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Chem teacher gets gold

Niles North chemistry teacher John Kretsos (far right) celebrates with his mom Lilly and his sons Demetri and Danny after winning a Golden Apple Award for Excellence in Teaching. | BUZZ ORR-Sun-Times Media

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John Kretsos had just begun a chemistry lesson Thursday afternoon when a crowd of smiling faces crashed his eighth-period class.

"What's going on?" the bewildered Niles North High School teacher asked.

As soon as Principal Ryan McTague simply replied with "congratulations!" Kretsos realized what was happening. Students at their desks erupted into applause.

"You've got to be kidding me," said Kretsos, one of the newly-named 2013 recipients of the Golden Apple Award for Excellence in Teaching.

Kretsos, of Morton Grove, was one of 10 high school teachers selected from a pool of 510 nominees in the Chicago area for the prestigious honor. Given every year since 1986, the Golden Apple Award recognizes outstanding teachers for their contributions to building a stronger, better-educated citizenry. Each recipient receives a tuition-free sabbatical to study at Northwestern University, as well as a $3,000 cash prize.

Niles North physics teacher Scott Reed, a Golden Apple recipient two years ago, nominated Kretsos for the award. Kretsos' family members joined Golden Apple representatives for surprise announcement.

His sons, Demetri, 8, and Danny, 5, jumped to his arms, while his wife, Maria, rolled 2-year-old Chris into the room in a stroller.

Irene Lang, Kretsos' sister, burst into tears. His parents, Jim and Lilly Kretsos embraced him.

"It was so hard to keep it a secret," said Angie Brej, his oldest sibling. "I'm so proud of him."

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per day through online resources. Here in this school, in this classroom, in this time, for you young people, this man here is doing the job of helping people discover the good things there are to learn about," said Dominic Belmonte, president and chief executive officer of the Golden Apple Foundation.

Kretsos also serves as the head coach of the school's Science Olympiad team, and assistant coach of the 2012 state champion chess team.

Shamamah Khan, 15, commended his teaching style. "He helps us out so much," she said.

Students knew Kretsos was one of 25 finalists in the running for the award, but the visit still came as a surprise to the sophomore class.

"We never expected it," Irene Diblich, 17, said. "He always has been a really good teacher."

"He deserves it so much," added Raneem Nofal, 15. "That just made my day."

Flanked by family, colleagues and students, Kretsos said he felt complete.

"Everything that is important in my life is essentially in my room right now," Kretsos said. "It's amazing to have all this happening in one place."

McTague said Kretsos' "positive attitude and spirit" and "quiet confidence" inspires the school community.

He thanked his family for his support, as well as the pupils he instructs daily.

"I couldn't be a good teacher without a good students," Kretsos said. 
Interim village manager likely to stay another year

BY NATASHA WASINSKI | Contributor

Niles Mayor Robert Callero wants to ensure a smooth transition when the village's newly elected leaders take over later this month.

One way is by keeping Steven Vinezeano in the top staff position for another year, he said.

Callero made the pitch to recommend extending the acting village manager's job for another year at a search committee meeting May 6.

The ad hoc committee, composed of Callero and trustees Louella Preston and Andrew Przybylo, formed in November following the departure of former village manager George Van Geem.

Officials initially sought to hire an outside executive search firm to find candidates for the position. Five companies put in bids, but the village subsequently put all plans on hold until after the April election.

With Przybylo stepping up as mayor and three new faces joining the board, there must be continuity of village business," Callero said.

He said searching for the right person might take up to six months, and would cost tens of thousands of dollars.

Vinezeano, on the other hand, has "run the village admirably" since assuming the temporary post in December, Callero said.

Prior to the appointment, Vinezeano served 10 years as Niles' assistant village manager.

Preston did not back Callero's proposal, noting village board members had expected a search process.

Niles had conducted a thorough search seven years ago when hiring Van Geem, then the village's long-time finance director.

"There have been many things done in the past that were questionable," she said. "I really believe that a village manager position needs to be advertised going forward."

Preston pointed to Niles' recent success in hiring an "outstanding" economic development director and village planner following an extensive nationwide search.

Przybylo, on the other hand, sided with Callero in making the non-binding recommendation to the village board to keep Vinezeano.

"Right now, given the priorities that we have, and everything that's going on, I'd have to agree," he said. "I think it's in the village's best interest to stay with our assistant village manager."

Przybylo added the Village Board would have time to vet the staffing matter before anything was made final.

Though the meeting did not call for public comment, Susanne Atanus was allowed to address the committee, in which she made a case for why she should be hired to lead the village.

The 34-year resident of Niles cited her background in public administration and offered ideas for how government could operate more efficiently.

"I'd like to be the next village manager," Atanus declared.

Callero advised her to fill out an application with the village's human resources department.

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Longtime District 63 president signs out

BY NATASHA WASINSKI | Contributor

Jane Wojtkiewicz didn’t mask her emotions May 1 while presiding over what would be her last Board of Education meeting at East Maine School District 63.

The outgoing, four-term board member barely held back tears as she personally thanked each of her colleagues for their contributions and support.

“You guys have helped me to lead in very difficult times and, if it wasn’t for you, this board wouldn’t have worked as well as it did,” she said. “I am so ever grateful I have met each and every one of you.”

Wojtkiewicz, of Glenview, retired from the school board post after serving District 63 for 16 years.

Under her watch as board president, the seven-school K-8 district experienced increased student achievement scores, improved security and building upgrades.

Wojtkiewicz also helped guide the school district through some difficult decisions. In her first year of service, she and her fellow elected officials were faced with chopping half-a-million dollars from the district budget.

“It was horrible,” she recalled.

She said the school board at the time was able to lessen the immediate impact by deploying the cuts over a two-year period.

A shortfall in 2010 resulted in further cost-cutting, which Wojtkiewicz had previously said it was “a tough situation but it is good we’re looking at this.”

District 63 trimmed the budget by $2.3 million, and entered the last two school years on sound financial footing.

Wojtkiewicz said what makes a board of education successful is “the continuity we provide.”

“I think the beauty of this board is that we blend,” she said.

Superintendent Scott Clay commended Wojtkiewicz for her leadership.

“You have been instrumental in developing a very highly competent board,” he said. “I want you to know you have been my mentor, my confidante, and my friend, and I will miss you tremendously.”

Clay presented Wojtkiewicz with a glass plaque for outstanding service, but noted the award wasn’t her first.

Wojtkiewicz received statewide recognition in 2009 when the Illinois Association of School Boards presented her with the Thomas Lay Burroughs Outstanding School Board President Award.

Her departure paved the way for Glenview resident Alexandra Brook to join the Board of Education.

“Hold onto your hat, because the work begins tonight,” Wojtkiewicz advised the recently-elected newcomer.

Brook, along with incumbents Walter Gluzkin, Sheila Urban and Krystal Zec, were sworn into office during the Wednesday night reorganization meeting.

The Board of Education also appointed a new team of officers, with Janet Kaczkowski as president and Tom Simmons as vice president.
Woman parlays passion for horses, art

BY BRIDGET O'SHEA
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Photography and horses have always been passions for Linda Gordon, a Niles native now living in Barrington Hills.

She merged those two interests nine years ago when Donna Ewing and Hoofed Animal Rescue and Protection Society (HARPS) moved across the street from her. As a HARPS volunteer, Gordon has served the unique farm in many ways, including becoming a state-approved investigator, rescuing potentially mistreated horses from all over Illinois.

HARPS is home to about 20 horses and a variety of other hoofed animals. Gordon also is a staff photographer for Clinton Anderson, a renowned horse trainer.

Gordon said she travels the country year-round teaching horse owners how to best interact with their equine friends. Gordon also shoots photos for HARPS.

Q: What are your roles as a HARPS volunteer?
A: I started as a photographer. I ended up being a state-approved investigator, stall cleaner, etc. Once you're there, you pretty much learn do anything.

Q: What do you do as an investigator?
A: People will call if they have a neighbor and saw that their neighbor's horses looked like they had been mistreated. They can call in and HARPS would be the ones to come if the horses needed to be moved in the hopes that they recover. We work in conjunction with the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Q: How do you use your photography skills at HARPS?
A: We put out a magazine at least twice a year, so I take photos for that. I also take the photos we put in booths when we go places. You can't really reach people if they can't see you.

Q: What got you interested in photography?
A: I've always been into art, so photography just came naturally to me.

Q: What's your favorite thing about working with HARPS?
A: It's very gratifying to go in and save an animal. Donna has really dedicated her life to saving hoofed animals.

Q: What got you interested in working with animals?
A: As a kid, people down the block would sometimes bring me orphaned animals and I guess I just wanted to help. I also worked in wildlife rescue before volunteering with HARPS, so I've always worked with animals.

Q: Where do HARPS animals come from?
A: We can get them from all over the state of Illinois. A lot of animal control agencies are called asking for assistance from HARPS.

Q: What do you enjoy most about volunteering with HARPS?
A: That's a hard question. If you volunteer there, the possibilities are pretty much endless.

Q: How did you become involved with Clinton Anderson?
A: I've been following his programs for about six years. I liked him so much, I decided I wanted to work with him.

Q: What do you like best about teaching?
A: I travel all year all over the country and I get a chance to talk to a lot of people. It's fun to watch people learn. The more educated someone is, the less problems they will run into.

Q: What do you like about the Barrington area?
A: There are rolling hills out here and it's horse country, but it's close enough to the city. It's just a beautiful place.

Q: Do you have any advice for someone trying to turn one's interests into a career?
A: I encourage everyone I ever meet to find a group and volunteer. It's the best way to get started on anything.
Park Ridge Senior center eyes move to Niles

BY JENNIFER JOHNSON
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A Park Ridge Senior Center group is eyeing a former school building in Niles as an alternate location for senior citizen recreational activities.

Senior Services, Inc. is considering the establishment of its own senior center, separate from the Park Ridge Recreation and Park District which operates the current Park Ridge Senior Center at 100 S. Western Ave. SSI, which consists of about 12 members, is currently exploring the former Our Lady of Ransom School, 8300 N. Greenwood Ave. in Niles, said SSI Chairwoman Carla Owen.

“We haven’t made a decision about our next step, if we’re going to start a new place or what we’ll do with our assets, but yes, Our Lady of Ransom is a building we have looked at,” Owen said.

SSI, a fundraising arm for the Park Ridge Senior Center, is currently negotiating rental prices, studying its budget, and determining the cost of dues, Owen said.

“The Senior Senate and SSI have to really make a decision and crunch the numbers,” she added. “I think the space is very acceptable. People have gone through it and they think it could really work. It’s more looking at the finances now and that we’d have the staff and volunteers to get started.”

The space available at Our Lady of Ransom is comparable to the size of the current Senior Center, Owen said.

Our Lady of Ransom Catholic School closed in 2004. Since that time, it has been used for other purposes, most recently as the home of Science Academy of Chicago, which has since relocated to Mount Prospect.

SSI has until June 1 to inform the park district that it will claim a number of items currently in use at the Park Ridge Senior Center. If the group does create its own senior center, it will have until Aug. 1 to remove the items.

During a meeting of the Park Ridge Park Board of Commissioners on May 2, newly seated board member Jim Phillips said he had wanted “to dissuade SSI from opening a competing senior center for Park Ridge citizens,” by perhaps establishing a new agreement with the group. The Park Board opted to end a long-standing agreement with SSI from opening a competing senior center for Park Ridge citizens,” by perhaps establishing a new agreement with the group. The Park Board opted to end a long-standing agreement with SSI in 2010, adding to mounting tensions between the two groups.

After discussing the matter with board president Rick Biagi, who pointed out details of the settlement agreement, Phillips said he believed “any idea of maybe working with SSI is impractical,” and is a “point point anyway” if the group is seriously looking to rent space at Our Lady of Ransom.

“SSI is going to do what they want at this point and there’s nothing we can do about it,” Phillips said.

“I don’t think we ought to go and recognize a breakaway organization at all,” added Commissioner Richard Brandt. “If they want to go, let them go.”

Owen said a survey answered by about 200 Senior Center members showed “more ‘yeses’ than ‘nos’ when asked if they would likely join new senior facilities, should an alternative center open.
Culver School tests new homework policy

BY IGOR STUDENKOV | Contributor

In 2010, the Niles Elementary School District 71 Board of Education altered the Culver Elementary School's homework policy, giving teachers more flexibility and putting emphasis on ensuring that homework would serve a good educational purpose.

But the policy only set broad goals. A committee of teachers, parents and administrators spent the last three years working on a set of policy recommendations that would establish more detailed guidelines.

The committee presented the final version of the guidelines at the April 30 school board meeting. The guidelines, which have also been posted on Culver's website, give teachers flexibility when it comes to the amount and format of the assignments while encouraging them to utilize the latest technology, give timely feedback and avoid overburdening students with too much homework.

The policy prohibited the use of homework as a penalty, established that homework should encourage independent thought and self-discipline, and gave teachers more flexibility when it came to nature and volume of homework assignments.

The guidelines don't limit how much homework teachers can give per se.

However, they stipulate that homework shouldn't take too much time. For higher grades, teachers would need to work together to ensure that students wouldn't get more than two formal assignments per day. Guidelines encourage teachers not to give too much homework over weekends and holidays.

At the same time, the guidelines give teachers more flexibility when it comes to what sort of assignments they can give. During the presentation, fourth-grade teacher and committee member Alan Hirsch used "flip classrooms," where students watch an instructional video online after school and do assignments in class based on what they saw, as an example. Other examples included online research assignments and collaborative projects.

The guidelines called for homework assignments to be available both online and in print. They also encourage regular communications between students, teachers and parents to ensure that everyone is up to speed on the assignments and that students would be able to get help with homework if needed.

Culver Principal Peggie Maniscalco mentioned that the upcoming introduction of Chromebooks to all students will affect homework in another way.

"A good thing about Chromebooks is that you can't say you left homework at home," she said.

The teachers who attended the meeting had nothing but good things to say about the new policy. When asked if guidelines will affect the way he teaches,

Technology teacher Fred Schlessinger offered a response that echoed the feelings of other teachers.

"Truthfully, no," he said. "I don't think [the way I teach] will change much."

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**DUI**

Karen Kamschroer, 46, of 8157 N. Farnsworth Dr., Niles, was charged with driving under the influence, driving with a suspended license, failure to signal and improper lane usage on the morning of May 1. She was taken into custody on the 8000 block of Milwaukee Avenue at 2 a.m. She has a May 21 court date.

**RETAIL THEFT**

Ashelle Miller, 30, of 9100 Lawler Ave., Skokie, was charged with retail theft on April 30. Police said Miller stole an undisclosed amount of clothing from a store at the Golf Mill Shopping Center. She has a May 29 court date.

Sergiy Zaytsev, 24, of 757 Garland Place, Des Plaines, was charged with retail theft and possession of drug paraphernalia on April 28 after police said he stole two pairs of jeans from Sears at Golf Mill Shopping Center. According to police, four pocket knives and needles which Zaytsev allegedly admitted were used to take heroin were also found in his possession. He has a June 7 court date.

**PROPERTY DAMAGE**

Someone put sugar in the gas tank of a vehicle on the night of April 29 while it was parked on the 8300 block of Golf Road.

A Niles man reported that someone broke the clutch handle off his 1999 Kawasaki motorcycle between April 30 and May 1 while it was parked on the 7000 block of Crain Street.

**THEFT**

The manager of a restaurant on the 8400 block of Golf Road told police that $100 was stolen in a “quick change scam” that occurred on the morning of April 26. The suspect was a man in his 40s or 50s.

An 89-year-old Chicago woman told police that her wallet was stolen from her purse April 25 while she shopped inside a grocery store on the 5600 block of Touhy Avenue.

**DOMESTIC DISPUTE**

Police were called to the 7800 block of Olsander Avenue on April 28 after a woman reported that her husband spit in her face three times during a verbal altercation that took place over a three-hour period. No charges were filed.

**FOUND PROPERTY**

A bag of coins was left behind on a table at a restaurant on the 5900 block of Touhy Avenue on April 22. The bag was turned into police.

A purse belonging to a Niles woman and containing her wallet, driver’s license and credit cards was found by a resident April 29 in the mud near a wooded area on the 6600 block of Wood River Drive. The purse’s owner told police she lost the purse in November 2012.
Students make big show of classic 'Pea'

BY MIKE ISAACS | misaacs@pioneerlocal.com

It's hard to believe that "Once Upon a Mattress," the musical adaptation of the Hans Christian Andersen fairy-tale, "The Princess and the Pea," has been performed in theatrical venues across the country for more than 50 years.

One reason for its enduring popularity is the zest and fresh energy that professionals, amateurs and students consistently bring to new productions.

The JCC Chicago's Young Actors Ensemble in Skokie has been staging the musical at the Bernard Horwitz Jewish Community Center, an ideal choice for a JCC production because of the wide range of performers the show accommodates and the family appeal of its story.

"This is a show that will engage families across all generations," said JCC Children's Theater Manager Robert Bowsman. "Children love seeing fairy-tale characters come to life, and the story and humor speak to adults as well."

"Once Upon A Mattress" has had three television versions, the last one in 2005 with a stellar cast of Carol Burnett as Queen Aggravain, Denis O'Hare as Prince Dauntless, Tom Smothers as King Sextimus, Tracey Ullman as Princess Winnifred, Zooey Deschanel as Lady Larken and Matthew Morrison as Sir Harry.

That production incorporated a healthy amount of slapstick, which the JCC Chicago's Young Actors Ensemble has embraced as well. The musical depicts a lovesick nobleman seeking to marry his sweetheart but having to find his ruling prince a bride to accomplish the goal. No one in Prince Dauntless' kingdom is permitted to marry until the prince himself exchanges vows. That's not as easy as it sounds, since the prince has an overbearing mother, Queen Aggravain.

Other colorful and key characters pop up along the way.

The all-ages cast in this local production includes 18 children and four adults, both veterans and newcomers to the JCC stage. Those from Skokie include Hala Bchiri as Lady Larkin, Lena Bromberg as Sir Michael, Megan S. Balmash as Sir Luke, Eli Chubin as Wizard, Nava Drapkin as Lady Maybelle, Benjamin Eisenstein as Prince Dauntless, Tera Eliasoff as Lady Helena, Debbie Feder as Mistress, Raina Kutliroff as Princess #12 and Sir Studley, and Sari Steinberg as Sir Steinberg and Kitchen Wench.

Additional cast members include Emily Darlow (Chicago), Adele Lownitz (Chicago), Tom Denman (Wilmette), Celia Denman (Wilmette), Ella Denman (Wilmette), Ariana Handelman (Chicago), and Sara Helgemo (Morton Grove).

"Once Upon a Mattress" offers subtle lessons in courage (ometz lev) and character (tikkun midot), which is a consistent emphasis in JCC programming.

The JCC's Young Actors Ensemble allows students ages 8 to 18 opportunity to shine on stage and behind the scenes in three productions every season. The ensemble is process-oriented, child-centered and committed to creating high quality theater, according to those who oversee the program.
Morningfields debuts off its newly-renovated bakery in Park Ridge in 2008. The store is preparing for the possibility that it’ll lose the Devon Avenue location it’s operated out of for 30 years, and looking for new locations. | FILE PHOTO

With plaza to be razed, grocery store seeks new spot

BY JENNIFER JOHNSON
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Rick Teliszczak hopes to keep Morningfields Market up and running if or when his South Park store is razed for new development.

“I have a bid for a place right now, that’s all I can say,” Teliszczak, owner of the store, told the Park Ridge Herald-Advocate on May 1. “I don’t plan on shutting down, I plan on moving.” Morningfields, an anchor tenant of the shopping plaza at 800 W. Devon Ave. for nearly 30 years, is not included in plans for redevelopment of the site, according to property owner Fred Gillick. Gillick is looking to relocate the existing Walgreens into a stand-alone building and build a bank and small retail building. He still needs to submit a site-plan review proposal to the Planning and Zoning Commission for approval, said Park Ridge City Planner Jon Branham.

The Park Ridge City Council was expected to approve a new zoning classification for the plaza this week.

If he does relocate as planned, Teliszczak doesn’t want shoppers to have to travel very far to find the new Morningfields.

“I’m trying to stay as close as I can to this location, because of our bakery and our catering,” he said. Only the western portion of the plaza is slated for demolition under the current plans. The building on the east side, which includes Allegro Music and Boston Market, is expected to remain.
Cook County Sheriff's Police are looking for a man who allegedly tried to abduct a 12-year-old girl near a wooded area in unincorporated Maine Township Wednesday.

Sheriff's Police spokeswoman Sophia Ansari said the girl was sitting near a pond on the south side of the 9600 block of Golf Road around 5:15 p.m. when she became startled by a man who had approached her. As the girl began to walk away, the man allegedly grabbed her and tried to drag her into a nearby wooded area.

As the man covered the girl's mouth, she fought back by biting his hand, allowing her to escape and run home, police said.

Police searched the area using a helicopter and K-9 units, but were unable to locate the suspect, though a pair of white headphones the suspect had been wearing were reportedly found.

Ansari said the girl was alone at the time of the attempted abduction, which occurred between Golf Road and the Bay Colony residential neighborhood east of I-294.

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- Affordable player fees, with need-based scholarships available.

Register for Tryouts Today at www.fc1academy.com

Tryouts begin May 13 for girls, and May 14 for boys. Visit website for age-specific dates and locations.

FC-1 Academy is a joint program between Glenview SC and Spartan FC, and is open to players from all surrounding communities.

District 64 nabs excellence award

Park Ridge-Niles School District 64 is a recipient of the 2013 Bright Red Apple Award for educational excellence from SchoolSearch, an independent research and consulting firm.

The school district was among 78 of the state’s 866 districts to receive the award this year. Selection is based on data from the 2012 Illinois State Report Cards, including the number of teachers with master’s degrees or above; pupil/teacher ratio; teacher salary; operating expenditure per student; and ISAT scores in reading and math.

Maine Township family services pitching survey

MaineStay Youth and Family Services is inviting the community to take part in an online survey as part of an evaluation of services and needs of community residents.

The survey is available in English and Spanish at www.mainetownship.com/survey.

Everyone who completes the survey can enter to win a $100, $50, or $25 gift card. No prior knowledge of MaineStay services are required to answer the survey.

The survey will be available until June 15. Paper copies are also available at Maine Township Town Hall, 1700 Ballard Rd., Park Ridge.

According to Maine Township, the survey is part of a larger strategic planning effort by MaineStay and responses will allow staff to “obtain an accurate picture of the department’s strengths, as well as what changes are needed in order to better serve the surrounding community.”
Mayor Emanuel says he made 'bad' parking meter deal better

Mayor Rahm Emanuel said May 1 there's nothing he can do to make a 'bad' parking meter deal that's "worse than we knew" into a good one but he made it better by swapping a longer paid parking day for free neighborhood parking on Sundays and wiping $1 billion in future liabilities off the books.

"The choice is, live with what we have for the next 71 years or eliminate a [$1 billion] bill taxpayers would have to fork over the next 71 years, get free Sundays in our neighborhoods and pay by cell phone. That's a choice the City Council should debate and decide," he said.

"The question before us is, which one do we want: the status quo or not and the changes I provided. If we don't, we'll make that decision."

Some aldermen have argued that Emanuel created the potential for yet another potential windfall for Chicago Parking Meters LLC by trading free Sunday parking in Chicago neighborhoods for a longer parking day.

Emanuel flatly rejected that argument. To drive the point home, he read aloud the names of some of the Chicago neighborhoods in line for the Sunday parking freebie in alphabetical order, starting with Albany Park and ending with Wicker Park.

— Chicago Sun-Times

Illinois House OKs Speaker Madigan's pension-reform plan

The Illinois House approved a plan May 2 that would tackle the $97 billion shortfall in the state's retirement system by increasing employee contributions and decreasing benefits, the first victory for across-the-board pension reform in four years of debate.

Shepherded by House Speaker Michael Madigan, the House voted 62-51 on a plan he says would reduce the liability by $30 billion and fully fund by 2044 the systems for state employees, university workers, and primary-school teachers.

"This obviously does not meet every request. This obviously does not make everyone happy," the Chicago Democrat said during more than an hour of floor debate. "We're all familiar with the severe fiscal problem of the state and the fiscal problems of the pension systems are a large part of that problem."


Years of underfunding by past governors and General Assemblies — including Madigan, a House member since 1971 and a leader for three decades — led to a pileup of debt in five public-employee pension accounts, which are $100 billion short.

— The Associated Press

U.S. Forest Service to states: Give timber subsidies back

The U.S. Forest Service is in the business of preventing fires, not starting them.

Yet the agency set off alarms in Congress and state capitals across the West by citing the automatic spending cuts as the basis for demanding that dozens of states return $17.9 million in federal subsidies. And it's all come down to a bureaucratic squabble over whether the money is subject to so-called sequestration because of the year it was paid (2013) as the Obama administration contends, or exempt from the cuts because of the year it was generated (2012) as the states insist.

Right now, it's a standoff heightened by history and hard fiscal realities. But with taxpayer cash scarce, both sides are digging in: The Forest Service has to slash 5 percent of its budget under sequestration. The states, meanwhile, have depended for decades on a share of revenue from timber cut on federal land.

It's not clear who gets to decide or whether the question ends up in court. But lines have been drawn: Infuriated, Republicans and Democrats from Capitol Hill to the governors' offices banded together to fight back, arguing the money was paid to the states well before the spending reductions went into effect.

— The Associated Press
Opinion

LISTEN TO THE VOTERS

Sometimes legislators need to pay attention to the voters, not the lobbyists.

The debate in Springfield over concealed carry is a perfect example.
A Capitol Fax/We Ask America poll on April 24 of 1,284 likely Illinois voters found 73 percent of them said it's fine if Chicago and Cook County police have additional authority over who gets to carry concealed weapons. That's a big margin. Pollster Gregg Durham joked, "I can't get 73 percent of people to agree that it's dark at midnight."

But too many legislators are listening to the National Rifle Association, which refuses to go along and is intent on pre-empting home rule for Chicago and Cook County. Because of the appellate court ruling, the NRA feels it doesn't have to give ground.

The perspective on concealed carry is different depending on where you live. Some people in rural areas point out law enforcement can be half an hour away. But in Chicago, many officials think the city has too many guns already. Legislators should take seriously the safety needs of the Chicago area.

CUBS CONFINED BY SOME FANS' DEMANDS

With fans like these, who needs an opposing team?

As a lifelong Chicagoan and lifelong baseball fan, I continually ask myself that question as I watch the Cubs' endless quest for the World Series continually foiled by their fans, the so-called greatest fans in baseball.

Oh, sure, some folks will blame Cubs management and the players for the team's century of futility.

But the fans play an ever-increasing role in making sure that when it comes to winning a World Series, the team is snake-bit. Consider the gauntlet Cub fans have created for their team.

Ten years since a fan — one of the so-called greatest fans in baseball — tried to catch a foul ball and was blamed for the Cubs losing the playoffs, a new owner is trying to do something to help the franchise win a championship, and the fans want no part of it.

The blueprint owner Tom Ricketts is following is the same one the Boston Red Sox used with their relic of a ballpark, Fenway Park. Heck, Ricketts even hired the guy who did it in Boston to run the Cubs.

But the fans aren't buying. Some things are just more important than a World Series ring.

One of those more important things is rooftop seating. Cubs fans would rather sit on a rooftop and pretend they are at a game than allow their team to do anything to block the worst view in baseball and possibly make more money to buy better players. I dare say the rooftops look better from inside the park than the inside of the park looks to people on the rooftops.

I would not try to watch a baseball game from a Wrigley rooftop Avenue than have a Jumbotron in left field that could bring in advertising money to help their team buy better players.

Cubs fans would rather limit the number of night games the Cubs can play than allow their team to cash in on lucrative TV revenue to get more money to buy better players.

Cubs fans would rather keep their quaint little park and imagine what it was like when Andy Pafko patrolled the same field 60 years ago than have a new, modern stadium and a possible World Series.

Cubs fans would rather stand on an el platform for two hours after another innovative loss than have parking nearby or a hotel across the street and playoff baseball in October.

I just don't understand it. I guess that's why I'm not a Cubs fan.
Better get cooking on Mother's Day plans

Let's see ...

That's 21 years, or 7,665 days.
Times 3.
That is 22,995.
So, you owe your mother 22,995 meals. That's at least the number of breakfasts, lunches and dinners your mother has made for you over your first 21 years.

And Mother's Day is that day to pay some of that back every year.

One glaring difference between Mother's Day and other holidays is that on other holidays, it's usually mom doing most of the cooking. But it would be more than a bit tacky to have her cook her own dinner on her own holiday, right?

So, you have to make a reservation at a restaurant.

Unfortunately, you are competing with all the other people who have to find a place to eat on the one day of the year they can't fob off the cooking on their mother.

(An aside: Mother's Day must be the most restauranted day of the year. So, why is it so many restaurants reduce the number of items on their menu? Just asking.)

Of course, you will manage to find a way so that mom won't have to cook on Sunday. And you will come up with flowers and find a corsage and a gift, too.

Am I making this sound like a chore?
I don't mean to.
Mother's Day is a good day. It is pleasant and warming to take a day to remember all those things your mother has done for you - even if she would never let you have that BB gun you always wanted. She was probably right about that. I most likely would have shot my eye out.

Unfortunately, you are competing with all the other people who have to find a place to eat on the one day of the year they can't fob off the cooking on their mother.

I'd like to tell my mother that. There are a lot of things I'd like to say to my mother.

But that's not possible.
My mother died this past March.
So, we won't be making dinner reservations this year.

But you should.
Make it a great day for both of you.

Niles Herald-Spectator Wants to Hear from You

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Conference helps seniors have better quality of life

As we age, experts say it is important to focus on the quality of life.

A local conference is focusing on "Aging Well." For 15 years, a group of community organizations have come together, with the City of Evanston, to present strategies for healthy aging for older adults, their families, caregivers and professionals.

This free event is a true community partnership, according to organizers. Presenters are donating their time, and all costs involved have been underwritten by the collaborating organizations and sponsors.

The conference features a welcome by Evanston Mayor Elizabeth Tisdahl and a keynote address by Julie Hamos, Director of the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services. The second part of the morning features a variety of workshops on topics ranging from social media to sexuality and includes speakers from local hospitals as well as other senior experts.

"Every year I leave with something new," shares event co-sponsor Gerri Fiterman Persin, Manager for The Center for Healthy Living, which is part of CJE SeniorLife. "Little tidbits of things I wouldn't have thought about before. It's really about lifelong learning and [at the conference] you learn practical things you can put into place the minute you leave the conference."

Fiterman Persin adds another exciting thing about this program is the way that so many different organizations come together to create something for both the professional community and the general public.

"Professionals have an opportunity to get another point of view, to hear from the seniors and their caregivers," she shares.

While there are many interesting sessions, one Fiterman Persin thinks will appeal to both the professionals and the public is one focusing on techniques for remembering names. The workshop will address the five main reasons why we have difficulty remembering names, along with strategies for improving our name recollection.

"Who hasn't walked into a room and had some trouble recalling all the names?" Fiterman Persin adds.

There are also sessions dedicated to helping older job seekers in the workforce, wellness and health discussions, and more. The conference will conclude with the "Aging Well Award," which is being presented this year to former Evanston Chief of Police William Logan.

The Aging Well Conference is being held on Friday, May 10, from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Three Crowns Park, 2323 McDaniel Avenue in Evanston. Space is limited. To register online or to read complete workshop descriptions, visit www.cityofevanston.org/agingwellconference.

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Get up and go

Your guide to the weekend and beyond

Every Thursday
Taking a break before setting up another electrocardiogram, John Regalado remembers his son.

In the middle of the Maine South High School field house - which, on this day, resembles a makeshift medical clinic with its draped cubicles and workers in white coats scurrying about - Regalado takes a card out of his wallet. It's his son Robert's school ID, the one he carried with him four years ago, a reminder of his sudden death at age 15.

"It took the coroner a few months to find out what he really passed away of," Regalado says in a voice that has shared this same story too many times before. "They said he had an enlarged heart. His heart was three times larger than what it should have been."

But Regalado and his wife, Laura, never knew. Robert, a baseball and football player at Reavis High School in Burbank, had undergone the mandatory physical exams required in order to participate on his school's sports teams, but he'd never had an electrocardiogram, also known as an EKG, which can measure and diagnose abnormal heart rhythms.

The Regalados now believe that simple test may have saved their son's life by identifying his ailment early. And they are hoping other parents get the message, too.

Several times each year the couple volunteers with Young Hearts for Life, helping to administer EKGs to teenagers within their schools. Launched by Advocate Lutheran General Hospital cardiologist Dr. Joseph Marek in 2005, Youth Hearts for Life came to Maine South in Park Ridge on May 2 and May 3, where over 1,300 students - about half the student population - lined up to receive free EKGs.

Parents who signed permission slips allowed their children to undergo the test during physical education periods. When their time was called, the students were instructed to lay down on an exam table in one of the cubicles - girls on one side of the field house, boys on the other, curtains providing privacy - while electrodes were stuck to their chests, arms and legs. Wires were then attached between the electrodes and an EKG machine.

"This works," he said of the testing which takes about four minutes per student. "It just makes me mad sometimes that people don't take it seriously."

Looking over at the students who had just completed their EKGs he added, "They're getting the chance my son never had."

The roots of Young Hearts began to form about 10 years ago when Marek learned that a teenager from a neighboring community had died from an undiagnosed heart condition. He and his partners at Lutheran General decided large-scale testing at schools could identify heart problems - and allow for treatment to begin - before another life is suddenly lost to sudden cardiac death. About 60 to 70 percent of cardiac conditions in teens can be detected through the electrocardiogram, Marek said.

"These conditions, although they're not rare, are also not common," he explained. "There's maybe three out of..."
With big costs, D67 revamps budget

BY NICK KATZ | nkatz@pioneerlocal.com

Officials in Golf Elementary School District 67 will hold a hearing next month on a revised budget that reflects the sale of more about $8 million in bonds, as well as expenditures for construction projects at both district schools.

Acting Business Manager Marty McConahay said the districts needs to adopt an amended budget because the new transactions account for more than 10 percent of revenue and spending in the Capital Projects Fund.

Revenue in the fund is being increased by just over $8 million to account for revenue from the bond sale. In November, voters approved the sale of bonds to build a new gym at Hynes Elementary School and for building improvements at both schools.

The fund also includes another $50,000 in revenue from a state grant the district received for lighting improvements. Only some of that revenue is also listed under expenditures in the revised budget.

McConahay estimated that only a portion of the money will be spent by the end of June, the end of the district's fiscal year. The remainder of the money will be carried over and reflected in the 2013-14 budget.

New expenditures in the revised 2012-13 budget include about $2.3 million the district expects to spend toward the construction projects by the end of June.

The school board will hold a hearing on the amended budget at its meeting at 6:30 p.m. June 4 at Golf Middle School, 9401 Waukegan Road. The board is also expected to vote on the revised budget at that meeting.

The money from the bond sale is being used to build a new gym at Hynes, required in order to meet state requirements for physical education classes.

In addition, the work being done this summer includes installation of fire suppression sprinkler systems at both schools.

Other planned improvements include remedies for a range of problems from leaking windows that cause water to pool and actually get under the floor in some below-ground-level classrooms to leaking windows and a loud ventilation fan in the Golf gym.

1,000 kids who may have one of these conditions. So we really need to test as many children as we can.”

In the last seven years, roughly 95,000 EKGs have been administered to teenagers through the Youth Hearts program, Marek said.

“We've found literally hundreds of young adults that have life-threatening problems,” he said.

Maine South senior Tommy Bakken, 18, described his EKG as “no big deal” and painless. “My parents thought it was a good idea to get it checked out, because I play sports,” he said.

“My gym teacher recommended we do it just because it was free,” added Andrew Podgorski, 18, a runner.

Junior Megan Boyce, a member of the tennis team, admitted she was a little nervous going in to take her test, but the volunteers were friendly and helped her to relax.

“I think it's really important that high school kids — especially since they are so active — are getting this opportunity and that the schools is providing it,” she said.

Maine South was selected as a Young Hearts testing spot after a parent contacted Marek’s office and inquired about the possibility, he said. Any abnormal EKGs were reported by phone to parents, who could then make appointments with a primary care doctor for a follow-up, while parents of children with normal EKGs were informed via email.

A $12,000 grant from Lutheran General Hospital helped pay for the testing. Additionally, Maine South Assistant Principal Rose Garlasco worked to obtain $2,500 in donations from the Park Ridge Rotary Club, Kiwanis Clubs, the Park Ridge Youth Commission and the Maine Township District 207 Education Foundation to rent the partitions for student privacy and buy the supplies needed.

About 200 parents and other community volunteers were trained to help administer the EKGs, check students in, handle paperwork, and perform other tasks.

Though no testing is currently scheduled at Maine East and Maine West High Schools, both have expressed interest, Marek said.

The hardest part of his work, he added, is getting parents and students to realize the importance of having an EKG. Awareness, he said, “is a critical, critical part of this program.”

Regalado emphatically agrees.

“These are deaths that shouldn't happen,” he said.
Niles Elementary School District 71 bade farewell to three long-serving elected officials April 30.

Board President Patrick Byrne, Secretary Mary Krueger and member John Zuckerman retired this year, paving the way for newcomers to fill three of seven seats on the Board of Education.

Superintendent Amy Kruppe recognized the exceptional commitment of the outgoing district leaders, as well as former board member Karen Johnson.

The four retired officials have 45 cumulative years of board member service.

"History is important, and you don't get that any more," Kruppe said.

Krueger, a 30-year-school crossing guard and District 71 board member since 1997, recently received the Dynamic Parent Volunteer Award from the Niles Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

Byrne received the same honor for his volunteer service in 2010.

Zuckerman this year wrapped up his second go-around with District 71. He first joined the school board in 1995 and served through 2004. He returned to the board table in March 2012 to fill a vacancy left by Johnson.

First elected to the board in 2000, Johnson had resigned in the middle of her third four-year term.

Kruppe acknowledged shifting requirements and increased stresses are causing more and more professionals to leave the field of education.

She, herself, is an example of rare longevity at the district leadership level. Kruppe is the longest-standing current superintendent in Niles Township, she said, with six years under her belt as a District 71 administrator.

Kruppe acknowledged volunteer school boards would likely not be exempt from the turnover trend.

"I'm afraid that education is going to lose the experience that we have," Kruppe said. "There's something to be said about knowing that history (of a school)."

This election year, only two residents stepped forward to fill three open seats at District 71. Incumbent Matthew Holbrook and newcomers Jill Brocar and Matt Glancy ran uncontested April 9. David Laske snatched the remaining seat as a write-in candidate.

The board members were sworn into office just after 10 p.m. during the Tuesday night reorganization meeting.

The Board of Education also appointed a new team of officers, with Jim Grammas as president, Holbrook as vice president, and Tina Nielsen as secretary.
For the week of May 15 to May 21

ARIES (March 21 to April 19)
Although you might prefer moving forward at a steady pace, it might be a good idea to stop and reassess your plans. You could find a good reason to make a change at this time.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)
Just when you thought you had everything planned to the smallest detail, you get some news that could unsettle things. But a timely explanation helps put it all back on track.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)
Home and work continue to compete for your attention. But you handle it well by giving each its proper due. Someone you trust offers valuable advice. Listen to it.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22)
Unsettling news creates a difficult but not impossible situation. Continue to follow your planned routine, but keep your mind open to a possible change down the line.

LEO (July 23 to August 22)
Lick your wounded pride if you like, but it's a better idea to find out why your suggestions were rejected. What you learn could help you deal with an upcoming situation.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)
Feeling a bit listless? No wonder. You might be pushing too hard to finish everything on your to-do list. Cutting it down could help get your energy levels up.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)
Taking time out of your busy schedule might be the best way to handle that sensitive private matter, It will help reassure everyone involved about your priorities.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)
Insist on full disclosure by all parties before agreeing to be part of a "great deal." What you learn should help you decide whether to go with it or not.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)
Your decision to protect the secret that was entrusted to you might irk some people. But it also wins you the admiration of those who value trust and loyalty.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)
Creative activities take on a practical approach as you realize you might be able to market your work. Ask for advice from someone experienced in this area.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)
If you're suddenly a bit unsure about your decision, ask trusted colleagues and/or friends or family members for suggestions that could help resolve your doubts.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20)
A workplace situation could get stormy. But stay on course until there's a solution that meets with everyone's approval, and things can finally calm down.

BORN THIS WEEK: You keep an open mind on most matters, making you the confident choice for people who need your honest counsel.

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

Saturday, May 18: Legal counseling, by appointment.

Monday, May 13, and 20: Employment counseling, by appointment.

Monday, May 13: Alzheimer’s caregivers support group, at 10 a.m.

Tuesday, May 14: Annual meeting, 6:45-8:30 p.m., The Center of Concern, Park Ridge Senior Center, 100 S. Western Ave., Park Ridge.

Preparation of simple wills and durable powers of attorney for health care and property also is available by appointment.

Homeowners desiring additional income, companionship, or the ability to remain in their homes may wish to consider The Center of Concern’s shared housing program. Residents are matched with screened applicants who possess a temperament suitable to shared accommodations.

Center counselors also are available to help eligible residents apply for Illinois Circuit Breaker property tax relief grants and other benefits. A Circuit Breaker property tax relief application will be held May 10 from 12 to 4 p.m. at Golf Mill Shopping Center, throughout the mall common areas. Admissions are free and open to the public. Guests are invited to shop the craft fair while supporting local and small businesses. For hours and additional information visit www.golfmill.com or call (847) 699-1070.

Planning ahead

Citizenship Workshop
Free assistance with citizenship applications including legal screenings and referrals to ESL and Citizenship classes hosted by HIAS Chicago will be held from 9 a.m. to noon May 18 at Church of the Holy Spirit, 1451 Bode Road, Schaumburg. Call Kathryn Dudik at (312) 673-3240 or email kathyndudzik@jdfs.org.

Communtiy
Craft Fair to Showcase Local Artistry
Crafters will showcase their artistic flair at the Heartland Creative Craft Fair from May 10 through 12 at Golf Mill Shopping Center, throughout the mall common areas. Admission is free and open to the public. Guests are invited to shop the craft fair while supporting local and small businesses. For hours and additional information visit www.golfmill.com or call (847) 699-1070.

Arts & Crafts Adventure
The 23rd Annual Arts & Crafts Adventure takes place from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. May 11 at Hodges Park, 101 S. Courtland. Exhibitors will be located on the grass alongside sidewalks which wind around and through the Park. Some of the work on display will include paintings, photography, graphics, garden art, woodworking, jewelry, glassworks, artwear and even wood working, and fiber and floral crafts plus much more. Free Admission. Call (847) 991-4748 or (312) 751-2500, or visit www.americansocietyofartists.org.

Author Carrie Goldman
Professionals in Learning Disabilities And Special Education will host Carrie Goldman, author of "Bullied: What Every Parent, Teacher, and Kid Needs to Know About Ending the Cycle of Fear." She will address multiple aspects of bullying, for bystanders, parents, and students as well as cyberbullying on May 14 at Advocate Lutheran General Hospital, 1775 Dempster St., Park Ridge. Tickets $40 for nonmembers. Professionals and parents are invited to attend. Call Carrie Parks at (847) 831-4259.

FUNDRAISERS
Children’s Hospital
Walk 4 Children's Walk-a-Thon and Family Fun Day from 9 -11:30 a.m. June 2 at Tamarak Day Camp, 23970 Elm Road, Lincolnshire. Benefitting Pediatric Brain Tumor Research at Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago. Supported by the North Suburban Medical Research Junior Board. Tickets may be purchased at the door. All tickets will be held at the event for pick-up. To purchase event tickets, raffle tickets or make a donation visit http://foundation.luriechildrens.org

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

LIBRARY

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

KIDS PROGRAMS:

Bibliobop Dance Party
Bring your family and friends as we crank up the tunes and boogie down in the Niles Library! The program starts at 10 a.m. May 10. It’s fun for the whole family. DJ Miss Cate will be spinning all the best tunes from our terrific music collection.

Knights of Niles Chess Club
Learn chess or improve your skills in this fun after school activity at 3:45 p.m. May 10. Mr. Chris will help you learn everything from the names of the pieces to winning strategies. For kindergarten through eighth-graders.

Mom’s Day Tea Party
0:30 pm
Bring your mom, grandma, auntie, etc., to a special Mother’s Day program from 2 p.m. May 12. Enjoy tea, treats, a craft, and participate in your very own fashion show. Ages 3 and up. Register by calling (847) 663-1234.

Teens Program: Cosplay and Manga Drawing Workshop
1:15 pm
Join the Anime & Manga Club for cosplay and a drawing workshop with artist Susan Sieber from 1-4 p.m. May 11. Come in costume and bring your art to share. For teens in grades 7-12.

Adult Programs:

Collaborate
10:18 am

Senior Coffee Hour
10:18 am
How to Help Your Loved Ones with Dementia will be held from 10:30-11:30 a.m. May 14. Find out about the stages of dementia and the ways family members or caregivers can help their loved ones afflicted with this disease.

Closed Captioned New Release
1:00 pm
"Trouble with the Curve" film will be screened from 2-4 p.m. May 16. Gus has been one of the best baseball scouts for decades, but age is starting to catch up with him. Gus refuses to be benched, and the only person who can help is his daughter.

Pioneer Park Open
CAMP
Niles Park District Pioneer Park, 7135 N. Harlem Ave., has re-opened to the public May 10. Spring Hours are 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday; 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Summer hours begin June 2.

PUZZLE ANSWERS

See page 24 for this week’s Super Crossword and Sudoku puzzles.
Russian bookstore finds niche

BY IGOR STUDENKOV | Contributor

To an average person walking west on Golf Road, the sign above the City of Joy bookstore doesn’t say much.

There is the name of the store, a picture of dolls in colorful outfits and a picture of several hardcover books facing spine out. But any Russian who happens to pass by would be able to read the inscription right below the name – “Books. Souvenirs. Music.”

Niles has several ethnic bookstores, but City of Joy is the only one that caters to village’s Russian-American community. Since moving from Chicago fifteen years ago, it has built up a loyal customer base and became something of a community social hub. And while the store primarily caters to Russians, it welcomes anyone who is curious about Russian culture.

Like many Russian-American stores in suburban Cook County, City of Joy was originally located on the Devon Avenue commercial corridor, in Chicago’s West Ridge neighborhood. Following the break-up of the Soviet Union, the area saw a heavy influx of Russian immigrants. But as the 21st Century dawned, many of those immigrants headed for the suburbs, and the stores followed.

City of Joy’s owners chose Niles for several reasons. According to co-owner Irina Rezina, the area near the intersection of Milwaukee Avenue and Golf Road had a growing Russian population. They found a space next to a grocery store that catered to Eastern European immigrants, ensuring that the City of Joy had a steady stream of customers from the get-go.

Today, the store carries a wide selection of Russian-language fiction and non-fiction books, offering everything from latest bestsellers to literary classics. While most of the books are by Russian authors, City of Joy also carries Russian translations. The books are sorted by genre, and the owners try their best to keep their selection interesting.

“[Co-owner] Dmitriy Rezik is very good at choosing a great assortment of books,” explained Rezina. “We want to cast a wide net, so that everybody who comes in would be able to find something.”

City of Joy also carries Russian CDs and DVDs. Some DVDs have English subtitles, but since the DVD information is usually in Russian, any non-Russian speakers should double-check with the staff before buying anything.

The store has a souvenir section that attracts Russian and non-Russian customers alike.

“Mostly, people buy [souvenirs] as gifts,” said Rezina. “We get Russians buying gifts and Americans buying gifts for their Russian friends.”

But nothing gets quite as much traffic as the children’s section.

“These days, I would say that 99 percent of the time, when young [Russian-Americans] get married, they want to pass on their culture to their children,” said Rezina. “So they come to buy children’s books, textbooks, toys that talk in Russian, etc.”

Since City of Joy moved to Niles, the grocery store closed, and many of the store’s older customers left Niles. But Rezina said that this hasn’t hurt their profits all that much.

“We have loyal customers,” she said. “Even after they move away, they still come here.”

Over the years, the staff has bonded with its regular customers, and City of Joy has become a social hub for the Russian-American community. Last year, the store held party to celebrate New Year’s Eve, which is a Christmas-like holiday in Russian culture.

“We set up tables, and everybody brought presents and treats,” recalled Rezina. “It was very festive.”
While City of Joy primarily caters to Russian-Americans, the customers aren't exclusively Russian.

"We get [non-Russian] customers, too," said Rezina. "We get students who are studying Russian, people who are interested in Russian culture. One of our regular customers is an American with a Ukrainian girlfriend. He knows what she likes, and we help him find it."

Rezina emphasized that she didn’t want potential customers of other ethnicities to feel unwelcome.

"We want to be a great store for everyone," she said. "And we are always happy to help."

City of Joy, a Russian book/music/DVD store along Golf Road in Niles. | Joe Cyganowski - For Sun-Times Media
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3318 Central St: John Kielian and Linda Zemtseff to Sallie J White for $144,000 on March 22

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Mother’s Day 2013: Crafty gifts, happy moms

Mother’s Day is just around the corner and we have crafty gift ideas that will make mom smile, from decadent desserts to gifts mom can use every day.

**Decorated clothespins** can be used as chip clips.

**CHIP CLIP:**
Say good-bye to stale chips and give mom a keepsake she'll love and use.

**You need:**
- Wooden spring clothespins (available at dollar stores and craft stores)
- Nontoxic acrylic paint
- Paint pen (thin-tipped)
- Small adhesive-backed rhinestones

**Directions:**
- Paint clothespins and set aside to dry. Draw designs on pins with paint pens and embellish with rhinestones.
- Thank you to Deb Phadnis for sharing this cute and useful idea.

**CERAMIC COASTERS**
These custom-made coasters are actually tiles decorated with Sharpie pens. The trick is to “fire” them in an oven, which will set the ink and make them both smudge-proof and waterproof.

**You need:**
- 4” x 4” ceramic tiles (available at hardware stores)
- Adhesive-backed felt circles
- Sharpie markers

**Directions:**
- Decorate tiles with Sharpie markers.
- Place tiles in oven (350 degrees) for 30 minutes. Set aside to cool.

**EDIBLE ROSE PETALS**
Dress up a breakfast Danish, cake, or even a stack of pancakes with decadent rose petals that are good enough to eat.

**You need:**
- Pesticide-free rose petals (if you are unsure if the flowers are pesticide-free, ask your florist)
- Chocolate chips
- Wax paper

**Directions:**
- Place rose petals on waxed paper. If necessary, trim the white petal base, which tends to taste bitter or sour.
- Melt chocolate chips in microwave. Use a spoon to lightly drizzle chocolate over petals. Set aside until chocolate hardens.
- Add petals to mom’s favorite dessert or breakfast treat.
- Happy Mother’s Day!

**Letter stickers** are added to painted Jenga blocks to spell “mom-centric” words.

**JUST FOR MOM** Jenga

Jenga is a fun game the whole family can play. The object is to remove a block from the tall block tower and then place it on top without knocking over the tower. Our version of the game is made “just for mom” because the pieces are hand-painted and covered with inspirational and loving words.

**You need:**
- Jenga game by Hasbro

**Directions:**
- Paint blocks and allow time to dry.
- Use letter stickers to spell out words that have meaning to mom, such as love, hugs, or perhaps her favorite kind of pizza. The key is to make the pieces as personal as possible without giving away family secrets.
A meal worthy of Mother’s Day

Motherhood is a gift. But let's be honest, some days the gift feels more like getting the misshapen rummage sale sweater your loony aunt Bernice picked out instead of that fetching piece of jewelry you've had your eye on.

It's natural to frequently feel blindsided by motherhood, but committed mothers know that raising kids comes with challenges. Nurturing little ones through tantrum-laden toddlerhood, homework-heavy elementary school years and hormone-fueled adolescence, only leads to living with an independently minded teenager. The ever changing phases of childhood leave little room for a parenting reprieve. Curve balls, surprises and the occasional ambush linger around every corner, but real mothering is on display when the unexpected is afoot.

It takes grace to deliver the kiss that makes it all better; a magical kiss that gives way to cuddles, story time and snoozes. It takes the strength of a mother to set firm boundaries that inevitably create room for pride, success and sincere mutual respect. A mother’s courage to have important conversations in difficult moments breeds honesty, open communication and bouts of laughter. In fact, a mother’s thoughtful reactions to her children on the bad days often lead to a string of unforgettable good ones. There really isn't a better gift than that.

So why not serve the women in your life a meal worthy of unwrapping this Mother’s Day? Classic fish en papillote is not only a delectable celebration of spring flavors, but embraces the element of surprise passionate mothers face with grace, strength and courage every day of the year.

Halibut en Papillote with Spring Vegetables

Makes 2 servings (can be doubled)
Feel free to adjust the types of vegetables and herbs in this dish. Just be sure to cut them all uniformly to ensure they steam to a perfect crisp tender in the same amount of time. It takes to cook the delicate fish.

2 15-inch squares of parchment paper
1 small leek, trimmed and cut into julienne strips
16 snow pea pods, trimmed and cut into julienne strips
½ cup shredded carrots
1/3 cup green peas
Dill sprigs and snipped chives
2 6-ounce halibut fillets, trimmed and skin removed
Salt and white pepper
2 lemon slices
2 pats of unsalted butter (a drizzle of olive oil can be substituted)
Splash of white wine

Preheat the oven to 400 degrees. Fold each piece of parchment in half and cut into a large heart. Open the hearts and place half of the vegetables in a pile along the fold of one side of each of the hearts. Sprinkle the vegetables with dill sprigs and chives. Top the vegetables with a portion of trimmed halibut. Season the fillets with salt and white pepper. Sprinkle some more snipped chives and top with a lemon slice and a pat of butter. Splash a little white wine over the fish. Beginning at the wider end of the parchment hearts, crimp the edges of the paper by folding (not rolling) to seal the fish and vegetables into packets. Fold the pointed ends under the packets and make sure the paper is tightly sealed so no steam can escape during cooking.

Transfer the packets to a rimmed baking sheet and bake in the preheated oven for 10-12 minutes. Serve with wild rice or crusty bread for sopping up the sauce in the packets.
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SUMMER SCHOLARS

Hands-on experience offers a career edge

BY KIMBERLY ELSHAM
For Sun-Times Media

Today's job market requires some kind of in-the-field training, primarily through student internships or research projects. Most area universities offer intriguing opportunities in the summer for undergraduates to get started in their fields. Following is a sampling of such programs.

Benedictine University in Lisle allows students to take classes while getting some research experience under their belts, said LeeAnn Smith, assistant department chair of Biological Sciences.

Benedictine's summer research programs "run the gamut" of majors," Smith said. "Students can choose whatever subject matter, Smith said.

A recent project studied the effects of taurine, an ingredient found in energy drinks like Red Bull, in fruit flies. Another looked at a cellular model of McCune-Albright syndrome, a disease caused by a genetic mutation that affects skin pigmentation and the skeletal system. Students helped create and screen a library of 32,000 gene mutations on the cellular model to determine that disrupting a particular hydrogen bond can suppress this syndrome-causing mutation.

By participating in an internal project first, students are more likely to be selected for an external research program later, Smith said.

National Louis University in Chicago offers a summer course called "Introduction to Forensic Science," which supports its recently added criminal justice major. Some of the hands-on activities for undergraduates include taking and processing fingerprints in person, lifting latent prints left at a scene and using a fuming chamber to lift prints from more difficult surfaces such as paper or even flesh.

Additional training includes firearms familiarization and examining ballistics, DNA, hair samples and footprints.

"Our Bachelor of Arts Program in Criminal Justice is just in its third quarter of existence," said Richard Schak, the program's director. "We have almost doubled the [enrollment] projections and the students and faculty are making some great connections."

This introduction to forensics gives criminal justice students hands-on training with former and current working professionals. The course isn't meant to make students experts, he said. "It allows them to experience what the work is like. 'Do it,' not just talk about it."

DePaul University in Chicago offers several "Research Experience for Undergraduates" (REU) programs, which are projects — often off-campus — funded by the National Science Foundation.

One of those programs, MediX: Medical Informatics Experience, is entering its ninth year. In this program, students get to apply their training to projects that utilize medical data in analysis or diagnosis. They also get the chance to answer questions typically not addressed during the academic year, said Jacob Furst, associate professor in DePaul's College of Computing and Digital Media.

"In regular classes, any question the professor asks students already has an answer. In research, we focus on asking questions that don't have answers yet," he said.

This summer, Furst is leading a project called Prediction of Chronic Fatigue Syndrome.

"The essential question is, 'Can self-report surveys be used to predict chronic fatigue?' However, during the course of the research, we'll probably end up addressing a number of other questions (none with existing answers) and may not even answer the one I proposed. Such is the nature of research — you never really know where you're going until you get there," he said.

Another benefit to the practical application of classroom training is the chance to publish a study. "Those who publish during the program get something tangible and valuable to put on their resume or graduate school application," Furst said.

Jane Huang, a DePaul associate professor in the School of Computer Science, Telecommunications and Information Systems, said summer research gives students a big edge.

"All Summer REUs that we have hired have done extremely well when it has come to applying for jobs," she said. "One student was interviewed at Microsoft and arrived at his interview to find that they had a copy of his published paper on the desk. His research ended up being the primary topic of conversation at his interview."

Like DePaul, Loyola University in Chicago has several undergraduate choices in the Loyola Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program (LUROP). Andrew Warne, undergraduate research program manager, said most options are in the sciences.

The Molecular and Computational Biology Summer Research, funded by the National Science Foundation, offers students the chance to study viruses in Lake Michigan. The results will form the basis for a five-year study that future groups of students will complete, Warne said.

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How to Determine a Job’s Market Value

By John Rossheim, Monster Senior Contributing Writer

When it's time to make an employee an offer, many small and mid-sized companies find themselves at a loss about calculating employee compensation for a new or vacant position. Without a bonafide compensation expert in-house and lacking information on salary and benefits trends, and not knowing how to estimate employee compensation, they sometimes resort to guessing games based on insufficient data of questionable quality. This is likely to put them at a disadvantage when negotiating compensation.

"Many clients say, 'I don't know what I need to be paying,'" says Barbara Schneider, director of staff sourcing for Oasis Outsourcing in Jacksonville, Fla. "Often a client isn't offering competitive pay."

What companies with tens or hundreds of employees do to ensure that they're setting salaries that will bring in and keep the best possible talent, without overextending? We've asked a few professionals who deal with these issues every day.

Typical Approaches, from Random to Research-based

Companies with fewer than 1,000 workers often take one of three approaches to job salary, according to Al Lee, director of quantitative analysis at PayScale in Seattle.

Employers may ask a recruiter what the most recent hire into a similar position was offered, or they might simply choose a dollar figure, based solely on anecdote and instinct. In other instances, they may look at compensation data from a broad range of sources to find an average salary from the Bureau of Labor Statistics, to free or inexpensive resources like some of the information on Salary.com or PayScale.com, or they may use survey reports from major HR consulting firms that may cost thousands of dollars.

A lone recruiter's anecdotal experience, however pertinent, is unlikely to provide broad enough information about labor statistics and trends and compensation planning. Executives who depend on this information risk poor hires and local variations in pay and other factors. But they can't capture every variable relevant to every position.

The disadvantages of the second approach, essentially pulling a number out of the air, seem obvious. But this road is taken by many executives at financially strapped firms. If you set a fixed salary for a hire, with the attitude of "We'll get the best techie that can be had for $40,000," you may end up paying too much, especially if all you need is someone to set up and maintain a simple PC network. But setting an arbitrarily low starting salary, even if the position in the organization, says Jean-Pierre Sakey, president of Headway Corporate Resources in Old Saybrook, Conn. "Many times small and mid-sized employers use generic numbers and get scared," says Schoenfeld. "But if they drill down far enough in the demographics of their labor market, they'll probably find that they don't have to pay as much as they feared."

Interpret Data in the Context of Your Organization

Some recruiters like to supplement their broad-based salary research with anecdotes from today's labor market. "I sometimes look at Monster to see what real people are earning now," says Schneider. "I'll plug in the details and find out what candidates want and what they're making now. That, to me, is tangible here-and-now information that my clients need."

Unlike custom research, the relevance of standardized salary reports, whether presented online or in print, is limited by the categories used to create the reports. "Job titles and their associated responsibilities are not always consistent across companies," for example, according to a briefing from Salary.com. These sources typically attempt to account for the value of specific academic degrees or other training, regional variations in pay and other factors. But they can't capture every variable relevant to every position that comes open.

Real-World Caveats for Compensation Research

Some experts say that the optimal compensation for a given job can't be determined out of the context of a specific employer. "We believe in demand-driven pricing," or setting compensation according to the value of the position in the organization, says Jean-Pierre Sakey, president of Headway Corporate Resources in Raleigh, N.C. "And in the real world, to snag who you want, you might feel pressure to extend the salary range with which you began the talent search. You may need to make an adjustment if you want to land a top-ranked individual," says Sakey.

But Schneider urges caution to the manager who is making a job offer to a star or overqualified candidate that's significantly above what incumbents at the same level are earning. "If you have several people doing the same job, you have to be careful with issues of discrimination," she says.

And of course, extraordinary situations like economic recessions can create large and unpredictable disruptions in pay scales in specific occupations. "Some investment bankers and analysts will see their compensation change dramatically," says Sakey. "But in general, labor pricing is not that variable according to whether the economy is up or down."
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The meeting will be held in the media center of the Ridgewood District 234, 10504 W. Fullerton Ave., Park Ridge, IL 60068, at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 21, 2013. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Ms. Patricia Brown, Director of Special Education, at 847-421-1893 or pbrown@rps2013.org.
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Prep Time: 30 min. plus refrigerating
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What you need

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- 1/2 cup water
- 1/2 cup KRAFT Mayo with Olive Oil Reduced Fat Mayonnaise OR MIRACLE WHIP Dressing
- 1/4 cup KRAFT Classic Ranch Dressing
- 6 slices OSCAR MAYER Bacon, cooked, crumbled
- 1 cup KRAFT Shredded Cheddar Cheese
- 4 green onions, thinly sliced

Make it

PLACE potatoes in 2-qt. microwaveable dish. Add water; cover with lid. Microwave on HIGH 12 to 15 min. or just until potatoes are tender; drain. Place in large bowl.

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Virgin Atlantic, which just began its seasonal daily flights from O'Hare to Heathrow, has partnered with BareMinerals to create its own shade of lipstick, Upper Class Red Pretty Amazing ($18). The shade is sold onboard all Virgin Atlantic flights and at Retail疗法shopping.com.

Tell Mom how much you care with a hand-written note on the stunning new stationery collection from Garmentour. Designed by locals Kimberly FitzSimons and Jenna DeBord, the line includes letter-pressed thank-you notes emblazoned with phrases like “Love it,” and “I want you to know.” Cards start at $3.75. Kimberlyfitzsimons.com

Local jewelry designer Samantha Goldberg’s handcrafted line One of One features necklaces, rings, bracelets and cufflinks, all meticulously crafted with druzy quartz and precious metals. Astral pendant, $625, Elements, 741 N. Wells; Oneofone.com

South Side native Sherri Shepherd was in town last weekend to launch her new book, Plan D: How to Lose Weight and Beat Diabetes, at the University of Chicago’s Kovler Diabetes Center. Taking advantage of a bright spring day, our team took her to nearby Washington Park for the cover shoot. Sherri, who was married at the Fairmont Hotel Chicago in 2011, was so thrilled with the location that she said she wished she had taken her wedding pictures there, too.

Photographer: Maria Ponce
Shoot Coordinator: Katerina Bizios
Stylist: Eric Himel
Hair: Nicole Mangrum
Makeup: Keith Ward

WHAT HAD YOU TWEETING

Julia Louis-Dreyfus @OfficialJLD: Thanks @Suntimes_Splash for the splashy coverage! @VeepHBO

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- 'SIP & SAVOR'
The Associate Board of Special Olympics Chicago hosts this palate-driven event, featuring delicious offerings from the city's top toques, including Ryan Poll of Little Market Brasserie, Michael and Patrick Sheerin of Trenchermen, Chris Pandel of Balena and Jason Vincent of Nightwood.
Time: 6 p.m.
Place: 1420 S. Michigan

May 11
- RACE TO WRIGLEY
Combining a timed 5K race and a fun run, this annual event — now in its eighth year — raises funds for Chicago Cubs Charities, which supports a variety of local community groups and organizations. (Personal fundraising pages created by participants directly benefit Lurie Children's Hospital.)
Time: 8 a.m.
Place: Wrigley Field, 1060 W. Addison
Cost: Advance registration $40 for the 5K race, $35 for the 5K fun run; $45 and $40 after May 9 and on-site (if not sold out).
Call (773) 868-3010 or visit Racetowrigley.com.

May 11
- CIRCLE OF CARE BENEFIT
Horizon Hospice and Palliative Care — Chicago's very first hospice — marks its 35th anniversary with cocktails, a sit-down dinner, a live auction and music. Proceeds benefit Horizon's All About Kids pediatric hospice and palliative care program.
Time: 6 p.m.
Place: A private club on the Magnificent Mile
Cost: $300, $175 for guests under 40. Call (312) 733-8900 or visit Horizonhospice.org/benefit.

May 11
- ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION CHICAGO RITA HAYWORTH GALA
Princess Yasmin Aga Khan, daughter of the screen siren, joins emcees Roe Conn of WLS-AM and WLS-Ch. 7 meteorologist Tracy Butler, and special guest, Grammy-winning singer/songwriter Richard Marx, for one of the season's biggest black-tie bash.
Time: 6:30 p.m.
Place: Hilton Chicago, 720 S. Michigan
Cost: Tickets start at $500. Call (312) 335-5216 or visit Alz.org/galas/chicago.
May 12
- SUSAN G. KOMEN CHICAGO LAND MOTHER’S DAY RACE FOR THE CURE
The largest series of 5K run/fitness walks in the world, this event—which this year honors former first lady of Chicago Maggie Daley (above)—not only allows participants to put their best foot forward for the cause, but to learn more about breast cancer and early detection.

Time: 8:15 a.m. (Site opens at 6:30)
Place: Butler Field, Grant Park
Cost: Advance registration for walkers $35, runners $40; race day registration $40. Call (773) 444-0061 or visit Komenchicago.org.

May 14
- A TASTE FOR THE ARTS GALA
Donna LaPietra and Bill Kurtis host this scrumptious evening in support of the Chicago Academy for the Arts, with James Beard winner and "Top Chef Masters" champion Rick Bayless (above) leading a culinary team representing some of the city's most popular restaurants.

Time: 6 p.m.
Place: Harris Theater, 205 E. Randolph
Cost: $30, $20 for seniors, $10 for students. Call (847) 905-1500 or visit Musicinst.org/barton-pine.

May 17
- VOICES OF A CREATIVE STATE
Arts Alliance Illinois, the state's top arts advocacy organization, honors cultural supporter and former U.S. Ambassador to the Netherlands Fay Hartog-Levin at this inaugural luncheon. Award-winning cellist Yo-Yo Ma will perform and offer insights on the importance of the arts in society.

Time: 11:30 a.m.
Place: Hilton Chicago, 720 S. Michigan
Cost: $150 and $350. Call (312) 855-3105 or visit Artsalliance.org/luncheon.

May 18
- RACHEL BARTON PINE AND MATTHEW HAGLE
The Music Institute of Chicago—one of the largest community music schools in the country—presents renowned violinist Rachel Barton Pine and pianist and Music Institute faculty member Matthew Hagie in a performance that will range from lullabies to Liszt.

Time: 7:30 p.m.
Place: Nichols Concert Hall, 1490 Chicago, Evanston
Cost: $30, $20 for seniors, $10 for students. Call (847) 294-3000 or visit Cso.org.

May 18
- GOODMAN THEATRE GALA
Guests at this year's annual event will be treated to a first performance of songs from Mary Zimmerman's much anticipated adaptation of "The Jungle Book." Proceeds benefit the Goodman's education and community engagement programs.

Time: 6:30 p.m.
Place: The Fairmont Hotel, 200 N. Columbus
Cost: Tickets start at $1,000. Call (312) 443-3811 or visit Goodman.org.

May 20
- ARETHA FRANKLIN AT THE CSO
The CSO is bringing a music legend to town, as Aretha Franklin (left) headlines its Corporate Night fundraising concert. No need for CEO credentials, either—all are welcome to join this night of live music, food and drinks.

Time: 7:30 p.m.
Place: Symphony Center, 220 S. Michigan
Cost: $75-$175. Call (312) 294-3000 or visit Cso.org.
CAROLINA HERRERA FASHION SHOW

A gown from Herrera's Fall 2013 collection

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CAROLINA HERRERA

BY ZAK STEMER

To call Carolina Herrera a fashion icon is an understatement. She's been honored by everyone from Vanity Fair, which named her one of the Best-Dressed Women of All Time, to the King and Queen of Spain, who gave her a Gold Medal of Achievement in 2005. But the designer doesn't pay attention to any of the accolades. "I don't think about it," Herrera says. "I have worked very hard to do what I do, and I love fashion, but I'm not doing this to be a star. I want to do my job because I love it."

On April 25, Herrera brought her celebrated designs to the Art Institute of Chicago (111 S. Michigan), treating 225 guests to a runway show and sneak peek at her Fall 2013 collection. Some of the city's most fashionable women were in attendance — including Helen Berkun, Toni Canada and Elizabeth O'Connor Cole — and many of them sported vintage pieces from Herrera's brand, transforming the AIC's Terzo Piano restaurant into an exhibit in style.

Besides showing off Herrera's stunning gowns, including standout pieces like a curve-hugging, floor-length white gown with a keyhole neckline and a sequined black gown with a draped hood, the evening raised $35,000 for A Better Chicago, an organization dedicated to supporting the city's nonprofits for low-income children, adults and families.

The Sun-Times was the media sponsor of this event.

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RESCUE MISSION

BY ZAK STEMER

It was an evening of clubbing for a cause as nighttime hot spot Studio Paris lifted its velvet ropes for the sixth annual Generation Rescue and Rescue our Angels fundraiser. Hosted by Splash columnist Jenny McCarthy and Rescue our Angels founders Michele and Pete Doyle, the party brought 375 guests together to help fund treatment grants for children and families dealing with autism. Before guests entered the main club space, "Real Housewives of New Jersey" star Jacqueline Laurita took the mic to deliver the emotional story of her son's battle with autism and offered encouragement to families struggling with the disorder. Between the party and the silent auction, which featured standout items like tickets to the Playboy Mansion's notorious Halloween bash, more than $200,000 was raised for Generation Rescue's treatment and support programs.

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The Sun-Times Foundation and The Chicago Community Trust will match every dollar donated to Generation Rescue, up to a total of $25,000. Up to $1,000 can be matched per individual donation.

PHOTOS BY RAMZI DREESSEN
Chicago’s most fashionable ladies are embracing the warmer weather with flirty, form-flattering bell dresses. While our black-tie galas are still dominated by floor-length gowns, less-formal affairs are the perfect time for this cuter cut, with a hemline that hits between mid-thigh and knee. The look is a mainstay of lines like Alice + Olivia — which has punched up its pieces for spring with ultra-bright colors and creative pleating — and was also spotted in Dior’s spring collection with ultra-short hems. These dresses radiate youthful energy, but keep it age-appropriate with sophisticated accessories (our favorite looks include major statement jewelry). So kiss the ultra-tight minis goodbye: This season is being saved by the bell.
merging designers convened for a fashion faceoff April 26 at the 12th annual Driehaus Awards for Fashion Excellence presented by the Driehaus Design Initiative, a program established by philanthropist Richard Driehaus to promote design education and public appreciation of fashion design and history. Guests filled 700 S. Des Plaines — a parking garage turned vintage car showroom — and perused cars, snacked on hors d'oeuvres and sipped cocktails before taking their seats for the show. WLS-Channel 7's Linda Yu served as master of ceremonies and industry experts Elise Bergman, owner and designer of her own fashion line, Macy's buyer Julie Gee and founder and creative director of Two Penny Blue Marie Whitney acted as judges, crowning Rhylea Mortensen from the Illinois Institute of Art and Gabriel Saldana from Columbia College Chicago as the winners. All proceeds benefited Macy's Chicago Fashion Incubator and its mission to create innovative solutions to bridge the gap between education and entrepreneurship for the fashion industry. The Sun-Times was the media sponsor of this event.
Clearbrook supporters were over the moon as they shattered previous fundraising records for the Shining Star Ball April 26 at the Four Seasons Hotel Chicago (120 E. Delaware). More than 300 attendees turned out for the 25th annual fundraiser, which included a dinner, live and silent auction and heartfelt video presentation from a parent whose child benefited from Clearbrook's autism day program. More than $1 million was raised to benefit Clearbrook Clinic, which provided more than 20,000 hours of occupational, physical, speech and language therapies for people with developmental disabilities last year.

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Dear Jenny,

I'm 5 feet 10 inches tall and have a larger frame for a girl. I've been told I have a pretty face (whatever that means), but I struggle a lot with feeling good about myself. I know how a male mind works, and because of my issues with insecurity and not feeling great about myself, it stings a bit when I'm with a guy and he looks at other women, even though I know that it's a normal involuntary thing. I just wish I was more petite. I take care of myself and exercise but my figure just happens to be larger, and I hate it. Any suggestions?

Lisa from the East Coast

Jenny says: Everyone, absolutely everyone, goes through periods where they feel insecure about something. So you are far from being alone. But here's how I look at it: You can join Team Acceptance or Team Change. There is no Team Limbo, so you best choose which team you are on by the end of this column.

If you join Team Acceptance, you love yourself as is. No exceptions. You can't trick yourself into this, then secretly hate yourself. It doesn't work. Once you master Team Acceptance, it doesn't matter what anyone else thinks — if they have a problem with something, it's their issue, not yours.

On the other hand, if there is a small inner voice inside that's whispering, "You can do more, you can do better, you can change," then you'd better get your butt over to Team Change and do something about it. If you don't, you'll find yourself making excuses as to why guys don't pay enough attention to you, or why you feel insecure. Hire a trainer, get a nutritionist, see a therapist, change your hairstyle — I'm not saying to do all of those things, but these are just a few ways to boost your self-image and make you an active participant on Team Change. Once you master Team Change, congratulate yourself for working hard and making yourself feel better.

It's always important to remember that no one is perfect. True love doesn't come from finding the perfect person, but by learning to see an imperfect person perfectly.

As far as worrying about your man looking at hot chicks, please realize that even guys who date supermodels will still look at pretty women walking by. It's in their DNA. They should be respectful about it, of course, but don't read into it or you'll make yourself crazy. They honestly can't help it.

Whether you choose Team Acceptance or Team Choice, good luck! The good news is that I happen to be a cheerleader for both sides. So go, Lisa!
‘MORNING’ STAR

‘Good Morning America’ meteorologist Ginger Zee forecasts her flawless Chicago Sunday

BY ZAK STEMER

Ginger Zee is not just a weather girl. She’s a seasoned meteorologist, science nerd and storm chaser who honed her skills while on the air with NBC in Chicago — picture Helen Hunt in “Twister,” but with actual scientific chops. “That movie was great for shedding light on storm chasing, but the actual science was pretty bad,” laughs Zee. “It’s comical in the real storm-chasing world.”

Despite being based in New York, Zee is no fair-weather friend to Chicago — she comes in at least four times a year to visit family and support local charities like the Brain Injury Association of Illinois and the Chicago Children’s Choir.

While Zee spends much of her time on the “Good Morning America” set in front of a weather screen, where the Michigan native really shines is in the heart of a squall. “I’ve been storm chasing since I was in college at Valparaiso University,” she says. “It’s more than just tornados — it’s snow, wild fire or flooding. Anything catastrophic.” Zee is accustomed to catastrophe — she’s been in Atlantic City during the worst of Hurricane Sandy and in Louisiana during Hurricane Katrina.

It’s clear that Zee is an adventurer at heart, tackling stories that drive her to extremes. “Recently, I was in Nepal doing something called parahawking,” she says, referring to a piece she’ll debut on an upcoming episode of “Nightline.” “It’s paragliding with hawks and vultures, and they eat buffalo meat out of your hand. It’s the wildest thing I’ve ever done.” Zee has also been iceboating (a sport that involves zipping across a frozen lake at up to 80 mph), NASCAR driving, hang gliding and skydiving. “A lot of these things are more peaceful than you’d imagine. Once you take those initial steps off the mountain, it’s almost like meditation. There’s something about flying without an engine and being free — that’s the part I really like.”

Here, the thrill-seeker shows off her ideal Sunday in Chicago. Spoiler alert: It has perfect weather.

8 A.M. “I like to anchor my day around Lake Michigan and start off with an early run,” says Zee.

10 A.M. After burning off some calories, Zee heads over to Ann Sather (909 W. Belmont) for delicious cinnamon rolls.

NOON Zee and her black lab Otis take a stroll on pup-friendly Montrose beach (Wilson and the Lake).

1:30 P.M. Lunch at Big Star (1531 N. Damen), where Zee orders the tostada de Nopales and horchata.

3 P.M. She heads back to the lake for stand-up paddle boarding with rentals from Chicago SUP (1603 N. Lakeshore).

8 P.M. She takes in a concert at Millennium Park (155 N. Michigan) — she’s seen Eric Clapton and John Mayer there, but says she’d love to see her celeb crush Phillip Phillips perform.

10 P.M. Zee grabs a drink with friends at the Signature Room in the Hancock Tower (875 N. Michigan). It has the best view of the sky, so she can see what the weather’s bringing.
About face

After a deadly diagnosis, Sherri Shepherd turns her life around

STORY BY MOLLY EACH
PHOTOS BY MARIA PONCE
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tanding in Washington Park near the University of Chi-
cago campus, Sherri Shepherd is the picture of health. The
comedian — known for movies such as “Think Like a Man,”
hosting “The View” and “The Newlywed Game,” and her role
as Tracy Morgan’s wife on “30 Rock” — is the
type of person who digs into bowls of kale or
dishes of squash for meals, and starts her days
at boot camp class. “I’m sweating and hearing
and hooing, but I feel good,” says Shepherd, 46,
of her workouts. “I feel like, OK, I’m keeping up
with all these young kids because I made these
changes in my life. This is the best I’ve ever felt.”

It hasn’t always been that way. For most of
the Chicago native’s life, she was hooked on junk
food rather than kale, subsisting on fried,
sugary and fatty foods and soda — with the
occasional binging
episode — until a
diagnosis of diabetes
at age 40 inspired
her to finally turn
her life around. It’s
a journey she details in her new book Plan D: How to Lose Weight and Beat Diabetes (Even if You Don’t Have It), which chronicles her struggles with food, diagnosis and healthy trans-
formation, while offering information and advice
on preventing and living with diabetes.

“My mission was to let people know that if
you have diabetes, it’s not a death sentence.
But you do have to make changes in order to
live a long and healthy life,” says Shepherd. “And if you’re
not giving you the pre-diabetic diagnosis, this is the
perfect time to wake up and make those
moderate changes.”

To anyone who has followed Shepherd’s nearly
two-decade career, those changes are evident.
When she started co-hosting “The View” in 2007,
Sheriff says she was overweight and lethargic.
“When I came out on ‘The View’ that first day, I
ran out screaming, and I was sitting at the table
like, ‘Can we go to commercial?’” she says. “I was
about to pass out. I couldn’t breathe.”

Since her diagnosis, also in 2007, Shepherd
has lost 40 pounds, dropped her blood pressure,
is managing her disease and has increased her
energy level by leaps and bounds, thanks to a
remodeled diet and exercise regimen. “It’s been
about changing the way I look at food,” she
says. “If you would have told me five years ago that I’d
love kale, I’d be like, ‘Get out of this damn room!’
But you can completely change the way you feel,
and be there for your family and your children,
if you follow some of the steps [in the book] and
learn what works for you. Because that’s what’s
due to do.”

For Shepherd, making that switch was about
overhauling an ingrained way of life. Growing
up on the South Side of Chicago, food was a
central part of her family’s story. “I grew up in
a culture — and I don’t think this is specific to
African-Americans — where whatever emotion
you had, your family made food to help you feel
better,” she says. “If someone was bullying us,
my mother would have an apple pie or peach
cobbler ready.”

In her book, Shepherd notes that diabetes ran
rampant in her family and in her neighborhood,
so much so that as a kid, she thought that side
effects like losing vision or a limb were just part
of aging.

After her parents divorced when she was 11,
Sheriff and her two sisters moved to L.A. with
their mom, the family still clinging to unhealthy
eating habits through their teenage years and into
their early 20s. Even her mother’s death at 41 from
diabetes (when Shepherd was just 23), followed by
her own diagnosis as pre-diabetic, wasn’t enough
to force Shepherd to change.

Through her 20s, Shepherd worked as a legal
secretary, performing at comedy clubs at night,
before, at 28, she started landing recurring roles
on television shows such as “Everybody Loves
Raymond.” She married in her early 30s and had
her son, Jeffrey, all while working steadily in
TV and movies. But even as she was rising
through the Hollywood ranks, her relationship
with food remained toxic, rearing itself during
her most during troubled times — namely,
during the dissolution of her marriage in 2009.

“When you break up with your boyfriend, no
one says, ‘I need some steamed asparagus!’” says
Sheriff. “My husband cheated on me, I wasn’t
like, ‘I gotta get a bowl of broccoli!’ It doesn’t
work. So I had to let that go and really deal with
my feelings.”

It’s a pattern she’s determined to change with
her 8-year-old son. Alongside her husband, TV
writer Lamar “Sal” Sally (whom she married at
the Fairmont Chicago in 2011), she encourages
Jeffery to deal with his feelings, rather than com-
forting him with a bowl of ice cream. “I say, ‘You
have to express yourself,’” says Shepherd. “Let’s walk
talk and let’s go outside. Tell me how you feel.”

She also notes that
he’s the most perceptive
person in her life when it
comes to the way her diet
affects her moods. “He
notices a difference when
I eat something I shouldn’t
be eating, when it spikes
my blood sugar,” she says.

“’He’ll say, ‘Mommy, why
are you being mean?’ But
he doesn’t say that much
anymore. He notices that
Mommy has more energy
to play and laugh.”

Sheriff’s extra energy
will come in handy as she
continues her Hollywood
ascent. In addition to “The View,” Sheriff is
developing a pilot, has a movie in the works,
is contemplating another book and is hoping to
have another baby soon. “I definitely have to
be healthy for that,” she says. “I’m wearing reading
glasses and trying to have another baby. That
don’t make sense.”

But Sheriff is exactly where she wants to be.
“I used to be a legal secretary, typing doc-
uments, reading the National Enquirer, sitting in
the break room, thinking about this,” she says.

“Sometimes I think I’m going to wake up with a
bunch of lawyers saying, ‘When are you going to
type this document? The fact that I’m living this
dream, I just can’t believe it.”

Opposite page: Lauren by Ralph Lauren se-
quined lace shirred surplice dress, $169, Bloom-
ingdale’s, 900 N. Michigan; Bloomingdales.com.
Lana Jewelry Ombre necklace, $700, large Flirt
goops, $775, three-row Brick bracelet, $2,390;
Lanajewelry.com
1. Scoozl: make your own pizza, free for kids Sunday from 4:30-6:30 p.m. with the purchase of an entree, 410 W. Huron; Leye.com

2. Sweet Mandy B's: cupcakes start at $1.50, 1208 W. Webster; Sweetmandyb-bs.com

"Nothing tastes as good as a Sweet Mandy B's cupcake. They also have baking classes twice a week for different age groups."

3. California Baby: Calming everyday lotion, $11.49, Aaron's Apothecary; Aaron-sapothecary.com

"California Baby products are amazing. Everything is organic, there are no parabens, no sulphates and they're allergy-tested. Great for a child with really dry skin."

4. Polaroid: 300 instant camera, $69.99, Target, 1154 S. Clark; Polaroid.com

"All three Wood-Prince children received one of these this year from Santa. They're easy to operate and provide instant gratification — and come in purple for the girls."

5. Candyality: Life is Sweet Candy Museum, starts at $10.00 per pound, 835 N. Michigan; Candyality.com

6. Lanvin: taffeta dress for kids, $495, 116 E. Oak; Lanvin.com

"Who says grown ups should have all the fun? If you are going to make that once-a-year purchase for your little girl, this is where you should do it. She will feel like a princess."

7. OPI: I Saw You Saw We Saw Warsaw, $9, pedicure, $47, Salon Duo, 1400 N. Lake Shore; Salon duo4400.com

"I go to Salon Duo to get pedicures with my daughter. It's the most family-friendly salon in the city. This is our favorite color of the moment."

8. Chicago Children's Theatre: general admission $36, 1646 N. Milwaukee; Chicagochildrenstheatre.org

"Their productions are always wonderful. Go see 'The Elephant and the Whale.' It's such a sweet story of friendship."

9. Bears game: tickets start at $104, Soldier Field, 1410 S. Museum Campus; Chicagobears.com

"One of our favorite pastimes in the fall and winter."

10. Table 52: biscuits and jam, $6, 52 W. Elm; Tablefifty-two.com

"One of the best parts of city living is Sunday brunch. My kids are in love with the biscuits from Table 52, and when you sit upstairs, you feel like you are sitting in someone's living room."
MOM'S THE WORD

Jessica Sedgwick, Splash art director and mom to a 2-year-old, offers her picks for gifts that are sure to please.

Make her smile with a bottle of Mommy's Time Out Pinot Grigio, an Italian wine with notes of pear, citrus, relaxation and freedom. $7.99, Binny's, 215 W. Grand; Binneys.com

Make your mom smile with a bottle of Mommy's Time Out Pinot Grigio. This Italian wine with notes of pear, citrus, relaxation, and freedom is the perfect gift for her.

Perfect for the mom who misplaces things (pretty much all of us), these stunning, futuristic clutches from Z Spoke Zac Posen come with a detachable shoulder strap that make them nearly impossible to leave behind. $295, Bloomingdales, 900 N. Michigan; Bloomingdales.com

Start her summer right with these sleek and beautiful Turquoise Cherokee Four-Drop earrings from French jewelry designer Aurelie Bidermann. $940, Barneys New York, 15 E. Oak; Barneys.com

Tired of the one-shade lipstick marks on your cheek? Give her the Kiehl's Saks lipgloss set, four fun shades made with natural extracts of mango and grape seed to help hydrate lips. $43.50, Saks Fifth Avenue, 700 N. Michigan; Saksfifthavenue.com

The color-blocking trend makes it way to tech accessories with this stylish Tory Burch Viva Silicone case, tailored for iPhone 5. $45, Neiman Marcus, 737 N. Michigan; Neimanmarcus.com

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If mom's an aspiring artist, send her to Arts n Spirits, where she can bring her girlfriends — and a bottle of her favorite wine or beer — to discover her inner Georgia O'Keeffe. $25- $40, 1921 N. Damen; Artsnsprints.com

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RACHEL SCHWANZ & JAMES DE MARTE

BY KATERINA BIZIOS

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s an in-demand event planner, Rachel Schwanz knows how to elevate a party into something extraordinary. And with more than 200 weddings under her belt, planning her own nuptials to food consultant James De Marte was a no-brainer. The couple officially wed last year at City Hall, but headed to Playa del Carmen, Mexico April 20 with 45 of their closest friends and family members for a five-day celebration entitled "Our Wedding is Your Vacation." The bash began with a welcome barbecue and a day of relaxation before the pair held a second wedding at Paradisus, a venue they selected for its fantastic food and beverages. Though the couple embraced local culture for the celebration — guests dined on a buffet filled with Mexican pork tenderloin, empanadas and tacos, and a mariachi band played during cocktail hour — Schwanz did manage to bring a piece of home along with her, donning a one-shoulder wedding gown by local designer Elda de la Rosa and trading in traditional bridesmaid dresses for Chicago-designed outfits by Agga B. After friend Scott English officiated the heartfelt ceremony, guests partied on an illuminated dance floor, surrounded by lights, disco balls, candles and chandeliers. "We did what someone could only get away with in Mexico or Miami," laughed Schwanz. But the playful tone of the evening didn't take away from the sentiment: During the reception, Schwanz and her guests were brought to tears by a special toast via video from her mom, who wasn't able to attend because of a recent heart attack. "So many lives were touched and new friendships were made," says Schwanz of the affair. "It was incredible to be surrounded by that."

CHEERS

- We're wishing 900 Shops Marketing Director Sarah Burrows well on her new business venture, Modern Sprout, which supplies solar-powered home hydroponics kits for easy gardening. Modsprout.com
- Cheers to public relations agency Zapwater Communications Inc. for receiving the Bulldog Awards' Best of Show/Grand Prize April 19 for its health, medicine and fitness campaign, "Downsize Fitness: Downsizing the Obesity Epidemic."
- Hats off to Steven Fifield, president and CEO of Chicago-based Fifield Cos., who received the E.J. Plesko Distinguished Speaker in Real Estate Development award April 5. The James A. Graaskamp Center for Real Estate at the Wisconsin School of Business presented the award to Fifield in honor of his 30-year career.

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Meet you in the LOBBY

A new chef makes a longtime Chicago spot worth a visit

BY MOLLY EACH

After the acclaimed Avenues shuttered in 2011, the Peninsula Chicago turned the former restaurant into an event space and made The Lobby (along with Shanghai Terrace) the jewel of its dining program — which famously helped catapult the careers of chefs Graham Elliot and Curtis Duffy. At the helm is Lee Wolen, a veteran of three-star Michelin restaurant Eleven Madison Park, who is plating up lunch and dinner dishes that have simple components, layered textures and big flavors. (Never fear, tea lovers — The Lobby is still offering its traditional tea service.) Here's a breakdown of what to expect at The Lobby:

**Chef stats:** Wolen honed his skills in Chicago at Butter and Moto, worked at the legendary El Bulli in Spain, then landed in New York City where he spent three years as the sous chef at Eleven Madison Park. A native of Cleveland, Wolen was eager to get back to the Midwest when the Peninsula opportunity arose.

**Vibe:** Situated to the right of the check-in desk at the Peninsula Hotel, The Lobby is upscale, with minimal décor, sky-high ceilings and attentive, on-point service.

**Cuisine:** "It's contemporary in look and feel, but the flavors are classic," says Wolen. He points to the scallop dish as an example of his style, as it pairs the mollusk with three supporting players: bright peas, morsels and guanciale, an unsmoked Italian bacon ($32).

**Unorthodox technique:** Rather than standard potato gnocchi, Wolen makes a ricotta version that's creamy inside. "We press the cheese for three days so the liquid comes out, and we make a dough out of it," says Wolen. "Then we roll it into balls and let it sit overnight in semolina flour, then blanch it." He tops it with spring peas and Serrano ham ($16).

**Must-try dish:** The octopus starter (above, $15) is bursting with texture, blending crunchy pickles, tender smoked ham and raw, thinly shaved radishes. For a main dish, dig into the hand-rolled cavatelli, topped with rich rabbit confit, artichokes and pickled mustard ($26).

The octopus starter ($15).
Inset: chef Lee Wolen

**Playlist:** A string duo plays nightly, churning out contemporary songs from artists like the Beatles, Coldplay and Katy Perry.

**Best seat in the house:** Score one of the five tables next to the restaurant's expanse of windows. Not only will you catch a glimpse of the city outside, but in the summer months, with the hotel's outdoor terrace directly below, you can people-watch between courses.

**Chef scoop:** Wolen is an avid fly fisherman and a huge basketball fan, naming L.A. Lakers point guard Steve Nash as the person he'd most like to cook for. Also, "I've never been drunk. Never in my life," he says. "I'll have a glass of wine when I go out to eat, but for me, it's just a waste of time and money. I'm a homebody. All I do is fish and play basketball."

**Added bonus:** Guests leave with a house-baked pound cake, perfect for scarfing down the next day — or later that night, when you're already craving a return trip.

108 E. Superior, (312) 337-2888, Peninsula.
The green rooms

An Energy Star home shows it's possible to be sustainable and stylish

BY LISA SKOLNIK

When it comes to real estate, the phrase “green design” can bring to mind visions of high-tech homes with lots of bells and whistles rather than accessible, homey places with loads of curb appeal. But in truth, “any style can be built with sustainability in mind,” says Evanston architect Nate Kipnis. “And many environmental features, such as passive and active solar heating and cooling, and natural ventilation, come from the pre-light bulb era.” Kipnis built his first solar home in 1983, and since then he has garnered accolades and awards for his work, which is loaded with sustainable features and reflects myriad styles. A notable example is the picturesque, farmhouse-style Glencoe home he built in 2011, which was the first new-construction North Shore house to earn LEED Platinum certification (the highest rating from U.S. Green Building Council’s prestigious Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design program). In 2003, Kipnis built his own eco-friendly home to suit Energy Star requirements — the highest green ranking at the time — and the 3,600-square-foot, five-bedroom, 3.5-bathroom Colonial charmer at 9507 Central Park in Evanston just went on the market for $969,000. Its green elements include active and passive solar design, radiant heating, sustainable materials, a large vegetable garden and a 1,500-square-foot finished basement with 8½-foot ceilings. “It looks like a traditional home, but it has the heart of a Ferrari,” quips marketing broker John Adamson of Weichert Realtors Lakeshore Partners (right, call 847-570-9911).

Urban greenery

Going green is an advantage for any homeowner, as sustainable features save water and energy, making them less expensive to run. “And they don’t have to cost more to build,” says Jesse McGrath, licensed architect, @properties broker and certified LEED-accredited professional who specializes in renovating, building and selling single-family and multi-unit homes (left, call 312-545-2775). But, McGrath notes, “I usually go through the City of Chicago’s Green Permit Program, because it’s more expedient and economical than using LEED.” He recently completed five new-construction, single-family homes (three in Logan Square and two in Bucktown) that sold for $500,000 to $1.2 million each, and is just starting a green rehab on a three-unit condo building in Noble Square.

SECONDHAND STORIES

Chicago artist Betsy Birkey turns discarded books destined for pulping into three-dimensional sculptures — sans scissors and glue — using her own version of origami, the traditional Japanese art of paper folding. Pieces start at $75. Visit Explodedlibrary.com.
Demi Moore and Rumer Willis are reconciling after months of estrangement. The mother-daughter duo took a yoga class together recently in West Hollywood, along with Rumer's longtime boyfriend Jayson Blair. A few days later, Rumer and her beau headed to Guatemala for a vacation with his parents to celebrate their anniversary at the Porta Hotel Antigua. Sources say that her close relationship with her boyfriend and his family encouraged her to make peace. "Rumer is in a really good place right now," says the source. "She is in a healthy relationship and she's getting back on track with Demi. She's been getting so close with Jayson and his family and it inspired her to reconnect with her mom."

Sources say that Rumer and her boyfriend of a year, who stars in the sitcom 'The New Normal," are getting very serious, and recently had an adventure-filled week in Guatemala. "They went zip lining, hit the spa, went to the Mayan ruins, did a coffee tasting and went to a glass blowing place." Another source added that Rumer could end up with a ring on her finger by the end of the year.

Reese Witherspoon's arrest backlash
Jim Toth is devastated that a video of Reese Witherspoon's arrest in Atlanta recently surfaced, adding salt to the wound of their very embarrassing run-in with the law. "Jim feels terrible about the whole incident, and he felt even worse when the video leaked," says a source close to the couple. "He takes the blame for the entire night. He's upset he let her down and put her in a vulnerable position."

Reese held her head high this week as she continued filming her upcoming movie "The Good Lie."

"Reese is ready to put the situation behind her and move on," the source says. "Jim vows to never put his wife in a compromising situation like that ever again."

Kim Kardashian went on vacation to Greece with her entire family — and Kanye West was noticeably absent. As I've reported in the past, Kanye refuses to be featured on their reality show, "Keeping Up with the Kardashians," and that's exactly why he passed on the trip. "Kanye doesn't want anything to do with the reality show, even if it means he doesn't go on family vacations," says a source. "He's sticking to his guns. They're having huge problems already and their baby is not even born yet. It's going to be a rough road ahead."
The truth about human growth hormone (HGH):
What is it?
Where does it come from? Can you boost it naturally?
And is it really the fountain of youth?

By Tiffany Strobel

A recent Shape magazine article starts out with a very provocative statement:
“When you see a 50-year-old actress who can pass for 35, you can bet that good genes aren’t the only things responsible for her youthful glow.”
It’s no secret that the rich and famous of Beverly Hills have been turning to Botox and plastic surgery for years in an attempt to hang on to their youth. But did you know that many among this “it” crowd have been visiting some of the most expensive clinics in the world for controversial human growth hormone (HGH) therapy?

Why? Because they believe HGH helps reduce body fat, increase lean muscle mass, boost mood, heighten sex drive, give them plenty of energy, get rid of wrinkles and tighten saggy skin... making them look and feel decades – not years, but decades – younger. In fact, some are even calling it the “Fountain of Youth.”

So what exactly is HGH?
HGH is a single chain peptide hormone that’s manufactured deep within the brain... in the pituitary gland. It’s released into the bloodstream and travels throughout the body. It passes into your fat cells and can actually cause them to shrink. It enters your muscle cells, stimulating lean muscle growth so you look more tight and toned, even if you haven’t been working out. When it reaches the skin it maintains healthy blood flow, ramps up collagen production and strengthens the underlying substructure of the skin's critical architecture, keeping your skin firm, tight and smooth, which is why so many experts call HGH the “youth” hormone... and why some believe it’s the key to combatting aging. The problem is that while our bodies do manufacture HGH, our levels begin to decline rapidly as we age, and until recently the best way to increase our HGH levels was through expensive prescription injections (costs can run as high as $1500 per month).

In addition to their high cost, these synthetic HGH injections are also extremely controversial, because some experts fear that introducing synthetic HGH into the body may upset the natural production of HGH.
Dr. Oz says: “A recent study [on SeroVital-hgh] showed patients given a special blend of amino acids saw their HGH levels spike more than 6 times…”

Is there a way to increase growth hormone levels naturally?

Until recently, the answer to that question would have been a resounding “No.” However, in September of 2012, a group of some of the most highly respected scientists in the world presented their research findings at the prestigious Obesity Society’s 30th Annual Scientific Meeting. These research results made headlines, because they showed that for the first time, there was an oral compound capable of increasing mean, bioactive, serum (blood) growth hormone levels by 682%.

The formula that was the subject of these research findings is now being sold by SanMedica International under the trade name SeroVital. And despite its much-hyped research, SeroVital remained an “underground” sensation until the famed Dr. Oz discussed the product’s research on his show.

He introduced the show segment by asking his audience, “How many of you want to start feeling 20 years younger right now?” and then discussed what he called “a new frontier: stimulating your body’s production of growth hormones naturally with amino acids.”

And when Dr. Oz told his audience, “I have been searching for this from the day we started the show. I’ve been looking for ways of increasing HGH naturally because I don’t like getting the injections,” you can imagine the frenzy he started.

Before long, SanMedica was having trouble keeping SeroVital-hgh— with its proprietary, highly specialized, patent-pending amino acid formula—in stock. It went from underground sensation to full-blown phenomenon.

Now, after more than 30 years of time-consuming, detailed research, there’s finally an affordable oral formula that encourages the pituitary gland to increase growth hormone production naturally, without dangerous drugs or synthetic hormone injections.

They believe HGH reduces body fat, increases lean muscle mass, boosts mood, heightens sex drive, gives them plenty of energy and gets rid of wrinkles...

So what’s the catch?

Well, there are three. First, as with HGH injections, SeroVital is not a “magic bullet,” but one part of a healthy lifestyle choice including a sensible diet and exercise regimen.

Second, for proper absorption, you have to take SeroVital-hgh on an empty stomach. That means you either have to take it first thing in the morning and then not eat anything for two hours, or take it at night, at least two hours after your last meal... before you go to bed.

And last but not least, while SeroVital is far less expensive than prescription HGH injections, it’s still not cheap... SeroVital will cost you about $100 a month.

Is it worth it?

To me, anything that may reduce wrinkles, tighten saggy skin, decrease body fat, increase lean muscle mass, strengthen bones, and boost mood, while giving you plenty of energy and improving sex drive, is a no-brainer.

However, make no mistake about it, the “established” medical community (and of course, they know everything) would say its benefits are largely anecdotal, with research that’s preliminary. But there’s no denying that something that has a chance of making you look and feel decades, not years, but DECADES, younger, is... at the very least... irresistible. Frankly, I’m ready to try it. How about you?

So where can you get SeroVital-hgh?

SeroVital-hgh is currently available at select Ulta stores, and over the next few months, will be available on a limited basis at prestige retailers across the U.S. Having a hard time finding SeroVital-hgh? Can’t wait? You can order it directly from SanMedica International by calling 1-800-341-3894 or visit their website at www.SeroVital.com. Use the promo code HGH49 at checkout and shipping is free!
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These 5 local women are pulling double-duty as moms and power players

Anna Davlantes
Emmy-winning co-anchor of "Good Day Chicago" and mom to 1-year-old Gabriella, Davlantes has reported from inside a shark tank at Shedd Aquarium, discussed youth hazing on the "Oprah Winfrey Show" and broken dozens of stories in the city, Myfoxchicago.com

Kathleen Henson
Dubbing herself a "mompreneur," public-relations princess Henson juggles five kids and Henson Consulting, the firm she founded in 2001 that now represents local behemoths like Lettuce Entertain You. Hensonconsulting.com

Joanne Smith
The president and CEO of the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago, Smith is overseeing a $450 million project to open a new facility in Streeterville; at home, though, she's the easygoing mother of two. Ric.or

Julie Smolyansky
Smolyansky became the youngest female CEO of a public company when she took control of Lifeway Foods. A decade later and still at the helm, the marathon-running mother of two is an advocate of maternal health for Every Mother Counts. Lifeway.net

Katrina Markoff
Welcoming her second child last fall didn't slow Markoff down a bit: The founder/CEO of Vosges Haut-Chocolat recently launched Wild Ophelia, a premium mass-market offshoot of her brand, and is expecting $35 million in sales this year. Vosgeschocolate.com

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Hidden gem: Wolf Ridge Condominiums open the door to Northlake's special lifestyle.

Being within minutes of two major expressways and only eight miles south of O'Hare International Airport, "location" may be the City of Northlake's greatest attraction.

"Northlake is a hidden gem. We have the benefit of all the expressways," boasts Mayor Jeffery T. Sherwin.

The near west suburb is only two miles from the intersection of the Tri-State Tollway (Interstate 294) and the Eisenhower Expressway (I-290). Chicago's Loop is 14 miles to the east, and the Cumberland Avenue interchange of the Kennedy Expressway (I-94) is within seven miles. In the midst of all this convenience is Wolf Ridge Condominiums.

"We absolutely love this place," said Della Campbell, a histology lab technician at Advocate Lutheran General Hospital in Park Ridge. "We traded a two-hour tollway commute from west suburban Lombard for an 11-minute ride down Interstate 294 to our jobs."

The shorter commute also is a bonus for Jack Campbell, a veterinarian's assistant for Vet Corp. in Des Plaines, but what makes him happy is the couple's residence at Wolf Ridge Condominiums at 77 N. Wolf Road just north of North Avenue (Route 64) allows dogs and cats.

"Our family revolves around Banks, our 48-pound English Springer Spaniel, and Bo, our cat," said Jack Campbell. "We take Banks to the dog park a couple of blocks south on Wolf Road, or the nearby wooded preserve."

Wolf Ridge Condominiums is also just six blocks from the interchange of I-294 and 290, but if residents prefer their train, the Milwaukee West Line is three miles away in Franklin Park and the Union Pacific West Line is three miles away in Belford.

Parks and recreational opportunities also abound in Northlake. The Center Point Recreation and Preserve, which features walking trails and a picturesque meandering stream, is just north of Wolf Ridge. Millennium Park and a community center are also a few blocks away.

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Richard Gui borat’s 1939 Oldsmobile
Content written by Richard Gui borat.

My car is Lucille a 1939 Oldsmobile F60 4-door sedan. I bought it with my inheritance from my mother. When she died my wife said you always wanted to build a car so take the money and build a car. My dad was a singer in the '30s and used to sing "come
along with me Lucille in my merry Oldsmobile" to my mother whose name was Marie Lucille.
I found the Olds on line in Clear Lake Minnesota in 2000 and knew it was the car for me. I installed a Mustang II front suspension, a 1976 Olds 350 v8 engine, a turbo 350 trans, a Camaro positraction rear end with disk brakes, air conditioning and power steering. The seats are out of a Olds minivan and one of the members of the club did the door panels, headliner and carpet. The throw for the seats was made by my sister.

Since it became drivable in 2006, I have driven it to two Good-Guys shows in Madison, Wis. and Indianapolis. Our club “Midwest Street Rod Association of Illinois” was the host club for the Good-Guys Chicago Land shows so of course it was there. I have also taken it to the NSRA Nationals North in Kalamazoo, Mich. It is one of the two t-shirt cars for the 36th Gears and Ears car show at the Kendall County Fairgrounds on June 30.

Mel Marwitz’s 180A Model A Ford Deluxe Phaeton
Content written by Mel Marwitz

In 1931 Henry Ford manufactured 6,175 180A Ford Model A Deluxe Phaetons. Upon seeing an ad in Hemmings Motor News, I suggested a Florida vacation to my wife and of course the answer was yes. We traveled to West Palm Beach, Fla. The car looked fair but needed some TLC. We did drive it a little but had trouble with rust in the gas tank. On one trip we were towed home by another Model A.
I started looking for original parts that I needed in 2003. I found out that the car was in a fire. The rear sub frame, which is wood, and some ribs in the tub were burnt off. The previous owner patched the sub frame with tar for a filler. I made a new sub frame and new wood ribs for the tub. I did the brakes and undercarriage myself. I also did some body work. While the body was being worked on I bought a rebuilt engine and installed it along with the transmission and the rear end in the chassis. I put it together over the next two years. I finished the car in time for the Fine Point Judging at the Model A National Convention in Dallas. I received a Mark of Excellence with 447 points. In June of 2009 at the Model A Convention in Merrillville, Ind. I received a Master Restoration Award with 464 points.
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For fans of the long-running sitcom "Cheers," actress Rhea Perlman will forever be Carla Tortelli, the wisecracking mother of eight who worked as a waitress in a Boston bar.

But these days, Perlman is hanging out in another bar—this one in Philadelphia—where she plays Stella, a long-divorced nurse in search of some changes in her life. And it is there that she engages in rather serious conversation with Lou (played by Steppenwolf veteran Francis Guinan), the widower who owns the bar and spent many years as a caretaker for his wife.

You will find this bar on stage at Northlight Theatre, where Bruce Graham's drama "Stella & Lou" is receiving its world premiere under the direction of BJ Jones.

So what possessed Perlman, the real-life wife of Danny DeVito, and the mother of three grown kids (one an actress, another a visual artist and yoga teacher and a son who is starting to produce movies in New York) to leave Los Angeles and head to Skokie for what turned out to be a very extended winter?

"Last summer, I went to see Danny in a London production of 'The Sunshine Boys.' I took two friends with me, and we just randomly decided to take a side trip to Galway, on the west coast of Ireland. When we got there we realized a big arts festival was underway, and I met John Mahoney, who I know, was starring in a play by Bruce Graham called 'The Outgoing Tide' [which debuted at Northlight in 2011]. So I slipped him a note, and we all saw the play—which we loved—and afterward I met Rondi Reed and BJ [Jones]. Then, in December, by way of George Wendt, I was asked if I wanted to read a new play by Bruce and I said 'Sure.' I immediately understood the characters."

While "Stella & Lou" marks Perlman's first appearance on a Chicago stage, she is no stranger to the theater. "That's how I started in the business, and for some reason I seem to get back to the stage about every six years," she said. "And frankly, every time I return I say 'never again' because it's too terrifying and unpredictable. But then I do it, and I'm happy and fine."

But Perlman, who said she is tremendously impressed with her co-stars—both Guinan and Ed Flynn, who plays Donny, a young customer at the bar—expects DeVito to be part of the opening night audience, and "of course that will make me more nervous." Guinan, who was performing in the Steppenwolf production of Harold Pinter's "The Birthday Party" at the same time he began rehearsals for "Stella & Lou," said working with Rhea has been a great pleasure. "She came in fully memorized, which put me to shame, and has been emotionally open to everything going on onstage, and to me," he said. "She is very creative, very open to what we improvised, and didn't come in with any preconceived notions about the characters."

As for how Perlman manages to remain so "normal" after all these decades in show business, Perlman laughs and says: "I've been lucky not to have to obsess about work. And I take breaks. I garden. And I'm very involved with the whole issue of foster care, and the need for kids just beyond the age of care to have some kind of safety net. "About being well adjusted, well, do not believe what you see. The older I get the more I believe there is no such thing as that. It's just degrees of dysfunctionality."
Four men and a teenager deal with their sexuality in "Falling Man," five monologues by Will Scheffer.

Shane Abbott, who runs Gorilla Tango's Skokie Theatre, directs the show Friday nights through May at the theater. He also performs the title monologue.

Abbott decided to produce and direct this show because, "The writing is really strong," he said. "It's about sexual identity. In this day and age with all of the talk about gay marriage, I thought it was pretty current. It's a dichotomy. You could think about these stories or put females in all the roles, or teenagers or old people."

Abbott stressed that although the monologues were written "from the mid-'80s point of view," they're not dated. He noted that a theme throughout the pieces is "how hard it is for people to be themselves."

"Falling Man" is told by a man nearing death. "He's talking about how he fell in love for the first time," Abbott said. "And how he wants people to remember him. He was a champion cha-cha dancer. He's dying of HIV. He really wants people to know that he loved and lived. It's a pretty deep piece."

Florida native Glenn Abel, who moved to Chicago to pursue an acting career, plays a 13-year-old in "Alien Boy." "He's Jewish. He's really smart," Abel said. "They describe him in the show as a precocious child. A lot of it is about him struggling to understand and get a grip on his identity as a homosexual."

That reality is particularly difficult for the boy because the piece is set in the 1970s. The monologue deals with "his Jewish lineage and his relationship with his mother and the adults in his life," Abel reported.

The sheer length of the piece is presenting a bit of a challenge for Abel. "It's an eight-page monologue," he said. "I've never had that much time to myself onstage before. It's a little bit nerve-racking but I'm really excited about it."

"One Man's Meat" stars Andrew Hodson as mass murderer Jeffrey Dahmer. "This monologue is so different than anything he ever was because it takes place after his passing," Hodson said. "It's him in heaven hosting a cooking show. He's got kind of a vibe a little bit like Rachel Ray in the beginning."

"It's surprisingly light," Hodson insisted. "He's kind of talking through things but then you realize the subtext of what he's saying. He's talking about eating people."

The actor noted that what Dahmer is seeking to achieve in this piece is "the recipe for perfect love. That's commonplace for everyone. That's kind of one of the goals of life but he had taken it to such an extreme that it involved mass murder and cannibalism."

Hodson, who is from Michigan, first appeared onstage at the age of 8 months. "I played a baby," he joked. (His mother was in the show.) A professional dancer and singer, Hodson has performed at the Ruth Page Center for the Arts, the Lyric Opera and many other venues.

The best thing about playing Jeffrey Dahmer for Hodson is that, "It's such a departure from who I am. If I do it well, and I hope I do, there will be minutes where you forget who this is."

A fourth monologue, "Tennessee and Me," is about a male hustler who becomes inhabited by the spirit of Tennessee Williams.

"Fire Dance" focuses on a drag queen who performs as a fire dancer and her memories of her idol.

Abbott concluded that what these plays have in common is that, "They are talking about how they came into contact with love and what it did to them — and how they found themselves."
Managing Editor Jennifer Thomas' entertainment picks for this week

Heartland Creative Craft Fair takes place May 10-12 at Golf Mill Shopping Center, 239 Golf Mill Center, Niles. Visit golfmill.com.

'All You Need Is Love: The Music of the Beatles' from Chicago Gay Men's Chorus is 8 p.m. May 11 at Skokie's North Shore Center for the Performing Arts. Cgmc.org.

Arts and Crafts Adventure show by American Society of Artists is 9 a.m.-5 p.m. May 11 at Hodges Park, Prospect and Vine streets, Park Ridge. Visit americansocietyofartists.com.

Northwest Symphony Orchestra performs music of Broadway at 3:30 p.m. May 12 at Maine West High School, 1755 S. Wolf Road, Des Plaines. Northwestsymphony.org.

Mother's Day House Walk is noon-5 p.m. May 12, leaving from the Evanston History Center, 225 Greenwood St. (847) 853-7666 or evanstonhistorycenter.org.
Does "The Great Gatsby" know what he's getting into here?

It's summer, after all, and the last time anyone looked, F. Scott Fitzgerald's great American tragi-hero doesn't wear a super-suit, doesn't have a starship and he's not known for his action moves or his raunchy comedy. Nonetheless, there he is, opening this weekend between "Iron Man 3" and "Star Trek Into Darkness" at the start of the movie season that's typically devoted to superheroes, sci-fi adventure, sleazy-o humor and sequels, sequels, sequels.

Well, at least Gatsby is in 3D this time around and he's rocking a blockbuster-sized budget. So let's give him points for sheer nerve before moving on to 10 of the most promising honest-to-goodness summer movies.

"The Great Gatsby" (May 10) Leonardo DiCaprio plays the mysterious millionaire pining for his beloved Daisy (Carey Mulligan), with director Baz "Moulin Rouge!" Luhrmann providing the jazz-age opulence.

**Summer movie calendar**

**MAY 10**
*Aftershock*: A massive earthquake hits Chile, trapping a group of friends in an underground nightclub in this horror film.

*The Great Gatsby***
*Peeples*: Regular guy Craig Robinson crashes the snooty Peeples family reunion to ask for permission to marry Kerry Washington.

**MAY 15**
*Star Trek Into Darkness***

**MAY 24**
*Epic*: Teenager Mary Katherine (Amanda Seyfried) manages to get in the middle of a battle between good and evil in a deep forest in this animated film.

*Fast & Furious 6*: Vin Diesel, Dwayne Johnson, Jason Statham and director Justin Lin all return—start your engines.

*The Hangover Part III***

**MAY 31**
*Now You See Me*: A group of illusionists pulls off bank jobs during performances and gives the money to its audiences. The cast includes Morgan Freeman, Mark Ruffalo, Michael Caine and Woody Harrelson.

*The Purge*: In the future the government establishes an annual 12-hour period in which all crimes are legal, even murder. An intruder breaks into a Purge victim's home and he must fight back.

**JUNE 7**
*After Earth***

**JUNE 12**
*The Internship*: Owen Wilson and Vince Vaughn play two salesmen left behind by the digital age who somehow score internships at Google.

**JUNE 14**
"This Is the End***

**JUNE 21**
*Monsters University*: Pixar's summer offering is a look at when Mike (Billy Crystal) and Sulley (John Goodman) met at the college where they learned their trade.

*World War Z***

**JUNE 28**
*The Heat*: Sandra Bullock and Melissa McCarthy play two misanthropic FBI agents paired together to take down a drug lord.

*White House Down***

**JULY 3**
*Despicable Me 2*: Steve Carell returns as Gru, the animated would-be supervillain, who wound up adopting three girls in the first film.

*The Lone Ranger***

**JULY 5**
*The Way Way Back*: A teenager (Isaak James) learns about life one summer through his relationship with an offbeat amusement park employee (Sam Rockwell). With Steve Carell, Toni Collette and Allison Janney.

**JULY 12**
*Pacific Rim***

**JULY 17**
*Turbo*: Ryan Reynolds provides the voice of Turbo, a snail who wants to win the Indy 500. Also with Paul Giamatti, Maya Rudolph, Snoop Dogg, Richard Jenkins and Ken Jeong.

**JULY 19**
*The Conjuring*: Paranormal investigators help a family who are caught in a terrifying case. Vera Farmiga and Patrick Wilson star and James Wan directs.

*R.I.P.D.*: Ryan Reynolds and Kevin Bacon star in a comedy about a recently killed cop who joins a team of undead police officers in the Rest in Peace Department.

*RED 2*: Bruce Willis returns, along with Helen Mirren and John Malkovich as retired assassins who once again must use their special skills, which, as you might guess, involve shooting people.

**JULY 26**
*Fruitvale Station*: Drama based on the true story of a man named Oscar (Michael B. Jordan) and his interactions on the last day of 2008. With Kevin Durand, Chad Michael Murray and Octavia Spencer.

*The Wolverine*: Hugh Jackman returns as this time a retired assassin.

**AUG. 2**
*2 Guns*: Denzel Washington and Mark Wahlberg play a DEA agent and a Naval intelligence officer who have to investigate each other, but learn they've been set up by the mob.

*300: Rise of an Empire*: Themistokles takes on the invading Persians.

**AUG. 7**
*Percy Jackson: Sea of Monsters*: Logan Lerman returns as Percy, son of Poseidon. He's a high-school demigod whose adventures are chronicled in Rick Riordan's novels.

**AUG. 9**
*Elysium***

*Planes*: Dusty (voice of Dane Cook) is a crop-dusting plane who wants to compete in a race but is, alas, afraid of heights. The Disney film includes the voices of Val Kilmer, Julia Louis Dreyfuss, Brad Garrett and John Clease.

*We're the Millers*: Jason Sudeikis plays a marijuana dealer who has to create a fake family to bring in two tons of the drug from Mexico. He ends up with Jennifer Aniston, Emma Roberts and Will Poulter.

**AUG. 16**
*Kick-Ass 2*: Aaron Taylor-Johnson returns as Kick-Ass, a sort of low-rent superhero who is assisted by the deadly, profane Hit-Girl (Chloe Grace Moretz).

*The To Do List*: Comedy about a young woman (Aubrey Plaza) who is sexually inexperienced, so she makes a list of things to do before going off to college.

**AUG. 23**
*The Mortal Instruments: City of Bones*: Lily Collins plays Clary Fray, a teenage girl whose mother (Lena Headey) disappears. Clary soon learns she is a descendant of a secret group of half-angel warlocks.

*The World's End*: Simon Pegg and Nick Frost reunite as friends who get together for the 20-year anniversary of a memorable pub crawl—and who suddenly become mankind's only hope for survival.

*You're Next*: Brutal horror film directed by Adam Wingard about a family gathered at its remote estate for a wedding anniversary. Then masked killers start attacking.

**AUG. 28**
*Closed Circuit*: Eric Bana and Rebecca Hall play lawyers and former lovers who join the defense team of an international terrorist.

**AUG. 30**
*The Getaway*: Ethan Hawke plays a race car driver whose wife is kidnapped. The culprits force him to follow a series of commands, and he's helped by a hacker played by Selena Gomez.

*One Direction: This Is Us*: The incredibly popular group launches a million more teenage screams with this documentary directed by Morgan Spurlock ("Super Size Me").

*Gannett***Mentioned in main story*
“Star Trek Into Darkness” (May 17) After his successful 2009 reboot of the venerable sci-fi series, director J.J. Abrams steers the crew of the starship Enterprise back into harm’s way — with the classic Trek baddie Khan making a rumored return.

“The Hangover Part III” (May 24) Part II was an unfunny disaster, but there’s still hope that when the Wolfpack (Bradley Cooper, Zach Galifianakis and Ed Helms) return to Vegas for this final installment they’ll recapture some of the debauched hilarity of the 2009 original.

“After Earth” (June 7) Seven years after “The Pursuit of Happyness,” Will and Jaden Smith are doing the father/son thing again, only this time they’re future space-warriors attempting to survive a crash landing on post-apocalyptic Earth. “Sixth Sense” director M. Night Shyamalan might or might not be a bonus.

“This is the End” (June 12) Seth Rogen, James Franco, Jonah Hill, Danny McBride, Craig Robinson, Michael Cera, Emma Watson et al. play themselves facing the apocalypse in Hollywood — with zero dignity and decorum. Rogen co-wrote and co-directed the end-of-days pandemonium.

“Man of Steel” (June 14) The last time Superman returned (remember — or not — Brandon Routh in 2006?) the results were, well, less than super. With Christopher “The Dark Knight” Nolan producing, though, and Zack “300” Snyder directing, there’s a fair chance this “Man of Steel” will prove more memorable.

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"World War Z" (June 21) Brad Pitt battles hordes — swarms, actually — of fast-moving zombies sweeping the globe in this apocalyptic thriller based on the best seller by The Zombie Survival Guide author Max Brooks.

"White House Down" (June 28) The title pretty much says it all in this virtual replay of Gerard Butler's "Olympus Has Fallen" earlier this year. This time, though, it's Channing Tatum protecting the president (Jamie Foxx) from hostile paramilitary types.

"The Lone Ranger" (July 3) No matter how you might feel about Jerry Bruckheimer producing and that weird bird-hat Johnny Depp's wearing as Tonto, it's a definite plus that Gore Verbinski ("Rango," "Pirates of the Caribbean," "Mousehunt") is directing the big-budget return of the Masked Man. Meaning a sense of humor is virtually guaranteed.

"Pacific Rim" (July 12) What's not to love about giant, rock-'em/sock-'em robots, as long as Michael Bay's not in charge? Instead, we've got the great Guillermo del Toro ("Pan's Labyrinth," "Hellboy") operating the controls — and that should make a difference as big as the bad-boy bots.

"Elysium" (Aug. 9) Director Neill Blomkamp's follow-up to his Oscar-nominated, politically charged sci-fi thriller "District 9" features Matt Damon as an ultra-tough future guy who's doomed to die of radiation poisoning unless he leaves post-apocalyptic planet Earth and moves to the rich-folks-only space station "Elysium." Mayor Jodie Foster says no. Bad idea, mayor Jodie.
'Vera Stark' about breaking boundaries

BY HEDY WEISS | Contributor

At the time that Lynn Nottage was working on her 2009 Pulitzer Prize-winning play, "Ruined" — about violence against women in the Democratic Republic of Congo — she was writing another play that could not have been more different.

It turned out to be "By the Way, Meet Vera Stark," a satirical comedy that debuted in New York in 2011, and is in its Chicago premiere at the Goodman Theatre under the direction of Chuck Smith.

Nottage's title character is an African-American actress whose career embodies all the stereotyping and revisionism that for decades was part of Hollywood movie-making. It begins in the 1930s, when Vera Stark — a pretty, ambitious young maid and wannabe actress — is about to have the closest thing to a "big break" that

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a woman of her race could expect in the film industry of that time. It then fast-forwards to 1973, when Vera (played by Tamberla Perry), an almost unrecognizable version of her former self, makes a talk-show appearance, and is enthusiastically greeted by the studio audience that has little concept of the historical realities that shaped her life and career. In a coda, set another 30 years later, the perspective shifts yet again, as a scholar reconsiders the historical legacy of black actors like Vera.

"Writing two plays at once is how I usually work," said Nottage. "If I'm distracted while working on one world I just move into another one. And while I was dealing with the Congolese forest and war and rape in 'Ruined' I really needed a refuge."

"Vera Stark" grew out of a childhood spent watching classic movies.

"I watched all those wonderful old screwball comedies with Cary Grant and Katharine Hepburn, and my eyes inevitably focused on the black characters who appeared in smaller roles in them," said the playwright, 48. "I was at first thrilled that someone like me was represented, and then horrified by the way they were represented. My parents never let me see 'Gone With the Wind,' but I sneak-watched 'Little Rascals' on Saturday mornings just because I was intrigued by seeing the black kids."

There was one fabled film that particularly fascinated Nottage: "Baby Face," the 1933 movie that starred Barbara Stanwyck as Lily, a struggling young woman who figures out how to use sex for advancement. Quite unusual for the time, Lily develops a "comradely relationship" with her African-American female friend and employee, Chico, played by an actress named Theresa Harris.

"These two characters traveled together, and they sat at the same table and looked each other in the eyes," Nottage said. "They had shared space, and it wasn't a servile relationship." Nottage read what little exists about Harris, but the plot of the story is not about Theresa Harris. It draws on a number of other actresses who worked in pre-code Hollywood, including Nina Mae McKinney and Mildred Washington — beautiful, talented women who knew how to steal small scenes, though the studios never figured out how to use them."
Family Friendly

Families invited to have some fun at fest

BY MYRNA PETLICKI | Contributor

Your family can enjoy two hours of outdoor activities and entertainment at the free Family Fun Fest, 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday, May 11 at 6801 McCormick Blvd., Lincolnwood.

"It will be our first special event held at Lincolnwood Centennial Park, the former Channel Runne," said Jan Springer, superintendent of recreation for the Village of Lincolnwood. "We want to highlight different aspects of the renovations."

There will be fishing demonstrations and poles available so people can fish. You and your children can watch a disc golf demonstration and try the sport yourselves.

"We're going to have kite flying demonstrations and we're giving out kites," Springer said. Kayak Chicago will lead kayak rides down the channel.

In addition, there will be demonstrations of soccer, yoga, tai chi, martial arts and a parent-and-tot music class. The Lincolnwood Police Department will present a bicycle safety clinic.

Entertainment will be provided by a juggler, a stilts walker and singer/musician Mark Dvorak. Food will be sold.

For details, call (847) 677-9740 or go to www.recreation.lwd.org.

HIP HOPPER

What's a rabbit to do when he would rather rock than accept his role as the Easter Bunny? Head to Hollywood, of course. That's what teen bunny E.B. does in "Hop." The PG film will be shown at 4 p.m. Friday, May 10 at Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave.

For details, call (847) 965-4220 or go to www.mgpl.org.

MOTHER KNOWS BEST

Just in time for Mother's Day, kids will hear Tomie dePaola's "My Mother Is So Smart," 7 p.m. Friday, May 10 at the Village Crossing Shopping Center Barnes & Noble, 5405 Touhy Ave., Skokie. Afterwards, participants will make a Mother's Day card for their mom.

For details, call (847) 329-8460 or go to www.barnesandnoble.com.

TAKE A CHANCE AND DANCE

You and your preschoolers will get a great workout at the Bibliobop Dance Party, 10 to 11 a.m. Friday, May 10 at the Niles Public Library, 6960 W. Oakton St. Miss Cate will be the deejay, selecting songs from the library's extensive music collection.

For details, call (847) 663-1234 or go to www.nileslibrary.org.
Restaurants up the ante for youngest customers

BY KARA SPAK | kspak@suntimes.com

It's the Holy Grail of eating out as a family - a kids' menu with something other than chicken fingers, hamburgers and french fries.

In other words, food that kids want to eat and adults want them to eat.

A local movement has been building slowly, though, to add interesting and healthy "items for restaurants' youngest customers." "The worst food on the menu was always on the kids' menu," said Diane Schmidt, a Chicago mom with public health background who suffered through a decade of bad kids' meals with her daughter. "I got this idea to try to change it."

Schmidt teamed up with nutritionist Carol Wagner and chef Sarah Stegner of Prairie Grass Cafe in Northbrook to start the Healthy Fare for Kids program in December 2011. They asked local restaurants to add and identify at least one nutritionally sound item on their kids' menus. Since then, more than 50 restaurants have signed on.

For two-time James Beard Award-winner Stegner, offering something more than a pint-sized portion of fried chicken at her restaurant, known for its seasonal fare, was a no-brainer.

"When we opened the restaurant I wanted something that kids really liked that matched the rest of the food," Stegner said. While a recent survey from the Center for Science in the Public Interest concluded that 97 percent of chain restaurant kids' meals failed to meet basic nutrition standards, chef-driven restaurants have been open to the Healthy Fare message, said Stegner.

"If you don't ever put the vegetable in front of [kids] they are never going to eat it," she said. "It's as simple as that."

Some restaurants that offer something different for kids are:

**TTOWA, 161 W. Wing St., Arlington Heights, (847) 749-4493; ttowa.net**

All kids' entrees - the bulgogi (tender marinated ribeye) bowl is the most popular - come with miso soup.

**Sushi Samba Rio, 504 N. Wells, Chicago, (312) 595-2300; sushisamba.com/location/chicago**

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**Prairie Grass Cafe, 601 Skokie Blvd., Northbrook, (847) 205-4433; www.prairiegrasscafe.com**

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**Shedd Aquarium, 1200 S. Lake Shore Drive, Chicago, (312) 939-2438; www.shedd aquarium.org**

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Stars
Leonardo DiCaprio, Joel Edgerton, Tobey Maguire, Carey Mulligan

A World War I veteran (Maguire) becomes involved in the life of a mysterious millionaire (DiCaprio) and his campaign to win the love of his life (Mulligan). Baz Luhrmann ("Moulin Rouge") co-adapted and directed.

LOVE IS ALL YOU NEED

Rated
R for brief sexuality, nudity and some language

Stars
Pierce Brosnan, Trine Dyrholm, Molly Blixt Egelind, Sebastian Jessen

After discovering her husband has been unfaithful, a hairdresser (Dyrholm) who's been battling cancer finds a potential upgrade at the wedding of her daughter.

PEEPLES

Rated
PG-13 for sexual content, drug material and language

Stars
Craig Robinson, Kerry Washington, David Alan Grier, Colin Hanks

A man (Robinson) who hasn't quite found his way in life crashes an upper-class family reunion in the Hamptons to ask his girlfriend's forbidding father (Grier) for permission to marry her.

STILL PLAYING

IRON MAN 3

★★½ Rated
PG-13 for sequences of intense sci-fi action and violence throughout, and brief suggestive content

Stars
Robert Downey Jr., Gwyneth Paltrow, Ben Kingsley, Don Cheadle

One of the things that made the previous "Iron Man" movies so enjoyable was the value-added stuff, like intelligence and emotional resonance. Both had plenty of action, but they also had heart thanks to Robert Downey Jr. and it was nice that his Tony Stark was always the smartest guy in the room. Well, almost always. That's not so much the case in co-writer/director Shane Black's "Iron Man 3," which has all the eye-popping CGI action anyone could want, but little of the emotional or cerebral appeal. Though Stark suffers from panic attacks here after his traumatic experience in "The Avengers," that doesn't make him more vulnerable — only more obnoxiously arrogant. He's also monumentally stupid on at least one occasion. It's kind of fun that Black has upped the ante on "Iron Man" coolness by inventing a suit that flies to Stark at the wave of his hand — and a remote-control suit that works just as well with or without him inside. That last bit might not have been such a great idea, though, because flashy on the outside, empty on the inside isn't a bad way to describe this movie as a whole.

THE RELUCTANT FUNDAMENTALIST

Rated
R for language, sexual content and brief nudity

Stars
Kate Hudson, Liev Schreiber, Kiefer Sutherland, Om Puri

A young Pakistani man's attachment to the birth of Israel, to its acquisition of lyrics in turn-of-the-century Ukraine, to its purchase of the hora during the birth of Israel, to its all-purpose acceptance by post-World War II suburban Jews — and to its often absurd crossover to American pop culture.

ARTHUR NEWMAN

★★ Rated
R for sexual content, language and brief drug use

Stars
Colin Firth, Emily Blunt, Anne Heche

Who hasn't thought, at one time or another, that it might be nice to erase all the mistakes of the past and simply start life over fresh? That's the intriguing idea at the heart of "Arthur Newman," and while it's having fun with that fantasy this road movie/romance maintains a certain quirky appeal. Unfortunately, dreary reality ultimately intrudes, along with an even drearier bit of last-minute moralizing. Firth plays a divorced, unemployed and miserable failed-PGA golfer, whose life has dried up to such an extent that he decides to fake his own death. Strange role-playing romantic adventures ensue before the film defaults to the familiar moral lesson: Wherever you go, there you are.

MUD

★★★½ Rated
PG-13 for a disturbing violent sequence

Stars
Matthew McConaughey, Reese Witherspoon, Tyer Stpered, Jacob Lofland

It seems likely Mark Twain would think highly of "Mud," which features obvious elements of "Huckleberry Finn" crossed with traces of the Southern Gothic weirdness that made Billy Bob Thornton's "Sling Blade" work so well. Chances are good that you'll feel the same way. McConaughey gives his best performance as a mysterious loner scheming to rejoin the wayward love of his life (Witherspoon), if he can outrun the bounty hunters seeking him for killing a man who hurt her. But writer/director Jeff "Take Shelter" Nichols is more concerned with the coming of age of a scrappy young born-romantic Mississippi River kid named Ellis (Sheridan), who decides to help Mud on his quest for the sake of pure love. And learns that commodity is far more complicated than he imagined.
New movies on DVD, Blu-ray

BY BRUCE INGRAM | Film Critic

NEW THIS WEEK

JACK REACHER

★★½
Rated
PG-13 for violence, language and some drug material
Stars
Tom Cruise, Robert Duvall, Werner Herzog, Rosamund Pike
If you’re an action fan with a high tolerance for far-fetched potboiler plots and rampant clichés, there might be enough testosterone-juicy moments in this brisk, well-crafted macho male fantasy to make the whole thing seem worthwhile. Cruise does a nice job as the intellectual, ultra-violent former military-police supercop hero of 16 Jack Reacher novels, a man of mystery who travels the country by bus solving crimes. This time he’s investigating the case of a seemingly guilty mass-murdering sniper and uncovering a nefarious conspiracy masterminded by an unspeakably evil master-villain (Herzog). Cruise, director Christopher McQuarrie and company unfortunately play the unabashedly ridiculous pulp-fiction plot and posturings straight. The action scenes are impressive, Herzog is a hoot as the glass-eyed bad guy and, as a special bonus, Duvall appears in the final reel as a crotchety old ex-marine marksman providing assistance in the high-body-count finale.

SAFE HAVEN

★★
Rated
PG-13 for thematic material involving threatening behavior, and for violence and sexuality
Stars
Julianne Hough, Josh Duhamel, David Lyons
It’s comforting to know, in this uncertain and imperfect world, that if you’re wholesome enough, adorable enough and good-looking enough, everything is going to work out fine. That’s the takeaway from “Safe Haven,” an artificial and absurd romance that’s dull, predictable and drippy even by the soggy standard set by previous Nicholas Sparks adaptations. The only thing new here is a thriller subplot. After fleeing from Boston one dark and stormy night, cute and perky Katie (Hough) hops off a bus in a little North Carolina town, where she immediately lands a job waiting tables, rents a dreamy little cottage in the woods and meets Alex (Duhamel), the town’s most eligible and handsome young widower. It’s by the numbers courtship for Katie and Alex from then on, despite occasional reminders that there’s a murder charge and a creepy, fixated and relentless detective-with-a-secret-agenda (Lyons) on her heels. How will it all end? Oh, puh-leeze.

MAMA

Rated
PG-13 for violence and terror, some disturbing images and thematic elements
Stars
Jessica Chastain, Nikolaj Coster-Waldau, Megan Charpentier, Isabelle Nelisse
This old-school-creepy ode to de-mented mother love is a better than average shocker — despite its predictable and slow-moving plot — because it relies more on suspense and atmosphere than splattery gore. It features a memorably freaky spectral bogey-woman who’s liable to linger as a nasty memory whether you want her to or not. After rescuing his two long-lost nieces from the cabin in the woods where they were abandoned five years ago by his brother, uncle Lucas (Coster-Waldau) brings the feral children home to live with his rocker girlfriend (Chastain) — unaware they’ve been adopted by a psychotic ghost with baby issues from beyond the grave. It’s Chastain’s movie, but crazy-scary Mama is the real star.
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Gorilla Tango's Skokie Theatre

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Presented by the Albany Park Theater Project May 10-June 15 at the Laura Wiley Theater, 5100 N. Ridgeway Ave., Chicago. $8-$25. Visit www.aptchicago.org or call (800) 838-3006.

Kristine Burdi, Stickney (left), David Whitlock and David Geinosky star in "Dirty Rotten Scoundrels," presented by Big Noise Theatre Company at 8 p.m. May 10, 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. May 11, and 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. May 12, at Prairie Lakes Theater, 515 E. Thacker, Des Plaines. Tickets are $25; $23 seniors and students. Call (847) 604-0275 or visit www.bignoise.org.

"The Phantom Tollbooth"
Presented by Thin Ice Theater at 7:30 p.m. May 17-18 and 3 p.m. May 19 at the Music Institute of Chicago's Dempster Street Theater, 2008 Dempster St., Evanston. $20; $15 students and seniors. Visit www.jamesdowningtheatre.typepad.com.

The Orion Ensemble
"Folk Inspirations with a Mexican Flair," 7:30 p.m. May 12 at Music Institute of Chicago's Nichols Concert Hall, 1490 Chicago Ave., Evanston. $26; $23 seniors; $10 students. Visit www.orionensemble.org.

Music Institute of Chicago
Nichols Concert Hall, 1490 Chicago Ave., Evanston. www.musicinst.org. May 18, 7:30 p.m.: Violinist Rachel Barton Pine and pianist Matthew Hagle play works by Beethoven and Brahms. $30; $20 seniors; $10 students.

Music of the Baroque
Performing J. S. Bach's "Passion According to St. John," 7:30 p.m. May 19 at Pick-Staiger Concert Hall, 50 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston. $27-$75. www.baroque.org.

Rembrandt Chamber Players
"Rhythm & Song," 3 p.m. May 12 in Nichols Hall at the Music Institute of Chicago, 1490 Chicago Ave., Evanston. The program includes works by W.O. Smith and Handel, and soprano Christine Brandes performing Ravel's "Chansons Madecasses." $35; $25 young adults; $10 students. Call (312) 360-3145 or visit www.remmbrandtcam proper ty.org.

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Howard). Skokie. www.ethicalhuman.org/coffeehouse. May 11: Soprano Christine Steyer in "So You Want to be a Diva?" following 8 p.m. open mic (7:30 p.m. sign-up; any genre, all acoustic). $8.

"Jazz Invasion"
Oakton Community College's Jazz Band performs at 8 p.m. May 10 in the Footlik Theater, 1600 E. Golf Road, Des Plaines. $5 general admission; $3 students and seniors. Call (847) 635-1900.

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Park Ridge Chorale
Holding summer concert rehearsals 7:30-9:30 p.m. May 13 and 20 at the Park Ridge Non-Profit Center, 720 Garden St., Park Ridge. Auditions for new members are required and will be held at the conclusion of rehearsals. The summer concert will be presented at 7 p.m. July 27 at St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Park Ridge. Visit www.parkridgechorale.org.

CHILD'S PLAY
"Once Upon a Mattress"
Presented by JCC Young Actors Ensemble at 7 p.m. May 9 and noon and 3:30 p.m. May 12 at Mayer Kaplan JCC, 5050 Church St., Skokie. $15; $8/$10 for ages 7 and under. Visit www.gojcc.org/theater.

"Sideways Stories from Wayside School"
Presented at 7 p.m. May 10, 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. May 11 and 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. May 12 in Northwestern University's...
Mussetter-Struble Theater, 1949 Campus Drive, Evanston. $10; $8 for children and students. Visit www.tic.northwestern.edu/imagineu.

"Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory"


Youth Choral Theater of Chicago

Family Concert Series features "Going Hog Wild!" at 3:30 p.m. May 11 at the Music Institute of Chicago’s Nichols Concert Hall, 1490 Chicago Ave., Evanston. $16-$21; $9-$13 for ages 12 and under. Visit www.youthchoraltheater.org.

DANCE

Chicago Dance Chapter of USA Dance

Hosting its monthly party, "Red Hot Momma," May 11 at The Centre at North Park, 10040 Addison, Franklin Park. Jive lesson starts at 7:30 p.m.; open dancing 8:15-11 p.m. $10; $8 members; $6 students. Visit www.usadancechicago.org or call (773) 895-4602.

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The Shore Club

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FAIRS & FESTIVALS

International Taste of OLMC

Celebrating the international diversity of the community with ethnic foods and cultural entertainment, 1-4 p.m. May 19 at Our Lady Mother of the Church, 8747 W. Lawrence, Chicago. $20; $10 children ages 5-10 years old. Call (773) 625-3369.

Lincolnwood Public Library

4000 W. Pratt Ave. www.lincolnwoodlibrary.org. May 10, 1 p.m.: "Les Miserables." May 16, 10:30 a.m.: "You've Been Trumped." May 16, 1 p.m.: "Witness for the Prosecution."

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Niles Public Library
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Northwest Chicago Film Society
13+ 18+

LECTURES

Gorilla Tango’s Skokie Theatre
18+
7924 Lincoln Ave. Skokie. www.gorillatango.com. May 22, 1:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.: Theater historian Charles Troy presents “Gilbert, Sullivan and HMS Pinafore.” $12 in advance; $14 at the door.

ORGANIZATIONS

International Brotherhood of Magicians Ring 43
13+
Meeting at 7:30 p.m. May 17 in the South Conference Room at Saint Francis Hospital, 355 Ridge Ave., Evanston, for its annual close-up magic contest. $5 admission for guests, which can be applied to membership. Visit www.ring43.org.

Skokie Photographic Society
18+
Meeting at 7 p.m. May 16 in the Radamacher Room at the Skokie Public Library, 5215 Oakton St., featuring a book signing and slide presentation by Richard Cahan, author of Vivian Maier: Out of the Shadows. Free, but registration is required; call (847) 673-3733.

WORKSHOPS & CLASSES

Niles Public Library
13+

MUSEUMS

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Skokie Art Guild
13+
Offering figure drawing workshops from 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Saturdays at the Devonshire Cultural Center, 4400 Greenwood, Skokie. Live models; no instructor. $20. Visit www.skokieartguild.org.

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Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute women's lacrosse player Audrey Stapleton, a Barrington alumnus, has had a solid senior season for the Engineers.

RPI won the Liberty League Championship with a 14-5 victory against St. Lawrence on Saturday at Renwyck Field in Troy, N.Y. The victory improved the Engineers' record to 14-3 and earned them automatic bids to the NCAA Division III Tournament. RPI was scheduled to play host to St. John Fisher in the first round Wednesday.

Stapleton, a senior from Barrington Hills, has registered nine points in nine games through Saturday. She recorded five goals on just eight shots and seven shots on goal. She also chipped in four assists. Stapleton was equally impressive in conference play with three goals and an assist in five games played.

Carmel alumnus Shane Siefert, a Mundeine native and wrestler for Wisconsin-Whitewater, was recently named to the d3wrestle.com 2013 All-Freshmen Team.

The team includes 10 freshmen, one from each weight class. Siefert helped the Warhawks to a third-place finish their best ever in the NCAA Division III Championships. Siefert finished fourth overall in the 197-pound weight class.

Libertyville alumnus Louis Mazzetta, a junior on the Luther College wrestling team, recently earned 2013 National Wrestling Coaches Association Scholar All-American honors.

To earn the honor, Mazzetta was required to place in the top six at the NCAA Regional or record a winning percentage of 67 percent or higher. Recipients also were required to maintain a GPA of 3.2 or higher over the previous two semesters.

Mazzetta finished the 2012-13 campaign with a record of 26-10 while competing at both 133 and 141 pounds.

Luke Harrison, who played for Glenbrook South in high school, helped the Indiana baseball team ascend to No. 12 in the NCAA RPI released on April 29.

The sophomore right-hander had a 2.41 ERA, a 1.04 WHIP and a 7-to-1 strikeout-to-walk ratio over 33 2/3 innings pitched through Sunday. He's made 16 appearances, all in relief, and owns a 4-1 record.

Have a suggestion for the College Roundup? Email Nick Bullock at bullockpioneer-press@gmail.com.
Belpedio plays physical brand of hockey

BY JONAH ROSENBLUM | Contributor | @Pioneer_PrepsJR

BENSENVILLE

When Skokie native Louie Belpedio found himself in the middle of yet another scrum during the U.S. National Under-17 hockey team's contest with the Chicago Steel, his father barely batted an eye.

His son, after all, is a scrapper — something his national team coach, Danton Cole, greatly appreciates.

"That's part of the game of hockey is being physical and getting the other teams off of their game," Cole said. "He brings that element to the game."

For a player who stands 5-foot-10 and weighs 181 pounds, it's crucial that he can stand his ground against the giants that roam the ice. And though a player of Belpedio's stature wouldn't seem to have the body mass necessary to push opponents around, it's worth noting that famed National Hockey League bruiser Sean Avery is roughly the same size.

"I don't really like to take anything from anyone even though they're bigger than me," Belpedio said. "I just stick up for my teammates and play hockey and have fun."

The U-17 team, which wrapped up its season on April 13, frequently played in international competition and against USHL team like the Chicago Steel, which feature players in their late teens and early 20s. As a result, the young members of the national team were forced to raise their physicality.

"The first few games are tough but after that you learn to stick up for yourself and play your game and not let anything else get to you," Belpedio said.

Belpedio credited, in particular, the training that the national team does in Ann Arbor, Mich., for building his toughness. The full-time National Team Development Program, which includes the U-17 and U-18 teams, is based in Ann Arbor.

Playing just 18 miles from his hometown on March 30, the feisty defenseman was cheered on by an equally feisty group of friends and supporters. Asked how many people he got out to the game, Belpedio wasn't sure.

"A lot," he said.

Cole knows that such moments are special for his players.

"It seems to give them a little bit more life: There's a little more excitement and energy sometimes," Cole said. "It's a lot of fun and the guys give up a lot to come here, and they're away from family and friends. It's important that when they go back, that people come out and see them, so it turns out to be a good time for them."
Stoehr vaults way into state meet

BY ERIC VAN DRIL | Contributor | @VanDrilSports

LINCOLNSHIRE

Glenbrook North junior Ben Stoehr stood on the runway at the Stevenson boys gymnastics sectional, preparing to do a vault which he began learning five days before that night and had never landed.

It would have been easy for Stoehr to psyche himself out in the moments before doing his handspring front on May 2, but he didn’t.

“As soon as you start to run, you sort of clear your mind of everything besides, ‘See the board, hit the board and fly through the air,’” Stoehr said. “It’s kind of primal, just chucking yourself at something and seeing what happens.”

Stoehr hit the board, flew through the air, did his handspring front and landed on his feet, in a slightly crouched position. Immediately after landing the vault, Glenbrook North senior Nate Elfant and sophomore Corey Snyder sprinted toward the junior. Both approached him with their arms out and gave him a big hug, knowing Stoehr had shockingly clinched a state berth.

Stoehr finished fifth (9.050) at sectionals, earning an automatic berth to the state’s individual championships on Saturday at Lincoln-Way East.

CHEERING SECTION

It’s easy to quantify Dalai Jamiyankhüu’s value to the Niles West gymnastics team.

Niles West coach Adrian Batista says that Jamiyankhüu has added at least 15 points to the Wolves’ team score since the freshman was cleared to compete by the IHSA a little more than a month ago.

Jamiyankhüu provides Niles West with a gymnast capable of finishing in the top-10 in the all-around at the state meet on Friday.

It’s much more difficult to quantify what the Wolves have meant to Jamiyankhüu, but Batista can sense being on a gymnastics team has had an effect. Jamiyankhüu’s teammates have provided loud, unwavering support over the course of the season, as well as the opportunity to work toward a common goal with his friends. That’s been a welcome benefit for a gymnast whose rooting section at club gymnastics meets typically only includes his parents.

“They give out a lot of encouragement,” said Jamiyankhüu, who competes at Lakeshore Academy. “At the club meets, it’s kind of quiet. Your parents are cheering for you, but here your peers and your friends are cheering for you. It gives you a lot of support and confidence.”

RELIABLE ROUTINES

Glenbrook South senior Austin Zimmer finished fifth in the state on parallel bars a year ago, and sixth on floor exercise. Zimmer will compete in both events in the all-around championships Friday and the individual championships Saturday, and he will essentially perform the same routines he used a year ago.

Glenbrook South coach Brandon Tucker said Zimmer is doing the same routine on floor exercise this year, and the only change Zimmer has made on his parallel bars routine has been to his dismount. He did a layout last year, and has been doing a layout back — a more difficult trick — this year.

OTHERS OF NOTE

Niles North qualified three gymnasts for the second day of the state meet. Senior Antonio Cacho will compete on still rings. He will be joined by junior Scott Wong and senior Dhwal Gheewala, who both earned at-large bids on pommel horse.

Evanston’s top sectional performer was senior Don Pham, who finished 13th in the all-around (32.600) and was the team’s only gymnast to record a score higher than eight points. Pham scored an 8.050 on vault.

Glenbrook South's Austin Zimmer competes on the parallel bars during the Stevenson Sectional in Lincolnshire on May 2. Visit glenview suntimes.com/sports to view a photo gallery from the sectional. | RYAN PAGELOW Sun-Times Media
Don't Miss

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DEERFIELD

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“Almost every running session this year has been different, after my vocal cord issues really affected my breathing,” Brand said. “Now I’m able to breathe better and I can breathe more comfortably.”

Brand added that she improved her breathing with “breathing sessions and learning different techniques. Because breathing is such a fundamental part of running, you don’t really think about it. Having to think about it was really difficult. I’ve learned so much this year, all of junior year practicing it and so now it’s natural again.”

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This Week

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BOYS TRACK

Thursday (5/16)
At Loyola (IHSA Sectional), 2 p.m.

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Brand added that she improved her breathing with “breathing sessions and learning different techniques. Because breathing is such a fundamental part of running, you don’t really think about it. Having to think about it was really difficult. I pretty much just took all of sophomore year, all of junior year practicing it and so now it's natural again.”

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Townsend putting up with the pain

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WINNETKA
Niles West senior Jasmine Townsend dislocated her right knee near the end of her final basketball season, a moment and an injury which she has been forced to deal with throughout the current track and field season.

Townsend has regularly done rehab this spring in order to strengthen her knee. She’s done strengthening exercises at both Athletico and Niles West; Townsend said she bikes, does resistance-band exercises to increase her knee’s strength and flexibility and runs occasionally.

Furthermore, she's worn a knee brace around school and even to bed in the attempt to keep her knee stable. But during track meets, she takes the brace off and the two-time Class 3A state qualifier in the shot put throws. It’s a process that is often accompanied by unease.

"Sometimes it will hurt," Townsend said. "When I glide back (in shot put), it kind of hits me sometimes. But other than that, it's kind of mental. I feel. I'm worried that if I glide too hard, or try to spin (in discus), it's going to re-dislocate."

While there are exercises Townsend can do to strengthen her knee, overcoming the anxiety stemming from this year's knee injury and a similar injury she suffered in eighth grade — she had to have surgery on her knee in that situation — has been a taxing process.

Townsend won the shot put at the Trevian Invitational with a season-best throw of 37 feet, 8.5 inches on April 27. After the meet, she talked about having to overcome the mental hurdle because it’s so late in the season. The strengthening exercises have helped her build confidence, and so too has working with senior Vishna Patel.

Patel, who has been the Wolves' top discus thrower this season, said that she and Townsend talk about wearing the knee brace and regularly motivate each other in both practice and gym class.

"Sometimes it gets frustrating for her, but she always pushes through," Patel said. "I'm like, 'Stay focused, you know what you want. Just ignore the pain.'"
Glenbrook South’s Thomas eyes first state trip

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Evanston

Brook Thomas didn’t have her best jump of the season last week at the CSL South girls track and field meet.

In less-than-ideal conditions at Evanston, the Glenbrook South senior scored a mark of 16 feet, 7 1/2 inches in the long jump, finishing second to Evanston Junior Parker English’s 17-2.

Still, the effort signaled how far Thomas has come since last year.

“It was more than two inches farther than anything she did last year, and she was disappointed,” Glenbrook South coach Fred Kocian said.

Thomas, who owns the program’s outdoor record with a 17-4 scored April 12 at Wheaton Warrenville South, is looking to qualify for the Class 3A state meet for the first time in her career Thursday at the Loyola Sectional. The state-qualifying standard is 17-3.

“That’s the ultimate goal,” Thomas said. “I’m excited for the challenge. Getting to the state meet is what is pushing me forward.”

Primarily a sprinter early in her career, Thomas has developed into a long jumper in the last two seasons. She said her commitment in the weight room is why she’s eyeing a trip to Charleston.

“The key is to get that height, and that has come with me getting stronger,” she said. “I’ve worked out a lot of my legs, doing squats, lunges, all of those exercises. The extra strength is a plus.”

BACK IN ACTION

A lower back injury limited Megan Lemersal’s output during the indoor season, but the Maine South senior distance runner said she’s now feeling as good as ever.

“I wasn’t able to do a lot of the workouts, especially the speed workouts, because my back hurt too much,” she said.

A series of therapies started Lemersal on the road to recovery. In addition to applying hot packs and stretching, Lemersal learned to run in a different way. Instead of arching her back, she began pressing her upper body forward.

“It has worked,” she said. “I am very thankful for that.”

Lemersal said she plans to run the 1,600 meters and 4x800-meter relay this week at Loyola. At the conference meet, Lemersal took third in the 1,600 (5:29.17) and helped the relay to second place in 10:17.56.

At New Trier’s relay invitational April 27, Lemersal ran a career-best
5:17.12 in the 1,600, which is less than two seconds away from the state-qualifying standard.

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SENIOR REWARD

Before last week, Joppa Banks had never run an individual race at the conference meet.

The Evanston senior made her coach, Fenton Gunter, look good by running the fastest preliminary time in the 100 with a 13.54, in the finals, Banks' 13.25 was second to sophomore teammate Alexia Harvey, who crossed the finish line in 13.21.

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New Trier dominated the distance events, with senior Jessica Ackerman winning both 800 (2:24.22) and the 3,200 (11:21.33), to carry the Trevians to the team title, ending Evanston’s two-year run at the top. New Trier went 1-2 in the 800, 1,600 and 3,200 and also won the 4x800.

New Trier’s Jessica Ackerman raced to victory in the 3,200-meter run on May 2 in the CSL South meet. She also won the 800 in Evanston.

Slowek proves a fast learner

BY ERIC VAN DRIL | Contributor | @VanDrilSports

DEERFIELD

Maine East junior Elanta Slowek won the high jump for a second consecutive year at the CSL North girls track and field meet, a feat which came as little surprise.

But Slowek’s other conference title Friday was rather shocking, considering the context.

Slowek began throwing the discus on April 22 in the Maine West Invitational. She said she had never practiced the event before recording an 85-foot power throw that day and, less than two weeks later, her throw of 105-9 earned her a conference title.

"lt just looked fun, and no one's expecting someone to jump and run and throw and be pretty good; decent at least," said Slowek, a Park Ridge resident who also runs on Maine East’s 4x100-meter relay team and triple jumps. "I had just al- ways wanted to do it, and they never let me do it because, last year, they had a lot of throwers. This year, I got lucky that there's only one more. They (let me try) and I'm good at it."

Slowek began competing in discus when one of the team’s two discus throwers quit the team. During the 12 days between first throwing the discus and winning the CSL North title, Slowek worked on throwing just twice during Maine East practices, she estimated.

But those practices, along with time spent compet- ing in meets, were vital. Slowek has worked with throwing coach Tom Kaiser and junior Amy McDonald, Maine East’s other discus thrower, on improving her full-turn technique and perfecting other elements of the event to help her add dis- tance to her throws.

"When she first came, she had no idea what to do squarely. Even me," McDonald said. "I taught her, like, to spin, how to hold the disc, how to flick it off your hand. I think she took that and she practiced a lot."

Seeing Slowek have so much success so quickly "actually doesn't (surprise me) because I know she's a great athlete," McDonald added. "When she starts something new, she'll see to it that she does well."
Don’t Miss

Girls track & field: Maine East at Loyola Sectional, 2 p.m.
The Blue Demons’ Elanta Slowek became the program’s first athlete to qualify for state since 2008 when she cleared 4 foot, 11 inches in the high jump a year ago. This year, Slowek has a chance to qualify in both the high jump and discus.

Blue Demons fall

BY JIM SANNES | Contributor | @JimSannes

NORTHBROOK

The Glenbrook South boys water polo team put on an offensive display Friday night as it dismissed Maine East 15-6 in the CSL Tournament quarterfinals at Glenbrook North.

Sixth-seeded Maine East got on the board first with a quick goal from Mike Babala, but third-seeded Glenbrook South would battle back and take a 3-2 lead at the end of the first. “Maine East came out real tough in the first quarter, maybe we had a little bit of the jitters, but then we really turned on the defense,” Glenbrook South coach David Lieberman said.

Maine East would open up the second half with a pair of goals, but four unanswered for Glenbrook South gave the Titans an 11-4 lead midway through the third.

Boys volleyball: Maine East at Maine West, 6 p.m.
These two rivals played on April 22 and Maine West won in three games after dropping the opening game. The Warriors won the match 16-25, 25-22, 25-17 behind 12 kills and three blocks from senior Tomasz Ksiazkiewicz.

This Week

Maine East

BASEBALL
Today
Hosts Maine West, 4:45 p.m.
Saturday
At Glenbrook South (DH), 10:30 a.m.
Monday
At Niles North, 4:45 p.m.
Wednesday
Hosts Niles North, 4:45 p.m.

GIRLS SOCCER
Today
At Leyden, 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday
At St. Ignatius (IHSA Regional), 4:15 p.m.

SOFTBALL
Today
Hosts Niles North, 4:45 p.m.
Friday
At Fenton Tournament, TBA
Saturday
At Fenton Tournament, TBA

BOYS TENNIS
Today
At Niles West, 4:45 p.m.
Friday
At Maine West (CSL Tournament), TBA
Saturday
At Maine West (CSL Tournament), TBA

BOYS TRACK
Friday
At Maine West (CSL Meet), 4:30 p.m.
Thursday (5/16)
At Niles West (Niles West), TBA

GIRLS TRACK
Today
At Niles West (IHSA Sectionals), TBA

BOYS VOLLEYBALL
Today
At Maine West, 6 p.m.

BOYS WATER POLO
Today
At Glenbrook North (IHSA Sectionals), TBA

GIRLS WATER POLO
Friday
At Glenbrook North (IHSA Sectionals), TBA

ABOVE: Maine East’s Tom Klein defends against Glenbrook South’s Brant Boczek (7) during the third quarter of Friday’s CSL tournament game. Glenbrook South won 15-6 in Northbrook. | BRIAN O’MAHONEY—for Sun-Times Media

TOP: Maine East’s Ricky Pokorski (2) looks to get past Glenbrook South’s Jake Nelson (14) during the fourth quarter of Friday’s CSL tournament game. | BRIAN O’MAHONEY—for Sun-Times Media
Roycroft showing progress as junior

Most high school volleyball coaches speak about the importance of playing club ball in the offseason.

But it’s possible for a player to thrive without having suited up for a traveling team, as Notre Dame junior right side Ryan Roycroft is proving this season.

The 6-foot-7 Roycroft, in his second year on the varsity squad, is among the team leaders in kills and blocks even though he missed the first five games with a foot injury.

"He’s a great player," fellow Dons junior Steve Lendy said. "I’m an outside and he’s a right side, and we’re always battling in practice. Trying to hit against him is tough. His block is overpowering. He’s so tall that he gets way over the net. He brings a great presence. When we need a big ball to go down (for a kill), we’re going to go to him."

By all accounts, Roycroft’s game improved markedly between his sophomore and junior seasons, even though he spent the winter, and last summer, playing with Notre Dame’s basketball team.

"(Roycroft) didn’t play club ball and is still pretty new to the game," Notre Dame coach Patrick Cole said. "(As a sophomore) his timing was not entirely there. But he made strong strides to button that part of his game up. Most of the time, he looks like he’s been playing his whole life, when in reality, it’s been just three years."

Cole continued: "I think basketball helped him improve. He wasn’t able to make a lot of (offseason) open gymms because of the basketball schedule, but he’s really put in quality hours in the gym with the team since the season started. He’s getting the most out of the time he had.”

Roycroft played sparingly for the hoops team this past winter, but could be counted on heavily by coach Tom Les next season.

The 185-pounder said the strength he added during the off-season training for basketball has helped in volleyball. Other aspects of his volleyball game also have come along.

"My footwork is a lot better (in volleyball)," he said. "Transition-wise, I’m quicker on my feet and able to get around the court more, and faster." While Roycroft said he’s eagerly anticipating his senior basketball season, he acknowledges his athletic future likely will be on the volleyball court. That realization has the Des Plaines-resident looking into potential college programs, and considering playing more volleyball in the offseason.

Roycroft said he has filled out some paperwork for St. Ambrose, an NAIA program in Iowa. Former Dons volleyball player Alex Bielewch was on the school’s junior varsity team in 2013.

"If I have the opportunity, I’d love to play (volleyball) at the next level," Roycroft said. "I’m also looking into playing club volleyball with some of my teammates from the high school team.”

That possibility is likely a scary one for opponents slated to line up across the net from Roycroft next season. ■
State bound
Wong one of three Vikings to qualify for state meet