Today, she is comptroller; her former opponent is in prison.

by Joseph Topinka,
Universal City, Texas

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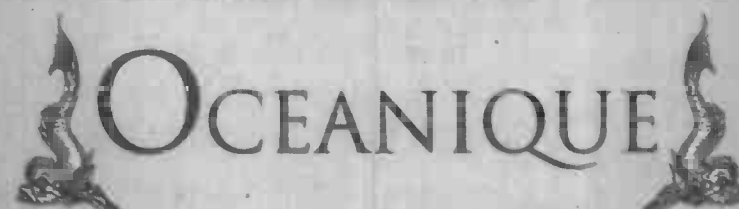
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I love my mom because she is helpful. She checks my homework every day. Also, she cooks and cleans for my family. One more thing is she <3s me more than I love her.

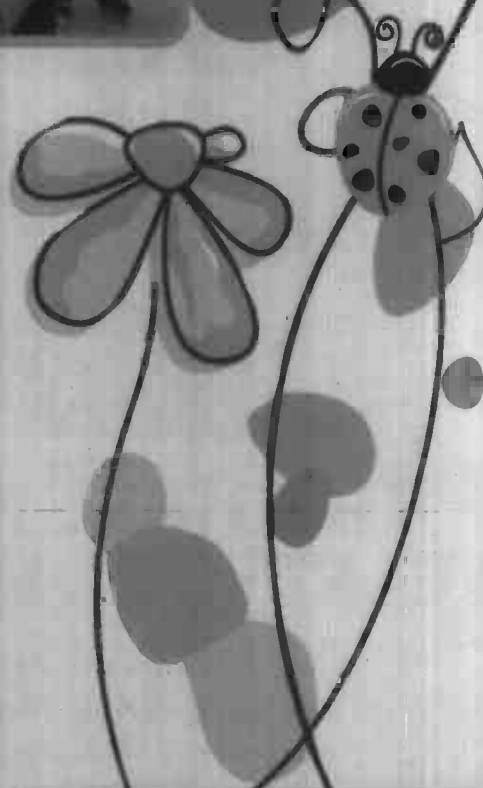
by Martina Vitale,
Norridge



She taught me: — much magic happens at kitchen table chats. — how to work hard. Even after a recent ALS diagnoses, she does five extra repetitions in daily therapy. — how to keep in touch. What a gift to know someone is excited to hear about your day.

LOVE YOU LOTS!

by Julie Walczak, Park Ridge



I love my mom because...
she rocks.
she's cool.
she's nice.
she's pretty.
she has a great smile.
she's skinny.
she gave birth to me.
she loves me.
she made me like sports.
she let me do soccer.
she got me an e-mail.
she made me awesome and cool.

by Farin Scheinfeld,
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What Employee Benefits Matter Most to Job Seekers

By Monster Insights

It's an all-too familiar recruiting scenario: You've found a qualified candidate that you hope to hire. Everything seems to be a go – until they decide to go with another position. They turned down your offer – why? The other job offered benefits that were more attractive. Understanding the motivational drivers for candidate job offers is key to a successful hiring process. The issue prompted the Monster insights team, which has provided human capital information, research and data tools to help Monster customers with strategic workforce decisions for over 10 years, to research the topic further. The Monster Insights study, conducted in early 2012, included a cross-section of 1,679 participants by gender, employment, career level and household income. While the survey findings are not meant to be a final recommendation for HR managers and recruiters, they can help shed some much-needed light on the employee benefits that matter most to today's job seekers.

Average Importance of Benefits

Monster asked survey participants what is valued if they considered a prospective job compensation and benefits. Benefits included:

- Healthcare plan
- Vacation Time
- Pay Raise
- Employee Benefit
- Performance Benefit
- Retirement Plan

Monster then varied the benefit or benefit level to see how survey participants reacted to accepting the new job. Survey results found that a healthcare plan was the most valued class of benefits, accounting for almost one-third of the value prospective employees would place on a benefits package. Such a strong finding is consistent with past Monster employee benefit surveys which also showed how valuable healthcare is to job seekers and employees. Survey results ranked average importance by benefit as follows:

- Healthcare plan = 32%
- Vacation Time = 25%
- Pay Raise = 15%
- Employee Benefit = 10%
- Performance Bonus = 9%
- Retirement Plan = 8%

Average Importance of Benefits by Income

Income can have a major impact on how job seekers and employees value different compensation benefits. In general, survey findings found that the lower the income, the more important healthcare is to the job seeker. For example, those with income less than \$90K per year indicated that healthcare could be up to 35% of the value of their compensation, while vacation time placed a distant second to healthcare benefits. However, those earning over \$90K per year indicated vacation time as their most important benefit, narrowly outdistancing the importance they place on healthcare. Such findings suggest that varying the degree of compensation benefits by the current income level of a job seeker, particularly healthcare and vacation time, can greatly influence how a job candidate will perceive an offer.



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Average Importance of Benefits by Gender

Both male and female survey participants placed healthcare as a high priority in compensation with vacation time as second. However, women appeared to place a bit more importance on vacation, while men valued a performance bonus slightly more than women. The study showed that varying compensation benefits and levels would generally have little to no impact between the sexes.

Average Importance of Benefits: Unemployed vs. Employed

Monster survey findings again show how important healthcare is and how it can be leveraged in recruiting. Unemployed versus employed job candidates in the survey indicated a significant difference in how they value healthcare benefits. While employed job candidates value healthcare, unemployed job candidates placed even greater value on this benefit. In doing so, the unemployed candidate is more willing to accept a lower pay increase in favor of the peace-of-mind that healthcare benefits can provide. In those having healthcare benefits, the study found that an employed job candidate will place greater value and consideration in a pay raise. All other benefits tested to have similar value between employed and unemployed job candidates.

Average Importance of Benefits by Career Level

Career level (entry, mid-career, management and executive) can play a strong role in how job candidates perceive compensation benefits. While these job levels place the same rank level of importance on each benefit class, there is relative distinction among a benefit class. Similar to the surveyed unemployed job candidates, an entry-level job seeker places the greatest value on healthcare benefits. They are also more willing to trade this benefit for a retirement plan or performance bonus, which they rate lower in importance. Those mid-career survey participants placed greater importance on vacation time compared to entry-level, managers or executives. However, managers and executives see greater value in performance bonuses over their entry-level or mid-career candidates.

Average Importance of Benefits: Those with Children vs. Those Without Children

A job candidate with children has a similar value system to job candidates without children. However, the Monster survey discovered some differences in benefit levels that could be useful in the recruitment process. Those job candidates that were childless appear to value a pay raise as a slightly higher value than those with children. And those without children also placed greater importance on such employee benefits as life insurance and disability insurance. Not surprisingly, job candidates that have children placed a much higher degree of importance on paid child care over those candidates without children. Knowing the family structure of a job candidate can enable the recruiter to fine-tune a compensation plan, optimizing it so that it has the most appeal to a particular job candidate.

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DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY TO BE LEASED

a) General Use: Secretary of State Driver Services Facility. b) Square Feet required: Approximately 7,500-9,500 sq. ft. c) Location: Within a 5 mile radius of 8261 West Golf Road, Niles, Illinois 60714. d) Required Occupancy Date: The Lessor must be able to deliver the requested space and services no later than October 1, 2013. This date is critical and is not open for negotiation. e) Parking Spaces/Lot: 90 parking spaces to include eight (8) designated driver's road test spaces and a minimum of eight (8) handicapped parking spaces. The sixteen (16) designated parking spaces must be located in front of the leased facility space and no more than a distance of one hundred fifty (150) feet from the facility entrance. A minimum of 2 separate entrances and exits to the leased premises. A parking lot area measuring a minimum of ten (10) feet wide by one hundred fifty (150) feet in length, but preferably twenty (20) feet wide by one hundred fifty (150) feet in length, must be set aside and designated for use solely as a Secretary of State Drive-up Test Lane. f) Duration of Lease: Proposed maximum term for said lease shall not exceed ten (10) years and shall include a 90-day termination option in favor of the State.

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Commercial-Industrial Cook County - Chgo. S CHICAGO Property liquidation; Industrial, 4910 S. Paulina and 5724 West Armitage. Call 312-259-0500	Judicial Sales-Real Est. HARWOOD HEIGHTS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO THE FDIC AS RECEIVER FOR PARK NATIONAL BANK; Plaintiff, vs. MIKOLAJ SZYMANSKI; PARKWAY BANK AND TRUST COMPANY, AND UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants. 11 CH 20806 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on March 7, 2013, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Friday, May 31, 2013, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 6912 West Forest Preserve, Harwood Heights, IL 60706. P.I.N. 13-18-314-040-0000. The mortgaged real estate is a single family residence. If the subject mortgaged real estate is a unit of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by subsection (g-1) of Section 18.5 of the Condominium Property Act. Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. For information call Ms. Cheryl A. Fyock at Plaintiff's Attorney, Latimer LeVay Fyock LLC, 55 West Monroe Street, Chicago, Illinois 60603. (312) 422-8000, 35002-470 INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 4/25, 5/2, 5/9/13 #545481	Judicial Sales-Real Est. LINCOLNWOOD IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION CITIMORTGAGE, INC., AS SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO ABN AMRO MORTGAGE GROUP, INC.; Plaintiff, vs. TONY PEHAR AND MARY PEHAR; COLE TAYLOR BANK; PURITAN FINANCE CORPORATION AND CITY OF CHICAGO; Defendants. 11 CH 12270 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on February 28, 2013, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Friday, May 31, 2013, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 6533 North Nokomis Avenue, Lincolnwood, IL 60712. P.I.N. 10-33-424-028. The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence. If the subject mortgaged real estate is a unit of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by subsection (g-1) of Section 18.5 of the Condominium Property Act. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The judgment amount was \$517,521.75. The property will NOT be open for inspection. For information call Mr. Ira T. Nevel at Plaintiff's Attorney, Law Offices of Ira T. Nevel, 175 North Franklin Street, Chicago, Illinois 60606. (312) 357-1125. Ref. No. 11-01991. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 4/25, 5/2, 5/9/13 #545477	Judicial Sales-Real Est. LINCOLNWOOD IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. Plaintiff, vs. MIRZA HODZIC, METO HODZIC AKA MUHAMMED HODZIC, SENKA HODZIC, BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants. 12 CH 026479 6815 N. KOSTNER AVENUE LINCOLNWOOD, IL 60712 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 8, 2013, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on May 13, 2013, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 6815 N. KOSTNER AVENUE, LINCOLNWOOD, IL 60712 Property Index No. 10-34-223-061. The real estate is improved with a single family residence. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT
Tree Service ARBOR TECH Tree Removal & Trimming 630-750-0621 • 708-510-4121 773-677-4844 SAWELL TREE SERVICE, INC. Tree Trimming, Tree Removal, 24 Hour Emergency Service Cert. Arborists, 847-566-9372	Judicial Sales-Real Est. LINCOLNWOOD IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF THE CWMBS INC., CHL MORTGAGE, PASS-THROUGH TRUST 2005-J1; MORTGAGE PASS THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-J1; Plaintiff, vs. CIONY GAWAT; CIONY R. GAWAT AKA CIONY GAWAT; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC.; DEPARTMENT STORES NATIONAL BANK; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF CIONY R. GAWAT, IF ANY; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF CIONY GAWAT, IF ANY; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants. 12 CH 1105 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on October 2, 2012 Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, May 20, 2013 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate: P.I.N. 10-34-113-005-0000. Commonly known as 6938 North Knox Avenue, Lincolnwood, IL 60712. The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence. If the subject mortgaged real estate is a unit of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by subsection (g-1) of Section 18.5 of the Condominium Property Act. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. For information call the Sales Clerk at Plaintiff's Attorney, The Wirbeck Law Group, 33 West Monroe Street, Chicago, Illinois 60603. (312) 360-9455 W09-3607. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 4/25, 5/2, 5/9/13 #541574	Judicial Sales-Real Est. LINCOLNWOOD IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION CITIMORTGAGE, INC., AS SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO ABN AMRO MORTGAGE GROUP, INC.; Plaintiff, vs. TONY PEHAR AND MARY PEHAR; COLE TAYLOR BANK; PURITAN FINANCE CORPORATION AND CITY OF CHICAGO; Defendants. 11 CH 12270 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on February 28, 2013, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Friday, May 31, 2013, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 6533 North Nokomis Avenue, Lincolnwood, IL 60712. P.I.N. 10-33-424-028. The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence. If the subject mortgaged real estate is a unit of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by subsection (g-1) of Section 18.5 of the Condominium Property Act. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The judgment amount was \$517,521.75. The property will NOT be open for inspection. For information call Mr. Ira T. Nevel at Plaintiff's Attorney, Law Offices of Ira T. Nevel, 175 North Franklin Street, Chicago, Illinois 60606. (312) 357-1125. Ref. No. 11-01991. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 4/25, 5/2, 5/9/13 #545477	Judicial Sales-Real Est. LINCOLNWOOD IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. Plaintiff, vs. MIRZA HODZIC, METO HODZIC AKA MUHAMMED HODZIC, SENKA HODZIC, BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants. 12 CH 026479 6815 N. KOSTNER AVENUE LINCOLNWOOD, IL 60712 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 8, 2013, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on May 13, 2013, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 6815 N. KOSTNER AVENUE, LINCOLNWOOD, IL 60712 Property Index No. 10-34-223-061. The real estate is improved with a single family residence. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. 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If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT

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LINCOLNWOOD
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY
DIVISION
URBAN TRUST BANK, ASSIGNEE
OF MORTGAGE
ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION
SYSTEMS, INC., AS
NOMINEE FOR MORTGAGE
SERVICES, III, LLC.,
Plaintiff,

vs.
AVRAM ANDRA, MORTGAGE
ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION
SYSTEMS, INC., UNDER MORT-
GAGE RECORDED AS
DOCUMENT NUMBER
0612304070 Defendants,
10 CH 45374

NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given
that pursuant to a Judgment of
Foreclosure entered in the above
entitled cause on October 3, 2012,
Intercounty Judicial Sales Corpora-
tion will on Monday, May 20, 2013,
at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office
at 120 West Madison Street, Suite
718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the
highest bidder for cash, the follow-
ing described mortgaged real es-
tate:

Commonly known as 7227 North
Karlav Avenue, Lincolnwood, IL
60712.
P.I.N. 10-27-430-010, 10-27-430-
011.

The mortgaged real estate is im-
proved with a single family resi-
dence. If the subject mortgaged real
estate is a unit of a common inter-
est community, the purchaser of the
unit other than a mortgagee shall
pay the assessments required by
subsection (g-1) of Section 18.5 of
the Condominium Property Act.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified
funds, balance within 24 hours by
certified funds. No refunds. The
judgment amount was \$800,059.30.
The property will NOT be open for
inspection.

For information call Mr. Ira T. Nevel
at Plaintiff's Attorney, Law Offices of
Ira T. Nevel, 175 North Franklin
Street, Chicago, Illinois 60606.
(312) 357-1125. Ref. No. 10-2039
N1523733.

INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES
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Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122
1523733

4/18, 4/25, 5/2/13 #541544

LINCOLNWOOD
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY
DIVISION
U.S. BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIA-
TION
Plaintiff,

-v-
MARIA MAN, HARRIS, NA
Defendants

10 CH 054568
6950 N. KNOX AVENUE
LINCOLNWOOD, IL 60712
NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NO-
TICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pur-
suant to a Judgment of Foreclosure
and Sale entered in the above
cause on February 16, 2012, an
agent of The Judicial Sales Corpora-
tion, will at 10:30 AM on May 13,
2013, at the The Judicial Sales Corpora-
tion, One South Wacker Drive -
24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606,
sell at public auction to the highest
bidder, as set forth below, the fol-
lowing described real
estate: Commonly known as 6950
N. KNOX AVENUE,
LINCOLNWOOD, IL 60712 Property
Index No. 10-34-113-003. The real
estate is improved with a resi-
dence. Sale terms: 25% down of
the highest bid by certified funds at
the close of the sale payable to The
Judicial Sales Corporation. No third
party checks will be accepted. The
balance, including the Judicial sale
fee for Abandoned Residential
Property Municipality Relief Fund,
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chaser of the unit at the foreclosure
sale other than a mortgagee shall
pay the assessments required by
The Condominium Property Act,
765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU
ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOME-
OWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT
TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION
FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF
AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN
ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION
15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS
MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE
LAW. For information, examine the
court file or contact Plaintiff's attor-
ney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES,
P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE
ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE,
IL 60527, (630) 794-9878. Please
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TION One South Wacker Drive,
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SUITE 100 BURR RIDGE, IL 60527
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14-10-45816 Attorney ARDC No.
00468002 Attorney Code: 21762
Case Number: 10 CH 054568
TJSC#: 33-7877 NOTE: Pursuant
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SKOKIE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY
DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY
DIVISION JPMORGAN CHASE
BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
Plaintiff,

-v-
MIROSLAV NANEV A/K/A
MIROSLAV NANEVA, MARIYANA
PETROVA NANEVA A/K/A
MARIYANA P. NANEVA, KENTON
COMMONS CONDOMINIUM AS-
SOCIATION
Defendants
09 CH 012018

8031 KENTON AVENUE, UNIT
#25 SKOKIE, IL 60076
NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NO-
TICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pur-
suant to a Judgment of Foreclosure
and Sale entered in the above
cause on January 30, 2013, an
agent of The Judicial Sales Cor-
poration, will at 10:30 AM on May 2,
2013, at The Judicial Sales Cor-
poration, One South Wacker Drive -
24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606,
sell at public auction to the highest
bidder, as set forth below, the fol-
lowing described real estate: Com-
monly known as 8031 KENTON
AVENUE, UNIT #25, SKOKIE, IL,
60076 Property Index No. 10-22-
329-043-1005. The real estate is
improved with a residence. Sale
terms: 25% down of the highest bid
by certified funds at the close of
the sale payable to The Judicial Sales
Corporation. No third party checks
will be accepted. The balance, in-
cluding the Judicial sale fee for
Abandoned Residential Property
Municipality Relief Fund, which is
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quired by The Condominium Prop-
erty Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and
(g)(4). If this property is a con-
dominium unit which is part of a com-
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SUITE 100 BURR RIDGE, IL 60527
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14-09-08633 Attorney ARDC No.
00468002 Attorney Code. 21762
Case Number: 09 CH 012018

Judicial Sales-Real Est.

TJSC#: 33-2748 NOTE: Pursuant
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Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's
attorney is deemed to be a debt col-
lector attempting to collect a debt
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1522103
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SKOKIE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY
DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY
DIVISION DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL
TRUST COMPANY, AS
TRUSTEE FOR THE POOLING
AND SERVING AGREEMENT
DATED AS OF JANUARY 1ST,
2008 EQUIFIRST LOAN
SECURITIZATION TRUST 2008-1
Plaintiff,

-v-
THEODORE KOTSOVOS, NANCY
L KOTSOVOS
Defendants
11 CH 16017
4909 FAIRVIEW LANE Skokie, IL
60077
NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NO-
TICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pur-
suant to a Judgment of Foreclosure
and Sale entered in the above
cause on February 20, 2013, an
agent of The Judicial Sales Cor-
poration, will at 10:30 AM on May 22,
2013, at The Judicial Sales Cor-
poration, One South Wacker Drive -
24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606,
sell at public auction to the highest
bidder, as set forth below, the fol-
lowing described real estate: Com-
monly known as 4909 FAIRVIEW
LANE, Skokie, IL 60077 Property
Index No. 10-33-214-087-0000. The
real estate is improved with a single
family residence. The judgment
amount was \$259,562.95. Sale
terms: 25% down of the highest bid
by certified funds at the close of
the sale payable to The Judicial Sales
Corporation. No third party checks
will be accepted. The balance, in-
cluding the Judicial sale fee for
Abandoned Residential Property
Municipality Relief Fund, which is
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other than a mortgagee, shall pay
the assessments and the legal fees
required by The Condominium Prop-
erty Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and
(g)(4). If this property is a con-
dominium unit which is part of a com-
mon interest community, the pur-
chaser of the unit at the foreclosure
sale other than a mortgagee shall
pay the assessments required by
The Condominium Property Act,
765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU
ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOME-
OWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT
TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION
FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF
AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN
ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION
15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS
MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE
LAW. For information, contact
Plaintiff's attorney: RANDALL S.
MILLER & ASSOCIATES, 120 N.
LASALLE STREET, SUITE 1140,
CHICAGO, IL 60602, (312) 239-3432.
Please refer to file number
10101358-1. THE JUDICIAL
SALES CORPORATION One
South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor,
Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-
SALE You can also visit The
Judicial Sales Corporation at
www.jscc.com for a 7 day status report
of pending sales. RANDALL S. MILLER
& ASSOCIATES, 120 N.
LASALLE STREET, SUITE 1140
Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 239-3432
Attorney File No. 10101358-1 At-
torney Code. 46689 Case Number:
11 CH 16017 NOTE: Pursuant to

Judicial Sales-Real Est.

the Fair Debt Collection Practices
Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's
attorney is deemed to be a debt col-
lector attempting to collect a debt
and any information obtained will be
used for that purpose.
1515698
4/11, 4/18, 4/25/13 #536723

LEGAL

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Assumed Name

ASSUMED NAME
Notice is hereby given, pursuant
to "An Act in relation to the use
of an Assumed Business Name
in the conduct or transaction of
Business in the State," as
amended, that a certification
was filed by the undersigned
with the County Clerk of Cook
County. File No. D13133971 on
April 5, 2013. Under the As-
sumed Name of
ENVISION WEB DESIGNS
at 751 Kylemore Dr., Des
Plaines, IL 60016. The true
name(s) and residence address
of the owner(s) is: Joe
Persekian, 751 Kylemore Dr.,
Des Plaines, IL 60016.
4/11, 4/18, 4/25/13 #539075

ASSUMED NAME
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to "An Act in relation to the use
of an Assumed Business Name
in the conduct or transaction of
Business in the State," as
amended, that a certification
was filed by the undersigned
with the County Clerk of Cook
County. File No. D13133957 on
April 5, 2013. Under the As-
sumed Name of
ITELECO
309 E Rand, Arlington Hts., IL
60004. The true name(s) and
residence address of the
owner(s) is: Jamie Berkseth,
1312 Palatine Rd., Palatine, IL
60074.
4/18, 4/25, 5/2/13 #541500

ASSUMED NAME
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to "An Act in relation to the use
of an Assumed Business Name
in the conduct or transaction of
Business in the State," as
amended, that a certification
was filed by the undersigned
with the County Clerk of Cook
County. File No. D13134074 on
April 15, 2013. Under the As-
sumed Name of
NRG Concepts
at 6619 N Trumbull,
Lincolnwood, IL 60712. The true
name(s) and residence address
of the owner(s) is: Carter
Greene, 6619 N. Trumbull,
Lincolnwood, IL 60712.
4/25, 5/2, 5/9/13 #542824

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Bid Notice

BID NOTICE
The Board of Education,
Evanston/Skokie School District
65, 1500 McDaniel Avenue,
Evanston, Illinois 60201, will re-
ceive sealed bids for:
**SITE IMPROVEMENTS AT
HAVEN MIDDLE SCHOOL
PROJECT NO. 12169**

The Bid Opening will be on
Wednesday, May 8, 2013 at
10:00 AM at the Administrative
Warehouse Office, 2017
Greenleaf, Evanston, Illinois
60202. At this time the Bids will
be publicly opened and read. A
Performance and Payment
Bond in the full amount of the
contract will be required. A Bid
Security of 10% of the Bid is re-
quired with the proposal. The
Contractor must pay the Prevail-
ing Wage Rates for all work per
Illinois Law.

It is the policy of
Evanston/Skokie School District
65 to provide equal opportunity
to all qualified businesses in the
awarding of contracts and ac-
cordingly promotes the utiliza-
tion of diversified businesses to
the maximum extent feasible in
any contract issued against this
solicitation to bid.
Scope of Work: Earthwork, as-
phalt and concrete pavement,
lawn restoration.

The Owner reserves the right to
reject any or all Bids, to waive
irregularities in the bidding pro-
cedure, or accept the Bid that in
its opinion will serve its best in-
terest. Any such decision shall
be considered final. The Owner
reserves the right to set aside a
Bid from a Contractor who, in
the Owner's opinion, does not
exhibit past experience equal to
the size and scope of this project.

The bidder shall have a written
sexual harassment policy in
place in full compliance with
Section 2-105 of the Illinois Hu-
man Rights Act.
EDIT TO SUIT PROJECT.
THREE SETS IS STANDARD
FOR ARCON. ON LARGER
PROJECTS CONSIDER IN-
CREASING THE NUMBER.
PREVAILING WAGE LAW:

This contract calls for the con-
struction of a public work, within
the meaning of the Illinois Pre-
vailing Wage Act, 820 ILCS
130/01 et seq. (the Act). The
Act requires contractors and
subcontractors to pay laborers,
workers and mechanics per-
forming services on public
works projects no less than the
current prevailing rate of wages
(hourly cash wages plus amount
for fringe benefits) in the county
where the work is performed.
The Department publishes the
prevailing wage rates on its
website at: <http://www.state.il.us/agency/ldol/rates/rates.HTM>.
The Department revises the
prevailing wage rates and the
contractor/subcontractor has an
obligation to check the Depart-
ment's web site for revisions to
prevailing wage rates. For infor-
mation regarding current pre-
vailing wage rates, please refer
to the Illinois Department of La-
bors website. All contractors
and sub-contractors rendering
services under this contract
must comply with all require-
ments of the Act, including but
not limited to, all wage, notice
and record keeping duties.
Obtain Bidding Documents
(maximum 3 sets) after April 25,
2013 at:
BHFX, LLC
30W250 Butterfield Road
Warrenville, Illinois 60555
P: 630-393-0777
F: 630-393-0888
<http://planroom.bhfx.net/pronlin>
e
Warrenville@bhfx.net
A refundable deposit for the
drawings and specifications of \$
100.00 per set is required.
4/25/13 #547624

Auction- Real Estate

U-HAUL STORAGE AUCTION 2013 758086 Morton Grove
NOTICE OF SALE UNDER THE SELF STORAGE
FACILITY ACT, ILLINOIS REVISE STATUTES,
CHAPTER 114, PARAGRAPH 301, ET. SEQ
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eer, Executive Administrator, Storage Clerk for U-Haul Co.
North Shore Chicago will be offering for sale under the Judi-
cial Lein process, by public auction, the following storage
units. The goods to be sold are generally described as house-
hold goods. The terms of the sale will be cash only. U-Haul
Co. of North Shore Chicago reserves the right to refuse any
and all bids. The sales will be at the following location, 9009
Waukegan Rd, Morton Grove, IL. 60053 and will be at or after
1:30pm and continue day by day until all units are sold.
Jose Landecho- 5852 W Higgins Ave, Chicago, IL. 60630
Unit 134- Refrigerator, Microwave, Crates, Bags, Boxes &
Misc. Items
4/25, 5/2/13 #538244

U-HAUL STORAGE AUCTION 2013 758061 Uptown
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Co. of North Shore Chicago reserves the right to refuse any
and all bids. The sales will be at the following location, 4055 N
Broadway Street Chicago, IL. 60613 and will be at or after
7:00pm and continue day by day until all units are sold.
Wanda Acosta- 2442 S Spalding Ave, Chicago, IL. 60623
Unit 253- Microwave, Table, Chairs, Mattress & Misc. Items
Eliazabeth Carrigo- 869 W Buena Ave, Chicago, IL. 60613
Unit 356- Luggage, Bags, Boxes & Misc. Items
Martin Shores- 7619 S Yates, Chicago, IL. 60649
Unit 371- Luggage & Misc. Items
Timothy Braison- 1020 W Lawrence, Chicago, IL. 60640
Unit 385- Wall Clock, Boots, TV & Misc. Items
4/25, 5/2/13 #538258

U-HAUL STORAGE AUCTION 2013 758078 Westside
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and all bids. The sales will be at the following location, 1700 N
Cicero Ave, Chicago, IL. 60639 and will be at or after 3:30pm
and continue day by day until all units are sold.
Robert Mills- 1431 N Rockwell, Chicago, IL. 60622
Unit A108- Misc. Items
Rasheda McCollum- 5053 S King Drive, Chicago, IL. 60615
Unit A111- Chairs, Sofa, Pillows, Children Bikes & Totes
Ashley Martin- 910 N Avers Ave, Chicago, IL. 60651
Unit A142- Chester, Dresser, Night Stand, Boxes & Misc.
Items
Juan McCalley- 3242 W Huron, Chicago, IL. 60624
Unit AA5875C- Kitchen Cabinet & Kitchen Drawers
Jacquita James- 1041 N Leclaire Ave, Chicago, IL. 60651
Unit B129- Mattress, Box Spring, Fan, Bags & Misc. Items
Regina Hogan- 3704 W Ferdinand St, Chicago, IL. 60624
Unit B155- Mattress, Box Spring, Fan, Pillows, Bag & Misc.
Items
4/25, 5/2/13 #538254

U-HAUL STORAGE AUCTION 2013 758059 Lincoln Park
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Co. of North Shore Chicago reserves the right to refuse any
and all bids. The sales will be at the following location, 1200
W Fullerton Ave, Chicago, IL. 60614 and will be at or after
7:45pm and continue day by day until all units are sold.
Ashley Hood- 1237 W Fullerton, Chicago, IL. 60647
Unit C307- Bags & Misc. Items
Charles McKenna- 1532 Watkins Lane, Naperville, IL. 60540
Unit C314- Coffee Table, Sofa, Weights & Misc. Items
Joseph Panzarella- 1100 W Roscoe, Chicago, IL. 60657
Unit C348- Boxes * Bags
Paul Ozarowski- 3415 Howard St, Skokie, IL. 60076
Unit F325- Vinyl Records
Anna Landsman- 2550 W Fitch Ave, Chicago, IL. 60645
Unit F327- Boxes & Totes
Amanda Smallwood- 425 Front Royal Pike, Winchester, VA.
22602
Unit G204- Luggage, Bags, Boxes & Misc. Items
Jerry Hampton- 5111N Oriole Harwood Heights, IL. 60706
G373- Desk, Children bike & Misc. Items
Marco Gonzalez- 1200 St Jacques, Toronto IT, h3c0E
G387- Misc. Items
4/25, 5/2/13 #538280

Auction- Real Estate

U-HAUL STORAGE AUCTION 2013 758021 Portage
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Co. of North Shore Chicago reserves the right to refuse any
and all bids. The sales will be at the following location, 4301 N
Cicero Ave, Chicago, IL. 60641 and will be at or after 2:00pm
and continue day by day until all units are sold.
Cristina Hernandez- 5528 W Berenice Ave, Chicago, IL. 60641
A111- Chairs & Bed bracket headboard
James Walker- 2213 W Rosemont, Chicago, IL. 60659
A113- Misc. Items
James Walker- 2213 W Rosemont, Chicago, IL. 60659
A215- Misc. Items
Darryl Johnson- 4015 W Adams, Chicago, IL. 60624
A130- Big Screen, Chester & Misc. Items
Elisa Gonzalez- 10515 W Grand, North Lake, IL. 60164
A232- Chair & Desk
James D Webber- 3711 N Kildare, Chicago, IL. 60641
B119- Totes, Chairs, Bicycles, Wagon & Misc. Items
Tanika Williams- 1621 N Washtenaw, Chicago, IL. 60647
B170- Box Springs, Totes, Boxes, Table & Misc. Items
Pablo Roca- 4031 N Kilbourn, Chicago, IL. 60641
B210- Speaker, TV-stand, 3-drawer Organizer & Misc. Items
Juan Ruiz- 5148 N Warwick, Chicago, IL. 60641
B377- Fish Tank, TV-stand, Lamp, Totes & Misc. Items
4/25, 5/2/13 #538250

Auction- Real Estate

U-HAUL STORAGE AUCTION 2013 758075 Fortress
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and all bids. The sales will be at the following location, 4100
W. Fullerton Ave, Chicago, IL. 60639 and will be at or after
5:00pm and continue day by day until all units are sold.
John Doe- 752 N Caldwell, Chicago, IL. 60639
Unit 3008- Chairs, Totes, Bags & Boxes
Mona King- 4921 W Armitage, Chicago, IL. 60647
Unit 3143- Computer Monitor, Computer Tower, Totes, TV,
Fan, Bags & Misc. Items
Linda Davis- 3838 W Palmer St, Chicago, IL. 60647
Unit 3369- Skate Board, Luggage & Cabinet
Mandael Hudson- 5943 W Thomas, Chicago, IL. 60651
Unit 3441- Sectional Sofa
Kimberly Charles- 247 N Kilpatrick, Chicago, IL. 60644
Unit 3490- A/C unit, Bags & Boxes
Nisha Pravin- 4018 N Sacramento, Chicago, IL. 60618
Unit 3637- Boy's Bed, Sofa, Chairs, Boxes, Bags & Misc.
Items
Debra Mekbib- 5050 S Lakeshore Drive, Chicago, IL. 60615
Unit 3752- Luggage, Bags & Misc. Items
Vearitis Phillips- 547 W 56th St, Chicago, IL. 60621
Unit 3827- A/C unit, Children Bed, Box & Bag
Anthony Ferraro- 3150 S Shields, Chicago, IL. 60616
Unit 3851- Sofa
Francisco Alberio- 1640 N Laramie, Chicago, IL. 60639
Unit 3853- Mirror, Baby Walker, Girl's Bike, Boxes, Totes &
Misc. Items
Evelyn Collazo- 1252 Brown St, Des Plaines, IL. 60016
Unit 3914- TV-stand & Misc. Items
Manuel Valenzuela- 2429 N Kildare, Chicago, IL. 60639
Unit 3936- Bags, Boxes & Misc. Items
Robert Redd- 3753 W Fullerton, Chicago, IL. 60647
Unit 3938- Room Divider, Rug, Crates & Misc. Items
Olivia Gayden- 1225 W Chase, Chicago, IL. 60626
Unit 4044- Table, Radio Speakers, Box Spring, Mattress,
Totes, Bags & Boxes
Emmanuel Shanklin- 1654 N Avers, Chicago, IL. 60647
Unit 4096- Weights, Children Toys, Shelf, Tools, Totes, Box-
es, Bags & Misc. Items
Ryan Bowe- 1402 N Campbell, Chicago, IL. 60622
Unit 4435- Sofa & Desk
Isaiah Mercado- 2039 N Kedzie, Chicago, IL. 60647
Unit 4511- Chairs & Boxes
Issac Malave- 2235 N Kildare, Chicago, IL. 60639
Unit 4531- Sofa, Vacuum, Pillows, Totes, Boxes & Misc. Items
Christina Massas- 2310 N Moody, Chicago, IL. 60639
Unit 4581- Sofa, Table, Chairs, Strollers, Boxes & Misc. Items
Neil Paxton- 1033 Westmore Ave, Lombard, IL. 60148
Unit 4585-Globes, Clothing, Chairs, Mattress & Table
Ivan Colon- 3415 W Diversity, Chicago, IL. 60647
Unit 4594- File Cabinet, Tool Boxes, Dolly, Crates & Totes
Danny Thomas- 2517 W Fullerton, Chicago, IL. 60647
Unit 4601- Stereo Speakers, Bags, 3-Drawer Organizer, Box-
es & Misc. Items
Ima Ruiz-Villa- 2264 N Meade, Chicago, IL. 60639
Unit 4604- Boxes & Misc. Items
Sylvia Labrador- 2725 N Marmora, Chicago, IL. 60639
Unit 4734- Bed Frame, Stroller, Lamps, TV & Boxes
Rasul Shabazz- 125 N Humphrey, Oak Park, IL. 60302
Unit 4867- Coolers, Totes, Boxes & Misc. Items
Tabitha Allen- 4855 W Montrose ST, Chicago, IL. 60639
Space RV011- 1987 Monte Chevrolet Carlo Coupe
4/25, 5/2/13 #538256

Auction- Real Estate

U-HAUL STORAGE AUCTION 2013 758075 Fortress
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Bid Notice

Bid Notice

Evanston/ Skokie School District 65, will accept sealed bids on the following:

Walk-In Freezer and Cooler Conversion for Haven, Chute and Nichols Middle Schools

To be received prior to and opened at 11:00 AM, May 6, 2013.

At the Evanston School District 65, JEH Center, Purchasing Department, 1500 McDaniel Ave., Evanston, IL 60202, at which time they will be opened publicly and read aloud.

Specifications may be obtained from JEH Center, Purchasing Department, 1500 McDaniel Ave., IL 60201, beginning on April 25, 2013.

It is the policy of School District 65 to provide equal opportunity to all qualified businesses in awarding of contracts, and accordingly promotes the utilization of diversified and local businesses to the maximum extent feasible in any contract issued against this solicitation of bid.

The owners reserve the right to waive any or all bids, or to accept that bid which in their judgment is for the best interest of the Board of Education.

Dr. Mary Brown
Chief Financial Officer

4/25/13 #544990

**TO PLACE YOUR
GARAGE SALE AD,
CALL 847-998-3400**

Bid Notice

Bid Notice

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID

The Board of Education, Fairview South School District 72, 7040 Laramie Avenue, Skokie, Illinois 60077, will receive sealed bids for:

**2013 SITE IMPROVEMENTS
FAIRVIEW SOUTH SCHOOL
PROJECT NO. 13014**

The Bid Opening will be on Friday, May 10, 2013 at 2:00 P.M. at the District Administrative Offices. At this time the Bids will be publicly opened and read. A Performance and Payment Bond in the full amount of the contract will be required. A Bid Security of 10% of the Bid is required with the proposal. The Contractor must pay the Prevailing Wage Rates for all work per Illinois Law.

It is the policy of Fairview South School District 72 to provide equal opportunity to all qualified business in the awarding of contracts and accordingly promotes the utilization of diversified businesses to the maximum extent feasible in any contract issued against this solicitation to bid.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all Bids, to waive irregularities in the bidding procedure, or accept the Bid that in its opinion will serve its best interest. Any such decision shall be considered final. The Owner reserves the right to set aside a Bid from a Contractor who, in the Owner's opinion, does not exhibit past experience equal to the size and scope of this project.

The bidder shall have a written sexual harassment policy in place in full compliance with Section 2-105 of the Illinois Human Rights Act.

PREVAILING WAGE LAW: The Contract calls for the construction of a "public work," within the meaning of the Illinois Prevailing Wage Act, 820 ILCS 130/01 et seq. ("the Act"). The Act requires contractors and subcontractors to pay laborers, workers and mechanics performing services on public works projects no less than the current "prevailing rate of wages" (hourly cash wages plus amount for fringe benefits) in the county where the work is performed. The Department publishes the prevailing wage rates on its website at: <http://www.state.il.us/agency/ido/rates/rates.HTM>. The Department revises the prevailing wage rates and the contractor/subcontractor has an obligation to check the Department's web site for revisions to prevailing wage rates.

For information regarding current prevailing wage rates, please refer to the Illinois Department of Labor's website. All contractors and sub-contractors rendering services under this contract must comply with all requirements of the Act, including but not limited to, all wage, notice and record keeping duties.

Obtain Bidding Documents (maximum 3 sets) after April 22, 2013 at:

BHFX, LLC
30W250 Butterfield Road
Warrenville, Illinois 60555
P: 630-393-0777
F: 630-393-0888
<http://planroom.bhfx.net/pronline>
Warrenville@bhfx.net

A refundable deposit for the drawings and specifications of \$75.00 per set is required. Drawing Sets are available only to General Contractors. Subcontractors are permitted to obtain bidding documents without a refundable deposit.

4/25/13 #521190

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CANDIDATES
IN
CHICAGOLAND
WITH
MONSTER,
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Bid Notice

**NOTICE TO BIDDERS
DF/EWC REPLACEMENT AT TWO
SCHOOLS**

At Middleton School
8300 St. Louis Avenue
Skokie, Illinois 60076
McCracken Middle School
8000 East Prairie Road
Skokie, Illinois 60076

For **SKOKIE SCHOOL DISTRICT 73.5**
8000 East Prairie Road
Skokie, Illinois 60076

Sealed bids for the above construction project will be received by the Owner at the business office of Skokie School District 73.5 District Administration at 8000 East Prairie Road, Skokie, Illinois until 11:00 am local time, 6 May 2013, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. The sealed bid must be submitted in duplicate on the form provided, Project Name, Date and Time of Bid clearly marked on the outside of the envelope to prevent premature opening. Bid forms can be downloaded at www.greenassociates.com.

Bids will be received for a single prime contract. In general the Project Work consists of replacing drinking fountains including plumbing, masonry, and electrical associated work.

Drawings and Project Manual may be examined at the offices of the Owner and Architect. Documents are also on file at:

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www.construction.com
Northern Illinois Building Contractors Association

1111 South Alpine Road
Suite 202
Rockford, Illinois 61108

Reed Construction Data
www.reedconstructiondata.com
Contractors Association of Will & Grundy Counties

233 North Springfield Avenue
Joliet, Illinois 60435

Bid Documents are available, in digital PDF format only, at www.greenassociates.com. Addenda will be made available, in digital format, to plan holders of record.

1. Bid Security is required in the form of a Bid Bond, AIA Document A310 in an amount equal to not less than ten percent (10%) of the Base Bid and all Additive Alternates.

2. The successful bidder will be required to furnish a Performance Bond and a Payment Bond, in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the contract sum, on AIA Document A312, as issued by the American Institute of Architects. The Owner will not issue the Notice to Proceed until these bonds are provided and all other insurance requirements have been met.

3. All Contracts for the Construction of Public Works are subject to the Illinois Prevailing Wage Act (820 ILCS 130/1-12).

4. Appointments to visit the site may be arranged by contacting Mr. Steve Rueli 847-636-3660. Bidders are encouraged to visit the site and familiarize themselves with the conditions under which the work is to be performed. No bidder will be admitted without an appointment.

5. It is the Owner's intent to issue a Notice of Award to the successful Bidder within ten (10) calendar days of the Bid Date. No bid shall be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) calendar days after the opening of bids.

6. Any bid submitted unsealed, or unsigned, without bid bond or received subsequent to the aforementioned date and hour will be disqualified and returned to the bidder.

Direct inquiries to:
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Foundation Notices

**PRIVATE FOUNDATION
ANNUAL NOTICE**

Pursuant to Section 6104 (d) of the Internal Revenue Code, notice is hereby given that the annual return for the calendar year 2012 of THE CARTER FAMILY FOUNDATION, a private foundation, is available at the foundation's principal office for inspection during regular business hours by any citizen who requests it within 180 days after the date of this publication.

The Principal Manager is James W. Carter, Jr., 1406 N. Mitchell Ave., Arlington Heights, IL 60004 (847) 259-8569.

4/25/13 #545325

Probate

**STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
COOK COUNTY,
ILLINOIS
PROBATE DIVISION**

In the matter of the estate of Patricia A. Hall, Deceased
Case No. 13 P 1574
PUBLICATION NOTICE

Notice is hereby given of the death of Patricia A. Hall of Park Ridge, IL. Letters of office were issued on April 4, 2013 to John William Hall, 1327 N. Val, Arlington Heights, IL 60005, Pamela June McRath, 208 East Knob Hill Drive, Arlington Hts., IL 60004, whose attorney is Cary A. Lind, 121 S. Wilke Rd. Suite 407, Arlington Heights, IL 60005, 847-577-0030.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court in Room 1202, Richard J. Daley Center, Chicago, Illinois 60602, or with the representative, or both, on or before October 11, 2013, which date is not less than 6 months from the date of the first publication of this notice and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of any claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it is filed.

/s/ John W. Hall,
/s/ Pamela J. McRath
(Representative)
/s/ Cary A. Lind
(Attorney)
4/11, 4/18, 4/25/13 #

Public Notices

I, Howard Tim Davis, the natural person, and HOWARD TIM DAVIS the artificial person, hereby proclaim, declare and renounce for the public record: I am not a 14 Amendment United States citizen, 3/5 of a human nor chattel property previously claimed by the U.S.A. de facto government and Corporate Entities. My free National and Corrected style is Yahushua Hannibal Bey, and shall be this from this day forward. See Public Record, Superior Court, Cook County Illinois, Miscellaneous Docket # 1308629052 page 1-8, filed 3/27/2013, by clerk Karen A. Yarbrough at 02:46pm
4/25, 5/2, 5/9, 5/16/13 #548211

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
CONCERNING THE INTENT
OF THE BOARD OF PARK COM-
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OR CONDEMNED FOR PARKS
AND FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE
EXPENSES INCIDENT THERETO**

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Park Commissioners of the Park Ridge Recreation and Park District, Cook County, Illinois (the "District") will hold a public hearing on the 2nd day of May, 2013, at 7:30 p.m. The hearing will be held in the Board Room at the Main Park Leisure Center, 2701 W. Sibley Street, Park Ridge, Illinois. The purpose of the Hearing will be to receive public comments on the proposal to sell bonds of the District in an amount not to exceed \$6,300,000, the proceeds of which will be used for the building, maintaining, improving and protecting of land purchased or condemned for parks and for the payment of the expenses incident thereto.

This notice supersedes and replaces that notice published regarding the same topic in the Park Ridge Herald Advocate on April 11, 2013. By order of the President of the Board of Park Commissioners of the Park Ridge Recreation and Park District, Cook County, Illinois. Dated the 25th day of April, 2013.
/s/ Mel Thielen
Secretary
Board of Park Commissioners
Park Ridge Recreation and Park District
Cook County, Illinois

4/25/13 #547641

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Public Hearings

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held before the Planning and Zoning Commission on Tuesday, May 14, 2013, at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers of Park Ridge City Hall, 505 Butler Place, Park Ridge, Illinois, when the following matter will be considered:

**Zoning Case Number
SU-13-02:**

Application by Niko Zafinadis, for a special use to allow for the operation of a ground floor personal service use (hair salon) in the B-4, Uptown Business District, Uptown-Core Subdistrict, including any exceptions from Zoning Ordinance requirements. In accordance with the requirements of Sections 4.6 of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Park Ridge, at the following property, commonly known as: 124 South Prospect Avenue, Park Ridge, IL 60068.

All persons interested in the above described matter are invited to attend and will be heard.

The case file for this matter is available for review in the Department of Community Preservation and Development in City Hall.

Alfredo Marr, Chairman
Planning and Zoning
Commission

4/25/13 #547673

Storage - Legal

Life Storage Centers of Hermosa will hold a public sale to enforce a lien imposed on said property, as described below, pursuant to the Illinois Self-Service Storage Facility Act, Illinois Code 770 ILCS 95/1 to 95/7, at 4:00 PM on Tuesday May 14, 2013 at Life Storage Centers of Hermosa, 4500 W. Grand Ave., Chicago, IL 60639. Phone number is 773-235-8452.

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

Unit #542839

LifeStorage of Humboldt Park will hold a public sale to enforce a lien imposed on said property, as described below, pursuant to the Illinois Self-Service Storage Facility Act, Illinois Code 770 ILCS 95/1 to 95/7, on Tuesday, May 14, 2013 at LifeStorage of Humboldt Park, 4014W. Grand Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, 60651. Phone number is 1-773-235-2800.

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

Tenant Name	Unit #
Chiquita M Carroll	550
Steven Hubbard	115
Christel Williams	983
Sharon Bennett	269
Jessica Castro	343
Camendellia Diaz	145
Ed Drazinski	175
Willie M. Ellis	039
Donnell Hodges	207
Ezell J. Kyles	065
Julio J. Martinez	519
Rebecca Morris	291
Shadade Morris	577
Jordan Mulero	601
Paul Lavene	516
Desiree Rand	098
Eric T. Thomas	149
Edwin Urrutia	612
Robert Wright	180
Tavonne Lequette Kohnke	543
Joaquin Serrano	361
Tenisha S. Shields	438
Lula Turner	204
Eamestine L. Walker	484

4/25, 5/2/13 #543235

Storage - Legal

LifeStorage of Montclare will hold a Public Sale to enforce a lien imposed on said property, as described below, pursuant to the Illinois Self-Service Storage Facility Act, Illinois Code 770 ILCS 95/1 to 95/7 on Wednesday, May 15, 2013.

Location: LifeStorage of Montclare, at 6603 W. Diversy Ave., Chicago, Illinois 60707 (773)237-3030.

Management reserves the right to withdraw any unit from the sale. The contents of the below spaces will be sold at a public sale for cash or credit card. If there is no market value or no bids received, the goods will be disposed.

Registered or Motor Vehicles are sold "As Is / Parts Only" no titles or registration.

Tenant Name	Unit Number
Ms. Robin McLendon	A2104
Edward Samey Sr.	A2106
Edward Samey Sr.	A2153
Angelo Hunt	A2157
Carmen Socite Smith	B1115
Rudy Villareal	B1123
Karol Sadowski	B1166
Jesus Delgado	B2131
Timi Ward	B2173
Ms. Robin McLendon	C2118
Michael Orr	C2153
Jose Pedroza	C2188
Minerva Thomas	C2220
John S. Tan	D1122
Corey Coffey	D1125

4/25, 5/2/13 #547628

NOTICE OF AUCTION

Life Storage Centers of Morton Grove will hold a public sale to enforce a lien imposed on said property, as described below, pursuant to the Illinois Self-Service Storage Facility Act, Illinois Code 770 ILCS 95/1 to 95/7, at 1:00 PM on Wednesday, May 15th, 2013, at LifeStorage Centers of Morton Grove, 6505 West Oakton Street, Morton Grove, Illinois, 60053, 847-966-1899. Management reserves the right to withdraw any unit from sale. Registered or motor vehicles are sold "As Is / Parts Only," no titles or registration.

Tenant Name	Unit #
Patricia Brooks	1141
Joey's Movers	1141
Patricia Brooks	1142
Joey's Movers	1142
Nester Nano	1535
DBA Belcon Health Care	1157
Alicia E. Bulinski	1699
Bruce Dahm	1131
Bruce Dahm	1121
Guillermo R. Haro	1168
Bruce Watson	1587

4/25, 5/2/13 #545667

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Illinois Self-Storage Facilities Act, a sale will be held on May 15th, 2013, at LifeStorage Centers of Portage Park, 6500 West Dakin Street, Chicago, IL 60634 (773)282-2400. The contents of the below spaces will be sold at a public sale for cash, credit card or certified funds. If there is no market value or no bids received, the goods will be otherwise disposed of.

Tenant Name	Unit #
Pauline Delmaro	Unit # A2179
Haydee Davila	Unit # B2172
Marcy Stanley	Unit # A1104
Clint Gary	Unit # A1103
Renee James	Unit # C1149

You must be 18 years of age, or older to attend our auctions. Auctioneer: Brook Snyder Illinois license #441.001668
4/25, 5/2/13 #547803

Life Storage Centers of Rogers Park will hold a public sale to enforce a lien imposed on said property, as described below, pursuant to the Illinois Self-Service Storage Facility Act, Illinois Code 770 ILCS 95/1 to 95/7, on Wednesday May 15th, 2013, at Life Storage Centers of Rogers Park, 7524 N. Paulina St. Chicago, Illinois, 60626. (773) 381-1417.

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

Storage - Legal

Tenant Name	Unit #
Joseph Wyatt	L34
Martin Anthony Novotny	O11
Martin Anthony Novotny	O12
Sandra Hale	102
Stephanie Wynn	127
Najole Wright	158
Deborah Warner	182
Maunio Rincon	213
Mark Fitzgerald	258
Lesa Hardwick	314
Mary Brown	339
Maryl Sherman	350
Laura Ann Hans	394
Wyvette A. Westbrook	431
Harth Razaa	435
Eric Chavez	442
Correll Gorham	450
Mary - Ann Pilet	477
Peter J. Cris	484
Jesse A. Dismukes	523
Titilayo Shitta	536
Tony F. Cayuela Jr.	554
Marie Ferguson	586
L. Patrick LeFlare	610
Steven Ellis	665
Jessie L. Nimmers	669
Juanita Omoruyi	703
Martin Anthony Novotny	800
Jeremy Hays	801
Martin Anthony Novotny	802
Martin Anthony Novotny	804
Dale Forbes	823
Henry Nishimoto	833
Dotanya Johnson	841
Shemia Brewer	887
Ruth Laing	894
Ronald L. Daniels	896
Rainis L. Underwood	911
Thelma Duckworth	940
Letta Watson	967
Henry Nishimoto	968
Vashti Watson	973
Dominique Brown	1010

4/25, 5/2/13 #545694

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

Tenant Name	Unit #
Wrightville will hold a public sale to enforce a lien imposed on said property, as described below, pursuant to the Illinois Self-Service Storage Facility Act, Illinois Code 770 ILCS 95/1 to 95/7, Wednesday, May 15, 2013, at Life Storage, 3323 West Addison Street, Chicago, Illinois, 60618.	
Management reserves the right to withdraw any unit from sale. Registered or motor vehicles are sold "As Is / Parts Only," no titles or registration.	

4/25, 5/2/13 #544232

Foster Ravenswood Self Storage
1800 W Foster Ave
Chicago IL, 60640

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Section 4 of the Self-Service Storage Facility Act, State of Illinois, the undersigned will sell at a public sale by competitive bidding on:

Date & Time 5-10-13 At 3pm

Units to be auctioned:
Dushani M. Taleyratne # 969
boxes and personal items
Steven Syllas # 46
boxes and personal items

Evgen Kermato # 861
livingroom set, bags and personal items.

Ali Mahboob # 43 boxes.
Violeta Andanova # 716 full of house hold items.

4/18, 4/25/13 #542004

Life Storage Centers of the Southwest Loop will hold a public sale to enforce a lien imposed on said property, as described below, pursuant to the Illinois Self-Service Storage Facility Act, Illinois Code 770 ILCS 95/1 to 95/7, on Tuesday, May 14, 2013, at Life Storage Centers of the Southwest Loop, 601 W. Harrison St., Chicago, IL 60607 (312) 360-1153.

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

Tenant Name	Unit #
Diane McWilliams	115
Tamara Hunter	234
Dejuan Thomas	417
Ernest McCain	443
Terry Daehn	573
Kim Johnson	664
Willie Buggs	754
Raymond Russ	763
Oluwatoyin Arewa	779
Gwen Woolridge	840
Frank Raffaeli	933
Emma Middleton	941
Thomas Fitzgerald	996
Vivian G Bums	1065B
Patrick Book	1070A
Veronica Mayah	1084B

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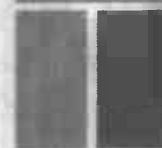
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We're sweet on Miss Dottie's Pound Cake — owner **Tassle Tagarelli** bakes the delicious cakes fresh daily from within a friend's bakery in Chicago, using only organic ingredients. \$25-\$45, (630) 742-3223; Missdottiespoundcake.com

THINGS WE LOVE THIS WEEK



Stop by sushi spot Arami for a sip of Chicago's first private-label sake, Ichibu Torii (meaning "the first gate"). The traditional rice sake has hints of hazelnut, soft cocoa and umami, and is produced by Ohmuraya Brewery in Shizuoka, Japan. \$10/glass, 1829 W. Chicago; Aramichicago.com

Read our lips: We're loving Lip-stick Queen's new navy-blue shade, Hello Sailor. The sheer tone, which goes on lilac and makes teeth whiter and complexions brighter, is available exclusively at Barneys New York. \$25, 15 E Oak; Barneys.com



WHAT HAD YOU TWEETING



Emily Florez
@EmilyFlorezNBC:
@MRelerfordNBC5 you rocked that lace!"@Suntimes_Splash: Lookin' fab in lace in this Sunday's issue of Splash!"



Joe Lupo/Jesse Garza
@VisualTherapy: NYIkram... always on trend RT @JoshIkram On Trend: Ikram Goldman via @Suntimes_Splash



Israel Idonije Fndt @TeamIIF:
Great @iidonije article on TeamIIF's annual humanitarian trip. Thanks, @Suntimes_Splash!



Monika Dixon PR
@MonikaDixon: Many congrats to @mindbodychi for this shout out in @Suntimes_Splash for becoming a mentor at @ImermanAngels!



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"It was a hand-me-down, tan, stick shift Mazda 626. I got it right after 'Pulp Fiction' came out, and I nicknamed it 'Travolta.'"

"A navy blue Ford Granada, which bore more than a slight resemblance to a boat. To honk the horn, you had to push in the long turn signal switch. It was amazing."

"The most expensive Ford Explorer of all time, because I crashed it three times. I swear only two times were my fault."

"My cousin gave me a 10-year-old Jeep stick shift. Took me a solid six months to get the hang of it, but now it's all I drive."

AT THE PHOTO SHOOT

Fall Out Boy's leading men, bassist **Pete Wentz** and singer **Patrick Stump**, entered the Island Def Jam offices in Midtown with their shades on, fresh off a flight from London. Despite getting just an hour of sleep the night before, they were friendly and camera-ready in no time. When they weren't posing and dancing along to Justin Timberlake's "The 20/20 Experience," they reminisced about family, friends and life in Chicago. **See Page 12.**

COVER CREDITS

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ON PATRICK:
Shirt: Topman
Jeans: Levi's
Shoes: Cole Haan

ON PETE:
Top: Givenchy
Undershirt: UNIF
Pants: AllSaints
Shoes: Diesel



"The two [Patrick, left, and Pete] were full of energy and up for it. We didn't have much time together, but we sure had a lot of fun shooting the story for Splash." — **Photographer Diana Scheunemann**



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THE CALENDAR

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● ARTS & CULTURE | ● PHILANTHROPY | ● FOOD | ● FASHION

this week



April 23

● 'RESCUE OUR ANGELS'

Splash columnist **Jenny McCarthy** (above), along with guest hosts **Chris and Jacqueline Laurita** ("The Real Housewives of New Jersey"), **Doug Clerget** ("The Bachelorette") and Miss America contestant **Alexis Wineman**, welcomes guests to this sixth annual event, honoring Generation Rescue founders **Michele and Pete Doyle**. Enjoy cocktails and hors d'oeuvres, with all proceeds benefiting the autism advocacy organization.

Time: 6 p.m.

Place: Studio Paris, 54 W. Hubbard

Cost: \$100. Visit Rescueourangels.com.

April 24-26

● PARIS CLUB FRENCH CHEF SERIES

Michelin-starred chef **Keisuke Matsushima** jets in from France for a three-night guest stint at Paris Club. Combining classic French style with a soupçon of Japanese culinary sensibility, the four-course menu — designed in conjunction with Paris Club chef **Alex Ageneau** — comes complete with wine pairings and La Caravelle Champagne.

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Place: 50 W. Hubbard

Cost: \$75. Call (312) 595-0800 or visit Parisclubchicago.com.



April 25

● 'CELEBRATING GROWTH'

Christopher House welcomes 350 of Chicago's philanthropic and business leaders to Germania House for the organization's biggest fundraiser of the year, which includes dinner, dancing and live and silent auctions. **Diana Rauner** will be honored for her early childhood education work, and proceeds help low-income children and their families with educational and other support services.

Time: 5:30 p.m.

Place: 108 W. Germania

Cost: \$300. Visit Christopherhouse.org/benefit.

April 25

● 'WORDS OF WISDOM'

Educator, author and therapist **Susan Stiffelman** is a parent's best friend, hailed for her straightforward advice on child rearing. Hear her speak at Chicago Children's Theatre's third annual Lunch & Learn event, co-chaired by **Elizabeth O'Connor Cole**, **Sonny Garg** and **Lynn Lockwood Murphy**.

Time: 11:30 a.m.

Place: Union League Club of Chicago, 65 W. Jackson

Cost: \$135. Call (773) 227-0180 or visit Chicagochildrenstheatre.org.

April 26

● 'WONKA BALL 2013: CIRCUS MAXIMUS'

About Face Theatre celebrates 17 years of groundbreaking LGBTQ shows with a big-top inspired bash. Proceeds support the theater's programming, including its Youth Theatre, known for compelling new work by and about queer youth and their allies.

Time: 8 p.m.

Place: Architectural Artifacts, 4325 N. Ravenswood

Cost: \$135. Call (773) 784-8565 or visit Aboutfacetheatre.com.

To honor Autism Awareness Month, Hub 51 and Paris Club will donate \$1 from every specialty cocktail sold, and Bub City will give \$1 from each Mexican Firing Squad cocktail, to Generation Rescue.

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April 26

● 12TH ANNUAL DRIEHAUS AWARDS FOR FASHION EXCELLENCE

Twenty five student designers from five different fashion programs will run their work past a panel of judges — including designers **Ellse Bergman** and **Marie Whitney** and Macy's buyer **Nulee Gee** — at this high-energy runway event benefiting the

Macy's Chicago Fashion Incubator. Benefactors **Inese and Richard H. DrieHaus** join emcee WLS-Ch. 7's **Linda Yu** in welcoming fashion fans for an evening that includes a cocktail reception and an auction conducted by **Leslie Hindman**.

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Place: 700 S. Des Plaines

Cost: \$175 or \$300. Visit DrieHausdesign.org.

April 27

● 'DEAL ME IN'

Play it close to the vest in support of the Israel Sport Center for the Disabled at its seventh annual Poker Tournament and Casino Night. A pioneer in the field of sports rehabilitation, the organization has helped thousands of individuals stay active, empowered and injury-free.

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Place: 350 W. Mart Center

Cost: \$100, \$175 or \$225. Call (773) 875-2425 or visit Afiscd.org.

April 27

● DISCOVERY BALL 2013

Bring out your best black-tie garb to honor the centennial anniversary of the American Cancer Society. "Mike & Molly" star **Billy Gardell** and WLS-Ch. 7 anchor **Ron Magers** will be on hand for this annual gala, with proceeds benefiting the American Cancer Society.

Time: 5:30 p.m.

Place: Radisson Blu Aqua Hotel, 221 N. Columbus

Cost: \$250. Call (312) 279-7214 or visit Discoveryball.org.

April 27

● 'PROMIC-CON'

826CHI, the nonprofit that supports the writing skills of students ages 6 to 18, encourages guests to bust out their inner nerds at this prom-centric benefit at the School of the Art Institute. Geek it up in your best costume or don secondhand formalwear for a night of dancing and dweeby abandon.

Time: 8 p.m.

Place: 112 S. Michigan

Cost: \$40. Visit 826chi.org/promic-con.

next week

May 4 KIDS AND KITES FESTIVAL

Cut loose with the family in the great outdoors at the 15th annual Kids and Kites Festival. The afternoon includes face painting, arts and crafts, balloon artists and, of course, kites, which are provided free of charge.

Time: 10 a.m.

Where: Cricket Hill, near the intersection of Lake Shore and Montrose

Cost: free. Visit Chicagokite.com.

Jordyn Howell enjoys the 14th Annual Kids and Kites Festival at Montrose Harbor in Lincoln Park. | JOHN WHITE, SUN-TIMES

April 29

● SHINING STAR BALL

Celebrate 25 years of the Shining Star Ball, Clearbrook's annual black-tie fundraiser. WLS-Ch. 7 anchor **Ravi Balchwal** serves as emcee, and the night also features a raffle, live auction and music from **The Dan Hayes Orchestra**. Proceeds benefit Clearbrook Clinic, which provides occupational, physical, speech and behavioral therapies to children and adults with developmental disabilities.

Time: 7 p.m.

Place: Four Seasons Hotel Chicago, 120 E. Delaware

Cost: \$500. Visit Clearbrook.org.

April 30

● CHICAGO COMMUNITY TRUST 98TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

A vital conduit between donors and those in need, the Chicago Community Trust celebrates nearly a century of philanthropy with an evening at the Harris Theater for Music and Dance. Enjoy dinner, music and a conversation with **Michael Pollan**, best-selling author of *The Omnivore's Dilemma* and *In Defense of Food*.

Time: 5 p.m.

Place: 205 E. Randolph

Cost: \$125. Call (312) 616-8000 or visit Cct.org/98celebration.

May 1

● 14TH ANNUAL WOMEN IN SCIENCE FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON

Former Mayor **Richard M. Daley** serves as guest speaker at the Women's Board of the Field Museum's annual luncheon and fundraiser. Themed "The Chicago Legacy: From Burnham to Daley," (a current museum exhibit), the presentation is emceed by WFLD-Ch. 32 anchor **Bob Sirott**. Proceeds benefit the Board's Science Fellowship, which is awarded to a female graduate student.

Time: 10:30 a.m.

Place: Field Museum, 1400 S. Lake Shore

Cost: \$150. Visit Fieldmuseum.org/support/fellowship-luncheon.

May 3

● 'BUTTERFLY BALL'

Inspired by its current exhibition, "Food: The Nature of Eating," the Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum's spring bash, themed "Savour

Nature," celebrates food and gardening with a farm-to-table dinner, dancing, a raffle and an auction, with proceeds benefiting the institution's education initiatives.

Time: 6 p.m.

Place: The Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum, 2430 N. Cannon

Cost: \$600. Call (312) 553-2000 or visit Naturemuseum.org.

May 4

● 'SEEDS OF HOPE'

Taking place among the bright blooms of the Chicago Botanic Garden, CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) Lake County's ninth annual fundraiser honors **Staffan Schuberg** with the 2013 Terri Zenner award for his work with children and the community. **Micah Materre** of WGN-Ch. 9 hosts, and proceeds benefit CASA.

Time: 6 p.m.

Place: 1000 Lake Cook, Glencoe

Cost: \$350. Visit Casalake-county.com.



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BRICKS AND IVY BALL

BATTER UP

Starlin Castro signs a baseball for Flinn Kibby.

Tom and Cece Ricketts

Laura Schoch and Beth Lamotte

The event drew more than 800 guests and raised \$1.2 million.

BY KATERINA BIZIOS

Thanks to the third annual Bricks and Ivy Ball, the Chicago Cubs Charities can add \$1.2 million to their scoreboard. The homerun event drew more than 800 guests to Navy Pier's Grand Ballroom (600 E. Grand) April 11. An all-star line up of attendees — including **Tom Ricketts, Theo Epstein, Ernie Banks and Kerry Wood** — turned up to support the organization, which funds programs geared toward youth sports access and improvements in health, fitness and education for at-risk kids. The evening included a heartfelt video that showed players **Darwin Barney, David DeJesus, Anthony Rizzo and Jeff Samardzija** interviewing Chicago youth who've been helped by the Cubs Charities, dinner and live and silent auctions.

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

Laura Ricketts

David and Kimberly DeJesus

Kerry and Sarah Wood

Theo Epstein

WMAQ-Channel 5's Cheryl Scott and Andy Lane

Darwin Barney and Anthony Rizzo

Chef Alain Roby and Ernie Banks with Roby's chocolate bust of Banks, which he donated to the auction.

PHOTOS BY RAMZI DREESSEN



FAST TRACK

KATE MCLENAGHAN
in a vintage dress at the
Four Seasons Chicago

**STACIE MCCLANE
MICKELSON**
in BCBGMAXAZRIA
at McGrath Acura

**SARAH
ELLIOTT**
in Zara
at McGrath Acura

**NICOLE
MARIE**
in BCBG at the Four
Seasons Chicago

CORRI MCFADDEN
in Zara and Seven for All
Mankind at
McGrath Acura

**COURTNEY
ELLIOTT**
in Karen Millen at the
Four Seasons Chicago

The race is on for most stylish partygoer, and the current frontrunners have streamlined their outfits with stark black and white, donning the color combo on everything from formal gowns to fierce skinnies. For a chic and simple look, stick to minimal makeup in shades of nude, as seen on the Balenciaga runway in March. Or be daring by adding pops of bright color for a va-va-voom look that's sure to grab attention. Our favorite? A rich, matte red lip, a swipe of mascara and matching fire-engine nails. The high-octane look is the perfect way to earn your fashion (racing) stripes.

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Carol Prins and John Hart



Ramsey and Jan Lewis



Mirja Haffner and Francee Harrington



WFLD-Channel 32's Robin Robinson

LEARNED BY *art*

BY KATERINA BIZIOS

Student artists from the Chicago High School for the Arts (ChiArts) had the chance to exhibit their talents April 11 at the school's Kerfuffle! event, held at the Museum of Contemporary Art (220 E. Chicago). Guests perused artwork while sipping cocktails and later enjoyed entertainment by the ChiArts Jazz Combo and solo singers from the Music Conservatory. Attendees included Mayor Rahm Emanuel, Linda Johnson Rice, Desiree Rogers, Ramsey and Jan Lewis and emcee Robin Robinson. Nearly \$300,000 was raised for ChiArts, which provides intensive pre-professional training in the arts and a comprehensive college preparatory curriculum for Chicago high school students.

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PHOTOS BY ROBERT CARL



Jay Franke and David Herro

AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION'S HEART BALL



Sharla and Tim Jahnke

HEART BEAT

BY KATERINA BIZIOS

Over the past three decades, the American Heart Association's Heart Ball has raised more than \$14 million to fight heart disease and stroke. This year, more than 800 guests filled Navy Pier's Grand Ball Room (600 E. Grand) April 13 for the

31st annual event, co-chaired by Elkay Manufacturing CEO Tim Jahnke and his wife Sharla and hosted by WMAQ-Channel 5's Kye Martin. The evening shined a spotlight on Dr. Stephen Archer, who received this year's Heart of Gold Award, and on 10-year-old Sophia Burt, a congenital heart disease survivor who shared her story and thanked the crowd for their support. More than \$1.7 million was raised to support the organization's research, education and community programs.

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PHOTOS BY BILL RICHERT



Fawn Lopez, Bill Petasnick and Irene Thompson



Sophia Burt, a congenital heart disease survivor

MESSAGE OF HOPE GALA

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Julene Stellato and Margot Pritzker



Adam and Nora Gifford



Michael and Ingrid Morris participate in the interactive stations.



Martha Metz, Joe Sillich and Tina Trott

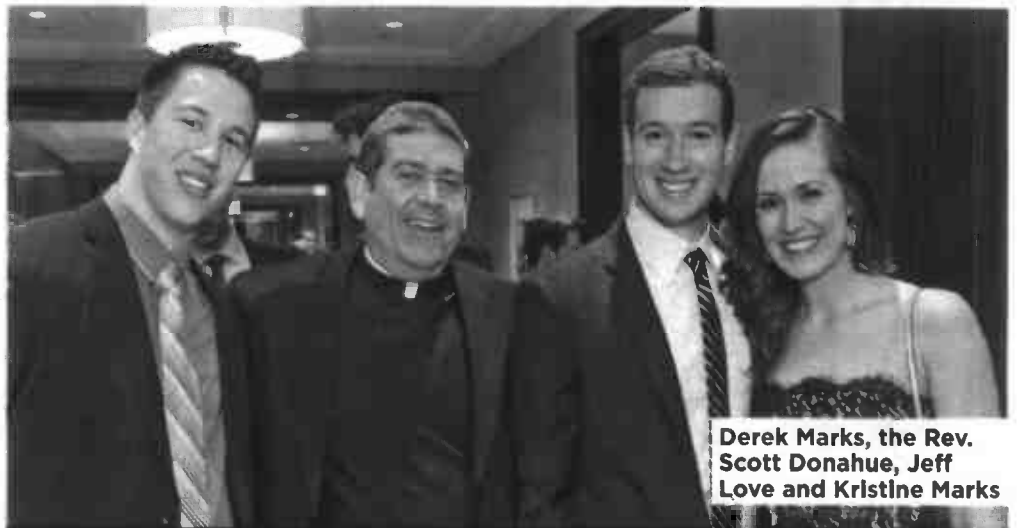
BY KATERINA BIZIOS

On April 12, more than 500 guests rallied for the world's children during UNICEF's sixth annual Message of Hope gala. Interactive stations were set up at the Four Seasons Hotel Chicago (120 E. Delaware) to help educate attendees on the organization's mission to provide children and families with access to safe water and sanitation. Co-chair **Martha Metz** spoke at length about one of UNICEF's goals: reducing the death rate of children from preventable diseases to zero. UNICEF's Next Generation Chicago board of young professionals hosted the afterparty, where revelers danced the night away. The evening raised a record \$913,000 to help support UNICEF's global survival and development programs for children.

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PHOTOS BY LILIANE CALFEE

HAVE MERCY! SPRING GALA



Derek Marks, the Rev. Scott Donahue, Jeff Love and Kristine Marks

MERCY BEAUCOUP

BY KALYN KAHER

More than 400 guests made themselves at home at the Trump International Hotel and Tower Chicago (401 N. Wabash) April 10 during Mercy Home for Boys and Girls' sixth annual Have Mercy! spring gala. Hosted by the organization's Junior Board, the evening included eating, drinking and dancing to tunes from **DJ Ryan Pullano**. A silent auction, with items such

as Bulls floor seats, signed Blackhawks memorabilia, Lollapalooza passes and a one-night stay at Trump International Hotel and Tower, helped raise nearly \$80,000 to benefit Mercy Home's Legacy of Learning campaign, an initiative that guarantees access to education for every child under the organization's care.

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Lindsay Scandiff and Mike Psaltis



Charlene Yaneza and George Nolan



DJ Ryan Pullano



Laura Blake, Stefanle Schumann and Jackle Pilon

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Is it OK to fantasize about someone else but not go any further than that? Is it good for a marriage, or is it bad? As long as it doesn't lead to anything, I would think it's alright. What do you think?

—Marty from Illinois

Jenny says: Of course it's OK! I'll be the first to tell you I've had myriad bedroom fantasies. With the constant barrage of sexy images all across the media, it's hard not to wonder what it would be like to be with someone else.

A little erotic daydreaming can be normal. Psychologists say that sexual fantasies can actually improve the quality of a relationship. Sex starts in the brain, so when you're imagining yourself taking

part in any form of physical activity it helps your body get ready. So, let your thoughts run wild and have fun — it will not ruin your marriage. In fact, fantasizing might even enhance your sex life. The more you think about it, the more you want to have it!

A word of caution: For most, imagining having a steamy session with another person will remain only a fantasy. However, if those thoughts go from occasional to frequent, you may be more likely to act out on

your desires.

So, as long as you're able to keep your third-party fantasies in your brain and not your bed, your thoughts are private and a safe way to spice things up — plus, your partner will ultimately benefit. It's a win-win situation.

Send questions
to Askjenny
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HIGH OCTANE

sunday in the life

Rick Mancuso, owner of Lake Forest Sports Cars and racing aficionado, shifts gears for his Sunday in Chicago

BY ZAK STEMER

Rick Mancuso spends his days at Lake Forest Sports Cars (990 N. Shore, Lake Bluff) surrounded by Ferrari Enzos and Aston Martin Vanquishes, the car made popular by James Bond in "Die Another Day." To put that in perspective (in case you're not a car connoisseur), it's much like singing karaoke with Adele and Sting: A little intimidating and very, very exciting. But this is the high-speed world that Mancuso has made his home. "We deal with limited-volume, high-performance, elegant and beautifully built cars," he explains of his Lake Forest dealership. The spot specializes in five brands: Aston Martin, Ferrari, Lotus, Maserati and McLaren, with "one or two more brands possibly coming soon," he hints.

And Mancuso isn't slowing down: He's gearing up to go full-throttle with his business, opening a new McLaren showroom downtown with his brother **Rob Mancuso** at the corner of Huron and Clark in June. "It will be the first McLaren satellite showroom in the country," he says. "We'll try to do a couple of showrooms like that around the city — smaller, boutique-type centers where customers can learn about the cars and get the experience."

When he's out of the office, Mancuso likes to be on the track. He's spent the past 25 years proving his mettle on the racecourse, completing the arduous 24 hours of Daytona endurance race three times along with a slew of other impressive racing victories. Now, motorsport has become a family activity for Mancuso, one that he shares with his two sons, **Adam** and **Nick**. "They're better drivers, and never fail to remind me of that," Mancuso says, laughing. "We have a few grudge matches coming up, though."

Here, the king of the track hits the gas on his perfect Sunday.



8 A.M.

Mancuso takes a drive (usually in his favorite Aston Martin Vantage) to Luxbar (18 E. Bellevue) for a healthy oatmeal breakfast with his friends.



10 A.M.

Mancuso takes his time on the drive back to the North Shore. "My time by myself is important to me — my music, my temperature, my environment. It's therapeutic."



2 P.M.

After spending a few hours at the office, Mancuso pops into Smith's Mens Store (770 N. Western, Lake Forest) for some shopping and mingling. "It's always about the people. I have good friends there," he says.



5:30 P.M.

The Mancuso clan heads back downtown to The Capital Grille (633 N. St. Clair) for an early dinner. When deciding what to eat, "I listen to the waiter's suggestions, and it's always good," he says.



8 P.M.

Mancuso and his wife head to the Regal Theatre (300 Parkway, Lincolnshire) to take in a movie. "I like the complete opposite of what my wife enjoys," he jokes. "I like high-activity movies." A recent favorite? "Zero Dark Thirty" with Jessica Chastain.

10:30 P.M.

He ends the night with a quick workout — light weights and Pilates — at his Lake Forest home.

BREAKING THE FALL

Fall Out Boy's Pete Wentz and Patrick Stump on their time off, turning out a new album and taking a rock 'n' roll risk

STORY BY JOHN DUGAN | PHOTOS BY DIANA SCHEUNEMANN

I don't think we're the biggest band in the world, but any time you're in a band, you're in a bubble. People appreciate you, or are paying attention to you, at the very least," says Fall Out Boy's Patrick Stump. "When you get out into the world, though, you're just like everybody else."

But the local band has always stood out from the crowd — Fall Out Boy is among Chicago's biggest music success stories of the previous decade. Named for a "Simpsons" character, the band was formed in Wilmette in 2001 by hard-core scene vets Pete Wentz, Joe Trohman and Stump. The trio's sound was very much inspired by Green Day's catchy, snotty punk and rapid tempos and by The Get Up Kids, a '90s-era band from Kansas City that headed up the second wave of what some call "emo" — a punk sound that marries controlled rock aggression with emotional vulnerability.

FOB released its first indie full-length album, "Take This To Your Grave," in 2003, then signed to Island Records for 2005's "From Under the Cork Tree," which went multiplatinum in an age of otherwise slipping sales. Stump and Wentz emerged as the leaders of the band, with bassist and lyricist Wentz becoming an unlikely alt-punk heartthrob for MTV's "TRL" set. He nearly overdosed on anti-anxiety meds during the making of "Cork Tree," and by 2008 had married pop singer Ashlee Simpson (they divorced in 2011).

As quickly as they'd risen to fame, Fall Out Boy began a descent. The band's fifth album, "Folie à Deux," expanded their sound palette, but was a commercial disappointment, despite guest spots from Elvis Costello and Lil Wayne. In late 2009, the band issued a greatest hits album and announced an indefinite hiatus, citing the strain of Wentz's celeb marriage on the band. It appeared that this Boy's life was winding down.

"It is really important to have to sit there and pay your bills, mow your lawn and do some dishes," says 28-year-old lead singer/guitarist/tunesmith Stump (married in Chicago this past September) on the band's time away from the spotlight. The growing-up time, he contends, made his excitement about a new record possible.

But in the three years before their hush-hush reunion in late 2012, neither Stump nor his bandmates gave up on music. Quite the contrary: Wentz, 33, made electro tunes



with Black Cards; guitarist Trohman, 28, and drummer Andy Hurley, 32, played in metal projects like The Damned Things; and Stump released a solo album, "Soul Punk," in which he played all instruments and experimented with styles that guitar-heavy Fall Out Boy would never touch.

Until now. The quartet's new album, "Save Rock and Roll," ventures into uncharted territory, favoring the clubby end of the radio dial. Synths and electronics propel tunes such as club anthem "My Songs Know What You Did in the Dark (Light Em Up)," while "Just One Yester-





day" recalls Adele, of all people. Despite the title, the album is largely devoid of the rock guitar layers that usually form the skin of a FOB tune. Stump's solo album, it seems, indicated a new direction for the band — which was his strategy all along. "I wanted to do a record and get out some of these ideas so we could force it into the band," he explains.

A "return-to-form record," as Stump calls it, would have probably easily pleased the faithful suburban emo kid. But rehashing the band's fervent and cathartic punk was not an option that Stump seriously entertained.

"There's a Picasso quote, something along the lines of, 'Even plagiarism would be preferable to repeating one's self.' " he says. "Repeating one's self as an artist is a negative thing, unless you can find a valid reason for it. We looked at ourselves and said, 'Is there any reason to do this thing again?'"

To hammer that point home, the band announced the album by posing for an Instagram photo, taken in snowy Chicago,



in which they are burning their previous albums. And to nail down the new sound, FOB reconvened (a difficult feat, considering Stump and Wentz spend most of their time in L.A., Trohman in New York and Hurley in Milwaukee) and began work with producer Butch Walker, whose credits include Pink, Weezer and Taylor Swift albums, at his Santa Monica studio.

On top of all that, they didn't tell their label what they were up to. "The ability to make this album in secret was great, because there weren't expectations," says Wentz. "It allowed us to take our time — and we could throw it out if we wanted to."

There were false starts: Wentz and Stump (who fuse the former's lyrics and the latter's compositions by way of adjacent studios) tossed out tunes that either didn't make sense in the Fall Out Boy anthology or sounded too much like classic Fall Out Boy. Wentz's latest lyrics, he thinks, benefit from his time taking a break from the machinery of fame and from FOB's reflexive, drawn-from-a-diary personal viewpoint.

"Sometimes when you broadcast so much, it becomes white noise. [Being away] allowed me to home in on what I thought was important," he says. "In the past, I've written a love song like, 'This song is vaguely about the perils of celebrity,' or stuff that people can't relate to. On this album, it was about trying to make concise statements that are relatable to more people, because that's what we attempted to do with the band when we began."

Previous album collaborations featured everyone from Jay-Z to Debbie Harry, and "Save Rock and Roll" has star turns from Courtney Love, rapper Big Sean and Elton John. The guest spots seemed to materialize serendipitously, says Stump. "Elton John reached out to us and said, 'Hey, I just wanted to say I really like the single.' We hadn't finished mixing the album, so we said, 'Hey, you're a fan, would you be interested in working together?'" Elton was on board to sing on the title track.

The most surprising bit about "Save Rock and Roll" is not that it exists, or that it is an of-the-moment pop album. It's that Fall Out Boy has the mettle to take a risk and shed the youthful skin that once made it a staple for high-schoolers and tweens. "Save Rock and Roll" is an audacious album that positions rock not as a fixed sound, but as an attitude, and an adventurous record that the guys say they had to make to even consider giving FOB another turn. But it seems that sense of adventure is what fuels Stump and Wentz.

That and their influence on youth. Wentz says he relishes "the possibility that this album could reach somebody the way that 'Dookie' by Green Day reached me, and let me know it was OK to be this weird kid at my school. If this record could be in any way like that, could in any way inspire those kids or unlock that in them, that's what we're inspiring those kids to do."

SIDE NOTES

WENTZ ON THE MUSIC BUSINESS: "When you become successful in any industry, how well you do becomes attached to quarterly sales performance. These guys who are like, 'How your record does is going to affect how our company does.' That's fine in a lot of industries ... but it doesn't really work in art, know what I'm saying?"

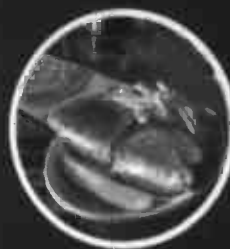
WENTZ ON HIS

DIVORCE: "When somebody used to ask me questions about it in interviews, that would drive me crazy. I would have a fit about it. Now, if you don't react to it, it goes away. I still get asked the same questions, when we're doing morning radio. If I don't react to it, then it doesn't become a big thing."



STUMP ON BEING EMO: "Anyone active in the indie and rock and punk scenes in the Midwest knows that emo was a thing, emo was an actual scene that actually existed that had a defined movement and a lot of defined bands. And we were NOT welcome in that world. When we got successful, people started throwing that word at us. Well, cool, but in my understanding of that word, we're not that. We're always trying to be ourselves."

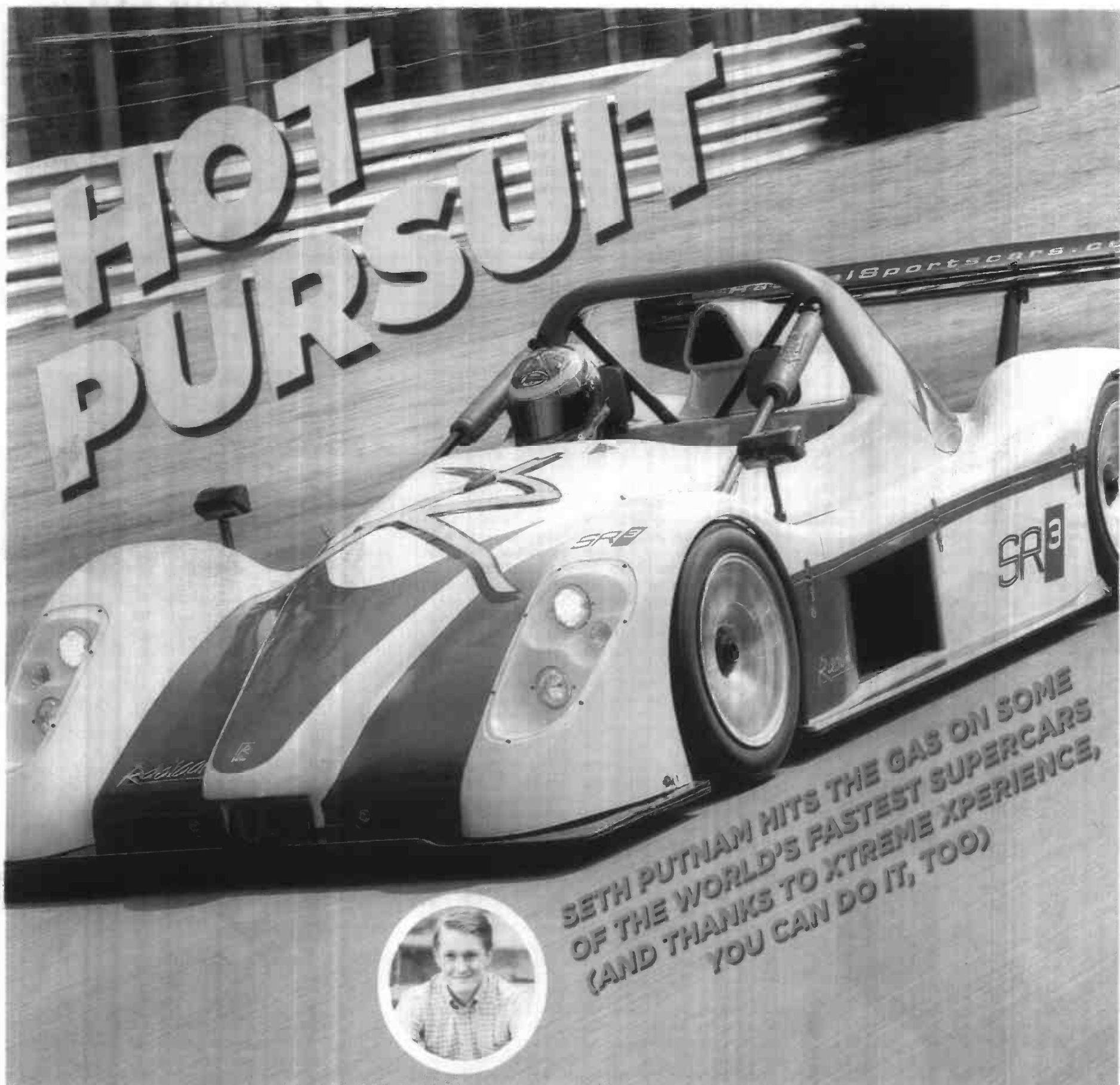
WENTZ'S CHICAGO HAUNTS: "I like to go to the Shedd Aquarium at night and look at the dolphins swim. I like to hang around my parent's old neighborhood and kind of remember what it was like growing up. In the summer, I go to the beach, go to shows at the Metro, go to Pick Me Up Cafe (at left) and maybe Strange



Cargo and Angels & Kings in the Hard Rock. I hang out with old friends, mostly."



Pete Wentz (from left), Joe Trohman, Patrick Stump and Andy Hurley of Fall Out Boy chat backstage before a show. | GETTY



SETH PUTNAM HITS THE GAS ON SOME
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(AND THANKS TO XTREME XPERIENCE,
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The Lamborghini's thick leather steering wheel feels like a pair of bull's horns in my hands. The exhaust rumbles with a powerful snort, signaling the machine's intent.

It's a Gallardo LP 560-4 Spyder, to be exact, and if the convertible's \$231,000 price tag didn't immediately strike a healthy fear into me, the 552 horses chomping at the bit beneath the hood certainly do.

The instructor in the passenger seat gives me all the coaching I'll need to get through the 3 1/2-mile track at the Autobahn, a country club for car enthusiasts in Joliet. To begin, he tells me to ease off the brake and punch the gas. We're off like a whip crack, galloping at 60 mph within four seconds. As we approach the first bend, he points out the traffic cones that mark the turning path, and we brake in a straight line before releasing the pedal, gliding through the apex and mashing the throttle on the exit. The car lurches forward and the acceleration pins us to our seats. In that split second, I can tell that this feeling — the pure elation I'm experiencing from driving a supercar for the first time — may never wear off.

The guy next to me is Joe Moore, the vice president of marketing for Xtreme Xperience, a Chicago-based company that makes exotic cars accessible to average drivers at various tracks across the country — from the Joliet Autobahn to the legendary Talladega in Alabama. "Real supercars on real racetracks with real instruction: That's our entire foundation," Moore says. "These cars have a racing heritage, and they've got racecar technology. They should be driven on a racetrack."

Growing up, Moore was a car kid: giant Lamborghini Diablo poster in his bedroom, model Speedsters, experimental projects with the lawn mower engine. But before he knew it, he found himself with a business degree and a desk job at a large marketing agency. That wasn't the plan. "I wanted to go to college to be an automotive engineer," he says. "My dream when I was 18 was to actually build cars."

So when his college roommate, Adam Olalde, who was working for a luxury rental car company, suggested they start their own business focusing on track time in powerful machines with expert instruction, Moore didn't need much convincing. He and Olalde joined forces to create Xtreme Xperience, providing rookie racers with the chance to take the supercars on a high-powered spin while accompanied by local pros who are native to each track. In the year since the business got off the ground, they've partnered with 15 tracks across the country to create a full experience that offers at least three laps in a customer-chosen supercar for about \$400.

Like any good luxury hobby — golf, wine, cigars — there are endless threads to explore, from the characteristics and specs of the cars to the nuances of each track. For the Autobahn, the closest Xtreme Xperience track to Chicago, Moore recommends the Audi R8, which offers a balanced setup perfect for the 1,200-foot straightaways and the track's combination of acute and obtuse turns. But the varied characteristics of the cars and tracks are just bonuses. The most important reason Xtreme Xperience exists, Moore explains, is to give regular folks the chance to play with big toys that are, most of the

time, economically out of reach.

"For a lot of people, this is a bucket-list activity," he says. "We had a guy from Maranello, Italy, where they make Ferraris. He grew up next to these cars but never got to drive one, and he came out to drive with us at Autobahn. He was crying."

The wind is jetting smoothly above our heads as we complete our third lap in this demon of an automobile, surging effortlessly past 100 mph. As we cross the finish line, the Lamborghini brakes crisply into its place, ready for the next wide-eyed driver. I let go of the bull's horns, feeling a bit like a matador. But instead of one of us conquering the other, the beast and I have simply learned how to move together.

Xtreme Xperience; Thextremexperience.com.
Autobahn Country Club, 3795 CenterPoint Way, Joliet;
Autobahncc.com.

Upcoming local Xtreme Xperience events

June 27-30 at Autobahn Country Club (Joliet)

July 5-8 at GingerMan Raceway (South Haven, Mich.)

July 13-14 at Blackhawk Farms Raceway (South Beloit, Ill.)



Top: aerial view of the Autobahn Country Club
Bottom: Writer Seth Putnam gets behind the wheel of a Lamborghini Gallardo.

Meet the Cars

Xtreme Xperience's fleet includes a range of exotic makes from Lamborghini to Mercedes-Benz. Here are three of our favorites:

Porsche 997/911 Turbo
MSRP: \$137,000
Engine: Rear-Engine 3.6L TT H6
Horsepower: 473 hp at 6,000 rpm
Top speed: 198 mph
0-60 mph: 3.7 seconds

Ferrari F430 F1
MSRP: \$218,000
Engine: Mid-Engine 4.3L V8
Horsepower: 483 hp at 8,500 rpm
Top speed: 196 mph
0-60 mph: 4.0 seconds

Audi R8 4.2 FSI Quattro
MSRP: \$150,000
Engine: Mid-Engine 4.2L V8
Horsepower: 520 hp at 7,900 rpm
Top speed: 187 mph
0-60 mph: 4.4 seconds



On the FLY

Erica Strama, The Shops at North Bridge style expert, hits the road with her top travel necessities



1. Oribe: purse-sized dry texturizing spray, \$19.50, Blowtique, 1 E. Huron; Oribe.com

"This little miracle spray does it all. It adds volume, keeps frizz at bay (especially in humidity) and has UV protection. Plus, I can skip a shampoo without sacrificing style."

2. Tory Burch: Catarina silk caftan cover-up, \$375, Nordstrom, 520 N. Michigan; Shop.nordstrom.com

"This is so much more than a cover-up. I plan to wear this from brunch to the beach to the bar."

3. Luna: chocolate-dipped coconut bar, \$0.99, Whole Foods, 1101 S. Canal; Lunabar.com

4. Patagonia: women's Torrentshell jacket, \$129, 1800 N. Clybourn; Patagonia.com

"I never realized how much I needed a rain

jacket until my husband bought me this one before our trip to Europe. It packs into its own pocket so it's super convenient to throw in your bag while you're sightseeing."

5. Acure: USDA organic argan facial oil, \$18, Ruby Room, 1743-45 W. Division; Rubyroom.com

"I'm always looking for products that pull double-duty. It sounds crazy, but this argan oil is a face and hair serum all in one. And a portion of the proceeds benefit one of my favorite nonprofits, Bright Pink!"

6. Maui Jim: Ailana sunglasses, \$289, Nordstrom, 520 N. Michigan; Shop.nordstrom.com

"My eyes are sensitive to sunlight, so I'm always looking for stylish frames with polarized lenses."

7. Peter Thomas Roth: Instant mineral powder SPF 45, \$30, Sephora, 520 N. Michigan; Sephora.com

"I'm serious about sunscreen, and this mineral powder is great for on-the-go touch-ups. It's the perfect no-mess solution for reapplying at the beach."

8. Anne Taintor: I Love Not Camping luggage tag, \$9.99; Annetaintor.com

9. Flight 001: emergency charger, \$20; Flight001.com

"These days, my phone doubles as my camera, so I can't afford to run out of power. I keep this in my bag at all times to get a charge on-the-go."

10. Bose: SoundLink Bluetooth mobile speaker, \$299.95, 520 N. Michigan; Bose.com

"This wireless speaker is compatible with any smartphone and works off of Bluetooth technology so you can listen to hours of music on the beach."

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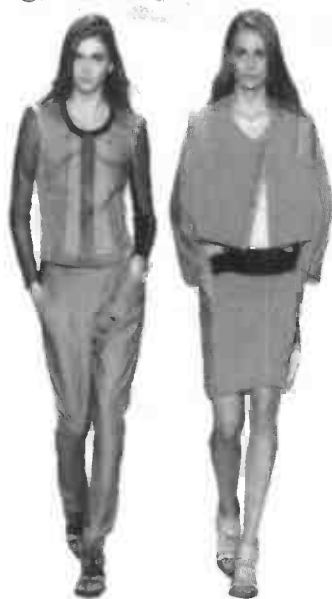
Michael and Nicole Colovos, the husband-wife duo behind Helmut Lang, debut their bright spring collection

BY ZAK STEMER

It's seems unlikely that a Spaniard and a New Zealander, both based in New York, could come together and design clothing that is so utterly Chicagoan. Yet that's exactly what **Michael and Nicole Colovos** have done with Helmut Lang, the line they took over after Mr. Lang stepped down in 2005.

The couple, who was in Chicago for a personal appearance last month, form a unique design dynamic: Michael has a pure fashion background — he attended the Fashion Institute of Technology in New York — while Nicole was previously a senior market editor for Harper's Bazaar magazine. They decided to go into business together in 2002, launching the denim line Habitual, and were quickly recognized as a fashion force, winning the first CFDA/Vogue Fashion Fund award for emerging designers.

As the creative directors of Helmut Lang, a brand known for its edgy and deconstructed design, they sketch with a specific woman in mind: "Sophisticated and tough, but



still sexy and chic," says Michael. It's a woman with a Midwestern work ethic — she can run a company by day and a family by night (much like Nicole, who balances work with three young children at home). And with the line's special focus on creating outerwear, it's a brand that's perfectly geared toward Chicago's capricious weather.

Their spring collection, currently carried at Chicago locations like Saks Fifth Avenue, Nordstrom and Barneys New York, breaks away from Helmut Lang's typical neutral color palette and dives into color with vibrant hues of amber and orange, cerulean blues and fire engine reds. "We were originally inspired by these crustaceans in some photographs we saw," explains Nicole. "We love these colors, these textures and the translucency. It's the idea of the wet look." True to their history of incorporating high-tech fabrics, this collection features wool-nylon hybrids, laminated cottons and a Japanese fabric that is made with the same fibers used in TV screens. By mixing the fabrics with their newfound color craze, they've created standout pieces like a glossy linen jacket in cardinal red (\$495), a chroma cutout dress in shimmering citrine (\$435) and a nylon mesh dress with a printed aquamarine kaleidoscopic pattern (\$735).

Nicole and Michael design with a scientific approach, paying close attention to every material selection and silhouette proportion and whittling the design down until there's nothing left to take away. "I'm very detail-oriented," says Michael. "I like to look at classic things and then chop off a lapel to make it look less obvious. But you can try too hard to do something different just for the sake of being different. I love classic with something that gives it a twist or an edge."

Every season, the couple tries to find a new twist. "We want to mix it up for our customer. After a while you look in your wardrobe and say, 'I hate everything in my wardrobe! I want all new things,'" Nicole jokes. "We're women, we're very fickle."

While Helmut Lang continues to evolve each season with new silhouettes in new shades, they're committed to preserving their classic looks — and making them available at a lower price point — with their diffusion line Helmut Helmut Lang (dresses start at \$125). "It's our timeless pieces," says Nicole. "There are certain blazers that we've done that people still love and still want." Although by that logic, it could easily carry almost everything in the Lang repertoire.

Shop Helmut Lang at Saks Fifth Avenue, 700 N. Michigan, Saks-fifthavenue.com; Nordstrom, 520 N. Michigan, Nordstrom.com; Barneys, 15 E. Oak, Barneys.com or visit Helmutlang.com to see the entire collection.



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Centuries of style

Hunt for timeless treasures at the 16th Annual Merchandise Mart International Antiques Fair, which runs April 26 - 29. The esteemed event showcases centuries-spanning art, antiques and jewelry from more than 100 of the world's top dealers. \$15 admission, 222 W. Merchandise Mart; Merchandisemartantiques.com

Press 'PAWS'

Stop by Edith Hart April 28 for the latest installment of the boutique's Babes and Bagels series, which benefits animal-



Nicole Miller wedding gown

welfare nonprofit PAWS. Nellcote (833 W. Randolph) is bringing the bagels, freshly forged in its in-house flour mill, and Edith Hart is bringing the fashion — namely, new apparel from brands like Brian Lichtenberg, Otis and McClain, Wildfox and White Suede. 12 - 3 p.m., 1917 N. Damen; Edithhart.com

'Taylor' made

Lord & Taylor's Oak Brook outpost is springing forward with its recent storewide renovation. The awe-inspiring additions include an 8,000-square-foot shoe department — with soles from Stuart Weitzman, Kate Spade and Vera Wang — as well as expanded handbag, fine and fashion jewelry and cosmetics departments. 180 Oakbrook Center; Lordandtaylor.com

Deco midcentury chaise; similar styles available at the Merchandise Mart International Antiques Fair



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ERYN SIEGEL & JIM SNEDIKER

BY KATERINA BIZIOS

Eryn Siegel and Jim Snediker like to approach life with laughter. Siegel, a senior manager in sales development at Pandora, and Snediker, the CEO and founder of Stock Manufacturing Co., a company that designs and manufactures clothing locally, met six years ago while doing improv at Second City Chicago. The two performed together several times, and "many goofy nights" later, they were talking "future puppies and vacation homes," says Siegel. Snediker proposed on Christmas 2011, and the couple immediately started planning for their fall 2012 wedding at Greenhouse Loft (2545 W. Diversey). The ceremony reflected the pair's nontraditional style: Guests threw neon pom-pom balls at the couple at the end of the ceremony and Siegel's mom, a retired art teacher, made decorative vase centerpieces with neon pink rocks. The most ornate detail was Siegel's shoes, a pair of Taryn Rose cream wedges that she spent 40 hours bedazzling with 5,318 Swarovski crystals. Despite her shiny soles, Siegel says a close friend from the couple's Second City days stole the show, officiating the ceremony and bringing their nearly 200 guests to laughter and tears as he recounted anecdotes about the couple. "One guest even admitted they wished the ceremony went on for longer," laughs Siegel. For their closing act, Siegel and Snediker partied with friends and family at Mahoney's (551 N. Ogden), then walked back to their hotel at 5 a.m. with Siegel still in her wedding dress. "No cab would pick us up," says Siegel. "It was priceless."

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CHEERS



• Congrats to **Abby Schwartz Elsenberg**, assistant director of the Institute of Compliance at Chicago-Kent College of Law, and her husband **Chad**, an investment advisor at Vivaldi Capital Management. The couple welcomed daughter **Laken Charlee** last month.



• Harwood Heights residents are cheering the opening of their very own **Marlano's Fresh Market** (7401 W. Lawrence). This marks the 10th store for the local upscale grocery chain, helmed by friend-of-Splash **Bob Marzano** and his wife **Nina** (above).



• Hats off to the Macy's Chicago Fashion Incubator, which has been selected as this year's beneficiary of the Driehaus Awards for Fashion Excellence. The 12th annual fashion show and gala will take place April 26, and all

proceeds will support the Incubator's mission to bridge the gap between education and entrepreneurship for the fashion industry.



• Bravo to **Dan Ochwat**, husband of Splash Art Director **Jessica Sedgwick**, who debuted his short film "Forked"

April 14 at the Boston International Film Festival.

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UNITED PLATES OF AMERICA

Kendal Duque takes the helm at a new River North eatery

BY MOLLY EACH

A two-floor, 17,000-square-foot space with the largest HD TV in the Midwest isn't where you'd expect to find a two-time James Beard-nominated chef. But that's exactly what's happening at new River North spot American Junkie, where **Kendal Duque** (formerly of Sepia, Chicago Firehouse and City Tavern) is bringing his approachable yet sophisticated fare to the bar and restaurant. On the menu? Gourmet bar favorites, such as smoked chicken nachos (\$12) and pork belly sliders with quail egg (\$10), and complex dishes like a sea scallop pasta with artichokes and goat cheese sauce (\$21) and a bison ribeye with Brussels sprouts and mushroom sauce (\$29).

Upon being introduced to the team behind Riot Hospitality Group, which owns American Junkie outposts in Arizona and California, Duque knew it was the right fit. "In the restaurant industry, it's hard to find someone who is very real. But with them, what you see it what you get. It was refreshing." Over a plate of arctic char with a citrus salad (\$17), the chef dished on his career evolution.

Splash: While you were coming up, you worked in some notable kitchens, including Jean Georges. Which stand out to you?

Duque: Rocco [Dispirito] had one of the toughest kitchens. There were people who didn't even last a day. We worked from morning to night, six days a week. It was so tough. He ran a really militaristic kitchen. But he was such an innovative chef. I still use what I learned.

S: Would you say you run a tough kitchen?

D: For me, it's about inspiration, reminding them why they got into this business. With celebrity chefs and the popularization of food in general, a lot of kids are getting into this business [with different expectations]. In reality, it's tough being there 12-14 hours a day, doing the same tasks and sometimes having someone yell at you. So you have to stop and ask them, 'Are you sure

American Junkie chef Kendal Duque



this is what you really want?"

S: How have you seen the industry change since you started out in the 1990s?

D: I grew up in that world of the old-school chef, where they were nobodies — the celebrity thing [hadn't happened yet]. All the horror stories that you'd hear about the yelling and the throwing stuff — I think my generation has sort of eschewed that. But there's a fervor that still lives within us that's almost nostalgic. It's two completely different worlds, and at least I think I sort of have a duty to remind [young chefs] that this is where I came from and why.

S: What do you do in your downtime?

D: Life is short, and now that I'm older, I feel more like there's not enough time in life to do what we want to do. I have a couple TV shows here and there that I watch with my wife, but as chefs, we're always moving a million miles an hour. It's something that you have to love or you sink, because there's always someone more passionate or more creative or someone with more energy. You can never rest on your laurels.

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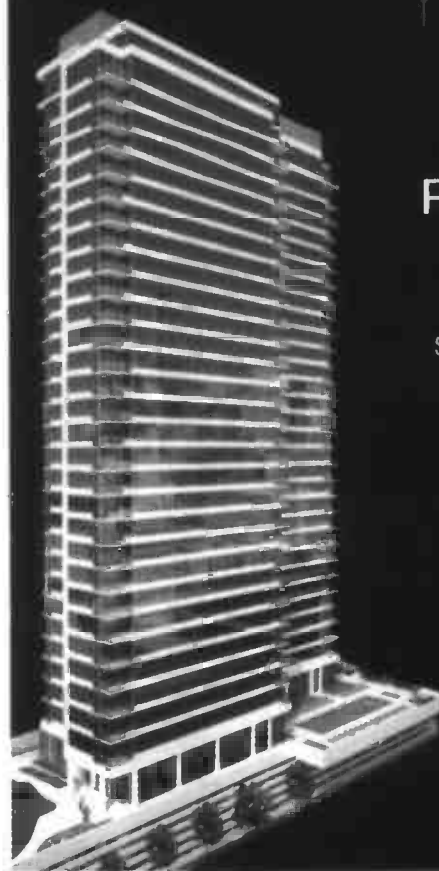
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The exterior of 848 W. Lakeside



Think in multiples

BY LISA SKOLNIK

The key to living beyond your budget may be in a multi-unit property

Want a home that foots some of the bill on its own? Renting it out via Airbnb.com is one way to do it, but there's a lot to be said for the old-fashioned approach of owning a multi-unit property. "The pros are huge," says Jameson Sotheby's International Realty broker **John McGeown** (right, 312-867-2074). "With rent coming in from other units, you can cover a chunk of your mortgage and operating expenses — or even make money — especially if you do the management and maintenance yourself." There are also potential tax advantages: Deductions range from interest on mortgage payments and property taxes to operating expenses and depreciation.

The key is to find the right property for your needs. Most people opt for two- or three-flats, which require less work but also don't bring in the same income, notes McGeown. His listing at 848 W. Lakeside in

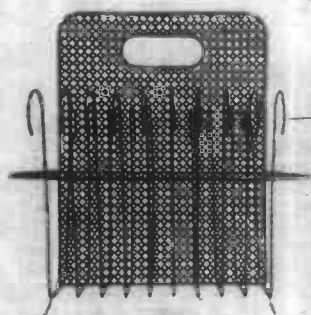


The interior of 848 W. Lakeside

Uptown, a handsome, Prairie-style, 1903 five-flat for \$1.325 million, has a 3,000-square-foot, three-bedroom, two-bathroom owners' unit plus four 1,500-square-foot units that bring in a nice monthly sum. It's also in pristine condition, though keeping it that way will be the measure of success for the next owner. "The DIY approach only works if you're really disciplined," adds McGeown, who also heads High Fidelity Property Management.

FAIR 411

Dozens of prominent art and antiques dealers from across the globe will be showing at the International Antiques Fair April 26-29 at the Merchandise Mart. Drop by and support local talent such as Winnetka gallery Arts 220, which specializes in 20th-century modern pieces. Mathieu Mategot's metal magazine stand (above, \$2,400) and Jean Marias's ceramic hand (\$950) are both stunning examples of French mid-century design. View the full list of vendors at Merchandisemartantiques.com.



Hot commodities



2033 W. Haddon

Smaller multi-unit properties are in high demand right now "because they give you the ability to buy now, earn rental income and turn the place into a single-family in the future," notes Coldwell Banker broker **Pam Rueve** (312-867-8114), whose charming Ukrainian Village two-flat

at 2033 W. Haddon (above), a renovated two-bedroom, two-bathroom Victorian charmer with a one-bedroom rental unit, garnered six offers and sold within hours of hitting the MLS (it closes at the end of May). But there are a slew of similar options out there. Here are some

current multi-unit darlings:

- 2160 N. Bell for \$749,000, a Bucktown three-flat plus coach house (call Baird & Warner broker **Ray Speare**, 773-497-9125).

- 1407 W. Ohio for \$618,000, a West Town two-flat on an

extra wide lot (call Baird & Warner broker **Debra Flynn**, 312-671-1670).

- 6440 N. Bosworth for \$559,900, a Rogers Park three-flat with a three car garage (call Baird & Warner broker **Mark Munro**, 847-477-6937).



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Catching up with the Kardashians

Kim Kardashian and Kanye West's hot romance is already starting to fizzle!

The Hollywood couple — who are expecting their first child together in July — are fighting about several issues, including where to live. Chicago native Kanye reportedly wants to stay in France, where he's been working on an album, but Kim does not want to live away from her L.A.-based family. Sources tell me the relationship has been doomed from the start, and it's only a matter of time before they break up.

"They had a hot romance in the beginning," says the source. "Kanye is very attracted to Kim. However, they come from two different sides of the tracks and ultimately want different things out of life."

"Kanye's life is not as flashy as people expect," the source continued. "This is a guy who didn't have a cell phone until he started dating Kim. He spends hours in the recording studio and he's a homebody. On the other hand, Kim is super flashy and loves to go to all the glamorous Hollywood parties. Their differences are becoming a huge problem in their relationship."

Kardashian legal problems mounting

Kim's relationship is not her only problem these days. Though she's scored recent victories in her divorce case with estranged husband **Kris Humphries**, her legal problems are far from over.



Kim Kardashian and Kanye West at Paris Fashion Week March 3. Inset: Kim was solo at the MTV Movie Awards April 14. | AP PHOTOS

Kim's ex was demanding emails from some of Kim's closed accounts, and April 15, according to reports, the judge denied his request. Kim also won points in court when Humphries failed to appear at a mandatory settlement conference in L.A. However, inside sources tell me the Kardashian family is facing several lawsuits right now involving various deals



Kris Humphries

brokered by mom-ager **Kris Jenner**.

"There are situations where the Kardashians did not follow through with certain obligations in their contracts," the source said. According to another source, some business deals involved people who were very close with the Kardashian family.

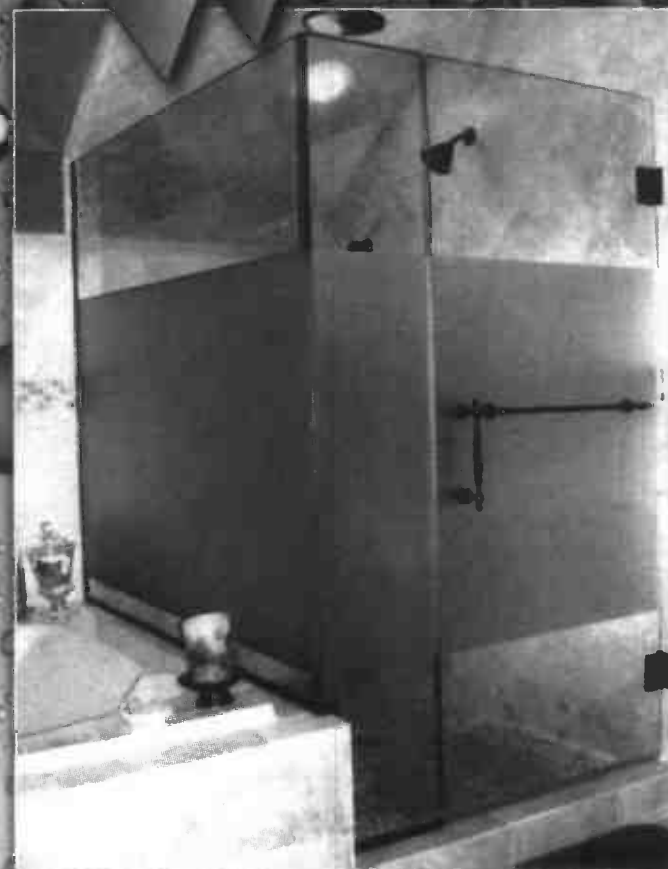
"It's sad, because the Kardashians have let down business associates who considered them family," the source said. "They have turned their backs on a lot of people who helped them build their empire, and burned a lot of bridges. Their actions are catching up with them."

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A cluster of nearby towns make up the Lake Michigan Shore Wine Country, a romantic getaway where couples can forge their own trail and hop from winery to winery. Don't miss the Italian villa-inspired tasting room at Contessa Wine Cellars. 3235 Friday, (269) 468-5534; Contessawinecellars.com

Hammond, Ind.

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Lake Geneva, Wis.

A spacious stretch of sand along-side Riviera Pier, Lake Geneva Beach is a perfect day trip for the whole family — don't forget the picnic cooler and a few rafts for the water. Wrigley Drive, (262) 248-4381; Cityoflakegeneva.com

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Oglesby, Ill.

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In a city full of breweries, the must-do tour is of the Anheuser-Busch headquarters. Make it an adults-only trip and try the Beer School (\$10), where you'll learn ingredients and pairings and master the perfect pour. 12th & Lynch, (314) 577-2626; Budweisertours.com

Wisconsin Dells, Wis.

Pack a swimsuit for this trip: The area offers more than 20 water parks and dozens of activities like kayaking, jetskiing and fishing. Huge resorts offer family-centric fun, or try a more rustic cabin lodging for two. (800) 559-9653; Wisdells.com



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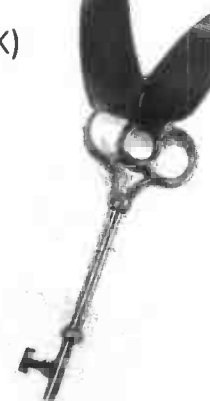
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Bloomington Trail a big boost for Wicker West owners



Big link, big boost: Residents of Wicker West 1555 in the West Town community will benefit greatly from the Bloomington Trail development, a 14.6-acre park and recreation enhancement depicted here that will connect sections of the Bucktown, Wicker Park, Logan Square and Humboldt Park neighborhoods. The rapidly emerging West Town community is targeted for the \$91-million recreational improvement, which includes a planned 2.7 mile-long bike and jogging trail. Work on this massive City of Chicago park and recreational project is expected to begin this summer, with completion in 2015. Wicker West, on the other hand, has only one condo unit left for sale. I SUPPLIED PHOTO

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TODAY'S HOMES ON PAGE 18

HYUNDAI SANTA FE A STRONG CONTENDER IN CUV SEGMENT

BY SUE MEAD

Mottor Matters

Sleeker, bigger and more torque than any others in the class, says Hyundai of the 2013 Santa Fe. Let's get over being surprised by the innovation and consistent good products coming from Hyundai — once deemed a bargain-basement automotive brand. But the fact is Hyundai continues to surprise and delight.

As its sales in the U.S. approach 700,000 vehicles, the automaker is now the fourth best-selling car brand in America. We took a closer look at what's innovative about the Santa Fe.

For starters, there's a completely revamped exterior, more upscale interior amenities, a host of advanced safety technologies, and a more powerful lineup of motors, with impressive fuel economy. The big news is the choice between the short wheel-base (106.3 inches/length 184.6), five-seater version

and the new long wheel-base (110.2 inches/length 193.1), three-row, six- or seven-passenger model. Starting at \$24,450, the 2013 Santa Fe is available in four trim levels: Sport, Sport 2.0T, GLS and Limited.

There are three powertrain options. Base is a 2.4-liter four-cylinder that produces 190 horsepower and 181 pound-feet of torque; it has improved fuel economy and acceleration. Stepping up is a 2.0-liter turbocharged four-cylinder that gets 264 horsepower and 269 pound-feet of torque; a 3.3-liter V6 that delivers 294 horses and 252 pound-feet also is available. All are matched to a six-speed automatic transmission with manual shifting capabilities, and can be ordered in front-wheel-drive or all-wheel-drive configurations.

We drove the 2013 Santa Fe Sport AWD 2.0T (20/27 miles per gallon) over a course of 150 miles

in the Park City, Utah region. Our motoring took us on a wide variety of roads, including unpaved forestry roads. Despite the high-elevation of more than 8,000 feet, we had ample power on tap at all times and the well-modulated brakes (ventilated front and solid rear discs), include ABS with brake assist technology.

On the road, Santa Fe is supported by front MacPherson struts and rear stabilizer bar suspension components. Standard are traction control, stability control and seven airbags, including a driver's side knee airbag.

The 2013 Santa Fe's exterior is more taut and tailored, defined by a wide grille, powerful shoulders and a snipped rear. Designers say

the new look is a more robust evolution of Hyundai's design philosophy of "Fluidic Sculpture." Chrome shines up the grille and door handles, while LED accents brighten headlamps. A roof spoiler is standard, and emphasizes Santa Fe's crouching stance.

Inside, we found increased room, a cushier feel and more technology options. Notable is the comfortable and airy cabin, which is well appointed without a cluttered feel. Storage abounds, including an overhead console sun-glass holder, two front and two rear seat cup holders, door bottle holders, cooled glovebox, enlarged central storage console, front storage bin, front seatback pockets, and an innovative cargo under-tray and floor-board storage.

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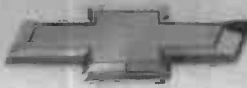
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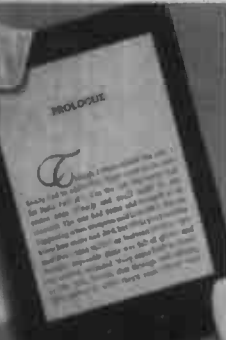
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Big link, big boost: Wicker West 1555 in the West Town community will benefit greatly from the Bloomington Trail development, a 14.6-acre park and recreation enhancement depicted here that will connect sections of the Bucktown, Wicker Park, Logan Square and Humboldt Park neighborhoods.

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Bloomington Trail a big boost for Wicker West owners

The rapidly emerging West Town community is targeted for a \$91-million recreational improvement called the Bloomington Trail, a planned 2.7 mile-long bike and jogging trail.

Plans call for the trail to run along the elevated old Canadian Pacific Railway spur along Bloomington Ave. (1800 North) from Ashland Avenue west to Ridgeway Avenue (3732 West), which is about three blocks east of Pulaski Avenue.

Work on this massive City of Chicago park and recreational project is expected to begin this summer, with completion in 2015.

Some \$53.5 million of the project's cost already is funded by the city and federal government.

The 14.6-acre project will provide a recreational connection to Humboldt Park and include construction of new pocket parks. The trail, which will feature 38 bridges, will connect sections of the Bucktown, Wicker Park, Logan Square and Humboldt Park neighborhoods.

"Wicker West 1555 is only two blocks south of the planned Bloomington Trail and strategically located between established Wicker Park and the airy, 219-acre green recreational space of Humboldt Park," said Realtor Sara Benson, president of Chicago-based Benson Stanley Realty, the exclusive broker.

"Bloomington Trail is West

Town's version of a Lincoln Park jogging and biking trail along Lake Michigan," Benson said.

"When the trail is completed, Wicker West 1555 buyers and neighborhood residents can bike or jog to Humboldt Park or restaurants and shopping in nearby Bucktown and Wicker Park in minutes."

However, there is only one unit left at Wicker West.

The 4-story elevator building, on the southeast corner of North and Talman avenues, was recently purchased by Mosaic Development, LLC, a real estate investment firm, which is completing construction on the building, and marketing the remaining condo unit priced at \$329,000.

Available at Wicker West is Unit 2A, a two-bedroom, two-bath

simplex condominium model with 1,512 square feet of living area and a private 191-square-foot roof-top deck. It is open for viewing at Wicker West 1555.

Listed at \$329,000, Unit 2A features a spacious 21-by-18½-foot living/dining room with a gas-log fireplace showcasing a stone mantle and surround. French doors open from the living room to a private 18-by-10-foot roof deck. The adjoining island kitchen opens onto the living room, and offers custom granite counter tops with translucent glass backsplashes. The main living areas feature bamboo flooring.

The unit has a 13-by-16-foot master-bedroom suite with private balcony, and large dressing room. The adjoining master bath features a Jacuzzi tub and walk-in

shower. A second bedroom with nearby shower bath completes the condominium.

Buyer incentives at Wicker West 1555 include a free washer-dryer hook-up valued at \$1,000 and a free Maytag washer and dryer valued at \$1,800, Benson said.

Wicker West 1555 homes feature a designer-appliance package.

Bathrooms showcase porcelain floor tile and marble and porcelain tile in the tub and shower areas.

The development also has one ground-floor commercial space.

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Park Monroe 2.0 offers wealth of amenities

Condominiums offer many conveniences in-house, and within their particular neighborhoods. One building in the Millennium Park area of downtown Chicago meets that expectation, adds spectacular views, and enjoys a central location with all of the city culture and amenities a buyer could want.

As a result, "Park Monroe 2.0," the second phase of The Park Monroe at 65 East Monroe Street, is selling quickly. Unveiled only six months ago, more than half of the new homes are already under contract.

"The sales volume at the Park Monroe has been exceptional. Potential buyers readily realize that the Park Monroe is a very boutique residence in the heart of all the city activities," said Pat Young, vice president of sales for Equity Marketing and The Park Monroe.

Park Monroe 2.0 also offers "modern living." Located on the building's 40th or 41st floor, homes soar above many penthouses and feature dramatic views of the lake, park and city skyline from floor-to-ceiling windows. Residences are stylish and contemporary with 10-foot ceilings, spacious floor plans and ample storage options.

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Space, with view: Park Monroe 2.0 residences are spacious, with 10-foot ceilings and floor-to-ceiling windows showcasing views of Lake Michigan, Millennium Park and the downtown skyline. | SUPPLIED PHOTO

dise. Contemporary Arrex Italian cabinetry, solid-surface countertops and gourmet appliances establish the setting for owners to express their own culinary creativity. Even if a resident is not inclined to prepare gourmet meals, the kitchen serves as a beautiful focal point.

The bathrooms at Park Monroe 2.0 are finely appointed with stone or tile. Residents can enjoy a relaxing soak in the spacious tub or wash the cares of the day away in the oversized shower. Arrex cabinets and some of the newest, most efficient fixtures are featured.

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One available home is Residence 4009, offering 1,619 square feet with two bedrooms, two baths and a den. The modern kitchen is both beauti-



Masterful: The master bathrooms in Park Monroe 2.0 residences feature sleek Italian cabinetry and most also include double sinks, separate showers and soaking tubs. | SUPPLIED PHOTO

ful and practical, while the well-appointed master bathroom features a separate shower and a soaking tub. Abundant storage space includes an extra-large walk-in closet in the master bedroom.

Another choice is Residence 4105. This two-bedroom home faces south and enjoys wide-open views of the lake, park and city. It features high ceilings, an open floor plan and spacious and airy feeling throughout. The open kitchen features Bosch appliances, while the 450-plus-square-foot master bedroom suite offers an immense walk-in closet, his-and-her sinks and both soaking tub and separate shower.

Without leaving The Park Monroe, residents enjoy a host of amenities that "amenities make you feel like you live at a resort," said Young.

These include an indoor pool,

entertainment suite with catering kitchen, three-season sun terrace with garden and year-round spa, Blue Ray theater room, fitness center, indoor dog run and grooming spa area.

The Park Monroe is less than one block west of Michigan Avenue and Millennium Park. The lake and lakefront path for jogging, walking and biking, is a few blocks away. Museums, theaters, fine dining and shopping surround the building. In addition, many residents are able to walk to work downtown.

Remaining Park Monroe 2.0 residences are priced from \$624,500 for two-bedrooms and \$1,075,000 for three-bedrooms. The models and sales center at 65 East Monroe are open seven days a week. Call (312) 855-0550 or visit ParkMonroe.com for more information.

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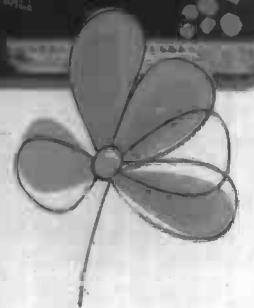
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by Marissa Davis,
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I love my mom because she is my guardian angel and brings me luck. When I see birds playing, I'm reminded of her beautiful laugh. When the rain stops and the sun shines, I think of her warm hugs. And when I get a lucky parking spot, I'm sure to thank her. Because I know she's looking out for me from up there in heaven.

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What I learned before I was 10 years old started me on this career that I love. My mom taught me how to put a smile on someone's face and that life is not all work. I love my mom for sharing her passions with me: from roller skating to oil painting to wrapping the perfect present.

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BY WENDY ALTSCHULER
For Sun-Times Media

Flowers, perfume and jewelry are fine for some moms but not yours. Your mom is exceptional — brilliant even — and she deserves a gift that reflects your adulation for her. Something that she wants most of all: time spent with you. Here are some Mother's Day gift ideas for your family's woman of the hour.

Creative expression is good for the soul

Whether your mom is a novice or a seasoned expert, she'd love an art class from Evanston Art Center — something that will bring out her imaginative side and provide an opportunity for her to bump shoulders with a new artistic social group.

"An art class or workshop at the Evanston Art Center can be a perfect antidote to a hectic life," said Norah Diedrich, executive director at the Evanston Art Center. "Set in a former private mansion on the shore of Lake Michigan, the Art Center facility offers moms the opportunity to create a work of art, learn a new skill and socialize with like-minded students. Busy moms can connect with their creative sides and spend a few hours working in an art studio under the guidance of an experienced teaching artist."

Talented and acclaimed instructors teach classes in painting, photography, printmaking, ceramics, jewelry, drawing and sculpture. While there, your mom can visit the three exhibition galleries and who knows, maybe her work will be featured in the Studio Gallery, which houses art by current students.

Visit www.evanstonartcenter.org/school for more information.

Good smells in the kitchen

Has your mom ever wanted to learn how to make hand-churned gelato, French soufflés or authentic Italian pasta from scratch? Sur La Table in Northbrook offers a variety of cooking classes in their teaching kitchens that are certain to challenge and thrill any participant. As they say, great cooking is more than just following a recipe—it's about techniques.

"Sur La Table offers a couple of Mother's Day cooking classes, which include: Mother's Day Macaroons and



Art for soul: Set in a former private mansion on the shore of Lake Michigan, the Evanston Art Center facility offers moms the opportunity to create a work of art, learn a new skill and socialize with like-minded students. I SUPPLIED PHOTO



That's amore: Sur La Table offers several Mother's Day cooking classes, including Mother's Day Macaroons and Mother's Day Dinner in Italy. I SUPPLIED PHOTO

Mother's Day Dinner in Italy," said a Sur La Table representative. "These classes let you explore a world of cuisines and disciplines."

Visit www.surlatable.com/category/Web-Cooking-Root/Cooking-Classes for more information.

Take mom on a mini-vacation

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Wisconsin Dells. She can recharge her batteries at a destination that is close to home, without taking extended time off of work, pulling kids out of school or breaking the bank—no expensive airfare required.

"Kalahari is great for families looking to get away. They offer an authentic experience unlike any other in the surrounding areas," said Travis Nelson, Kalahari spokesperson. "Due to Kalahari's unique attractions, family fun activities, outstanding accommodations, unmatched cus-



Tube-ular: Take your mom to the Kalahari Resort in Wisconsin Dells. She will enjoy Las Vegas-style dining at Kahunaville Restaurant & Bar, the comfortable atmosphere of Great Karoo Food & Spirits and a relaxing cocktail at Ivory Coast Lounge. I SUPPLIED PHOTO

tomers service and reasonable prices, families can create memories without opening their wallets too wide."

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"Experience exciting Las Vegas-style dining and entertainment at Kahunaville Restaurant & Bar, take in the fun and comfortable atmosphere of Great Karoo Food & Spirits or enjoy a relaxing cocktail at Ivory Coast Lounge," said Nelson. "For coffee-lovers, savor a hot cup of cappuccino along with favorite breakfast treats at Java Maniario. Moms can also tempt their sweet tooth at the Sweet Hut or grab a quick snack at one of the many water park dining locations."

She will love the indoor theme park—1,000 square feet of multi-generational fun, complete with bumper boats, ropes courses, laser tag, a six-story Ferris wheel, an African-themed carousel, bowling, go carts, mini golf, arcade games and much more. The biggest attraction, however, is Kalahari's indoor theme park in Wisconsin.

"Guests can take a ride on America's first indoor super-loop water slide," said Nelson. "Visitors can also enjoy the 570-foot, 35-second thrill-ride called The Master Blaster, relax in America's longest 920 foot lazy river and learn to surf on the popular FlowRider. For little kids, the indoor water park also features a state-of-the-art kid's play zone called, Tiko's Watering Hole."

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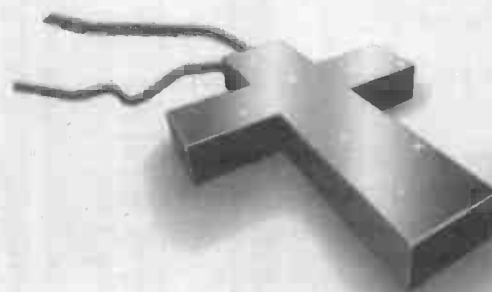
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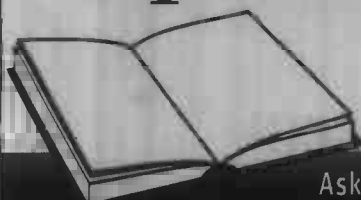
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Millweard, Mary B.

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health in 2012. She was a volunteer for Rainbow Hospice, board member of Park Ridge Fine Arts Society and Miseracordia contributor.

Preceded in death by father, Chester Millweard; father-in-law, Raymond Jersey, Sr.; grandparents, Michael and Lucile Stephen.

Survived by beloved husband, Russell Jersey; mother, Claire Louise Millweard; brothers, Michael (Josie) Millweard, Thomas (Cindy) Millweard and soul mate, sister and accomplice, LuAnn (Greg) Gornik; mother-in-law, Jeanette Jersey; sister-in-law of Gail (John) Bajkowski and Ray (Michelle) Jersey; beloved nieces and nephews, Michael, Timothy, and Lisa Gornik; Christy and Thomas Millweard Jr.; Matt and Katie Bajkowski; Dawn and James Jersey.

All friends and relatives are invited to gather: Friday, April 26, 2013 at Mary Seat of Wisdom Catholic Church, 920 Grandville Avenue, Park Ridge from 9:30 a.m. until Mass of Resurrection at 10:00 a.m., or Saturday, April 27, 2013 at 11:00 a.m. at the Cathedral of St. Raymond Nonnatus, 604 N. Raynor Avenue, Joliet where family will receive friends and relatives from 10:30 a.m. until time of Mass. Memorials in her name to Joliet Area Community Hospice or Park Ridge Fine Arts Society would be appreciated. For information: Fred C. Dames Funeral Home, 815-741-5500 or www.fredcdames.com



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Services: The family is being served by The Baue Funeral and Memorial Center, 3950 West Clay Street, St. Charles, MO where visitation will be held Monday, April 22, 2013 4:00-8:00 PM. Visitation will also be held Tuesday, April 23, 2013 9:00-10:00 AM at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 7701 Highway N, Dardenne Prairie, MO with a Funeral Mass to follow at 10:00 AM, Interment Calvary Cemetery. Flowers or Memorials may be made to the USO of Missouri. Visit Baue.com.

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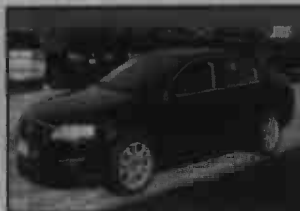
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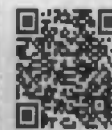
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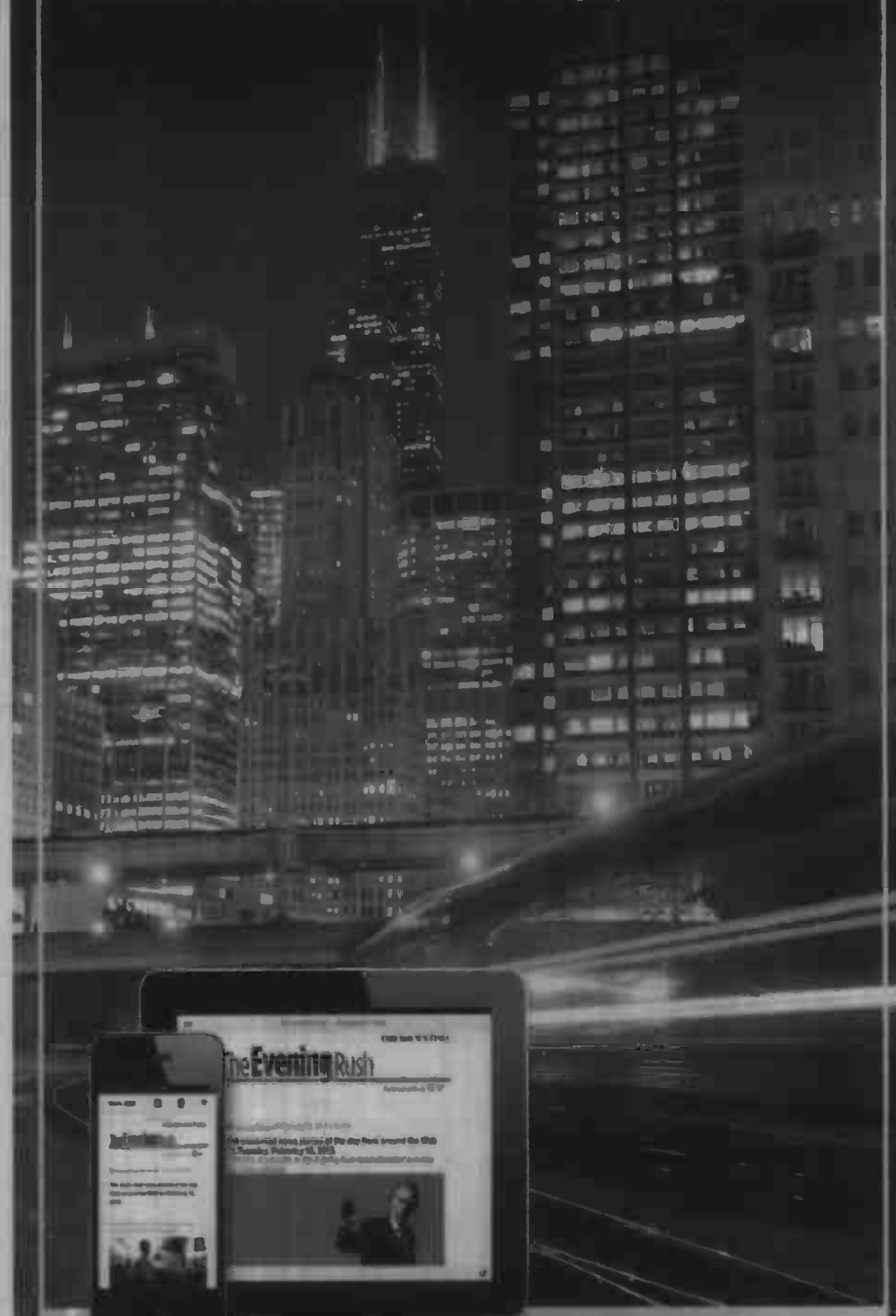
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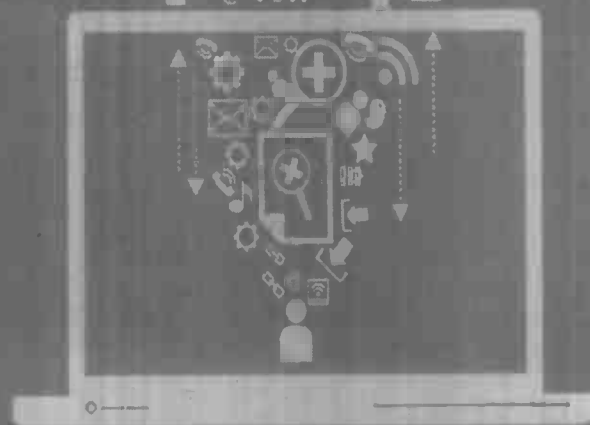
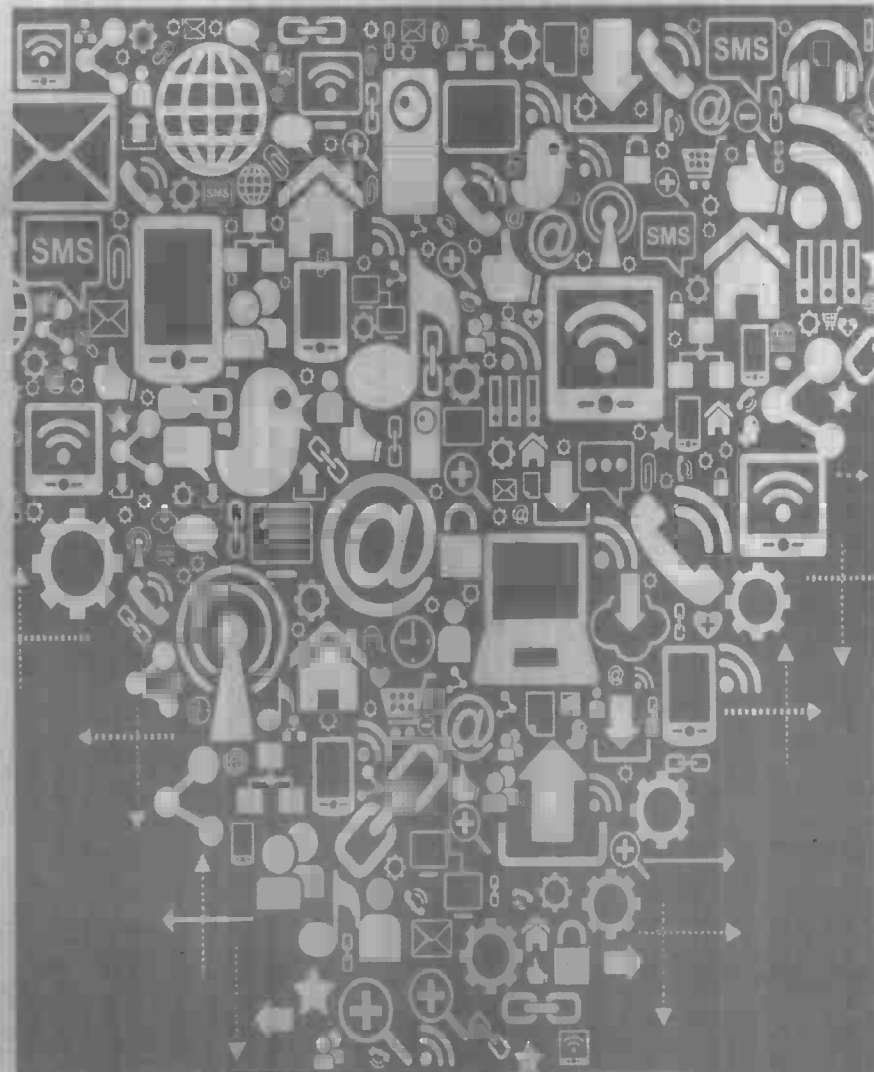
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Get personal with artists via Expanding Visions

BY STEPHANIE FOSNIGHT REGENER | Contributor

Most people are comfortable discussing the artistic construct of a novel in book club, or debating the merits of a movie with friends.

But not many, according to Joanna Pinsky, are comfortable delving into the world of art interpretation.

"Art enriches our lives and helps people communicate," said Pinsky, artistic director of the Evanston art education and outreach not-for-profit Art Encounter.

Yet few have the skills and confidence to examine art, especially contemporary art.

"Often people looking at artwork are intimidated because they don't have an understanding of contemporary art," Pinsky said.

That's why she started Expanding Visions 25 years ago, a twice yearly, nine-week series of art tours where participants take it in turn to visit artists in their studio and then private collections.

"I engage the group in interactive discussion that allows them to look more deeply at the art," Pinsky said. "Through the response discussion process, they look at the work in a different way."

So far this spring participants have toured the house



Expanding Visions recently toured the Chicago studio of DZine, who will be having an exhibit at the Museum of Contemporary Art in June.

and studio of an artist who incorporates her work into the design of her home, a private North Shore collection specializing in painting, lithographs and studio art glass, and two Bridgeport studios of up and coming multimedia artists.

Skokie resident Vita Browne has been attending the Expanding Visions series for several years now, and has discovered how much she enjoys contemporary painting. She's also developed a new appreciation for the process

that artists put into creating their work.

"Joanna is very, very knowledgeable and if you don't like the art, at least when she's finished with you, you'll appreciate it," Browne said.

Although Browne herself isn't an artist, she's learned how to look at a contemporary piece and carefully examine it.

"It has definitely changed the way I look at modern art," she said, especially deceptively complex pieces like a monochromatic canvas.

"Those paintings are not

quite as simple as they look," Browne said. "Joanna really pulls out the interesting things. For example, if there's a red dot on a painting, how it would change if that red dot wasn't there."

Expanding Visions is one of the educational programs of Art Encounter, a 30-year-old not-for-profit dedicated to art outreach. Art Encounter works hard to make art accessible, bringing it into community places like schools and nursing homes, and to others who don't normally learn to see or

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appreciate art.

The goal of programs like Expanding Visions, which guests can visit once but then is only open to members, is not only to fund the outreach programs but also help members appreciate art in a new way.

"The idea is to see, over the course of the series, how artists work. The artists really enjoy this because they seldom get feedback on their work," Pinsky said.

And tour participants may discover new ways to approach art.

"The idea is to get people to really see how the texture, meaning, scale, and text all contribute to the ideas of the artwork," Pinsky said. "Our mission is really dedicated to educating and empowering people of different ages and backgrounds through interactive explorations of visual art." ■

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Writers' Bloc showcases 12 new plays

BY DOROTHY ANDRIES | Contributor

Members of Chicago Writers' Bloc will introduce a dozen new plays, April 29 through May 22 in Evanston.

"Our annual showcase is a wonderful chance for our members to present their works before a live audience," said Zan Skolnick of Lincolnwood, spokesman for Writers' Bloc. "Usually, we read them for each other and comment, but that's not the same thing."

A number of the playwrights in this showcase, of course, have had full productions of their other works at various times throughout their careers.

Among them is Joanne Koch of Evanston, who with Honey West, wrote the play book for the opening night musical "Genderella," with music by Ilya Levinson and lyrics by Myrna Petlicki of Skokie. The show chronicles one person's gender journey based on an original story by Honey West, whose cabaret act ran for 13 years in Chicago and in touring productions.

"I've been writing plays for at least 15 years," said Koch, an Midwest Emmy winner and head of the graduate writing program at National Louis University. Among her 17 plays and musicals that have been produced are "Soul Sisters," "American Klezmer," and "Belle Barth: If I Embarrass You — Tell Your Friends." "Belle was a female comedienne in the 1950s," Koch said. "They called her the female Lenny Bruce."

Composer Levinson, assistant professor at the music

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department of Columbia Chicago, wrote the music for "Barth" and is the composer for "Genderella," while Petlicki, an arts writer for Pioneer Press newspapers and managing editor of Footlights, wrote the lyrics.

The opening night performance is a gala benefit and begins at 7 p.m. The event includes a silent auction, raffle and free refreshments and performances. Funds will be used by Chicago Writers' Bloc to assist with the cost of readings for its members.

Festival plays will include: "Jersey Justice" by June Finfer at 8 p.m. Tuesday, April 30. It's about the murder of an elderly white shopkeeper in Trenton, N.J., and the arrest of African American men by the police.

"The Beneficiary" by Zipporah Porton at 8 p.m. Wednesday, May 1, about one Harry Gold who finds a way to make millions. His method is legal, but his agent has doubts about his ethics.

"By Reason of Sanity" by Blake Levinson at 8 p.m. Monday, May 6, explores



LEFT to RIGHT: Joanne Koch, Judy Veramendi, Zan Skolnick, Fran Zell

the relationship between a troubled white therapist and her client, a battered black woman.

"Enduring Loves" by Zan Skolnick at 8 p.m. Tuesday, May 7 is a comedy about two septuagenarians dealing with aging, personal and financial loss, loyalty, friendship death and a secret love. It was presented in New York to positive reviews.

"Men Around the World" by Judy Veramendi of Evanston at 8 p.m. Wednesday, May 8 is a comedy dealing with an innocent's relationships abroad. Next Theatre previously presented her "Hall of Hungry Ghosts" about the people who disappeared during Argentina's "dirty war."

"I Owe You a Lullaby" by Ben Rosen at 8 p.m. Monday, May 13 is a comedy about a former diva who receives a visit from her daughter after 40 years of separation.

"Parasol" by Chloe Bolan at 8 p.m. Tuesday, May 14 is a musical about a survivor of the 1915 Eastland tragedy, when a tour ship capsized in the Chicago River, drowning 850 people. The music is by Gerald Bailey, with book and lyrics by Bolan, an actor, director and composer who teaches at Truman College.

"Itch Loves Louie" by Liz Ellison at 8 p.m. Wednesday, May 15 tells the story of two home-schooled sisters, Itch and Dobs, who long to experience the real world, but find their escape plans are quite different.

"One Red Grain of Sand" by Gerald Cole at 8 p.m. Monday, May 20 concerns a Muslim family who moves to Cairo in downstate Illinois and learns about prejudice and kindness.

"Verve" is a 90-minute musical at 8 p.m. Tuesday, May 21, with book and lyrics by Fran Zell and music by Karina Mendoza, which tells the story of five women at a gym, who lose their fat fetish and find friendship.

"All Other Nights" by Nikki Paley Cox at 8 p.m. Wednesday, May 22 is a comedy about a daughter who comes home to celebrate a Passover Seder in the hopes of reconciling with her family, but in the end questions her belief in family and in faith.

"We've had new play festivals in Chicago in the past," said Skolnick, "but this is a way to bring the festival north to Evanston, because there is so much support for theater on the North Shore." ■

TOP FIVE



Managing; Editor Jennifer Thomas' entertainment picks for this week



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by Big Noise Theatre Company is on stage April 26-May 12 at Prairie Lakes Theater, 515 E. Thacker, Des Plaines. See big-noise.org.

Bella Voce

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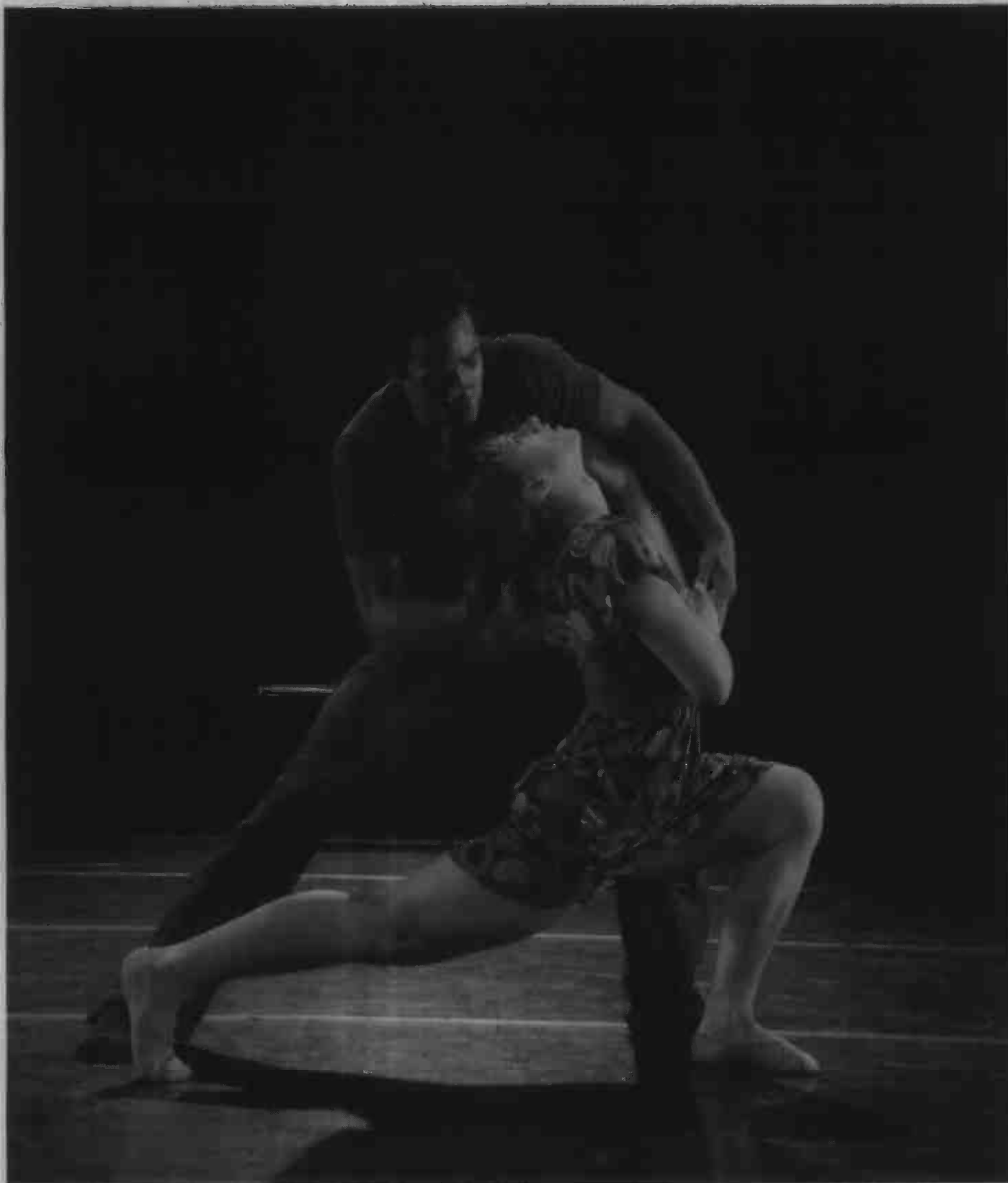
(above) plays at 3 p.m. April 28 at the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie. (847) 673-6300 or arsviva.org.

Dance



Modern dance in step with folk music

BY MYRNA PETLICKI | Contributor



Who knew contemporary dance and folk music could happily coexist?

Evanston native Julie Nakagawa, artistic director of DanceWorks Chicago, and Deborah Lader, of the folk trio Sons of the Never Wrong, think they've achieved a perfect blend in "My Witness."

The two arts organization will join forces on that 25-minute piece choreographed by Gina Patterson on Saturday, April 27 at the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts in Skokie. It will be the culmination of a concert in which each group also performs individually.

Nakagawa discovered the Sons of the Never Wrong when she attended a special event. "I thought they were fantastic as artists and as people — and fun, smart and generous," she said. "We knew we wanted to work with them at some point."

It took years for that collaboration to come together. To make that happen, Nakagawa called on Austin, Texas-based choreographer Patterson. "I thought that her musical taste and her personality and her movement would be a nice complement with the Sons," Nakagawa said. "So I set them up on a blind date via technology. It was a match."

Nakagawa described the resulting work as "a journey. From the title to the music to the movements to the environment created by the lighting, everyone has a journey, whether you're an artist on stage or an audience member sitting in a comfortable seat in the North Shore Center."

The full company (six dancers) piece is performed to a series of songs by the Sons of the Never Wrong.

"It's an unusual collaboration,"

"My Witness," choreographed by Gina Patterson, will be performed by DanceWorks Chicago. | PHOTO BY TODD CLARK

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admitted Lader, adding that DanceWorks "is open to new ideas."

Lader noted that "My Witness" was created five or six years ago so it is set to some of Sons' older songs. Revisiting the piece "is fun," Lader said, "because we don't often play these particular songs. We have eight CDs so we have so much music to choose from."

Lader described the piece as having "a very emotional trajectory." Most of the songs were written by band member Sue Demel. (The third member is Bruce Roper.)

One number, "Girl Shanty," is "a complete celebration of girliness," Lader said. "Three women dance the piece and it completely comes to life." "Crazy Dog," also by Demel, "is very quirky. It involves moaning hums."

Five other songs conveying different moods are included. "It takes you on a little bit of a roller-coaster of life experience," Lader concluded.

The Sons of the Never Wrong will open the show with one of their more typical performances. "We're going to do our usual thing," Lader said. "It's crazy and funny and we go with the flow of whatever the evening is going to bring us. Our music is pretty eclectic. Our songs range from being gritty and rock-and-roll-ey to really beautiful, folksy with beautiful harmonies. We're striving to entertain people but also make them feel something."

DanceWorks Chicago's portion of the show begins "with a little appetizer that's a surprise," Nakagawa said. You have to come early to experience that treat.

After the Sons perform, DanceWorks will open the second half of the program with the premiere of



Sons of the Never Wrong will perform music for DanceWorks Chicago's "My Witness."

a solo piece being designed for all six dancers by Chicago-based choreographer Joshua Manculich. The piece was selected from the company's DanceMoves choreographer competition.

They will also perform a new work "From Here to There," created for the full company by choreographer Francisco Avina for DanceWorks Chicago's presentation in Auditorium Theatre's New Music and Movement Festival earlier this month. It will be only the second time the piece has been performed. ■

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Son's secret sparks father's crisis in 'Next Fall'

BY MYRNA PETLICKI | Contributor

A father dealing with the serious condition of his son following an accident has to face a long-kept secret in "Next Fall."

Actor Jim Morley of Northbrook plays that father in the Chicago premiere of Geoffrey Nauffts' Tony-nominated play at AstonRep Theatre Company.

"Butch is kind of an old-fashioned, very religious Southern Baptist father," Morley said. "Family and friends come together at the hospital after Luke, my son, has been hit by a car and is in a coma. Luke is gay but not out to his family. The conflict arises when Luke's boyfriend, who he's lived with for five years, is in the hospital waiting room as well."

Luke is a devout Christian like his father. His boyfriend Adam is an atheist.

Although Butch and Luke live far apart — Luke in New York and Butch in Florida — the father and son are very close. Whether he knows it or not, Butch doesn't acknowledge that Luke is gay.

Butch's attitude toward gay people is "very antagonistic," Morley said. "His philosophy is all Biblical based so, as with many Southern Christians, he looks down on the lifestyle, will not accept it and has told Luke that if he ever told him he was gay, he would never let him see his brother again."

Then he meets Adam in that hospital waiting room. "A conflict arises when we get to the hospital and there's no legal arrangement for the boyfriend," Morley related. "The family doesn't acknowledge him and he has no right to go into the room."

Playing Butch is a big change for Morley. "I've always tended to play more comedy," he said, "and this is a very difficult dramatic role."

The actor is enjoying the opportunity "to stretch and play a different kind of a role," he indicated. "The whole conflict of religion and the modern lifestyle is a fascinating aspect of this play. Our society has changed so much in the last ten years and the idea of whether or not religious beliefs can co-exist with that change is interesting to approach."

Morley earned a theater degree from Northern Illinois University. "After graduating, I worked for the

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Jim Morley during rehearsal for "Next Fall."

Chicago Park District for eight years teaching drama to kids and doing adult productions at Theater on the Lake and at Indian Boundary Park," he reported. After that, he spent 10 years away from theater working in business.

In the mid-'90s, when his three children were a little older, Morley began doing theater again. He is still in the business world, working as a mortgage banker, but has found time to carve out a performing career. Since then, Morley has appeared in "Let-tice and Lovage" and "Shadowlands" at Redtwist Theatre. He has also performed with Polarity Ensemble Theatre, Irish Repertory of Chicago; Circle Theatre, Bailiwick Theatre, Prometheus Theatre Ensemble, First Folio Theatre and Azusa Productions.

The actor said that when he initially read the play he found it "incredibly powerful. I have three kids in their 20s so to read a play about a father

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dealing with a son in his 20s in a coma is going to strike any parent. The idea of losing a child is just terrifying to any parent."

Morley said that "Next Fall" delivers "a surprisingly positive religious message." He added that audiences are likely to leave the show "thinking about the role of faith in our society and what rights we are going to allow to gay couples." ■

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Television



Super heroes, cops, families at center of TV pilots

BY ROB OWEN | Contributor

At this point in the TV season, viewers begin to fret about the status of their favorite shows.

But even as network executives ponder the fate of shows, they're also playing judge, jury and executioner on a raft of pilots for prospective news series.

It's "pilot season," and these test episodes are in production, including NBC's Pittsburgh-set modern-day "Hatfields & McCoys" pilot that's filming in Boston. It stars Virginia Madsen ("Smith") as blue-collar-family matriarch Eloise McCoy and Rebecca DeMornay as wealthy Mary Hatfield. The

official description of the show says the family feud is reignited by a "startling death" that unleashes decades of resentment that leads the clans to do battle for control of Pittsburgh.

This year NBC has the most pilots in production — 26 — followed by CBS and ABC with 24 each, 16 for Fox and eight for The CW, according to TheWrap.com.

At most, 35 of the 98 commissioned pilots will be picked up to series.

Which potential shows stand the best chance? Networks love a known quantity. So anything that sounds familiar in title or topic probably stands a better chance. Same goes for a known star or producer, which is why NBC ordered a new Michael J. Fox



If picked up as a series, Eddie Murphy would guest star in a CBS TV remake of "Beverly Hills Cop."

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Common themes this pilot season include military backdrops and shows about adult children and their parents. The CW has several shows set in the future, including one about humans re-colonizing a nuked-out Earth and another about aliens and humans co-existing. A couple of comedies are about assistants to demanding bosses.

Here are a few of the shows being produced that could become series this fall or next midseason — we'll know for sure when networks announce their fall schedules the week of May 12.

"Big Thunder" (ABC): Ever ridden the Big Thunder Mountain Railroad ride at a Disney park? That ride was the inspiration for a drama about a New York doctor and his family relocating to a frontier mining town that turns out to have a mysterious underbelly.

"S.H.I.E.L.D." (ABC): "Avengers" director Joss Whedon directs this small-screen spinoff about a Marvel-universe, secret law-enforcement agency. Clark Gregg ("Avengers") and Ming-Na star.

"Beverly Hills Cop" (CBS): The movie series becomes a TV series with Eddie Murphy and Judge Reinhold back as guest stars, but the focus shifts to Aaron (Brandon T. Jackson), son of Axel Foley (Murphy). Shawn Ryan ("The Shield") wrote the pilot.

"The Surgeon General" (CBS): Still searching for a successful medical show, CBS goes all the way to the top with this drama about the surgeon general of the U.S. (Jason Isaacs).

"NCIS: Red Team" (CBS): An introduction to the characters from this planned spinoff aired on last week's "NCIS: Los Angeles." John Corbett, Scott Grimes and Kim Raver star.

"Crazy Ones" (CBS): Drama writer David E. Kelley tries a



Sarah Michelle Gellar stars in a CBS pilot, "Crazy Ones," with Robin Williams, as a daughter and father working in the same ad agency.



Greg Kinnear is the star of "Rake," a TV pilot in the running for Fox's schedule.

half-hour comedy about a father (Robin Williams) and daughter (Sarah Michelle Gellar) who work in the same ad agency.

"The Originals" (The CW): A "Vampire Diaries" spinoff that will first air as a "VD" episode on April 25, this drama follows Klaus (Joseph Morgan) to the French Quarter of New Orleans.

"Dellrlum" (Fox): Sort of a

sexualized version of "Logan's Run," this drama, based on a book series, is set in a world where love is illegal and is eradicated by a procedure when citizens reach a certain age; so naturally a young woman (Emma Roberts) falls in love 95 days before she's due to get that treatment.

"Rake" (Fox): Imagine "House" but with a lawyer (Greg Kinnear) at the center.

"Untitled Dan Goor/Mike Schur Project" (Fox): Andy Samberg ("Saturday Night Live") stars in this comedy about police detectives in a New York City neighborhood.

"Ironside" (NBC): A remake of the 1970s Raymond Burr drama about a police detective in a wheelchair.

"About a Boy" (NBC): "Parenthood" and "Friday Night Lights" writer Jason Katims adapts the Hugh Grant movie for TV with David Walton ("New Girl") in Grant's role.

"Untitled Victor Fresco & Sean Hayes Project" (NBC): Hayes, the former "Will & Grace" star, teams with Fresco, the producer of "Better Off Ted," for a comedy about a man learning to parent his 14-year-old daughter. Linda Lavin ("Alice") co-stars. ■



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BY MYRNA PETLICKI | Contributor

Chris Ellis would love to play Bert in a Sesame Street Live show.

"I think Bert is amazing," the performer said.

But Ellis is 6'2" tall, which makes him a natural for the role of Big Bird. He began playing Big Bird 10 years ago when he was 20 years old. He will be singing and dancing as that lanky, loveable yellow

creature in "Elmo Makes Music," May 1-5 at Akoo Theatre, 5400 N. River Road, Rosemont.

Ellis admitted that it's tricky maneuvering in Big Bird's costume, particularly because of his character's huge feet.

"But I've been doing this so long, it's very natural to me now," he said.

Playing Big Bird is lots of fun, Ellis said, especially the kids' excited reaction when the curtain opens and they first see him.

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

PRETTY PAPER PROJECTS

Kids ages 8 and older, and their parents, will explore the historical art form of Victorian Paper Crafts, 1:30 to 3 p.m. Sunday, April 28 at the Skokie Heritage Museum, 8031 Floral Ave. The children will create cornucopias and do paper cutting. Cost is \$5 for residents, \$7 for nonresidents.

For details, call (847) 674-1500, ext. 3000 or go to www.skokieparks.org.

HALF-CENTURY HAPPENING

Amelia makes sponge cake out of real sponges. That's why kids ages 4-8, accompanied by a parent, will want to attend Happy Birthday, Amelia Bedelia, 6:30 p.m. April 30 at Niles Public Library, 6960 W. Oakton St. The celebration of the children's book series' 50th anniversary includes crafts and games.

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SEEMS LIKE SUMMER

It will at Dave Rudolf's Wacky World of Fun's Beach Party, 7 p.m. May 2 at Lincolnwood Public Library, 4000 W. Pratt Ave. The interactive family event includes hula hoops, bubble machines, beach balls, limbo, a conga line and more, plus Rudolf's original music. Registration is required.

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On DVD

New releases on DVD, Blu-ray

BY BRUCE INGRAM | Film Critic

NEW THIS WEEK

GANGSTER SQUAD

★★

Rated

R for strong violence and language

Stars

Sean Penn, Josh Brolin, Ryan Gosling, Emma Stone

Action-comedy director Ruben Fleischer ("Zombieland") is no stranger to mayhem and crime, but taking on this ersatz, film noir-style and almost entirely humorless hard-boiled cops and robbers saga still seems a bizarre choice. "Gangster Squad" works within a just barely true-to-life framework to re-imagine the downfall of the post-World War II era Los Angeles gangster kingpin Mickey Cohen (Penn) — courtesy of a crew of maverick cops organized to attack him outside the law. Brolin is suitably square-jawed as the gangster squad honcho

and Gosling is a plus as his enigmatic, world-weary right-hand man. But the mannered tough-guy dialogue is as over the top as the bullet-riddled final showdown in the heart of downtown LA — and both are equally unconvincing. Extras include "The Gangland Files" featurette about the real-life Gangster Squad, Mickey Cohen and more, plus commentary with Fleischer.

A HAUNTED HOUSE

★

Rated

R for crude and sexual content, language and some drug use

Stars

Marlon Wayans, Essence Atkins, Cedric the Entertainer

The scariest thing about "A Haunted House" is that it's almost unwatchable, but it made almost \$40 million in its first week at the box office. Unfortunately, that's the funniest thing about it, too. This tedious "Paranormal Activity" parody features co-writer and co-producer Wayans and

Essence Atkins as a couple who wire their home with security cameras to catch a ghost (or a burglar) in the act. The low-level raunchy/gross-out content is a matter of taste (demonic flatulence, anyone?), but the real problem with "A Haunted House" is that it plays like a bunch of random sketches with little sense of forward motion — and seems to last several particularly dull and tedious lifetimes in which absolutely nothing is funny.

THE IMPOSSIBLE

★★★½

Rated

PG-13 for intense realistic disaster sequences, including disturbing injury images and brief nudity.

Stars

Naomi Watts, Ewan McGregor, Geraldine Chaplin Grueling, harrowing, difficult to watch at times — yet utterly compelling. Spanish director Juan Antonio Bayona ("The Orphanage") takes an artful approach to



Emma Stone and Ryan Gosling star in "Gangster Squad."

this real-life disaster movie. It depicts a vacationing family's efforts to survive after their beach-front resort in Thailand is wiped out by the 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami. Bayona captures the enormity and power and terrifying suddenness of the 100-foot-tall tidal wave, which devastated thousands of square miles and took 300,000 lives, in a brief but breathtaking 10-minute sequence. But the real subject of "The Impossible" is how far the separated and injured mother and father (Watts and McGregor, each delivering emotionally wrenching performances) are willing to go to remain alive, care for their children and maintain varying degrees of hope of being reunited. Extras include

commentary by director Bayona, featurettes and deleted scenes.

PROMISED LAND

★★½

Rated

R for language

Stars

Matt Damon, Frances McDormand, Hal Holbrook, John Krasinski

Two corporate salespeople (Damon and McDormand) offering to purchase natural-gas drilling rights in a small farming community meet with unexpected opposition from a respected teacher (Holbrook) and a crusading environmentalist (Krasinski) — but the drama never quite clicks into gear. ■



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THE BIG WEDDING

Rated

R for language, sexual content and brief nudity

Stars

Robert De Niro, Susan Sarandon, Diane Keaton, Robin Williams, Amanda Seyfried

A long-divorced couple (De Niro and Keaton) pretend to be married when the families gather for the wedding of their daughter (Seyfried).

KON-TIKI

Rated

PG-13 for some violence, sexual references, language, thematic elements and smoking

Stars

Pal Sverre Hagen, Anders Baasmo Christiansen, Gustaf Skarsgard

The story of Norwegian explorer Thor Heyerdahl's (Hagen) 4,300-mile trip across the Pacific in 1947, made to prove that South Americans could have settled in Polynesia in pre-Columbian times. Norway's entry for this year's Best Foreign Language Oscar.



Susan Sarandon, Robin Williams and Robert De Niro star in "The Big Wedding."

MUD

Rated

PG-13 for a disturbing violent sequence

Stars

Matthew McConaughey, Reese Witherspoon, Tye Sheridan, Jacob Lofland

Two teenage boys (Sheridan and Lofland) make a pact with a fugitive (McConaughey) to help him elude bounty hunters and reunite with his true love (Witherspoon).

PAIN & GAIN

Rated

Rated R for bloody violence, crude sexual content, nudity, language throughout and drug use

Stars

Dwayne Johnson, Mark Wahlberg, Rebel Wilson, Anthony

Mackie, Ed Harris

Three Florida bodybuilders (Johnson, Wahlberg and Mackie) become involved in an extortion ring and a kidnapping gone terribly wrong. Michael Bay ("Transformers") directed the action comedy.

STILL PLAYING

DISCONNECT

★★★

Rated

R for sexual content, some graphic nudity, language, violence and drug use — some involving teens

Stars

Jason Bateman, Hope Davis, Frank Grillo, Andrea Riseborough, Alexander Skarsgard,

Paula Patton

Anyone who's inclined to think the Internet is a piranha tank just waiting for us to fall in won't get any comfort from this occasionally wrenching three-way melodrama à la "Crash." Directed by Henry Alex Rubin, "Disconnect" tells three loosely connected stories involving three of the Web's best-known bummers: identity theft, cyberbullying and underage porn. There are only a few connections between the characters in these inter-weaving tales, but the stories share a common theme — trust and the abuse of trust. Each of the victims is vulnerable in that regard, so it's doubly painful when they get burned.

OBLIVION

Rated

PG-13 for sci-fi action violence, brief strong language, and some sensuality/nudity

Stars

Tom Cruise, Morgan Freeman, Olga Kurylenko

One of the last members (Cruise) of a cleanup crew on the de-populated Earth after an extended war with aliens discovers a crashed ship that calls into question all he's been told about the conflict. Joseph Kosinski ("Tron") co-wrote and directed the sci-fi thriller.

42

★★★

Rated

PG-13 for thematic elements including language

Stars

Chadwick Boseman, Harrison Ford, Nicole Beharie

It's been awhile since Hollywood put a good, on-the-field baseball movie over the plate, not to mention one that also switch-hits as an inspirational drama, and "42" scores solid base hits on both those fronts. Just don't expect to see anything particularly flashy, either on the diamond or in the script. Written and directed by Brian Helgeland ("A Knight's Tale"), "42" tells the story of Jackie Robinson (TV actor Boseman in a breakout role), major-league baseball's first African-American player — who bore the brunt of racial hatred for breaking baseball's color barrier. The pace lags occasionally and Helgeland overdoes the sentimentality from time to time, but the running, hitting and fielding is effective and Ford is a plus as crusty Brooklyn Dodgers GM Branch Rickey, who set the history-making change in motion. ■



Movie Review

Director Bay gains by taking dramatic pains

BY BRUCE INGRAM | Film Critic

"Pain & Gain"

★★★½

There's no shortage of pain in this near-alchemical transmutation of a grim true-crime story into whacked-out black comedy, but bu\$kis in the way of gain.

The fact that crime doesn't pay in "Pain & Gain" makes it easier to justify director Michael Bay's decision to give this particularly heinous tale of fraud, kidnapping, torture and murder the light-touch treatment. The justice-is-served angle is basically a gift, though, a built-in feature of the real-life story. The reason "Pain" works as well as it does — it's a personal best from Bay — is that he mixes his typical visual flash-and-dazzle with a brand-new emphasis on character development and performance. He even ties it all up with an actual overarching theme, namely a seriously warped view of the American dream on the part of the main bad guy.

That would be Daniel Lugo (Mark Wahlberg), whom we first encounter as he's being busted by a small army of cops. A lifelong believer in self-improvement, fitness and the American ideal of working your way up from nothing, Daniel is a permanently pumped bodybuilder and physical trainer, who knows that business well. Unfortunately, he doesn't make enough to pay his rent.

Fed-up, he talks two other muscled-up trainers, Paul and Adrian (Dwayne Johnson and Anthony Mackie), into kidnapping a rich client, named Victor (Tony Shalhoub), and forcing him to sign over all of his



Dwayne Johnson, Mark Wahlberg and Anthony Mackie star in "Pain & Gain."

assets before they let him go. Only Victor immediately recognizes Daniel and refuses to sign any documents despite a month of beatings.

Bay spins the story here by softening the gang's quite brutal torture techniques and by portraying Victor as a supreme jerk, making it easier to stay somewhat sympathetic with the Sun Gym gang and laugh at their incredible incompetence. The outcome is the same, though. The gang unsuccessfully attempts to kill Victor in increasingly hideous ways. They still wind up with his money thanks to some equally incredible incompetence on the part of the Miami police. Thus encouraged, they eventually try to repeat the procedure with an even richer phone-sex kingpin (Michael Rispoli) with much messier results after a double homicide.

All of the performances in "Pain" are believable enough to add considerable substance to the ongoing criminals-are-stupid jokes. When these guys do something especially inane — like indignantly returning a chainsaw to Home Depot because it clogs and stalls during an attempt to dismember a victim — it seems perfectly reasonable to them and understandable to us after getting to know them.

Maybe it has the ring of truth simply because it actually is true. This is definitely one to be filed under "No One Could Make This Stuff Up." ■

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"From Russia With Love," a chamber music

concert, 3 p.m. April 28 at SPACE, 1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston. \$32. Visit www.dempstermusic.org.

Pick-Staiger Concert Hall

13+ 18+ 65+

At Northwestern University, 50 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston. www.pickstaiger.org. April 26, 7:30 p.m.: Keyboard Conversations, "Listen to the Dance — Waltzes, Marches, Polkas and Tangos." Pianist Jeffrey Siegel performs music of Schubert, Strauss, Prokofiev and Sousa. \$22; \$16 students. April 27, 7:30 p.m.: Northwestern University Symphony Orchestra performs works by Mussorgsky, Tchaikovsky, Scriabin and Rachmaninoff. \$8; \$5 students. May 1, 7:30 p.m.: Contemporary Music Ensemble. \$6; \$4 students. May 2, 7:30 p.m.: Symphonic Band presents "Reflections." \$6; \$4 students. May 4, 7:30 p.m.: Northwestern University Chamber Orchestra presents "Sounds of Spring." Program includes Beethoven's Symphony No. 6 in F Major ("Pastoral"). \$6; \$4 students.

Samuel Thaviu Memorial Concert

18+

Featuring violinist Gerardo Ribeiro, pianist Eric Larsen and cellist Kenneth Olsen, 1 p.m.

May 5 at the North Shore Senior Center, Arthur C. Nielsen Jr. Campus, 161 Northfield Road, Northfield. A reception will follow the concert. \$10. Call (847) 784-6030 to register.

Skokie Concert Choir

18+

Annual Spring Choral Concert, 3 p.m. May 5 at Ezra Habonim-Niles Township Jewish Congregation, 4500 Dempster St., Skokie. \$10; \$4 children. Call (773) 251-7890.

POP/FOLK/JAZZ

Bluegrass Legends Concerts

13+ 18+ 65+

Held at the American Legion Music Hall, 1030 Central St., Evanston. www.chicagobluegrass.com. \$20; \$15 for children 16 and under and seniors. April 27, 8 p.m.: Joe Mullins & the Radio Ramblers.

Chicago Gay Men's Chorus

18+

"All You Need Is Love: The Music of the Beatles," 8 p.m. May 11 at the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie. \$22-\$50. Visit www.cgmc.org.

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13+ 18+

7574 N. Lincoln Ave. (at Howard), Skokie. (847) 677-3334. www.ethicalhumanist.org

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ethicalhuman.org/coffeehouse. **May 11:** Soprano Christine Steyer in "So You Want to be a Diva?" following 8 p.m. open mic (7:30 p.m. sign-up; any genre, all acoustic). \$8.

Kickers

18+

3902 25th Ave., Schiller Park. **May 4,** 9 p.m.: The Acme Blues Band, featuring Franklin Park guitarist and singer/songwriter Julio Cuomo, will perform three sets of blues music. \$5 cover. Visit www.cuomomusic.com.

The Lakeside Singers

18+ 65+

"Home Grown," music by George Gershwin, Aaron Copland and others, 8 p.m. **April 26** at the Music Institute of Chicago's Nichols Hall, 1490 Chicago Ave., Evanston. \$30; \$20 students and seniors; \$10 children under 12. www.lakesidesingers.com.

ART GALLERIES

"Art for All Seasons"

18+

The paintings of Peter Bialecki are on exhibit

through **April 30** in the Village of Lincolnwood's art gallery at Village Hall, 6900 N. Lincoln Ave., Lincolnwood. Visit www.lincolnwoodil.org/artgallery.cfm.

Oakton Community College

18+ 65+

Koehnline Museum of Art, 1600 E. Golf Road, Des Plaines. (847) 635-2633. www.oakton.edu/museum. Gallery hours: 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Friday; 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturdays. **Through April 26:** "OakArt 2013," featuring paintings, drawings, ceramics, digital art, and photography by student artists.

Skokie Art Walk

FAM

Works by professional and student artists will be showcased in restaurants and businesses in downtown Skokie, along Oakton Street and Lincoln Avenue, during **the month of May**. Special activities will be held noon-5 p.m. **May 18**, including receptions at display locations, roaming musicians, and artists painting outdoors near the gazebo in the Memorial Park at Krier Plaza. Also, from noon-2 p.m. children ages 3-16 can enjoy "make and take" art workshops at Bughouse Studio, 4845 Oakton, and Lincoln Terrace Art Studio & Gallery, 5027 Warren St. Visit www.skokieartwalk.org.

AUDITIONS & OPPORTUNITIES

Open auditions

13+ 18+

Footlighters, in association with Wendy Kaplan of MadKap Productions, will hold auditions, by appointment only, for "The Music Man" on **May 9 and 11** at the Des Plaines Park District, 515 E. Thacker Road, Des Plaines. Seeking adults and children of all ages. Prepare 32 bars of an upbeat song; accompanist provided. Be prepared to dance. Bring a recent headshot if available. For appointment, e-mail wendy@madkap-productions.com or call (847) 947-2155.

American Society of Artists

18+

Seeking artists and crafts artists to jury to participate in the Arts & Crafts Adventure show, to be presented **May 11** in Hodges Park, Park Ridge. Visit www.americansocietyofartists.org or call (847) 991-4748.

Exhibitors sought

18+

Custer's Last Stand Festival of the Arts, to be held **June 15-16** in the Evanston Main Street Shopping District, seeks arts and crafts exhibitors. To apply, call (847) 328-2204 or visit www.custerfair.com.

Call for artists

18+

Seeking artists for the Skokie Art Guild's 52nd annual Art Fair, to be held **July 13-14** on the downtown Skokie Village Green. Prizes and awards. Visit www.skokieartguild.org or call (847) 677-8163.

BENEFITS

Ars Viva Symphony Orchestra

18+

Hosts its spring benefit dinner, "An Evening of Celebration," at 6 p.m. **April 30** at the Exmoor Country Club, 700 Vine St., Highland Park, featuring entertainment by baritone Gerard

Sundberg and viola duo Roger Chase and Yukiko Ogura. \$200 per person. Call (855) 277-8482 or visit www.arsviva.org.

BOOKS & POETRY

Barnes & Noble

13+ 18+

55 Old Orchard Center, Skokie. www.bn.com. **April 26**, 7 p.m.: Sussanna Calkins discusses and signs *Murder at Rosamund's Gate*.

Lincolnwood Public Library

13+ 18+ 65+

4000 W. Pratt Ave. www.lincolnwoodlibrary.org. **April 28**, 2 p.m.: Poetry Slam. Participants of any age can read or recite a poem (original or borrowed). **May 3**, 10:30 a.m.: Robin Loeb reviews *The Art of Hearing Heartbeats* by Jan-Philipp Sendker.

CHILD'S PLAY

Akoo Theatre at Rosemont

FAM

5400 N. River Road, Rosemont. Tickets available at www.ticketmaster.com or (800) 745-3000. **May 2-5:** Sesame Street Live: "Elmo Makes Music." Performances at 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Thursday and Friday; 10:30 a.m., 2 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. Saturday; and 1

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FAM

Presented by JCC Young Actors Ensemble at 7 p.m. **May 2 and 9** and noon and 3:30 p.m. **May 5 and 12** at Mayer Kaplan JCC, 5050 Church St., Skokie. \$12 if purchased by April 22, \$15 after that date; \$8/\$10 for ages 7 and under. Visit www.gojcc.org/theater.

Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory

FAM

Presented **May 4-12** at Youth Company Chicago Studios, 5340 W. Lawrence Ave., Chicago. \$17; \$13.50 youth. Visit www.youthcompanychicago.org.

COMEDY

Gorilla Tango's Skokie Theatre

18+

7924 Lincoln Ave. Skokie. www.gorillatango.com. (773) 598-4549. **April 27**, 7:30 p.m.: The Meshuganas, a stand-up comedy revue featuring Hollie and Steve Himelman. \$22. **Through May 25**, 9 p.m. Saturdays: "Holy Bouncing Boobies! A Batman Burlesque." 18 and over. \$28-\$35.

Zanies Comedy Club

18+

5437 Park Place, Rosemont. <http://rosemont.zanies.com>. **April 25-26**: Russ Williamson and Vince Martin. **April 27**: Dov Davidoff.

DANCE

"Bodies of Memory"

13+ 18+ 65+

Dance performance, 8 p.m. **May 4** and 3 p.m. **May 5** in the Next Theatre at Noyes Cultural Center, 927 Noyes St., Evanston. \$12; \$7 students and seniors. Call (847) 475-1875, ext. 2.

Leikarringen Heimhug Norwegian Folk Dancers

18+ 65+

Meet weekly, from 7:30-9:30 p.m. **Wednesdays**, at Norwood Crossing, 6016 N. Nina, Chicago. New members, age 16 and older, welcome. No dance experience needed, just interest in Scandinavian folk dance. Call (847) 823-7596 or e-mail kronmo815@gmail.com; or (847) 692-6616 or karlp57@aol.com.

Line dancing

13+ 18+

For all ages, held from 7-10 p.m. **every Tuesday** at the White Eagle Banquet Hall, 6839 N. Milwaukee Ave., Niles. Beginner lessons are

at 7:30 p.m. and new dance or review at 8 p.m. Admission: \$7; \$5 for ages 17 and under. Call (847) 965-6353 or e-mail at somedaydd@att.net.

North Shore Center for the Performing Arts

13+ 18+

9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie. (847) 673-6300. www.northshorecenter.org. **April 27**, 7:30 p.m.: DanceWorks Chicago and Sons of the Never Wrong. \$20, \$26, \$32.

Young at Heart

18+ 65+

Ballroom dancing for all ages at 8 p.m. **Fridays** at the American Legion, 9757 Pacific Ave., Franklin Park. \$10; \$8 members. Call (773) 961-7525 or visit www.ballroomchicago.com/youngatheartclub.htm.

FAIRS & FESTIVALS

Art fair

FAM

Presented by the American Society of Artists, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. **May 11** at Hodges Park, Prospect and Vine streets, Park Ridge. Includes Art In Action, with some artists working and demonstrating at their booths at various times during the show. Free admission. Call (847) 991-4748 or visit www.americansocietyofartists.com.

FILM

Aging Well Film Festival

18+ 65+

Featuring "Age of Champions," the award-winning documentary following five competitors at the National Senior Olympics, 7 p.m. **May 8** at the Evanston Public Library, 1703 Orrington Ave., Evanston. Free. Call (773) 508-1000.

Chicago Cinema Society

18+

Hosting films at the Patio Theater, 6008 W. Irving Park Road, Chicago. Visit <http://chicagocinemasociety.org>. **April 25**, 7 p.m.: "It's a Disaster." \$7. **April 25**, 9 p.m.: "Birdemic 2" \$9.

"Crossed Swords"

13+ 18+ 65+

A classic film series celebrating Hollywood's "swashbucklers," 7 p.m. Thursdays at the Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge, with free admission, unless noted otherwise. Visit <http://crossedswords2013.wordpress.com> or call (847) 825-3123. **April 25**: "The Mark of Zorro" (1940). **April 28**, 7:30 p.m.: "The Black Pirate" (1926), screened at the Pickwick Theatre, 5 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge, with live organ accompaniment by Jay

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Documentary screening

18+

Free screening of Josh Aronson's "Orchestra of Exiles," the story of violinist Bronislaw Huberman, who rescued musicians from Nazi Germany by founding

the Palestine Orchestra, 11 a.m. **May 2** in Room A145-152 at Oakton Community College, 7701 N. Lincoln Ave., Skokie. Call (847) 635-1458 or email jewishstudies@oakton.edu.

Lincolnwood Public Library

18+

4000 W. Pratt Ave. (847) 677-5277. www.lincolnwoodlibrary.org. **April 26**, 1 p.m.: "Life of Pi." **May 2**, 10:30 a.m.: "Cirque du Soleil: Worlds Away." **May 2**, 1 p.m.: Cinematic Classics features "Adam's Rib." **May 3**, 1 p.m.: "Zero Dark Thirty." **May 9**, 10:30 a.m.: "A

Simple Life" (in Cantonese with English subtitles). **May 9**, 1 p.m.: Cinematic Classics features "Stagecoach." **May 10**, 1 p.m.: "Les Misérables." **May 16**, 10:30 a.m.: "You've Been Trumped." **May 16**, 1 p.m.: Cinematic Classics features "Witness for the Prosecution."

Northwest Chicago Film Society

18+ 65+

Classic Film Series is held at 7:30 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, unless otherwise noted, at the Portage Theater, 4050 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago. Admission is \$5. Visit www.

northwestchicagofilm-society.org. **May 1:** "The Man Who Shot Liberty Valance" (1962). **May 8:** "Delicious" (1929) plus the 1927 Laurel & Hardy short, "Putting Pants on Phillip."

ORGANIZATIONS

International Brotherhood of Magicians Ring 43

18+

Meeting at 7:30 p.m. **May 3** at Saint Francis Hospital, 355 Ridge Ave., Evanston. Close-up magic expert Eric Jones will perform and teach. For experienced magicians only. Guests

\$20 which can be applied to membership. Visit www.ring43.org.

ET CETERA

Chicago Photographic Collectors Society

13+ 18+

Presenting the Camera & Image Show and Sale, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. **May 5** at the Holiday Inn Chicago — North Shore, 5300 W. Touhy Ave., Skokie, featuring more than 50 dealers. Admission \$6; \$4 students and children. Visit www.chicagophotographic.org.

"Fools Tango Two"

18+

Puppet and mask performance for adults, 7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, **through May 11**, at Theatre Zarko, Noyes Cultural Arts Center, 927 Noyes St., Evanston. \$20. Visit www.theatrezarko.org.

The Actors Gymnasium

FAM

Hosting a performance of circus acts at 4:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. **May 18** at the Noyes Cultural Art Center, 927 Noyes St., Evanston. \$15. Call (847) 328-2795.

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Illinois Holocaust
Museum &
Education Center

13+ 18+ 65+

9603 Woods Drive, Skokie. (847) 967-4889. www.ilholocaustmuseum.org. Admission: \$12; \$8 for students and senior citizens; \$6

for children ages 5-11.
May 14-Sept. 8: "Fire in my Heart: The Story of Hannah Senesh." **May 2, 6:30 p.m.:** Preview of ShPleL's upcoming North Shore premiere of "The Invasion of Skokie," a play by Steven Peterson opening at the Mayer Kaplan JCC in mid-May. The program will include insights from the playwright and performers. Free with museum admission; reservations required. **May 5, 1 p.m.:** Gershanov Family Student Contest awards, featuring the winners of the 2013 Leo & Antonia Gershanov Memorial Student Arts & Writing Contest. Students in grades 7-12 will be

recognized for their poetry, stories, artwork and musical compositions. Free with museum admission; reservations required. **May 19, 2 p.m.:** Louis D. Levine, Museum of Jewish Heritage senior advisor, presents a behind-the-scenes talk about the current exhibition, "Fire in My Heart: The Story of Hannah Senesh." Free with museum admission; reservations required.

Mitchell Museum
of the American
Indian

13+ 18+ 65+

3001 Central St., Evanston. (847) 475-1030.

www.mitchellmuseum.org. Admission is \$5; \$3 for senior citizens, students and children. Free admission for Mitchell Museum members and tribal members; and on the first Friday of every month. **April 27, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.:** Community Day programs, free with regular museum admission, include a "dream catcher" Kids Craft workshop at 11 a.m.; live music at 1 p.m.; and a story time for youngsters at 2 p.m. **Through Aug. 25:** "The War of 1812: Fighting for Their Homeland." **Through Sept. 1:** "Another View of American Indian Fine Art," focusing on significant developments in Native art from the

1920s to the present in diverse cultures across the U.S. and Canada. **Through Sept. 8:** "New Treasures of Our Collection," an exhibit of 45 recent acquisitions.

Block Museum of
Art

18+

At Northwestern University, 40 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston. www.blockmuseum.northwestern.edu. Admission is free. **Through Aug. 11:** "Drawing the Future: Chicago Architecture on the International Stage, 1900-1925." **May 15, 5:15 p.m.:** Gallery Talk with "Drawing the Future" curator David

Van Zanten and others. **Through Aug. 11:** "Blacklisted: William Gropper's Capriccios," in the Ellen Philips Katz and Howard C. Katz Gallery.

Dittmar Memorial
Gallery

18+

At Northwestern University's Norris Center, 1999 Campus Drive, Evanston. www.dittmar.northwestern.edu. **Through May 5:** "Plastic World." Chicago-based artist, feminist and social activist Mary Ellen Croteau transforms scrap made from organic polymers into contemporary art. ■


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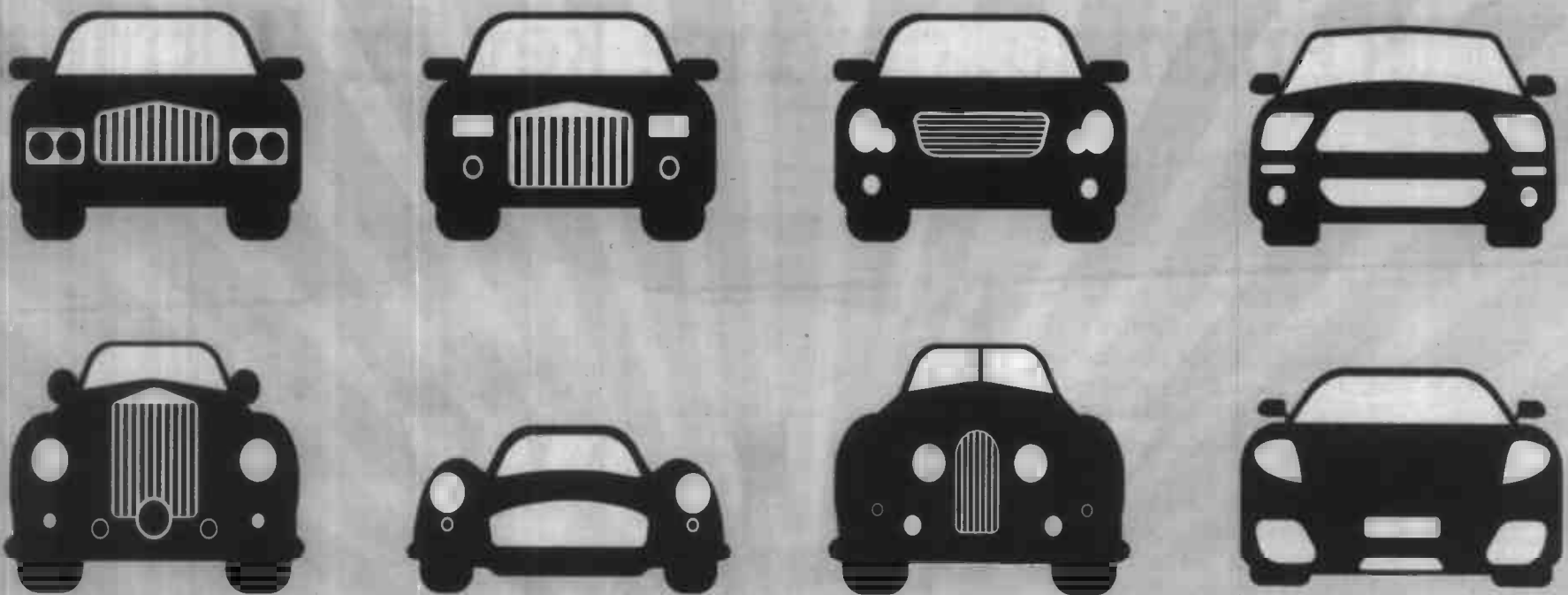
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Don't Miss

Friday

Girls track and field: Niles North at Niles North Invitational, 4:30 p.m.

This meet represents the only time Niles North will compete at home this season. The Vikings don't have any returning state qualifiers on their roster, but they are led by all-conference returnees Jessica Brand, Jennifer Na and Lily Wong. All three are seniors.

Saturday

Baseball: Niles West at Niles North doubleheader, 10:30 a.m.

One of the biggest highlights of the Vikings' 2012 campaign came against their cross-town rival. Niles North beat up on Niles West's pitching staff a year ago, scoring 13 runs en route to an 11-run victory.

This Week
Niles North

BASEBALL

Today

At Maine West, 4:45 p.m.

Saturday

Hosts Niles West (DH), 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday

Hosts Highland Park, 4:45 p.m.

BOYS GYMNASTICS

Friday

At Glenbrook North, 6 p.m.

Wednesday

At IHSA Sectionals, TBD

GIRLS SOCCER

Today

At Glenbrook North, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday

At Leyden, Noon

Tuesday

At Maine East, 7 p.m.

Wednesday

Hosts Waukegan, 7 p.m.

SOFTBALL

Today

Hosts Highland Park, 4:45 p.m.

Friday

Hosts Regina (DH), 4:45 p.m.

Saturday

At Montini, 1 p.m.

Monday

Hosts Deerfield, 4:45 p.m.

Tuesday

At Maine West, 4:45 p.m.

BOYS TENNIS

Today

Hosts Highland Park, 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday

At Glenbrook North, 4:30 p.m.

BOYS TRACK

Friday

At Prospect Invite, 4:30 p.m.

GIRLS TRACK

Friday

At Niles North Invite, 4:30 p.m.

Monday

At Maine West, 4:30 p.m.

BOYS VOLLEYBALL

Today

Hosts Highland Park, 6 p.m.

Friday

At Evanston, 6 p.m.

Tuesday

Hosts Maine East, 6 p.m.

Pitching, defense key for Vikings

BY MATT SCHUR | Contributor | @PioneerMatt

On July 17, 1988, the Boston Red Sox's Wade Boggs, an eventual Hall-of-Famer and member of Major League Baseball's prestigious 3,000-hit club, opened the eighth inning against the Kansas City Royal's Israel Sanchez, now an assistant coach for Niles North.

Sanchez, a left-hander, remembers he worked the count to 1-2 then threw what he called one of the best sinkers of his life. He thought it nipped the outside corner.

The ump called a ball. Sanchez argued the call. So too did his manager, who would get ejected, his pitching coach and legendary Royals third baseman George Brett. Sanchez walked Boggs, then, still frazzled, walked the next batter. There were two on, nobody out, as Ellis Burks, who was a single short the cycle, stepped to the plate. Jim Rice, another future Hall-of-Famer, waited in the on-deck circle.

The Vikings' success this year, as is true in baseball for almost every team at any level, is predicated on the defensive side. In the team's nine wins (it is 9-5-1 after a 7-3 win Saturday over Lane), it has given up 15 runs. In



In this March 17, 2012, photo, Niles North's Matt McTague pitches against Northside in Skokie. McTague has a 2.57 ERA through 14 games this season. | ALLISON WILLIAMS-for Sun-Times Media

five losses, the team has given up 45 runs.

"Every year is pretty much the same for all of us at the high school level — you only go as far as the pitching and defense,"

Niles North coach Ed Toledo said.

Going far is certainly in the mix for Niles North in a season where the team is off to its best start in years and has grand ambitions

for the rest of the season. The goals: win 20 games, the conference and a regional title.

"At least potential-wise, this could be the best team we've had (under Toledo)," said Ron



Zajorski, an assistant coach who's spent 17 years with the high school.

"Our senior class is outstanding," Toledo added. Top-to-bottom, he said, the seniors are the most dedicated group he has ever had.

Among them is pitcher, shortstop and three-hitter Matt McTague, who has been crucial to the offense and pitching staff. After his junior

season was marred by three separate injuries — torn elbow ligament, broken hand, broken wrist — McTague is healthy and hitting .429 with a 2.57 ERA on the mound. (All individual stats through 14 games.)

"Sometimes your hardest working kids are not your most talented players," Toledo said. "That's natural at this age because they can do it so well

without much effort. But our most talented kids are our hardest working kids."

That includes McTague and other senior leaders like Elliot Mark, who is off to a blistering start, hitting .457 with 13 RBI. Zajorski pointed out that seniors Ari Cone and Nik Erickson have stepped up as pitchers.

A third of the way through the year, the Vikings will look

to its senior class for leadership as it tries to iron out some early season inconsistencies. Pitching will play a major factor.

"This year we have high expectations for the pitching staff," said Sanchez, who oversees the Vikings' rotation.

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"The game has changed quite a bit since I played, quite

naturally," said Sanchez, who pitched in the majors in 1988 and 1990 for the Royals. "But the more it changes, the more it stays the same."

No kidding. With two runners on and no outs, Sanchez struck out a batter then relied on his outfield to record the final two outs with no runs scored in the inning. Pitching and defense — some things never change. ■

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It's extremely rare for a baseball player to go straight to the major leagues without ever playing a single game in the minors. And get this — only twice in the last 50 years has a player not only gone directly to the big leagues, but then played so superbly at that level that he was elected to the Hall of Fame. Any guesses? Here's a hint: one was a pitcher and one was a position player. The pitcher was Jim "Catfish" Hunter, and the position player was Dave Winfield.

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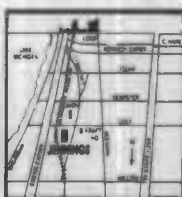
One of the quiet success stories in 21st Century sports has been the NBA Development League. More than 25 per cent of players on 2012 NBA rosters spent time playing in the 16-team D-League. All 30 NBA teams have some relationship with the league, and every D-League game is streamed live and free on YouTube. But here's the real measure of success: A D-League franchise could be had for about \$400,000 when the league was formed in 2001. A decade later — about \$4 million.

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The world's oldest marathoner has run his final race, or so he says. Granted, it was "only" a 10-kilometer affair (6.25 miles), but he ran it at a pace of less than 15 minutes per mile, which is actually running, not walking. His name — Fauja Singh, and his age — well, take a guess. The event was part of the Hong Kong Marathon in December of 2013, and Singh ran it wearing a saffron turban with his white beard flowing at the astonishing age of 101, after which he announced his "retirement."

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Don't Miss

Saturday

Baseball: Marian Catholic at Notre Dame doubleheader, 10 a.m.

Sam Ferri has been crushing the ball for the Dons this season. The freshman, who lives in Norridge, leads the team with a .462 average and eight RBI as of Saturday.

Tuesday

Boys track and field: Notre Dame at Benet Academy, 4:30 p.m.

The Dons' strengths have been the 800 meters — seniors Matt Siemianowski and Mike Gibson are both strong there — and the pole vault so far this season. Senior Adrian Bosowski was able to clear 11 feet at the Bartlett Flyin' Hawk Invitational on April 13.

Notre Dame looks ahead to 2014

BY KENT MCDILL | Contributor | @Pioneer_Press

The Notre Dame boys lacrosse team is in the middle of its 2013 season, and coach Chip Seiple is still looking for an answer.

"We lack the one guy that finishes," Seiple said. "We started the season all playing as individuals, but they have started to mesh more lately and are working together as a team. I expect to see our scoring improve the rest of the season."

After a 3-1 start to the season, the Dons have dropped three in a row.

"We were playing great, but I think our heads got too big," junior captain James Maibuecher said. "I think we slacked off. We've got to get back to playing like we were."

The team has had to adjust to new personnel, which was a result of a major overhaul of the roster this season: Eleven players on last year's team have since graduated.

"We are predominantly juniors now; we have only one senior. Most of our impact players are juniors," said Seiple, who is in his second season as lacrosse coach at Notre



In this April 25, 2012, photo, Notre Dame's James Maibuecher (center) takes a shot against Bartlett in Niles. As of Monday, Maibuecher had tallied six goals and 12 assists this season. | **ROB HART-Sun-Times Media**

Dame after his team went 7-9 last year.

With that young roster makeup, Seiple sees this season as a chance to grow together while stockpiling as many wins as the team can muster.

"What we will have is another year with essentially the same team," he said, looking forward to 2014.

The lone senior on the team is Anton Mueller, who plays the attack position. His best

skill is the ability to carry the ball, something Seiple said is a strength of the entire team.

"We carry the ball well, and we move the ball well," Seiple said. "But we have a young defense, with only one returning varsity defender."

Among the defenders is junior captain Kim McCoy, who "is not very physical, but he is very skilled. He is one of the more skilled players I have ever coached," Seiple said.

The midfield is anchored by

Maibuecher, for whom Seiple offered the greatest praise: "He is probably one of the quickest players I have seen at any level I have coached."

The team's top goal scorer is junior Sean Remlinger, who had 10 goals and two assists going into Tuesday's game against Bartlett. Maibuecher had six goals and 12 assists and Mueller had five goals and six assists.

"We are working to develop that faith you need in your

teammates, and that is starting to come along," Seiple said.

Maibuecher said a number of the players played together on travel teams over the summer to help build team chemistry, and plan to do so again this summer as the majority of the team prepares for its senior season.

"But we want to do our best no matter what age we are," said Maibuecher. "This is not just a building season." ■

This Week
Notre Dame

BASEBALL

Saturday

Hosts Marian Cath. (DH), 10 a.m./Noon

Monday

Hosts Carmel, 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday

At Carmel, 4:30 p.m.

BOYS LACROSSE

Today

At Nazareth, 4:30 p.m.

Friday

Hosts Warren, 7 p.m.

Tuesday

Hosts Carmel, 7:30 p.m.

BOYS TENNIS

Today

Hosts Nazareth, 4:30 p.m.

Friday

At Carmel, 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday

Hosts Marian Catholic, 4:30 p.m.

BOYS VOLLEYBALL

Today

At St. Viator, 5 p.m.

Tuesday

At Nazareth, 5 p.m.



COLLEGE ROUNDUP

Zucker throws no-hitter

BY NICK BULLOCK | Contributor | @Pioneer_Press

Glenbrook South alumna **Jennifer Zucker** was recently named the Midwest Conference Pitcher of the Week after throwing a no-hitter and stringing together several strong starts for the Beloit (Wis.) College softball team at the MWC Softball Classic.

The freshman from Glenview threw a no-hitter against Grinnell (Iowa) College on April 14 in East Peoria. Zucker struck out 10 batters in that game and set a Buccaneers single-season record with 141 strikeouts. Through Sunday, Zucker has a 3.03 ERA and just 15 walks in 134 innings pitched.

During the MWC Softball Classic, which ran from April 12-14, Zucker logged a 2-2 record with a 1.22 ERA, 34 strikeouts and three walks.

Another area athlete, Lake Forest native **Megan Salm**, is also on the Beloit College softball team. The sophomore has started in 29 of the team's 30 games. She sits fourth on the team in RBI with eight and fourth in hits with 16.

Ben Gullo, a Lake Zurich alumnus, was named Ohio Valley Conference Pitcher of the Week on April 15. Gullo recently entered the Eastern Kentucky Colonels' starting rotation when a spot opened up because of injury. After becoming a starter he rattled off four straight quality starts.

Gullo's most recent gem



Lake Zurich alumnus Ben Gullo has a 3.80 ERA and is holding opposing hitters to a .232 batting average for Eastern Kentucky this season. || **CHRIS RADCLIFFE**-Eastern Kentucky University Photographer

came in a 7-3 win against Tennessee-Martin on April 13 in Richmond, Ky. The sophomore from Lake Zurich pitched eight innings and allowed three runs on just five hits while striking out a career-high 13 and walking just one batter. His previous career high in strikeouts was six.

In one stretch, from the fourth inning through the sixth against Tennessee-Martin, Gullo retired nine straight batters.

River Forest native Matt Lynch also is on the Colonels' staff. He's appeared in 13 games and is 0-3 with an 8.25 ERA.

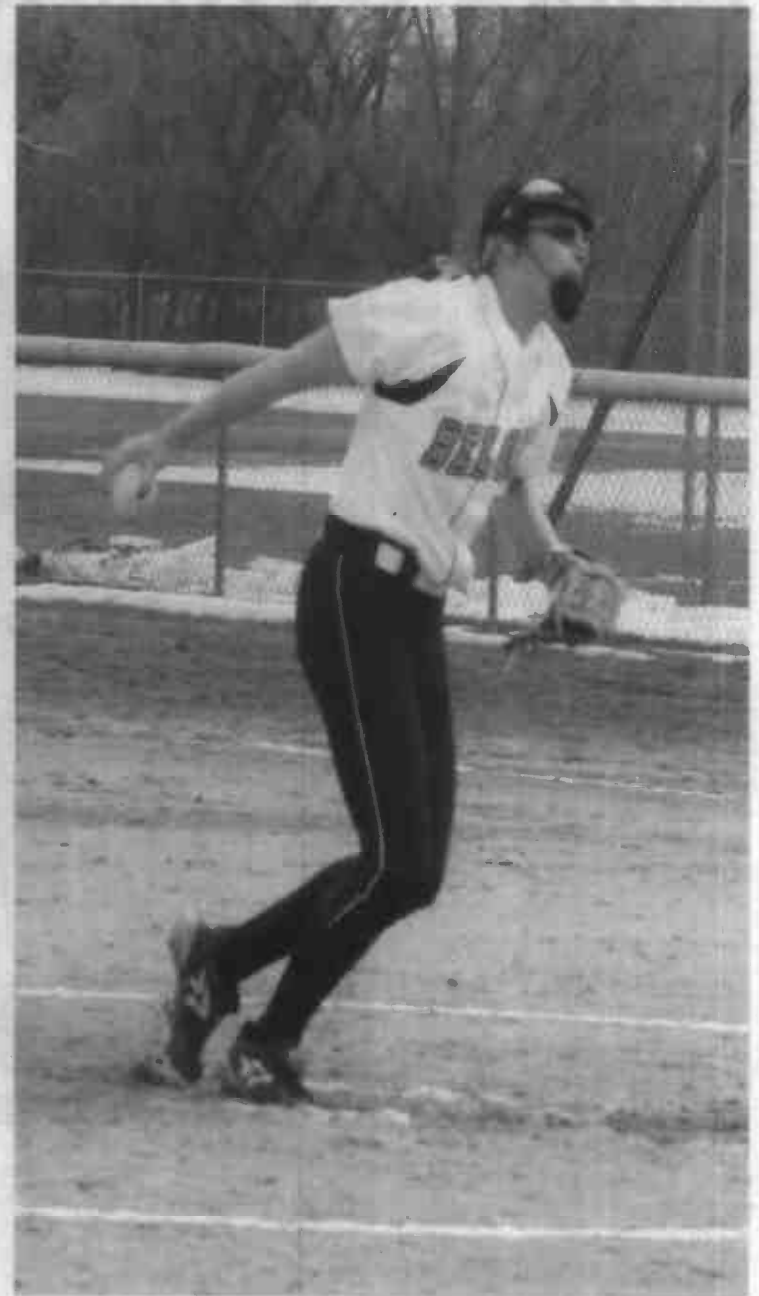
The following area athletes recently earned 2012-13 Academic All-Ivy honors in

winter sports:

- Stevenson alumna and Lincolnshire native **Michelle Shnyder**, a junior on the Brown gymnastics team, was the all-around champion at the Ivy Classic and a second-team All-Eastern College Athletic Conference selection.

- Loyola alumnus **Matt Sullivan**, a senior on the Brown men's basketball team, was a first-team Capital One/CoSIDA Academic All-American and earned second-team All-Ivy honors. Sullivan is from Wilmette.

- North Shore alumnus **Peter Callahan**, a senior from Evanston on the Princeton men's track and field team, was the NCAA champion in the distance medley relay and earned first-team



Glenbrook South graduate Jennifer Zucker threw a no-hitter for the Beloit (Wis.) College softball team on April 14 and was named her conference's pitcher of the week the next day. | **BELOIT ATHLETICS**

All-American honors.

- Stevenson alumna **Tara Feld**, a senior on the Yale gymnastics team, was a qualifier in the USA Gymnastics Collegiate Nationals and won the floor exercise individual title at the Ivy Classic. Feld is a native of Buffalo Grove.

- Hinsdale Central alumna **Adabelle Ekechukwu**, a junior on the Harvard women's

track and field team, earned All-American honors in the weight throw and became the first female Ivy League athlete to break the 20-meter mark in that event. Ekechukwu hails from Oak Brook.

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



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Local gym focuses on triathletes

BY KATE HEDLIN | Contributor | @SportsLoisLane

John Villani wanted something different than a traditional gym. A fervent cyclist, Villani was attracted to Amphibian Multisport in Libertyville.

"I've been to the other big gyms," the Libertyville resident said. "My core love is cycling, and here, your training reaches a higher level."

Villani doesn't seem to be the only one who feels that way.

Libertyville's Marty Taylor came up with the idea for Amphibian Multisport — a gym designed for triathletes, cyclists and other endurance athletes — two years ago. Taylor, an Ironman finisher and triathlon coach, saw the chance to open a facility that would focus on training for a triathlon's various stages (running, biking and swimming).

Taylor's girlfriend and business partner, Kristin MacCarthy, remembers when he texted her about the idea. A triathlete herself, MacCarthy saw the potential in a one-stop facility.

Amphibian Multisport opened on Nov. 1, 2012, and Taylor retired from active Navy duty in February of this year. He said there has been an "overwhelming response," and the gym has more than 70 members, most of whom live in the Libertyville area. Taylor said he expects that number



From left, Jeff Rizner (Libertyville), Jim Dash (Libertyville), Caren O'Keeffe (Mundelein) and Lorna Wolter (Libertyville) train on bicycles at Amphibian Multisport in Libertyville April 7. | JOSH PECKLER-For Sun-Times Media

to double when the facility opens a pool in the fall.

MacCarthy, whose background is in corporate finance, believes in the potential for a triathlon-focused gym. She likened the possible growth of triathlons to the trajectory that running and marathons experienced in the 1980s.

"The very first time I crossed the finish line, it changed my life," MacCarthy said. "It changes who you are. I want to get this out there to other people. People think it's impossible (to complete a triathlon), but you can come to this place, talk to Marty or I,

and see that it is possible."

The choice to set up at 753 N. Milwaukee Ave. in Libertyville was an obvious one for the owners. MacCarthy is a resident of the area, and both her and Taylor have found that the North Shore attracts a lot of triathletes because of the access to uninterrupted trails and a lack of congestion that city paths are known for.

They expect to break ground on a two-lane pool next month as part of a new 7,000-square-foot facility that will be a few blocks from the current location.

In the meantime, the facility

houses treadmills and allows athletes to hook up their bikes to devices called CompuTrainers, which help simulate various road courses and racing conditions.

Some gyms provide options like cardio classes and free weights, but Taylor said the goal of Amphibian Multisport is to help members get stronger and improve their times, not their overall fitness.

"I don't think we have a mirror in the place," he said. "It's not about looking good. It's about making you a better athlete."

For many members, the

CompuTrainers are a big selling point.

"Being able to bring your own bike was attractive," Villani said. "You really enhance your training with the ability to go up against other racers."

Jim Wolter, a Libertyville resident who is also an Amphibian Multisport member, said that although the facility draws elite athletes, there's also a sense of community.

"It's not just about paying dues," he said. "Everyone's a team. You want to support each other and help them succeed." ■



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Don't Miss

Saturday

Baseball: Niles West at Niles North doubleheader, 10:30 a.m.

Niles West was upset in this meeting a year ago. The Vikings, who finished their 2012 campaign with a 16-20 record, beat up on the Wolves' pitchers en route to a 13-2 victory.

Wednesday

Boys volleyball: Niles West at New Trier, 6 p.m.

New Trier has been one of the CSL South's top teams this season, and it just won the Downers Grove South Invitational on Saturday. Niles West is right there with the Trevians. The Wolves nearly beat the Trevians on April 16, falling 23-25, 25-22, 28-26.

Simon sisters among state hopefuls

BY KENT MCDILL | Contributor | @Pioneer_Press

Sunshine Simon was a junior last May when she ran the 100-meter hurdles and the 300 hurdles for Niles West in the Class 3A girls track and field state championships.

She was overwhelmed by the experience and not ready for the scope of the event.

"It was so scary," said Simon, now a senior. "I was so shy and nervous. If I go again, I will have the experience. I will be confident. I won't be nervous."

The Wolves girls track and field team has several athletes capable of meeting state qualifying times, heights or distances this spring, and Simon is one of them. So is Sunbright Simon, Sunshine Simon's twin sister.

Sunbright Simon runs the 300 hurdles and 400, and the two girls are also on Niles West's 4x400 relay team. Coach Mark Medland hopes the sisters both get down to state this year.

"We are going to have to choose what is better for Sunbright," Medland said. "But I think they make each other better, and



In this March 15, 2012, photo, Niles West's Sunshine Simon (right) pulls ahead in the 55-meter hurdles during the CSL Indoor Conference Invitational at Glenbrook South. | CURTIS LEHMKUHL-Sun-Times Media

they push each other in the 300 hurdles. Sunshine has gone 46.7, and Sunbright is at about 48.9."

As a freshman, Sunshine Simon was an alternate for the 4x400 team at state. She did not qualify for the meet her sophomore year, and last year she finished 17th in the 100 hurdles and 16th in the 300 hurdles. Medland wants her to make the all-state team, which requires a top-nine finish in the state meet.

"She has gone 15.5 in the 100 hurdles so far, and 15.4 is the

qualifying time," Medland said. "Our goal there is to break 15, and that is what we need to do to get all-state. She does have the ability, and I think she can do that."

Medland thinks the 4x400 team can qualify, with sophomore Katherine De Lara running first, freshman Brittany Clark on the second leg, Sunbright Simon running third and Sunshine Simon fourth.

"If we can get all four of them running at 60 seconds, we have a state qualifying team," Medland said. ■

State potential

Niles West coach Mark Medland also has some field stars aiming for state qualifying. Senior shot putter Jasmine Townsend has been to the state meet the last two years, but she is being pushed by sophomore Fiona Kanam, who is throwing 37 feet in early meets.

Discus thrower Vishna Patel, a senior, and high jumper Lily Chatman, a senior, are potential qualifiers, as well.

Given the cold weather this season, the Wolves coach likes the team's progress.

"We are having a very good season," Medland said.

This Week Niles West

BASEBALL

Today

At New Trier, 4:45 p.m.

Saturday

Hosts Niles North (DH), 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday

Hosts Glenbrook South, 4:45 p.m.

Thursday (5/2)

At Glenbrook South, 4:45 p.m.

BOYS GYMNASTICS

Thursday

At Glenbrook North, 6 p.m.

GIRLS SOCCER

Friday

At Moline Tournay, TBA

Saturday

At Moline Tournay, TBA

Tuesday

Hosts Glenbrook South, 7 p.m.

SOFTBALL

Today

At New Trier vs. Maine South, 4:45 p.m.

Saturday

At Schaumburg (DH), 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday

At Waukegan, 4:45 p.m.

Thursday (5/2)

At Glenbrook South, 4:45 p.m.

BOYS TENNIS

Saturday

At Glenbrook South (Titan Invite), 8:30 a.m.

Tuesday

Hosts New Trier, 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday

Hosts Lake Forest, 4:45 p.m.

Thursday (5/2)

Hosts Maine South, 4:30 p.m.

BOYS TRACK

Saturday

At Glenbard West Invite, 9 a.m.

GIRLS TRACK

Saturday

At New Trier Invite, 9:30 a.m.

Monday

At Maine West Invite, 4:30 p.m.

BOYS VOLLEYBALL

Today

Hosts Evanston, 6 p.m.

Monday

At Waukegan, 6 p.m.

Wednesday

At New Trier, 6 p.m.

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