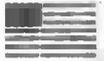


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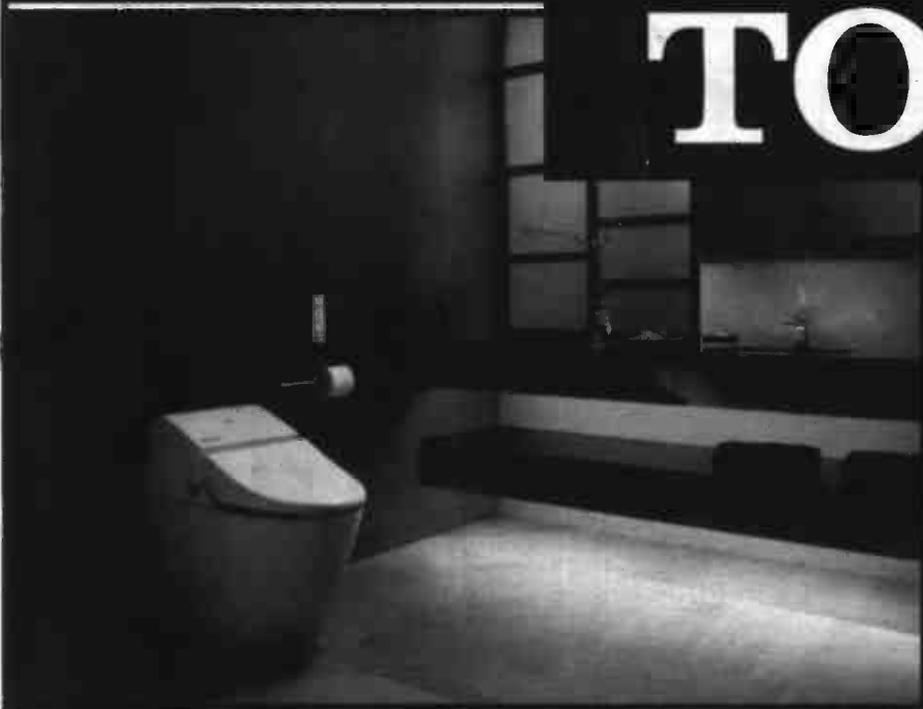
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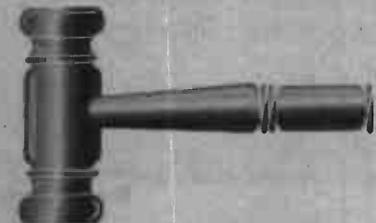
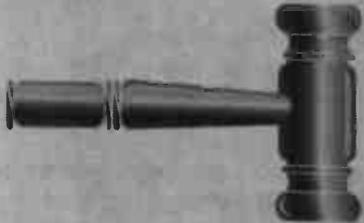
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## MORTON GROVE

# Filipino influence on the rise

**Morton Grove's Ed Ramos begins quest for Filipinos to get politically active**

BY RICK KAMBIC  
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The annual AdoboFest in Morton Grove's St. Paul Woods Forest Preserve saw its usual Filipino foods, crafts and songs this weekend, but political awareness has also become a rising theme in recent years.

A group of prominent figures slowly made their way through the Sept. 29 festival and encouraged patrons to take control of their futures by enjoying America's freedoms.

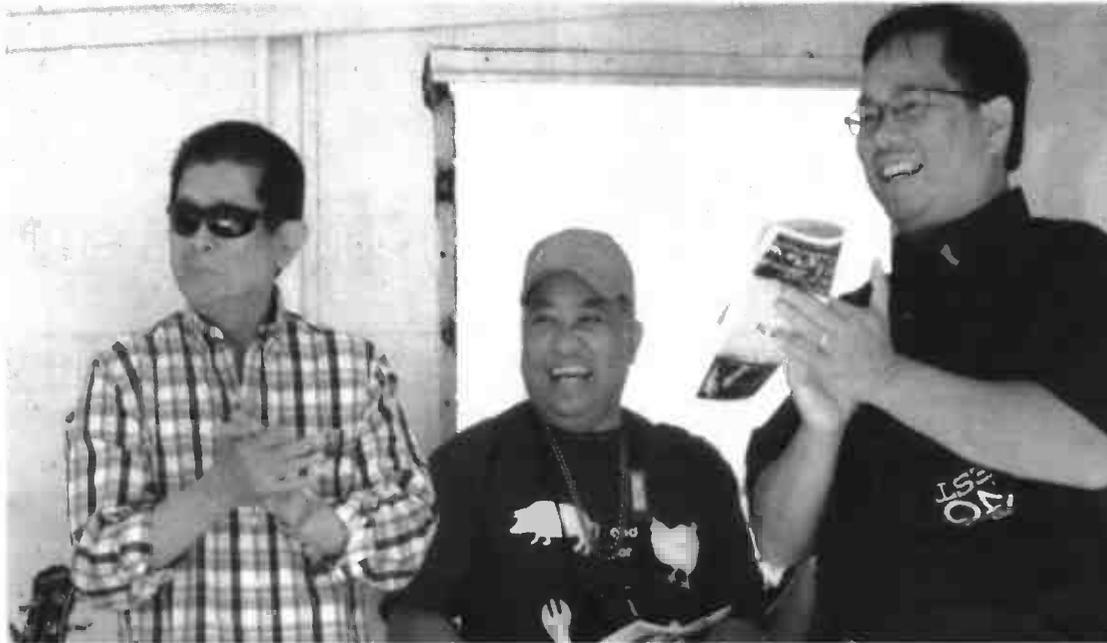
For Morton Grove Village Clerk Ed Ramos, elections are now his job. The 71-year-old retired accountant has seen the times change and wants his fellow immigrants to embrace their right to vote now that society is friendlier than when he arrived in 1969.

"Things were different then. There was a lot of discrimination," Ramos said. "You had to present yourself well and be confident. Luckily, the Philippines was the only country to teach English from kindergarten through college. That's where other Asian immigrants had problems. I had an accent that tipped people off, but I was otherwise very fluent."

Ramos immigrated and naturalized under then-President Lyndon Johnson's "Third Preference" initiative, which targeted skilled professionals like nurses, engineers and accountants who could be valuable to American employers.

United Airlines took an interest in Ramos' number crunching and employed him from 1969 until his retirement in 1994. Ramos lived in Chicago at first but moved to Morton Grove six years into his new career.

Ramos came from a wealthy family in the Philippines, but luxury wasn't for him. He applied in Johnson's program so he could experience a new lifestyle in a different culture.



Ed Ramos, left, was the second Filipino ever elected in Morton Grove. He stands with Leo Herrera-Lim, right, consul general for Chicago's Filipino Consulate, during the Sept. 29 AdoboFest. | RICK KAMBIC/SUN-TIMES MEDIA

Though Ramos registered to vote as soon as he legally could, he suppressed the urge run for office until he was retired, with unlimited free time. Meanwhile, Ramos said he was hooked on reading books and news articles on American politics.

"It's only natural to want some say or control over what happens around you," Ramos said.

In 2011, Ramos' good friend David Calimag became outraged over a then-controversial decision to build a new library in Morton Grove.

Both were intimidated by the predominately white political system, but Calimag decided to run for the library's Board of Trustees and the two Filipinos strategized a campaign, which involved joining a coalition of candidates known as B-PAC.

After the slate swept the election and assumed a majority of the library board, putting a stop to the multi-million dollar construction project, Ramos felt empowered.

Only one other Filipino-American resident has ever run for public office in Morton Grove, and that

was Al Bascos, who was a trustee candidate on the 1997 First Party slate that opposed Dan Staackmann's Community Party slate and an Act-Now Party slate. It was a highly contested election and Bascos did not win a seat.

Just one year after Calimag became the first Filipino to take office in Morton Grove, Ramos decided to act on his long-lived desire.

"We started seeing Ed shortly after Dave Calimag's group took steam," said Morton Grove Mayor Dan DiMaria, who represents the Action Party. "He became a regular with us after Calimag won."

Ramos applied to be the Action Party's 2013 candidate for village clerk and was slated on the ballot more than 10 other candidates.

"Clerk is a less contentious position, and I knew I could better work toward registering immigrants after gaining experience running the actual elections," Ramos said.

Throughout Calimag's campaign, his own campaign, and since taking office in May, Ramos has been working toward getting fellow Filipinos registered to vote.

"You have to be careful when you

talk politics to these people," Ramos said. "I tell them it's their duty to make educated votes, but a lot of them say they have a good home and loving family and that's good enough for them."

Some of the resistance, he said, comes from 300 years under Spanish rule before the United States took over and imposed cultural anomalies like Thanksgiving, New Years and Labor Day.

"I sometimes feel like Filipinos don't know what they're supposed to want," Ramos said.

Ramos said he's helped register more than 300 Filipinos in Morton Grove and surrounding towns.

Right next door, Jerry Clarito was elected to the Skokie Park Board of Commissioners in 2005 and again in 2011. Clarito is also trying to get Filipinos registered to vote and shares some of Ramos' sentiments.

"There was a 14-year dictatorship in the Philippines not too long ago, so there's still a sour taste in some of the recent immigrants' mouths," Clarito said. "That is true of Cambodia and many other Southeastern Asian countries that had militant 'democratic' governments."

While Ramos helped found the Fil-Am Association of Morton Grove to help promote civic needs and wants, Clarito helped start an annual event called "Rock the Balut." The event mocks typical "rock the vote" or "rock the ballot" but instead centers around the ethnic tradition of eating boiled duck embryos out of eggs.

"In my experiences, the many uncontested suburban races have led to voter complacency, especially among immigrants," Clarito said. "Having a cultural attraction opens the door for us to encourage naturalized Filipinos to take advantage of their rights."

The efforts of Calimag, Ramos and Clarito have made inroads with modern politics, as DiMaria left his son's birthday party to visit the Sept. 29 festival.

"About 28 percent of Morton Grove's population is of Asian descent, mostly from the Philippines," DiMaria told the crowd. "That means one in four residents on our commissions and boards needs to be Asian. Please call Village Hall and leave me a message if you're interested, because your needs are my needs."

Ramos, who works with DiMaria regularly, said the visit was not a political favor and the call for change was sincere.

"Dan (DiMaria) is a smart politician and he sees the numbers rising," Ramos said. "He needs the votes. I'm still an outsider, to an extent, but as more Filipinos register to vote, the better he looks standing next to me or Dave (Calimag)."

Other Filipinos of note who attended the Sept. 29 festival included Anthony Armada, president of Advocate Lutheran General Hospital, Leo Herrera-Lim, consul general for Chicago's Filipino Consulate, and Cook County Circuit Court Judge Jessica O'Brien, who was born in Cibu City before traveling Europe and settling down in Chicago.

"Ed (Ramos) has done a lot for the Filipino community, especially in Morton Grove," Armada said. "It's no wonder he got elected."

|| NILES

# Taste of Niles moved to March

## Sister Cities reform took longer than expected

BY RICK KAMBIC  
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A politically-forced restructuring of the Niles Sister Cities organization has led to a postponement of the annual International Taste of Niles festival.

The fest is normally held in November at White Eagle Banquets, and it offers foods from the four countries that Niles has formal sister city agreements with. The event is the organization's main fundraiser that pays for trips to those countries and for the hosting of representatives who travel to Niles from Europe.

Niles has been sister cities with Pisa, Italy since 1991, Nafplion, Greece since 1994, Leixlip, Ireland since 2000 and Limanowa, Poland since 2005. Those cities were chosen based on Niles' demographics, and such agreements allow for cultural exploration and business partnerships.

But the Niles fundraiser is being rescheduled for late March because a political faction on the Village Board last year pushed for a clear separation between the municipal government and the charitable organization — a reshuffling that has taken considerable time to recover from.

Trustees at the time were not comfortable with then-Village Manager George Van Geem being the president and treasurer of the sister cities, and also pointed out three other village employees who were top sister cities officials.

The main concerns centered around paid employee time being invested in the charity's routine operations, as well as a perceived impropriety since those officials often took the trips to Europe



Mike Zimmerman from Amici Restaurant serves up pasta to people attending the Taste of Niles in 2006. The next Taste is being pushed back from the end of 2013 until March of 2014. | SUN-TIMES MEDIA FILES

instead of citizens at large.

"I've invested a lot of time into revamping things, because the program itself pretty much went to the wayside in the past year," said George Alpogianis, a Niles trustee and the new president of the sister cities organization. "The bylaws were originally written in 1981 and after I recruited some new people we spent a lot of time updating those bylaws and how we're going to operate moving forward."

The mayor previously appointed sister city directors, but now those director slots will be tiered and the group will approve candidates for each country's director position as the terms expire.

New directors include Sue Wilsey representing Ireland, Rev. Chris Keres and Tom Kanelos jointly representing Greece, Vince Genaului representing Italy and Kristina Koda representing Poland.

Wilsey is the director of marketing at the Niles Public Library, while Kanelos chairs Niles' zoning board, Genaului is a deputy chief for the Niles police department and Koda owns the local Ridgewood Gardens floral shop along Milwaukee Avenue.

"We got our 501(c)(3) status reinstated this spring, and all our paperwork is maintained by our secretary Cooky Kraus and stored at her house," Alpogianis said.

With a lot of new involvement, Alpogianis said he doesn't want to stumble into the well-regarded festival and struggle to compete with other year-end fundraisers. Waiting until late March, he said, will allow the new group to get on its feet and attract more visitors.

In addition to reforming the group, Alpogianis said they are also working toward getting two new sister cities: one for Niles' Korean population and another for the German residents.

"Niles was settled by a German man named Christian Ebinger," Alpogianis said. "We still have a small German population that deserves to be connected to Ebinger's accomplishment."

Alpogianis said the Korean population has been steadily rising for several years, and that community holds its own cultural fest.

"If they're a large enough group to organize their own functions, then they deserve to be included in our village-wide celebrations," Alpogianis said.

The names of prospective sister cities for Germany and Korea will be announced in the coming weeks, and a process will be formed for how to narrow those cities down — which will include reaching out to officials of the prospective towns.



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||| **MORTON GROVE**

# MOVING THROUGH THE RANKS

**Morton Grove hires new firefighter, promotes two others**

BY RICK KAMBIC  
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Joe Keenan wasn't a glimmer in his mother's eye when a fire sparked in her house and the family had to rush out. She was just a teenager at the time, but the long-standing story was in the back of Keenan's mind when he decided to become a firefighter.

Tuesday, Sept. 24 was Keenan's first day on the job as Morton Grove's newest firefighter. His hiring stems from the retirement of District Chief Robert Hohns and a series of promotions that led to an entry-level opening.

Keenan completed the North-eastern Illinois Public Safety Training Academy on his own dime, something that caught Fire Chief Tom Friel's attention.

"Joe comes very highly recommended," Fire Chief Tom Friel said. "Completing NIPSTA training at the age of 26 is very impressive, and even more impressive is that he was accepted into the program without the backing of a fire department. That's very rare, and quite expensive."

Keenan enrolled at the Glenview-based academy after playing baseball and hockey at Loyola Academy and playing rugby at Marquette University en route to graduating with a degree in criminology.



Joe Keenan stands with his helmet after being officially sworn in as Morton Grove's newest firefighter. | RICK KAMBIC/SUN-TIMES MEDIA

"The exams and interviews are tough, but the biggest thing is to not fear rejection when applying for the actual jobs," Keenan said. "People obviously want the absolute best candidates to trust with their lives, plus you never know how high the bar was set by guys already on the waiting list."

Each municipality has a fire and police commission that issues its own tests and interviews before selecting a candidate from ranked eligibility lists. Keenan was atop the list when Hohns retired.

"Joe was also on Niles and Wilmette's eligibility lists," Friel said.



Newly hired firefighter Joe Keenan gets sworn in by Police Commission Chairman Mike Simpkins during the Sept. 23 Village Board meeting. | RICK KAMBIC/SUN-TIMES MEDIA



After being promoted from firefighter to Lieutenant, Daniel Gallagher shakes hands with village trustees and Village Attorney Terry Liston during the Sept. 23 Village Board meeting. | RICK KAMBIC/SUN-TIMES MEDIA

"We definitely stole a good one away."

The job became available because Mike Mitchell, a 27-year veteran of the Morton Grove fire department, was chosen to succeed Hohns as district chief and firefighter Daniel Gallagher was promoted to lieutenant to replace Mitchell.

"Mike is a master carpenter, so he brings strong knowledge of how things are made and how to tactically approach situations," Friel said. "He's also a local boy that ev-

everyone is proud of."

Mitchell grew up in Morton Grove and attended Edison and Lincoln Schools before graduating from Niles West.

Gallagher first started as a paid on-call firefighter for the McHenry Township Fire Protection District in 1988. Even after becoming a full-time firefighter for Morton Grove in 1998, he remains on-call for McHenry even to this day.

"Paid on-call is a hybrid of a volunteer, but it's experience nonethe-



Laura Mitchell pins a new badge onto husband Mike, after he was promoted to district chief. | RICK KAMBIC/SUN-TIMES MEDIA

less and Dan has enough hours with McHenry to become a captain if he were a regular with them," Friel said. "He pretty much lives and breaths safety. That is valuable experience for us to have at our disposal."

Gallagher is also Morton Grove's lead fire investigator.

||| **MORTON GROVE**

## Dempster closing sooner, new detour announced

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Metra and Morton Grove officials have changed the detour and timeframe in which Dempster Street will be closed.

The repairs will occur a few days sooner, now scheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 2, through Saturday, Oct. 12.

The crossing is just east of Waukegan Road but west of Linne Woods Forest Preserve and the Edens Expressway.

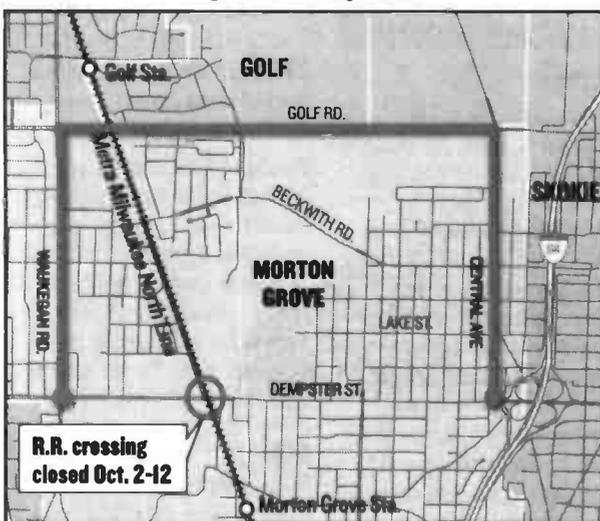
Morton Grove officials previously mentioned a detour that sends cars south onto Lincoln Avenue or North onto Beckwith Road.

However, a detour going along bigger roads was announced on Sept. 23.

Vehicles traveling

## DEMPSTER ST. DETOUR

— Detour route during railroad crossing closure



Sun-Times

eastbound on Dempster Street will be diverted onto northbound Waukegan Road and then onto eastbound Golf Road. To reconnect to Dempster Street, signs will route travelers Southbound on Central Avenue.

Likewise, motorists traveling west on Dempster Street will be directed northbound onto Central, and then onto westbound Golf Road.

Dempster Street will remain open for access to side

streets closer to the train tracks, but Morton Grove officials say barricades and traffic control officers will direct mainstream traffic to the detour.

Residents living on nearby side streets are encouraged to be patient.

Commuters with questions about detours or alternate routes through Morton Grove can call Morton Grove Village Hall at (847) 965-4100.

||| **NILES**

## Man who heckled Daley arrested for bizarre behavior

BY JENNIFER JOHNSON  
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A Chicago man who made headlines in 2011 for heckling former Mayor Richard M. Daley as he left office that year has been arrested for allegedly disturbing a Niles health club aerobics class with bizarre behavior.

Niles police said Janusz Kopycinski, 32, of 6943 W. Wellington Ave., was wearing military fatigues and holding the flame of a cigarette lighter under the palm of his hand as he stood in front of a women's aerobics class at XSport Fitness, 9210 N. Milwaukee Ave. on the evening of Sept. 25.

When the center's general manager confronted him, Kopycinski allegedly used a racial slur and formed his fingers into the shape of a gun. The general manager told police that Kopycinski then "pointed his

hands at the members in the class and was alternating (his) hands back and forth as if rapidly shooting two handguns," according to reports.



Janusz Kopycinski

When officers arrived at XSport, they reportedly found Kopycinski, who had a membership at the club, dancing in front of the class. He was immediately handcuffed. He allegedly told police that he had been holding the cigarette lighter to his hand because he wanted to make sure he still had "the power."

Kopycinski was charged with disorderly conduct and released on bond. His membership to XSport was terminated by management.

In May 2011, police accused Kopycinski of yelling an obscenity at Daley as he left City Hall for the last time. Officers chased Kopycinski as he ran away and as he was arrested, one of the officers was grazed by a passing CTA bus, slightly injuring him.

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## III POLICE BLOTTER

The following incidents were listed in the official reports of the Niles and Morton Grove police departments. Readers are reminded that an arrest does not constitute a finding of guilt. Only a court of law can make that determination.

### MORTON GROVE

#### DISORDERLY CONDUCT

Charles Maynor, 40, of Morton Grove, was charged Sept. 19 with disorderly conduct and criminal damage to property after allegedly picking up a Korea Times newspaper dispenser and slamming it to the ground near the intersection of Dempster Street and Austin Avenue. Police say the newsstand was damaged and the commotion disturbed the peace. Maynor told police his finger became stuck when he attempted to retrieve his change

and the box fell over during his struggle. He is scheduled in court Oct. 3.

#### DUI

Carol Meyer, 45, of Morton Grove, was charged Sept. 22 with driving under the influence. She is scheduled in court Oct. 18.

#### EXCESSIVE SPEEDING

Zain Siddiqui, 19, of Niles, was charged Sept. 22 with speeding in excess of 40 miles per hour over the speed limit. Police say Siddiqui was driving his Kawasaki motorcycle past Notre Dame College Prep when he was pulled over. Kawasaki allegedly told officers that he was late to work. Siddiqui is scheduled in court Oct. 22.

#### POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA

Brian Kacynski, 19, of Morton Grove, was charged Sept. 19,

with possession of marijuana after a resident reported a suspicious vehicle to police. Officers found Kacynski standing outside his car and allegedly found marijuana in his pockets and inside his car after he allegedly consented to a search. Kacynski is scheduled in court Oct. 22.

#### UNDERAGE DRINKING

Matthew Acosta, 19, of St. Charles, was charged Sept. 23 with underage drinking and zero tolerance after being stopped on Dempster Street near Waukegan Road. Police say Acosta passed a field sobriety test and consented to a breathalyzer test, in which his blood alcohol content was .029. Police say he was not driving under the influence but his BAC warranted an underage drinking charge. He is scheduled in court Oct. 29.

### NILES

#### BATTERY

Mirjana Lukac, 42, of 7911 Nordica Ave., Niles, was charged with domestic battery on Sept. 23. According to police, a 16-year-old girl accused Lukac of slapping and punching her in the face and striking her with a meat cleaver inside their apartment the night before. The teen told police that after Lukac's boyfriend intervened and took the meat cleaver away, Lukac continued to slap and punch her several more times, causing bruises to her forehead, police said. The Department of Child and Family Services was contacted.

#### RETAIL THEFT

Robert Williams, 57, of 3456 W. Franklin Ave., Chicago, was charged with retail theft on Sept.

22 after he allegedly stole 17 cans of baby formula valued at \$327.82 from a store on the 6100 block of Touhy Avenue. He has an Oct. 9 court date.

Volodymyr Kravchuk, 50, of 8894 W. Knight Ave., unincorporated Maine Township, was charged with retail theft on Sept. 23 after he allegedly stole a drill head valued at \$24.75 from a store on the 8600 block of Dempster Street. He has an Oct. 9 court date.

#### DUI

Richard Anderson, 26, of 144 E. Kathleen Drive, Park Ridge, was charged with driving under the influence and failure to yield on the morning of Sept. 21 after police said his pickup truck crossed Oakton Street from northbound Washington Avenue without stopping for oncoming traffic. He has a Nov. 5 court date.

Peter Pantel, 27, of 817 Meadowlark Lane, Glenview, was charged with driving under the influence and speeding on the morning of Sept. 23. According to police, an officer was conducting a traffic stop on Milwaukee Avenue when Pantel reportedly looked directly at the officer and accelerated his vehicle as he drove by. He was taken into custody on the 8900 block of Milwaukee Avenue at 2:15 a.m. He has an Oct. 31 court date.

## III POLICE REPORT

#### THEFT

Multiple tools were stolen from a car parked along the 9400 block of Oliphant Avenue sometime on or before Sept. 24.

An unlocked bike was stolen from outside a business in the 5700 block of Dempster Street sometime on or before Sept. 19.



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# EDUCATION

||| DISTRICT 219

## Fear City giving back to Niles North, Niles West

### Haunted house giving discounts to students, donations to foundation

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The owners of Fear City Haunted House say they're committed to being in Morton Grove long-term, and supporting the local schools is one step toward proving they mean it.

Starting this year, Fear City will donate a portion of its ticket sales to the D219 Education Foundation, which is a volunteer organization that gives grants to financially-challenged students in Niles Township High School District 219.

For the first six shows, Friday Oct. 4 through Sunday Oct. 13, patrons with a valid school ID or who preregister online using a promo code "D219" will get \$5 off their tickets. Of the remaining \$20, Fear City will donate \$4 of each ticket to the school foundation.

"Our goal is to attract another 1,000-plus visitors to Fear City, especially when it's right in our backyard with Niles West right down the street," said Alyse Burman, a member of the foundation's board of directors.

Guidance counselors at the high schools can write proposals to the foundation on behalf of students, helping them pay for supplies, refurbished computers, AP testing costs, college application fees and college visits. The foundation also provides general college scholarships.

Burman said the names of students are never passed along. The board of directors make decisions based on applications and counselors' input.

Matthew Robins, the foundation's president, said a large chunk of money goes toward the school's mandatory graphing calculators, which cost \$100.

"I'm an alum of Niles North and I had a good experience, but now it's a different animal," Robins said. "It's more than reading, writing and arithmetic. There's a lot of financial needs on both the schools and the families, and we want the kids to focus only on doing

good work and enjoying these years."

For Fear City, co-owner Charles Grendys said there's a pride factor that goes both ways.

"You're nobody until a school recognizes you," Grendys said. "I share the town with a lot of families who send their kids to the high schools and fellow businesses who hire kids out of high school. People take pride in their local high schools and now we at Fear City are helping fuel that pride by keeping kids focused on academics."

Grendys also said he wants his business in a reputable town, but towns are only reputable if those people work toward high standards.

"It's now my job as a part of this community to work toward the common goal everyone else has," Grendys said. "Quality education is always the common goal. More times than not, people move somewhere like Morton Grove for the good schools."

Fear City primarily attracts high school students, but Grendys said his customers come from all over Chicago and his charity to District 219 is no ploy.

"I chose Morton Grove because it's close to the city, but can still draw suburban teens," Grendys said. "This is my 'thank you' to our neighbors."

Fear City is starting its third Halloween season in two years; their lease began just before Halloween 2011. Grendys said the contract goes 10 years and he hopes to stay longer.

This year was also the first time Fear City reserved acting spots for aspiring high school students. Grendys said 10 spots were reserved for District 219 students and audition days were advertised, but a low turnout resulted in no serious commitments. Grendys said he will continue to offer the openings in future years.

As for the D219 Education Foundation, this marks yet another fundraiser for the successful organization. The foundation has given approximately \$120,000 over its seven years of work. Last year, the foundation raised and granted \$40,000.

One of its main fundraisers is the popular Pizza Wars. For the past three Januaries, a dozen pizzerias gathered in Niles West's auditorium and patrons paid to tour the tables and vote for the best pizza. All the food is donated, and more than \$8,500 was raised this past January.



As Fear City Haunted House opens for the Halloween season, it offers discounted prices as part of a fundraiser for the D219 Education Foundation. | JASON GLOSKI/AFR SUN-TIMES MEDIA

## || DISTRICT 64

# District 64 superintendent leaving in June

## Board hires firm to find replacement

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A Libertyville-based consulting firm has been selected to help Park Ridge-Niles School District 64 in its search for a new superintendent following Philip Bender's surprise announcement last week that he plans to leave the district at the end of the school year.

The Board of Education, which met Saturday for a special meeting at Emerson Middle School, selected the firm of B.W.P. and Associates after hearing presentations from four search firms. The superintendent search will cost the district \$13,900, plus additional costs for advertising the position and travel expenses, said Anthony

Borrelli, District 64 board president.

"The board will sit down with B.W.P. to plot out the attributes that the board is looking for, as well as coordinating the community outreach that will be necessary to fulfill the candidate profile," Borrelli said.

District 64 on Sept. 25 announced that Bender, who joined District 64 during the summer of 2010, is stepping down from his position in July 2014.

"I'm still looking to stay in the superintendency," Bender said. "I'm looking at other options. I want to do work in other districts and hopefully I'll find a place that is a better fit."

When asked if District 64 had not been a good fit for him, Bender replied, "it's been fine," adding that he believes goals that he had

set upon arriving in the district — particularly in the area of facilities upgrades — have been accomplished.

"I'm ready to take on new and exciting adventures," he said. "Change never hurts anybody. I'm looking at other options."

Bender said he is also looking at possibly pursuing collegiate work, as he previously taught graduate-level classes at universities in Indiana. He plans to continue living in Park Ridge, he added.

In a statement released by District 64, Bender was quoted as saying, "I am proud of what we have accomplished in the past few years in District 64. The district is well-positioned to keep improving how we educate kids, including meeting the challenges posed by the new Common Core

curriculum. And with the district in sound financial shape and with plans underway to upgrade and maintain our schools, I am ready to move on to new challenges."

Borrelli said the school board became aware of Bender's plans to possibly leave his position shortly after the school year began. Bender began talking about his future during a closed session meeting, Borrelli said.

"I think he's looking beyond what Park Ridge can offer, he's looking to challenge himself — that's his own words as he told it to us," Borrelli stated. "He knows what it takes to be a good educator and he's certainly put the right people in place to achieve that end."

The board president credited Bender's hiring of new principals for Carpenter, and Washington elementary schools, and at Lincoln and Emerson Middle Schools. He

also praised Bender for the recent push in the evaluation of facilities, subsequent upgrades, and the hiring of a new facilities manager.

"He laid the road map out," Borrelli said. "We now have a plan and vision and we have to continue with the road map he laid out."

School Board Vice President Scott Zimmerman noted that the board had not conducted an evaluation of Bender or voted to extend his contract, which is set to expire July 30, 2014, but added that he did not believe this was a factor in Bender's decision to leave.

The Board of Education hopes to have a new superintendent in place at the time of Bender's departure.

Prior to joining District 64 Bender was superintendent of New Prairie United School Corp., a rural K-12 district in New Carlisle, Ind.



Philip Bender



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## NEWS BRIEFS

### PARK RIDGE

#### Maine East celebrating homecoming with rally and fireworks

Maine East High School will crown its homecoming queen and king this Thursday, Oct. 3, during the annual firelight rally at the Park Ridge school.

The crowning will take place after the 6:30 p.m. soccer game in the stadium at 2601 W. Dempster St. and will also feature a fireworks show.

That same day, there will be student judging of decorated pumpkins in the cafeteria, a dodgeball tournament, and one hour of "Zumba/groove dance" in the dance studio.

This year's homecoming theme is centered around neon colors. Students have been busy creating neon class spirit signs and decorating hallways in preparation

for the event.

On Friday, a homecoming parade at the campus will take place between the JV and varsity football game. There will also be a pasta dinner hosted by the Fine Arts Boosters prior to the games at 5:30 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at the door for \$5.

### CHICAGO

#### Author of Iannelli biography appearing in Hyde Park

David Jameson, author of the new biography of Park Ridge artist Alfonso Iannelli, will sign copies of his book, "Alfonso Iannelli: Modern by Design," at St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church, 5472 S. Kimbark Ave., in Chicago's Hyde Park neighborhood, on Sunday, Oct. 6.

The event will take place at 2 p.m., beginning with a lecture by Chicago historian

Tim Samuelson on Iannelli and his involvement in the design and ornamentation of St. Thomas the Apostle's current church and school. A book signing by David Jameson will follow.

### PARK RIDGE

#### Kalo Foundation hosts scarecrow contest in Park Ridge

The Kalo Foundation of Park Ridge is hosting a scarecrow decorating contest and a chance to decorate the yard around Iannelli Studios Heritage Center through Halloween.

For \$10, wooden forms will be provided that can be taken home and dressed, painted and turned into one-of-a-kind scarecrows. Scarecrows should be returned to the Heritage Center, 255 N. Northwest Highway, by 10 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 5.

Residents of Summit of

Uptown will judge the submissions and awards will be presented during the Homegrown Horrorfest on Sunday, Oct. 27 at Iannelli Studios.

A scarecrow registration form can be found through the Kalo Foundation's website, [www.kalofoundation.org](http://www.kalofoundation.org). For more information call Judy Bacon at (847) 975-6776.

### PARK RIDGE

#### Timmer Memorial Walk for cancer research held this weekend

The second annual Barbara J. Timmer Memorial Walk for the Leukemia Research Foundation will take place Saturday, Oct. 5 in Park Ridge.

Registration begins at 10 a.m. at the Park Ridge County Club, 636 N. Prospect Ave. The walk will follow at 10:30 a.m., led by members of the Timmer family and friends through Park Ridge.

Lunch will follow at 11:30 a.m. and include a raffle.

Registration is \$50 per walker 18 years and older and includes lunch and a T-shirt. Participants under 18 pay \$1 when accompanied by an adult.

Proceeds will go to the Wilmette-based Leukemia Research Foundation. To register in advance, visit [barbarajtimmerfamilyfoundation.nationbuilder.com/walk](http://barbarajtimmerfamilyfoundation.nationbuilder.com/walk).

Barbara Timmer, a resident of Park Ridge for more than 35 years, died in 2011 of acute myelogenous leukemia. She was 65.

### PARK RIDGE

#### Mary, Seat of Wisdom lights up the night with 5K fundraiser

Mary, Seat of Wisdom School will host a Light Up the Night 5K run on Saturday, Oct. 5, at the Park Ridge school, 1352 S. Cum-

berland Ave.

The evening begins with registration at 5:30 p.m., followed by the race at 6:30 p.m. The registration fee is \$30 for participants and will include a glow-in-the-dark T-shirt, a glow accessory and access to the post-race party featuring refreshments, a deejay, awards, and mini massages from Vive Therapeutic Massage in Park Ridge.

Proceeds from the race will be used for upgrades to MSW's technology program, the school said.

Registration for the 5K walk is open to MSW families and the public. Students in grades two and under can participate for free with a registered adult.

The deadline to register is Thursday, Oct. 3 at midnight. To do so, visit [www.runrace.net/findarace.php?id=132781L2&tab=a3](http://www.runrace.net/findarace.php?id=132781L2&tab=a3) or call the school at (847) 825-2500.

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Entries must be original creations. They cannot include characters or plots from movies, television shows or books, or be a dream sequence. Such entries will be disqualified.

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Judges' choices for the top three stories in each grade level, as well as some submitted drawings, will be printed in our Oct. 31 editions.

Deadline to submit entries is 5 p.m. Monday, Oct. 14. Entries should be emailed to [scarystories@pioneerlocal.com](mailto:scarystories@pioneerlocal.com).



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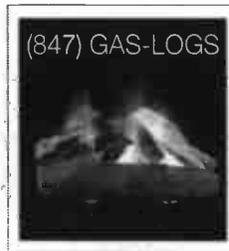
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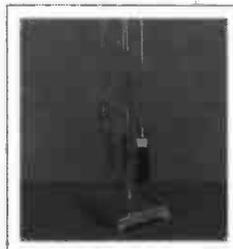
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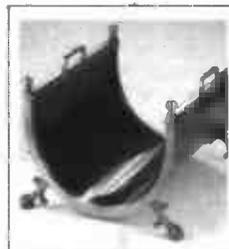
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# OPINION

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Support for Legislation HJRCA 33/SJRCA 40

Legislation (HJRCA 33/SJRCA 40) is pending in Springfield for a constitutional amendment on a fair tax allowing for higher rates on higher incomes and lower rates on lower incomes. The League of Women Voters of Illinois (LWVIL) supports this plan, rather than the regressive flat tax now imposed in Illinois.

LWVIL believes this amendment will bring fairness to Illinois' tax code, helping Illinois' middle-class families. It will help Illinois protect key priorities, such as education, public safety, health care, and human services. These vital services have been woefully shortchanged in recent years because of Illinois' systemic budget problems; the result of an out-of-date tax code which overburdens middle class taxpayers.

The legislation embodies another important principle: citizen participation. If adopted by the General Assembly, this referendum would ask Illinois voters if they want to amend the 1970 Illinois Constitution, which currently states that personal income tax must be non-graduated (flat). Passing this amendment will provide Illinois voters the chance to play a role in this process.

The LWVIL knows it's time for long-term budget solutions to help rebuild Illinois' economy and provide sustained support to programs and services that people need. Adoption of a fair tax achieves these goals.

The League of Women Voters of Glenview can point individuals to more information on the Fair Tax Amendment or arrange for presentations to groups. Please contact the League of Women Voters of Glenview at lwvg4@hotmail.com.

Joan Ziegler, president  
League of Women Voters  
of Glenview

# Are videos a gateway to learning?

BY RANDY BLASER



The latest news from the College Board showing that more than half of America's high school students who took the Scholastic Aptitude Test are not prepared for college work is a lesson for educators.

Of the 1.6 million Class of 2013 seniors who took the test, 57 percent of them are not ready for college. This is distressing news on many fronts.

For years now, educators have complained about how they are forced "to teach to the test" because of the reforms of the federal No Child Left Behind Act and the focus on student performance on the state report card.

Yet we have these dismal results from students who have been taught to the test for the bulk of their academic lives.

If teachers have been teaching to the test, then one can deduce from these results that teachers stink at it.

Or perhaps today's high school students are just plain dumb.

Or maybe, just maybe, the way we've set up the whole education system in this country just doesn't work anymore.

I'm inclined to go with the third option.

Consider this: The way teachers taught my mother in the 1940s and 1950s is pretty much the way they

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taught me in the 1960s and 1970s, and that's not much different from how they taught my children in the 1990s and now, and how my daughter is teaching today.

Maybe that Industrial Revolution model, where the school is akin to a mini-factory with bells ringing to indicate when it is time to change shifts, er, subjects, just doesn't work anymore. Maybe we need to overhaul the whole thing.

Enter "60 Minutes," Salman Khan and Bill Gates.

One Sunday evening, I tuned my car radio to the local CBS affiliate to catch "60 Minutes." I was just in time to hear about Salman Khan and the Khan Academy.

Salman Khan is a graduate of MIT and Harvard. When his young cousin

was having trouble with math in 2004, he created some tutorials for her. She improved so much in school that other relatives wanted Khan's help. He decided that creating YouTube videos would be an efficient way to distribute the material. The training became so popular he decided to quit his job and focus on making the videos.

Bill Gates soon found out about it, and he thinks this is the future of education. And being Bill Gates, he put his money behind it.

Khan now has a website called Khan Academy, and for you parents out there with students struggling in math or science, you might want to

check it out.

Think about school this way: Instead of learning the topic with 30 other kids and one teacher, then practicing the concepts in so-called homework, you watch a Khan Academy video at home at your own pace, repeatedly, until you've got it. That's the homework.

At school, you practice your new skills with your classmates and teacher.

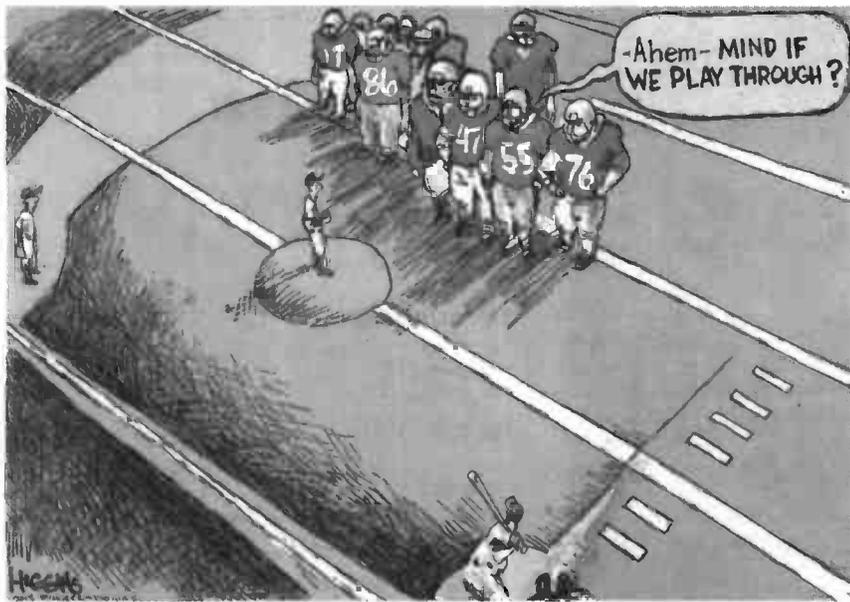
It's kind of how the school sports teams do it. The football coach doesn't give a lecture on the playbook and then send the team home to practice blocking and tackling. They practice blocking right there, and keep doing it until they are good at it.

If Gates thinks it will work, then I'm on board.

## LET US HEAR FROM YOU

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||| 1,000 WORDS BY JACK HIGGINS



# Let's celebrate the oodles of noodles

**H**ow are you going to spend Oct. 17? Working? Don't you get that day off?

It's National Pasta Day. And if anything on earth is worth celebrating, it's pasta.

There's rotini, fusilli, rigatoni, lasagna, tortellini, penne, conchiglie — 600 different shapes of pasta. All of them delicious.

And let's settle something right away: Pasta was not originally brought to Italy by Marco Polo from China. The ancient Romans had pasta. And in 1279 A.D. an Italian, Ponzio Bastogne, bequeathed a storage bin of macaroni in his will. Marco Polo was still vacationing in Asia that year.

For me, the celebration of pasta is a year-round activity and a tradition.

The people who came to this country from Italy, such as my grandfather, came because they didn't want to be poor any more and didn't want their children to be



BY PAUL SASSONE

poor. They brought precious little with them. But one thing they brought was certain foods and ways to prepare them.

And the greatest of these was pasta. (Pasta is the Italian word for dough.)

Fancy restaurants try to turn pasta into cuisine — pasta and frog lips in a white cream sauce with truffles.

But real pasta isn't cuisine. It's food. Food for hungry regular people.

There are, indeed, many ways to prepare pasta. But in honor of National Pasta Day, let's be as plain, as down to earth, as the food we are celebrating.

The first thing that comes to mind when we think of pasta is — of course — spaghetti. Spaghetti with a red sauce (or gravy). And it's best served with meat-

balls or sausage.

Fine dining critics look down their nose at spaghetti. Spaghetti isn't subtle, merely delicious. It's part of the fun of being a critic, telling people what they like is not good and shaming them into liking what you like instead.

But you love spaghetti. I know you do. You have loved spaghetti since you were a very small child. It's all right. I not only understand, I completely agree with you.

It's even patriotic to like spaghetti.

You know who first brought pasta to the United States? Thomas Jefferson in 1789.

Spaghetti (pasta) is red-white and blue. Preferably red.

Cuisine comes and goes, but food remains. And pasta is food at its best. It endures. It abides.

Happy National Pasta Day. You know very well how to celebrate it.

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7344 Howard St: Vince Torma to Michael J Guinane for \$100,000 on Aug. 12

6815 N Milwaukee Ave, #602: John Guettler and Natalie Guettler to Anna Gawor for \$186,000 on Aug. 14

6807 N Milwaukee Ave, #511: James Cuny Trust and Geraldine Cuny Trust to Marie Emerle for \$172,000 on Aug. 14

6701 N Milwaukee Ave, #501: Sharon Rakowski Trust, Cecilia T Rakowski Trust and Rakowski T Cecilia Trust to Agata L Kosc for \$146,000 on Aug. 12

8263 N Ozanam Ave: Andrew L Ullman and Susana S Ullman to Cory D Thompson and Shelly Thompson for \$240,000 on Aug. 12

8431 N Ottawa Ave: George O'Odieho to Yussif Denka for \$225,000 on Aug. 13

8147 N Chester Ave: Josephine Bellazzini to Serc LLC for \$280,000 on Aug. 14

8024 W Lyons St: Jay Jaji and Sarah H Jaji to Jyotsnaben A Patel and Ashok R Patel for \$130,000 on Aug. 13

9927 Huber Lane: Intercounty Judicial Sales Corp and Magdongon to Jerzy Trzeciak for \$53,000 on Aug. 14

## Morton Grove

8630 Waukegan Road, #219: Florica Simona Ardelean to Esther S Stirbu for \$150,000 on Aug. 12

6211 Lincoln Ave, #402: Suez Lam to Alford Lew for \$167,500 on Aug. 12

5838 Keeney St: Benyamin Y Benyamin and Rahil Nanno to Danyal Siddique for \$260,000 on Aug. 12

9208 Ida Lane: Gheorghe Albulesc and Cristina Albulesc to George Vennikandam and Matilda Vennikandam for \$585,000 on Aug. 13

9301 Michael Court: Kamal Khatwani and Neelam Khatwani to Atul Karn and Tina Devkota for \$374,000 on Aug. 13

5801 Church St: Patricia A Reed to Dawn Prunte for \$191,000 on Aug. 12

## Harwood Heights

7525 W Lawrence Ave, #503: Enrique Gonzalez to James Jones for \$106,000 on Aug. 13

## Park Ridge

1424 Oakton St: Thomas F Welsh and Cheryl L Welsh to Cristo Paraskevas and Ayse E Tutek for \$484,000 on Aug. 13

433 N Seminary Ave: Stacy M Johnson Trust to Jason R Steffen and Megan K Steffen for \$290,000 on Aug. 16

430 S Western Ave: Miroslaw Skora and Monika Bartoszek Skora to James M Winger and Tracy A Winger for \$520,000 on Aug. 13

2008 Linden Ave: Lee Ann Wozniak to Christopher Graszter and Catherine McMahon Graszter for \$270,000 on Aug. 12

823 S Home Ave: Christopher Slupnicki to Mohamed M Hussein and Randa M Hassan for \$760,000 on Aug. 13

44 Park Lane, #435: Richard A Wagner to Kurt C Meihofner and Mary D Meihofner for \$217,000 on Aug. 13

628 Florence Drive: Joseph Guzzo and

Linda L Guzzo to Carla Coconate and Gabriel Coconate for \$500,000 on Aug. 12

1761 Pavilion Way, #1761: Dennis J Greco to Rosemary Sivore for \$205,000 on Aug. 12

## Glenview

234 Lincoln St: Linda L Imonti Trust, Linda Lee Imonti Trust and Lee Monti Linda Trust to Joseph Ahearn and Katie Ahearn for \$381,000 on Aug. 16

430 Michael Manor: Ralph A Yaniz and Patricia Healey Yaniz to lh2 Property II LP for \$270,000 on Aug. 16

631 Glendale Drive: Janet C Mahoney to Robert E Ventura and Elias Ventura for \$2,245,000 on Aug. 14

2139 Henley St: Charles R Hawk and Tamara Hawk to Chris O'Brien and Carrie O'Brien for \$1,225,000 on Aug. 12

## Skokie

8450 Skokie Blvd, #305: Rosemary Anderson to Meera Singla and Narinder Singla for \$45,000 on Aug. 12

4841 Enfield Ave: Ruffy R Dcosta to Tak

Highland Enterprises LLC for \$105,000 on Aug. 14

8324 Kilbourn Ave: Jae Kyung Kim and Hyung Kim to Lukasz Sikora for \$292,000 on Aug. 13

8314 Kenneth Ave: Edna Holmes to Benjamin Hernandez and Laura Hernandez for \$256,000 on Aug. 13

8046 Keeler Ave: Myra Borovik Trust, Myron C Borovik Trust and C Borovik Myron Trust to Fawad Ahmadi for \$300,000 on Aug. 13

## Lincolnwood

4601 W Touhy Ave, #310: Melvin A Kramer and Henely Friedman to Zomaia Zomaia and Ibtisaam David for \$152,000 on Aug. 13

7044 N Kenton Ave: Laura Goldstein to Mas Investments Group LLC for \$245,000 on Aug. 12

4545 W Touhy Ave, #709: George Ardelean Trust, Agatha Ardelean Trust, Ardelean Agatha Trust and Agatha Ardelean Trust to Jeffrey M Heksh and Rose Mary Burke for \$322,500 on Aug. 16

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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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### NILES

THURSDAY, OCT. 3

#### Issues in the News

9:30 a.m.: The open discussion group covers a range of topics, from local to global. Niles Senior Center, 999 Civic Center Drive, Niles. Call 269-683-9380.

SATURDAY, OCT. 5

#### Health & Fitness Expo

9 a.m.: Free health screenings, information and flu shots given by Meijer. No appointments needed. Niles Senior Center, 999 Civic Center Drive, Niles. Call 269-683-9380.

MONDAY, OCT. 7

#### Rules of the Road

1 p.m.: Take a refresher course to prepare for the driving test. Niles Senior Center, 999 Civic Center Drive, Niles. Call 269-683-9380.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 9

#### Blood Pressure Screening

9 a.m.: Walk-ins welcome. Niles Senior Center, 999 Civic Center Drive, Niles. Call 269-683-9380.

#### Computer Interest Group

1:30 p.m.: Share your passion for computers. Niles Senior Center, 999 Civic Center Drive, Niles. Call 269-683-9380.

TUESDAY, OCT. 15

#### Park Board of Commissioners

6 p.m.: Meets on the third Tuesday of each month. Howard Leisure Center, 6676 W. Howard St., Niles.

## HAPPENING NEARBY

THURSDAY, OCT. 3

#### Little Tykes Playgroup

11 a.m.: Free play for ages 2-4 with a parent or caregiver. Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge. Call 847-825-3123.

#### Book Discussion

1 p.m.: This group meets on the first Thursday of each month. Park Ridge Senior Center, 100 S. Western Ave., Park Ridge.

#### Travel Film: Japan and Singapore

2 p.m.: Journey through the exotic cultures and delectable foods of East Asia today. Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge. Call 847-825-3123.

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#### Documentary Film: Brooklyn Castle

7 p.m.: Filmmaker Katie Dellamaggiore tell the story of a public-school junior high chess competition. 90 minutes. Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge. Call 847-825-3123.

#### Teen Library Council Meeting

7 p.m.: For teens who want to get involved and earn volunteer service hours through the Morton Grove Public Library. Visit [www.mgpl.org/teens](http://www.mgpl.org/teens) for more information. Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove. Call 847-965-4220.

FRIDAY, OCT. 4

#### Autism Pivotal Response Treatment: One-Day Training

8 a.m.: Internationally-renowned autism experts Dr. Robert Koegel and Dr. Lynn Koegel will present a one-day training on research-based solutions to autism spectrum disorders. The Chicago Area Pivotal Response Treatment Conference is designed for educators, parents and clinicians who seek research-based answers to autism spectrum disorders. The conference is co-sponsored by the Chicago Children's Clinic. [www.autismprthelp.com](http://www.autismprthelp.com). DoubleTree Hotel North Shore, 9599 Skokie Blvd., Skokie. \$195.

#### Toddler Science

9:30 a.m.: Toddlers will get to do a different science project every month. For ages 18 months to 3 years old. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Registration is suggested. A second session is scheduled at 10:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge. Call 847-825-3123.

#### Non-Fiction Book Discussion

10 a.m.: This month the group will discuss Matthew Algeo's "Harry Truman's Excellent Adventure," which takes a look at Harry and Bess Truman's post-presidential road trip. Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge. Call 847-825-3123.

#### Healing Our Losses

10 a.m.: A support group for adults who have lost a spouse, partner or significant other within the past year. Registration required. American Legion Me-

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#### Friday Fun Time

10 a.m.: Infant through school-age children and their caregivers are invited for an hour of stories, music and play. Lincolnwood Public Library, 4000 W. Pratt Ave., Lincolnwood. Call 847-677-5277.

#### Book & Travel Reviews

10:30 a.m.: Suzanne Hales reviews "Paris: A Love Story" by Kati Marton. Lincolnwood Public Library, 4000 W. Pratt Ave., Lincolnwood. Call 847-677-5277.

#### Bunko Parties

12:15 p.m.: Bunko and lunch will be held from 12:15 to 2:45 p.m. for men and women and Bunko and dinner will be held from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. for women. Meal includes a choice of a hot beef sandwich or cold veggie wrap, chips, dessert, coffee and tea. Wine, beer and soda will be available for purchase. Proceeds benefit the Center of Concern. South Park Recreation Center, 833 Talcott Ave., Park Ridge. Call 847-823-8755. \$15.

#### Knitting for All Ages

3:30 p.m.: Learn the basics of knitting or crochet, or brush up on your skills. No registration required. Lincolnwood Public Library, 4000 W. Pratt Ave., Lincolnwood. Call 847-677-5277.

SATURDAY, OCT. 5

#### Morton Grove Farmers Market

8 a.m.: All items are home-grown, handmade or vendor-created from locally-owned operations. Market Grounds, 6210 Dempster St., Morton Grove. Call 847-750-6436.

#### Glenview Farmers Market

8 a.m.: Find fresh produce, snacks, art and more. Live music is typically played at this market, held each Saturday. Wagner Farm, 1510 Wagner Road, Glenview. Call 847-657-1506.

#### Fall Classic

9 a.m.: Put your golfing skills to the test by participating in the Superintendent's Revenge Tournament. Price of admission includes green fee, golf cart, snacks and prizes. Glenview Park Golf Club, 800 Shermer Road, Glenview. Call 847-724-0250. \$75.

#### PowerPoint 2007 Basics

10 a.m.: Learn the basics of the program. Attendees must have a firm understanding of mouse usage and basic computer commands. Registration is required. Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge. Call 847-720-3234.

#### The Meaning and Value of Dreams

10 a.m.: Tom Barrett, a psychoanalyst at the Chicago School of Professional Psychology, will

discuss how dreams have been understood over time, psychoanalytical interpretation of dreams and the helpful role the process of dreaming plays in sleep patterns and in our lives. Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove. Call 847-965-4220.

#### ACT Prep Test

Noon: College Nannies and Tutors of Glenview guide up to 40 participants through a practice test. Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview.

#### Film: 'Psycho'

2 p.m.: An unsuspecting victim (Janet Leigh) visits the Bates Motel and falls prey to one of cinema's most notorious psychopaths, Norman Bates. 110 minutes. Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove. Call 847-965-4220.

#### Free Trail Walk at The Grove

2 p.m.: Guided trail walks are ideal for families and individuals interested in nature. The Grove, 1421 Milwaukee Ave., Glenview. Call 847-299-6096.

#### Luke and Andrea Bartolomeo: Piano Duo

7:30 p.m.: The program will include George Gershwin's "Rhapsody in Blue," as well as works by Brahms, Dvorak and others. Saint Paul of the Cross Church, 320 S. Washington St., Park Ridge.

SUNDAY, OCT. 6

#### 19th Annual OLPH Phun Run 5K Run and Walk

8 a.m.: The 5K course is a timed event that will begin at the circle drive of the Glenview Library, closest to Jackman Park, and will continue on through the neighborhood of Swainwood, with the finish line back at the park. To register for the race, visit <http://olphunrun.org>. Proceeds benefit the Needy Family Fund. Jackman Park Gazebo, Lehigh Avenue and Prairie Street, Glenview. \$25-\$30.

#### Guided Tree Walk in Mallinckrodt Park

9 a.m.: Join friends and neighbors for a guided tree walk in Mallinckrodt Park and learn to identify a variety of trees that thrive in northern Illinois. Refreshments to follow. Dogs on leashes are welcome. Mallinckrodt Park, 1960 Elmwood Ave., Wilmette.

#### Bears Sunday

11:30 a.m.: Park Ridge VFW, 10 W. Higgins Road, Park Ridge. Call 847-825-4588.

#### Family Scarecrow Making

Noon: Bring some old clothes and the park will bring straw so that you can make your very own scarecrow. Norridge Park, 4631 N. Overhill Ave., Norridge. Call 708-457-1244. \$9-\$15 per family.

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**CALENDAR**

**Lyric Opera Profile: 'Madama Butterfly'**  
2 p.m.: David Blecher discusses Giacomo Puccini's most popular opera about Cio-Cio-San, a geisha, who marries the callous American naval officer B. F. Pinkerton. They share a few nights together but he sails away, leaving her to birth and raise their son on her own. But three years later, Pinkerton returns with an American wife. Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove. Call 847-940-4010.

**Chicago Philharmonic Chamber Players: Great Russian Romance**  
3 p.m.: The performance includes Borodin's String Quartet No. 2 in D major and Tchaikovsky's "Souvenir de Florence for String Sextet in D minor, Op. 70." Performers featured are violinists John Macfarlane and Jennifer Cappelli, violists Karl Davies and Stephen Boe and cellists Margaret Daly and Judy Stone. St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 205 N. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge. \$10-\$20.

**MONDAY, OCT. 7**

**Teddy Bear Time**  
11 a.m.: Stories, songs and fingerplays for ages 12-24 months with an adult. Siblings welcome. Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge. Call 847-825-3123.

**Story Time for All Ages**  
1:30 p.m.: Stories, songs and fingerplays for the whole family. Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge. For more information, call 847-825-3123.

**Lego Mania**  
4 p.m.: For incoming first through sixth graders. Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge. Call 847-825-3123.

**Readers and Leaders**  
6:30 p.m.: Children will be paired with trained teen volunteers who will promote early literacy and cognitive development in children through hands-on activities. Registration is required. For ages 3 to 6. Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge. For more information, call 847-825-3123.

**TUESDAY, OCT. 8**

**Mega-Connect Multi Chamber Networking Breakfast**  
7:30 a.m.: Network over breakfast, then meet business professionals after giving a two-minute presentation about your business. Those who register will receive a contact list of registered participants. Holiday Inn - North Shore, 5300 Touhy Ave., Skokie. \$25-\$35.

**Baby Bounce**  
9:15 a.m.: Special stories, song, rhymes and play time just for babies birth-12 months. Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge. Call 847-825-3123.

**Story Time for 4s & 5s**  
10:15 a.m.: Drop in for a short story time. Please no adults or siblings. Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge. Call 847-825-3123.

**Film: 'Robot and Frank'**  
11:30 a.m.: This 2012 film stars Frank Langella, Susan Sarandon and Peter Sarsgaard in the story of an aging jewel thief whose son buys him a domestic robot. 89 minutes. Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove. Call 847-965-4220.

**AARP Driver Safety Class**  
1 p.m.: This refresher course on road safety can qualify drivers for an insurance discount. Open to persons 55 years of age or older. This is a two-part class, the second part will take place on Oct. 10. Norwood Park Senior Center, 5801 N. Natoma Ave., Chicago. Call 773-775-6071. \$12-\$14.

**Feature Film: 'The Great Gatsby'**  
2 p.m.: This classic tells the story of a Midwesterner moving to New York City during an era of loosening morals, jazz music and bootleg kings. It stars Leonardo DiCaprio and Carey Mulligan. 142 minutes. Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge. For more information, call 847-825-3123.

**Genealogy Boot Camp: Searching the Census**  
7 p.m.: This course is the second of a four-week Genealogy Boot Camp in which attendees will learn how to start researching their family history. Registration required. Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove. Call 847-965-4220.

**WEDNESDAY, OCT. 9**

**Monthly Networking Luncheon**  
11:30 a.m.: Marty Graham, Sabella & Graham, P.C., presents year-end tax strategies for your business at this luncheon, sponsored by the Park Ridge Chamber of Commerce. Email info@parkridge-chamber.org. Affresco Pizzeria & Lounge, 11 N. Northwest Highway, Park Ridge. \$25-\$30.

**Minecraft Unplugged**  
4 p.m.: Minecraft fans can take their obsession offline and into real life by creating all things Minecraft including pickaxes and creeper T-shirts. Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge. Call 847-825-3123.

**Evening Book Discussion**  
7 p.m.: This month the group will be discussing Nick Hornby's "High Fidelity." Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge. Call 847-825-3123.

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### 1 Water heater

**Address:** 7519 N. Neva Ave., Niles  
**Issue date:** June 20  
**Permit cost:** \$40  
**Construction cost:** \$1,000

### 2 Fence

**Address:** 7614 N. Nora Ave., Niles  
**Issue date:** June 19  
**Permit cost:** \$25  
**Construction cost:** \$1,500

### 3 Roof (commercial and residential)

**Address:** 6943 W. Fargo Ave., Niles  
**Issue date:** June 18  
**Permit cost:** \$63  
**Construction cost:** \$6,860

### 4 Fence

**Address:** 7814 N. Nora Ave., Niles  
**Issue date:** June 21  
**Permit cost:** \$25  
**Construction cost:** \$600

### 5 Fence

**Address:** 7811 N. Octavia Ave., Niles  
**Issue date:** June 20

**Permit cost:** \$25

**Construction cost:** \$2,100

### 6 Roof (commercial and residential)

**Address:** 8042 N. Oconto Ave., Niles  
**Issue date:** June 19  
**Permit cost:** \$94  
**Construction cost:** \$6,000

### 7 Flood control

**Address:** 6828 W. Oakton Court, Niles  
**Issue date:** June 18  
**Permit cost:** \$80  
**Construction cost:** \$7,500

### 8 Flood control

**Address:** 6907 W. Keeney St., Niles  
**Issue date:** June 21  
**Permit cost:** \$80  
**Construction cost:** \$8,406

### 9 Water heater

**Address:** 8111 N. Odell Ave., Niles  
**Issue date:** June 18  
**Permit cost:** \$40  
**Construction cost:** \$500

### 10 Alarm

**Address:** 6440 W. Howard St., Niles  
**Issue date:** June 20  
**Permit cost:** \$188  
**Construction cost:** \$20,000

# BUSINESS

||| NILES

## American Music World helps Niles musicians play new tunes

BY IGOR STUDENKOV  
For Sun-Times Media | @istudenkov

When customers step inside American Music World, a piano greets them at the entrance. Upright and Grand pianos stand back-to-back along the sales floor. Organs, keyboards and digital pianos occupy every free space in the large room where adult classes are held. And there are even more pianos further back, near the smaller rooms where children's lessons are held.

American Music World has been serving Niles and the surrounding suburbs since 1979. Even as technology changed, there have always been parents who wanted their children to learn how to play pianos. American Music World also offers music classes for children and adults alike. This helped to ensure steady customer traffic. And while the economic downturn has caused a drop in profits, the store has since rebounded — and it has been building on its success ever since.

American Music World was founded by Ray Fajmon. The first location opened in Forest Park, but it wasn't long before Fajmon established a second location in Niles to better serve customers from Chicago and its north and northwestern suburbs.

Bob Frazier has been working at the Niles location since 1988, when

the store hired him to teach adult music classes. He has since become the location manager and the lead salesperson. He sees teaching and sales as an extension of his lifelong love of music — either way, he gets to pass his passion on to others.

"I want to make a difference in people's lives through music," said Frazier.

The Niles store offers a large variety of traditionally built upright and grand pianos. It's the only store in Cook County to sell Lowrey brand organs. American Music World offers more modern digital pianos and keyboards.

Most of American Music World's customers are parents who want to their children learn how to play piano. They also get many adults who want to learn to play pianos or organs. More recently, the store has seen more customers buying player pianos — electronic pianos that can automatically play music from its owner's laptop or smartphone.

The store's customers usually only have a general idea what they are looking for — which is where the staff comes in.

"We help them choose the price range, color and size," said Frazier. "We can help them pick a finance plan, give them trade-up options."

Every customer who buys something is automatically eligible for one year worth of free music



Many students at Bob Frazier's senior organ class at American Music World have been coming for years. Frazier approaches the lessons with humor, and the class comfortably jokes right back. | IGOR STUDENKOV/FOR SUN-TIMES MEDIA

lessons. For kids, American Music World offers three levels — beginning, intermediate and advanced. Frazier estimates that about 100 children are enrolled in the store's classes. American Music World offers private lessons for children and adults, as well as organ playing group lessons for seniors.

The Niles Herald-Spectator attended one of the organ lessons. In addition to showing how to play a particular piece, Frazier talked about its history and broke down the elements that made it work.

Frazier said that playing organs isn't just a good way to pass the time — they have health benefits, too.

"Playing music lowers your blood pressure and makes your heartbeat slower," he said.

American Music Store students participate in a number of events throughout the year.

"We do a number of concerts and recitals," said Frazier.

American Music World has survived through several economic downturns. Frazier said that while



An upright piano at American Music World, 7727 N. Milwaukee Ave. in Niles. | IGOR STUDENKOV/FOR SUN-TIMES MEDIA

customer service and selection helped to attract customers, it was ultimately passion for music that kept the store going even in the worst economic times.

"We had a slowdown back in 2008, when the real estate [bubble] crashed," he said. "But we've recovered, because people still want music."

# TREND

||| PREVIEW

## Benefit brings music to kids of Philippines

BY MYRNA PETLICKI  
For Sun-Times Media

Cabaret artist Ester Hana has never forgotten her roots. In 2000, she founded the Dalaguete Music Foundation to send money and instruments to the impoverished town in the Philippines where she grew up so that the children “who do not have the means to study music can have access to it,” Hana said.

For the past two years, Hana has spent three weeks in Dalaguete every summer, running a free music camp for kids. “I teach them not only music,” Hana explained. “I teach them English. I teach them our own language.” She also provides backpacks and snacks.

For last summer’s culminating event, her campers performed “Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat” for the people of the town. “We had only 14 days. We only had the clothes that I had sent them before,” Hana related. “We didn’t have a theater curtain. We didn’t have props. I didn’t mind doing it in the open. I just wanted the children to perform.”

The musical was so well received that people from the municipal government requested that Hana restage the show during the Dalaguete Town Fiesta next February, marking the Feast of St. William of Aquitaine (Novenary Day).

In order to make that possible, Hana has organized a fundraising luncheon and show for the Dalaguete Music Foundation, Sunday, Oct. 6 at the Skokie Club restaurant.

The benefit will include a lunch, performances by the Ester Hana Trio, the Danny Ayam Duo, Danny Ayam at the piano and guest singers. There will also be a silent auction, including such items as unique pieces of fine jewelry and cabaret performances by Hana.

Hana explained that they need to raise \$3,000 in order to rent or purchase a good sound system, microphones and lights. They also need costumes, props and makeup for this larger production. “We’re trying to be creative, but it’s still not Egypt,” Hana laughingly noted.

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Above, Ester Hana and her trio will hold a benefit for the Dalaguete Music Foundation camp at the Skokie Club. |

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Left, campers who learn music through Ester Hana’s Dalaguete Music Foundation.

||| FASHION

# In the pink

## Breast cancer awareness always in style

BY LYNN TAYLOR SCHWAAB  
For Sun-Times Media

October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. You can tell by all the pink in shops and online.

But breast cancer is still a major health issue. According to the American Cancer Society, one in eight women will develop invasive breast cancer. In 2013, some 39,620 women will die from breast cancer in the U.S., and about 232,340 new cases of invasive breast cancer will be diagnosed in U.S. women.

This annual campaign increases awareness of this devastating disease, raises funds for research to fight it, and offers information and support to those affected by breast cancer.

Pink is the official color of this October campaign. Many women, even men, don the color in different ways to show support for the fight against breast cancer. The days of the simple pink ribbon pinned to your clothes or the bright silicone bracelets have passed. There are now abundant, fashionable choices — from eternity rings to sunglasses to eye-catching bracelets and necklaces — that support the cause.

For some fabulous pink merchandise that supports Breast Cancer Awareness Month, check out two websites: ThinkPinkRibbon.com and PinkRibbonShop.com. They are excellent resources for stylish merchandise that aid the cause.

Many companies and organizations are promoting pink during Oc-

tober. Take the NFL — yes, that's the National Football League — for instance. You'll see players, coaches and staff members sporting pink socks, gloves, towels and hats. In fact, the NFL is one of the biggest supporters of Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Personally, my son will be wearing his pink socks during his football games this month in honor of his grandma, my mother, who is a breast cancer survivor. Check out any Dick's Sporting Goods store or the NFL's website for information on pink goods for guys.

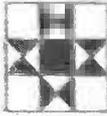
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# Bond grows stronger between couple while soldier is in Afghanistan

Beth Bialkowski and Chris Laurent

BY RENEE LEE  
ree@bouquetcatcher.com

**A**rlington Heights native Beth Bialkowski met Montreal-born, New Orleans-raised Chris Laurent at a friend's birthday party at Millennium Park. Chris moved to Chicago after his active duty with the U.S. Navy and the Pensacola Blue Angels ended. (Now, he works in public affairs for the U.S. Navy Reserves.)

"Chris was telling me why he moved here, and he basically moved here for the Cubs," Beth said with a laugh.

That same night, Chris informed Beth he had volunteered to go to Afghanistan and would be leaving in a few months. Their first date was July 14, 2011, when they went to a Cubs game.

There wasn't a whole lot of sports coverage in New Orleans but with cable TV, WGN was very prominent and Chris grew to love the Cubs.

When Chris left for a nine-month deployment to Afghanistan, the couple kept in touch via Skype. And though they were miles away from each other, Chris said the experience brought them closer together than ever.

Beth — a project manager at LinkedIn, a jazz singer on the side and a former events planner — shared a Powerpoint-like presentation about venues with Chris when he still was overseas. They tied the knot July 14 at Schram Chapel in Glenview, which was meaningful to them because the Chapel is built on what used to be the Glenview Air Station. They both also loved Cafe La Cave in Des Plaines, where they had their reception.

Beth always had a vision of incorporating a lot of purple in her wedding but added accents of gunmetal gray as a compromise to Chris, who isn't a huge fan of purple. As a nod to Chris' French-Canadian background, the fleur-de-lis was featured in the couple's invitations and place settings.

For the reception, Beth swapped her wedding gown she found at Reddington Bridal in Park Ridge for a sparkly silver number she found from Rent the Runway that she could better dance in.

The two live in Chicago and enjoy attending Cubs games. The wedding far exceeded the couple's expectations, even though there was purple, Chris joked.

"Whoever was in charge of the weather that day was great," Chris said. "I mean, honestly, from the coordination from the chapel to the reception hall down to Beth and myself, everything was spectacular."



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**Photographer:** Aaron Ehinger Photography, Chicago

**Ceremony venue:** Schram Memorial Chapel, Glenview

**Reception venue:** Cafe La Cave, Des Plaines

**Floral arrangements:** Artistic Blooms Chicago

**Dresses:** Reddington Bridal, Park Ridge; and Rent the Runway

**Photobooth:** ShutterBooth, Chicago

**Linens:** BBJ Linen, Chicago area

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**Christine Holder  
& Dirk Haller**

U.S. Air Force 2nd Lt. Dirk grew up in Park Ridge and graduated in 2006 from Maine South High School. Christine, a Chicago native, graduated in 2008 from Resurrection High School. The couple will marry Oct. 12 at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church in Norridge, with a reception at Cafe La Cave in Des Plaines. They will live in Fort Walton Beach, Fla., where Dirk is stationed as a test engineer on a F-15 Eagle fighter jet.

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# The Harvest Moon Ball at The Osthoff Resort: A trip back to the Big Band era

By Matthew Villanueva

At The Osthoff Resort's Harvest Moon Ball in beautiful Elkhart-Lake, Wisconsin, you can take a trip back in time to an era when people still dressed elegantly and knew how to dance: the Big Band or Swing Era. With elegant dinners, social dancing and live music from Wisconsin's very own Bob Kuether Band, this is one weekend getaway you won't want to miss.

### Swing Era music

The timeless music of the Swing Era was an evolution of earlier styles of jazz that were popular during the Roaring Twenties. During the tough economic times of the 1930s, band leaders such as Glenn Miller, Tommy Dorsey and Benny Goodman kept America's spirits up with their lively music, and musicians such as Ella Fitzgerald and Louis Armstrong let their unique talents shine.

### Swing Era fashion

You don't have to wear period clothing to attend the Harvest Moon Ball, but if you would like to dress



up in Swing Era fashions, keep in mind that fabric was rationed during the war years. Back in the day, women wore short evening dresses, plain or frilly, or satin evening suits with low-heeled black pumps. Men wore double-breasted Humphrey Bogart style suits with bold pinstripes.



### Swing Era dancing

Many popular American dances originated in the Swing Era. The Lindy Hop and East and West Coast Swing are still popular around the country today.



Don't worry if you don't know how to dance yet—the Harvest Moon Ball features professional lessons that will have you moving in no time.

If you want to relive the elegance of the Swing Era, make your reservation for the Harvest Moon Ball now. Though this event isn't happening until Oct. 25, rooms at the popular resort are filling up fast. To learn more about lodging options in scenic Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin, call Elkhart Lake Tourism at 877-355-4278.

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Check in: Freshmen check in for orientation at Loyola Academy in Wilmette. | SUPPLIED PHOTO



# Navigating open houses

## Insider educator intelligence

BY WENDY ALTSCHULER

For Sun-Times Media

Finding the right school for your child is no easy task; quality choices abound. Learning about all of the facets of the school, the available programs and the education ethos remains a top priority for parents. Teachers and school faculty are there to help parents find the right fit for their child. Take advantage of expert knowhow to make the most of your time at open houses.

"Students that are interested in attending Loyola Academy are encouraged to spend time on our campus through the various admissions and open house events offered throughout the fall," said Genevieve Baisley, vice president of admission and enrollment. "Prospective families will meet students, faculty members, administrators, athletic coaches and student club moderators."

Kathleen Creed, director of admissions and financial aid at Woodlands Academy of the Sacred Heart in Lake Forest, recommends that parents consider how challenging the curriculum and academic initiatives are for students. Attending open houses are an ideal way to find out about the prospective school's curriculum, culture and diversity as well as admission and financial aid information.

"Don't be afraid to call the admission director or visit in person," Creed said.

What if you're interested in a well-rounded education that employs best practices,

tailored to your child's abilities and interests, which gauges learning success outside of regular parameters? Rachel Spiro, director of admissions at Wolcott School in Chicago, encourages families to explore options based on the academic, social and emotional needs of a student and open houses are an excellent forum for this.

"The four years of high school go by quickly," Spiro said. "It's critical for students to develop passion and confidence as life-long learners prior to entering college."

Spiro recommends asking many questions at open houses. What kinds of arts and physical education courses are offered? What is the average class size? Do students have the opportunity to learn via one-on-one technology device programs? Does the school offer modern languages? How do teachers assess learning? Pose questions about the community, facility and school values.

"Wolcott's model recognizes that the collaboration of faculty, families and students can help each learner appreciate their value, insight, intelligence and importance," said Dr. Miriam Pike, founding head of school.

Principal at St. Celestine School in Elmwood Park, Jeanine Rocchi, recommended that parents learn as much as they can during an open house. They should inquire about the communication between teacher and parent and find out what the expectations are for parents in terms of helping their child reach their erudition potential.



Above: At Intercultural Montessori Language School in Oak Park, children benefit from a rich education with high quality standards. | SUPPLIED PHOTO

Left: At Loyola Academy in Wilmette, parents gather at the Freshman Parent Welcome Coffee while their children attended Freshman Orientation. | SUPPLIED PHOTO

St. Giles principal, Sue Poetzel, said to find out specifically how students can become successful in the classroom. Open houses provide the opportunity to learn about the avenues in which children can become better learners.

"Do a quick review of the website and any information that you've received from the school before the open house," said Roderick I. Shaw, campus director at Intercultural Montessori Language School in Oak Park. "Jot down questions that come to mind as you review so you'll remember to ask them at the open house."

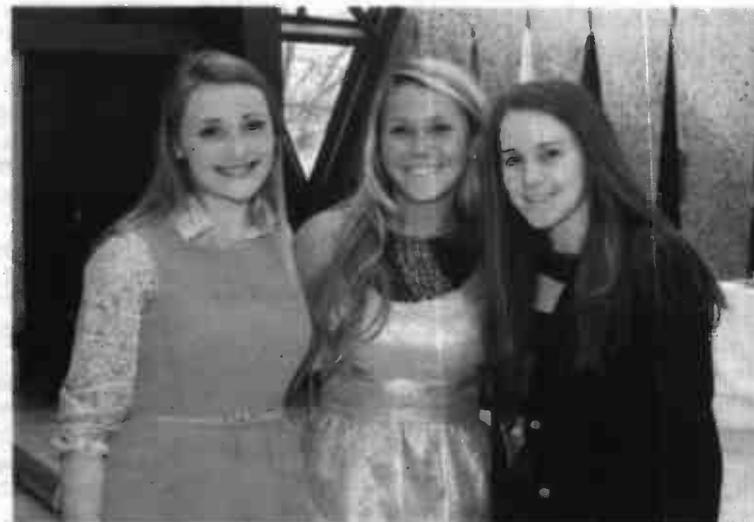
Shaw recommends taking notes during the open house to make the most of allotted time. Parents should ask about teaching philosophies, school mission and implementation as well.

"There is no substitute for a tour of the classrooms where you can see children and teachers at work. It will not only give you a feel for whether or not the school is a good fit for you and your child, but it will also answer unasked questions," said Shaw.

"Be sure to look around and take in all the hard to quantify things. Does the space feel cheerful? Do the teachers seem pleasant? Are the children engaged in their activity? Is there a good balance of freedom and order in the classroom?"

Pattie Fuentes, director of admissions at Regina Dominican in Wilmette, said that parents could best prepare for an open house by keeping an open mind.

"It also helps to have some questions prepared," Fuentes said. "Don't be afraid to spend extra time with the faculty and staff that your child will be interacting with the most. This is your time to ask the tough questions."



Friends: Woodlands Academy of the Sacred Heart in Lake Forest alum, Livesey Pack (left), and Michaela Bowler (right), with senior class president, Anne Kotlarz. Pack and Bowler graduated in May. | SUPPLIED PHOTO



# Nutrition initiatives

## Classroom education and lunchroom action

BY WENDY ALTSCHULER

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**S**chool success often depends on access to wholesome nutrition. Students in many schools have been equipped with dietetic knowledge, which prepares them to take an active role in their health by being mindful of what they eat in the cafeteria and beyond.

At Resurrection College Prep High School, students are educated about nutrition and wellbeing through a three to four week unit. The objective of the curriculum is to ensure that students are able to make well-informed decisions that will support a hale and hearty existence.

"During this time, students participate in activities that teach and reinforce five main topic questions: What is healthy eating? How does food preparation contribute to health? Why are there so many problems in the U.S. due to poor eating habits, despite all the available information? Why is one diet healthy for one person but unhealthy for another? How can I be a healthy eater?" said Kathleen Heneghan, communications coordinator at Resurrection College Prep High School. "Two highlights of this unit are the nutrition fair and the food analysis project."

Heneghan goes on to say that during the nutrition fair, the students learn how to compare fat and sugar content from different fast food restaurants; they discover how important a healthy breakfast is; and they learn how to read food labels. In addition, the students are involved in a weeklong food analysis project.

"They write down everything they eat and input it using [choosemyplate.gov](http://choosemyplate.gov). The website then lets the students know what they have to do in order to become

healthy eaters," Heneghan said. "Students know about good nutrition and the difference between healthy food and empty calories, but it's another thing to have a week's worth of data in front of you that shows your daily habits and how that affects your overall health."

Wolcott School in Chicago places the student first when determining what educational initiatives are imperative in its diverse population. Consideration of the health and welfare of each scholar is of utmost importance.

"Wolcott School is Chicago's first independent college-prep high school for students with learning differences. The curriculum is tailored to the strengths and aspirations of each student," said Rachel P. Spiro, director of admissions at Wolcott School in Chicago. "Our health program, includes lessons on nutrition for adolescents. As for lunch, we provide students with a natural and organic hot lunch."

A wellness program enacted by St. James School in Highwood, which has been written by the Office of Catholic Schools for the Archdiocese of Chicago, focuses on the fitness and health for students in all grades.

"One purposeful action on the part of the school was to remove the soda machine from our cafeteria," said Mary Vitulli, principal at St. James School. "The faculty and staff of St. James agree that wellness and good nutritional habits begin when you are young."

The nonprofit food service company, Food Service Professionals (FSP), delivers a variety of freshly prepared, made-from-scratch lunches, which includes: milk, whole grains, lean meats, fruits, and vegetables—locally grown and organic when possible, to St. James School every day.

"In addition to complete meals, a different a la carte salad is offered each day, featuring an apple-Craisin



Food for thought: Resurrection College Prep life skills department chair, Lori Stevens, presents a unit on nutrition to a health class. | SUPPLIED PHOTO



Lunch: Students in the cafeteria at Resurrection College Prep High School making healthy choices during their lunch period. | SUPPLIED PHOTO

salad, chef salad, chicken Cesar salad or fiesta salad with black beans and corn," said Joanie Lombardo from FSP. "All salads are prepared with organic romaine lettuce. The school lunch menu follows USDA's nutritional requirements."

Vitulli said: "St. James is devoted to working with our students and their families in understanding what it takes to stay healthy."

Effectively, schools have taken a brawny role in preparing their students for healthy lifestyles through academic initiatives as well as by providing healthful options in the lunchroom, setting the stage for vigorous lives beyond the classroom.

# The importance of sports recovery

## Keep the athlete in your home healthy

Got an athlete in the house? Whether she is hitting the soccer field or he's going for it on the gridiron, what happens post-practice or after a game is just as important as the workout on the field. Allowing muscles to recover properly is essential for a healthy season — and off-season training regime.

Muscle fibers can fray and become damaged during a strenuous workout or game. Follow these five steps for a successful season:

### 1) Pump up protein

After a workout, athletes need a combination of carbohydrates and protein to replenish and help rebuild muscles. Follow the 2:1 ratio rule to make sure you have the right calibration for optimal absorption of protein. The quickest way to get a proper amount of carbohydrates and protein is through a recovery drink.

### 2) Stretch it out

Even if you are sore, gentle stretching is necessary after a tough workout or intense game. It can improve circulation, increase range of motion, decrease muscle tension and help prevent joint stiffness. A good stretching routine can take as little as 10 minutes. Remember to avoid over-stretching and stop if you feel any pain or discomfort.

### 3) Stay hydrated

You hear it all the time, but stay hydrated before, during and after a workout game or practice session. During exercise, when your body loses fluid and electrolytes through sweat, it is crucial to get the extra eight ounces experts recommend athletes drink for every 15 minutes of activity. Drinking low-fat chocolate milk, such as Rockin' Refuel Muscle Recovery, after exercise not only provides the carbohydrates and protein needed to refuel



The RICE method: Rest, ice compression and elevation are essential for treating an injury. | SUPPLIED PHOTO

and repair muscles, but also it helps replenish fluids and electrolytes (such as calcium, magnesium and potassium) that are lost in sweat.

### 4) Rub it out and ice it down

Some athletes pack on the ice bags as soon as they are done with a game or workout. This helps reduce swelling and tames soreness. Pack ice on sore muscles and wrap them with

plastic wrap to conform to the muscles in need. Invest in a high-quality foam roller.

### 5) Rest

Rest not only provides a mental break, but also allows the body time to mend and repair frayed muscle. Cut rest, recovery, nutrition, hydration or stretching out of your exercise plan and your performance is sure to suffer.

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# Schools at the head of the technology class

BY WENDY ALTSCHULER

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Most parents remember what it was like to get new-fangled technology equipment in their classroom — white boards instead of chalkboards and computers instead of electric typewriters, for example. This fall, accessibility to innovative gear and tools will spark learning and get students excited about the school year.

"We see technology as a method that enhances and supports teaching or learning in some sort of meaningful way," said Lane Young, director of library and educational technology at North Shore Country Day School (NSCDS) in Winnetka.

Ahead of the curve, NSCDS is in their sixth year of using Google Apps, a cloud-based service from Google that features several customizable web applications.

"Google Docs promotes collaboration not only between students, empowering them to do group and partner projects in different sort of ways, but between the teacher and the student as well," said Young. "Our sixth grade science students were able to work in a group to create a presentation using the research tools built into Google Apps. They were able to work simultaneously

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iStudents: The iPad, which offers numerous educational apps for students and teachers, creates a new way to learn. | SUPPLIED PHOTO

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**Log in:** North Shore Country Day School uses iPads, loaded with educational applications, in its classrooms to spark learning in their students. | SUPPLIED PHOTO

on the slides, even when they were at home. Further, they were able to receive feedback from the teacher as they did the project to make sure that they were on track, both with the work that was completed and with the research that they'd found."

NSCDS offers tech instruction to students, which combines information literacy skills with curricular instruction. Several websites are recommended to students as well, including web-based programming curriculum sites alongside ones that are geared toward mathematics, reading and science know-how.

Gordon Dezotell, math teacher at Hinsdale Adventist Academy, said, "www.khanacademy.org and www.aleks.com are excellent supplementary sites to help students in math."

The hottest new item in schools, however, is the iPad, which offers numerous educational apps for students and teachers, providing a new way to learn. "We think our new iPad program will offer exciting options for our students," said Young. "The iPad allows students to handwrite notes but still maintain a digital record, thanks to the tablet features. The ability to create multimedia due to the camera and microphone built-in is also available."

Hinsdale Adventist Academy principal, Robert Jackson, recommends that if the school does not provide it, each child should have their own iPad, iPod Touch or high quality tablet with various educational apps loaded. "There are some fantastic academic and organizational apps available, like 'Notability,' that help students to get the most out of their education."

Teresa Connelly, director of communications at Notre Dame College Prep in Niles said, "We are moving to using iPads in the classrooms this fall. We are very excited about it."

Clearly, technological advances in the classroom can't take the place of many organic ways of learning. "While I think we offer state of the art tools and opportunities for our teachers and students, I'm equally proud of the times when we determine that doing something the "old fashioned way" is going to lead to a superior outcome," said Young.

"The most important equipment needed for a great start to the year is a healthy body and a well-rested mind," Jackson said. "Make sure you are getting outside and being active, and be sure to get plenty of rest. Work on your fitness because many studies prove a link between increased academic achievement and physical fitness. There are lots of great gadgets you can use to help with research and to be organized, but being able to think clearly is your best tool for learning."



**Don't forget:** Hinsdale Adventist Academy believes an active, fit body is equally as important as high-tech equipment to help children learn. | SUPPLIED PHOTO



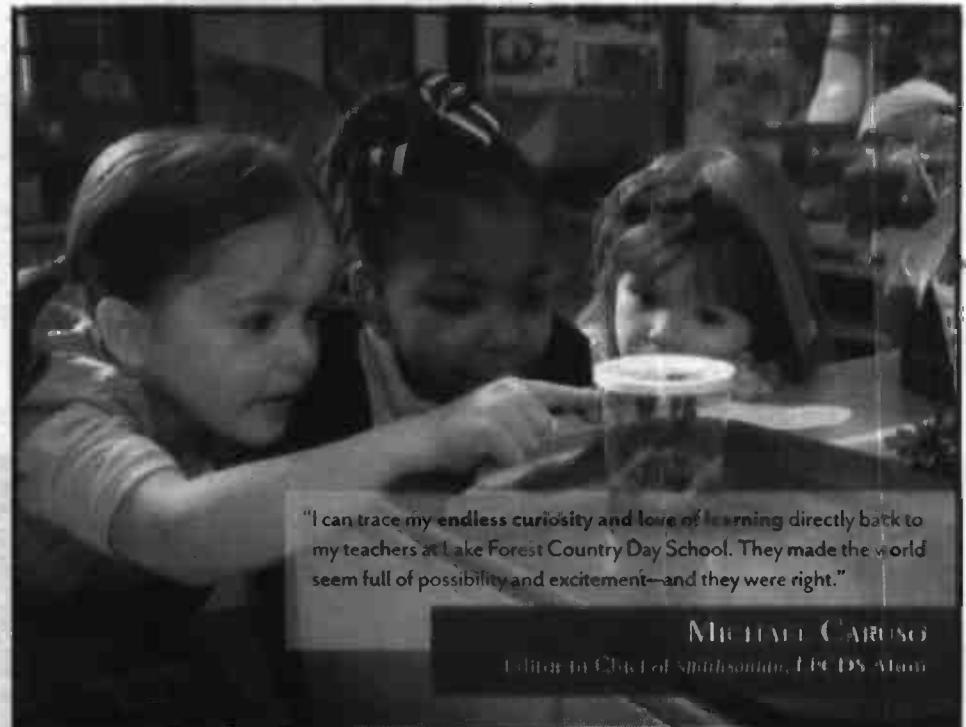
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# Outdoor education

## Morton Arboretum leaves your children entertained, tricks them into learning

BY WENDY ALTSCHULER

Special Columnist  
Windy City Mom

The Morton Arboretum is sneaky. While kids are exploring the tree house, building rock and stick dams in the creek or running through mazes, they are also gaining an under-the-radar educational experience. Established in 1922 and open every day of the year, the Morton Arboretum collects and studies trees, shrubs and other plants (190,000 specimens) from around the globe. Children will undoubtedly learn and develop a passion for nature, and adults will get the cherry-on-top when the kids all fall asleep on the ride home.

"My favorite part is that there is something for everyone. Everything we have here is very educational but kids don't realize it," said Hannah Rennard, manager of curriculum and instruction. "When they are at the flowers, they are actually learning about how insects

pollinate flowers. The idea is for the parents to interact with the children and help teach them that. I like that the kids see it as play but they are learning something at the same time."

The arboretum is 1,700 acres; it includes 16 miles of trails, 500 acres of plant collections and specialty gardens and 900 acres of woodlands, prairies, meadows, lakes and streams. Families are able to take part in the great outdoors as well as contribute to a non-profit science, research and conservation organization that plants and protects trees for a healthier world.

"Mom and dad can get ideas about gardening while the kids are playing," Rennard said.

The highlight of the arboretum for parents with children under 10 years old is the award winning, five-acre interactive Children's Garden and hedge maze, a nature-lover's paradise. Ten themed gardens — bursting with interactive and learning-based play — will engage your kids as they observe various

ecosystems from around the world. Kids will spot birds, turtles, frogs, squirrels, chipmunks and dragonflies in the Adventure Woods and the Backyard Discovery Gardens. They can put their bare feet in the stream and feel the smooth rocks; they can climb up rope bridges and pretend to be pirates in the tree houses—all they need is an imagination and a sense of adventure.

"One thing that is kind of interesting is that you see lots of moms, dads and grandparents here everyday so it's a multigenerational kind of experience," said Mary Beth Sammons, public relations manager. "It's [the Children's Garden] all fenced in so you don't have to worry about your child getting lost and it caters to children of various ages."



Not only are children safe and secure within the boundaries of the Children's Garden, extraordinarily friendly and knowledgeable volunteers and staff mill about the area, welcoming conversation and offering guidance.

Fresh air, sunshine, inspiration and exercise are all brilliant reasons to take a trip to the arboretum. Spend the day appreciating nature while supporting an organization that is doing good things for our environment and for our kids. Visit [www.mortonarb.org](http://www.mortonarb.org) for more information.

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## How to encourage kids to read

Reading can have a profound impact on a child's life in and out of the classroom. Reading can help a young student develop a more extensive vocabulary, and a study from the Federal Interagency Forum on Child and Family Statistics found that reading to young children promotes language acquisition, making it easier for them to learn a foreign language. That's a significant advantage for children growing up in an increasingly global world.

However, reading has benefits outside the classroom as well. Reading can provide an escape from the daily grind, which is something even today's youngsters can appreciate. Reading also is a great way for kids to relax and unwind while simultaneously giving their brains a workout.

While many parents recognize the impact reading can have on their children, it's no secret that getting kids to embrace reading can be difficult. Distractions such as video games, social media and even the great outdoors are all there to draw kids away from reading. However, parents who want to instill a love of reading in their children can still take steps to ensure their kids don't miss the benefits of a good book.

\* Read to your children. Numerous studies have discovered various benefits of reading to children when they are young. The National Center for Education Statistics notes that children whose parents read to them typically become better readers and perform better in school. Reading to children early on is the first step toward fostering a love of reading kids will develop and continue throughout their lives. Many parents read to their children at night before bedtime, but any time of day will suffice.

\* Don't be discouraged if kids are not interested in books. While reading fiction can help develop a youngster's imagination, parents should not be discouraged if

kids don't want to read books. Reading the newspaper, magazines and even comic books can help kids develop strong reading skills and an extensive vocabulary and, in the case of comic books, inspire their imaginations. Young sports fans might be more inclined to read the sports page than a novel, so let them do so. Kids are more likely to embrace reading if what they're reading interests them, so encourage kids to read up on those interests, even if that reading does not involve picking up a book.

\* Get your youngster his or her own library card. Thanks to the popularity of e-readers, many adults would be hard pressed to locate their local library if asked to do so. However, visiting the library is a great way to encourage kids to read, especially if kids have their own library cards. Kids with their own library cards tend to look at visits to the library as shopping trips where they get to make their own choices about what they're taking home with them. Once kids reach a certain age, they can visit the library on their own.

\* Share your own reading experiences with children. Kids look up to their parents and often want to mimic their behavior. Therefore, parents can set a good example by reading as well. On trips to the library, check out your own book. While you might not want to discuss every book you read with your children, discuss the books they're reading. Chances are you read many of those same books yourself when you were a child, and discussing books with your child is a great way to improve his or her reading comprehension.

Distractions abound for today's youngsters, who might not embrace reading as readily as they do video games or social networking. However, parents can take many steps to instill a love of reading in their kids that will last a lifetime.

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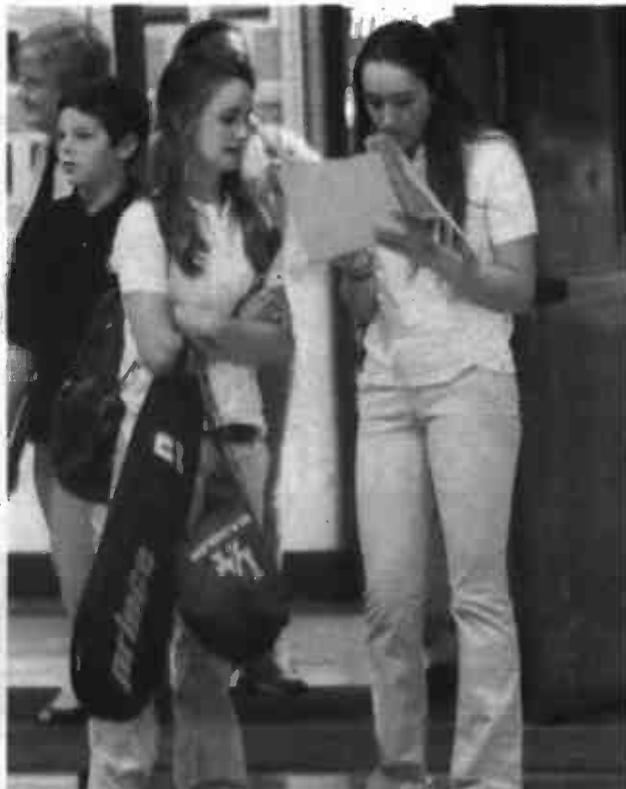
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calling Matt O'Brien, Director of Admissions, at (773) 286-8452. Families are invited to see Saint Patrick's outstanding academic, athletic, and fine arts programs by visiting one of its two open houses — Thursday, Oct. 17 from 6-8 p.m. or Wednesday, Nov. 20 from 6-8 p.m. Academic scholarships and tuition assistance are available.

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## Special Town & Country marks anniversary

BY SUE MEAD  
Motor Matters

Next year is the 30th anniversary of Chrysler's minivan, so the automaker is celebrating with a uniquely trimmed 30th Anniversary 2014 Town & Country limited edition and a stylish "S" version that joins the lineup.

On sale now, the 2014 Town & Country has 85 segment-exclusive new features and, at Chrysler's Proving Grounds in Chelsea, Mich., we were able to check out the stunning new 30th anniversary edition and drive the special "S" version of a lineup.

This front-wheel-drive minivan seats up to seven, with a base price that begins at \$29,995 for the Touring model, while Touring-L is priced at \$33,145, and Limited at \$39,650; the new S starts at \$32,195.

All Town & Country's have standard dual power sliding doors, along with power and heated folding side mirrors. Inside, find beautiful craftsmanship and high-quality materials, front and rear overhead consoles with an observation mirror and sunglasses holder, a removable sliding floor storage bin with cup-holders and a power outlet in the back.

Interior trim includes a leather-wrapped steering wheel, with wheel-mounted audio controls. The rear seats are re-

configurable, foldable and removable. Stow 'n Go seating has a one-touch fold-down feature for easier access to the third row and the segment-first Stow 'n Place roof rack. Limited edition models come with second-row captain's seating, which is also available on the Touring L model.

Notable are the great ergonomics, the available "super center console" that has clever functionality and storage for CDs, DVDs, notepad and wallet and integrated power outlets, as well as easy driver/passenger access with a pass-through storage space.

Power comes from a 3.6-liter V-6 making 283 horsepower and 260 lb.-ft. of torque matched to a 6-speed automatic transmission. Chrysler says this Pentastar engine gets best-in-class horsepower and fuel economy of 17 miles per gallon.

in the city, 25 on the highway. The Fuel Economizer mode allows drivers to choose between standard and fuel-saving shift calibrations. Sixteen-inch wheels and four-wheel power-assist disc brakes with ABS are standard.

The quietness of this minivan is enjoyable as a companion to high-command seating and great visibility to all sides.

We had plenty of power on tap, with seamless shifting, tight-feel, of the steering and the performance suspension.

Of note are the available industry-exclusive Blu-Ray player, that comes with HDMI input for video game systems, navigation, SiriusXM Radio and SiriusXM Travel Link, plus leather seats and a sharper-resolution rear-seat DVD player that are standard.



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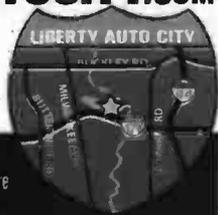
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### Lake Chapin owners enjoy a wonderland

October in Michigan is beautiful. The summer crowds have gone, the back roads are quiet again, the fields are ripe for harvest, the vineyards and u-pick orchards provide laid-back afternoons and the color is spectacular. There is no better time to spend a great weekend in Michigan than October.

It's time to enjoy the wine tours and antiquing, spectacular golf, boat cruising and fishing, romantic evenings and fine dining. It is also prime time to look for that elusive perfect weekend getaway home.

There is a lot to do just an hour and a half from Chicago and, in

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The model home offers a glimpse into possibilities for vacation convenience, amenities and four-season fun, while the Website at [www.LakeChapinShores.com](http://www.LakeChapinShores.com) illustrates all the unique features of 12 separate home designs from which to choose.

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Against the backdrop of the season, there is boating, going

after the big fish, a romantic sunset stroll along the shore, an evening at the firepit roasting marshmallows with the kids or spending some time on the deck with friends. With these images families are creating life-long memories. This is life at Lake Chapin Shores, just 75 miles from Chicago.

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# Infuse natural elements into decor scheme

Nature is bringing a breath of freshness into home decorating, but it's more than just incorporating flowering pots or opening windows.

The latest home decorating trend features natural elements in the textures and finishes of furniture and accessories, giving homeowners an elegant and often calming result of blending nature and home living into a beautiful space.

"We really want to see the handprint of nature in our homes now," says Elaine Griffin, New York interior designer and author of *Design Rules*. "Organic in the home is huge. It's one of the biggest trends for the year, and it's going to stay with us for a while."

Bring this elegance into your own home with the following decorating suggestions from Griffin.

Bring exotic looks into your kitchen with new cabinets that go beyond the basic oak or cherry woods. Griffin suggests using rosewood or zebra wood, woods formerly reserved for

custom furniture. And as both new construction and remodeling projects embrace the open floor plan concept, cabinets are visible from several rooms, which makes it a style upgrade not only for the kitchen, but for adjacent spaces, as well.

The latest furniture design trends also reflect the growing popularity of organic materials and textures, Griffin says, whether it's a table top left in the natural oak wood finish, or driftwood incorporated into furniture or accessories. The pale gray coloring of driftwood, combined with honey or pale colors used on other furniture or the walls is opening up spaces, moving away from the darker colors.

The natural look isn't just for the kitchen and living areas. It's also perfect for the bathroom.

The era of matching all fabrics, styles and materials in a room has shifted into combining elements of all into a beautiful room setting, Griffin says.

"All great rooms need a mixture of finishes for furniture, with something that's painted, something that's wood, something that's a metallic gold leaf, something that's ceramic," she says. "That's the secret to professionally styled rooms."

A trend to consider: the Belgium-influenced neo-industrial style, which brings a softer, natural yet industrial touch to rooms.

"It's a soft industrial. It means you've combined the wood elements with metal. And that metal could be gold leaf," Griffin advises.

Creating warm, comfortable surroundings infused with a sense of eco-elegance is why the natural elements trend has been so embraced. About to embark on your own remodel or home refresh?

Be sure to explore how bringing natural elements — whether they're salvaged materials or realistic pretenders — into your decor can enhance the ambiance of the room.

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Go eco: Blending organic colors and textures into home decor to create a "natural look" has shifted from mix-and-match to combining those elements, such as color and wood texture. SUPPLIED PHOTO

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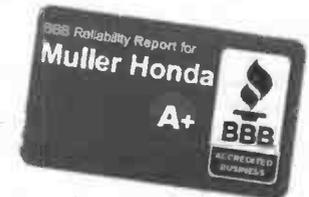
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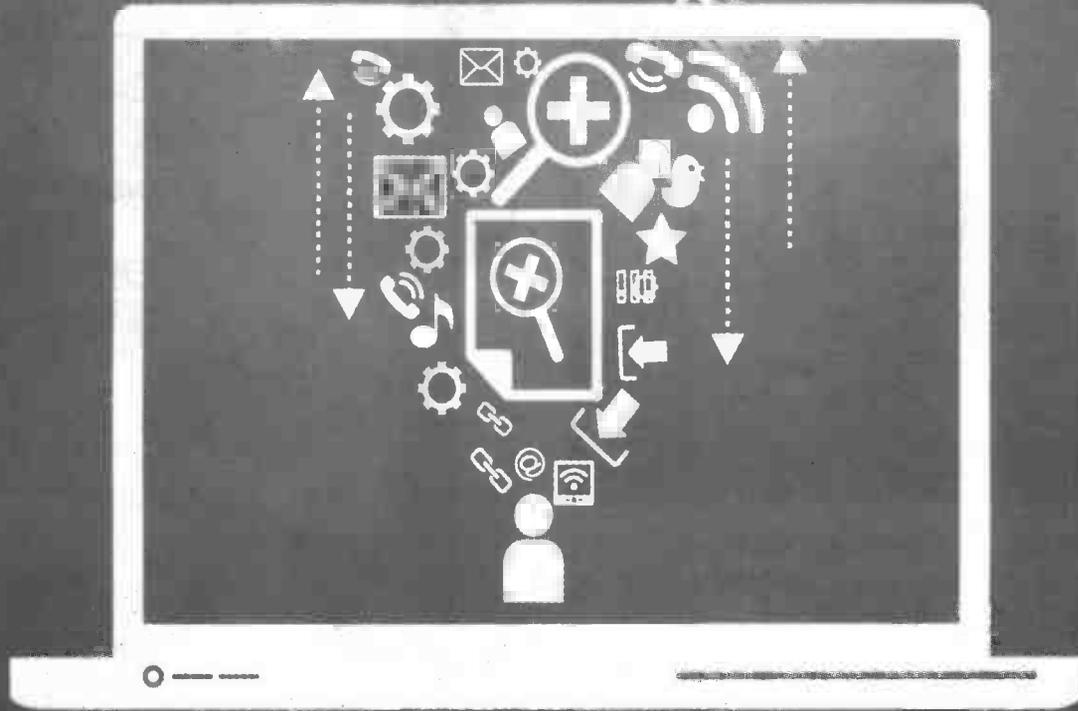
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# Breast Cancer Awareness

## Saving lives, living well

### Local researchers, healthcare workers paving the way for future generations

BY WENDY ALTSCHULER  
For Sun Times Media

**N**ational Breast Cancer Awareness Month (NBCAM) is a joint venture between the American Cancer Society and Imperial Chemical Industries' pharmaceutical division. NBCAM partners with charities to raise funds and awareness in October, and throughout the year. Its functions are research, prevention, treatment and support. It has promoted mammograms as an early-detection measure since its inception.

Sisters, Laura and Halee Sage, direct the Lynn Sage Foundation, which was founded in honor of their sister, Lynn Sage, a Chicagoan who died from breast cancer at the age of 39. The foundation has partnered with the Robert H. Lurie Comprehensive Cancer Center

of Northwestern University to fund annual scholarships of \$100,000, for a maximum of two years, to researchers.

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"In October, the Lynn Sage Cancer Research Foundation is partnering with more

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population, according to Friedman. Almost one million men and women in the United States may carry a BRCA 1 or BRCA 2 mutation, which could be passed onto children. "The name of the new agents are called PARP inhibitors, and there are clinical trials open across the United States," Friedman said. "One of the studies known as the BROCADE Study is open in three sites in the Chicagoland area. It is important that we find women with advance breast cancer who have the mutation to fill these studies so that we can have better treatment options for ourselves and future generations."

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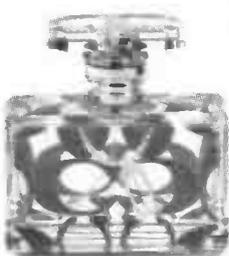
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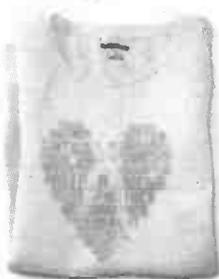
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### TOP 5

Managing Editor Jennifer Thomas' picks for this week.

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2. Chicago Philharmonic Chamber Players (pictured) will explore Great Russian Romance with a concert at 3 p.m. Oct. 6 at St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 205 N. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge. See [ChicagoPhilharmonic.org](http://ChicagoPhilharmonic.org).



3. Films for the Ear, a staged reading of classic films, continues with "Network" Oct. 6 at 27 Live, 1012-1014 Church St., Evanston. A themed dinner starts at 7 p.m. or show only at 8 p.m. [27Live.com](http://27Live.com).
4. "Autumn Brews: Seasonal Beer Tasting in the Garden" is 6-8 p.m. Oct. 10 at the Chicago Botanic Garden in Glencoe. [ChicagoBotanic.org/beer](http://ChicagoBotanic.org/beer).
5. "Keep Calm and Carry On: Textiles on the Homefront in WWII Britain" is being exhibited through Jan. 26 at the Illinois Holocaust Museum in Skokie. See [IHolocaustMuseum.org](http://IHolocaustMuseum.org).

## Women artists on how society shapes our bodies

BY JOANNA BRODER  
For Sun-Times Media

For anyone who has ever felt any pressure to conform, a new art exhibit at Oakton Community College might hit home.

The exhibit, "Bodies by Design: Modification, Coercion, and Resistance," explores the ways in which men and women modify their bodies "to conform to some ideal or to be more acceptable," said Judy Langston, curator of the show.

"Bodies" runs through Oct. 25 at Oakton Community College's Koehnline Museum of Art, located at 1600 E. Golf Road in Des Plaines.

"I would expect that many people would take a look at the art that's going to be on display and would really identify with it like: 'Oh yeah, OK, I've been there. I know what it's like to have to iron my hair just so I look good' or 'I know what it's like to have to wear certain garments or things like that,'" Langston, also a professor of art and graphic design, said.

Artists also explore issues of sexual violence and sex trafficking, the aftermath of breast cancer, sun worshipping, and how these relate to body image, as well as lighter themes such as shoes and cosmetics.

"It's a very provocative show," said Kathleen Carot, coordinator of Oakton's Women's and Gender Studies Program.

The Koehnline Museum of Art and the Women's and Gender Studies Program are co-spon-

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"Little Pink Sock," 2012, by Kim Laurel

soring the art exhibit, as they do annually. It has a different theme each year. "We always try to pick a theme that has real resonance in the women's and gender studies discipline, so there's a connection to what our students are learning," said Kathleen Carot, coordinator of the program.

The show as always, is free and



"Targeted," 2013, by Ellen Roth Deutsch



"Assault," by Susan Horwitz, 2001

open to the public, as is the Oct. 3 opening night reception, 5-8 p.m., when many of the 60 participating artists will be on hand.

The show is juried and draws artists from around the country

to just get people to think a little more deeply about some of these issues," Carot said, "to think about the consequences of the media's constant messages of what we're supposed to look like."

and even internationally, Carot noted. Several artists from other countries are displaying work in this year's show, she said.

"It's a very provocative show," she said.

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Mary Chapin Carpenter and Shawn Colvin play the North Shore Performing Arts Center Oct. 8.

## Carpenter rebounds from hardships for joint tour

BY BRUCE INGRAM  
For Sun-Times Media

After major hardships the past few years including a heart embolism, a divorce and the death of her father, singer/songwriter Mary Chapin Carpenter has rebounded with a regional Emmy, induction into the Nashville Songwriters Hall of Fame and "Ashes and Roses" — a successful album addressing her recent issues of loss and grief.

Now, the progressive country artist is winding up a tour with her longtime friend, fellow Grammy-winner Shawn Colvin. Carpenter and Colvin will perform Oct. 8 in Skokie's North Shore Center for the Performing Arts.

We caught up with Chapin to talk about her current record, performing with Colvin and getting through hard times.

**Q: You've gone from a period in your life that was extremely challenging to one that's been very successful. How did you manage the transition?**

**A:** I had some bumps along the way a few years ago but when I felt it was time to get back to work I just put my head down and went to it — and tried to write songs that were meaningful to me. It's been so rewarding when people hear them and say, "I've felt that way, too."

**Q: Did "Ashes and Roses" feel different, more personal, than your previous albums?**

**A:** Not really. I've always written about things that are important to me. So, while I knew that some people might feel this was a pretty dark record, I also knew that life really is sometimes dark.

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not immediate, but as time goes on, and you get farther and farther away from the event, and the emotions of loss and grief eventually become a part of you. You go forward as something of a transformed person.

**Q: This tour you've been on with Shawn Colvin sounds like fun.**

**A:** Oh, it has been so much fun. We've been all over the world with it the past year and a half. Shawn and I have been friends for almost 30 years and we've played on each other's records and performed together. But we realized a while ago that we'd never been on a formal tour together.

This is just us trying to replicate what we do when we get together and hang out in each other's living rooms — singing harmonies on each other's songs and pulling out songs from other artists that we'd grown up loving.

**Q: So, now that this tour is winding down, what's next for you?**

**A:** Well, I'm not sure how much I'm supposed to talk about it, but I have a new record coming out in January and I'm very excited about it — it's very different.

**Q: Can you give us a hint?**

**A:** Let's just say it involves a really big band. (Laughs) How does that sound?

||| MOVIE REVIEW



Joseph Gordon-Levitt stars in the film he also wrote and directed, "Don Jon."

# 'Don Jon' gets it right when it stays light

BY BRUCE INGRAM  
Film Critic

Considering that the hero's journey in "Don Jon" basically involves a New Jersey knucklehead figuring out that there's more to sex than pornography, it's remarkable how enjoyable it is for much of its running time.

In his writing/directing/starring debut, Joseph Gordon-Levitt eventually runs into trouble when he decides to get serious. For the most part, though, when he sticks to light social satire, this is smart, fast-paced and funny stuff. It's also, of course, no-holds-barred raunchy from the moment it begins.

Gordon-Levitt is Jon, a New Jersey mook nicknamed Don Jon by his friends. He's a ladies' man with pumped-up muscles, greased-back hair and no desire whatsoever for female companionship outside of bed.

Jon's an affable sort who's primarily devoted to his bod, his bachelor pad, his family, his church, his friends and his porn — with a particular emphasis on that last item.

Clearly, Jon has cultivated a sizeable addiction to porn, but his real problem is that he quite honestly prefers it to the real thing. He knows that's not a good thing and decides that what he needs is a deeper relationship. But unfortunately, he decides to seek true love with a more elusive target, one who seems to embody his pornographic ideal — the bodacious, maddeningly flirtatious,

sexually manipulative Barbara (Scarlett Johansson).

At first, Jon and Barbara seem to have been made for each other in New Jersey heaven and it's a delight to see her playing him like a hooked fish once he commits to "the long game" to coax her into bed. Gradually, though, it becomes clear that Barbara has a definite agenda, exerting more and more control over him with the promise of sex that "means somethin'."

One of the changes she insists on sends Jon to business school at night, where he meets an older woman named Esther (Julianne Moore). And it's the introduction of her character, representing maturity, humanity and sexual reality, ironically, that causes "Don Jon" to ring false for the first time.

It's obvious that Gordon-Levitt wants to take Jon to a deeper place, but the sudden shift in tone is a little hard to take — even a little confusing for some, apparently. The audience I saw it with, so accustomed to laughing at the film's earlier outrageousness, responded to a scene in which Esther sobs uncontrollably over a recently suffered tragedy by laughing out loud.

Gordon-Levitt manages to present Jon's sudden enlightenment capably, but that's not the same as being convincing. It's going to take a lot more than a few lessons in intimacy and sensuality from an older woman to make this guy turn off his laptop.

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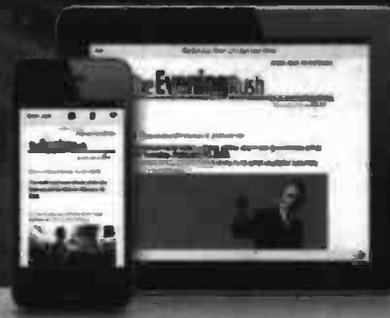
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The Frog Guy helps kids get up close and personal with all manner of amphibians.

## Frog Guy hops in for a visit

BY MYRNA PETLICKI  
For Sun-Times Media

Know your neighbors. That's what Randy Korb, otherwise known as The Frog Guy, will help your kids do at a Second Sunday Special, 2-3 p.m. Oct. 13 at the Niles Public Library, 6960 W. Oakton St.

"We will be learning about the amphibians that live around Niles," Korb said. "The children and adults will be feeding them and holding them and listening to their calls. I'll be pointing out different characteristics of each frog and salamander."

The Wisconsin naturalist reported that there are about 10 species of frogs and five species of salamanders in this area.

Korb believes that kids should learn about frogs and salamanders because, "They are part of our world. It is healthy for them to learn about things in nature. It will add something to their lives. They are attracted to them automatically and we are just going to be nurturing that interest."

Pick up free tickets at Youth Services 30 minutes before the presentation. For details, call (847) 663-1234 or go to [www.nileslibrary.org](http://www.nileslibrary.org).

### COME TO THE FAIR

There will be inflatables, games, crafts,

hayrides, pumpkin decorating, pie eating contests and face painting at the Devonshire County Fair, 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 6, at Devonshire Cultural Center and Park, 4422 Greenwood, Skokie. You can also make candy apples or cornhusk dolls, or try a circus trapeze. Cost is \$10 per person for a book of event tickets, \$25 for a family of four, \$2 per individual ticket.

For details, call (847) 674-1500 or go to [www.skokieparks.org](http://www.skokieparks.org).

### DOE, A DEER, A FEMALE DEER

Your family can croon that verse and a lot more at the Sound of Music Sing-a-Long, 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 11, at the Skokie Public Library, 5215 Oakton St. Everyone is encouraged to come in a Von Trapp family costume.

For details, call (847) 673-7774 or go to [www.skokieliibrary.info](http://www.skokieliibrary.info).

### COUNT ON HAVING FUN

... at a Mathematics Tea Party, 2-3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 6, at Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave. There will be songs, stories, counting and other activities at this event for ages 3-5, accompanied by a parent or caregiver. Registration is required.

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# Dollars and sense: Financial literacy for kids



Jackson Engelman makes a deposit in his savings account at MB Financial Bank in Glenview.

MOMMY ON A SHOESTRING  
BY BETH ENGELMAN



Help your kids make “sense” out of their dollars with these financial literacy tips from Joanne Wong, vice president of marketing for Virtual Piggy, a website that teaches youth about money matters.

## JUST SAY “KNOW”

Wong is a strong believer in talking to kids about money. “It’s an important life skill that needs to be learned through ongoing conversations and experiences,” she said.

In fact, the earlier you can start introducing kids to the concept of money, the better. For young children, parents can show how money is used in everyday life when buying groceries, clothing and more. As kids get older, the conversations can become more advanced, with discussions about budgeting, identifying wants versus needs, and the importance of saving.

“For many families there’s a misconception that talking about money is taboo,” Wong said. “The truth is, money is a topic that should be discussed more frequently to ensure kids get comfortable managing their own money and making good choices.”

## HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE

Another great way to help children learn financial responsibility is through real-life

Jackson Engelman poses with banker Susan Odisho while visiting MB Financial Bank in Glenview with his mom. Outings to local financial institutions can help kids learn money management skills.

experience. This can range from playing “store,” to opening a lemonade stand or hosting a garage sale. At my house, we often turn family game night into “financial awareness night” by playing board games that incorporate money into gameplay such as Monopoly, The Game of Life and Payday.

Another fun activity can take place at your local farmers market. Give each child a set amount of money, for example \$2. The object is to have the kids buy whatever they like with their money, as long as it does not go over the \$2 limit. Eventually everyone meets up and the kids compare their goods, which often leads to a conversation about the value of money.

## MODEL MONEY MANAGEMENT SKILLS

According to a survey conducted by Junior Achievement, 86% of teens learn their money management skills from their parents, which is why Wong believes modeling good money sense is of primary importance.

One way to help kids learn good financial habits is to include them (when appropriate) in your decision-making skills. For example, you can explain how you “price shop” at the grocery store or set aside money for your retirement.

A “family savings jar” is another great way to model financial responsibility. First, meet together as a family and decide on

## RESOURCES

Want more suggestions for teaching kids financial literacy? Check out these resources:

**Virtual Piggy ([www.virtualpiggy.com](http://www.virtualpiggy.com)):** This 21st-century digital piggy bank helps kids learn financial responsibility through real-life experience. Geared towards kids ages 11-16, the Virtual Piggy website provides a safe and secure place for kids to save, budget and spend responsibly.

**Jumpstart ([www.jumpstart.org](http://www.jumpstart.org)):** A coalition of financial literacy organizations providing information for pre-kindergarten through college-age youth. Includes information on state standards, best practices and curriculum development.

**Money Savvy Generation ([www.msngen.com](http://www.msngen.com)):** Helps kids “get smart about money,” with a variety of products including the ingenious Money Savvy Pig, a piggy bank that lets kids put their money into four separate chambers (saving, spending, investing and donating).

a financial goal and what you will do with the money once the goal is achieved. Then have family members contribute a certain amount to the jar each week. Kids can also help by counting the money each week and charting the family’s progress. Eventually your family will end up with a nice nest egg and a meaningful lesson on money management.

## GO CALENDAR

BY WRAPPORTS NEWS SERVICE

### THURSDAY, OCT. 3

#### Cinematic Classics: 'The Thomas Crown Affair'

1 p.m.: This 1968 film tells the story of a bank executive who executes a multi-million dollar heist and the insurance investigator who will do anything to catch him. Starring Steve McQueen, Faye Dunaway and Paul Burke. 102 minutes. Lincolnwood Public Library, 4000 W. Pratt Ave., Lincolnwood. Call 847-677-5277.

#### Travel Film: Japan and Singapore

2 p.m.: Journey through the exotic cultures and delectable foods of East Asia today. Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge. Call 847-825-3123.

#### Billy Cobham's 'Spectrum 40'

6:30 p.m.: The jazz fusion drummer, composer and bandleader, who came to prominence with Mahavishnu Orchestra, performs. Evanston SPACE, 1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston. Call 847-492-8860. \$25-\$45.

#### Documentary Film: 'Brooklyn Castle'

7 p.m.: Filmmaker Katie Dellamaggiore tell the story of a public-school junior high chess competition. 90 minutes. Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge. Call 847-825-3123.

#### Avenged Sevenfold

7 p.m.: The rock band will perform. Allstate Arena, 6920 Mannheim Road, Rosemont. \$25-\$49.50.

#### Carl LaBove

8 p.m.: The comic and founding member of The Outlaws of Comedy performs. All proceeds for the Oct. 3 show will be donated to the John Fox Memorial Fund. Zanies Comedy Night Club Rosemont, 5437 Park Place, Rosemont. Call 847-813-0484. \$20.

### FRIDAY, OCT. 4

#### Film Lover's Friday: 'Chasing Ice'

1:30 p.m.: A 2012 documentary focusing on the devastating effects of climate change. The film first premiered in Jan. 2012 at Sundance and runs 74 minutes. Elmwood Park Public Library, 1 W. Conti Parkway, Elmwood Park. Call 708-453-7645.

#### New Gary Burton Quartet

7 p.m.: Burton, a jazz fusion trailblazer and Grammy-winning pioneer of the four-mallet technique of playing the vibes, performs with his latest band. Evanston SPACE, 1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston. Call 847-492-8860. \$20-\$50.

#### Scream Scene

7 p.m.: Guests will wind their way through a maze featuring crazed butchers, chainsaw maniacs and ghoulish monsters. Not recommended for children under 10 years old. Lights-on haunted house Oct. 19 and 26 at 11:30 am. Oakton Park, 4701 W. Oakton St., Skokie. Call 847-674-1500, ext. 2700. \$9.

#### 'Donna & Rocco's Big Fat Italian Wedding'

7 p.m.: In this interactive show, Donna and Rocco are finally getting hitched after dating for 15 years and friends, family, dinner, drinks and dancing are all on the menu. Maggiano's Little Italy Old Orchard, 4999 Old Orchard Center, Skokie. Call 847-261-4588. \$60.

#### Scientist Turned Comedian Tim Lee

7:30 p.m.: Tim Lee delivers a blend of stand-up science comedy. Lee, a comedian with a Ph.D., became an Internet sensation with more than four million views of his YouTube videos. Gorilla Tango Skokie, 7924 Lincoln Ave., Skokie. Call 847-677-7761. \$25.

#### Chance Duo in the Lounge

7:30 p.m.: Park Ridge VFW, 10 W. Higgins Road, Park Ridge. Call 847-825-4588.

### SATURDAY, OCT. 5

#### Harvest Fest and Not-for-Profit Day

7:30 a.m.: Get ready for fall with pumpkins, fresh apples, vegetables, mums, cornstalks and more. This family-friendly event will feature children's activities and food. Northfield Farmers Market, 6 Happ Road, Northfield.

#### Canoe the Canal

9:30 a.m.: Guests will view the feathered residents of the ecology center by canoe. There will be basic canoe instructions given before the ride. Registration is required. Evanston Ecology Center, 2024 McCormick Blvd.,

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Evanston. Call 847-448-8256. \$10-\$24.

#### Skokie Art Guild

9:30 a.m.: The group offers figure drawing workshops every Saturday. Devonshire Cultural Center, 4400 Greenwood St., Skokie. Call 847-673-4450. \$20 per session; \$12 for guild members.

#### Free Trail Walk at The Grove

2 p.m.: Guided trail walks are ideal for families and individuals interested in nature. The Grove, 1421 Milwaukee Ave., Glenview. Call 847-299-6096.

#### Moir's Afternoon Tea

2 p.m.: Celtic Knot hosts afternoon tea weekly. The menu features little sandwiches, homemade scones, whipped cream, strawberries, and little pastries, and teas from around the world. The Celtic Knot Public House, 626 Church St., Evanston. \$16.99; \$8.99 children.

#### Music for the Sesquicentennial: Songs from the 1860s

7 p.m.: The EvansToneans, a local choir group, perform popular songs from the 1860s. Evanston History Center, 225 Greenwood St., Evanston.

#### Luke and Andrea Bartolomeo: Piano Duo

7:30 p.m.: The program will include George Gershwin's "Rhapsody in Blue," as well as works by Brahms, Dvorak and others. Saint Paul of the Cross Church, 320 S. Washington St., Park Ridge.

#### An Evening with Patti LuPone and Mandy Patinkin

7:30 p.m.: Two Tony Award-winning Broadway stars come together for a musical performance featuring some of the greatest songs ever written for the stage. All proceeds will support Over the Rainbow Association's mission to increase the quality of life for people with disabilities. [www.pickstaiger.org](http://www.pickstaiger.org).

Pick-Staiger Concert Hall, 50 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston. Call 847-467-4000. \$100-\$250.

#### Kevin Griffin of Better Than Ezra

8 p.m.: The singer-songwriter of New Orleans-based alternative rock trio Better Than Ezra performs. Evanston SPACE, 1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston. Call 847-492-8860. \$27-\$47.

### SUNDAY, OCT. 6

#### Eddie Biondo Fall Fest Parade

1 p.m.: Parade features marching bands, clowns, local businesses and civic organizations. The annual Pumpkin Fest at North Park follows. Downtown Franklin Park, Scott Street and Grand Avenue, Franklin Park. For more information, call 847-451-8135.

#### Chicago Philharmonic Chamber Players: Great Russian Romance

3 p.m.: The performance includes Borodin's String Quartet No. 2 in D major and Tchaikovsky's "Souvenir de Florence for String Sextet in D minor, Op. 70." Performers featured are violinists John Macfarlane and Jennifer Cappelli, violists Karl Davies and Stephen Boe and cellists Margaret Daly and Judy Stone. St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 205 N. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge. \$10-\$20.

#### Skokie Valley Symphony Orchestra

3 p.m.: A classical music performance, featuring pop undertones. North Shore Center for the Performing Arts in Skokie, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie. \$10-\$41.

#### John Pizzarelli Quartet

6 p.m.: The world-renowned jazz guitarist and singer performs with his band. Evanston SPACE, 1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston. Call 847-492-8860. \$22-\$48.

#### Rose Cousins in The Studios at SPACE

7:30 p.m.: The Canadian folk-pop singer-songwriter performs. Evanston SPACE, 1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston. Call 847-492-8860. \$15.

#### Music of the Baroque

7:30 p.m.: An orchestral and choral performance of music by Bach. North Shore Center for the Performing Arts in Skokie, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie. \$25-\$75.

### TUESDAY, OCT. 8

#### Film: 'Robot and Frank'

11:30 a.m.: This 2012 film stars Frank Langella, Susan Sarandon and Peter Sarsgaard in the story of an aging jewel thief whose son buys him a domestic robot. 89 minutes. Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove. For more information, call 847-965-4220.

#### Feature Film: 'The Great Gatsby'

2 p.m.: This film version of the classic novel tells the story of a Midwesterner moving to New York City during an era of loosening morals, jazz music and bootleg kings. It stars Leonardo DiCaprio and Carey Mulligan. 142 minutes. Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge. For more information, please call 847-825-3123.

### WEDNESDAY, OCT. 9

#### Dan Cummins

8 p.m.: The comic, who has appeared on "The Tonight Show," "The Late Show" and "Last Comic Standing," performs. Zanies Comedy Night Club Rosemont, 5437 Park Place, Rosemont. Call 847-813-0484. \$20.

#### The James Hunter Six

8 p.m.: The Grammy-nominated English R&B musician performs with his band. Evanston SPACE, 1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston. Call 847-492-8860. \$27-\$46.

### THURSDAY, OCT. 10

#### Classic Movie Thursday: 'On the Town'

2 p.m.: This Oscar-winning musical-comedy tells the story of three sailors who find adventure, fun and romance during their day of shore leave in New York City. Starring Gene Kelly, Frank Sinatra and Ann Miller. 98 minutes. Niles Senior Center, 999 Civic Center Drive, Niles. For more information, call 269-683-9380.

#### Q87.7 Presents GROUPLove

10 p.m.: The LA-based indie band performs a special acoustic set. Featuring The Rubens. Evanston SPACE, 1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston. Call 847-492-8860.

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**GO CALENDAR**

**FRIDAY, OCT. 11**

**'Star Trek Into Darkness'**

1 p.m.: In this 2013 film, the Enterprise crew tries to stop an force of terror from within their own organization. Starring Chris Pine, Zachary Quinto and Zoe Saldana. 132 minutes. Lincolnwood Public Library, 4000 W. Pratt Ave., Lincolnwood. Call 847-677-5277.

**SATURDAY, OCT. 12**

**Jane Austen Festival**

10 a.m.: Spend a day full of Jane Austen on Oct. 12 with a Make a Jane Austen Shawl activity at 10 a.m., a screening of the 1995 film "Persuasion" at noon and a screening of the 1996 film "Emma" at 2 p.m. Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove. Call 847-965-4220.

**Paula Poundstone**

8 p.m.: A comedic performance by Paula

Poundstone, winner of the "American Comedy Award for Best Female Stand-Up Comic" in 1989 and frequent panelist on NPR's "Wait Wait...Don't Tell Me!" North Shore Center for the Performing Arts in Skokie, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie. \$45-\$52.

**SUNDAY, OCT. 13**

**'Skokie: Invaded, But Not Conquered'**

2 p.m.: Screening of Todd Whitman's documentary, which explores the impact of the attempted neo-Nazi March of the late 1970s. Reservations required. Additional screenings will take place Nov. 17 and Dec. 15 at 2 p.m. Illinois Holocaust Museum, 9603 Woods Drive, Skokie.

**MGPL 75th Anniversary Jubilee Concert**

2 p.m.: Celebrating the library's 75th anniversary with the Shamrock Ragsters, who will perform Dixieland, bluegrass, Irish and Celtic tunes on fiddle, bass, guitar, trumpet, Irish flute, Irish whistle, harmonica, banjo and mandolin. Cake and coffee will be served after the concert. Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove. Call 847-965-4220.

**WEDNESDAY, OCT. 16**

**Russ Williamson**

8 p.m.: The comic and "Chicago Fire" actor performs. Zanies Comedy Night Club Rosemont, 5437 Park Place, Rosemont. Call 847-813-0484. \$20.

**THURSDAY, OCT. 17**

**Charlie Brown Pumpkin Decorating Class**

6 p.m.: Get into the Halloween spirit by reading "It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown." Then decorate a pumpkin with paint and creative accessories. Remember to wear old clothing because it may get messy. For ages 2 to 12. Ages 2 to 4 must be accompanied by an adult. Norridge Park, 4631 N. Overhill Ave., Norridge. Call 708-475-1244. \$8-\$13.

**FRIDAY, OCT. 18**

**Nightmare on Olmsted**

7:30 p.m.: Wear your most creative costumes to the Park Ridge Community Women fundraiser benefiting the neurovascular research of Bernard R. Bendok at Northwestern Memorial Foundation. Included in the ticket price are

appetizers and an open bar. Activities include dancing, Split-the-Pot, silent auction, jewelry raffle and a competition for best costume. To register or for more information, visit [www.prcw.org](http://www.prcw.org). The Snuggery, 6733 N. Olmsted, Edison Park. \$80/individual, \$150/couple.

**Journey Unauthorized**

8 p.m.: A tribute concert for the legendary rock band. Performers will pay homage to Journey by dressing up and playing their greatest hits from the '80s. Rosemont Theatre, 5400 N. River Road, Rosemont. \$23-\$43.

**John Caparulo**

8 p.m.: The regular on "Chelsea Lately" and host of CMT's "Mobile Home Disaster" performs. Zanies Comedy Night Club Rosemont, 5437 Park Place, Rosemont. Call 847-813-0484. \$25.

**SATURDAY, OCT. 19**

**Intergalactic Bead & Jewelry Show**

10 a.m.: A wide array of precious and semi-precious gemstone beads, sterling silver, freshwater pearls, hand-blown glass beads, vintage beads, crystals, delicats and much more. For more infor-

mation and a \$2 off admission coupon visit [www.beadshows.com](http://www.beadshows.com) or call 888-729-6904. Event will be held 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Oct. 19 and 20. \$5 Saturday admission, \$4 Sunday admission; kids under 12 free. White Eagle Banquets & Restaurant, 6839 N. Milwaukee Ave., Niles.

**The Rat Pack is Back!**

8 p.m.: This performance will transport the audience back to 1960s Las Vegas with Frank Sinatra, Sammy Davis Jr., Joey Bishop and Dean Martin. Rosemont Theatre, 5400 N. River Road, Rosemont. \$27.50-\$97. Call 847-671-5100.

**Eagles**

8 p.m.: Allstate Arena, 6920 Mannheim Rd., Rosemont. \$49-\$189.

**SUNDAY, OCT. 20**

**Zombie Tag**

2 p.m.: Come save the world from zombies or risk becoming one. Players may bring their own zombie slaying Nerf weapons or use the ones provided. For ages 14 to 19. Norridge Park, 4631 N. Overhill Ave., Norridge. Call 708-457-1244. \$5.

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Sandra Bullock and George Clooney in "Gravity."

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### OPENING FRIDAY

#### GRAVITY ★★★

**Rated PG-13** for intense perilous sequences, some disturbing images and brief strong language

**Stars:** George Clooney, Sandra Bullock

Chances are good that you've never seen a film set in outer space as immersive and involving as this extremely suspenseful survival drama from writer/director Alfonso Cuarón ("Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban," "Y Tu Mamá También"). Cutting-edge special effects create a sense of casual hyper-realism, immediacy and intimacy that makes it seem we're right there, all alone with mission-commander Kowalski (Clooney) and space newbie Dr. Stone (Bullock, in a career-best performance) after they're stranded outside their ship by a sudden disaster. That's an intensely uncomfortable place to be.

The pair's one hope is to make their way, with dwindling oxygen and jet-pack fuel, to the International Space Station, where they might possibly find a way home — if they live through the ingenious obstacles Cuarón places in their way. If "Gravity" has a flaw worth mentioning, it's the sentimental backstory Cuarón comes up with for Stone, climaxed by an unnecessarily mawkish scene. That's far outweighed, though, by the most powerful moments in this film, which are profoundly eloquent in a way that requires no dialogue. It's a must-see, even if you had to travel into space to do it.

#### HAUTE CUISINE

**Rated PG-13** for brief strong language.  
**Stars:** Catherine Frot, Arthur Dupont, Jean d'Ormesson

A celebrated French regional chef (Frot) is surprised when President Mitterand (d'Ormesson) appoints her as his personal chef — the first time a woman has ever held that position. Christian Vincent ("Quatre Etoiles") co-wrote and directed the biographical comedy.

#### PARKLAND

**Rated PG-13** for bloody sequences of ER trauma procedures, some violent images and language, and smoking throughout

**Stars:** Zac Efron, Paul Giamatti, Billy Bob Thornton

A dramatic recounting of the events surrounding the assassination of JFK — centered around the emergency room where he was treated. Journalist Peter Landesman makes his writing/directing debut with the drama.

#### RUNNER RUNNER

**Rated R** for language and some sexual content

**Stars:** Ben Affleck, Justin Timberlake, Gemma Arterton

A college student (Timberlake) gets mixed up with the crooked operator (Affleck) of an online poker site. Brad Furman ("The Lincoln Lawyer") directed the thriller.

### STILL PLAYING

#### INEQUALITY FOR ALL ★★★1/2

**Rated PG** for thematic elements, some violence, language and smoking images

**Stars:** Robert Reich

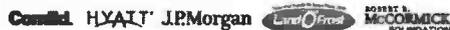
Comparisons are bound to be made between this enlightening/infuriating documentary on extreme income disparity in the United States (with its corollary marginalization of the middle class) and the Oscar-winning "An Inconvenient Truth." It has an essentially liberal perspective and much of it is filmed live during a lecture by economist and longtime Washington insider Robert Reich, complete with a PowerPoint presentation.

Reich is a livelier speaker than Al Gore, however, and many of the film's statistical interludes have been entertainingly animated as insurance against eyeball-glazing. There's no reason to fear you might slip into a coma while viewing "Inequality for All." A fit of apoplexy might be another matter, though, for middle-class viewers, regardless of political persuasion.

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- Gravity (PG-13)**  
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- Grace Unplugged (PG)**  
Fri-Sun 1:30-4-6:30-8:45; Mon-Thu 4:15-6:30-8:45
- Prisoners (R)**  
Fri-Sun 1:15-5-8; Mon-Thu 5-8
- Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs 2 (PG)**  
Fri-Sun 1-3:30-6-8:15; Mon-Thu 4:15-6:15-8:15

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- Captain Phillips (PG-13)**  
Thu 8-11:05
- Machete Kills (R)**  
Thu 8-10:40
- Acquire the Fire Presents: Surge**  
Wed 7 p.m.
- Gravity (PG-13)**  
Fri-Thu 11:45-9:30
- Gravity in 3-D (PG-13)**  
Fri, Sat 2:10-4:35-7:05-12; Sun-Thu 2:10-4:35-7:05
- Gravity in D-Box (PG-13)**  
Fri-Thu 11:45-9:30
- Gravity in D-Box 3-D (PG-13)**  
Fri, Sat 2:10-4:35-7:05-12; Sun-Thu 2:10-4:35-7:05
- Gravity in MuvXl 3-D (PG-13)**  
Fri, Sat 12:55-3:20-5:45-8:15-10:40-1; Sun-Tue, Thu 12:55-3:20-5:45-8:15-10:40; Wed 1:30-3:55-10

**Metallica Through the Never (not rated)**

- Fri-Thu 3:10
- Metallica Through the Never in 3-D**  
Fri, Sat 12:35-5:35-8:10-10:35-12:55; Sun-Thu 12:35-5:35-8:10-10:35

**Parkland (PG-13)**

- Fri, Sat 12:30-3-5:25-7:55-10:20-12:45; Sun-Thu 12:30-3-5:25-7:55-10:20

**Pulling Strings**

- Fri, Sat 1:20-4:15-7:15-10:10-12:50; Sun-Thu 1:20-4:15-7:15-10:10

**Runner Runner (R)**

- Fri, Sat 11:55-12:40-2:30-3:05-4:55-5:30-7:25-8-9:50-10:25-12:15-12:45; Sun-Wed 11:55-12:40-2:30-3:05-4:55-5:30-7:25-8-9:50-10:25; Thu 11:55-12:40-2:30-3:05-4:55-5:30-7:25-9:50

- Very Verdi — La Traviata** Sun 1 p.m.
- Atharimiki Daaredi**  
Fri-Sun 11:30-3-6:30-10; Mon-Wed 5-8:30
- Baggage Claim (PG-13)**  
Fri, Sat 12:15-2:45-5:15-7:45-10:15-12:40; Sun 4:05-6:35-9:05; Mon-Wed 12:15-2:45-5:15-7:45-10:15; Thu 12:15-2:45-5:15
- Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs 2 (PG)**  
Fri, Sun 11:30-12:05-2:35-4:20-5-7:35-9:25-10; Sat 11:30-12:05-2:35-4:20-5-7:35-10; Mon-Thu 12:05-2:35-4:20-5-7:35-9:25-10
- Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs 2 in 3-D (PG)**  
Fri, Sun-Thu 1:55-6:55; Sat 1:55
- Don Jon (R)**  
Fri, Sat 12:45-3:15-5:40-8:05-10:30-12:50; Sun-Thu 12:45-3:15-5:40-8:05-10:30
- Rush (R)**  
Fri, Sat 3:30-4-6:30-7-9:35-10:05-12:30-12:55; Sun-Thu 3:30-4-6:30-7-9:35-10:05
- Rush in D-Box (R)**  
Fri, Sat 3:30-6:30-9:35-12:30; Sun-Thu 3:30-6:30-9:35
- Battle of the Year (PG-13)**  
Fri-Sun 12:25 p.m.; Mon-Wed 2 p.m.; Thu 2-4:45-7:50-10:45
- Prisoners (R)**  
Fri-Thu 11:45-3:10-6:40-10:10
- Insidious: Chapter 2 (PG-13)**  
Fri, Sat 11:30-2:10-4:50-7:40-10:20-12:55; Sun 11:30-2:10-4:50-7:40-10:20; Mon-Thu 2:10-4:50-7:40-10:20
- Instructions Not Included (PG-13)**  
Fri, Sat 12:20-3:25-6:35-9:40-12:25; Sun-Thu 12:20-3:25-6:35-9:40
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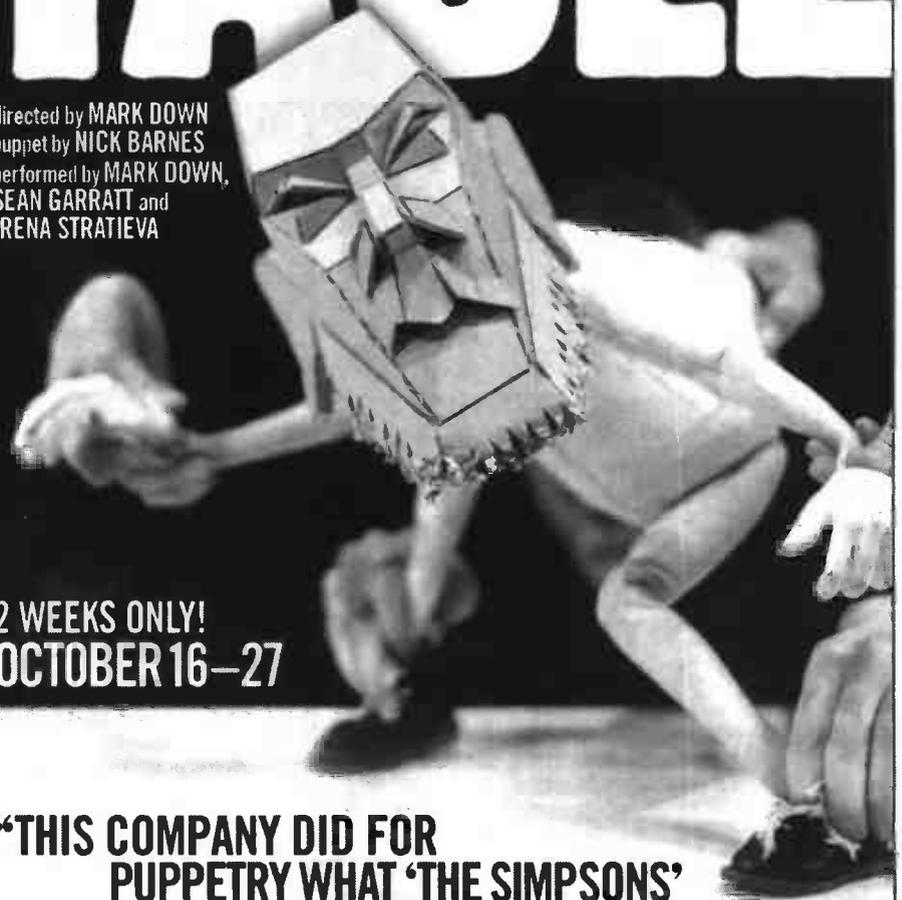
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- Gravity in 3-D (PG-13)** Fri-Sun 8 p.m.
- Gravity in IMAX 3-D (PG-13)** Fri-Sun 7:15 p.m.
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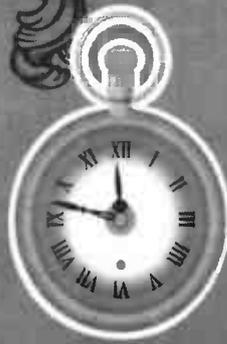
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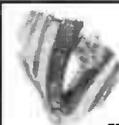
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**Irgang, Patricia Barbara "Pat"**

84, of Wabash, IN, died at 2:00 a.m., Sunday, September 29, 2013 at her home. She was born September 10, 1929 in Green Bay, WI to Raymond and Frances (Saar) Johanning.



She was a 1947 graduate of New Trier High School in Wilmette, IL, and received her associates degree from Penn Hall Community College in Chambersburg, PA in 1949. She was a bookkeeper in an accounting office. She lived in Wabash since 2000, coming from Evanston, IL, where she had lived since 1960.

She is survived by 3 sons, Michael Irgang of Indianapolis, Indiana, Timothy (Nancy) Irgang of Wabash and their children, Sean Irgang of Wabash and Kelly Irgang of Palestine, Illinois; and Robert (Randi Zimmerman) Irgang and their children Samantha Irgang, Brooke Irgang, Robert Edward Irgang, all of Wabash. She was preceded in death by her parents and her brother, David Johanning.

There will be no services. Private committal services will be held in Sheboygan, WI, at a later date. Arrangements by **Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service**, 1241 Manchester Avenue, Wabash, Indiana 46992. Preferred memorial is American Veterans Association. The memorial guest book for Patricia may be signed at <http://www.grandstaff-hentgen.com/>.

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**O'Brien, Sean Patrick**

Age 37, life was suddenly and tragically ended by a car accident September 22, 2013.



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Brandon and Jeremy Flores. Dear son-in-law of Pam (and the late Steven) Weiland. Fond brother-in-law of Karyn Weiland Flores. Loved nephew of Richard and Colleen Atwood and Greg and Mary O'Brien.

Sean was very close to his family, extended family, and friends. He received his double Bachelor's degree from Illinois State University. His master's degree in Political Science from University of Illinois and then he went on to receive his Juris Doctorate from the University of Dayton Law School. Shortly after law school Sean began a career working at the Illinois Department of Criminal Justice Information Authority where he is well respected amongst his peers. One of his main contributions was developing an organizational model of their system in which many states throughout the country have implemented.

Visitation was Friday at **Cooney Funeral Home**, 625 Busse Hwy., Park Ridge from 4-8 p.m. with a funeral service at 6:30 p.m. Sean was laid to rest on Monday, September 30 in Springfield, IL. Visitation was at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception (524 E. Lawrence). Funeral mass at 10 a.m. Interment took place at Edinburg Cemetery in Christian County, IL.

In lieu of flowers, donations to the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation would be appreciated. Info 847-685-1002. [www.cooneyfuneralhome.com](http://www.cooneyfuneralhome.com)

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Death Notices

**Thunboe Sr., Carl W.**

Born December 3, 1920, passed away July 26, 2013 at age 92.



Beloved husband of Grace (McGinley) for 64 years; loving father of Carl, Jr. (Susan), Sheila and Christine; dear grandfather of Megan and D.J.; Uncle Carl to many nieces and nephews.

An Algonquin resident since 1990, previously of Des Plaines, Park Ridge and Chicago. Carl served as a Seabee, CM2C, in the Pacific 1942-45, on the islands of Midway, Tinian and Wake. He was very proud of never getting a tattoo while in the service! He worked as an artisan Union Carpenter all his life. He loved playing the organ and belonged to CATOE to enjoy hearing others play as well. He was passionate about his model railroad hobby; his last 3 homes had tracks running all around the basement. He, his sense of humor and zest for life will be deeply missed.

A Memorial Mass celebrating Carl's life will be held at Our Lady of Perpetual Help church in Glenview IL on Saturday, October 5th at 11:45 a.m., with a luncheon following at Hackney's on Lake in Glenview. All are welcome.

In lieu of flowers, donations to Sr. Paulanne's Needy Family Fund are encouraged, online, or c/o OLP Church, 1775 Grove St., Glenview IL 60025.

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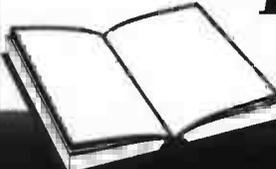


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 773.631.9131, [www.edisonparkchurch.com](http://www.edisonparkchurch.com)  
 Saturday Worship 4:30 p.m.  
 Sunday Worship 8:00, 9:15 & 10:30 am  
 Rev. Dr. Michael D. Sparby, Sr. Pastor  
 Carole Edwards, Associate in Ministry  
 Matt Haider, Worship /Music  
 Michael Lyda, Children/Youth/Family

### St. Paul Lutheran Church

5650 N. Canfield, 60631,  
 (708)867-5044, [www.stpaulcanfield.org](http://www.stpaulcanfield.org)  
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 Holy Communion Weekly  
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## MORTON GROVE

### Morton Grove Community Church Presbyterian Church (USA)

8944 Austin Avenue  
 (Lake and Austin)  
 Morton Grove, IL  
 (847) 965-2982  
[www.mgccpresbyterian.org](http://www.mgccpresbyterian.org)  
 Sunday Worship 10 AM  
 Fellowship 11 AM  
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## NORTHFIELD

### Willow Creek Community Church North Shore Campus

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 Elevate (Grades 6-8): 11 am  
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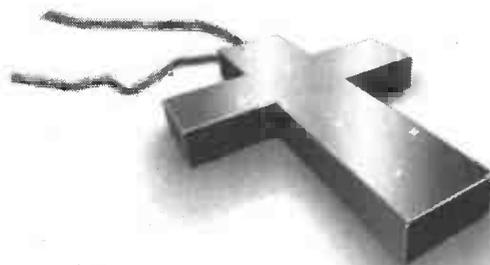
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### Central United Methodist Church

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www.skokiecentralumc.org  
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### St. Timothy Campus

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#### Sunday Worship

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# PUZZLE

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### ACROSS

- 1 Move belly-up on all fours
- 9 Take — (do some traveling)
- 14 Capital of Tanzania
- 20 Restricted zone
- 21 Espresso with steamed milk
- 22 Reaming appliance
- 23 One using a spare bedroom
- 25 New York's — Island
- 26 Minister to
- 27 Scottish refusal
- 28 Metalliferous rock
- 30 Quiver
- 31 Gloria of pop sights
- 35 Surf zone
- 39 Bicycle spokes, e.g.
- 41 With 3-Down, many a tax auditor
- 42 Inventors of new words
- 43 What many corporations are listed on
- 49 Trio after K
- 50 Angels' rings
- 51 Poetic dusk
- 52 Husband of Sarah Palin
- 54 Droid or iPhone, e.g.
- 57 9-Down seaport
- 58 Lions lie in it
- 59 "Filthy" gain
- 61 Retro hairstyles
- 63 Strike and ball caller
- 64 It's smart to back this up
- 68 19th-century king of Sweden and Norway
- 70 Sothern of "Maisie"
- 71 Butterfly's title
- 72 People who call without being asked
- 77 Prefix with car or law
- 79 "Soap Talk" co-host Lisa (fired up)
- 81 Kind of PC monitor
- 82 Stratford's river
- 83 Hang behind
- 84 UPI bulletin
- 85 Pollen carrier
- 86 Capitol body
- 88 Good bud
- 90 Daytona 500 entries, e.g.
- 94 Tiny air sacs in the lungs
- 98 OPEC supply
- 99 Toughen, as to hardship
- 100 Loud couple in a marching band
- 104 Artificial fat
- 108 They require double reeds
- 109 It's all wet
- 110 Missions, for short
- 112 Rail supports
- 113 Italian-style ice cream
- 115 What this puzzle's seven longest answers have in common
- 121 High dice roll
- 122 Bird claw
- 123 Priced separately, as 46-Down items
- 124 Nitrate and nitrite, e.g.
- 125 Actor Edward James —

### DOWN

- 1 10 sawbucks
- 2 Gads about
- 3 See 41-Across
- 4 Abuts
- 5 Obi- — Kenobi
- 6 NPR's
- 7 Drumstick
- 8 Madeline of "Clue"
- 9 Like Casbah natives
- 10 Hellenic "T"
- 11 Hwy.
- 12 "There, there"
- 13 — dish
- 14 45 spinners
- 15 Defeat in a pool race
- 16 "Julia" star Carroll
- 17 Scale range
- 18 Less bold
- 19 James of westerns
- 24 Diner bill
- 29 Env.
- 32 Lot in life
- 33 Fusses
- 34 Actor Cage, to friends
- 36 Transgress
- 37 Request
- 38 Victor's color
- 40 "— Forgettin'" (1982 pop hit)
- 43 "How Great — Art"
- 44 Goddess of concord
- 45 Sliding by
- 46 Eatery list
- 47 Aquatint, e.g.
- 48 War film, when tripled
- 53 Actor Mulroney
- 54 Of the earliest ages
- 55 Pigeon shed
- 56 Ending for enzymes
- 58 Chemist Mendeleev
- 59 Red Square honoree
- 60 Banquet coffeepots
- 61 Uses a "+"
- 62 Italian monk
- 64 Vena —
- 65 "... — quit!"
- 66 Rikki-tikki- —
- 67 Women's patriotic org.
- 69 It aired "Crossfire"
- 72 Google find to friends
- 74 Actress — de Mattheo
- 75 Wine cooler
- 76 Rome's — Fountain
- 78 Snake eyes
- 82 Of one's forebears
- 84 Dog relative
- 85 Gets bloated
- 86 Torah locale
- 87 Emerald Isle
- 88 Deprive (of)
- 89 Farm alarm?
- 91 Weep
- 92 U.S. spy org.
- 93 Brian of rock
- 94 Orbital point
- 95 Stereotypes
- 96 Bluish-purple
- 97 Suffix with robot or poet
- 101 — come (in the future)
- 102 Taj —
- 103 UV ray-blocking stat
- 105 Pageant crown
- 106 Takes ten
- 107 Embers
- 111 Male caribou
- 114 Roll- — (deodorants)
- 116 A hardwood
- 117 "— -hoo!"
- 118 Bridge writer
- 119 "Rambo" site
- 120 CL doubled

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## III PUZZLE ANSWERS

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## III HOROSCOPES: OCTOBER 9 — OCTOBER 15

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**ARIES (March 21 to April 19)** A bid for you to step in and take over an incomplete project could prove to be an excellent learning experience that you can take with to new opportunities.



**TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)** It's a good time for socializing, both with family and with friends. Your aspects also favor developing new relationships, any or all of which might become meaningful.



**GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)** Your success in handling a recent difficult situation prompts a request to handle another workplace problem. Accept only if you get all of the relevant facts.



**CANCER (June 21 to July 22)** New information about a past decision raises some unsettling questions from an old friend. Be prepared to explain your actions fully.



**LEO (July 23 to August 22)** This is not a good time to share personal secrets, even with someone you've known for a long while. What you don't reveal now won't come back to haunt you later.



**VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)** Pushing yourself to meet a project deadline is admirable. But be careful not to leave out important details in your rush to complete your work and send it off.



**LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)** Watch that you don't take on more than you can handle when offering to help someone with a personal problem. Might be hidden factors you weren't told.



**SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)** That major move you've been considering could come sooner than you expected. Make sure you'll be ready with the facts you need.



**SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)** Languishing relationships can benefit from a break in routine. Get out of the rut and do something new and unpredictable this weekend.



**CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)** Although you don't think of yourself as a role model, your ability to make a tough decision at this time sets an example for others.



**AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)** You need to move any remaining obstacles out of your way before you can take on a new challenge. Seek advice from close, trusted friends and associates.



**PISCES (February 19 to March 20)** A career change appears likely to happen during the next several weeks. It's a good idea to start now to prepare, so you can be ready to make the move.

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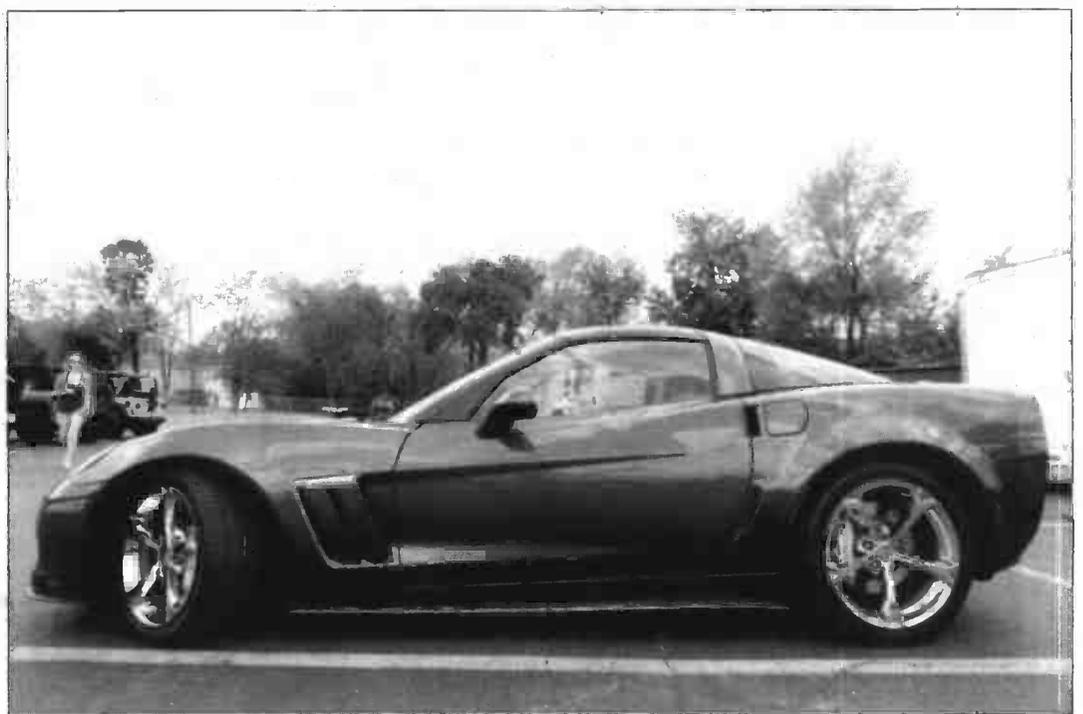
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### Fred Thompson's 2010 Grand Sport Chevrolet Corvette

By Joshua Beckman - [joshua.beckman@wrapports.com](mailto:joshua.beckman@wrapports.com)

"I've had two kinds of adventures with this car, one where you go and just drive, and one where you drive fast and then have to concentrate on not wrapping the thing around a pole," says Fred Thompson of his 2010 Grand Sport Corvette.

The 436 hp, 6-speed manual transmission C6 is Thompson's third in the line of Corvettes, after previously owning the C4 and C5. "It's got the big brakes, big wheels, big tires, the XM radio - all the bells and whistles. I drive it as much as I can, but when the weather's nice I have to choose between the 'Vette and the motorcycle."

The Grand Sport has a two-stage exhaust system, which gives it extra horsepower in the upper rpms, "and also gives it a pretty good sound," says Thompson. "It's a little thirsty, but it's a really fun car. It's nice going down the entrance ramps to the freeway - you can build up speed fast."

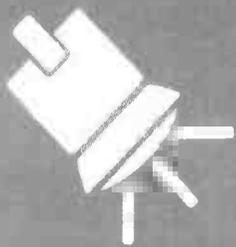
"I may keep it, but it depends

on how I can get in it - the low seats may give me problems as I get older. Some others I know have that problem," Thompson says. "These new cars are much more solid and the frames don't flex. When you're in this one you know you're on the road because

the suspension is so taut, but it's so aerodynamic you don't feel anything else."

Thompson doesn't consider buying the older sports cars anymore. "I've had enough crude, old sports cars. Now I prefer new, nicer cars."





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# Auto sales fall 23 percent

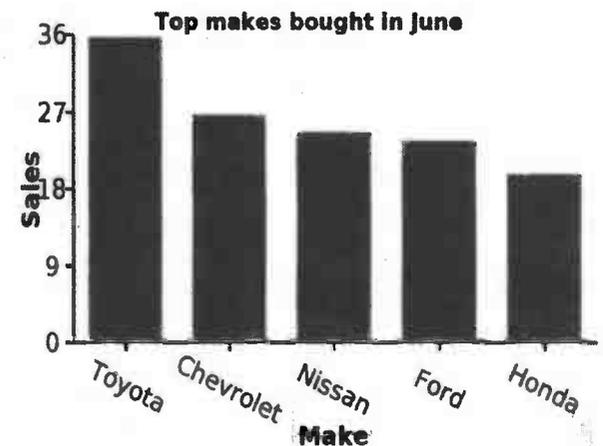
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Auto sales dropped 23 percent in Niles in June on a month-over-month basis, as residents of Niles purchased 67 fewer cars and trucks in June than in the previous month.

In the month of June, Toyota was the top selling make to Niles residents with a total of 36 sales. The breakdown of the 36 Toyota sales in the month was 12 new and 24 used. Chevrolet and Nissan rounded out the top three makes in sales (both new and used) during the month with 27 and 25 sales, respectively.

The previous month, Toyota topped the overall auto sales chart for Niles residents with a total of 48 sales, followed by Honda (41 sales) and Ford (31).

The breakdown of all auto sales in June was 36 percent new and 64 percent used. The most popular make bought used in the month was Toyota, while the top new make was Nissan. The



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previous month, residents purchased used cars and trucks 60 percent of the time. Honda was the most popular make purchased used that month, while Toyota was the top brand bought new.

In June, 62 percent of all car sales to Niles residents came through a local auto dealership, while this share was at 64 percent the previous month. The 62 percent mark in June translated

to 142 total sales (and 87 private sales) originating at dealerships, versus 190 total dealer sales (106 private) one month earlier.

Top car dealerships selling to Niles residents in June included Golf Mill Ford, Bredemann Toyota and Star Nissan. The month before, Star Nissan, Bredemann Toyota and O'Hare Hyundai comprised the list of top three auto dealerships selling to Niles residents.

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## III NOTRE DAME

# Harris is the first freshman to start for Dons under Hennessey

## Offensive lineman working to improve his fitness outside of practice

BY ERIC VAN DRIL  
For Sun-Times Media, @VanDrilSports

ARLINGTON HEIGHTS — Mike Hennessey has been the Notre Dame football coach for 27 years and he said that, until this year, not once had a freshman started on the Dons' varsity squad during his tenure.

Freshman right guard Juan Harris broke that streak. Harris is a true outlier. He's listed at 6-foot-4 and 340 pounds — he's the team's heaviest player by 55 pounds — but he possesses the strong hands and nimble feet needed to be a successful interior lineman.

Harris has "size that's unbelievable (and) he's got great feet," said Hennessey, adding that Notre Dame's staff has focused on "having him be consistent, having him play within the game and learning the nuances of varsity football. That's really important. He's a great student of the game. He's a kid that really wants it, even at this early age. We're going to take good care of him and make sure he gets there."

Harris, despite possessing physical attributes rarely seen among freshmen, said the initial weeks of varsity football were difficult for him. He said he felt a lot of pressure as he tried to understand his on-field assignments and competed against older players who were battling to keep their starting spots on the offensive line.

Harris, a Chicago resident who's the nephew of former Chicago Bears defensive tackle Tommie



Notre Dame right guard Juan Harris (78) and the Dons' offense leave the field at the end of the first half of Friday's game against St. Viator in Arlington Heights. The Dons play Saturday at Nazareth. | JUDY FIDKOWSKI/FOR SUN-TIMES MEDIA

Harris, has tried to improve upon his conditioning. He said he initially struggled with the strenuous aspects of practice like running sprints, pushing the sled and running plays with the offense.

Harris has taken his fitness into his own hands by running a mile each day and doing sprints after practice.

"You can't be lazy about it," said Harris, who chose to attend Notre Dame over Gordon Tech, Nazareth and Mount Carmel. "You've

got to try to push yourself. You've got to want to do it. You've got to (project) the future in your head, and you really can't just sit back and not want to do it and then think it's going to come to you. You have to work toward everything you (want)."

Harris has been joined by senior right tackle Jonah Nilson on the right side of the Dons' offensive line. Nilson is listed at 6-2 and 210 pounds, and he played center until this year. They both said they

struggled to comprehend their assignments during the first weeks of the season. That's improved as the season has progressed, however, in part because they're constantly talking to each other on the field.

"We communicate the whole time," said Nilson, who lives in Chicago's Sauganash neighborhood. "We talk about zone right, zone left. When we're running up to the line, we say what we're supposed to do."

## GAME RECAP

Notre Dame 28  
St. Viator 14

### THE SKINNY

The Notre Dame football team trailed St. Viator 14-7 entering the fourth quarter, but the Dons closed the game with 21 consecutive points to win Friday at Robert Morris University's field in Arlington Heights.

### TURNING POINT

Notre Dame (5-0 overall, 2-0 ESCC) scored its go-ahead touchdown when St. Viator senior quarterback Bobby Calmeyn was hurried in the pocket and was intercepted by Notre Dame linebacker Pat McDonough. The senior returned the ball 28 yards for a score with 9:42 remaining in the fourth quarter.

### THE STAR

The entire Notre Dame defense seemed to play well against the Lions, but Pat Cravens stood out on both sides of the ball. The 5-foot-11 senior was the Dons' most reliable receiver, hauling in six passes for 69 yards. He also provided the knockout blow when, on St. Viator's first possession after McDonough's interception, he picked off an errant pass and returned it about 80 yards for a touchdown.

### BY THE NUMBERS

The Lions (3-2, 1-2) did a good job of containing Notre Dame senior running back Chris James. James finished Friday night's game with 106 yards on 28 carries, but he did have 68 yards in the second half.

### QUOTABLE

"We talked about being consistent and being resilient. We knew, in a game like this, there were going to be some ups and downs. ... They responded unbelievably. They played their hearts out, got two good picks and, when we needed to put the game away offensively, we did." — Notre Dame coach Mike Hennessey

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||| **NILES NORTH AND MAINE EAST**

# Vikings supporting each other following their coach's death

BY **BRENDAN BOND**  
For Sun-Times Media, @bbond32

The CSL Quadrangular hosted by Niles North on Sept. 24 was the third race for the Niles North boys cross country team since coach Dan Horyn died from cancer. His replacement, Dave Shafron, said the team members are coping with Horyn's death the best way they know how.

"They're coping with it by investing their full efforts into everything," Shafron said. "They're executing all of Dan's teachings and values and are just representing him through their camaraderie with each other and their passion for the sport."

Junior Nebil Mohammed, who along with junior Dhruvil Patel has given the Vikings a consistent 1-2 punch, said the team has grown closer over the past few weeks.

"We try to talk together as a team," Mohammed said. "And we look to support each other all the time."

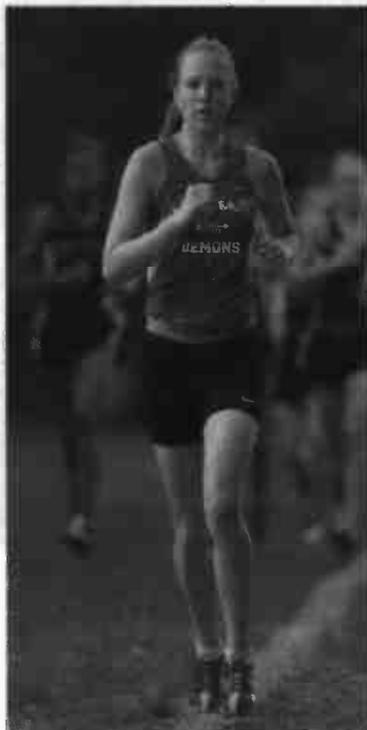
**Small roster**

Maine East girls coach Alyssa Carter's squad suffers from a lack of numbers. The team competed with only four girls at the quad. Because a team needs five girls to officially score, Maine East lost all three matchups and Leslie Christiansen's seventh-place time of 20:54 did not count toward a team score.

"It's pretty tough to have such a small squad," Carter said.

Carter said the Blue Demons do have higher numbers at the JV level, but most of those girls focus primarily on other sports and run cross country as a way to stay in shape in their sport's offseason. That presents another problem for Carter.

"They don't know their own limits," she said of new runners who take off sprinting at the start. "We have to be very careful with them



Maine East's Leslie Christiansen competes in a conference quad meet on Sept. 24 in Morton Grove. | BRIAN O'MAHONEY/FOR SUN-TIMES MEDIA

because we don't want to injure them."

**Strong showing**

Though coach Andy Swedberg figured his Niles North girls squad would struggle in the quadrangular meet it hosted last week, he was pleased by his team's 2-1 result.

"I thought it was a good performance for us," Swedberg said, "especially since we've had a tough past week of workouts."

"We're working on getting everyone in shape for the conference season (in October)."

Swedberg said the whole team has been performing well in the workouts, but Trinette Lopez has stood out.



Niles North's Dhruvil Patel finished second at the CSL quad meet at Harms Woods in Morton Grove on Sept. 24. | BRIAN O'MAHONEY/FOR SUN-TIMES MEDIA

"She's been our leader," he said. "She's been working hard and has been consistent with her workouts."

**Blue Demons making strides**

Maine East boys coach Chris Peters believes his inexperienced team is making progress.

Despite going 0-3 in the Quadrangular, Peters has been encouraged by some individual performances.

"Eric (Ponzetti) ran really well and was competitive," Peters said.

"And Josh Madsen ran well, too."

Along with Ponzetti and Madsen, who finished 15th and 20th, respectively, fellow junior Noel Rathod has also been a leader for Peters.



## ||| NILES NORTH GAME RECAP

**Niles North 29  
Maine West 27**

### THE SKINNY

Niles North (2-3 overall, 1-0 CSL North) used senior Charles Long's 46-yard touchdown pass, sophomore Barrington Wade's 27-yard rushing touchdown and senior Eddie Rodriguez's 86-yard kick return for a touchdown to hold off Maine West (1-4, 0-1) in Friday's football game in Des Plaines.

### TURNING POINT

With 7:28 left in the game, Niles North was 4 yards away from adding to its 21-20 lead, but Wade fumbled and Maine West recovered the ball. However, Vikings senior Noah Swanson intercepted a screen pass thrown by Maine West's Joe Marella on the next play and ran it in for a score. Following Wade's two-point conversion, the Vikings held a 29-20 lead with 6:53 left in the game.

### THE STAR

Wade had more than 100 yards on the ground. He finished the night with 111 yards.

### BY THE NUMBERS

Starting in relief of injured junior Tony Granato for the second straight game, Long was 17-for-30 for 209 yards. He threw a 46-yard touchdown pass to senior J.J. Miles and an interception.

### QUOTABLE

"We were very fortunate, but that being said, Noah Swanson, what a play" — Niles North coach Mark Egofske

— Nick Amatangelo



In this Aug. 31, 2012, photo, Maine East's Christian Lopez runs for a long touchdown in the home game against Amundsen. Lopez ran for a 73- and a 69-yard touchdown Friday. | J.GEIL/ FOR SUN-TIMES MEDIA

## ||| MAINE EAST

# Lopez experiment at QB doesn't change fortunes

## Senior runs for two long touchdowns in his first game back from injury

BY KATE HEDLIN  
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NORTHBROOK — Playing for the first time since suffering a knee sprain in the season opener, Maine East senior running back Christian Lopez admitted there were some nerves prior to playing Glenbrook North.

With a depleted lineup, Lopez started at quarterback Friday night against the Spartans in the Blue Demons' CSL North opener. Lopez mostly took the handoffs for runs, as Maine East struggled to move the ball in a 56-20 loss.

Shifting Lopez to quarterback didn't pay off for the Blue Demons, but with senior starting quarterback Alex Corey still out with a knee injury suffered in the season opener, junior

backup Steve Youel also injured and junior third-stringer Justin Ethakattu struggling, coach Gabe Corey tried something different.

"Justin, we tried him a couple weeks and that wasn't the answer," Gabe Corey said. "Christian, we tried him the first half and unfortunately it put him out of his element. He's a tailback and I think it affected him, not just offensively, but defensively."

Lopez also plays defensive back.

Lopez admitted the change was something he was anxious about earlier in the day.

"I think my nerves got to me," he said. "I had butterflies all day. I felt like I wanted to throw up. I just didn't know what to expect playing quarterback. I've never done that before."

Sophomore Woody Corey replaced Lopez under center in the second half and had a bit more success moving the ball.

"Christian was more in his element," Gabe Corey said of shifting Lopez back to his true position. "He's a tailback, not a quarterback."

In a season that Gabe Corey said he believed could be the start of something special for the

Blue Demons program, injuries have taken their toll on the squad. Senior fullback and linebacker Javed Lukovic was the latest to go down after needing to be helped off the field in Friday's loss.

Lukovic said Sunday he re-injured an ankle that kept him sidelined the previous game, but he added that he expected to play this week.

With Maine East (2-3 overall, 0-1 conference) having lost its third straight, the Blue Demons are eager to right themselves. They play host to Niles North on Friday. Having Lopez back is a step in the right direction, according to Lukovic.

"It was a great lift," Lukovic said. "He adds another dimension to our offense that we really need. We all love blocking for Christian because he can bust out a big play at any moment."

That was certainly true Friday as Lopez ripped off touchdown runs of 73 yards (1st quarter) and 69 yards (third quarter).

"I felt like I was never injured," Lopez said. "It felt good."

## ||| NILES WEST

# Mihulet's colorful cleats, play attracting attention

## Wolves senior has four interceptions through five games

BY MATT HARNESS  
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SKOKIE — It is easy to find Andrew Mihulet on the football field. He probably could be spotted in the dark.

He's the one wearing the neon-colored cleats.

Mihulet didn't lose a bet, either. In fact, he customized the shoes himself, using an online program called Nike iD.

"I was going to get the standard red and black," Mihulet said of Niles West's team colors. "But it's my senior year, so I decided to go with some funky colors. I love them."

Same goes for his teammates. According to Mihulet, he already has offers from people who want to buy them once the season ends.

Fancy footwear isn't the only thing that makes Mihulet stand out.

The second-year varsity player is a starter on offense, defense and special teams for the Wolves, who improved to 5-0 for the second season in a row with their 23-17 win over Evanston on Saturday.

"He does it all, and we ask a lot of him," Niles West coach Scott Baum after the Wolves earned their first win over the Wildkits since 2008. "He's our kind of guy."

Mihulet, who is in only his fourth season playing football, was a big part of last season's team that made the playoffs for the first time since 2004.



Niles West's Andrew Mihulet (right) breaks up a pass intended for Evanston's Rel Galnes in the end zone on Saturday in Skokie. Mihulet, who also starts on offense and special teams, is one interception away from tying the program's single-season record. | JASON GLOSHIAK/FOR SUN-TIMES MEDIA

"I love being out there all the time," he said. "I came into the season prepared for it."

During his first two seasons at Niles West, Mihulet played quarterback and some cornerback. He moved to receiver before his junior season, and that also is when he became a full-time starter at cornerback.

"I knew I had Tommy (Galapoulos) in front of me, so I wanted to play somewhere else on offense," Mihulet said of the talented junior quarterback. "Some coaches saw I had good hands, so they gave me a chance at receiver. 'It's all worked out.'"

Defensively, Mihulet is the team's top cornerback, defending the opponent's best receiver most of the time. He has four interceptions after five games and is one away from tying the single-season varsity record, held by Dan Kosiba, a coach

in the program.

Mihulet nearly tied the mark Saturday early in the first quarter when he broke up a pass in the end zone on Evanston's first series. It was the first game he didn't have an interception.

Mihulet said he and the players enjoyed last season's success, but they were hungry for more following the 69-42 loss to Palatine in the opening round of the Class 8A playoffs.

"We started working right away," Mihulet said. "I remember people talking about how we are a year-round program now. We hit the weight room as soon as that season ended."

Niles West can earn automatic entry into playoffs with a win Saturday on the road against Waukegan. The Wolves haven't been to the playoffs in consecutive seasons since 2003-04.

## ||| NILES WEST

# Positive net effect

## Park leads Wolves on tennis court, conducts advanced scientific research in school

BY MIKE CHAMERNIK  
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SKOKIE — Kristine Park is always busy.

If she's not in class, she's playing No. 1 doubles for the Niles West girls tennis team. If she's not on the court, the senior is working on her high school's yearbook, laying out pages, choosing designs and instructing fellow staff members. If she's not designing the yearbook, she's in the lab, working with cancer cells.

Park is a part of Niles West's STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) program and has taken independent study classes since she was a freshman. Each year, she's done high-caliber scientific research projects, including year-long projects on roadside plants and ocean coral. The last two years she's studied cancer cell death.

In the project at Niles West, Park said she and schoolmate Anne McCarthy worked "on the inhibition of the enzyme telomerase in cancer cells," predicting that by adding the inhibitor, the cells would no longer flourish. Park even carried the research into the summer, working with a mentor at Northwestern and growing cells and performing tests to observe senescence, the stage before cell death, and telomere length, which is key to understanding cancer cell growth and cell reproduction.

Park has been successful in her research, competing in the Junior Science and Humanities Symposium at Loyola University as both a sophomore and a junior. The experience itself has been just as rewarding for Park.

"I personally get to experience a little of what a college research lab is like," Park said. "It's exhilarating

to work in a lab on a serious topic and interact with intelligent and bright people, and I hope I never stop."

In addition to the research, Park shadowed optometrist Dr. Parres Wright at the Mind-Eye Connection in Northbrook during the summer, and she said she plans to again this winter. Park said she is interested in working in the field of optometry.

"She is self driven," said JulieAnn Villa, Park's teacher of four years. "I can't imagine a student that takes more upon themselves, to manage their time, to go above and beyond."

Without prodding from Villa, Park has contacted researchers and academic professionals in California and she arranged to work with researchers at the Shedd Aquarium and Field Museum. She also took Villa's independent research class as a freshman, the first ever to do that.

In addition, Park has thrived on the tennis court. She's a four-year varsity player and a two-time captain, and she was selected all-conference during her sophomore year. Yet while her skills are sharp, it's her personality that sets her apart.

"I don't think there's a better leader in our school than Kristine Park," said George Bravos, Niles West's girls tennis coach.

Park plans team bonding outings, like bowling events, and chooses what uniforms the Wolves wear for their matches. She organizes email and text groups to keep players in the loop and get everyone involved in team matters.

"Just general things that leaders should do," Bravos said.

Outside of high school tennis practices, Park takes lessons, attends camps and even plays daily during the summer with her father or brother (former Niles West tennis player David Park).

Villa said that Kristine Park is quiet and humble, and that people might not connect Kristine Park the tennis player to Kristine Park the student.

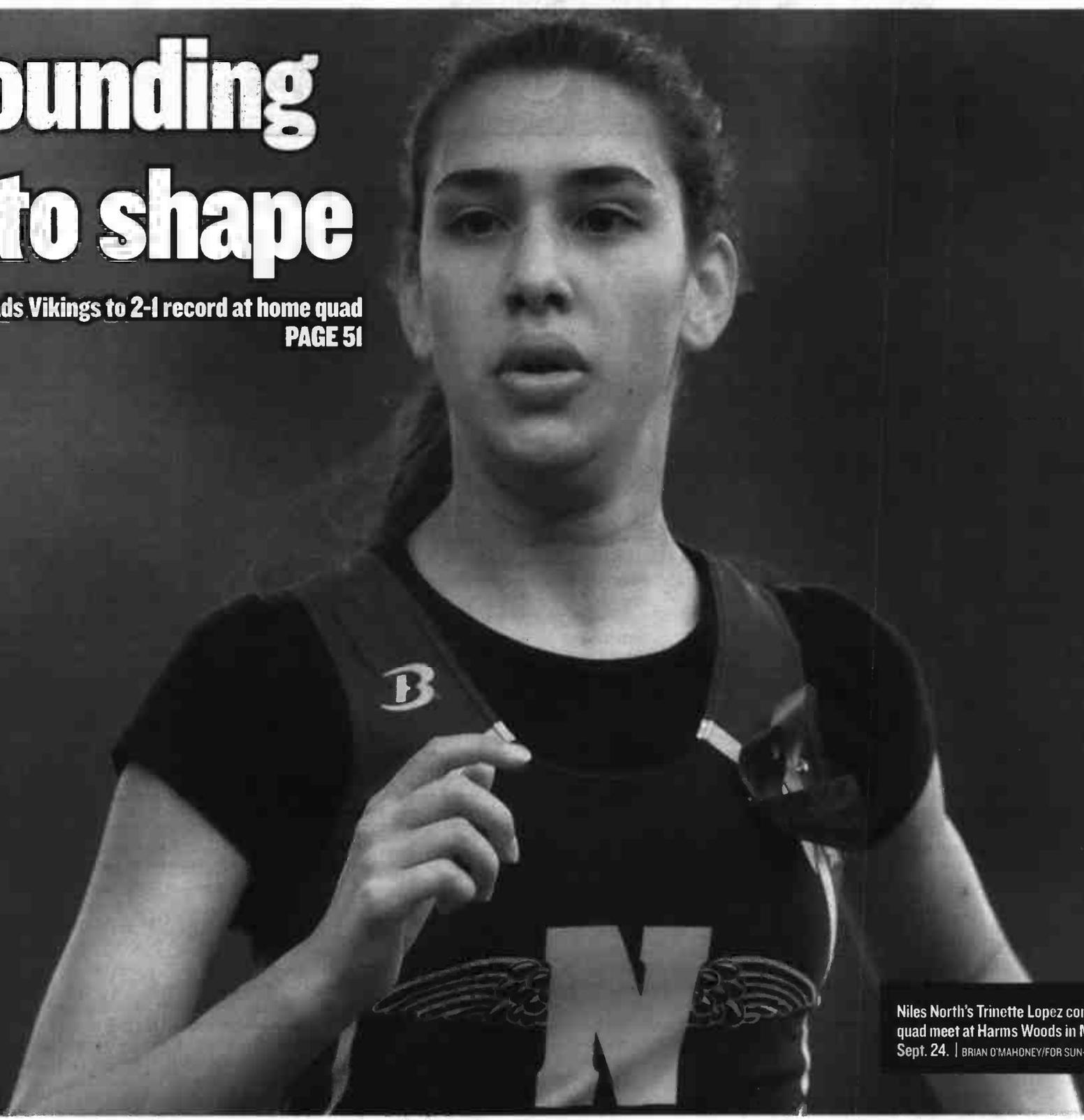
"To meet her, you might not realize just how amazing and how powerful and what a strong thinker she is," Villa said.

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Niles North's Trinette Lopez competes in the CSL quad meet at Harms Woods in Morton Grove on Sept. 24. | BRIAN O'MAHONEY/FOR SUN-TIMES MEDIA



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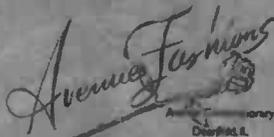
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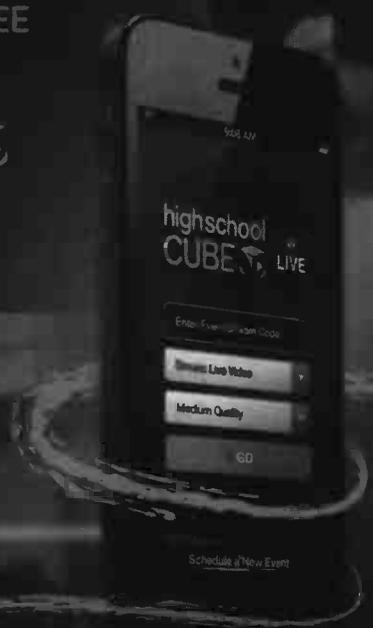
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