Demonstrating moves he learned from the internet, Maine South science teacher Dave Fermanich dances before students during the May 2 spring assembly, which capped off “Month of Mayhem,” an all-school fundraiser. PAGE 5 | TAMARA BELL-SUN-TIMES MEDIA

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They brought all their best moves to the dance — make that gymnasium — floor. The robot. The Dougie. Even, yes, the worm. And that was Maine South science teacher Dave Fermanich breakdancing in a blond, '80s-metal-bad-style wig? Yes, it was.

Before a screaming student body, Fermanich and five other Maine South High School teachers bounced around, shook their shoulders and competed in a dance-off during the all-school spring assembly May 2 while songs like "Single Ladies" and MC Hammer's "U Can't Touch This" played over the speaker system.

The dancers, who also included science teachers Jeff Downing and Don Kura, math teacher Tim Dohr, English teacher Paul Bellisario and Spanish teacher Joe Arguello, were chosen by students to bust a move in front of the entire Park Ridge school.

It was all part of a month-long fundraising initiative for the Cystic Fibrosis Institute of Glenview, a cause the student body selected, Assistant Principal Rose Garlasco said.

Bellisario was ultimately declared the winner of the dance-off based on the amount of student applause he received.

"I think it was the hat that won it all," he said afterward, pointing to his gray Chicago Bulls cap.

Bellisario acknowledged that some of his students taught him "the Dougie," a hip-hop dance with hopping rolls and wrist movements, in preparation for the dance-off.

"I thought something was wrong with you," Arguello remarked of the Bellisario's interpretation of the dance move. Fermanich also got advice for his steps.

"I emailed the dance teacher frantically just a couple days ago and she sent me a list of dance moves that I should do, so I spent some time Googling," he shared.

Bellisario felt the competition was a close one between his colleagues and himself who ended up participating because students had dropped the most money in cafeteria buckets bearing their names. A total of 15 teachers had been nominated to dance.

"These are the things that the kids remember," Bellisario said of the event. "It's to make these assemblies fun for the kids."

His fellow dancers agreed that the charitable nature of the event was the real reason they stepped up to suffer public embarrassment and the knowledge that students, their cell phones recording and aimed on the center of the Speculator Gym floor, would probably be posting their dancing exploits on the Internet later that day.

"There goes our professional reputations," joked Arguello, who wore a large sombrero, which he said would help obscure his identity.

The dance contest and assembly capped off "Month of Mayhem," Maine South's very first all-school charity event. It also featured a performance by Maine South's Advanced Dance class and a student dance competition between three couples. Diandre Strickland and Haley Miller were declared the winners and Strickland even wowed the crowd with an acrobatic flip.

Near the end Principal Shawn Messmer surprised the crowd by revealing he was the one inside the Harley the Hawk costume that day. Month of Mayhem was the brainchild of Garlasco and a new group she started this school year called the Presidents Club.

It was modeled after Maine West High School's Presidents Club, which has spearheaded several all-school fundraisers for charitable causes.

"The purpose was to get all the presidents from all school organizations together to see what we could do to generate school-wide spirit," Garlasco said. "We have a lot of successes and we celebrate a lot, but we usually do it by individual groups."

The President's Club brainstormed causes for which Maine South students could raise money and then brought a final list to the students for a vote. The students selected cystic-fibrosis research and support of those who have the disease as the cause they wanted to focus on.

Cystic fibrosis is a chronic lung and digestive-system disease. According to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation the disease affects about 30,000 children and adults in the United States.

The Cystic Fibrosis Institute, which will benefit from Maine South's fundraising, provides patients with clinical services, participates in research, acts as an advocate for those with cystic fibrosis and educates health-care professionals.

"The idea was to get something going (this school year)," Garlasco explained. "We started out small and our goal was $5,000."

As of the May 2 assembly the school had raised more than $4,800, with the freshmen class leading in donations, having collected $924. A final push for more donations occurred May 4 with a "Minute of Madness" that was the highlight of the May 4 assembly.

"I'm hoping it will generate some interest in a cause," Garlasco said of Month of Mayhem. "My hope, too, is that it will expand and maybe down the road we can include the community."

And maybe even get some more teachers on the dance floor, as well.
IN PROFILE

Culver 6th-grader dances way into hearts of Irish kin

BY NATASHA WASINSKI
Contributor

The universal language of dance knows no bounds. Neither does 11-year-old Patrick Holbrook, whose rapid footwork helped reunite his family in Niles with relatives an ocean away.

For the past four years the sixth-grader at Culver Elementary School has studied competitive dancing at the Dillon-Gavin School of Irish Dance in Des Plaines.

UP CLOSE

NAME: Patrick Holbrook
BEST KNOWN AS: Culver School sixth-grader and competitive Irish dancer
HOMETOWN: Niles

The Holbrook family of Niles traveled to Ireland in late-March to watch star stepper Patrick (center) compete in an international Irish dance competition. Also pictured, from left: Matt, Elizabeth, Sean, Jimmy, Maggie and Cathy. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

In November, Patrick's solo performances at Mid-America Oireachtas, a three-day competition in Rosemont, earned him fourth place in his age group.

That was no easy feat considering the event had attracted more than 2,000 boys and girls from 14 different states.

A total of 82 competitions set to traditional Irish and Celtic music were each divided into two rounds: One danced in hard shoes — for the treble jig or hornpipe — the other in soft shoes — for the reel or slip jig. Finalists competed in an additional hard shoe set dance.

Medal finishes by Patrick and two other Dillon-Gavin dancers qualified them for the 2012 world championship — held in none other than Ireland.

So the redheaded, his parents and four siblings set out for a two-week excursion at the end of March to visit the family's ancestral homeland.

Matt and Cathy Holbrook had not visited Ireland, from where both their grandparents hail, in nearly two decades.

For their kids — Elizabeth, 17, Jimmy, 16, Maggie, 14, Sean, 9, and Patrick — it was their first time in Europe and meeting their Irish kin.

They spent one day in London, took a Guinness-factory tour in Dublin, and marveled at Giant's Causeway on the Northeast coast of Northern Ireland.

The family also took a train south to Wexford County and drove north to Belfast to visit their cousins of the lush green isle.

"We all got along great," Matt Holbrook said. "They were sad we weren't staying longer."

"I think I'll dance for a long time," Patrick said, though the next time they might meet might be sooner than before: Holbrook said he is working to convince some cousins to visit Chicago in the summer.

Back in Belfast, where the dance competition was held, Patrick did well but didn't earn a top spot. That hasn't let his spirit down.

"It was a really fun experience seeing all the best dancers in the world," he said.

Dad agreed. "He didn't get discouraged and now he's trying harder than ever," Holbrook said.

The warmer months are already a particularly busy time for Patrick because of baseball season, his other favorite sport.

Holbrook said traditional Irish dance has helped his young son become a more agile athlete.

As Patrick put it: "My dancing is hard and I do it a lot. When I dance it helps me to be a stronger and more flexible." Competing overseas is a hard act to follow but the young Irish stepper isn't done yet.

"I think I'll dance for a long time," Patrick said, "because I like it a lot and it challenges me."
Task force: Annex all unincorporated areas

President Toni Preckwinkle, who represents a township that contains the largest unincorporated area in Cook County, was selected by Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle's office to join a task force assigned to study county services within all 25 unincorporated areas.

The task force on May 1 released a report that recommended that towns be abolished. The supervisor said some residents expressed concerns that the county's aspiration would be the elimination of all unincorporated land such that every resident of Cook County is also a resident of a municipality, she said.

"This task force recommends that the county's aspirations, long-term goals, and local communities should be the elimination of all unincorporated land and that the property is under 60 acres," she added.

"It's an easy thing to do," Preckwinkle said. "It's not as complicated as we're dealing with."

Preckwinkle's predecessor on the Board of Commissioners, Bob Dudas, had been a proponent of annexation and believed that it would be positive for residents by providing them with more localized services.

"Townships are basically caretakers of the unincorporated area until the time comes when a municipality takes over the property," Dudas told Park Ridge Herald-Advocate in 2004.

Unincorporated Maine Township is home to more than 24,000 residents. The area shares borders with Des Plaines, Niles, Park Ridge, and Glenview, but the municipalities have been reluctant to annex the primarily residential neighborhoods.

"I think we do a good job here and I'm proud of everything we do in Maine Township," she said. "People choose where they want to live, for the most part, and there are people who choose to live in the unincorporated area and people who choose to live in the incorporated areas."
TAM TENNIS CLUB

Benefit event raises funds for special needs education tech

BY CATHRYN GRAN
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Morton Grove’s newly appointed village manager acknowledged that he was indeed excited about upcoming festivities.

But his mind wasn’t on the reception for his promotion but on the Horne Family Tennis Fundraiser, for which all tickets had been sold.

Ryan Horne, who had been serving as finance director and village manager pro-tem, took the oath of office at the April 23 Village Board of Trustees meeting.

Horne has worked for the village since July 2007, starting as assistant finance director.

“I worked in public accounting, corporate accounting,” he said. “I’ve always believed in working hard and doing a good job.”

State Rep. John D’Amico talks with Ryan Horne, of Glenview, during a fundraiser at Tam Tennis Club. | BRIAN O’MAHONEY-FOR SUN-TIMES MEDIA
something you protect,' he said.

It was at Clemson University in South Carolina that Home met his future wife, the former Mindy Weiner, of Morton Grove.

The couple have three children—Jordan, 12; Jacob, 10; and Jenna, 8.

In 2005, doctors diagnosed Jacob as having autism.

"It's a very difficult process to go through," Home said of learning how to care for a child with special needs. "The divorce-rate percentage for families with a special-needs child is in the mid-80s."

Home acknowledged he and his wife went through some tough times. But as Jacob received his therapy they had their chance for help as they sat in the waiting room.

"That was our therapy," Home said. "We'd exchange information with other parents on what worked and what didn't. That did a lot for us."

For the past five years the Homes have been doing their best to give back to the organizations that helped them.

Mindy Horne is tennis pro at the Tam Tennis Club in Niles. She also is a two-time singles champion, having earned top state honors while a student at Maine East High School. With her ties to the tennis club she was able to secure the courts for a couple of hours of play that included drills and lessons from fellow pros.

About 65 people attended. "The first year, we raised about $4,000," Ryan Home said of the event. "This year we're looking at $9,000."

The first three years the family donated the funds to Have Dreams, an organization devoted to helping those with autism reach their highest potential.

"Now that Jacob is attending North Shore Academy Elementary (School), we've been splitting the donations," Home said.

The family uses some of the funds to purchase iPads for the school.

Home explained technology expands horizons for those who learn differently.

"Jacob was doing poorly in spelling, maybe getting 40 percent of his words correct," Horn said. "Mindy found a spelling app for the iPad, and now he's at 100 percent.

"She also likes to be able to tell donors exactly where the funds are going. She likes to be able to point to tangible donations."

While technology is important, sibling interaction also works wonders.

With the birth of Jenna, Jacob began learning new concepts.

"He couldn't speak," Home said. "It was frustrating for him and for us because we didn't know what he wanted."

"But as Jenna began to talk, so did Jacob. She used to push him."

Brother Jordan helps Jacob get into trouble, Ryan Home said with a laugh.

Though the family has faced its share of difficulties, Home maintains a positive attitude.

"There's the 'good neighbor' rule, where you treat everyone fairly," he said. "And be happy with what you have."
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DISTRIBUTION
Revenue sharing accord sells taxing bodies on TIF

May 14 meeting, in keeping with village code that requires a second reading of an ordinance before trustees can take action.

Review-board members voting in favor of the recommendation included School Districts 67, 70 and 219, as well as the village and the Morton Grove Public Library Board.

Voting against was the Morton Grove Park District.

Executive Director Brian Sullivan said the Park District Board in its April meeting voted against the recommendation due to concerns about loss of revenue for the school districts.

“This was before today’s motion included the revenue-sharing provision,” he said. “The board may very well have voted differently had that provision originally been included.

The proposed TIF district, which includes about 135 acres, would have a budget of $28 million, derived from the taxes collected on difference between the current equalized assessed value and that of any growth in the district.

Steven Friedman said only a fraction of the $28 million would go toward the Prairie View Shopping Center redevelopment project, which makes up about 25 acres of the district.

Friedman is president of Chicago-based SB Friedman and Co., which works with municipalities on TIF projects.

The current equalized assessed value of the proposed TIF-district property is $35 million. The project value after improvements is $65 million.

Friedman noted that the village is looking for five times the $28 million from private investments.

According to the Illinois Tax Increment Association, in a tax-increment-financing district a base level of property-tax assessment is established, and increased revenues generated by increases in that assessed value due to expansions, improvements or new developments within the district are directed into a redevelopment fund, established and controlled by the municipality.

These funds then can be used for qualified redevelopment costs within the district, such as infrastructure improvements and other incentives.

The potential downside for other taxing bodies, unless otherwise negotiated, is a freeze on the amount of tax dollars received, as additional funds generated from increased property values are used to spur additional redevelopment in the TIF district.

Once the district is established it remains in effect for 25 years unless the municipality terminates it earlier or seeks state legislative approval to extend it.

Municipalities can use TIF revenues for redevelopment plans, property-assembly costs, financing costs, relocation and for as much as 80 percent of interest costs incurred by the developer.

Also participating in the citywide finals on April 10 at the University of Illinois at Chicago were Natalie Michalski with her video-documentary project, “Film Censorship in Chicago,” Danielle Kavanagh with her project, “William Stead: The Story of an English Reformer,” and Andrew Peterson with his paper, titled “Struggles for Freedom and Equality: Chicago Immigration.”

The Chicago Metro History Fair is sponsored by the Chicago Metro History Education Center (CMHEC).
HONOR FLIGHT CHICAGO

WWII veteran given a hero’s welcome

BY NATASHA WASINSKI
Contributor

Ninety-five World War II veterans and women received a hero’s welcome at Midway Airport. Among them was 87-year-old Niles resident Bernard “Bernie” Warchol.

The nonprofit Honor Flight Chicago sent Warchol and other local veterans on April 26 to Washington, D.C., for a day-long, all-expenses-paid excursion to tour the capital’s monuments and museums as a “thank you” for their sacrifices more than a half-century ago.

The trip concluded with a massive celebration at Midway featuring active duty military personnel, color guard, motorcycle clubs, live bands, and — of course — friends, families and well-wishing fans.

U.S. Army-vet Warchol was born in Crane Tech High School on the city’s Near West Side in 1945 and made war munitions at a machine shop before getting drafted later that year.

Despite an attack by a prowling German U-boat on their ship convoy, Warchol and his unit made it safely across the Atlantic to war-torn Europe.

They saw their first action with General George Patton’s army at the Battle of the Bulge, where Warchol recalled taking cover in a foxhole while the world fell in from around him. He would remain in Belgium for three months more.

After the war on the Western Front had ended, Warchol’s unit shipped back to the U.S. to prepare for the invasion of Japan. He was on a 30-day leave when Japan surrendered. A physical exam revealed Warchol had heart problems that qualified as a disability, and he received a waiver for release in 1946.

Post-service, Warchol returned to his passion for machinery by pursuing an industrial-engineering degree. He worked at GM Labs and then Sergeant-Welch Scientific Company until he was 62 years old.

Warchol married his wife, Dorothy, in 1953. Together they have three children and five grandchildren.

Since 2008, Honor Flight Chicago has organized trips for nearly 3,000 service-men and women to see the national memorials erected in their honor. More than 1,000 veterans, whose average age is 88, remain on the waiting list.

CULTURAL EVENT

Thousands expected to attend Greater Chicago Jewish Festival

Thousands of people are expected in Morton Grove next month for an extraordinary festival celebrating Jewish Culture.

The Greater Chicago Jewish Festival, produced biannually since 1980, will kick off at 11 a.m. and run through 6 p.m. June 10 in St. Paul’s Woods at the Cook County Forest Preserve between Oakton and Dempster Streets.

Steven Page, former lead singer of Canadian alternative rockers Barenaked Ladies, will headline an eclectic music mix of entertainment.

Page has performed all over the world, winning fame and critical acclaim as the lead singer and songwriter of the Toronto-based group. But since 2009, when he left to pursue a solo career, Page has drawn from his Jewish heritage to write songs that speak from his personal life.

The Greater Chicago Jewish Festival will feature Page and a panoply of Jewish performers, art, crafts, dance, kosher food and kids activities.

“We offer what no other music festival can offer,” said Michael Lorge of Skokie, founder and chair of the Festival’s production group. “It’s an opportunity for mainstream performers to offer up their mainstream music. The ultimate crossover.”

The festival will include non-stop music, a storytelling stage, a children’s activities area, dance performance, and a strictly kosher food fair featuring vendors offering kosher pizza, hot dogs, falafel and unusual food treats.

Laura Frankel, the executive director of the Greater Chicago Jewish Festival, said, “We create a kind of town square of Jewish Chicago, where people meet, sing and eat, and get to appreciate Jewish culture,” Lorge said. “It is just a kick to throw a party for 20,000 folks and know that for that day, everyone gets along and enjoys the music, dance and art.”

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Students set out to prove Earth Day is year-round

BY NATASHA WASINSKI
Contributor

Beautifying and preserving the earth for generations to come had extra-special meaning as senior residents partnered with local elementary students to test their green thumbs.

Niles Senior Center members Joan Jensen and Helen Sparkes joined dozens of kindergartners and several seventh-graders last month at Culver Elementary School, 6901 W. Oakton St., for a cross-generational garden party.

Together they added color to the school courtyard by planting red and white geraniums, and impatiens.

Jensen acknowledged not being a pro at gardening, but said it was nice to return to the school where both her children and grandchildren attended.

The younger students, Principal Peggie Maniscalco said, were mostly excited “to get their hands in the dirt.”

Since Maniscalco, a former science teacher, became principal last summer, Culver
School has expanded its eco-friendly efforts.

Last spring the school partnered with Niles and Coca-Cola to host a rain-barrel pickup day, distributing 125 free barrels to Niles residents. The beverage company chose Culver as its distribution site because of school's rain garden, nurtured to life last summer by sixth-, seventh- and eighth-grade students, and local Boy Scouts troops. Maniscalco hopes to expand the garden by adding another barrel to collect rain water.

Like many schools, recycling is Culver's biggest "green" program. Paper and aluminum cans are now the only items collected for recycling, though students and staff can bring used plastic water bottles to arts and science classes at teachers' discretion.

Early in the school year Culver student-council members surveyed what was being tossed in the trash, Maniscalco said. When they discovered recyclable items in garbage cans, the council worked to create more awareness of the recycling program.

Students are paying equal attention to what happens beyond the school's doors. Just last month Culver School began raising colored flags each day that correspond to the local air-quality forecast.

The program, supported by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, is intended to educate students and community members about outdoor-air conditions and pollution.

Culver's sixth-grade teachers also recently applied for a grant to bring solar panels to the school to generate their own electricity, Maniscalco said.

"The nice part is, every small bit counts and heightens students' awareness," she said.

While some area schools planned educational activities around Earth Day, which was April 22, most aim to be environmentally friendly year-round.

At Apollo School, 10100 Dee Road, Des Plaines, students regularly take part in recycling and gardening activities.

"We are more Earth Day every day," said Principal Leslie Hall.

Principal Jean Le Blanc said Nelson School, 8901 Oa- nam Ave., Niles, launched a recycling program for classroom and cafeteria items in early-April in anticipation of Earth Day.

"We're pleased that we're able to take the step forward to protect the earth a little bit more," she said.

Student-council members in the past organized zip-lock-bag recycling drives at Mark Twain School, 9401 Hamlin Ave., Niles, Principal Nichole Gross said.

At Melzer School, 9400 N. Oriole Avenue, Morton Grove, the student council leads most of the school's environmental activities.

Art teacher Kim Teeter, who oversees the 60-member student group, dubbed April "Earth Month" because of all of their events.

The student council is selling "smencils," gourmet-scented pencils made from recycled newspapers in flavors like cherry and maple, and making recycled notebooks out of cereal boxes and used paper.

Teeter said proceeds would go toward helping purchase biodegradable starter pots for students to plant flower seeds in school to bring home.

She said Melzer recycles paper daily, and collects old cell phones and printer cartridges for safe disposal throughout the year.

Last year some students participated in a special civics-leadership project to grow the school's recycling program.

Principal Shawn Schleizer said students worked with the building-and-ground staff and Melzer's business manager to learn about waste management and how to adjust contracts to accommodate aluminum recycling.

In the end they discovered recycling is a costly endeavor, one that the school could not afford to undertake at the time.

"Of course the students were outraged," Schleizer said. "But it was a learning experience for how to make recycling happen."
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NILES POLICE

Man charged in alleged attempt to smother mother with pillow

BY TRACY GRUEN

Frank Wagner, 40, of 8238 Oconto Ave., was arrested Apr. 29 and charged with aggravated battery and domestic battery after allegedly attempting to smother his 80-year-old mother with a pillow.

On April 29, Niles police were called to the victim's residence for a domestic battery after the caller told police she heard a 80-year-old woman screaming in the driveway of the victim's house. The caller told police she was driving under the influence of alcohol and then saw the 80-year-old mother sitting in the passenger seat, stating that her son was trying to kill her. The complainant then reported seeing Wagner run from the scene, police said.

The victim told police that while she was lying awake in bed her son entered her bedroom, placed his knees on her shoulders to pin her down and suffocated her with a pillow. The victim reportedly struggled with the suspect and freed herself from the pillow. The victim's son then grabbed a second pillow and tried to suffocate her a second time, she told police.

The victim said she tried to call 911, but her son took the phone from her and threw it across the room.

Police found Wagner a few blocks away and he was taken into custody.

"They interviewed him, but I can't speak to the nature of the interview," Tornabene said.

Wagner was also charged with Interference with Emergency Communication. He has a May 3 court date.

"It's difficult to prove intent on somebody that has some issues that are more than normal medical issues," he said, noting that the suspect's mother reported her son suffers from bi-polar disorder.

POLICE BLOTTER

The following incidents were listed in the weekly bulletin prepared by 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

Omar Franco, 26, of 7737 N. Octavia, was arrested May 2, and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol on the 7600 block of Milwaukee Avenue. Niles police found the suspect's vehicle resting against a light pole. Franco told police he was going to the car and crashed. He has a May 21 court date.

THEFT

A Niles police officer observed surveillance video in which a man in his mid-to-late 50s pushed the victim's wallet toward the edge of the cash-register platform in the direction of his bag of groceries and then palm the wallet April 30 at a grocery store on the 7500 block of Touhy Avenue. The wallet contained $500, a credit card, and several store credit cards.

 ILLEGAL DUMPING

According to police reports, someone has been dumping garbage in a trash bin at a school on the 8000 block of Gross Point.

SUSPENDED LICENSE

Miguel Iriarte, 38, of 8710 N. Elmore, was arrested April 30 on the 9100 block of Milwaukee Avenue and charged with driving with a suspended license. He has a May 21 court date.

PUBLIC WORKS

Storm causes tree to fall on house

A tree fell on a house on the 8200 block of New England in Niles during a heavy rain storm May 3.

Public Works Director Scott Jochim said department employees were out May 4 working on the house. He wasn't yet sure of the extent of the damage to the house.

Niles received about 2.5 inches of rain on the north side of town and 1.5 inches of rain on the south side.

Jochim said heavy rain rushed down twice May 3, once in the late-afternoon and once in the evening. Hail also was seen.

“There was a lot of flooding on the streets,” Jochim said of side streets across the village.

The afternoon rain lasted about 5 minutes, but the evening rain continued for more than an hour, Jochim explained.

“It came down in buckets,” Jochim said.

— By Tracy Gruen
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Brick ranch home

Single-story features spacious kitchen with granite countertops and modern appliances

7235 Palma Lane, Morton Grove — $179,000

Constructed in 1965, this 1,127-square-foot ranch sits on 0.16 acres.
Highlights of the kitchen include tile flooring, granite countertops and modern appliances. There's also a breakfast area included, which has large windows and access to the single-car garage.
The living room has hardwood flooring, decorative trim and large windows overlooking the front yard.
Features of the bathroom include tile flooring and a combination shower and bathtub.
Hardwood flooring lines the master bedroom and is accompanied by slim windows with decorative trim, exposed lighting and closet space.
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A: Regardless of the market, never start spending money on your home without talking to a Realtor. There are some obvious things sellers need to do to prepare their home for the market. If you feel you need to spend major money, like for a roof or flood control, my advice is to get the estimate but don't do the work.

Let it come up during inspection when you then have an opportunity to negotiate that amount.
I feel it is important to get the house clean and clutter-free. Scrub baths, empty and organize kitchen cabinets, and clean out closets. I also suggest presenting fresh towels and shower curtains and adding some good-smelling soaps.
The front of the house is important. Get a new door mat, clean up landscaping, and add pots of flowers near the door. Don't forget the basement. Get it clean and organized.
These are tasks a seller can do at little or no cost. Sellers should also ask if they should spend money on a professional stager.

— Mary Summerville, Jameson Sotheby's International Realty, 847-869-7300, mary@jamesonsir.com

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Source: ChicagosBlockshopper.com. Data tracks last 12 months of sales.
‘Sticker Shock’ aims to stop underage drinking

BY JENNIFER JOHNSON
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When it comes to putting an end to the acceptance of underage drinking, Park Ridge Police Chief Frank Kaminski compares the effort to getting drivers to wear their seat belts: it might take awhile, but eventually attitudes will shift.

“Years ago you couldn’t get people to put on a seat belt. Now we’re in the 90 percent range,” Kaminski said last month as he helped members of the Park Ridge Police Explorers group take part in Sticker Shock, a campaign to stamp out underage drinking that was organized by the Maine Community Youth Assistance Foundation. Kaminski, with Park Ridge 1st Ward Alderman Joe Sweeney, joined the three explorers at Tony’s Finer Foods in Niles as they affixed stickers to cases of beer and wine coolers, warning purchasers that it is illegal to provide alcohol to anyone under age 21 and illegal to purchase alcohol using a fake ID.

In total, volunteers visited 49 retail establishments across Park Ridge, Niles and Des Plaines.

“Overall I think it went really well,” said Margaret Polovchak, director of MCYAF which supplied the stickers. “They were able to distribute and get out into those stores 13,000 stickers, window clings and posters. I think it’s pretty saturated.”

Polovchak hopes the campaign serves as a reminder to adults that providing alcohol to those who are underage is against the law and that they should not take part in it.

“No matter what, when underage drinking occurs, somewhere there’s an adult involved — whether they are supporting it knowingly or unknowingly, selling it to them, or ignoring the fact that there’s drinking going on,” she said.

Kaminski hopes that if people are reminded enough, the message will eventually sink in — like it has with seat belt usage.

“I think the more we do this, the more we are able to change people’s attitudes and values,” Kaminski said.

Police Explorers Karl Meyers, a Maine South graduate, and Gary Lynch and Tony Perez, freshmen at Notre Dame High School in Niles, were among the group of 60 teenage volunteers who participated in the third annual Sticker Shock. The Explorers, who learn about law enforcement from members of the Park Ridge Police Department, were accompanied by school resource officer Mike Luehr on their mission to cover shelves of packaged alcohol and one convenience store.

“Because of programs like Sticker Shock we’re limiting the access from retail stores,” Meister said.

Lynch added: “I don’t like underage drinking, I don’t support it. This is a good way to stop it or prevent it.”

Perez said stories of young people dying as a result of alcohol use — and parents failing to pay attention to what their children are doing — made him want to take part in the Sticker Shock campaign.

“I hope if teenagers come down and see these stickers they’ll have second thoughts about buying alcohol,” Perez said.

Polovchak said “if the teenagers who took part in this year’s campaign have asked to work with MCYAF on examining the marketing and promotion of alcohol within their communities as well as policies and practices that are in place to prevent underage drinking. The teens will then consider what can be improved and make recommendations. “For us that’s a huge success if we’re truly able to engage those kids at that level,” Polovchak said.

Gary Lynch, 15, of Niles, places warning stickers on packages of alcohol at Tony’s Finer Foods. The stickers state that it is illegal to provide alcohol to minors. ROB HART-SUN-TIMES MEDIA
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QUESTION OF THE WEEK

In honor of Mother's Day on May 13 we asked five moms at the Niles Public Library: “What's the best thing about being a mother?”

“My children and them turning out to be wonderful, caring, successful (and) thoughtful.”

SANDY BOSCAPOMI

“To give all the love you can.”

JANET WEISER

“Watching them learn comes to mind. Just seeing them grow as they learn.”

DEBBI KROOPKIN

“The best part is becoming a grandmother.”

MARY ARSENEAU

“Hugs and kisses.”

MELISSA BEREK

PIONEER PEOPLE POLL

Here are the answers to last week's question:
How often do you use reusable bags at the grocery store?
1. Never 50%
2. Only when I'm picking up a few things 10%
3. When I can remember to bring them 10%
4. Every time I shop 30%

This week's question:
In honor of Mother's Day, who is your favorite television mom?
1. Carol Brady
2. Marge Simpson
3. Claire Huxtable
4. Rosanne Connor
5. Gloria Pritchett (“Modern Family”)

To submit your answer, go to niles suntimes.com.

1000 WORDS BY JACK HIGGINS

The second Cook County Property Tax Installment due August 1st but pushed back to December 13th will henceforth be moved forward to August 1st.

OR BACKWARD.

OF WHAT YEAR?

It feels like we're all just hanging on for deer life

After dropping off my youngest at basketball practice, I headed toward Golf Road and home. It was between dusk and dark, and I could barely see the tawny animal on the median. Eyes slowly blinking, head raised, she appeared stricken, trying to get up on her front legs and couldn't.

The doe had obviously been struck by a car. I signaled right, and the van tires bumped over the potholed parking lot in front of Dairy Queen. Snapping open my cell, I dialed the non-emergency police number.

God bless the dispatcher, she didn't think me a fool for calling about an animal. "The deer near the hospital, ma'am?"

"Yes, I'm pretty sure."

"We were already alerted to it. We're sending someone out to her." When I got home, I told my husband and oldest son about the injured deer.

"Hate to think of the damage to the car that struck it," my husband said. Then he joked. "Hey. All that free venison."

I remained quiet. He pulled me into a bear hug. "You and this 'Bambi's mother' thing." My older son paced around us.

"Up ahead were clusters of street lamps and hospital lights. The female deer had been struck around here. Maybe the police had gotten her; maybe she was in a vet's clinic."

Suddenly more agitated, "I forgot to tell you. Jake's dad saved someone's life this weekend. The softball coach had a heart attack. Jake's dad administered CPR and revived him."

Wow. I'd never known anyone who had saved another person's life. How grateful the man's family would be that Jake's dad was there to save him. Life can be so miraculous and random.

Later that night, I returned to pick up my youngest son from practice and told him about Jake's dad and the deer.

I peered ahead into the night, tracking the headlights. "Maybe she's OK, too.

"Slow down, Mom."

Lifting my foot off the pedal, I prayed no irate driver would rear-end me. Up ahead were clusters of street lamps and hospital lights.

Her stiff, lifeless body was on the median. A horn honked, and we had to speed on by.
Gandhi she’s not but we love her a lot: Thanks, Mom!

I'm a reticent, shy kind of person. Ostentatious displays of emotion are foreign to me.

So, it is difficult to select a Mother's Day card for my mother. Picking a design is easy: large, with colorful flowers. Moms like large, colorful flowers.

But the verse. That's the problem. The verses are so gushy, so exaggerated. I'd feel embarrassed giving one of those cards to my mother:

"Mom, you're the greatest
Mom, you're so dandy
You're a far better person than that Mahatma Gandhi."

My mom never freed a country or cured a disease or wrote a concerto. Yours probably didn't, either.

What my mom and yours did was family: bore the children, raised the children, worked to support the family inside and outside the home, volunteered and did a myriad of things.

So, yeah, she deserves a day - at least.

The end of football as we know it?

With the tragic suicide of football great Junior Seau last week, could we be witnessing the beginning of the end of football as we know it?

No one knows what might have driven Seau to suicide, but speculation is rampant that repeated blows to the head playing football may have contributed to his decision to take his own life.

Like Chicago Bears great David Duerson, Seau shot himself in the chest. Duerson left a note asking his brain be studied to see if he suffered from chronic traumatic encephalopathy, or CTE, which is caused by multiple concussions. It has been determined Duerson did suffer from CTE, which can lead to depression.

Now we have the death of Seau, known for his toughness, who also shot himself in the chest. One can't help but think that CTE was a factor.

The long-term effects of repeated blows to the head are becoming more and more of a factor for former NFL players.

Everyone has known for a long time that playing football can lead to debilitating injuries later in life - bad knees, bad hips, a bad back - and those risks were an acceptable exchange for the moments of glory on the field. But this new evidence that serious brain damage could be the result of a life of football is frightening for former players and their families.

Already we have heard that Jim McMahon, the Bears quarterback who led the team to its only Super Bowl win in 1986, is complaining that he is losing his memory. He walks into a room and doesn't remember why he's there. It sounds a lot like the early stages of dementia and Alzheimer's disease.

Last week, more than 100 players sued the NFL claiming ongoing debilitating effects from head injuries. Those 100 players are joining about 1,500 former players already suing for the same reason.

Considering the average career in the NFL lasts only about four years, can former college players be far behind in bringing about a lawsuit? And if former college players begin suing, why would a college stay in the business of fielding a football team?

It may start with the small colleges, but could easily spread to name schools.

And if colleges eventually find football too risky and dangerous, would high schools be far behind?

How can high schools continue to offer a sport that may cause brain damage?

These ideas are not so far-fetched. Just last February, economists Tyler Cowen and Kevin Grier speculated about how football could come to an end - not tomorrow or next year - but within 10 to 15 years.

As more young people, probably at the insistence of their parents, opt out of football, how can the feeder systems continue to replace NFL players every four years?

I gave up watching pro football years ago. The excessive violence and injuries - especially to key players - made it seem pointless to invest time and energy following a team. When Bears quarterback Jay Cutler went down with a season-ending injury last year and the team nosedived... well, what was the point?

Football injuries are not just putting an end to a player's or a team's season, or even a player's career. The lingering effects of head injuries caused by playing football are destroying lives.

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Ravinia adds concerts, begins sales

BY DOROTHY ANDRIES
Contributor

Ravinia is known for its wealth of summer music, and now there's more.

A number of artists have been added since the initial season brochure became available.

The festival's updated schedule for the summer of 2012 is online at www.ravinia.org and ready for folks who want to get their tickets early. Tickets are available day and night now at the website.

Some newly added pop performers making their Ravinia debuts this summer are: Andy Grammer (“Keep Your Head Up”) on June 29; Grammy Award-winning American R&B and soul singer-songwriter Macy Gray on July 22; teenage singer-songwriter, musician, and actress Demi Lovato on Aug. 4; singer-songwriter Mat Kearney on Aug. 11 and 12; multiple-Grammy Award winner Anita Baker on Aug. 25; and R&B guitarist Steve Earle on Aug. 26.

Grammer, the first male pop star since 2003 to reach the top five in Adult Pop Radio on his first single and certified gold record, opens for Colbie Caillat and Gavin DeGraw on June 29 in the pavilion. Kearney, a Billboard Top 40 artist, will open for Train both Aug. 11 and 12.

Returning pop favorites include Haey Lewis and The News and Joe Cocker on Aug. 10; Lyle Lovett and His Large Band on Aug. 24; John Hiatt & Combo on Aug. 26; and Daryl Hall & John Oates on Sept. 1.

New views

The Ravinia Festival has had video screens on either side of the pavilion since 2010. This year, for a full week from June 25 through July 1, screens will also be provided on the lawn.

They will be set up Monday, June 25 for Grammy winner Esperanza Spalding and the Radio Music Society in the pavilion, and will remain for Sergio Mendes’ “Go Brazil” and Ramsey Lewis’ Latin Jazz Night on June 27; Campbell’s Goodbye Tour on June 28; Caillat and DeGraw on June 29; Sarah McLachlan, making her Ravinia debut June 30, accompanied by the Ravinia Festival Orchestra; and Jake Shimabukuro on July 1.

The Zukerman Chamber Players will give a concert in the Martin Theatre on June 25, and for the first time the performance in that venue will be shown on the video lawn screens.

The lawn screens return on July 31 for the Chicago Symphony Orchestra’s performance of Gustav Holst’s “The Planets,” conducted by John Axelrod. A suite of seven videos by Emmy-nominated astronaut José Francisco Salgado will be shown as the music plays.

“The Planets” is Ravinia’s selection for its “One Score, One Chicago” initiative, and on July 31, NASA-sponsored astronomers will be on the festival grounds with their telescopes, so audience members can scan the night sky.

Kid stuff

Parents and grandparents take note — the lineup for Ravinia’s Kraft Great Kids Concert series is now complete. Programs begin on Sunday, June 24, with the Mariachi Divas, an all-female multicultural ensemble from Los Angeles. Subsequent concerts, all on Saturdays, include the Elgin Youth Symphony’s presentation of “Beethoven Lives Upstairs” on July 7, and Ralph’s World on July 14.

WFMT’s “Introductions,” showcasing pre-college classical musicians, will be broadcast live on the station from the park July 21; and Laurie Berkner, known for her entertaining CDs and DVDs, gives a solo performance July 28.

Local favorite Justin Roberts & The Not Ready for Naptime Players, nominated for a Grammy in 2010 for Best Musical Album for Children, plays Aug. 18. The series concludes with the popular Tom Chapin, five-time Grammy winner, for Best Musical Album for Children, on Sept. 9.

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Grab mom and take a walk on the wild side

BY MYRNA PETLICKI
Contributor

Think outside the buffet for mom's special day. The whole family will enjoy a Mother's Day Wildflower Walk from 1 to 3 p.m. Sunday at Wildwood Nature Center, 829 Forestview Ave., Park Ridge.

“We're going to walk our little woodland here at the Wildwood Nature Center and then also go down two blocks to the forest preserve and walk through there as well,” said supervisor Jenny Clauson. “Right now there's lots of different flowers blooming and also lots of the trees are starting to bud and flower.”

Clauson said the walk offers a great opportunity “to get out and be with the family and see all of the things that are currently happening in nature. What better way to spend time with your mother than go for a nice walk outdoors and see the pretty flowers?”

Each mom receives a flower.

The cost is $5 per person. Every family member except mom must register.

For details, call (847) 692-3570 or visit prparks.org.

Out of hiding

An orphan who lives in the walls of a Paris train station may have his secret revealed when he discovers an unusual broken machine in the Oscar-winning PG film “Hugo.” It will be shown at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave.

For details, call (847) 965-4220 or visit www.library.org.

You've gotta draw the line

Kids and parents are invited to display their creativity during the National Doodle Day Celebration starting at 9 a.m. Saturday at the Village Crossing Shopping Center Barnes & Noble, 5405 Touhy Ave., Skokie. Pick up a doodle sheet, doodle away and then bring your masterpiece to be displayed in the Doodle Gallery.

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Nailing it: Johnny Depp as vampire Barnabas Collins in “Dark Shadows.”

MOVIE REVIEW

‘Shadows’ & light

BY BRUCE INGRAM
Film Critic

DARK SHADOWS

★★★ 1/2

More than ever, Johnny Depp as Barnabas Collins in Tim Burton’s thoroughly enjoyable “Dark Shadows” makes it seem swingin’ to be a vampire.

That’s not surprising, of course. Depp made pirating seem hip in the “Pirates of the Caribbean” films and for many of the same reasons. Like Captain Jack Black, Depp’s Barnabas is, above all, frequently funny: He’s bemused, occasionally baffled by the surreal strangeness of what’s going on around him (though in this case, the vampire is less ruffled by witches, werewolves and the like than by ’70s flats such as lava lamps, troll dolls and Alice Cooper), but always master of the situation — no matter how absurd.

Also like pirate Capt. Jack Black, Depp’s Barnabas has all the cool cachet of a villain, without seeming particularly villainous. In fact, let’s just state the bloody obvious, as it were: He’s the somewhat questionable but nonetheless undeniable hero.

That was the secret of the success of “Dark Shadows,” the gothic-romance soap opera that aired on ABC-TV from 1966 to 1971 and intrigued viewers with the introduction of vampire Barnabas (played by Jonathan Frid).

Depp, apparently, was a major fan of “Dark Shadows” as a boy and, in fact, wanted to be Barnabas Collins when he grew up. And it’s not surprising that his dream has come true, given his longtime creative partnership with director Burton, an equally passionate devotee of the strange and macabre. It’s just a very nice thing for anyone who enjoys the same sort of exotic fare that they did. Burton’s “Dark Shadows” (featuring a frequently witty script by “Abraham Lincoln: Vampire Hunter” author Seth Grahame-Smith, also reportedly at work on “Beetlejuice 2”) neatly distills most of the major plot points of the original series, while maintaining its rich, gothic atmosphere (no one does gothic better than Burton) — as well as its occasionally campy tone of daytime TV melodrama. Best of all, the entire production is suffused with the sense that everyone involved had a rare good time making it.

Particularly Depp, who begins the film by being turned into a vampire and buried alive for 200 years by the servant girl/witch Angelique (Eva Green, wonderfully evil), whose love he spurned in favor of his true love Josette (Australian actress Bella Heathcote). After being dug up by a construction crew in 1972 (and draining them like a famished frat boy at a keg party), the very much out of place Barnabas returns to the ruins of his mansion for a reunion with the dysfunctional remnants of the Collins family.

As it happens, that calls for an all-female cast, for the most part, and Burton has assembled a distaff dream team, featuring his wife (and second-most-welcome collaborator) Helena Bonham Carter, Michelle Pfeiffer, and young Chloe Grace Moretz (of “Hugo” and, more to the point, the comic book semi-parody “Kick-Ass”).

There’s also a mysterious young governess named Victoria in residence (also played by Heathcote), who looks a great deal like Josette (who was hexed into a lovers-leap suicide by Angelique, back in the day) and reawakens the pain of lost love in the heart of Barnabas. Oh, and Angelique reappears as well, as the latest in a line of witchy incarnations determined to destroy the Collins family.

With undying love, undying hate, family honor, black magic, chaste romance, unholy lust, vampirism, lycanthropy, drug-addled hippies and proto-feminism, “Dark Shadows” tosses a wealth of rich elements into its witches’ brew and manages to conjure consistent hilarity — and somehow, when we’re least expecting it, occasional moments of deep emotion. The story drags on a bit too long, perhaps, and it concludes in a way that’s not entirely satisfying (though there’s spectacle and drama to spare in the climactic supernatural showdown), but that probably has something to do with Depp and Burton not wanting the fun to end.

It’s hard to blame them.
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» The Chicago Philharmonic Orchestra performs at 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, May 13, at the Nichols Symphony Hall, 1490 Chicago Ave., Evanston. The program includes Stravinsky's "L'histoire du Soldat" and the world premiere of David's Renaissance Festival of Chicago, May 3-6. For more information, call (847) 965-0275 or visit www.cph.org.

» The Evanston Symphony Orchestra performs at 8 p.m. on Saturday, May 12, at the Skokie Theatre, 7920 W. Greenleaf Ave., Skokie. The program includes a performance of Beethoven's Symphony No. 5, with guest soloist Mathieu Dufour, principal flute of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra. For more information, call (847) 963-6880 or visit www.evanstonsymphony.org.

» The Lake Shore Symphony Orchestra presents "Killer Bs" at 3:30 p.m. on June 3 at Northside College Prep High School, 5001 N. Kedzie, Chicago. The program includes Barber: Second Essay for Orchestra; Bernstein: West Side Story Symphonic Dances; and Beethoven: Symphony No. 7, $15; $10 for seniors and students. For more information, call (312) 606-4300 or visit www.lakeshortsymphony.org.
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To celebrate the memory of their band's founder, trumpet player, music educator and good friend Bill May, the Jazz Community Big Band makes its club debut at 8 p.m. May 16 at Fitzgerald's in Berwyn.

"Ultimately, we are all here playing for Bill," said sax player and current band co-leader Leo Kawczinski of Park Ridge. "Bill had great charisma. He had a way of sharing his vision with you that made you enthusiastic to be a part of it."

The Jazz Community Big Band was founded in 1978 by May, a lifelong Norridge resident who taught music at Mother Guerin High School in River Grove, Divine Savior Elementary, and his alma mater, Ridgewood High School in Norridge. He served as its leader for 12 years until his death 1991 due to complications of hemophilia.

Back together

Though the group stopped performing after May died, thanks to the efforts of May's sister Marianne May, the 18-member band was reunited last fall, and has begun performing again.

"After all these years, these guys were willing to put the time in to re-establish the band because Bill had such an impact on their lives, not only musically but personally," said Marianne May, also of Norridge. "The guys respected Bill, not only as a musician but as a band leader," May added. "Any chart they played was fun and enjoyable."

The original returning members of the band include trumpeters Phil Feo of Lake Zurich, who also serves as co-leader of today's band, John Fausche of West Chicago, and Christopher Surtz of Batavia; trombonists Jack Schmidt and John Larson of Mount Prospect, Scott Fisher of Oak Park, and Frank Guaitieri of Gurnee; bassist Bobby Mack of Park Ridge; and saxophonists Dennis Trainor of Chicago and Kawczinski of Park Ridge.

New members of the band include trumpeters Matt Lapben and Mike Stewart of Park Ridge; saxophonists Steve Koerner and David Orlicz of Des Plaines; Kent Nicholson of Batavia on drums; John Paluch at the piano; guitarist Frank Portolesse; and bass player Rich Armandi.

"Because Bill never did get the band to play at Fitzgerald's, we think it is great," said May, who also serves as the band's emcee. "This will be one week after what would have been Bill's 59th birthday, so we do definitely want to recognize why we are all together."

Base tunes

Kawczinski said the core of the band's material is from the Count Basie library.

"We are also going to do some Stan Kenton, Thad Jones, and Mel Lewis. Our affinity for Count Basie stems from the fact that in high school we played a lot of Count Basie," he explained. "I was six years behind Bill in school and he came back to Ridgewood to student teach when I was a senior and he invited me to play in the band."

When first formed, the band was called The Norridge-Harwood Heights Community Jazz Band, but later changed to the current one. Fans may recall the group from its Snuggery days.

"If we had a home it would have been the Snuggery in Edison Park in Chicago. We played there on a weekly basis," said Kawczinski. "Also we played the Snuggery in Mount Prospect, for a very long time."

He added that they're glad to be playing together again. "Several of us in this band have played professionally over the years," Kawczinski noted, "but at this point in time, most of us do it because we love to do it."
Tours & Outings
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Circus in Progress - An Evening of Daring New Work, 4:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. May 19 at The Actors Gymnasium, located at the Noyes Cultural Arts Center, 927 Noyes St., Evanston. The performance features professionals from the Chicago area circus community and advanced students from The Actors Gymnasium, as well as the Evanston Children’s Choir, Evanston Dance Ensemble and others. $10-$15. Visit www.actorsgymnasium.com or call (800) 838-3006.

Museums
Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center, 9603 Woods Drive, Skokie. (847) 967-4889. www.iholocaustmuseum.org. Admission: $12; $6 for students and senior citizens; $6 for children ages 5-11. Special exhibitions are free with museum admission. Through June 17: "Ours To Fight For: American Jews & The Second World War." The exhibition explores the achievements of Jewish men and women who were part of the American war effort on and off the battlefield. May 10, 6:30-8 p.m.: "In Conversation With: Jewish GIs of World War II." Howard Reich, son of Holocaust survivors, moderates a panel of American and foreign-born Jewish GIs. The veterans will reflect on their wartime experiences, and the impact their religious affiliation had on their time in the service. Free with museum admission; reservations recommended. June 3, 1-4 p.m.: Screening of the documentary "Refuge: Stories of the Selfhelp Home," the story of a community that for 60 years has brought more than 1,000 Western European Jewish refugees and Holocaust survivors under one roof. Free with museum admission; reservations required. June 10, 1-3:30 p.m.: Leila Levinson discusses her book, Gated Grief: The Daughter of a GI Concentration Camp Liberator Discovers a Legacy of Trauma. A book signing follows the presentation. Free with museum admission; reservations recommended.
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In Memoriam

Seltzer, Natalie Rosenthal
Born August 12, 1921 died April 28, 2012, Natalie was a lifelong Chicagoan and thirty-year resident of Park Ridge, Illinois. Natalie studied at the University of Chicago, earning an A.B. degree in 1944 and a Master's degree from the School of Social Service Administration in 1948. While a student at the University of Chicago she met her husband of over 50 years, Arthur Owen Seltzer, who was her economics instructor. Natalie devoted her life to her work of helping others. She was appointed as an instructor at the University of Illinois Chicago Campus in 1956 and as Professor and Head of the Department of Medical Social Work in 1977, a position she held until 1988, when she returned to the faculty. In retirement, Natalie became absorbed in her passions of travel and the arts. In particular, she was an ardent supporter of the arts. Natalie was the daughter of Hyman and Eva Rosenthal, who predeceased her.

She is survived by her loving sister, Muriel Busch of Hollywood, Florida and one niece and four nephews.

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Minimize Costs by Reducing Time to Hire

By: John Rossheim, Monster Senior Contributing Writer

It's a hallmark of the dysfunctional organization: A requisition is opened for a new line-manager position, but it takes 4 months to make a hire. By which time thousands of dollars have been spent on misguided recruitment efforts, six figures of revenue have been lost, and the HR department and the hiring manager are barely speaking to each other.

Make no mistake about it: a prolonged time-to-hire means opportunities lost and resources wasted. How can your company reduce time-to-hire while containing recruitment costs and minimizing the expense of a critical position going vacant? Here are some of the best ideas we've heard.

Get Active Consensus on the Job Profile
First things first: Get everyone to agree on what the job is. “Few companies have taken the time to write the profile and discriminate between what's desired and what's required,” says Lee Salz, president of Sales Architects in Minneapolis. Even the nature of the core responsibilities of an open position can become an issue in today’s organizational culture. Where you have a given position that reports to two or three managers, if they have differing ideas of what the job entails, it’s not going to work,” says Fiona Brookwell, a consultant with Pl Europe in Surrey, England.

Help Recruiters Source Qualified Candidates
Uyou want to hire in the shortest reasonable interval, don’t doom your recruiters’ initial efforts by expecting them to read your mind. “Managers are used to calling internal recruiters and saying, ‘Hey, find me some great people,’ with no further input,” says Salz. ‘You have to give recruiters the tools they need to be successful in filling the position.” If you don’t, you’ll waste time screening and interviewing candidates who shouldn’t have made the first cut. It is also critical to ensure that advertising budget is spent effectively.

Screen Applications in Bulk
It’s tempting to manage the burden of screening hundreds of resumes and cover letters by dividing it into small batches that can be tackled as minor to-dos in 15-minute increments. But no matter how good a multi-tasker you are, you’ll be more effective if you schedule an hour or more to wrap your brain around a complex field of applicants and get the job done in just a few days. Make resume screening an intensive, short-duration effort and you may be able to reduce your time-to-hire by weeks.

Streamline High-Volume Phone Interviews
“When you conduct the phone interview, ask the questions in order of importance,” says Tina Hamilton, president of HireVision Group in Whitehall, Pa. “You can end the call when it’s apparent that the candidate doesn’t qualify. Some calls will last just minutes, and few will last an hour.” Time saved is money saved.

Get Managers Comfortable with Interviewing
For most people, putting interviewees on the spot - even for good reason - doesn’t come naturally. “Managers need to be trained in behavioral interviewing,” says Roberta Matuson, president of Human Resource Solutions in Northampton, Mass. “Often managers will put off interviews because they are uncomfortable conducting them. Great candidates are lost, recruitment dollars are wasted,” and time to hire goes up.

Consolidate First-Round Interviews
Consider introducing group dynamics - and economies of scale - to your initial interviews. “We interview between 6 and 10 candidates for a single position,” says Cathy Chin, an HR manager at I Love Rewards in Toronto, Canada. “It’s a great way to screen prospective employees for fit as you are building your corporate culture, and it lets you see how they interact.”

Consolidate Individual Interviews
Even when you’ve selected candidates for serious consideration, the interviewing process can stretch out by a month or more if you let it. “If you have to interview five people, try to get them to come in on the same day,” says Jeff Whittenberg, a recruiter with Kaye Bassman International in Plano, Texas. “That can make it a one-day process instead of five weeks.”

Have Candidates Show Their Skills
Cut to the chase and find out quickly how your finalists think, how they present themselves, and how enterprising they can be. “Two days before the second interview, we give candidates a case study and ask them to prepare a PowerPoint based on it,” says Chin.
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A nurse is a nurse is a nurse, right? Wrong. Nursing jobs are extraordinarily varied and diverse. Here’s a snapshot of four specialized nursing niches that even healthcare professionals may know little about:

**Correctional Nursing**
Nurses who work behind bars in the nation’s 2 million inmates and juvenile offenders deal with a range of medical problems, from methahedonism to trauma. "A lot of our clients don’t have access to healthcare easily," says Gayle Burrow, MPH, BSN, director of corrections health at the Multnomah County Health Department in Portland, Oregon. "Correctional nurses like the fact that we get to take care of people who need a lot of services and education."

Because correctional nurses work autonomously, assessing new inmates, helping manage the chronic diseases and mental illnesses of long-term prisoners and responding to acute illnesses and injuries — they must be confident, mature and well-rounded. In addition, they "must have the ability to look at a person not by what they do, but for who they are," says Burrow, a certified correctional health professional who is on the board of the American Correctional Health Services Association.

Nursing in prisons and jails is safe, she says, because guards are always nearby and the environments are carefully controlled.

**Forensic Nursing**
Nurses have always worked with victims and perpetrators of violent crime, but it wasn’t until the early ‘90s that "forensic nursing" became a common description for this work. Now, there are an estimated 7,500 nurses who regularly fill forensic nursing roles, from those who work full-time investigating deaths or treating violent offenders at psychiatric facilities, to those who moonlight as Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners (SANEs) or legal nurse consultants. "A lot of us in the field have the hope that our interventions are going to help break the cycle of abuse and violence," says Daniel J. Sheridan, PhD, RN, president of the International Association of Forensic Nurses.

While the television show "CSI" has sparked an interest in forensics, Hollywood’s portrayal of forensic nursing is misleading, he says. "There are exciting moments, but you have to be patient, methodical and thorough in your assessments in order to withstand the scrutiny of court," says Sheridan, who runs a master’s degree program in forensic nursing at Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing. "You have to look for even the smallest sign of injury to show that an assault did or did not occur."

Nurses can get a taste of forensic nursing by participating in one of the more than 420 SANE programs offered at hospitals and other sites around the country, Sheridan says.

**Holistic Nursing**
Although skepticism regarding alternative therapies exists, holistic nursing is a growing specialty, thanks to healthcare consumers’ acceptance of the philosophy that treating the whole person is better than treating just a disease or symptom. Any nurse who embraces the mind-body-spirit connection and empowers patients to participate in their own healing process holds, says Sonja Simpson, MSN, a certified holistic nurse and president of the American Holistic Nurses Association.

In addition to embracing the holistic philosophy, many nurses become proficient in certification or licenses in such healing modalities as therapeutic massage, aromatherapy, imagery, heritology or herbal medicine. While some practitioners work full-time nursing jobs and practice their healing modalities on the side, others take positions in holistic wellness centers, spas, health clubs and physicians’ offices.

**Parish Nursing**
"Parish nursing is a beautiful place to be a nurse," Rethemeyer says. "You’re not taking care of the sick parishioners navigate the medical system, and developing support groups for bereavement, parenting, divorce and other issues. Most parish nurses are unpaid. The paid ones usually work 20 hours or fewer a week. Nurses interested in this specialty should work with their own churches to get started or investigate whether any local hospital sponsor parish nurse outreach programs."

"Parish nursing is a beautiful place to be a nurse," Rethemeyer says. "You’re not taking care of the casualties of life, but trying to help people stay healthy."

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The Village of Skokie is now accepting sealed bids for selected projects.

**Sealed Bids Structure**

- **Niles Township High School District 219**: BIDs for selected projects will be accepted up to 10:00 AM on Tuesday, May 22, 2012 at the Skokie Village Hall, 7634 Gross Point Road, Skokie, IL 60076. Bids must be submitted in the form specified in the solicitation. Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

- **Village of Skokie**: Sealed bids will also be accepted for projects related to the Village of Skokie. Bids must be submitted by 10:00 AM on Monday, May 21, 2012 at the Skokie Village Hall, 7634 Gross Point Road, Skokie, IL 60076 or by calling Steve物品, fax transmission, or delivery made to the attention of the Purchasing Agent.

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Mother's Day 2012: Classic crafts with a twist

Braided headband

Braided headbands have been a fashion staple for years, but DIY queen, Erica Domesek, of www.psimadethis.com, adds a fresh new twist by combining leather, colored cord and jeweled chains. The result is a mix between a headband and a tiara that looks great at the beach, at a baseball game or even at a black tie affair.

**You need:**
- Hair elastic
- Leather rope
- Bright cord
- Metal chain or string of fake pearls (available at craft stores)

**Directions:**
1. Tie materials (chain, rope and cord) to hair elastic.
2. Braid materials until headband is desired length (long enough to wrap around mom's head).
3. Tie materials to the other end of elastic and trim excess pieces.

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Light poncho

When I was younger, this was the type of gift I would've made for my mom, because it's easy to make and cute enough for me to borrow! Thank you to Elsie at A Beautiful Mess (abeautifulmess.typepad.com) for sharing this idea.

**You need:**
- 1 yard of fleece or light wool
- Scissors

**Directions:**
1. Fold fabric diagonally and then fold it again so there are four layers of material.
2. Make a neck hole by carefully cutting the tip of the folded triangle. Be sure to start small so the hole is large enough to be comfortable but not too large as to cause the poncho to hang off the shoulders.
3. Use chalk to mark where you want to cut the fringe.
4. When cutting the fringe, start at the front tip of the poncho and then work your way to the outer edges. Be sure to cut both layers of the material so there is fringe in the front and in the back of the poncho.
5. Blot fabric with damp cloth to "erase" chalk marks.
6. Your new poncho is now complete and ready for you to wear (I mean, give to your mom).

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Paper clip necklace

Paper clip necklaces have come a long way since the days when I used to make them using metal clips and old wallpaper samples. These days, duct tape and contact paper come in so many different colors and patterns, the hardest part of this project becomes deciding which color and pattern to pick.

**You need:**
- Large paper clips
- Duct tape or contact paper
- Scissors

**Directions:**
1. Connect paper clips to make a circular chain.
2. Wrap each paper clip with duct tape or contact paper so that only the tips of the clip are visible. Continue until necklace is complete.
3. Consider making a few different chains for a "layered necklace" look.

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Stay cool, but don’t get caught in overdraft

Dear Readers:
The Fixer recently had a nice chat with Edward B., a longtime reader of this column who was in a real fix. A company had never done business with someone he held of his debit card number and took $100 out of his account. That would have been bad enough, but Edward’s account was a bit low on money. When that incorrect $100 debit hit, it sent his account into the red and triggered a $40 overdraft fee from his bank.

While his bank quickly disputed the original $100 debit and put that money back into Edward’s account, it balked at waiving the $40 overdraft fee. Only after Edward continued to complain did the bank finally agree to refund the fee.

Though Edward was exceptionally unlucky, he is far from the only consumer still being hit with huge overdraft fees, even after a change in Federal Reserve rules in August 2010 made it harder for banks to charge these fees to consumers. A survey released last week by the Pew Charitable Trusts found that many consumers don’t understand their rights and don’t know how to avoid overdraft fees.

Before the change in the banking rules, banks were free to rearrange the order of pending transactions on a customer’s account to cause the maximum number of “bounced” transactions and a huge number of fees. Team Fixer used to regularly hear from consumers who’d dipped into the red at the start of a long weekend and on Monday morning wound up with hundreds of dollars in overdraft penalties on relatively small transactions.

Now, banks can’t charge you any overdraft fees unless you’ve opted in for overdraft protection. If you don’t opt in, you might have an embarrassing denial of your debit card at the store, but you won’t pay a fee.

The Pew report found that more than half of the people who got overdraft fees didn’t believe they had opted in for overdraft coverage. And 76 percent of respondents said they’d rather have a transaction declined than pay an overdraft fee.

If you are unsure about whether you’ve opted in for these fees, now might be a good time to ask your bank. For the full report, go to the Pew Charitable Trusts website.

Dear Fixer: In early February, I contacted ADT to find out about installing a home security system in addition to having my renter’s insurance policy. A gentleman came to my home and showed me some products. I gave him $200 in cash and agreed to pay the remaining $200 upon installation.

Later, when I spoke with my husband, he felt the security measures were excessive. After reviewing the system and looking at my renter’s policy, I decided to cancel when ADT called to confirm the installation date. The man on the phone agreed to start the 30-day process of refunding my $200 deposit. I never got the deposit back. I called and left multiple messages, but couldn’t get through to anyone.

Please help me, Fixer!

Lisa Adams

Dear Lisa: You told The Fixer that when you considered getting a home security system, it was to prevent losing your money — not to give away $200 for nothing.

We got in touch with ADT’s PR director, Bob Tucker, at corporate offices in Florida. It turned out this was nothing sinister. Apparently, they had mailed you a money order for the $200 back in February but you never received it. Tucker guessed that it was an address mix-up but you said you never really found out what happened.

ADT ran a trace on the money order to confirm that it was never cashed by anyone else and then sent your refund to a currency exchange for you to pick up. The currency exchange was in Bellwood, a 40-minute drive from your home, which wasn’t so great, but you told us you were relieved to have your money back.

This is a good chance to remind everyone that it’s usually best to put a deposit on a credit card rather than paying cash. Getting a refund on a credit card is a lot faster.

Gone phishing

Fixer reader Mike Mannino forwarded a fake email to us that was so clever, we imagine quite a few people will click through. It came from order-update@amazon.com and claimed Amazon.com had canceled an order held placed.

But Mike hadn’t ordered anything from Amazon in a few months, so he knew not to click on the link. There are scores of online complaints about this scam. If you get a message like this, don’t click through. Besides moving you to a different website, the link could infect your computer with a nasty bug.

(Thanks for the warning, Mike!)
NEIGHBORS

Couple's software firm stays ahead of curve for 30 years

BY NATASHA WASINSKI
Contributor

In the early-'80s, John and Terri Roeslmeier took a risk. The couple had just formed Automated Business Solutions and were looking for a way to take their business-management software to the next level.

So they hooked up 50 users to a single computer for a 15-office personnel-services company.

“Noting that computer-software use in general was just starting to catch on, Terri added: ‘In the staffing industry at the time, there wasn’t a lot of software.’ But small-scale tests showed that what they had come up with would work, ‘in theory,’ so they went for it.

As today’s interconnected technology proves, the Roeslmeiers were spot-on went it came to predicting what was next in computer science. Taking risks, looking forward and staying ahead of the curve is exactly how the Park Ridge couple still run their software-development company today.

Now in its 30th year Automated Business Designs, headquartered in Rosemont, is a national leader in delivering technology solutions and services to the staffing-and-recruiting industry.

More than 500 companies across the United States use its trademark recruiting and staffing software, Ultra-Staff.

“Software is geared toward achieving the most efficient process. We always gauge where the marketplace is going and make sure our software meets those needs.”

In the rapid-changing world of technology, acting fast is paramount, Terri said. That’s why the company has historically sustained a large budget for research and development. ABD also has a group of employees specifically charged with adding new features to its existing software system.

For example, four years ago ABD integrated social media so that companies
could accept applications from sites like LinkedIn and download them directly into their databases.

These days, Terri said, "everything is going mobile."
More companies are ditching their desktops, she said, and using smartphones and tablet devices to do their work. For that reason ABD had to optimize its software and applications to accommodate smaller screens.

John said the Internet is mostly responsible for creating an on-the-go work mentality. Computer networks previously had to be hard-wired with T1 lines.

"The development of the Internet has given companies a lot more flexibility in connecting," he explained.

Nowadays computer connections are there but not always seen, especially since more users are moving everything into "the cloud" that is, making information accessible through Wi-Fi connections instead of storing and retrieving it from a sedentary computer.

To accommodate those customers ABD acts as a server host for several small-to-mid-size companies that can't or don't want to maintain physical equipment.

"The setup is quick and it's a more efficient process for them," Terri said.

The transformation of computing during the past 30 years experienced no shortage of obstacles in a national economy that tends to ebb and flow.

Terri said ABD's customer service and cutting-edge products pulled them through several economic recessions.

"You'll always make it through if you're a strong company," she said.

She said while companies were starting layoffs and suspending hiring during the most recent downturn, the staffing-and-recruiting industry was preparing for the economy's eventual turnaround.

John said companies tend to rely on ABD products during trying financial times because they "need the strong tools necessary to do the type of recruiting and management of their business to make it through."

He added: "It's a good time to focus on building."

Many of their clients are now focused on placing temporary and temp-to-hire workers, and building up their capacity to handle resumes.

Terri said that, no matter the economic circumstances, ABD has a mutually dependent relationship with its customers, as both the client and vendor need one another to make their businesses thrive.

"We're both an important part of each others' lives," Terri said.

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Quick, easy dishes kids can make for moms

BY VERONICA HINKE
Contributor

She's one hot mama. But cookbook author Beth Aldrich thinks all moms are hot moms. The Wilmette-based lifestyles coach believes every mom can stay healthy while enjoying food, and she provides helpful recipes to do so in her new cookbook, Real Moms Love to Eat: How to Conduct a Love Affair with Food, Lose Weight and Feel Fabulous (New American Library, 2012). The cookbook was released in January.

Two of the featured recipes, No-bake Brownies and Hot Moms Quesadillas, are simple enough for kids to make. "These recipes have very few ingredients and are easy to prepare. They are almost foolproof," Aldrich said. "The best part is they're fast to make, which is good for kids, because sometimes they get bored with more detailed recipes."

The brownies, which do not require the use of an oven, are made with dates, walnuts, cacao powder, raisins and cacao nibs or chocolate chips. Pulse all the ingredients in a food processor and spread evenly in a baking dish and you're done. The result is a healthier brownie that tastes even more decadent than traditional baked versions.

Rich and gooey

Aldrich suggests serving these brownies with sliced seasonal fruits, a few coconut flakes or a sprinkle of powdered sugar. "You only need a little bit of the brownies to hit the spot. They are richer and gooier than most traditional brownies," Aldrich said.

She enjoys making the brownies with her kids. "My 9-year-old son helps me make these, and he loves how easy the recipe is. Every time I work in the kitchen with him, it's an adventure. He's very attentive and wants to learn. The end result is always fun and that's what it's all about."

Her Hot Moms Quesadillas showcase an unlikely quesadilla ingredient: sweet potatoes. Rich in vitamins A and C, calcium and iron, sweet potatoes bring as much nutrient value as flavor and bright color to quesadillas. Aldrich peels, dices and steams them for this recipe.

America’s moms

In the U.S., Julia Ward Howe, Civil War activist and author of the “Battle Hymn of the Republic,” is widely credited for suggesting a “Mothering Sunday” for Americans. The idea took hold, and Mother’s Day, as it quickly became known, has since been celebrated in the U.S. on the second Sunday in May.

This Mother’s Day, Aldrich, a very modern mom, will take a break from her busy schedule. Lately she has been occupied with everything from book signings to blogging about healthy lifestyles tips (www.RealMomsLoveToEat.com), and running Bitsy Cakes (www.BitsyCakes.com), which makes satisfying, two-bite cupcakes to order. And, when she can, Aldrich consults with other moms, leading “pantry raids,” organizing shelves to make the most of the foods on hand.

“I love working with busy moms,” she said. “Food is my passion.”

But on Mother’s Day, she’ll rest. "Sleeping in until 8 a.m. is a huge deal to me. I usually get up at 6 a.m.,” she said. And when she does wake up, another treat is in order. “I’m sure,” she said, “my sons will make me breakfast in bed.”

No-bake Brownies

(From Beth Aldrich)

3 cups raw walnuts
16 dates, pitted
1/4 cup cacao powder
1/4 cup dried raisins, cranberries or cherries
1/4 cup cacao nibs or chocolate chips

Process each of the first three ingredients in order in a food processor until smooth (periodically, push batter down from the sides of the processor bowl throughout blending). Pulse in dried fruit and chips to keep some of the chunks dispersed throughout the batter. Press into glass 9 x 14-inch cake pan, and cover with wax paper. Flatten and smooth out the top of brownies with hands or a rolling pin over wax paper. Discard waxed paper.

Chill in refrigerator for at least 15 minutes, slice and serve with sliced fruit, coconut flakes or powdered sugar.

Hot Moms Quesadillas

(From Beth Aldrich)

1 12-ounce can black (or other) beans (organic, BPA-free can)
1 sweet potato, diced and steamed to tender (Peel the sweet potato, cut in small cubes and steam until a fork can be inserted easily.)
1 tablespoon cacao, chopped
1 chicken breast, cooked and diced (optional)
Flour tortillas
Shredded cheese (organic cheddar)
Sour cream or Greek yogurt

A can of black beans (undrained) in a sauce pan, and warm up. Fold in sweet potato, cilantro and chicken, if using. In an omelet pan, warm one flour (or corn) tortilla. Scoop some of the bean mixture on top of the tortilla. Add pinch (about 1 tablespoon) of shredded cheddar cheese on top, and cover with second tortilla. Heat until cheese begins to melt, flip over and heat other side. Remove from heat, let cool for a minute and cut into quarters. Serve with a scoop of sour cream or Greek yogurt (about 1 tablespoon).
COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Submissions for Community Calendar are required 14 days preceding the date of publication. Send to: Niles Managing Editor, Pioneer Press, 3701 W. Lake Ave., Glenview IL 60026. Information may be faxed to (847) 486-7495 or emailed to mbottari@pioneerlocal.com.

Center of Concern

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

- Monday, May 14: Alzheimer's Caregivers support group, 10 a.m.
- Tuesday May 15: Medicare counseling, by appointment (sponsored by the federally funded Senior Health Insurance Program).
- Wednesdays, May 16, 30: Grief and loss support group (call first).
- Saturday, May 19: Legal counseling, by appointment.
- Saturday, May 19: Blood pressure and blood sugar testing, 10 a.m.-noon (no appointment needed).

Shared Housing: Homeowners desiring additional income, companionship, or the ability to remain in their homes may wish to consider the Center of Concern's Shared Housing Program. Residents are matched with screened applicants who possess a temperament suitable to shared accommodations.

Available by appointment:
- Preparation of simple wills and durable powers of attorney for health care and property available. All services are offered at the Center of Concern offices at 1580 N. Northwest Highway, #310, in Park Ridge. For services that require an appointment, call (847) 823-0453 weekdays, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. (The center is open only until noon on Fridays.) The Center of Concern also offers housing counseling for seniors and others seeking affordable housing, programs designed to prevent homelessness, friendly visitors for the homebound, and volunteer opportunities in the office and in the field. See www.centerofconcern.org.

Center counselors: Also available to help eligible residents apply for Illinois Circuit Breaker property-tax relief grants and license-plate discounts, Illinois Cares Rx (prescription-drug assistance), the senior-citizen real-estate tax exemption and deferral, the senior-citizen tax-assessment freeze, and the long-term-occupant-homeowner property-tax exemption.

Civic

Village of Niles July 4 Parade: Niles is looking for even greater participation from local businesses, organizations and schools. The parade will begin at 9 a.m. July 4 at Notre Dame High School and end at Grennan Heights. Ride in a homemade float or march along with co-workers, colleagues and classmates and join the marching bands, clowns, stilts-walkers and patriots. Contact Cathy Spadoni at (847) 588-8019 or cms@vniles.com.

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Maine Township Neighborhood Watch: Meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Wednesday of every month in the basement of Maine Town Hall, 1700 Ballard Road in Park Ridge. Meetings address issues within the unincorporated area of the township and all residents are invited. Reports from the Cook County Sheriff's Police, North Maine Fire Department, and the township's Code Enforcement Department are shared, and residents are invited to ask questions and report any concerns or problems in their neighborhood.

Classes

Rainbow Animal Assisted Therapy Inc.: Offering “Introduction to Animal Assisted Therapy,” dog training classes at various locations, including 6042 W. Oakton St. in Morton Grove. The fee is $60. Contact Darla King at dlk7051@yahoo.com or call (847) 576-9021, for schedules and locations.

Clubs

Delta Delta Delta, Chicago Northwest Suburban Alumnae Chapter, holding annual Pansy High Tea plus special awards and initiation of officers beginning at 2:30 p.m. May 20 at Inverness Golf Club, Palatine. Cost is $26; call (847) 963-9980 for reservations. All area Tri Deltas are welcome whether an alum chapter member or not.

Polish National Alliance: Invites Sox Fans to join along with the Polish Roman Catholic Union, Polish Falcons of America and Polish Women's Alliance for the annual Polish-American Night at U.S. Cellular Field (Chicago White Sox vs. the Texas Rangers) on July 3, starting at 7:10 p.m. Tickets for the lower box seats are only $20. The four fraternal organizations are also having a Polish American Day for the entire family at Six Flags Great America Theme Park in Gurnee on June 2; tickets are $28. Call the Polish National Alliance, (800) 621-3723, Ext. 316; Polish Roman Catholic Union (800) 772-8632, Ext. 2601; Polish Falcons of America (574) 289-2140; or the Polish Women's Alliance, (800) 422-1898, Ext. 1208. Complete details for both events may be found at www.pnva-znp.org.

Sweet Singers: Congregation Ezras Israel Sweet Singers entertain at nursing homes, retirement facilities and charitable organizations, meets the first Wednesday of every month at 10 a.m. in the Rosenberg Auditorium of Ezras Israel, 7001 N. California Ave., Chicago. Those who enjoy singing are welcome to join. Call the Ezras Israel office at (773) 764-8320.

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7712: Meet at 7 p.m. every second Wednesday of the month at the Post at 7680 Caldwell Ave. (next to Tam Tennis in Niles on Howard Street). The Post is open also on Fridays 7 p.m. until closing. All veterans from Vietnam, Gulf War, Afghanistan Korea and World War II are welcome. Call Bernard Beverley, (847) 966-5479, e-mail jameilondon@symply@yahoo.com or call (847) 470-9890.

Korean War Veterans Associations Greater Chicago Chapter No. 25, meets at 7 p.m. the fourth Wednesday of each month at the Montclare-Leyden VFW Post, 6940 W. Diversey Ave. Call Joe Hennueller, (773) 774-9671.

The Knights of Columbus: North American Martyrs Council Chapter, Niles, provides ways for members to help others in the community while trying to improve their family's and spiritual lives. Call Bob Galassi, (847) 965-0920.

Niles Chapter Toastmasters: Meets at 7:15 p.m. the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month at the Morton Grove, 6140 Lincoln Ave. Members...
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Community
Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center: 9603 Woods Drive, Skokie; information: (847) 967-4800; reservations: (847) 967-4889; www.ilholocaustmuseum.org. Museum admission prices: General Admission, $12; seniors (65+), $8; students (ages 12-22), $6; children (ages 5-11), $5. Reservations required for programs. Through June 17: Special Exhibition — Our to Honor. All its participants, and for what the war was like for a generation” tell the stories of their artifacts, letters, and photographs, the “Greatest Generation” tell the stories that may be the last chance to hear them. Children ages 5 to 12 can be admitted for $6; reservations required for this program.

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Fundraisers
Breast Cancer Walk: The American Cancer Society’s Northwest Chicago Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk will be at 8 a.m. June 2 at Edens Park Elementary School, 6220 N. Olcott Ave., Chicago. Registration for the noncompetitive one-mile walk or five-kilometer walk/run is at 8 a.m. The activity begins at 9 a.m. at the school on Olcott Avenue, just south of Devon Avenue. Donations for the American Cancer Society will be collected at the walk, or can be made online at www.making stridesnorthwestchicago.com. Resurrection Medical Center is partnering in this event. Call (312) 279-7258.

Like New Auto Spa, Inc.: 1050 Busse Highway, Park Ridge, has introduced a special fundraising program that benefits Advocate Lutheran General Hospital/Advocate Lutheran General Children’s Hospital. Anyone who visits Like New to have their car washed or detailed or buys a gift card from the company and also asks for the Lutheran General discount will receive a price cut for the service, with a portion of the proceeds going specifically to benefit the Older Adult Services program of the hospital. Call AIMee Madden, Lutheran General Develop-
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**Celebrations**

**Knudsen – von Aulock Engagement**

Jon and Anne-Judine Knudsen of Park Ridge, IL, announce the engagement of their daughter, Kirsten Marie Knudsen, to Benedikt Joseph von Aulock, son of Guido and Kathleen von Aulock of Des Plaines, IL. Kirsten is a 2006 graduate of Resurrection High School. She completed her undergraduate degree at Loyola University Chicago. This May she will graduate from Loyola University's Master of Social Work program.

Ben is a 2005 graduate of Notre Dame High School. He completed his undergraduate degree in Chemistry at St. Norbert College. He is employed as a lab technician at AkzoNobel.

An October 2012 wedding is planned at Loyola University Chicago's Lakeshore Campus.

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**KUHR – BAILEY Engagement**

Len and Barb Kuhr of Park Ridge, Illinois are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter, Libby to Matt Bailey, son of Diluyan and Elaine Bailey of Mount Prospect.

Libby graduated from Maine South High School in 2002. She earned her doctorate in pharmacy from Drake University. She is a pharmacist at Advocate Lutheran General Hospital in Park Ridge, IL.

Matt graduated from the University of Illinois, Chicago. He earned his bachelor of science degree in movement sciences. He is a personal trainer for the Midtown Athletic Club in Chicago.

Matt and Libby will be married at Mary, Seat of Wisdom Church, Park Ridge, IL in May. A reception will follow at the Park Ridge Country Club. They are making their home in Park Ridge, IL.
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Participants in a spring celebration at Golf Mill mall listened to disc jockey CedeNo, signed up for raffle tickets, danced and spun the prize wheel. Charlie and Daniel Ongbueco, 2, have fun. | JOE CYGANOWSKI-FOR SUN TIMES MEDIA

SPRING CELEBRATION

Participants in the spring celebration have fun at the mall. | JOE CYGANOWSKI-FOR SUN TIMES MEDIA
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Maine Township's Hunter Courtney, one of the veterans on this season's Demon Warhawks, scored 8.3 on vault at the Downers Grove North sectional. JON LANGHAM-FOR SUN-TIMES MEDIA

Tutanji recovers in time for postseason

BY ERIC VAN DRIL
Contributor

After Andrew Berg became the Maine Township co-op boys gymnastics team's first state-meet qualifier last season, head coach Erick Noriega saw a sharp spike in the number of athletes trying out for the squad.

With increased interest in the second-year program, Noriega hoped to once again advance a gymnast to state, watching his team's performance continue to improve.

Discernible progress didn't happen until late in the season, however, as Maine Township experienced a treacherous beginning to its 2012 campaign. Sophomore Richie Teresi broke his hand two days before the start of the season. Then, in the team's first meet, senior Mohammed Tutanji — one of the Demon Warhawks' all-arounders — tore his MCL.

"On the floor, I was coming down on a front-front and I just landed wrong," Tutanji recalled. "At first, I was like, 'Well, it might be a little shock.' So I did a full roll, and that's when I felt it. I just saluted and I stopped."

Tutanji's injury knocked him out until three meets remained in the season, on Senior Night, and severely limited his choice of events. Instead of competing in all-around, as he hoped at the beginning of the season, Tutanji competed only on parallel bars at the Downers Grove North Sectional, which saw Maine Township finish eighth with 96.25 points.

"I was an all-rounder," Tutanji said. "I guess it did affect the team because there was no one to do high bar and there were (only) two people on p-bars — we just ended up losing a lot."

Still, Noriega ultimately saw significant improvement this year. The Demon Warhawks earned their highest score of the season, an improvement of 30 points from the beginning of the season.

"We had a good time," Noriega said. "The kids enjoyed the season, and I'm extremely proud of how we ended."

Drew Whitenack scored 6.46 on pommel horse, which was the senior's top score of the season. Nick Robertson scored 8.35 and Hunter Courtney scored 8.3 on vault.

As Tutanji noted, the Demon Warhawks' success this season was defined by the way they continually improved despite facing obstacles.

"Some people are here just for the experience, but you want to do good anyway, try to do your best," Tutanji said after the sectional. "It's tough to compete against (established schools). It's basically where you try to get your own high score of the season. You just try to do better."

MAINE EAST QUICK HITS

HIGH-FIVES

Male

Boys Water Polo: Amir Mashayekhi (Sr.) — Scored four goals in a 10-8 loss to Maine South in the quarterfinals of the CSL tournament.

Girls Track and Field: Elanta Slowek (So.) — Won the high jump at the CSL North meet at Highland Park.

CULTURE GRID

FIVE QUESTIONS WITH BASEBALL PLAYER CORY EVANS

What's your favorite TV show? Either Baseball Tonight or Family Guy. Baseball Tonight because I like seeing all the top plays and what happened that day. Family Guy just for comedy and humor.

What's your favorite restaurant and what are you eating there? Giordano's. I'm having the stuffed sausage.

If you won a million dollars, what would you do with it? I'd probably get a nice car and new baseball equipment. And then just share the rest with my family.

What's the best movie you've ever watched? It would have to be "The Hangover," just because it was a really funny movie.

What's your favorite video game? It would be Call of Duty and MLB The Show. I like shooter-type games and I've always liked to play baseball games.

BIG NUMBERS


4 - Place that the girls water polo team finished at the CSL tournament. The Blue Demons lost 16-13 to Maine South in the semifinals and 9-7 to Glenbrook South in the third-place game.

SOUND BITES

"We pulled it together at the end like we should have. I'm very proud of these kids. It doesn't seem that we're going to get anybody through (to State) but it doesn't matter to us."

- ERICK NORIEGA, COACH OF THE COMBINED DISTRICT 207 DEMON WARHAWKS BOYS GYMNASTICS TEAM

DON'T MISS

Today

Baseball: Maine East @ Maine West, 4:45p.m.

The Blue Demons have struggled, but they will look to get things turned around as they face the arch-rival Warriors.
Vikings put future on display at Lincoln-Way

BY CHRIS WALKER

Niles North senior Mendel Moskovits extended his final season to this weekend's IHSA boys gymnastics state finals by tying for fifth place on parallel bars with an 8.05 during the Lincoln-Way East sectional on May 3.

Moskovits was the lone automatic qualifier for the Vikings, who placed fifth among the nine-team field with 121.35 points.

“We've got a lot of young guys up on varsity for the first time and some of them for the first time tonight,” Niles North coach Richard Meyer said.

Moskovits also posted the team's top score on floor with an 8.4 and high bar with a 7.2.

“I'm happy he got in on bars and his 7.2 on high bar is going to be pretty close,” Meyer said. “We'll wait and see what happens.”

The team's other senior, Kin Man Lee, collected the team's third-highest score on high bar, while all the remaining contributions came from sophomores and juniors. Needless to say, the future is bright for the Vikings.

“We're really looking forward to the next couple of years,” Meyer said. “I think the young guys got some really good experience and this group of sophomores and juniors will be back to lead us next year, so it was a great experience for us.”

The sophomores include Steven Rosenburgh, who had an 8.25 on floor, Phat Nguyen who earned a 4.6 on pommel horse and Scott Wong, who contributed a 7.25 on pommel horse and 6.65 on parallel bars.

As for the juniors, Justin Salamon had a 6.85 on floor and led the team on vault with a 7.85. Dhwal Gheela recorded a 7.4 on pommel horse, Shaun DeGuzman had the team's third-best score on still rings with a 6.6, Daniel Matti earned a 6.7 on parallel bars and Marco Verceles pulled out a 4.75 on high bar and 6.15 on still rings.

“We've got a lot of bubble scores, which is tough,” Meyer said. “We'll have to wait and see what the cutoffs will be.”

The cutoffs were realized after Saturday's Glenbard West sectional and they proved to be good news for a few of the Vikings. Moskovits sneaked in on high bar, Gheela made it on pommel horse and Wong will compete on pommel horse at least one more time this season.
Niles West’s Nicolasin survives sectional still rings malfunction

BY CHRIS WALKER
Contributor

It’s difficult enough to complete a solid routine on still rings without any problems. That said, for the apparatus to break during the performance is downright unfair and scary.

That was the scenario for Niles West senior Josh Nicolasin during the May 3 Lincoln-Way East boys gymnastics sectional in Frankfort.

Due to the equipment malfunction, Nicolasin had to finish his routine in the upstairs gymastics room rather than the main gym, but was left unfazed, taking third place with an 8.45.

Nicolasin will return to Lincoln-Way East this weekend for the IHSA state finals and he’ll have four teammates competing alongside him.

“He was a little bit shaken up after that debacle,” Niles West coach Adrian Batista said. “He ended up missing his double back but still had a good routine.”

The Wolves finished fourth among the nine-team field with 134.7 points. Defending state champion Lincoln-Way co-op won the sectional convincingly with 154.250 points.

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“The Wolves didn’t fare well on parallel bars or high bar, as none of their gymnasts qualified for state on either event. They certainly came close on parallel bars. Chris Dwyer’s 7.7 fell short of the 7.85 cutoff, while Brandon Naguita (7.65), Lazar (7.6) and Michael Kim (7.55) also were knocking on the door.”

It was a great experience for these guys and to get a 134 isn’t disappointing at all,” Batista said. “These kids really want (to get to state) and I think they’ve done a good job to try to get there.”

BIG NUMBERS

37-2
— Winning distance thrown by Jasmine Townsend in the shot put at Friday’s CSL South track and field meet. The state cut is 37-6.

SOUND BITES

“But I had one of the best rings routines of my life, so it’s flipped a little. I thought I’d advance on p-bars but wasn’t sure about rings.”
— ARI LAZAR, BOYS GYMNAST WHO QUALIFIED FOR STATE IN STILL RINGS AFTER FALLING ON PARALLEL BARS

DON’T MISS

Today
Girls Track and Field: Class 3A Sectional @ Niles West, 3 p.m
The Wolves will hope to get multiple qualifiers to the Class 3A state meet in Charleston.
Marquez means to bring toughness

BY MIKE BUDA

In Saturday's Glenview Cup finale against Kenosha (Wis.) Bradford, Niles North senior Camila Marquez was forced to leave the game after injuring her neck in a violent collision.

Not surprisingly, the rugged and versatile senior soon returned to the action to help lead her team to a 2-1 victory.

With the win, the Vikings finished 2-1 in the tournament, improving their season record to 7-10-3.

After a rough start to the campaign, no goals in the first five games under new coach Paul Elkins, Niles North is playing its best soccer of the season. The contribution of the combative Marquez has been instrumental in the team's success.

Listed on the roster as a defender or midfielder, Marquez has played both positions and at forward, often taking all three spots in the same game.

Though her time at forward has been somewhat limited, Marquez has been effective when she has played up top, and she is among the team leaders with five goals and three assists.

"I play pretty much everywhere on the field," said Marquez, one of the team's captains. "I sometimes play stopper (on defense), as a midfielder, and I sometimes play forward. I've been moving around, up and down. But wherever they need me, I'm comfortable doing that."

Though a defender's objective is to stop goals and forward is tasked with scoring them, Marquez is proving that it's possible to play both positions with the same mentality.

"I like winning headers and battling for position," Marquez said.

"As a defensive player, you need to hold your ground and be strong. But as a forward, you have to be equally aggressive to run over a defender to get that ball."

Marquez's goals have come in bunches. She had two goals in an early season game against Wauconda and also found the back of the net twice in a 5-0 win over Maine East on May 1. Several strikes also found the back of the net in the season. She had three assists.

"I'm a diehard Bears fan and love football," Marquez said. "I like the Bears defensive line and how they hit hard. I played in a powderpuff football game last September, and I was just so excited and happy to play."

While Marquez said she is a fan of the Spanish soccer club FC Barcelona, a team that plays a stylish version of The Beautiful Game, she also appears to draw inspiration from another team in another sport entirely.

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Marquez, whose former soccer coach used to tell her she was "born to be a linebacker," plays a physical game, but does so within the rules. She's received only one yellow card this season.

Mild-mannered and a good student off the field, Marquez will attend University of Illinois next year and said she is looking to study science and math.

"On the field, I think I'm mean, but in real life, I'm a happy and nice person," said Marquez, who said she is hoping to play club soccer in college. "I'm like two different people depending on whether I'm on or off the field."

Niles North's Camila Marquez attempts to climb around New Trier's Maddie Mulford during a tenacious attempt to reach the ball. (R. S. Lerner)

NILES NORTH QUICK HITS

HIGH-FIVES

Male

Boys Gymnastics: Dhwal Gheewala (Jr.) – Earned a spot as an at-large qualifier for the state meet in pommeled horse after a strong showing at the Lincoln-Way East Sectional.

Female

Softball: Jenny Kim (Sr.) – Drove in four runs on three hits in the 1-8 win over CSL North foe Highland Park.

CULTURE GRID

FIVE QUESTIONS WITH GIRLS SOCCER PLAYER CAMILA MARQUEZ

Do you do anything special to prepare for a game? I always eat a cheeseburger for lunch, and drink tons of water throughout the day. If it's an away game, I always, and I mean always, take a nap on the bus before the game.

What's your favorite vacation spot and why? I really like Barcelona, because I have family there, and last time I went I brought my best friend Stephanie Arias.

What's the best movie you've ever watched and why? Probably "Shawshank Redemption," because I think it's amazing how persistent and patient the main character is, and I hope to attain those qualities when I get older.

What's been your greatest high school sports accomplishment? I think being on two varsity sports freshman year, and still getting good grades was a big accomplishment for me. I have no clue how I did that for three months.

What's been your greatest high school accomplishment away from sports? When my year-long history research project made it to Nationals in Washington, D.C., it was also one of the most fun trips I've been on.

BIG NUMBERS

2:25.27

– Time ran by Clara Williamson in the 800 meters at the CSL North girls track and field meet in Highland Park.

SOUND BITES

"(Mendel Moskovitz) is one of only two seniors we have this year so we've been kind of retooling and reshuffling," – RICHARD MEYER, NILES NORTH BOYS GYMNASICS COACH AFTER HIS TEAM COMPETED IN SECTIONALS LAST WEEK.

DON'T MISS

Friday

Boys Track and Field: Niles North @ CSL North meet hosted by Maine East, 4:30 p.m.

The Vikings take a short trip to Park Ridge to test themselves against the rest of the conference.
Qnslaught of encouragement -

Stojanoff has grown into the up to his nickname. the heart of the order has lived senior whose large presence in the heart of the order has lived up to his nickname.

The one thing almost certainly not heard, however, is Stojanoff’s teammates calling him by his given name.

“My last name is Stojanoff, so (Niles West assistant coach Mitch Stern) was, like, ‘Hey, Beef Stroganoff.’ That’s how it started and caught on,” Stojanoff said. “I like it a lot. It's funny.”

While Stern gave Stojanoff his nickname as a sophomore, Colletto, Ross, Meger and Rosenberg throughout the season.

Although he would rather play in the field - “I like being a part of something instead of just sitting on the bench,” Stojanoff said - Gustafson has been impressed by how well Stojanoff has adjusted to, and embraced, playing several different roles this season.

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Niles West hit a rough patch recently, losing four consecutive games — to Niles North, Glenbrook South and two to New Trier — after starting the season 19-2.

But the Wolves’ offense busted out of its slump on May 3. The Wolves’ bats came alive in a 9-1 win over Glenbrook South, chasing Indiana recruit Sully Stadler in the process.

“We came together (for three first-inning runs), which gave us a big boost for the whole game,” Stojanoff said. “Our defense is pretty solid, but our offense has to pick it up a little more.”

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BY MIKE CAMERON
Contributor

The prototypical catcher plays solid defense and calls a good game, but runs like a turtle, doesn't hit much and needs to rest about one of every four games.

Tireless, versatile and fast, Matt Walsh defies the norm. The Notre Dame senior fits the rare mold of a young Craig Biggio, who began his Hall of Fame-caliber career with the Houston Astros as a catcher and speedy, top-of-the-order catalyst.

Walsh has caught 98 percent of the Dons' innings over 29 games, squatting throughout five-game weeks and entire doubleheaders. He is outstanding at blocking pitches in the dirt, an above-average thrower and an improving receiver.

Batting either first or third in the order, Walsh leads the team in batting average (.423), on-base percentage (.429), steals (15), runs (16) and walks (14). He has 16 RBI to junior standout Danny Hyde's 17. Walsh and Hyde each have 25 hits, one behind steady producer sophomore Ryan Cazorch.

“Matt has done about everything you could ask. He is athletic, runs well, puts together great at-bats,” said first-year head coach Nelson Gord. “Matt works tremendously hard. He has not hit his ceiling as a player. You can tell the team's success is very important to him.”

“I worked hard in the off-season to improve,” said Walsh, who will play for Division-III Loras College. “As a hitter, use my legs more and be quicker with my swing. Defensively, I probably worked the hardest on blocking and the jump-pivot (on throws).”

After its 6-2 start, Notre Dame (12-18, 3-9) has struggled the last five weeks, especially offensively against tough ESCC pitchers. The Dons dropped a pair to host Nazareth (22-5) on Saturday, 21 in eight innings and 4-2.

“Things are frustrating. We've lost a lot of close games,” said Walsh, an honor-roll student who, along with teammate Brian McGinnis and track star Josh Maloney, works with special-needs kids. “But we all believe we can turn it around the last five, six games and then get hot in the playoffs.”

The recent emergence of talented center fielder Hyde on the mound boosts the post-season outlook. Gord patiently groomed the junior, who has thrived with an 0.79 ERA in 17.2 innings.

Hyde threw 5 1/3 shutout frames before the Dons fell to Carmel 1-0 on May 3. Picked by 4 2/3 dominant innings from Hyde, Notre Dame completed a sweep of rival St. Patrick with a 6-3 win on Apr. 27.

The Dons downed the Shamrocks 9-6 on Apr. 23, as hard-throwing freshman Adnan Sator (4-3) added to his team-leading win total.
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