George Button, 72, of Niles, performs with the Niles Rhythm Band during the 10th Annual Kitchen Band Jamboree held at the Niles Senior Center last week.  | BRIAN O'MAHONEY-For Sun-Times Media

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A slew of Maine East graduates picked up awards and scholarships at the school's honors night.
Kitchen bands play everything but the sink

BY NATASHA WASINSKI | Contributor

Who needs polished violins and grand pianos when there are pickle jars and spoons to play?

Local seniors are turning normal household goods into instruments, proving that music can be made with anything. More than 100 of these creative musicians gathered at the Niles Senior Center May 22 for the 10th annual kitchen band jamboree. Groups from Libertyville, Antioch and Carpentersville joined the Niles Rhythm Band for the weekday sing-along show.

Some played guitar and keyboard, while others scraped washboards and clapped wooden spoons. Leaders of the bands said the only requirements for participating are a willingness to perform and the ability to keep a beat. “We’re not great,” said ukulele player Joe Dietrich, “but we have fun.”

After years of playing a kazoo, Niles resident Rita Slechta upgraded to drums. She now bangs on an overturned plastic bucket with a stick topped with a tennis ball.

“I’ve been doing it so long I just get a kick out of it,” said Slechta, 88.

The Niles Rhythm Band after watching them perform at Glenview’s Presence Maryhaven Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, where he volunteers.

He recalled playing the ukulele in college and, now 88, has added vocals to his performances.

“I sing in the shower. I practice there,” Dietrich said.

The Niles group’s members are just as diverse as the instruments they play. They hail from far corners of the world — including China, Taiwan, Ireland and the Seychelles Islands — and travel from their homes in the Chicago area twice a month to rehearse at the senior center.

Dietrich, of Wilmette, joined the Niles Rhythm Band after watching them perform at Glenview’s Presence Maryhaven Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, where he volunteers.

But “we have fun,” said ukulele player Joe Dietrich.

The Kitchen Klangers have stayed true to their name over the past 13 years.

The 19-member band’s instruments included a spoon banging on a coffee tin, a whisk brushing on a bowl and a paint mixer slapping on a rolling pin. One musician strummed on a wire attached to an overturned planter. Tambourine add to the festive beat.

“I think it’s kind of cute,” Morton Grove resident Doris Kus said of the instruments.

A rendition of “Hail, Hail, the Gang’s All Here” got some on their feet dancing. All stood up, held their hands over their hearts, and together crooned “America the Beautiful.”

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June Zaroby, of Antioch, enjoys last week’s Kitchen Band Jamboree at the Niles Senior Center. | BRIAN O’MAHONEY—for Sun-Times Media

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familiar with from years past,” said Lorraine Geyer, of Chicago.

The kitchen bands regularly play at nursing homes, senior centers and schools, as well as community events.

Larry Philipp, 87, of Waukegan, used to attend Kitchen Klangers shows at Winchester House in Libertyville with his wife. After her passing nearly two years ago he joined the band, and recruited his widowed brother-in-law.

Philipp said he loves to dance but had never played music until he was handed a pair of spoons.

“They cornered me into playing,” he said with a wide grin. “I enjoy it very much.”

The age range of the Kitchen Klangers spans four decades. The eldest member, Clayton Wange, turns 97 next month. He said the band is a social activity that keeps him moving.

“It’s getting out and meeting people and if you don’t do that you’ll rot,” Wange said.

A bonus, he added, is “getting to meet a lot of (old) girls.”

Wange plays the washboard and leads audiences in singing “Take Me Out To Ballgame,” among other special numbers.

George Button of the Niles Rhythmic Band makes a point to keeps crowds smiling with jokes.

For him, making people happy is what the concerts are all about. Button recalled how once, while performing at a nursing home, he spotted a couple in wheelchairs holding hands and jamming along.

“That made my day,” he said.
Local cops head back to donut shop rooftops

BY JENNIFER JOHNSON | jjohnson@pioneerlocal.com

Park Ridge and Niles police officers will be headed back up to the rooftops of local Dunkin' Donuts shops for the annual "Cop on Top" fundraiser for Special Olympics.

Here's how it works:

The center is located at 1486 Miner St., next to the Des Plaines Theatre. It is operated jointly by the Illinois Emergency Management Agency and the Federal Emergency Management Agency. Hours are 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., seven days a week. Residents do not need to visit the center to register for FEMA reimbursement or assistance. Registration is available online at www.disasterassistance.gov or by calling (800) 621-3362.

The center is an additional service for those who may have questions or need additional assistance in applying for disaster aid. Low-interest disaster loans may be available for homeowners, renters, businesses and private, nonprofit organizations to repair or replace property damaged on April 18.

Local Disaster Recovery Center opens doors for flood victims

The center will be staffing the Dunkin' Donuts locations at 1129 W. Touhy Ave. and 2606 W. Dempster St. In Niles officers will be at 7039 W. Dempster St., 7525 N. Harlem Ave. and 7235 N. Caldwell Ave.

Everyone who visits a Cop on Top store and makes a donation to the Torch Run will receive a free donut.

Those who donate at least $10 will also receive a Torch Run mug and coupon for free coffee.

Last year Park Ridge police officers raised $3,106 during Cop on Top and have set a goal of $5,000 this year.
Evanston teen charged in shooting near Old Orchard mall

An Evanston teenager has been charged in the shooting of a boy near Old Orchard mall last week. Rayshawn Taylor, 17, of the 1900 block of Jackson Avenue in Evanston, was charged with one count each of aggravated discharge of a firearm and unlawful use of a weapon, according to Skokie police.

He is accused of shooting a boy about 9:45 p.m. on Friday, May 17, in the 4800 block of Golf Road in Skokie, police said. Emergency personnel found the boy lying on the ground with a non-life-threatening gunshot wound to the abdomen area. In court Wednesday, Taylor was ordered held on a $250,000 bond, and ordered to be placed on electronic monitoring if he is able to post bail, a statement from police said.

He remained in the Cook County Jail as of Wednesday afternoon, and will be back in court May 31 in Skokie.

The shooting was “not a random act,” Deputy Police Chief Michael Pechter told the Skokie Village Board Monday. The victim, a boy whose age was not released, had surgery on Saturday and was in stable condition as of Monday.

Police determined that the suspect was familiar with some members of the group that included the victim. Police Chief Tony Scarpelli said Wednesday that the suspect was apprehended through “good, methodical police work.”

As a result of the incident Friday, a small carnival held annually at Westfield Old Orchard had to shut down earlier than usual.

A police department source said the shooting did not take place at the carnival area, but along Golf Road, across the street from the south end of the mall.
IN PROFILE

Niles West grad swapping English for Chinese this summer

BY NATALIE HAYES | Contributor

Skokie native Yevgeniya Berdysheva immersed herself in the study of multiple languages after graduating from Niles West High School in 2010.

Now, her determination to master Chinese has landed her a prestigious scholarship from the U.S. State Department.

Berdysheva — a junior at Macalester College in St. Paul, Minn. — was awarded one of about 630 “Critical Language Scholarships” that enable a select number of U.S. college students to partake in an intensive eight-week language study course in a foreign country during the summer months.

Each summer, the scholarship program sends students overseas to study less common languages such as Arabic, Bangla, Hindi, Punjabi, Turkish and Urdu.

In June, the Chinese and psychology major will leave English behind, and will speak only Chinese when she travels to Chengdu, China, to start the intensive language study program, which includes cultural immersion activities and 20 hours a week of classroom learning.

But the 21-year-old’s summer trip to China won’t be learning. Berdysheva just wrapped up a semester studying abroad at Beijing University on May 1, and will head back to Skokie this month to spend time with her family before she goes back again until August.

Berdysheva talked to the Skokie Review about her interest in learning Chinese and the once-in-a-lifetime cultural experience she plans to take in this summer.

Q: How did you become interested in learning Chinese?
A: My interest in Chinese stems from my interest in studying foreign languages. Studying a language is always an exciting journey for me, and all of the languages I've studied have been accidental. I've studied French, Spanish, German, Japanese, and am now studying Italian on my own.

Q: Why did you choose to focus on Chinese this summer amon all the other languages you study?
A: Although I'm not choosing Chinese over other languages per se, I am giving it more focus because it is more high-maintenance than other languages. It is easy to lose ground if one does not keep up.

Q: What long-term goals do you hope the Critical Language Scholarship (CLS) Program will help you achieve?
A: I'm hoping that CLS will help me to build more fluency in Chinese and secure my foundation, making it hard for me to forget the language. It is very useful that the program is in the summer, where students lose the most ground. I also hope that this program will allow me to create connections in order to access job opportunities in the future.

Q: What do you plan to do after college and how will this experience hopefully help you with your career goals?
A: Life after college is still hazy, and I see many paths. I'll either go on to grad school, look for internships related to Chinese and translation, or hopefully go on to travel more extensively abroad.

Q: How well do you speak Chinese?
A: I've studied Chinese since high school. I can pretty much get any point across with minimal miming and understanding most things, supplementing with nodding in agreement. I can make and understand jokes too.

Q: What does winning this scholarship mean to you?
A: I feel very honored to be accepted into this program because of its prestige. Not only does it provide a foolproof way for me to stay in contact with Chinese over the summer, but it may open paths for future job opportunities.

Q: How does your family feel about you being so far away from home?
A: My family is now used to me being away from home, as many families of college students are. Fortunately, in our era, we have Skype, and time away from home makes coming home more special.

Q: During the time you've been living in China, what's the biggest cultural difference you've noticed between China and the U.S.?
A: There are many cultural differences. Perhaps the biggest difference is where the self stands. In American culture, every individual strives for his own happiness and puts himself first. In Chinese culture, an individual usually puts himself last, putting his family, friends, and even neighbors before himself. Many people are afraid of losing face or being shamed for doing otherwise.

Q: In your opinion, how intense is the study of Chinese compared to other languages you've focused on learning?
A: Studying Chinese, for those who are serious, is a dedication of a lifetime. I also traveled to China last summer, so this is becoming a trend, and I wouldn't have it any other way.
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Construction on Touhy bridge over Edens delayed

BY NATALIE HAYES | Contributor

Prep work for construction on the Touhy Avenue bridge over the Edens Expressway is continuing to force intermittent closures of half the connecting ramps, but the full project has been delayed until after Memorial Day.

The bridge rehab project, headed by the Illinois Department of Transportation, was scheduled to begin May 13 and shutter two ramps until July, when the construction was set to wrap up.

But a contractor working on the project went out of business, pushing the start date back at least two weeks, IDOT spokeswoman Jae Miller said.

"Unfortunately, the project is delayed again due to an issue with one of the contractors," Miller said. "Work could begin after Memorial Day weekend — assuming the issue is resolved by then."

When the project begins, Touhy will also narrow to one lane between LeClaire and Keating avenues, increasing travel times for commuters, especially during rush hour.

"We're trying to keep delays to a minimum by planning the majority of the work for overnight," Miller said. "It's hard to say exactly how the lane closures will affect traffic."

The project will close down the exit ramp from the northbound Edens to westbound Touhy, and the ramp from the southbound Edens to eastbound Touhy until the work is completed.

"Overnight/evening closures could still be a possibility as pre-stage work is on-going," she said.

Drivers traveling those routes will have to take detours until the project wraps this summer.

According to the Lincolnwood Public Works Department, a detour for the westbound Touhy exit will take drivers up northbound Cicero Avenue back to Touhy.

The detour for the eastbound Touhy exit will divert drivers up northbound Peterson Avenue, then over to northbound Cicero Avenue and back up to Touhy Avenue.

During the project, IDOT workers will remove a layer of the concrete overlay and replace surface of the bridge, in addition to completing various other bridge repair work, according to Ashley Engelmann, assistant to the Lincolnwood public works director.

It was unclear whether the delay in the start of the work would extend the project's duration.

"The issue (causing the delay) spans nationwide and was unforeseeable and unexpected," Miller said.
Search for your roots: Jewish genealogy conference coming to Skokie

BY MIKE ISAACS | misaacs@pioneerlocal.com

The field of genealogy got a big boost in the 1970s with the explosive popularity of the TV mini-series, "Roots."

People everywhere wanted to explore their own family background, to find out where they came from and what their ancestors were like. "Who was the Kunta Kinte in my family?" many asked.

More recently, the biggest boon to genealogy has come from the Internet and the opportunity it offers for research right from your own home.

The Chicago Jewish Genealogical Society of Illinois will explore the use of technology in genealogy during a one-day conference June 9 at its home at Temple Beth Israel in Skokie.


Blatt's keynote session, "Advanced Searching on JewishGen.org," will offer a strategic overview of key Jewish genealogy databases and tailoring searching when seeking information on specific towns and surnames.

Wilson will teach both a beginning and advanced workshop on Family Tree Maker software.

"Technology has changed things quite a bit in genealogy, and this conference should be interesting and useful to a lot of people," said Debbie Kroopkin, who will chair the event.

Running from morning to afternoon, it will also include a free mini-conference for students from sixth grade through high school.

"Where is Great-Grandpa?: Introduction to Jewish Genealogy" will serve up a lighthearted view of how to begin detective work unearthing information about one's forebears.

"Exploring Your Jewish Roots" will teach audiences how to successfully begin researching the who, what, where, when and how about known and unknown members of one's family.

Experienced genealogists and local Jewish Genealogical Society of Illinois Board Members will lead sessions.

Kroopkin, of Niles, became interested in genealogy in college when she visited her grandparents in Florida and asked questions while recording them.

"I realized they had answers to questions about our family background and I wanted to get as much information from them as I could," she said.

"That's when it hit - what Kroopkin calls "the bug."

Her passion for genealogy, she said, began earlier than many people's. The average age of local Jewish Genealogical Society members is roughly 65, and many people take up genealogy only after a parent dies, but Kroopkin was in college.

"At heart, I'm a researcher and I like finding answers," she said. "I don't have a good memory, so I write things down so I won't forget them."

When she began researching her own family history, online research was not available; She combed archives the old-fashioned way. Along the way, she's had her share of special moments because of genealogy.

She discovered some of the factual information about her family that had been passed down - dates or where they entered the country - were inaccurate and she was able to set the record straight.

She was united with a distant relative - a Holocaust survivor from Poland who was looking for family because most of hers perished. The woman even stayed with Kroopkin and her family in Niles, even though she spoke no English.

"It meant so much to her," Kroopkin said.

Although registration to the conference is encouraged, walks-ins will be welcome.

"We have top people in genealogy who will be speaking," Kroopkin said. "It's a great opportunity to learn how to find out more about where you came from."
The following incidents were listed in the official bulletin of the Niles Police Department. Readers are reminded that an arrest does not constitute a finding of guilt. Only a court of law can make that determination.

**DUI**

Kenneth Malca, 34, of 6736 Kilpatrick, Lincolnwood, was charged with driving under the influence and failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident on May 17 after he reportedly rear-ended a vehicle on the 7200 block of Central Avenue. Police said the crash occurred with so much force that the rear wheels of the other vehicle were resting on the hood of Malca's car when officers arrived at the scene. Malca has a June 19 court date.

David Guzik, 57, of 1905 N. Parkside Drive, Park Ridge, was charged with driving under the influence, disobeying a traffic signal and driving with a defective side mirror on the mooring of May 19. He was taken into custody on the 7300 block of Dempster Street at 11:30 a.m. He has a June 24 court date.

**RETAIL THEFT**

Anderia Jib, 18, of 7931 Kostner, Skokie, was charged with retail theft on May 16 after he and another man allegedly exited a store on the 6100 block of Touhy Avenue with unpaid bottles of alcohol. Police said the other suspect ran into the store's exit doors, causing damage to them, before fleeing the area on foot. Jib has a May 31 court date.

**NILES CRIME BRIEFS**

**DISTURBANCE**

Police responded to Elmore Street just north of Oakton Street on the afternoon of May 14 after two men began arguing in the middle of the road. Police said a 51-year-old Niles man became angry when a 33-year-old Glenview man would not allow him to change lanes due to construction work on eastbound Oakton Street. No charges were filed.

**THEFT**

A 21-year-old Niles woman told police her two wedding rings and $100 in cash were stolen from her unattended purse while she was visiting Golf Mill Park on the 9200 block of Cumberland Avenue on the night of May 16.

A 1997 Honda was stolen on the night of May 16 from the parking lot of Omega Restaurant, 9100 W. Golf Rd. A 66-year-old woman told police a man reached into her purse and stole her wallet on May 17 while she helped a woman retrieve an item from a top shelf inside a store on the 5600 block of Touhy Avenue.

**PROPERTY DAMAGE**

An orange traffic cone was thrown at a car just before 4 a.m., May 18, while the vehicle was traveling west on the 8200 block of Dempster Street. The passenger side rearview mirror was broken.

**BATTERY**

A 47-year-old Chicago man told police that his brother punched him in the face and threatened his family on the night of May 16 while he was seated inside his parked vehicle at 900 Civic Center Drive. Police were not immediately able to locate the suspect.

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Halfway finished, Niles Library upgrades get good reviews

As 2013 kicked off, The Niles Public Library embarked on an ambitious, multi-phase project to renovate and upgrade its facilities.

Since then, patrons have seen a great deal of construction, as certain sections of the building have been closed off for renovation while the rest of the library remained open. Through it all, the library tried to make sure that patrons weren't too adversely affected.

Six months into their projects, their efforts appear to be working. The response to renovations completed so far have been overwhelmingly positive. And while construction required some relocation of materials and equipment, patrons said the renovations haven't particularly hindered their ability to use the library.

The Niles Library's renovation project is scheduled to take place through the end of 2013. The project is split into several phases. The first phase has already been completed, and the second phase is currently under way.

The first phase, which took place between January and April, involved the renovation of first and third floors of the library’s rotunda. On the first floor, the storytime room has been expanded. On the third floor, the quiet study area was rebuilt from scratch. Prior to the project, it was little more than a large round table with a few chairs; now it's a lounge area with soft chairs, smaller tables, with power outlets near the chairs and a gas fireplace.

The first phase saw other changes to the third floor. The administrative offices were remodeled and expanded as part of the effort to move all administrative functions to the third floor. A new board room was added, and the entire floor received new carpeting and some minor structural renovations.

Through it all, bookshelves were moved and sections of the floor were closed off. Library spokeswoman Sue Wilsey said the staff has made an effort to keep patrons up to speed and ensure that they'll be able to find what they're looking for.

"Our staff was trained in advance," she said. "We put good signage around to let people know about all changes going on."

Wilsey said that the library hasn't heard any complaints about the renovation, and the response to the third phase has been positive.

"The quiet room has been renovated into a very comfortable, relaxing place," she said. "People are really commenting on how relaxing this place is."

The library is currently in the midst of its second phase. Launched at the beginning of May, it involves the installation of a new heating, ventilating and air conditioning (HVAC) system and boiler, as well as a complete revamp of the second floor. Previously home for newspapers, magazines and reference materials, it will become a new home to audio-visual and fiction sections. The second floor has been shut off completely until construction is over, while most of the second floor's contents have been moved to the third floor.

The revamp gave the library an opportunity to do some housecleaning. Wilsey explained that the library is putting some of the reference materials online, which made physical copies redundant.

The library contracted a company to have them removed and recycled.

Wilsey said the project has been tougher on staff than on patrons, but she expressed hope that the improved offices would make up for it. Overall, library administration has been happy with the progress so far.

"I think we're right on schedule — there are no budgetary concerns," Wilsey said. "Our board seems to be quite pleased. Everyone in the community has been very excited."

The interviews with the patrons seem to bear this out.

Andrzej Seliga said that he "did it very cleanly," he said. "They kept all the construction off to the side, away from the [patrons]."

The only time he really noticed the construction was when the library started installing the new HVAC system. And even then, Seliga said that it was nothing compared to what he'd expect in an average home improvement project.

Steve Pierce hadn't been to Niles Public Library in four years. He came to the new quiet room to study, and was pleased with what he saw.

"They made a really good use of the space," said Pierce. "Before, it was just a boring room, but now it has nice chairs, a fireplace. This is really very nice."
Decrepit dam could be removed

BY NATASHA WASINSKI | Contributor

With the help from the state, canoers and fish may soon travel downstream more easily from the North Branch of the Chicago River.

The Niles Park District and Illinois Department of Natural Resources are in talks to remove a decrepit dam located south of Howard Street.

Niles' dam is among a handful of local water barriers targeted under the Illinois Dam Removal Initiative in an effort to improve conservation, water quality and outdoor recreation.

Two other dams slated for removal from the Chicago River are located north of the village.

Niles and state employees, as well as volunteers from Friends of the Chicago River, began discussing the need for dam removal.

Park District Director Joseph LoVerde said the dam is no longer functional, and that its removal would create a natural passage for aquatic life. Niles would not incur any direct costs related to the cleanup, he told the park board May 21.

The park district's role would be limited to granting access to the site and assisting with the removal of debris.

LoVerde expects to present a work agreement to the park board for approval in June.

"It just makes sense to clean up with the river and help with the cause," he said.

LoVerde said he also hoped the project would give Springfield a firsthand look at the need to address problems of pollution and eroding property along the river.

He said the state has denied the Niles Park District's grant request for $800,000 for river cleanup work for the past three years.

"Hopefully there's some goodwill and they understand now the need," LoVerde said.

According to park district staff, the dam's removal would have no impact.
Police warn of fake cop who pulled over student driver

BY JENNIFER JOHNSON | jjohnson@pioneerlocal.com

A 17-year-old Maine East High School student was handcuffed and had money stolen from her car by a man pretending to be a police officer last week, authorities said.

Des Plaines Deputy Police Chief Nick Treantafeles said a man driving an unmarked white Ford Crown Victoria with interior flashing red and blue lights pulled the student over in the area of Ballard and Bender roads as she was driving to school around 7:30 a.m. May 20. The man ordered the student to get out of her car and when she asked what she had done, he opened the driver’s side door, pulled the student out, handcuffed her and walked her over the curb while he searched her vehicle, Treantafeles said.

After looking through the glove compartment, center console and trunk, the man approached the student, took the handcuffs off her wrists, walked back to his own car and drove away.

Treantafeles said no conversation occurred between the two and the student reported that $20 was missing from the center console of her vehicle.

The student then drove to Maine East High School in Park Ridge, where she reported the incident to the school resource officer who contacted Des Plaines police, Treantafeles said.

The police impersonator was wearing a tan or beige shirt with black pants and a handcuff case on his belt, Treantafeles said. He was described as a white man in his 30s, about 6 feet tall with light brown hair.

Maine Township High School District 207 and East Maine School District 63 issued alerts to students and parents.

Bank teller charged with theft

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A Park Ridge bank teller is accused of stealing several thousand dollars from the account of one her customers.

Park Ridge Police on May 17 arrested Marianna Bonanno, 46, of the 4800 block of North Knight Avenue, Norridge, on charges of theft and aggravated identity theft after she allegedly withdrew over $12,000 from the account of a senior citizen while working at PNC Bank, 607 W. Devon Ave.

Deputy Police Chief Lou Jogmen said the thefts occurred between April 2012 and January 2013. A total of 15 bank account withdrawals were made from the customer’s account, he said.

Bonanno’s next court date is May 31.
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Senators voted, 97-0, to confirm Sri Srinivasan, 46, to sit on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia, which is regarded as the most powerful circuit court. Srinivasan, the principal deputy solicitor general at the Department of Justice, becomes the first nominee by President Barack Obama to be confirmed. A "yes" vote was to confirm Srinivasan. Sen. Richard Durbin: YES; Sen. Mark Kirk: YES

**Major roll call votes in the House**

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Key votes ahead

Congress is in Memorial Day recess until the week of June 3, when the Senate will complete work on a five-year farm bill and take up immigration reform. The House schedule was to be announced.
What it means to you

TAX DOLLARS AT WORK

CHICAGO

Daley's staff saw parking-meter problems brewing, records show

Former Mayor Richard M. Daley's staff was aware of major problems with the city's parking-meter privatization deal in 2010 — a year and a half before the costly issues publicly surfaced, according to hundreds of pages of documents released Wednesday by Mayor Rahm Emanuel's administration.

The documents detail behind-the-scenes sparring between City Hall — under Daley and Emanuel — and Chicago Parking Meters LLC before Emanuel struck a deal last month with the meter company. If approved next month by the City Council, that deal will see the city pay Chicago Parking Meters $63.8 million to settle disputes over how much the city has to pay it for when the city took meters out of service and for when drivers with disability-parking placards and license plates parked free at meters.

As early as May 2010, in the second year of the 75-year meter-privatization contract, Daley aides questioned Chicago Parking Meters' disability-parking reimbursement claims, the newly released records show. The hit on taxpayers didn't become known until December 2011, seven months after Daley left office, when the Chicago Sun-Times reported the extent of the disability-parking abuse and that taxpayers would have to pay for it.

— Chicago Sun-Times

SPRINGFIELD

Gambling expansion sponsor withdraws name from bill

The longtime backer of a push to expand gambling in Illinois has dropped his name from a pending bill over "perceived conflict of interest" with a law firm where he's counsel.

For years state Rep. Lou Lang sponsored gambling legislation proposing more casinos in areas including Rockford, citing revenue for the state and more jobs. The most recent plan, which calls for five new casinos, including ones in Rockford and Chicago, has cleared the Senate and awaits a House vote.

But in a letter sent to House Speaker Michael Madigan late Monday, Lang said he had to withdraw sponsorship and may recuse himself from voting because of work his firm did. Lang is counsel for Odelson and Sterk, an Evergreen Park firm that took on worker compensation issues for the city of Rockford last summer.

"The law firm's work for the client has no relation whatsoever to any gaming legislation," Lang said in the letter dated Monday. "Additionally, I do no legal work for this client, and I receive no compensation from their relationship with the firm. My actions as an attorney and/or a member of the General Assembly have been, at every moment, completely appropriate and totally respectful of all applicable laws and ethical rules. There have been no violations of any kind."

— The Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Between economy and trouble, Obama approval steady

The economy is recovering, the White House is dealing with multiple controversies, and President Barack Obama appears generally unaffected either way.

He's getting no significant uptick in approval from gains in housing, jobs and the stock market. Likewise, he has so far seen no downturn from the recent storms over the terror attack in Benghazi, Libya, the targeting of conservative groups by the IRS, and a leak investigation that has swept up the phone records of Associated Press journalists.

All in all, recent polls show the president sustaining an overall approval rating around 50 percent. The data suggests the economy could be insulating Obama from the immediate troubles confronting his administration. But it also indicates that while a growing number of those surveyed are more optimistic about the economy, they are evenly split on whether they approve or disapprove of his handling of it.

A Washington Post/ABC poll found that 48 percent approve of his handling of the economy, and 48 percent disapprove. That's a better showing for Obama than his economic approval ratings in 2011 and 2012. But it doesn't match the 56 percent who told Post/ABC pollsters last week that they feel the economy has begun to recover.
Next U.S. attorney is a ‘natural leader’

For decades, one of the most important political jobs in Illinois has been held by a series of men most of us never heard of.

Illinois has largely been blessed by a steady stream of excellence in the office of U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois.

Next up, if all goes as planned, is Zach Fardon, nominated last week by President Barack Obama.

Fardon was a key member of the U.S. attorney’s team that won the conviction against former Gov. George Ryan. Former U.S. Attorney Patrick Fitzgerald called Fardon “a wonderful person, a great lawyer and a natural leader.”

The U.S. attorney’s office is the last and often only refuge for political corruption prosecutions. It’s one of the most important offices you’ve never heard of — but one where we all see the results.

OK, you wore sunscreen; now what?

In today’s connected world, it is not difficult to find just the right words of wisdom that can speak directly to you and your situation.

That’s an important fact to note as we come to Graduation Day for the class of 2013.

If you need inspiration today, you can look it up.

President Obama has already spoken to the graduates of Morehouse College, and pundits call it the best commencement speech of the year, urging personal responsibility on the graduates for their future, and for the fate of the nation.

But what are the greatest graduation speeches, the greatest words of advice, besides Mary Schmich’s advice to wear sunscreen?

According to Time Magazine, the greatest commencement speech was given by author David Foster Wallace, who focused on learning how to think, and by that he meant learning to control over what you think. Those words are powerful that can change a life and lead to success or to failure. Learn to control what you think.

Steve Jobs told Stanford graduates in 2005 that death was the great agent of change in life. Death will come, so don’t waste a single moment of life by living someone else’s life.

Comedian Conan O’Brien told Harvard graduates to more or less embrace failure, or at least not to fear it. “Every failure was freeing,” he told them. Free to be even more successful.

In 1941, and we all know what was going on back then, Winston Churchill addressed the graduating class at Harrow. His message was simple: “Never give in. Never give in. Never, never, never, never — in nothing, great or small, large or petty — never give in, except to convictions of honor and good sense.”

Actor Bradley Whitford told the graduating class of Wisconsin in 2006 to take action.

They had a choice, he said, to be the victim of circumstances or to do something. Action, he advised, is the antidote to apathy, cynicism and despair.

President John F. Kennedy spoke about peace at American University in 1963, and he maintained that man can achieve anything he sets his mind to, and therefore peace was attainable.

So there you have it, graduates of 2013. I’ve selected the best from the best for you to remember as you leave the little cocoon of academia and head into the world.

Learn to control what you think. Follow your heart. Embrace failure for how it can free you. Never, never give in. Take action always. Don’t be passive. Always be optimistic that what you long for is attainable.

Congratulations.
Time to remember those gone too soon

How did you spend Memorial Day?

At a picnic? At a parade, a ball game, just taking it easy? All great ways to spend the day.

But I also spend part of the day thinking of my Uncle Vincent. He was a pilot killed over Sicily in World War II.

Not that I know a lot about him. My family never talked much about him. It was too painful. He was a wound that never healed.

I don't know what kind of a person he was. What books he liked. What movies. What career did he want? How tall was he?

I'll never know. I'd doubt that he existed, except for a few bits of flotsam he left before he disappeared from the surface of life. I once found a copy of a Maywood Herald from the end of World War II that contained a Gold Star Honor Roll, names and photos of men from Maywood killed in the war. Uncle Vincent's picture is on that page.

I remember when my grandmother was alive, there was a glass case in the corner of her living room. Lovingly displayed in the case was the Purple Heart my grandmother received in exchange for the son she sent to war.

There were photographs of Uncle Vincent in that case. He was a slim young man, boyishly handsome with the bright crooked smile all pilots seem to have. In several of the photos he is wearing a leather flying jacket and a white scarf. There were photos of him at the controls of a two-seater training plane and a photo of him riding a camel near the Great Pyramid.

And that's about it. That's most of what I know about my Uncle Vincent, about Vincent Howard.

No, I know some other things about him.

I know he never knew who was president after Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

I know he never married or had children.

I know he never had a career.

I know he never knew who won World War II.

I know we never got to talk to each other or got to know each other.

There were 405,399 Uncle Vincents in World War II. And thousands and thousands of other uncle Vincents in other wars.

For the families of those killed in war, Memorial Day is not just a three-day weekend. It is a pain that may never end.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Open Note to Illinois Lawmakers

DO THE RIGHT THING.

Pass a statewide concealed carry law. Mandate background checks and reasonable training. Forty-nine states figured out how to do it. Why can't you?

Stop treating Chicago like it can operate outside the laws. Use the same casino and gun laws for Chicago as everywhere else. Either the law is fair and workable for everyone or it's not. These same laws should apply to everyone.

Fix the pension system. The only ones not at fault are those who have been screaming for years that the system was a failure. Screams that fell mostly on deaf ears of Democrats, Republicans, workers and unions. Those at fault need to accept and deal with the consequences of their actions and inactions. Since the correct actions are plain to see, getting it done should not be at all difficult.

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Maine East honors 'stand-out' students

BY JENNIFER JOHNSON | jjohnson@pioneerlocal.com

Ask Maine East High School science teacher Judy Tyler what she sees in the Class of 2013 and she'll point to two defining characteristics: kindness and caring.

"It's one of the best classes we've had," she said as a group of seniors, donning their blue graduation gowns for the first time, lined up in the hallway of the 84-year-old Park Ridge school during Senior Honors Night on May 22.

Tyler says she's not exaggerating. This year's seniors, she says, "tend to help each other out," whether it involves partaking in service projects or actively publicizing student events on social media.

"They're eager to learn, they learn for learning's sake. They are excited about their academics," she explained. "And they care about people. They are invested in helping the world and they're just stand-out kids."

One of those stand-outs is Jill Patel of Des Plaines, who was presented with several awards over the course of the night, including the Science and Social Science Departmental Awards, a President's Award for Educational Excellence and a Good Will Award. She is also an Illinois State Scholar and ranks within the upper 5 percent of her class.

Patel, who plans to study biology and pre-medicine at St. Louis University, credits the diversity within Maine East's student population for preparing her for life after high school. She says she isn't "shy" meeting new and different people "because at Maine East we have people from around the world."

"Also, the teachers here really prepared us with the advanced placement classes we take," Patel added. "They really push you to apply your knowledge."

John Daniel Depa, of Niles, also spoke of Maine East's cultural and religious diversity when discussing what helped him to succeed in school.

"It really prepares you for the real world, in terms of working with different types of people and learning about their belief systems," he explained. "Also, the staff here is very unique in that they're really a lot like family as opposed to just teachers."

Depa described a service project he was involved in last summer, where students traveled to a town in Pennsylvania to help rebuild homes flooded last year in Superstorm Sandy. Tyler was one of the teachers who took part.

"We have a relationship where she is constantly giving me advice and keeping me in check," Depa said of Tyler.

Depa, whose extracurricular activities at Maine East included theater, choir and broadcasting, plans to study film production at Emerson College in Boston. He also ranks within the top 5 percent of his graduating class, is an Illinois State Scholar, and was the recipient of the Speech Arts Departmental Award, a President's Award for Educational Excellence and a Good Will Award.

During the honors assembly, Senior Class President Aayush Shah spoke of the importance of mentors and friends when it comes to student accomplishments.

"Working hard is something that has been passed down to us from our mentors who are our parents, grandparents, coaches and teachers," he said.

Principal Michael Pressler referred to the students set to be honored on stage as "many of the shining stars of Maine East."

"I firmly believe this class has the potential, the dedication and the heart to make a mark on this world," he said.

More than 100 students were also recognized with community awards and scholarships.
Superintendent Ken Wallace details efforts to combat hazing at School District 207 during an anti-hazing and bullying forum May 22 hosted by Maine Township.

NATASHA WASINSKI—For Sun-Times Media

In scandal’s wake, Maine Township warns against hazing

BY NATASHA WASINSKI | Contributor

Hannah Klein shifted uncomfortably as she mustered courage to talk about being bullied.

The 16-year-old approached the microphone, hesitated for a minute, and then apologized.

Then, she explained how after being adopted at age 8, peers began harassing her daily about the way she talked and dressed.

“It happened so often ... I kind of thought it was true,” she said. “The experience was really depressing and sad.”

Youth and parents stepped forward at a community forum in Des Plaines May 22 to recount the emotional toll hazing and bullying has had on their lives.

They joined a panel of experts assembled by Maine Township Trustee Laura Morask to discuss matters of hazing in light of a recent scandal at Maine West High School, where soccer coaches allegedly allowed players to assault younger teammates.

Elliot Hopkins, a board member of HazingPrevention.org, explained hazing’s long history in school sports and fraternal organizations.

He said incidents of hazing begin occurring after children reach the age of 12 because, before then, parents are actively involved in their school and extracurricular lives.

Youth are vulnerable to becoming victims of abusive and degrading acts out of a desire to belong.

“Young people don’t want to go through their high school experience and not be a part of something ... even if that something isn’t good,” Hopkins said.

Pam Champion, who traveled to Des Plaines from Georgia for the event, lost her son, Robert, to a
hazing ritual gone wrong while he was in college in 2011. She said work to combat peer-on-peer violence must be ongoing.

"In any form, hazing and bullying is wrong," Champion said. "It's not as flippant as you think, and the law hasn't caught up."

She added: "The moment you forget is the moment it reoccurs."

Gregory Jacobson, a homicide detective with the Chicago Police Department, put the severity of the matter on the same level as drug and alcohol abuse, gang violence and pedophilia.

"Street gangs do the same things but they don't call it hazing; They call it induction," added police sergeant Kenneth Boudreau, of Chicago's Gang Enforcement Unit.

The panelists noted that getting parents, schools and law enforcement to acknowledge hazing as fundamentally wrong is integral to keeping children safe.

Hopkins said negative behavior associated with initiation into a group may sometimes prove difficult.

Karla Hunt, of Munster, Ind., has pleaded with public school officials for over a year and a half to recognize that hazing is part of the sports' culture at Munster High School.

She said her son, Joseph, now 18, suffered physical and mental abuse while on the school's swim team. Older swimmers beat him on the back of the thighs with a plastic Wiffle bat, among other actions intended to cause harm and humiliation, Hunt claimed.

In talking with older alumni of the school, the family learned the bat has been a staple in the boys' locker room since the 1970s.

Joseph Hunt lodged a federal lawsuit against the school administration and board for their failure to act in stopping the abuse. He attended the forum with his mom and Champion.

"Don't think this cannot happen to your child," said Karen Hunt, who has launched an online awareness campaign on hazing.

Among the roughly 35 people in attendance were District 207 Superintendent Ken Wallace and members of the school board.

Wallace expressed remorse for families and children affected by hazing and bullying, but noted that most educators take child safety seriously.

"What doesn't get reported are thousands of children are coming to school everyday and are taken care of," he said.

Wallace said while the pressure from parents to view some situations as "boys being boys" is "very real," the district does not condone acts of bullying or hazing.

An independent investigation of alleged hazing at Maine West found that the high school and district employees responded appropriately when notified last September of the incidents.

The Cook County State's Attorney's Office, however, is pressing criminal charges against former soccer coach Michael Divincenzo for allegedly knowing about and encouraging abusive initiation practices.

Divincenzo, 37, of Elk Grove Village now faces three counts of misdemeanor battery, one count of hazing and four counts of failure to report abuse.
Sudoku

BY LINDA THISTLE

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: *
( *: Moderate; **: Challenging; ***: HOG BOY!)

HOROSCOPES

For the week of June 5 to June 11

ARIES (March 21 to April 19)
Cheer up, Lamb. Your emotional Impasse will lift once you allow your highly tuned sense of justice to guide you on what to do about an associate's questionable behavior.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)
News about a project you hoped to work on might need more clarification. Take nothing just on faith. Draw up a list of questions, and insist on each being fully answered.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)
Giving your time to help others is fine. But don't lose sight of your own needs. Make plans for an energy-restoring getaway with that very special person in your life.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22)
Congratulate yourself on getting that difficult job done to everyone's satisfaction. This could be the first of many such challenges you might be offered down the line.

LEO (July 23 to August 22)
With your enthusiasm soaring again, you feel ready to tackle a tough new assignment. Good for you! And remember: Don't be too proud to accept help when it's offered.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)
Cupid rules the week for single Virgos eager to make a romantic connection. Meanwhile, Virgo couples experience renewed commitment in their relationships.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)
Home and work issues vie for your attention through early next week. Rely on your Libran sense of balance to keep you from being overwhelmed by either side.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)
Creative projects might have to go on standby as you tackle other matters making demands on your time and energy. Things should ease by the middle of next week.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)
Your energies are high, and so are your aspirations. But be careful not to let work dominate the week. It's also important to spend time with family and friends.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)
It's a good time to set aside your pride and stop nursing those hurt feelings. Instead, consider restoring relationships you want to have back in your life.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)
You might be miffed at not being shown more appreciation for your hard work. But don't brood over it. Recognition comes in its own time and in its own way.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20)
With your inner creative juices starting to boil and bubble, this is a good time to launch a new arts-related project, or go back and restart the one you had set aside.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a way of seeing the best in people, which helps encourage them to live up to your expectations.
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**Calendar**

**Toddlers 0-3**  **Kids 4-12**  **Family FAM**  **Teens 13+**  **Adults 18+**  **Seniors 65+**

June 7. Rain date is June 12.

June 9: Blood pressure & blood sugar testing, 10 a.m. to noon.

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.

**CLASSES**

**Animal assisted therapy**

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

**CLUBS**

**A Genealogy Workshop**

Sponsored by the Twenty-first Star Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, will be held from 1:30-4:30 p.m. June 15 on the third floor of the Park Ridge Library, at 20 S. Prospect Ave., across the street from the Pickwick Theater. Attendees will have the opportunity to work with a member on the lineage research team and receive assistance with application papers. This workshop is for women who are interested in joining the DAR. Bring all records and information. Reference books are available. For questions call Dorothy Wilson at (847) 328-6946.

**MOMS Club**

Northern Chicagoland group holds weekly activities (such as play groups, outings, museums, park dates) and monthly member meetings and Moms Night Out. Call (773) 853-2834 or visit http://sites.google.com/site/momsclubofnorthernchicago or email chicagomomsclub@gmail.com.

**Niles Chapter Toastmasters**

Meets 7:15 p.m. the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month at the Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave. Members learn how to feel comfortable and have self-confidence talking to an audience. Call (847) 583-9328.

**COMMUNITY**

**Secretary of State Services**

The Secretary of State's Mobile Unit will provide driver's services to area residents at the Niles Senior Center, 999 Civic Center Drive, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. June 8; and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. June 11, June 21, and June 26. Services will include driver's license correction, renewal or duplicate; commercial driver's license renewal or duplicate; identification cards issuance, renewal or duplicate; vision and written tests; organ/tissue donor registration; voter registration applications; vehicle stickers for cars and pick-up trucks; and license plate renewal stickers. During the months of June and July, customers are encouraged to visit any of the following nearby facilities for all other driver's services: 5401 N. Elston Ave., Chicago; 405 W. Lake Cook Road, Deerfield; or 1227 E. Golf Road, Schaumburg. For more information, drivers may call the Secretary of State's information line at (312) 793-1010 or visit www.cyberdriveillinois.com.

**Planning Ahead**

The professionals with Dignity Memorial, providers of Chicago will host two free, no-obligation Veterans' Burial Benefits Seminars at 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. June 13, at Golf Mill Shopping Center in Center Court. The seminars will address all funeral and burial benefits offered by the U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs, benefits offered by Dignity Memorial providers to all veterans and the importance of making funeral and cemetery arrangements in advance. Refreshments will be served, and each veteran or attendee will receive two free tickets to the Romanian Heritage Festival of Chicago to be held June 14-16 in Niles. Call (866) 991-7181, to reserve a seat.

**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. Benefiting 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/site/PageServer?pagename=walk_a_thon_2013_home.
HEALTH

Weight Loss Seminar
18+ 65+
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., 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.

Monthly health programs
18+ 65+
Feat of Fitness, a monthly health seminar which takes place at the Center Court of Golf Mill Shopping Center from 9-10:15 a.m. every second Wednesday of the month, January through October, has added new sponsors and events. Feats of Fitness Health Seminars are free programs open to registered members; become a member by completing an application at the Golf Mill Shopping Center Customer Service Center. Each month a new speaker and topic is featured. The program includes free bingo after the health seminar, where winners receive instant prizes, beginning at 9:45 for members only. Coffee and a light breakfast is another perk.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Mark your calendars
Niles Historical Museum, 8970 N. Milwaukee Ave., is open to the public 10-30 a.m.-3 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Drop in, make arrangements for a tour, drop off artifacts and collections, or just come to visit. The new magnetic elevator makes the auditorium easily accessible. Call (847) 390-0160.

PARKS

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

Summer Camp Registration
Niles Park District offers a wide variety of summer camp programs for preschool age through incoming eighth-grade kids. Full-day and half-day camps, sports camp, hockey and ice-skating camps. Stop by the Howard Leisure Center, 6676 W. Howard St. to register. Campers will enjoy swimming, weekly field trips, arts & crafts, sports, and tons of fun. Most camps begin June 10. Call (847) 967-6633 with questions.

19th Annual Art Exhibit
TAM
Takes place from 7-9 p.m. June 5 at Feldman Recreation Center. This very large and well-tended exhibit features student’s works in mediums including oils, pastels, watercolors and acrylics. Free event and refreshments are served.

Summer Camp
It’s not too early to sign up for camp at Dee Park. Four 2 week sessions, June 10-August 2.

Facility Rentals
Various rooms, gyms, fields and a cricket pitch are available for rental for parties, meetings or ongoing activities. For room facility rates call (847) 297-3059.

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

Golf Maine Parks

See page 24 for this week’s Super Crossword and Sudoku puzzles.
Lincolnwood's iconic Purple Hotel appears to be dead.

Plans to use the hotel as part of a $20 million mixed-use development have been spiked, after the hotel owners announced Tuesday a decision to demolish the colorful building and start fresh with plans for a larger mixed-use development.

The big purple landmark that has maintained a presence at 4500 W. Touhy Avenue since 1961 will be demolished at the expense of property owners Skokie-based North Capital Group, which announced the change in plans to village trustees Tuesday night.

North Capital Group acquired the property for $8.3 million in a bankruptcy sale last year with plans to incorporate the shell of the Purple Hotel into a mixed-use development including a hotel and retail space.

Neal Stein, Principal of North Capital Group, assured trustees the property would be more than just a hotel.

"We will live up to your expectations in maintaining the site," Stein said to trustees. "We have a contract with a demolition company already in place."

Stein did not specify what factors prompted the builders to alter plans, but said North Capital Group had "re-focused its efforts on the larger opportunity of a complete redevelopment of the property" by securing joint-venture agreements with (retail management companies) Chicago-based Urban Retail Properties, LLC and Fort Wayne, Ind.-based SuperHost Enterprise, LLC.

Noticeably missing from Tuesday's board of trustees meeting was Jake Weiss, president of Weiss Properties, Inc. — the key figure leading the redevelopment project since it began.

Weiss, who had initially partnered with North Capital Group to undertake the redevelopment, is no longer involved in the project, although he remains tied to the North Capital venture, Stein said.

Weiss did not respond to phone calls Tuesday.

The issue of what to do with the Purple Hotel set for demolition again in 2013.

Aside from the health risks, the appearance of the abandoned building has been deteriorating since it closed down in 2007.

What was once a manicured grassy front lawn surrounding a walk-up space that welcomed well-heeled guests attending weddings and bar mitzvahs has transformed into a dusty-looking property littered with overgrown weeds and garbage, and the faded exterior is dotted with broken windows.

Last year, the village began taking steps to demolish the 293-room hotel when Weiss stepped in with a massive reuse plan for the property, which included the proposed use of the purple building as part of a mixed-development site including a boutique hotel, convention space and 40,000 square-feet of retail space.

The village ordered Weiss to secure and clean up the property in exchange for an agreement to put a hold on the demolition plans to allow Weiss to move forward with the redevelopment phase of the project, which was scheduled to begin this summer.

During public hearings held over the past year, many longtime Lincolnwood residents have expressed support of plans to keep the buildings, which have a notable past in recent North Shore history.

Reputed mobster Allen Dorfman was shot and killed in the parking lot of the Purple Hotel in 1983, and reports of drug-fueled parties attended by politically-connected Chicago-area figures are a well-known aspect of the Purple Hotel's past.

Stein said the ultimate goal for the site on Lincoln and Touhy Avenues was to "transform it into an avid destination."

"This is one of the most important locations for development on the North Shore and in the Chicago land area," Stein said. "We believe that having a clean slate opens up many possibilities for development."

Trustees expressed concern about a new timeline for the site's demolition. Under an agreement between the village and North Capital Group, the village has the right to demolish the buildings if redevelopment plans are not solidified by July.

"The question is who is going to pay for the demolition and when is it going to occur," said village attorney Steve Elrod. "Come July, we have the right but not the obligation (to demolish)."

Stein said North Capital Group would proceed with demolition as quickly as possible, and he agreed to report back to trustees in June with a status update on the progress.
Niles chamber still touts village’s industry

BY IGOR STUDENKOV | Contributor

Industry has been an important part of the Niles’ economy for most of the village’s existence. So when the Niles Chamber of Commerce and Industry incorporated in 1971, it chose a name that would reflect its effort to promote the well-being of commercial and industrial businesses alike.

Today, industrial businesses make up a small fraction of the chamber’s overall membership. But according to Katie Schneider, the chamber’s executive director, the organization is as committed to supporting them as much as it would any other members. And their support doesn’t end at businesses themselves - it also extends to the employees.

A search of the chamber’s business directory reveals only two businesses categorized as “industry” and six businesses categorized as “manufacturers”, but that doesn’t show the whole picture. For legal purposes, the term “industry” encompasses manufacturing, warehouse, distribution, and research and development companies.

Schneider estimates that the chamber has “about a dozen” industrial businesses overall. Since she became the executive director ten years ago, the number remained relatively steady overall. While some businesses either left Niles or shut down, others opened up or moved in to take their place.

The village doesn’t offer economic incentives to industrial businesses directly, but the Village Board can leverage incentives offered by Cook County. Any manufacturer that chooses to set up shop in Niles is eligible for Cook County’s Class 6b Industrial Development Tax Abatement, which would reduce their taxes by 50 percent. However, in order to qualify for the incentive, Niles Board of Trustees must certify that the company meets all the criteria and pass a resolution to that effect.

While the chamber helps to recruit more businesses, this isn’t its primary focus. “We work closely with village and Department of Economic Development [to bring them in],” said Schneider. “We try to focus on what happens when they are here. How do we help them as a business? We help them with garbage pick-up, parking, delivery logistics, things of that nature.”

The chamber also tries to help the employees. “It isn’t just about the business itself, it’s about the workers,” said Schneider. “How do they get to work? Is there some place they can go during lunch break? Is this in active town, is there stuff you can do after work? We want to make sure the employees are happy here.”

In the end of the day, Schneider feels that Niles has plenty to offer to industrial businesses. “Niles is very lucky that we are at very close proximity to downtown Chicago, O’Hare Airport and [Edens] Expressway,” she said. “We have an industry park, with a lot of facilities for production, warehousing and office spaces. I think that we, as a town, are very conducive to industry.”
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New buttercream designs take the cake

BY VERONICA HINKE | Contributor

Buttercream is back.

In a recent survey conducted through Facebook, the Wilton company learned that more and more cake lovers crave a return to the days of good old-fashioned buttercream and classic decorating techniques.

But the latest buttercream designs don't look anything like grandma's. Modern artisans are working the sugary frosting into creative designs with a fashionable edge while still retaining a classy look.

Case-in-point — the Steampunk-themed cake on the cover of the 2014 Wilton Yearbook. As the annual cake book prepared for its 50th anniversary, its editors tapped the creative talents of Steve Rocco, Senior Director of Cake and Visual Design at Wilton. Rocco conceptualized a design inspired by the trend of steampunk, a wildly popular Victorian-era science fiction subculture.

Tradition (classic buttercream design techniques) and trend (steampunk culture) collide in the two-layer cake that Rocco sketched out for three Wilton decorators to create.

The cake is crowned with a top hat made out of color flow icing. Top hats were one of the predominant emblems Rocco noted while he studied steampunk images to prepare his sketches.

"I saw a sort of Wild, Wild West theme," he says. Fashion was represented by way of ladies wearing corsets and pulling up their dresses to reveal fishnet stockings. Symbols of the Industrial Revolution were present, too, by way of gears, wings, propellers and tools.

Blanketing it all, Rocco noticed a predominant color scheme of silver, pewter, platinum and deep shades of purple. His cake design has captured a little bit of all of it.

"Everyone says it's edgy, with a little naughtiness to it, but still Wilton," Rocco says.

He found a predominant steampunk symbol that is also a trademark Wilton icon: The rose.

"These aren't your grandmother's buttercream roses," Rocco says of his bold, crisp silvery roses.

Wilton Cake Decorator Kathy Krupa was one of three decorators who actually made the roses for the steampunk cake. The beading and stringwork on the sides, she says, are the trickiest decorating technique on the cake. Consistency of the frosting is key when piping these intricate patterns.

"The icing should be thinned out, but not too thin," she says. "Just keep practicing — on wax paper, first — until you get it right."

Her other helpful tip is to ensure the frosting bag is full, but not too full.

"I love working with buttercream," she says. "You can achieve all of the fine piping details that you can't get with fondant."

But fondant still has a place on the cake plate. After all, there isn't much that can compete with its modeling clay-like consistency, a trait that makes it perfect for decorating those beloved novelty cakes. Rocco maintains his appreciation for both.

"Fondant has a different look altogether. You do get more realism with it, but you just don't get the fine details without buttercream. Besides," he says, "everyone loves buttercream!"

These techniques and more will be demonstrated during the Open House at The Wilton School of Cake Decorating and Confectionary Art in Darien June 8. For details, see: http://bit.ly/18gFf6o.

Traditional buttercream icing (Yields 2-1/4 cups icing, medium consistency)

1/2 cup solid vegetable shortening
1/2 cup (1 stick) butter or margarine, softened
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
4 cups sifted confectioners' sugar (approximately 1 pound)
2 tablespoons milk or water

In large bowl, beat shortening and butter with electric mixer until light and fluffy. Beat in vanilla. Gradually add sugar, one cup at a time, beating well on medium speed. Scrape sides and bottom of bowl often. When all sugar has been mixed in, icing will appear dry. Slowly add milk; beat at medium speed until light and fluffy.

Kathy Krupa demonstrates a color flow technique used to make a top hat on a steampunk-inspired cake at the Wilton School in Darien. ROB HART-Sun-Times Media
Give beets a chance

When I was a kid and my Dad would go out of town on business, my Mom and I invariably dined on a dinner of meatloaf and beets at least once while he was away.

My dad couldn't stand either of those dishes and my mom and I loved them both to pieces. Something about sharing our special mother-daughter menu at regular intervals made me appreciate meatloaf and beets more than most folks and they always taste better to me when I share them with a dining companion.

Thankfully, I married a man who loves meatloaf more than anything so I can have it whenever I want these days, but converting people into passionate beet lovers has proven to be far more difficult. Beets are an acquired taste for a lot of people, but casting a wide net makes it easier to find fans of the ruby-hued root. Consequently, I've come to rely on an arsenal of party worthy beet recipes.

Serving B-vitamin rich beets as a topping for crostini with blue cheese and pear or tossing them into a salad with blanched green beans and crumbled goat cheese will have everyone you know rethinking the humble beet. And early summer is the ideal time to begin experimenting.

Early summer beets are smaller than their winter counterparts and naturally mild Chioggia and golden beets are more readily available. They offer reluctant beet eaters a gentle foray into new culinary territory. Even the mildest beets are often accused of tasting like dirt, but a good slow roasting brings out a natural sweetness in earthy beets.

Taming the negative aspects of their aggressive flavor profile is as simple as trimming away beets' leaves and roots, drizzling them with a bit of olive oil, wrapping them in foil and roasting them in a low oven (325 degrees) for an hour. Properly roasted beets should be tender to the point of a knife and offer the added benefit of being easy to peel; the skins will just slide away once they've cooled a bit.

When combined with peak season asparagus, nutty Gruyere cheese and a buttery crisp crust, roasted beets become accessible fare for even the most reluctant of diners. Fresh arugula, fried shallots and crunchy walnuts round out the recipe for the savory summer beet tart that I've found can change a yuck into a great big yum!

Beet, Asparagus and Gruyere Tart

(makes four servings)

This brightly hued seasonal tart makes a lovely luncheon offering, but can be cut into 8 pieces and served as a hearty appetizer. Feel free to double the ingredients and use the second sheet of pastry in the package to serve a larger crowd.

2 small red or golden beets, roasted, peeled and thinly sliced
1 sheet of puff pastry, thawed according to package directions
1 egg, well beaten
1/3 cup of shredded Gruyere cheese
6 asparagus spears, trimmed and cut into 6-inch lengths
Salt and pepper
1 shallot, peeled and sliced into thin rings
Grapeseed or canola oil for frying
1/4 cup of chopped walnuts, toasted
2 cups of fresh baby arugula

Preheat the oven to 400 degrees. Unfold the puff pastry sheet on a lightly floured cutting board. Fold the edges in to make a raised edge and the tart is 7-inches square. Transfer the tart crust to a parchment lined baking sheet. Dock the center of the crust liberally with the tines of a fork and brush the raised edges of the crust with the beaten egg. Place the crust in the oven for 15 minutes until the edges are beginning to turn brown. While the crust is baking be sure to check to see if the center section of the crust begins to puff up. If it does simply press it down with the back of a spoon and return it to the oven to finish baking.

After the pre-baked crust has cooled slightly (about 15 minutes) sprinkle it with 2/3 cup of the shredded Gruyere cheese. Arrange the beets in neat overlapping rows on top of the cheese and space the asparagus spears evenly on top of the beets. Sprinkle the tart with the remaining cheese and season with salt and pepper. Place the filled tart in the oven and bake it for 10-15 minutes or until cheese melts, crust is deep golden brown and asparagus is crisp tender.

Meanwhile, heat 1/4 cup of oil in a small saucepan and shallow fry the shallots until they are deep golden brown and crispy, but not burnt. Drain on paper towels and reserve. Garnish the finished tart with shallot rings, chopped walnuts and fresh arugula.

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PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the circuit court of Cook County, Illinois, the property described as 6860 West Drive, Lincolnwood, Illinois, will at 12:30 p.m. on July 1, 2013, at 205 W. Rand Road, Suite 1020, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgage real estate:

The property will be sold at a public auction subject to inspection and the following terms and conditions:

1. All bidders must register at the auction site and provide a photo ID and proof of funds. No one will be allowed to bid without proper registration and proof of funds.
2. Bidders must bid in increments of $1,000 or fraction thereof of the highest bid by certified funds. The purchase price shall be the sum of all bids made at the auction.
3. The property will be sold "as is, where is" with no warranties or representations made by the seller or the auctioneer.
4. The property is subject to the general real estate tax liens, special tax levies, and any other liens or judgments against the property.
5. The property is subject to the 14-10-33324 mortgage foreclosure sale.
6. The property is a single-family residence.
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PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on March 13, 2013, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, June 18, 2013, at the hour of 11:00 a.m., in their office located at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 714A, Chicago, Illinois, it will sell to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

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11:30 a.m. May 19
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In the Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois, County of Chicago, Department of Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois, Division of Foreclosures

PUBLICATION NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given of the execution of a Quitclaim Deed, executed on the 23rd day of April, 2014, by Richard J. Heinke, in the office of the Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois, for the purpose of the sale of the premises described as follows, viz.: All Real Estate, located at 1105 South Wolcott Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, 60607.

The Court, at which the sale will be held, is located at 500 West State Street, Chicago, Illinois, 60606.

The sale will be held at 10:00 a.m. on the 23rd day of May, 2014, and will be conducted by auction.

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PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Wednesday, June 19, 2013, at 7:00 P.M., a public hearing will be held by the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Village of Lincolnwood, Cook County, Illinois, in the Council Chambers Room of Lincolnwood Village Hall, 6900 North Lincoln Avenue, Lincolnwood, Illinois, for the purpose of considering the following:

Applicant:
Roma Giusti, Property Owner
Nature of Request: The requested action would allow the filing of two setback fences, one on the rear corner of the lot line and the other on the east side of the lot line.

All persons in attendance at the public hearing shall have the opportunity to be heard regarding this application. Any person who so desires may call the Village Zoning Officer at the Village Community Development Department of the Lincolnwood Village Hall, 6900 North Lincoln Avenue, Lincolnwood, Illinois, to be sent to the attention of the Village Zoning Officer at the Lincolnwood Village Hall, 6900 North Lincoln Avenue, Lincolnwood, Illinois, 60712. Persons having questions regarding this matter may call the Village Community Development Department at 847-673-7402.

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Gary Sinise showed up at Steppenwolf for a photo shoot, but ended up giving an impromptu tour, regaling us with stories about the theater’s early days and stopping to hug members of the staff.

The Dec at the Ritz-Carlton Chicago elevates Chicago’s al fresco dining options, with drinks and whimsical small bites (think Wagyu beef beignets and a sundae cart) served 12 stories above the city in an elegant, lounge-like atmosphere — complete with skyline views. 160 E. Pearson, (312) 573-5160, Decarestaurant.com

We’re losing sleep over the opening of Chicago’s first Insomnia Cookies. The shop delivers cookies and milk to Lincoln Park and Lakeview night owls until 3 a.m. $1.25 and up, (877) 632-6654, 2260 N. Lincoln; Insomniacookies.com

What had you Tweeting this week?

Amanda Puck @AmandaPuck: @Suntimes_Splash: Exciting issue @xoDEVYNx @dgrahamkostic @glossedandfound @HELEN_BERKUN #sundaysplash reading now

Terez @TerezBaskin: It’s the Summer Fashion Issue — Finally! via @glossedandfound + @Suntimes_Splash OMG the #SummerSplash Dying @xoDevynx

RM Champagne Salon @RMchicago: @LaurenZelen @Suntimes_Splash Summer splashin’ away in a sea of gorgeous people. What a fun night!

Todd Reinbold @tbd67: @Suntimes_Splash @JennyMcCarthy You cracked me up so hard on Single Out, and now you’re inspirational too! You’ve come a long way baby!

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE ROAD TRIP TUNE?

"Will You Be There" by Michael Jackson — aka the best song of all time.

"Long Ride Home" by Patty Griffin. Or any other song by her. It’s the perfect road music.

"Bohemian Rhapsody" by Queen. I like to reenact the scene from "Wayne’s World" when they’re in the car.

"Bobby McGee" by Janis Joplin. My mom and I love to sing it together in the car. It’s our favorite karaoke song.

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June 2

**'Singles Yappy Hour'**
Kick off Pride Month — and hang with other dog-loving singles and their furry friends — at this pet-friendly event, hosted by Paradise 4 Paws. The donation includes drinks, raffle entry, a light brunch from Pure Kitchen Catering, dog snacks from Dog-a-holics and a goody bag. Proceeds benefit Chicago House, which offers housing and support to people with HIV and AIDS.

**Time:** Noon to 3 p.m.
**Place:** Sidetrack, 3349 N. Halsted
**Cost:** $20 donation at the door. RSVP to Rsvp@paradise4paws.com.

June 4

**Summer Concert Series**
Offering "great music for busy lives," Rush Hour Concerts' 14th annual Summer Concert Series launches with cellist *Brant Taylor* and pianist *Kuang-Hao Huang* performing Rachmaninoff. These aurally engaging events feature a range of artists every Tuesday through August.

**Time:** 5:15 p.m. reception; concert at 5:45 p.m.
**Place:** St. James Cathedral, 65 E. Huron
**Cost:** Free. Learn more at Rushhour.org.

June 6

**UCAN Hosts 14th Annual Youth Leadership Awards Dinner**
UCAN — a longtime leader in trauma-informed treatment, violence prevention and youth development — gives props to five of its outstanding young people at the organization's flagship fundraiser. The evening kicks off with a performance by Brandon Mahone (right), featured vocalist from Season 3 of NBC's "The Voice."

**Time:** 5:30 p.m.
**Place:** United Club at Soldier Field, 1410 Museum Campus
**Cost:** $500. Call (773) 290-5072 or visit Ucan.org.

June 7

**The Polish Museum of America's 33rd Summer Ball**
The Polish Museum of America, dedicated to the preservation and promotion of Polish and Polish American culture, holds its biggest fundraiser of the year. This year's installment — featuring the Anthony Kawalkowski Orchestra — honors the Polish Teachers Association of America.

**Time:** 6 p.m.
**Place:** Rosewood Restaurant & Banquets, 9421 W. Higgins, Rosemont
**Cost:** $175. For reservations, call (773) 782-2601 before May 31.

June 8-9

**Wells Street Art Festival**
Art isn't the only thing to enjoy at this well-loved, Old Town happening. Check out The Smithereens and the Jesse White Tumblers, craft activities and storytelling for the young ones and food from Bistrot Margot, Kamehachi, Trattoria Roma and Adobo Grill to keep you fueled all day.

**Time:** 10 a.m.-10 p.m.
**Place:** Wells between North and Division
**Cost:** $7. Call (773) 868-3010 or visit Chicagoevents.com.
early 700 guests went wild for an exclusive sneak peek at the Goodman's new musical “The Jungle Book” at the theater’s May 18 gala in the Fairmont Chicago Millennium Park (200 N. Columbus). Written and directed by Tony Award-winner Mary Zimmerman, the show included a seven-song set from the production, featuring a standout performance from Broadway legend André De Shields. Co-chairs Amalia Perea Mahoney and Christine Pope helped bring the evening to life, raising more than $1 million for the Goodman’s education and community engagement programs. “The Jungle Book” runs this summer at the Goodman from June 21-Aug. 4 before continuing on to Boston’s Huntington Theatre.

The Sun-Times was the media sponsor of this event. The Sun-Times Foundation and The Chicago Community Trust will match every dollar donated to the Goodman Theatre, up to a total of $10,000. Up to $1,000 can be matched per individual donation.

A Better Chicago’s first annual benefit, held at the UIC Forum (725 W. Roosevelt), set the bar high for future fundraising efforts — more than 400 guests helped the organization surpass the $1 million mark. Co-chairs Trisha Rooney Alden, Stephanie Harris, Jack Keller and Tim Schwertfeger welcomed business and civic leaders to the May 16 bash, which kicked off with a whiskey- and gin-centric cocktail hour and a deluge of comfort foods like sliders, fried chicken and mac 'n' cheese. The evening’s program included a live auction, which pumped up the fundraising total to help the nonprofit create opportunities for low-income Chicagoans.

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Floral fashion is what you could call a perennial favorite. But this year's garden variety offers the pattern with a modern twist: Think more graphic prints, origami folds and blocked panels. Still, each dress radiates pure femininity (just take a look at Zac Posen's spring runway, which was packed with flowing floral-stamped chiffon). When it comes to makeup, now is the perfect time for a pink pout — our fave pick is Dolce & Gabbana's Classic Cream Lipstick in Provocative — but you can't go wrong with a rosy red either. It's the season to let your beauty bloom.
ART FORM

The sounds of world-renowned cellist Yo-Yo Ma filled the Hilton Chicago (720 S. Michigan) May 17 at the Arts Alliance Illinois' Voices of a Creative State Luncheon. A crowd of 500 corporate and civic leaders came together for the event, along with honorary co-chairs Mayor Rahm Emanuel, Pamela Crutchfield, Joan W. Harris and Kassie Davis. Sen. Dick Durbin (D-III.) presented Fay Hartog-Levin with the organization's first Citizen Advocate award for her leadership in the arts, and Jerlane Payne, a student at the University of Chicago Woodlawn Charter School, stole the spotlight by performing her spoken word piece, "The Flowship of Friends," accompanied by Yo-Yo Ma. The luncheon raised nearly $240,000 to help the organization promote widespread support for the arts in Illinois.

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Skin for Life Event

In anticipation of the blazing summer sun and in honor of Melanoma Awareness Month, Advanced Dermatology and SKINFO welcomed 200 guests to Viper Alley (275 Parkway, Lincolnshire) for the third annual Skin for Life event. Combining skincare and fashion, the event included a runway show that showcased the work of local designers Eva Pazola, Barbara Bates and Hector MonArrez as well as vendor exhibits where guests sampled the latest in beauty treatments and products and received mini makeovers. Emceed by Splash's Susanna Negovan, the program also included skin protection tips from Dr. Amy Forman Taub. Guests left both prepared for the summer and having made a difference — the event raised $14,000 for the Skin Cancer Foundation.

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Dear Jenny: I am going through such a funk and finding myself at an ultimate self-confidence low. I got divorced from my high school sweetheart almost a year ago, and in turn, I lost all of my "friends." I feel like my life is totally flipped upside down. I come off as a strong person and pretend that everything is OK, but when I go home I am so alone - and my "friends with benefits" aren't filling the void. What do you do to get back in the swing of things and start over in life? I'm only 24 years old, and I should be living it up, yet I feel like everything is all wrong.

Jenny says: Each time a major shift happens in our lives, it's natural to feel uncertainty and apprehension. But with every change comes reinvention. Believe me, I've had my fair share of life changes: divorce, career highs and lows and just recently, a move across the country. Not every change was easy or smooth, but I have come to realize that for me, with every obvious external shift comes an internal awakening.

I've learned part of moving forward is being honest with yourself. Take responsibility for how you contributed to the dissolution of your marriage and allow yourself to grieve the loss. Then, create a vision for your future. Reaching your full potential means taking control of who you'd like to become. Whether it's a new job or a new attitude, surround yourself with visual reminders of the life you'd like to have. If you've never created a vision board, now is the time to make one. Purchase a bulletin board or poster board and start paging through magazines. Cut out anything that triggers a heart thump, a double take or a happy feeling and glue it onto your board, then place it in a spot where you will see it every day. Inspire yourself first thing in the morning and before you go to bed.

The purpose of a vision board is to activate the Laws of Attraction. By selecting pictures that evoke passion, you will begin to manifest those things into your life. What is it you want? Focus your intentions not on what you do not want, but what you DO want. Good luck!

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Bieber backlash?

Justin Bieber had a rough night at the Billboard Music Awards, thanks to disses from Kid Rock and Taylor Swift and lots of backstage drama. The audience even booed Biebs during his acceptance speech for Top Male Artist.

"When he made his speech about how he's a real artist, everyone was shaking their head and laughing," an insider reveals. "Everyone went crazy when Kid Rock called out artists who lip synch. It was obviously directed at Justin."

The trouble continued backstage when a Hollywood Life reporter asked Taylor what she thought about Justin winning an award. "She said, 'Next question,'" the source said. "She's good friends with Selena [Gomez] and hates him for cheating on her. When Selena kissed Justin backstage, Taylor rolled her eyes and stuck out her tongue."

The audience may be laughing at Biebs, but he's certainly laughing all the way to the bank.

Ozzy and Sharon separate but strong

Sharon and Ozzy Osbourne recently reunited on the red carpet at an event in Beverly Hills, and I'm hearing there will be no divorce. Sharon and Ozzy have been living separately for a while - Ozzy fell off the wagon again and started abusing drugs and alcohol, and Sharon refuses to live with her rocker hubby during a relapse. However, sources insist she still loves him and never had or will have any intention to divorce him. All she wants is for him to clean up his act.

"Sharon put her foot down by moving out," a close source to the couple reveals. "She doesn't want a divorce, she just wants her husband to get sober."

Friends had been concerned for a while because Ozzy was exhibiting strange behavior. "He would call and leave totally nonsensical and incoherent messages," says the source. "It was obvious he was using again." Ozzy admitted that he became addicted to booze and pills again, and even posted an apology on Facebook.

I got to hang out with the Osbournes back at the 2001 White House Correspondents' dinner, and it was obvious to me then — and now — that they're a strong team. They'll get through this.
the tan man

Nick Patel, owner of LA Tan, soaks up a relaxing Sunday in the city

BY ZAK STEMER

As the founder of LA Tan, Nick Patel has built an empire of lights. With more than 160 locations around the country (and 60 in Chicago alone), his locally based company serves more than one million customers each month, making it the Midwest’s largest tanning chain and among the top three in the nation.

But as sizzling weather approaches, Patel is thinking beyond the bulb: This season he has invested in state-of-the-art spray tanning technology imported from Italy, which “gives the perfect bronze color that customers are looking for,” he says. “When the first spray tan machine came out, it didn’t give the best color. People got blotchy and orange, but it’s evolved, and now the top machine is the Autobronzer,” he says, adding that it’s available in nearly all of his locations.

Patel isn’t just out to give people a healthy glow — he also wants to give them the energy to do the things they love. That’s why he created Berry Boost Energy, an all-natural drink made with 30 fruits and berries that’s sold exclusively at his tanning salons. “I don’t drink any artificial energy drinks, so everything in Berry Boost Energy is plant-based, including the caffeine and sugars,” he says. Patel’s green diet is tried and true: He learned it from his 106-year-old grandmother, who still lives with him in his Morton Grove home.

Here, Chicago’s sunshine king sheds light on his perfect Sunday.

8 A.M.
During the week, Patel is always up in time to watch the sunrise, but on Sundays he “sleeps in.” “I wake up at 8 a.m. because I’m always partying every Saturday until 3 a.m.,” he jokes. His favorite nighttime haunts? American Junkie (15 W. Illinois) and Paris Club (59 W. Hubbard)

11 A.M.
He hits his in-home gym for an hour of free weights.

NOON
Lunch with his extended family at their home in Morton Grove. “My mom makes Indian roti [a type of bread] and mixed vegetables,” he says.

3 P.M.
Since his weekdays are packed with business, Patel schedules a second “lunch” to host social gatherings. He loves the guacamole at Mercadito (108 W. Kinzie) and the outdoor patio at Quartino (626 N. State).

7 P.M.
To unwind, Patel heads back to where it all began: his first office on Devon Street’s “Desi Corridor,” which he converted into a hangout spot with big-screen TVs. “My close friends come and we chill and have nice food, drink scotch and watch any type of game,” Patel says.
Gary Sinise is walking down a hallway at the Steppenwolf Theatre, but he's not getting very far. Each time he takes a step, the actor stops to stare at one of the black-and-white photos that line the walls, recalling a memory from the 40-year-history of the theater he co-founded.

“That's from 'A Streetcar Named Desire' in 1997,” he says, pointing to a photo of himself as Stanley Kowalski, hunched next to a table, his face contorted in agony. “And this is ‘True West.’ It was the first play that we took to New York, and it became a big hit. That’s when John Malkovich became a star.”

As he walks, Sinise proudly rattles off the names of stars who cut their teeth at Steppenwolf: Laurie Metcalf, John Mahoney, Joan Allen. But the reminiscing takes a more fervent tone when he reaches a photo from “Tracers,” a play he directed back in the 1980s. It was written by a group of Vietnam veterans — a group whose plight captured Sinise’s heart. “This was during a time that we treated our veterans really badly,” he says. “I was really keyed up, wanting to do something.”

In the 30 years since then, Sinise has worked tirelessly on behalf of American military veterans. On June 13, that dedication will bring him back to his hometown of Highland Park, where his Lt. Dan Band — a group of musicians that performs nearly 50 shows a year at military bases and fundraisers supporting wounded veterans and troops — is making a pit stop at Ravinia. It’s something of a triumphant return for Sinise, who, as a teen, raked leaves and cut grass at the concert venue. “It’ll be really surreal to play there,” he says.

Sinise recalls his formative years at Highland Park High School as the time he fell in love with acting. “I wasn’t a great student,” he admits. “But one day, [theater instructor] Barbara Patterson found me in the hallway and asked me to come audition for ‘West Side Story.’” Sinise got the part as one of the Sharks, and afterward, “all I wanted to do was act,” he says. “When [the last play] was over, I remember crying like a baby. It really changed my life.”

After graduating in 1974, Sinise wasn’t ready to say goodbye to the stage. So with money he'd made working in his dad’s film editing office over the summer, Sinise joined friends and Steppenwolf co-founders Terry Kinney and Jeff Perry — and later, an expanded ensemble that included Sinise’s now-wife Moira Harris, Malkovich and Metcalf — in staging small-scale productions in church basements, rec rooms and even the gym of his elementary school, Indian Trail. Driven by the desire to act, they often built their own stages, created lighting systems out of coffee cans.
Along a wall of photos, Sinise stops to point proudly to wife Moira Harris in Steppenwolf's 1989 production of "The Homecoming."

"We started with nothing, built it up at the end, clean-shaven, moving on, hopeful story. For this character to stand up at the end, clean-shaven, moving on with his life, successful — that's a story about a veteran that hadn't been told."

Soon after finishing the film, Sinise was invited to attend a Disabled American Veterans (DAV) convention, where he received a standing ovation from several thousand veterans. "Everywhere I went, they really recognized me as Lt. Dan," he says. "And I was just very moved and touched by it. That's when I realized it was going to be a big part of my life."

Sinise has since devoted much of his time to the cause, serving as a spokesperson for the DAV and traveling the world as the electric bassist in the Lt. Dan Band. In 2011, he formed the Gary Sinise Foundation, through which he's building smart homes for severely wounded veterans and holding fundraisers across the country (on June 15, he'll host "Inspiration to Action" at Gibsons at The Montgomery).

In late June, Sinise and his band will travel to Japan with the USO, which has previously taken them to Iraq and Afghanistan. "I'm so inspired and impressed by the people that serve our country," he says. "That's what keeps me coming back — their resiliency."

That admiration drove Sinise to accept the role of Mac'Taylor on "CSI: NY" in 2004. "I sat down with the creator of 'CSI,' and I wasn't sure if I wanted to do it, but he told me the character was going to be a police officer who'd lost his wife on 9/11," he says. "I said, 'Let's make him a military veteran too. A former Marine. Honoring what both had gone through was really appealing.'"

Though the show's run ended this year, Sinise has no regrets. "I won't complain about nine years," he says. He'd even entertain the notion of acting and directing at Steppenwolf again. "If I find the right script, the right play, it's something I'd definitely consider."

That devotion to storytelling led Sinise to "Tracers," a play that came to him from a group of veterans who "just got together and wanted to get some stuff out," he says. "We decided to let veterans in for free every Tuesday, and they started hearing about the show and filling the theater. It was really emotional and powerful to see. I think it was really cathartic for a lot of them."

Sinise's commitment to the cause grew in tandem with his career. In 1987, he moved to L.A. permanently but continued to travel back to Chicago to act and direct at Steppenwolf when he wasn't landing guest spots on TV shows and roles in films like "Of Mice and Men" on the West Coast.

In 1990, Sinise was cast as Lt. Dan in "Forrest Gump," a role that cemented his status as a Hollywood star — and as a champion of America's veterans. "I realized within two weeks of 'Forrest Gump's' release that it was more significant than just playing a funny character in a movie," he says. "Lt. Dan represented a portion of the population, and it's a hopeful story. For this character to stand up at the end, clean-shaven, moving on with his life, successful — that's a story

And placed shoeboxes at the doors in hopes of raising money to put on the next play.

Nearly 40 years after its humble beginnings, Steppenwolf has become an iconic Chicago institution. The company, which opened its first theater on Halsted in 1972, owns three performance spaces and boasts 43 ensemble members, several Tony awards and a National Medal of Arts. But according to Sinise, the founders never expected any acclaim: "We just liked to put on plays."

That devotion to storytelling led Sinise to "True West" at Steppenwolf. At right: Sinise with the Lt. Dan Band.

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MODERN FAMILY TRAVEL

Chicago author, style expert and mother of two Amy Tara Koch has learned how to navigate Europe with kids in tow.

PARIS

The City of Light never disappoints. But while most people think of it as a romantic destination, it's also ideally suited for family travel.

STAY: Embrace life as a Parisian family with VRBO, which offers apartment rentals at a range of price points in neighborhoods across the city (starts at $70 a night, vrbo.com). If money is no object, check into the storied Hotel Plaza Athénée (rooms start at $875 per night, Plaza-athenee-paris.com). The price is steep, but it comes with perks like child-sized bathrobes and a babysitting service.

DO: Board a water taxi and use the River Seine as a tour guide. The hop-on, hop-off Batobus makes eight stops at landmark attractions, including the Eiffel Tower and Champs Elysées. During the summer months, the Jardin de Tuileries turns into a kids' paradise, thanks to an amusement park filled with trampolines, marionette shows and a Ferris wheel that offers a superb view of the city. Two of the finest museums in Paris flank the park: the contemporary Musée du Jeu de Paume (tickets $10, free for kids under 10, Jeudepaume.org) and the Musée de l’Orangerie, which houses Monet’s celebrated Water Lilies (tickets $9.50, Musee-orangerie.fr). The city’s turn-of-the-century bohemian spirit is still vibrant in Monmartre. Take the cable car — or funiculaire — up to the Basilica of Sacre Coeur, the highest point in Paris.

A visit to the Louvre is essential, and an interactive approach keeps kids entertained. Paris Muse Clues: A Family Tour for Young Treasure Hunters is a two-hour treasure hunt through the museum that sharpens detective skills through observation ($370 for family of five, Parismuse.com).

Food is one of the many pleasures of Paris, and the standout experiences revolve around sweets. Macarons are to Paris what cupcakes are to America, and the can’t-miss version is served at Laduree at the Rue Bonaparte ($2 each, Laduree.fr). For lunch or dinner, drop by La Grande Épicerie at the Bon Marché (lagrandeepeicerie.com), a grand food court, to scoop up fruits, vegetables, meats and cheeses, best consumed in one of the city’s scenic parks.

TIP: Taxis in Paris are exorbitant. Make a game out of taking the far less expensive metro. The always-entertaining cast of characters, including jugglers, musicians and sketch artists, add to the city’s enchantment.
LONDON
Harry Potter. The royal family. Harrods. If you crave a kid-friendly urban getaway that marries history with what's hip, the place to be is the post-Olympics London.

STAY: Make yourself at home and rent an apartment through One Fine Stay (Prices vary by apartment, Onefinestay.com). Or, if you’re looking to truly splurge on accommodations, the spacious suites with perks like in-room Wii consoles make the Four Seasons Park Lane a paradise (suites start around $1,500, Fourseasons.com/london).

DO: Sightseeing is a breeze with the hop-on hop-off Original Tour, a bus excursion that stops at most of the capital city's landmark attractions, including Big Ben, Westminster Abbey and Buckingham Palace ($42 adults, $36 kids, Theoriginaltour.com).

At the Natural History Museum, kids will flip over the array of exhibits, from dinosaur fossils to space information. In the science lab, 7- to 14-year-olds can get an up close view of nature, while the younger set will score a backpack, complete with a safari hat and binoculars (Tickets vary by exhibit, Nhm.ac.uk).

For an on-the-go afternoon, venture to Hyde Park for horseback riding lessons at Hyde Park Stables ($104; Hydeparkstables.com). Refresh with a “proper” afternoon tea, including scones and finger sandwiches, at Fortnum & Mason’s Diamond Jubilee Tea Salon (afternoon tea from $60, Fortnumandmason.com), then finish the day at Hamleys toy store. Located on Regent Street, it’s the largest and oldest toy store in the world, dating back to 1881 (Hamleys.com). For dinner, save money by having a hotel room picnic with goodies from Harrods Food Halls (Harrods.com/food-and-wine).

Barcelona
South Beach’s sophisticated European cousin is a tropical paradise filled with jaw-dropping art and architecture.

STAY: The Sheraton Four Points is within walking distance of the beach and the Sagrada Familia, and close to shopping, dining and public transport (rooms start at $150, Fourpointsbarcelona.com).

DO: Barcelona is a pedestrian’s city — but kids won’t complain about sore feet once they embark on Las Ramblas. Stroll down the 75-mile, tree-lined street and marvel at the panoply of street performers, then pop into the series of shops and outdoor markets along the way. Hands down, the coolest things in Barcelona are the surreal constructions of famed Spanish architect Antoni Gaudi. These Art Nouveau buildings pepper the city; Casa Batlló, Casa Milà and the Sagrada Familia can be seen in a single afternoon, and the famous Parc Guell is just a few metro stops away. If you’re still craving a culture fix, but tired of trekking outdoors, take the kids to the Aquarium ($6 and up, Aquariumbcn.com), or the Picasso Museum ($8 and up, Museupicasso.bcn.cat), which encompasses more than 4,000 works from the artist’s formative years. For meals, create your own picnic at the Boqueria (Boqueria.info), a fresh foods market. In the back, Bar Pinotxo owner Juanito Bayen serves up tapas at a counter-style eatery.
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Everything UNDER THE SUN

Tereasa Surratt, creative director at Ogilvy & Mather Chicago and co-owner of Camp Wandawega, keeps her days bright with these summer essentials.

1. J Crew: retro dot underwire top and polka-dot retro brief, $52 and $50, 900 N. Michigan; Jcrew.com
2. Buckshot Sonny’s Sporting Goods: official league ball, $50; Buckshotsonnys.com
3. Labrabbit Optics: Mali Gold Dust retro style frames, $200, 1104 N. Ashland; Labrabbit.org
4. Confessions of an Advertising Man: $20, Barnes and Noble, 1130 N. State; Barnesandnoble.com
6. Wandawega Lake Resort: one-night stay, $250, W5453 Lakeview, Elkhorn, Wisconsin; Wandawega.com
7. M & B Vintage: sterling silver engraved dog tag, $310; Mdbvintage.com
8. Fueguia: Humboldt eau de parfum, $150; LuckyScent.com
9. Winter Session: Garrison bag in natural/cobalt blue, $265; Winter-session.com
10. Scrappy’s Bitters: orange bitters, $21.99; Bcmerchants.com

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 François Nars on his bold career choices, book of inspiration and bright summer collection

BY RACHEL HANDLER

The story of François Nars' success is rife with risk-taking. In 1984, the then-unknown makeup artist picked up and moved to New York from his native France; in 1992, Nars made headlines by spontaneously shaving off a model's eyebrows before an Anna Sui fashion show; and in 1999, he took an abrupt 10-year hiatus from the runway.

But according to Nars, these gambles paled in comparison to the launch of his eponymous makeup line in 1994. "Putting my name on a product was the biggest risk of my life. I didn't know if it would fail or not," he says from within a suite at Chicago's Public Hotel, where he made a stop to promote his two new projects: A just-launched Summer 2013 collection and a limited-edition collection of punchy nail polishes ($29) and cubic-print blushes ($41) that he created with shoe designer Pierre Hardy. "I could have lost everything. But I was lucky — the risk paid off."

In fact, NARS has been an unequivocal industry success. Almost immediately, his collection became the top-selling color line at Barneys New York, and nearly 20 years later, the upscale brand — which Nars says he created to "fill a need, not just a gap" in the fashion and makeup industries — is revered by designers like Marc Jacobs and Alexander Wang and by the millions of women worldwide who snag a compact of Orgasm blush every two minutes.

The Summer 2013 collection — an edgy, 1970s-esque palette of bold colors — stays true to Nars' penchant for pushing boundaries. There's the hot pink Paris Follies lip gloss ($26), the sea-foam green Barrow Street eyeliner ($24) and the Puerto Vallarta multiple ($39), a shimmering, tangerine shade that can be applied to lips, cheeks and eyelids.

"It's happy makeup," says Nars of the collection, which he claims is his brightest to date. "The world is crazy in many ways. We need a splash of color and positive energy."

Nars names noted Andy Warhol muses Edie Sedgwick and Debbie Harry as the inspirations behind the kaleidoscopic hues. "They had this electric, crazy, wild rock-star look," he says. "I like character in a woman — someone who really knows what her look is."

As for the out-there names? Nars says he plucked them from a running list he keeps of cities, movies, natural phenomena and art that he's inspired by. "It gives each product personality and character," he says. "For example, 'Paris Follies' was a revue in 1930s Paris. The [shade] reminded me of the dancers, a warm pink on their lips."

He attributes his line's ubiquity in part to these ever-shifting passions. "My mood changes with each collection," he says. "I don't have a lot of preparation; the way I work is very spontaneous."

Except, that is, when it comes to his rigorous standards. "I'm really tough. When I work with the chemists, if I don't like the texture or the formula, I have to start again," he says. "NARS never stops evolving in terms of quality."

Find NARS products at Nordstrom (520 N. Michigan) and at Nars.com.
Joe Leonard and Caren Anderson

BY KATERINA BIZIOS

Though Joe Leonard and Caren Anderson grew up in the same South Side neighborhood and attended rival high schools, they never crossed paths. It took a Motown-themed dance party at Western Illinois University for the pair to meet and fall in love. "Joe's dance moves attracted me to him," jokes Anderson. Seven years later, Leonard, now a paramedic at Northwestern Memorial Hospital and Anderson, a PR exec for Wagstaff Worldwide, began planning a Chicago wedding. But midway through they had a change of heart, and 71 of their friends and family members flew to Negril, Jamaica April 20 to watch them tie the knot. After a quick beach ceremony, attended only by immediate family members, Leonard kicked off the Motown-filled reception by bringing back his famous dance moves. Guests kept the party going late into the night, and Anderson and Leonard continued their paradisiacal vacation with a honeymoon in nearby Ocho Rios. "It felt really special to be around all of our friends and with such an intimate group," says Anderson. "That's exactly what we wanted."
A brand new chef and a wide range of options make Ravinia one of the summer's top dining destinations.

By David Hammond

For Chicagoans, Ravinia is synonymous with summer. Established as an amusement park in 1904, the spot became the Chicago Symphony Orchestra's summer residence in 1936. Now, more than 100 years after its original incarnation, the outdoor concert venue is known as much for its A-list acts - this year's include the Indigo Girls and Tony Bennett - as it is for its lively lawn scene and myriad dining options.

This season, new executive chef Matthew Ford takes over the park's dining program, run by Levy Restaurants. An eight-year member of the Levy team, Ford brings his fresh, seasonal cooking - with elements sourced from the park's on-site herb garden - to every edible element, from the food carts to the high-end eateries, and he'll keep the offerings fresh all season. "We're always changing our menus, keeping it different and entertaining," he says. "That's what Ravinia is all about."

Whatever your dining style, there's an option to enjoy while taking in the tunes.

Elegant eateries

- Since 2007, Ravinia's casually sophisticated Park View Restaurant has served up contemporary American cuisine - and panoramic vistas of festival grounds. Look for dishes such as wild mushroom strudel with goat cheese and tomato jam ($13) and stuffed quail gumbo with foie gras and wild rice ($24).

From top: Ravinia Market; Mirabelle Restaurant's Chef's Table and Park View

- Mirabelle Restaurant's Chef's Table offers a range of options, with a portion labeled "Family Friendly." Guest chefs oversee themed dinners, often subtly designed to match the music. This year's lineup includes Tony Mantuano of Spiaggia and Thomas Bowman and Ben Roche of Baume & Brix. Graze the buffet for $34.95.

Picnics in the grass

- At Ravinia Market, a come-as-you-are food court, find brick-oven pizza ($10) from Pie Squared and a selection of Latin-inspired food from the brand new Sabrosa. "Everything's made from scratch," says Ford, "and people enjoy interacting with chefs while dinner is prepared."
- Call Picnic Box 48 hours ahead to have a portable meal or snack — like a local artisan cheese platter ($10) or salsa and chips ($5) — ready to pick up when you arrive. And forget about schlepping furniture: Ravinia rents tables and chairs, complete with staff to set them up for you.

Stroll and snack

- Need an intermission sugar-boost? Stop by Carousel Ice Cream Shop at the East Gate. Ravinia's signature flavor, Cappuccino Crunch, is reason enough to attend to a concert.
- Or keep an eye out for the FanFare Carts, which bring beverages, several kosher items and ice cream right to you.

Group grub

- Ravinia Catering sets up as few as 20 people or more than 100 on the lawn, under a tent or in private dining spaces. Available packages vary by event, but as an example, 20 people can purchase an all-inclusive package ($75/person) that offers a tent, buffet, unlimited wine and beer and tickets.

201 St. Johns, Highland Park
For tickets and reservations, call (847) 266-5100 or visit Ravinia.org
Midwest Real Estate Data (MRED) compared stats on Chicago’s luxury single-family home stock from April 2011 and April 2013 and found that the number of properties on the market (steadily hovering at an average price of $1.4 million) is down from 430 to 303. And this lack of big-ticket inventory has changed market dynamics substantially: The average number of days on the market for these homes has dropped from 144 to 114, while the month’s supply of inventory is down from 11.1 to 3.3.

Coldwell Banker broker Jenny Ames (left, call 312-440-7525), who sits on the firm’s national Luxury Roundtable, notes that not only is the market hot, but what buyers want right now has changed. “They’ve shifted away from established neighborhoods and have specific non-negotiables: big windows for lots of light, outdoor space via yards and decks, open floor plans that facilitate family interaction and smaller square footage,” she says. “They value quality of life and have less stuff because their lives go on a memory stick. They have smaller homes, but everything in them is perfect.” A prime example is her five-bed, 3.5 bath listing at 3543 N. Leavitt in Roscoe Village, located in the highly rated Audubon Elementary School district. It’s listed for $1.25 million and sports an open-plan first level, hardwood floors, custom closets, three fireplaces, two wet bars, AV and Ethernet wiring through the entire house, a two-car garage and a large outdoor deck. By all estimations, it’s just about perfect for today’s luxury buyer.

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Strike the right note this summer with these 10 local festivals

**Chicago Blues Festival**
Chicago hosts the largest free blues festival in the world, bringing more than 500,000 people to Grant and Millennium Parks. See performances by Otis Clay, Billy Branch, Shemekia Copeland and more. June 6-9. [Cityofchicago.org](http://cityofchicago.org)

**Spring Awakening**
Soldier Field is transformed into an electronic arena for Spring Awakening, where thousands of EDM fans will rock out to the sounds of Bassnectar, Calvin Harris, Moby DJ and dozens more. June 14-16. $180-$300, Soldier Field, 1410 S. Museum Campus, (312) 235-7000; [Springawakeningfestival.com](http://springawakeningfestival.com)

**Green Music Fest**
More than just music, this fest is a celebration of all things eco. Environmentally friendly vendors supplement the live music, and a kids' area provides fun for the whole family. June 22-23. $5, Damen between North and Schiller, (773) 384-2672; Greenmusicfestchicago.com

**Summerfest**
The world's largest music festival is just a short drive away — and our only out-of-town pick. There's something for everyone, with artists like Pitbull, Tom Petty & the Heartbreakers, New Kids on the Block, Tim McGraw and FUN. June 26-30 and July 2-7. $5-$20, 200 N. Harbor, Milwaukee, (414) 273-2680; [Summerfest.com](http://summerfest.com)

**Wavefront Music Festival**
Summer doesn't get much better than this: Wavefront features 100 artists on four stages right on the beach. At the end of each festival day, fireworks light up the lakefront. July 5-7. $70-$500, Montrose Beach; [Wavefrontmusicfestival.com](http://wavefrontmusicfestival.com)

**Chicago Jazz Festival**

**North Coast Music Festival**
North Coast's packed lineup—which includes Nas, Afrojack and Wu-Tang — combines electronic, hip-hop and indie music. A portion of the proceeds benefit the Latino Cultural Center of Chicago. August 30-September 1. $135-$225, Union Park, 1501 W. Randolph, (773) 598-0852; [Northcoastfestival.com](http://northcoastfestival.com)

**Lollapalooza**
A staple on the Chicago festival scene, Lolla is already sold out — but it's worth a trip downtown anyway. The city is bustling with vendors and activity outside the concert gates, and you might even be able to hear headliners like Mumford & Sons. August 2-4, Grant Park; [Lollapalooza.com](http://lollapalooza.com)

**Wrigleyville SummerFest**
With half of the proceeds benefiting organizations like the Lakeview Pantry, this is the perfect feel-good free fest. Enjoy music from local acts and food from local vendors and take your little ones to the family-friendly Kids' Zone. August 4-5. 3300 N. Seminary; [Wrigleyvillesummerfest.com](http://wrigleyvillesummerfest.com)

**Pitchfork**
Björk, Belle & Sebastian, R. Kelly and Solange are just a few of the 40 artists performing at Pitchfork this year. In addition to music and food from local vendors, there's the CHIRP record fair, Coterie craft fair, Flatstock poster sale and the Book Fort. July 19-21. $50-$120, Union Park, 1501 W. Randolph; [Pitchforkmusicfestival.com](http://pitchforkmusicfestival.com)
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The Chrysler 300 designed with opulence in mind

BY JOHN STEIN
For Sun-Times Media

The Chrysler 300 made its debut as a 2011 model and it has only taken a couple of years for a considerable number of changes to make the 2013 model the second-generation a potential success story for Chrysler.

The first thing you will notice about the new 300 is the signature headlamps, with unique "key slot" design, and the bi-functional projector headlamps with LED-illuminated daytime running lamps.

The cool light treatments don't stop with the front end, as the vertical tail lamps, with spectacular LED illumination, deliver big impact during evening/night situations.

The Chrysler 300 is designed for memorable looks and a definite nod to a sense of bling. The 300 model's grille is noticeably different with its slanted angle and more aerodynamic feel with chrome horizontal bars on the 300 and 300C, black bars on the 300S and platinum bars on the 300C Luxury Series.

This new incarnation 300 gets a bit more simple in its overall style, as designers moved away from the high-profile Bentley look, to the

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Weekend retreat

Beauty, convenience, terrific views make Lake Chapin Shores special

Americans prefer quick getaways in summer to weeklong vacations, and visiting a beach or lake is the top most-preferred activity, according to a recent American Express travel survey.

Many American families will be enjoying their summer away from home this year, often planning multiple vacations.

Now, however, more and more Americans prefer to own their weekend vacation homes. The number of recreational homes in America continues to rise, according to the National Association of Realtors. With interest rates at historic lows, the timing couldn’t be better for buying a second home.

Just 90 minutes from Chicago in southwest Michigan, for example, is the private lakeside hideaway community of Lake Chapin Shores. While there are many fine Michigan getaway spots, Lake Chapin Shores is unique because it offers close-in convenience, great use of indoor and outdoor living space, every kind of outdoor activity, spectacular views and scenic beauty on a wonderfully quiet 600-acre all-sports lake.

One unique feature is that Lake Chapin Shores is a family-friendly vacation haven with an available concierge service that ensures each spacious, vacation-ready home is ready for every visit. Families waste no time unloading the car each weekend and getting into vacation mode. No other vacation spot offers such maximum leisure time, low maintenance or community network.

“What we like best about our home at Lake Chapin Shores is that it’s like being on vacation every weekend. It’s easy to get to, only an hour and 30 minutes from our house in Chicago and it’s a great place to relax after the stresses of the work week,” said owners Cathy and Brian.

Some of the popular vacation features for weekend getaways at Lake Chapin Shores include the scenic lakeside views and woodland privacy, the heated swimming pool overlooking the lake, waterskiing, boating, fishing, the children’s playground, the high-quality construction and the great use of the open floor plans, screened porches and large decks.

Cheryl, another Lake Chapin Shores homeowner, said, “The kids explode from the car the moment we arrive, gather their friends from the next home down the path and head down to the pool. They love it here, and my husband and I really value our weekend vacations together as a family. There’s enough to keep the kids busy and happy, while we get to enjoy the fresh air, beautiful views and Grillig on the deck. It was an investment with a lot of return for our family. We’re here every chance we get.”

The 90-minute trip from Chicago to southwest Michigan also gives homeowners access to the area’s small beach communities, first-rate restaurants, ice cream shops, local wineries, public and private golf courses, antique and art galleries and quaint shops.

Take the short trip to southwest Michigan and Lake Chapin Shores. Call 888-TO-MICHIGAN (888-866-4244) for an appointment to tour the community and model home. Visit the Website at www.lakechapinshores.com for a look at each of 12 model home options, photos and a video tour of this unique lake community.
First is best

474 North Lake Shore an excellent opportunity for 'first-timers'

Whether someone is making their first home purchase or is an empty-nester looking to move downtown from the suburbs, the condominiums at 474 North Lake Shore Drive in Chicago may well exceed expectations. Although less than 10 homes remain, there are still a selection of one-, two- and three-bedroom homes.

Remaining one-bedrooms that are ideal for the first-time buyer on a budget or those seeking a second home include Residence 2903. This 741-square-foot, north-facing home features a large walk-in closet and spacious rooms. Like all other homes in the building, this residence includes an in-unit washer and dryer hookup.

Residence 2903 is also customizable, offering the buyer the opportunity to choose from a variety of kitchen cabinets, granite countertops, hardwood flooring and stainless steel appliances. Most other new condominiums were finished by the developer years ago and with a resale, the buyers must either live with what is in the home or do the remodeling themselves.

Another option for a first-time buyer who is seeking a bit more space is Residence 2702, priced at $494,900, with two bedrooms and two bathrooms in 1,257 square feet. Facing north and west, skyline views can be seen from all windows.

For those considering downsizing from a house to a condo, there are several three-bedroom homes with 2,006 square feet. Penthouse Residence 6103, on the top floor of the building, features breathtaking views of the skyline, including the John Hancock Center, as well as Lake Michigan and Navy Pier.

Regardless which home at 474 North Lake Shore Drive is selected, the building's location is one of its greatest selling features. Situated just west of Navy Pier and located in the Streeterville neighborhood, 474 is close to all the best of downtown Chicago living.

The lakefront path, for biking or walking, is across the street, while The Art Institute and other museums are within walking distance. Millennium Park is also nearby. Now that spring has finally arrived, visitors to the park will soon flock to Lurie Gardens and Pritzker Pavilion's verdant lawn. The free concerts at the Pritzker Pavilion are an excellent way to enjoy live entertainment surrounded by the city's renowned skyline.

Navy Pier

In Streeterville, multiple public transit options are in the neighborhood and, for those who prefer to drive, it is easy to access Lake Shore Drive and the expressways. For those who travel out of town, getting to Midway Airport from Streeterville via Lake Shore Drive is easy.

The building itself offers many great amenities including indoor and outdoor entertainment options on the 16th floor: an indoor 1,200-square-foot party room and catering kitchen, a furnished sundeck with gas grills and awe-inspiring views.

Also in the building are an indoor lap pool, a whirlpool spa, and a large, well-equipped fitness center. Additionally, residents enjoy the convenience of a 24-hour doorman, a receiving room and a dry cleaner on-site.

474 North Lake Shore Drive has an on-site sales center, which is open Monday to Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. The prices start at $299,900 for one-bedrooms, $494,900 for two-bedrooms and $799,900 for three-bedrooms and penthouses. Call (312) 245-7200 or visit the Website at www.474lsdcondo.com for additional information.
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With his cheerful spirit, friendly manner, sense of humor, engaging stories, and intellectual curiosity, Nat was an admired friend of many. A true gentleman, he had a way of making others feel good about themselves. Nat had a successful 43 year career with Lansing B. Warner, Inc. and then served as a dedicated volunteer for 20 years with Meals on Wheels. He and Lois traveled extensively and appreciated the wonder of life. He spent his last two and a half years living vibrantly and independently at the Summit of Uptown in Park Ridge.

A celebration of his life will be held on Sunday, June 2, at noon at Park Ridge Community Church, 100 S. Courtland, Park Ridge, IL. Interment private. Memorials may be made to Northwestern University, Kellogg School of Management, 1201 Davis Street, Evanston, IL 60208 or WTTW Channel 11, 5400 N. Saint Louis Ave., Chicago, IL 60625. Arrangements conducted by Nelson Funeral Home. (847) 823-5122 and Online guestbook www.nelsonfuneral5.com

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Mass was held on Wednesday, May 22, 2013 at St. Martha's Catholic Church in Morton Grove with burial at Maryhill Catholic Cemetery in Niles. For information, Shalom Memorial Funeral Home, (847) 255-3520 or www.shalom2.com to leave tributes and condolences.

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Model A Club's Pie Wagon
By Jerome Sund of the Salt Creek Model A Club, based in Hodgkins

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The club owns a 1929 Model A Truck which was restored by the club members and is used by the club members in various parades, car shows and other activities. The Pie Wagon is a 1929 Model A Ford that has been rebuilt with what is called a "Canopy Express" body. It is still called a Pie Wagon because that's what it was when donated to the club by a former club member who realized he would never get around to restoring it. Originally, it really was a pie wagon, used by a baker to deliver pies.

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Summer Music 2013
Where to head for outdoor concerts

Ah, summer!

It's time once again for the annual roundup of suburban outdoor concerts, created to help you enjoy these few months of the Midwest's best weather to its fullest. Grab your lawn chairs and blankets, put the babies in strollers, arm the kids with soap bubbles and glow sticks ... and be sure to keep this guide handy all season!

**Evanston**

Starlight Concert Series, 7:30-9 p.m. most Tuesdays and Thursdays, June 13-Aug. 20, at six Evanston parks. Free admission. June 13, 20 and 27, July 11 and 18: James Park, Dodge Avenue at Mulford. June 18 and July 16: Harbert Park, Dempster Street at McDaniel. June 25: Bent Park, Central Street at Cowper Avenue. July 9 and Aug. 8: Twigg Park, Simpson Street at Dodge Avenue. July 23 and 30 and Aug. 6, 13 and 20: Dawes Park, Sheridan Road at Church Street. July 25: Brummel Park, Brummel Street at Elmwood Avenue. Rain site for Dawes, Brummell and James parks concerts is Levy Senior Center, 300 Dodge Ave.; rain site for Twigg, Harbert and Bent parks concerts is Fleetwood-Jourdain Center, 1655 Foster St., Evanston. Call (847) 448-8058 after 4:30 p.m. on show date for rain site information.

**Glencoe**

Magical play challenges standards in Boystown

Race, gender, class and age issues are all addressed in "What's the T?" by the About Face Youth Theatre Ensemble.

The play was developed through a collaboration between Wilmette native Sara Kerastas, a playwright and About Face Theatre's Education Programs Director, and members of the ensemble. It premiered last year and was so well received that the work is being restaged at Victory Gardens Theater, through June 2.

"About Face Youth Theatre creates a mainstage play every two years," Kerastas said. "We start off with a general theme, and then we start collecting stories and doing interviews. Through that process, we start to specify."

The initial plan was to create a story about transgender identity. "We wanted to do a play that was advocating for trans folks," Kerastas explained. "Then, about halfway through our process the summer of 2011, a lot of overt community disruption was happening in Boystown in Chicago. There were some incidents of violence that got a lot of media attention. That incited a lot of fear in people living in that neighborhood. A bunch of residents created a group called Take Back Boystown."

That group created a Facebook page where people anonymously posted offensive comments. A community meeting drew more than 600 people with participants erupting into "horrible verbal fights," Kerastas said. "We decided to refocus the theme [of the play] to address these issues. We didn't want to let go of transgender identity but we realized that we could talk about it through this specific lens."

The main storyline is about a young transgender guy who has been kicked out of his home for being trans. He connects online with a trans woman who is a community leader in Boystown. "The play tracks their relationship," Kerastas explained.

The show was performed to sell-out crowds last year at Red Tape Theatre and then the National Museum of Mexican Art. "Our audiences were so diverse," Kerastas reported. About Face decided to bring back the show because so many people asked when it was going to be restaged. "We have put a lot of work into gathering the original cast, getting our schedule fixed and finding the funding. We're now lucky enough to be able to do it," Kerastas said. Eric Hoff directs.

"There are a couple moments we are tweaking," Kerastas related. "But, for the most part, it's the same play."

Kerastas spent her early years overseas with her family but attended New Trier High School after they returned to the Chicago area (her parents still live in Wilmette). Following graduation, she went to Tulane University in New Orleans on scholarship for a year but soon realized, "It wasn't the place for me. I couldn't pinpoint why at the time," she said.

She transferred to McGill University in Montreal where she earned a bachelor's degree in English drama and theatre and women's studies. "The tuition in Canada is about a fifth of the tuition in the U.S.," Kerastas noted. While in Canada, she directed productions with a handful of theater companies. Kerastas is also a performer with the queer performance collective Goldmine and a storyteller with 2nd Story.

The actor/director/writer seems particularly proud of her work as an educator. "That's a new title that I've come to claim," she said. "A lot of the work that I do at About Face is working with young people, ages 14-23. A lot of that work has to do with anti-oppression workshops, in addition to all of the theater training we do."

Kerastas particularly enjoys working with that age group because, "Young people are really fierce," she declared. "They are so much more open-minded than everyone else and can imagine the world in these really progressive and magical ways that I just don't find as much with adults. It's this idea of movement, of progress, of change, of challenging the standards."
Managing Editor Jennifer Thomas' entertainment picks for this week

1. 'Arsenic and Old Lace'
   by Thin Ice Theater
   takes place 7:30 p.m. May 31 and June 1 and 3 p.m. June 2 at Dempster Street Theater in Evanston. Thinice-theater.com.

2. Invitational Fine Art Fair,
   hosted by the Des Plaines Art Guild, is
   11 a.m.-5 p.m. June 1-2 at Des Plaines Library Plaza, 1501 Ellinwood St. Visit www.dpag.org.

3. North Shore Choral Society
   (above) presents
   'An Afternoon at the Opera' 3 p.m. June 2 at Glenview Community Church, 1000 Elm St. Northshorechoral.org.

4. 'One Voice: A Celebration of Jewish Music'
   a concert by choir Kol Echad is at
   4 p.m. June 2 at Temple Beth Israel, 3601 W. Dempster St., Skokie. See tbiskokie.org.

5. Bopology
   swing band performs at 7 p.m.
   June 5 at the Lincolnwood Public Library, 4000 W. Pratt Ave. See lincolnwoodlibrary.org.
Concerts
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Hot Summer Nights, 6-8 p.m. Thursdays, June 6-Aug. 29, at the Chicago Botanic Garden, 1000 Lake Cook Road, Glencoe. Admission is free; parking is $25 per car. Call (847) 835-5440 or visit www.chicagobotanic.org.


Dancin' Sprouts children's music series, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesdays, June 5-Aug. 29, at the Chicago Botanic Garden, 1000 Lake Cook Road, Glencoe. Admission is free; parking is $25 per car. Call (847) 835-5440 or visit www.chicagobotanic.org.


Bearfoot In the Park concerts, 7 p.m. Wednesdays, June 12-Aug. 7, in the Jackson Park Gazebo, Lehigh and Prairie, Glenview. Free admission. Call weather hotline, (847) 724-3337, after 6 p.m. on concert day. In the event of inclement weather, concert will be held at Park Center, 2400 Chestnut Ave.


Summer Concert Series, 7 p.m. Thursdays at Proesel Park, 6915 Kostner Ave., Lincolnwood. Concession stand will be open. Free admission; bring lawn chairs or blankets for seating. Visit www.recreation.lwd.org.


Morton Grove
Tunes On Tuesday, 7 p.m. at Harrer Park Pavilion, 6250 Dempster St., Morton Grove. Free admission. See www.mortongrovecareers.com.

Mount Prospect Community Band presents free concerts at 7:30 p.m. Mondays at the Veterans Memorial Band Shell, 411 S. Maple St., Mount Prospect. Information at www.mppd.org.

Dancing in the Park, 7 p.m. Wednesdays, June 5-Aug. 28, at the Village Green (lower level of Village Hall). Free admission; donations for Village Hall are welcome. Information: www.mountprospect.org/department/arts-culture.html.


Sizzling Summer Spectacular concert series, 7:30 p.m. Thursdays at the Mount Prospect Veterans Memorial Band Shell, 411 S. Maple St. Free admission. Visit www.mppd.org.


NILES


ROSEMENT

In a 2007 Vanity Fair article, Christopher Hitchens expounded on “the superior funniness of men” and the “inferior funniness of women.” His entire premise was laughable then and even more so now thanks to the ever-growing number of high-profile comedians (Tina Fey, Amy Poehler, Kristen Wiig, Melissa McCarthy, etc.) and the many lesser-known women working the stand-up, improv and sketch circuits in cities around the country.

With Chicago being the hub of comedy that it is, it was fitting that last year saw the debut of the Chicago Women’s Funny Festival. After an overwhelming response, the four-day event is set for a return engagement June 6-9 at Stage 773.

“Our goal is to put all these women in one venue and showcase the magnitude of what is happening in the comedy world,” festival co-founder Jill Valentine says. Filling the venue’s four
Chicago Women's Funny Festival

Stage 773, 1225 W. Belmont, Chicago
June 6-8
$14-$15
(773) 327-5252; www.stage773.com

Stages are 80 shows featuring more than 400 performers. It's an exciting scene, says Valentine of the vibe that resonates throughout the festival.

"What's so great is that the lineup covers so many different art forms," Valentine explains. "Whatever your flavor is, we have it."

Valentine, executive director of the Chicago Sketch Comedy Festival, co-founded the female-centric festival with Liz McArthur. Both are veterans of the Chicago comedy scene and will debut their two-woman show "Feminine Gentleman" at the festival.

According to Valentine, the only other festival of its kind is Boston's Women in Comedy Festival. Chicago with its burgeoning female comedy scene was a natural site for a similar event.

"The Chicago scene is exploding," Valentine says. "So many people are moving here to learn and be educated in comedy. When I started 15 years ago, maybe there were two women in a class. Now women make up half the class and are also teaching the class. We are literally breeding comedians."

Here is a sampling of performances from the Chicago Women's Funny Festival. For a full list, go to chicagowomensfunnyfestival.com.

Say Hello To Your Friends: The Improvised Baby-Sitters Club (5 p.m. June 9): Get the answers to all the burning questions that were never answered in "The Baby-Sitters Club" books.

Shakespeare's Female Women (8 p.m. June 7): Ever Mainard and Alicia Queen's absurd romp that delves into the feminine mystique of the Bard via interpretations of both the famous and obscure ladies in the canon.

Claudia Michelle Wallace is ... Older, Blacker, Bolder, Wiser? (10 p.m. June 8): The Second City alum dissects the aging process in a series of character sketches and personal observations.

I'm Different, Not Dumb (8 p.m. June 9): Ali Clayton grew up with learning disabilities and in this one-woman show she takes aim at her shortcomings.

Michele Durante (8 p.m. June 8): The former New York City detective shares her experiences with the NYPD including being one of the few females on the force and openly gay.

The Pop-Tarts (8 p.m. June 6): Musical sketch comedy featuring "British" pop stars Beatrice (Bente Engelstoft) and Evelyn (Jennifer Cumberworth) as they tour America performing their "classics" such as "Can't Take Me Anywhere" and "Cowboy Fantasy."
Consider it musical theater's Little Engine that Could.

Other shows are bigger and more spectacular — think the dazzling chandelier of "Phantom of the Opera," the glittering, high-kicking finale of "A Chorus Line" or the dragstravaganza gender illusionists of "Kinky Boots."

But "I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change," wherein four actors plug along on a bare stage in a largely dance free revue, is more enduring.

"When we did our first stumble through, we all kept looking at each other like, 'wait, where's the big dance number?'' says Broadway veteran Bernie Yvon. Along with Alex Goodrich, Kelly Anne Clark and Johanna McKenzie Miller, Yvon appears in the Marriott Theatre's production of "I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change," June 5-Aug. 11. Despite the lack of over-the-top, tap-happy histrionics — or perhaps because of it — "I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change" is the longest running show off-Broadway. Since its London premier in 1999, the show has been translated into 14 languages and performed in some 400 cities throughout 30 countries. "Obviously, it's not 42nd Street," Marriott director Matt Raftery noted, "But it really touches people and expresses the ways we all experience relationships, whether you're still in the trenches of dating or you've been in a committed relationship for years. It lets you laugh at yourself. And it gives you permission, no matter what you've gone through, to feel normal."

"Normal" covers a lot of ground in the show, during which a quartet of actors portray couples at various points in various romantic relationships, from nervous first encounters between 20-somethings to final good-byes between long-married senior citizens.

"You know when you hear something is a revue, you kind of automatically think it's going to be kind of frivolous compared to a book musical," said Yvon, whose extensive experience with book (story driven) musicals includes a stint on Broadway with "Ragtime."

"But it seems to me the creators of this show really made sure it was well-thought out and smartly executed. The way it covers falling in love, starting a family and growing old — it's extremely moving without being drippingly sentimental. There's a lot of
emotional power to it."
That power has remained intact over the years, even though the off-stage world surrounding "I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change" is a far different place than it was when the show debuted 14 years ago. Some of the changes necessitated a tiny bit of script tweaking; "Answering machine" has been replaced by "voice mail," for example.
But the cast has also discussed much larger issues, namely that the show reflects a time when gay marriage wasn't even a faint light in the distance. The world of "I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change" is all-straight, all-the-time, Raftery noted. But it's no longer a foregone conclusion that the universe is strictly hetero-normative, and the Marriott's production will indicate as much.
Raftery isn't about to go all "Cage-Aux-Folles" with the show, but he has found an elegant, meaningful and creative way to make the piece more representative of the world as we know it (without tempering with its script or characters).
The set design for "I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change" has always called for some form of video projection. Raftery is using that visual element to indicate that love and relationships aren't the sole purview of straight peoples.
"We're going to acknowledge all kinds of couples," he said, "With the finale of the show, it's our goal to be inclusive."
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Family Friendly
Pooches to play at Woofstock

When Pooch Park opened in 2003 at 3220 Oakton St., the inaugural Woofstock celebration was held to introduce dogs and their owners to the new play place.

"It was so popular, we keep doing it," said Jim Bottorff, communications and marketing manager for the Skokie Park District, which co-sponsors the park with the City of Evanston.
This year’s event is 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, June 2. They are repeating last year's popular 1960s theme with music from that era and possibly a tie-dye activity. Kids can play on a moonwalk bounce house.

"We do four different contests for the dogs," Bottorff said. "There's a dog food relay, an agility race, a dog-owner look-alike contest — which is always very popular and quite funny — and a doggie voice contest, which is basically owners trying to get their dogs to sing with them."

Dogs must be on-leash during the event. Food and beverages will be sold.

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

LEX HAD BETTER LOSE

When Bruce Wayne, aka Batman, receives a Man of the Year Award, his jealous fellow billionaire Lex Luthor decides to run for president in "Lego Batman the Movie." The 1 hour, 11 minute kids' flick will be shown at 4 p.m. Friday, May 31 at Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave.
For details, call (847) 965-4220 or go to www.mgpl.org.

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You'll learn how easy it is at Can You Canoe?, 10 a.m. to noon or 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Sunday, June 2 at Emily Oaks Nature Center, 4650 Brummel, Skokie. Canoes can hold up to two adults and two children. Cost is $9 per person for residents, $11 for nonresidents.
For details, call (847) 674-1500, ext. 2500 or go to www.skokieparks.org/emily-oaks-nature-center.

BLAST OFF!

A robot's parents keep downloading information into him but he decides to try another way of learning in "Doug Unplugged" by Dan Yaccarino. Kids will hear that story at 7 p.m. Friday, May 31 at the Village Crossing Shopping Center Barnes & Noble, 5405 Touhy Ave., Skokie. Afterwards, they will make an indoor rocket to take home.
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After crash-landing on now-hostile Earth a thousand years after mankind was forced to leave it, a young soldier (Jaden Smith) embarks on a dangerous journey to signal for help for himself and his injured father (Will Smith). M. Night Shyamalan (“The Last Air Bender”) co-wrote and directed the sci-fi adventure.

BEFORE MIDNIGHT

★★½
Rated
R for sexual content/nudity and language
Stars
Ethan Hawke, Julie Delpy

“Before Midnight” might not be as passionately romantic as director Richard Linklater’s “Before Sunrise” (1995) or “Before Sunset” (2004), but it certainly pays dividends in terms of its intriguing ideas about love, life, work, family and the differing ways men and women think and feel about them. And the trilogy’s bedrock appreciation of romance in spite of everything continues to shine through. This time, Jesse and Celine (Hawke and Delpy) are an early-middle-aged couple with children and a history that’s not entirely devoid of regret and resentment — all of it vented in a climactic battle on the last night of a summer vacation in Greece. Fortunately, while “Before Midnight” addresses weighty concerns throughout and even turns painful for a time toward the end, it has a remarkably light touch and an ongoing sense of humor. Which appears to be Jesse and Celine’s saving grace.

NOW YOU SEE ME

★★½
Rated
PG-13 for language, some action and sexual content
Stars
Jesse Eisenberg, Mark Ruffalo, Woody Harrelson, Melanie Laurent

If you’re in the mood for grand-scale style sans substance and you don’t care if what you’re watching makes much sense, you could do worse than this pretentious tastic tale of Vegas-variety mega-magicians stealing millions of dollars from bad guys as part of their stage act. A grumpy FBI agent (Ruffalo) bumbles after the Four Horsemen (Eisenberg, Harrelson, Isla Fisher and Dave Franco) as their magical thievery grows more and more mind-boggling, as do the gaps in story logic, until a final big surprise that pretty much invalidates everything that’s happened earlier. Sometimes, Hollywood tricksters can be too tricky for their own good.

STILL PLAYING

EPIC

★★★½
Rated
PG-13 for intense sequences of violence and action and mayhem throughout, some sexuality and language
Stars
Amanda Seyfried, Beyonce Knowles, Josh Hutcherson, Jason Sudeikis

It’s not really surprising that this Lilliputian tale of a life-or-death struggle between the forces of evil, life and death, looks great and serves up plenty of slam-bang action and comedy. After all, Blue Sky Studios has had the spectacular entertainment thing covered since debuting a little more than a decade ago with the first “Ice Age” movie. It is a bit unusual, though, that mortality should play such a key role in setting the film’s mood. After young Mary Katherine (Seyfried) accidentally encounters the tiny forest civilization long suspected by her eccentric scientist father, she’s shrunk down to bug size “Alice in Wonderland”-style. Then she’s reluctantly recruited into a war between the forces of good Queen Tara (Knowles) and evil King Mandrake (Christoph Waltz). Death and rebirth get almost equal billing in “Epic,” which also features the early demise of two central characters while others mourn losses of others. All of which combine to create a subtle element of melancholy that weighs “Epic” down, just a tad, while simultaneously giving it a satisfying sense of emotional depth.

FAST & FURIOUS 6

Rated
PG-13 for intense action sequences of violence, some bloody images and language
Stars
Dwayne Johnson, Jason Statham, Vin Diesel, Paul Walker, Michelle Rodriguez

A special agent (Johnson) recruits Dom (Diesel) and his crew to bring down a soldier of fortune specializing in vehicular warfare. Justin Lin (“Fast & Furious: Tokyo Drift”) returns to direct the action adventure.

THE HANGOVER PART III

★★
Rated
R for sexual content/nudity
including sexual references, some violence and drug content, and graphic nudity
Stars
Bradley Cooper, Ed Helms, Zach Galifianakis, Ken Jeong, John Goodman

In a rare moment of lucidity toward the end of “The Hangover Part III,” crazy Alan (Galifianakis) expresses some misgivings about the way things go down whenever they all get together for more misadventures: “Bad things happen and people get hurt.” “Yeah, that’s the point,” says degenerate freelance criminal Mr. Chow (Jeong). “It’s funny.” Not so much though, really, in this almost painfully unfunny sequel to the inspired 2009 original, which plays more like a middling action movie than a raunchy comedy. There’s zero debauchery this time around (not even a hangover) as senior Wolfpack members Stu and Phil (Helms and Cooper) reluctantly agree to take Alan on a cross-country trip to a psychiatric hospital. Soon, though, they’re waylaid by an easily exasperated gangster (Goodman), who takes Alan’s brother-in-law hostage and gives them three days to track down their old associate Chow, who has stolen $21 million in gold from him. Plenty of pseudo-thrills ensue, but little in the way of genuine laughs. “Hangover III” seems more interested in generating adrenaline than hilarity.
By Bruce Ingram | Film Critic

'Now You See Me' ★★

"The closer you look, the less you see."

We hear variations on that rather smug warning several times during this not-quite-as-cool-as-it-thinks-it-is, hocus-pocus heist movie, informing us that we're about to be tricked and there's really nothing we can do about it. Which is kind of ironic, because the same could be said of the film itself.

Director Louis Leterrier is an ace when it comes to cinematic razzle-dazzle, so he must have felt right at home conjuring up all the magical spectacle involved in 'Now You See Me.' If you're in the mood for grand-scale style sans substance and you don't care if what you're watching makes much sense, you could do worse than plunking down $10 for this tale of Vegas-variety magicians stealing millions from rich do-badders as part of their stage act. And redistributing it, Robin Hood-like, to their fans.

The story begins with an unknown magical mastermind passing along a complex scheme to four edgy, hustling street magicians: obnoxious illusionist Michael (Jesse Eisenberg), down-on-his-luck mentalist Merritt (Woody Harrelson), snarky escape artist Henley (Isla Fisher), and sleight-of-hand pickpocket Jack (Dave Franco).

Next thing we know, these so-called Four Horsemen have picked up a rich and unscrupulous manager (Michael Caine), who becomes a star attraction at the MGM Grand. There, they see them select a random Frenchman from the audience and prestidigitate him into the vault of his bank in Paris. All the cash on hand gets sucked up into an air vent as it simultaneously rains down on the audience in Vegas.

Pretty snazzy, right? Well, not in the opinion of grumpy FBI agent Hobbs (Mark Ruffalo), who proceeds to arrest them. He swears to catch them red-handed after it's made clear that prosecuting them for criminal magic is a definite non-starter. The Horsemen, for their part, announce two more major crimes and enjoy thumbing their noses at Hobbs. So does Morgan Freeman in a much-less-likable role as a professional magician-debunker serving as a snide consultant.

And that's the way it goes, as Hobbs bumbles his way through his investigation and the magical thievery grows more and more mind-boggling. An unnecessary romance develops with a French Interpol agent (Melanie Laurent) and even more unnecessary action is worked into the mix.

Meanwhile, little by little, the logical gaps grow bigger and bigger. Again, though, how much credibility should we expect from a movie that's all about illusion, deception and big-league eye candy?

Maybe not a lot, but some, surely? And that's where "Now You See Me" ultimately goes wrong, staging a final big surprise that pretty much invalidates everything that's happened earlier.

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- Presenting an all-Telemann program at 7:30 p.m. June 1 at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 616 Lake St., Evanston. $20; $10 students. Visit www.newcommabaroque.org.

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- Chicago's lesbian feminist chorus will present "Amazon Women Rise" at 7:30 p.m. June 1 at Broadway United Methodist Church, 3338 N. Broadway, Chicago. Skokie resident Stephanie Larenas will be piano accompanist. $15 in advance; $20 at the door; $10 students. Visit www.artemissingers.org.

**Ethical Humanist Society Second Saturday Coffeehouse**
- 7574 N. Lincoln Ave. (at Howard), Skokie. www.ethicalhuman.org/coffeehouse. June 8, 8 p.m.: Music by a trio from the Maxwell Street Klezmer Band, including Alex Koffman on violin, Gail Mangurten on piano, and Kimberly Leider Nussbaum on vocals. $8 includes refreshments.

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**Northwest Choral Society**
- Presenting "The Sound of Musicals" at 4 p.m. June 2 at the Schaumburg Prairie Center for the Arts, 201 Schaumburg Court, Schaumburg. The concert features the medley "100 Years of Broadway," with accompaniment by a pit orchestra. $20; $15 students and seniors. Visit www.nwchoralsociety.org.

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**Youth ensemble auditions**
- GT Skokie Young Artists seeking an ensemble of youth actors ages 8-13 to adapt and perform a version of "Peter Pan." Auditions will be held 5-7 p.m. June 8 and 5-7 p.m. June 9 at the Skokie Theatre, 7924 Lincoln Ave, Skokie. There is no cost to participate. Prepare a one-minute monologue, or one minute of text from your favorite book. Cold readings will be available for anyone without a prepared piece. If possible, bring a headshot and resume. To set up an audition, contact director Chelsea Taylor at chelsea.taylor29@gmail.com. Indicate name and age and preferred audition date and time.

**Play On auditions**
- Auditions for Play On, the Midwest’s only community college playwriting festival, will be 6-9 p.m. June 10 and 12 at Oakton Community
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College's Studio One, 1600 E. Golf Road, Des Plaines. No appointment is necessary. Festival directors are casting men and women of all ages and ethnicities. Prepare a monologue and be ready to do cold readings. The festival will be staged July 23-25. For information, call (847) 635-1976 or e-mail katet@oakton.edu.

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Dance
Chicago Dance Chapter of USA Dance
Hosting its monthly party, "It's Raining Men," on June 8 at The Centre at North Park, 10040 Addison, Franklin Park. Cha cha lesson at 7:30 p.m.; open dancing 8:15-11 p.m. Admission: $10; $8 members; $6 students. Visit www.usadancechicago.org.

"Flamenco Passion"
Live music and dance performances by Ensemble Español, 7:30 p.m. June 21-22 and 3 p.m. June 23 at the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts, 5951 Skokie Blvd., Skokie. The program will feature the flamenco ballet, "Bolero," as well as three world premieres. $26-$46. Call (847) 673-6300 or visit www.northshorecenter.org.

Traveling Tap Dance Super Show
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4000 W. Pratt Ave. (847) 663-6405. www.lincolnwoodlibrary.org. May 31, 1 p.m.: "Hyde Park on Hudson." June 6, 10:30 a.m.: "Smashed." June 6, 7 p.m.: "Silver Linings Playbook."

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Classic Film Series is held at 7:30 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, unless otherwise noted, at the Portage Theater, 4050 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago. Admission is $5. Visit www.northwestchicagofilmsociety.org. June 5: "High Treason" (1929) plus an episode of the serial King of the Kongo entitled "Danger in the Dark." June 10: "Ace in the Hole" (1951), starring Kirk Douglas. June 12: "Chicano Love is Forever" (1978), in Spanish and English.

Skokie Northshore Sculpture Park
Located along the east side of McCormick Boulevard, between Dempster on the north to Touhy on the south. Free, docent-led tours featuring a different section of the two-mile long park are offered each month. Tours last approximately one hour and feature discussions of the sculptures, their creating artists' types of materials used and techniques employed as well as the artists' concepts for the various pieces. The park is handicapped accessible but the tours require walking between the sculptures, so people who have difficulty are encouraged to bring a wheelchair. All tours begin promptly at 1 p.m. No reservations needed. Visit www.sculpturepark.org or call (847) 679-4265. June 23: Section II; park in the Rowing Center parking lot on Oakton, just east of McCormick, and walk over the channel bridge to McCormick to begin the tour.

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North Shore a good fit for Champions Tour

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Everybody on stage at North Shore Country Club shared similar sentiments: It’s good for professional golf to be coming back to Chicago.

Next month, the Glenview-based private club will play host to the Encompass Championship, a first-time stop on the Champions Tour. It’s a 54-hole tournament with a $1.8 million purse ($270,000 goes to the winner). The primary charities will be Bears Care and the McCormick Foundation.

"Chicago obviously has a zillion great golf courses, so why wouldn’t we be here?" said Rocco Mediate, who is best known for losing an 18-hole playoff to Tiger Woods at the 2008 U.S. Open and won his first start on the Champions Tour earlier this year. "I think everybody is going to love it (at North Shore Country Club)."

Two Chicago-area pros also attended the media day on May 20. It was the kickoff for the weeklong event, which runs June 17-23. Lake Forest’s Chip Beck and Hinsdale’s Jeff Sluman both were part of a group that helped encourage the tour to consider returning to Chicago, where it last played in 2002.

"Everybody wanted to come play (in Chicago), said Sluman, who won the 1988 PGA Championship. "Once we decided on North Shore, it exploded with excitement. The pieces all fell into place."

Tom Ealy, the president of Northbrook-based Encompass Insurance, said both Beck and Sluman were instrumental in securing a stop in the Chicago area.

"Without them, we would not be here," he said.

This isn’t North Shore Country Club’s first experience hosting high-level golf. Founded in 1917, the course, which plays 7,031 yards to a par 72, hosted the 1933 U.S. Open and most recently the 2011 Western Amateur, one of the best amateur tournaments in the world.

"We've played U.S. Open qualifiers here in the past," said Beck, who once shot a 59 at a PGA Tour tournament. "It's a good combination of accuracy off the tee and good short game. It's a good blend of golf, and it's a good course for us."

Other big names who already have committed to the tournament include Hale Irwin, Ben Crenshaw, Jay Haas, Tom Kite, Mark O'Meara, Nick Price, Craig Stadler and Fuzzy Zoeller.

Mike Stevens, the president of the Champions Tour, said Fred Couples has verbally committed, but the fan favorite and 1992 Masters champion has until later next month to officially enter.

"This has been a long time coming," Stevens said of any tour returning to the Chicago market. "(North Shore Country Club) is a tradition-rich course, and it could not be a better fit."
**BOYS TRACK AND FIELD STATE MEET**

Beller breaks long-standing record

(From left to right) Downers South's Jacob Amiri, Niles West's Yandel Cardenas and Marmion's Kevin Grahovec compete in the 800-meter run at the Class 3A state meet Friday. Cardenas took fourth in his heat (1 minute, 57.45 seconds) and didn't reach the finals. | PATRICK GLEASON-for Sun-Times Media

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The Cy Young Award was first given in 1956. Which team has had the most winners? The answer is the Dodgers - Don Newcombe (1956), Don Drysdale ('62), Sandy Koufax ('63, '65, '66), Mike Marshall ('74), Fernando Valenzuela ('81), Orel Hershiser ('88), Eric Gagne ('03), and Clayton Kershaw ('11). By the way, one pitcher won at least 25 games three times in his career but, remarkably, never received the Cy Young. Any guesses? It was San Francisco Giants Hall of Famer Juan Marichal.

Entering the 2013 season, there had been 106 switch-hitters with at least 5,000 at bats in big league history, but only two hit at least .300 from both sides of the plate. One was Hall of Famer Frankie Frisch. The other - Atlanta's Chipper Jones, who retired at the end of the 2012 campaign. Any idea which switch-hitter holds the major league mark for hitting home runs from both sides in the same game? It's Mark Teixeira, who'd done it 13 times as of the start of the 2013 season.

Two home run challenges: Name the three players who hit home runs in the majors as teenagers as well as after they turned 40. They were Ty Cobb, Rusty Staub and Gary Sheffield. Now, name the four players who hit home runs in the majors in four decades. They first three were Ted Williams, Willie McCovey and Ricky Henderson - names that make sense to any baseball fan. But if you know the fourth, you're a Hall of Fame candidate yourself. Ready? It's Omar Vizquel.

William Kuhnle's school record in the 1,600-meter run (4 minutes, 14.3 seconds) had held up since 1967.

Niles North's Micah Beller had been chasing Kuhnle's school record throughout his senior season and, in the state preliminaries Friday, the University of Michigan recruit broke it. Beller was the third-fastest qualifier that day, running a 4:13.93 to advance to the state finals.

Beller finished eighth (4:16.90) in the state Saturday.

While Beller set the new school record at state, he temporarily thought his final two opportunities...
to become the Vikings’ top miler had slipped away at sectionals. Beller finished fifth (4:21.70) at the Niles West Sectional, sneaking under the state qualifying standard by 1.04 seconds.

“I actually had finished and thought I hadn’t made the cut, which was kind of devastating,” Beller said. “A few minutes after the race, my coach came up to me and let me know I had actually made it in. For a few minutes, I was confident I wasn’t going to state this year.”

MEMORABLE EXPERIENCE

Justin Atwal’s career concluded Friday in his first, and final, race at the state meet. The Niles West senior ran the third leg on the Wolves’ 4x400 relay, which finished eighth (3:26.21) out of nine teams in its heat.

“It was a great, great experience,” Atwal said. “It was way more fun than I ever thought it would be. It’s a great way to end my senior year.”

Atwal’s opportunity to conclude his running career at the state meet almost didn’t come. Niles West’s 4x400 relay finished third at sectionals, and it didn’t meet the Class 3A state qualifying standard. But Glenbrook South’s second-place 4x400 relay was disqualified when a runner stepped out of bounds. The Wolves moved into second and advanced to state.

That disqualification provided Atwal with an experience similar to what many athletes feel at state.

“I was really nervous going into this,” Atwal said. “I was shaking so much just walking up to the line. ... Once I got up to the start and saw (Niles West senior) George (Webb) coming in, everything just went away. And then I just started running.”

MOVING UP

Niles West juniors Dennis Gargovic and Matt Henry both snuck into the state finals. Gargovic’s throw of 52 feet, 8.25 inches earned him the 11th seed heading into Saturday’s state finals, and Henry’s 39.78 in the 300 hurdles gave him that event’s ninth and final spot.

Gargovic used a throw of 55-4.5 in the state finals to jump all the way up to sixth, which earned him all-state honors. It was a personal best throw for Gargovic by almost a foot.

Henry also improved upon his seed at the state finals. He earned an all-state medal by finishing eighth in the 300 hurdles (40.09) on a wet day at O’Brien Stadium.
Moses soars despite lack of pit

Northridge jumper competes in second straight state meet

If Forest Moses has his way, Northridge could be developing a long line of state qualifiers in the high jump.

The fact that it could happen even though the Niles school lacks the requisite equipment to practice the event makes his rise and goals even more impressive—and ambitious.

Moses made his second trip to the Class 1A boys track and field state championships in the high jump on May 23. The sophomore cleared 5 feet, 11 inches in the prelims, coming up short in a bid to reach the finals.

Moses said just reaching the state meet was an accomplishment, however. Northridge doesn't have a pit required for Moses to practice, so most of his work comes pre and post meets.

Moses, who works on conditioning during practices after school, had never attempted the high jump before this freshman year of high school. He cleared 5 feet the first time he attempted.

"I was nervous the first time," the Highland Park resident said. "I had never tried it before and really couldn't practice."

Over time, Moses improved his technique and is closing in on 6 feet. This summer, he plans to attend a track and field program at Indiana University to try to take another step forward.

Moses said he is hoping to clear 6 feet soon and make the finals of the state championships next year, becoming all-state before he graduates.

His dedication and ability to overcome the lack of equipment impresses his coach.

"He works really hard," coach Mike Egle said. "It's pretty incredible what he's done...and to be so successful at it."

What his coach is really impressed by is Moses' work with other students. He isn't just focused on improving himself, Egle said, but he has been instrumental in helping turn other teammates onto the event.

Freshman Charlie Labotka is one of them. Labotka said that following meets this year, Moses would set the equipment back up and help other athletes from Northridge, teaching form and technique as he tries to make the event more mainstream.

"He's good at it and he loves it," Labotka said of Moses. "He thinks we will too if we get good enough. The rest of us have watched him and seen his success and I think there's the feeling that we can be that good too because of him."

After a second consecutive trip to the state championships, Moses will probably have some new recruits come next season.

"It's more about the team than it is about himself," Egle added. "He's got the bug for state (after going his freshman year) and he wants everyone to get the chance to go there."
Blue Demons hope to bounce back next season

BY MIKE ECKERT | Contributor | @EckertMike

There has been a pattern for the Maine East boys volleyball team over the last few years.

Since 2007, the Blue Demons have finished with a losing record four times. The first three times, Maine East rebounded with 20-plus wins the next year. After an 11-25 campaign this spring, Maine East will look to continue that trend next season.

"Coming in, we knew we were going to be inexperienced and we'd have our struggles," Blue Demons coach Jon Kulesza said. "We just don't have kids here that play year-round. Our expectations were a little lower than years past because we were going to see a lot of time from two sophomores, four juniors and one or two seniors. Ultimately, that proved to be true, but the arrow was definitely pointing up the last four weeks of the season."

Maine East junior middle hitter Marko Protic said it took some time to establish roles on the team.

"At the beginning we were struggling," he said. "We couldn't figure out our lineups and what positions people should play. But as it went on, we saw the strengths people had. We started clicking, and we got a few wins."

The Blue Demons won four of their last seven matches, including a Class 4A playoff victory. In the Niles West regional quarterfinal, the 15th-seeded Blue Demons beat No. 18 Northside 25-16, 25-12 on May 20. They lost in the semifinal to No. 2 Glenbrook North 25-17, 25-12 the following day.

Protic is looking forward to keeping the momentum going this summer. Players on Maine East's varsity team figure to be joined in camps and leagues by players from a .500 Blue Demons JV team.

"I play basketball too, so I'll have workouts and offseason practices," Protic said. "For volleyball, I'll try to get in plenty of playing time with camps."

"We're really excited looking ahead here," Kulesza said. "These younger guys have become much better varsity players, and (summer leagues) will just give them more time playing and competing against these better teams. We'd like to get into a position where we're considered one of the better teams."
Dons look to be in 'good shape' for 2014

BY MIKE ECKERT | Contributor | @EckertMike

ELMHURST
Notre Dame midfielder Anton Mueller feels good about the direction the Dons lacrosse team is heading.

"Next year, they're going to be the exact same team they are now," Mueller said. "I'm perfectly comfortable with them going very far."

Notre Dame is slated to be the exact same team next spring -- with the exception of Mueller. He was the lone senior on this year's squad that finished with a 7-12 record.

"They all nominated me as captain, so it made me feel good about myself, but also nervous," Mueller said. "I had to set the best example I could, being the captain and the only senior on the team. But I was right there, neck-and-neck with them. Nobody is better than anybody on our team."

While Mueller is moving on to play club lacrosse next year at Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, Notre Dame will look to build on this season.

"We've got a very young team, and we had a season of ups and downs," Notre Dame coach Chip Seiple said. "We definitely have a lot of talent on this team, but with their youth and experience, the inconsistency comes sometimes. We underperformed
Notre Dame's James Mabuecher gets rid of the ball just in time as York defenders converge on him during a game in Elmhurst on May 22. / J.GEIL-for Sun-Times Media

this season compared to our potential, but next season we're returning everybody but one player, so we're in good shape for that."

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Loyola alumna Molly O'Brien, a sophomore on the Case Western Reserve softball team, was recently named to the 2013 All-University Athletic Association Softball Team. O'Brien, a second baseman from Northbrook, hit .405 on the season and recorded a team-leading .462 on-base percentage and a .548 slugging percentage. She finished with two home runs and 16 RBI, as well as team highs in walks (11), runs scored (38) and stolen bases (22). This season, O'Brien also became the Spartans' all-time leader in career stolen bases (38). Lake Zurich alumna Emily Handran, Lyons alumna Emily Pavlik, Oak Park-River Forest alumna Ryan Merhar, New Trier alumna Meredith Goodale and Libertyville alumna Gina Filippo helped their Augustana (Ill.) women's lacrosse team reach the second round of the NCAA Division III Tournament. The NCAA berth came after the Vikings won the Midwest Women's Lacrosse Conference tournament May 4 in Rock Island.

Handran, a freshman attacker, finished second on the team in points, tallying 37 goals and 31 assists. Pavlik, a sophomore defender and midfielder, played in all 21 of the team's games and started in 17. Merhar, a freshman attacker, finished the season with nine goals and three assists despite playing in just 13 games. Goodale, a junior defender appeared in 12 games for the 17-4 Vikings, and Filippo, a sophomore midfielder, finished with two goals and three assists.

Stevenson alumnus Ross Putterman, a sophomore tennis player for Washington University in St. Louis, was recently named to the All-University Athletic Association Men's Tennis Team at No. 1 doubles and No. 2 singles. The Vernon Hills native was a combined 6-0 at the UAA Championship. He won all three of his singles matches in straight sets. Putterman, a sophomore, was 11-8 in singles and 17-7 in doubles through Sunday. Putterman will compete in doubles at the NCAA Division III Men's Tennis Individual Championships. It's scheduled to start May 23 in Kalamazoo, Mich.

Seth Sankary, an Oak Park-River Forest alumnus, is a senior on the Bears team. He had a 3-2 singles record and a 10-2 cumulative doubles record with different partners through Sunday.

Libertyville alumnus John Kuceyeski was recently hired to be the Toledo director of football operations. The Libertyville native previously held jobs in the Western Michigan, Penn State and Northwestern athletic departments. He is a 2009 graduate of Penn State.

Barrington alumus Chase Murdock is a freshman linebacker for the Rockets. He played in 12 of 13 games and made 11 tackles in the fall.

Lake Forest alumnus Danny Berardini just finished another impressive season for the Oklahoma men's gymnastics team. At the 2013 NCAA Championships, the sophomore and Lake Forest native finished tied for fourth in the parallel bars at the team finals with a score of 14.900 to help the Sooners finish second.

In the event finals, Berardini earned All-American honors on the parallel bars after placing fifth with a 14.850.

Jacoby Rubin, a Stevenson alumnus from Buffalo Grove, also is a member of the team. He was named MPSF gymnasts of the week on Jan. 29.

Have a suggestion for the College Roundup? Email Nick Bullock at bullockpioneerpress@gmail.com.
Notre Dame's Brendan Golden runs with the ball during a playoff game against York in Elmhurst on May 22. York defeated Notre Dame 14-2.