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Taste of Niles offers chance to sample local delicacies

BY TRACY GRUEN | Contributor

NILES

Chefs at local restaurants will soon be busy cooking up some of their favorite dishes to serve at the International Taste of Niles — but not just to feed hungry guests.

“It's to support a cause,” said Ken Hoffman, owner of Howard Street Inn, 6676 W. Howard St. “It's good for Niles.”

The eighth annual International Taste of Niles will be held from 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday at White Eagle Banquets, 6839 N. Milwaukee Ave.

The event is a fundraiser for the Niles Sister Cities Organization, which promotes a positive relationship with Niles Sister Cities: Pisa, Italy; Nafplio, Greece; Leixlip, Ireland; and Limanowa, Poland.

Hoffman, whose restaurant has participated in the event for the past five years, said members of the banquet staff work hard to prepare their popular barbecued meatballs that they serve at the annual event. According to Hoffman, in addition to supporting a good cause, the event also makes people aware of what restaurants in

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their neighborhood have to offer.
"We’re trying to celebrate our total diversity," said Village Manager and Sister Cities Chairman George Van Geem.

To represent more segments of the Niles community, Korean and Eastern European restaurants are all included at the Taste, Van Geem said.

Each year the event, hosted at the White Eagle Banquet Hall, brings in about 350 to 400 people and offers food from about 10 different local restaurants.

This year’s Taste will feature cuisine from Amici Ristorante, Graziano’s Brick Oven Pizza, Howard Street Inn, Kappy’s Restaurant, Lone Tree Manor, Moher Public House, Mykonos Restaurant, Play Book Sports Bar, Tony’s Finer Food, White Eagle Banquets and Woori Village.

Uncle Sam’s hot dogs and Aunt Martha’s Apple Pie will also be featured.

The Niles Fire Department will serve homemade chili, and donuts will be provided by the Niles Police Department.

Van Geem said the Taste collects about $4,500 or more to support the Niles Sister Cities. Funds can be used to help Niles students pay for a trip to Italy, for example, to experience a student exchange.

Dimitrios Merageas, the owner of Mykonos restaurant, 8660 Golf Road, has been participating in the International Taste of Niles since the beginning.

“I serve different things every year,” said Merageas, a member of the Niles Sister Cities Organization. He said he has served Greek chicken and Dolmades in the past.

“We make food for about 400 to 500 people,” he said. “We have the best food.”

The event will also feature entertainment by Enzo Incandela, Joe Walega and the Happy Hearts and Joe McShane.

A full cash bar, prize raffles and a 50/50 raffle will also be a part of this event and just like in past years, kids will be able to enjoy activities in the children’s area.
District 63 approves tentative tax levy

BY NATASHA WASINSKI | Contributor

MAINE TOWNSHIP

Property-tax revenue for East Maine School District 63 next year is expected to be consistent with past amounts — as long as local home values stay steady.

The Board of Education on Nov. 7 approved a tentative 2012 capped levy of $32.59 million, representing a 4.7 percent increase over last year. With debt service the total amount levied is approximately $36.27 million. How much the district actually collects, however, is likely to be less.

A tax cap law limits the levy increase to the Consumer Price Index up to 5 percent. Based on the current CPI, the district would receive 3 percent more in revenue plus taxes associated with new construction.

Declining home values affect how much the school district receives in local tax money only if the change is significant, said David Bein, executive director of business services.

Bein said last year Maine Township saw an overall drop of 10 percent in property values. "There are predictions that they will drop again," he said. "The question is how much?"

Though assessments might be lower, tax bills don't necessarily reflect the decrease.

If property assessments are reduced by no more than 40 percent, District 63 would collect its maximum levy allowance, Bein said.

"It's important to know the pie of money is the same," board member Tom Simmons said. "It's all about who's paying what."

In 2011 the total equalized assessed value of properties within District 63 was $1.26 billion. For the purposes of calculating the 2012 levy, Bein assumed there would be no yearly change.

While new construction typically hovers around $5 million, last year the township had only a fifth of that amount, Bein said. Regardless, he estimated $5.5 million in taxable new construction in 2012.

Most property taxes go toward the school district's educational fund, which support teacher salaries and benefits.

Some of those funds might be reallocated for operations and maintenance work, however, pending the results of a roof inspection at Gemini Junior High School. Bein said the roof might need to be replaced as soon as next summer.

Taxes from this year support district operations in calendar year 2013.

A public hearing and final vote on the levy is expected to take place in December. ■
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Rutzen named to emergency management post

BY TRACY GRUEN | Contributor

MAINE TOWNSHIP

A longtime Maine Township Office of Emergency Management volunteer, Dagmar Rutzen recently was promoted to the position of chief deputy director.

With this new title, Dagmar will be more involved in the daily operations of the agency, such as training the volunteer members. She will also work more closely with community partners of the agency.

Rutzen is a trustee of the North Maine Fire Protection District and a retired teacher. Rutzen resides in unincorporated Maine Township.

Q: What was your previous position with the OEM and what did that job entail?
A: I was the deputy director of operations. Anytime we had some kind of detail I was in charge of finding people and making sure people were where they needed to be and vehicles were ready to go.

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Q: How did you feel about being promoted?
A: I was happy to do the job.

Q: What is your new position, and what new responsibilities will you have?
A: This is a part-time paid position. I am chief deputy director of the Office of Emergency Management. I will work more closely with the township.

Q: How do you feel about the OEM services?
A: I think they get very good service. When we’ve had flooding or power lines that are down or any kind of emergency, we’re there. It doesn’t make any difference what hour of the day or night. I think we have a great group of volunteers who rise to the occasion. We also help at community events like the Taste of Park Ridge. The Fire Department will call us to provide lighting in the middle of the night.

Q: What was your previous profession?
A: I am a retired school teacher. I loved teaching. I taught math and science at middle school for most of the time.

Q: What other organizations are you involved in?
A: I’ve taught Boy Scouts swimming over 40 years at the Playdium in Glenview.

Q: You are also a trail guide at Starved Rock State Park. Do you have a strong love of nature?
A: Yes, I do. I give guided hikes for each of the seasons. I talk about the flowers and the trees and whatever is in season.

Q: How do you feel about Maine Township in general?
A: I think it’s a nice community. Our township provides us with good services.
Community honors veterans

BY TRACY GRUEN | Contributor

NILES

Local veterans and community members came together Sunday to honor those who have sacrificed their lives for our freedom at the Niles Veterans Memorial Waterfall.

“I am very proud to be an American,” Village of Niles Mayor Robert Callero said to the crowd gathered at the ceremony. Village Trustees Jim Hynes, Chris Hanusiak, Louella Preston and Rosemary Palicki attended the annual event.

Representatives of the Niles Police and Fire departments reminded people in the audience that veterans put their lives on the line and made the ultimate sacrifice in order to protect the people of the United States.

The 20-minute ceremony included a gun salute, patriotic music and placing of a wreath.

Tom Amirante, a Vietnam War veteran, feels that people can show their support for the veterans by giving them a warm welcome when they return to the United States.

Ben Puesta, a veteran of Operation Iraqi Freedom, salutes the American Flag after placing a wreath Sunday on the Veteran’s Memorial in Niles.

“The camaraderie is strong among those who served, no matter what branch of service,” said Ben Puesta, who served in the Navy and was part of two deployments of Iraq Freedom.

Several residents and veterans walked up to Puesta following the ceremony and shook his hand, thanking him for his service.

Puesta said that one thing the veterans seem to have in common is that they don’t think of themselves as heroes; they just served in order to help protect the citizens of this country.

Matthew Wojtaszek, who was a Gliderman in the 82nd Airborne in World War II, came to the event with his wife, Marge and his daughter, Crissy.

“It’s a time of recognition of people who sacrificed their lives for freedom,” Wojtaszek said.

Wojtaszek said that he has visited several schools in the past to talk with kids.

“They should be taught about World War II more in the schools,” said Wojtaszek, who has earned six battle stars.

Marge Wojtaszek said they come to the Niles Veterans Day ceremony every year and she was happy with this year’s turnout.
Holocaust Museum: Real-life ‘Q’ shares spy gadgets in Skokie

BY MIKE ISAACS misaacs@pioneerlocal.com

SKOKIE

James Bond’s technology guru, Q, wasn’t in the audience during a recent presentation about spy gadgets at the Illinois Holocaust Museum. But he likely would have enjoyed the discussion about technology the CIA has used over the decades.

“For generations who did not experience the Cold War, the 15 or 20 years immediately after World War II, it was the United States alone that stood between Soviet Communism and world freedom,” said Robert Wallace, once the CIA’s own Q, the former director of the agency’s Office of Technical Service.

When Wallace retired and wrote books about the CIA, he neither leaked secret information nor took up the agenda of settling old scores in public.

“All of this would be quite unexciting,” he said, “except that our books do contain spy gadgets, and they’re attention-getters.”

They certainly were among the museum’s nearly full house as Wallace recently entertainingly and humorously chronicled the history of CIA spy technology. The Cold War was arguably the heyday for such operations — the same era, not coincidentally, when Bond and Q first gained popularity.

“This was America at its best, and espionage and technology are a core part of that story,” Wallace said.

But not all the ideas for spy gadgets started out Bond-worthy, and some seemed improbable. The body cavity of an eviscerated rat, for example, was thought to make an ideal concealment device when planted on the ground.

“You can put a lot of stuff in there,” Wallace said. “You can put code books, you can put instructions, and you can put money.”

But when cats hauled away the rats, chemists created an unappealing substance to apply to the rodents so they would be left alone.

Established in 1942 and preceding the CIA, the Office of Strategic Service hired chemist Stanley Lovell to “create unorthodox schemes, weapons and plans.”

Lovell had the idea for the “bat bomb,” a small incendiary bomb that would be attached to a bat and released over a city where the bat would swoop down and create destruction. However, all the bat bombs did was burn down an Air Force hangar in the Southwest.
Niles Library board considering new check-in, security systems

BY TRACY GRUEN | Contributor

NILES
Niles library trustees were set to consider Wednesday purchasing an automated check-in system and RFID security and identification system at the library board meeting.

At a previous board meeting, trustees tabled the vote because they only received one bid at the cost of about $366,000.

"They had nothing to compare it to," Niles Library Director Linda Weiss said. Weiss said the board received quotes from other companies besides 3M, who put in the bid, but they were all higher than the bid amount from 3M.

Weiss said if approved with a maintenance agreement for years two to six, the total package could cost up to $500,000.

Library Trustee Morgan Dubiel is supportive of the RFID system, but not the automated system.

"The problem I have is we're getting the automation, cutting jobs and not hiring, right in the middle of a time when we need to be hiring people," Dubiel said. "There's people that are desperate for work."

Dubiel referred to the automation system as "just a glorified conveyor belt" and he said feels the library would be paying a fortune for it.

Dubiel also said that due to the specification of the automation system the board is forced to go with a single bidder.

"We're trying to make it more convenient for the patrons," said Weiss, about the automated system.

Weiss said staff will be freed up as a result of the new automated system. Currently, she said staff members have to handle the items several times from the time they are returned to when they're put back on the shelves.

"We'd like to be able to use the staff in different ways throughout the building," explained Weiss, who is hoping to create a more "patron centered" environment for library patrons.

Weiss said when items are checked in, patrons will get a receipt in three different languages.
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The following incidents were listed in the reports of the Niles Police Department. Readers are reminded that an arrest does not constitute a finding of guilt. Only a court of law can make that determination.

**RECKLESS DRIVING**

Jakub Dadej, 18, of 1705 Church, Park Ridge, was arrested Nov. 5 on the 7800 block of Oakton Street and was charged with reckless driving. Dadej was reportedly traveling 80 mph in a 35 mph zone.

**IDENTITY THEFT**

A 28-year-old woman from Libertyville was eating at a restaurant Nov. 7 on the 9400 block of Milwaukee Avenue when she said someone allegedly took her wallet containing $100, credit cards and a driver's license. The unknown subject allegedly used the victim's credit cards at various stores in the area.

**ATTEMPTED BURGLARY TO AUTO**

A 50-year-old woman from Chicago reported that someone forcibly entered her 1996 BMW on Nov. 4 on the 5700 block of Touhy Avenue and attempted to remove her satellite radio system.

**MISSING PERSON**

A 44-year-old woman from Prospect Heights reported that her 13-year-old autistic son walked away and disappeared at Golf Mill Shopping Center on Nov. 3. The Prospect Heights Police Department later notified the Niles Police Department that the missing boy was sitting in the lobby of his apartment building.

**RETAIL THEFT**

One man in his 20s was seen filling up a tote with various baby formula containers while another man in his 20s was on the "look out" on Oct. 26 at a retail store on the 8500 block of Golf Road. The total value of the stolen products is $981.09.

**SKOKIE**

A Skokie man who reportedly works as an EMT has been arrested in connection with an accident that killed a Park Ridge man.

Kristian Hernandez, 36, of the 8200 block of Knox Ave., has been charged with leaving the scene of an accident and failure to report an accident resulting in a death. Bond was set at $100,000 on Nov. 9.

Cook County Sheriff's Police said a bicyclist on Nov. 5 found the body of 53-year-old Ronald Bougan of Park Ridge in a grassy area adjacent to Touhy Avenue near Axehead Lake. His injuries were consistent with those of being struck by a car, said Sheriff's Department Spokesman Frank Bilecki. According to police, detectives canvassed area auto body shops in an attempt to locate a vehicle that had sustained damage consistent with the accident. Pieces of the vehicle were also recovered at the scene, police said. Investigators later learned that a man had taken his black Dodge Challenger to a repair shop in Skokie and the vehicle matched that of the car police were looking for. Police arrested Hernandez on Nov. 7.

During questioning police said Hernandez admitted to being involved in the accident. "He admitted to drinking and being at a number of drinking establishments before the accident," Bilecki said, adding Hernandez said he was aware he struck someone.

Sheriff's Police said Hernandez has been arrested seven times in the past, including charges of domestic battery, possession of a stolen vehicle and violation of an order of protection. His is next due in court Dec. 4.

**Evanston firefighters rescue woman from rocks**

**BY BOB SEIDENBERG | bseidenberg@pioneerlocal.com**

**EVANSTON**

An Evanston Fire Department water rescue team rescued a woman who had fallen into the water Nov. 8 morning at the Church Street boat ramp and was stuck between some rocks, officials said.

The woman, said to be in her 50s, was walking along the rocks when she fell into the water around 7:10 a.m., Evanston Fire Chief Greg Klaiber said.

"She was wedged in and caught in the water between some rocks on the north end of the breakwall," he said. "Some witnesses walking their dogs saw her struggling and called 911."

Firefighters deployed their personal water craft, which had been taken out of the water for the season and stored at Fire Station No. 1, Klaiber said.

The department's water rescue team was able to extricate the woman from the sub-50-degree water. She was transported to St. Francis Hospital, exhibiting symptoms of hypothermia, Klaiber said.
Village manager discusses finances, development, transparency

BY TRACY GRUEN | Contributor

NILES
Niles Village Manager George Van Geem recently took the time to answer some questions about current issues that the Village of Niles faces and the village’s fiscal situation.

Here’s what he had to say:
Q. Can you briefly describe the top three issues Niles faces?
A. Pensions are No. 1; I would say that funding infrastructure is No. 2 and economic development is No. 3.
Q. Given the economy, how would you describe Niles’ fiscal situation?
A. Given the economy, our situation is very good. We’ve been conservative for many years. We don’t have to do significant cutbacks. We have to watch our dollars and cents, and we’ll be OK.
Q. How is the state’s pension crisis affecting Niles?
A. The state pension crisis does not directly affect Niles. Indirectly, it’s going to hurt us. Eventually if they step up, they’re going to cut from other areas like social services and it’s going to affect people who rely on those services. We may see an increase in the community’s needs that we need to step up to.
Q. What has to be done in the future, in terms of pensions?
A. We’re not in charge of setting pensions, but we have to be vigilant with our legislators to make sure they reform the pension programs and reduce the costs. They pass all the rules and they send us the bill.
Q. What is Niles doing to promote economic development?
A. We’re active members of the Chamber. We do whatever we can to promote business retention and attraction. We’re in the process of recruiting for the position of an economic development coordinator.
Q. Do you think Niles is doing a good job conducting its business transparently?
A. Better than ever. I really think we’re as transparent as we’ve ever been. We try to be open with all the meetings. We’re one of the best when it comes to transparency.
Q. Why is funding infrastructure a significant issue in Niles?
A. We need to recognize that our streets are not going to last 30 years. We have to fund them for their realistic life expectancy.
School boards lobbied in Glenview museum effort

BY TODD SHIELDS | tshields@pioneerlocal.com

GLENVIEW

A community group is asking local school boards to help persuade the village to donate land for a museum dedicated to the former Naval Air Station Glenview.

Northbrook resident Kirsten Bergin, committee chairwoman of "Bring It Home, Glenview," has approached trustees in districts 34 and 225 at recent public meetings to conceptually endorse the project.

She said the museum and aviation-based learning center would historically depict the Naval Air Station Glenview that trained more than 17,000 carrier pilots in World War II.

"This facility could be a boon to our school districts and districts in the Chicago area. This is a chance to remember what happened there," Kirsten said.

In an information report, Bring It Home pointed out the museum on West Lake Avenue near The Glen Town Center would benefit local businesses and provide an interactive learning facility for students.

And it would serve war veterans "by preserving, honoring and sharing the history of NASG, which was pivotal in World War II and helped shape world events," the report said.

In addition, it said drawing people to the museum could financially help The Glen's retail stores.

On June 21, U.S. Bank filed a $55.6 million foreclosure lawsuit against shopping center developer OliverMcMillan LLC.

Glenview is a defendant in the legal action because of a revenue-sharing agreement it had with the developer, according to Village Communications Director Lynne Stiefel.

Bring It Home has collected about 625 local signatures for support, as well from around the United States and three foreign countries.

"I think it's a great idea having a museum. There's nothing like seeing and touching history rather than reading about it in a book," said Joel Taub, a District 225 trustee.
Niles West band to perform with NIU

BY NATALIE HAYES | Contributor

Students in the Niles West High School Jazz Ensemble will be treated to a special music lesson this week from jazz artists from Northern Illinois University.

Led by NIU Jazz Ensemble director Ronald Carter and soloist drummer Dennis Mackrel, the 18-member Niles West Jazz band will meet after school Friday with NIU jazz band members for a three-hour clinic focused on instruments and jazz style.

Then at 7 p.m. Niles West students will open a free public concert with three jazz songs before the NIU Jazz Ensemble performs for the rest of the evening at the high school's Robert L. Johnson Auditorium.

"It's rare to have a band of this caliber with a famous drummer like Dennis Mackrel performing at a school for a free concert," said Jason Brown, fine arts director at Niles West. "It's a great event and a high-quality performance so we're hoping to attract a good-sized audience."

Friday's clinic is the third put on recently by the Niles West Fine Arts Department, with an aim of connecting nationally-known jazz professionals with music-minded students.

Past guests include Johnny Lee Lane, a percussion teacher for the Tennessee State University drum line, and Jack Cooper, a professor of jazz studies at the University of Memphis.

"We believe exposure is the key to success," Brown said. "For students to have their music validated from someone out in the jazz field really turns the light on for them by making them see the importance of their music. We hope it will inspire the students to continue to strive to do better."

Constantly searching for ways to improve resources, Brown said he is talking with Lane - who also works for drumhead manufacturer Remo - to get the company to donate items to Niles West.

"The drumheads usually cost somewhere in the thousands of dollars, so with a partnership with Remo we hope to be able to have them for free," Brown said.

Brown also was instrumental in establishing a connection with NIU. Carter has served as a mentor to Brown since he was in the NIU professor's band group many years ago at the East St. Louis high school he attended as a teenager.

"He's the one who really influenced me to pursue music education and do what I'm doing today," Brown said.

Led by director Justin Johnson, the Niles West Jazz ensemble is a group of 18 students who also play instruments in the regular school band, but allocate a certain number of hours each week to practicing jazz in addition to band practice.

"This project is a great applied learning experience for our student musicians," said Jim Szczepaniak, community relations director for Niles Township High School District 219.

"The concert is also a great opportunity for members of the public to hear some great jazz and find out how talented our students are."

The Niles West Jazz Ensemble and the Northern Illinois University Jazz Ensemble, under the direction of Ronald Carter, as well as guest-soloist drummer Dennis Mackrel will perform a three-hour clinic on instruments and jazz style.

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### Obituaries

**Small, David Edward**

Age 51, of Park Ridge, passed away on November 8, 2012. He is the youngest son of Harry Edward Small and Wanda (Nelson) Small, longtime residents of Park Ridge. They preceded him in death.

Born on September 4, 1961, David grew up attending District 64 schools and was a 1980 graduate of Maine South High School. He earned a Criminal Justice degree from Truman State University, a Master’s degree in Education and Special Education from Northern Illinois University and his Type 75 School Administration Certification.

A lifelong advocate for children, adolescents and families, David began his professional career at Maryville Academy and then at The Park Ridge Youth Campus, where he met his wife, Laura. He worked for the Department of Youth Services in Highland Park at "The Firehouse" and was past Director and a staff member at the Park Ridge Teen Center.

Dave worked at Maine West High School as a special education teacher, then as a Dean of Students and most recently was Director of Student Personnel Services. He influenced and touched the lives of so many students, families and District 207 staff and will be deeply missed.

David had many gifts: a loving, supportive and engaged father to his three beloved children; a philanthropic participant for many bicycle rides supporting Habitat for Humanity and AIDS research; a member of Washington Playmakers which brought him so much joy and new found friendship. Humor, laughter, and inclusivity were important to him and his entire family. Dave was a friend of Bill and an active member of the First United Methodist Church.

David is survived by his wife, Laura Coggin Small; his children, Christopher, Ethan and Katherine; siblings, Janet Evans, Harry (Teresa) Small, Johann (Richard) Moravec; nieces and nephews, Erin, Bowen and Ian (Marissa) Evans, Emily and Carl Moravec, Taylor and Kyra Gray; great-nephews, Hudson and Lawson Evans.

Visitation will be held at First United Methodist Church, 118 W. Touhy Avenues, Park Ridge, on Thursday, November 15th from 5pm-8pm. A memorial service will be held at the church on Saturday, November 17th at 10am. There will be a reception at the church following the service. In lieu of flowers, a fund in Dave’s memory has been set up at FUMC of Park Ridge. For more information, please contact the church at (847) 625-3144. Arrangements by Cooney Funeral Home (847) 685-1002.

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**This Apple has sour taste**

**BY STEPHANIE ZIMMERMANN | The Fixer**

**Dear Fixer:** I cannot download any apps on my iPhone. It says my account is disabled.

After I sent a request to the Apple support email address, I received a response from an iTunes adviser who said it appeared that my account had been disabled due to “chargeback orders” they had received from my credit card issuer.

That did not make sense, as I have not charged anything on iTunes for several years.

The rep said they were unable to activate accounts with this sort of issue, but she added that they were working on it and would send me an email. In a follow-up email, the rep said she understood my frustration and added, “I want you to know that you are not alone in this situation.”

They wouldn’t say how they would fix it or when.

Meanwhile, my smartphone is dumb.

James Conlan

**Dear Fixer:** Last March, I submitted applications for notary public commissions for me and my daughter to the Illinois Notary Federation in Springfield. I sent them a $40 money order for each of us, for a total of $80. The money orders were cashed. To date, I have not received a processed application nor a refund of my money for my daughter’s application. My application has been processed. I have called more than 20 times, as well as sent many faxes requesting either the processing of her application or the return of the $40.

No one answers the phone, the voice mail system is full and no one responds to faxes, either.

Fixer, will you help?

Renee Wilson

**Dear Renee:** You told us you only received your notary commission after complaining to the company, and even then it took several months. Your daughter’s application, however, seems to have fallen into the abyss. Our calls and emails to Illinois Notary Federation since mid-October have gone unanswered. Not too surprisingly, they have an “F” rating with the Better Business Bureau.

(Hey, Jason Gold, Illinois Notary Federation president: If you’re reading this column, give Renee back her 40 bucks!)
Budget Committee approves Emanuel's $6.54 billion budget

Mayor Rahm Emanuel's no-new-taxes 2013 budget cleared its first legislative hurdle last week without a word about police hiring.

Aldermen from across the city have demanded that Emanuel hire more police officers - beyond the 500 he's promised to add to keep pace with attrition - without figuring out how to pay for it.

Their demands seemed to gather strength this week when the Chicago Sun-Times reported that the Police Department is on pace this year to break its all-time record of 570 retirements in a single year. But when the Budget Committee met to approve the $6.54 billion budget, there was no mention of police hiring and no aldermanic amendments to ease the manpower shortage.

The mayor added $350,000 to the $1.3 million budget for weed cutting at the request of aldermen whose wards are inundated with vacant lots. He also gave the new legislative inspector general an additional $94,000 to pay for two more investigators.

The tinkering was a far cry from last year's budget negotiations, when opposition from rebel aldermen forced Emanuel to soften the blow of his library cuts, restore millions of dollars cut from graffiti removal and vacant lot cleaning and raise city sticker fees across the board.

- Chicago Sun-Times

Illinois hospital tax break costs state $10M a year in revenue

A little-noticed tax break for investor-owned hospitals that was tucked into a deal last spring aimed at saving the Illinois Medicaid program from collapse will cost the cash-strapped state at least $10 million a year in lost revenue, according to an analysis by The Associated Press.

Hospital industry officials said the tax credit recognizes the free care they provide to the uninsured. But some state officials were puzzled about how for-profit hospitals were able to land a major tax break in the intense closed-door negotiations at a time Springfield was grappling with a dire financial crisis.

"I think we were surprised that it survived," said Mike Klemens, the since-retired manager of policy and communication for the state Department of Revenue. "We couldn't imagine the Legislature would be enacting something that would reduce their income tax revenue. We were shut out of the talks at the end."

After extensive wheeling and dealing, Gov. Pat Quinn in June signed a package of $2.7 billion in cuts and tax increases he said was needed to save the state's bloated program for funding health care to the poor and disabled.

Thousands of working parents lost Medicaid coverage because of the cuts.

- The Associated Press

Obama's health care overhaul is now 'the law of the land'

The long slog has turned into a sprint. President Barack Obama's health care law survived the Supreme Court and the election; now the uninsured can sign up for coverage in about 11 months.

Even the government's top-ranking Republican, House Speaker John Boehner of Ohio, said last week that "Obamacare is the law of the land."

But not all hurdles have been cleared.

Republican governors who opposed the law have to decide whether it's better for their states to now help carry it out.

The administration could stumble carrying out the complex legislation, or get tripped up if budget talks with Congress lead to scaling back the plan.

"We are out of the political gamesmanship and into the reality," said Sandy Praeger, Kansas' Republican insurance commissioner.

This week, states have to say if they're committed to building the framework for delivering health insurance to millions.

"We are still going to be struggling through the politics, and there are important policy hurdles and logistical challenges," said Andrew Hyman of the nonpartisan Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, helping states carry out the law.

Obama's law is now on track to take its place alongside Medicare and Medicaid.

- The Associated Press
A quack at reform

Maybe now, during a rare seven-day window of opportunity, the Illinois General Assembly can fix the single biggest threat to our state's financial well-being — the enormous burden of public employee pensions.

Last week's election has set the stage in Springfield for what one veteran legislator likens to a game of Russian roulette.

Five lawmakers lost their races. Combined with legislators who didn't run again or lost primary races, at least 35 lame ducks will flock to the Statehouse on Jan. 2 and roost until Jan. 9, when a new General Assembly is sworn in.

That's where the Russian roulette comes in. Lame ducks with nothing to lose might start voting in unexpected ways. You never know what's going to happen. In a similar situation two years ago, major legislation gushed through the Legislature. We got a temporary state income tax increase, civil unions and the abolition of the death penalty.

Art of compromise is what's needed now

In the aftermath of last week's election, I've been listening to my friends on the right and the left.

They are saying the same thing, and that's what worries me.

My friends on the left are saying that with President Barack Obama's victory, which they describe as a mandate, the Republicans should be willing to compromise and stop blocking the president's agenda.

My friends on the right look at the slim margin of Obama's win, basically 50 percent to 48 percent, coupled with retaining the House and insist that Obama needs to compromise.

I believe both of these positions are half right, and, therefore, half wrong.

Each is correct in one sense: the other side needs to compromise. And they are both wrong if they think compromise doesn't apply to their positions.

There is no mandate to take from this year's election. No vote for sweeping change. Some say Americans voted for more of the same; in other words, continued gridlock.

I don't. I think Americans voted for the middle ground, and if people don't go there we'll get another crazy swing to one side in 2014.

Everyone wants the great problems facing the nation — high unemployment, massive debt and massive spending — solved.

Everyone seems to know instinctively that we can't spend our way out of this sputtering economy, and we can't tax the golden goose to death. But the way out of this mess lies somewhere in between.

When times get tough, Americans at home tighten their belts and spend less, then go out and get a second job to bring in more money. That's the tone average Americans want to see adopted in Washington.

And so, what we need is to get some money into the Treasury and rein in spending. Obama's re-election coupled with the same Congress is a message to both that Americans want compromise.

On the local scene, I would like to caution my Democrat friends who celebrated some victories in Congress and the General Assembly, specifically Brad Schneider over Robert Dold, Tammy Duckworth over Joe Walsh, and Carol Sente over Sid Matthias. Rather than any great shift, those election results are directly related to a new legislative map drawn by Democrats that favored Democrats.

And to my Republican friends who woke up Nov. 7 and realized, "Hey, we've got to get Hispanics and other minorities to vote for us," I have this advice. Get in the neighborhoods and stop fleeing to the suburbs, understand the voters and the issues they face, then run candidates who address those issues.
Christmas shopping, philosophically speaking

Now that the pesky presidential election is over, it's time to concentrate on what's really important.

Christmas shopping.

But before you can shop, you have to decide what to get friends and family, collectively known as loved ones.

There are two philosophies of gift-giving:

1. Ask your loved ones to provide you with a verbal or written list of what they want. You then buy from the list.

2. Don't ask. From your knowledge of your loved ones' likes and dislikes, you deduce what they might appreciate as a gift and buy that.

The list approach works particularly well with children. In fact, making a list for Santa is a Christmas custom. Kids are fussy and herd-like when it comes to concentrating on what they want. You then buy from the list.

Or, you may very well know what your loved one as well as you think you do. He or she might hate the gift.

It's a puzzle, all right.

Luckily, gifts bought in accordance with either gift-giving philosophy may be returned, with the proper receipt and subject to the store's return policy, and maybe a restocking fee and, perhaps, shipping and handling.

You could always avoid this philosophical dilemma by not giving gifts. It worked for Scrooge, for a while. Or, maybe you are among the millions of people who are out of work and, thus, fortunate in being able to avoid the entire problem philosophically speaking.

Some people have all the luck. Everyone else will just have to do what they can when selecting and buying Christmas presents for loved ones.

And hope for the best.

Niles Herald-Spectator Wants to Hear from You

Please send your Letters to the Editor to Niles Herald-Spectator, 3701 W. Lake Ave., Glenview, IL 60026. Please keep letters to 250 words or fewer. The Herald-Spectator reserves the right to edit letters for length, clarity and content. All letters must be signed to be published.
Question of the Week

“What is one thing/issue your village officials should be aware of?”

Laura Bruce
Chicago

“I think they are doing a good job.”

Sandy Mencarini
Chicago

“The repairs on the streets.”

Craig Hudgins
Evanston

“It took me two years to secure recycling at my residence. They need better recycling.”

Mike Lavin
Des Plaines

“They’re doing their job good and everything is fine! And they have a great library.”

People Poll

“Last week’s question: How much does the election’s outcome affect your outlook on the economy?”

RESPONSES
1) A lot: 70%
2) Somewhat: 9%
3) Not at all: 21%

“This week’s question: How do you prefer your Thanksgiving turkey?”

RESPONSES
1) Roasted.
2) Smoked.
3) Fried.

To respond to this week’s People Poll question, visit niles.suntimes.com.
Maine South program develops influential teens

BY JENNIFER JOHNSON | jjohnson@pioneerlocal.com

PARK RIDGE

Gehrig Parker is getting a lesson in leadership.

The Maine South High School junior is a member of South Stars, a school-based program designed to turn teens into student leaders and, in turn, use their skills to positively influence others.

Over the summer, Parker and three of his Maine South peers — Kelly Kons, Sarah Otis and Clay Burdelik — traveled to the J. Kyle Braid Leadership Foundation's Colorado ranch where they learned skills necessary to help their peers make responsible decisions, improve their self-esteem, resist negative peer pressure and better resolve conflicts.

"It was pretty life-changing," Parker said. "You meet a bunch of people who share the same beliefs as you and want to make their schools and community a better place."

The students now use what they learned at the ranch to help teach the South Stars class, which meets weekly during Wednesday collaboration days when most students have an opportunity to sleep in.

In addition to the juniors who attended the JKB Ranch over the summer, the class is also taught by seniors Allison Curry, Molly Gaughan, Matt Alviti and Nate Wolf under the supervision of Steve Adams, Maine South's athletic director who started South Stars eight years ago.

"They'll typically run the show, and I serve as the adult supervisor, helping out anywhere I can. But really, it's students teaching students," Adams said.

South Stars lessons are based on the positive-thinking principles found in the book, "The Seven Habits of Highly Effective Teens," by Sean Covey. Students learn skills such as becoming better listeners, negotiating with others and how to help if a peer shows signs of depression or is considering using drugs or alcohol, said Maine South teacher Laura Kirshner, who is involved in the JKB leadership component of South Stars. A panel of students and faculty select the four students who will attend each year's leadership camp.

Coaches nominate students to attend South Stars based on leadership qualities they have shown. Classes have had anywhere from 36 to 50 sophomores.

"We tell them, 'Choose people who are currently leaders and who you think have the potential to be a captain as a senior. Don't choose people who you want us to develop into leaders,'" Adams said. "That is not what the class is for. This class is for students who have shown leadership skills, and the class will help develop them."

South Stars and the JKB participants most recently organized a collection of gently used or new sports equipment on the Maine South campus. Items will benefit the Sports Shed, which provides equipment to children who cannot afford it.

Katie Parker, the mother of Gehrig Parker and a member of Maine South Athletic Boosters, said she wishes more students could participate in programs like South Stars.

"It takes positive motivation and energy, and it helps the kids focus on so much outside of their own world," she said.
Niles West students to present at conference

Thirteen students from Niles West High School will attend the Journalism Education Association/National Scholastic Press Association National High School Journalism Convention to be held Nov. 15 through 18 in San Antonio. The Niles West students will speak about their experiences working on the school’s yearbook, touching on topics such as pictures, camaraderie, and fundraising.

Students attending the conference include: Carisse Lamcasce, Katie McDonagh, Dustin Easter, Colleen Persaud, Payton Genis, Taylor Genis, Val Fung, Jilian Rashid, Jenny Jenkins, Ally Daskalopoulos, Julia O’Neil, Kristine Park and Caitlin Platek. Niles West English teacher Sharon Swanson is the Yearbook Adviser.

Leading Chapter Award given to Niles West Debate

The National Forensic League Chapter at Niles West High School was awarded the 2011-12 Leading Chapter Award in the Northern Illinois district. This coveted award, based upon student participation, is the highest honor the League can bestowed upon a chapter. Only one school in each district attains this designation each year, and it must wait at least five years before being eligible again. Niles West was one of only 108 member schools to receive the Leading Chapter Award, out of more than 3,000 NFL schools nationwide.

Niles West was granted charter membership in the NFL in the 2011-12 school year. Charter membership is the highest level of membership in the NFL and reflects sustained commitment to speech and debate education over several years.

The Niles West Debate Head Coach is Eric Oddo. Assistant Coaches are Matt Fahrenbacher, Melanie Johnson, Kevin Bancroft and Val McIntosh.

Science teachers share tech tools at conference

Four D219 Science teachers shared how they are using specific Web 2.0 tools in their classrooms and to collaborate with their colleagues when they presented at iNACOL, a national technology conference, in New Orleans on Oct. 22. Margaret Bower, Michael Nocella and Kim Davis, representing Niles West, and Niles North’s Ryan Lindberg presented “Mobile: Teaching in Every Environment,” and explained how they are using applications for specific tools — GoogleDocs, Flubaroo, QR Codes, and Wiggio — in a blended science, technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) environment.

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Spring registration begins

Registration for spring 2013 classes at Oakton begins Nov. 19.

The spring semester starts Jan. 14, 2013. Spring class listings may be found online at www.oakton.edu, or in the Spring 2013 Credit and Non-credit Class Schedule, available at the Des Plaines and Skokie campuses, 1600 E. Golf Road, or 7701 N. Lincoln Ave. Students should also consult the schedule for late-start course information.

Register in person at either campus Mondays through Thursdays, 8:30 a.m.-7 p.m.; Fridays, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.; and Saturdays, 9 a.m.-noon. Students with a current application on file may register at my.oakton.edu.

For more information about classes, contact Advising and Counseling at (847) 635-1741 (Des Plaines), or (847) 635-1400 (Skokie).

The Jewish Jesus: A closer look

For centuries, studies of Jesus downplayed or ignored his Jewish historical context - and many studies still address his Jewish background only as a stepping-stone to his role as the Christ. But such neglect has had serious consequences. Find out how many of these studies have served as a fertile source for anti-Semitism and anti-Judaism in "The Jewish Jesus" at 11 a.m. Nov. 16 at Oakton Community College's Skokie campus, 7701 N. Lincoln Ave. (Room P103). Sponsored by the college's Jewish Studies Concentration, this free presentation features Zev Garber, Ph.D., professor emeritus and chair of Jewish Studies, Los Angeles Valley College, and editor of Shofar Journal. For more information, go to jewishstudies@oakton.edu.

Enhance computer skills

Enhance computer skills by enrolling in fall adult education classes offered through the Oakton Alliance for Lifelong Learning.

Introduction to Microsoft Word (DPR A83-02) - Learn how to use the application software to create flyers, letterheads, and letters while learning to edit, cut and paste, use and changing formatting styles, and inserting graphics. Also discover how to use fonts to make documents shine. Three-week course meets 5:30-9 p.m. Wednesdays starting Nov. 28 at Oakton's Des Plaines campus, 1600 E. Golf Road. Course fee is $115.

MS Outlook 2007: Tips and Tricks (DPR E77-01) - Create and send e-mails, sort and organize messages, work with attachments, and use the calendar to schedule appointments and events. Session meets 8-11 a.m. Nov. 30 at Oakton's Skokie campus, 7701 N. Lincoln Ave. Course fee is $30.

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.oakton.edu/all, or call (847) 982-9888, press 3.

National election results class

A new Oakton Emeritus course looks at the aftermath of the 2012 national election. The Congressional Agenda (PSE B11-62) - Will there be four years of Congressional gridlock? Review the winners and losers of November's election. How will Congress work with the President and which issues will be particularly contentious? Session meets 10-11:15 a.m. Nov. 27 at Vi at the Glen, 2500 Indigo Lane, Glenview. Course fee is $30.

For more information about the Emeritus Program, call (847) 635-1414 or (847) 982-9888, press 3. For a complete list of Emeritus classes and events, visit www.oakton.edu/emeritus.

As days grow shorter, the savings grow bigger.
For the week of Nov. 21 to Nov. 27

ARIES (March 21 to April 19)
Your work on a recent job assignment is impressive and is sure to be noticed. Meanwhile, expect to receive news about an upcoming holiday event you won't want to miss.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)
Saving the world one person at a time is what you were born to do. So accept it when people ask you for help, especially during the holiday season.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)
Now that you’ve resolved all doubts about an important decision, you can surprise a lot of people by defending your stand with your strong and well-reasoned arguments.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22)
The holiday mood stirs your need to nurture everyone from the family cat to great-grandma. But don’t ignore it, especially with teens who like to feel grown up.

LEO (July 23 to August 22)
Enjoy basking in the warm love of family and close friends. But don’t fall into a prolonged catnap yet. There’s still much to do before you can put up your paws and relax.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)
Avoid pushing others to work as hard as you do on a common project. Instead, encourage them to do their best, and they might well reward you with a pleasant surprise.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)
Like the sensible Libra you are, you no doubt started your holiday shopping already. But be careful to keep within your budget. Shop around for the best buys.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)
Love and friendship remain strong in your aspect over the next several days. This is a good time to develop new relationships and strengthen old ones.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)
A beloved family member has news that will brighten your holidays. Also expect to hear from friends who had long since moved out of your life.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)
Family and friends are in for a surprise when you accept the need to make a change without being talked into it. (Let it surprise you, too — didn’t it?)

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)
Restoring an old friendship might not be as easy as you hoped. You might want to explore the reasons for your former buddy’s reluctance to cooperate.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20)
Your party-going activities pick up as the holiday season takes off. Enjoy your plunge into the social swim as you make new friends and renew old friendships.

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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2012
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**CENTRAL OF CONCERN**

**Schedule**

**CIVIC**

**Niles Township Clerk**

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

**Knights of Columbus**

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

**ARTS AND CRAFTS**

**Kalo Gift Boutique**

The Kalo Foundation of Park Ridge will present "Wearable Art and Vintage Bangles," a boutique sale, at the lannelli Studios Heritage Center, 255 N. Prospect Ave., from 5-9 p.m. Nov. 23, in conjunction with the business community's “Hometown Holiday” shopping kickoff for Winterfest 2012. The Kalo sale will also be open from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Nov. 24. Contact Nancy Frugoli at (847) 698-9512 or junmoonstr@aol.com. Shoppers are asked to park in the public parking lot across the street on Northwest Highway.

**Victoria’s Boutique**

The Norwood Park Historical Society will host its annual Victoria’s Holiday Boutique and Holly Daze Café at Chicago’s oldest home, the Noble-Seymour-Crippen House, 5624 N. Newark Ave., Chicago. More than 30 crafters/vendors will sell handcrafted items. Hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Nov. 29 and Dec. 1; 10 a.m.-9:30 p.m. Nov. 30; 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Dec. 2. Admission is $1. On Nov. 30, a Girls' Night PJ Shopping Party is featured; from 7-9 p.m., wear PJs and earn a gift. The Holly Daze Café will serve homemade soups, sandwiches, desserts and cocoa. Call (773) 631-4633.

**DONATIONS**

**Holiday Drive**

The Village of Niles and Niles Fire Department have kicked off the annual U.S. Marine Corps Reserve/Toys for Tots Drive and Community Food Drive. Toys for Tots is a charitable program run by the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve that provides toys to children in need during the holiday season. The following Niles locations are collecting non-perishable food items benefiting Niles Family Services and new toy donations during regular business hours through Dec. 16. Niles Village Hall, 1000 Civic Center Drive; Niles Fire Department, 8360 W. Dempster St. and 6611 Jarvis Ave.; Niles Police Department, 7000 W. Touhy Ave.; Niles Senior Center, 999 Civic Center Drive; Niles Fitness Center, 987 Civic Center Drive; Niles Public Works, 6849 W. Touhy Ave.; Niles Teen Center, 373 Golf Mill Center; Niles Public Library, 6960 W. Oakton St.; Citibank, 8400 W. Dempster St.; and Parkinson Bank, 7601 N. Milwaukee Ave. Per U.S. Marine Corps guidelines, all toys must be new and unwrapped. Used toys cannot be distributed.

**Food for votes**

Santa will arrive at Golf Mill at 10 a.m. Nov. 17. He will light up 11 decorated trees making up the Festival of Trees and kick off the food drive program. Shoppers can cast their vote through Dec. 16 for their favorite tree. Bring non-perishable food items to Customer Service, and each item counts as one vote. Donations benefit the Maine Township Food Pantry. On Nov. 17, there will also be an ornament decorating contest for a $25 gift card from 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.; free goodies and elf hats for kids; and coupon booklets for parents.

**HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

**Tour the river**

Bring friends and family to the Niles Historical Museum, 8970 Milwaukee Ave., to view "The New River Boat Tour" by WTTW producer and host, Goeffrey Baer. The
PARKS

Niles Park District, 6676 W. Howard St., (847) 967-6633.

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Golf Maine Parks

offices are located at Feldman Recreation Center, 8800 Kathy Lane (one block south of Golf Road on Western Avenue), in Niles or at Dee Park, at the corner of Dee and Emerson roads, Des Plaines. Call (847) 297-3000.

Thanksgiving Turkey Shoot 13+65+
Win a turkey for Thanksgiving dinner Nov. 17 at Feldman. Teams consist of one adult and one child taking turns at the basketball hoop. The highest score of 10 free throws (in each age division K-8) will win a turkey. Call for details, (847) 297-3000, Ext. 34; must pre-register.

NILES SENIOR CENTER

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

Trip 65+
A trip will be taken to the Horseshoe Casino, Hammond, Ind., from 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Nov. 28. Cost is $25, members, $30, non-members, and includes transportation, lunch buffet and $10 play.

MATHER’S

Mather’s, More Than a Cafe, 7134 W. Higgins Ave., Chicago, (773) 774-4804 - Mather invites adults 55 and older to experience professionally taught, free-to-moderate-priced programs such as lifelong learning programs, fitness classes, free blood-pressure checks and health screenings, free consumer seminars, special-interest workshops, special events and day trips. Chess Club for checkmate champs and new people who want to learn the rules and basic strategies sessions are Wednesdays at 1 p.m.

Exercise classes - Jazzercise combines aerobic exercises with elements of jazz dance. A series of dance routines is set to popular music while incorporating yoga, Pilates, cardio-kickboxing, and other fitness styles. Classes move incrementally through different intensity levels, so anyone is welcome to join. Classes are held at 11 a.m. Wednesdays. Try the gentle-moderate exercise class, 11:15 a.m. Mondays and 10 a.m. Tuesdays that features a combination of seated and standing exercises for a complete cardiovascular workout. The moderate-high energy class is at 11 a.m. on Thursdays and Fridays, giving more of a challenge with cardio, strengthening, stretching and toning routines.

Computer Classes - All classes are four weeks and meet once a week for two hours. Begin with level one and advance through to level four. Classes are regularly forming and are offered every month, $10 each.

SUPPORT

Grieving groups

Holding Onto Hope: Monthly daytime group for widowed people grieving the loss of a spouse meets 1-2:30 p.m. the fourth Wednesday of the month at the Park Ridge Non-Profit Center, 720 Garden St. Registration is required. Admission is $5 per session. Call (847) 692-8884.

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When the bumpy economy left him without a job, Paul Ambubuyog took a rough situation and turned it into an opportunity to pursue his dreams.

Ambubuyog opened Top Level MMA, or mixed martial arts, training center at 7038 Milwaukee Ave. in Niles this May.

Top Level MMA offers a variety of classes, such as self-defense, Kombat fitness, boxing, and martial arts classes that are used around the globe, such as Brazilian jiu-jitsu, Eskrima, Krav Maga and Muay Thai.

When he was 12 years old, Ambubuyog started out with Tae Kwon Do and since then he has taken various martial arts classes and developed a passion for mixed martial arts.

Although most classes offered at Top Level are group classes, there are some private and semi-private classes offered. About 60 students are currently enrolled in classes at the mixed martial arts center.

Brazilian jiu-jitsu is a modern combative art that has recently gained popularity in the Chicago area.

Muay Thai is a combat sport from Thailand that is referred to as the science of eight limbs. It features punches, kicks, knees, elbows, standing grappling and headbutts and is safe as a result of sophisticated pad training.

Krav Maga is a combat system used by the Israeli Military, and it is a hand-to-hand system. Eskrima is a traditional Filipino form of martial arts that involves fighting with sticks, knives and other weapons.

Top Level’s Kombat Fitness class offers a total body workout while using the basic combative moves from boxing and kickboxing.

Ambubuyog said the center has students ranging in age from 4 1/2 to 60 years old and students range in skill level as well. He said they give beginners the basic fundamental skills in order to learn more advanced skills.

Top Level offers Tae Kwon Do for kids. Instructors teach the kids much more than just martial arts moves.

“We teach them self-control and discipline,” said Ambubuyog, who said the kids also learn about respect and being focused. He said they also emphasize the importance of anti-bullying.

“We’re kind of unique to the area,” said Ambubuyog, about their location in Niles.

As the center continues to grow, Ambubuyog said he is adding more classes, such as jiu-jitsu and boxing for kids.
Oakton receives donation from Rivers Casino

Rivers Casino has contributed $60,000 to Oakton Community College to support the college’s new Science and Health Careers Center, scheduled to open in 2014. The gift is part of $500,000 the casino recently awarded to 16 organizations throughout Des Plaines and the Chicagoland area.

The 93,000-square-foot Science and Health Careers Center being constructed at Oakton’s Des Plaines campus will house classrooms, labs and other teaching facilities for the college’s anatomy and physiology, biology, chemistry, earth science, medical laboratory technology, nursing, physics, and physical therapy assistant programs, according to the school.

Rivers Casino funds will underwrite the purchase of 12 hospital beds for the center’s nursing lab, as well as eight motorized “high-lo” treatment tables and two treatment-traction tables for the physical therapy lab. Treatment-traction tables correctly position specific body parts for appropriate therapy.

“The new center will meet contemporary and emerging science and health career educational standards, delivering cutting-edge training for tomorrow’s health care professionals,” Adam Hayashi, dean of Oakton’s Science and Health, said in a statement.
Local Destinations

Upcoming Joliet Events

5:30 to 9:30 P.M. NOV. 15
Craft and Import Beer Tasting
Joliet Area Historical Museum
Food & beverages for all, free gifts, prize raffles and more than 40 beers & ciders to sample, $18 for nonmembers and $16 for museum members.

NOV. 19 - 25
ComEd Festival of Trees
Rialto Square Theatre
The festival is a week-long extravaganza to kick off the holiday season. Festivities include a fabulous display of holiday trees and wreaths that you can bid on and have delivered to your home in time for the holidays; showings of your favorite holiday classic films; and numerous special events scheduled throughout the week. 815-726-7171, rialtosquare.com

NOV. 23
Light Up the Holidays
Festival & Parade
Downtown Joliet
Come to downtown Joliet for a day of holiday fun! Festivities begin at 10 a.m. with a variety of events for everyone including an ice sculpting demonstration, children activities, fun fair, holiday movies and more! Tree lighting will begin at 5:15 p.m. followed by the Light Up the Holidays Parade, sponsored by the University of St. Francis. 877-J-JOLIET, jolietdowntown.com

11 A.M. TO 3 P.M. JAN. 20
21st annual Bridal Expo
Rialto Square Theatre
The Bridal Expo at the Rialto brings the area’s best wedding professionals all under one roof where you will find new ideas, save time and money and discover all your options. 815-726-6600, rialtosquare.com

FEB. 24
The Renaissance Center and Yvonne Joseph Decorating
2013 Bridal Show and Expo
Renaissance Center, 214 N. Ottawa St.
The Bridal Show and Expo is a one-stop shop for all the vendors and services needed to make your wedding day as breathtaking as you imagined. There will also be a bridal tips session on How to Coordinate Your Wedding from 2:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. in the Grand Ballroom. 815-280-1404, jjc.edu

36th annual
“Festival of the Gnomes”
Billie Limacher Bicentennial Park
The gnomes are coming to town! A family tradition for many, the event features a 90-minute live show.

Journey with an all-ages cast as they reveal gnome lore, while outsmarting the trolls. Visit the “gnome-made” gift shop, filled with treasures for as little as 25 cents. Doors open at noon. Tickets $5 (cash or check). 815-724-3760, bicentennialpark.org

Celebrating the Season

Enjoy the wonders of the season in the city of Joliet with winter festivities, inviting restaurants, and hot entertainment spots ... all within an hour from downtown Chicago!

Don’t hibernate this winter. Head out to the city of Joliet and enjoy some heart-warming activities such as the ComEd Festival of Trees, downtown Joliet’s Light Up the Holidays Festival & Parade - sponsored by the University of St. Francis - and the 36th annual “Festival of Gnomes!”

Your family also will enjoy a day at the Joliet Area Historical Museum where the children can make holiday-themed arts and crafts. Listen to Joliet Township High School West’s Trombone Quintet and Central Brass Quartet. Ice carving will take place outside the museum by Joliet Junior College’s culinary arts students. Joliet Park District & Forest Preserve District of Will County will sponsor a fun fair at Joliet Junior College Renaissance Center and holiday fun also can be had at the Joliet Public Library.

What’s a festival without goodies? Stop by Gji’s Sweet Shoppe and have the children decorate a holiday cookie and chocolates, popcorn and other treats for free make-it-and-take-it crafts will be provided. And the Teddy Bear Tea at the Rialto is always a special holiday treat!

When planning your holiday party, think of the unique places that Joliet has to offer. Jacob Henry Mansion’s Victorian Ballroom is the perfect spot for your March 25-26, 2013
First annual Madrigal Dinner
Billie Limacher Bicentennial Park
Join us for the inaugural Madrigal Dinner at Billie Limacher Bicentennial Park indoor theater. There will be singers, jesters and jugglers, minstrels and a magician, pages, wenches, fencers and more!

Rialto Square Theatre

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The Department, the Renaissance Center, Thayer’s 158 North Restaurant ... just to name a few!

Christmas trees are on display during the ComEd Festival of Trees in the rotunda at the Rialto Square Theatre in Joliet.

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JOLIET AREA HISTORICAL MUSEUM AND ROUTE 66 WELCOME CENTER
204 N. Ottawa St.
815-723-5201
jolietmuseum.org
The Joliet Area Historical Museum promotes awareness, understanding and preservation of the Joliet area’s diverse history. Come learn about Route 66, NASA engineer and Joliet native John C. Houbolt and much more!

EXPLORE ROUTE 66
204 N. Ottawa St.
815-723-5201
jolietmuseum.org
The historical river-front park will continue to host its annual Concert on the Hill series, featuring local musicians and providing entertainment for the whole family. The park also hosts drama workshops, theater events and musical performances throughout the year.

Billie Limacher Bicentennial Park
201 W. Jefferson St.
815-724-3760
bicentennialpark.org

JOLIET PARK DISTRICT
300 W. Jefferson St.
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jolietpark.org
The Joliet Park District is a 90-year-old park system with a wide range of institutions and facilities, from nature centers to conservatories to sports complexes and golf courses.

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Visit the Chicagoland Speedway, the largest sports complex in the state, which hosts two major NASCAR events in the summer. From stars such as Dale Earnhardt Jr. to the ever popular Danica Patrick (a Roscoe, Ill., native), Chicagoland Speedway is nothing but nonstop fun.

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**Real Estate**

**PROPERTY TRANSFERS**

**NILES**

7322 Milwaukee Ave: Morton S Winer to Stephen Costa Trust for $160,500 on Sept. 25

7337 Milwaukee Ave: Walid N Ghantous to Morton S Winer for $465,000 on Sept. 25

8346 N Octavia Ave: John W Deane Trust to Patrick Tarpey for $285,000 on Sept. 25

6755 N Milwaukee Ave Unit 501: Chicago Title Land Trust to Mary Ann 0000001105357 to Nikola Mrdakovic for $157,000 on Sept. 25

7315 W Breen Ave: Frances D Grillo to Dina M Gussie for $243,000 on Sept. 25

8407 N Oriole Ave: Patrick McDonough to Lucica Cucu for $212,000 on Sept. 24

6796 Lexington Lane: Constance Gottschalk to Craig Niedermaier for $475,000 on Sept. 26

8644 W Madison Drive: Chicago Title Land Trust 0000-000000701 to Nikola Mrdakovic for $274,000 on Sept. 26

8036 W Lake St: James Jaoujou to Abraham Thomas for $185,000 on Sept. 24

LINCOLNWOOD

6645 Sauganash Ave: William W Nagel to William W John Paul Lawrence for $340,000 on Sept. 28

NORRIDGE

5001 N Overhill Ave: Marek Wabiśzewicz to Zachary S Fiscus for $205,000 on Sept. 28

DE S PLAINES

9411 Greenwood Drive: Chicago Title Land Trust 0080-023512001 to Bhupendra Panikar for $560,000 on Sept. 25

9395 Landings Lane Unit 205: Mariusz Kaminiski to Ila B Griffin for $86,000 on Sept. 26

8820 Western Ave Unit 1E: Conchita Gadia to Avelino Orellano for $35,000 on Sept. 25

MORTON GROVE

6017 S Park Ave: Vera Ribeiro to Paulina Pirnuta for $344,000 on Sept. 28

9101 Oleander Ave: Cheng Huang to Sadek Youssef for $180,000 on Sept. 24

5501 Lincoln Ave Unit 407: Iris J Horwitz Trust to Vincent M Longo for $95,000 on Sept. 27

6633 Palma Lane: Deanna Latt to Alan Cardenas for $235,000 on Sept. 27

9314 Menard Ave: Robert E Roman to Shajjullah Khan for $259,000 on Sept. 25

GLENVIEW

35 Fernwood Drive: Steven Stmad to Neelum Jamal for $275,000 on Sept. 24

119 Parkview Road: Joseph Serbinski to Linda R Friedlieb for $657,000 on Sept. 25

236 Parkview Road: Timothy J Miller to Jennifer Briele for $398,000 on Sept. 25

PARK RIDGE

815 S Crescent Ave: Mickey L Bess to Eric J Hartung for $850,000 on Sept. 26

415 N Aldine Ave: Stig Erik Carlson Trust to Steve Kaczmarski for $330,000 on Sept. 24

701 Busse Highway Unit 3B: Steven Marchuk to Michael R Oboza for $51,500 on Sept. 24

238 N Broadway Ave: Joseph Muscarino to Rosalie Ann Scavelli for $350,000 on Sept. 24

1621 S Clifton Ave: Chicago Title Land Trust 0000-000001855 to Kelly Kulagin for $265,000 on Sept. 25

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Bedrooms: 4 Baths: 2.5
Garage: Two-car attached
Most recent available tax: $9,575.80 (2011)
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HOUSE FOR SALE? For details to get a home listed on the Price Range page, contact Jes Spivak at jspivak@suntimes.com or 312-300-7987. Information for listings that aren't submitted is received from the local county assessor's offices.
Thanksgiving 2012: Kids' table decor

Upgrade the "kids' table" at your Thanksgiving feast with whimsical table settings and colorful activities. See more at pioneerlocal.com/mommy.

SNACKS TO Gobble CENTERPIECE

Let your centerpiece do double duty with this easy to make Styrofoam turkey. The cornucopia feathers are filled with goodies that are perfect for hungry kids (and adults) who need a little pick-me-up before the meal begins.

You need:
- Large Styrofoam cake round (available at most craft stores)
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- Brown non-toxic acrylic paint
- Construction paper
- Straight pins, toothpicks or strong adhesive
- Decorative paper
- Double-sided tape
- Lollipop sticks
- Bite-size goodies (such as Chex Cereal, Cheerios, candy corn, raisins, etc.)

Directions:
1. Paint the Styrofoam cake rounds and set aside to dry.
2. Make the turkey's eyes, beak and waddle out of construction paper.
3. When cake rounds dry, use straight pins, toothpicks or glue to attach the turkey's face to its head (small cake round) and then attach its head to its body (large cake round).
4. To make the feathers, cut decorative paper into circles (about 8½" diameter) and then cut circles in half. Roll into cones, leaving a hole at the bottom just big enough to fit over a lollipop stick.
5. Insert lollipop sticks into turkey to hold cones. It's a good idea to insert the sticks at an angle so snacks won't fall out.
6. Insert cones over sticks and fill with goodies.

TURKEY LEG PLACE CARD

Delight your young guests with personalized drumsticks filled with popcorn. Not only are they fun take-home favors, but they can also come in handy if your holiday meal is followed by a movie on the couch.

You need:
- Popcorn (already popped)
- Brown lunch bags
- White construction paper

Directions:
1. Trim 1-2 inches off the top of each bag.
2. Push in the pointed corners at the bottom of each bag.
3. Fill bags with popcorn and then mold and twist into "drumsticks."
4. For each drumstick, add a turkey bone by inserting a small strip of white construction paper, topped with a white heart.
5. Tape bags closed, and then add guests' names with stickers, markers or computer printout.

PILGRIM HAT CRAYON HOLDER

Keep your little ones busy with paper and crayons housed in a cute pilgrim's hat.

You need:
- Black plastic cup (or cover cup with black construction paper)
- Construction paper (yellow, black and white)

Directions:
1. Make a sail out of construction paper. Write guest's name on sail.
2. Glue sail to Popsicle stick. Place a small ball of playdough at the bottom of the box (which will be used for holding the ship's mast).
3. Insert Popsicle stick into the play dough. Add decorative waves to the outside of the boat with blue construction paper.
4. Fill boat with bite-sized goodies if desired.

Thank you to Lisa Storms and Fiskars for inspiring these ideas. For more creative activities and crafts visit www2.fiskars.com.
Save room for cupcakes, and other Thanksgiving trends

BY VERONICA HINKE | Contributor

The mention of gluten-free stuffing would have raised eyebrows around the dining room table in Norman Rockwell's iconic painting of Thanksgiving dinner.

And cupcakes for dessert? The idea would have flabbergasted the suit-sporting host as much as guests turning up in blue jeans. The shortest way to describe the modern turkey day is: more options.

That's especially good news for those diagnosed with celiac disease, which affects an estimated 3 million Americans. But more and more gluten-free recipes for classics like stuffing, gravy and pumpkin pie are giving celiac disease sufferers their holidays back — rolls and all. "There are so many more choices now for people who can't eat gluten, which is especially nice during the holidays," said Ali Graeme.

She was diagnosed with celiac disease many years ago, and now owns Sweet All's Gluten Free Bakery in Hinsdale.

Cubes of gluten-free bread made at Graeme's bakery can be used to make gluten-free stuffing. The recipe and packaged stuffing is available on www.Artizone.com, an online grocer and recipe portal that launched in February.

"Treasured family recipes and ingredients are now being shared with larger audiences online," said Artizone founder Sara Fisher.

For Mark Grosz, chef de cuisine/owner of Oceanique in Evanston, the trend he's bringing to his Thanksgiving is amuse bouche, French for "delight the mouth."

Restaurant chefs are increasingly offering small, flavorful bites as a complimentary mouth-pleaser before dinner. "It's a nice surprise," Grosz said. He gives restaurant guests an amuse bouche of ceviche made with salmon, halibut or yellowfin tuna. The amuse bouche course is typically paired with wine. "Champagne is always good; it's light and lively and gets the taste buds moving," Grosz said.

For his Thanksgiving dinner guests at home, he'll serve a tarte flambée as an amuse bouche. To make the tarts, he tops a puff pastry with fromage blanc, onions and bacon.

Amuse bouche ideas are limitless. Glam up turkey dinner with shot glasses full of pumpkin soup topped with spiced walnuts; spread herbal cream cheese on sage shortbreads; or carmelize figs to accent panna cotta flavored with sweet potatoes.

Those beloved orange tubers aren't just found in a casserole dish, but in the dessert course, too. In some homes this Thanksgiving, sweet potato cupcakes will even go head-to-head with pumpkin pie.

Sweet potato cupcakes are part of an autumn line the bakers at SweetPea Cakes in Barrington and Crystal Lake make throughout November. Another seasonal favorite is the vanilla chai cupcake, which is topped with cinnamon butter cream frosting and a drizzle of honey. "These are the kinds of flavors people crave this time of year," said owner Carrie Curie.

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**Gluten-Free Stuffing**

(Adapted from Ali Graeme)

- 1 pound sausage
- 1 1/2 cups celery, chopped
- 2 cups onion, chopped
- 1/2 cup mushrooms
- 1 stick butter
- 1 cup gluten-free chicken broth
- 1 egg, slightly beaten
- 6 cups gluten-free stuffing (cubes of dried, gluten-free bread)
- 1 tablespoon sage
- 1 tablespoon thyme
- Salt and ground pepper, to taste

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Sauté sausage over medium heat, breaking up into pieces. When almost done, remove from pan with slotted spoon; set aside. Add 1/4 stick of butter to pan and let melt. Add onion, mushroom and celery. When onions are tender, return sausage to pan; blend well. Add additional butter. Once melted, add stuffing. Blend together and add thyme, salt and pepper. Slowly add broth and egg; blend. Place stuffing in casserole pan; cover and bake for 20 minutes.
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**Nov. 16**

**Little City Gala**

Despite the name, Little City does huge work, offering housing, medical support and job counseling to Chicagoans with intellectual and developmental disabilities. At its annual dinner gala, Little City, Big Solutions, the organization will honor the Motorola Solutions Foundation with the prestigious Sidney L. Port Legacy of Distinction Award for its charitable contributions to community programs and for hiring those with disabilities in the workplace. Event chairman Matthew Schubert, along with co-chairmen Nancy Desmond, Angie Landsman, Daniel Luber and Robert Samson will be joined by Splash's own Susanna Negovan, who will emcee the event, which also includes dinner, cocktails, dancing and a silent auction. Tickets start at $400. Fairmont Chicago Millennium Park, 200 N. Columbus; Littlecity.org/annualgala.

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1 Bite Nite
Nov. 12: Mark Sparacino of Prosecco (top), Scott Walton of Markethouse (middle) and "Top Chef" fan favorite Fabio Viviani (bottom) — who opens Siena Tavern in River North next year — step out of their kitchens to cook for a cause: The ALS Association Greater Chicago Chapter, which supports research, awareness and care for those with ALS, or Lou Gehrig's disease. In addition to haute eats, the evening features signature cocktails courtesy of Tito's Handmade Vodka, raffle prizes, a silent art auction and music from DJ Opio. Tickets: $75. Kendall College, 900 N. North Branch. Visit Webchicago.alsa.org.

3 'American Moments: The Legacy of Greek Immigration'
Nov. 15: The National Hellenic Museum marks its first anniversary with two new exhibitions: "American Moments: The Legacy of Greek Immigration" and "The Spirit of the Marathon: From Pheidippides to Today." This vital, young institution has proven to be more than adept at mounting viewer-friendly exhibits that pack historical heft in an engaging way. The public is invited to experience these new shows at a complimentary reception from 6 to 9 p.m. 333 S. Halsted. RSVP to Events@hellenicmuseum.org or visit Nationalhellenicmuseum.org.

2 Veterans Day appreciation rally and event
Nov. 12: In honor of Veterans Day, join fellow Chicagoans and show your support for the troops at an appreciation rally and event hosted by Fifth Third Bank and the Folds of Honor Foundation. Drop by the Great Hall in Union Station and assist in packing 5,300 care packages for troops abroad, learn more about veteran organizations, watch military-themed entertainment and listen to guest speakers such as Gov. Pat Quinn. 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. 500 W. Jackson. Learn more at 53vets.com.

4 Martin Creed at the MCA
Nov. 15-16: The Museum of Contemporary Art is keeping this Turner Prize winner busy. As the institution's artist-in-residence, Creed has been creating a new piece each month all year long. His most visible effort has been the monster "Mothers" sculpture in the MCA plaza, a rotating wonder of white neon. Next up is "Work No. 1020 (Ballet)" in which Creed plays lead guitar with his London-based band while five dancers execute a number restricted to the five core positions of classical ballet. And there's some graphic video, too. Tickets: $22 members; $28 nonmembers, $10 students. 220 E. Chicago. Call (312) 397-4010 or visit Mcachicago.org.

5 Friends of La Rabida Awards Benefit
Nov. 16: Since 1896 La Rabida Children's Hospital has cared for patients with chronic illness, disabilities or those who have been abused. Offering access to board-certified pediatricians, behavioral science professionals, physical and occupational therapists, speech pathologists, dietitians and social workers, La Rabida has long been many a child's refuge. This year's benefit honors Clear Channel Media Entertainment Chicago, Dan and Susan Real, and Jesse, Michelle, Benjamin and Jonathan Ruiz for their contributions to the organization. Individual tickets: $500. Four Seasons Hotel Chicago, 120 E. Delaware. Visit Pjhchicago.com/larabida for more information.

6 '50 Shades! The Musical'
Nov. 16-17: Imitation may be the sincerest form of flattery, but nothing honors a hit like satire. And with E.L. James' Fifty Shades of Grey setting Harry Potter-like records, the titillating trilogy is just begging to be parodied. Fresh from the Edinburgh Fringe Festival, "50 Shades! The Musical" follows a book group as it works its way through Anastasia and Christian's erotic love story. Hilarious original songs include "They Get Nasty" and "We Are Not Like Other Couples." Tickets: $20. Apollo Theater, 2540 N. Lincoln. Call (773) 935-6100 or visit Apollocchicago.com.

7 Loyola University Chicago Stritch School of Medicine's 62nd Annual Award Dinner
Nov. 17: Jazz icon Ramsey Lewis will be honored at Chicago's oldest black-tie gala when the Stritch School of Medicine bestows the Sword of Loyola at this top-drawer event. A native Chicagoan, the Grammy winner is being celebrated for his masterful musicianship and commitment to arts education, including his support of ChiArts High School, which offers students from all backgrounds arts training and a comprehensive college prep curriculum. Individual tickets: $600. Field Museum, 1400 S. Lake Shore. Call (312) 915-7662.
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As guests entered the Chicago Children’s Choir Red Jacket Optional gala on Oct. 26, they were greeted by the Voice of Chicago ensemble singing a spirited Michael Jackson medley, which included "Man in the Mirror," "Black or White" and "Heal the World." It was a fitting opener for the group's top singers, who have toured the globe spreading the message of unity through music. Later in the night, the gala's 550 attendees — including Gov. Pat Quinn — enjoyed a second performance featuring selections from "Sita Ram," a musical that will premiere on Dec. 14 at the Harris Theater. The fundraiser gave Concert Choir members a chance to debut their new uniforms designed by Chicagoan Azeeza Khan: chic black chiffon dresses and red silk jackets for the girls, black suits with red trim for the boys. The event, held in the Radisson Blu Aqua Hotel's ballroom, raised $600,000 to benefit music education programs serving 3,000 Chicago children annually.

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THE GIRL WITH THE GOLDEN GOWN

With this weekend’s release of “Skyfall,” 007’s latest film, Chicago women are channeling their inner Bond girls and covering themselves in the series’ signature gold. These gilded ladies know how to make a powerful statement with sparkling accessories and ultra-shiny hair. From flirty to formal, the right gold dress means you’re always ready for an adventure — or a dramatic tango across a ballroom.
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The collective IQ in the Four Seasons' ballroom might have reached new heights as M.D.s and Ph.D.s filed in for the Brain Research Foundation's Discovery Dinner and expert panel. The panel discussed risk factors for cognitive impairment and methods for delaying it (thereby reducing dementia and Alzheimer's). More than 220 intellectually invigorated guests turned out to support the organization, which funds cutting-edge neurological research. The foundation also honored Michael Ferro, chairman of Sun-Times' parent company Wrapports, with its Frederic Gibbs Discovery Award, as well as Dr. David Holtzman, chairman of neurology at Washington University St. Louis, for his community leadership. The mind-flexing event banked more than $650,000 for the institution's research and education programs.

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It was an emotional evening as the Hazelden Foundation, an addiction treatment organization, celebrated its Chicago Awards Benefit on Nov. 1. The dinner and ceremony, held at the Radisson Blu Aqua Hotel, was punctuated with poignant testimonials of addiction and recovery from Hazelden patients, which left the 220-person audience moved — and aware of the importance of Hazelden’s work. The evening also honored Tom Ricketts, chairman of the Chicago Cubs, for his involvement with the Cubs Cares charity, and the Robert R. McCormick Foundation for its support of Hazelden’s new bullying prevention program. The benefit raised more than $330,000 to support Hazelden’s addiction treatment facility, patient treatment programs and sober-living residences.

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To fund the future of their organization, members of the Service Club of Chicago looked to its past at this year’s gala, With Gratitude. Paying homage to the group’s proud history, past co-chairmen were escorted to the stage by a tuxedo- and top-hat-clad dancer. Partygoers, dressed to impress in ultra-formal fashion, drank, dined and danced the night away at the Four Seasons Chicago to music from the Stanley Paul Orchestra. Co-chairmen Elizabeth Brodsky and Kimberly Gleeson arranged a live auction featuring an adorable kitten and puppy from PAWS Chicago rescue shelter. The elegant evening netted more than $400,000 for the Service Club's docket of philanthropic causes.

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**sunday in the life**

**Gaga for the BEAT**

In between globe-trotting gigs, **DJ White Shadow** kicks back in Chicago

After Paul Blair moved from Detroit to Chicago 12 years ago, he quickly became a fixture on the nightclub scene, going by the stage name “DJ White Shadow” and regularly spinning at popular spots like Le Passage and Manor. But his local celebrity turned global two years ago when Lady Gaga, who had gotten a hold of his mixtapes, asked him to produce her “Born This Way” album, and he created the beats for the hit song as well as several others on the album.

Now he tours the world with the singer and is co-writing and producing her next album, “ARTPOP,” which comes out next year. “I make beats, and I write songs to them with her,” says Blair of their collaboration. During their months on tour together, “we record hundreds of songs and pick out what’s best when it’s time to present an album to the label.”

Currently on the South American leg of the tour and headed to South Africa and Russia next, Blair spent most of October back home in Chicago, making time to DJ at the grand opening for the Emporio Armani store on Oak Street.

Here, he breaks down his Sunday routine for Splash.

1:30 P.M. “I like to buy stuff when I am home because I never get time to shop on tour. I usually hit Rush and Oak and just roll around from there. I like Moncler [33 E. Oak] and Emporio Armani [25 E. Oak]. I also always try and stop by and see my friend, Ashley, at Sofia [100 E. Walton].”

7:30 A.M. “I wake up and work on tracks. Then I try and get a coffee on the way to the studio — I usually hit a Dunkin’ Donuts.”

NOON Harold’s Chicken Shack [636 S. Wabash] for lunch. “Chicago may be known for some pretty high-end restaurants, but you cannot beat Harold’s. In fact, I wish someone could mail it to me when I’m in Russia.”

1:30 P.M. “For dinner, I just call one of the Melmans. Those guys kill it. All of their places [Hub 51, Paris Club, RPM Italian] are awesome. And, if that doesn’t spill into the night (which it usually does), I just go home and watch ‘Tim and Eric Awesome Show, Great Job!’ on Adult Swim.”

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Girl & the Goat’s Stephanie Izard is about to redefine comfort food at Little Goat, her new restaurant across the street.

The girl, next door

PHOTOS BY MARIA PONCE-FOR SPLASH
It's early in the morning, and while last night's diners are still sleeping off their food comas, Stephanie Izard is walking through a space at 820 W. Randolph. Sunlight shines through the large windows and sawdust still covers the floor as Izard runs her hands along the bar, peers behind a glass partition and examines light fixtures. The space that was once home to swank restaurant Red Light now has reclaimed wood, a glass-encased kitchen and plenty of sunlight. And at the end of November it will reopen as Little Goat, the hotly anticipated new restaurant from culinary darling and Girl & the Goat Chef Izard and the Boka Restaurant Group.

"It's a celebration and a shout out to a true diner," says Izard, who has been working on the project for more than two years. Located right across the street from Girl & the Goat — which opened in 2010 and still has a three-month waiting list — Little Goat will serve up classic American fare in an environment that honors traditional diner design elements such as picture menus, old school-inspired server uniforms and food that warms the soul. "The menu is straight up comfort food," she says. "I think Girl & the Goat is as well, but I'll be able to make things like biscuits and gravy and patty melts, those things that everybody craves once in a while."

It's been a long road to Little Goat. "We wanted to open a second restaurant about a month after opening Girl & the Goat, since our butcher area and bread baking area were kind of cramped in," she says. The initial plan was to move the bread program to a new location and add a coffee shop, but when the Red Light space became vacant, the project grew into a two-story, multifunctional space. Now, Little Goat encompasses not only a coffee shop and bakery (which will produce Girl & the Goat's delicious bread offerings), but also the diner, a second-floor demo kitchen where Izard will offer cooking classes, a late-night bar and a shop area, where you'll find paraphernalia such as t-shirts, hats and goat bobbleheads. For Izard's fans, it's access to her food that doesn't involve an impossible-to-get table: Little Goat will be open from 7 a.m. to 2 a.m., the diner won't take reservations and people can grab her baked goods and coffee on the go. For Izard, it's a way to flex her creative muscles beyond the plate. "I've been involved in every single decision that's been made, from the design elements to hiring every person who works here," says Izard. "I'm just excited to see it all come together."

And so is Chicago: the buzz around Little Goat's opening has reached a fever pitch, which is unsurprising to anyone who has followed Izard's culinary ascent. Her first restaurant, Scylla, received rave reviews, including a best new restaurant nod from Bon Appétit, but she shuttered it just two years later, shortly before starring on Bravo's "Top Chef." She won the competition, and the victory catapulted her from critic's favorite to bona fide celebrity. Soon after Rob Katz and Kevin Boehm approached Izard about collaborating on a project. The result? Girl & the Goat, the acclaimed West Loop restaurant that still commands hours-long waits on any given night and attracts almost any celebrity that rolls through the city. Now, at 36 years old, Izard is one of the most recognizable faces in the Chicago culinary scene.

"It took a little bit of getting used to," she says of being approached by fans. "It's fun, and I always get to meet new people. Sometimes when I'm in the grocery store in my pajamas I'd rather just hide, but at the same time it's such a unique feeling and experience. I figure my life is an open book: This is my fiancé and this is my dog and this is our life. Welcome." Her down to earth, open arms approach extends to those in her everyday life, too. Many of her Girl & the Goat staffs have been with Izard since the opening, creating a warm, family-like environment for her team. "We all kind of think of it like our baby, and it's nice to know I'm surrounded by people who care about the restaurant as much as I do."

While opening up a new restaurant and keeping things humming at one of the city's most popular spots, Izard is somehow finding time to plan her October 2013 nuptials to fiancé Gary Valentine, a craft beer consultant. "We're going to have some of our chef friends make food, and some of Gary's friends are going to brew beer and it will be a big party. We're just trying to secure a spot right now."

As for staying sane in the midst of all the madness, she recharges by competing on a swim team at West Loop Athletic Club. "I was a swimmer growing up and I just got back into it," she says, adding that she's excited to compete in upcoming swim meets. "I can be competitive but I don't have to think about work. I can let my mind take a break."

Her day-to-day operations are about to amp up, but at the end of the day, Izard's life has become decidedly chilled out. "My fiancé and I sit on the couch and eat pasta and watch TV and go to bed," she says. "My life has become so simple outside of work." And it's safe to say she comes home from work happy. "I've found a way to balance being in the kitchen and being able to create things but at the same time getting to talk to people every day. It's the best of both worlds."

Little Goat opens this month at 820 W. Randolph, (312) 492-6262, Littlegoatchicago.com
Out of ideas? Five local party experts offer tips to make your holiday soiree one for the books.

Entertain the possibilities

BY BARRI LEINER GRANT

T is the season to organize the invites, stock the bar and get your annual party on. To help alleviate holiday stress, we’ve gathered some of the city’s most noted purveyors of all things party for insider tips and tricks of the trade. From haute hostess treats to holiday classics with a twist, these experts will make yours a shindig to be buzzed about long after the season has passed.

For a fun, retro twist on a bread, salad or punch bowl, try the Tilt large bowl, $49.95 at Crate & Barrel.

David Burke

GUESTED INTEREST

A self-proclaimed culinary prankster, chef David Burke suggests getting guests in on the act. “If I am cooking at home, I try to make it interactive,” says Burke, chef/owner of Primehouse at The James Hotel (616 N. Rush). His latest idea? Using the dishwasher to cook and steam a perfect bread pudding. Guests bring the ingredients, pop it in a tightly covered pan, run it through two cycles and you’ve got a playful, gourmet dessert.

Recipe: Burke’s Dishwasher Bread Pudding

Have guests bring bread, pound cake, cereal, pizza crust and croissants to the table and rip them up into a bowl. Add a quart of cream (or milk), six or seven eggs, vanilla extract, ½ cups sugar and a dash of Grand Marnier or whiskey. Place into a 9-inch-by-12-inch shallow pan, cover tightly with plastic wrap and place in the dishwasher. Run through two cycles (approximately two hours). When nearly complete, melt a candy bar in another container and let it serve as the sauce.
Holiday pairing: white

The cheese: Gubbeen from Neal's Yard Dairy in the British Isles: $28.99 a pound. One of the more nuanced washed rind cheeses, this gem from Ireland exhibits a characteristic smokiness that pairs with the Huff wine. It's rounded out with a silky texture and a buttery, slightly nutty finish.

The wine: Domaine Huff Riesling Spatlese, 100 percent Riesling (byodynamic). Rheinhessen, Germany: $17.99. Flavors of baked apples and pears finish with bright acidity.

Holiday pairing: red

The cheese: Challerhocker from Kaserei Thfertschwil in Switzerland: $32.99 a pound. An exquisite Appenzeller-inspired cheese. Cellar aged for 10 months, it's robust and earthy with brown butter undertones.

The wine: Two Mountains Winery Lemberger (82 percent Lemberger, 18 percent Merlot). Rattlesnake Hills, Wash.: $19.99. Medium bodied with radiant red cherry and cracked black pepper. Perfect with roasted meats and sweet potato.

SAY CHEESE

“We’ve come a long way from summer sausage and colby cheddar,” says Greg O’Neill, co-owner of Pastoral Artisan Cheese, Bread & Wine shop and the soon-to-open Bar Pastoral (2947 N. Broadway). “We have a new appreciation for fine cheese and creative house-made charcuterie, plus it’s easy to serve and assemble and can bring pairings to another level with handmade preserves and infused honey,” suggests O’Neill. The sum of the parts offer any party a big bang, so here are his favorite combinations:

HOUSE DRINK

Rather than get stuck mixing drinks for guests, whip up a bowl of punch. Retro yet not terribly romantic, it’s a preferred method for Chicago's top mixologists. “As far as house parties go, punch is a win every time, especially during the holiday season,” says Stephen Cole, owner/head bartender at Barreihouse Flat (2624 N. Lincoln). Here, he gives a recipe for a crowd-pleasing punch.

Recipe: The Barrelhouse Flat Mulled Cider

1/2 gallon Seedlings Farm Cider
4 sticks cinnamon
1 tablespoon cloves
Optional, but the addition of any one of the following will go a long way:
- Thumb-sized piece of fresh ginger
- 1 tablespoon blade mace (this is literally the peel from nutmeg, similar flavor but without the mess)
- 1/2 teaspoon coriander seed
- 1/2 tablespoon whole allspice (if you have ground add only 1/4 teaspoon)
- 2 whole pieces star anise
- Maple syrup for a touch of sweetness

Heat and simmer for 15 minutes. Carefully strain the liquid into a crockpot or serving vessel. Add three cups of your favorite rum or whiskey or keep a bottle on the side so the kids can enjoy and adults can spike it.

GIFTS THAT KEEP ON GIVING

Any party expert will advise arriving with a small gift for the host or hostess. So what's a token that's sure to get you invited back? “Something that is quirky, memorable or has a personal connection,” says Caroline Scheeler, creative director at Jayson Home. “If you're asked to bring along the cheese course, plate it on a keepsake cutting board. Or give bubbly in a vintage ice bucket.” This season, Jayson Home's oversized gold wishbone ($48) is a charming way to honor the host and hostess. 1885 N. Clybourn; jaysonhome.com

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Party FAVORS

Whether you’re a host or guest, April Francis — creator of Dose Market and all-around local style star — has picks for a very merry party season.

1. Bittercube Bitters: slow-crafted Midwest Bitters individual bottles, $9-$11; variety pack, $52, City Provisions, 1818 W. Wilson; Bittercube.com

“Next to some fresh citrus, this is definitely my favorite bar accessory. It’s great in both whiskey and Champagne.”

2. Publican Quality Meats: Catering menu, $20/person, 825 W. Fulton; Publicanqualitymeats.com

“When throwing a party, there’s no better way to cut down on stress and increase awesomeness than by enlisting the fine fellows at PQM to create the perfect spread.”

3. Bruichladdich: Black Art2 21-year-old whisky, $189.99, Binny’s locations citywide; Binny’s.com

“This is a precious and delicious single malt straight from the homeland in the coolest bottle you can have on your bar.”

4. Art Deco Collection: Czech whiskey decanter, $1,400; Artdecocollection.com

“Is there a more gorgeous way to serve up delicious whiskey than this?”

5. Suitor + Glossed & Found: recipe box and swizzle stick set, $22; Suitorlife.com

“If it weren’t for the swizzle, babies wouldn’t get made. These limited-edition vintage swizzle stick sets from two of my favorite local creatives [Suitor and Glossed & Found] are too cool. Not to mention they include letterpress cocktail recipes from some of fashion’s finest [including Kelly Wearstler and Bobbi Brown].”

6. ODLCO: handmade balloons, $1-$20; Supply.com

“If I’m throwing a party, there are definitely balloons involved. These artisan inflatables create an instant installation.”
7. Sonia Boyajian:
leaf head piece, $520;
Ikram, 15 E. Huron;
Soniabstyle.com

“Nothing says a special night out quite like this piece.”

8. Artfully Disheveled: the Six Shooter tie, $89; Artfully
disheveled.com

“There’s nothing sexier than a man in a beautiful white shirt
with a casually undone, artfully disheveled tie at a cocktail
hour. Nothing at all.”

9. Dolce &
Gabbana: Martini
slim-fit wool and silk-
blend tuxedo jacket,
$2,095; Mrporter.com

“If there’s a better slim-fitting jacket
on a tall drink of handsome, I don’t
know where to find it.”

10. Agent Provocateur:
Novah kimono,
$990, 47 E. Oak;
Agentprovocateur.
com

“Knowing you’re wearing gorgeous
lingerie is the ultimate party fuel. But the silk
robe you put on after coming home and
getting undressed ... that’s the cake.”

11. B Brian Atwood:
Cassiane chain fringe
platform sandals,
$425, Saks Fifth Av-
ene, 700 N. Michi-
gan; Saks
fifthavenue.com

“If you think you’ve
seen a better party
shoe this season for
under $500, I don’t
believe you.”

Bags and Baubles

Channel your inner style icon as Laudi Vidni and Lulu’s at the Belle Kay
host a glam holiday shopping event. On Nov. 12, drop by Laudi Vidni (1007
W. Armitage) to custom design your own leather handbag and shop Lulu’s vintage jewelry while
sipping Champagne and enjoying small bites. A percentage of sales will
benefit the Northwestern Brain Tumor Institute.
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Crown jewels

Chicago’s oldest luxury jewelry retailer celebrates
JACQUI ROVIROSA AND RYAN EAKES

You could say that Jacqui Rovirosa and Ryan Eakes finally found time for love. Nearly five years after they met while working together at the Tourneau watch store in Las Vegas — and almost two years after moving to Chicago, where they both took positions at prominent watch retailers (she is now at Tourneau, 835 N. Michigan, and he is the general manager at Rolex, 636 N. Michigan) — the pair said their I-do's on Sept. 23. "Vegas was great for work and business, and I found the love of my life, but I was ready to come home to family and friends," explains the bride, who is from Chicago. The couple was joined by 85 of their closest friends and family at the Waldorf Astoria (11 E. Walton). After dinner and lots of dancing, when the clock struck midnight, their fairy-tale wedding didn't end (naturally). The bride and groom and 12 of their guests moved the party to nearby nightclub, Proof. "I kicked off my shoes and danced on the couches till 4 in the morning," laughs Rovirosa, who changed out of her billowing St. Pucchi gown into a soft, pink Badgley Mischka dress with rhinestone, crystal and feather detailing. In a nod to their professions, Rovirosa wore a Patek Philippe Twenty-4 watch and Eakes wore a Rolex President in rose with a silver diamond dial. "The wedding turned out to be everything I've ever dreamed," says Rovirosa. — Jessica Sabbah
GEARED UP

BY MADELINE SKAGGS

Pops of bright color, energetic music and power outlets galore keep crowds charged up from lunch to late night at Chuck's Manufacturing, the new restaurant that serves classic American cuisine in the Hard Rock Hotel.

Named for owner Carrie Becker Meggie's father, Charles "Chuck" Becker (an auto parts expert who later opened the Hard Rock Hotel), Chuck's Manufacturing plays homage to the Becker family business with décor that utilizes gears and piping throughout the space. But low-backed booths, hinged Plexiglass walls and lounge space for bottle service make this new arrival feel more like a swank spot than an auto shop.

To fit the space, chef Justin Frankenberg has created a menu of "remanufactured" classic American fare. Dig into dishes such as mini corn dogs battered in light house-made batter and served with three mustard sauces ($9) or the imaginative deluxe burger ($16), an open-faced masterpiece with Danablu cheese (a Danish bleu cheese) and crunchy almond slivers piled atop a buttery pretzel croissant made locally by Labriola Bakery. Feeling indecisive? We love the "manufactured" option, where you can custom design your dream meal by picking any three dishes on the menu ($25 lunch, $35 dinner).

And when the workday is done Chuck's is ready to help kick back: Mondays through Fridays from 5 to 7 p.m., drop by to sip drinks from a growing collection of more than 100 flavored vodkas (don't miss the Chuck's Cherry Coke made with Grey Goose cherry noir, Coke, bitters and a "drunken" cherry), enjoy tunes from a local DJ and watch the day's worries quickly melt away.

Open Sunday through Thursday 11 a.m. to 11 p.m., Friday and Saturday until 1 a.m. 224 N. Michigan, (312) 334-6700; Chucks manufacturing.com
A celebrated builder’s multimillion-dollar manse is a major deal — but so are plenty of nearby pads for much less

BY LISA SKOLNIK

It’s hard to make the case that a $3.75 million place is a deal. But when you do the math, 660 N. Green Bay Road in Lake Forest — a 10,000-square-foot contemporary home with a Palladian aesthetic, five bedrooms, 5.5 bathrooms, site-specific custom furnishings and a manicured 1.5-acre lot with an outdoor pool — is exactly that. Some of the $7 million construction costs and furnishings that went into it were likely sourced wholesale, as this is the abode that the owner of Lexington Homes (and before that Concord Homes) built for himself in 1990. Plus, the nationally acclaimed Seattle firm Olson Kundig Architects, frequently featured in the New York Times and Architectural Digest rather than in real estate listings, designed it. So mitigating circumstances make the purchase price tantamount to 50 percent off.

“You're getting the very best of everything and it would cost way more than $7 million to build this now,” says marketing agent Steve McEwan (312-254-0276, Stevemcewen@atproperties.com). The luxury lifestyle mavens at NBC’s LXTV clearly agree, since this impressive pad will be the star feature on the Nov. 11 episode of “Open House,” which highlights the very best on the real estate market.

Luxe life for less

For those with a more limited budget, this North Shore enclave — known for its charming main street and stellar schools — also boasts some well-priced abodes for the area.

- 970 Verda Lane, a 1929 English cottage with 3,680 square feet, four bedrooms and 4.5 baths. It’s located in Deerpath Hills Estates and has a darling year-round garden room and more for $799,000. Contact Baird & Warner broker Dow Moisbee, (847) 373-7133.

- 980 Parkmead Lane, a 3,133-square-foot four-bedroom, four-bathroom Colonial, built in 1979 and situated on a half acre of land in Deerpath Hills Estates for $739,000 (down from $749,000).

- 632 Academy Woods Drive, a 2,754-square-foot four-bedroom, 2.5-bath contemporary with four fireplaces in maintenance-free Academy Woods for $775,000 (down from $800,000). Contact Baird & Warner broker Chris Puszynski, (847) 615-7945.

PHONE HOME

Midwest Real Estate Data (Mredllc.com), which runs the metropolitan region’s multiple listing service, just introduced Midwest Homes, a free mobile app for smart phones and tablets (both iOS and Androids) that allows mobile consumers to search the MLS for real-time listings. Think of the potential if you happen to be driving through a neighborhood you like. Download in any app store.
'Star' dancer dishes on the competition

Karina Smirnoff took time from her busy "Dancing With the Stars: All Stars" schedule to offer an inside look at what goes on behind the scenes of one of ABC's hottest shows.

Liz: How do you feel about this season?

Karina: It's a difficult season. Not just because everyone is amazing, but there's so many new aspects to the show. This week we have three dances and we have a four-minute marathon. It's already kicking our butts.

L: Who is your biggest threat this season?

Karina: We have had every couple on the show leading the competition [at some point]. Anyone is a threat. Obviously, Shawn Johnson is doing tremendous.

L: There's speculation that the judges favor some contestants no matter how they perform such as Kirstie Alley. What's your take on that?

Karina: As much as we are competitive we are also one big and somewhat dysfunctional family. If someone does a great job, we're all cheering for each other. If someone does something weird, we all look at each other like, "What were they thinking?"

L: What's a normal week like during "DWTS"?

Karina: I don't get a lot of sleep. The moment we get our music on Tuesday I am thinking of ideas. The workload gets bigger as the competition progresses. To be honest, I do most of my emails while I'm in the bathroom. Once the season starts — this is your life.

L: How do you like working with Apolo?

Karina: He's stubborn; I'm stubborn. We do keep each other on our toes. He wants to do challenging choreography.

L: What are your predictions for the rest of the season?

Karina: I'm going to work my butt off and pray and hope that we might be considered to be one of the top three. It's anyone's game at this point.

Katy and Russell far from friends

When you attend a Lakers game at the Staples Center in Los Angeles, you can always count on several A-list celebrities making an appearance. Given that there's only so many VIP floor seats, sometimes there's an awkward celebrity run-in — and that was just the case for the Lakers' home opener against the Dallas Mavericks. Exes Katy Perry and Russell Brand both attended the game and sat across the court from each other. The former couple locked eyes on a few occasions but neither of them came close to cracking a smile; they just gave each other icy stares throughout the game. They arrived at the VIP entrance around the same time, and once Katy caught wind that her ex-husband was in the building, she spent an extra 10 minutes in her car putting on makeup. A source says it will be a long time before the exes will be on good terms again: "They had a bad breakup that involved cheating and trust issues, so it will be a while before they're friendly again — if ever!"
Dear Jenny:

I have two kids in elementary school and I am friendly with the other moms. However, they keep inviting me to these “shopping parties” where I am supposed to go and have small talk and buy something (so that they get free stuff). I hate these parties — I don’t enjoy small talk (it feels phony to me), and I don’t need any overpriced candles, kitchen gadgets, jewelry, monogrammed bags, skin care, etc. How do I politely tell people I am not at all interested in going and to please stop inviting me?

— Louise from Bethlehem, Pa.

Jenny says: You’re not alone. Believe me. I’ve been invited to plenty of those kinds of parties. I used to go, buy a vanilla-scented candle, small talk and then head home. Then I would give that same vanilla candle to the host as her birthday present. Seems fair to me!

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See the full story in the Today’s Homes section inside.

2013 Cadillac XTS EMBRACES THE FUTURE

BY JOHN STEIN
Automotive Editor

The all-new 2013 Cadillac XTS luxury sedan is being touted by Cadillac as the most technologically advanced production car in the brand’s history, which — given the level of tech in most Cadillacs — gets any conversation going.

From first glance, the new XTS delivers the elegance, interior space and dramatic presence that is Cadillac’s signature, though the appeal is obviously targeted to an entirely new and technically savvy generation of luxury customers.

I remember the first Cadillac CTS I saw: I couldn’t help thinking the sharp edges were possibly too large a jump for the traditionally conservative Cadillac faithful.

Turns out about half the public liked the CTS and the other half did not — very few were in the middle. Customers had to warm up to the CTS style, but Cadillac was patient and persistent. Fast forward to 2013, with the new Cadillac XTS introduced to replace the DeVille. The public is much more receptive; that groundbreaking style is not only accepted but copied by several brands.

Exterior and interior design are wholly Cadillac. Inside, the XTS features luxurious appointments that showcase the new personal connectivity format called Cadillac User Experience.

The 2013 Cadillac XTS is available in three trims: Luxury, Premium and Platinum. Starting at $44,995, the XTS features a unique front appearance, special wheels and unique interior treatments.

My XTS tester was the Platinum trim ($59,990). This is the top end in refinement; it will not disappoint the traditional Cadillac enthusiast.

For me, the visual appeal of the XTS is in the details. The interior sophistication and opulence is achieved in refined accents upon quality materials from the dash’s gauge treatments and door inserts to the leather seating and roof liner.

The XTS cabin is definitely arranged with the driver in mind. The expected comforts are in place: There’s a fully wrapped leather interior with a microfiber suede headliner and premium wood trim accents on the steering wheel, console, center stack, instrument panel and door panels.

Under the hood, the 3.6-liter DOHC 24-valve V-6 with variable valve timing and direct fuel injection delivers 300 horsepower at 6,800 rpm along with 264 pound-feet of torque at 5,600 rpm. Transversely mounted up front, the engine is mated to a six-speed automatic transmission that sends the car’s driving force to either the front wheels or all four wheels. The full-size sedan in front-wheel drive has Environmental Protection Agency-rated mileage of 17 mpg city and 28 mpg highway.

The new connectivity system, CUE, is Cadillac’s innovative in-vehicle user experience that enhances control and connectivity, merging intuitive design with auto-industry-first controls for information and media control.

CUE is the centerpiece of an 8-inch screen located in the dash center stack; it features several industry firsts, including capacitive-touch control (the technology featured on many of the best tablets and smart phones) with proximity sensing, haptic feedback, gesture recognition and natural voice recognition.

Exclusively available on the XTS is a 12.3-inch reconfigurable instrument cluster that features vibrant graphic displays showcased among four driver-selectable themes, ranging from minimal to extensive information. And while it is the prominent element in the XTS’ technological character, CUE is just part of a more comprehensive and layered approach to the car’s design, capabilities and performance.

The XTS succeeds at redefining Cadillac’s market by adding the amazing CUE system with a complete modernization that maintains the level of class for the brand.

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Located at 1055 Silver Lake Road, just north of the Fox River in Cary, this unique 80-unit community provides Assisted Living and Memory Care to seniors in spacious, comfortable apartments with all the amenities and services of a fine hotel. Three Oaks community welcomed its first residents on May 21, its official move-in day, and is currently taking reservations for a limited number of available apartments.

Residences, which range from studio-sized suites to two-bedroom, two-bath 1,000-square-foot duplex units, are designed to maximize independence, health, security and peace of mind, while also supporting those seniors that need more assistance. The Three Oaks community features on-site personal care services and licensed providers offer physical rehabilitation, speech and occupational therapies, and monthly health screenings.

Residents have a wide-variety of on-site opportunities available to them. They could fill an entire day with different activities that will keep them feeling inspired, youthful, and excited to be living in this community. One could start the day in the resource library that has computers for resident use. At the computer, individuals can view the daily activities happening at their community via the "Resident Resource" tab on the Website, or email a family member. After browsing the web, they can visit the state-of-the-art fitness center, which focuses on the wellness of the individual. Technogym, the equipment found in a majority of the facilities, is designed to be non-intimidating and approachable. After the gym, individuals can paint in the art room, or learn to cook in the gourmet demonstration kitchen.

To make themselves look good, the residents can visit the full-service beauty salon and day spa that is located right there in their building. The salon and day spa provides excellent service, and care to the residents.

Along with the individual activities, residents are provided with daily programming through the community. These daily events help individuals socialize, move, express their creativity and enjoy themselves. Imagine a ballroom dance competition, or a brain fitness class, and the occasional Bingo game. Activities in the community

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988 Neuway Ln: Cobb, Lii, Buren; $286,000
F & Denise K; $286,000

F & Barbara A; $179,000
23 N York St: Burger, Bruce J; $200,000
16 S Pistakee Lake Rd: Pilabitas, Karolis; $203,000
50 S Pistakee Lake Rd: Kochan, Michael Anthony; $170,000
7235 Wheaton Ln: Stuas, Harry P & Diane L; $169,000

Glenview
3607 Ari Ln: Gzms, Jeffrey T & Amy W; $1,215,000
1416 Miller Dr: Brown, Matthew & Christopoulou, Konstantina; $440,000
1256 Pine St: Wyckendt, Michael J; $255,000
1159 Raleigh Rd: Bergin, Roderick; $305,000

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Beach Park
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13174 W Scott Ct: Cerna, Mae S & Velasco, Khalil Lyle R; $240,500

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881 Fountain View Dr: Kayman, Marshall P & Linda J; $390,000
221 Kenmore Ave: Leuthner, Daniel J & Lieceitig, Kim M; $390,000
39 Kildeer Ln B: Kodyrov, Sarvan & Barne; $172,000
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857 Cambridge Dr: Rowe, Tatyana; $1,200,000
342 Clarewood Cir: Mariano, Mark D & Rachel L; $275,500
91 Enfield Ln: Whilhite, Linda; $215,000
970 Harris Rd 233: Grunwald, Joe & Katrina; $490,000

Lake Villa
515 Arapaho Tr: Dimirus, Mark & Tana; $150,000
206 York Rd: Cates, Michael; $182,500
337 Cedar Ridge Dr: Zook, Susan E; $245,000
403 Red Cedar Rd: Joch, Garrett; $226,000
123 Ridgewood Ln: Porter, Michael M; $212,500

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Open House Sunday in West Town
An intimate new condominium development in a 4-story elevator building is hosting an open house on November 18th. Choose from generous 2 or 3-bedroom simplex or duplex layouts, with 2 to 3 baths. Prices begin at $329,000. Free garage parking and washer dryer with hookup--a $17,800 value--for buyers who are preregistered by their broker. The model and sales center at 1555 N. Talman Ave. is open from noon to 4 p.m. on Sunday, or by appointment. Call Benson Stanley Realty. Website: www.WickerWest1555.com.

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Urban ultimate
Richelieu Flats showcases Kara Mann-designed model

For homebuyers looking for the ultimate downtown address, Chicago-based Metropolitan Properties of Chicago is offering four fully renovated, full-floor residences and one duplex penthouse at Richelieu Flats, an adaptive reuse of a historic eight-story building located at 318 South Michigan Ave.

“It isn't very often that an opportunity comes along to live in such a unique building right on Michigan Avenue, with unparalleled access to one of the most vibrant areas of the city,” said Louis D. D'Angelo, president and founder of Metropolitan Properties of Chicago. “And the residences at Richelieu Flats are just as distinctive as their location. We've created a collection of sophisticated homes that are perfectly suited for a downtown Chicago lifestyle.”

Priced from $1.25 to $1.35 million, the building's four full-floor residences each measure 2,850 square feet and are located on floors three through six. They feature private elevator access and a split floor plan with two en-suite bedrooms, plus a bonus room with a full bath.

One full-floor furnished model, designed by noted interior designer Kara Mann, is available for viewing.

“Kara’s chic aesthetic is a perfect match for these residences, and she can absolutely relate to the buyers who are most interested in Richelieu Flats and the city lifestyle it offers,” said D'Angelo. “Of course, potential buyers have the added benefit of seeing how a top designer like Kara would treat their residence.”

He added that Kara Mann's design for the model centers around its magnificent views of Michigan Avenue and Grant Park.

“Everything from the furniture placement to the minimal window treatments were chosen to keep the view as the focal point,” he said. “In fact, the living areas are specifically arranged so that you can enjoy the view from any angle.”

The model also highlights the home's open floor plan, with a combined kitchen, dining area and living room in a configuration that is ideal for entertaining, which D'Angelo noted is an important consideration for many urban homebuyers.

“There is space to comfortably host a large gathering, but Kara also used lighting and furniture groupings to create designated living and dining areas that feel intimate and welcoming,” he said.

Additionally, the model showcases the full array of luxury features and finishes available at Richelieu Flats. Each residence has high ceilings, oversized windows and solid oak floors in the main living spaces. Homes include gourmet kitchens with top-of-the-line Sub-Zero, Bosch and Wolf appliances, custom rift-cut oak cabinetry and a large island. Buyers can also choose from a range of pre-selected options for cabinetry finish, countertops, tile and flooring. They also have the opportunity to upgrade some features.

Once final finishes are selected, homes are available for delivery within 48 to 60 days.

While the model is designed to help buyers visualize the full-floor residences, the building's 4,300-square-foot duplex penthouse space allows buyers to imagine a home completely personalized to their lifestyle. Located on the seventh and eighth floors, the duplex penthouse is being offered as raw, customizable space and also includes a 1,000-square-foot terrace with panoramic views of Grant Park, Millennium Park and the lakefront. It is priced at $2.3 million.

“The penthouse is really in a league all its own,” said D'Angelo. “The terrace alone, with its view of Millennium Park and the lakefront, is one of the most breathtaking residential spaces I've ever seen in the city. Combine that with the chance to work with your architect of choice to fully design the interior space, and this is really a one-of-a-kind opportunity to create your own personal living experience.”

Two deeded parking spaces, located in a climate controlled garage accessed directly from the rear entrance of each condominium, are available with each residence. Parking spaces are priced at $46,000 each; for automobile enthusiasts, there is one private enclosed four-car garage available, priced at $185,000.

Additionally, the building will include a 10,600-square-foot full-service restaurant fronting Michigan Avenue; it is slated to open in spring 2013.

Pappageorge Haymes is the architect for Richelieu Flats, while Baird & Warner is providing exclusive sales and marketing for the residences.

For more information on Richelieu Flats, contact Millie Rosenbloom at (312) 980-1517 or millierosenbloom@gmail.com, or visit www.318SMichigan.com.
Get away from home

Lake Chapin Shores is 90 minutes to ‘different state of mind’

“Pure Michigan,” comedian Tim Allen’s popular ad campaign for Michigan, continues to lure Chicago area residents across the border to enjoy beach weekends, wine tours and golf, skiing and boating, fishing and romantic holidays.

In the last four years an increasing population of Illinois residents has invested in second homes in Michigan to give their family the advantage of a permanent getaway year-round, without a big investment in time and travel expense.

With the economic recovery continuing to inch forward and interest rates at record lows, dreams of a second home in scenic Michigan are becoming a reality. One of the most scenic and desirable spots for a second home/vacation retreat has proven to be Lake Chapin Shores, a combination lake and woods property located right on Lake Chapin in southwest Michigan.

A 90-minute drive from Chicago, for example, delivers Michigan’s promise of feeling like you’re a million miles from schedules, chores and the daily grind, immersed instead in the middle of country fresh air, water, and woods ... enjoying “a different state of mind.”

A quiet country paradise, Lake Chapin Shores is easy to get to through gently rolling countryside and two-lane roads shared with the occasional farm vehicle, cyclist or horseback rider. The backdrop of 600-acre all-sports Lake Chapin offers incomparable sight lines from 10 lake front properties plus 5 hilltop sites and 6 more locations tucked more privately into the woods.

The model home offers a glimpse into unlimited possibilities for vacation convenience, amenities and four-season fun, while the website at LakeChapinShores.com illustrates all the unique features of 12 separate home designs from which to choose.

Each home option emphasizes convenience and low maintenance, an open floor plan, outdoor views from each level, and access to screened porches and expansive decks. Homes are designed to meet the needs of any size family, from 1,300 to 3,400 square feet of comfortable living space (not including decks and porches) with cozy fireplaces, cherry or maple cabinetry, natural granite countertops and energy efficient appliances. A heated swimming pool, a lake-front dock, sports equipment

Home away from home: Lake Chapin Shores in southwest Michigan offers getaway home living with plenty of amenities, like a heated swimming pool, views of the water and direct access to an all-sports 600-acre lake. | SUPPLIED PHOTOS

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Special place, special options

Park Monroe 2.0 a new program for better living

Buyers are starting to realize that the real estate market downtown is turning around and sales are moving forward again. Condo developments in the center of the city experienced challenging times when the real estate market began its decline in 2008, but things are looking up for buyers and developers.

Several unique developments with special features, benefits and amenities have kept buyers interested. The Park Monroe, located at 65 East Monroe St., is one of them. Sales have been so successful that the developers introduced the second, and final, phase of condominiums on Oct. 18.

Called “Park Monroe 2.0,” this phase consists of 48 one-, two- and three-bedroom residences. Park Monroe 2.0 takes the best of The Park Monroe and “re-imagines” it with luxurious new floor plans, the latest finish options and state-of-the-art technology. The new residences are expected to be ready in late spring of next year. Less than 12 homes available for immediate occupancy remain in the first phase.

Taking into account the requests and finish selections that buyers made in the first phase, the sales and development team incorporated many of the latest modern finishes that buyers were requesting into phase two. There are also options that buyers can choose if they prefer a traditional or a transitional look.

However, the time for buyers to customize the appearance of their home and make it their own is limited. Once construction begins in earnest at the end of this year, the opportunity will no longer be available.

The planned interior finishes for phase two residences provide some incredible options within the selections that are considered standard.

The kitchens in homes that are part of the Lake Estate Collection include custom Italian cabinetry with Silestone or granite countertops, as well as the latest appliances. Upper upgrades: Park Monroe 2.0 kitchens include custom Italian cabinetry and Silestone or granite countertops, as well as the latest appliances.

Amenities at The Park Monroe are some of the finest downtown. The terrace on the 49th floor is ideal for summer entertaining. It features barbecue grills, comfortable furniture and a whirlpool spa in a beautifully landscaped setting. Adjacent to the terrace is an entertainment suite with a catering kitchen, large-screen DVD theatre, an indoor lap pool and a fitness center.

The Park Monroe is in the center of the city and in the middle of the culture downtown. The building is located less than one block west of Michigan Avenue and Millennium Park plus Lake Michigan, with its lakefront path for jogging, walking and biking, a few short blocks away. In addition, many residents are able to walk to work downtown.

Park Monroe 2.0 residences are priced from $319,500 for one-bedrooms, $494,900 for two-bedrooms and $1,050,000 for three-bedrooms. Additional residences still available in the first phase at The Park Monroe range from two-bedrooms to three-bedrooms to two-story penthouses with prices starting in the mid $600,000s for east-facing two-bedrooms.

The models and sales center at 65 East Monroe are open seven days a week, and those interested can call (312) 855-0550 or visit ParkMonroe.com for more information.
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are set up to engage the residents, to inspire their youthful side, and to keep them feeling good.

In addition to all the activities going on at the community, residents have the luxury of Spectrum's

At Your Service concierge service. This program helps to decrease stress while increasing easy living. It helps individuals move in, settle in, and get comfortable. By picking up the phone or stopping by the front desk, residents have the capability to set up reminder calls, get restaurant recommendations, have prescriptions dropped off, and even have their next vacation planned. Not only are there so many options within the community, there are also opportunities to leave the property through the scheduled limousine and bus transportation.

At Three Oaks Assisted Living, individual happiness is high on the list of priorities. Individuals are encouraged to continue to grow through the different amenities provided to them. Overall, through the daily programming, amenities Three Oaks is helping its residents live a fulfilled life.

Denver-based Spectrum Retirement Communities is considered a leader and innovator in senior living. The privately-held company develops and manages 24 senior living facilities in 11 states from New York to Washington. Three Oaks Assisted Living is Spectrum's first community in Illinois. For more information, visit www.threeoaksassistedliving.com or www.spectrums.com. Three Oaks is located at 1065 Silver Lake Road in Cary.
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storage options, a children’s playground, and available concierge services are part of the package.

Boating, fishing, strolling the shoreline, an afternoon wine-tasting at one of the areas many wineries, an evening at the fire pit roasting marshmallows, or spending some time on the deck with friends are just a few of the images of life at Lake Chapín Shores, just 75 miles from Chicago.

Ken and Barb selected a hilltop site for their Lake Chapin Shores home.

“We were the first homeowners here and we’ve loved it more each year since we moved in. The home design, materials, and workmanship are top notch. The builders are ‘certified green’ professionals, which we appreciate, and we liked the close supervision that focused on quality and accountability every step of the way. It’s a great place to unwind every weekend, holidays and every chance we get, frankly.”

“There’s nothing like sitting in front of a glowing fire in the fireplace on a chilly evening and looking outside to see full views of this wonderful lake, or when the weather is warm, finding a sun-choked river channel for an afternoon of fishing.”

Cheryl and Gary chose a lakefront setting for their home.

“The kids love this place and we love it too because it’s beautiful, safe and private. The heated pool overlooking the lake gives us all a great spot to be together as a family and the nature trails and wetlands conservation show us something new every time we visit and teach us an appreciation for protecting our environment.”

Call 888-TO-MICHIGAN (888-866-4244) for an appointment to tour the community and model home. Visit the Website at www.LakeChapinShores.com for a look at each of 12 model home options, photos and video of Lake Chapin Shores living, and a complete list of materials and specifications.
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Northlight Theatre's staging of "The Odd Couple" might have lost some star wattage when George Wendt dropped out of the show to have bypass surgery, but it doesn't miss a beat with veteran actor Marc Grapey stepping into the role of messy, grouchy Oscar Madison.

And with Tim Kazurinsky as the pernickety Felix Unger and a rock-solid ensemble of supporting players, "The Odd Couple" is absolutely hilarious. "The Odd Couple" is a deceptively treacherous show — the great danger posed by Neil Simon's 47-year-old comedy lies in its familiarity. In addition to countless stage productions, the fractious bromance between Oscar and Felix plays out eternally in sitcom reruns. Its sheer ubiquity means that "The Odd Couple" runs the risk of coming off as stale as the month-old potato chips Oscar Madison serves his poker buddies. But by grounding his actors in emotional truth and pinpoint accurate timing, director BJ Jones crafts a fast-paced, intelligent production that generates nonstop laughs from the opening card shuffle to the closing deal.

The primary pillars supporting the endeavor are Grapey's Oscar and Kazurinsky's Felix. Both take a somewhat understated approach to the roles that serves them well. There's no mugging and no overdone shtick. The duo plays it straight, or as straight as one can in a comedy of constant quips.

Grapey's Oscar is a sarcastic schlub for whom the phrase "housekeeping skills" is an oxymoron. He never goes over the top, even when he's handing out sandwiches from his armpits. Kazurinsky's Felix is just as deft, no easy task given the character's penchant for strange bodily noises, extreme hypochondria and anal retentive attention to cleanliness and order.

The trap inherent to "The Odd Couple" lies in reducing Felix and Oscar to nothing more than a series of gags and personality tics. That doesn't happen here. These are men with extremely distinct personalities, but for all their superficial idiosyncrasies, they come across with multi-layered depth.

Even the smallest moments are rich with revealing details. Felix does a goofy cha-cha while vacuuming. Oscar's concern for his young son rises up through his gruff, irreverent and often inappropriate surface demeanor. And that bit with the underarm sandwiches? It's comic gold. Ditto that for the ensemble. If you're not giggling like a schoolgirl during the scene when the card-playing men (Peter DeFaria, William Dick, Bruce Jarchow and Phil Ridarelli) try to appear cool and nonchalant in the face of Felix's possible leap from Oscar's 12th-floor window, well, you just aren't paying attention. Equally effective are Molly Glynn and Katherine Keberlein as the naughty, giddy sisters from the apartment upstairs.

Those who are disappointed Wendt won't be the leading man in "The Odd Couple" won't be disappointed for long once they see Grapey and Kazurinsky clashing on stage. "The Odd Couple" is not especially deep or provocative, but it is a genuine laugh riot.
Managing Editor Jennifer Thomas' entertainment picks for this week

Handel's Messiah will be performed by Bella Voce and the Callipygian Players at 7 p.m. Nov. 16 at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 939 Hinman Ave., Evanston. See bellavoce.org.

Winter Arts & Crafts Expo runs Nov. 16-Dec. 19 at the Evanston Art Center, 2603 Sheridan Road. A preview party is 6-9 p.m. Nov. 16. See evanstonart-center.org.

Oakton Community College Jazz Band performs jazz standards at 8 p.m. Nov. 16 at the Performing Arts Center Lobby, 1600 E. Golf Road, Des Plaines. Call (847) 635-1900.


Author Nathan Englander (above) will lecture about writing his new book at 6 p.m. Nov. 19 at Pick-Staiger Concert Hall in Evanston. See www.northwestern.edu.
Matthew Abraham, 7, of Skokie plays Tiny Tim and Ron Rains is his stage father, Bob Cratchit, in Goodman Theatre’s production of “A Christmas Carol.”

Tiny Tim role
a big thrill for
local boy

BY DOROTHY ANDRIES | Contributor

Tiny Tim doesn’t have much to say in “A Christmas Carol,” but the plucky little Cratchit kid is central to Charles Dickens’ drama.

In fact, with the exception of Scrooge himself, Tiny Tim is probably the most recognizable person in the story, soaring past the three Christmas ghosts and way above his beloved father, Bob Cratchit, Scrooge’s brow-beaten clerk. So 7-year-old Matthew Abraham of Skokie was more than pleased when his mother Charlene met his school bus this fall and told him “You’ve got the part of Tiny Tim!”

“I said ‘Mom, why are you crying?’ said Matthew during an interview at Goodman Theatre after a Wednesday afternoon rehearsal.

“I told him those were tears of joy,” Charlene replied.

Matthew had used the Shel Silverstein poem “Sister for Sale” as part of his Goodman audition. “Everyone laughed,” he said, with obvious pleasure.

Matthew is no stranger to the stage. Last February he played the changeling child in Chicago Shakespeare Theater’s “A Midsummer Night’s Dream.”

“After that he told me he wished he could do more, he wanted to be in plays all the time,” said Charlene. “But, of course, he goes to school.”

Matthew’s second-grade classmates at John Middleton Elementary School in Skokie know all about his budding career.

“When Matthew found out he was chosen to play the role ofTiny Tim, he eagerly shared the news with our class during Monday meeting,” said his teacher Shelley Nizynski, who noted that many of the children are hoping to see him in the show.

She and Matthew send emails back and forth. “I love hearing updates about how his practices are going,” Nizynski declared. “I share these emails with the class; we all are enjoying learning about his adventures acting. I am so proud of him! He is such a dynamic, playful, talented kid.”

“A Christmas Carol” opens in previews on Nov. 17, so banners for the show are up on North Dearborn in the city’s theater district.

“We were going to a rehearsal and when we came out of the parking garage I saw the banner with a picture of Larry Yando,” Charlene said, referring to the actor who is playing Scrooge for his fifth consecutive year.

“Then I saw a banner,” said Matthew, “and I yelled ‘Mom, it’s me!’”

The children in the Goodman started rehearsals Oct. 23. They meet from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, with additional rehearsals on Saturdays and Sundays.

Charlene drives her son down each day. “Fortunately, my husband and I are self-employed,” she said, “so I am able to take the time to drive here and take him home. He does his homework in the car and every Tuesday all of us mothers go out for coffee. We’re enjoying it very much.”

“A Christmas Carol” is nothing if not a beautifully crafted morality play. So Matthew was asked why people should come and see the holiday drama.

“It’s a wonderful story and they can hear our British accents,” he said. When prodded further he replied that the show tells us “we shouldn’t be grumpy and mad all the time like Scrooge. All he wanted was money.”

“This has been a great honor for us,” added Charlene. “It is an extension of our world and it is the best Christmas present ever.”
You’d think that anyone who risked their life for our country would be considered a hero.

But that’s not what happens if they fought in an unpopular war like Vietnam, Iraq or Afghanistan.

A U. S. Marine has to deal with that reality, as well as her own demons, in “Welcome Home, Jenny Sutter” at Next Theatre.

Jessica Thebus, who directed the world premiere of Julie Marie Myatt’s play at the Oregon Shakespeare Festival in 2008 and its remount at the Kennedy Center, directs the Next staging.

In the work, Jenny Sutter (Lily Majekwu), a veteran who returns from the Middle East war with a prosthetic leg, winds up in a desert community following her military service, unwilling — or unable — to return to her children.

“She’s trying to go home to her children,” Thebus insisted. “She just can’t get on the bus so she’s stuck at a bus station watching buses go by and can’t take any action. She’s unable to go from the military life back to the world with her injury. The whole play is her struggle.”

“She’s not ready to trust who she is as a mother right now,” Los Angeles-based playwright Myatt added. “She’s embarrassed by her body and not sure how her kids will react. And in a state of trauma herself.”

Myatt, whose father was in the Marine Corps, began writing the play in 2005. “I felt like we were at war in Iraq and no one I knew was really talking about it,” she said. “I felt that was strange.”

Myatt wanted to address the question, “How do we talk about a war when you don’t believe in it?” And, in terms of those sent to fight it, “How do you welcome them home from a war you don’t agree with?”

The title character is not based on an actual person but her gender is important because, “This is the first war where we had women in combat,” Myatt said. That raised a third issue for the playwright: “How do we, as a nation, deal with women coming back wounded and maimed by war compared to men?”

Thebus believes that audiences will relate to Jenny’s experience “of being stuck, knowing what you should do, knowing what you want to do and, because of your struggle — your demons, your trauma — you’re unable to move forward until there’s a certain amount of healing.”

Beyond that, Myatt said, war veterans “need our support. They need to know that we care that they were there, even if we don’t believe in the reasons that they were there.”
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BY MYRNA PETLICKI | Contributor

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Tolstoy’s classic novel about the tragic love of a married high-society woman (Knightley) for a young cavalry officer (Taylor-Johnson) in 19th-century Russia is adapted in self-consciously theatrical style by playwright Tom Stoppard. Joe Wright (“Pride & Prejudice,” “Atonement”) directed the drama.

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Rating: ★★★½
Rated: PG-13 for sequences of violence including disturbing images, some sensuality and partial nudity
Stars: Kristen Stewart, Robert Pattinson, Taylor Lautner
When Edward and Bella’s child is born, vampire clans gather to protect her from the governing Vulturi. Bill Condon (“Breaking Dawn: Part One,” “Kinsey”) directed the drama.

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Rating: ★★★½
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Stars: Daniel Day-Lewis, Tommy Lee Jones, Sally Field, Joseph Gordon-Levitt
During the last four months of his life, the 16th president (Day-Lewis) struggles to win the Civil War and bring an end to slavery. Steven Spielberg directed the drama.

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Rating: ★★★ for intense violent sequences throughout, some sexuality, language and smoking
Stars: Daniel Craig, Javier Bardem, Naomie Harris, Judi Dench
When M (Dench) is discredited by a secret from her past and the British intelligence service comes under attack, James Bond (Craig) risks everything to track down the source of the threat. Sam Mendes (“American Beauty”) directed the action thriller.

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Rating: ★★★
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Stars: Christopher Walken, Philip Seymour Hoffman, Catherine Keener
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Rating: ★★★
Rated: R for bloody violence, strong sexuality, language and brief drug use
Stars: Russell Crowe, Lucy Liu, RZA
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Stars: Tom Hanks, Halle Berry, Jim Broadbent
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Rating: ★★★★
Rated: R for language and some violent images
Stars: Ben Affleck, John Goodman, Alan Arkin, Bryan Cranston
When six Americans slip away from the American embassy during the Iranian hostage crisis, a CIA operative (Affleck) attempts to bring the escapees home by posing as a Canadian film producer and passing them off as members of his crew. Affleck also directed the espionage thriller.
Stagey 'Anna Karenina'

BY BRUCE INGRAM | Film Critic

'Anna Karenina'

With something like two dozen productions of Tolstoy's classic "Anna Karenina" on file in the Internet Movie Database, it's not surprising that a couple of clever lads such as screenwriter Tom Stoppard and director Joe Wright felt something extra-clever was needed to spruce up the old girl for another go-round.

And so they have, choosing to present Tolstoy's tale of tragic passion as a theatrical production (for the most part). Not just on the stage, but in the wings, behind the scenery and on the catwalks in the fly space of an ornate Imperial Russian theater — with occasional unexplained segues to outside locations. It's an intriguing device executed with impressive visual flair by Wright ("Atonement") with his actors perpetually moving from backstage to center stage and back again as scenery flies up and down and stagehands prepare each new set, all in brisk, highly choreographed, almost-perpetual motion.

The only trouble is that so much energy is spent keeping us visually dazzled that it's often difficult to become emotionally invested as the story unfolds — despite several excellent performances.

Keira Knightley (by turns mature, wise, emotionally vulnerable and perhaps a bit crazy — though not as crazy as she was in last year's "A Dangerous Method") is at her best as the honored mother and wife who sacrifices her position in society for a taste of passion. Jude Law strikes a nice balance between pious rectitude and compassion as Anna's emotionally unavailable yet not unkind husband Karenin. And Domhnall Gleeson (Bill Weasley in "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows") is effectively tormented and soulful as Levin.

Unfortunately, the same can't be said for Aaron Taylor-Johnson in the pivotal role of Vronsky, though that has less to do with his abilities than his being sadly miscast. At the age of 21 when "Anna Karenina" was filmed, he looks about as likely to score an extra-marital affair as a pizza-boy making a delivery at the White House to Michelle Obama. It doesn't help that Wright dyed his hair blonde and encouraged him to grow a dainty moustache, which makes him look uncomfortably like Gene Wilder in "Young Frankenstein."

That could be overlooked, perhaps, given the general level of artifice surrounding all the elements of this adaptation. After all, much can be forgiven on stage with the proper lighting. But not that moustache.
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Ask Before You React
If you're thinking on your feet during the review, you can ask a question or two to help clarify your situation.

For example, ask your boss to rate your overall performance on a scale of 1 to 10, where 10 is someone about to be promoted and 1 is someone about to be fired, suggests executive coach Debra Benton. Using a numerical scale “kind of takes the personalization out of the whole thing,” says Benton, author of several books, including How to Think Like a CEO.

Put Negatives In Perspective
If you walk away from the review still worried, the first thing to do is to let it sit for a day or two.

“You may have fixated on one comment,” says Richard Phillips, a career coach and owner of Advantage Career Solutions in Palo Alto, California. People tend to go into reviews listening for negative comments. And in addition, Phillips says, sometimes managers spend more time talking about the bad than the good, without putting it in perspective.

If, after rereading your written review, you still think it's overly negative, consider whether your boss is right about your performance. Perhaps there’s a simple error on the review form, such as a misstatement of your sales numbers, for example. If so, the error should be easily corrected.

Keep It Specific
If you don’t fully understand what your boss is unhappy about, ask for another meeting and request specific examples. If your boss says you need to be more responsive to coworkers’ requests, for example, Phillips suggests asking what specific events prompted that comment, and how your boss would like to see you handle similar problems in the future.

The worst-case scenario with a review - that your boss is saying you just aren’t cutting it - doesn’t happen often. But if your boss really means you’re not doing an acceptable job, then you need to ask yourself some hard questions to determine why.

If you have had good reviews previously, what has changed? Do you have a new boss with different expectations? Are you distracted by personal problems?

Weigh Your Options
“it may be giving you a true picture, but not something you want to hear,” Phillips says.

It may be tempting to simply quit and look for a new job, but Phillips urges caution. It could be that you will need to find a new position - if, for example, you have tried everything but just aren’t clicking with your boss, or you have had more than one bad review. But rather than quitting immediately, it’s often better to try to address the issues your boss has raised first.

“If you overreact to it, it actually ends up being harder in the long run,” Phillips says. Your unhappiness about the review is likely to come through when you’re interviewing for new positions. “It takes you longer to find another job, because you’re out there maybe feeling a little resentful,” he says.
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Bartelst&n was named captain of the Michigan men's basketball team by coach John Beilein on Nov. 1 before the team's first exhibition game.

Bartelstein attended Highland Park for four years before finishing his prep career at Phillips Exeter Academy in Exeter, N.H. Since walking on to the Wolverine’s basketball team in 2009, he has been a two-time Academic All-Big Ten honoree and a recipient of the University of Michigan Athletic Academic Achievement award.

Kevin Walter, a wide receiver for the NFL’s Houston Texans and a Libertyville alum, finished with two catches for 30 yards in the Texans’ 13-6 victory against the Chicago Bears Sunday night.

Walter, who is in his 10th professional season after playing for Eastern Michigan, now has 23 receptions, 337 yards and two touchdowns on the season for the 8-1 Texans.

Saint Louis freshman swimmer Brendan Hulseman, a Loyola alumnus, was all over the scorecard in the Billikens’ third-place finish at the Lindenwood Invitational Oct. 27 in St. Peters, Mo. The Evanston native took first place in the 200-yard freestyle with a time of 1 minute, 42.17 seconds, third in the 100-yard free with a time of 47.22 seconds and was part of the first-place 400-yard free relay team.

Lyons alumna Jocelynn Birks, a redshirt freshman on the Illinois women’s volleyball team, led the Illini in kills in their 3-1 victory against Indiana Nov. 3 in Champaign. The outside hitter finished the match with 26 points.

Birks, a Willow Springs native, leads the Illini with 400 kills through 25 matches.

Oak Park-River Forest graduate Daniel Barnes led
Illinois-Chicago men's basketball team in scoring in its exhibition win against Wisconsin-Platteville Nov. 7 in Chicago. The senior guard finished the game with 21 points and shot 7-of-11 from the field, including 4-of-6 from beyond the arc. Barnes, a Chicago native, started 27 of the Flames' 30 games last season and finished second on the team in scoring with 10.4 points per game.

Jack Cooley, a Glenbrook South graduate, looks primed for another big season for the Notre Dame men's basketball team, ranked No. 22/23 to start the season. The senior led the team in scoring with 36 points through two exhibition games. Cooley, a Glenview native, is Notre Dame's top returning scorer and rebounder from last season, a year in which he averaged 12.5 points and 8.9 rebounds per game.

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If you're a baseball fan, you probably heard that late in the 2012 season, the 500,000th error in major league history was committed - by Miami Marlins shortstop Jose Reyes. But do you have any idea who committed the most errors in MLB history? The answer, with an astounding 1,096 over 16 seasons - that's an average of almost 70 errors per season - is a shortstop for Boston's National League team who played at the turn of the last century. His name was Herman Long.

National Football League fans were relieved to see the regular officials return to duty early in the 2012 season, but perhaps not the folks at ESPN. It was a blown call by the replacement refs costing Green Bay a win against Seattle that motivated a settlement after a four-month lockout, but viewers were so fascinated with the play that the episode of "Sportscenter" following the broadcast of the game was the most watched ever. And get this - there were more than a million mentions of the play on Twitter within 24 hours.

As the Chase for the Cup concludes another season, here are three NASCAR records on which to win a bet or two. Fastest average speed for a race in NASCAR history - 188.354 mph, set by Mark Martin in a win at Talladega, May 10, 1997. Fastest qualifying speed in NASCAR history - 212.809 mph, posted by Bill Elliott to take the pole at Talladega, April 30, 1987. Record time in the annual Sprint Pit Crew Challenge for a four-tire-change, gas-fill-up, 40-yard-push pit stop - 21.472 seconds, set in 2011 by the number 14 Office Depot team.
Smoliga seen as lock in 50 free

BY ERIC VAN DRIL | Contributor | @EricVanDril

GLENVIEW

Glenbrook South senior Olivia Smoliga has won four state titles in her high school career and narrowly missed out on qualifying for the Olympics this summer.

Smoliga's national reputation, and her dominance in the 50-yard freestyle over the course of her high school career, has Niles West junior Edan Scott convinced that she won't beat Smoliga this weekend.

Scott made the state finals in the 50 free as both a freshman and sophomore and on Saturday experienced what she called "the greatest thing that's happened in my swimming career" when she shaved a half-second off her personal best time in the 50 free.

Scott's 23.57 in the 50 free marked the first time she set a personal best in nearly two years, but her accomplishment was overshadowed by Smoliga's race. Smoliga swam the 50 free in 22.76, just .21 seconds away from breaking the state record.

Smoliga's pedigree and her fourth-place finish in the 100-meter backstroke at the United States Olympic Trials is something that has shifted Scott's focus from where she finishes to the time it takes her to finish.

"I don't think so," said Scott, when asked if she thought she could beat Smoliga. "The girl that got fourth in the Olympic Trials, nobody like me (can do it) - not yet. Maybe some day. Doubtfully, but..."

Not only did Smoliga nearly break her state record in the 50 free at sectionals and excel in the 100 back - she won in 54.35 Saturday, finishing 3.11 seconds in front of the second-place finisher - she wasn't fully tapered and didn't wear a racing suit.

Breaking the state records in her individual events is one of Smoliga's goals for this weekend. Another stated goal is going for the national record in both events.

The national high school record in the 50 free is 21.27 and the record in the 100 backstroke is 49.97.

HISTORIC FIRST

Students with disabilities will compete at the state meet for the first time this year.

Phoebe Mejia, a junior at Glenbrook North who has cerebral palsy, will be one of the seven swimmers with disabilities who compete at state. Mejia qualified in the 50 free, the 100 free, the 200 free and the 100 breaststroke at the Glenbrook South Sectional.

Mejia earned a huge round of applause as she neared the wall in each of her races. While Mejia admitted after the meet that swimming in a race by herself was awkward - she swims on the Spartans' JV team throughout the season, but was the sectional's lone qualifier on Saturday.

STATE QUALIFIERS

Maine South will have four entrants swimming at the first day of state on Friday. Junior Jenna Zitkus qualified in the 100 butterfly (58.69) and the 100 back (59.31), and the Hawks' 200 free relay (1:38.88) and 200 medley relay (1:50.16) also qualified for state.

Evanston, the host of this year's state meet, qualified in three different events. Sophomore Katherine Buddle (diving, 371.75), freshman Ana Woods (50 free, 24.49) and the Wildkits' 200 medley relay (1:49.31) will all compete on Nov. 16.
Notre Dame's run comes to an end

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NI LES

Nobody on Notre Dame wanted to leave the field following the team's 31-19 loss to Lake Forest in the Class 6A quarterfinals — especially the seniors.

After hundreds of hugs and lots of tears, the Dons finally filed out of the stadium. Despite the disappointment in the season-ending defeat Friday, the Dons had every reason to hold up their heads. For the first time since 1998, Notre Dame won a playoff game. The Dons (7-5) were in the state quarterfinals for the first time since 1997, which also was the last time they hosted a playoff game.

"No one thought we would come this far," said senior receiver Bill Hirsch, who scored on an acrobatic, 31-yard pass from senior quarterback Dan Nagode and caught three passes on another Notre Dame scoring series. "We just worked hard all year long. We became a family, and we fought for each other.

"I'm really at a loss for words right now."

Hirsch and Nagode were two of eight senior starters on offense. Four seniors started on defense, including defensive back Sean Heneghan.

"It was a great experience," said Heneghan, who produced two big tackles early in the game. "As a senior, I just tried to lead the others. We worked hard to get better every day, and we ended up doing a great job of that."

The Dons trailed 21-6 before Nagode hooked up with Hirsch for a touchdown with 12.3 seconds remaining in the first half. Chris James' second touchdown of the game left the score 24-19 with 2:37 to play, but the Dons couldn't come up with the defensive stop they needed at the end.

"I am proud of the way we played," said Hirsch, who, like Heneghan, lives in Chicago. "It was an unbelievable atmosphere to play in. It was unreal to play this type of game at home. I just wish we would have got the win."

Notre Dame coach Mike Hennessey said the seniors committed themselves to the team as far back as January. Other than a victory Friday, the coach expressed no regrets about this season.

"There's a lot of energy in the building, and that's a great thing in high school sports," Hennessey said. "Hopefully, we are going to take off from here."

Notre Dame looks good going forward, too. Once again, James will be the centerpiece of the offense. The junior running back finished with 37 carries for 163 yards and two touchdowns.

James ended the season with more than 2,000 yards on the ground and 29 touchdowns.

The Dons also welcome back four players in the secondary and two of their starting linebackers. 
# 2012-2013 Girls Basketball Preview

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**Who Takes the Potential Game-Winner?**

**Alyssa Ruehl:** "She's very smart and knows how to read people well," senior guard Kelly Barzowski said. Coach Keith Miniscalco also said that he would want the ball to be with Ruehl, a senior guard/forward, at the end of the game because she is deadly from the outside. On a team with lots of good shooters, she's one of the best.

**Who Is the Team's Best Defender?**

**Liz Rehberger:** "She's very quick with her hands," Miniscalco said. "There's no quit in here. She led the team in steals last year." Rehberger averaged 3.1 steals per game. The senior guard's quickness was also pointed out by Ruehl and Barzowski. Ruehl also said that Rehberger has very long arms, which help her get into passing lanes.

**Down Three with 30 Seconds to Play, Do You Go for Two or Three?**

**Three:** Both Ruehl and Barzowski said that because of the number of good shooters on the squad, they would rather go for the three. Miniscalco agreed about the number of shooters, but also said a quick two is possible. "This year with the speed we have, we would press," he said.

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WHO TAKES THE POTENTIAL GAME-WINNER?

MOLLY KLEPPIN: "Molly is a senior and a four-year varsity player and is used to pressure situations," coach Tony Konsewicz said. "Over the last three years she has played in many pressure-packed games and has performed at a high level." Kleppin, a guard, is the team's only returning starter. Junior 5-foot-9 guard Dashae Shumate transferred to Evanston.

WHO IS THE TEAM'S FUNNIEST PLAYER?

JESSE SIMKINS: "Hands down she is the funniest kid on the team," Konsewicz said. "She's not just funny; she has a really good sense of humor."

Down three with 30 seconds to play, do you go for two or three?

EITHER: "This would depend a lot on our opponent and what situation we could exploit more," Konsewicz said. "It is a difficult question. With either option if they work, you are a genius but if it fails you are the goat." — Kent McDill

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COACH: Dan Paxson

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WHO TAKES THE POTENTIAL GAME-WINNER?

SHELLEY-RAE MOODY: "She is our most experienced player," coach Dan Paxson said of his lone returning starter. "If we were playing tomorrow it would probably go to her. If it was an outside three, I might use our junior (off guard) Shari Rasho. She is a senior guard, averaged 7.3 points per game last season. But she said it would be sophomore guard-forward Kienya Jones. "It's a pretty young team, and I'm still trying to figure out everyone's strengths," Moody said. "But Kienya is confident in her shot."

WHO IS BEST AT PLAYING OFF THE BALL?

RACHEL MATTHIES: "She is a senior softball player as well, and understands the game," Passon said of the off guard and backup point guard. "She understands defensive help and she is always in the right position."

DOWN THREE WITH 30 SECONDS TO PLAY, DO YOU GO FOR TWO OR THREE?

EITHER: "We would attack immediately and get the best possible shot," Paxson said. "We always want to attack the basket, if we get a quick two, that is fine. If we get stopped and can kick it out for whoever has an open three, or attack the basket again and see if we can get fouled." Moody has a different plan. "We have some good 3-point shooters, so I would say take the three," she said. — Kent McDi/l

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