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Niles native Richard Rogala, who was aboard the USS Pueblo in 1968 when it was attacked and captured by North Korea, told the story of its capture and his time as a prisoner of war in North Korea. PAGE 7

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**LIBRARY BOARD**

**Measures taken to improve order, transparency**

**BY TRACY GRUEN**

Niles Public Library trustees were called on to speak at this month's board meeting in an attempt to put an end to trustees' talking over each other.

Library Board President Barbara Nakanishi said the board will be following the parliamentary procedures of Robert's Rules of Orders from now on to avoid any "sideline" conversations that Nakanishi said have been taking place. Trustees were recognized by Nakanishi before they commented on a presentation given earlier that evening by Product Architecture that included 3-D images of what the library will look like after the upcoming renovation.

Library Director Linda Weiss said those parliamentary procedures have already been in the library's bylaws for quite some time, and it's just a matter of following them.

"What happens if they're not recognized?" wondered Library Board Trustee Chris Ball. "Everyone will be recognized eventually?"

"Nobody will be denied at these meetings," Nakanishi replied.

It was also announced at the May 16 session that board meetings were being audio-recorded. The board meeting at the end of April was not recorded, said Sue Wilsey, library public-relations manager.

When asked why the most recent board meetings were not recorded, Nakanishi did not have a response, but she said it was not her suggestion or a request by administration. Nakanishi would not say later why officials reinstated the audio-recording.

On May 5, library Trustee Morgan Dubiel sent an email to the Niles Herald-Spectator, expressing his concern with the April 25 Library Board meeting not being recorded.

"At a great time of corruption and concern in our community, county and state, we should be moving toward more, not less transparency," Dubiel wrote. "I understand that we are under no legal obligation to create a verbatim recording, but just because we aren't legally obligated isn't a good reason to stop."

Dubiel was upset that the decision to not record the meeting was made without any input from library trustees and wasn't publicly announced, debated or discussed.

"Transparency is critical to effective and honest government," Dubiel said.

Nakanishi was asked how she felt about Dubiel's suggestion of posting the audio-recordings of Library Board meetings online.

"Personally, I don't care one way or another," Nakanishi said.

The issue of video-recording board meetings has been one of increasing significance among local school districts and the Niles Village Board of Trustees in ongoing efforts to increase transparency.

Park Ridge-Niles District 64 has started video-recording its school-board meetings and to post its meetings online. A parent volunteer started to tape the meetings in the move toward greater transparency, and then the school board took over.

The village board recently approved the equipment that will allow the village to start video-recording its meetings so meetings could be streamed live online and aired on cable TV.

Minutes are now taken of village-board meetings, but village trustees decided that wasn't enough.

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**BOBBAPALOOZA**

**Maine South bands rock teen band contest**

**BY JENNIFER JOHNSON**

The return of Park Ridge's annual teen band night, Bobbapalooza, was smaller than past events but still considered a success, according to its new organizer.

"It went great," said Jared Skiba, who managed the event. "It got nothing but positive feedback. The bands went extremely, extremely well."

Eleven high school bands performed during the May 12 concert and competition, which took place at the Park Ridge Community Center and drew an audience of roughly 350,

Dubiel awarded The Copy Chiefs, of Maine South, 2nd Place and Sleep Academy 3rd Place.

Other bands that performed included: The Keens, of Maine South; Underground Empire, of Maine South; The Glad Fact, of Chicago; Last Resort, of Glenbrook North and Glenbrook South; and Mike, Matt & Kevin, of Maine South.

Bobbapalooza began as a South Park Church event for the community's youth. It was held twice annually but Skiba plans to organize the band night just once each year, with the next concert tentatively scheduled for May 2013.

"It will continue," he said. "Everybody's on board to keep it going."

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**NEWS BRIEF**

**Annual Memorial Day service scheduled**

At 11 a.m. Memorial Day, May 28, members of Niles VFW Post 7712 and the village of Niles will conduct a ceremony at Veterans Memorial Waterfall at the southwest corner of Touhy and Milwau- kee avenues in remembrance of those who have died in our nation's service.

Village officials will be present for the ceremony and invite the public to attend.

**Doughnuts and donations in store June 1**

The Niles Police Department in conjunction with the Illinois Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run will take to the rooftops in the Dunkin Donuts "Cop on Top" event June 1.

Between 5 a.m. and 2 p.m. that day Niles police officers will be conducting "roof-top stakeouts" at three Dunkin Donuts locations in the villages: 7039 W. Dempster St.; 7525 N. Harlem Ave.; and 7235 N. Caldwell Ave.

Everyone who visits any of the three stores and makes a donation to the Torch Run will receive a free donut. Donation cans are also located across the village of Niles.

In 2011 more than $127,000 was raised at more than 125 locations state-wide to benefit Illinois Special Olympics.
World War II veteran and commander of Niles VFW Post 7712 Jim Kozak poses for a portrait in front of the new military display at the Niles Historical Society Museum on May 21. (RUTHIE HAUGESUN-TIMES MEDIA)

IN PROFILE

VFW commander: Remember meaning of Memorial Day

BY TRACY GRUEN
Contributor

During World War II, Jim Kozak was committed to serving his country. Decades later, he is just as committed to the Niles Veterans of Foreign Wars post and its mission.

Kozak has been the commander of Niles VFW Post 7712 for the past six years. He was born in Niles and has lived in the village for most of his life.

Though it was years ago, Kozak remembers the day he was drafted into the Air Force during World War II. “I had a diploma in one hand and a draft paper in another,” said Kozak, who served three years. “Everybody was going, ‘What are you going to do?’”

Kozak was stationed off of Alaska and headed toward Japan in the Aleutian Islands. Though Kozak was drafted into the Air Force he never went up in an airplane.

Kozak worked as a carpenter and built the barracks he and his fellow soldiers lived in, four men to a building. “We had quite a bit of snow, but it would leave and then it was nice again,” Kozak said. “The summers were nice.”

Kozak said it’s challenging to recruit new members to the local VFW. “It seems like they’re not joining any organizations, because they’re coming home to their families,” Kozak said.

Another challenge, he added, is to get people to remember the true spirit of a patriotic holiday such as Memorial Day, Veterans Day and Fourth of July. Each year the Niles VFW participates in the Memorial Day program at Veterans Waterfall and the Fourth of July parade.

Kozak said the reaction from people at parades often isn’t what it should be. “When an American flag passes in front of you you’re supposed to stand and give a hand salute,” Kozak said. “You don’t get the people doing that anymore. It’s a shame.”

Kozak said the Niles VFW is a good organization that assists veterans in various ways. “I received a lot of help from the Niles VFW during World War II.”

The past weekend, May 17-19, was Poppy Day, and members of the VFW were on street corners and inside of Jewel stores selling poppies. Money raised from the Poppy sales help support hospitalized veterans, give phone cards to men and women serving overseas, and support a national home for wives and children who have lost husbands at war.

Kozak has also volunteered for the Niles Fire Department for 22 years. He lives in Niles with his wife and son. He also has two other sons and a daughter, as well as three grandchildren and two granddaughters.
Blindfolded, Richard Rogala didn’t know what was going on when the USS Pueblo was captured by the North Koreans in 1968.

The former Niles resident along with Werner Juretzko, of the Northwest suburbs, shared their experiences with an attentive audience May 20 at Niles Public Library.

Rogala was a storekeeper aboard the USS Pueblo and remained a prisoner for 11 months. Juretzko was imprisoned in East Germany for six years.

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The captain of the USS Pueblo, Lloyd Bucher, and the 81 crew members suffered beatings, starvation and other forms of mistreatment.

"Besides the beatings from time to time our hardest moments were wondering what would happen in the future," said Rogala, who now lives in Florida.

"We were harassed and threatened daily," Rogala said.

Rogala said a typical meal was raw turnips and bread served out of buckets that were also used to wash the floors. He said he had to keep his head down for an entire day and those who lifted their heads would be struck in the mouth. Rogala said prisoners were also forced to exercise in the frigid cold.

The day finally came in spring 1969, when Rogala and the other prisoners were released.

"What a feeling of relief, crossing the Bridge of No Return into freedom," Rogala shared.

Rogala was greeted by then-California Gov. Ronald Reagan and his wife, Nancy. After Rogala arrived in March 1969 in Chicago at the airport, then-Niles Mayor Nicholas Blase rode in a limo with Rogala and he was taken to Notre Dame High School, where about 500 people gave him a welcome-home celebration.

"The main motivation to speak is because no one remembers," Rogala said of his speaking engagement.

Rogala said the USS Pueblo is still in Korea and is displayed as a tourist attraction, and he urges people to join him in an effort to have the vessel returned to the United States.

Juretzko worked as a G-2 undercover U.S. Army political operative. In 1955, he was captured by the East German secret police, called the Stasi.

Juretzko is the author of "Years Without Hope," which tells the stories of his espionage work during the Cold War. He showed audience members images of a prison cell and guillotine that was used to kill Western prisoners. He said everyone left prison either in a horizontal or vertical position.

"I was fortunate I left in a vertical position," Juretzko said.

Adrienne Sniulczynski, who works at the Niles Public Library and attended the program, said she read codes during the Cold War as a cryptologic technician. She said she enjoyed hearing the speakers talk about their experiences in the Cold War.

"They are wonderful people," Sniulczynski said, also noting that it is difficult for Cold War veterans like herself to receive assistance from the government. "They are the true heroes."

"I think it was very interesting," said Russell Zapel, a World War II veteran, of the event, which he attended with his wife.

Zapel lamented that those who served in the Cold War aren't recognized as much as veterans of World War II and other armed conflicts.

Audience members asked Rogala and Juretzko several questions following their presentations, such as if they had ever planned an escape while imprisoned. They said they had not, but Rogala said he knew of people who were thinking about it.

Juretzko sold and signed copies of his book to several people who attended the program.
District disputes magazine’s snubs of Maine East, West

BY JENNIFER JOHNSON
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Maine Township High School District 207 is questioning the accuracy of an annual ranking of American high schools by U.S. News & World Report after errors were identified and two of the district’s three schools were omitted from the list.

According to the ranking, released earlier this month, Maine South High School in Park Ridge ranks 691 out of 22,000 public high schools in the nation and 29th in Illinois. Demographics for Maine East High School in Park Ridge and Maine West High School in Des Plaines are included on U.S. News & World Report’s website, but neither school is ranked among the publication’s “best high schools” in the state or nation.

“I think that Maine East and Maine West should have been on the list based on the fact that they both have college-readiness scores that are far higher than those of many schools who made the list,” said District 207 Superintendent Ken Wallace in a written statement released by the district May 11. “We are aware that nationally many schools, even some who made the list, are questioning the accuracy of the data.”

The formula for ranking the “best schools” used state proficiency tests, the percentage of economically disadvantaged students, the number of students who took advanced-placement tests and how well students did on these tests.

According to U.S. News, Maine East’s college-readiness index is calculated at 28.3 out of a possible 100. The college-readiness score, according to the publication, is a measure of how students master college-level material and is calculated based on rates of participation on advanced-placement exams and the percentage of students passing those exams.

Maine South’s college-readiness index is calculated at 39.2. Both Park Ridge high schools are identified as having a college-readiness index that is above the state’s average. A college-readiness index of 100 would mean every 12th-grade student took and passed at least one advanced-placement test, according to U.S. News & World Report.

Northside College Preparatory High School in Chicago, which ranked first in Illinois and 39th in the nation, has a college-readiness index of 92.1.

District 207 also points to errors in student demographics as reported by U.S. News. According to the U.S. News data there are no economically disadvantaged students in District 207. But the district says this statistic is false as Illinois School Report Cards for 2011 show 45 percent of Maine East students are classified as low-income, followed by 32 percent at Maine West and 7.7 percent at Maine South.

According to District 207, U.S. News uses a methodology in its ranking system that “rewards those schools whose economically disadvantaged students score above statistical expectations on standardized tests.” Taking into account the performance of
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### Major roll call votes in the Senate

#### Ex-Im Bank
- Senators voted, 78-20, to send President Obama a bill increasing Ex-Im Bank funding by $14 billion in reserves against its potential $140 billion in loans and guarantees to spur U.S. companies' sales in risky foreign markets. A yes vote was to raise Ex-Im Bank reserves from $1 billion to $14 billion.
- Sen. Richard Durbin: Yes; Sen. Mark Kirk: Did Not Vote

#### To Abolish Ex-Im Bank
- Voting 12-86, the Senate turned back an attempt by three Tea Party-backed senators to abolish the Export-Import Bank on May 31, 2013, on grounds that it practices corporate welfare and distorts free-market forces. A yes vote was to terminate the New Dealers' Export Bank.
- Sen. Richard Durbin: No; Sen. Mark Kirk: Did Not Vote

#### Ex-Im Bank Reserves
- Senators rejected, 36-62, to require the Export-Import Bank to have $14 billion in reserves against its potential $140 billion in loans and guarantees to spur U.S. companies' sales in risky foreign markets. A yes vote was to raise Ex-Im Bank reserves from $1 billion to $14 billion.
- Sen. Richard Durbin: No; Sen. Mark Kirk: Did Not Vote

#### Paul Ryan Budget
- Senators defeated, 41-58, a Republican budget for 2013 and later years drafted by Rep. Paul Ryan of Wisconsin that passed the House in April. A yes vote backed a budget that would eventually privatize Medicare. The budget would cut Medicare, make Bush-era tax cuts permanent and slash deficits and domestic spending.
- (HCR 122) Sen. Richard Durbin: No; Sen. Mark Kirk: Did Not Vote

#### Barack Obama Budget
- On a vote of zero for and 99 against, the Senate defeated President Obama's proposed budget for fiscal 2013 and later years. A yes vote opposed a budget that provided less deficit-reduction than a competing GOP plan (above) while saving traditional Medicare and not sending Medicaid funds to the states in block grants.
- (SCR 45) Sen. Richard Durbin: No; Sen. Mark Kirk: Did Not Vote

### Major roll call votes in the House

#### Violence Against Women
- Members voted, 222-205, to renew the Violence Against Women Act for five years at funding of $680 million annually. A yes vote backed the GOP bill (HR 4970) over Democratic arguments it leaves some battered Native Americans, illegal immigrants and gays and lesbians unprotected.
- (HR 4970) Judy Biggert, R-Ill.; Joe Walsh, R-Ill.; Randy Hultgren, R-Ill.; Donald Manzulla, R-Ohio; Tim Johnson, R-Ill.; Jerry Costello, D-lnd.; Robert Dold, R-Ill.; Mike Quigley, D-Ill.; Jan Schakowsky, D-Ill.; Luis Gutierrez, D-Ill.; Adam Kinzinger, R-Ill.; Joe Donnelly, D-Ind.; Tim Walz, D-Minn.; and Jan Schakowsky, D-Ill.

#### Confidentiality Dispute
- Members defeated, 187-236, a bill to amend HR 4310 (above) by Democrats to retain all existing safeguards in law to protect the identity of victims reporting domestic violence to police or social agencies. A yes vote backed the motion over Republicans' arguments it leaves some battered Native Americans, illegal immigrants and gays and lesbians unprotected.
- Randy Hultgren, R-Ill.; Donald Manzulla, R-Ohio; Jan Schakowsky, D-Ill.; Luis Gutierrez, D-Ill.; Joe Walsh, R-Ill.; Randy Hultgren, R-Ill.; Tim Walz, D-Minn.; and Jan Schakowsky, D-Ill.

#### 2013 Military Budget
- Members passed, 299-120, a $642.7 billion military budget for fiscal 2013, including $88.5 billion for Iraq and Afghanistan actions. A yes vote backed HR 4310, which contains a 1.7 percent military pay raise and $53 billion for active-duty, retiree and family health care.
- (HR 4310) Joe Walsh, R-Ill.; Randy Hultgren, R-Ill.; Donald Manzulla, R-Ohio; Jan Schakowsky, D-Ill.; Luis Gutierrez, D-Ill.; Tim Walz, D-Minn.; and Jan Schakowsky, D-Ill.

#### Detaining Suspects
- Members refused, 182-238, to amend HR 4310 (above) to bar the indefinite military detention of terrorism suspects arrested in the U.S. A yes vote backed Justice Department prosecution of these individuals and granting them full due-process rights.
- Donald Manzulla, R-Ohio; Tim Walz, D-Minn.; and Jan Schakowsky, D-Ill.

#### Afghanistan Withdrawal
- Members defeated, 113-303, a bid to limit funding for Afghanistan actions in HR 4310 (above) to that necessary to conduct the "safe and orderly withdrawal" of U.S. troops and contractors.
- (HR 4310) Sen. Richard Durbin: No; Sen. Mark Kirk: Did Not Vote

#### Nuclear-Bomber Budget
- Members refused, 122-304, to strip HR 4310 (above) of its $38 billion for developing a nuclear bomber scheduled to replace today's B-52 and B-2 fleets between 2040 and 2058. A yes vote backed the amendment on grounds that urgent domestic needs such as Medicare are more deserving of the funds.
- (HR 4310) Sen. Richard Durbin: No; Sen. Mark Kirk: Did Not Vote

### Key votes ahead
- In the week of May 21, the House will be in recess, while the Senate will take up a bill tightening Food and Drug Administration operations.
BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

He's a metal-money merchant — to coin a term

BY TRACY GRUEN
Contributor

In this challenging economic climate, business has still been pretty busy for Curt Franson, owner of the Niles Coin Shop, which has been operating in the village for more than 30 years.

"Some people want to sell anything and everything," Franson said.

The Niles Coin Shop is at 7637 N. Milwaukee Ave.

The store buys and sells coins, paper currency, gold, silver, jewelry and some collectibles, such as Hummels and Laddro figurines. Franson offers these pieces of handmade artwork from Germany and Spain at a large discount, usually 50-60 percent off of regular prices.

To keep things new and exciting the selection of rare collectible coins and currency is continually being changed. At The Niles Coin Shop, customers have a safe, secure and friendly environment to buy, sell and appraise single items, as well as whole collections.

"We have some ancient coins but most of those are low-grade," Franson said. The oldest coin dates all the way back to 100 A.D. The old Roman coins are low-grade and are worth about $5, Franson explained.

The shop sells U.S. coins, as well as foreign coins, and offers vintage pocket watches and classic jewelry at discount prices, as well as commemorative tokens, medals, tickets and brochures from major events such as the Chicago World's Fair.

Franson said every other Tuesday the store offers its online Bid Board, which involves 250 coins and paper-currency items. The Bid Board is a free, members-only auction and features various unique items.

Franson is anticipating more customers will want to purchase gold and silver in the near future.

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Staff Photographer Tamara Bell took a photographic tour at night down Dempster Street in Morton Grove and Niles on May 15. Dempster Street is one of the main thoroughfares in these villages and is quite colorful at night.

A worker at McDonald's, 6309 Dempster St., Morton Grove, takes an order.

Technicolor Spa, 5641 W. Dempster St., Morton Grove, is open until 9 p.m.

Style 4 U (right) and Body Accessory, 5636 and 5638 W. Dempster St., stays open late. The stores are connected; one end sells dresses and the other sells accessories.

Photos by
Tamara Bell
Sun-Times Media
A Pace bus drives down the 5600 block of Dempster St.

A customer stands outside Cellular World, 6005 Dempster St., Morton Grove.

The Jeon Joo Restaurant, 5707 1/2 W. Dempster St., stays open late.

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Officials of Morton Grove American Legion Post 184 are trying to determine what they will need to do to reopen the post gun range after the village cited violations of state and federal regulations. The village, citing violations of the Illinois Risk Management Agency, the Illinois Liability-insurance cooperative, the Illinois Risk Management Agency, and state and federal regulations, closed and locked the facility in the basement of the Morton Grove Civic Center.

Village Administrator Ryan Horne said the village closed the range after it was notified by its Liability-insurance cooperative, the Illinois Risk Management Agency, that the range is in violation of standards for such issues as ventilation that could cause standards for such issues as ventilation. I NICK KATZ-SUN-TIMES MEDIA

When the village purchased the former Legion Hall from Post 184 for conversion to a civic center, the legion retained control over some portions of the building, including the gun range, which is in the basement of the civic-center portion of the building at 6144 Dempster St. The Legion has its own entrance, but must access the gun range through the village portion.

In a press release the village stated: “Use of the gun range, located in the basement of the Morton Grove Civic Center, will resume once it meets all operational standards as required by applicable federal and state requirements. We apologize for the inconvenience this has caused the village to lose its insurance coverage on the entire civic-center building.

Jerry Weaver, a member of the Legion board of directors, said the group discussed the closing at a meeting May 14 and said the group wants to reopen the range. He said the Legion already has made improvements to the 19-year-old gun range.

Weaver said the smoke created by the range is one of the issues that must be resolved. “For many, many years the post was known for two things: We had a gun range in the basement and we had a (model) train.” Weaver said.

In addition to use by legion members, Weaver said the range is used for open shoots, a Legion youth program and for gun clubs.

Horne said insurance cooperative IRMA has concerns that the range violates federal EPA and OSHA regulations for such things as lead levels created by the shooting.

Though the village wants to help the Legion as much as possible Horne said the group will likely have to find some consultant to conduct tests and provide the needed expertise to determine what changes are required. He said that when the village purchased the building from the Legion, the village took responsibility for maintenance, as well as control of the portion used for the civic center.

“They’re (the Legion) responsible for the gun range,” Horne said. “They will have to pay for those improvements.”
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 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.

CRIMINAL DAMAGE
A 33-year-old Niles woman told police that a suspect, a 61-year-old Niles man, picked up a child’s ball May 11 on the 8800 block of Golf Road, and when he returned he discovered that an unknown suspect had broken out the passenger-side front window of his vehicle.

Nothing appeared to be missing, police said.

THEFT
Someone stole an iPhone on May 12 at the counter of a grocery store on the 5600 block of Touhy Avenue. The victim said she left the $400 device at the counter while she was checking out after shopping.

Two unknown males were seen May 13 with two carts full of unpurchased groceries outside a store on the 7900 block of Milwaukee Avenue. The suspects got in a blue Pontiac and drove to southbound Milwaukee Avenue.

A loss-prevention agent for a retail store on the 8500 block of Golf Road reported May 12 that two men in their 20s had stolen a cell phone out of an employee’s hand and fled the store. The loss-prevention agent said he saw the suspects take and conceal some bandanas in their pocket. While the agent attempted to stop both suspects, one reportedly shoved the agent, causing his cell phone to fall out of his hand. One of the suspects picked up the phone and smashed it on the ground, then fled the store.

FRAUD
A pharmacist said an unknown female presented a fraudulent prescription to her on May 11 at a pharmacy on the 7100 block of Milwaukee Avenue. The pharmacist said the prescription was for a strong cough medicine, and when she called the prescribing doctor on the form the doctor stated that the unknown woman was not his patient and that he did not sign the prescription.

DISORDERLY CONDUCT
A woman told police that while sitting on the afternoon of May 16 in the waiting room of a medical building at 8901 Golf Road, a man sat down next to her and began filming her on his cell phone. When the woman told the man to stop filming her he reportedly stated that he was from another country and did not know the laws here. According to police the victim then observed the man filming under the skirt of another woman after she emerged from an elevator. When the first victim yelled to police Daoud had a revoked drivers license and was in possession of 2.5 grams of marijuana inside a container.

BATTERY
A resident of Golf Terrace Apartments told police a man broke a beer bottle over his head the night of May 13. According to police the victim reported that the suspect had been trying to get his 15-year-old daughter to come outside and smoke marijuana, and when the victim ordered the man to leave his daughter alone he was struck with the bottle. Several other people then allegedly began throwing beer bottles at the victim before they fled the area.

The following incidents in unincorporated Maine Township were compiled by the Cook County Sheriff’s Department. Readers are reminded that an arrest does not constitute a finding of guilt. Only a court of law can make that determination.

SHERIFF’S REPORTS

BATTERY
A resident of Golf Terrace Apartments was charged with possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia the morning of May 1 after police responded to the Landings condominium complex for a report of an intoxicated man. Police found Mikolajewicz outside his residence and reportedly discovered he was in possession of a pipe commonly used for smoking marijuana and a small amount of suspected marijuana inside a container.

BURGLARY
A home on the 8600 block of West Davis Street was burglarized May 4.

PROPERTY DAMAGE
A man told police May 11 that someone used a BB gun to shoot two holes in his window on the 9000 block of Church Street.

Property-damage reports were filed May 6 on the 9000 block of North Chester Avenue and on the 9200 block of West Golf Road.

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PROPERTY TRANSFERS

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DESKTOP

1105 Holiday Lane Apt 7: Zdzislawa M Kratka to Katya Gotseva, $44,500, April 12
1385 S 6th Ave.: Konrad Branicki to Zachary A Doubek, $238,000, April 12
1666 Ash St.: Russell C Smith Estate to Madleen Alkasrani, $160,000, April 17
2073 Webster Lane: Federal Home Loan Mtg Corp to Ghanesh Kumar Patel, $197,500, April 13
766 Hanbury Drive: U S Bank Patel, $162,500, April 13
2073 Webster Lane: Federal Home Loan Mtg Corp to Gary Gin Pak, $70,000, April 16
607 Quincy Bridge Lane Apt 204: Eduard Kodryan to Von-607 Quincy Bridge, $140,000, April 16

HARWOOD HEIGHTS

625 N Newland Ave.: Vince Pumo to Katherine E Kwietniewski, $229,000, April 13

MORTON GROVE

5825 Capulina Ave.: Joe Vinskich to Nicholas Reuter Co Lane Reuter, $260,000, April 13
7343 Davis St.: Federal Home Loan Mtg Corp to George Isaac, $165,000, April 15
9126 Mason Ave.: Mark Averett to Hal Baylor Sherry Lynn Baylor, $140,000, April 16

MOUNT PROSPECT

1202 W Palm Drive: Bernard M Madden to Venugopal Darapaneni, $332,000, April 13
1811 Laurel Drive: Chicago Title Land Trt Co to David W Skeehan Deborah J Skeehan, $246,000, April 17
1816 W Pheasant Trail: Edward R Scola to Frank J Scolla Renee A Scolla, $100,000, April 17
1818 E Apache Lane: Lange Trust to Filippo Brunetti Kelly J Brunetti, $310,000, April 18
204 W Wilmington Drive: Jenna M Bryant to Delores Porter, $290,000, April 18
321 S Mount Prospect Rd: Daisy Bayron High to Aaron Hartsook Gasper, $167,000, April 19

NILES

7031 W Touhy Ave. Apt 309: Fanning Trust to John P Howard Dale J Howard, $165,000, April 17
7879 W Nordica Ave.: Aurora Loan Services Inc to Murat T Abarov Guzel R Azrikhan, $115,000, April 13
8655 N Oriole Ave.: Clark Trust to Hans Callie Anita Callies, $290,000, April 16

NORRIDGE

4682 N Redwood Drive: Majewski Trust to Anita Lisek, $160,000, April 16
8560 W Foster Ave. Unit 702: Parkway Bank & Trust Co Ttee to Joseph Esposito, $126,500, April 13
8580 W Foster Ave. Unit 508: Radoslav Molenkovskis to Ruth Basilio, $132,000, April 16

O’HARE

8640 W Catalpa Ave. Unit 11: Agnieszka Misierocz to Veljko Stoicen Jelena Stoic, $84,000, April 16

PARK RIDGE

1009 S Delphina Ave.: Patrick J Keenan to Keith R Lipinski, $374,000, April 17

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3910 Four Winds Way: Morris Sabovic, $605,000, April 18

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Behind the home is a backyard and a detached two-car garage. It is within walking distance of a community park and playground.

The basics and more by Helene Achanzar

Second is knowing your preferences. Your agent needs to understand your needs versus your wants. A local real estate expert will best help with this.

If you are not familiar with property types in different areas, have an understanding of the type of lifestyle you want. Do you want a single-family home or a condo? Do you want to be in close proximity to neighborhood amenities?

Knowing what you want versus what you can afford is the last important piece. Are you aware of and able to meet the proper financials required to buy the home? Meeting with your bank or an agent’s preferred lender is the first step. This will ensure proper affordability, make the process run more smoothly and allow you to negotiate with sellers to get the best deal.

— Joel Holland, Homescout Realty
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Here are the answers to last week's question:

**What are your plans for Memorial Day?**

- Watching a parade: 14%
- Cookout with family and friends: 43%
- Spending time with a veteran: 14%
- Sleeping until noon: 29%

**“Vote.”**
S. BERGER

**“Support them over there and over here.”**
MARY KAMYS

**“Just go up and thank them.”**
CARL CHASE

**“Be proud of them. I wish I could go; I tried to enlist, but they said I was too old. I am from Iraq.”**
EDDIE SARHAD

**“Vote.”**
S. BERGER

**“Being able to provide services after they serve.”**
KARMIN DICICO

**QUESTION OF THE WEEK**

At the Dempster Plaza Shopping Center we asked, “What do you think is the best way to honor those who serve our country?”

- “Support them over there and over here.”
- “Just go up and thank them.”
- “Be proud of them. I wish I could go; I tried to enlist, but they said I was too old. I am from Iraq.”
- “Vote.”

**Communicate only in catchphrases? Word.**

Imagine a game show where contestants are only allowed to converse using annoying catchphrases:
- “You rock!”
- “You had me at ‘hello,'”
- “You’re not the boss of me.”
- “That’s what she said.”
- “Oh no she didn’t!”
- “Whatever.”
- “Don’t go there.”
- “Takes one to know one.”
- “No offense.”
- “Point taken.”
- “Let’s touch base.”
- “Chill out.”

Meanwhile, glued to their seats, trembling with adrenaline, the show’s audience is tense, most barely able to suppress horrible dark urges to storm the stage with cream pies and hurl any extra lemon meringue pies at Jersey Shore-lans. Gripping his seat, an audience member grinds his teeth, listening to the cornucopia of clichés.

“Please, God. I can handle anything but ‘Have a nice day.’”

Sweaty, nervous taut, his wife closes her eyes. “And I thought a run of a ‘Match Game’ with Charles Nelson Reilly was bad.”

A woman contends: “For me, the rage trigger is ‘Invalid User Name.’”

As the show moves into its final round, the audience restrains its primitive impulses.

Seated in the last row, my sons remain mum. Their generation has their share of catchphrases such as “epic fail,” or “word,” which in today’s vernacular means “to speak the truth,” usually accompanied by the hand gesture where the forefinger and pinky point downward; it’s what Keith Richards might say to Johnny Depp in a Parisian night club — not by me, waving a two-for-one Burger King coupon.

“My bad,” my son says.

Then, on stage, a contestant utters a fatal catchphrase.

“This is the straw that breaks the audience’s backs. They pillage everything with iceberg lettuce, tomatoes and garlic bulbs from a Rachael Ray taping. While TMZ records the unfolding horror, contestants dodge a flying vegetable platter from a Jewel deli. Paratroopers are called in. Choppers evacuate cameramen and producers. Later, we find out what the beleaguered contestant said.

“It is what it is.”
Memorial Day is so much more than just a parade

For most of us, Memorial Day is a day away from work and, maybe, a parade. But Memorial Day also is my Uncle Vincent. I never knew Uncle Vincent. He was a pilot killed over Sicily in World War II.

I don't know much about him, either. The family didn't talk about him. He was a wound that never healed.

What kind of person was he? What were his favorite books? Did he like Humphrey Bogart, too? What career did he want? How tall was he? Who was he?

I'll never know. I would doubt that he ever existed, except for a few bits of flotsam he left before he disappeared from the surface of life.

Once I found a copy of the Maywood Herald from World War II that contained a Gold Star Honor Roll — names and photos of men from Maywood who had been killed in the war. There's Uncle Vincent, right before Tommy Edmonds and right after Robert Taylor. I framed the page and still have it.

What else is left of him? When my grandmother was alive there was a glass case in the corner of the living room. Lovingly displayed in that case was the Purple Heart my grandmother received in exchange for the son she sent to war. And there were photos of Uncle Vincent. He was a slim, boyishly handsome young man with that confident, crooked smile all pilots seem to have. In some photos he's wearing a leather flying jacket and a white scarf. There are photos of him at the controls of a two-seater training plane, and one of him atop a camel in front of the Great Pyramid in Egypt.

And that's about what I know of Uncle Vincent.

No, I know other things about him:

I know he never knew who won World War II. I know he never married or had children.

I know he never had the chance to test his abilities in a career.

I know he never saw television.

I know he never received or sent email.

I know he never saw men walk on the moon.

I know he never got to talk to me and I never got to talk to him.

There were 405,899 Uncle Victorns in World War II. And thousands and thousands more Uncle Victorns in America's other wars.

For the families of those killed in war, Memorial Day is not just a day off or a parade. It is a pain that takes no holiday.

This is Paul Sassone's annual Memorial Day column.

This holiday should be a true memorial to nation's war dead

In the heart of downtown Waterloo, N.Y., in the Finger Lakes region between Syracuse and Rochester, sits a red-brick building that houses the national Memorial Day Museum.

Its mission is to tell the nation the history of Memorial Day, which most of us will celebrate this weekend with picnics, barbecues, parties, short day trips and a long weekend.

The idea of a national Memorial Day may have sprung from the mind of Waterloo druggist Henry C. Wells, who by the fall of 1865 sought a way to honor the fallen dead of the Civil War, but today it is the official start of summer.

It was a more somber day back then.

By 1868, John Logan of Illinois, by then the commander-in-chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, adopted the idea of a national Decoration Day. He designated May 30 as the day to decorate the graves of the soldiers who died in the Civil War.

And so it was for most Americans in the decades that followed. Decoration Day honored those who died in the Civil War.

As the years went on, the Civil War veterans were thought of in much the same way we think of our aging World War II veterans today, as the greatest generation. There were gatherings and speeches and parades.

In Oak Park, Ernest Hemingway's grandfather Anson Hemingway would put on the federal blue uniform that he wore at Vicksburg and march in the annual parade held in the village. By the early 1900s, little Ernest would watch his grandfather march in the parade.

As the 20th century wore on, and as fewer veterans remained, the holiday became for many Americans a general day of remembrance for their deceased relatives, whether they served in the Civil War or not.

After World War II, Memorial Day became the more common reference for the holiday while some old-timers still called it Decoration Day. Congress declared Memorial Day the official name in 1967. In 1968, Congress moved the date from May 30 to the last Monday in May to give everyone a long weekend every year, effective in 1971.

Since then, many feel Memorial Day has lost its meaning because of the three-day weekend. Merchants tout Memorial Day sales, towns host celebratory parades, and neighborhoods are filled with summer barbecues.

During my term as an editor, I had to chide many young reporters who wrote about Memorial Day as the national holiday to honor America's veterans. That's Veteran's Day, I would tell them. Memorial Day honors the war dead.

And once, we did take time to honor the war dead.
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Rediscoversing a Chicago talent

BY MEREDITH MORRIS
Contributor

The Koehnline Museum of Art at Oakton Community College is taking a trip back in time to present works by one of Chicago's own: Steven Urry. Known for his large-scale welded steel sculptures and interest in biomorphic shapes, Urry is respected by older generations of artists but his work is rarely seen.

"Steven Jay Urry: A Retrospective," which opened at the Koehnline May 10, is the first major Urry exhibit since 1977 and first-ever show covering his entire career, according to museum manager and curator Nathan Harpaz, who curated the exhibit with art critic and art journalist Victor Cassidy. The 76-page catalog that accompanies the exhibit is also groundbreaking, representing significant new research and documentation of Urry's work and life.

Free flowing metal

"Urry worked with metal in a very flexible, complex, free and liquidy way," Harpaz said. "It's like drawing with metal."

Born in Chicago in 1939, Urry worked in the city in the 1970s and early '80s and also lived and worked in San Francisco, New York, Miami and Arizona. Urry first attracted serious attention with a solo show in Chicago of his large-scale modernist welded steel and aluminum sculptures, Harpaz said.

More shows followed at Chicago's Museum of Contemporary Art and in New York galleries but Urry couldn't keep up the pace; his last important exhibition took place in 1977. Although he continued to create art for the rest of his life, very little was shown. Urry died in 1993.

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Scattered works

Though it took some extra effort, Harpaz and his colleagues cut no corners preparing for the show, securing about 40 pieces on loan from the Museum of Contemporary Art, Smart Museum, Elmhurst Art Museum, art museums in Michigan and many, many private collections.

The Urry retrospective is a good fit with the Koehnline Museum's emphasis on local artists, Harpaz said.

"We select unique exhibitions that aren't going to see in other galleries. We've developed a niche. We felt that because our permanent collection at Oakton focuses on Chicago artists and Illinois art, this exhibit fit with our general mission," he said.
FAMILY FRIENDLY

Morton Grove Library turns page to Read Fest

BY MYRNA PETLICKI
Contributor

Author visits, a scavenger hunt, a game show, sidewalk chalk drawing and even a costume parade are some highlights of Read Fest from 10 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. June 2 at the Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave.

“We designed the event as a way for us to celebrate reading and share our love of reading with the community,” said readers’ service librarian Debra Wischmeyer. “We thought of exciting events for all ages — kids, teens, adults.”

The event kicks off with a talk by author Candace Fleming.

“She wrote a number of children’s books, including picture books like, Muncha! Muncha! Muncha!, middle-grade books and books that adults will like, too,” Wischmeyer said.

The event will end with a Skype session with Jim Benton, author/illustrator of the preteen favorite series, Dear Dumb Diary.

“They can come dressed up as their favorite book character,” Wischmeyer said. “We’ll have a costume parade around the library.”

For details, call (847) 251-7424 or visit www.webmerry.org.

Pretty in pink

Fans of the Pinkalicious book series can celebrate their favorite character at a Pinkalicious Party from 6 to 7 p.m. May 29 in the Baxter Auditorium at the Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave. You and your kids will hear Pinkalicious stories, eat pink treats and accessorize with pink.

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

It’s a tragedy

Sophocles’ Greek classic, “Antigone,” will be performed by children ages 8-18 in Mudlark Theater Company’s original adaptation at 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday and 6 p.m. Sunday at Next Theatre, 927 Noyes St., Evanston. Tickets are $10 for adults, $8 for students and children.

For details, call (773) 512-4187 or visit mudlarktheater.org.

What goes around

A storyteller will regale families with tales of animals and spring during a Stories in Circle Campfire from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. June 1 at the Emily Oaks Nature Center, 4650 Brummel St., Skokie. The fee is $4 per person, which includes a snack. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Advance registration is requested.

For details, call (847) 674-1500, ext. 2500, or visit skokieparks.org/emily-oaks-nature-center.
Frequently hysterical 'Hysteria'

BY BRUCE INGRAM
Film Critc

HYSTERIA

The Victorian era is justifiedly famous for many fine developments: railroads, neogothic architecture, universal suffrage, the rise of the middle class and inventions such as photography, the phonograph and the telephone.

Stuffiness, too. The Victorians developed stiff, stuffy propriety to its greatest height, which may explain why we seldom associate the era with one of its most revolutionary innovations: the invention of the vibrating personal massager.

It certainly explains why there's rarely a scene in Tanya Wexier's wonderful (and often very, very funny) romantic comedy "Hysteria" that doesn't prompt a smile — just from savoring the perfect irony of the situation.

Wexier, a Chicago and Long Grove-raised half-sister of '80s star Daryl Hannah and niece of Oscar-winning cinematographer Haskell Wexler, made two well-received independent features ("Finding North" and "Ball in the House") a decade ago before taking time off to start a family. She developed "Hysteria" from little more than the basic historical facts of the case and the hilarity that ensued anytime she thought of Victorians and vibrators at the same time. That reaction also, apparently, prompted playwright Sarah Ruhl to create her similarly themed, 2010 Tony-nominated stage comedy "In the Next Room."

There are numerous ironies underscoring the laughs in "Hysteria" and one of them is that progressive, enlightened, scientific thinking is far from a plus in the life of dedicated young doctor Mortimer Granville (Hugh Dancy, perfectly cast).

We make his acquaintance just as he's being fired from the latest in a series of hospitals by an administrator who finds Granville's belief in "germ theory" to be dangerously radical. Granville, who realizes it's no coincidence that funeral parlors often popped up next to hospitals, dreams of finding some safe corner in medicine where he can treat people without killing them.

He finds just that in the thriving practice of Dr. Dalrymple (Jonathan Pryce, also ideal), who has made a fortune by giving bored, depressed, anxious, well-to-do ladies a diagnosis of hysteria and treating them with vigorous therapeutic massage.

This massage is administered with such an air of medical professionalism, and in such an atmosphere of prim propriety, and with such profound denial on all sides, that what might seem a lewd proposition rarely rises above the level of risqué. Wexier revels in that risqué business, though, and makes it pay off with big laughs again and again.

One of the nice touches in "Hysteria" is the fact that young Dr. Granville, in addition to being a dedicated, forward-thinking, modern man of science, is also a bit of a prig. Just enough to be slightly ill at ease in his new practice and slightly outraged by Dr. Dalrymple's daughter Charlotte (Maggie Gyllenhaal), an outspoken suffragette who campaigns for women's rights and struggles to maintain a settlement house for the poor.

The doctor's devoted, demure and thoroughly proper younger daughter Emily (Felicity Jones) is more to his liking, he imagines, but no one who's seen more than one or two romantic comedies will be in doubt how Mortimer and Charlotte will end up.

Another nice thing is that there's just enough emotional depth to these characters. Dancy is more an actor than a comic, so you'll never catch him joking, and Gyllenhaal always brings passion to whatever role she plays, and you care how things will work out for them. Because they've been created with such intelligence and wit, they'll surprise you, here and there.

All this exists, simultaneously, with Wexier's chief goal, which is to make you laugh, loudly and often, as Victorian inventors brave the unknown (donning safety goggles for the first steam generator-powered human trial) and the potentially improper, for the good of womankind.
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★★★ 1/2
Rated: R for sexual content
Stars: Maggie Gyllenhaal, Hugh Dancy, Jonathan Pryce
A young Victorian doctor changes the world with the invention of the personal vibrating massager. Tanya Wexler (“Finding North”) directed the romantic comedy. Reviewed in this section.

MEN IN BLACK III
★★★
Rated: PG-13 for sci-fi action violence, and brief suggestive content
Stars: Will Smith, Tommy Lee Jones, Emma Thompson, Jemaine Clement
Despite production problems including working the script out as they went along, this second sequel, 10 years later, touches all the sci-fi action-comedy bases in a sufficiently entertaining manner to satisfy fans. Smith and Jones return as bickering fed up with keeping unruly alien visitors in line, including recent lunar prison escapee Boris the Animal (Clement, barely recognizable under Rick Baker's creature effects), who plans to jump back to the '60s and kill young K (nicely played by Josh Brolin), who previously prevented Boris's relatives from invading, thus re-setting history. The best thing about it? Smith's wise-guy reaction to '60s scenes like Andy Warhol's Factory and old-school racism.

STILL PLAYING:
WHAT TO EXPECT WHEN YOU'RE EXPECTING
★★★ 1/2
Rated: PG-13 for crude and sexual content, thematic elements and language
Stars: Jennifer Lopez, Cameron Diaz, Dennis Quaid, Chris Rock, Chace Crawford
This over-crowded, intermittently amusing, thematically linked sitcom featuring five couples coping with babies on the way turns out to be more or less exactly what you might expect, which isn't bad, really. So long as you’re not expecting too much. If you’re satisfied to chart some emotional ups and downs while chuckling at cutesy-crude prego-comedy gross-out gags along the way to a group birth-a-thon (with all the aw~worthy moments you could wish for), it’s a pretty safe bet.

BATTLESHIP
Rated: PG-13 for intense sequences of violence, action and destruction, and for language
Stars: Alexander Skarsgard, Liam Neeson, Taylor Kitsch
A fleet of ships on a war-games exercise is forced to do battle at sea with an alien armada. Peter Berg (“Hancock”) directed the action thriller.

THE DICTATOR
Rated: R for strong crude and sexual content, brief male nudity, language and some violent images
Stars: Sacha Baron Cohen, Anna Faris, Ben Kingsley
The benevolently oppressive ruler (Cohen) of the nation of Waadaya travels to America to address the United Nations about his nuclear weapons policy. Larry Charles (“Borat,” “Bruno”) directed the satirical comedy.

THE AVENGERS
★★★ 1/2
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Stars: Robert Downey Jr., Scarlett Johansson, Mark Ruffalo, Samuel L. Jackson, Tom Hiddleston
Writer/director Joss Whedon (TV's " Buffy the Vampire Slayer") delivers all the spectacular action a summer-movie audience could possibly hope for with this much-anticipated Marvel superhero extravaganza — and he does it with intelligence and humor to spare. The comic book dream team of Thor, Iron Man, Captain America and the Incredible Hulk are called upon to save the world from an alien invasion led by Thor's petulant half-brother Loki (Hiddleston). The only really surprising thing is how funny things get — with the biggest yuks provided by Big Mean Green.

THE CABIN IN THE WOODS
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Rated: R for strong bloody horror violence and gore, language, drug use and some sexuality/nudity
Stars: Anna Hutchison, Chris Hemsworth, Kristen Connolly
This knowing, frequently brilliant parody of horror-movie tropes dizzles with the sheer ambition of its conceit. Five teens visit a spooky cabin in the woods for a little illicit fun and run into something far, far worse than just your run-of-the-mill dismembering monsters. A must-see for genre fans with strong stomachs who appreciate a good, deconstructive laugh.

THE BEST EXOTIC MARIGOLD HOTEL
★ ★★ 1/2
Rated: PG-13 for sexual content and language
Stars: Judi Dench, Bill Nighy, Maggie Smith, Dev Patel
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Q: Was it hard for you to be the guy with the soprano voice in high school?
A: (Laughs) Actually, it was cool because I had so many different interests. I was president of student council, taught dance class, was a Phys Ed counselor. So in some ways I kinda made it cool to do theater and sing and he in musicals and be a physical education champ. I got picked on by some jocks, but then I actually beat them out for a Phys Ed award.

Q: Were you a fan of the Four Seasons before you joined this show?
A: I knew a lot of Frankie's music growing up, like "Can't Take My Eyes off of You" and all the covers of that, especially Lauryn Hill's version. But I love what they call "the big three": "Sherry," "Walk Like a Man," and "Big Girls Don't Cry." It's just a dream role to sing 27 songs in two and a half hours. "Jersey Boys" is why I went into musical theater. I saw the play in Chicago when I was in high school and from that day I said that's what I want to do with my life. So in a way, Frankie Valli is like my Mama Rose (from the musical "Gypsy").

Q: You and other "Jersey Boys" castmates got to sing the National Anthem at Wrigley Field in April. What was that like, and why is that song so hard for singers to perform?
A: That was just beyond awesome. I grew up a Cubs fan, so it was just a dream come true. I love the Sox, too. I just don't know why people have so much trouble with the song. I got to sing it as part of a group so it was cool. Singing it solo? Maybe they're just nervous because it's the words that throws them. There's really nothing to the melody that's difficult.

Q: What are some of your favorite haunts in Chicago?
A: I'm gonna definitely go to the Shedd Aquarium because that jellyfish exhibit is the coolest thing I've ever seen. I love Navy Pier so I'll be going there. And hopefully catch some theater, if I have time.
Cantate, conducted by Benjamin Rivera, presents a concert featuring American works from the 1960s to the present at 3 p.m. June 3 at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 939 Hinman, Evanston. The program includes Stacy Garrop's "Lo Yisa Goy," John Corigliano's "Fern Hill" and Lauridsen's "Lux Aeterna." In addition, Ramirez's "Misa Criolla" will be performed in Spanish with traditional South American instruments. Tickets are $15 and are available at www.cantatechicago.org or at the door.

Chicago Chamber Musicians. (312) 225-5226. www.chicagoghamuseum.org. Concerts are held at 7:30 p.m. Sundays at Pritzker Pavilion Concert Hall on Northwestern University's campus, 50 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston. Tickets: $25-$45; $10 for students. June 3: Celebration of the 25th anniversary of the ensemble's Signature Series concerts. The program includes Richard Wagner's "Siegfried Idyll"; John Stevens' "Seasons, A Symphony for Brass Quintet"; and Johannes Brahms' Serenade No. 1 in D Major, Op. 11.

Chroma Chamber Orchestra performs at 7:30 p.m. June 3 at the Music Institute of Chicago's Nichols Concert Hall, 1600 Chicago Ave., Evanston. The program includes Stravinsky's "L'Histoire du Soldat," with WFMT's Peter Van De Graaff, narrator, CBSO musicians and members of Concert Dance Inc., and the world premiere of David Crane's "Ode to the Telegraph." Tickets: $32; $17 seniors; $10 students. Call (847) 905-1500, ext. 108, or visit www.musicinst.org.

Lake Shore Symphony Orchestra presents "Killer Bs" at 3:30 p.m. June 3 at Northside College Prep High School, 5500 N. Kezdie, Chicago. The program includes Barber's "Second Essay for Orchestra," Bernstein's "West Side Story Symphonic Dances;" and Beethoven's Symphony No. 7. $15; $12 for seniors and students; free for children 12 and under. Call (312) 409-5670 or visit www.lakeshoreorch.org.

The Music Institute of Chicago Chorale, conducted by Daniel Wallenberg, presents "25 Great Years" at 3 p.m.

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ICBA AND BELMONT BANK & TRUST CELEBRATE NATIONAL SMALL BUSINESS WEEK

Chicago, IL (May 24, 2012) — The Independent Community Bankers of America (ICBA) Belmont Bank & Trust are joining the Small Business Association (SBA) in celebrating National Small Business Week, May 20 through May 26. ICBA, which represents the nation’s more than 7,000 community banks, is reminding everyone about the critical role community banks serve in supporting local small businesses.

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Representing more than 24,000 locations nationwide and employing nearly 300,000 Americans, ICBA members hold more than $1.2 trillion in assets, $1 trillion in deposits and nearly $750 billion in loans to consumers, small businesses and the agricultural community. Gerhart went on to say that small business owners and consumers can find their local community bank by visiting ICBA’s Community Bank Locator at www.banklocally.org. “Simply type in your ZIP code and the app will show you all the community banks in your area. You can even download free ICBA locator apps for your iPhone, Android or BlackBerry,” he said.

To follow the conversation on Small Business Week, follow the hashtags #SBW2012 and #golocal on Twitter. To learn more about community banks, visit www.icba.org.

About ICBA
The Independent Community Bankers of America, the nation’s voice for community banks, represents nearly 5,000 community banks of all sizes and charter types throughout the United States and is dedicated exclusively to representing the interests of the community banking industry and the communities and customers we serve. For more information, visit www.icba.org.
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Baha'i concert honors harmony of spirit

BY ELIZABETH OWENS-SCHIELE
Contributor

The Sixth Annual Baha'i Choral Festival Sunday promises a multicultural experience celebrating the spiritual harmonies of the world's religions.

Featuring 200 voices from Germany, Italy, Bermuda, Barbados, Uganda, Trinidad, Finland, Hawaii and Canada, the Choral Festival will feature 10 choral compositions by Baha'i followers sung with no musical accompaniment. The 1,200-seat, architecturally dynamic Baha'i House of Worship in Wilmette is expected to fill for each of the two concerts Sunday.

"Black and white faces, brown faces, people whose cultures are vastly different, we come together to share the music in the Baha'i faith," said Van Gilmer, Baha'i House of Worship director of music and internationally known performer. Quoting from Baha'i scripture, Gilmer said: "Music roaches the heart and souls of men and it lifts them to the realm on high. Many people say it is the common language we can share."

A cappella
Honoring the Baha'i tradition, there will be no instruments accompanying the singers, who begin gathering today for rehearsals and workshops in preparation for Sunday's performance.

"The voice is the finest of the instruments," Gilmer said. "In all of the houses of worship, only the voice can be used."

There will also be an occasional reading of scripture from where the songs originated, Gilmer said, and the concert is expected to last one hour. The singers will perform on the main floor of the exquisitely designed, cylinder-shaped building with high ceilings which offer "unbelievable acoustics," he said.

"It is always open to people of all religions for meditation and prayer," Gilmer said. According to Gilmer, there are three main principles of the Baha'i faith:

- There is only one God and all Baha'i's look to that God, the Supreme Being; there is only one religion; and, religion comes to man through God's messengers who also bring a set of social teachings of their time.
- All of the messengers are mouthpieces of God and the messengers include Abraham, Moses, Buddha, Krishna, Zoroaster, Christ, Muhammad and the latest messenger, Baha'u'llah (which means Glory of God, and founder of the Baha'i faith 149 years ago).

Some 200 voices will take part in the Sixth Annual Baha'i Choral Festival.

Diverse songs
"The music is based on the sacred writings of all of the religions," Gilmer said. "We can sing a song based on a Bible scripture old or new, or the Koran, and we don't just sing classical. We sing Hebrew songs, Christian songs, a Negro spiritual, a Shaker song and Gospel songs."

"One of the very different things this year, there are several songs with a cappella harmony; it makes for a very rich sound," Gilmer said, noting there are eight vocal parts for many of the compositions.

"It will be a variety of music," Gilmer said. "Even people who come who only sing Gospel, only sing classical, but when we come together, we all sing each other's music. We're coming together, sharing music and culture."

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David Cromer comes up with 'Rent'

BY BRUCE INGRAM
Contributor

After dropping out of Evanston Township High School in his junior year, then proceeding to Columbia College, Skokie native David Cromer began his theater career as a Chicago actor around 1980 — and then made a quick and successful segue into directing.


His subsequent work there includes a long-running 2009 production of "Our Town" (another Chicago transfer, in which he performed as the Stage Manager”) that earned him Lucille Lortel and Obie Awards for directing, and his most recent staging of the family drama "Tribes," for which he has been nominated for a Drama Desk award.

At the moment, Cromer is back in Chicago, directing the 1996 Pulitzer Prize and Tony Award-winning rock musical "Rent." The American Theater Company/About Face Theatre production, about the lives and loves of young struggling artists in New York's East Village, runs through June 17 at the ATC.

Pioneer caught up with him near the end of rehearsals for a quick chat.

Q: At what point did you begin to think directing might appeal to you more than being an actor?
A: I studied acting at Columbia and I started working as an actor, but then I found a play that I wanted to direct, and the chair of the department at Columbia let me come back and audit the directing program. So I was able to kind of go to a grad school situation where one didn’t exist for free. And I really got into it. It was a better fit for me. I still acted occasionally and I act once in awhile now, but I consider myself a director, mostly.

I act as a lark sometimes. But I never thought my abilities were... Let’s put it this way: I’m a good 28-year-old actor. Unfortunately, I’m 47. (Laughs.)

Q: You have a reputation for being a novel, even a visionary director. When you’re working on a play, how do you approach the text? Do you purposely try to bring it to life in a novel way?

A: That can’t be the goal. Looking for a new way to do something should never be your motivation. The goal is always to make the play seem as if it’s really happening. You look at the text and figure out "This is what it’s asking for, this is what it’s saying, this is what it does." People tend to think it’s somehow less worthy, just to try to do what’s there. I think the job is to understand the circumstances that are laid out for you and try to create forces around them that will cause those things to happen organically.

The goal is always to lead with the words, because they’re telling us what’s going on.

Q: Are you approaching "Rent" as a spectacle or as a fairly realistic story about the lives of young struggling artists?
A: I wouldn’t say it’s going to be realistic. After all, they’re singing. (Laughs.) We’re approaching "Rent" as something that is truthful, though that’s not to suggest it hasn’t been approached truthfully before. People associate truthfulness with realism and that’s not necessarily the case. Reality just seems like it’s really happening, that it’s believable — you understand why the person sings. You believe for a time in a world in which people sing.

For plays that require realism, I try to be very aggressive about making them seem literally real — plays like "Come Back, Little Sheba," or "Picnic." Something like "Rent" calls for a heightened reality. There’s really no particular take to consider about "Rent." They talk about cold they are, they talk about how poor they are and how scared they are. They have moments of great joy, they fall in love. You just try to go moment by moment and make people believe in it, just ride the story.

Q: Does working on "Rent" remind you of your own struggling days in Chicago theater?
A: Absolutely. That’s one of the things everyone loves about this show. It offers a very personal reminder of a point in your life when you were young and just starting out in the world. That’s the universality of it. We’re trying to honor the experience of the characters as written by Jonathan Larson and interpreted by the characters playing them, but I’m certainly bringing as much of my own experience as I can, as much as will be useful.
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Skokie Art Guild is seeking artists for its 51st annual Art Fair, to be held July 14-15 on the Village Green, S211 Oakton, Skokie. Fine art; prizes and awards available. For information, visit www.skokieartguild.org or call (847) 677-8163.

The Norwood Park Historical Society is accepting applications from crafters, artists, and high-quality chefs/bakers to fill positions at the 25th annual Victoria's Holiday Boutique, a fund-raiser for the nonprofit organization, to be held Nov. 28-Dec. 1 at 5624 Fair, to be held July 16-15 on the Village Green, 5211 Oakton, Skokie. Fine art; prizes and awards available. For more information, visit www.nileslibrary.org. June 1, 10:30 a.m.: Lorraine Heinichen Memorial Book Review features Suzanne Hales reviewing Cocktail Hour Under the Tree of Forgetfulness by Alexandra Fuller.

CHILD'S PLAY

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Park Ridge gallery likes art inside and out

BY DONALD LIEBENSON
Contributor

Inside art is inside and outside art is outside and never the twain shall meet. But two local artists are breaking down those conventional barriers in a new exhibit at the OnView Gallery in Park Ridge.

"Inside Out," on view through June 9, is the first collaboration between photographer Russell Phillips and mixed media artist Andrew Lidgus, who have founded LP Studios.

The pieces, designed and treated to withstand the elements, expand the notion of artwork displayed in the garden beyond traditional gnomes and little animals, Phillips said. "Art is about discovery and exploration, and our idea was to create something we feel is new to the market, finer conceptual artwork with depth and ambition that is not diminished because it is (installed) outdoors."

New concept

"Inside Out" features totems that employ "vibrant color and strong geometric shapes in 2D panels, and 3D designs unlike anything made for the garden before," according to the gallery website. "A totem may feature photographs of gigantic butterflies alighting on one garden, while another work captures a complex and colorful abstract design."

The pieces, Phillips said, are treated with a unique material to protect them from the elements. But they can also be displayed for interior exhibition.

Phillips, 57, who runs Russell Phillips Photography, which provides architectural photography services, met Lidgus in his role as co-owner of the OnView Gallery, when he opened the place in 2010 with his wife, local graphic designer Cynthia Crampton, who had served as exhibit director at the not-for-profit Brickton Art Center.

"We talked about opening a gallery for more than a decade," Phillips said. "We knew a lot of local artists who were underrepresented. Putting together a roster (to exhibit at the gallery) was the easiest thing we could do."

Not so easy is opening a gallery in a stagnant economy, but this was not a concern, he said. "It was time to get started, and when it finally came together, it happened in about three months. When you start-up a business it's always a down time, but we are optimistic that things will turn around. Art is always necessary, and by the time the economy does turn around, we want to be up in front of everybody and ready to run."

OnView, he proclaimed, is "here for the long haul."

Visitors welcome

One of the challenges, Phillips said, is getting a larger canvas of people to come to the gallery and not have to rely exclusively on a Park Ridge client base. So "Inside Out" is something of a "coming out party" for the gallery.

Phillips and Lidgus had independently been exploring new ways of using 21st-century technology that allows the artist to print on different surfaces. Phillips had previously created "graphic furniture," while Lidgus, too, he said, had been interested in "creating some exciting elements that could be used for outdoor display." One of his sculptures, "Where Dreams Begin," can be seen on Michigan Avenue in Chicago.

Phillips calls their collaboration "new and exciting" as they integrate "two different methods of working and thinking." It's all about erasing misconceptions of what outdoor art can be and enhancing the garden space."
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One-woman show tells a hairy tale

BY MYRNA PETLICKI
Contributor

Deborah Staples is playing a colorful role at Writers' Theatre in Glencoe. Actually, she is playing several of them as "The Blonde, The Brunette and The Vengeful Redhead."

Robert Hewett's one-woman play begins when a redheaded housewife named Rhonda Russell reveals that her husband is moving out. Rhonda's response to this revelation leads to a spiraling series of events that affect everyone around her. We learn what happens through monologues presented by six of the people affected — all played by Staples.

This is the second time that Staples has tackled the solo show. The first was in 2008 at Milwaukee Repertory Theatre under the direction of Joseph Hanreddy, who is also staging this production.

"Three different people had come to me over the previous year and said, 'There's this play that's perfect for you,'" Staples recalled. "When Joe finally handed me the script and said, 'Read this over dinner and let me know what you think,' I knew that I would have to do it."

Twists and changes

"I was intrigued by the story itself," Hanreddy said. "It talks about how a small event has ramifications through people's lives in unexpected ways. I love that kind of twist of it and, of course, the opportunity for a solo actress was very attractive to me. And Deborah and I had been working for a long time together at the Milwaukee Rep," where Hanreddy was artistic director from 1993-2010, "I chose it with her in mind."

Staples' instant acceptance of the role was based on one of her philosophies of acting. "I've always hung my career on the power of suggestion in theater — believing that you can create a world and a character and a human being through a completeness of an interior world that outwardly is suggested to the audience. Then the audience fills in all the rest," she explained. "This was the vehicle by which I could test my mettle."

Eye contact

The actor is also delighted that the proximity of the audience allows her to use more subtlety in her performance. "That is a gift for me," said Staples, who has performed with the Milwaukee Repertory Theatre for 16 seasons and performed with American Players Theatre for seven seasons.

Staging the play before has made the rehearsal process somewhat easier and has allowed director and actor "to go deeper into the material," Hanreddy said. And it lets Staples describe the characters as "friends that we've had for three-and-a-half years."

THE PACK IS BACK

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**BY DOROTHY ANDRES**

The oratorio “Not In Our Time,” written to commemorate the terrorist attacks on 9/11, will receive its United States premiere Sunday at Millennium Park in Chicago.

Under the baton of Northwestern University’s Robert A. Harris, the 70-member Northwestern University Symphony Orchestra will perform the work by British composer Richard Blackford. About 175 singers from NU’s Chorale and Chorus, including 62 members of the Bournemouth Symphony Chorus and the Pritzker Pavilion stage, will be on the Pritzker Pavilion stage.

Tickets are $125. For information, visit www.northwestern.edu/music/chorus and www.sculpturepark.org.

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The park is handicapped accessible but the tours require walking between the sculptures, so people who have difficulty are encouraged to bring a wheelchair. All tours begin promptly at 1 p.m. No reservations are required. For information, visit www.sculpturepark.org or call (847) 679-4265. June 24: Section I, park in the canoe launch on Oakton, just east of McCormick, and walk over the channel bridge to McCormick to begin the tour. July 22: Section IV, park in the lot in the park, between Howard and Touhy. Aug. 26: Section I, park in the lot at Dempster and Main streets on the east side of McCormick Boulevard. Sept. 23: Section II, park in the canoe launch on Oakton, just east of McCormick, and walk over the channel bridge to McCormick to begin the tour. Oct. 28: Section IV, park in the lot in the park, between Howard and Touhy.

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“Loving Llanview,” an interactive fan event celebrating the soap opera “One Life to Live,” 3 p.m. June 24 at the Akoo Theatre at Rosemont, 5400 N. River Road, Rosemont. Cast members participating include Kassie DePaiva, John-Paul Lavoisier, Michael Easton, Melissa Archer, Hillary B. Smith and Trevor St. John. Tickets: $125 Gold Circle, $75, $55, $35; post-show autograph and photos tables: $10. For information, visit www.lovingllanview.com or call (866) 364-0300.

**Memorial Day Weekend Shows**

5-9 p.m. every Monday, June 4-Sept. 10, in the west parking lot of Westfield Old Orchard shopping center, 4995 Old Orchard Center, Skokie. Cars on display will include classic cars, muscle cars, hot rods, motorcycles and vintage military vehicles. There will also be music, food and hourly raffles. Visit www.mondaysnightcarshows.com.

**Recalls 9/11**

“It is a very profound work,” said Harris, who is himself a composer and whose composition titled “Gloria” will open the program Sunday evening. The references to 9/11 are not overt, but they are there. Plus, Richard is especially good at setting texts.”

The composer, who is a personal friend of Harris’s, will be in the audience. “And we’re very happy to have singers from the Bournemouth Chorus join us,” Harris declared.

Harris met Blackford about a dozen years ago, before Memorial Day has passed. “I plan to do some guest teaching and hope to have more time to compose,” he said. “I am not stopping my work, I am just stopping work here at my university office.”

A free concert at Millennium Park on the Sunday before Memorial Day has become a Northwestern tradition, he explained.

And, it might be added, this concert comes at a perfect time to remember those who lost their lives in the attack on the World Trade Center in 2001.
Fostering intellectual growth through healthy school programs

BY WENDY ALTSCHEL For Sun-Times Media

Certain behaviors, such as eating unhealthy foods and not being physically active, which are often established during childhood, may be a factor in today's major causes of health problems. Youth wellbeing programs play a crucial part in promoting healthful habits while enhancing academic performance. Schools are in a unique position to improve both the education and health status of American kids because schools are the only institutions that are able to reach nearly all children.

"We feel it is critical that students get adequate training and practice prior to the beginning of the football season," said Janice DiVincenzo, principal at Holy Cross. "We utilize state of the art equipment and implement best practices for training of youth in this sport. Our Booster Club supports the annual refurbishing of equipment.

Montessori schools are widely known for bringing nature and physical activity into the curriculum as a way to cultivate intellectual progress. The Seton Montessori School in Clearbrook Hills and the Montessori Children's House of North Barrington (MCHNB) are savvy to the benefits of bringing students into the great outdoors as a learning opportunity.

"Allowing children to delight in the wonder of the natural world at an impressionable age serves to help them become a steward of the earth and aware of caring for their own health in years to come," said Anna Perry, executive director of Seton Montessori School and Montessori Children's House of North Barrington. "MCHNB has a beautiful 3-acre wooded campus that has been designed to celebrate nature, and it's laid out in a way in which all of our children can run, play and explore."

Students at MCHNB are free to go on nature walks, discover wildlife and help in the vegetable and flower gardens. Many school projects at both Montessori schools are held in the outdoor spaces as well.

"In our 40 years as a school community, we have put health, movement and connecting children with nature at the forefront of our educational programming."

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hearted people I have ever met. The mix of service work and family bonding made the home stay a unique and unforgettable experience," said Isabel Barry, a Global Works Argentina language immersion participant.

"I learned about China as a changing nation caught between extremes. Tradition and modernization, communism and capitalism, wealth and poor all tear at each other to create a truly unique nation that still struggles to define itself," said Rebecca Hoogwerf, a student who traveled to China with Global Works.

"I have learned the value of the relationships I have. Being immersed in a culture different than mine is the most amazing and rewarding experience that anyone could have."
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Interview Questions to Ask when Recruiting Overqualified Candidates

By: Doni DeZube

For many small business owners, finding the right job candidate to grow the business can be akin to convincing someone who's out of your league to date you. After all, small business growth often depends on a strategy for successfully recruiting large company employees. The rub: hire the overqualified candidate and you may end up with an employee who continues to job hunt while he's working for you.

Competition for Talent Heats Up
The recession gave small companies an opportunity to hire better employees. As the economy begins to recover, many small business owners plan to hire in 2011 to help cultivate business growth. Yet a more competitive hiring environment will require a better recruiting strategy.

A well-prepared interview will enable you to differentiate candidates who look overqualified on paper from those who can help boost your firm's expansion.

Start with Company History
When interviewing applicants who are more qualified, older or more experienced, begin by asking an interview question that creates an equal footing. Start by talking about how you got your business to where it is today, suggests Nan Langowitz, professor of management and entrepreneurship at Babson College.

Interview Questions that Assess Skill
The best interview questions incorporate what you know about your business and what your business needs. For instance, list the skills and characteristics that keep you from expanding your business. Then create interview questions that probe how the candidate used those skills in the past, says Lori Davila, author of Perfect Phrases for Perfect Hiring: Hundreds of Ready-to-Use Phrases for Interviewing and Hiring the Best Employees.

How Soon Will the Honeymoon End?
After discussing the skills that are specific to the job, delve into the challenges facing any overqualified candidate: motivation, small-business environment limitations and what happens when the honeymoon ends.

Opening the Company Kimono
Eventually, you have to find a way to tactfully ask – without putting yourself or your firm down – why such a fabulous job candidate would want to work for your company.

Start with a subtle exploration of the job seeker's priorities, values and interactions with others, says Lin Grensing-Pophal, author of Human Resource Essentials: Your Guide to Starting and Running the HR Function with questions like: Tell me about a personal decision you made and later regretted? What was the decision and situation? How did you resolve the issue?

Then approach the issue directly: How do you feel about coming to this position from your last position? I'm curious about why this company is interesting to you and what would keep you here.

Finish with open-ended interview questions: What concerns do you have about the organization's size or culture? What would you like to ask me?

Avoid candidates who ask only about things that affect them, such as time off or pay. Instead, focus on applicants whose responses and questions reflect an interest in how they can benefit you and your company's growth.
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- 101 items, boxes Unit # 9 received, the goods will be offered for sale at 9:00 AM, on Wednesday, May 23rd, 2012, at Life Storage Centers of Rogers Park, 3323 West Addison Street, Chicago, Illinois, 60618.

- 086 items, boxes Unit # 8 received, the goods will be offered for sale at 9:00 AM, on Wednesday, May 23rd, 2012, at Life Storage Centers of Rogers Park, 3323 West Addison Street, Chicago, Illinois, 60618.

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Turning dreams into reality

From finding a solution to bad hair days to becoming a best-selling author, these inspiring moms are making their dreams come true (and making some money in the process).

No more bad hair days

Dena Perry can thank the unpredictable Chicago weather for her brilliant business idea. The Lake Forest mother of two was at a salon getting her hair done for an upcoming event when she realized the weather had suddenly turned from gorgeous and sunny to windy and rainy. Knowing her perfectly coiled hair was no match for the ugly weather, she borrowed a plastic rain bonnet (circa 1970) from her hairstylist. As Perry walked to her car (most likely looking like my Grandma Muriel) she decided there needed to be a better solution. Someone needed to update the rain bonnet. Many months and several prototypes later, Perry had created her very first Pop.N.Go scarf. Part fashion accessory, part hair protector, Perry's all-weather scarves keep hair safe from snow, rain, high winds and humidity. They're also perfect for those days when you don't have time to do your hair.

For more information about Perry and her line of chic and functional scarves visit buypopngo.com.

No more sleepless nights

Evanston mom Michelle Feingold-Fisher might not be able to solve all your family's sleep issues, but her company, Live, Love, Dream Inc., is dedicated to helping you and your kids get the rest you need. When Feingold-Fisher's son was 3, she had a major problem. Her sweet son had developed a habit of getting out of bed in the middle of the night because in his mind it was already morning. Desperate to keep her child in bed longer, Michelle surfed the Web for ideas. Eventually she came across Kid'Sleep Classic, an easy-to-read night light/animated clock that lets kids know when it's time to sleep and when it's time to get up. Feingold-Fisher tried it out and was amazed. Not only did her son stop getting up in the middle of the night, but he also began to understand the difference between day and night. Feingold-Fisher loved the product so much she contacted the inventor and asked if she could become a sales rep and distributor. These days Feingold-Fisher is the exclusive U.S. distributor of the entire line of Kid'Sleep products, which are now sold at large retailers including www.onestepahead.com, Bed Bath & Beyond, and Buy Buy Baby.

Who says you can't be a novelist?

Move over Candace Bushnell, there's a new gal in town and her name is Dina Silver. The Glencoe native was inspired to self-publish her first novel, One Pink Line, after reading about the success of other self-published authors such as Joe Konrath and Amanda Hocking. With a little research, marketing know-how and plenty of dedication, Silver's debut novel is now ranked as one of Amazon's Top 100 Women's Fiction books. Best of all, Silver has found her calling and is making a living doing what she loves. For more information about Dina Silver and her upcoming new novel, Katfight, visit www.dinasilver.com.

Interested in self-publishing? Follow Dina Silver's self-publishing tips

- Edit, edit, edit! Have people you trust read your book and welcome their criticism.
- Get involved in social media (yes, it's a must).
- Get active and involved with the website Goodreads.com.
- Reach out to book bloggers who specialize in your genre once your book is published.
- If people buy your book and tell you they enjoyed it, ask them to leave a review for it on amazon.com (be shameless, good reviews matter).

Kate Spade of Walgreens

Typically the words “high fashion” and “inexpensive” don't go together, but for Lauri Konik Zessar of Bienali Bags (www.bienalibags.com), those words perfectly describe her line of totes, purses and carry-alls. The designer, who has worked in the product promotions business for years, found her passion when a cosmetic company asked her to design a “free with purchase” bag. Not only did Zessar love designing the bag, but she also discovered that she had a knack for creating high-fashion pieces that come at affordable prices. Soon Zessar started developing her own line of inexpensive bags, bringing her one step closer to her dream of becoming the Kate Spade of Walgreens.
Dear Fixer: I visited a T-Mobile store in Countryside to look into getting a new phone. I allowed an employee to access my account but ultimately I left without making a purchase.

A few weeks later, I went to a different T-Mobile store. The employee there told me I had no upgrade left on my account and that the Countryside store had extended my contract for two years, including entering a serial number for a phone I hadn't purchased.

I returned to the Countryside store to have the error corrected. When I explained the situation, the same employee immediately started yelling at me that he had made “one click” in error. So according to him, that one click entered a serial number, had me agree to a contract extension and extended my contract for two years.

He refused to call T-Mobile to correct the error, instead insisting that he had sent an email to them. I asked for a copy of the email and he refused. I also asked for his name and he told me “John” (not his real name).

So I called T-Mobile’s customer service. The representative on the phone was quite helpful and asked to speak with “John.” He agreed, but had an aggressive attitude and still insisted he was handling this via email. The phone rep didn’t believe him, and ended upstraightening everything out, but this is where the story gets really crazy.

The next day, I posted a negative review of the Countryside store online. The day after

"Your letter sure puts into perspective some of the complaints we get about poor customer service. Yikes."

that, “John” called me six times from his store until I answered. He then told me I had 24 hours to remove my review or he would cancel my account. He [made increasingly serious threats] and then rectified my personal information from my account.

I filed a police report and called T-Mobile several times. The police helped me find out the employee’s real name, and I got information about the store’s incorporation.

I had a difficult time getting T-Mobile’s customer service to actually file a complaint, but after several phone calls I did eventually hear from an investigator from their corporate office. He was very friendly and sympathetic to my situation but said that because the Countryside store is a franchise location, he wasn’t sure what he could do. He said he’d forwarded my case to the department that handles franchises but hadn’t heard anything back.

Please help!

Tracey Schielie

Dear Tracey: Well, your letter sure puts into perspective some of the complaints we get about poor customer service. Yikes.
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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) 480-7495 or emailed to mbottari@gnpioneerlocal.com.

Center of Concern
The Center of Concern: 1580 N. Northwest Highway, Suite 310, Park Ridge. (847) 622-0453, calendar of events includes:

Wednesday, May 30: Grief and loss support group (call first).

Shared Housing: Homeowners desperate for 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.

To require an appointment, call (847) 622-0453 weekdays, 9 a.m.-6:30 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.centerekofconcern.org.

Center counselors: Also available to help eligible residents apply for Illinois Circuit Breaker property-tax relief grants and license-plate discounts, Illinois Carers 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 Farmers Park. Ride in a homemade float or march along with co-workers, colleagues and classmates and join the marching bands, clowns, stilt-walkers and patriots. Contact Cathy Spadoni at (847) 588-8019 or cms@vnliles.com.

Niles Township Clerk Office: Open 9 a.m.-5 p.m. weekdays and evenings by appointment on the second and fourth Mondays of each month to accommodate residents with passport applications, voter registrations and temporary handicapped parking plasters. To schedule an appointment at Niles Township in Skokie, call (847) 673-9300.

Niles Township Neighborhood Watch: Meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Wednesday of every month in the basement of Maune 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 Dorida King at dkking@ yahoo.com or call (773) 736-9021 for schedules and locations.

Mall carriers from several post offices, hospital nurses and others recently helped with food drives. The Maine Township Emergency Food Pantry benefitted from the efforts. Township Supervisor Carol A. Tesch (left) and Pantry Coordinator Carol Langan look over some of the donations. The Skokie and Niles postal carriers collected food as did a group of Advocate Lutheran General Hospital nurses. Catholic Charities also helped by delivering food from Palatine Post Office mail carriers. These efforts netted a total of more than 9,000 pounds of food for needy families in Maine Township.

Clubs
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Roemer – Schneider  
Engagement

Jim and Karen Roemer, of Barrington, and Rick and Jackie Schneider, also of Barrington, are thrilled to announce the engagement of their children, Kelly Roemer to Michael Schneider. Kelly and Mike both attended Barrington High School. Mike graduated in 2003 and Kelly in 2005. Mike attended Augustana College in Rock Island, Illinois where he earned a degree in finance. Mike currently works for HydraForce in Lincolnshire as a production manager. Kelly attended the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana where she received her degree in elementary education. Kelly teaches kindergarten in Mount Prospect. The happy couple met in Chicago. Kelly and Mike became engaged this past March with the help of Kelly's kindergarten students. The couple is planning a July 2013 wedding in Barrington.

Adams-Henson  
Wedding

Lisa Adams and Brett Henson were married on March 10, 2012, in Sarasota, FL. The bride is the daughter of Doug and Nancy Adams of Northbrook. She is a 2001 graduate of Glenbrook North. Lisa graduated from Hillsdale College and is a teacher in Bradenton, FL. The groom is the son of Ron and Margi Henson of Jacksonville, FL. He is a graduate of Stetson College of Law and is employed as an Assistant State Attorney in Pinellas County. After a honeymoon in Maui, the couple now resides in Bradenton, FL.

Valentina Dmitriyev  
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Graduation

Mary Kathleen Price  
Graduated April 20, 2012 from the French Pastry School L'Art du Gâteau program. Mary is the daughter of Richard and Diane Price of Park Ridge, IL.
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Stylish clothes for babies and toddlers greet shoppers entering Kustom Krib's in Park Ridge, but for new mothers, the store is about more than baby clothing.

Beyond the racks of colorful fabrics and must-have accessories there's an educational and social component to five-year-old boutique at 147 N. Northwest Highway. And it all starts months before there's an occupant for that zoo-themed nursery.

Owner Lisa Arreguin welcomes moms-to-be with a free gift bag of a few essentials that might include a plush rattle, laundry soap, a copy of "The Bump" motherhood guide, diaper ointments and coupons.

From there she invites them, and anyone else who has small babies and children, to take part in free classes the shop offers before it opens for the day. These include regular lessons in successfully using cloth diapers; gatherings for moms and babies with child-centered activities; and Mom Meet-Ups where mothers to socialize and get to know other area moms.

Kustom Krib's' free cloth diapering class is offered once every other month, Arreguin said.

"There's really three reasons why people choose Kustom Krib's," she explained. "One is that it's a great alternative to the cost of disposables, number two is that it's a fun learning process for people, and number three is that they get to know other people from their area.

"And it all starts months before there's an occupant for that zoo-themed nursery."

On the second Thursday of each month the Mom Meet-Ups turn educational with topics geared toward brand new moms and expecting moms.

"It's a lot of fun," Arreguin explained. "For younger babies it is a chance for them to spend some quality time with mom or, in some cases, grandma."

On Thursdays it's time for Mom Meet-Ups where mothers get to engage in some adult conversation while playing with toys and books in the area of the store set aside for such gatherings.

The focus, says Arreguin, is on "moms hanging out."

"Sometimes they are swapping recipes or talking about anything from cloth diapering to celebrity news," she said.

Mom Meet-Ups started about a year ago. The gatherings have also helped Arreguin and Gabby identify some talented women in the community. Two mothers have created baby clothes that they have sold to Kustom Krib's on consignment.

"There's always some kind of movement where they are getting up and acting like the animal or making sounds like the animal, different things to engage them," Arreguin explained. "It's a lot of fun."

Weekly events include a Tuesday toddler-and-mother movement class and a Thursday toddler-and-mother movement class from infant age to toddlers. Led by Katie Gabby each class features a specific theme, stories, music and movement. If the theme is a specific animal, for example, each activity centers around that animal.

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For more information about classes or other offerings at Kustom Krib's contact the shop, (847) 825-5742.
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devotional disabilities. Avenues to Independence is a nonprofit organization based at 316 Busse Highway, Park Ridge, that offers a variety of programs to enhance an individual's work, social, and daily living skills. For information on donations or to volunteer, contact Michael Frustini, (773) 631-6230.

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 Edison 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 makingstridesnorthwestchicago.com. Resurrection Medical Center is partnering in this event. Call (312) 779-7258.

Like New Auto Spa, Inc.: 1050 Busse Highway, Park Ridge, has introduced a special fund-raising 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管理人员 Madden, Advocate Lutheran General Development Office, (847) 723-8518; Steve Rada of Like New Auto Spa, (847) 823-9276 or visit www.likeneuautoospa.com. The fundraising program is featured on the home page with a link to a more detailed flyer containing the discount and donation matrix. This offer is not valid with an outside wash only, or any other promotion.

Health
Advocate Lutheran General Hospital: Hosting a weekly Community HealthBeat lecture series. This month's topic is “Healthy Bones and Joints,” led by orthopedic surgeons. All lectures will be held at Advocate Lutheran General Hospital's West End Conference Center, 1775 W. Dempster St., Park Ridge, at 7 p.m. Tuesdays. Free parking is available and refreshments will be served. Admission is free, however registration is required. Call 800-922-6622 and mention Class Code 8652 or visit www.advocatehealth.com/luth, click on “Get a class or support group” and type in the code — May 29: “My Painful Shoulder,” presented by Dr. Marc Breslow.

Advocate Medical Group: Immediate care and occupational health services at the Advocate Medical Group Patient Center, 7255 N. Caldwell Ave. in Niles. This will include community members with convenient, quality medical care including treatment for non-life-threatening illnesses such as cuts and burns, sprains and bruises, eye injuries, ear aches, respiratory and urinary tract infections. The center provides easy access to X-ray and laboratory services to assist in diagnosis and treatment of these and other ailments. In addition, the clinic provides international travel medical services including for those planning a trip out of the country. Office hours are 7:30 a.m. - 8 p.m. weekdays and Saturday and Sunday 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Call, 847-647-0355.

Golf Mill Hearing Aid Center: 8856 N. Milwaukee Ave., offering free hearing evaluations. All who come in will receive a comprehensive audiological evaluation. Call (847) 796-3344.

LYNX Therapeutics: 9436 Ozark Ave., Morton Grove, provides specialized occupational therapy services and learning instruction programs to children with physical, social, emotional, and learning difficulties. Pediatric developmental screenings offered at no cost. Contact: Ingrid Kenron at (847) 791-1631 or (847) 466-1905.

Fresenius Medical Care: Local dialysis clinic, 9371 N. Milwaukee Ave., has started a new night-time program for dialysis patients. The new service allows patients to receive treatments in the clinic at night, for eight hours, while sleeping or resting, usually three times a week. In addition to having their days free for other activities, patients often report having more energy and better dialysis results. Medicare-certified Fresenius Medical Care Niles is now accepting new dialysis patients. Call (847) 581-0134.

Senior Advocate: Advocate Lutheran General Hospital offers free blood-pressure screenings 10 a.m.-noon on the first Wednesday of every month at the hospital's Patient Resource Center, 8820 W. Dempster St., Niles (across from the hospital). No appointment is necessary. Call (847) 723-7277.

Historical Society
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The Saturday morning farmers and artisans market is a well-loved summertime attraction. When visiting, don’t miss the unique shops located in the downtown shopping and dining district.

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Chef stays true to red, white and blue

BY VERONICA HINKE
Contributor

When the American flag flies proudly on days like Memorial Day, Chef John Lane weaves the nation's favorite color combination into many of the foods he makes.

For his Memorial Day weekend menu at The Perfect Dinner in Oak Park, Lane will make plenty of pies and tarts colored by fresh red raspberries, blueberries and white cream cheese mousse. But he'll also make something more out of the ordinary for the special day: red, white and blue pulled barbecue pork sandwiches.

Patriotic eats

"Memorial Day is a super American holiday," Lane said. "Hard-working people are given a chance to relax and enjoy family, friends, great food and this wonderful country in which we live. It's absolutely very important to acknowledge the day by making special foods."

Blueberries bring the blue to Lane's pork sandwiches. He makes a sauce out of fresh blueberries to drizzle on top of the pork. "While the sauce adds a nice tang to the pork, the natural sweetness of the fruit also clashes very well with the flavor of the barbecue sauce," Lane said.

For a red, white and blue dessert, Lane, an Oak Park resident, makes fresh berry pies and tarts. The Perfect Dinner, which offers prepared meals for carry-out and also recently started catering meals, gets berries from Scotch Hill Farm in Brodhead, Wis. "The berries are very fresh, hand-picked and taste much better than store-bought," Lane said.

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The yearly celebrations in Waterloo and other small towns encouraged a larger, national observance. On May 30, 1868, thousands of fallen soldiers were honored collectively when their graves were decorated with flowers and U.S. flags at Arlington National Cemetery.

Memorial for all

Decoration Day, as it was originally called, became known as Memorial Day in 1882. After World War I, Memorial Day became a day to remember fallen U.S. soldiers from all wars. In 1967, Memorial Day became an official federal holiday, allowing average Americans more time to reflect on the sacrifices of U.S. soldiers. The day has also become a time for families to spend together, and much of that time is spent over backyard barbecues.

In honor of Memorial Day, The Perfect Dinner will be closed Monday. Lane will spend the day with his family at their new lake house in Michigan. "I'll be spending a fun weekend with all of my cousins, aunts, uncles, brother and parents on the lake, having a fantastic barbecue," he said. "I'll just enjoy the people I get to spend time with. It doesn't get any better than that."

Red, White and Blue Fresh Berry Tarts

Recipe for Red, White and Blue Pulled Barbecue Pork at pioneervalocal.com/lifestyles

Chef Lane likes to make red, white and blue foods in honor of Memorial Day.

Recipe for Red, White and Blue Fresh Berry Tarts

From Chef John Lane, The Perfect Dinner
2 cups cream cheese
1 cup cream
1 cup powdered sugar
3 tablespoons blueberries
3 tablespoons raspberries
3 tablespoons blackberries
1/4 cup sugar
1 teaspoon vanilla

In small mixer, beat together cream cheese and powdered sugar until well combined. (This will make cream cheese mousse.)

Slowly add cream and vanilla while mixture is beating at medium speed. Beat until volume has doubled and is nice and light. Set mixture aside.

In small pot on stove, cook berries with 1/4 cup sugar for five minutes, until they are broken down and soft. Let berries cool. Once fruit is chilled, strain liquid, and then gently fold berries into cream cheese mousse.

To finish, pipe filling into store-bought or homemade tart or pie shells. Garnish with a few berries and a mint leaf.

Makes two tarts.
Friends Indeed Serve and Help is in need of volunteer drivers to provide residents free transportation to medical facilities in and near Maine Township. Volunteers may choose how much time they wish to devote. Requirements include a current drivers license and proof of auto insurance. The program requires residents in need be mobile, or be able to use a cane or walker. FISH also asks that appointments be set three or more days in advance. To become a volunteer driver call Ed Oken at (847) 696-0761. To schedule a ride or for information call FISH coordinator Gloria Stepek at (847) 297-2510, Ext. 283.

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Golf Maine Park District offices: Feldman Recreation Center, 5800 Kathy Lane (one block south of Golf Road on Western Avenue), Niles; or Deer Park, at the corner of Deer and Emerson Roads, Des Plaines; or call (847) 297-3000; www.gmpd.org.

Resident Advisory Committee: The District is in the process of assembling a group of residents to offer their input to better serve future community programs and activities. Interested parties should contact the Director, Bret Fahnstrom at (847) 297-3000, Ext. 26, or email bret@gmpd.org.

Community Garage Sale: June 16 at Deer Park, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Reserve a 10-foot by 10-foot spot by June 8.

Summer Camp: Registration is in progress for the eight-week summer camp program (four two-week sessions from June 11 to Aug. 3). Camp is from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. with Before & After Care available for an additional cost. Field trips included in the fee. Over the Rainbow: Allows young children to have fun learning the colors of the rainbow through stories and songs at Deer Park on Fridays. For ages 3-5 years.

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Kelly's comeback caps ill-fated senior year

BY ERIC VAN DRIL
Contributor

There was a week-long period this spring when Notre Dame's Colton Kelly thought he might die in his sleep. Kelly had surgery on his tonsils and adenoids after battling tonsillitis. The surgery depleted Kelly's strength, quickly dropping him from 208 pounds to somewhere in the 180s in his estimation, because the extreme pain in his throat made it agonizing to eat or drink.

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"I was afraid to fall asleep," Kelly said. "I didn't fall asleep for like a week because I was afraid I was going to start bleeding in my sleep and drown in my own blood. And I caught pneumonia from that, too. I basically just lost a lot of weight and a lot of strength, and went way backwards."

Kelly finished his Dons track career last week by placing seventh with a toss of 199-feet-11 in the discus at the Loyola sectional.

He began this season throwing farther. But surgery, and the subsequent weight loss, robbed him of much of his strength, forcing him to start over.

Despite losing 80 feet on his discus upon his return, Kelly was able to work himself back and believed he could qualify for state. That progress, and all he had endured on the road back, made missing advancing all the more difficult for the Notre Dame senior.

"(Throwing) 199-11 doesn't really make me too happy," Kelly said. "I was throwing a lot better at the beginning of the year - like, on average, I was throwing 160s and 160s - and then I had surgery in the middle of the year, and I lost, like, 25 pounds. I came back and I was only throwing, like, 80 feet, and I had to get it all back.

"In the last couple weeks, I was throwing higher 140s and 150s every practice, on average. And then I come out here (at Loyola), and I choked. Two of my throws were in the 160s, but I scratched them both."

Compounding his disappointment was the misfortune he experienced his last two wrestling seasons. Kelly, a three-sport athlete who also plays football, went undefeated in wrestling in his sophomore season, finished fifth at the Loyola sectional, and placed seventh at state. That progress, and believed he could qualify for state. However.
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Tirovolas plots another assault on records

With at least seven games remaining on the Niles West schedule, freshman Vicki Tirovolas sat in a tie for the program’s single-season record with 17 goals.

Back when the Wolves bus was pulling out for a tournament in Moline, the team’s May 16th match, Tirovolas was the lead scorer in the 75th minute. But for one brief moment in the second half it appeared as though Tirovolas would give Niles West (10-12-1) the lead and put herself atop the records chart.

With 18:37 remaining, Tirovolas wriggled free of the Young defense and, from 18-yards out, fired a rocket to the far post.

But the Young goalkeeper slid across her goal line and barely deflect Tirovolas’ shot wide.

“I knew I would be back (for the postseason),” she said. “I was not going to let that stop me from playing on senior night and finishing the season with my team,” Tirovolas said.

Young, the Public League champion that had won nine consecutive matches entering its match against Niles West, consistently dropped back four defenders to help deal with Tirovolas in the teams’ May 18th match.

The Dolphins won 1-0 with a goal in the 76th minute. But Tirovolas kept her spirits up after the match. Not only had Niles West played one of its best games of the season, but has a good foundation to build upon heading into Tirovolas’ sophomore season.

“Vicki’s also tied at the top with points at 42, so she did a lot as a freshman this year,” Niles West coach Brett Clish said. “So we’re looking for her to build (on her freshman season), but also all of the underclassmen (to play in the off-season and build on that. We know that there’s a good freshman crew coming in next year that we’ll mix in with these older girls.”

Now that she has become fully acclimated to varsity play and has time for her back to heal, Tirovolas can train in the off-season and work with the Wolves’ returning players.

“Honestly, I couldn’t be more proud of myself,” Tirovolas said. “I’ve been out seven games. I know that if I was in I would have had (the records). But next season there’s no doubt in my mind I’m going to get it.”
Sebhat, Beller gain redemption

BY ERIC VAN DRIL
Contributor

As the other six 3,200-meter relay teams at the Loyola sectional jostled for position in hopes of landing a trip to the state meet, Niles North's Aron Sebhat was fighting two different battles.

Physically, he was right behind all-state runner Leland Later of New Trier. Mentally, Sebhat was trying to top Niles North's school record.

While Sebhat was unable to catch Later — New Trier clocked 7:44.30 to clip Niles North (7:44.54) by .24 seconds — he helped the Vikings obliterate the school record by 10 seconds. In doing so, the Niles North quartet established itself as a state title contender.

"It actually feels really good because this (last) cross country season we were having a real good run and we fell way short in the sectional meet," said Sebhat, a senior who also advanced to state in the 1,600. "So to come back here and have all the guys on the team perform well — In the (3,200 relay) and Micah (Beller) in the (1,600) — for us to qualify, it's just a really satisfying feeling."

The training partnership between Beller and Sebhat is an important aspect of why both double-qualified. Their ability to push each other in both cross country and track helped both improve immensely this season.

"He's been incredible," said Beller, a junior. "Me and him weren't really close in my freshman and sophomore years, but this year he's just been such an incredible mentor to me. He's really shown me a path, and been a great training partner this whole entire year. There's no way I could attain any success that I've had without him."

Sebhat said each brings a competitive spirit to practice.

"I get a lot out of myself when I'm running and training with him," Sebhat said. "Me and him, we just get after it. During the latter end of our workouts, we both try to see who can drop who, and we just really push each other and we make each other better runners, and tougher runners."

In the 1,600, Sebhat finished in 4:22.74 to place third — one spot behind Later — and Beller clocked 4:21.43 to take fifth under the state cut of 4:22.74.

Beller committed a critical mistake, however.

"In the last 200 meters, I'm thinking, 'I'm not going to look at the clock, I'm not going to look at the clock,' and then the second I got to the last 100 meters, the first thing I did was look up at the clock," Beller said. "I kind of made a miscalculation because when I came off with 100 to go, I saw it was 4:04, 4:05, and I thought, 'Oh, I'm fine.' But then, when I got 25 meters out, I realized it was going to be really, really close and I had to change gears again. That was a really big mistake on my part."

Before competing in the 1,600 at state, Sebhat and Beller will run with the 3,200 relay. They'll team with Tim Vazquez and Aron Sebhat, which was good for second at the Loyola sectional on May 17.

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Maine East's Hilary Youkhana (left) races past Lane Tech's Lisbet Montoya for the loose ball during their regional semifinal at Evanston. 

**Special delivery caps Demons season**

**BY DAN SHALIN**

Sometimes the measure of a team's success is not its won/lost record, but rather the commitment to the cause by coaches and players.

The Maine East girls soccer team went just 2-15-1 this season, which ended May 16 when the No. 14-seeded Blue Demons suffered a 9-0 defeat to No. 3 Lane in the Class 3A Evanston regional semifinal.

The Blue Demons had one of the youngest teams around, featuring just two seniors and eight underclassmen. Unlike many of its opponents, Maine East players did not grow up playing together in a feeder program, nonexistent in the local community. Some Demons only began playing organized soccer at the start of high school.

Yet, Maine East coaches and players said the team improved as the season went along. Though the results rarely were there, the commitment always was, and that was embodied by head coach Julie Dickinson and senior team captain Hilary Youkhana.

Dickinson, in her eighth season at the helm, was on hand for every game and practice this season, even though she was pregnant. With her due date looming, doctors instructed her to take it easy. Dickinson rarely listened.

"My coach was always there," Youkhana said. "They had to bring a cart and she had her own special chair, but she was there every practice. (Assistant coach) Katie Pavlik told us to not let (Dickinson) do anything, but she was eager and still trying to teach us new things. She's awesome.

Two days after her team’s season came to an end, Dickinson delivered a daughter. Pavlik reported that mother and daughter are doing just fine.

Youkhana was one of two Blue Demons seniors who played their final game against Lane. The midfielder served as a captain along with classmate Laura Lherisson.

Pavlik said Youkhana, a two-year captain and four-year varsity player, was a valuable leader for the Blue Demons.

"In four years, I can guarantee she never missed a practice," Pavlik said. "She was committed to her team and to soccer. She always put her best foot forward. It wasn't the easiest for her (with all the losses), but she's always been positive, always a leader.

"(Youkhana) was not very vocal, though she voiced her opinion when she needed to. She showed it in her play, and she made sure that she was there all the time. She wanted to be the example, and that's truly what she did. Nobody could use the excuse that Hilary didn't do something (so they didn't have to). She made sure to get things done."

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**MAINE EAST QUICK HITS**

**HIGH-FIVES**

Male

Baseball: Steve Khatchadourian (Sr.) — Came through in the clutch with a walk-off RBI single in the bottom of the 7th of a 5-4 victory over Niles North on May 14.

Female

Girls Track and Field: Elanta Slowek: (So.) — Jumped 5-feet even at the State Meet at Eastern Illinois University on Friday. Slowek was three inches short of advancing to Saturday's finals.

**CULTURE GRID**

**FIVE QUESTIONS WITH ALEX COREY, BOYS TRACK AND FIELD**

Who is your favorite super hero? Probably Superman, just because he has all the best powers.

What's your least favorite school subject? Spanish. It's a different language and it's hard to learn.

What's your dream car? Lamborghini. They're fast and they look cool.

Do you have a favorite movie? Friday Night Lights is a really good football movie and I love football.

If you're at the mall what stores do you have to check out? Any technology store. Anything that's cool.

**BIG NUMBERS**

**46-4**

— Distance of winning triple jump by James Shields at the Loyola Boys Track and Field Sectional on May 16. Shields advances to this weekend's State Meet at Eastern Illinois University.

**SOUND BITES**

"It's a matter of coming out and playing hard from the beginning, which they have not done a lot of the season." — JULIE DICKINSON, GIRLS SOCCER COACH AFTER THE TEAM'S SEASON-ENDING LOSS TO LANE TECH ON MAY 16

**DON'T MISS**

Friday and Saturday

Boys Track and Field: Maine East @ State Meet hosted by Eastern Illinois University

James Shields will be the lone representative for the Blue Demons at the State Meet. Shields will have a great shot at a medal as he comes in seeded fourth.
Future looks bright for Simons twins

BY MIKE CAMERON
Contributor

Look for Niles West to shine even more brightly in next spring's Class 3A state meet when Sunshine Simon will have a strong chance of progressing from qualifier to finalist in both hurdles.

In her first season dedicated to hurdles, Simon advanced from her home sectional with 46.02 in the 300-meter and 15.59 in the 100. The junior was unable to get past the preliminaries at Charleston on Friday after recording 46.05 and 15.86, respectively.

"I reached my goals of getting downstate in both events. I want to make the finals in both next year," said Simon, a member of the Wolves' state-qualifying 1,600 relay as a freshman. "I was nervous in the 100 and hit the fourth or fifth hurdle. I said, 'Oh, I messed up, I've got to catch up.' I felt ready to go in the 300."

Simon is a multiple-event standout and potential state qualifier in triple jump.

"If I could have used her in five events, I would have," said head coach Mark Medland. "We worked with her to develop her technique in the hurdles. Get the three-step down in the 100. She worked hard and built up her strength. Sunshine is always willing to do her part for the team."

Medland thinks just as highly of Sunbright Simon. Sunshine's identical twin barely missed a state berth in the 400 run. Equally versatile, Sunbright will join her sister in both hurdles next season. The Simons won't mind that at all, as they are nearly inseparable.

"Our uncle gave us our first names. Before we were born, he said we would be bright," said Sunshine.

"I asked them to wear different colored shirts so that I could tell them apart. They're both great kids. They came here from Haiti four years ago and have come a long way," said Medland. Junior Jasmine Townsend earned her second straight state trip in shot put after a personal-record 39-feet-3 toss in the sectional. That mark would have put her in the finals, but she fell short at 37-8 1/2. Townsend repeated as conference champion this spring.

Sophomore Rosario Sievers, enriching the Wolves as a foreign exchange student from Chile, qualified in the triple jump and hit a personal-best 35-7 3/4 on Friday. That mark didn't get her into the finals, but she was proud that it would have made her a national champion back home.

"How exactly they were the eighth seed, I don't really know. I think people looked at their record and stuff like that, not how they play because they definitely should have been higher than an eight seed."

- BRETT CLISH, WOLVES' SOCCER COACH AFTER LOSING 1-0 TO WHITNEY YOUNG.

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Friday and Saturday
Boys Track and Field: State Meet @ Eastern Illinois University
The Wolves have several qualifiers headed to State, including Terrance Bramlett in shot put and discus, Neal Omar in the 800 and the 1,600 and 3,200 relay teams.
Bacalla hopes loss won’t cost him state seed

BY DAN SHALIN
Contributor

Niles North junior Dave Bacalla got a taste of what life is like with a target on his back at last weekend’s New Trier sectional.

When New Trier’s Hiltzik brothers left the Trevians earlier in the month, Bacalla became the sectional’s most accomplished player, ultimately earning the No. 1 seed.

Bacalla said the feeling was much different than the previous season when he was seeded third.

“It was a different experience,” he said. “I had pressure going into it since I was No. 1. It was a different outlook to last year. Last year, I wanted to come in and compete against these top-level players. This year, I wanted to hopefully win it.”

Though Bacalla achieved his goal of qualifying for a third straight state meet, which begins today (Thursday) at northwest suburban locations, he did not capture the crown.

New Trier senior Rob Jacobson, previously an accomplished doubles player, defeated Bacalla 6-3, 6-4 in Saturday’s sectional semifinal in Northfield.

Bacalla did bounce back with a 6-3, 6-1 win over Loyola Academy sophomore Anthony Arocho in the third-place match.

“I can’t be too disappointed,” said Bacalla. “Rob (Jacobson) played a great match and just beat me off the ground. He was playing way better than me today. It was his match. But it was good to get the win (over Arocho) going into state, to get some confidence going.”

Niles North head coach Rich Jaffe speculated that Bacalla could have earned a No. 5 though No. 8 seed at state if he had captured the sectional title. The coach said the junior might be looking at a Nos. 9 through 15 seed for finishing third.

Bacalla finished 4-2 at state in each of his first two seasons, but said he goes in with higher expectations this time around.

“Hopefully, top five (finish), maybe top 10,” Bacalla said. “Hopefully, I’ll just do my best. I just want to do better than the last two years. I’ve done the same thing the last two years now.”

Jaffe agrees the expectations are higher, but said Bacalla has improved physically and technically over the last year.

“In year’s past, I think we were looking to get to the round of 16. But this year, there is no reason he can’t get to the quarterfinal and maybe have a top-five finish,” the coach said.

“(Bacalla) probably grew four or five inches since last year. He hit the weight room a little bit and he’s strong. His serve has increased its velocity a good 10 miles per hour. He’s a better mover on the court. He’s always been a great volleyer. Now, with his added size and reach, he’s much more effective at the net.”

Niles North scored nine points and finished fourth at the 10-team sectional, which was won by New Trier.

Vikings senior Eric Rosen split two matches, the doubles team of junior Ian Crane and junior Florin Ghinet went 1-1, and tandem Jeremy Moy and Xavier Ghani dropped its opening match in three sets.
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