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Homecoming festivities gearing up at Maine South, East

BY JENNIFER JOHNSON | jjohnson@pioneerlocal.com

PARK RIDGE
Preparing to make Maine South Homecoming the event-packed occasion students expect can be “pretty wild,” according to senior Elizabeth Stocchetti.

“There’s a lot of work that needs to be done,” said the Student Council member who is co-chairing this year’s fall festivities with fellow senior Lindsey Mehl.

“It’s basically pretty crazy,” agreed Mehl, explaining that Student Council members are responsible for everything from choosing the year’s theme and “spirit day” activities to planning the big, all-school assembly, making banners, and securing enough convertibles for the Saturday parade.

Homecoming week at Maine South kicked off Sept. 24, and activities start next week at cross-town rival Maine East. But preparations actually started last May as members of the schools’ Student Councils chose a theme. At Maine South, Marvel, as in the comic book superheroes, was selected following brainstorming sessions between Student Council and senior class officers.

At Maine East, the Student Council polled the student body, asking for suggestions, and then voted for the one they liked best, ultimately selecting Disney.

Signs and banners encouraging students to take part in Homecoming events like spirit days, football games and the big dance, are displayed prominently in the hallways of both schools.

“Homecoming activities bring about a sense of community and a sense of spirit in the school,” Maine East Student Council Sponsor Natalie Bourn said. “It unifies the school for at least once a week. It’s something they will always remember participating in and it’s a way to meet and bond with other peers and classmates.”

At Maine South, Mehl and Stocchetti find it exciting to see the outcome of their hard work and hope their classmates appreciate all the fun.

“It’s almost like the whole school coming together,” Mehl said. “It’s not just the football players — it’s all the different clubs coming together.”

Maine South’s 2012 Homecoming queen — selected by students following online voting last week — will be crowned Sept. 28 during a
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special assembly at 2:30 p.m. featuring a dodgeball tournament between faculty and students, a dance performance by the Advanced Dance class, and some comical surprises.

"The assembly is the roughest thing (to plan)," Student Council Sponsor Eve Muir-Wilson said. "You want to entertain the school, you want to make sure it's worth missing class for."

The kick-off for the varsity football game against Niles West is at 7 p.m. that night, followed on Saturday by the annual parade which will travel from Maine South to Talcott Road to Uptown Park Ridge, beginning at 10 a.m. Student clubs, school officials, and the Homecoming Court make up the parade. The Homecoming dance, held that night in the Spectator Gym, caps off the week's flurry of activities.

Unlike Maine South, Maine East students also choose a Homecoming king who, with his queen, will be crowned during a firelight rally on Oct. 4 which follows the varsity soccer game and also features fireworks. The king and queen, with their court, will make a second appearance on Oct. 5 before the varsity football game against Deerfield.

Other activities during Homecoming week include the faculty versus students soccer game after school on Oct. 1; dodgeball, powder puff football and a freshmen-sophomore tug-of-war on Oct. 3; and the dance on Oct. 6.

Homecoming at both schools features a spirit week with a different clothing theme for each day. That means dressing like a favorite superhero at South or one of the seven dwarves at East.

Student groups at both schools also put work into adding extra doses of school spirit into the building decor, whether it's painting a hawk dressed like Superman defeating the Niles West wolf on the windows overlooking Maine South's circle driveway, or filling the hallways with blue and white at East.

Maine South also creates Homecoming mementos for students and alumni in the form of buttons designed by art students. One alumni said he had been collecting the buttons each year, going back to the 1970s, Muir-Wilson recounted. "It's a nice tradition all the school have," she said of Homecoming which, as it is intended to do, draws former students back to their alma mater. "It's nice for the community, too. We always get a lot of members of the community participating."
Term-limit referendum won’t appear on ballot

BY TRACY GRUEN | Contributor

NILES

A Cook County Circuit Court judge’s decision to side with the village of Niles did not put an end to resident Joe Makula’s mission to create term limits for elected officials.

A ruling granting the village’s motion to dismiss Makula’s lawsuit was made by Judge Edmund Ponce de Leon on Sept. 17. Makula filed the suit after the village failed to process petitions he had submitted to the village clerk in order to place the referendum on the Nov. 6 election ballot. The question asked if Niles elected officials should be limited to four, four-year terms.

Makula said he keeps getting phone calls from residents who signed his petition indicating that they want him to get the question on the April ballot. “This didn’t disappear,” said Makula. “It’ll be back.”

He added: “Maybe the trustees will wisely pass the 16-year term limit on their own.”

Makula said that many residents have told him they are not going to vote for a candidate who will have more than 16 years of service. “People stop me on the street and talk to me all the time about this,” said Makula, explaining that there are many residents who feel elected officials should have term limits, whether it is a 12- or 16-year limit.

If a term limit were approved, current long-time trustees Louella Preston and Andrew Przybylo would not be able to run for re-election.

Preston said that despite the ruling by the judge she is still undecided about whether or not to run for re-election. Przybylo said he didn’t think he wanted to be a village trustee again, but is considering running for mayor.

Przybylo said he is not against term limits, but felt the referendum question was poorly written because it did not make any distinction between the position of village trustee and the mayor.
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Niles considers switch to new 911 dispatch

BY TRACY GRUEN | Contributor

NILES

Emergency calls to police from Niles residents may no longer be answered from Des Plaines City Hall.

Niles is in the process of negotiating with the village of Glenview to create an intergovernmental agreement to join Glenview's 911 dispatch system. Niles trustees voted to go forward with the agreement at the village board meeting Aug. 28.

Des Plaines has indicated that it wants to reclaim the part of the building that is now occupied by the North Suburban Emergency Communications Center (NSECC), which answers police calls from Niles residents.

Niles staff explained that for the past 10 years Des Plaines has let the NSECC operate out of its City Hall, free of rent.

Niles Village Manager George Van Geem said during the first year there will not be much savings to the village due to transitioning out of the Des Plaines facility and startup costs.

"Once it's all established we should save probably around $400,000 a year," Van Geem said of the five-year agreement.

"We believe this is the best fit for Niles," added Niles Police Chief Dean Strzelecki.

Strzelecki said one benefit is that the Police Department will be able to keep its current NORCOM radio system.

The four communities that are members of the NSECC are looking at different options. The village of Morton Grove is also planning to join Glenview's dispatch system.

"The village of Glenview is highly respected," Strzelecki said of the dispatch services.

Trustee Andrew Przybylo questioned: "How do you formally evaluate the service you're getting from Glenview? There are citizens whose lives are on the line."

Strzelecki said members of the village of Glenview staff meet regularly to evaluate their level of service regarding police dispatch and 911 calls.

"Consolidation is the way of the future," Strzelecki said.

Also at the Aug. 28 board meeting trustees voted to increase the Milwaukee-Touhy TIF District budget to make it possible to construct an elevator at the Niles Police Department and also make payments to other village taxing bodies. The action makes funding available if the village board chooses to go forward with installing an elevator at the police station that would cost about $1.3 million.

The village originally approved project costs of $17,450,000 in 1996, but the need for an elevator and statutory payments to the taxing bodies led them to increase this amount to $25,940,876.

Trustee Joe LoVerde questioned why the elevator wasn't put in when the building was initially constructed.

Trustee Rosemary Palicki questioned why low-cost materials were used to make the existing ramp at the police station, but will be removed.

"We just need to be smarter in the future," Van Geem said. "We made a mistake."

In addition to the $1.5 million for the installation of the elevator, the second cost is payments to participating tax districts equal to 25 percent of the construction cost of public buildings in the TIF District for about $3.5 million.

Village objects to union's petition to represent workers

An investigation is under way following an objection by the village of Niles to a petition filed by the village workers' union, American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) Council 31.

According to documents provided by the village of Niles, a village employee had also filed an unfair-labor-practice charge against AFSCME that contained allegations of potential fraud or coercion relating to authorization cards (documents completed by workers stating their wish to be represented by the union) that were filed. But Melissa Mlynski, executive director of the Illinois Relations Board, reported that the employee has since withdrawn his charge against the union.

Mlynski said that in July, AFSCME filed a majority-interest petition that indicated 37 village employees expressed an interest in being represented by the union.

Mlynski said that the employee, a potential member of the union, was objecting to the way his card was obtained.

According to Mlynski, the employee did make reference to other people, but did not include specific names of employees.

The objections made on behalf of the village of Niles were different than those made by the village employee, Mlynski said.

"Their initial objection to the petition was not on the grounds of fraud or coercion," explained Mlynski, who did not discuss the village's specific objections.

Mlynski said the objections need to be investigated before a group of employees can be unionized.
Refunds offered in halted fundraiser for former teacher

BY NICK KATZ | nkatz@pioneerlocal.com

Four former students of substitute teacher Henry Wolfson have stopped raising money to help him move out of a homeless shelter after learning that he had gambled away a large inheritance.

The four former Niles North High School students had set up a page for the popular teacher at GiveForward.com, a site that allows people and organizations to create fundraising pages. An article about that effort appeared in last week's edition of this newspaper.

The students, in an update posted late last week on the website, said they have learned that Wolfson inherited about $250,000 from a family member in 2007 and "a little more than two-thirds of that inheritance money was spent horse betting. This news is very heartbreaking and upsetting for us all."

Prior to stopping the fundraiser the four had collected more than $35,000 toward a goal of $40,000 to help Wolfson move into an apartment.

Many of the donations came from former students and coworkers at Niles North and McCracken Middle School, both in Skokie, where Wolfson taught for 26 years.

In a statement released by GiveForward.com, Ethan Austin, CEO and co-founder, said the site has agreed to provide refunds to donors if they choose to have their donation returned.

"GiveForward is committed to providing refunds to donors if they want to help Mr. Wolfson, but will not be given to him directly."

A spokesman for the website said the former students will be contacting people who have made donations asking if they want their money returned.

If donors have any additional questions or would like to talk to GiveForward directly they may reach the company through the "Contact Us" page: http://www.giveforward.com/contact/form.

"If you want to receive a refund for your donation, you would need to contact GiveForward.com directly. We will not take it as a sign of offense or disrespect," the students said.

They said the money they have collected will still go toward helping Wolfson, but will not be given to him directly.

"We understand that this donation came from your heart. If you decide to not refund your money and still want to help Mr. Wolfson to find a place to live, the summation of the funds will not be put into Mr. Wolfson's name. Instead, the funds will be given to an honest trustee that will only provide him with the necessities that he needs."

The site is located at: http://www.giveforward.com/teammrwolfson.
Maine South calls time out on youth game behavior

BY JENNIFER JOHNSON | jjohnson@pioneerlocal.com

PARK RIDGE

Middle School-age children and others who want to attend a Maine South High School football game will have to abide by a new set of rules in light of what school officials are calling "unacceptable" activities during past sporting events.

In a Sept. 17 letter signed by Maine South Principal Shawn Messmer, parents were advised that students younger than high school age must now be accompanied by an adult when attending a football game or they will not be allowed inside the stadium.

In addition, spectators will not be permitted to gather in an open area behind the southern end zone, balls will not be allowed to be brought into the stadium, and any students found engaging in "horse-play" will be removed from the grounds.

The new policies went into effect for the Sept. 21 football game.

Messmer's letter indicated that school officials have "experienced situations involving our middle-school guests that jeopardize their safety. Additionally, the Maine South administration has expended a disproportional amount of energy and manpower overseeing those middle school spectators engaging in activities that are unacceptable at a sporting event."

Maine Township High School District 207 Spokesman David Beery said the school has encountered groups of middle school-age children congregating outside the stands during games, climbing up and down the stadium stands, running around during games, and "scuffling" with each other. Some have brought small footballs which they have tossed around during games, he added.

"In some cases there are skirmishes between kids who are middle school students," Beery said. "We don't want any of them to be hurt and it's requiring too much time and attention by South's security people."

Park Ridge Deputy Police Chief Lou Jogmen confirmed that a large number of seventh- and eighth-grade students, up to as many as 100 at a time, have been congregating near the football field's southern end zone during games, but not necessarily watching the game.

Jogmen characterized the students' behavior as "rowdiness," but stressed there have been no criminal incidents and it is school staff, not police, generally involved in addressing any situations that arise among the group.

Some of the activity has involved "disrespectful behavior" against other spectators, shouting, and "play" fighting, Jogmen said.

Beery noted that Maine South has been seeing more younger children attending varsity football games since the school started hosting Friday night games in 2009. Similar issues have been reported at Maine West High School in Des Plaines, but not at Maine East, also located in Park Ridge.

"This is by no means a unique policy," Beery said the new rules. "I know other high schools in the area require an adult to be with middle school students when they enter the stadium."

Stevenson High School in Lincolnshire, a Maine South sporting rival, is one such school.

"We've had that in place for at least the last couple of years," school spokesman Jim Conrey said.

Beery said Maine South encourages fans of all ages to attend sporting events and follow required expectations.

"I hope we'll see middle school students who are continuing to show up, but who are watching and paying more attention to the game on the field and engaging in less horseplay and other activities that might end up being a problem for themselves or the spectators," Beery said.
Niles, sister city explore business ties

BY TRACY GRUEN | Contributor

Making the village of Niles and its Italian sister city global business partners is a new goal for the Niles Sister Cities Committee.

When Niles representatives recently visited Pisa, Italy, one of the messages that came out of their visit was Pisa's interest in partnering with Niles' business community.

Joe Annunzio, who serves as chairman of the Sister Cities Committee for Pisa, said Pisa representatives expressed interest in creating a networking opportunity between all of Pisa's sister cities, including Niles. The hope is to create business partnerships that encourage trade and promote tourism between Niles and the Pisa area.

"I think it's a great idea," said Annunzio. "Pisa is trying to open up the business communities to each other, to new markets."

For example, Pisa, Italy will be holding an event that is open to people who make chocolates, cakes and ice cream, and businesses from the Village of Niles have been invited to travel to Italy to attend.

"They'll help with the accommodations and have a showing of their candies," said Annunzio.

He added: "It's putting sister cities to good use."

In addition to a business relationship, Annunzio said communities would also like to strengthen their cultural relationship with other sister cities. For example, in Pisa the Niles visitors went to a showing by a local artist. Annunzio said a possibility for the future would be to invite one of Pisa's artists to show his or her artwork in Niles.

"We're trying to see if there's an interest and what kind of interest there is," said Niles Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Katie Schneider.

Schneider said she supports the global business opportunity and some possibilities are business exchanges and promoting tourism among the sister cities.

Also recognizing the diversity in Niles, the Niles Public Library is hosting their inaugural World Language Celebration with the Niles Township's Schools ELL Parent Center from 1-3:30 p.m. Sept. 29.

Guests will be able to take a tour of the Niles Public Library and see what the library has to offer. Interpreted tours will be offered in several languages, including Polish, Serbian, Korean, Gujarati, Russian, Bosnian, Croatian and more.

The following day, on Sept. 30, the Niles Public Library is hosting its fourth annual International Celebration where guests can enjoy various international dance performances, including Irish dancing and enjoy a complimentary food tasting sponsored by the Friends of the Niles Public Library, featuring food from Nancy's Pizza, Tava Indian cuisine, White Eagle, Kappy's Restaurant and Unimart.

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Community mourns shooting victim

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In an essay he wrote last week, Dajae Coleman expressed appreciation for the support he received from friends and family.

"My friends and family, they really care about me, they get me the things I need, and they make sure I am always doing good in school," he wrote. "My mom pushes me to do better, she always tells me to never settle."

In the same essay, which was shared by Alderman Peter Braithwaite, Dajae voiced concern about those who don't have that kind of support.

"I think the kids that are on the street not doing anything with their lives don't get the type of support they need from family," Dajae wrote. "They probably don't have anyone to look up to."

Dajae Coleman, 14, wrote that Sept. 20 for the Humanities Class he was enrolled in at Evanston Township High School. On the night of Sept. 22, the Evanston teen was shot to death. Police have released few details about the incident.

A memorial was planned to have been held Sept. 24 at the intersection of Church and Florence in Evanston.

Dajae is described as an accomplished basketball player, a participant in the Mayor's Summer Youth Employment program, and a student doing well in his freshman year of high school.

"He wasn't one of those guys," said Dajae's father, Richard Coleman. "He wasn't someone who you'd think would get killed like this. But really, in the society we're living in he actually was one of the good ones, the innocent ones that leave early."

On Sept. 22, Dajae asked his father for permission to go to a party with his pals that night.

"He told me where it was. I said, 'OK, but don't be sitting around there on the street. Don't go wandering. Call me after the party. Don't walk,'" Richard Coleman said. "He said, 'OK, Dad. I'll call you.' And he never called me back."

At about 10:30 p.m., Dajae was fatally shot in the 1500 block of Church Street. Friends say he was leaving a party when he was shot. About 45 minutes later, Dajae's mother, Tiffany Rice, called Coleman and told him to come to the police station.

"When she started crying, I thought he got beaten up or maybe done something stupid," Coleman said. "When I got there, I asked the people where's my d---- son so I can kick his a----. They didn't respond. I got blank faces."

After a few minutes in the police department lobby, Coleman asked if his boy had gotten shot.

"When he said, 'Yeah,' I ran upstairs to find his mother," Coleman said. "Police didn't have many details. "They said, 'It wasn't meant for him,' " Coleman said.

On Sept. 23, Evanston Police were working with the North Regional Major Crimes Task Force on the investigation.

"It's an active investigation and we're not releasing any details," Evanston Police spokesman Perry Polinski said Sept. 23.

Resident reported hearing multiple gunshots.

"It went boom-boom-boom," said Annette Walker who lives in a house across the street from the shooting.

Another resident, who lives just around the corner from the shooting, said she heard five shots, followed by a pause, and then another five shots. Another resident said youths ran from the area after the shooting, with one scaling a fence.

Dajae Coleman's uncle Mike Rice exchanged an emotional hug with an acquaintance at the scene Sunday. Rice, a basketball player at North Park University, said his nephew had an upbeat temperament and the "best smile in the world.

"He said Dajae had starred in the Fellowship of African American program, going on to play on an elite traveling team and had a bright basketball future. On the court, he was a ball handler, very smooth, who didn't show emotion, said Rice.

"He said he looked up to me, but I looked up to him," Rice said. "He had so much going." Dajae's former football coach, Tyrone Wilson Sr., said he watched Coleman grow into a brilliant athlete — and person — since he was 6 years old.

"He was a tremendous athlete and a tremendous person," Wilson said. "He was a kid who any coach would have wanted to coach. He was just a guy who led by example."
A Closer Look

Niles trustees mull mayoral run in 2013

BY TRACY GRUEN | Contributor

NILES

The November general election may be on the minds of many but locally candidates for Niles village office are already focused on April 2013.

Candidates for mayor and trustee were able to begin circulating petitions around the village this week. Filing of petitions with the village clerk will take place between Dec. 17 and Dec. 24.

The seats that are up on the Niles Village Board are those held by Mayor Robert Callero, and Trustees Andrew Przybylo, Louella Preston and Jim Hynes.

Przybylo indicated he is considering a run for mayor.

“I don’t think I want to be a trustee again,” Przybylo said, adding that he feels he has had his impact on the village as a trustee, a position he has held since 1989.

Przybylo said one factor that will affect his decision to run for mayor is whether Callero will run for re-election. Callero did not immediately return several phone calls from the Niles Herald-Spectator.

Callero was named acting mayor in 2008 and elected to a full, four-year term in 2009.

One person who has announced his intention to run for mayor is Trustee Joe LoVerde. LoVerde, who was the executive director of the Niles Park District for 15 years, was elected trustee in 2007 and again in 2011.

LoVerde said he is “90-percent sure” he will run for re-election as trustee, while Preston said she was undecided.

Hynes said he is “90-percent sure” he will run for mayor. Hynes, who was appointed trustee in 2009 and then elected to a two-year term last year.

Hynes says he is committed to providing better services at better prices and making the village run more efficiently.

There’s still a lot more to accomplish in the village to keep it a good place to live,” said Hynes, adding that he wants the village to be more open and transparent.

As an example of a lack of transparency, he pointed to retirement bonuses given under former Mayor Nicholas Blase that never went to the village board for approval at a public meeting.

As far as the Nov. 6 election goes, Niles Village Hall will again serve as an early-voting site from Oct. 22 through Nov. 5. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays.

“We’re trying to make it convenient for everyone,” said Village Clerk Marlene Victorine.

This is the second time that Village Hall will be an early voting site.
District 63 finances stabilizing

BY NATASHA WASINSKI | Contributor

DES PLAINES

After struggling with a $1.7 million deficit two years ago, East Maine School District 63 appears to be on sound financial footing for the 2012-13 school year.

Yet one of the biggest trade-offs for balancing the budget two consecutive years — larger class sizes — continues to worry some parents.

To operate its seven schools for this school year, District 63 expects to collect $45.1 million in revenue and to spend about $44.8 million, for an approximate surplus of $230,000, reported David Bein, the district’s executive director of business services.

The school board adopted the new budget at its monthly meeting Sept. 5.

Bein said District 63 ended the past year with approximately five months worth of expenditure funds. According to school board policy, the year-end fund balance should represent at least 33 percent of annual expenditures.

Such funds are used to cover extraneous and unexpected costs, such as delayed property-tax receipts, Bein said.

He said the district anticipates undertaking significant capital improvement projects over the next five years to the tune of $6.6 million, most of which would be paid for with the fund balance.

The reserve money also serves as a cushion for growing pension and salary costs.

Bein said the state's push for local school districts to pay for retiring teachers isn't a matter of whether districts would shell out more, but when.

Staff salaries, the district's largest expense, are another area where fund balance money may be used in order to fill gaps.

The inability to renegotiate raises for teachers last year resulted in layoffs and more kids per classroom.

Increased class sizes have prompted parents to speak up.

Krystal Zec, who joined the District 63 Board of Education in August, reported the past spring her son's first-grade classroom at Nelson School had 32 kids.

Niles resident Marianne Gudmundsson said the number of students in her son's Spanish and social studies classes at Gemini Junior High School is nearing 40.

"I know the difficulty of teaching more than 20 kids in a class," said Gudmundsson, a high school science teacher.

"Given the budget cuts we heard what's being done specifically to decrease class size?" she asked at the Sept. 5 meeting.

Superintendent Scott Clay explained the district had predicted a downturn in its budget several years ago, and that the recession only accelerated that decline.

"As a public school district we have two options when our money starts to go away," Clay said. "It's usually a combination of those two options: we can cut expenses or try to raise revenue."

Asking taxpayers to give more during the recession was not realistic, he said, so the district, with the help of a financial task force, identified cost-savings measures.

Increasing classes to an average of 28 students per room in the elementary grades and 30 at the junior high was estimated to save the district $700,000.

In all District 63 trimmed its budget by $2.3 million, and entered the 2011-12 school year predicting a $1.5 million surplus.

While class sizes are remaining larger-than-normal, that may change in the near future, Clay said, as contracts of District 63's four bargaining units expire in 2013.

"We're in a great position to work closely with all of our staff to come up with salary increases that match the kind of money that we expect to bring in," he said.

Although the end result hinges on negotiations, Clay said, "we're hoping this will be the end of the high class sizes."
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Key votes ahead
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Keeping Tabs
How Illinois lawmakers voted in Congress for the week ending Sept. 21

Major roll call votes in the Senate

STOPGAP SPENDING
Senators passed, 62-30, a bill funding the government through March 27 at an annual rate of $1.047 trillion. A yes vote was to pass a stopgap budget for the first half of fiscal 2013. The bill is necessary because Congress failed to enact any of the 12 regular appropriations bills for the fiscal year that begins Oct. 1. (H.J. Res. 117) Sen. Richard Durbin: Yes; Sen. Mark Kirk: Did not vote

FOREIGN AID CUTOFF
Senators refused, 10-81, to end U.S. aid to Pakistan, Egypt and Libya in response to anti-American rioting there and the murder on Sept. 11 of U.S. Ambassador to Libya Christopher Stevens. A yes vote backed the aid cutoff during debate on H.J. Res. 117. Foreign aid comprises about 1 percent of total federal spending. Sen. Richard Durbin: No; Sen. Mark Kirk: Did not vote

Major roll call votes in the House

1. WELFARE-TO-WORK RULES
Members voted, 250-164, to block an Obama administration policy that would allow certain states to experiment with new strategies for meeting work requirements in the 1996 welfare-to-work law. Republicans said the measure would preserve welfare reform, while Democrats called it blatantly political. A yes vote was to pass the resolution (H.J. Res. 118).

2. FUNDING OF CONVENTIONS
Members repealed, 310-95, a law that allows taxpayers to divert $3 of their income taxes from the Treasury to the funding of presidential nominating conventions. A yes vote was to pass the bill (H.R. 5912) over arguments it would increase the influence of private money in presidential politics.

3. DISPUTE OVER VISAS
Members failed, 257-158, to reach a two-thirds majority for establishing a new program that would provide 55,000 permanent visas per year to immigrants with advanced U.S. degrees in science, technology, engineering and mathematics. A yes vote was to pass the bill (H.R. 6429) over arguments it would not expand the visa pool but takes the 55,000 visas from other deserving immigrants.

4. COAL V. ENVIRONMENT
Members voted, 233-175, to block certain regulations this year under the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act. A yes vote was to pass a bill that targets clean-air and other environmental laws said by critics to cost thousands of coal-industry jobs. That act is the main federal law for regulating underground and surface mining for coal. (H.R. 3409)
What it means to you

Is highest ticket tax in nation now on deck for Chicago?

Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel is exploring the possibility of raising the city's 9 percent amusement tax and the "sin" tax on cigarettes of 66 cents a pack to chip away at a $369 million shortfall in the city's 2013 budget.

City Hall sources said Emanuel is determined to hold the line on sales and real estate taxes after signing off on a $41 million school property tax hike and a new teachers' contract that virtually locks in up-to-the-limit school property tax increases in each of the next three years. Emanuel's not ruling out a host of other new revenues while trying to steer clear of the ones he hit last year: hotel rooms, parking, downtown loading zones and fines for parking violations, and criminal and nuisance offenses punishable by vehicle impoundment.

Chicago's two-tiered amusement tax was last increased in 2009, to 5 percent from 4 percent for mid-sized venues and to 9 percent from 8 percent for large sporting events. The lower tax rate applies to live theatrical, musical and cultural performances in venues with more than 750 seats. Smaller theaters are exempt. Chicago's cigarette tax was increased by 32 cents a pack in 2005 and by 20 cents a pack in 2006. At $4.67 a pack, Chicago now has the nation's second-highest combined state and local tax rate on cigarettes.

Madigan argues for notification when minors get abortions

Attorney General Lisa Madigan and the American Civil Liberties Union both support abortion rights, but they faced off in the state's highest court last week over an unenforced 1995 state law requiring that parents be notified before their minor children obtain abortions.

In the latest wrinkle in a 17-year legal battle, the ACLU of Illinois asked the state Supreme Court to uphold a June 2011 appeals court ruling tossing out a Cook County judge's decision to dismiss a challenge to Illinois' long-dormant parental notification law. That would essentially allow the challenge to go forward, a challenge embraced by abortion rights advocates. Madigan, who favors abortion rights but did not attend last week's arguments in the case, argued through a lawyer that the state law passed a generation ago passes constitutional muster and finally should go into effect.

The ACLU is not asking specifically for the state Supreme Court to rule on the constitutionality of the parental notice law but rather affirm the appeals court ruling and permit abortion-rights advocates to fully make their case in circuit court. If justices side with Madigan, the lower-court's opinion will stand, and the law will be permitted to go into effect. The court could take months to decide the question.

House members agree: Stop funding for party conventions

House Republicans and Democrats have come together on at least one way to reduce government spending - eliminate federal assistance for the two parties' increasingly expensive and stage-managed presidential conventions.

The vote was 310-95.

Rep. Tom Cole, R-Okla, who sponsored the legislation, said the government has spent about $224 million on the quadrennial gatherings of party faithful since 1976, when in the post-Watergate era it was considered a way to reduce the influence of money in politics.

He said this year federal assistance for the two conventions was about $35 million, slightly more than 20 percent of the total costs as the parties turn to private donors to pay for the lavish events. In 1980, federal grants paid for nearly 95 percent of convention costs.

One voice of dissent came from Rep. Marcia Fudge, D-Ohio, who said public financing was designed to restore confidence in the political process and the bill would "inject more private influence over elections even though the current level is already appallingly high."

The Senate has approved similar legislation and the two sides must now resolve differences in the two bills.
Pending DCFS cuts unacceptable

Is this the kind of state we really want to live in?

Soon, 283 state Department of Children and Family Services workers could be laid off because of state budget cuts. Another 100 positions won’t be filled. Most are front-line staffers who do the hard work of keeping troubled families together.

Faced with an $85 million budget cut this year, DCFS had no choice but to scale back.

Gov. Quinn wants legislators in the November veto session to restore money to DCFS by reallocating at least part of the $57 million that he vetoed from the state budget in July. The Legislature earmarked that money to run several prisons and juvenile facilities that Quinn wants closed.

We support most of those closures as both fiscally sound and good policy.

The legislature should follow Quinn’s lead and restore, at least partially, DCFS cuts.

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The depth of their compassion is clearly visible in a video they posted on the website they set up to raise money to help Wolfson. Their care and concern is beautiful and inspiring.

It is a sad story, but I’m not going to focus on the mistakes that were made or make a judgment about it. Instead, I will focus on this: Good and compassionate people will act selflessly to help others in need when they see it. That’s the lesson to be learned from this episode again and again.
Leave politics out of the family

Are political beliefs genetically based?

I ask because it seems to me that political beliefs run in a family. Siblings tend to share the same political outlook, wherever that may be on the political spectrum.

That outlook tends to be that of their parents.

Not always, I grant you. Sometimes children are revolting. Not revolting, though sometimes they are. What I mean is they rebel against their parents and their parents’ values and adopt a polar opposite political viewpoint.

But, by and large, it has been my experience that families tend to stick together, politically speaking.

Then people get married. Spouses may share political viewpoints, but the families of spouses may not.

Thus, family gatherings often are preceded by one spouse frowningly reminding the other to, “Remember, no politics!”

This is good advice. No amount of brilliant, incisive, cogent argument on your part will persuade an in-law to give up his commie or fascist (select the appropriate slander) ways. All that will result is shouting across the dinner table and one volcanic row when you get home and are reminded, “I thought I said no politics!”

I bring all this up because the presidential election is simmering and soon will reach full boil. Feelings are running high — higher than in previous elections, it seems to me. Everyone has chosen a side.

Those people who say they are undecided are lying, maybe even to themselves.

In this climate, a family political argument could get very ugly and have ramifications that last beyond the election.

WON’T CHANGE MINDS

I recommend you don’t have such arguments. People know what they think. You’re not going to change your in-laws’ minds — even though it’s clear as Windex glass that they are wrong.

And they aren’t going to change your mind, because you are right. And who would knowingly go from right to wrong?

So, when you’re at a family gathering, stick to less controversial topics. Oh, for instance, religion.

Or, maybe how heavy one or the other members of the family has gotten.

You know, less explosive topics than politics.
Question of the Week

At Golf Middle School we asked, “What is your favorite fall activity?”

- Jibran Umrani
  Morton Grove
  “Getting covered by leaves.”

- Sharon Joseph
  Morton Grove
  “Riding my bike.”

- Anais Hernandez
  Morton Grove
  “I like to be with my family.”

- Joey Gaiser
  Morton Grove
  “I like jumping in the leaf piles and I like to have leaf fights.”

People Poll

LAST WEEK’S QUESTION
“What type of ‘adventure activity’ would you be most interested in learning about?”

RESPONSES
1) Archery: 25%
2) Rock-wall climbing: 25%
3) Kayaking: 30%
4) Ice skating: 0%

THIS WEEK’S QUESTION
“When do you think it is OK to text while driving?”

RESPONSES
1) Never.
2) Only in an emergency.
3) While stopped in traffic.
4) Anytime I want.

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Teens learn not to text and drive

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PARK RIDGE
In less than five minutes, William Herr narrowly missed colliding with a deer, nearly took down a pedestrian, drove in the wrong lane and blew past a stop sign before being pulled over by police.

He was also busy trying to reply to a flurry of text messages.

"It was difficult to focus on texting and how far away you were from the stoplight and the stop sign," the Maine East High School senior acknowledged.

Luckily, Herr wasn't driving an actual car. He was participating in a computer-simulated, but realistic, exercise aimed at showing drivers just how distracting - and potentially dangerous - texting behind the wheel can be.

The demonstration took place Sept. 19 during lunch periods in the Maine East cafeteria and was organized by the Park Ridge Police Department in recognition of anti-texting campaign launched by AT&T. The software was provided by AAA and the only cost to the department was the rubber thumb rings students received for signing a no-texting pledge and trying out the simulator.

There wasn't a shortage of participants eager to take the steering wheel. Groups of students, largely comprised of teenage boys, crowded around excitedly to watch their friends maneuver a video game-like course while sending and receiving text messages using a computer mouse and on-screen keypad.

The simulator featured the voice of a "passenger" instructing the driver where to go and whom to text and recorded all traffic violations. If a police car with flashing lights appeared or an accident occurred, the session ended.

"If we can get the message to one kid who will never (text and drive) then it's a success," Maine East School Resource Officer Jeff Waddell said of the initiative. "But hopefully, we can get more."

For Herr, texting while driving is not something he's interested in anyway.

"I think it's stressful enough to just drive, let alone do things added to that," he said.

Senior Simon Bazile, of Niles, had his driving session end abruptly after he started to send a text message and struck a frolicking deer head-on, much to the amusement of his peers.

"I looked at the phone for a second," Bazile said.

"It was harder than I thought," added senior Adrian Skorka of Des Plaines. "The phone was a big distraction."

Senior Christina Giannakopoulos, of Niles, also hit a deer while attempting to text and drive.

"In real life I don't text. When I drive I close my phone," she said, insisting, "I don't drive this bad in real life."

Several students also acknowledged that having people near them and talking while they attempted to "drive" was also very distracting.

Distracted driving - whether it involves a cell phone, a radio or other passengers in the vehicle - is another danger the Park Ridge Police Department tries to call attention to during such presentations.

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District 207 board passes 2012-13 budget

BY TRACY GRUEN | Contributor

PARK RIDGE

The Maine Township High School District 207 Board of Education voted 5-1 this month to approve the $138-million budget for 2012-13.

The budget has a surplus of $4 million, $2 million of which comes from the district’s two orphanage programs being discontinued at the end of the 2011-12 fiscal year. The budget includes projected revenues of $142.3 million.

Property taxes are projected to increase by 3.8 percent, or more than $3.5 million.

Assistant Superintendent for Business Mary Kalou Kalou said property-tax bills for the second installment of 2011 had an August 2012 due date for the first time in several years. She said the timing difference led to an additional $1 million in property taxes in the budget. The balance of the surplus is about $1 million, which is less than 1 percent of the district’s anticipated spending, Kalou noted.

Kalou said there is a “one-time bump” in property taxes of about $600,000 from Rivers Casino, which joined the property-tax rolls starting with the 2011 tax levy.

“One of the things we’ve been continuing to try to do is live within our means,” Kalou said.

Trustee Edward Mueller was the lone dissenting vote on the budget at the this month’s board meeting.

“I’m against a tax increase,” said Mueller, explaining why he did not vote in favor of the budget. “I think we can get by with what we’ve got.”

Mueller said he has voted against a property-tax increase for the past few years and has even suggested a decrease, which was not supported by other board members. He said especially in this struggling economy, he could not support a tax increase.

“We know that coming up we’ll have a facility master plan being presented,” Kalou said. “The buildings need a significant investment in them. I think that’s where some of the surplus will go.”

Indian popular art

Indian filmmaker, archivist, and author Yousuf Saeed comes to Oakton next month for two talks on popular Indian art and music.

On Oct. 1, at 12:30 p.m., Saeed will present “A Sufi Saint and His Poet: The Cultural Heritage of Ameen Khusrau and Nizamuddin Aulia.” Aulia, the 14th century Indian saint, and his disciple Khusrau have been revered for eight centuries, symbolizing the deep ties between Hindu and Muslim cultures in South Asia. Explore the legacy of these two men — through their New Delhi shrine, Khusrau’s poetry and music, and popular culture in India, Pakistan, and the world.

Then on Oct. 2, at 12:30 p.m., Saeed will present “Images of Two Nations: India and Pakistan in Popular Art,” which commemorates the 143rd anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi’s birth. While Hindu art in India during the Independence Era often incorporated political themes depicting figures like Gandhi and Nehru with gods and goddesses, Islamic art produced during
the same period is less po-
take place at the Des Plaines
manities and Philosophy
C79-01) - Bring your digital
learning. Oakton Alliance for Lifelong
classes offered through the
campus, 1600 E. Golf Road in
Room 1606.

Fall into adult education
classes offered through the
Oakton Alliance for Lifelong Learning.

Digital Camera Basics (ART
C79-01) - Bring your digital
camera to class and learn
knowing how to get the most
out of it. Session meets 6-8
p.m. Oct. 4 at the Prairie View
Center, 6834 W. Dempster St.,
Morton Grove. Course fee is
$25.

Creative Writing and Self-
Discovery (COM E43-01) - View
the world and yourself through new eyes, then translate this
unique vision into poems, stories, or articles that interest and move others.
Eight-week course meets 7:30-
9:30 p.m. Thursdays starting
Oct. 4 at Evanston Township
High School, 1600 Dodge Ave.,
Evanston. Course fee is $130.

Advanced Facebook (DAT
E17-01) - Learn to add links,
upload photos and videos, create
events, and third party
applications. Course also covers
business profiles, fan pages,
advertising, and advanced privacy issues. Session meets 7-9
p.m. Oct. 4 at Oakton's Skokie
campus, 7701 N. Lincoln Ave.
Course fee is $20.

Computers Are for Everyone
(DPR A57-02) - This hands-
on course will teach how to
send and open an e-mail, insert
pictures into an e-mail, and
how to look up information on
Google and Yahoo. Four-week
course meets 1-4 p.m. Fridays
starting Oct. 5 at Oakton's
Skokie campus. Course fee is
$15.

Basic Blues Harmonica (MUS
C14-01). This class is an easy
and fun way to get started.
All that is needed is a 10-hole
harmonica in the key of C (the
most common type). For those
who do not have one, it can
be purchased in class for $8.
Two-week course meets 3-5
p.m. Saturdays starting Oct.
6 at Oakton's Skokie campus.
Course fee is $69.

All students will be charged
an $8 non-refundable
processing fee at the time of
registration. For a complete
Alliance for Lifelong Learning
class schedule, visit www.oak-
ton.edu/all, or call (847) 982-
9888, press 3.

Passport series returns
Join local experts for an
analysis of international events and issues during Passport to
the World, a series of foreign relations lectures offered
by the Emeritus Program at
Oakton.

Two eight-week sessions are
available: 1-2:30 p.m. Fridays
starting Oct. 4, and 11
a.m.-12:30 p.m. Fridays
starting Oct. 5.

The series begins with "Two
People: One Future," which
examines whether there could
be a resolution to the Israeli-
Palestinian conflict.

Other lectures include:
"Vietnam: The Lessons" (Oct.
11, 12); "Will He Bring Jobs?"
(Oct. 18, 19); "R2P and the
New Search for Monsters to
Destroy" (Oct. 25, 26); "Chi-
nia's New Leadership" (Nov.
1, 2); "The Rise of the Era of
Off-Shore Balancing" (Nov. 8,
9); "Where Will We Go from
Here? Foreign Policy after the
Presidential Election" (Nov. 15,
16); and "How Socialist is So-
cialist Europe?" (Nov. 29, 30).

Featured lectures meet at
Oakton's Skokie campus, 7701
N. Lincoln Ave.

The series-only fee is $64
for in-district residents age 60
and over, and $79 for out-of-
district residents and those
under age 60. Seating is lim-
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For more information about
the Emeritus Program, call
(847) 635-1441 or (847) 982-
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In Profile

Police volunteer: 'We do whatever is asked of us'

BY TRACY GRUEN | Contributor

NILES

Whether it’s helping to direct traffic or filing records, Mary Ann Miller is enjoying every minute of her time volunteering at the Niles Police Department.

“It’s been very fulfilling,” said Miller, about being part of the Volunteers in Police Service. “I’m having a ball. It’s so much fun and it’s very rewarding when you know you’re helping your village.”

On Aug. 27 Miller received a volunteer award from the Illinois TRIAD recognizing her volunteer service with the Niles Police Department. The TRIAD is dedicated to crime prevention for senior citizens.

Miller explained that her husband also volunteers with the Police Department and he is the one who initially got her involved.

Miller has lived with her family and raised her children in Niles since 1987. Her children attended Maine East High School in Park Ridge and Miller volunteered as president of the Maine East Boosters while her kids were in school.

Miller works part-time in property management, but always finds the time to help out the Police Department. She is dedicated to their Citizens Police Academy and believes it is important for citizens to realize all the important things police personnel do to make sure residents are safe.

On the administrative side, Miller is currently the administrative coordinator for the more than 30 volunteers at the Police Department.

Whenever assistance is needed, Miller sends out e-mails and coordinates with the volunteers in order to meet the department’s needs.

“This is the light in our program,” said Niles Police Sgt. Robert Tornabene. “She’s the one person who assists the police department no matter when we ask. She is an asset that is priceless to the Police Department and the Village of Niles.”

Tornabene said Miller interacts with everyone at the Police Department, from the volunteers to the police chief.

“Mary Ann makes programs involving our volunteers in the Police Service Program a great, continuing success,” he said.
Pursuing port is problematical

BY STEPHANIE ZIMMERMANN | The Fixer

Dear Fixer: I had a Sprint phone for years. My mother and sister switched to the T-Mobile plan, which was $30 for 1,500 minutes and texting. I thought that was a good deal.

So I bought a T-Mobile phone at Walmart, then stopped in the T-Mobile store in Mokena to see if they could activate it and port over my existing phone number.

They said they could do that, but I would need to put $30 on the phone with my credit card and it would take about 24 hours for my Sprint number to be ported over.

Twenty-four hours led to 48 hours ... then five days later, they said they needed to give me a temporary phone number and PIN to make it easier to port over my old number.

After seven days of still not having my old number ported over, we called customer service again and they said to just bring everything back and get my money back.

I never was able to use the new phone at all. I got a refund for the phone at Walmart. Then I stopped at T-Mobile to tell them what their customer service told me about getting my money back from them. The amount I am owed is $32.25 including tax.

I ended up going two doors down from the T-Mobile store to AT&T and bought a new phone and they ported over my old Sprint number right there at the store.

Todd Price

Dear Todd: It seems your relationship with T-Mobile just wasn't meant to be. Your secretary told The Fixer that you toughed it out in about 30 phone conversations with various customer service reps, to no avail.

We got this to Scott Goldberg, senior communications manager at the wireless company. He got to the bottom of this right away. They determined that as you said, the prepaid refill card you purchased at that T-Mobile location was never used. They're cutting a refund check for $32.25 and sending it your way.

COSTLY LESSON

The Fixer still believes in true love — even though we've seen enough romance scams to make us wonder.

Consider George, a Fixer reader in the south suburbs.

George says he feels like he was duped by a scam right out of "Ocean's Eleven," perpetrated by a woman he thought was his girlfriend.

The pair had briefly separated, then reunited after a month apart. George was thrilled. His girlfriend even sent him his wedding ring.

"Due to my busy work schedule, I'd only seen the house twice — the second time being to sign the lease with my girlfriend," George wrote The Fixer.

The ink on the lease had barely dried, when the girlfriend called to say their relationship was over.

"I've learned that in the month that we were separated, [before he signed the lease], she had gotten married. She was using my name and income to dupe me into renting a house for her and her husband. Now they have moved in — with my name on the lease."

George is planning legal action to get this woman out of his life. After he does, we'll keep our fingers crossed that next time, he's luckier in love.

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SUDOKU

BY LINDA THISTLE

Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 3x3 square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ***

.Continue reading crossword puzzle.

HOROSCOPES

For the week of October 3 to October 9

ARIES (March 21 to April 19)
Although you love being the focus of attention, it's a good idea to take a few steps back right now to just watch the action.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)
"Caution" continues to be your watchword this week, as a former colleague tries to reconnect old links. There are still some dark places that need to be illuminated.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)
Making a good first impression is important. Revealing your often hidden sense of humor can help you get through some of the more awkward situations.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22)
Taking that Cancer Crab image too seriously? Lighten up. Instead of complaining about your problems, start resolving them. A friend would be happy to help.

LEO (July 23 to August 22)
A widening distance between you and that special person needs to be handled with honesty and sensitivity. Don't let jealousy create an even greater gap between you two.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)
Congratulations. Your handling of a delicate family matter rates kudos. But no resting on your laurels just yet. You still have to resolve that on-the-job problem.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)
You might surprise everyone by being unusually impulsive this week. But even level-headed Libras need to do the unexpected now and then.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)
A period of turmoil gives way to a calmer, more settled environment. Use this quieter time to patch up neglected personal and/or professional relationships.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)
A new relationship could create resentment among family and friends who feel left out of your life. Show them you care by making more time for them.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)
Concentrate on completing all your unfinished tasks before deadline. You'll then be able to use this free-up time to research new career opportunities.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)
You're right to try to help colleagues resolve their heated differences. But keep your objectivity and avoid showing any favoritism. Twist the sides.

PILES (February 19 to March 20)
Your personal life continues to show positive changes. Enjoy this happy turn of events, by all means. But be careful not to neglect your workplace obligations.

BORN THIS WEEK:
People of all ages look to you for advice and encouragement. You would make an excellent counselor.

NEED A HINT? FIND THE PUZZLE SOLUTIONS ON PAGE 34
Submissions for Community Calendar are required 14 days preceding the date of publication. Send to: Niles Managing Editor, Pioneer Press, 3701 W. Lake Ave., Glenview IL 60026. Information may be faxed to (847) 486-7495 or emailed to mbottari@pioneerlocal.com.

**Calendar**

**Toddlers 0-3**

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

**Kids 4-12**

- Employment counseling, by appointment.

**Family FAM**

- Legal counseling, by appointment.

**Teens 13+**

- Grief and loss support group (call first).

**Adults 18+**

- Smoking cessation, by appointment.

**Seniors 65+**

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

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**Play Bunko**

18+ 55+

Two Bunko parties will be held to benefit the Center of Concern on Oct. 12 at the South Park Recreation Center (Talcott Road and Cumberland Avenue) in Park Ridge. The first event, "Bunko and Lunch" for men and women will be held from 12:30-3:30 p.m. Later, "Ladies' Night" will be held from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Ticket cost of $15 includes bunko games and prizes, choice of beef sandwich or mostaccioli, dessert, coffee and tea. Wine, beer and soda will be available for purchase. Contact Nancy at (847) 318-1008 for reservations, and tickets will be held at the door; indicate whether attending the afternoon or evening session and choice of beef or pasta.

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**Classes**

**Animal assisted therapy**

12+ 18+ 65+

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

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**Community**

**Model Search and Baby Contest**

Golf Mill Shopping Center will host a Miss Sunburst Model Search and Baby Contest at 1 p.m. Oct. 7 in Center Court. Winners will go to the state finals in May. Everyone will receive a crown and trophy. The baby pageant is for boys and girls, babies under 1 to age 3. A king and queen will be chosen in each age group. The Model Search is for girls, ages 4-27 years old. Entry forms are available at Customer Service located near JCPenney, and at www.pageantinfo.com.

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**Kids Baby Resale**

18+ 65+

Twice As Nice Moms & Kids Baby Resale takes place from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Oct. 6 at First United Methodist Church, 418 Touhy Ave., Park Ridge. Items will include gently used baby and children's clothing, baby equipment, toys, books, coats, costumes and more. Admission is $1; no strollers. The group also will be accepting donations for the Bear Necessities Pediatric Foundation, a national organization dedicated to eliminating pediatric cancer. Twice As Nice Moms is a nonprofit support group for families with multiple birth children. Visit twiceasnicemoms.com.

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**Holocaust Museum**

**Take Back Day**

PLISZ – KASTNER

Wedding

Danielle Plisz and Paul Kastner were united in marriage on June 2, 2012 at St. Matthias Catholic Church in Chicago, IL. Danielle is the daughter of Dennis and Michele Plisz of Deerfield, IL. Paul is the son of Paul and Donna Kastner of Manchester, MO. Paul is pursuing a Masters Degree in English Education at Northeastern Illinois University while working as a technician for Million Dollar Quartet the Musical playing at the Apollo Theatre. Danielle is employed by Ricoh Americas Corporation, a global technology company. The couple currently resides in Chicago.

MARDOIAN – MESROBIAN

Wedding

Melanie Sirarpin Mardolan and Kevork Chavoush Mesrobian were married on Saturday, November 26, 2011 at Armenian All Saints Apostolic Church of Glenview. A reception followed at Victoria in the Park. The bride, daughter of Jack and Christine Mardoian of Lake Forest, is a graduate of Lake Forest High School and Bradley University. Melanie is currently a Senior Account Executive at AgencyRX, a global pharmaceutical advertising agency. The groom, son of Hratch and Silva Mesrobian of Glen Rock, New Jersey, is a graduate of Glen Rock High School and Drexel University. Kevork Chavoush is currently a Senior Business Analyst at Brookfield Properties, a commercial real estate company. Both Melanie and Kevork Chavoush attend New York University’s graduate school.

HOCUS FOCUS

Find at least six differences in details between panels

PUZZLE ANSWERS

See page 32 for this week’s Super Crossword and Sudoku puzzles.


FUNDRAISERS

Zumba

Resurrection College Prep High School Parents Club will present a Zumba fitness class on Oct. 6, from 9 a.m. to support the Parents Club Tuition Assurance Program and the New Hope Food Pantry. Cost is $5 per person plus a can of food. All are welcome and no advance registration is necessary. Doors open at 8:30 a.m. in the school gymnasium, 7500 W. Talcott Ave., Chicago.

Fashion Show Benefit

Maine Twp. Garage Sale

Maine Township Community Garage Sale will be held, rain or shine, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 6 in the parking lot of Maine Township Town Hall, 1700 Ballard Road, Park Ridge. Donations of small working electronics, children's games, children's furniture and accessories, garden tools and small hand tools are especially needed. Donations of clothes, large and/or heavy furniture cannot be accepted. Drop-offs will be accepted from Oct. 1-4 only. Cash donations are also accepted. Call Ed Beauvais, (847) 297-2510, ext. 270, or email him at ebeauvais@mainetown.com. Information is also posted at www.mainetownship.com. This event is organized by the MaineStay Department of Maine Township. Proceeds benefit the MaineStay Adventure Camp for disadvantaged youth and the Township's Emergency Food Pantry.

Streisand Ticket Raffle

Raffle tickets are available for the Resurrection College Prep High School Barbra Streisand Premier Concert. Four tickets ($2,000 value) are being raffled for the Oct. 26, 2012, Barbra Streisand concert at 8 p.m. at the United Center. Raffle tickets are $25 each or three for $50 and are available for purchase on the Resurrection website at www.reshs.org or by calling (773) 775-6616, Ext. 112. The seats are on the main floor, Section 122, Row 13, Seats 1-4. A drawing for the concert tickets will be held Oct. 12. All proceeds benefit the students of Resurrection College Prep High School.

HEALTH

Whooping Cough Vaccine

All three of the Jewel-Osco Pharmacies in Niles are offering the whooping cough vaccine booster in response to recent whooping cough outbreaks across the state. It is recommended that all individuals ages 11 and older receive the vaccination, called Tdap, which specially-trained and certified pharmacists are available to administer. Consumers can obtain the vaccination at Jewel-Osco Pharmacies seven days a week and no appointment is necessary.
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NILES

No matter what age, guests have been flipping out for Sky High Sports.

The trampoline fun center, located at 6424 Howard St. in Niles, provides a place where bouncers of all ages, from kids to adults, can do flips and tricks on the trampoline, jump in a foam pit or join some organized activities, such as trampoline dodgeball.

Dodgeball on the trampolines has become a very popular organized activity at Sky High Sports and guests can bring some friends to play or join a pickup game that is already in progress. There are dodgeball tournaments scheduled as well.

AIRobics classes are also offered at Sky High Sports. These classes include moves from different workout activities and some moves that are only done on trampolines.

According to the Sky high Sports website jumping on a trampoline for an hour a day burns about 1,000 calories.

“We’re kind of built for every age,” said Jim Kaminski, general manager for Sky High Sports.

Kaminski said the center has a trampoline area for children ages six and under so they won’t get hurt by bigger kids or adults jumping.

There are also some evenings dedicated just for people with special needs.

“We offer them a safe place to play,” Kaminski said.

Participants must sign a waiver and if they are under 18 years of age their parents must sign it for them before they start bouncing.

Kaminski said Sky High Sports is a popular place for various special occasions, ranging from children’s birthday parties to bachelor parties.

An employee stands at each court to supervise the jumpers and before people participate they must listen to all the rules, such as no running or lying down on the trampolines and no diving into the ball pit.

Each jumping pit at Sky High Sports consists of a grid of trampolines that are connected by a cushioned, spring-loaded frame so
Dick Pond Athletics wins 'Big Break'

Dick Pond Athletics, which has six locations in the Chicago area and a new store in Park Ridge, was named a winner in the "Big Break for Small Business" national contest sponsored by American Express OPEN and Facebook, according to a news release.

As a contest winner, Dick Pond will receive a one-on-one consultation from American Express OPEN and Facebook branding experts, as well as $25,000 to launch strategic actions aimed at building and marketing the company's brand. This was the second year of the Big Break for Small Business contest.

Last month Dick Pond Athletics was named one of the contest's 10 finalists, distinguishing itself from more than 12,000 small businesses across the United States with its 43-year-old grass-roots approach to business, unrelenting focus on fitness with free group-training programs, and continued support of community cornerstones, including a campaign that reinvests in the cross-country and track-and-field programs at local schools.

The 10 finalists then participated in a 12-day online voting poll at American Express OPEN's Facebook page from Aug. 20-31. Among the final 10, Dick Pond Athletics was the lone representative from the Midwest.

The still-family-run company continues the customer-centric mission established by its owner, Dick Pond, in 1969. The free and no-hassle Runner Rewards program allows loyal customers to earn discounts on future purchases, while the inventive Team Bucks program reinvests 5 percent of all purchases from middle-school or high-school athletes back into the athletes' team.

Regular fun runs, training programs and the company's "Walk 2 Run" curriculum, which trains novices to complete their first 5K race in just 10 weeks, has reinforced Dick Pond Athletics' ties to the community and commitment to healthy lifestyles.

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WHAT'S IN MY PRICE RANGE?

WINNETKA
595 Rosewood Ave., $237,000
House size: 703 square feet
Lot size: 1,650 square feet
Year built: 1915
Bedrooms: 2 Baths: 1
Garage: None
Most recent available tax: $4,414.83 (2011)
Agent: Peter Lipsey, 847-606-5525

NORRIDGE
8144 Winona St., $289,000
House size: 1,112 square feet
Lot size: 10,046 square feet
Year built: 1939
Bedrooms: 3 Baths: 1
Garage: Two-car detached
Most recent available tax: $4,368.56 (2011)
Agent: Marsha Collins-Mroz, 847-321-8608

BUFFALO GROVE
402 Indian Hill Drive, $275,000
House size: 1,569 square feet
Lot size: 7,840 square feet
Year built: 1970
Bedrooms: 3 Baths: 2
Garage: Two-car attached
Most recent available tax: $6,775.07 (2011)
Agent: Sandra Borland, 630-269-2448

FRANKLIN PARK
3131 Maple St., $299,000
House size: 2,100 square feet
Lot size: 4,875 square feet
Year built: 2002
Bedrooms: 3 Baths: 2.5
Garage: One-car attached
Most recent available tax: $7,907.74 (2011)
Agent: Vincenta Fierro, 630-530-7078

DEERFIELD
636 Hermitage Drive, $289,900
House size: 1,663 square feet
Lot size: N/A
Year built: 1953
Bedrooms: 3 Baths: 1.5
Garage: Detached
Most recent available tax: $9,427.19 (2011)
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OAK BROOK
25756 Ave. Barbizon, $257,500
House size: 1,644 square feet
Lot size: N/A
Year built: 1970
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Garage: N/A
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BY HEATHER LESZCZEWICZ AND KELLI WEFENSTETTE

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Each column will have tips, tricks and tutorials for things you can make and do at home as well as a variety of DIY ideas.

Look for a new column from Kelli Wefenstette or Heather Leszczewicz each month.

MEET KELLI:

Kelli Wefenstette grew up amongst the sprawling cornfields of rural Illinois in Cuba, a town of 1,400 and no stoplights. At age 4 she learned to sew tiny quilts at her grandmother’s side and eventually became a thrift store pro like her mom, possessing no shame for her habit of digging through alleys. After graduating from Monmouth College, Kelli moved to Chicago to pursue big dreams and her red-headed husband, Jimmy.

In 2007, Kelli began Greenie Bean Recycle, an eco-friendly craft line that introduced her to the burgeoning community of creatives in the Chicago area committed to producing unique, high-quality goods on a small scale. She co-founded the Urban Folk Circuit in 2010, Chicago’s only year-round traveling craft market, and now offers a workshop series that guides people toward self-sufficiency by means of gardening, canning, composting and simple living.

Today, Kelli is a graduate student at Loyola University where she studies social justice, community development, and urban agriculture. She lives in Chicago’s Portage Park neighborhood with her husband where they work to renovate their big urban farmhouse into a homestead equipped with raised-bed gardens, heaping compost piles and a small flock of hens.

A practicing vegetarian, she enjoys cooking with vegetables from her garden and cuddling with her kittens, Killer Queen and Jubilee. Her obsessions include chai tea lattes, vintage housewares and protest music. Kelli’s craft is her activism, her opportunity to educate others on all things political, beautiful and life affirming while striving to radically minimize her eco-existence.

MEET HEATHER:

Journalist by day and crafter/chef by night, Heather Leszczewicz has lived in the northwest suburbs of Chicago all her life, minus a four-year stint at Marquette University in Milwaukee. She graduated with a degree in journalism and went on to work with the Chicago Sun-Times and the Chicago Tribune. She now is the News Producer: Digital and Features for Pioneer Press.

It wasn’t until recently that Heather made a concerted effort to cook and craft. She’s been a lifelong scrapbooker and tends to think she’s pretty creative. However, Heather credits social media for kicking her artistic and experimental side into high gear.

She became addicted to Pinterest (www.pinterest.com) after discovering it last year. The virtual inspiration board lets you pin — or save — things like recipes or instructions for a project to your boards and then go back and check them out later.

Heather started pinning things and decided pinning wasn’t enough, so she started a blog, craftingandcooking.wordpress.com, and tries to post something new every weekday.

Now, she has designed tape-painted coffee mugs that get used daily, made jewelry from things bought at the hardware store and taught herself how to etch glass.

She’s also had a couple of awesome failures, like the attempt at homemade instant macaroni and cheese that resulted in a curdled mess and a terrarium which looked nice until all the plants died.

But successes and failures are what make cooking and crafting an adventure.

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Designer brings kitchens front and center

BY CAROL GODDARD | Contributor

Until 20 or 25 years ago, homes centered on a family or great room.

The kitchen was tucked away in the back. Then something happened. Cooking got hot and kitchens assumed a more central location in our homes and in our lives.

Today’s homes are likely to revolve around the kitchen, and that’s exactly how Mick De Giulio of de Giulio kitchen design in Wilmette believes they should be.

“People have come to realize that we like it (the kitchen); we live there, why not make it the center of our lives,” he said. “Twenty years ago kitchens were second place, acoustics never worked too well — the small kitchen next to the vaulted ceiling of a great room.

“Now we’re looking at kitchens not separate from living space but part of it.”

De Giulio, a Kenilworth resident, designs kitchens all over the world, from an old, Italian villa to a Miami Beach condo. Over the summer he was selected to design the Kitchen of the Year for “House Beautiful” magazine at Rockefeller Center in New York City.

De Giulio’s kitchens are designed to blend seamlessly into living spaces. Sinks with unique offset drains seem more sculptural than functional; refrigerators resemble cabinetry and are recessed into the wall, camouflageing their utilitarianism. Sliding cupboard doors of stone are cantilevered to open smoothly, cleverly belying their practical function as “appliance garages.”

When he starts the design process, he tries to capture the essence of his clients, using what he calls “personality driven design.”

He creates kitchens that reflect the owners and their surrounding home, gently persuading his clients to embrace the quirks in the space and pushes them to be edgier.

De Giulio started as a carpenter in his father’s wood shop where he learned how to create cupolas and octagonal windows, as he describes in his book, Kitchen Centric (Bakery Press, 2010), co-written with Karen Klages Grace. The lessons proved invaluable as he progressed into design.

“I learned about proportion, about joining wood, about different types of wood and about mixing materials,” he states. “I learned how to experiment and think creatively and most important, I learned there is no end to the possibilities when you dream.”

The kitchen guru started de Giulio kitchen design in 1984, in a small space carved in a shuttered Ace Hardware.

By 1995, business had blossomed, and he took over the entire space. Today, besides the Wilmette showroom, he maintains a metal workshop in Michigan where his 15 artisans custom craft light fixtures, range hoods and other items used for his kitchens.

A 24,000-square-foot Skokie warehouse serves as his woodworking shop and is also where he recreates kitchens for clients.

“Clients can see everything,” he said. “They love it. They have a sense of control before (the kitchen design) is installed.”

De Giulio has no desire to slow down. “It’s more fun than it’s ever been,” he said. “We have more capacity with tools and technology; we can solve problems more quickly. I’m still being challenged.”

That’s good news for anyone interested in a kitchen-centric home.

Mick De Giulio’s Orecchiette con Broccoli

A typical Pugliese simple pasta is perfect to serve for entertaining or as a simple but elegant meal for two.

1 pound orecchiette
1 pound broccoli
4 ounces feta cheese
5 ounces Parmesan cheese
5 garlic cloves
1 lemon

1/4 cup extra virgin olive oil
Salt/pepper to taste

Chop broccoli and steam or boil with lemon juice. Lightly sauté sliced garlic in 1 tablespoon olive oil.

Cook orecchiette to al dente, and place in large bowl. Add broccoli, garlic, remaining olive oil and cheeses. Mix well.

Serve with a red wine such as Chianti or Primitivo, a regional classic.
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Fair workshops

Workshops on a variety of pertinent subjects are a highlight of the annual College Fair sponsored by the National Association for College Admission Counseling. The following is a schedule of what will be offered at Navy Pier.

11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.
“Tips and Tools for Navigating the Fair,” Room 313

Noon-12:45 p.m.
“Community College: Taking the First Step in Your Education,” Room 304

Noon-12:45 p.m.
“Supporting Your Application with Effective Essays and Letters of Recommendations,” Room 306

Noon-12:45, 2-2:45 p.m.
“Finding Your Fit: Choosing the Right College for You,” Room 307

Noon-12:45, 2-2:45 p.m.
“La Búsqueda y Selección de la Universidad, y Opciones para Pagarla (The College Search and Selection Process, and Options to Pay for It)” in Spanish, Room 314

12:15-1, 1:30-2:15 p.m.
“Conquering the Challenges of College Costs,” Room 308

1-1:45 p.m.
“Applying to the Public Universities of Illinois,” Room 305

1-1:45, 2-2:45 p.m.
“Tackling the Test — Preparing for the ACT & SAT,” Room 309

1-1:45 p.m.
“DREAMers Pathway to College,” access for special populations, Room 314

1-1:45 p.m.
“What’s Next Illinois,” the state’s free online college planning tool, Room 315

2-2:45 p.m.
“Applying to Highly Selective Colleges,” Room 303

Getting the most from the fair

Discuss your college plans with your guidance counselor, family, teachers and friends. Research your colleges of interest on the Internet and in your guidance office/library. Check dates and registration deadlines for college entrance examinations. Preregister at gotomyncf.com before heading to the fair.

Before the fair
- Answer the following questions to help determine what kind of school would be best for you:
  - Do you want to attend a two- or four-year institution? Co-ed or single sex?
  - What size school do you want to attend?
  - What programs of study are you considering?
  - How far from home do you want to go?
  - Do you wish to participate in any specific extracurricular activities or athletics?
  - Do you want to attend a school in an urban, suburban or rural environment?
  - Do you require any special services (i.e., tutoring, note takers, readers, TDD or interpreters)?

At the fair
- Pick up a bag and a fair directory.
- Visit with colleges and universities that you believe meet your criteria.
- Talk with a college counselor at the counseling center if you have any questions or need help with your college search.
- Attend a workshop.

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The following people helped plan the 2012 Chicago National College Fair:

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Your first step to higher education

National College Fair at Navy Pier is a must-attend event

BY JEAN GUARINO
For Sun-Times Media

Calling all high school students. If you're planning to attend college — and especially if you haven't given it much thought — then the National College Fair at Navy Pier running from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sept. 28 is a must-attend event.

Admissions counselors representing more than 400 colleges and universities in the United States and 20 foreign countries will be available to answer your questions and address your concerns at this free event sponsored by the National Association for College Admissions Counseling. "The fair is the perfect starting point for all high school students, regardless of where they are in their search for a school that is the right fit," said Beth Gilfillan, co-chair of the fair and a college counselor at Deerfield High School. "They're able to talk one-on-one with recruiters from a wide range of schools, including some they did not even know existed — but could be just what they're looking for. In addition, workshops will also be offered throughout the day with practical advice on everything from improving ACT scores to financial aid."

Since 1972 the NACAC has held college fairs annually in every metropolitan area of the United States. These fairs are one of the most reputable and productive recruiting tools available to colleges and universities. Gilfillan strongly advises students to visit the association's website at nacacnet.org where they can preregister at gotomyncf.com and also watch a short video for more information about what happens at a NACAC College Fair. They also can register at the event.

Participants will receive a sheet with a personal bar code that contains their name, mailing address, tentative majors, extracurricular interests and other information. All the admissions counselors have to do the day of the fair is scan the bar code to capture the data to guarantee the students will receive the information they need to help them make an informed decision.

NACAC college fairs typically attract 10,000 visitors so Gilfillan advises students and their parents to plan ahead and develop a strategy to get the most out of this once-a-year event. Know what you want to find out and have a list of questions that are unique to your interests and not easily found in the college's literature to ask representatives at each school. Cross out questions like how large is the freshman class. Instead, ask which majors are most popular. The answer can give you a good idea of the main interests of the student body.

And don't be afraid to think outside the box. Don't just focus on "name" schools or schools you're familiar with.
Art students get their day, too

Realizing that art and theater students often seek more specialized colleges, the National Association for College Admission Counseling now offers a college fair geared toward them. The Chicago Area Performing and Visual Arts College Fair will be held from 1 to 3:30 p.m. Oct. 14 at ChiArts, Chicago High School for the Arts, 521 E. 33rd St.

The fair is designed for students interested in pursuing undergraduate and graduate study in music, dance, theater, visual arts, graphic design and related disciplines. Just as with the College Fair on Navy Pier, students can learn about educational opportunities, admission and financial aid, portfolio days, audition and entrance requirements and more by meeting with representatives from some 130 schools from across the country with programs that specialize in visual and performing arts.

And just like with the bigger fair, attendees are encouraged to preregister at gotomypvafair.com. Doing so creates a personalized barcode that makes it easy for schools to send information to interested students (school reps simply scan the code into their computers) and allows students to skip the registration lines at the fair.

Tips for getting the most out of the fair:

- Bring a parent or guardian to be a second set of ears.
- Check the NACAC website for the list of participating schools and make a list of the ones whose tables you want to visit (they're arranged alphabetically in the exhibit hall).
- Take home lots of literature, especially if you're a senior.
- When approaching a recruiter, introduce yourself and your area of expertise.
- Come with a list of questions, such as: What are audition or portfolio requirements? When are audition and portfolio days? What makes your school special?
- Ask about tuition and scholarships/financial aid.
- If lines are long at one table, go to a school with shorter lines and return later.

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You may find that a school you've never heard of offers the exact major or extracurricular program you want.

"When you arrive at the fair pick up a directory and a bag to hold the literature you'll collect during the course of the day," Gilfillan said. "If you need help with your search, make sure your first stop is the counseling center where counselors will answer your questions and direct you to schools that meet your requirements as to size, location, major and other areas of interest."

As in past years, this year's College Fair will once again offer workshops throughout the day on specific topics including techniques for improving ACT scores, choosing the college that's right for you, writing effective essays and financial aid. There are also Spanish-speaking sessions covering resources for the college search and financial aid.

"But this year we've added four new workshops based on input from counselors who have seen an increased interest in these topics," Gilfillan said. They include information about highly selective schools, medical and law school admissions, college athletics and navigating your transfer from a community college to a four-year college.

Murphy Monroe, executive director of admissions at Columbia College who has represented his school at NAAC college fairs for many years, considers them invaluable for "demystifying" the often intimidating process of applying for college, especially for students who may be the first member of their family to attend college.

"The fair is the first step in the process of building a relationship with the student. The recruiter conveys the first impression the student has of the school he or she is representing, so it's a great opportunity to speak directly to the student and his parents and answer all their questions and concerns," Monroe said.

Kathryn Deluhery, associate director of freshman enrollment at Benedictine University in Lisle, agrees that engaging the prospective student in conversation at the fair is the first step that ideally will lead to more in-depth exploration of what the school has to offer.

"We encourage prospective students to come for a day or weekend, to sit in classes, spend the night in a dorm, eat in the cafeteria and talk to current students," she said.

Jean Guarino is a local freelance writer.
Campus visits open door to college life

Local universities and colleges offer a variety of open house and/or campus visit events throughout the year. If you’re unable to visit during a scheduled event arrange a personal visit through the admissions office. Below are upcoming events at schools found in this education guide.

**Barry University:** Schedule a campus visit by creating an account at barry.edu (go to undergraduate admissions tab). BU is at 11300 N.E. 2nd Ave., Miami Shores, Fl. Call (800) 685-2279 or visit barry.edu.

**Carlow University:** Saturday visit days are scheduled for 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Sept. 29, Oct. 20 and Dec. 1. The fall overnight visit runs from 4 p.m. Oct. 28 to 2:30 p.m. Oct. 29. The fall campus visit day is 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Nov. 10 and the graduate student/adult student open house is from 6 to 8 p.m. Nov. 7. Carlow is at 3333 Fifth Ave. in Pittsburgh, Pa. Call (800) 333-2275 or visit carlow.edu.

**Concordia University:** Fall visit days are scheduled for 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Oct. 8 and Nov. 10. Concordia is at 7400 Augusta in Forest Park. Call (708) 771-8300 or visit cuchicago.edu.

**Ferris State University:** Dawg Days are offered from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Nov. 10, March 23, April 6 and April 27. Individual campus visits are offered Monday through Friday. The main campus is at 1201 S. State St., Big Rapids, Mich. Call (800) 433-7747 or visit ferris.edu.

**Rosalind Franklin University:** RFUMS hosts its annual fall open house Oct. 20. For more information about the open house or to arrange a campus visit at 318 N. Sixth St. in Terre Haute, Call (800) 488-6478 or visit indstate.edu.

**Grand Valley State University:** GVSU has an information night scheduled for 7 p.m. Sept. 27 at Marriott Chicago Midway, 6820 S. Cicero (register online). Or visit the campus for tours Monday through Saturday (register online). Grand Valley is at 1 Campus Drive in Allendale, Mich. Call (800) 748-0246 or visit gvsu.edu.

**Indiana State University:** Sycamore preview days are offered from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 8, Nov. 13, Jan. 29, Feb. 18 and April 20; register online. ISU is at 318 N. Sixth St. in Terre Haute. Call (800) 488-6478 or visit indstate.edu.

**Indiana University Northwest:** RUN’s fall preview night starts at 5:30 p.m. Oct. 16 in the Savannah Center. Regularly scheduled walking tours take place at 10 a.m. Tuesdays, 2:30 p.m. Wednesdays and 11 a.m. Fridays. IUN is at 3400 Broadway in Gary, Ind. Call (888) 968-7466 or visit iun.edu.

**Kendall College:** Prospective students can arrange a personal visit through admissions. Kendall is at 900 N. Branch, Chicago. Call (888) 906-3832 or visit kendall.edu.

**Lawrence Technological University:** Blue and White visit days run from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Oct. 12, Nov. 9 and Dec. 14 (more are scheduled in 2013). Blue Devil Days are offered from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sept. 29 and Nov. 3. Exploration Days are offered from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Oct. 26 and March 22. And Focus Fridays, which provide an in-depth look at various MSOE programs, run from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sept. 28 (electrical engineering), Oct. 5 (industrial engineering), Oct. 19 (business, biomolecular and biomedical engineering), Nov. 2 (nursing) and from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Nov. 2 (mechanical engineering). MSOE is at 1025 N. Broadway in Milwaukee. Call (800) 222-6544 or visit marquette.edu.

**Marquette University:** The next Discovery Day is from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 14. Marquette is at 1260 W. Wisconsin Ave., Milwaukee. Call (800) 222-6544 or visit marquette.edu.

**Milwaukee School of Engineering:** Along with individual visits, MSOE offers several visit events throughout the year. Open houses are offered from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Oct. 13, April 20 and July 13. Senior visit days run from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Oct. 25 and 26. Junior visit days run from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Jan. 11, Feb. 28 and March 22. And Focus Fridays, which provide an in-depth look at various MSOE programs, run from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sept. 28 (electrical engineering), Oct. 5 (industrial engineering), Oct. 19 (business, biomolecular and biomedical engineering), Nov. 2 (nursing) and from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Nov. 2 (mechanical engineering). MSOE is at 1025 N. Broadway in Milwaukee. Call (800) 332-6763 or visit msoe.edu.

**Robert Morris University:** RMU offers a campus visit
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day at all of its campuses (eight in the Chicago area) at 10 a.m. Oct. 20. Register online at robertmorris.edu/rsvp/campusvisit/fall. Campus visits are offered between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, and from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays. Call (800) 762-5960 or visit robertmorris.edu.

Northeastern Illinois University: NEIU's open house runs from 3 to 6 p.m. Oct. 8. Information sessions with tours are offered weekly (check the online schedule). NEIU is at 5500 N. St. Louis Ave., Chicago. Call (773) 583-4050 or visit neiu.edu.

Northern Michigan University: Visit individually Monday through Friday (register online) or attend a Wildcat Weekend on Nov. 10 or March 23. NMU is at 1401 Preque Isle Ave., Marquette, Mich. Call (906) 227-1000 or visit nmu.edu.

Northwestern College: NC offers campus visits at all three local locations (7725 S. Harlem, Bridgeview; 4811 N. Milwaukee, Chicago; 1809 N. Mill St., Naperville). Call (888) 205-2283 or visit northwesterncollege.edu.

Purdue University Calumet: PUC will host an open house at 9:30 a.m. Nov. 10 in Alumni Hall. Tours are offered on Wednesdays and Fridays or prospective students can arrange a personal visit through admissions. PUC is at 2200 169th St., Hammond, Ind. Call (800) 447-8738 or visit purduecal.edu.

University of St. Francis: Adult, transfer and graduate student open houses are offered from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Oct. 10 and Feb. 2. Campus visit days for high school students run from 1 to 5 p.m. Sept. 30 and Nov. 18, and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. March 16. Campus preview days are offered at 9 a.m. to noon Oct. 8, Nov. 12, Jan. 21 and Feb. 18. Prospective students also can arrange a personal visit by calling (800) 735-7500. USF is at 500 Wilcox St. in Joliet. Visit stfrancis.edu for more information.

University of Wisconsin Milwaukee: Open houses run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 26 and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Oct. 27. Preview days run from 7:45 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. Dec. 7, Jan. 25, March 1, April 12, July 19 and Aug. 9. UWM is at 3202 N. Maryland Ave. Call (414) 229-2222 or visit www4.wmu.edu.

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**Carlow University:** This small, comprehensive Catholic university offers professional and liberal arts programs. Founded as Mount Mercy College in 1926 by the Pittsburgh Sisters of Mercy, Carlow embraces collaborative teaching methods, civic engagement and service learning as it prepares its students to become leaders in the 21st century. With a 10-to-1 student-to-faculty ratio, Carlow students have the opportunity to work with faculty in a student-centered learning environment, both on campus and around the world through the many study abroad options.

Carlow University's main campus is located on 15 acres in Pittsburgh's Oakland neighborhood, which is adjacent to several world-class research and medical centers. As one of the largest college towns in the nation, Pittsburgh also boasts having the most "green" buildings as it has transformed itself from an industrial city to a vibrant and safe city with top-notch medical, social and cultural centers.

Carlow, which boasts a total enrollment of approximately 2,300 students, has more than 50 undergraduate academic programs in fields such as art, accounting, biology, business, creative writing, education, nursing and more.

Carlow's Graduate School offers master's degrees in business, counseling, creative writing, education, finance, and nursing, and it offers doctoral programs in counseling psychology and nursing.

For more information about Carlow University, visit carlow.edu, or call (800) 333-2275 or (412) 578-6059.

**Concordia University:** Learning that enriches, faith that uplifts, and leadership that takes you places. Concordia University Chicago provides a well-rounded liberal-arts-based Christian education focused on faith, values, and service to others. A CUC education prepares men and women to serve and lead with integrity, creativity, competence and compassion in a diverse, interconnected and increasingly urbanized world.

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**Ferris State University:** Ferris State University was founded in 1896 by Woodbridge and Helen Ferris, whose commitment to providing education and opportunity for all led them to establish a unique school with a practical approach, offering degrees that fit students' personal and academic needs to help them build a better life and a better world.

Though much has changed at Ferris State over the years, its philosophy remains the same. Today, state-of-the-art resources, internships, networking opportunities, and industry advisory boards complement the university's original commitment to providing students with excellent academic experiences personalized to meet their needs.

At Ferris students choose from more than 180 degree options to develop in-demand skills and find paths to rewarding careers. The university offers unique doctoral, master's, bachelor's and associate degree programs. Small classes (most have 25 or fewer students) are personal and engaging, academic experiences led by faculty, not graduate students.

With a safe, friendly campus and a variety of support resources, Ferris State provides a great environment for students to learn and grow.

Located in Big Rapids, Mich., a city with about 12,000 permanent residents and a welcoming atmosphere, Ferris offers a comfortable setting with lots of choices to let students create a personalized, rewarding college experience.

To learn more about Ferris State or to schedule a campus visit, visit ferris.edu, call (800) 433-7747 or find Ferris State University on Facebook, Twitter and YouTube.

**Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science (RFUMS) from the University of California, Irvine, in 2005 to explore this area of interest, intentionally seeking RFUMS for its commitment to research paired with its strong basic science program, and an environment where she knew her research would thrive.**

Rosalind Franklin University: Assistant professor Beth Stutzmann, Ph.D., has spent the last 10 years investigating neuronal signaling in aging and Alzheimer's disease. At the root of her many questions is the desire to understand the early disease processes that cause brain cells to malfunction in Alzheimer's. In other words, what pathological events are occurring before the tragic physical and behavioral changes develop. Uncovering these events may offer more effective strategies to prevent disease progression.

Stutzmann's research suggests that alterations in critical neuronal signaling factors, such as calcium, are an early component in the disease cycle that contributes to the memory loss in Alzheimer's disease.

Stutzmann came to Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science (RFUMS) from the University of California, Irvine, in 2005 to explore this area of interest, intentionally seeking RFUMS for its commitment to research paired with its strong basic science program, and an environment where she knew her research would thrive.

"I love the process of mentoring, saying her own experiences were influential in how she approaches her research and teaching.

"I really believe in paying it forward and encouraging all young scientists," she said.

RSF is at 3333 Green Bay Road, North Chicago; call (680) 774-3000 or visit rosalindfranklin.edu.

**Grand Valley State University:** GVSU is a comprehensive four-year public institution that has established a reputation for preparing its more than 24,500 students to excel in virtually every field. Grand Valley has more than 200 areas of study in undergraduate and graduate programs. Our focus on individual student achievement has created unique undergraduate and graduate learning opportunities that attract top students from across the country and around the world.

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NISSAN FRONTIER STAYS AT FOREFRONT OF CLASS

BY SUE MEAD
Motor Matters

When it comes to trucks Americans' tastes vary widely. But one thing seems constant: Everyone likes choices. Last year 20 percent of pickup truck buyers in its class chose a Nissan Frontier.

No longer seen as simply rural workhorses, pickups often do double or triple duty as family vehicles and mobile work stations, thanks to innovations in technology, safety and fit and finish. Nissan's Frontier is no exception.

For 2012 the Frontier has undergone a minor refresh yet features a Cheesecake Factory menu of variations on the same theme: two cab styles, multiple drivetrain combinations and up to four trim levels. Trim levels include S, SV, SL and Pro-4X in King Cab and Crew Cab styles. This pickup starts with a base price of $18,200.

We drove two models on trails at the Medina River Ranch in the hill country of Texas. Nissan calls its Frontier a "no-compromise activity tool" and says that it wears "full-size" truck hardware at compact-value pricing; it's built on the same platform as the full-size Titan truck and Armada SUV. We've driven the Frontier since it came to market in 1997 and have always liked its no-apologies trucky ride and handling, plus its prowess off the pavement.

With 261 horsepower, Nissan claims leadership in the segment and also has a class-exclusive factory spray-on bed liner with five bedrails compared to the competitors' three. What we say is that this fully boxed pickup has a heavy-duty frame, which translates to a solid ride feel, and has great command of the backcountry as a truly capable 4x4 player. We like its ingress, egress and good visibility; comfortable seats and pleasing ergonomics, as well as its power, responsive brakes and well-weighted steering.

We tested a Frontier Crew Cab SV 4x4 in Super Black with a steel-colored interior that came with Nissan's premium utility package that upgrades audio and adds an electrochromic inside mirror, spray-on bed liner, tie-down cleats and a Utili-track channel system, among other goodies in this package; it was priced at $29,595.

The available four-wheel-drive system has 2WD/4H/4L0 modes and a provision on the rear bumper for towing. Updates for 2012 include standard two-wheel brake limited slip, vehicle dynamic control on four-cylinder models and new exterior colors.

The Frontier can tow up to 6,500 pounds.

See the full story in the Today's Homes section inside

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"Since most of our homeowners have opted for a screened porch addition to their semi-custom home, we are now offering a free screened porch valued at $25,000 to anyone who purchases a home through October," said Jeri Szatko, Merit Homes director of sales and marketing.

Empty-nester homebuyers who want to downsize into a ranch home and enhance their outdoor living space have made The Enclave their choice. Since lowering home prices to the upper $400,000s, renewed interest has resulted in seven sales over the last seven months.

"Potential buyers are impressed with our quality construction, innovative design and flurry of activity when they come to tour our model," said Szatko.

The Enclave is the last section in an established neighborhood, so buyers don't have to deal with the dust and debris so prevalent when a new neighborhood is under construction. They can also see how the community looks and not encounter any surprises.

Homeowners also enjoy the majestic, resort-like setting featuring rolling hills, mature trees and scenic, protected views. Some of the new homes overlook the pristine fairways of the Merit Club, an 18-hole private golf course that is ranked as one of the top 100 courses in the world.

The 17-home Enclave is the last part of a gated community called the Reserve at the Merit Club, which is comprised of 102 semi-custom homes and 26 one-acre custom homes on 100 acres of rolling land. Honored with the "Best Overall Community" award from the Home Builders Association, the community was recognized for excellence in design and construction.

Buyers can choose from five luxurious ranch plans or two two-story designs with first-floor master bedrooms. Innovative homes feature 1,800 to 3,000 square feet with two to four bedrooms and up to 3 1/2 baths and are priced from $494,900 to $625,900.

Ranch plans cater to mostly empty-nesters and young professionals who want the convenience of single-level living, mainly because it eliminates having to walk.
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The right place

Park Monroe offers top retirement, empty-nester location, amenities

Retirement and empty-nester home opportunities can be found throughout the Chicago area. They include everything from low-rise developments in the suburbs to lofts in the West or South Loop to luxurious condominum downtown. Multiple price ranges and differences in the number and quality of amenities also make it a challenge.

For a buyer who has retired, living in downtown is often important. Many have children and grandchildren within the Chicago area, and the city is not necessarily what they want to do. If a buyer would like to be around their family and also be in the center of all that Chicago has to offer, The Park Monroe is an ideal place to live.

Located at 65 East Monroe Street, The Park Monroe is one block from Millennium Park. There is always something to do in the desirable central location.

Another positive attribute of owning a condominium as opposed to a single-family home is the maintenance-free lifestyle. Living in a luxury condominium eliminates all of these hassles. At first glance, monthly maintenance fees may seem unappealing. However, when a homeowner looks at what is spent on the upkeep of a single-family home, many condo buildings actually come out less expensive in terms of monthly costs.

The Park Monroe also offers special features, like the terrace on the 49th floor. It features barbeque grills, comfortable furniture and a whirlpool spa in a beautifully landscaped setting. Adjacent to the terrace is an entertainment suite with catering kitchen, large-screen DVD theater, an indoor lap pool and a fitness center.

A landscape architect maintains the outdoor garden on the 49th floor during the summer months. The indoor lap pool and all other common areas are the responsibility of the full-time maintenance crew.

In addition, the practical service items are taken care of for the homeowner. There is a full-time property management staff on-site.

Now a limited-time opportunity is available at The Park Monroe to create a large, unique custom home with amazing views and incredible space for entertaining. Up to 10,000 square feet of custom living space on one floor are available to purchase and build out.

Living in a fully customized home of this size less than a block from Millennium Park is an extremely rare opportunity. There is no other development downtown that will allow a buyer to customize such a large space.

A buyer with a vision can transform the existing duetw, windows, concrete floors, ceiling and exterior walls into something spectacular. Pappageorge Haymes, a renowned architectural firm, has developed a suggested floor plan, but a buyer could come in and start completely from scratch with their own design team.

The proposed plan, which is slightly less than 8,500 square feet, features living space ideal for entertaining. The majority of windows face south, providing panoramic views of the lake, Grant Park and the Museum Campus, while the east and west exposures showcase Millennium Park and the city lights.

The layout also includes a 1,000-square-foot private terrace, which would be perfect for outdoor entertaining. Tucked into the side of the building, it allows for fresh breezes but protects from strong winds. Space in the floor plan is also allocated to a lavish home theater and fitness room, plus a luxurious master suite with enormous walk-in closet, three additional bedrooms with private baths and a housekeeping suite.

A buyer desiring more space could add it along the east or west walls, while a buyer desiring less space could subtract, creating a floor plan of approximately 7,500 square feet. In addition to designing the ideal floor plan, possibilities exist to select unique finishes, fixtures, cabinetry and appliances.

Rand Diamond, a partner at development-team member Glenstar Properties, said, "because of the high demand for penthouse homes and large spaces, we decided to offer this opportunity before we begin construction of our second phase." The Park Monroe continues to sell condominiums in the current real estate market and now has less than 20 homes left in the first phase. Several large, duplex penthouses have recently sold in the $2- to $4-million price range. This success can likely be attributed to excellent location, views, amenities, floor plans and finishes combined with competitive pricing.

Additional residences still available at The Park Monroe range from two-bedrooms to three-bedrooms to two-story penthouses. Prices start in the mid $600,000s for east-facing two bedrooms.

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To learn more about the Illiana Merit Scholarship Program, go to iun.edu/illiana.

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A limited number of scholarships remain available for the spring 2013 semester. IUN will continue the program in future years.

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The College Board of New York reports that tuition has grown an average of 2.6 percent beyond inflation each year since 2001 at four-year private, nonprofit schools. At four-year public schools, the cost has jumped an average of 8.6 percent over inflation during this same period.

In this challenging economic environment, Kendall's initiative to reduce financial uncertainty can help education become more accessible to students and their families. "We made the decision that we can deliver a high-quality product without relying on tuition increases," said Kendall President Emily Williams Knight. "I can't make college free, but I can take a step to make it attainable."

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Be inquisitive: Go beyond the basics of majors, extracurriculars and tuition costs. When it comes to financial aid, ask about procedures and deadlines, and don't be scared off by the "sticker price."

At Marquette, more than 90 percent of undergraduates receive some sort of financial aid. All colleges are required to include a net-price calculator on their websites, which can help you estimate your likely financial aid.

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Milwaukee School of Engineering: MSOE is known for its academic reputation and outstanding career placement rates, and now it is known for changing the way students apply to college. MSOE launched an online admissions community called Bridge. Prospective students can learn more about the university, complete an application, monitor their admission progress, ask questions and chat with their admission counselor, other prospective students and organizations sponsor activities on Lawrence Tech's modern 102-acre campus. Students enjoy a dynamic athletic program; learn more at BlueDevilAthletics.com. There are also a wide variety of intramural leagues and club sports.

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"This ranking makes me proud to be a Northeastern student," said Maria Rios, senior biology student at Northeastern Illinois University. "I made a really good choice coming to NEIU and obviously it was a good investment. Once I graduate, I know I'll get a good job."

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"Northern offers so many things that other colleges don't," said NMU graduate Tara Baker. "Nature is all around you and Lake Superior is just a five-minute walk away. Plus the class sizes here are perfect and yet it isn't so small that I would know everybody on campus."

How do you know if a university is a good fit for you? A visit to the campus in person is probably the best way. Come for one of two Wildcat Weekends a year where visitors can get a sample of academic life in a group setting. Or, Northern offers a personalized campus visit where you can sit down with a faculty member. We give a campus tour, plus time to meet with financial aid representatives, tour the rec-
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Last year recruiters met with more than 950 candidates to discuss their programs, admissions, financial aid and career options. While some of this information can be found online, nothing replaces the ability to ask recruiters from multiple institutions specific questions pertinent to the process. A little bit of your time can help you get the information needed to make the right school selection, to get admitted and to minimize the cost to attend school.

Three workshops also will run concurrently with the event and cover topics such as “Law School Admissions 101,” a panel discussion about specialized programs in graduate business and “Graduate and Professional Admissions Process: Tips on Submitting a Strong Application.”

More information about the schools registered and the academic areas that they will be representing is available at chicagogradfair.osu.uiuc.edu.

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Adult and Transfer Open House: 5 to 8 p.m. Oct. 10, 500 Wilcox St., Joliet.

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To get you started on creating your own brilliant ideas, UWM is hosting an open house

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on October 26-27 in the UWM Union, 2200 E. Kenwood Blvd.
The event gives prospective students a chance to meet faculty from all 14 schools and colleges, along with staff and current students who can guide you through student services, like housing and financial aid. Take a tour of campus or hop on an exciting trolley tour through the surrounding community. Speak with UWM alumni and check out fun interactive displays that will show you what it's like to be a Panther.
The open house runs from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 26 and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Oct. 27. You can choose to stay an hour or the whole day.
Come and check out UWM. And see why nearly 30,000 students from 90 nations are enrolled at the university, which is located in Kalamazoo, Mich., a Midwestern college town with all the cultural amenities and entertainment options usually associated with a much larger city.
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Designer Zang Toi and Libertyville-based Amazing Cosmetics have released an eye shadow palette benefitting the American Red Cross. $39, 133 E. Cook, Libertyville or visit amazingcosmetics.com.

Spice up brunch at Dragon Ranch Moonshine and BBQ with a new menu (launching Sept. 23) that includes the Thai Benedict made with Thai sausage and red curry coconut hollandaise. Sundays from 10:30 a.m. - 4 p.m., 441 N. Clark.

Plastic surgeon Dr. Julius Few's new JF Aesthetic MD Formula Skincare line features 11 skin-saving products, such as the Weekly Mini-Peel Brightener Lite ($75). Drfewbeauty.com or at 875 N. Michigan, Suite 3850.

Brilliant invention! Chicago gal Kathryn Jackson has found a sole solution: Protect your Pumps. Stick the transparent adhesive pad to the bottoms of your stilettos and prevent wear and tear from city walking. $8 per pair, protectyourpumps.com.

Fringe benefits
Love Emma Watson's adorable pixie cut? Meet the brains (and hands) behind her look, as celebrity and runway hairstylist Rodney Cutler drops by ULTA (114 S. State) for the launch of ULTA's Salon Fall/Winter 2012 collection. On Sept. 27 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Cutler will work with the salon designers giving hair consultations and adding finishing touches to cuts and colors. Guests will leave with a stack of Redken products, perfect for maintaining the new 'do at home.

Working girl
Since 1954 Ann Taylor has been the go-to store for the modern working woman. (Though with bright colors and feminine silhouettes, their goods are anything but plain.) On Sept. 28 the brand launches a new concept store at Old Orchard Mall, which will add styling services and an expanded selection. Stock your closet with Taylor's fall 2012 collection, which is inspired by 1960s French couture.

A room of one's own
To celebrate 15 years of outfitting Oak Brook homes in clean, modern décor, Room and Board (2525 W. 22nd, Oak Brook) hosts a "Welcome to Fall" soiree on Sept. 29 from 1 to 3 p.m., featuring expert event planner Debi Lilly. Glean top party-planning tips while enjoying appetizers and cocktails in the newly remodeled outdoor space. Lilly also will sign copies of her new book, "A Perfect Event," a must-read for any home hostess.

Ryder Cup
One of golf's biggest tournaments tees off in Chicago when the Medinah Country Club welcomes the 39th annual Ryder Cup. The event brings together the world's top golfers for a three-day tournament that pits Team USA titans (including Tiger Woods, Webb Simpson and Bubba Watson) against No. 1 ranked Rory McIlroy and Team Europe. Kick off the festivities at the Inside the Ryder Cup A Chairman's Reception at The Westin Lombard. The event honors Joe Steranka, CEO of The PGA of America, while helping support Boys & Girls Clubs of America. Score tickets to all Ryder Cup events at medinahcc.org. For more on the Ryder Cup Captains and Celebrity Scramble, see THE SPLASH SEVEN ON PAGE 4.
**1 Prince**

Sept. 24-26: Prince's latest tour brings him to Chicago for the first time since 2004, and with this three-night visit the ever-inventive artist combines music making with a social slant. He's thrown his weight behind Rebuild the Dream, an initiative that promotes community-based efforts to address the challenges of a constricted economy. In addition to losing themselves in the Purple One's artistry, United Center patrons will have the chance to learn about building sustainable communities. For tickets, visit Livenation.com.

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**2 Ryder Cup Captains & Celebrity Scramble**

Sept. 25: The Ryder Cup will see golf stars Tiger Woods, Sergio Garcia and Rory McIlroy battle it out on our local links, but this year they will have some major Hollywood competition. Justin Timberlake, Bill Murray, Scottie Pippen and Michael Phelps will be hitting the greens with past Ryder Cup captains like Ben Crenshaw, Tom Kite and Corey Pavin during the cup's Captains & Celebrity Scramble. The scramble is a new addition to the 39th annual Ryder Cup tournament and tees off at 1 p.m. at Medinah Country Club. Visit Rydercup.com for more information.

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**3 No Time Left to Start Again**

Sept. 28: This week, the Modern Wing of the Art Institute takes on a distinctly rock vibe as they open the new Allen Ruppersberg exhibit, "No Time Left to Start Again/The B and D of R 'n' R." Be one of the first to view the works at the opening event, presented by the Art institute's Auxiliary Board. Enjoy cocktails, appetizers, a musical tour through history and a performance by the cast of "Million Dollar Quartet." 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. Tickets range from $175- $250. Exhibit runs through January 6. 111 S. Michigan. For more info, call (312) 443-3674 or email jsimmers@artic.edu.

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**4 Couture & Cocktails**

Sept. 28: Put aside this month's bicep-building issue of Vogue and get an in-person look at the season's best style at one of the most fashionable events of the season: the Joffrey Ballet's Couture & Cocktails. Co-chairs Kristina McGrath and Sonya Y. Jackson and the rest of the Joffrey Women's Board have orchestrated an evening not to be missed: a Neiman Marcus runway show with exquisite designs by Pamella Roland, an auction of swank items from Luxury Garage Sale, Food Truck fare and dancing all night long. At McGrath Acura of downtown Chicago, 1301 N. Elston. Visit Joffrey.com/coutureandcocktails for tickets and info.

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**5 Citizen Soldier**

Sept. 28: For decades, distinguished historian James McPherson has wowed readers with texts such as his Pulitzer Prize-winning Battle Cry of Freedom: The Civil War Era. This week he joins James Cornelius of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and the Museum for Citizen Soldier at the Pritzker Military Library to discuss the 150th anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation. He'll also discuss his latest book, War on the Waters: The Union & Confederate Navies, 1861-1865, reminding us that blood was spilled on more than just battlefields; 104 S. Michigan, Pritzkermilitarylibrary.org.

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**6 Michael Feinstein**

Sept. 29: One of the most impassioned interpreters of the Great American Songbook, Michael Feinstein takes to the Auditorium Theatre stage with the Chicago Jazz Orchestra to celebrate the standards that have formed a rich soundtrack to American life. Moving from the Gershwin's "Embraceable You" to numbers Frank Sinatra made his own (like Cy Coleman's "Witchcraft"), the five-time Grammy and two-time Emmy Award-nominee entertains like nobody else; 50 E. Congress. Visit the box office, call (800) 982-2787 or go to Ticketmaster.com.

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**7 Hyde Park Jazz Festival**

Sept. 29-30: Summer may technically be over, but things are still in full swing thanks to the Hyde Park Jazz Festival. Now in its sixth year, the free event features more than 170 musicians performing at 17 venues, from the Midway Plaisance to the Frank Lloyd Wright Robie House. In addition to catching the Bobby Lewis Quintet or Greg Ward Phonic Juggernaut, learn about artists through the "Conversations in Jazz" segments, featuring saxophonist Melvin Butler and vocalist Dee Alexander, among others. Find out more at Hydeparkjazzfestival.org.
It was mad evening for the 3,000 guests of this year's Alice in Wonderland-themed Green Tie Ball. Bathed in green lights, fog and bubbles, A. Finkl & Sons steel plant (2011 N. Southport) was transformed into a Tim Burton-style playground, with performers dressed as characters like Alice and the Mad Hatter and tents filled with fanciful fare from the 70 of the city’s best restaurants. Co-hosts Corri McFadden (VH1’s “House of Consignment”) and Donnie Storino welcomed guests, while “Windy City Live” hosts Ryan Chiaverini and Val Warner emceed the evening’s festivities, which included a deluxe silent auction (offering items like a trip to the 2013 Emmys and a seven-night Kenyan safari) and a dance party DJed by Black Cards frontman Pete Wentz. The massive party brought in nearly $500,000 for Chicago Gateway Green’s efforts to beautify the city, making it a wonderful night, indeed.

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CELEBRATING SCIENCE

BY KATERINA BIZIOS

It's not often that a 100th birthday comes along, which is why for Rosalind Franklin University's Centennial Gala, 400 people turned out to help blow out the candles at Chicago's InterContinental hotel ballroom (505 N. Michigan). The University, esteemed for their support of women and ethnic minorities in education, awarded the Rosalind Franklin Ph.D. Life in Discovery Award to three women that evening: Rear Adm. and global health leader Susan J. Blumenthal, chairman of the Rosalind Franklin board Ruth M. Rothstein and Henrietta Lacks, whose cells were vital in developing the Salk polio vaccine. Over the past century, Rosalind Franklin has grown to include five colleges and 2,000 students. Here's to another century of innovation.

FULL MOON

BY ZAK STEMER

The moon may have been shrouded by rainclouds, but that didn't stop the Luna Negra Dance Theater from hosting its annual Noche de Luna gala on Sept. 13. More than 400 guests filled two floors of Venue Six10 (610 S. Michigan) as they sipped cocktails, admired the new Mercedes-Benz E-Class and watched dancers do improvised choreography on the stairs and across the floor. The evening also included the Luna de Honor Awards, which recognized DanceWorks Chicago founder Pam Crutchfield and the Chicago Community Trust for their longtime support. The dancers' moves swayed the crowd, helping the gala garner over $230,000 for the theater's outreach and dance programs.
A far cry from the delicate white lace on grandma's antique tables, this season's MODERN LACE is striking and sexy. Chicago women are showing their delicate side by wearing the intricate material in rich jewel tones and the ever-elegant black — with an occasional nude layer offering a teasing illusion of skin.

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Red, red, wine

Make a toast to this season’s most decadent color.

1. Michael Michael Kors: pink cat eye sunglasses, $99, Bloomingdale’s, 4963 Old Orchard Center; Bloomingdales.com
2. Diane Von Furstenberg: Delian lace peplum dress, $445, Scoop NYC, 1702 N. Milwaukee; Scoopnyc.com
3. Top Shop: knot tassel scarf, $32, 830 N. Michigan; Us.topshop.com
4. Gucci: 1921 collection riding boot, $1,250, 900 N. Michigan; Gucci.com
5. Stuart Weitzman: bowtie pump, $398, 2130 Northbrook Court; Stuartweitzman.com
6. Bodhi Handbag: croc-embossed leather Kindle Fire jacket, $129.95, Macy’s locations citywide; Macy’s.com
7. Larry Vrba: vintage red cabochon earrings, $300, Lulu’s at the Belle Kay, 3862 N. Lincoln; Lulusbellekay.com
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1. FujiFilm: XF1 camera, $500, Best Buy, 875 N. Michigan; Bestbuy.com
2. J.W. Hulme Co.: slim portfolio briefcase, $520, Barney's New York, 15 E. Oak; Barneys.com
3. Versace: eyeglass frames, $245, Lenscrafters, 225 N. Michigan; Lenscrafters.com
4. Derek Rose: cotton terry bathrobe, $220; Mrporter.com
5. Ole Smoky Moonshine: cherry-infused moonshine, $25, Binny's locations citywide; Binny's.com
6. Brackish Bowties: Carolina Copper turkey feather bowtie, $79; Brackishbowties.com
new in store

Just (re)do it

Magnificent Mile’s Niketown gets new look, and local artist Cody Hudson helps honor the occasion with a new design

After 20 years even the most established style icon can use a makeover. Which is why, after two decades on Michigan Avenue, the Niketown flagship is just finishing up a major remodel — and it’s more than just a face-lift. The store has been closed since March 12 for a comprehensive revamp, which increases the size, adds another floor and incorporates many familiar elements into the décor.

“The aesthetic is a reflection of the city,” says Nike’s Cindy Hamilton. Inside the shop, which opens Sept. 27, are Chicago-centric details such as mascots from local high schools and a collection of Bears photos on loan from Halas Hall. There’s also one of the biggest and best collections of Jordan brand gear at any store, including a display of every Air Jordan edition ever made.

In the 60,000+ square-foot space, goods are housed on four different floors: one dedicated to basketball; one to football, soccer and training; one to running and women’s training (complete with treadmills to help find the perfect shoe); and one devoted to an array of other sporting equipment (think tennis and golf) and a wide selection of sportswear.

“It’s a lifestyle [brand], and we know athletes want to express themselves off the court, too,” Hamilton says.

Keeping individual expression in mind, the store will also house a NIKEiD studio, where shoppers can work with Nike experts to customize their own footwear, adding design elements such as colors, initials or phrases anywhere along the shoe. And in honor of the opening, Nike has commissioned local artist Cody Hudson to design a shoe (pictured below).

“We’re thrilled to work with Hudson because he has a unique point of view on Chicago and can bring it to life like no one else can,” says Hamilton.

But the best news for Chicago fans this season might be this: Now that Nike is the official uniform provider of the NFL, it will have plenty of the newly redesigned Bears jerseys on hand for fans. And while features such as strategic ventilation and water-repelling fabric are meant to improve conditions for pro athletes, according to Nike, everyone can benefit.

“We believe that if you have a body, you’re an athlete,” says Hamilton.

So there’s no excuse not to drop by the new store — and leave feeling inspired. — Molly Each

699 N. Michigan, (312) 642-6363; Nike.com

SHOP GUY

What to expect at designer Eskandar’s newest shop

BY MOLLY EACH

On Sept. 27 British clothing brand Eskandar opens its sixth international outpost, a flagship store on Walton, bringing its signature blend of luxurious, flowing apparel to the women of Chicago. For a look at the line, we turned to the man behind the brand to find out what we can expect at the new shop.

Q: Why is Chicago a good fit for Eskandar?
A: It is a very metropolitan city with a great affinity for all forms of popular culture such as architecture, theater and art and fashion, which really suits the aesthetic of the Eskandar brand.

Q: How would you describe the brand’s aesthetic?
A: Clothes that are not governed by “trends” but by function and tradition; layers that could be removed or added as temperatures rise or fall; a volume that [gives] ease of movement and comfort.

Q: What are some of your favorite pieces in the fall collection?
A: Fall is all about cashmere for me, and the “novelty knits” are my favorite part of the cashmere knitwear group. Many of the knits are hand loomed and hand finished in Scotland. It is very important for me that these traditional methods of manufacturing are not lost in the face of mass production. For the first time this season, we have introduced a swing tag on these garments, which are personally signed by the individuals who have created them.

One of Eskandar’s layered looks from his new line.

70 E. Walton, (312) 649-6080; Eskandar.com
It's all about food and wine for Master Sommelier Alpana Singh

BY MADELINE SKAGGS

Alpana Singh is used to paying the way. At 26 she was the youngest woman to ever be named Master Sommelier, and since then she's appeared in publications such as Bon Appétit, Wine Spectator and Food & Wine, has penned a book and hosts WTTW-Channel 11's popular "Check, Please!"

So it makes sense that she's taking a new approach with her first restaurant, the Boarding House, a River North townhome-style spot that contains a social wine bar on the first floor, a formal restaurant and private dining space upstairs and a late-night cellar on the lower level. While vino is, of course, at the heart of the operation, Singh worked closely with executive chef Christian Gosselin (formerly of Sofitel Hotels) to create a collaborative menu that reflects the extensive and varied flavors of the wine list.

"The food should always come first. For me, the food is the primal craving, then the wine," Singh says.

Menu items include wine bar classics like a charcuterie plate with Montreal smoked beef and bacon ($16) and a slow-roasted pork belly with creamy mushroom puree, maitake mushrooms and baby haricot verts ($11).

With the Boarding House opening in October, Singh is happily savoring every free Sunday she has left.

8 A.M.
Singh rises early to read the New York Times and watch "CBS Sunday Morning." "It's just not Sunday without Charles Osgood," she says.

10 A.M.
A self-proclaimed cookbook addict, Singh spends a bit of her day catching up on food magazines and looking through cookbooks to plan for her marathon grocery trip. She loves Thomas Keller's "Ad Hoc at Home" and anything by Julia Child or Jacques Pepin.

9 P.M.
Dinner is served with a slew of wines from fellow sommelier Craig Perman's wine shop, Perman Wine Selections (802 W. Washington).

5 P.M.
Groceries in tow, Singh and her husband, novelist Charles Blackstone, begin preparing dinner for a rotating group of family and friends, which can take hours.

NOON
Inspired, she hits Super H Mart (801 Civic Center) or Fresh Farms (5740 W. Touhy) in Niles for a four-to-five hour shopping extravaganza.

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A self-proclaimed cookbook addict, Singh spends a bit of her day catching up on food magazines and looking through cookbooks to plan for her marathon grocery trip. She loves Thomas Keller's "Ad Hoc at Home" and anything by Julia Child or Jacques Pepin.

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Dinner is served with a slew of wines from fellow sommelier Craig Perman's wine shop, Perman Wine Selections (802 W. Washington).

5 P.M.
Groceries in tow, Singh and her husband, novelist Charles Blackstone, begin preparing dinner for a rotating group of family and friends, which can take hours.
The partnership is a natural fit for Rose, who has long loved the local chain. "Growing up in Chicago, I remember going to Giordano's with my family all the time," says Rose, who hails from Englewood. "It means a lot to partner with a company that is Chicago born and bred, like me."

It was equally as seamless for the company. "It was an organic, easy-going process," says Giordano's CEO Yorgo Koutsogiorgas. He says that B.J. Armstrong (the former Chicago Bulls star who is now Rose's agent) reached out to the brand on behalf of Rose, who wanted to be associated with a Chicago business, but wanted it to be one he considered the best. "It was a tremendous honor for us, because it meant we met that threshold," says Koutsogiorgas.

Rose frequently orders from Giordano's under an alias, and Koutsogiorgas says that delivery drivers often come back stunned after meeting the basketball superstar. "People were on the floor!" Koutsogiorgas laughs. "They couldn't believe it!"

In his new role as equity partner, Rose will be involved promoting the brand and also help out with recipe development. (His current favorite? Thin crust cheese.) But he'll also be helping Giordano's expand its outreach. During the next few months, the company will be teaming up with Rose's alma mater, Simeon Career Academy, for events. "He's so committed to helping his old school and to giving back," says Koutsogiorgas.

While pursuing business ventures on the side, Rose's main off-season focus has been rehabilitating his torn ACL, which sidelined him for the remainder of the 2011-12 playoffs and will keep him out for a portion of this upcoming season.

"I'm doing everything I can to build myself back up physically and mentally, while also trying to remain patient with my body," says Rose. "I'm going through workouts and therapy five days a week, starting from the beginning with strength training and building my body back up."

For Rose, who has shown emotion while talking about his injury, being on the bench has been difficult. "It's hard," he says of watching his team play without him. "I'm just thankful to be working towards playing again and hope to come back as soon as possible."

When Rose returns midseason he'll join a Bulls team that includes center Joakim Noah, forwards Luol Deng, Carlos Boozer and Taj Gibson, and guard Jimmy Butler. If they can avoid injuries, the squad has a good shot of making it to the playoffs for the fifth consecutive year.

"We have a good team this year and we want to win," says Rose. But according to Rose, this team's best quality has nothing to do with rebounds or dunks. "We have hard-working people," says Rose. "Chicago is a blue-collar city and we want to represent it well by being a hard-working team."

He cites other Chicago-bred players such as Jordan, Mark Aguirre, Isiah Thomas and Maurice Cheeks as instilling a tradition of hard work that he strives to continue. And at the forefront of everything he does are the Chicago Bulls fans. "The team and I are very blessed to have such true fans and we appreciate all of their support." Rose has proved his on-court smarts and is showing glimpses of corporate-world business savvy. But for Chicagoans, Rose embodies much more than just a jump shot or a new shoe: He's a role model we can all look up to.

"He's just a really good person," says Koutsogiorgas. "Nice, humble and gracious, like the kid next door." —Molly Bech
Derrick Rose (shown here at the launch of his new Adidas shoe) has been making off-court moves with both Adidas and Giordano's.
Gourmet fair

More than 160 of our city's culinary masters are ready to feed us at the fifth annual CHICAGO GOURMET, and Splash whets your appetite for what's to come.

BY ARI BENDERSKY

Guests stroll through Millennium Park at last year's Chicago Gourmet, which offered such treats as R'evolution's truffled short rib debris po' boy (inset). SUN-TIMES FILE PHOTOS
Chicago's culinary scene has exploded during the last five years. Simply put, we can't get enough of food. Or wine. Or beer. Or even cocktails. It's evident every day as people line up at Stephanie Izard's Girl & the Goat or vie for tickets to Grant Achatz's Next. You see it as Graham Elliot helps choose the next "MasterChef" or as Rick Bayless, Tony Mantuano, Art Smith and Takashi Yagihashi compete against the country's best chefs on "Top Chef Masters." A meat and potatoes kind of town? Hardly. Our collective palates have reached a new level of refinement.

It's no coincidence that this year marks the fifth anniversary of Chicago Gourmet (Sept. 28-30), the annual gastronomic extravaganza held in Millennium Park. In its short history, the festival has quickly grown into a major player on the international culinary event scene, now rivaling similar soirees in Aspen, Colo., and South Beach, Fla.

The festival kicks off Sept. 28 with the sold-out, always-competitive Hamburger Hop (read more on Page 18) and brings out the best of the best in cooking and in Chicago. It's an impressive roster: Of the 160 chefs participating this year, most hail from the city, including Izard, Elliot, Bayless, Mantuano, Smith and Yagihashi.

"My favorite part is seeing all the chefs getting out of our kitchens and being in the same realm," said Henri and the Gage executive chef Dirk Flanigan, who will do a cooking demo with Piccolo Sogno chef/owner Tony Priolo and offer tastings on both Sept. 29 and 30. "People are focused on the same thing. The winemakers, the chefs — everyone is there because of Chicago and great food."

Last year's event drew approximately 10,000 people — and it's not just locals who want in on the delicious action. Nearly 20 percent of 2011 attendees were from out of town.

"We advertise Chicago Gourmet all over the world," said Kevin Hickey, the executive chef of Allium at the Four Seasons and a member of the festival's advisory board. "I know because I've seen my photo in the poster with my face on a bus stop in Paris. We're drawing in nationally and internationally. It puts Chicago up there with all the major cities when it comes to festivals."

Chicago Gourmet reached a new level in year three, when food magazine Bon Appétit came aboard as the title sponsor, bringing the event to a larger stage and drawing in celebrity chefs like John Besh and "Iron Chef" Geoffrey Zakarian. This year, Bon Appétit's Editor-in-Chief Adam Rapoport and restaurant and drinks editor Andrew Knowlton will be on hand to participate in various cooking demos throughout the weekend with the likes of Bayless and Besh as well as Izard and Spiaggia's Sarah Grueneberg.

"[Chicago] has gained a confidence over the last five years or so that it is a major player in the food world, not just with classic steak houses, but in a contemporary, forward-thinking way," Rapoport said. "Whether it's Grant [Achatz] at Alinea or

Schwa, and the whole Blackbird/Avec family, I'd put them up against any restaurant in the country in the top tier." Chicago Gourmet isn't just about devouring everything from lobster stew to wagu sliders. The weekend comprises various seminars and cooking demos, book signings in the Barbara's Bookstore tent, the Stella Artois Belgian beer cafe, interactive cocktail sessions, master mixologist Bridget Albert and wine tastings. A lot of wine tastings.

While nearly 500 wineries representing around 1,200 labels will pour tastes in various tents around the Great Lawn, Southern Wine & Spirits' master sommelier Serafin Alvarado said guests who truly want a unique experience, without paying the for the extra ticket for the Grand Cru tasting events (see sidebar), should look into the dozen or so free wine seminars that will intimately explore wines from Italy, Bordeaux, Napa, Latin America and beyond.

"It's the best-kept secret of the event," Alvarado said. "Even though there's an educational component to it, it's only a 45-minute commitment. We try to make it fun, entertaining and educational."

Come Sept. 28, Chicago's lust for great food and drink will turn Millennium Park into a culinary ground zero. With meticulous organization going into everything from chef placement in the tents to the set up of beer and wine stands, this year could take the festival to even greater heights.

"We'll keep this path going through Millennium Park," Flanigan said, "that people are so full they'll have to stop eating."

Yeah, just try to make that happen.


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Wine down

For wine geeks, there's no better place to wander about than the Grand Cru wine tasting, taking place between 2 and 4 p.m. each day (note: Sept. 29 is sold out). This special event, available at an additional cost of $175, brings out the big guns: approximately 100 special distinction wines from the likes of Stags' Leap, Silver Oak, Pio Cesare, Antinori, Robert Mondavi, Krug, Celani Family and more.

Pigging out

The newest Chicago Gourmet attraction vying for your attention will likely get it, as Purple Pig hosts the fest's first-ever pig roast. Taking place Sept. 29 and 30 on the festival's East Lawn (expertly placed next to the International Tap beer tent), the pig roast — put together by Jimmy Bannos Sr. and Jr. (above) — will pull guests to the outer edge of the fest for a porcine bacchanalia.

A free pass

During the entire month of September, more than 75 Chicago area restaurants will take part in Chicago Gourmet's Dine Around. Spend at least $35 on either a prix-fixe meal or an a la carte menu at five different spots and get a free one-day pass to Chicago Gourmet. For more info, visit ChicagoGourmet.org.
Brittany Cucchiara and Alex Perris

Personal trainer Alex Perris is used to calling the shots when it comes to coaching clients such as Chicago Bulls star Joakim Noah. But for his wedding to Brittany Cucchiara, Chanel’s national makeup artist, he took the bench and let his bride do the planning.

Cucchiara wanted something simple and intimate that would offer a respite from their busy schedules. So she and her groom first headed down to The Breakers in West Palm Beach, Fla., on Sept. 10 for an intimate seaside ceremony with six of their closest friends (including Noah). Keeping it casual, Perris wore khakis and a blazer and the bride wore a short white dress from New York boutique Lovely Bride. A friend performed their vows as the sun was setting and waves crashed toward them. “The second after the photographer snapped the last picture it started raining and we all ran inside. It was really special,” Cucchiara says.

But the couple still wanted a killer party. So on Sept. 17 Perris and Cucchiara returned to Chicago for a glam party with 85 friends and family members at Studio Paris. The venue was outfitted with red rose petals, cascading deep purple calla lilies and seashells (brought back from the couple’s Florida ceremony), and Cucchiara donned a floor-length David Fielden gown. “I wanted classic colors. That’s the Chanel coming out of me,” says Cucchiara. The evening was all about bringing together friends and family for the first time. “We just wanted to slow down and enjoy everyone’s presence,” Cucchiara says. — Katerina Bizios
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As the months of outdoor cooking come to a close, we're taking a minute to revel in summer's ultimate al fresco dinner: the burger. From the Billy Goat Tavern's simple "cheezeborger" to chef-driven gourmet iterations topped with a half-dozen ingredients and a range of textures, the meaty dish has enjoyed a long history in our food-loving city.

To kick off the three-day festival, Chicago Gourmet offers the best way to celebrate this American classic - and experience its delicious evolution - by sampling the best our city has to offer at the Hamburger Hop. Taking place at the Harris Theater Rooftop in Millennium Park on Sept. 28, the event will have chefs such as Amanda Downing from Rockit Bar & Grill, Matt Troost from Three Aces and Arturo Aucaquizhpi from Gene & Georgetti using meat from local purveyor Allen Brothers to create their most impressive burgers.

To win the coveted title of "city's best burger," chefs will have to impress a range of palates: judges include fellow culinary experts such as chef John Besh and the Sun-Times' own Sue Ontiveros as well as burger lovers like Chicago Bears linebacker Nick Roach and WXRT-FM's Lin Brehmer. Regardless of the winner, we can't wait to hit the dining scene and try them all — and then some.

For details on this tasty tournament and the rest of Chicago Gourmet, visit IllinoisRestaurants.org.

GET IT TO GO

In honor of the upcoming Hamburger Hop, the staffers at Chicago-based GrubHub have compiled a list of their favorite burgers available by delivery. This weekend, turn into your favorite football game and dig in — these mouthwatering burgers will warm up your taste buds as fall sets in.

FATTY'S BURGERS AND MORE, 2665 N. Clark
This Texas transplant knows meat, but what really makes its standard half-pound burgers stand out are the delicious buns. Feeling extra hungry? Go with the full-pound lineman burger or spice up one of Fatty's standard burgers by topping the patty with grilled jalapenos.

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KIRKWOOD BAR & GRILL, 2934 N. Sheffield
While this bar is widely known for its great beer garden, its Hoosier Burger gets raves and is available for delivery. The half-pound masterpiece is spread with Merkt's cheddar and topped with applewood smoked bacon. GrubHubber's love the sweet potato fries on the side, but you can choose between house fries, fire fries or tater tots.
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In a moment of real estate serendipity, a handful of Victorian charmers are up for grabs on historic Alta Vista Terrace

BY LISA SKOLNIK

The 40 quaint Roman brick row houses that line Alta Vista Terrace (20 on each side and mirror images of their mates across the street) are famed for their dapper architectural demeanor and coveted for the great lifestyle they offer as landmark properties (think tax freezes) and single-family homes a mere block from Wrigley Field, an L stop, a Whole Foods store and more. As of early September, five were up for sale at once, a rare occurrence that gives buyers some bargaining power on the block, where houses usually go from $500,000 to $800,000 — even in tough times.

“They were all built as a planned development on 24-foot-by-40-foot lots by Samuel Eberly Gross right after he returned from a trip to London in 1900. The attached terrace houses so enchanted him that he named the block for them [terrace] and the land’s slight topographical rise [alta],” explains @Properties broker Susan Lawrence, who is marketing 3809, the home of a former model and socialite, for a rock-bottom $500,000. The “as is” four-bedroom, 2.5-bathroom property sports many of its original assets, such as charming Victorian woodwork, crown moldings, a vintage chandelier that once illuminated the Marshall Field’s beauty salon and burnished oak floors. For some, the kitchen could use an update, though vintage lovers will delight in the retro 1960s design.

Susan Lawrence, (773) 334-7740, slaurence@atproperties.com.

BARGAINING POWER

A quick glance at the other four:

- **3800**, one of four corner homes, which means extra windows and plenty of light as well as vintage details, chandeliers, an enlarged kitchen and remodeled bathrooms; $649,900. Contact Baird & Warner broker Darlene Lyons, (773) 858-5431, Darlene.lyons@bairdwarner.com.

- **3825**, one of four center houses that have a third level with two additional bedrooms and another bathroom, as well as a luxury chef’s kitchen, skylights, a garage and more; $780,000. Contact Coldwell Banker broker Arden Fowler, (773) 425-2113, arden.fowler@cbexchange.com.

- **3837**, containing the perfect blend of original architectural details and woodwork and newer mechanical features; $500,000. Contact Coldwell Banker broker Pete Rodriguez, (630) 886-6397, pete.rodriguez@cbexchange.com.

- **3845** also has lots of original detailing, a chef’s kitchen and a solarium; $649,000. Contact @Properties broker D. Waveland Kendt, (312) 330-3321, dwk@atproperties.com.

The four-bedroom Victorian home at 3809 Alta Vista Terrace features burnished oak floors, a stained-glass window and a chandelier that once belonged to the Marshall Field’s beauty salon.

IT’S A FRAMER

Pick of the week: A wall of different sized picture frames inspired the design of this showcase cabinet, complete with borders around its glass doors. It measures 29 by 17 by 79 inches; $429, Ikea, 1800 McConnor, Schaumburg and 750 E. Boughton, Bolingbrook, Ikea.com
Oh, Honey...

Everyone is talking about the new reality show "Here Comes Honey Boo Boo," and I got the scoop behind TLC's hit show.

The first show secret is that there really aren't any secrets behind the production of little beauty queen Alana Thompson’s breakout series. Blake Woodruff, a close friend of the family (who also appears as a talent agent on "Toddlers & Tiaras") insists that that everything's off the cuff — unlike other "reality" shows.

"This is a real show with no script," Blake tells this column. "They bob for pigs' feet, their animals run around the house and they bathe in the kitchen sink! You can't script TV like that. That's why other reality TV stars like Kris Jenner are jealous. Her show needs to be scripted to draw in the ratings, but 'Here Comes Honey Boo Boo' is what reality TV is supposed to be."

Blake adds that when the cameras aren't rolling the outrageousness doesn't stop — and, as far as parenting goes, mama June allows Alana to be very independent.

"June just lets Alana be herself," Blake explains. "I met them for lunch at Cracker Barrel and Alana got on top of the table and announced she was a drunk pageant queen!"

Blake says he walked into the lunch upset because he had accidentally hit a dog with his car on the drive over.

"June asked where the dog was at, because they love to pick up road kill for dinner," he says. "Not sure if it really was a joke, though. They have been known to pick up road kill."

Despite all the craziness that goes on in Honey Boo Boo's home, Blake says the family truly loves each other and they don't need much to be happy.

"They're fine having no money in the bank and throwing a tarp on the ground for a makeshift Slip 'n Slide," Blake says.

And since they love Christmas, "they have Christmas in July and keep the decorations up all year round."

The family can't comprehend why their ratings — which topped coverage of both Republican and Democratic national conventions — are so sky high.

"They don't understand why they are famous; they are just being themselves," Blake says.

"But I say, 'Honey Boo Boo for 2016! Or Sugar Bear..."

Baby for Kimye?

When Kanye West's ex-girlfriend, Amber Rose, announced her pregnancy at the VMA's it stung him like a bee! "He still has strong feelings for Amber and he thought they would have a baby together," a source said. However, the baby news may work out in girlfriend Kim Kardashian's favor.

"It's made him realize he wants a baby sooner rather than later," the source said. Kim has made no secret of her desire to have children. On a recent episode of "Keeping Up With the Kardashians," Kim had her fertility tested and contemplated freezing her eggs. Another insider adds, "Kim has told Kanye and every boyfriend she's ever had that she wants babies."
Guests at Sept. 15’s Green Tie Ball didn’t limit themselves to shades of emerald — fabulous fashion came in every hue. Take Oleksandra Kmit, who wowed in a sultry black dress of her own design paired with the perfect little Chanel bag.
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Northlight Theatre's tribute to Woody Guthrie, "Woody Sez," almost has it all.

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Sound tribute to America’s folk troubador

BY CATEY SULLIVAN | Contributor

With the affable, easy-listening “Woody Sez,” Northlight Theatre offers a revue that ably captures the music if not the complexity of the man behind such iconic folk ballads as “This Land is Your Land” and “This Train is Bound for Glory.”

With more than two dozen songs compiled into 90 minutes of musical biography, the piece at times errs on the side of hokey when it should be consistently, defiantly heroic. Guthrie, who mined the endless tragedies of the Great Depression and the wastelands of the Dust Bowl for his material, became a folk legend whose music crafted a history of the United States that paints a harrowing contrast to the myth of the land of endless plenty.

His life was also rife with personal tragedy. He was still a teenager when his mother, Nora, died in a mental hospital, a victim of the debilitating Huntington’s disease. Guthrie himself, 40 years later, also ended his life institutionalized, having fallen prey to that same devastating neurological disorder.

In between those deaths, Guthrie faced three divorces, the loss of a child to fire, a maiming fire accident that left him, still in his 40s, unable to ever play the guitar again.

Before all that, he crisscrossed the country, raising consciousness with his songs of migrants, breadlines and the dispossessed.

In the piece devised by director Nick Corley and David M. Lutken (who plays Guthrie and also serves as music director), Guthrie’s music is ably wound around simplistic snippets from his life.

The reason to see the show is for the music, wonderfully realized by a quartet including Lutken, Darcie Deaville, David Finch and Helen Jean Russell. The multi-instrumentalists and singers perform on a marvelous range of stringed instruments – bass, banjo, 12- and six-string guitars, autoharp – with Finch even breaking out a set of spoons at one point and orchestrating a snappy small miracle of percussion with them.

On Luke Hegel-Cantarella’s spare set, stark photos of arid farmland-turned-wasteland become memorably backlit with the sorrow-steeped “Dust Storm Disaster” and “Talkin’ Dust Bowl,” creating a combination of song and visuals that’s memorable indeed.

Lutken makes a congenial Guthrie, and is in fine voice throughout the biographical material, but his embodiment of the folk hero is painted with the broadest brush strokes. Punctuated with sound-byte sayings, “Woody Sez” has the sound but not the depth of spirit of its hero. This is also a near-sure fire hit for Northlight — the musicians’ enthusiasm for their material is infectious and their delivery of it impeccable. Factor in some more substantive history and “Woody Sez” would be formidable.

David Finch (from left), David Lutken, Helen Jean Russell and Darcie Deaville star in “Woody Sez.”

‘Woody Sez — The Life and Music of Woody Guthrie’

Northlight Theatre, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie
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Hootenannies, informal post-show “jam sessions” with the artists from the production, will be held following the performances Sept. 30 (after 7 p.m.), Oct. 7 (after 2:30 p.m.) and Oct. 14 (after 7 p.m.). Audience members are invited to bring their own instruments and join the artists onstage to play for approximately one hour after the performance.
Managing Editor Jennifer Thomas’ entertainment picks for this week

1. **Jesus Christ Superstar** is on stage Sept. 28 to Oct. 21 at Prairie Lakes Theatre, 515 E. Thacker St., Des Plaines. Tickets are $25. Visit bignoise.org.

2. **Wines in the Wild** fundraiser at Brookfield Zoo takes place 7-11 p.m. Sept. 28 at the zoo. Tickets cost $150 per person. Call (708) 688-8393 or see czs.org/wines.

3. **Chicago Chamber Musicians** will play chamber music of Italian composers at 7:30 p.m. Sept. 30 at Nichols Concert Hall in Evanston. See chicagochambermusic.org.

4. **Northlight Theatre** benefit concert featuring Michael and Angela Ingersoll takes place at 8 p.m. Oct. 1-2 at North Shore Center for the Performing Arts in Skokie. See northlight.org.

5. **“E.T.”** returns to select movie theaters at 7 p.m. Oct. 3 in honor of the movie’s 30th anniversary. For a list of theaters, visit FathomEvents.com.
Go 'Backstage' to sample Evanston arts

BY MYRNA PETLICKI | Contributor

Evanston is a very entertaining place.

You can get a taste of the variety of performance companies that call that city home during BackStage Evanston, Sunday, Sept. 30 in the Ethel M. Barber Theater at Northwestern University. Seventeen music, theater and dance organizations will perform for five minutes each at this third annual event, presented by the Arts & Business Committee of the Evanston Arts Council and the City of Evanston.

"To have the ability to spotlight and showcase all of Evanston's performing arts companies in one place is beneficial," said Leslie Brown, executive director of Piven Theatre Workshop, which is producing the event this year. "This is an opportunity to get to know a lot of work that's being produced in Evanston."

The event is a real deal for attendees. Admission is $20, for which you get an equal amount in BackStage Bucks redeemable for a special offer from any of the participating organizations.

Piven will present a segment from its current show, "Tusk Tusk." "Our understudies will have an opportunity to perform at BackStage Evanston because we are also having a performance at Piven that day," Brown said. Piven's special offer is two tickets to any of its productions in the coming season for $20.

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Bea Rashid, a member of the Arts & Business Committee of the Evanston Arts Council, is also director of Dance Center Evanston and the founder and co-artistic director of the Evanston Dance Ensemble. Rashid said Backstage Evanston benefits her dance company because, "It exposes us to new audiences."

Evanston Dance Ensemble will present "Family Portraits," choreographed by Enid Smith. "It is a movement piece to a piece of poetry that is being read by Billy Collins about how to paint his face," Rashid said. "We're hoping that it will expose people to our dance company and they'll buy tickets to 'The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe' (Nov. 30-Dec. 2)."

The company will offer a ticket discount for BackStage Bucks.

The Musical Offering has participated in every BackStage Evanston. "I love the community-building aspect of it," said Artistic Director Rick Ferguson. "It really does provide a much-needed showcase opportunity for a lot of Evanston-based arts organizations."

Ferguson added, "I like the challenge to see what can be put together in a five-minute span of time." This year, the Musical Offering will present a quartet of piano, harp, clarinet and voice in "a fluid performance consisting of a number of different types of music," Ferguson said.

This is the first year that Midwest New Musicals is participating in BackStage Evanston. "One of our objectives is to develop an audience in the Evanston area," said John Sparks, director of the workshop for development of musicals. "We are planning a series of six readings of new works this year and we're wanting an audience to come to that series and give us their feedback."

Midwest New Musicals will present a song from one show in development. BackStage Bucks will buy admission to two readings or a discount on the series.

Just because they're extinct doesn't mean you can't give them a call, right?

At least, that's the thinking in the rock-opera music video "Get the Dinosaurs on the Phone!" The short film, created by members of Arts of Life, an organization devoted to supporting artists with and without developmental disabilities, will have its world premiere Oct. 4 at the Wilmette Theatre.

Arts of Life arts coordinator John Sharp recalled that the project began about 10 months ago during a songwriting session with the North Shore Music Ensemble, a group of musicians within the membership of the organization's Glenview studio.

"I had just sat down with my acoustic guitar next to Paul Kilner, our percussionist," Sharp said. "Instead of saying hello, he looked at me very intently and said, 'Get the dinosaurs on the phone, okay?'

"So, I said 'Okay, let's get 'em on the phone' — and we made up a song about it."

Over the next few months, the project took shape around the concept of bank-robbing dinosaurs on a rampage, with a series of loosely connected songs ranging from rock to funk to reggae.

Eventually, Chicago producer Domenic Bucci volunteered to record the songs as a rock opera. Then director Shane Semmens of Chicago's Tower Guard Productions turned it into a nine-minute music video.

Members of Arts of Life performed in the film in addition to designing and creating sets, costumes and props, including a 6-foot-tall pterodactyl puppet.

The artwork and props, along with video footage and dino-themed art pieces, will be on display in the interactive exhibit "AAHHHH! Dinosaurs" beginning Sept. 28 in the Arts of Life studio at Glenview studio, 1963 Johns Drive, Glenview.

Arts of Life was founded in Chicago in 2000 with the goal of helping its members develop their skills and gifts as artists and become part of the greater art community. The Glenview studio opened in 2009.

"This isn't art therapy," Sharp said. "These are working art studios. Our members consider themselves full-time artists. We're here to help them develop and promote their artwork and submit it to galleries and retail venues."
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Explore vehicles or make crafts

BY MYRNA PETLICKI | Contributor

Some kids love climbing aboard trucks and honking horns while others prefer doing craft projects and playing games.

The Park Ridge Park District hopes to please all children with 4 Wheels & Fall Fun, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 29 at Maine Park Leisure Center, 2701 W. Sibley St. This is the second year for the event.

“We combined the Touch Truck event and Fall Crafting to accommodate all children,” Recreation Supervisor Mary Bart said.

Bart said kids will be able to explore a number of vehicles, including fire engines, police cars, a taxi, an ambulance, tractors and trucks.

There will also be fall craft projects and assorted games, including wheelbarrow races.

In addition, they will be selling “really fun fall food,” Bart said, including chili, hot dogs and apple cider.

The cost is $8 per child for residents, $15 for nonresidents. Children must be registered and accompanied by an adult.

For details, call (847) 692-5127 or visit www.prparks.org.

BRIGHT IDEA

Kids can pedal an energy bike to compare the amount of energy needed to power a traditional light bulb compared to a compact fluorescent bulb at the Evanston Green Living Festival, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday.
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HE HAS HIS UPS AND DOWNS

You'll see some amazing stunts when Barry North the Yo-Yo Man performs, 2 to 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 29 at Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave. Tickets to see the yo-yo champion are available to Morton Grove residents in advance and to others the day of the event. For details, call (847) 929-5102 or visit www.webbrary.org.

MONKEY SEE

Or should we say, see monkey? There will be a special guest at the Tot Storytime with Curious George, 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 29 at the Village Crossing Shopping Center Barnes & Noble, 5405 Touhy Ave., Skokie. For details, call (847) 329-8460 or visit www.barnesandnoble.com.

HAVE S'MORE FUN

There will be singing, clapping and strumming going on at the Folk Songs & S'mores Campfire, 7 to 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 5 at Emily Oaks Nature Center, 4650 Brummel St., Skokie. Song sheets will be provided, as will ingredients for that special treat. Cost is $4 per person. Registration is required.

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Stars
Bruce Willis, Joseph Gordon-Levitt, Emily Blunt
A hit man (Gordon-Levitt) winds up fighting a future version of himself (Willis) sent back by time-twisting gangsters. Rian Johnson (“Brick”) wrote and directed the sci-fi thriller.

PITCH PERFECT

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Rated
PG-13 for sexual material, language and drug references.

Stars
Anna Kendrick, Skylar Astin, Rebel Wilson
A hip music-loving college freshman (Kendrick) reluctantly becomes involved in an all-girl a cappella singing group headed for the national championship. Jason Moore (Broadway’s “Avenue Q”) directed the musical romantic comedy.

WON'T BACK DOWN

Rated
PG for thematic elements and language.

Stars
Maggie Gyllenhaal, Viola Davis
Two determined mothers (Gyllenhaal, Davis) attempt to transform their children’s failing inner-city school. Daniel Barnz (“Beastly”) co-wrote and directed the drama.

STILL PLAYING

DREDD 3D

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Rated
R for strong bloody violence, language, drug use and some sexual content.

Stars
Karl Urban, Olivia Thirlby, Lena Headey
“Dredd 3D” reduces the action genre to little more than an orgy of over-the-top violence — a description that might give it too much credit for entertainment value. Karl Urban replaces Sylvester Stallone as the post-apocalyptic law-enforcement officer Judge Dredd (judge, jury and executioner all in one) based on the long-running UK comic strip. There’s little dialogue and less characterization as Dredd (and rookie Thirlby) fight their way up a 200-story vertical slum to take out a sadistic female drug lord (Headey). Lots and lots of exploding heads, skinned bodies and ultra-slo-mo bullet damage, though, as Dredd dispenses splattery justice.

TROUBLE WITH THE CURVE

★★½
Rated
PG-13 for language, sexual references, some thematic material and smoking.

Stars
Clint Eastwood, Amy Adams, Justin Timberlake
Straight down the middle with nothing especially tricky on the ball, “Trouble with the Curve” gets the job done as both a feel-good, baseball-themed romantic family drama and a late-innings vehicle for Eastwood, as an aging scout for the Braves. After decades in the game, old Gus’s (Eastwood) eyesight is failing him, so his estranged (yet baseball savvy) daughter (Adams) winds up joining him on his last road trip, just in time to jeopardize her chances at a law partnership and strike up a romance with young scout Timberlake. Longtime Eastwood producer and Park Ridge/Norridge native Rob Lorenz makes his directorial debut.
Movie theaters

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"Pitch Perfect"

If you're a major fan of aggressively flashy a cappella song-and-dance numbers and/or world-class projectile vomiting, "Pitch Perfect" is just the thing you're looking for.

If not, stay far away from this laboried attempt to cross the peppy vocal stylings of "Glee" with the ruder, cruder comedic aspects of "Bridesmaids."

"Pitch Perfect" sets up shop in the generic environs of Barden College, where a reality warp has transformed the school's competing vocal-music groups into the hottest things on campus. Rich girl Beca (Anna Kendrick of "Up in the Air") has reluctantly agreed to give college a try for a year so her divorced dad will fund her ambition to become a music producer in LA.

Beca has her heart set on deejaying for the campus radio station, where she hopes her hip remixes will find an appreciative audience, but she also winds up being recruited into the Barden Bellas, an all-girl a cappella group with designs on the national championship.

The Bellas are led by Aubrey (Anna Camp), a controlling mean-girl type who melted down during the final round of last year's nationals and blew her cookies on-stage. Obsessed with living down her shame, Aubrey drives the Bellas hard to achieve musical perfection and institutes a new rule: No hooking up with their obnoxious archenemies, the all-male Barden Treblemakers. Which puts a serious crimp in Beca's romantic life, because she's cultivating a crush on fellow radio-station intern and recent Treblemaker inductee Jesse (Skylar Astin).

Aubrey has a major problem — namely, her arrangements of '70s disco hits and choreography, which are hopelessly out of date. Beca has the fresh new sounds that the Bellas need, but Aubrey hates her indie-girl attitude. Can these two resolve their differences before nationals? Seriously, can you imagine any possible permutation of this plot in which they don't?

Okay, so there's not much of interest going on story-wise in "Pitch Perfect," but that doesn't mean it has no redeeming features. If you are indeed a freak for slickly produced a cappella production numbers, there are plenty being performed, ranging from covers of '70s, '80s and '90s hits plus more recent tunes such as David Guetta's "Titanium" and Nicki Minaj's "Starships."

The screenplay by "30 Rock" writer Kay Cannon does come up with a few amusing, though two-dimensional, characters among the Bellas, such as the relentlessly sarcastic Fat Amy (Australian comic and "Bridesmaids" co-star Rebel Wilson), and the nearly mute Asian girl Lilly (Hana Mae Lee), who can occasionally be heard whispering things such as "I set fires for joy."

With a little less singing and a little more Lilly, "Pitch Perfect" might have been a little more noteworthy.
Mark your calendar

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<td>The final day of Oak Park's Outdoor Sculpture Walk. Go to oak-park.us/sculpturewalk.</td>
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THIS WEEKEND & BEYOND

Get out and enjoy your community

A list of regional events for you to go out and enjoy

STAGE

“The Amish Project”

Presented by the Performing Arts at Oakton at 8 p.m. Sept. 29 and 2 p.m. Sept. 30 at Oakton Community College’s Studio One, 1600 E. Golf Road, Des Plaines. $8. Call (847) 635-1900.

“The Pajama Game”

Presented by Trinity Players at 7:30 p.m. Sept. 28-29 and 2:30 p.m. Sept. 30 at Trinity Lutheran Church, 5106 N. LaCrosse Ave., Chicago. Tickets: $10; $8 students; $5 children ages 4-12. Call (773) 736-1457.

“Operetta’s Greatest Hits”


“Patience”

Presenting flutists Jean Bishop and Scott Metlicka and pianist Roger Bingaman, at 2 p.m. Sept. 30 at Irving Park Lutheran Church, 4100 Oakton St., Evanston. $12-$22; $7-$17 for ages 12 and under. Visit www.carlsoncommunityservices.org.

CLASSICAL

The Chicago Philharmonic

Presenting “Bravo Brazil” at 7 p.m. Sept. 30 at Pick-Staiger Concert Hall, 50 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston. $25-$75; $10 for students. Visit www.chicagophilharmonic.org.

Irving Park Fine Arts Committee

Presenting “Jazzy and Mellow Cellos” at 3 p.m. Sept. 30 in Nichols Hall, 1490 Chicago Ave., Evanston. Visit www.iangrass.org.

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Ethical Humanist Society Second Saturday Coffeehouse


Oakton Community College

Gorilla Tango's Skokie Theater
Holding auditions for "Madeline's Christmas" from 4-6 p.m. Oct. 6 at the theater, 7924 Lincoln Ave., Skokie. Seeking junior high and high school students. Prepare a 30-second cut of a song and joke. For an audition slot, send your name, telephone number, age, and a recent photograph to jstroop@mail.bradley.edu.

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Zanies Comedy Club

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Sept. 28, 1 p.m.: "Bernie." Oct. 4, 10:30 a.m.: "Chico & Rita." Oct. 4, 1 p.m.: "An Affair to Remember."

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6960 Oakton St., Niles.
Sept. 27, 7 p.m.: Lyric Opera Lecture Series features "Elektra."

Oakton Community College

1600 East Golf Road, Des Plaines. Indian filmmaker, archivist and author Yousuf Saeed presents talks on Indian art and music, including "A Sufi Saint and His Poet: The Cultural Heritage of Ameer Khusrau and Nizamuddin Aulia" at 12:30 p.m. Oct. 1, and "Images of Two Nations: India and Pakistan in Popular Art" at 12:30 p.m. Oct. 2. Both presentations are free and take place in Room 1606.

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Believe It or Not: Interviewing Disasters and Recruiting Gaffes

By Malcolm Bischler

Much like the late comedian Henny Youngman, any HR professional will tell you, “I’ve got a million of ‘em.” Instead of Henny’s one-liners, HR folks own a wealth of recruiting gaffes and interviewing disasters gone horribly wrong.

HR business, consultant and The Essential HR Handbook author Sharon Armstrong has seen her share of interviewing gaffes. Her “Best of the Worst” list includes the candidate who greeted a diminutive interviewer by saying, “I really relate to short women,” the job seeker who offered the interviewer the shoes off her feet if she got the job and, perhaps worst of all, the applicant who got so nervous during the interview that she relieved herself right there in the office chair.

Whatever the interviewing gaffe, someone’s probably committed it.

Major Gaff: Dropping the F-Bomb

Asked for her most memorably bad interview, Asset International director of human resources Sharon Jautz recalls one candidate who stood out by casually dropping the F-bomb throughout the interview. Sadly, he wasn’t auditioning for a role on an HBO series, so he didn’t get the job.

Yet Jautz sees fewer such incidents, given the availability of better pre-interview screening tools and background checks. She also notes that recruiting using social media platforms such as Facebook and Twitter have become powerful tools for employers to gather background information on prospective hires. (Remember too that new hires could also be searching you.)

Recruiting Blunders Writ Large

Job seekers, it turns out, aren’t the only ones who can stumble badly during the hiring process. Matt Durfee, CEO of Navigator Executives Advisors, an Orlando-based executive coaching firm, remembers his search for an assistant. One candidate in particular stood out for his wealth of industry experience, winning personality and strong performance in the interview, Durfee says.

The only strike against him? The outgoing assistant director said the candidate had been rude to him and another member of the staff in the waiting area. Not having witnessed the encounter personally, Durfee dismissed the concerns. Bad decision, he says. Though loaded with talent, his new assistant turned out to be a disaster, routinely showing up late for work, disappearing for hours without explanation and making inappropriate comments.

An Expensive Hiring Mistake

Dan Erling, author of MATCH: A Systematic, Sane Process for Hiring the Right Person Every Time, says companies of all sizes commit this error, allowing interpersonal considerations to dominate hiring decisions. He tells of one story about a company that made a very expensive mis-hire.

The organization in question had been looking for a new comptroller to turn around an entire department. Everyone involved agreed on one candidate who had a great background in accounting and was well-liked by the interviewers. The only downside? The candidate couldn’t do the job, Erling says. “He wasn’t a bad accountant,” Erling notes. “But he was bad at the tough skill of hiring and firing, at being a catalyst and at managing through a turnaround.” It took the company two years to let the comptroller go.

Factoring in salary, the wasted recruiting fee, management and administration expenses, and the cost of missed opportunities, Erling determined that this one bad hire had in fact cost the company $2 million. The solution, Erling says, is not to ignore personality entirely, but to make sure that the candidate is well-versed in the job’s primary duties.

Erling recommends putting off making subjective, gut-level decisions until after collecting more objective data about the candidate’s past.

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Under the agreement, Capital One will be required to change its loan modification terms to ensure that borrowers are treated fairly and equitably. The changes include:

- Increasing the amount of money that borrowers can receive in hardship modifications from $5,000 to $10,000.
- Limiting the maximum interest rate increase to 5% for the first 12 months, then allowing for a 3% increase each year thereafter.
- Requiring that all modifications be documented in writing and that borrowers receive a confirmation of the terms.

HUD Secretary Jack Straw said, "These changes will make a real difference in the lives of American families who are struggling to pay their mortgages. By ensuring that borrowers receive a fair deal, we are helping to stabilize the housing market and keep families in their homes."

The agreement is the result of a settlement reached earlier this year between HUD and Capital One. It applies to all borrowers who are currently under review for a loan modification under the Home Affordable Modification Program (HAMP) or who will be under review in the future.

The settlement agreement also includes provisions to ensure that borrowers are aware of their rights and options, and to improve the quality of the loan modifications that Capital One provides. These include:

- Providing borrowers with a clear explanation of the terms of their modifications.
- Ensuring that all modifications are documented in writing and that borrowers receive a confirmation of the terms.
- Requiring that Capital One provide borrowers with a list of all documents that will be used to determine their eligibility for a modification.
- Providing borrowers with access to a qualified mortgage holder who can help them understand the terms of their modification.

HUD and Capital One have also agreed to a number of additional provisions to improve the quality of the loan modifications that Capital One provides, including:

- Providing borrowers with a clear explanation of the terms of their modifications.
- Ensuring that all modifications are documented in writing and that borrowers receive a confirmation of the terms.
- Requiring that Capital One provide borrowers with a list of all documents that will be used to determine their eligibility for a modification.
- Providing borrowers with access to a qualified mortgage holder who can help them understand the terms of their modification.

The settlement agreement will be reviewed by a neutral third party to ensure that it is implemented fairly and accurately. Capital One has agreed to pay $500,000 to cover the cost of the review.
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Names in the Game

GUYNH NGUYEN
Noteworthy efforts: Nguyen was Niles North's lone competitor at Sept. 20's Central Suburban League girls golf meet. Nguyen, a junior, shot a 90 at Sunset Valley Golf Course in Highland Park.

IAN CRANE
Noteworthy efforts: Crane (15:48) finished Saturday's Palatine Invitational in 55th. The time was a personal best, and Crane has dropped almost a minute off his time since Sept. 1.

Quick Hits

Big Numbers

18 | Niles North setter Sam Acance sdished out 18 assists in the Vikings' 25-7, 25-10 victory against Maine East.

Sound Bites

"This was our best team performance of the year; it was a huge boost to beat some teams in our sectional, including Maine South."

— Niles North cross country coach Dan Horyn on his team's performance at Saturday's Palatine Invitational, which included more than 12 state-ranked teams. Niles North (264) finished ninth in the 28-team event.

Don't Miss

Today
Girls volleyball: Glenbrook North at Niles North, 6 p.m.
The Vikings and Spartans will meet on Sept. 27 in Skokie for the first of two scheduled matches this season that will likely decide the CSL North champion. Glenbrook North defeated Niles North twice last season en route to a conference title and a perfect record in the CSL North.

Saturday
Girls swimming: Niles North at Maine West Invite, noon
The Niles North girls swimming team will try to have another strong swim at Saturday's Maine West Invitational, one week after finishing first out of eight teams at the Elk Grove Invite.

Switch suits Robinson

Niles North senior Malik Robinson isn't sure if his coach is going to keep him at linebacker, but he's definitely in favor of the position change.

Robinson made a case for himself Saturday after the former defensive end recorded four sacks to help Niles North rout Maine East 56-13 on Friday.

"Hopefully my coach (Mark Egofske) will watch the film and decide he wants to keep me there," Robinson said. "I like standing up more (as a linebacker). It gives me more of a speed advantage. I think that's why I was able to get all the tackles and sacks. Other than that, (playing linebacker) is pretty much the same (as defensive end).”

A friendly wager with a teammate that he would get five sacks and playing in his final homecoming game had him fired up.

"I gave it all that I had," Robinson said. "I knew I wanted to get a whole bunch of sacks this year. I want to get at least 10, or even more."

Robinson now has six sacks this season for the Vikings.

Egofske is not surprised by what the 6-foot-3, 222-pound Robinson has done so far.

"He's got good strength, great speed and quickness," Egofske said.
GOLF POSTSEASON

GIRLS
WHAT: New Trier Regional (Carmel Sectional)
WHEN: 9 a.m. Wednesday
WHERE: Winnetka Golf Club
TEAMS: Glenbrook South, Glenbrook North, Loyola, New Trier, Evanston, Deerfield, Niles North, Niles West, Highland Park, Von Steuben, Northside
WHAT TO LOOK FOR: This most likely is the deepest regional in the state. The top five teams from last season's state tournament — New Trier, Highland Park, Loyola — are in the field. New Trier, last season's runner-up at the state tournament, is the favorite after winning the CSL tournament by three strokes over Highland Park. The Trevians are led by veterans Callie Nelson and Ellie McGuire, but they can expect contributions from Julia Schuhm, Lois Suh and Nerissa Deneberg. Loyola junior Isabel Kane is the top individual in the field. She has plenty of big-tournament experience and was second at last year's sectional tournament, which the Ramblers won. Glenbrook North's Ashley Hong should give Kane a run. The senior won the CSL tournament last week with a 75. Teammates Dakota Karson and Amy Hong are solid players. Highland Park, which was third in the state a year ago, always is a threat. Kelli Oso tied for second at the conference tournament. Glenbrook South's hopefuls include Lin Koop, Rachel Kim, Arina Kim and Dambi Kim. Maine South is playing Wednesday at the Hoffman Estates Regional at Poplar Creek Country Club. If the Hawks advance, they will meet up with the rest of the CSL at Bonnie Brook for the Carmel Sectional. The three top teams and eight individuals not on the three top teams qualify for the sectional tournament.

BOYS
WHAT: Glenbrook South Regional (New Trier Sectional)
WHEN: 9 a.m. Tuesday
WHERE: Glenview Park District
TEAMS: Glenbrook South, Glenbrook North, Notre Dame, Maine South, Maine East, St. Patrick, Maine West, Leyden, Fenwick, Oak Park-River Forest
WHAT TO LOOK FOR: Glenbrook North is the favorite here. The Spartans own a loaded lineup, with any of the six players capable of breaking par. Ohio State-bound Nick Jan gets the most attention, but Nick Hardy, Jon Goldstein, Harrison Marick, Jae Lee and Brian Ohr are talented players. This team's next step is in its redemption tour after falling short of the state tournament last season. Maine South might be the next best team in Glenview. The Hawks are led by Rob Mazza and Brandon Lung. Mazza played at the sectional tournament as a junior last season. Maine East's Orion Yamat, who played at the sectionals last season as a freshman, decided not to come out for the team this year. The three top teams and eight individuals not on the three top teams qualify for the sectional tournament.

Power Rankings

As voted by the Pioneer Press/Doings sports staff. First-place votes are worth 5 points, second place 3 points, etc.

1. Maine South 60 (5-0) (4)
2. Loyola 56 (4-1)
3. Hinsdale Central 52 (4-1)
4. Stevenson 48 (6-1)
5. Fenwick 44 (4-1)
6. Leyden 40 (4-1)
7. Lake Forest 27 (4-3)
8. Niles West 27 (4-3)
9. Glenbrook North 25 (4-1)
10. Notre Dame 22 (4-1)
11. Hinsdale South 21 (4-1)
12. Lake Zurich 17 (4-1)
13. Libertyville 16 (6-1)
14. Glenbrook South 15 (3-2)
15. Oak Park-River Forest 9 (3-2)

Others receiving votes: None
Maine East

Names in the Game

SHWETANG PATEL
Noteworthy efforts: Patel, a senior cross country runner, finished 36th at Saturday's Oak Park-River Forest Invitational at Schiller Woods. Patel finished the 97-person race in 17:06.6.

MATTHEW DOETSCH
Noteworthy efforts: Doetsch shot a 47 in the Blue Demons' Sept. 20 dual meet against Evanston. Doetsch has been striking the ball well lately, according to Maine East coach Tony Montesano.

Quick Hits

Big Numbers

27 | The Maine East girls volleyball team went 2-3 at Saturday's Prospect Invitational. The Blue Demons defeated Lake Park and Prospect's JV team. Hannah Farley was the team's leading attacker, recording 27 kills in the tournament. Maine East's Kate Gebultowicz, who recorded 32 assists in the Blue Demons' five games, was named to the all-tournament team. Veronica Malesinski had 22 blocks.

Sound Bites

"The kids were focused and were not to be denied." — Maine East coach Vic DiPrizio on Maine East winning its third consecutive Badger Tournament at Lake Geneva.

Don't Miss

Thursday
Girls swimming: Maine East at Maine West, 5 p.m.
Maine East vs. Maine West is always a big rivalry, and that holds true in the pool. The Warriors are 1-2 in their last two dual meets.

Tuesday
Boys Golf: Maine East at IHSA Regionals, Glenview Park Golf Club) TBA
Eight days after playing its conference tournament, the Maine East boys golf team will tee it up at regionals, which will be held at Glenview Park Golf Club.

Corey aims to please coach — his dad

BY KEN RYAN | Contributor | @KenRyan15

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Being a coach's son is not always easy for a high school athlete.

Maine East senior Gabe Corey, however, not only enjoys playing for his father of the same name, but has thrived as a two-year starter this season.

"I just want to get better every game and help my team out," Corey said. "I want to help us win as many games as possible. I've played both ways pretty much my whole (career), so I'm used to it."

The versatile 5-foot-11, 175-pound Corey has been nursing a knee injury all season, but he doesn't come off the field often.

"He's not 100 percent, but he lines up every down and gives me everything's he's got," Maine East coach Gabe Corey said of his son. "Part of that is that he's the coach's son. I can't ask for anything more out of him."

Corey is a starting safety and also sees plenty of time at wide receiver and running back, his favorite position.

Corey rushed for a team-best 53 yards on eight carries in the Blue Demons' 56-13 Central Suburban North loss to Niles North Friday.

"He's playing on both sides of the ball for us," said the elder Corey, who also coaches his sons Alex (junior), George (sophomore) and Woody (freshman) on varsity. "He had a solid offensive game for us. He calls our defense for us and sets everything up."

Maine East (2-3), which has lost three straight after a 2-0 start, will look to get back on track Friday when it travels to Highland Park for a Central Suburban North matchup. Highland Park (1-4, 1-0 in conference) beat Maine West 42-21 Friday.

"We have to come back and get something positive going," Coach Corey said. "I still think we have some wins in us. We have to build our confidence back up. We'll bounce back."
**Culture Grid: Amy McDonald**

McDonald is a junior girls tennis player:

**WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE SHOT TO HIT IN TENNIS?** “My favorite shot would have be volleys because those shots help me with improving on aim and coordination.”

**HOW DO YOU PREPARE FOR A MATCH?** “I prepare for a match by thinking about what I need to do in order to be successful in a match. Sometimes, I will listen to music to keep on my feet and get ready to go.”

**WHAT MAKES A GOOD DOUBLES PAIRING IN TENNIS?** “Communication is key when you are playing doubles. You need to keep in mind that you’re not the only one playing and that you are being relied on by another person.”

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**Dajani expands his game**

**PARK RIDGE**

Call it the evolution of Rami Dajani.

In 2011, the Maine East High School soccer player netted 31 goals and 25 assists, setting a school record for points in a season. Helping him achieve those unprecedented totals were forward partners Mike Walazek and Lexis Chavero. Both have since moved on to college, Walazek to North Park, Chavero to Northern Illinois.

“I really miss those guys up top, they made life so much easier,” said Dajani.

This season, the 5-foot-10, 155-pound senior is learning a new way to play: as a facilitator and while hurt. The attacking three-headed monster of Dajani, Walazek and Chavero has now become one (Dajani), with an emerging freshman in Matt Coronado.

Now facing double or triple marks, Dajani is transformed his game to more of a ball distributor, setting up teammates such as Coronado when Maine East is on the attack.

“I could put him anywhere,” said Maine East coach Vic DiPrizio. “The kid is so unselfish, and he realized when he is not able to push it, he needs to be a playmaker.”

Learning to play through pain is another lesson for Dajani this season. He missed six games with a bad ankle and sore hip flexor. Like all athletes, he wants to play.

“It’s one of the worst things someone can do to me. I’m pretty stubborn, I like to play,” said Dajani. “I had to sit and be a leader on the bench and guide players.”

Since his return, Dajani said, he is more relaxed on the field, not always in attack mode. And although Dajani has embraced his multifaceted role, his natural scoring instincts are never dormant for long. Before his injury, he had six goals in four games. In the first four games after his return, he had 10 goals.

Once a scorer, always a scorer.

“I try and do whatever gets us on the scoreboard. If I pass, I pass. If I shoot, I shoot,” said Dajani. “Whatever it takes to win the game.”

Maine East senior Rami Dajani (left) traps the ball with his chest during the game at Highland Park on Sept. 20. Visit parkridge.suntimes.com/sports to view more photos from the game. | MICHAEL JARECKI - for Sun-Times Media
Notre Dame

Names in the Game

CHRIS JAMES
Noteworthy efforts: The junior running back gashed the St. Viator defense, gaining 268 yards on the ground and recording five rushing touchdowns. He scored a sixth touchdown on a 19-yard screen pass as the Dons won 49-20.

LUCAS CARLSON
Noteworthy efforts: Carlson is a junior captain of the boys soccer team. "My biggest commitment as a captain is to set an example for the other players," he said. "I have to make sure that everyone is focused on soccer at all times." Carlson played center defense and center midfield on Sept. 19 against Marian Catholic. The Dons lost 1-0 in double overtime.

Quick Hits

Big Numbers
8.9 Yards per carry averaged by Notre Dame junior running back Chris James in Friday's 49-20 win against St. Viator. He carried the ball 30 times and gained 268 yards.

Sound Bites
"During the second overtime period, we became a little desperate and tried to switch our formation and move players around. It definitely came back to hurt us in that the game-winning goal would have been prevented by our original formation."
boys soccer coach Reggie Lara on a 1-0 double overtime loss to Marian Catholic on Sept. 19.

Don't Miss
Saturday
Boys cross country: Notre Dame at Pat Savage Invite, Niles West, 9:30 a.m.
After having two weeks off the Dons are ready to run again. Breaking the 16-minute mark, senior Mike Gibson led his team to the finish line on Sept 15 at the Argo Invitational. Matt Siemanowski, Saxon Kotowski, Dan Curley, and Elijah Mendez posted personal best times. The team ended -4', in ninth place.

Notre Dame's Tom Sora (44) celebrates after making a tackle for a loss on Friday in Niles. Visit niles.suntimes.com/sports to view more photos from the game against St. Viator. JON DURR-For Sun-Times Media

Sora leads Dons on defense

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NILES
Notre Dame's Tom Sora splits time at fullback to great success, helping running back Chris James run for over 100 yards in each of the Dons' five games this season.

In his last game, James ran for 268 yards and five touchdowns in Friday's 49-20 victory over St. Viator.

James said that Sora and fellow junior fullback Matt Galloway are invaluable to Notre Dame's strong rushing attack and 4-1 start.
"They just make my job easy. I see a linebacker and boom, (the linebacker is) gone," James said with a laugh. "I give most of my thanks to them. They play a huge role in the offense."

But where Sora truly shines is on the defensive side of the ball as a middle linebacker. He was a lynchpin in holding St. Viator's offense in check Friday, as the first-team defense allowed only 14 first-half points. Sora was an imposing presence on the field, delivering a huge hit on a screen pass
Culture Grid: Robert Hill

Hill is a junior at Notre Dame and a resident of Mount Prospect. He is the starting goalkeeper on the soccer team:

**WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE PROFESSIONAL SOCCER TEAM?** “My favorite sports team is the Hearts from Scotland. My grandfather is from Scotland and he used to love that team. I watched it with him growing up and grew to love them just as much as my grandpa.”

**WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE PART ABOUT THIS SUMMER?** “I got to go to Ohio to see some of my family. I haven’t seen them since I was really little and I missed them a lot. We relaxed and went out as a family. I loved it.”

**WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE SUBJECT IN SCHOOL?** “I like history a lot. I’m taking a U.S. history course this semester. It’s been cool. I like learning about all the wars that have happened.”

This Week
Notre Dame

CROSS COUNTRY
Saturday
At Niles West, 9:30 a.m.

FOOTBALL
Friday
Hosts Nazareth, 7:30 p.m.

BOYS GOLF
Today
At ESCC Conf. Champs at Old Orchard C.C., 8 a.m.
Saturday
At Monmouth (United Open Invite), 8 a.m.
Tuesday
At Glenbrook S. (Class 3A) Regional at Glenview Pk.G.C.

SOCCER
Saturday
Hosts St. Patrick, noon
Monday
At Timothy Christian, 6:15 p.m.
Wednesday
At St. Viator, 4:30 p.m.

that brought up a fourth down and killed a promising St. Viator drive in the third quarter to keep Notre Dame up 35-14.

Sora’s eyes lit up a little when reminded of the key tackle for loss.

“On defense, the big hit, that’s what we’re there for,” he said with a big grin. “It gets everybody pumped up, the crowds get pumped up, the sidelines. ... It just brings up the morale of the whole team. And it’s a momentum changer.”

Notre Dame coach Mike Hennessey indicated that Sora’s importance goes far beyond tackles that punish an opposing running back. Instead, it is his football intelligence that makes him important.

“Tommy Sora has taken the defense and made it and molded into what (defensive coordinator Don) Defranza wants, and then he tells these guys what to do,” Hennessey said. “And that’s what you want on the field, that kind of guy.”

Sora’s friend and starting Dons free safety Tom Simon said that having someone experienced, savvy and intelligent on the field helps the entire defense.

“We both played on varsity last year as sophomores, so we’re both experienced with the system,” Simon said. “Between us, we can make certain checks without the coaches needing to tell us based off of how they are lining up or what we see. And if I don’t recognize something and he does, he’ll tell everyone or vise versa.”

Simon says that his teammate, who he’s been friends with since elementary school, is “all about football.”

The junior defenders often talk shop at all times of the day. Topics include everything from last week’s game, to motivating fellow players, to the formations of an upcoming opponent. They are so well-versed in the defense that they often are able to fake blitzes and different coverages to try to fool the offense.

Despite all the praise heaped on him, Sora stressed that the unit’s success, specifically against St. Viator, came from everyone on the field.

“I’m going to give credit to Herbert Betancourt, he’s our (defensive) end. He comes out every week and plays his heart out. He comes out, does his job, and sells out for the time. We have to give credit to our secondary as well. (St. Viator) had some good receivers ... that really put us to the test. But everyone on the defense really steps up, and we played it perfect.”

Notre Dame’s Pat Cravens (1) attempts to tackle Saint Viator’s Joe Faerber (14) during Friday’s game. | JON DURR-For Sun-Times Media

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Names in the Game

FELICIA PHAN
Noteworthy efforts: The senior on the girls volleyball team registered 14 assists in each of Niles West's victories last week. The Wolves topped Evanston 25-23, 25-17 on Sept. 19 and then they beat Deerfield 25-13, 25-11 the following night.

BRANDON MOY
Noteworthy efforts: The senior earned medalist honors by shooting a 39 to help the Niles West boys golf team edge Niles North 166-178 on Sept. 18 at Chick Evans in Morton Grove. The Wolves have one more tournament, Saturday's New Trier Invite, before playing in the IHSA Regional at Sportsman's Country Club in Northbrook on Tuesday.

Quick Hits

Big Numbers
24.50 | Edan Scott's pool-record time (in seconds) in the 50-yard freestyle, which the junior set at the Niles West pool in a dual with Niles North on Friday. Scott's teammate, Emma Helgeson, set a school record in the 200 free (1:58.71), and the Wolves won 97-89.

Sound Bites
"It's the challenge of their season. If they beat Maine South I think that could guarantee themselves a top-four (seed) in the sectional"  
— Girls tennis coach George Bravos speaking about his No. 1 doubles team of senior Alexa Bits and junior Kristine Park. They are scheduled to play Maine South's Nicole Kitsuse and Meghan Salgia as part of a team dual today.

Don't Miss
Saturday
Boys and girls cross country: Pat Savage Invite, Niles West, 9:30 a.m.
So many teams are coming to the meet that they will be divided into two divisions — Class 1A and 2A schools will comprise one division and Class 3A schools will run in the other. One reason the meet is so popular is that Niles West will host the IHSA sectional on Oct. 27. The Niles West boys placed sixth out of 15 teams Saturday at the Roy Gummerson Invitational in Chicago. The Niles West girls took ninth.

Williams' read leads to big play

Waukegan's Melvin Bobo IV can't escape the Niles West defense in their game at Niles West in Skokie on Friday. Visit niles.suntimes.com/sports to view more photos from the game. | KEVIN TANAKA—for Sun-Times Media

The senior defensive back turned a 3-0 nailbiter into a 10-0 lead when he picked off an errant Bulldogs pass and ran 15 yards untouched into the end zone.

Baum didn't mince words in describing how critical Williams' play was to the final outcome.
"That was huge for us," Baum. "A phenomenal play. It changed everything."

The play came as no surprise to Williams.
"Right before (the snap), Tommy said to me, 'watch the hitch, I'm going to jump it,'" fellow Wolves defensive back Nick Johnson said. "He saw
Niles West senior tennis player Alexa Bits admits she gets a bit lonely playing singles, so she prefers doubles.

"When I play doubles, it's not just me by myself going crazy out there," Bits said. "For me, it's easier mentally having someone on the court with me. Before my junior year, I played singles almost all the time. Doubles is fun because you can be more aggressive and make a greater variety of shots."

Bits believes she is paired with the perfect partner in junior Kristine Park.

The two first started playing together last season.

"Both girls complement each other really well," Niles West coach George Bravos said. "Kristine is very consistent and nothing seems to faze her. She has a wonderful way of dealing with setbacks.

"Alexa gives a spark that a doubles team needs with her competitiveness. Her will to win is unmatched and (she) is just a competitive young lady."

"Park comes from a tennis family. Her brother, David, plays No. 1 or No. 2 singles in the spring for the Wolves. "She doesn't have to go far for good competition," Bravos said. "Her family is very committed to supporting her and she does the necessary steps to make it happen. She's always practicing."

Bits and Park won 11 of their first 14 matches and have their eyes on a state berth.

"We work together well," Park said. "It's kind of intense. When you have a partner, you don't want to mess up. We both do a good job of encouraging each other. We're starting to click and we know each other's strengths and weaknesses."

Bits believes the duos' different strengths make them a dangerous opponent.

"I think that I excel at the net and Kristine excels more in the back hitting ground strokes," Bits said. "We're both consistent and we're also good at motivating each other."
Keen instincts
Bulked-up Williams making big plays in Niles West secondary

Niles West's Tommy Williams returns an interception for a touchdown against Waukegan during Friday's game at Niles West in Skokie.

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