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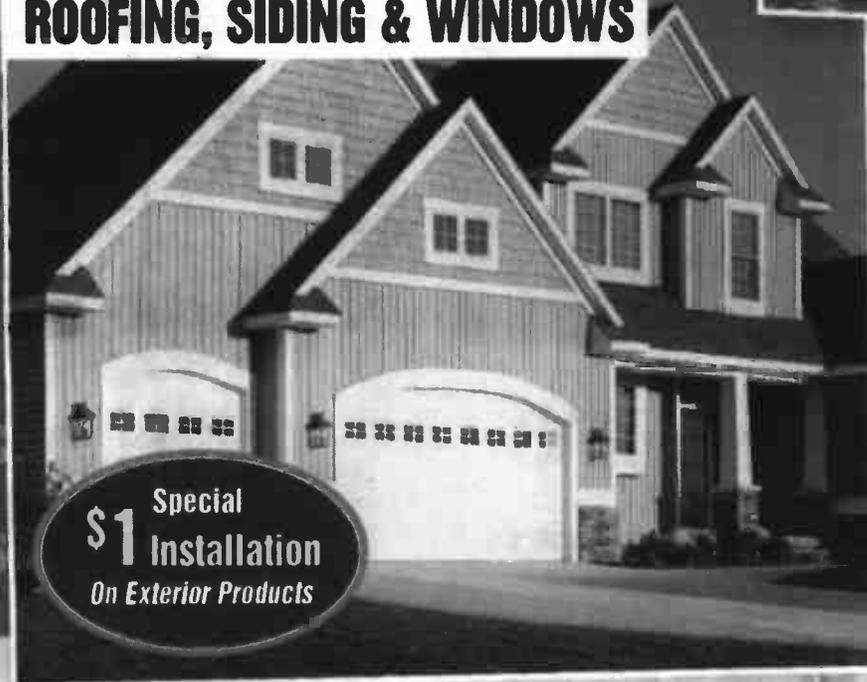
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||| MORTON GROVE

Atheist teacher supports board member's decision to boycott pledge

BY RICK KAMBIC
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A high school teacher from Naperville is fundraising \$2,600 to replace the annual sponsorships that American Legion Post 134 is withholding from the Morton Grove Park District.

Post Cmdr. Joseph Lampert told the park board Oct. 24 that no money will be provided until all members of the board, specifically Commissioner Dan Ashta, stand for the Pledge of Allegiance out of respect for veterans and fallen servicemen.

Ashta maintains that he's defending the public's 1st Amendment right to not participate for whatever political, religious or physical reason a person might have.

A media storm erupted after the confrontation and Hemant Mehta of Naperville found several of those stories while browsing the web for topics he could blog about on his website, friendlyatheist.com.

"It's not like Mr. Ashta is saying, 'I'm an atheist and I oppose the under God portion of the pledge,'" Mehta said. "I would say that though, and he's showing respect for my right to do it even though he might not agree with me."

Along the same line, Mehta said Ashta is admirable for not challenging people who do stand for the pledge.

"This guy is not unpatriotic; he's quite the opposite," Mehta said. "He is an elected official chosen by citizens in his community, and I doubt that every single person in Morton Grove is able-bodied, Christian and completely satisfied with their government. He's reminding everyone that government is open to all. That's about as patriotic as it gets."



Hemant Mehta runs friendlyatheist.com and he's fundraising \$2,600 to replace the money American Legion Post 134 is pulling from the Morton Grove Park District out of protest. | PHOTO COURTESY OF HEMANT MEHTA

Mehta posted a blog Oct. 30 praising Ashta, and asked his readers for donations to replace the Legion's \$2,600. As of Nov. 5, \$3,032 had been donated to Mehta's "We support Dan Ashta's Pledge Protest" account on gofundme.com.

Other bloggers from throughout the country, however, started labeling Ashta as an aggressive atheist. Mehta and Ashta don't know each other, so Ashta couldn't understand why some of his hate mail referred to him as an insensitive atheist.

Ashta's public response to the Legion did not include any personal religious viewpoints.

After learning of Mehta's fundraising effort, Ashta said the 1st Amendment allows Hemant to express his desires to keep church and state separate.

Online forums have sparked many debates on the issue, but Lampert said all phone calls to the Legion and his cell phone have been positive.

"My phone number is listed in our



American Legion color guards Kurt Lepinski, left, and John Mahoney present the flag while general members recite the Pledge of Allegiance during their Oct. 24 meeting. | RICK KAMBIC/SUN-TIMES MEDIA



Morton Grove Park Commissioner Dan Ashta defends his decision to not stand during the Pledge of Allegiance, saying the First Amendment also affords freedom to not talk. | RICK KAMBIC/SUN-TIMES MEDIA

newsletter, which we started putting on our website," Lampert said. "Mostly it's been other posts and veterans calling to support us."

Lampert said the Legion stands by its decision.

The Legion's financial boycott will end once all park commissioners stand for the pledge, Lampert said, and members said they are willing to wait until Ashta is voted out of office if that's what it takes.

Ashta, whose term expires in

2019, said none of the other commissioners have asked him to step down, nor had he thought about resigning as a result of the public conflict.

"I'm not embarrassed and I don't think Morton Grove should be embarrassed," Ashta said. "Fostering debate is American. I don't think discussing this topic has hurt the park district."

The next park board meeting is Nov. 21. Ashta said he hasn't decided

what to do when the pledge is called for on that day.

Many of the emails Ashta has received have been unpleasant, but he claims the responses have been half positive and half negative.

"I've received a significant amount of emails from people all over, but not an amount beyond my capability to respond," Ashta said. "I've spent a lot of time replying to people who didn't excessively swear at me."

Ashta said he's not received any death or physical threats.

Some of the responses asked Ashta to at least stand out of respect, even if he doesn't speak the words.

"People have said standing up shows respect and sitting down is disrespectful," Ashta said. "Signs of respect and disrespect are messages, and my interpretation is that conduct is protected under the 1st Amendment."

Ashta said he has not asked for the pledge to be taken off future agendas because he doesn't want to stop people who do want to say it.

"I've had a lot of people giving me their opinions, which is fine, but nobody has told me that my legal interpretation is wrong," Ashta said. "Nobody has constructed a different constitutional interpretation. Government is and should be a completely open forum for everyone."

III NILES

Niles trustees butt heads over term limit referenda

BY NATASHA WASINSKI
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Tensions mounted over how to reconcile Niles' conflicting term-limit referenda during a Village Board discussion on the need for a judicial review.

On Oct. 22, Trustee Rosemary Palicki once again appealed to her colleagues to let the courts decide the validity of a citizen-backed petition.

"A decision needs to be made but it cannot be made by this board," she stated.

In last April's election, a majority of residents cast "yes" votes to two separate referenda: one to limit service on the Village Board to 16 years, and another to allow trustees to serve up to 12 years and the mayor to serve 8 years.

The latter, put forth by the village, went into effect upon voter approval.

The citizens' petition, however, was ambiguous and did not contain wording that made it self-executing, according to two legal opinions obtained and paid for by the village. The combined cost for the services was approximately \$5,140.

Some officials vocalized not wanting to spend additional resources on settling the issue in court, particularly the estimated \$600 filing fee and Village Attorney Joe Annunzio's time.

But Palicki, with support from Chris Hanusiak, said a judicial review would hold more weight.

"To me, that is worth every single penny," Palicki

said. "Financially, it would be beneficial for us to try to avoid a lawsuit."

Unconvinced the village should use additional village funds, Mayor Andrew Przybylo suggested seeking an opinion from the State's Attorney's Office.

Palicki noted unless a decision by state authorities was binding, Niles board officials could find themselves back in the same position.

Trustee Joe LoVerde reiterated his belief that, on a fundamental level, the village had no obligation to take further action. He said Niles resident Joe Makula, who organized the citizens' petition, should be the one settling the matter through the appropriate legal channels, if he so desired.

LoVerde also worried about potentially "astronomical" legal fees, especially if Przybylo was found ineligible to hold office. Prior to becoming mayor this spring, Przybylo had served on the board since 1989.

"Mr. Makula should have finished what he started, not the Niles board," LoVerde said.

George Alpogianis agreed.

"I don't think it's our responsibility to pick up the pieces," Alpogianis said. "I don't see any citizens coming to our doors and telling us to fight it."

Makula has not spoken at public meetings on the referendum conflict since the Village Board reorganized.

Palicki called comments about Makula not following

through "insulting."

"If we're going to put shame on anyone, shame on the board of trustees for not stating (the village's referendum) was self-executing," she said.

Board newcomer Danette O'Donovan Matyas interrupted the volley of clashing opinions to inquire why the Village Board had put forth its own ballot question after Makula submitted his.

Palicki, a trustee at the time, said she believed officials "felt there were certain parts of the (citizen) referendum that were being presented that we didn't support."

Ultimately, the Village Board rejected a motion to obtain a judge's ruling by a 4-2 vote, but damage had already been done for LoVerde.

During a call for public comment at the end of the meeting, he unexpectedly left his seat at the dais and delivered his grievances from the podium.

"I typically don't do this but it has been a somewhat irritating night," LoVerde began before criticizing Palicki for allegedly overstepping traditional rules of order and making a debate out of his viewpoints.

"You do not have to correct me, I know parliamentary procedure," he said, addressing Palicki directly. "We don't have to comment on other people's opinions."

Palicki followed suit and moved to the podium to deliver a one-sentence rebuttal.

"I stand 100 percent by my original statements," she stated.

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PARK RIDGE

Officer saves suicidal man from oncoming train

BY JENNIFER JOHNSON
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A Park Ridge police officer is being lauded as a hero for pulling a suicidal man out of the path of a commuter train in Uptown on Oct. 30 — just one day after another man committed suicide in the same area.

With a speeding, Chicago-bound express train approaching, Officer Carlos Panizo ran onto the railroad tracks near the Uptown Metra station and grabbed the 42-year-old Chicago man by his jacket after the man reportedly laid down on the center track. The train sped past just seconds after Panizo, followed closely behind by Officer Kristen Abbinante, dragged the man onto the center concrete platform closest to Main Street.

The events unfolded just before 4 p.m. when Abbinante, who was driving on Prospect Avenue near the library, said she was flagged down by a woman who told her that a man was sitting on the nearby railroad tracks and saying he wanted to “end it all” following a fight with his mother.

Abbinante hurried to the station and requested all trains be stopped after she saw the man sitting crossed-legged on the center track. Panizo, who was at the police station about one block away, also heard a call come in about a suicidal man at the train station.

“That was concerning, because we’d just had a subject get hit by a train the day before,” he said.

When Panizo arrived at the station, he and Abbinante attempted to talk to the man, but he reportedly stood up and told them to stay away. According to police reports, the man put his right arm into the thick parka he was wearing, said he had a gun, and yelled, “Shoot me!”

This prompted the officers to draw their weapons and hold the man at gunpoint as they ordered him to show them his hands, reports stated. He allegedly refused, repeatedly yelling at the officers to shoot him.

For Abbinante, one of her immediate concerns was the handful of commuters who were standing nearby.

“There were people that were in harm’s way if he had started shooting at us or if we had to shoot him,” she said. “I was very concerned about that. Carlos and I were communicating briefly and Carlos told those people, ‘Please get out here!’”

Suddenly, the officers say, the railroad crossing signals began to sound as an inbound train approached.

“We had no time to really figure out what to do — and then the train was coming,” Abbinante said.

The man, now aware of an incoming train,



Park Ridge Police Officer Carlos Panizo | PHOTO COURTESY OF PARK RIDGE POLICE DEPARTMENT



Park Ridge Police Officer Kristen Abbinante | PHOTO COURTESY OF PARK RIDGE POLICE DEPARTMENT



A man reportedly asked police officers to shoot him and laid down in the path of an oncoming train at the Uptown Park Ridge station on Oct. 30. | JENNIFER JOHNSON/SUN-TIMES MEDIA

laid down on the tracks and took his hand out of his coat — an action that led Panizo to quickly determine he was not holding a gun.

“He was almost in a crucifixion pose,” Panizo said as he described how the man’s arms were extended outward while he laid on his back. “At that point I thought, ‘He doesn’t have a gun — or if he does, it’s going to take him a bit to get to it; I think I’ve got plenty of

time to get him off the tracks.’ I approached him from behind, grabbed him by his shoulders and started dragging him. He was just dead weight at that point.”

Panizo and Abbinante secured the man’s hands and handcuffed him as back-up officers arrived and an ambulance was called.

“It was a bit eerie that when we finally had him, he wasn’t saying anything,” Panizo

recalled. “I asked him his name, he told me, ‘Bill,’ and I said we were going to get him some help, but he didn’t say anything after that. He was very loud and expressive when we got there, but then when he was in handcuffs, he was eerily quiet.”

“It was almost like he was relieved — that it was out of his hands now,” Abbinante added.

A search of the man revealed a wallet and a phone — but no gun or other weapon, reports state. He was also wearing three sweatshirts under his thick coat, Abbinante noted.

He was taken to Advocate Lutheran General Hospital in Park Ridge for a mental-health evaluation.

The stand-off and rescue occurred just a week after the two officers took part in a training exercise that put them in virtual situations with armed or potentially armed suspects.

As the events at the train tracks unfolded Oct. 30, Panizo recalled hearing his instructor’s voice inside his head, giving him commands.

“It’s very true in that I fall back on all the training we’ve had,” Panizo said. “It was a bit scary, but at the same time, I felt prepared.”

Abbinante agreed.

“Even though it’s not real, it still mentally prepares you for those encounters so you’re calm enough to figure out what to do,” she said.

Park Ridge Police Chief Frank Kaminski said Panizo and Abbinante are under consideration for an Award of Valor, the highest honor given by the police department.

“It was very heroic,” Kaminski said of the rescue. “It really shows the professionalism of the officers.”

Deputy Police Chief David Keller said as much as the incident exemplifies the heroic response of a police officer, it is also another example of the mental-health issues that police must commonly deal with, including what he says is a disturbing national trend in “suicide by cop” cases where individuals use a weapon or the threat of a weapon to get a police officer to shoot and kill them.

“This is the kind of thing that his guy probably wanted us to do at first and when we didn’t (shoot him), he lay down on the tracks,” Keller said.

“It seems like a lot of our job is being social worker and psychologist, more than law enforcement,” agreed Abbinante.

Just the day before, a 34-year-old Schaumburg man was killed when he was struck by an outbound express train just north of the Uptown Metra Station near Touhy Avenue during rush hour. The Cook County Medical Examiner’s office ruled the man’s death a suicide.

||| MORTON GROVE

Library policy says projectionist needed high school diploma

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A high school diploma or equivalent is required for the projectionist job at the Morton Grove Library, a recently-discovered fact that has brought frustration back to the surface for trustees who objected to a 16-year-old employee showing R-rated movies this summer.

Scrutiny in both public and closed meetings eventually led to library trustees pushing a new policy that requires future projectionists to be at least 17 years old. A Freedom of Information Act request for both the original and revised job descriptions revealed the age-implied requirement in both versions.

"The board first had a moral objection to this, but now knowing there is a policy already addressing our maturity-related concerns, why did they fight it?" Trustee Cathy Peters said of Board President Mark Albers and Library Director Pam Leffler. "The library spent more than \$1,000 hiring a lawyer to fight me and single me out when they knew the hiring went against our own policy."

Peters witnessed the teenager showing "The Adventures of Priscilla, Queen of the Desert" on June 25 and later emailed Leffler expressing concern over paying a teenager to show a movie

she would not normally be allowed to see.

After no resolution was met, Peters reached out to other board members and a group agreed to intervene. Peters visited the library on July 23 when another R-rated movie was scheduled and she personally removed the girl.

A three-week standoff ensued between Leffler and the group of trustees before the library's attorney raised issues over potential Open Meetings Act violations and ethical concerns.

The high school diploma requirement was not mentioned during any of the debates.

"With the maturity level and qualifications of this employee for this particular position, we felt comfortable waiving the high school diploma requirement," Leffler said after completing the FOIA request.

The employee in question eventually quit working at the library, but Albers continues to stand behind the teenager and Leffler's decision to hire her.

"I trust the library director to run the day-to-day operations of the library and she does this extremely well," Albers said. "Is it possible a trustee went beyond the scope of their position; some may say yes and others no. It was a learning experience for the involved trustees and I hope this matter is behind us."

When the situation first

erupted, Trustee Barbara Novick was worried about nepotism since the teenage employee was related to another staff member. While Peters says she's still frazzled over why this situation was allowed to get out of hand, she does not believe nepotism fueled management's defense of the girl.

"I stand by what I did and my morals, which is no reflection on the girl, but money was spent unnecessarily when we should have just followed our own rules," Peters said. "The intransigence of their response is what bothers me."

Frank Tennant, the library's attorney, was paid \$342 for nearly two hours of work in April, \$612 in May, and \$810 in June. Invoices say most of the hours involved attending regular board meetings, reviewing meeting minutes and preparation of a new ordinance each month.

Tennant then billed the library for \$594 (3.3 hours) in July, covering their monthly meeting and several redacted correspondences, and then \$1,035 (5.75) hours in August for three redacted correspondences, attending the monthly meeting and for preparing a presentation on the roles and duties of a trustee.

Throughout those same two months, the library was also under scrutiny for not bidding a \$35,800 furnace replacement according to state law.

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||| POLICE BLOTTER

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

PARK RIDGE

THEFT

A 16-year-old Des Plaines girl was charged with theft on Oct. 28 after she was accused of stealing a phone from Maine East High School, 2601 W. Dempster St. The teen paid restitution of \$665 for the phone and is awaiting an appearance before the Park Ridge Peer Jury, police said.

DRUG POSSESSION

Cesar Cruz, 19, of the first block of Main Street, Mount Prospect, was charged with possession of marijuana on Oct. 28 after police noticed a parked vehicle that appeared suspicious near Hamlin Avenue and Oakton Street at 8:20 p.m. He was released on his own recognizance and assigned a Nov. 12 adjudication hearing date.

UNDERAGE DRINKING

William Mendez, 18, of the 100 block of East Avenue, Park Ridge, was charged with underage drinking on the morning of Nov. 2. Police said Mendez's mother reported that her son had returned home intoxicated and was "acting irrational." He was released on his own recognizance and assigned a Dec. 10 adjudication hearing date.

NILES

DUI

Omar Martinez-Acuna, 24, of 2156 W. Arthur Ave., Chicago, was charged with driving under the influence and driving without a valid license on Oct. 26. Police said Martinez-Acuna was driving with two flat tires while westbound on the 6800 block of Touhy Avenue at 3 a.m. He has a Dec. 6 court date.

Mikhail Mikhaylyuk, 29, of 4006 Amalfi Drive, Glenview, was charged with driving under the influence on Oct. 26 after he was stopped for allegedly driving erratically on the 9400 and 9500 blocks of Milwaukee Avenue just after 3 a.m.

He has a Dec. 6 court date.

David Flores, 29, of 4442 W. Montana St., Chicago, was charged with aggravated driving under the influence and driving without a valid license on Oct. 26. An off-duty Chicago police officer reported that he saw Flores' vehicle driving at a slow speed from Harlem Avenue to Howard Street and crossing over lane markings. He has a Nov. 13 court date.

Flavius Balaban, 26, of 3211 N. Keating Ave., Chicago, was charged with driving under the influence on Oct. 26 following a traffic stop on the 7600 block of Milwaukee Avenue at 3:15 a.m. He has a Dec. 11 court date.

Philip Parrish, 34, of 4950 W. Warwick Ave., Chicago, was charged with driving under the influence on Oct. 27 after an off-duty Chicago police officer reported that he was driving erratically on northbound Harlem Avenue at 3:30 a.m. Police said when Parrish's vehicle was stopped on the 8300 block of North Harlem, he was not wearing a shirt and had wrapped a towel around his upper body. He has a Dec. 11 court date.

||| CRIME BRIEFS

NILES

THEFT

A 32-year-old man told police his motorcycle was stolen between 11 p.m., Oct. 26 and 3:15 p.m., Oct. 27 after he left it parked in a lot on the 6800 block of Milwaukee Avenue. According to police, the man said he had visited a bar that night and got a ride home from a friend, which was the reason he left the motorcycle behind.

DISORDERLY CONDUCT

Overnight between Oct. 26 and Oct. 27, someone threw eggs at a house on the 8000 block of Ozark Avenue. No damage was reported.

PROPERTY DAMAGE

Between Oct. 25 and Oct. 26, a tire was slashed on a pickup truck parked in a driveway on the 8600 block of Olcott Avenue.

The front passenger side window of a vehicle was shattered between Oct. 24 and Oct. 25 while

it was parked outside a townhouse on the 8700 block of Shermer Road.

PARK RIDGE

BURGLARY

Two men were seen running out of an unlocked garage just after 1 a.m., Oct. 27, on the 200 block of Gillick Street. A vehicle parked inside had been rummaged through, but nothing was taken.

An apartment on the 600 block of North Northwest Highway was burglarized between Oct. 26 and Oct. 28 and various tools were reported stolen.

THEFT

Construction materials were stolen overnight between Oct. 25 and Oct. 26 from the rear of a residence on the 400 block of South Lincoln Avenue.

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EDUCATION

|| DISTRICT 64

District 64 looking at options to collect unpaid student fees

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It's back to the drawing board for Park Ridge-Niles District 64 administrators to figure out how to retrieve unpaid student fees.

The school board on Oct. 28 rejected a proposal to hire a collection agency next spring, in favor of a plan that first exhausts all administrative options.

Since alerting officials in September that 20 percent of student accounts were delinquent at the start of the school year, District 64 has collected roughly \$47,300 of the \$168,300 it is owed.

Administrators suspect more bills were paid due in part to the invoices that were sent Sept. 30. The district previously only mailed past-due statements on a quarterly basis.

In addition to monthly reminders, officials are requesting that

the business office be more transparent and diligent in its efforts to collect.

The number of outstanding balances at the district's seven schools and its special-needs preschool has increased steadily for the past three years.

In the 2011-12 school year, \$40,952 in fees for 157 pupils went unpaid.

Last year the number of outstanding balances rose to 198, for a total loss of \$52,668.

As of Oct. 17, mandatory fees for 525 students have gone unpaid, for a total revenue loss of \$121,037.

Though the school board was split on how to go about retrieving the fees, all officials acknowledged some action needed to be taken to keep families accountable.

Using a third-party vendor would cost approximately \$3,000 per year, reported Assistant Business Manager Brian Imhoff.

He explained the type of actions

a collection agency would take on behalf of District 64 — such as placing holds on accounts or involving the courts — is at the discretion of officials.

"The only way to get people to pay for their bills is you have to go after their credit history," Board President Anthony Borrelli pointed out.

District 64 doesn't have a formal program in place for payment plans, but families can pay the fees in installments by request.

Imhoff said the option for multiple payments isn't publicized for fear of revenue streams slowing down.

"We set that Aug. 1 deadline so that we can get the registration fees up front at the beginning of the school year," he said. "We just have felt that if we had advertised that program, and made it open to everyone, then no one is going to pay money up front."

A majority of officials agreed

that communicating billing options more clearly would be a first step in the right direction.

But Vice President Scott Zimmerman said he was unsure about wanting to "bend over backwards to make it easier for people to claim hardship."

"The vast majority of people are paying these bills," he said. "I think it's unfair to subsidize others on their behalf."

Board member John Heyde also didn't favor discounts for on-time payers or pushing payment plans since "people who have means would take advantage."

He said the backlog of delinquent account-holders should also receive a final notice from the district about unpaid bills before being referred to collections.

Some board members inquired whether they could review the names on past-due accounts.

Superintendent Philip Bender said making such information

public is something he had never previously done, but that he would consult with the district's legal counsel.

Board member Vicki Lee relayed that, based on conversations with leaders of the schools' parent-teacher organizations, people have the ability to pay the fees but are frustrated at not knowing what their money actually supports.

As a result, some families are simply refusing to pay, said Franklin School PTA Co-President Noreen Hart.

"We pay more than double (the amount in fees) than any district surrounding us, but yet when you ask for a breakdown of the fees, it doesn't exist," Hart said.

According to its website, District 64 assesses additional fees for various school activities and supplies like textbooks, technology and extracurricular and elective programming.

District 64 parents boycotting school fees, PTA president says

BY NATASHA WASINSKI
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The piling up of unpaid student fees at Park Ridge-Niles District 64 might not be the result of hardship, but instead the result of parents' frustration.

Because it's not clear what the money funds, some families have flat-out refused to pay the mandatory dues, residents claim.

"I know it (is happening)," reported Franklin School PTA Co-President Noreen Hart. "I know it for a fact."

The district administration in September reported a growing trend in the number of outstanding balances at all eight schools and programs.

As of Oct. 17, mandatory

fees for 525 students have gone unpaid, for a total revenue loss of \$121,037. That amount is in addition to the roughly \$94,000 owed to District 64 for the prior two school years.

Student fees are due annually by Aug. 1. The average amount owed per child this year is \$260.

Yet officials grappling with how to collect the debts seemingly have another problem on their hands.

Hart said the district's inability to provide details about the required blanket fees have created a backlash.

As the mother of four, she pays District 64 over a \$1,000 a year, although for what, she couldn't say.

"I'm supposed to write a check and not ask where it's going?"

Hart said. "That's all I want to know — what is it for?"

Park Ridge resident George Korovilas echoed her concerns.

"They don't have a breakdown of those student fees," he said. "That's why parents are starting to get really upset."

Max Fadin, whose son attends Franklin, said he is bewildered by the vague replies offered by school leaders about the fee schedule.

"If it goes toward paying for certain laptops or iPads, that's understandable," he said. "But no one tells you what it is."

He said parents also want to know how a public school district funded by taxpayer dollars has out-of-pocket costs. There are even rumblings over whether or not the fees are legal.

"It's sort of suspicious why a family of four is paying a thousand dollars when they already pay \$20,000 in taxes," Fadin said.

District 64's primary source of revenue is local property taxes. But, like most public school systems, the district assesses additional fees for various school activities and supplies.

The mandatory fee for kindergarten is \$84.

At the elementary level, the \$227 per-pupil fee goes toward costs associated with "textbooks, supplies, technology and activities," according to the district's website.

The yearly charge for middle-schoolers is more, at \$315, in order to also cover "electives and extracurriculars."

The fee notices that get sent home, as well as the district's website, do not detail what the aforementioned programs and materials are, nor how much each costs.

However, the website makes it clear that "as a guiding principle, student fees are assessed to defray costs, not to 'make a profit.'"

District 64 budgeted to collect \$919,700 in registration fees for 2013-14.

Additional fees, such as those for lunch and field trips, put the collective student fee projection at \$1.56 million.

Korovilas noted all three of his kids' accounts are paid up — for now.

"But," he added, "I won't pay next year. I want to know what I'm paying for."

III DISTRICT 219

District 219 scores improve slightly, but still far short of federal standards

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Niles North and Niles West High Schools in Skokie's Niles Township District 219 had reading and math scores this year that were slightly above state averages, according to results released last week.

District 219's reading scores on the Prairie State Assessment Exam (PSAE) — an exam all Illinois 11th graders take each spring — jumped by two points from last year to 159. Math scores stayed the same from 2012 to 2013 at 160.

About 60 percent of District 219 students met or exceeded state goals in both 2012 and this year, compared to a 2013 statewide percentage of 53 percent of students meeting state goals.

In a ranking of 689 Illinois high schools, Niles North was

ranked 167 and Niles West was ranked slightly higher at 148 in the state.

Both schools, however, were identified by the Illinois State Board of Education as being recommended for school improvement. This is the tenth year in a row Niles North has been identified on that list and the third year in a row for Niles West.

Under the federal No Child Left Behind Act, all public schools must have 100 percent of tested students meet state standards in reading and math by 2014.

In the interim, states must set gradually increasing targets. This year in Illinois, a school is deemed to be making "Adequate Yearly Progress" if it meets certain conditions.

Neither Niles North or Niles West are making what federal legislation considers adequate yearly progress, mostly because

math and reading scores at the schools fell beyond the requirement that at least 85 percent of all tested students must meet or exceed state standards on the reading and math tests.

Only 63.5 percent of all students at Niles West met or exceeded state math standards in 2013, with 58.3 percent of all students at Niles North.

Anne Roloff, assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction at District 219, said one way the district is attempting to boost state exam scores is by pushing for more rigorous academia — especially heavier enrollment in AP courses — at the two high schools.

A statistical analysis conducted by District 219, Roloff said, shows students who take higher-level coursework have higher readiness levels for college entrance exams.

"Of course we want to be

number one," Roloff said. "We do everything we can to move our students to more challenging coursework and provide everything needed to educate our students and parents on the need to take AP courses."

District 219 also has implemented an individualized learning plan for each student that lets parents, teachers and the student track current academic statuses and plan future goals for growth.

Roloff said individualized learning plans have been used in District 219 schools for a number of years, and that the system has seen some success.

"It's a reality check for students in that it keeps track of what they need to do to get to the point of reaching their goals," Roloff said. "A continuing focus on college readiness helps students focus and be motivated toward achieving higher test

III CHICAGO

Police: Man tried lure boy near Niles

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Chicago police say a man tried to lure a 12-year-old boy to his car while the boy was walking along Touhy Avenue near Niles.

The boy was on the north side of the 6000 block of West Touhy Avenue, west of Lehigh Avenue, around 2 p.m., Oct. 27, when he was approached by a man who asked him for money, police said.

The boy told police that the man then asked for directions to the CTA Red Line, located six miles away, and asked him if he wanted candy. When the boy refused, the man allegedly asked, "Are you sure? My car is right over there," an alert from the Chicago Police Department said.

The boy ran across the street to the Niles Target store where he called his mother, police said.

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NEWS BRIEFS

PARK RIDGE

Police to direct traffic outside Whole Foods store

With large crowds anticipated for the grand opening of the new Park Ridge Whole Foods Market this week, police will be on hand to direct traffic in the area through the weekend.

Park Ridge Police Chief Frank Kaminski said officers will be stationed at the store's entrances along Touhy Avenue and Washington Avenue, at the intersection of Touhy and Washington, and at Northwest Highway and Washington. Traffic will be directed during regular store hours from opening day on Wednesday, Nov. 6 through Sunday, Nov. 10.

The traffic detail will come at no cost to the city, as Whole Foods will be footing the bill, said City Manager Shawn Hamilton.

"We'll reevaluate after Sunday and see how things are going," he said.

When zoning for the Whole Foods store was initially consid-

ered in 2012, residents living in the immediate area had expressed concerns about increased traffic congestion on Touhy Avenue and cut-through traffic on side streets like Berry Parkway to the east.

DISTRICT 207

Maine East presents 2013 V-Show this weekend

More than 100 students will perform in Maine East High School's annual V-Show this weekend.

The show will take place at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 8 and Saturday, Nov. 9 at the Park Ridge school, 2601 W. Dempster St. This year's acts range from singing and dance routines to skateboarding. Seniors Adrian Delgado, Marianna Veneri, Nathalie Janvier and John Collantes will host the show.

For the first time, audience members will have a chance to vote for their favorite act using their cell phones to text in their votes.

Tickets are \$7 and can be purchased at the door or through the website <http://seatyourself.biz/maineeast>.

PARK RIDGE

Veterans Day ceremony planned in Uptown

The members and friends of Mel Tierney American Legion Post 247 will observe Veterans Day with a memorial service at the American Legion Veterans Monument in Park Ridge's Hodges Park, at Courtland and Vine avenues.

The ceremony, which will include a rifle salute, will take place at 11 a.m. on Monday, Nov. 11.

Post Commander Martin Johanson will lead the service, assisted by Senior Vice Commander Donald Mellema, St. Paul of the Cross Deacon Al Memmel and trumpeter Richard Wacker, who will perform "Taps."

Veterans, their families and members of the public are invited to observe and participate in the ceremony. The monument where it will be held commemorates the more than 80 Park Ridge residents who died during military service in World War I, World War II, the Korean War and the Vietnam War.

MAINE TOWNSHIP

Police departments collecting coats for needy

The Park Ridge, Des Plaines and Niles Police Departments are again partnering to collect coats for low-income area families.

Clean, gently worn coats and jackets will be collected at each department through Tuesday, Nov. 12. A drop box is located in the lobby of each police department and coats can be donated 24 hours a day.

Locations include 200 S. Vine Ave. in Park Ridge; 7000 W. Touhy Ave. in Niles; and 1420 Miner St. in Des Plaines.

The coats that are collected will be distributed to Maine Township families in need on Saturday, Nov. 16 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Maine Township Town Hall, 1700 Ballard Rd. in Park Ridge.

PARK RIDGE

City Council approves new fire hydrants

Twelve new fire hydrants are

on their way to Park Ridge after aldermen rejected an earlier bid because it was the only one presented.

The City Council on Oct. 21 approved the purchase of the hydrants from Water Products Co., of Aurora for \$31,704. The company was one of three that submitted bids for hydrants and was the lowest bidder, according to a memo from Park Ridge Director of Public Works Wayne Zingsheim.

The city ended up paying \$443 less than the original bid of \$32,147 from Elk Grove Village-based Ziebell Water Service Product. That bid was rejected by the council on Sept. 16 by a vote of 4-2.

Sixth Ward Ald. Marc Mazzuca had made the motion to reject the initial bid, saying it was much higher than what the city of Charleston, S.C. had recently paid for hydrants. He was also unhappy that the city had only received one complete bid.

"Casting a wider net did pay off," he said during the Oct. 21 meeting where the new, \$31,704 bid was voted upon. "We did get something better than we had before."

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HELPSQUAD

Airline passenger paid for more leg room but got stuck in back of plane

HELP SQUAD
BY
JACKIE PILOSSOPH



Dear Help Squad,
I recently experienced problems with seat assignments on United Airlines. Economy Plus seats were purchased on March 26, 2013 for a July flight from Chicago to Denver. Both our seats were occupied when we boarded the plane. The manifest shows that I was in Economy Plus, but my boarding pass shows "30F window economy" which is where I sat.

United Airlines will not refund the price difference even though I spoke with customer service three times and faxed information twice as instructed. The refund department continues to deny me a refund of \$39.00.

The remainder of the trip was without problems. I have saved receipts and boarding passes.

Gratefully,
M. Patricia Nooney, Skokie

Dear Patricia,
Despite having to sit in the back of the plane and in a smaller seat for your flight to Denver, we at Help Squad hope you had a great trip! You'll be happy to know that we contacted customer service at United, and they will be refunding your \$39 and issuing a credit on your card that will show up within 7-10 business days.

What we were curious to know is, why did you originally choose to fly Economy Plus? Is it worth the \$39?

Wanting answers to these and other questions about airline "incidentals," meaning all the little extras that airlines now charge these days to make more money, we reached out to travel agent Shari Brown of Gray's Travel Service in Northbrook. Brown helped us compile a list of services that you can pay extra for when flying.

1. One-day guest pass to the airline's "club": If you are one of those people who gets to the airport hours before your flight, you might want to invest in a guest pass to the exclusive club of the airline you are flying. For example, the United Club, which is the airport lounge of United Airlines, offers a variety of amenities that include Wi-Fi, personalized travel assistance, beverages

including beer, wine and spirits, and complimentary coffee, juices, sodas, and breakfast and snack items. The cost is usually about \$25, but varies depending on the airline.

2. Early boarding: Can you believe you can actually pay to board the flight earlier? The cost depends on the flight, but it is usually around \$25.

3. Food: Peanuts and little bags of pretzels have been off the airlines' list of complimentary in-flight amenities for awhile. Prices for food and drinks vary depending on the airline, but snacks start at \$3.29 on American Airlines, and food can go up to \$12 on some carriers. Beer, wine and other spirits are typically between \$5 and \$7.

4. Entertainment: Remember when movies used to be free on flights? Not anymore. Here are some options. United offers DirectTV with more than 100 channels. It's free for first class, but if you're in coach, it will cost you \$5.99 to \$7.99. Movies on Jet-Blue are \$5.99, but free outside the U.S., and movies on Delta are \$6.

5. Baggage check: Although many people don't consider bringing a suitcase a luxury, baggage check is extra on most airlines these days. American, United, US Airways and Delta charge \$25 for the first bag, \$35 for the second. JetBlue and Southwest both give you the first checked bag for free.

6. Credit cards: Most airlines offer several credit card options that give you miles and other airline perks. There's the AAdvantage World Elite Mastercard, which gives you 30,000 miles after you make \$1,000 in purchases in the first three months. If you go with the United Mileage Plus Explorer card, you get 30,000 bonus miles, a \$50 credit after your first purchase, and no annual fee for the first year. With all these cards, you're earning miles with every purchase.

7. In-flight Internet service: Need to check your email or get some work done that requires the Internet during your flight? Most flights use Gogo, an in-air Internet service. You log in, enter your credit card info, and you're online. The cost is \$5 for 30 minutes or \$10 for 90 minutes, which includes a free in-flight movie.

8. Seat upgrade: In Patricia's case, Economy Plus cost her \$39. These charges vary on every flight, depending on airline, availability and length of the flight. And, if you enjoy that six inches more of leg room, you can have it on all your United flights by purchasing an annual subscription for Economy Plus. The cost is \$499 per year.

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OPINION

Halloween's over — Bury the hatchet for the holidays

BY PAUL SASSONE



Well, that's over. Now that Halloween has come and gone, we can start getting ready for the heavy-hitting holidays of November and December.

From now on, you'll be bombarded with tips on how to cook for the holidays, how to decorate for the holidays, how to pay for the holidays.

But only here will you find tips for the absolute most important component of holiday enjoyment — how not to wind up at your loved ones' throats.

Nothing is more holiday-deflating than some family member sulking or not speaking to other members. And it happens. This time of the year can bring out the worst, as well as the best, in us.

But there are ways to avoid contributing to bad holiday spirit:

Respond to invitations, dummy. Not responding is a tried-and-true recipe for creating holiday conflict. See, the way it works is that they feed you for free. All you have to do is let them know whether you are coming. I shouldn't have to tell you stuff like this.

Like the gift you are given, even if you don't. OK, OK, so you wanted the audio book, "Kardashian Confidential," but they gave you "The Complete Works of St. Augustine."

You'll only hurt the giver's feelings if you pout.

Eat almost to the point of, um, indelicacy. They went to a lot of trouble and expense to cook dinner for you. So when they proudly say, "I tried a new stuffing recipe this year, rye bread, kidneys and just a whisper of vanilla extract. Have some more." You say, "Yum," and hold out your plate.

Let bygones be bygones. So, you were the oldest and had to take care of your brothers and sisters. So, you were the middle child and didn't get the attention the first-born did. So, you were the youngest and had to make do with a hand-me-down bike. Grow up. Stop poisoning the present with long-past grievances.

Human beings are mortal. This is most important and the underlying reason behind all of the above. In 10 years, or five years, or even next year, there may be fewer people at the holiday table. And that will be painful. But even more painful will be the memory of loved ones if that memory is soured by what you too-late realize were trivial piques and resentments. Regret is not a pleasant holiday companion.

Food and gifts are ephemeral. Family is permanent. And our feelings about family are always with us. Forever.

Whether those feelings are warm or painful is up to us.

It's something to think about as the holidays approach.

Poor students doomed from the start

BY RANDY BLASER



By the time children begin school, is their academic fate already set?

I've been wondering that over the last few weeks in light of two recent news reports.

Last week, the Illinois Schools Report Card was released. The big news? Student performance on state tests has dropped compared to last year because the state has toughened the standards.

The other news from a few weeks ago announced that researchers believe children born to poor families start school far behind their more affluent peers. Why? Because poor children grow up in a household where they hear fewer words and less complex word groupings.

This lack of exposure to a wider vocabulary hampers them through their academic career, and the difference creates what experts call a "word deficit" by the time the children reach school age.

How are the two events — the results of the study and release of the state report card — related?

One statistic revealed in the school report that you won't see in many news stories that simply report on the high and low performing schools is this: Half of all public school students in Illinois are from low-income families.

"My plan has something for the liberals (early childhood education) and something for the conservatives (vouchers) and is therefore doomed to failure. Today's politicians, who control funding for these type of decisions, would rather win than solve a problem. So we'll just continue on the path we're on, and doom another couple generations of kids to failure."

Let me repeat: 50 percent of public school children in Illinois are poor. And, according to research, they start their academic careers behind the other 50 percent because they have heard fewer words growing up.

If that is true, than this explains something that has bothered me for a long time and is never explained or explored by the press.

The purpose of the Illinois Schools Report Card to give everyone a measuring stick to help improve student performance. Yet, in the more than 25 years since the report card's inception, and decades of everyone talking about better schools, student performance hardly seems to change. Students pretty much seem to end up at the end of 12 years where they started.

Maybe the answer to improving academic performance is to take the poor half of kids before they start school and just have adults talk to them, read books to them and sing songs with them. Parents should be instructed that if they

want their children to be good students in fifth grade, then you need to talk to them, read to them and sing with them.

But what about the kids already in school who are behind and seemingly destined to always be behind?

I'm for tutoring. I say give the parents vouchers for after-school tutoring at places like Kumon or Sylvan Learning Center or Britannica Learning Center. Affluent parents send their kids to these places when they fall behind or their performance is not satisfactory (to the parent.) Why not give poor families the same opportunity?

My plan has something for the liberals (early childhood education) and something for the conservatives (vouchers) and is therefore doomed to failure.

Today's politicians, who control funding for these type of decisions, would rather win than solve a problem. So we'll just continue on the path we're on, and doom another couple generations of kids to failure.

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||| 1,000 WORDS BY JACK HIGGINS



||| LETTERS

Congrats to American Legion for standing up for pledge

I would like to commend and congratulate Commander Joseph Lampert and American Legion Post 134 for their action of withdrawing support from the Morton Grove Park District. Having a Park District board member who won't stand for the pledge of allegiance reflects badly on the board too.

The board member is quoted saying

"he doesn't want to make people pledge allegiance to a government they oppose and want to reform." Makes you wonder what he has in mind? He also noted he "has ancestors who come from oppressive countries". Perhaps he would be happier back there.

*Harold G. Cohon
Morton Grove*

Former mayor lauds strategic plan update

I am glad the village administration is updating the Morton Grove Strategic Plan. A solid, achievable plan is the best tool the Village has to fulfill its primary responsibility: to protect the life, property, and health of all residents.

A strategic plan is, first and foremost, about our residents. It should create a community that is vibrant, livable, and accessible to all residents. Grand visions, while compelling, too easily become pipe dreams if not grounded in reality. A strategic plan must be realistically achievable and take

into account current and future resources. It must establish a course to achieve that vision and thus serve as a working guide. A plan is only as good as the commitment to consistently work the plan in the future. Quarterly reviews to analyze progress, monitor delays, and make adjustments are essential to successfully carry out the plan.

Facing serious financial and structural issues when I became mayor in 2009, we diligently worked to stabilize finances and begin the long process of improving infrastructure, which makes

our village more appealing to new businesses and residents. In 2012, I asked staff to initiate a strategic plan process to build upon those improvements. Fortunately, the village is now stronger both financially and structurally, providing a solid foundation to craft an achievable strategic plan.

I encourage our village to continue the effort to develop a strong, realistic and compelling strategic plan to build on our solid foundation and create a vibrant community for our residents.

*Daniel Staackmann
Morton Grove*



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6330 N Lincoln Ave, #3: Piotr T Stanczyk to Nicholas K Duncan for \$115,000 on Sept. 18

8727 W Normal Ave: Michael A Cristiano and Angela M Cristiano to James G Keefer and Meghan R Keefer for \$530,000 on Sept. 16

8801 W Golf Road, #10J: Anastasia Nenos to Oana Stefana Grigorovici for \$110,000 on Sept. 20

Morton Grove

7121 Greenwood St: Zeisel Toni and Antonia Zeisel to Joseph Decola and Karen Wennerberg for \$245,000 on Sept. 18

5841 Cleveland St: Lynn Gajewski Trust and Mildred M Warkenthien Trust to Michael J Moore for \$202,500 on Sept. 20

8933 Oak Park Ave: Manzoor Qureshi, Rabia B Qureshi and Asfia T Syed to lh2 Property II L P for \$217,500 on Sept. 20

9310 Sayre Ave: Henrietta E Miller to Pawel Maliszczak for \$180,000 on Sept. 16

7532 Palma Lane: George Gerginov and Nadia Gerginov to Matinee Trongkamsataya and Christian B Somera for \$415,000 on Sept. 19

Park Ridge

223 N Merrill St: Kathryn O'Lewis Trust, O Lewis Kathryn Trust and Kathryn O'Lewis Trust to Brian Lee Lukens and Melinda Kay Lukens for \$755,000 on Sept. 16

19 East Ave: Linda L Fahey to Daniel L Barnes and Karen A Barnes for \$342,000 on Sept. 19

1408 Grove Ave: David S Langlands and Christine L Langlands to Thomas Healy and Kathleen Healy for \$432,000 on Sept. 19

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for \$235,000 on Sept. 20

Harwood Heights

7537 W Strong St: Ronald W Deutscher Trust, Susan H Kaplan Trust and Walter R Deutscher Trust to Francisco J Flores and Veronica Reina for \$170,000 on Sept. 20

4730 N Narragansett Ave: Betty J Kownacki, Frederick B Schroeder Jr, Walter P Kownacki and John W Kownacki to Justo J Rodriguez and Emna Rodriguez for \$230,000 on Sept. 19

Glenview

2738 Pauline Ave: Laura Jannotta Trust and James A Schmid Trust to Matthew Albert Pikosky and Melanie Pamela Pikosky for \$338,500 on Sept. 19

334 Country Lane: Maria Emerle to Daniel Danko and Dorota Danko for \$650,000 on Sept. 20

322 Nellie Court: Joseph M Parra and Monica Valdes to de la Vega Rafael for \$241,000 on Sept. 20

2328 Dewes St: Marilyn F Cunningham Trust, Marilyn F Cunningham Trust and

F Cunningham Marilyn Trust to Daniel Danko for \$400,000 on Sept. 18

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2327 Swainwood Drive: John F Bard Trust, John F Bard Trust and F Bard John Trust to Kristin E Taylor for \$440,000 on Sept. 16

Skokie

5125 Brummel St: Catherine R Livingston Trust and George A Wolitski Trust to Gorr Construction Inc for \$205,000 on Sept. 18

9037 Lamon Ave: Mark H Han and Kathleen R Han to Sayed A Quraishi and Sima Quraishi for \$290,000 on Sept. 16

9530 Lamon Ave, #107: Frederick B Siegeltuch to Naheed Bolbolan and Hoshang Bolbolan for \$117,000 on Sept. 19

4200 Enfield Ave: Teodor Tiriteu and Catala Tiriteu to Jennifer Rivera and Mathew Lucante for \$390,000 on Sept. 20

10015 Frontage Road: North Shore Investments Holdings Inc to Tseten Dorjee for \$146,000 on Sept. 18

9039 Keeler Ave: Mazel & Bracha LLC Series I to Bradley Cherney and Rebecca Cherney for \$327,000 on Sept. 16

Lincolnwood

6431 Kolmar Ave: Laurina Joel to Tak Highland Entertainment LLC for \$375,000 on Sept. 16

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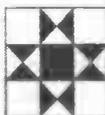
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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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NILES

SATURDAY, NOV. 9

Adult CPR Instruction

9 a.m.: A certified CPR instructor will teach the American Red Cross guidelines for adult CPR. All participants should bring a lunch. Attendees must be 16 or older. Feldman Recreation Center, 8800 W. Kathy Lane, Niles. Call 847-297-3000. \$42-\$48.

Babysitting Workshop

10 a.m.: Attendees will learn skills in professionalism, basic care, safe play and first aid. For ages 10 to 15. Feldman Recreation Center, 8800 W. Kathy Lane, Niles. Call 847-297-3000. \$10.

MONDAY, NOV. 11

Veterans Day Ceremony

11 a.m.: Veterans' Memorial Waterfall, West Touhy Avenue and North Milwaukee Avenue, Niles. Call 847-588-8000.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 13

Robbie Sings the Greatest Hits of George & Ira Gershwin

10:30 a.m.: Vocalist Robbie Malkowski and jazz pianist Dave Turner perform the best of Gershwin. Registration required. Niles Public Library District, 6960 W. Oakton St., Niles. Call 847-663-6648.

FRIDAY, NOV. 15

SCRAM: Ruse-Entry Burglary

10 a.m.: The program will teach seniors how to prevent ruse-entry burglary, which is when a perpetrator tries to distract a resident and draw them out of the house while an accomplice robs the home. Niles Senior Center, 999 Civic Center Drive, Niles. Call 847-588-8000.

HAPPENING NEARBY

THURSDAY, NOV. 7

Story Time for 2s

9:30 a.m.: Stories and songs for 2 year olds with an adult. A second session is held on Wednesdays at 10 a.m. Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge. Call 847-825-3123.

Thursday Morning Book Discussion

10 a.m.: The group will discuss "Round House" by Louise Erdrich. Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge. Call 847-825-3123.

Story Time for 3s

10:15 a.m.: Stories and songs for 3 year olds with an adult. Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect

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Ave., Park Ridge. For more information, call 847-825-3123.

The Field Museum

10:30 a.m.: The Maine-Niles Association of Special Recreation will be offering a trip to the Field Museum. Bring a sack lunch or money to purchase a lunch. Must be 18 years or older. Maine-Niles Association of Special Recreation, 6820 W. Dempster St., Morton Grove. Call 847-966-5522. \$40-\$90.

Health Care Forum

11 a.m.: Financial advisor Jillian Holly will present "Life in Retirement, Making Your Money Last." Park Ridge Chamber of Commerce, 720 Garden St., Park Ridge. Call 847-825-3122.

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.

Special Recognition: Righteous Among the Nations from Bulgaria

5:30 p.m.: The ceremony will celebrate the addition of the names of two Bulgarian rescuers to the Ferro Fountain of the Righteous. Reservations required. Illinois Holocaust Museum, 9603 Woods Drive, Skokie.

How to Use the Illinois Health Insurance Marketplace

7 p.m.: Learn about the Illinois Health Insurance Marketplace, how to use the website to compare health insurance plans and how to set up an online account. Participants will need verification of income (pay stubs, income tax return) and a form of identification (driver's license, Social Security card, student visa). For more information or to register, go to calendar.mgpl.org or call 847-929-5101. Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove.

FRIDAY, NOV. 8

Boomers & Beyond Community Resource Fair

9 a.m.: The fair will showcase products and services designed to help people age with grace and independence while living an active, healthy

lifestyle. There will be free wellness screenings, flu shots, education seminars, raffle prizes, refreshments and a Technology Drop-In Center. Oakton Community Center, 4701 Oakton St., Skokie. Call 847-933-8208.

Job Seeker Workshop

9:30 a.m.: Volunteers from the Illinois Worknet Center will teach job search techniques, interviewing skills and important points for résumés and cover letters. Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge. Call 847-720-3245.

Discovery Day

10 a.m.: Drop by for a morning of learning with different crafts and activities. For toddlers and preschoolers. Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge. Call 847-825-3123.

Create Greeting Cards with Publisher 2010

10 a.m.: Learn how to make simple cards using free ClipArt images or your own digital pictures. For more information or to register, go to calendar.mgpl.org or call 847-929-5101. Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove.

Minecraft Tournament

3:30 p.m.: Drop by for a Minecraft creative competition. The winner receives a Minecraft prize. For grades four to six. Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge. For more information, call 847-825-3123.

Wine and Dine Around the World

6:30 p.m.: The Rotary Club of Wilmette's annual fundraiser will be a gala evening that includes wine pairings with gourmet menus from around the world, a silent auction, entertainment, raffles for cases of wine and an after-party with professional dance performances and group dance lessons. Tickets may be purchased online at www.wilmetterotary.org or by calling 847-910-4902. DoubleTree Hotel North Shore, 9599 Skokie Blvd., Skokie. Call 847-679-7000. \$65-\$75.

Friday Night Live Club

7 p.m.: Students grades four and five will enjoy inflatables, a live DJ dance party and more. Maine Park Leisure Center, 2701 W. Sibley St., Park Ridge. Call 847-692-5127. \$5.

SATURDAY, NOV. 9

Princess and Pirate Pancake Breakfast

9 a.m.: Children ages 4 to 10 can dress up in a pirate or princess costume for a morning of pancakes, games, crafts and much more. Maine Park Leisure Center, 2701 W. Sibley St., Park Ridge. Call 847-692-5127. \$16-\$24.

Holiday Bazaar

10 a.m.: A world market event featuring gifts, home

goods and jewelry from across the globe. Illinois Holocaust Museum, 9603 Woods Drive, Skokie.

Second Saturday Family Story Time

10 a.m.: Stories and crafts for the whole family. Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge. Call 847-825-3123.

Fall Craft Show and Brunch

10 a.m.: The Maine-Niles Association of Special Recreation will be offering a trip to Harper College's annual craft show with more than 200 craft booths. After shopping, the group will stop at Wildberry Pancakes and Cafe for brunch. Program fee includes admission to the craft fair. Must be 21 or older to attend. Maine-Niles Association of Special Recreation, 6820 W. Dempster St., Morton Grove. For more information, call 847-966-5522. \$35-\$80.

Arts & Crafts Fair

10 a.m.: Shop at more than 180 craft displays and vendors for lovely holiday gifts. Resurrection College Prep High School, 7500 W. Talcott Ave., Chicago. Call 773-775-6616. \$5; \$2 for students and seniors.

Graphics and Geek Fest

Noon: Fantasy author Mary Robinette Kowal will be speaking as well as Kevin Budnik, RJ Casey and Eric Roesner from Yeti Press Comics. Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge. Call 847-825-3123.

Sandhill Crane Trip

12:30 p.m.: Take a trip to Jasper Pulaski Park in Indiana to observe thousands of Sandhill Cranes during their migration. Transportation is provided from MPLC. Bring money for dinner. Must be 8 and over to attend. Children 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult. Maine Park Leisure Center, 2701 W. Sibley St., Park Ridge. Call 847-692-5127. \$21.

Mary, Seat of Wisdom Parish Italian Dinner

6 p.m.: The evening offers something fun for every age, including Italian cuisine, a DJ, face painting and a special performance by Inspiración Dance Chicago. Proceeds benefit the Council of Catholic Women and its parish ministries, as well as projects serving groups throughout the area. Mary, Seat of Wisdom Parish, 920 Granville Ave., Park Ridge. Call 847-825-0518. \$25 for adults; \$10 for children 4-12.

Ringling Bros. Barnum & Bailey Circus

7 p.m.: The Maine-Niles Association of Special Recreation will be offering a trip to the circus at Allstate Arena. Must be 18 years or older to attend. Maine-Niles Association of Special Recreation,

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6820 W. Dempster St., Morton Grove. Call 847-966-5522. \$58-\$126.

SUNDAY, NOV. 10

'Participatory Budgeting: Empowering Communities and Deepening Democracy'

10:30 a.m.: Joe Moore, alderman of Chicago's 49th Ward, will speak about the successes and challenges of his process that gives residents of Rogers Park the power to decide how is annual \$1 million discretionary capital budget should be spent. Ethical Humanist Society, 7574 Lincoln Ave., Skokie. Call 847-677-3334.

France's Valley of the Kings

2 p.m.: Travel expert Al Popowitz takes participants on a virtual tour of France's Loire Valley, including the historic Chateaux of Amboise, the mansion home of Leonardo da Vinci, a colorful market and a hot air balloon. Eisenhower Public Library, 4613 N. Oketo Ave., Harwood Heights. Call 708-867-7828.

MONDAY, NOV. 11

Fun-Day Monday

9 a.m.: Students ages 6 to 22 can enjoy the day off from school with a day of fun activities and a trip to the movie theater to see a newly-released movie. Bring a sack lunch. Maine-Niles Association of Special Recreation, 6820 W. Dempster St., Morton Grove. Call 847-966-5522. \$45-\$100.

Sensory Story Time

11 a.m.: Hands-on learning engaging all the senses through music, movement, stories and play. Ideal for children ages 3 to 6 with autism or sensory processing issues. Participating families are welcome to stay for an additional 30-minute multi-sensory play time after the program. Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge. Call 847-825-3123.

Teddy Bear Time

11 a.m.: Stories, songs and finger plays for children ages 12 to 24 months with an adult. Siblings welcome. Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge. Call 847-825-3123.

Veteran's Day Celebration

12:30 p.m.: Author Cyndee Schäffer will present "Mollie's War" written by Cyndee and her mother Mollie Weinstein Schaffer, a WAC during World War II. Lunch will be catered. For adults ages 55 and up. Park Ridge Senior Center, 100 S. Western Ave., Park Ridge. Call 847-692-3597. \$17-\$19.

Officer Friendly Story Time

1:30 p.m.: Stop by the library for a fun story time led by a Park Ridge police officer. For all ages. Park

Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge. Call 847-825-3123.

Flannel Board Fun

6:30 p.m.: This program teaches preschool and elementary teachers how to make fun and engaging stories for the classroom out of felt. Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge. Call 847-825-3123.

The Kennedy Assassination: A Retrospection

7 p.m.: Historian Jim Gibbons will give a presentation about the JFK assassination. Call 847-929-5101 or visit www.mgpl.org to learn more. Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove.

Pages Book Discussion: 'Just One Day'

7 p.m.: Join MGPL for a book discussion of "Just One Day" by Gayle Forman. Sparks fly when American good girl Allyson encounters laid-back Dutch actor Willem, so she follows him. Visit www.mgpl.org or call 847-929-5101 for more information. Barnes and Noble, 5405 Touhy Ave., Skokie.

TUESDAY, NOV. 12

Baby Bounce

9:15 a.m.: Special stories, songs, rhymes and play time just for babies one year old and under. Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge. Call 847-825-3123.

Do More with Excel 2010

10 a.m.: Participants will learn more about Microsoft Excel 2010 with hands-on projects. Some projects include calculations, sorting and filtering data and custom formatting. Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove. Call 847-965-4220.

Story Time for 4s and 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. For more information, call 847-825-3123.

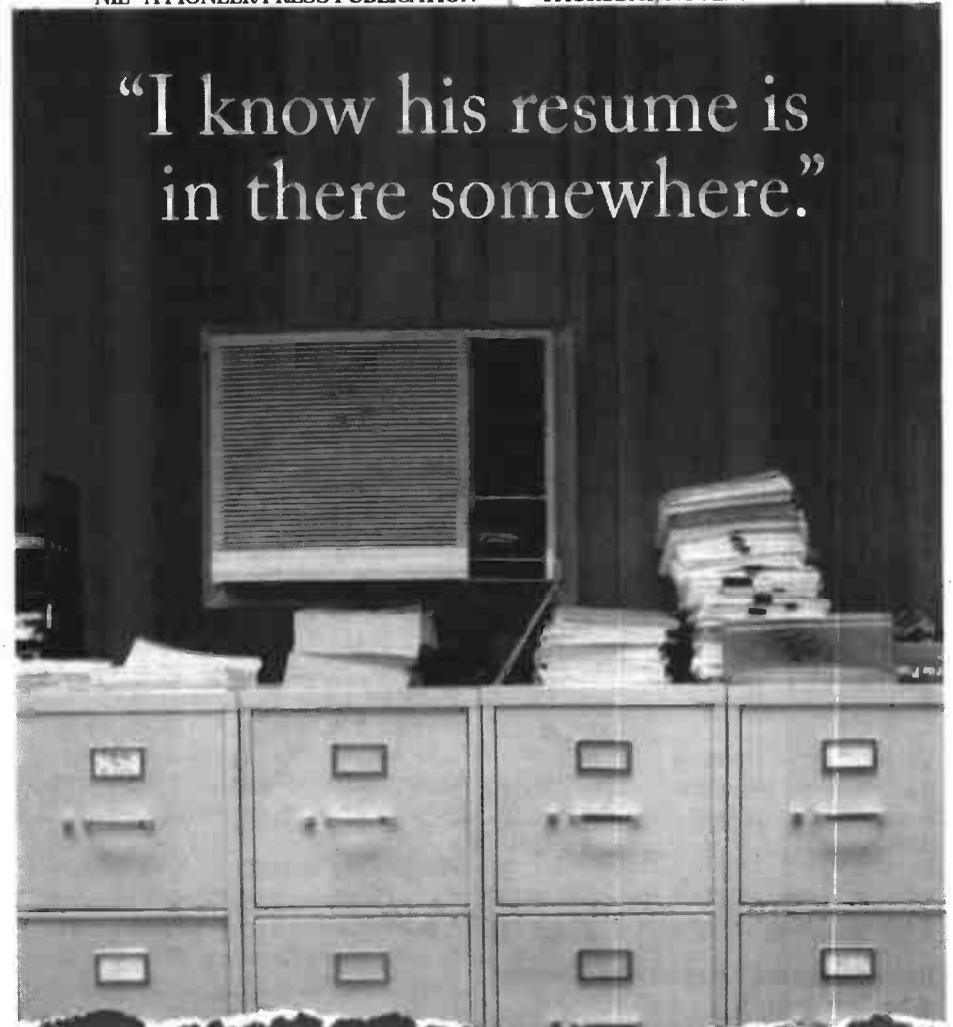
YA Pizza & Pages

5 p.m.: Stop in for pizza and a chance to share your current favorite books, then go home with new books to read. For grades six to 12. Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge. Call 847-825-3123.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 13

Twenty-First Star NSDAR Monthly Meeting

11:30 a.m.: The Twenty-First Star Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution will meet with a luncheon will be served at noon and a meeting and program to follow. Illinois State Regent Pamela Peterson Bork, will give a presentation titled "Our DAR Ties." Park Ridge Country Club, 636 N. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge.



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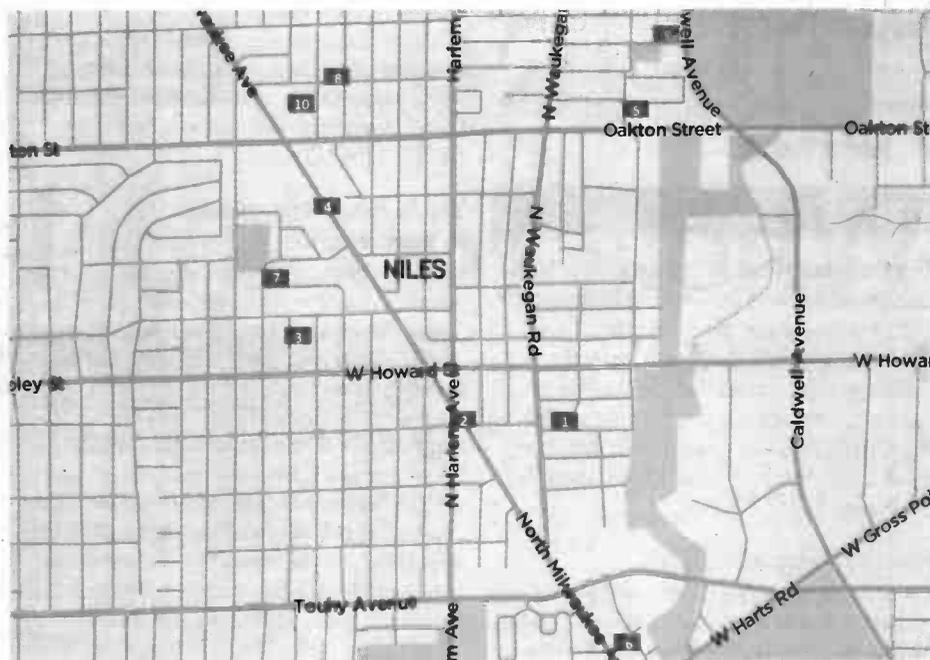
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1 Driveway

Address: 7012 W. Fargo Ave., Niles
Issue date: July 24
Permit cost: \$80
Construction cost: \$4,000

2 Plumbing - misc

Address: 7507 N. Milwaukee Ave., Niles
Issue date: July 23
Permit cost: \$87
Construction cost: \$2,000

3 Furnace and air conditioning (HVAC)

Address: 7639 N. Olcott Ave., Niles
Issue date: July 25
Permit cost: \$47
Construction cost: \$2,800

4 Sign - electrical/non-electric

Address: 7882 N. Milwaukee Ave., Niles
Issue date: July 24
Permit cost: \$260
Construction cost: \$3,000

5 Flood control

Address: 6853 W. Oakton Ct, Niles
Issue date: July 26
Permit cost: \$80

Construction cost: \$7,200

6 Roof (commercial and residential)

Address: 7078 N. Franks Ave., Niles
Issue date: July 23
Permit cost: \$36
Construction cost: \$3,520

7 Fence

Address: 7514 W. Lawler Ave., Niles
Issue date: July 22
Permit cost: \$25
Construction cost: \$2,000

8 Furnace and air conditioning (HVAC)

Address: 8100 N. Oketo Ave., Niles
Issue date: July 25
Permit cost: \$47
Construction cost: \$2,800

9 Plumbing - misc

Address: 6818 W. Keeney St., Niles
Issue date: July 24
Permit cost: \$120
Construction cost: \$7,200

10 Driveway

Address: 7450 W. Seward St., Niles
Issue date: July 22
Permit cost: \$80
Construction cost: \$2,800

BUSINESS

||| PARK RIDGE

Whole Foods debuts in Park Ridge

BY JENNIFER JOHNSON
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Shoppers entering the new Whole Foods Market in Park Ridge will have plenty of reminders as to which community they are spending their dollars in.

There's the marquee-style delicatessen sign that shouts "Pickwick Theatre" and the reusable shopping bags depicting the historic theater's facade. There's the menu board with freshly-prepared sandwiches bearing names like "Touhy Turkey," "Pennyville" and an homage to Maine East grad Harrison Ford, "Temple of Doom." And, of course, there's the huge "Park Ridge" sign displayed above a row of coolers near the meat counter, right next to a timeline board that declares 1853 as the year George Penny started his brickyard here.

In choosing the store's decor, designers "took a lot of inspiration" from the Park Ridge community, said Jason Aragon, the store's manager.

"Early in its infancy, when they started looking at different decor, it had a very 'Park Ridge feel' and they wanted to make sure they emulated that in the store," Aragon said. "I can tell you, they knocked it out of the park."

Nearly two years after the Park Ridge Appearance Commission saw preliminary plans for a Whole Foods Market at Touhy and Washington Avenues, the retail chain was scheduled to roll out its unique brand of grocery store on Wednesday, Nov. 6 with an official bread-breaking using a nearly 5-foot-long braided challah.

The store will employ more than 200 workers, Aragon said. Many were busy unpacking boxes and making the sales floor actually look like a grocery store during a special preview Monday open to members of the local media.

Apart from the decor and the sandwich names, shoppers will find a few other new additions exclusive to the Park Ridge location. A fresh juice bar near the entrance offers six distinct concoctions, like the BEEtternal (carrots, apple, beets and kale), the Lemon Zip (a mixture of grape, lemon jalapeño and water), and the Belly Rub (comprised of cabbage, pineapple, pear, parsley, mint and ginger). For the less adventurous, freshly-squeezed orange juice is also on the menu.

Also unique to the Park Ridge store is the Gaslight wine bar, open from 5 to 9:30 p.m. each day. The bar will host wine tastings and



In keeping with a local theme, the Whole Foods deli sign is modeled after the Pickwick Theater in Park Ridge. | KEVIN TANAKA/FOR SUN-TIMES MEDIA

classes, including a Dec. 10 course on "how to create your own cheese board," said Nancy LaBreacht, a spokeswoman for Whole Foods.

Surrounding the bar, shoppers can choose from more than 800 different types of wine, 250 craft beers (many locally produced), and some 100 different spirits. There are also more than 450 cheese styles and flavors available.

In the southeast corner of the store is a small coffee shop that doubles as a lounge after 5 p.m. with about 20 different beers on tap. Coffees include light roast, dark roast and decaf, in addition to a variety of teas. There is also wall-mounted TV to check out a game.

"It's going to have that coffee bar feel [during the day] and then a lounge feel in the evening," Aragon said.

Nearby is a calendar of everything happening at Whole Foods over the next month, like Veteran's Day breakfast on Nov. 11 and the weekly "Wine Flight Wednesdays" at the Gaslight Bar.

"We definitely have events going on all the time," LaBreacht said. "It's a way to educate and get people to come in and have fun."

Park Ridge shoppers will also find one more exclusive: 15 varieties of donuts made freshly inside the store, from vanilla bean



Whole Foods shows its appreciation with a sign in the dairy aisle in Park Ridge. | KEVIN TANAKA/FOR SUN-TIMES MEDIA

glazed to pumpkin and key lime coconut.

As part of a mission to give back to the communities in which it is located, Whole Foods will hold one "5 percent day" each month, with 5 percent of the day's proceeds going to a specific charitable organization. For November, Park Ridge's Center of Concern will benefit. The One Dime at a Time program will help the Park Ridge Civic Orchestra when shoppers who bring in their own reusable

bags have the option of donating the dime they would have gotten back from the store.

Recently, the Park Ridge Whole Foods raised over \$3,000 for Wright-Way Rescue when a special pre-opening benefit was held in the parking lot, LaBreacht said.

Whole Foods was suggested as an addition to Park Ridge's retail landscape as far back as 2004 when prospective Uptown developers were bringing proposals before the city.

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||| CAUSE & EVENT

Musical evening benefits *Over the Rainbow*



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Date: Oct. 5

Location: Pick Staiger Concert Hall, Northwestern University, Evanston

Attended: 950

Raised: \$400,000+

Website: otrassn.org



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||| KICK-OFF PARTY



Imelda Huerta of Chicago (center) and Evelia Giraldo of Niles participate in a trivia contest about Oakton's history. | PHOTO COURTESY OAKTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE

OAKTON END O'SUMMER BASH

Kickoff for: College's new Alumni Association

Date: Sept. 21

Location: Des Plaines campus

Attended: 25+ alumni



Oakton Alumni Council members (from left), Alek Jablonski of Glenview, Dayani Pieri of Morton Grove, and Patrick Dunne of Skokie share a few laughs at the End O' Summer Bash. | PHOTO COURTESY OAKTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE

NOTICE OF PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX LEVY

- I. A public hearing to approve a proposed property tax levy for the Village of Morton Grove for 2013 will be held on November 25, 2013, at 7:00 pm at the Richard T. Flickinger Municipal Center, 6101 Capulina Avenue, Morton Grove, Illinois. Any person desiring to appear at the public hearing and present testimony to the taxing district may contact Mr. Ryan Horne, Village Administrator, 6101 Capulina Avenue, Morton Grove, Illinois 847-663-3001.
- II. Corporate and special purpose property taxes extended or abated for 2012 were \$11,923,886. The proposed corporate and special purpose property taxes to be levied by the Village for 2013 are \$12,042,423. This represents a 0.99% increase over the previous year.
- III. Property taxes extended for debt service and public building commission leases for 2012 were \$1,119,410. The estimated property taxes to be levied for debt service and public building commission leases for 2013 are \$1,000,873. This represents a (-10.59%) decrease over the previous year.
- IV. The total property taxes extended or abated for 2012 were \$18,536,341. The estimated total property taxes to be levied for 2013 are \$18,662,320. This represents a 0.68% increase from the previous year.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION FOR PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX LEVY FOR THE VILLAGE OF MORTON GROVE

Included in the aggregate levy for the Village of Morton Grove is the levy for the Morton Grove Public Library. Property taxes extended for the Library for 2012 were \$3,056,319. The proposed library property taxes to be levied for 2013 are \$3,056,319. This represents a 0.00% increase from the previous year.

The aggregate levy of the Village of Morton Grove for 2013 for corporate and special purpose taxes includes abatements totaling \$5,619,024. The net increase to the Village's levy for 2013 after the abatement is \$0 or 0.00%.

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Chicago couple loved vintage decor of venue

Courtney Kiefer and Steve Miller

BY RENEE LEE
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When Courtney Kiefer first saw her husband Steve Miller, he was wearing a Wheaties box as a Halloween costume.

However, the Norridge native and Maine South High School graduate didn't see this costume in person. It was via his profile picture on the dating website, Plenty of Fish.

"I think Steve in his profile was really funny," Courtney said. "He showed personality and he seemed like a really nice guy." They started talking and had their first date Jan. 4, 2011.

Eventually, Steve, originally of Schuylkill Haven, Penn., proposed while the couple was in Munich on New Year's Eve, 2012, with a ring he bought from an estate in Pennsylvania.

The ring inspired Courtney to plan the wedding with a vintage theme in mind. The couple found a wedding venue to fit that theme fairly quickly — just weeks after the proposal.

Courtney's mom, Christine, suggested she check out the Armour House in Lake Forest. When they visited, the venue was set for a wedding, and the sight took Courtney's breath away.

Though finding the venue was simple, other aspects of planning were more difficult due to Courtney and Steve's jobs and travel schedules. Steve, who graduated from Lafayette College in Easton, Penn., is a regional director at SEI Investments, regularly traveling throughout the Midwest. Courtney, a Lake Forest College alumna, has been working as a flight attendant for United Airlines since 2006.

But the couple made it work with a color scheme of silver, cream, green and lots of Courtney's favorite color — purple.

She also made wedding wands for guests to wave after the ceremony, and guest tables were personalized as years rather than numbers.

Each table was named for the year of a couple's wedding: Courtney's parents, Michael and Christine Kiefer, were married in 1972. Their 1972 table was decorated with a photo from their big day. Same went for Steve's parents, Bill and Elaine Miller, and their 1973 wedding year.

The bride wore her grandmother's veil from 1951 as her "something old." It was modernized by Veiled by Cha Cha in Glen Ellyn.

Courtney and Steve spent three nights honeymooning in Copenhagen, Denmark, and 10 nights in Croatia after their May 25 wedding. They live in Chicago.



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Photographer: Crane's Photography, Chicago
Venue, catering: Armour House at Lake Forest Academy
Floral arrangements: Abby Flowers Design, Wood Dale
Cake: Deerfield's Bakery, Deerfield
Band: Final Say, Chicago
Hair and makeup: Total Image Bridal, Lombard
Veil: Veiled by Cha Cha, Glen Ellyn
Gown: Watters Torreon, VOWS Bridal Outlet, Boston
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Dena Oaklander & Travis Meyer

Dena and Travis met eight years ago at a sorority "crush party" while attending Northwestern University in Evanston. Dena, a Boca Raton, Fla., native and Travis, originally from Bliss, Mich., a small town on the very northern tip of the lower peninsula, married July 6 at The Rookery in Chicago. Travis graduated from Kellogg Business School in June, and Dena is in her second year of medical school at Rush University. They live in River North.

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Sandhill cranes flock to NW Indiana

By Anne Thompson

Sandhill cranes are majestic birds with a 7-foot wingspan and total height ranging from 31 to 47 inches long. These birds are ancient creatures with populations across North America, and the South Shore is fortunate to have a front-row seat for their annual migration. In the fall, the sandhill cranes come back to the southern shores of Lake Michigan, putting on a spectacular show for locals and tourists alike.

Why they migrate

Like any other migratory bird in the northern hemisphere, sandhill cranes fly south to take refuge

from the harsh winters in their mating grounds further north. The sandhill cranes seen along Lake Michigan stop off in the fall to rest and eat before taking the rest of their journey.

Where to see them

The cranes migrate to the Jasper-Pulaski Fish and Wildlife area in Medaryville. This preserve maintains more than 8,000 acres of wetland and woodlands, making it an ideal stop for the 10,000 sandhill cranes that pass through each fall. You can best see them from the Goose Pasture Viewing Area overlooking the water.



When to watch

You can view the cranes anytime during park hours between mid-October and mid-December. The best times of day to see them, however, are sunrise and sunset. Even if you are not a regular birdwatcher, you will marvel in this natural phenomenon.

To plan a trip to South Shore during the fall for amazing bird watching opportunities along Lake Michigan's southern beaches, call 219-989-7770 or visit SouthShoreCVA.com to learn about vacationing in the area. There are a number of fall festivals and events happening throughout sandhill crane migration season, so you can plan a fun-filled weekend that the whole family will enjoy.

Fall into November fun

Check out these and other events on WeekAway.com, where you can browse photo galleries, read reviews, and mark your favorite places!



Traverse City Beer Week

Traverse City, MI • Nov. 8-15

A craft brewery "pub crawl" visiting six microbrew venues will be the opening event in the new Traverse City Beer Week beginning Nov. 8th, followed by a week-long celebration of craft brewing in the area.

Traverse City, best known as a four-season outdoor adventure destination with a lively culinary and wine scene, has suddenly emerged as a major center of craft brewing. Draft magazine named it one of America's three "emerging beer towns" -- along with St. Louis and Oklahoma City -- and The Travel Channel listed it among the Top Seven Beer Destinations in North America. Today the area boasts 11 microbreweries, brewpubs and craft brew taprooms -- three of them added in the past year -- with four more scheduled to open this fall.



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Women's Only Weekend

South Haven, MI • Nov. 8-10

Looking for an excuse to get away with the girls? The Women's Only Weekend (WOW) in South Haven, Michigan is like one big bachelorette party, without the stress of the wedding that follows.

Martinis, wine tastings, live music, cooking demonstrations, shows and boutique shopping are all part of WOW. Many downtown South Haven businesses join the fun with events like the "PJ Party" at Crescent Moon Sportswear, where ladies in their coziest sleepwear sip hot toddies and get deals on outdoor clothes and shoes.

Just two hours outside of Chicago, South Haven is a quaint harbor town on Lake Michigan with a population of 4,400. Adding to its charm are bed and breakfasts, antique shops, lakefront dining, vineyards and a red steel lighthouse at the mouth of the Black River.



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Weekends by WeekAway



Looking for a little weekend road trip? Check out one of these events within driving distance from Chicago.

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YOUR WEEKEND
PLANNER

TOP 5

Managing Editor Jennifer Thomas' picks for this week.

1. "The Hundred Dresses," a musical based on a children's classic that won a Newbery Honor Book award, is on stage at 2 p.m. Nov. 9 and 2 and 5 p.m. Nov. 10 at the Hal and Martha Hyer Wallis Theater, 1949 Campus Drive, Evanston. Tic.northwestern.edu/imagineu.
2. The Rising Stars Theatre Co. presents Irving Berlin's "White Christmas" musical Nov. 9-24 at The Stahl Family Theatre, 5900 W. Belmont, Chicago. Risingstarschicago.com or (773) 736-2490.
3. The Chicago Philharmonic (pictured) presents "Romantic Serenade" at 3 p.m. Nov. 10 at Nichols Concert Hall, 1490 Chicago Ave., Evanston. Chicagophilharmonic.org.



4. "Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street," is on stage Nov. 14-17 and 21-24 at Oakton's Studio One, 1600 E. Golf Road, Des Plaines. (847) 635-1897.
5. Donna & Rocco's Big Fat Italian Wedding takes place 7-10 p.m. Nov. 15 at Maggiano's Little Italy, 4999 Old Orchard Shopping Center, Skokie. Call (847) 261-4588.

Present tense?

Gift ideas abound at holiday bazaars

Whether you celebrate Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa or the winter solstice, area bazaars can help you find holiday gifts and decor, baked goods and more.

Santa's Estate Sale

Held 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Nov. 9 at Park Ridge Presbyterian Church, 1300 W. Crescent Ave., Park Ridge. The holiday sale includes collectibles, books, linens, sweaters, wreaths, outdoor lighting and decorations, candles, ornaments, artificial Christmas trees and more, including vintage ornaments and decorations. A \$5 bag sale and half-price sale will be held from 2-3 p.m. Free parking and admission. For information, call (847) 823-4135 or email santasestatesale@gmail.com.

International Holiday Bazaar

Held 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Nov. 9 at the Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center, 9603 Woods Drive, Skokie, featuring gifts, homewares and jewelry. Free admission. Call (847) 967-4800 or visit www.ilholocaustmuseum.org.

Arts & Craft Fair

Resurrection College Prep High School, 7500 W. Talcott Ave., Chicago, will host its annual Arts & Craft Fair from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Nov. 9. More than 180 displays will feature gifts, seasonal items, housewares, jewelry and treats. Admission: \$5; \$2 senior citizens; free for children under 10. Visit www.reshs.org for more information.

Holiday Craft and Bake Sale

Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Women's Club, Queen of Peace, will hold its 41st annual sale from



9 a.m.-6 p.m. Nov. 9 and 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Nov. 10 in the church's Paluch Hall, 8300 Greenwood Ave., Niles. Featuring handmade crafts, ornaments, wreaths, flower arrangements, gift baskets, needlepoint, afghans, dolls, home decorations, jewelry and more. There will also be a grand raffle, bake sale, and a turkey booth. Lunch menu will be available. Free admission. Call (847) 823-2550.

Holiday Craft Fair

Presented by St. John Brebeuf's Catholic Women's Club, 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Nov. 10 in the Parish Ministry Center, 8305 N. Harlem, Niles. Featuring seasonal and year-round handmade items, a bake table and lunch. Admission is \$1 for adults.

Annual Holiday Market

Held 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Nov. 10 at Emanuel Congregation, 5959 N. Sheridan Road, Chicago, featuring

fair trade items and crafts by local artisans, a food court and raffle. Visit www.facebook.com/pages/Emanuel-Congregation-Holiday-Market/135155324748.

Unique Treasures

The Women's Board of North-Shore University HealthSystem presents its third annual holiday sale and boutique, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Nov. 13 at Oakton Community College, 7701 Lincoln Ave., Skokie, featuring jewelry, clothing, toys, snacks and more. Includes a 50/50 raffle.

Spirit of Christmas Holiday Boutique

Held 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Nov. 16 at Park Ridge Community Church, 100 S. Courtland Ave., Park Ridge. Features handcrafted items by local artisans and fair trade merchants, including jewelry, hats, scarves, mittens, baby wreaths, pottery, gourmet dips, natural lotions and soaps, accessories,

yoga mat bags, candles, cards and stationery and more.

Artisan Faire

Sisterhood Temple Beth Israel, 3601 W. Dempster St., Skokie, presents its annual Artisan Faire, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Nov. 17, featuring jewelry, dyed clothing, terrariums, scarves, card, fused glass, upcycled mittens, soaps, Judaica, cookbooks and other wares. Free gift wrap available. Also, raffles, food for purchase, and special fall root cooking demonstration by Chef Laura Frankel (\$5 includes samples). Free admission. For information, call (847) 675-0951 or visit www.tbiskokie.org.

Christmas in Park Ridge Boutique and Craft Show

Presented by The Center of Concern from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Dec. 6 and 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Dec. 7 at Park Ridge Presbyterian Church, 1300 W. Crescent Ave., Park Ridge. Call (847) 823-0920.

'Detroit '67' explores a violent chapter in American history

BY CATEY SULLIVAN
For Sun-Times Media

You can't actually see either of the two galvanizing forces that indelibly alter the lives of the tight-knit brother/sister team at the heart of "Detroit '67," opening this week at Skokie's Northlight Theatre. But the infectious sounds of Motown and the terrifying sounds of riots all but serve as additional characters in playwright Dominique Morisseau's emotionally charged exploration of ferocious civil unrest and equally intense family ties.

In the hands of veteran, much-lauded Chicago director Ron OJ Parson, "Detroit '67" is both deeply rooted in the titular time and place, and as urgently relevant as the latest headlines.

"A lot of people want to say we're living in a post-racial society because we've got a black president, but in some places of the country? It's worse than ever," says Parson.



Kamal Angelo Bolden (from left), Tyla Abercrombie (on floor), Kelvin Roston Jr. (back), with director Ron OJ Parson, rehearse for "Detroit '67," opening at Northlight Theatre.

You don't have to dig very deep to find the truth behind his assertion. The week "Detroit '67" went into rehearsal, a black engineering undergrad was arrested in Manhattan, accused of larceny after he purchased a \$350 belt at an upscale department store. The reasoning reportedly behind the arrest? That Trayon Christian couldn't possibly have enough money for such a pricey item, and must have stolen the charge card he used.

"This was a kid," says Kamal Angelo Bolden, who plays Langston, an aspiring entrepreneur who runs an after-hours club

'DETROIT '67'

Northlight Theatre, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie

Nov. 8-Dec. 15

\$25-\$75; students \$15 any performance, subject to availability

(847) 673-6300 or visit www.northlight.org

with his sister Chelle in "Detroit '67."

"He was a kid, making a stupid expensive purchase like kids do. What happened to him shows us that the profiling that went on in 1967 goes on today. The ideology has been sustained in a lot of places."

The Christian case is mild compared to the racial profiling that figures heavily in the plot of "Detroit '67." Chelle and Langston, along with their friend Sylvester (Kelvin Roston Jr.), are literally afraid to leave the confines of their home because their skin color makes them prime targets for arrest, beating and detainment.

Morisseau didn't need to indulge in creative license to explore the reason for her characters' fears; a recent examination by Rutgers University scholars of the Detroit riots paints a frightening picture of the city, especially in the mostly black 12th Street/Clairmont Avenue neighborhood where the play is set.

The riots — which the Rutgers study notes were rooted in a complicated foundation of social, political and economic issues — exploded after the police raided a club, hosting a welcome home party for a pair of Vietnam vets.

"The city was a powder keg," adds Bolden. "When that spark finally came, the cops beating people senselessly at that club, well, that was the match."

For Langston, Chelle and Sylvester, the danger outside literally enters their apartment when the two men find a young white woman, dazed, bleeding and incoherent, wandering the streets. Simply by doing the decent human thing — taking her in and tending to her wounds — they put themselves in grave danger.

Still, the enigmatic Caroline is a catalyst for hope, says Bolden, so that "Detroit '67" is ultimately a joyful, hopeful play.

"There's positivity that eventually shines through," says Parson. "We're still fighting a protracted struggle. But we're making progress."

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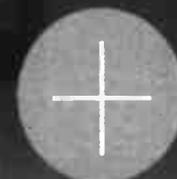
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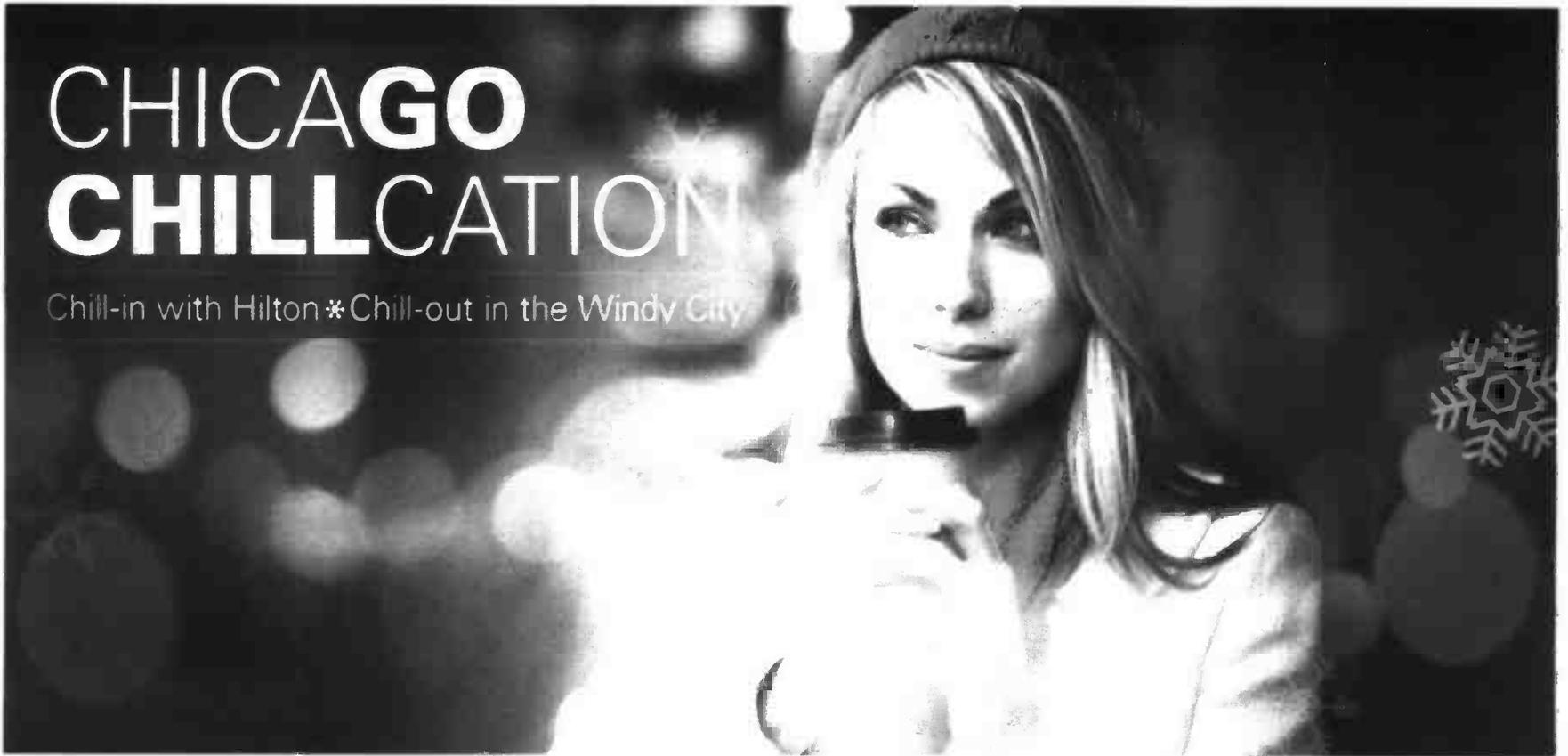
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THIS WEEK



Bootights

This fusion of warm socks and chic tights, created by Chicagoan **Shelby Mason**, is essential for any local style maven. Now in a slew of colors and patterns, there's a perfect pair for any ensemble. Starting at \$32. Sofia, 100 E. Walton; Sofialivelovely.com



ESPA Optimal Skin ProSerum

The latest breakthrough from ESPA promises to be a "facial in a bottle," instantly brightening skin tone while activating cells' natural collagen production, giving instant and long-term anti-aging effects. \$85, Peninsula Spa, 108 E. Superior; Peninsula.com/chicago



NARS Guy Bourdin Holiday Collection

Inspired by fashion photog **Guy Bourdin**, NARS has released a holiday collection of blush, nail polish, lipstick and shadows in ultra-vibrant reds, blues and violets. Starting at \$19. Sephora, 845 N. Michigan; Sephora.com



Cathay Pacific

The Hong Kong-based airline recently expanded its daily direct flights from O'Hare to Hong Kong International Airport. With 10 flights per week, the Far East has never been closer. Cathaypacific.com

AT THE SHOOT

High-school rockers Purple Apple joined our team at Park West for a photo shoot promoting their upcoming charity concert. Though it was a school night, the quartet's energy was high — they played air instruments on stage while posing, and spoke excitedly about recording their debut album. **See page 13 for our story.**



"The girls were being themselves and having fun, which made them really easy to photograph."
— **Kirsten Miccoli**



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WHAT HAD YOU TWEETING



Sugar Hills Bakery

@SugarHillsChi: Did you see our CEO & Founder Jacob Neminarz in this weekend's @Suntimes_Splash fashion lineup? Looking dapper!



Blowtique

@blowtiquesalon:

Thank you so much to the ever-sweet @Suntimes_Splash for congratulating us on the Blowtique baby! #grateful



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WHAT'S NEXT ON YOUR VACATION AGENDA?

"A week in Minnesota for Christmas. It's out of a Hans Christian Andersen story — tons of cross-country skiing, drinking hot chocolate and sitting around the fire with family."

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"I'm meeting up with college chums in Bangkok and Dubai for New Year's Eve. Really excited to be exploring new places with old friends."

"I'm going to Florence, Italy for three weeks in January! I'm studying abroad and have never left the country before, so I'm both terrified and excited."

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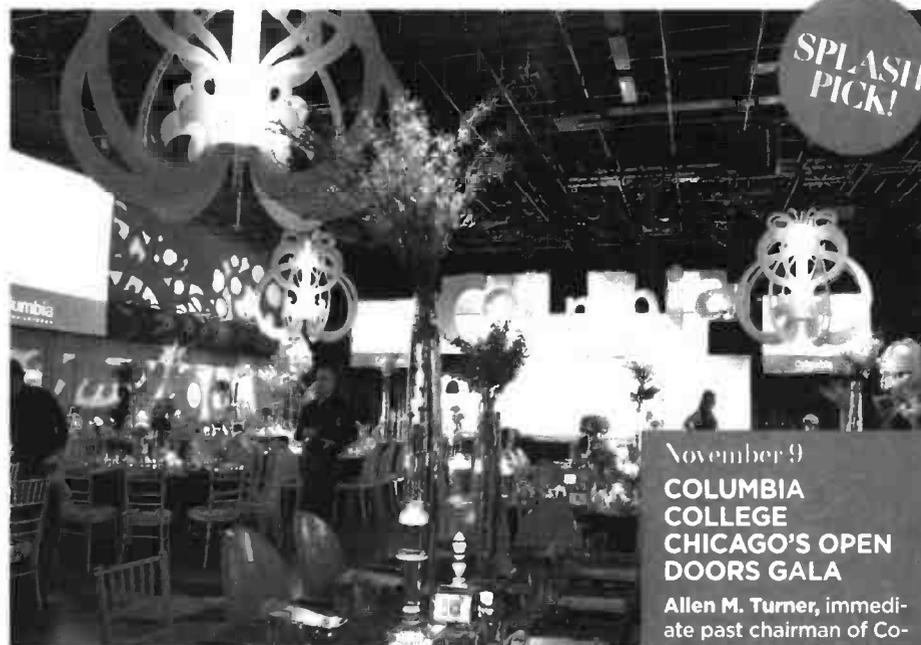
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this week



November 9

COLUMBIA COLLEGE CHICAGO'S OPEN DOORS GALA

Allen M. Turner, immediate past chairman of Columbia College Chicago's Board of Trustees and a partner in the Pritzker Organization, receives the third annual Chicago Legacy Award at this performance-driven, scholarship-supporting event.

Time: 6 p.m.

Place: Columbia College Media Production Center, 1600 S. State

Cost: Premium seating \$1,000 or \$2,500. For tickets, visit Colum.edu/gala.

Champagne reception, dinner and entertainment from comedian **Damon Williams** and music by **The O'Jays** at this annual gala evening, honoring **Rev. Jesse L. Jackson Sr.** and Academy Award-winner **Louis Gossett Jr.**

Time: 6 p.m.

Place: Hilton Chicago, 720 S. Michigan

Cost: \$600. For tickets, visit Thechicagourbanleague.org.

November 6-February 2

● STATE OF DECEPTION: THE POWER OF NAZI PROPAGANDA

An incisive and revealing traveling exhibition from the US Holocaust Memorial Museum features rarely seen material that allows visitors to understand how simple, strong imagery and a well-strategized propaganda campaign could be so persuasive and destructive.

Time: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily

Place: Field Museum, 1400 S. Lake Shore

Cost: Adults \$15, seniors and students \$12, children 3-11 \$10. For more information, visit Fieldmuseum.org.

November 7

● PROJECT IMPACT FINALISTS

Head to this event from A Better Chicago — the philan-

thropy that helps fund early childhood, education and career nonprofit organizations — and hear presentations from the four 2013 Project Impact finalists, then help select which innovative nonprofit will win \$100,000, 12 months of management support and networking opportunities.

Time: 6 p.m.

Place: 1871 Auditorium, 222 Merchandise Mart Plaza, suite 1212

Cost: Free. To register (required), visit Abetterchicago.org/projectimpact.

November 9

● THE CHICAGO URBAN LEAGUE 52ND ANNUAL GOLDEN FELLOWSHIP DINNER

Co-chairs **E. Scott Santi**, president and CEO of ITW, and **Gregory D. Wasson**, president and CEO of Walgreens, welcome guests to enjoy a

November 9

● UCCRF WOMEN'S BOARD 47TH ANNUAL GRAND AUCTION

The University of Chicago Cancer Research Foundation Women's Board and its supporters gather for this black-tie fundraiser, an evening of dinner, dancing and not-to-be-missed auction items ranging from a custom Ralph Lauren Ricky bag to a luxury safari to a hockey stick autographed by the 2012-13 Chicago Blackhawks.

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Place: Four Seasons Chicago, 120 E. Delaware

Cost: \$600-\$1000. For tickets, visit Cancerboard.org.

next week

November 14

● SEVENTH ANNUAL CHILL EVENT

Enjoy stellar sips and satisfying nibbles from some of the city's top restaurants at this annual gourmet event, benefiting the Chicago Youth Symphony Orchestras, the Lynn Sage Foundation and the Respiratory Health Association.

Time: VIP wine tasting reception 5 p.m., wine and culinary event 6 p.m.

Place: LuxeHome, 222 W. Merchandise Mart Plaza

Cost: General admission \$95, VIP \$175. For tickets, call (312) 527-4691 or visit Luxehome.com.

November 14

● DANIEL H. BURNHAM DINNER

The Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce honors **Greg Brown**, chairman and CEO of Motorola Solutions, Inc., with the Burnham Award at this 22nd annual dinner event. The award symbolizes the importance of civic involvement and serves as a reminder of how Chicago thrives with a fully engaged business community.

Time: 5:30 p.m.

Place: Hilton Chicago, 720 S. Michigan

Cost: \$500. For tickets, call (312) 553-2000 or visit Chicago-landchamber.org.



David Blonsky

November 15

● PAWS CHICAGO'S 12TH ANNUAL FUR BALL

Let your four-legged friend strut the red carpet at Chicago's only pet-friendly black-tie event, then enjoy dinner, dancing and live and silent auctions. All proceeds support PAWS Chicago efforts to find homes for Chicago's stray pet populations.

Time: 6 p.m.

Place: The Drake Hotel, 140 E. Walton

Cost: \$400 per person, \$100 per pet. For tickets, call (773) 843-4884 or visit Furball.pawsevents.org.

November 15

● SIGNATURE CHEFS AUCTION OF CHICAGO

This scrumptious event — hosted by Quaker Foods North America CFO **Chris**

Hall and his wife, **Renee**, with **David Blonsky** of Siena Tavern serving as Honorary Chef — offers bites from 20 top restaurants, plus the opportunity to bid on travel, sporting and dining packages, all in support of the March of Dimes.

Time: 6 p.m.

Place: Sheraton Chicago Hotel & Towers, 301 E. North Water

Cost: \$250. For tickets, call (312) 596-4712 or visit Marchofdimes.com/illinois.

November 16

● LITTLE CITY ANNUAL DINNER GALA

Devoted to providing assistance to adults and children with disabilities, Little City honors **John** and **Becky Duffey** for their leadership and support in the design of home environments for children with autism, now dubbed the Duffey Family Children's Village.

Time: 6 p.m.

Place: Hyatt Regency Chicago, 151 E. Upper Wacker

Cost: \$400. For tickets, visit Littlecity.org/gala.



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The Chicago Cultural Center was transformed into a Halloween scene by Event Creative.



Alayna Crenshaw goes trick-or-treating.



Rita Canning



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FIELD MUSEUM GALA



Above: Leslie Gantz McLamore, Kim White and Julie Hughes O'Connor. Below: Vicky and Barnaby Dinges

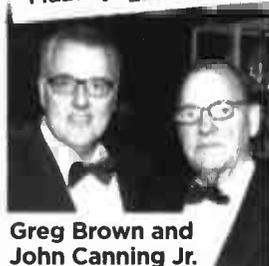
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Spiro Tsaparas and Corri McFadden



Terry and Lottie Mazany



Greg Brown and John Canning Jr.

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STORIES BY KATERINA BIZIOS

Witches, zombies and vampires were among the more than 300 guests at the Chicago Cultural Center (78 E. Washington) Oct. 25 for the Sun-Times Foundation's inaugural Halloween Ball. Upon arrival, partygoers accessorized their black-tie garb from tables stocked with pirate hats, masks and more, and sipped Grey Goose, Bacardi and Dewars cocktails alongside co-chairs **Rita Canning** and **Jacky Ferro** (wife of Sun-Times parent company Wrapports Chairman **Michael Ferro**) and emcee **Bill Zwecker**. Fortune tellers and magicians worked the room before the sit-down dinner, catered by Paramount Events, which included a spread of seasonal dishes such as butternut squash soup, sweet potatoes and filet mignon with pumpkin seed pesto. Later, guests jumped from their seats when a surprise performance



Joffrey Ballet dancers performed after dinner.

of Michael Jackson's "Thriller" sent Joffrey Ballet dancers winding through the dining area. After the performance, as DJ **Megan Taylor** spun from behind a cauldron, guests went trick-or-treating, filling pumpkin buckets with candy, GrubHub gift cards and items from retailers like Bloomingdale's and Pomellato. But the real treat was the \$2.3 million raised for the Foundation, which improves the lives of Chicagoans by supporting a wide range of charities.



Jenny McCarthy



Tom and CeCe Ricketts



Dorota and Jerzy Kenar

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FAIR PLAY

On Oct. 26, guests at the Field Museum's A Fair to Remember Chicago: 1893 gala traveled back in time to take a closer look at our city's 19th century fairgrounds. Attendees were among the first to view the 25 million artifacts housed in the museum's "Opening the Vaults: Wonders of the 1893 World's Fair" exhibit, and later, danced under a suspended Ferris wheel while surrounded by cancan dancers. Co-chaired by **Leslie Gantz McLamore** and **Julie Hughes O'Connor**, the evening raised \$2.1 million to advance the Field Museum's scientific and educational mission.

The Sun-Times was the media sponsor of this event. The Sun-Times Foundation and The Chicago Community Trust will match every dollar donated to the Field Museum Gala, up to a total of \$50,000. Up to \$1,000 can be matched per individual donation.



AMALIA SMITH
in Halston at the Chicago Cultural Center

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in Honor at the Chicago Cultural Center

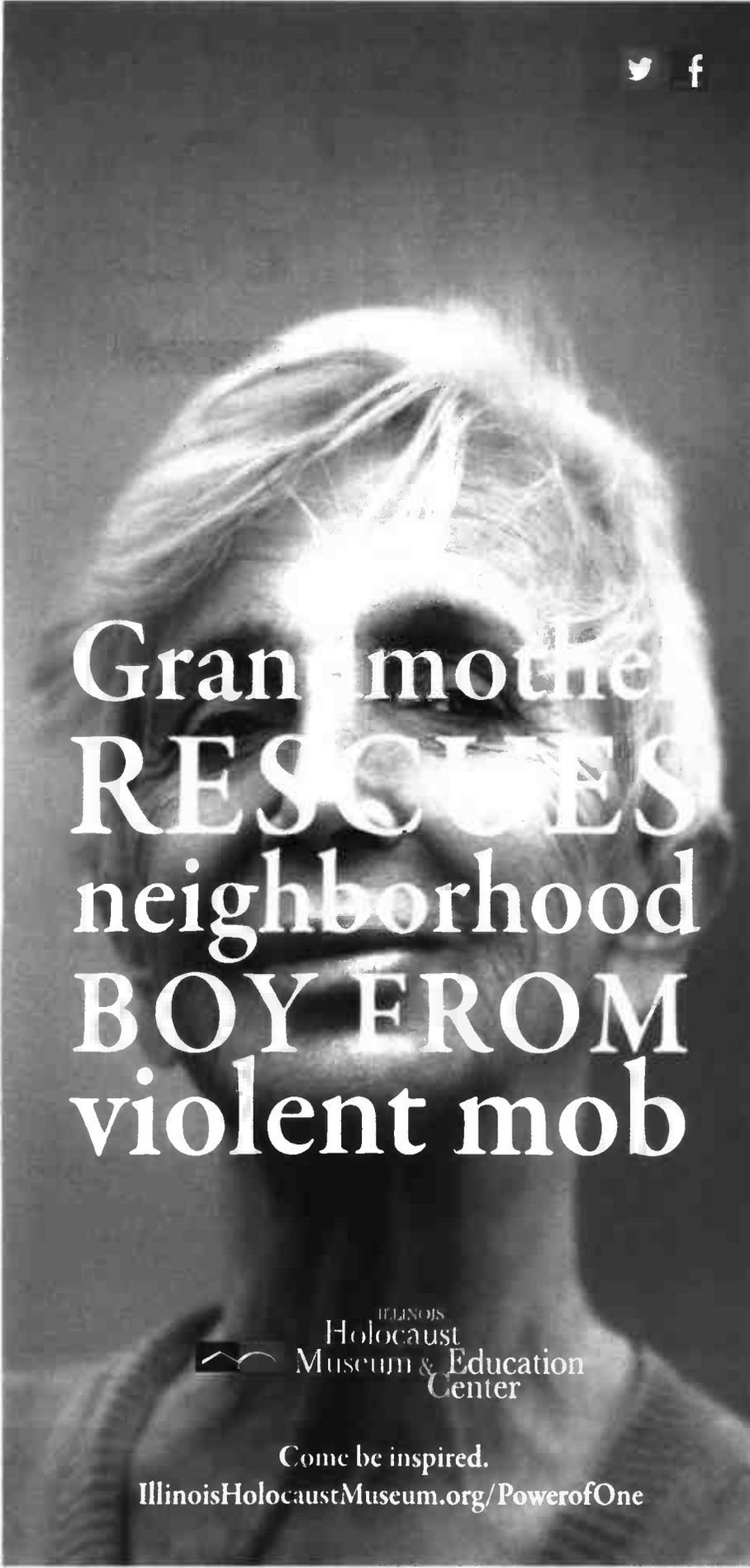
ANNA FONG
in her own design at the Columbia College Media Production Center

AZEEZA KHAN
in Azza at the Columbia College Media Production Center

LAURA LEDENER
in Kristen Blake at the Lyric Opera

MANE ATTRACTION

As temperatures keep dropping, women are in need of a fashionable way to fight the cold. These fierce ladies chose to rock furs and fauxs, simultaneously keeping warm and looking glam. Designers have always embraced the trend as a way to add wild style to an outfit, and this season is no different — Jean Paul Gaultier and Andrew Gn both accented their fall collections with fur collars and trim, adding a rock-star vibe to elegant pieces. 'Tis the season to wear the wild things.



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CARL SANDBURG LITERARY AWARDS

STORIES BY KATERINA BIZIOS

WRITE ON

The Oct. 23 Carl Sandburg Literary Awards Dinner was one for the books:

A record-setting 750 guests turned up to celebrate the written word alongside 74 esteemed authors. In a nod to the evening's theme, the cocktail hour offered canapés served on old-fashioned bookcases and

trays decorated with pencils, pens and keyboard keys. During dinner, books written by the award recipients — as well as the authors seated at each table — were displayed under reading-lamp centerpieces. Emcee **Bill Kurtis** then took the stage to introduce the honored authors: **Isabel Allende** (*The House of the Spirits*, *Island*

Beneath The Sea) and **Michael Lewis** (*Moneyball*, *The Blind Side*, *Boomerang*), who won the Carl Sandburg Literary Award for fiction and non-fiction, and Chicago-based novelist and short-story author **Christine Sneed**, who received the 21st Century Award for significant achievement in writing. The evening raised \$1.5 million for the library's programming.

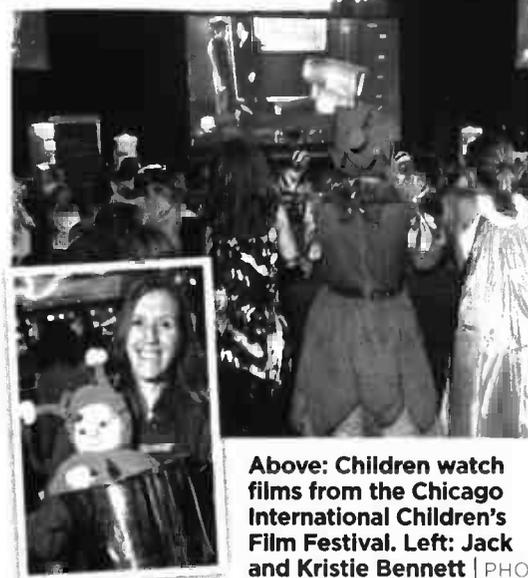
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Left: Mayor Rahm Emanuel. Right: Michael Lewis signs copies of *Boomerang* | DAN REST/JOHNNY KNIGHT

FACETS FAMILY BOO! BASH

CHILD'S PLAY



Above: Children watch films from the Chicago International Children's Film Festival. Left: Jack and Kristie Bennett | PHOTOS BY ROBERT KUSEL

Local families donned their Halloween best to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Chicago International Children's Film Festival at the Facets Family Boo! Bash, held Oct. 27 at Park West Chicago (322 W. Armitage). Kids spent the afternoon posing for photos with Blackhawks and White Sox mascots Tommy Hawk and Southpaw, watching movies, playing games and showing off their costumes during a contest judged by ABC's "Betrayal" stars **Chris Johnson** and **Elizabeth McLaughlin**. Tasty treats like cotton candy and caramel bites kept the energy high for fundraising, which benefited Facets' year-round educational programs and the Chicago International Children's Film Festival.

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FIFTY *shades of* FASHION

SPLASH: Tell us a little bit about your brand. What is it best known for?

ELLIOT STAPLES: The Limited was created for modern professional women. Our ready-to-wear collections are always in style, and suitable for any occasion.

SPLASH: How has The Limited evolved over the past 50 years while staying true to its core values?

ES: We still believe in empowering women and helping them look their best. Even with the changes in dress codes in the work force, I still believe a well-fitting suit will stand the test of time and has staying power in an evolving wardrobe.

SPLASH: As the head of design, what does 50 years of The Limited mean for you and how will you celebrate?

ES: The Limited has a great heritage. We were the company that defined specialty retailing and the model for everyone who came after us. For our anniversary, we will be celebrating our customer. She is the one that has supported us through the years and is my inspiration every day.

SPLASH: Fifty is a huge milestone for any

fashion brand! How do you stay current with your customers?

ES: We know that she has a lot of options out there, so it is our job to interpret and edit to offer the best and latest runway trends that work for her everyday life. The heritage of The Limited is that we offer a “limited” assortment of ideas. It is our privilege to be her trusted editor!

SPLASH: How are you celebrating the 50th anniversary?

ES: Last week, we kicked off our grand celebration weekend by having an event at our Water Tower Place store in Chicago. But our anniversary was as much about the customer as it was about our birthday. We really wanted to find a way to get her involved. We had

various online contests as well as an online vote where we asked her to pick which party dress we should create for the big celebration. We just announced the winning dress at our event and it is now available for her to purchase at [THE LIMITED.com](http://THELIMITED.com).

SPLASH: Tell us about the pieces Chicago women are going to love from The Limited this holiday.

ES: Women in Chicago will be drawn to our embellished and slightly rustic sweater collection on those cool windy days and will fall in love with all of our festive party dresses for upcoming holiday events. From rich greens to cobalt blue and jet black, all of our styles will work well for any holiday occasion. Gold is a key accent color in printing, buttons and accessories.

SPLASH: Give us a few final words of



ELLIOT STAPLES



shopping advice for Chicago women.

ES: Select pieces that work for you and can be versatile. It's most important to wear what makes you feel confident because confidence looks good on everyone.

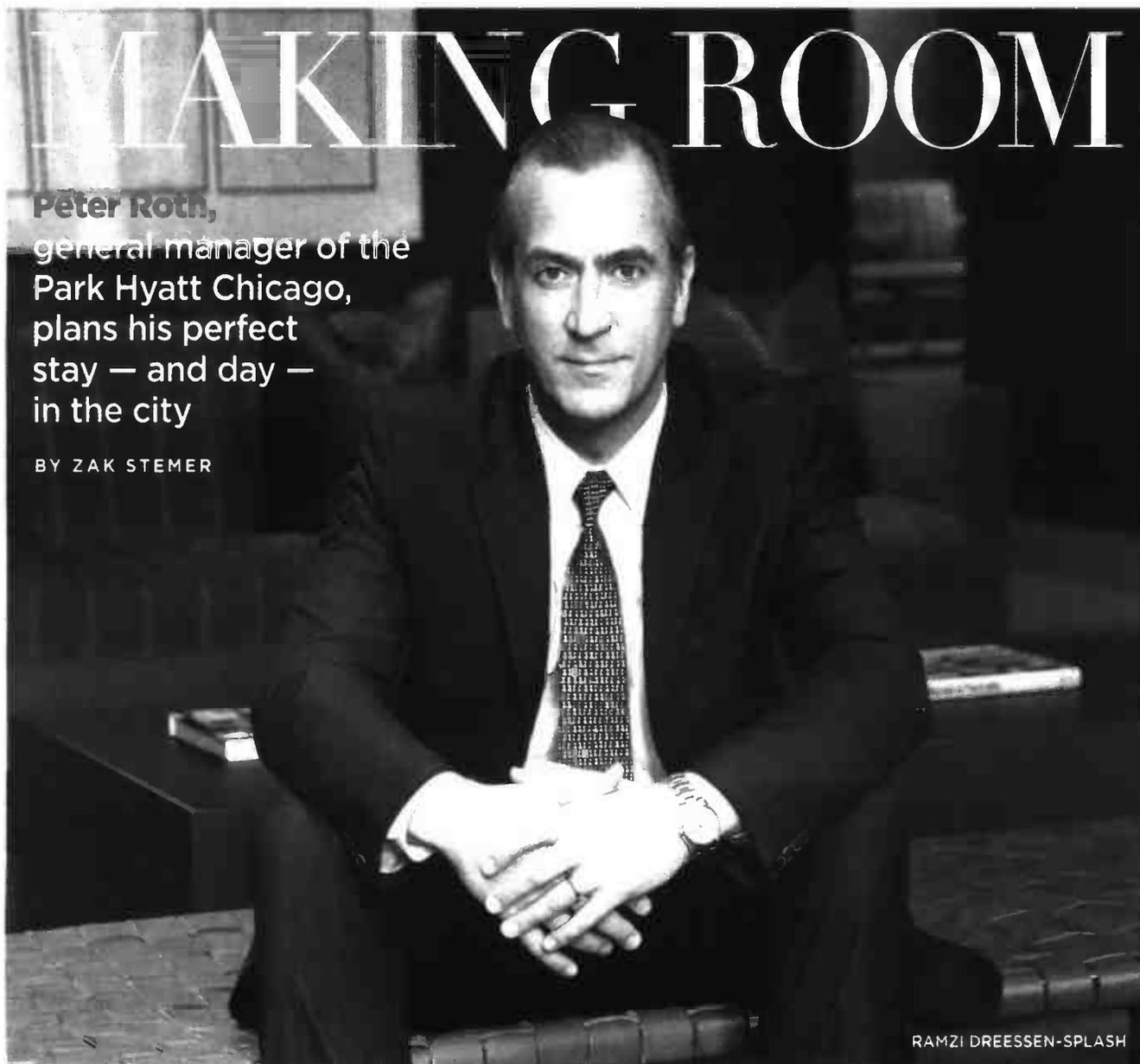


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Peter Roth,
general manager of the
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plans his perfect
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BY ZAK STEMER



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For Peter Roth, sitting still is a luxury. In 15 years working in hotels, Roth has moved his family 11 times, living in Spain, Venezuela, Uruguay, Ecuador, Germany, Russia and, most recently, Chile. That rapid pace means he's never returned to any of the cities once he's left — until now. After departing Chicago in 2007, Roth is back as the general manager of the Park Hyatt, and he couldn't be happier. "I started [working in hotels] at 21, and this is my first repeat," Roth says in his one-of-a-kind accent, a side effect of traveling so often. "That is very special. This is such a great city."

Four months into his position, Roth is instituting programs to reflect his vision of the Michigan Avenue landmark. "This is a very intimate hotel," he says. "We want it to feel like a home." To that end, Roth is working to make

the spot feel more family-friendly through the VIC program (short for Very Important Children). The father of three is expanding the existing Masters of Food & Wine activities — a cooking series that teaches adults everything from sushi-making to pickling — to include kids' classes. "The kids are going to do sweet stuff. We're thinking pies, muffins and cookies. One I find especially charming is the gingerbread houses," he says.

There's no better time for Roth to instill a sense of warmth and coziness than the holidays, and he's already gearing up to deck the halls. "We will have some dream trees in the lobby as part of the holiday initiative to bring that whole spirit into our hotel," he explains. Those dream trees will stand out from standard glittering pines: As part of a partnership with Wish List Chicago and benefiting Ann & Robert H.

Lurie Children's Hospital, each tree will house specific wishes from underprivileged children. "Guests can take a wish and make a commitment to fulfill that wish and we will be the conduit," he explains. "It's about sharing some of the good things and creating some happiness."

Roth is also working to ensure that a stay at the Park Hyatt generates plenty of good cheer. The hotel is chock full of amenities, including a concierge who will do everything from dog-walking to adding personalized touches to a guest's every desire: flowers, drinks, movies, food — even the firmness of the pillows on the bed. "It's the luxury of being in a hotel that's not a thousand rooms," he says. "We'll just make it happen."

Here, the hotel hero details a day spent with his family, exploring the city he once again calls home.

7 A.M.

An avid runner (he once ran the MdS, the "toughest footrace on Earth," through the desert), Roth starts his day with a jog along the lakefront.



9 A.M.

Roth's oldest daughter, Sofia (11), makes pancakes for the whole family: Katerina (8), Isabella (6) and Roth's wife, Gabriella.

11 A.M.

The world traveler takes a trip to Architectural Artifacts (4325 N. Ravenswood) to browse its antique collections.



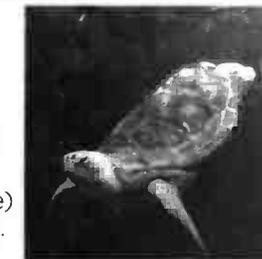
1 P.M.

The family stops by their favorite local pizza spot, Spacca Napoli Pizzeria (1769 W. Sunnyside), for an authentic slice.



3 P.M.

Roth admits his Sundays are "action-loaded." His next stop? The Shedd Aquarium (1200 S. Lakeshore) with his daughters.



8 P.M.

The night winds down with a romantic, parents-only dinner at Le Colonial (937 N. Rush). An adventurous diner, Roth never orders the same dish twice.



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GUY GETS 'GIRL'

North Shore native **Jake Johnson** on sports, Second City and finding success on-screen

BY MOLLY EACH

On the TV series "New Girl," Jake Johnson plays Nick Miller, an adorable but curmudgeonly chronic underachiever. But in real life, the North Shore native is anything but. In the last two years, Johnson has graced the screen in big-budget movies such as "No Strings Attached" and "21 Jump Street"; starred in critical indie darlings such "Drinking Buddies" and "The Pretty Ones"; made memorable guest appearances on television shows like Comedy Central's "Drunk History," and, most notably, has been an essential part of the success of "New Girl." The Fox sitcom, which tells the story of the title character, played by Zooey Deschanel, and her three male roommates, is a bona fide hit for the network, earning five Emmy and four Golden Globe nominations — including Best Comedy Series.

"We all get along great and love making each other laugh," Johnson says, adding that a fair amount of their off-the-cuff humor is included in each episode. "We always shoot the script as is, but then we do a few takes of improv," he says. "A lot of it makes it onto the air." As for this season's much-discussed storyline, in which Johnson and Deschanel's characters finally give into their mutual feelings, Johnson doesn't reveal much. "She's a great actress, and working with her has been a real treat," he says.

Johnson, 35, traces his comedy chops back to his Chicago upbringing. Though he grew up in Winnetka, and moved to Evanston when he was 15, he trekked downtown whenever he could. "I loved how close it was to the city. In my opinion, Chicago is the best city in the country." His trips often included a visit to Second City, which the actor credits as inspiring his love for acting.

But it was his talent for writing that got him into the industry. While attending the University of Iowa he wrote a play, which garnered him admission to the Tisch School of the Arts at NYU. He moved to LA soon after and waited tables while writing and starring in short films and appearing in bit TV and movie roles. After a small role in the 2010 Russell Brand movie "Get Him to the Greek," Johnson's career began to accelerate, with appearances in several blockbuster mov-



Top: Johnson with Zooey Deschanel in the Fox comedy "New Girl." Bottom: With Olivia Wilde in the Chicago-set indie movie "Drinking Buddies."

ies, and in 2011, he was cast in "New Girl," which, now in its third season, draws in an average 5.7 million viewers per episode.

Though filming the show means that he and his wife, Erin Payne, are now LA-based, Johnson's love for Chicago still burns strong. In fact, he asked the "New Girl" writing team to have his character hail from Chicago. "I love when [the city] is represented in TV and movies," he says. He returns several times a year to visit family and friends — "I always get an Old Style at Old Town Ale House, and I make sure to swing by Wrigley Field" — and adds that he's a "die-hard" Cubs, Bears and Bulls fan. Like most of the city, he's thrilled about the return of hometown hero Derrick Rose. "He's an easy player to cheer for," says Johnson, an avid hooper who plays in a weekly men's basketball league. "Great work ethic, and I like that he doesn't recruit players to Chicago. Win with what you have."

While "New Girl" continues to thrive, Johnson also has his hand in other projects, including two 2014 movies: "Neighbors," starring Zac Efron and Rose Byrne, and "Let's Be Cops." "It's an action comedy with Damon Wayans Jr., Rob Riggle and Andy Garcia," Johnson says. "It was a blast working with Damon. I can't wait to see the movie." Though he's found his fame in front of the camera thus far, he's eager to get back behind the scenes. "I'm very interested in producing things. I like watching ideas become projects," he says. "But I just want to keep working and making things that I can be proud of."

"New Girl" airs Tuesday nights at 8 p.m. on Fox.



Purple Apple members (from left) Nonie Andersen, Olivia Eigel, Madi O'Brien and Devin Ulery show us their moves onstage at Park West.

PURPLE REIGN

Three suburban teens and their onetime baby sitter are infiltrating Chicago's indie-rock scene

STORY BY RACHEL HANDLER | PHOTOS KIRSTEN MCCOLI

guitar, the three joined forces to write their first "legitimate song."

Shortly after, Purple Apple began generating buzz. Among those who took notice: Chicago rocker Scott Lucas of Local H, who helped the girls refine their sound. With Eigel as the lead vocalist, Andersen on guitar and O'Brien playing bass, the band began landing smaller gigs and soon realized they needed a drummer — so they turned to Ulery, Eigel's then-nanny, who'd previously laid down beats for a handful of local acts. The group's age-defying lyrics and arrangements persuaded Ulery to participate. "Somehow, despite [the age difference], it just works," she says. "It's so strange."

Over the next few years, as the band found a manager, recorded a debut EP and sharpened their songwriting skills, the members of Purple Apple were simultaneously growing up. "In the beginning, our music was about life and memories and simple things," Andersen says. "As we got older, it slowly transformed into being about breakups and relationships."

When they landed a publishing deal with Sony in 2012 and began consulting with Chapman, the legendary producer insisted that the album authentically reflect that transformation. The quartet spent a whirlwind two weeks producing the LP this fall, reaching back into their archives to rerecord some of their very first songs — a process they recall as both exhausting and exhilarating.

Returning to high school after the recording session was, as Eigel puts it, a "huge let-down." "The last night, we were in the studio till 4 a.m., and had to be back for school at 6:30," Andersen adds. "We were like zombies. The two worlds are just so different."

Despite their burgeoning fame, the trio maintains that they aren't that different from their classmates. All three plan on attending college, and are adamant about forging their own paths outside of the band. "We all do our own things," Andersen says. "I work for the radio station and play lacrosse, Madie edits the school newspaper, Livvy's in choir." Eigel, who also plays lacrosse, jokes, "What is sleep?"

All four are hopeful that they're equally indistinguishable from their musical peers. "When we were younger, [our age] was an issue. But once people see us, they understand that the story's really cool, but we also know what we're doing," Eigel says. "We don't want to be seen as, 'Oh, they're good for 16.' We want people to say, 'Oh. They're good.'"



MORE ONLINE
For more photos from our shoot with Purple Apple — along with a behind-the-scenes video — go to [Chicago splash.com](http://ChicagoSplash.com)

Like many suburban 16-year-olds, Nonie Andersen, Madi O'Brien and Olivia Eigel occasionally try to sneak into downtown rock clubs like The Hideout, Metro and Schubas. Most of the time, they fail. Except when they're the ones going onstage.

Along with 20-something drummer Devin Ulery, the trio form indie pop band Purple Apple. The youngest act ever to headline the Metro (while they were still in middle school), the band has also performed at Lollapalooza, Wicker Park Music Festival and the Hard Rock Cafe. On Nov. 8, Purple Apple will take the stage at yet another impressive Chicago venue: Park West, where they're playing along with headlining band Wild Belle at Art & Soul, a fashion show and concert sponsored by

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On the heels of recording their debut LP with pop producer Mike Chapman (who's churned out hits for the likes of Blondie and Pat Benatar) and prepping for an upcoming tour with folk-rock icon Lissie, the Glenbrook South juniors say they aren't intimidated by performing at such high-profile spots. "We're used to it now," Eigel says. "We're more mature onstage. We're older, and so is our music."

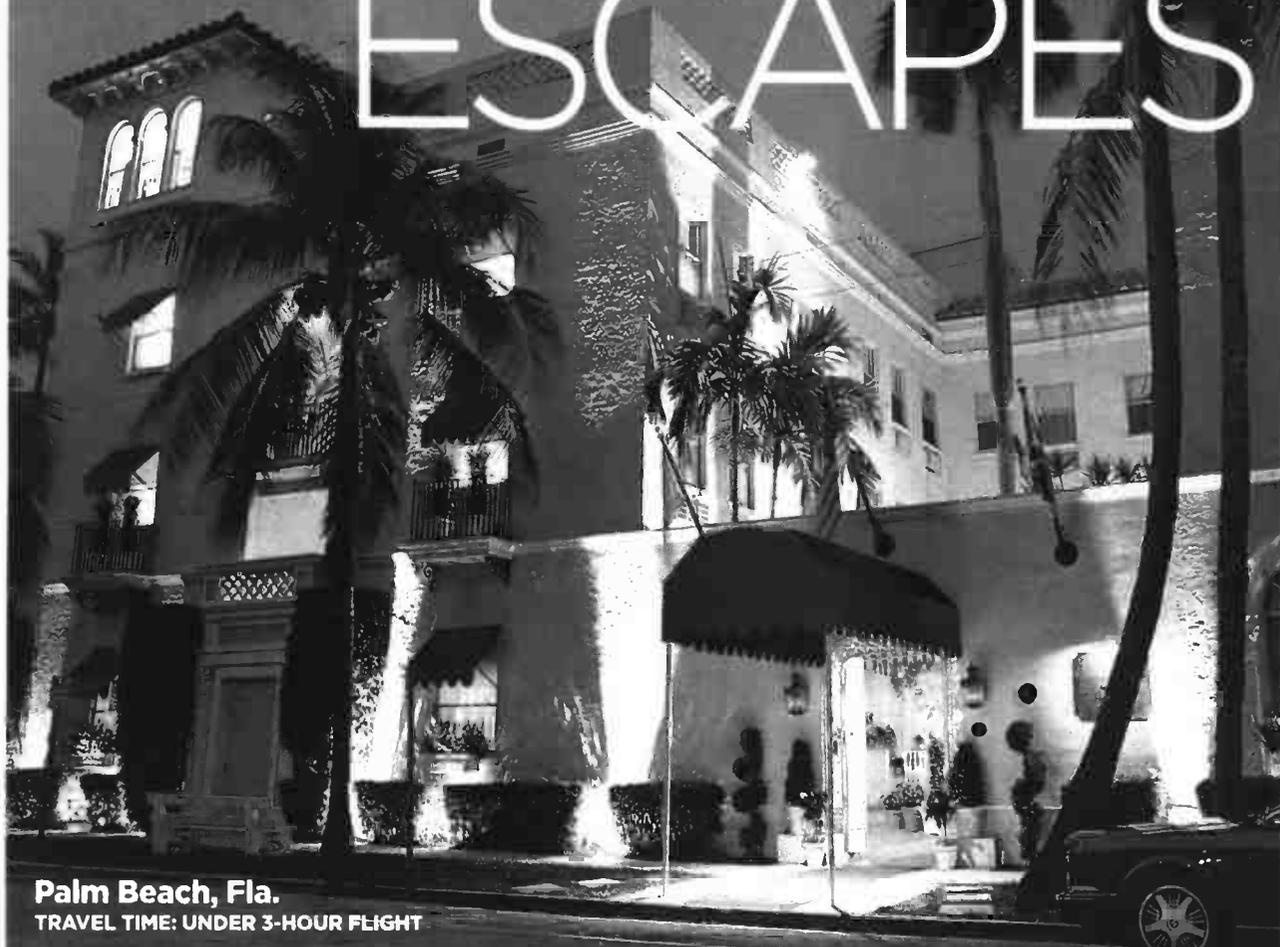
Purple Apple's soulful sound and smart lyrics have always belied Andersen, Eigel and O'Brien's youth. The latter pair, best friends since they were in diapers, began writing songs together at age 8. When they discovered that neighbor Andersen played

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QUICK ESCAPES

From short flights to quick drives, these weekend getaways offer an antidote to winter blues

BY KRISTIN LARSON



Palm Beach, Fla.

TRAVEL TIME: UNDER 3-HOUR FLIGHT

Never mind South Beach. Palm Beach, the former stomping ground of Frank Sinatra and the Kennedys, is a relaxing and chic vacation spot. The Atlantic oceanfront town flaunts pristine beaches, a sparkling downtown and dreamworthy shopping along Worth Avenue. For an afternoon away from the pool, check out the Norton Art Museum (1451 S. Olive; Norton.org) in nearby West Palm.

Where to eat: Ta-Boo Restaurant (221 Worth; [Taboo-restaurant.com](http://Taboorestaurant.com)), the legendary bistro that once served John F. Kennedy and countless celebrities.

Where to stay: The Chesterfield Palm Beach (pictured), a boutique hotel with a very pretty pool. 363 Coconut Row; Chesterfieldpb.com

Sure, the holidays offer a nice distraction. But come February, winter can have us suffering from a serious case of cabin fever. Fortunately, it's easily remedied with even a few days away from gray, slushy Chicago. Whether you're craving a weekend of wine or need a dose of sunshine and poolside relaxation, here are five ways to escape the daily hustle — all within a short drive or flight from Chicago.



The Grand Ole Opry in Nashville

Nashville, Tenn.

TRAVEL TIME: 1 ½-HOUR FLIGHT

The country music capital is suddenly on everyone's hot list, and it's clear why. Rich history, epic Southern mansions — not to mention old-fashioned barbecue — are just a few of the vibrant city's allures. The Grand Ole Opry (2804 Opryland; Opry.com) is a must for any music lover, but the newly opened Johnny Cash Museum (119 Third; Johnnycashmuseum.com) should not be missed. Spend day or two sightseeing. Picture-taking spots include the 1850s-era Belmont Mansion (1700 Acklen; Belmontmansion.com), a 10,000-square-foot Italianate home and the former digs of Adelia Acklen (Nashville's own Scarlett O'Hara); the Belle Meade Plantation (5025 Harding; Bellemeadeplantation.com), regarded as the "Queen of the Tennessee Plantations," built in Greek Revival style; and the Parthenon (2500 West End), a replica of the world-famous temple in Greece.

Where to eat: Papa Turney's Old Fashioned BBQ (3979 Bell; Papaturneysbbq.com) for ribs, chicken, brisket and wings.

Where to stay: The Hermitage Hotel, a luxury hotel built in 1910. 231 6th; Thehermitagehotel.com



New Orleans

TRAVEL TIME: 2 ½-HOUR FLIGHT

New Orleans is the quintessential spot for those seeking Southern hospitality at its finest. Cocktail culture is kicking — whether sipping a Sazerac on the porch of your hotel or at one of the many fashionable lounges about town (try Cure, 4905 Feret; Curenola.com and Bellocq, 936 St. Charles; Thehotelmodern.com). Look back in time at the Backstreet

Cultural Museum (1116 Henriette Delille; Backstreetmuseum.org), which tells the stories of the Mardi Gras Indians, and the World War II Museum (945 Magazine; Nationalww2museum.org), ranked one of the best museums in the world.

Where to eat: La Petite Grocery (4238 Magazine; Lapetitegrocery.com) for interesting bites like turtle Bolognese and shellfish stew.

Where to stay: The Columns Hotel for an elegant New Orleans experience. 3811 St. Charles; Thecolumns.com

Left: An exhibit at the Backstreet Cultural Museum



The Kohler Waters Spa at the American Club Resort in Kohler, Wis.

Kohler, Wis.

TRAVEL TIME: 2-HOUR DRIVE

The main draw of Kohler (yes, named for the sink- and faucet-maker) is the five-star American Club Resort and Kohler Waters Spa. The stately resort offers an array of spa treatments (for fall, an apple cider-spiced pedicure is on tap) and recreational activities. Expectedly, there are countless therapeutic pools and

whirlpools. End the day at the rooftop deck, replete with comfy chaise lounges, a fireplace and, of course, a steamy whirlpool.

Where to eat: There's everything from up-scale farm-to-table to casual fare with brats (it's Wisconsin, after all).

Where to stay: American Club Resort or its dog-friendly Inn on Woodlake. 501 Highland; Americanclubresort.com



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Traverse City, Mich.

TRAVEL TIME: 5-HOUR DRIVE

Napa may be a hike, but Traverse City is just a hop, skip and a jump away. The picturesque town is home to two wine regions — the Leelanau Peninsula and Old Mission Peninsula — roadside farmer's markets, gorgeous landscapes and more. (No wonder star chef Mario Batali is a fan). Both charming peninsulas boast a slew of wineries, including Hawthorne Vineyards (1000 Camino Maria; Hawthornevineyards.com) and Brys Estate (3309 Blue Water; Brysestate.com) on the Old Mission side, and

Black Star Farms (360 McKinley; Blackstarfarms.com) and Shady Lane Cellars (9400 E. Shady; Shadylanecellars.com) on the Leelanau side. Don't miss Traverse City's one and only winery, Left Foot Charley (806 Red; Leftfootcharley.com).

Where to eat: Mission Table (13512 Peninsula; Missiontable.net) for serious farm-to-table fare.

Where to stay: Chateau Chantal, a winery and bed and breakfast with stunning views of vineyards, hills and lakes. 15900 Rue de Vin; Chateauchantal.com

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"The band kept the dance floor packed from start to finish and their energy was contagious. Our friends are still raving."

Bridget Blaney & Jeff Kaplan

BY KATERINA BIZIOS

Bridget Blaney and Jeff Kaplan forged a fast friendship while working at Wisconsin's Camp Kawaga during the summer of 2008. But it wasn't until the next summer that Kaplan — who spent much of his childhood at the camp, then grew up to become its assistant director — mustered up the courage to pursue Blaney, who worked as the camp nurse. "Jeff had an increasing number of ailments in the summer of 2009 that sent him to the infirmary," Blaney laughs. Four years later, the couple returned to where it all began, inviting 200 friends and family members to join them at Kawaga for a weekend of classic camp activities like archery, roasting s'mores

and stargazing. Blaney and Kaplan tied the knot in front of 200 friends and family members at St. Matthias Episcopal Church in Minocqua, Wis. in a touching ceremony that fused Jewish and Catholic customs. "We wanted to be sure to honor and celebrate both of our faith backgrounds," Blaney says. After the ceremony, guests headed to back to the campgrounds, where they donned friendship bracelets and danced to the sounds of local band **Viva Knievel**. "Our favorite compliments were people saying the wedding was very us," Blaney says. "It was so relaxed. We didn't take ourselves too seriously." At the end of the night, the newlyweds sat under the stars and took in the moment. "Not only were we now husband and wife — we were husband and wife with the most amazing friends and family," Blaney says.

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Groom's attire: Brooks Brothers, 713 N. Michigan; Brooksbrothers.com

Bridesmaids' attire: Amanda Archer; Amandaarcher.com

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Left: Art Van Elslander, founder and chairman of Art Van Furniture (center) and fellow executives participate in the ribbon cutting ceremony.

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Dress stress

The long and short of black-tie attire

Dear Jenny,
I am new to Chicago and lived in San Jose most of my adult life. I recently attended a black-tie event, and it seemed easy for the men — black tie means a black-tie suit. I chose a knee-length black lace dress, a great pair of heels and a fabulous pair of sparkling chandelier earrings. More than 85 percent of the women were in long gowns, and I felt totally underdressed. What is the proper protocol on when to wear long or short dresses to black-tie events?

- Lisa, Chicago

Jenny says: Today, black tie means that women have the choice of wearing a long dress, a formal cocktail dress or very dressy separates. However, if you want to avoid feeling underdressed, an event's dress code can be determined based on an invitation's wording. "Black tie" traditionally means men wear tuxedos and women wear either full-length gowns or skirts that reach the floor and are paired with an elegant blouse. Over the years, black-tie attire has become less formal, but to me, long is still the safest and most appropri-

ate option when attending a black-tie event.

"Black-tie optional" allows for more variety, and typically means the host is suggesting you dress in your most formal attire, preferably black-tie attire, but they are not insisting upon it. A little black dress is completely appropriate for black-tie optional.

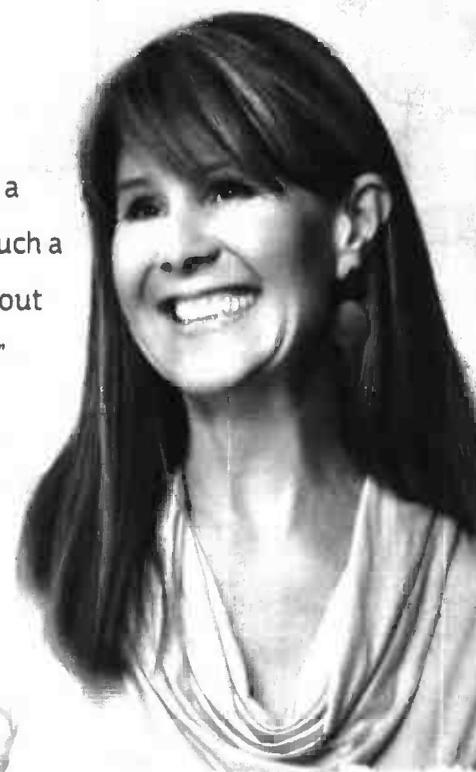
Another way to determine proper protocol on when to wear long versus short dresses is based on the type of event being held. If the invitation indicates the party will be relatively short and will only include a cocktail hour, a simple black dress will suffice. On the other hand, a formal dinner party or a longer event calls for a more formal dress, such as one that reaches the floor.

Have fun!

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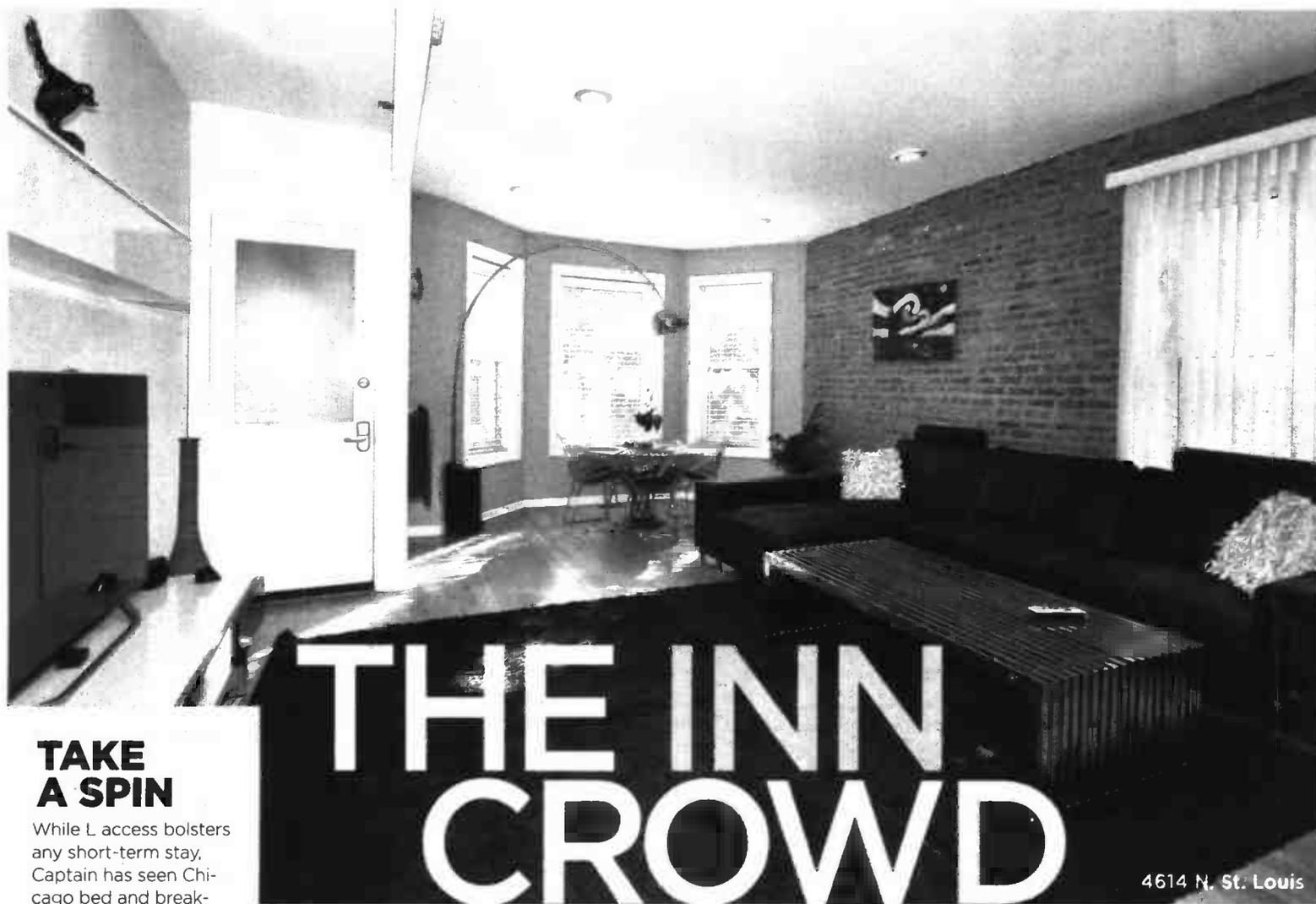
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TOURIST ATTRACTION

B&B owners can showcase Chicago culture by topping a bed with this pillow. Local housewares company Unison Home tapped **Cody Hudson** — local artist, designer and restaurateur (Parson's Chicken & Fish, Longman & Eagle) — to apply his signature playful aesthetic to a new line of cushions. \$42-\$149, 2000 W. Fulton Market; Unisonhome.com.

TAKE A SPIN

While L access bolsters any short-term stay, Captain has seen Chicago bed and breakfast owners throw in bikes with their rental units. With easy cycling options to charming Lincoln Square, the city's river path and the lake, Albany Park is a good bet. "The city's most ethnically diverse neighborhood is appealing to both long-term residents and visitors looking for something different. Plus, you get more for your money than many other North Side locations." That rings true at 4614 N. St. Louis, a stylish, rehabbed two-flat with finished basement, going for \$339,000 (call RE/MAX Signature's **Ricardo Morales**, 773-807-8480).

BY MADELINE NUSSER

With the holidays drawing near, hundreds of thousands of travelers will soon book rooms — but not at a hotel. Short-term rentals are gaining traction according to recent numbers posted by Airbnb, the online service that provides a platform for adventurous homeowners to rent unoccupied living space to travelers. In October, the company announced it had served 9 million guests since launching in 2008 — and of that amount, 5 million guests booked nights in the last nine months alone.

Buyer's agent **Seth Captain** (call 773-744-5372), of Captain Realty, has noticed the uptick in short-term rentals. Recent clients have set out for a two- or three-flat with the distinct purpose of turning one unit into a property leased nightly through Airbnb. "It's a numbers game," Captain says. "The idea that you could rent a simple two-bedroom apartment for \$100 a night, for a

third of a month, appeals to people who want a more interesting experience."

While Airbnb started when its tech-worker founders leased air mattresses to cover their San Francisco rent, now, most registered spaces are akin to real bed and breakfasts. Prized features include separate entrances, dedicated back porches and separate kitchens. "Ideally you want guests to feel they're private and won't interfere with day-to-day life," Captain says. Since short-term rentals occupy a gray legal area, uptight condo boards aren't always on board. "Not everyone looks fondly at the transient population — even if these are travelers with a lot of money."

Nearby L transportation and a tourist-friendly neighborhood are key, which is why Andersonville's 1415 W. Balmoral, a beautiful vintage building with three units — including a cozy garden four-room apartment, perfect for short stays — is a good option at \$699,000 (call VibeRENT broker **Bill Navarre** at 312-285-6130).

Thanks to Airbnb, an adventurous set is taking an interest in income properties



1415 W. Balmoral

Breaking history

The new Victory Gardens play explores the many layers of family

BY THOMAS CONNORS

All happy families are alike; every unhappy family is unhappy in its own way." The opening line of Tolstoy's novel *Anna Karenina* has been quoted so often you'd think it would have lost its significance by now. But whether in life or the imagination, family drama never ceases to hold our attention. Playwrights, of course, have long found inspiration in the ups and downs of parents and children (not to mention aunts, uncles and all the rest) and for **Branden Jacobs-Jenkins**, that most basic social unit continues to prove a fine format in which to examine life as it is lived. "Appropriate," his tale of a family coming to grips with its Southern roots, begins previews at Victory Gardens Theater on Nov. 8.

Inevitably, family dramas delve into family history, but sometimes, that history extends beyond hearth and home to

'APPROPRIATE'

Nov. 8 - Dec. 8, Victory Gardens, 2433 N. Lincoln. \$30-\$60. For tickets, visit Victorygardens.org.

reflect the attitudes and actions of society at large. Such is the case in "Appropriate," as three adult children return to Arkansas to clear out the plantation of their deceased father and find themselves in a situation that extends far beyond deciding what to save and what to toss. And while Jacobs-Jenkins has, in previous works, riffed on the 19th-century melodrama of interracial romance and played on the heritage of the minstrel show, these pieces are as much about the deeper meanings of history as they are about the specific scenarios and people depicted.

"I am constantly told I write about race," he says. "I write, specifically, about ideas of 'Americanness' and how people live with history. But I guess because I'm black and

occasionally black people appear in my plays, I write about 'race?' I don't know."

Jacobs-Jenkins — who says Sam Shepard's plays were in mind when he wrote "Appropriate" — also cites Tennessee Williams as a kind of ever-constant creative lodestar. "I've learned a lot about writing just reading everything he's ever done. I probably read or see 'A Streetcar Named Desire' a couple of times a year. I also love 'Cat on a Hot Tin Roof,' which technically is the equivalent of watching an amazing gymnast."

Williams, of course, drew from his personal experience in penning "The Glass Menagerie." But as Jacobs-Jenkins suggests, the convergence of a playwright's life and art must always be taken with a grain of salt. "I think when you're writing about family, you can't help drawing from your own experience. That being said, this play is definitely not autobiography, so much as 'emotional biography.'"



Kirsten Filtzgerald and Steve Tovar star in "Appropriate."

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IN CHARACTER WITH ... Eric Close

The Midwest native and 'Nashville' star on the show's multitalented, tight-knit cast **BY LIZ CROKIN**



Eric Close is one of the few stars of "Nashville" who doesn't play a musician — but that doesn't mean that the Midwest native will be able to avoid the stage forever. "People have been bugging me and saying I should take voice lessons and sing next," he laughs. "I'd try it out."

For now, though, Close — who plays politician Teddy Conrad on the hit ABC series — is content to listen to the sweet sounds of co-stars Connie Britton, Hayden Panettiere and Charles Esten. "Everyone who sings on the show [really] sings, and everyone who plays instruments really plays instruments," he says. "It's so much fun to watch." And though their characters may occasionally clash onscreen, Close says that the cast is inseparable in real life. "We go out together, we work out together and we get our families together. It's a fun time."

Role call: "My agent sent me the script, and right away I loved it. I've always been a big fan of country music, and I did a Lifetime movie with Garth Brooks. Also, I have music producer friends who have always been bugging me to come to Nashville. I was intrigued by the role and the political element. I also loved that my character was married to Rayna [Connie Britton]."

Prep work: "I studied speeches — I wanted to get a kind of understanding of the energy a politician exhibits. I'd like to see Teddy continue to battle with the good and bad side of politics



Left: Close at the Disney ABC 2013 Winter TCA Tour in January. Above: Close (right) with Lennon Stella and Connie Britton in "Nashville." | PHOTOS COURTESY GETTY/ABC

and power. I would like to see him find a healthy relationship. The first season, it was about his struggle with Rayna. Now that he's not married to Rayna, he gets to spread his wings and be his own man."

Down South: "I live in Nashville, [but] my wife and daughters are still in LA. They've been coming down to visit me — they may move here. The people [here] are really kind. There's a guy on our crew who got terminal cancer, and everyone pulled together a fundraiser for him. That's an example of the community here."

Chicago connection: "I lived in the Midwest for eight years — Indiana and Michigan. Growing up in the Midwest had a big impact on me. I still have family and friends living all over. There's a lot I love about Chicago. I really love Kingston Mines because I love the blues. When it's freezing cold in the dead of winter it's harsh, but in the summer, you can't beat it."

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Left: House-made Italian sausage. Above: House-made pickles | MIKE GEBERT-SUN-TIMES MEDIA

Chop Shop Cobbler, with Nolet's gin, blueberry puree, homemade lavender syrup and lemon and lime juice (both \$10).

The right touch: Dishes such as the Butcher's burger, topped with cheddar, red onions and smoked bacon (\$14) and the Berkshire bone-in pork chop, served with parsnip puree, bourbon quince butter and pears (\$25) give a nod to the butcher shop downstairs — but don't discount veg-friendly items like the wilted kale salad (\$8), mixed with shaved mushrooms and a soft-cooked egg. "We massage the kale, and it takes the rawness out of it," Marelli says.

Teamwork: Marelli is quick to credit fellow chefs that collaborated on the menu. **Zoe Schor** from Ada Street provided the inspiration for the spaghetti squash side dish, a play on kids' noodles with brown butter, house-made crème fraiche and Parmesan cheese (\$5); **Cosmo Goss** of The Publican and Publican Quality Meats refined the butcher's board (\$18); and Marelli's girlfriend, Prasio pastry chef **Mitsu Nozaki**, helped design desserts like the flourless chocolate cake (\$9). "We wouldn't be this successful without all the people who have helped us," Marelli says.

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catering to industry folks — is on the way.

While we recommend a visit to the event space and the butcher area — stocked with wine, cheese and meats from within 100 miles — let's dig into what makes the restaurant and bar a must-try:

Vibe: Comfortable, urban chic. The second-floor dining room has exposed brick and wood tables, with bright red chairs adding a pop of color. Windows line the north wall, and the eye-level view of the Blue Line L rolling by across the street provides the ultimate city element — though it's not so loud as to drown out conversation.

Signature dish: "The chicken dish [\$19] represents us the best," Marelli says. "It's homey but refined." The meat is sous-vide, then pan-fried, and the drumstick is cooked confit for added flavor and richness.

Drinks: **Dan De Los Monteros**, formerly of The Bedford, has created a precise craft cocktail menu that caters to a range of palates. Sip on classics like an Old Fashioned, made with Bulleit bourbon, whiskey barrel-aged bitters and bourbon smoked sugar, or the fruitier

Nick Moretti, owner of Bucktown's newly opened Chop Shop, had an ambitious vision when designing the hybrid butcher shop, bar, restaurant and event space. "I wanted to create a concept that could appeal to multiple demographics, as well as Chicago's love of meat, music and craft beer and cocktails," he says. "[Combining] all the things Chicago loves, under one roof, was something that hadn't been done before."

To execute his idea, Moretti compiled an all-star team of partners. Helming the butcher shop is **Mario Minelli**, whose family owns 50-year-old Minelli Meats in Niles. Event producer and audio-visual expert **Matt Woodburn** leads the charge on 1st Ward, the 5,000-square-foot adjacent event space. And to head up the kitchen, the team brought in **Joshua Marelli**, formerly of Urban Union. "We're seasonal and approachable," Marelli says. "We're taking very simple ingredients, letting them shine and not overcomplicating things." Marelli applies this philosophy to lunch, dinner and brunch, and notes that a late-night menu —



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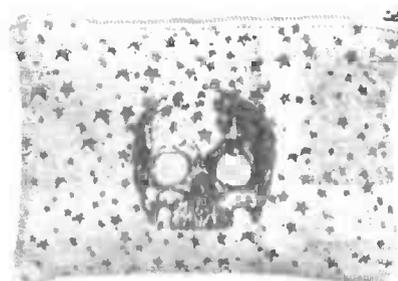
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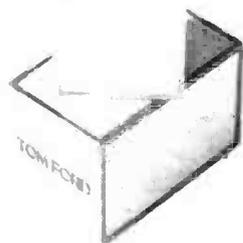
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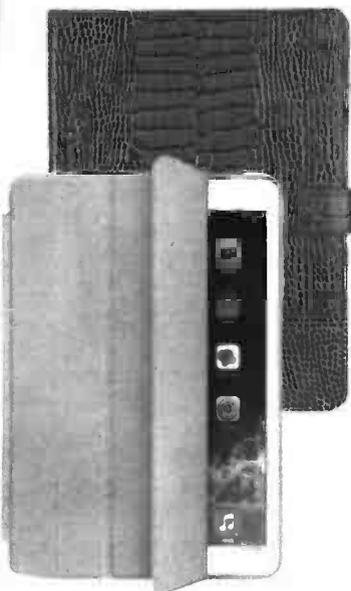
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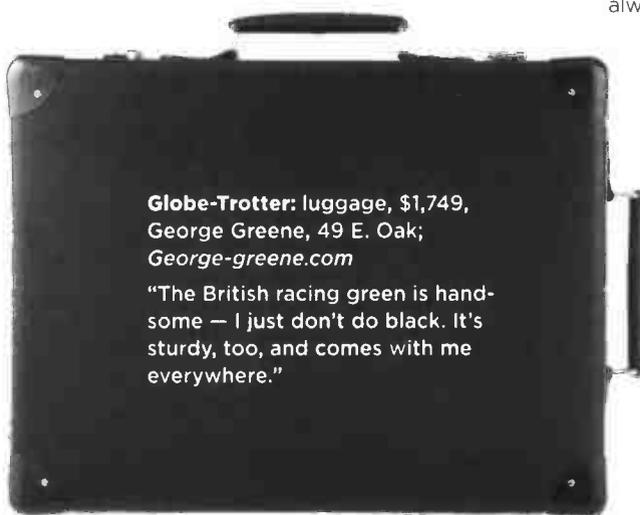
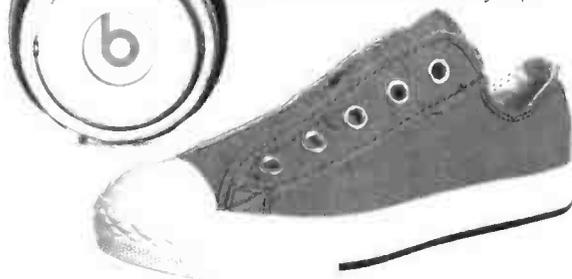


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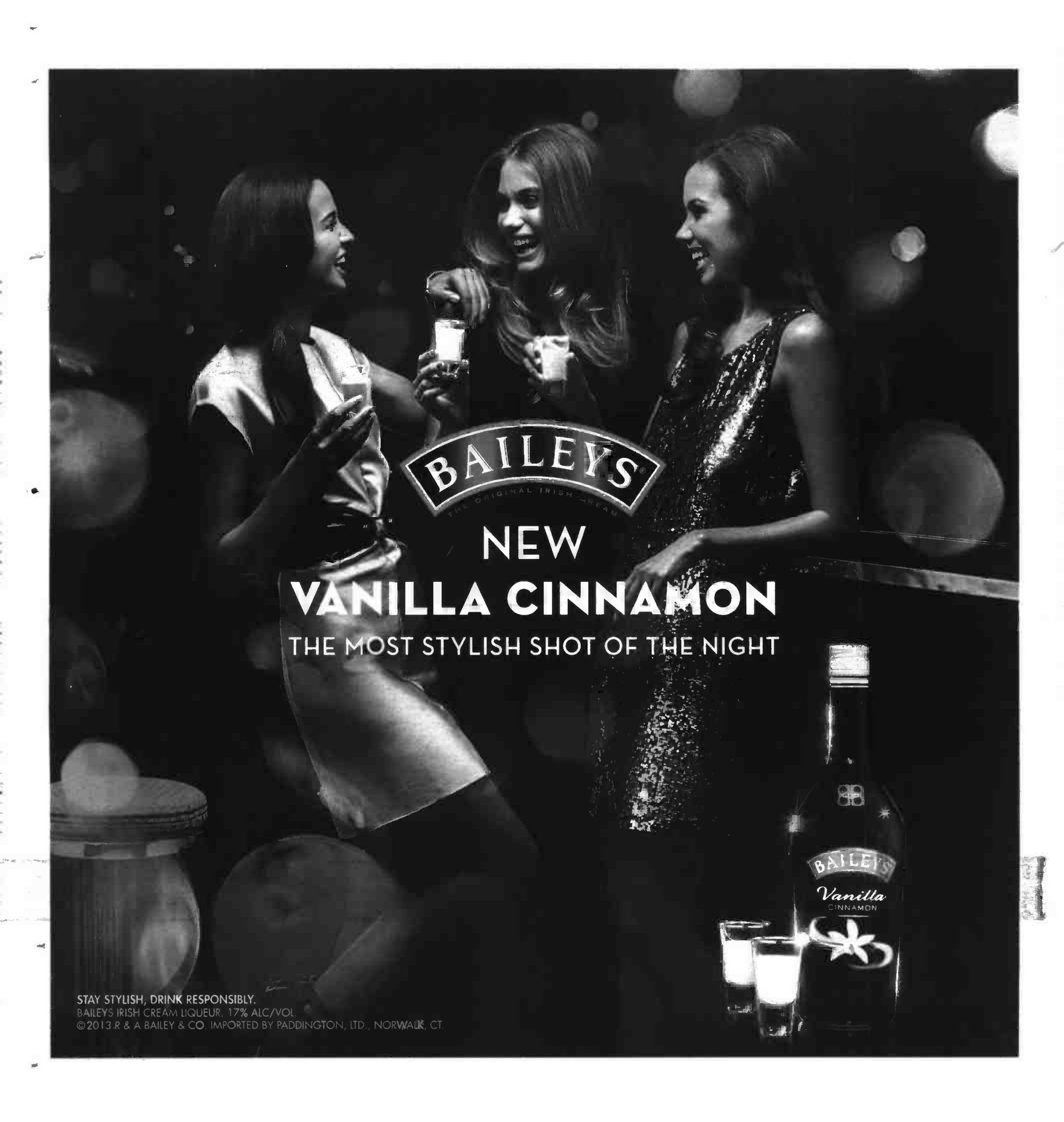
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Dodge Durango Citadel has V8 power, 3 rows, attitude

BY JOHN STEIN

For Sun-Times Media

I recently had a chance to drive the 2014 Dodge Durango Citadel. This Durango has an enticing aggressive look that grabs your attention, starting with the front grille treatment moving back across the muscular fender bulges over the smooth roofline down to the 20-inch painted aluminum rims and the bright-tipped dual exhaust ports.

The Durango Citadel headlights and fog lamps are now projector-beam units, and the forward models like Citadel get upgraded LED running-light strips. I really like the new full-width LED taillight display. It adds to the brawniness of the entire Durango package.

Inside the cabin you will immediately be impressed with the freshened dash look. My Citadel, base-priced at \$41,395, came with standard leather seating and an long list of upgraded technology and convenience features.

In the center of the dash there is a huge 8.4-inch touch-screen display. From the naviga-

tion system and audio control status to the media hub and Uconnect status, the screen allows for easy reading and operation.

Front-row seating is ample and adjustable. The second-row captain's chairs were an \$895 option. These can tumble and fold flat. An optional center console in back provides lit cup holders, USB port and a power outlet (\$300).

Small passengers need only apply for the third-row seating, but it was accessible and comfortable for the young ones I allowed to go back there.

The optional rear-seat entertainment package now features a Blu-ray player and a pair of seatback-mounted, high-resolution 9-inch screens.

The Durango gets Chrysler's new eight-speed automatic transmission, which is paired to either the standard 3.6-liter Pentastar V-6 or the available 5.7-liter Hemi V-8. A new rotary shift knob allows for easy han-

dling. While the V-6 offers 290 horsepower and 260 lb.-ft. of torque, the V-8 powers up 360 ponies and 390 lb.-ft. of torque.

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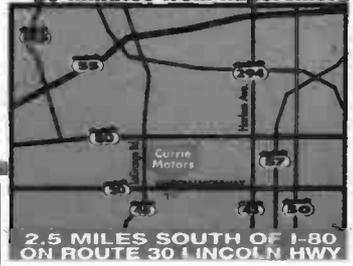
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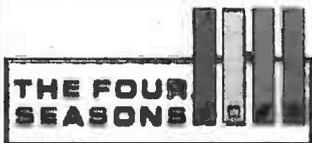
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Choices is Presbyterian Homes' new multi-faceted

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One resident even noted that she never would have started

painting if it hadn't been for the Choices Program at her community.

The Choices Program includes activities that focus on the social, physical, spiritual, emotional, intellectual, environmental and community needs of the resident.

This includes activities such as newcomer dinners and mixers before meals (social), personal trainers and personalized exercise programs (physical), weekly religious services on-campus (spiritual), and theater.

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Participation in the Choices Program has helped a number of Presbyterian Homes residents age well and remain active.

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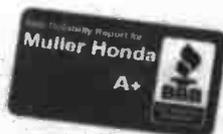
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Madeline takes the stage at Skokie Library

BY MYRNA PETLICH
For Sun-Times Media

A young Parisian girl learns that first impressions aren't always accurate in "Madeline and the Bad Hat." ArtsPower's original musical adaptation of Ludwig Bemelmans' book will be presented at Skokie Public Library, 5215 Oakton St., 7-8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 8.

"Madeline is challenged by her new next door neighbor Pepito. He is a mischief maker who is also mean to animals," said ArtsPower's Artistic Director Greg Gunning, who adapted and directs the show. But when Madeline gets to know Pepito, and finds out how lonely he is, her friendship helps make him a better person.

"Kids hopefully will see first impressions aren't always right," Gunning said. "And that trying to understand other people can lead to a better world for all of us."

The Glenview native also hopes that seeing this show will inspire young people to read the books in the Madeline series.

Free tickets will be available at 6:30 p.m. that day.

For details, call (847) 673-7774 or go to www.skokieliibrary.info.

BUBBLING OVER

There's more fun in store at the Skokie Public Library, 5215 Oakton St., 4-5 p.m. Monday, Nov. 11. Ben Jimenez will create bubbles within bubbles, smoke bubbles, spinning belt bubbles and more during Ben's Bubble Show. He will even put a person in a bubble. Pick up tickets at 3:30 p.m. that day.

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BY BETH ENGELMAN



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Stay positive and use a light touch

"Ninety percent of harm that comes to children comes from an adult they know," Fitzgerald said. "This fact is just one of the many reasons why it's so important for parents to move beyond teaching about stranger danger and focus instead on the many ways kids can use their heads and hearts to stay safe."

Fitzgerald's background in early childhood education, coupled with her work as an outreach educator for the child advocacy group Parents for Megan's Law, has helped her create a comprehensive and non-scary approach to safety. "The key is to educate kids to feel empowered and strong and know how to identify and handle tricky situations," she said.

Help kids understand boundaries

Teach your kids that they are the "boss of their bodies," which means privates (anything that is traditionally covered with a bathing suit) should stay private and that no one is allowed to touch their bodies without their permission. Additionally, Fitzgerald

advocates teaching kids to listen to their "uh-oh" feeling, which means if something makes them feel uncomfortable or yucky, they should take notice and tell their parents.

"Parents need to listen to their instincts too," Fitzgerald said. "If someone seems to be paying a little too much attention to your child or acts in a way that makes you feel uncomfortable, take notice and change the situation."

Create a family safety plan

Keeping our kids safe takes a lot of communication. It also takes some common sense and proactive thinking. When creating a safety plan for your family, consider basic rules that can help your kids "play it safe." For example, Fitzgerald advises a "check-first" philosophy, which means kids need to check with their parents before they go anywhere, change plans or get into someone's car (even if it's someone they know). Not only does this rule help

children slow down and not act impulsively, but it also helps keep parents in the loop about what their kids are doing and where they are going.

As a mom of an 8-year-old, I really like Fitzgerald's approach to safe and unsafe adult behaviors. For example, "Safe grownups don't ask kids for help, but rather go to other grownups for assistance." Additionally, "Safe adults also don't ask kids to keep secrets, especially secrets that make kids feel badly or uncomfortable."

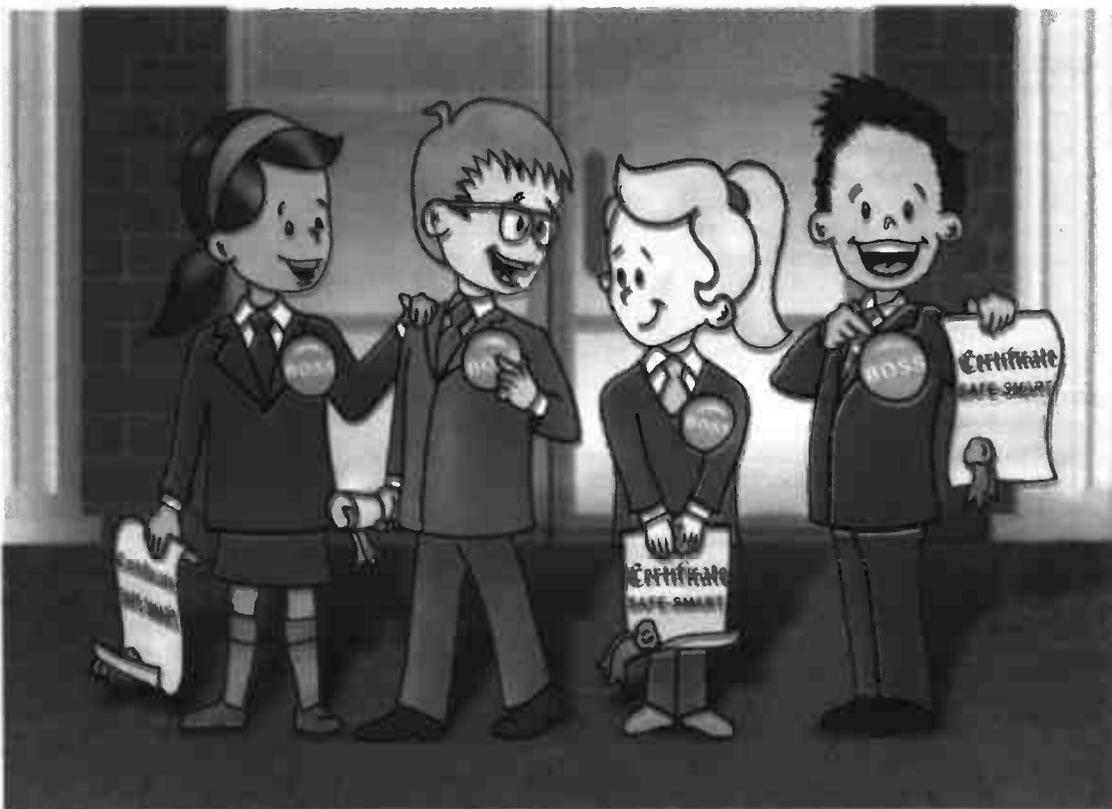
For more information about Fitzgerald and her "play it safe" rules, visit <http://safelyeverafter.com>.



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BOOKS AND VIDEOS

Start the safety conversation with these books and videos that help promote safe practices and strategies.

"NO Trespassing — This Is MY Body!" by Pattie Fitzgerald

"Super Duper Safety School: Safety Rules For Kids & Grown-Ups!" by Pattie Fitzgerald

"My Body Belongs to Me" by Jill Starishevsky (www.mybodybelongstome.com)

"Ruby's Studio: The Safety Show" (<http://shop.rubysstudio.com>)

"Boss of my Body" (a super-cute music video posted on YouTube). Watch it with your kids and sing along! <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zAALZxa6NCw>

FAMILY SAFETY EVENT

Join Ruby of Ruby's Studio for two free events on Nov. 9.

1. Red carpet screening of "The Safety Show." This sweet and gentle video includes animated clips, songs and stories to help kids learn to stay safe.

Time: 10 a.m.-noon

Location: Gene Siskel Film Center,

164 State St., Chicago

2. Craft and story time — Join Ruby for stories and crafts at The Magic Tree Bookstore.

Time: 2-4 p.m.

Location: 141 N. Oak Park Ave., Oak Park

For more information and tickets visit: <http://www.themotherco.com/2013/10/announcingthesafetyshow/>.

Disclosure: Beth Engelman provides social media branding for The Mother Company (owner of Ruby's Studio).

GO CALENDAR
BY WRAPPORTS NEWS SERVICE

THURSDAY, NOV. 7

Dining Out Trip
11:31 a.m.: The senior center will be taking a trip to Jolene's Restaurant and Bar in Glenview. Cost includes transportation. Registration required. For adults ages 55 and up. Park Ridge Senior Center, 100 S. Western Ave., Park Ridge. Call 847-692-3597. \$7-\$8.

Patti Vasquez
8 p.m.: The comic and co-star of "My Life is a Joke" on the Oprah Winfrey Network, performs. Zanies Comedy Night Club Rosemont, 5437 Park Place, Rosemont. Call 847-813-0484. \$22.

FRIDAY, NOV. 8

Boomers & Beyond Community Resource Fair
9 a.m.: The fair will showcase products and services designed to help people age with grace and independence while living an active, healthy lifestyle. There will be free wellness screenings, flu shots, education seminars, raffle prizes, refreshments and a Technology Drop-In Center. Oakton Community Center, 4701 Oakton St., Skokie. For more information, call 847-933-8208.

Jimmy Shubert
8 p.m.: The comic and actor from "King of Queens" and "Entourage" performs. Zanies Comedy Night Club Rosemont, 5437 Park Place, Rosemont. Call 847-813-0484. \$22.

15th Anniversary All Souls' Jazz Festival
8 p.m.: Friends of Cracow Society in Chicago present the 15th All Souls' Jazz Festival (Zaduszki Jazzowe in Chicago), stemming from the oldest jazz festival in Poland. More than 40 jazz musicians will perform on two stages. Copernicus Center, 5216 W. Lawrence Ave., Chicago. For more information, call 773-777-8898.

SATURDAY, NOV. 9

Princess and Pirate Pancake Breakfast
9 a.m.: Ages 4-10 can dress up in a pirate or princess costume for a morning of pancakes, games, crafts and more. Maine Park Leisure Center, 2701 W. Sibley St., Park Ridge. Call 847-692-5127. \$16-\$24.

Autumn Holiday Gift Boutique (and More)
9 a.m.: Get ready for the holidays with our great array of quality gift items, at a fraction of their cost, handmade craft items and home business products. Glenview New Church, 74 Park Drive, Glenview.

Skokie Art Guild
9:30 a.m.: The group offers figure drawing workshops every Saturday. There are live models but no instructor. Devonshire Cultural Center, 4400 Greenwood St., Skokie. For more information, call 847-673-4450. \$20 per session; \$12 for guild members.

Arts & Crafts Fair
10 a.m.: Shop at more than 180 craft displays and vendors for lovely holiday gifts. Resurrection College Prep High School, 7500 W. Talcott Ave., Chicago. Call 773-775-6616. \$5; \$2 for students and seniors.

Second Saturday Family Story Time
10 a.m.: Stories and crafts for the whole family. Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge. Call 847-825-3123.

Fall Craft Show and Brunch
10 a.m.: The Maine-Niles Association of Special Recreation will be offering a trip to Harper College's annual craft show with more than 200 craft booths. After shopping, the group will stop at Wildberry Pancakes and Cafe for brunch. Program fee includes admission to the craft fair. Must be 21 or older to attend. Maine-Niles Association of Special Recreation, 6820 W. Dempster St., Morton Grove. For more information, call 847-966-5522. \$35-\$80.

NSGS Luncheon and Speaker Leslie Goddard
11:30 a.m.: The North Suburban Genealogical Society will be hosting its annual luncheon. Following the meal, historian Leslie Goddard will give a presentation about servants who worked during the era of "Downton Abbey." Call 847-446-7220 to make reservations and choose a lunch dish. The Cafe at the Glenview Park Golf Club, 800 Shermer Road, Glenview.

Sandhill Crane Trip
12:30 p.m.: Take a trip to Jasper Pulaski Park in Indiana to observe thousands of Sandhill Cranes during their migration.

SUBMIT YOUR EVENT
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Transportation is provided from MPLC. Bring money for dinner. Must be 8 and over to attend. Children 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult. Maine Park Leisure Center, 2701 W. Sibley St., Park Ridge. Call 847-692-5127. \$21.

'Lincoln'
2 p.m.: This 2012 film tells the story of Abraham Lincoln's struggle to preserve the Union while abolishing slavery. Starring Daniel Day-Lewis, Sally Field and Tommy Lee Jones. 150 minutes. Eisenhower Public Library, 4613 N. Oketo Ave., Harwood Heights. Call 708-867-7828.

Annual Fall Art Show
3 p.m.: A fashion show will open up the art show, featuring work by local artists. Norwood Crossing, 6016 N. Nina Ave., Chicago. Call 773-577-5326.

Chicago Weaving School Special Workshop: WeaveSpa and Spin
3 p.m.: Make your own drop spindle, get an introduction to hand-spinning, then weave handspun yarn into a cloth to take home. No weaving or spinning experience is required, and materials and snacks will be provided. The Chicago Weaving School, 4201 W. Irving Park Road, Chicago. Call 773-490-0602. \$85.

Princess Ball
5 p.m.: Children are invited to enjoy an evening of dining and dancing with three Disney princesses. Guests will receive a formal invitation and are welcome to wear their finest attire to the ball. Skokie Heritage Museum, 8031 Floral Ave., Skokie. Call 847-674-1500, ext. 2700.

Mary, Seat of Wisdom Parish Italian Dinner
6 p.m.: The evening offers something

fun for every age, including Italian cuisine, a DJ, face painting and a special performance by Inspiración Dance Chicago. Proceeds benefit the Council of Catholic Women and its parish ministries, as well as projects serving groups throughout the area. Mary, Seat of Wisdom Parish, 920 Granville Ave., Park Ridge. For more information, call 847-825-0518. \$25 for adults; \$10 for children 4-12.

Bobby Slayton
7 p.m.: The veteran comic, known as "The Pitbull of Comedy," performs. Zanies Comedy Night Club Rosemont, 5437 Park Place, Rosemont. Call 847-813-0484. \$25.

'White Christmas'
7:30 p.m.: The Rising Stars Theatre Company presents the Broadway version of the 1954 Paramount classic film. Performances Nov. 9 through Nov. 24 beginning at 7:30 p.m. on Saturdays and 2 p.m. on Sundays. The Stahl Family Theatre, 5900 W. Belmont Road, Chicago. For more information, call 773-736-2490.

Arab Idol 2013 Stars
8 p.m.: Stars from the most recent series of Arab Idol perform. Rosemont Theatre, 5400 N. River Road, Rosemont. \$75-\$250. For more information, call 847-671-5100.

Tom Kastle
8 p.m.: The Second Saturday Coffee-house features folk singer-songwriter Kastle. In addition to maritime songs, he will be including material from his solo album, "Across the Center Line." Ethical Humanist Society, 7574 Lincoln Ave., Skokie. For more information, call 847-677-3334. \$8.

Linda Eder
8 p.m.: The vocalist, who made her break on the 1987 season of Star Search, will perform. North Shore Center for the Performing Arts in Skokie, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie. \$58-\$75. Call 847-673-6300.

'An Evening of Comedy'
8 p.m.: Join Skokie author and comedian Debbie Sue Goodman and her friends for an evening of comedy. Goodman is author of "My Husband the Stranger," "Still Single" and "Still Dating." Caffè Piccolo, 2610 W. Peterson Ave., Chicago. For more information, call 773-465-1483.

SUNDAY, NOV. 10

Veterans Day Pancake Breakfast
8:30 a.m.: Veterans and their families are welcome to enjoy a pancake breakfast. Community Center, 4501 25th Ave., Schiller Park.

Holiday Boutique
10:30 a.m.: The boutique features vendors with creative merchandise for all ages, including jewelry, clothing, craft items, toys, books and more. Runs 10:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Beth Hillel Congregation, 3220 Big Tree Lane, Wilmette. Call 847-256-1213.

Our Home Town Heroes
11 a.m.: Join the M-NASR in commemorating Veterans Day. The group will decorate yellow ribbons and put together care packages to send to soldiers on active duty. Veteran guests are free but must be registered before the event. Lunch, snacks and all supplies are included in the cost. Attendees must be 18 or older. Maine-Niles Association of Special Recreation, 6820 W. Dempster St., Morton Grove. For more information, please call 847-966-5522. \$36-\$82.

Holiday Big Band Dinner Dance
2 p.m.: The event features a live orchestra playing big band music, dancing, dinner, raffles and a cash bar. Centre at North Park, 10040 W. Addison Ave., Franklin Park. Call 847-928-8478. \$30-\$40.

MONDAY, NOV. 11

Fun-Day Monday
9 a.m.: Students ages 6 to 22 can enjoy the day off from school with a day of fun activities and a trip to the movie theater to see a newly-released movie. Bring a sack lunch. Maine-Niles Association of Special Recreation, 6820 W. Dempster St., Morton Grove. Call 847-966-5522. \$45-\$100.

Veterans Day Ceremony
11 a.m.: Veterans' Memorial Waterfall, West Touhy Avenue and North Milwaukee Avenue, Niles. For more information, call 847-588-8000.

Sensory Story Time
11 a.m.: Hands-on learning engaging all

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the senses through music, movement, stories and play. Ideal for children ages 3 to 6 with autism or sensory processing issues. Participating families are welcome to stay for an additional 30-minute multi-sensory play time after the program. Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge. Call 847-825-3123.

Veterans Day Celebration
12:30 p.m.: Author Cyndee Schaffer will present "Mollie's War" written by Cyndee and her mother Mollie Weinstein Schaffer, a WAC during World War II. Lunch will be catered. For adults ages 55 and up. Park Ridge Senior Center, 100 S. Western Ave., Park Ridge. Call 847-692-3597. \$17-\$19.

Officer Friendly Story Time
1:30 p.m.: Stop by the library for a fun story time led by a Park Ridge police officer. For all ages. Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge. Call 847-825-3123.

Trivia Night
8 p.m.: Winners receive gift cards. Specials include \$4 Budweiser products and 60-cent wings. Buffalo Wild Wings, 7020 Carpenter Road, Skokie. Call 847-329-9333.

TUESDAY, NOV. 12

Film: 'The Intouchables'
11:30 a.m.: Based on a true story, "The Intouchables" depicts the friendship between a quadriplegic millionaire and his caregiver, a streetwise ex-con. Stars Francois Cluzet and Omar Sy. 112 minutes. Call 847-929-5101 or visit www.mgpl.org to learn more. Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove.

Feature Film: 'Much Ado About Nothing'
2 p.m.: This 2012 film puts a contemporary spin on Shakespeare's classic comedy. It stars Nathan Fillion and Alexis Denisof. 109 minutes. The film will be shown a second time at 9 p.m. Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge. Call 847-825-3123.

Kolackies for the Holidays
6:30 p.m.: Author and food blogger Amy

Alessio will explore the history behind this special treat. Participants should bring 25 copies of a cookie recipe to share. Eisenhower Public Library, 4613 N. Oketo Ave., Harwood Heights. For more information, please call 708-867-7828. \$3.

WEDNESDAY NOV. 13

Robbie Sings the Greatest Hits of George & Ira Gershwin
10:30 a.m.: Vocalist Robbie Malkowski and jazz pianist Dave Turner perform the best of Gershwin. Registration required. Niles Public Library District, 6960 W. Oakton St., Niles. For more information, call 847-663-6648.

ARC Fall Harvest Pizza Party
11:45 a.m.: Join the Norridge Park District for pizza and soft drinks. Guests are asked to bring a dessert to share. Registration is required. Norridge Park, 4631 N. Overhill Ave., Norridge. Call 708-457-1244.

Tim Clue
8 p.m.: The comic, WGN radio regular and co-founder of the production company Chicago Sitcom performs. Zanies Comedy Night Club Rosemont, 5437 Park Place, Rosemont. Call 847-813-0484. \$35.

5437 Park Place, Rosemont. For more information, please call 847-813-0484. \$22.

THURSDAY, NOV. 14

Flower Arranging
7 p.m.: Andy from Kiko's Flowers will teach flower arranging for the holidays. Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge. Call 847-825-3123.

FRIDAY, NOV. 15

'Rapunzel'
6:30 p.m.: From David Crane and Marta Kaufman, the creators of the hit TV show "Friends," comes a musical interpretation of the classic fairy tale. Performances will be held at 6:30 p.m. Nov. 15, 2 and 6:30 p.m. Nov. 16 and 2 p.m. Nov. 17. Gorilla Tango Skokie, 7924 Lincoln Ave., Skokie. For more information, call 847-677-7761. \$10.

Richard Lewis
8 p.m.: The comic legend and "Curb Your Enthusiasm" actor performs. Zanies Comedy Night Club Rosemont, 5437 Park Place, Rosemont. Call 847-813-0484. \$35.

SATURDAY, NOV. 16

Holiday Boutique & Luncheon
9 a.m.: The boutique will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. with an assortment of local artists and their special hand-crafted items, as well as fair trade merchants and their gifts. Lunch will be served at noon (\$20) with a special performance by the Angeli Choir. Park Ridge Community Church, 100 Courtland Ave., Park Ridge. Call 847-823-3164.

'You Don't Know Jack: The Other Side of the Beanstalk'
4 p.m.: A house has been ransacked. A golden hen is missing and presumed dead. And, the soothing songs once plucked from a precious harp have been replaced by piercing silence. Join the villainous Jack for an adventure to see the other side of the beanstalk. Runs 4 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays, Nov. 16-24. Gorilla Tango Skokie, 7924 Lincoln Ave., Skokie. Call 847-677-7761. \$12.

Jake Johannsen
7 p.m.: The comic, known for his frequent appearances on "The Late Show," performs. Zanies Comedy Night Club Rosemont, 5437 Park Place, Rosemont. Call 847-813-0484. \$25.

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Texas-size performances drive 'Buyers Club'

BY BRUCE INGRAM
Film Critic

If his recent career-changing performances in "Killer Joe," "Magic Mike" and "Mud" still haven't convinced you that there's a lot more to Matthew McConaughey than looking good shirtless, "Dallas Buyers Club" should do the trick.

In addition to losing 40 pounds for his role as the redneck hell-raiser Ron Woodroof, who extended his own life and many others during the early days of the AIDS crisis by providing unapproved alternative treatments (for a price), McConaughey also gives a risky performance that's borderline repellent at times. Redemption is involved eventually, but when it finally rolls around, he makes it clear that no one is more surprised than Woodroof himself.

"Dallas Buyers Club" opens in 1985, with small-time hustler and part-time bull rider Woodroof taking bets at a rodeo and making snide jokes about a newspaper headline announcing that Rock Hudson is dying of AIDS. A short time later, he's running for his life from angry customers and not long after that he's blacking out in his trailer and regaining consciousness in a hospital. Where doctors inform him that he has HIV and roughly 30 days to live.

Woodroof is more upset, though, by their implication that he might be homosexual. In the end, he declares "nothin' out there can kill Ron Woodroof in 30 days," which

turns out to be correct, before going back to his usual routine of drinking, drugging and engaging in presumably unprotected sex.

Woodroof is sick enough, though, that he does a little research, accepts that he really does have HIV, and learns there's only one drug — AZT — that might keep him alive. And also that he can't get his hands on it because it's in the early stages of human trials.

What follows is complicated, but in essence Woodroof finds a way to hustle some AZT in Dallas, then travels to Mexico to get more. There, a kindly disbarred doctor (Griffin Dunne) treats him successfully with vitamins, supplements and medications unapproved (but not illegal) in the U.S. — and the hustler in Woodroof makes him realize he could make a lot of money if he took a large supply of the same back to Dallas.

At that point, "Dallas Buyers Club" becomes a story about the hard-fought battle between Woodroof and the FDA regarding Woodroof's right to sell that treatment. And while Woodroof is keeping a sizeable portion of Dallas' gay community alive, he's also strictly in it for the money.

It's further complicated by his uneasy and increasingly personal relationship with his business partner, the tragic yet feisty transsexual Rayon (Jared Leto).

"Dallas Buyers Club" is a fascinating story of survival through pure orneriness, but most of all, it's a must-see for the heavy-weight performances of its two lead actors, both of them surely Oscar contenders.

'DALLAS BUYERS CLUB'
★★★ 1/2

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ABOUT TIME

★★★

Rated R for language and some sexual content

Stars: Domhnall Gleeson, Rachel McAdams, Bill Nighy, Tom Hollander

The typically charming “About Time” is the best of screenwriter Richard “Four Weddings and a Funeral” Curtis’s attempts to direct his own work, after “Love Actually” and “Pirate Radio,” and it’s likely to leave fans satisfactorily amused, teary and uplifted — though perhaps a bit too overtly manipulated. When nervously likeable young Tim (Gleeson) learns from his dad (Nighy at his best) that he has inherited the gift of time travel, he uses it to aggressively woo his perfect soulmate (McAdams, an experienced hand after “The Time Traveler’s Wife”) — correcting whatever bumbling errors he makes along the way. All is delightful until around the halfway point, when “About Time” shifts into family-melodrama overdrive.

THE BEST MAN HOLIDAY

Rated R for language, sexual content and brief nudity

Stars: Monica Calhoun, Terrence Howard, Morris Chestnut, Taye Diggs, Nia Long

A group of college friends find their old relationships challenged when they reunite for a holiday celebration. Malcolm D. Lee (“The Best Man”) wrote and directed the sequel to his 1999 hit.

DALLAS BUYERS CLUB

★★★ 1/2

Rated R for pervasive language, some strong sexual content, nudity and drug use

Stars: Matthew McConaughey, Jared Leto, Jennifer Garner

A fascinating story of survival through pure orneriness, “Dallas Buyers Club” is also well worth seeing for the performances of two almost sure-fire Oscar nominees. McConaughey (definitely proving there’s more to him than looking good shirtless) is borderline repellent at times in the role of lowlife redneck homophobic hell-raiser Ron Woodroof, who was quite dismayed to learn in 1985 that he had the AIDS virus and was expected to die in 30 days. And Leto, who like McConaughey lost 40 pounds for the role, is simply great as the tragic yet tough and feisty transsexual Rayon — Woodroof’s customer liaison, with whom he develops an uneasy, increasingly personal relationship.

HOW I LIVE NOW

Rated R for violence, disturbing images, language and some sex

Stars: Saoirse Ronan, Tom Holland, George MacKay



Hammered: Chris Hemsworth in “Thor: The Dark World.”

An American girl (Ronan) who moves to England in the near future finds herself fighting for survival as the UK turns into a military state.

THOR: THE DARK WORLD

Rated PG-13 for sequences of intense sci-fi action and violence, and some suggestive content

Stars: Chris Hemsworth, Natalie Portman, Tom Hiddleston

The Norse god of thunder (Hemsworth) must face a seemingly unbeatable foe to save the Earth — and the woman he loves (Portman). Alan Taylor (“Game of Thrones”) directed the fantasy adventure.

STILL PLAYING

BLUE IS THE WARMEST COLOR

Rated NC-17 for explicit sexual content.

Stars: Léa Seydoux, Adele Exarchopoulos, Salim Kechiouche

The life of a young French woman (Exarchopoulos) changes greatly when she falls in love with an older female art student (Seydoux). Abdellatif Kechiche (“The Secret of the Grain”) directed the erotic drama.

ENDER’S GAME

★★★ 1/2

Rated PG-13 for some violence, sci-fi action and thematic material

Stars: Harrison Ford, Asa Butterfield, Hailee Steinfeld

There’s a lot to admire about this surprisingly substantial sci-fi spectacular, but the best thing is its radical assumption that kids might respond to a story driven by weighty moral issues. After barely surviving an attack by the ant-like Formic race, the Earth has decided its brightest children, including a soulful-eyed prodigy named Ender (Butterfield, almost as good here as he was in “Hugo”), are best suited for the high-tech, computer-driven war of the future. But after proving himself in training, the new commander of Earth’s armies is conflicted by the order to extinguish the enemy with a massive preemptive strike.

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AWARENESS 2013

The fight to turn tide against widespread disease continues

According to the American Diabetes Association, nearly 26 million children and adults in the United States have diabetes. Another 79 million Americans have prediabetes and are at risk for developing Type 2 diabetes. Recent estimates project that as many as one in three American adults will have diabetes in 2050 unless measures are taken to reduce the incidence of diabetes.

And this is a costly epidemic — both to one's health and wallet. The ADA estimates that the total national cost of diagnosed diabetes in the United States is \$245 billion. Direct medical costs reach \$176 billion and the average medical expenditure among people with diabetes is 2.3 times higher than those without the disease. Indirect costs amount to \$69 billion (disability, work loss, premature mortality).

For the millions of people living with the disease, managing it can be a daily grind. Inside this section, learn about:

- Local programs that help people with diabetes
- Initiatives that target demographics that have the highest incidence of the disease
- The latest research, nutritional guidelines and potential prevention and treatment breakthroughs
- How diabetes affects hearing
- Efforts to raise awareness about what it's like to live with diabetes





Here's To Your Health: Juan Carlos Cortes (left) and Ignacio Cortes (right) participated in Be Well-Lake County's Harvest Event held in August. Community gardening is one component of Lake County's Be Well program. | COURTESY OF BE WELL — LAKE COUNTY

BY WENDY ALTSCHULER

For Sun-Times Media

Diagnosed with Type 2 diabetes when her husband was serving in Iraq, Beatriz Mari of North Chicago struggled with the disease for several years. But now she's got the assistance of Be Well-Lake County, a local program that is helping her to get her diabetes under control.

Be Well-Lake County, a partnership among NorthShore University HealthSystem (a system that includes four hospitals — Evanston, Glenview, Highland Park and Skokie), the Lake County Health Department and the Community Health Center, helps patients manage their diabetes — a disease that affects 7.3 percent of adults in Lake County and is the seventh leading cause of death in the United States.

Through education, support and fitness groups, on-site hemoglobin A1c testing, medication assistance, testing supplies, nutritional counseling and a team of professional health-care providers, patients of Be Well-Lake County are better equipped to deal with the challenges that a major life-threatening disease presents. The Be-Well experts recommended physical activities and nutritional changes for Mari.

"I feel more positive and energetic physically and mentally," Mari said. "I enjoy my life more as a result of all these changes. The Be Well program taught me about my condition and how I can live with it; it has given me, and my family, a better quality of life."

The program, offered at Lake County Health Department's North Chicago Community Health

Center and the Belvidere Medical Building in Waukegan, grants disadvantaged low-income diabetics invaluable access to health care and resources. Much of the philanthropic support, which makes this program possible, comes directly from The Auxiliary at Highland Park Hospital and individual donations.

"Our purpose is to provide management and to improve the outcome of underserved patients with diabetes," said

Christy Arnold, coordinator of the Be Well-Lake County program.

"An interdisciplinary model, that includes data and research to measure outcomes,

is a strong component. When patients come in, they meet the doctor, nurse, case manager and the dietitian all in one visit; they don't need separate appointments and they learn who their whole team is."

And the program extends beyond hospital walls. For example, in Be Well-Lake County's community garden initiative, patients plant and grow vegetables, receive instruction on how to best prepare the yield through cooking demonstrations via dietitian instruction, and then the patients get to bring some of the food home with them.

According to Arnold, who is also a dietitian and a diabetes educator, patients get all of their needs met through Be Well-Lake County. For example, even translators are available for the large population of Spanish speakers.

Leading the way to wellness

Lake County program helping residents manage their diabetes

"Another thing we do with our partnership with NorthShore University HealthSystem, our funder that makes everything possible, is refer our patients, a majority of which are self-paying, to specialists that can help them," Arnold said.

One of these accessible NorthShore University HealthSystem specialists is Harry Papagianis, DPM, a podiatrist that helps Be Well-Lake County patients.

"Our purpose is to provide management and to improve the outcome of underserved patients with diabetes."

CHRISTY ARNOLD, coordinator of the Be Well-Lake County program

"Collaborating on the best possible foot care for patients with diabetes is crucial to maintaining quality of life for years to come, and early recognition and treatment of any complication is critical. Be Well provides the perfect platform for preventative treatment and collaboration. The care being offered to patients with diabetes by Be Well is saving lives and limbs," Papagianis said.

Managing diabetes is a sticky wicket for many people suffering from the disease.

"With diabetes, both Type I and Type II, if left unmonitored and untreated it can bring added, potentially serious complications to the patient," Papagianis said. "Proper diabetic care is a balance of maintaining a healthy lifestyle, including proper diet and exercise, along with following treatment plans and prevention plans set in collaboration with physicians."

But with programs like Be Well-Lake County, navigating has become much clearer.

"I'm very proud of the program," said patient Mari. "I belong to a group where you count as a human being."

LOCAL STATS: DIAGNOSED DIABETES PREVALENCE

In Lake County:

■ 2004: 6.3 percent

■ 2010: 7.3 percent

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■ 2004: 7.3 percent

■ 2010: 9.1 percent

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Diabetes can damage your auditory health

BY WENDY ALTSCHULER

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Most people know that diabetes can cause vision problems. But did you know that the disease can also damage your hearing?

"Outside of the medical world, very few people know about the link between hearing loss and diabetes and even fewer people understand it," said Gloria Wong, Au.D., F-AAA, CCC-A, manager at Audiology Clinic at Chicago Hearing Society, a division of Anixter Center. "Even in the medical world there still needs to be more awareness of how hearing loss impacts health. That includes the relationship between hearing loss and diabetes, but goes so much deeper when you think about cardiovascular disease, dementia, accidents and more."

The American Diabetes Association states that there are nearly 26 million Americans living with diabetes, with numbers rising. According to a study founded by the National Institutes of Health, adults with diabetes are more than twice as likely to have hearing loss than people without the disease.

Wong explained that complications of diabetes are a result of changes to the sensory nerves and the smallest system of blood vessels in the body.

"The hearing and auditory systems are also comprised of blood vessels and nerves, which may become damaged from diabetes and ultimately result in loss of hearing," Wong said. "Most people only associ-

ate hearing loss with aging, but there are clearly many other factors in play; diabetes is definitely one of them."

Jamie M. Stickley, Au.D., director of audiology at The Hearing Center, Franciscan Physician Network in Indiana, said that additional medical conditions can make diagnosing the cause of hearing loss in diabetic patients tricky.

"One of the largest barriers to finding a clear cut cause-and-effect relationship between diabetes and hearing loss is that the majority of diabetic patients also have additional medical conditions (as well as aging components and hereditary factors) that can also contribute to hearing loss," Stickley said.

"However, excess sugar in your blood can lead to circulation issues and nerve damage," Stickley said. "The auditory nerve is not exempt from this damage, and the auditory system as a whole is quite sensitive to circulatory changes."

One of the most important things doctors — especially primary care physicians — can do, beyond helping patients to keep their diabetes under control, is to routinely check their patients' hearing.

"Patient education and monitoring through regular health care visits, across all healthcare disciplines, is a key component to the successful management of diabetic patients," Stickley said.

Patients should also be aware of any change in their hearing and discuss changes with their health care provider.

"Since it can happen slowly a lot of patients are not aware of the relationship between diabetes and hearing loss," said Michele Massow, a seven-year veteran at CarePoint Ear, Nose, Throat and Sinus Centers,



Routine checkups: The most important things doctors — especially primary care physicians — can do, beyond helping patients to keep their diabetes under control, is to routinely check their patients' hearing. | FILE PHOTO

DID YOU KNOW?

According to the American Diabetes Association, almost 26 million people in the United States have diabetes, and an estimated 34.5 million have some type of hearing loss. A recent study found that hearing loss is twice as common in people with diabetes as it is in those who don't have the disease. In addition, of the 79 million U.S. adults who have prediabetes, the rate of hearing loss is 30 percent higher than in those with normal blood glucose.

The American Diabetes Association

Northwest Indiana's largest group of board certified otolaryngologists. "Healthcare providers should check a patient's hearing as soon as they are diagnosed with diabetes and yearly thereafter. Providers can refer patients with suspected hearing loss to an otolaryngologist and or an

audiologist to have an ear exam and hearing test."

Left untreated, hearing loss can lead to a wide range of physical, mental and social issues, which research shows, according to Stickley, that the short- and long-term costs of untreated hearing loss far outweigh the costs of treatment.

"Untreated hearing loss is associated with impaired memory, social isolation, reduced job performance and earning power, increased anxiety and stress, and higher incidence of cardiovascular disease," Wong said. "It should also be pointed out that hearing loss may lead to depression, which is a risk factor for Alzheimer's disease and dementia, and there is a known correlation between hearing loss and dementia according to information published by the National Institutes of Health."

Many diabetic Americans who suffer from hearing loss may find it challenging to acquire help provided through insurance plans. Often, the hearing test may be covered but the

hearing aids are not.

"Most insurance covers the cost of hearing evaluations, however some require a referral from their primary care doctor for that coverage to apply, which is the case with Medicare," Stickley said. "If the patient is in need of hearing assistance for the treatment of hearing loss, approximately 80 percent of insurance policies do not cover hearing aids."

The Chicago Hearing Society believes that hearing aids and hearing healthcare costs should be covered by insurance but until it is they will strive to help people with nowhere else to go.

"The average cost of testing, fitting and purchasing hearing aids averages around three thousand to six thousand dollars depending upon hearing aid technology," Wong said. "Medicare does not cover hearing aids nor will the plans under the Affordable Health Care Act in Illinois. Unfortunately, hearing aids are not yet considered an essential health benefit in Illinois."

"Most people only associate hearing loss with aging, but there are clearly many other factors in play; diabetes is definitely one of them."

GLORIA WONG, audiologist and manager at Chicago Hearing Society



Bigger Picture: The American Diabetes Association is requesting people submit a personal image to the association's Facebook mosaic that represents what A Day in the Life of Diabetes means to them. The mosaic will showcase the extraordinary effort it takes to live a day with diabetes. | FILE PHOTO

Picture this: A Day in the Life of Diabetes

During American Diabetes Month this November, the American Diabetes Association is asking people to submit a personal image to the Association's Facebook mosaic representing what A Day in the Life of Diabetes means to them to showcase the extraordinary effort it takes to live a day with diabetes.

The image can be a picture of themselves or someone they care about, or otherwise represent how the disease impacts their lives. The image will then make up a larger mosaic image that will embody the message of A Day in the Life of Diabetes.

This year, the Association will change the mosaic "target" image several times throughout November to show the many compelling images that represent A Day in the Life of Diabetes. These photos that will embody the mosaic throughout the month will capture the essence of the campaign and the movement to Stop Diabetes.

In addition, the Association

will be working closely with NASCAR driver, Ryan Reed, to showcase the mosaic in the NASCAR series. Reed's race car will be wrapped with photos from the mosaic and will be featured in his Nov. 9 race in Phoenix during American Diabetes Month.

"We're excited to further grow this online campaign and heighten the overall awareness of diabetes in Chicago," stated Jeanette Flom, Executive Director, American Diabetes Association. "Diabetes doesn't stop. It is 24/7, 365 days a year. By calling on our community to take a public stand through social media, we continue to shine a light on the issue of diabetes and those who live with it each and every day."

Learn how you can submit your personal image and story during American Diabetes Month by visiting facebook.com/AmericanDiabetesAssociation or diabetesmosaic.org, or by calling 1-800-DIABETES.

The American Diabetes Association

Can vitamin D prevent diabetes? Study aims to find out

Researchers have begun the first definitive, large-scale clinical trial to investigate if a vitamin D supplement helps prevent or delay Type 2 diabetes in adults who have prediabetes, who are at high risk for developing Type 2. Funded by the National Institutes of Health, the study is taking place at about 20 study sites across the United States.

The multiyear Vitamin D and Type 2 Diabetes (D2d) study will include about 2,500 people. Its goal is to learn if vitamin D — specifically D3 (cholecalciferol) — will prevent or delay Type 2 diabetes in adults ages 30 or older who have prediabetes. People with prediabetes have blood glucose levels that are higher than normal but not high enough to be called diabetes.

"This study aims to definitively answer the question: Can vitamin D reduce the risk of developing Type 2 diabetes?" said Myrlene Staten, M.D., D2d project officer at the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK), part of NIH. "Vitamin D use has risen sharply in the U.S. in the last 15 years, since it has been suggested as a remedy for a variety of conditions, including prevention of Type 2 diabetes. But we need rigorous testing to determine if vitamin D will help prevent diabetes. That's what D2d will do."

"Past observational studies have suggested that higher levels of vitamin D may be beneficial in preventing Type 2

diabetes, but until this large, randomized and controlled clinical trial is complete, we won't know if taking vitamin D supplements lowers the risk of diabetes," said Anastassios G. Pittas, M.D., the study's principal investigator at Tufts Medical Center, Boston.

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MYRLENE STATEN, M.D.,
Vitamin D study project officer

D2d is the first study to directly examine if a daily dose of 4,000 International Units (IUs) of vitamin D — greater than a typical adult intake of 600-800 IUs a day, but within limits deemed appropriate for clinical research by the Institute of Medicine — helps keep people with

prediabetes from getting Type 2 diabetes. Based on observations from earlier studies, researchers speculate that vitamin D could reduce the diabetes risk by 25 percent. The study will also examine if sex, age or race affect the potential of vitamin D to reduce diabetes risk.

"An estimated 79 million Americans have prediabetes, and nearly 26 million more have diabetes," said NIDDK Director Griffin P. Rodgers, M.D. "With D2d, we seek evidence for an affordable and accessible way to help prevent or delay Type 2 diabetes."

Researchers are recruiting volunteers to take part in D2d. Half of the participants will receive vitamin D. The other half will receive a placebo — a pill that has no drug effect. Participants will have check-ups for the study twice a year, and will receive regular health care through their own health care providers.

The study will be double-blinded, so neither participants nor the study's clinical staff will know who is receiving vitamin D and who is receiving placebo. The study will continue until enough people have developed Type 2 diabetes to be able to make a scientifically valid comparison between diabetes development in the two groups, likely about four years.

Learn more about the study, including how to take part in D2d, at www.D2dstudy.org.

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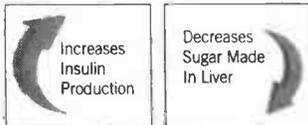
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- By itself, JANUVIA is not likely to cause weight gain or low blood sugar (hypoglycemia).

JANUVIA (jah-NEW-vee-ah) should not be used in patients with type 1 diabetes or with diabetic ketoacidosis (increased ketones in the blood or urine). If you have had pancreatitis (inflammation of the pancreas), it is not known if you have a higher chance of getting it while taking JANUVIA.

Selected Risk Information About JANUVIA

Serious side effects can happen in people who take JANUVIA, including pancreatitis, which may be severe and lead to death. Before you start taking JANUVIA, tell your doctor if you've ever had pancreatitis. Stop taking JANUVIA and call your doctor right away if you have pain in your stomach area (abdomen) that is severe and will not go away. The pain may be felt going from your abdomen through to your back. The pain may happen with or without vomiting. These may be symptoms of pancreatitis.

Do not take JANUVIA if you are allergic to any of its ingredients, including sitagliptin. Symptoms of serious allergic reactions to JANUVIA, including rash, hives, and swelling of the face, lips, tongue, and throat that may cause difficulty breathing or swallowing, can occur. If you have any symptoms of a serious allergic reaction, stop taking JANUVIA and call your doctor right away.

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Kidney problems, sometimes requiring dialysis, have been reported.

If you take JANUVIA with another medicine that can cause low blood sugar (hypoglycemia), such as a sulfonylurea or insulin, your risk of getting low blood sugar is higher. The dose of your sulfonylurea medicine or insulin may need to be lowered while you use JANUVIA. Signs and symptoms of low blood sugar may include headache, drowsiness, weakness, dizziness, confusion, irritability, hunger, fast heart beat, sweating, and feeling jittery.

Your doctor may do blood tests before and during treatment with JANUVIA to see how well your kidneys are working. Based on these results, your doctor may change your dose of JANUVIA. The most common side effects of JANUVIA are upper respiratory tract infection, stuffy or runny nose and sore throat, and headache.

Call 1-888-JANUVIA or visit www.Januvia.com.

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Medication Guide

JANUVIA® (jah-NEW-vee-ah) (sitagliptin) Tablets

Read this Medication Guide carefully before you start taking JANUVIA and each time you get a refill. There may be new information. This information does not take the place of talking with your doctor about your medical condition or your treatment. If you have any questions about JANUVIA, ask your doctor or pharmacist.

What is the most important information I should know about JANUVIA?

Serious side effects can happen in people taking JANUVIA, including inflammation of the pancreas (pancreatitis) which may be severe and lead to death.

Certain medical problems make you more likely to get pancreatitis.

Before you start taking JANUVIA:

Tell your doctor if you have ever had

- pancreatitis
- stones in your gallbladder (gallstones)
- a history of alcoholism
- high blood triglyceride levels
- kidney problems

Stop taking JANUVIA and call your doctor right away if you have pain in your stomach area (abdomen) that is severe and will not go away. The pain may be felt going from your abdomen through to your back. The pain may happen with or without vomiting. These may be symptoms of pancreatitis.

What is JANUVIA?

- JANUVIA is a prescription medicine used along with diet and exercise to lower blood sugar in adults with type 2 diabetes.
- JANUVIA is not for people with type 1 diabetes.
- JANUVIA is not for people with diabetic ketoacidosis (increased ketones in your blood or urine).
- If you have had pancreatitis (inflammation of the pancreas) in the past, it is not known if you have a higher chance of getting pancreatitis while you take JANUVIA.
- It is not known if JANUVIA is safe and effective when used in children under 18 years of age.

Who should not take JANUVIA?

Do not take JANUVIA if:

- you are allergic to any of the ingredients in JANUVIA. See the end of this Medication Guide for a complete list of ingredients in JANUVIA.

Symptoms of a serious allergic reaction to JANUVIA may include:

- rash
- raised red patches on your skin (hives)
- swelling of the face, lips, tongue, and throat that may cause difficulty in breathing or swallowing

What should I tell my doctor before taking JANUVIA?

Before you take JANUVIA, tell your doctor if you:

- have or have had inflammation of your pancreas (pancreatitis).
- have kidney problems.
- have any other medical conditions.
- are pregnant or plan to become pregnant. It is not known if JANUVIA will harm your unborn baby. If you are pregnant, talk with your doctor about the best way to control your blood sugar while you are pregnant.

Pregnancy Registry: If you take JANUVIA at any time during your pregnancy, talk with your doctor about how you can join the JANUVIA pregnancy registry. The purpose of this registry is to collect information about the health of you and your baby. You can enroll in this registry by calling 1-800-986-8999.

- are breast-feeding or plan to breast-feed. It is not known if JANUVIA will pass into your breast milk. Talk with your doctor about the best way to feed your baby if you are taking JANUVIA.

Tell your doctor about all the medicines you take, including prescription and non-prescription medicines, vitamins, and herbal supplements.

Know the medicines you take. Keep a list of your medicines and show it to your doctor and pharmacist when you get a new medicine.

How should I take JANUVIA?

- Take JANUVIA 1 time each day exactly as your doctor tells you.
- You can take JANUVIA with or without food.
- Your doctor may do blood tests from time to time to see how well your kidneys are working. Your doctor may change your dose of JANUVIA based on the results of your blood tests.
- Your doctor may tell you to take JANUVIA along with other diabetes medicines. Low blood sugar can happen more often when JANUVIA is taken with certain other diabetes medicines. See **"What are the possible side effects of JANUVIA?"**.
- If you miss a dose, take it as soon as you remember. If you do not remember until it is time for your next dose, skip the missed dose and go back to your regular schedule. Do not take two doses of JANUVIA at the same time.
- If you take too much JANUVIA, call your doctor or local Poison Control Center right away.
- When your body is under some types of stress, such as fever, trauma (such as a car accident), infection or surgery, the amount of diabetes medicine that you need may change. Tell your doctor right away if you have any of these conditions and follow your doctor's instructions.
- Check your blood sugar as your doctor tells you to.
- Stay on your prescribed diet and exercise program while taking JANUVIA.
- Talk to your doctor about how to prevent, recognize and manage low blood sugar (hypoglycemia), high blood sugar (hyperglycemia), and problems you have because of your diabetes.
- Your doctor will check your diabetes with regular blood tests, including your blood sugar levels and your hemoglobin A1C.

What are the possible side effects of JANUVIA?

Serious side effects have happened in people taking JANUVIA.

- See **"What is the most important information I should know about JANUVIA?"**.
- **Low blood sugar (hypoglycemia).** If you take JANUVIA with another medicine that can cause low blood sugar, such as a sulfonylurea or insulin, your risk of getting low blood sugar is higher. The dose of your sulfonylurea medicine or insulin may need to be lowered while you use JANUVIA. Signs and symptoms of low blood sugar may include:

• headache	• irritability
• drowsiness	• hunger
• weakness	• fast heart beat
• dizziness	• sweating
• confusion	• feeling jittery
- **Serious allergic reactions.** If you have any symptoms of a serious allergic reaction, stop taking JANUVIA and call your doctor right away. See **"Who should not take JANUVIA?"**. Your doctor may give you a medicine for your allergic reaction and prescribe a different medicine for your diabetes.
- **Kidney problems**, sometimes requiring dialysis

The most common side effects of JANUVIA include:

- upper respiratory infection
- stuffy or runny nose and sore throat
- headache

JANUVIA may have other side effects, including:

- stomach upset and diarrhea
- swelling of the hands or legs, when JANUVIA is used with rosiglitazone (Avandia®). Rosiglitazone is another type of diabetes medicine.

These are not all the possible side effects of JANUVIA. For more information, ask your doctor or pharmacist.

Tell your doctor if you have any side effect that bothers you, is unusual or does not go away.

Call your doctor for medical advice about side effects. You may report side effects to FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088.

How should I store JANUVIA?

Store JANUVIA at 68°F to 77°F (20°C to 25°C).

Keep JANUVIA and all medicines out of the reach of children.

General information about the use of JANUVIA

Medicines are sometimes prescribed for purposes that are not listed in Medication Guides. Do not use JANUVIA for a condition for which it was not prescribed. Do not give JANUVIA to other people, even if they have the same symptoms you have. It may harm them. This Medication Guide summarizes the most important information about JANUVIA. If you would like to know more information, talk with your doctor. You can ask your doctor or pharmacist for additional information about JANUVIA that is written for health professionals. For more information, go to www.JANUVIA.com or call 1-800-622-4477.

What are the ingredients in JANUVIA?

Active ingredient: sitagliptin

Inactive ingredients: microcrystalline cellulose, anhydrous dibasic calcium phosphate, croscarmellose sodium, magnesium stearate, and sodium stearyl fumarate. The tablet film coating contains the following inactive ingredients: polyvinyl alcohol, polyethylene glycol, talc, titanium dioxide, red iron oxide, and yellow iron oxide.

What is type 2 diabetes?

Type 2 diabetes is a condition in which your body does not make enough insulin, and the insulin that your body produces does not work as well as it should. Your body can also make too much sugar. When this happens, sugar (glucose) builds up in the blood. This can lead to serious medical problems.

High blood sugar can be lowered by diet and exercise, and by certain medicines when necessary.

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New nutritional guidelines suggest one size does not fit all

The American Diabetes Association recommends all people living with diabetes make nutrition therapy a part of their diabetes treatment plan, but emphasizes that there is no single eating pattern that is best for everyone, according to a position statement published online Oct. 9 in *Diabetes Care*.

This position statement replaces the nutrition therapy recommendations for the management of adults with diabetes published in 2008. The 2013 statement provides a set of recommendations based on review of recent scientific evidence. It calls for all adults diagnosed with diabetes to eat a variety of nutrient-dense foods in appropriate portion sizes as part of an eating plan that takes into account individual preferences, culture, religious beliefs, traditions and metabolic goals. Since people eat food and not single nutrients such as carbohydrates, protein and fat, the report includes a new section on eating patterns.

"Just because you have been diagnosed with diabetes does not mean you can no longer enjoy the foods you love or your cultural traditions," said Alison Evert, MS, RD, CDE, Coordinator of Diabetes Education Programs — University of Washington Medical Center, Diabetes Care Center. "Ideally the person with diabetes should be referred to a registered dietitian or participate in a diabetes self-management education program, soon after diagnosis. An important goal of nutrition therapy for adults with diabetes includes the collaborative development of an individualized eating plan with ongoing support to promote health behavior change."

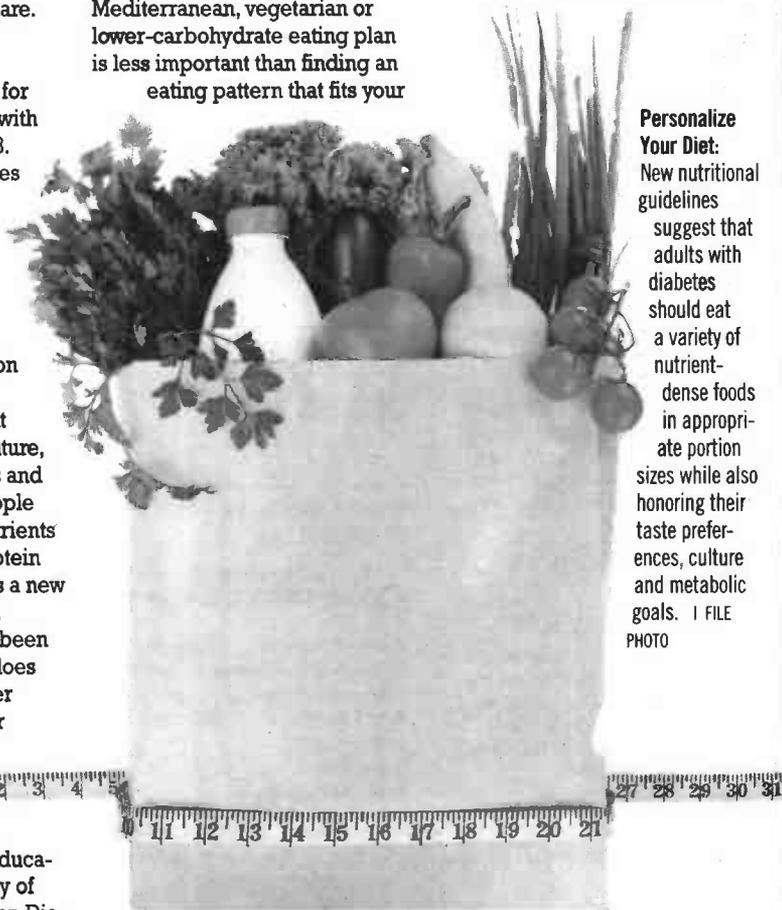
Jackie Boucher, MS, RD, LD, CDE, Vice President for Education, Minneapolis Heart Insti-

tute Foundation, noted that the scientific evidence is still limited related to various eating patterns and their impact on health outcomes in individuals with diabetes. Current evidence does not strongly support one eating pattern over another.

"Whether you prefer a Mediterranean, vegetarian or lower-carbohydrate eating plan is less important than finding an eating pattern that fits your

evidence of an ideal amount of carbohydrate intake for people with diabetes. However, the authors suggest that whatever carbohydrates are eaten should come from vegetables, whole grains, fruits, legumes and dairy products, over other sources that contain added

Personalize Your Diet: New nutritional guidelines suggest that adults with diabetes should eat a variety of nutrient-dense foods in appropriate portion sizes while also honoring their taste preferences, culture and metabolic goals. | FILE PHOTO



food preferences and lifestyle, can be consistently followed and that provides you with the nutrition you need for good health," she said.

In choosing an appropriate eating plan, people with diabetes should be sure to consider individual metabolic goals, such as their glucose and lipid levels and blood pressure, the statement notes.

The new guidelines also note that there is no conclusive

evidence of an ideal amount of total fat intake. Fat quality (eating monounsaturated and polyunsaturated fats and avoiding trans fats and saturated fats) appears to be more important than quantity, the authors note. Although individuals working to manage their weight should still eat even good fats in moderation.

The American Diabetes Association

ABOUT THE GUIDELINES

The American Diabetes Association's new nutritional guidelines state:

- Adults diagnosed with diabetes should eat a variety of nutrient-dense foods in appropriate portion sizes as part of an eating plan that takes into account individual preferences, culture, religious beliefs, traditions and metabolic goals.
- People with diabetes should limit or avoid intake of sugar-sweetened beverages (from any caloric sweetener including high fructose corn syrup and sucrose) to reduce risk for weight gain and worsening of cardiovascular risk profile.
- The recommendation for the general population to reduce sodium to less than 2300 mg per day is also appropriate for people with diabetes, with additional reductions individualized for those who have high blood pressure.
- People with diabetes do not benefit from use of omega-3 (EPA/DHA) supplements for the prevention or treatment of cardiovascular disease. The recommendation for the general public, to eat fatty fish at least 2 times (2 servings) per week is also appropriate for people with diabetes.
- There is no clear evidence of benefit from vitamin or mineral supplements for people with diabetes who do not have underlying vitamin or mineral deficiencies. Nor is there evidence to support the use of cinnamon or other herbs or supplements for the treatment of diabetes.

Walk in the shoes of someone with Type 1 diabetes

Throughout the month of November, JDRF invites people to step into the shoes of someone with Type 1 diabetes (T1D) by participating in its T1D for a Day challenge, a free text message campaign presented by Lilly Diabetes.

By texting T1D4aDay to 63566 any time now through Nov. 30, participants of T1D for a Day will be led through 24 hours of virtual T1D, gaining a deeper understanding of the constant vigilance required to manage this disease, which affects as many as 3 million Americans.

This year's challenge will be hosted by JDRF celebrity advocate and professional snowboarder Sean Busby, who has lived with T1D for nine years. Text messages delivered from Busby to participants over the course of a day will offer a close look into his life with T1D, as he explains in real-time the various activities of his day, how they affect his blood sugar, and the measures he must take to stay safe and healthy.

"Taking care of type 1 diabetes every day is hard work, but most people don't realize how hard," Busby said. "By taking the challenge, you will experience for one day what many people live with every day. You'll learn how complicated life with Type 1 diabetes is and understand the urgent need for a cure."

Participation in T1D for a Day is free of charge. (You may receive up to 45 messages.) Message and data rates may apply. Text Stop to 63566 to unsubscribe. Text Help to 63566 for help. Mobile terms and conditions at www.protexting.com/T1D4ADAY.html.

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TYPE 1 VS. TYPE 2

Type 1 diabetes, which was previously called insulin-dependent diabetes mellitus or juvenile-onset diabetes, develops when the body's immune system destroys pancreatic beta cells, the only cells in the body that makes insulin. Type 1 diabetes accounts for about 5 percent of diabetes diagnoses.

Type 2 diabetes, which was previously called non-insulin-dependent diabetes mellitus or adult-onset diabetes, usually begins as insulin resistance. Risk factors for Type 2 diabetes include older age, obesity, history of diabetes, impaired glucose metabolism, physical inactivity and race/ethnicity. This form accounts for 90 to 95 percent of diagnosed diabetes cases.

The American Diabetes Association

How you can fight diabetes at church

The American Diabetes Association seeks participants for its "I Decide (ID) to Stop Diabetes" Day at Church Nov. 10. The "ID" Day is part of the association's Live Empowered program, which strives to increase awareness of the seriousness of diabetes within the African-American community.

Today, nearly 26 million Americans have diabetes and another 79 million people have prediabetes. If current trends continue, 1 in 3 Americans will have Type 2 diabetes by 2050; the number increases to 1 in 2 for communities of color.

Congregations are invited to heighten awareness about this disease. Across the country, more than 2,000 churches of various denominations will participate in "ID" Day. Locally, this event provides diabetes education to congregants, reaching more than 35,000 people each year.

Here's how your church can help:

- Celebrate ID Day at church on

Nov. 10 using the free educational materials provided by the American Diabetes Association.

- Host diabetes awareness activities leading up to or after ID Day at church. Such activities might include healthy meals and/or church work outs before or after church service.

- Add American Diabetes Month to your church calendar and invite congregants to visit diabetesmosaic.org to help the association build the true picture of diabetes.

Live Empowered comprises 5 different programs. In addition to ID Day, The Chicago office offers three other programs. They are:

- Project Power: Faith-based diabetes awareness workshops including topics such as: management, prevention and treatment (Power Over Diabetes), physical activity (Fit and Faithful), healthy eating (O'Taste & See), heart disease and health risk (A Clean Heart) and



Calling On Your Faith: The American Diabetes Association seeks participants for its "I Decide (ID) to Stop Diabetes" Day at Church Nov. 10. The "ID" Day is part of the Association's Live Empowered program, which strives to increase awareness of the seriousness of diabetes within the African-American community. | FILE PHOTO

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For information on the Live Empowered program, contact Sheena Bryant at (312) 346-1805, ext. 6571, or shbryant@diabetes.org.

The American Diabetes Association

Researchers identify a possible treatment target for Type 2 diabetes

Earlier this year, researchers at the National Institutes of Health clarified in rodent and test tube experiments the role that inflammation plays in Type 2 diabetes, and revealed a possible molecular target for treating the disease.

The researchers say some natural messenger chemicals in the body are involved in an inflammatory chain that can kill cells in the pancreas, which produces insulin.

A report of the finding appeared online in *Nature Medicine* in August.

"This study is a significant milestone in an ongoing exploration of the endocannabinoid system's role in the metabolic complications of obesity," said Kenneth R. Warren, Ph.D., acting director of NIH's National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA), which led the study.

Endocannabinoids are natural messengers in the body that help regulate many biological functions. They are chemically similar to the active compound in marijuana. Recent studies have tied endocannabinoids to the metabolic problems that lead to diabetes. Researchers also have recognized that inflammation appears to play an important role in the pathology of diabetes.

"The identities of the molecular and cellular actors in the inflammatory processes that underlie Type 2 diabetes have remained elusive," explained senior author and NIAAA scientific director George Kunos, M.D., Ph.D. "Our study connects endocannabinoids to an inflamma-

tory cascade leading to the loss of beta cells in the pancreas, which is a hallmark of Type 2 diabetes."

Working with a strain of genetically obese rats that serve as a model for human Type 2 diabetes, Kunos and his colleagues used a combination of pharmacological and genetic tools to show that endocannabinoids trigger receptors on macrophages in the pancreas. Macrophages are immune system cells, present in all tissues that rid the body of cellular debris and pathogens.

The researchers demonstrated that endocannabinoid activation of macrophages in the pancreas leads to activation of a protein complex within macrophages called the Nlrp3 inflammasome. The inflammasome, in turn, releases molecules that cause the death of pancreatic beta cells and the progression of Type 2 diabetes in the rats.

"When we treated the rats with compounds that deplete macrophages or block all peripheral cannabinoid receptors, inflammasome activation and Type 2 diabetes progression was slowed," Kunos said.

The authors conclude that the findings point to a key role in Type 2 diabetes for endocannabinoid-induced inflammasome activation in macrophages, and identify cannabinoid receptors on macrophages as a new therapeutic target.

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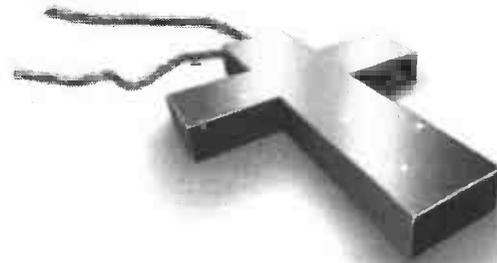
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Cherished husband of the late Muriel Lome Afton; loving father of Thomas Afton of Paris, France and Joan Afton of Los Angeles; beloved cousin, friend, and neighbor of many.

Preceded in death by parents, Norbert Louis Afton and Esther Kaufman Afton and brother, Leonard (the late Helen) Afton.

Services have been held.

Memorial contributions may be made to Sante D'Or Animal Rescue and Adoption Center, <http://www.santedor.org/donate>.

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Was born September 28, 1926 in Oak Park, Illinois. His life ended on October 6, 2013 in Park Ridge's Advocate Lutheran General Hospital.

His achievements include identifying the rock structure of the moon and in assisting with the development of Biomedical Engineering groups at 8 hospitals in the Chicago area.

His parents, Bertha and Joe; and sons, Nathan and Aaron preceded him in death. He is survived by his wife, Mary Alice (Raitor); brothers, Wayne (Carol and family) and Vince; and grandson, A.J. and his mother, Nina.

Memorial services will be held at SS Faith, Hope and Charity in Winnetka, IL at 11:00 a.m. on November 9, 2013.

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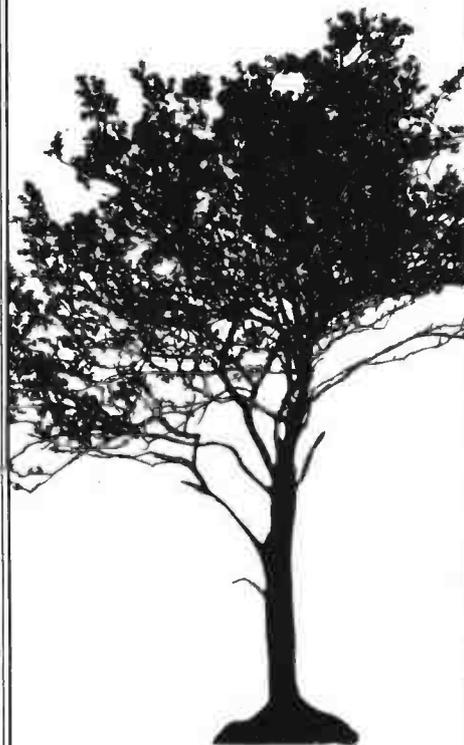


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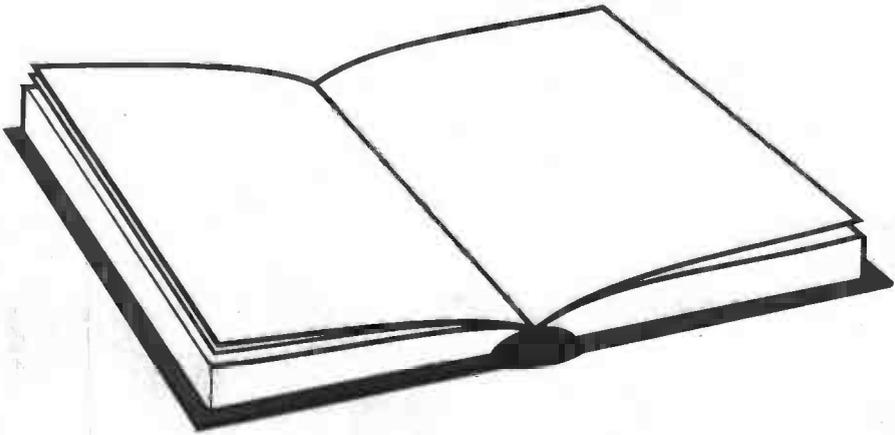
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Tom Bryson's 1974 AMX Javelin

By Joshua Beckman - joshua.beckman@wrapports.com



Only 250 or so AMX Javelins were manufactured in 1974, and Tom Bryson of Countryside, IL has one of them.

At the age of 16, Bryson purchased the car in 1975 from the original owner, driving it all throughout his years of high school and college and through 10 years of working life before he left it to sit in his garage for the next 20 years.

Bryson has worked as a Lincoln-Mercury mechanic for over 20 years, and decided two years ago to begin restoration of his nearly 40-year-old Javelin. He dismantled and reassembled the engine, transmission and brakes. Bryson's brother works at an auto body shop, and helped him remove every panel for stripping, three different types and layers of primer and a factory-stock painting to rejuvenate the whole body. "It

would have cost a fortune to restore it the way I have," says Bryson, "but my skills and my brother helped to cut the costs significantly. I even added a dual exhaust, to give it that nice muscle noise."

Bryson doesn't drive the Javelin very much since the restoration. "I restore it and I'm afraid to take it out - it took me over two years

to restore it to this condition. It's sitting pretty where it is right now - no plans for any more changes or any real adventures."

Though he doesn't expect to part with his newfound Javelin, "if I got the right offer, I would consider selling it," Bryson says. "I think people would be willing to pay a good deal for it now."



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Imports make up 65 percent of sales

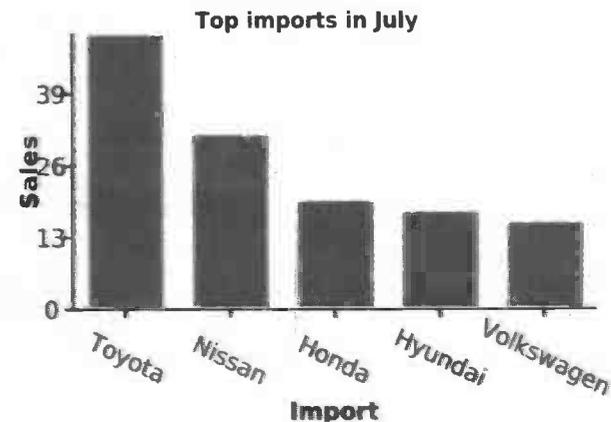
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Residents of Niles opted to buy domestic vehicles 35 percent of time in July. Sales of domestic vehicles totaled 111 of the overall 315 auto sales to residents in the month.

Ford sales accounted for 45 of the 111 total domestic vehicle sales to Niles residents. A total of 27 used Ford vehicles and 18 new Ford vehicles made up the 45 overall Ford sales in the month.

Residents of Niles went with imports 65 percent of time in July, as 204 of the overall 315 auto sales in the month came from this category. Toyota was the most popular import purchased in the month, accounting for 50 of the total 204 import sales. A total of 31 pre-owned vehicles and 19 new vehicles comprise the overall total of 50 Toyota purchases in July.

Toyota led the way in used import sales with a total of 31 sales. Nissan (14) and Honda (12) followed in used import sales.



SOURCE: Illinois Secretary of State

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Popular imports bought new by Niles residents included Toyota, with a total of 19 sales, followed by Nissan (18) and Hyundai (15).

On the flip side, Ford was first in used domestic sales, with a total of 27 sales, while Chevrolet (15) and Dodge (four) followed. In addition, popular domestic brands bought new in the month included Ford, with a total of 18 sales, followed by Chevrolet (nine) and

Jeep (six).

Golf Mill Ford sold more domestic vehicles to residents of Niles than any other car dealership in the month of July. Other popular dealers of domestic cars and trucks to Niles residents in the month included Sherman Dodge and Bredemann Chevrolet. In the category of import sales, Star Nissan led the way in July, followed by Bredemann Toyota and O'Hare Hyundai.



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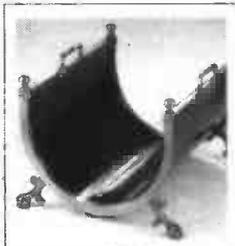
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Niles North alumnus Aron Sebhat took third place at the CCIW Championships as part of the North Central College men's cross country team Nov. 2. | PHOTO BY STEVE WOLTMANN

||| COLLEGE NOTES

Sebhat, North Central continue dominant cross country run

BY NICK BULLOCK
For Sun-Times Media, @HSCNewsNorth

Niles North alumnus Aron Sebhat, a sophomore on the North Central College men's cross country team, took third place at the College Conference of Illinois & Wisconsin Championships Nov. 2 at St. James Farm in Warrenville. The Skokie native's third-place finish helped lead his team to its 40th straight CCIW win.

Sebhat finished with a time of 24 minutes, 59.29 seconds. North Central's seven-man team took the top seven spots in the competition.

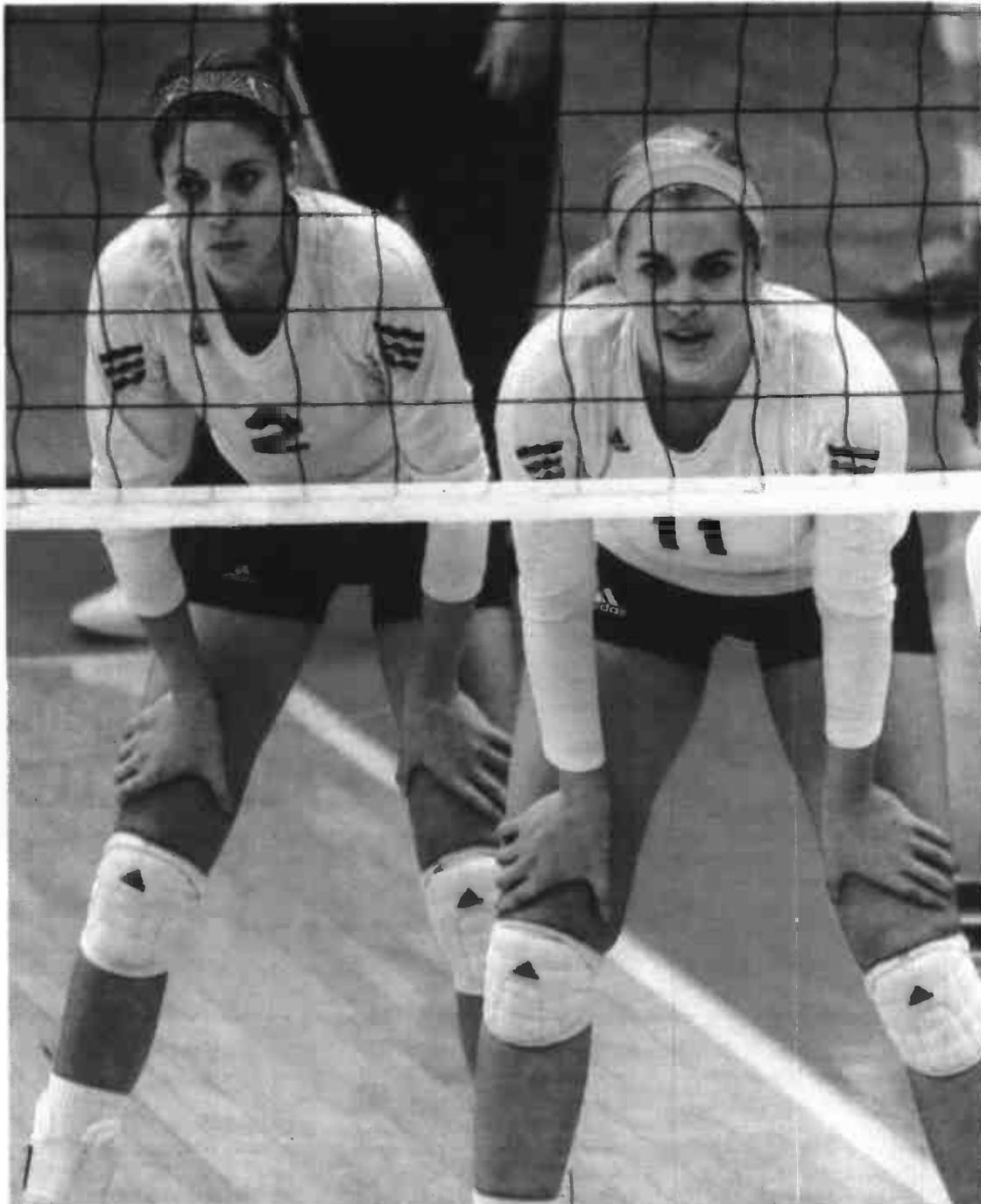
Sebhat and his teammates have been the No. 1-ranked NCAA Division III program for eight straight weeks and counting. The team's next challenge will come at the NCAA Division III Midwest

Regional Championships Nov. 16 at the Saukie Golf Course in Rock Island. North Central will be competing for its sixth straight regional title.

Lake Zurich alumna Layne Self, a middle blocker for the Rhode Island women's volleyball team, was recently named Atlantic 10 Defensive Player of the Week. The freshman recorded 15 blocks and three digs in three matches. She also contributed offensively with 32 kills and three aces.

Self, a Hawthorn Woods native, leads Rhode Island in blocks (105) by a wide margin while helping the team to a 12-13 start. She sits second on the team in kills with 199 through 25 games and second in sets played (88).

Catie Steffen, a Libertyville



Lake Zurich graduate Layne Self (right) and Libertyville alumna Catie Steffen prepare for a point during a match with the Rhode Island women's volleyball team Sept. 13. | PHOTO BY MICHAEL SCOTT/RHODE ISLAND ATHLETICS

alumna, is also on the Rhode Island women's volleyball team. The junior outside hitter ranks third on the team in kills (196) and second in kills per set (2.8). She also has 12 service aces, 119 digs and 24 blocks on the season.

Hinsdale Central alumnus Arash Darbandi, a senior on the Illinois-Chicago men's cross country team, placed second on his

team and 69th overall at the ISU Pre-National Invitational Oct. 19 in Terre Haute, Ind. Darbandi's time of 26:14.35 helped his team secure a 19th-place finish. It was the Oak Brook native's second best time of the season, behind only his 26:13.05 finish at the Illinois Intercollegiate Championships to start the season.

Glenbrook North alumna Ashlyn Mathy, a sophomore and

captain of the Oakton Community College women's cross country team, recently placed 15th out of 37 competitors in the Illinois Skyway Collegiate Conference meet hosted by Moraine Valley Community College Oct. 26. Mathy's performance in the 5K race helped lead her team to a fifth-place finish.

Have a suggestion for the College Roundup? Email Nick Bullock at bullockpioneerpress@gmail.com.

||| GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY STATE PREVIEW

Monticello's late surge helps Ramblers make state

New Trier's Molly Schmidt showcases mental toughness during races by sticking with her older sister

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

The Class 3A Lake Park Sectional was the first time all season that the Loyola girls cross country team had its five best runners compete in the same race.

Junior Claire Monticello made her season debut at the state-qualifier, completing the course in 19 minutes, 33.2 seconds to finish 68th overall. She was Loyola's fifth-fastest runner — each team's five fastest runners count toward its score — and in the final 10 meters she was truly spectacular.

Monticello passed Young sophomore Zoe Kane-Priessi (19:33.6, 70th overall) and St. Ignatius freshman Maddie Kyhl (19:33.4, 69th) right before she crossed the finish line. The Ramblers wound up earning the sectional's fifth and final state berth by just one point — 205-206 — over sixth-place St. Ignatius.

"Our fifth, and St. Ignatius' fifth, they actually ended up with the same finishing time except for 0.23 of a second," Loyola coach Chris-Jon Simon said. "That was really how we made it (downstate)."

Monticello had been missing from Loyola's lineup all season because she strained her lower back early in the fall, Simon said, and her back would regularly spasm when she ran in practice.

As a result, Monticello was not able to train with her teammates for the majority of the season. She used alternative methods — bike workouts, pool workouts and workouts on elliptical machines — to maintain her fitness in preparation



New Trier's Mimi Smith (left) and Fenwick's Olivia Ryan (right) fight for second place around the 1-mile mark at the Class 3A Lake Park Sectional on Saturday. | PATRICK GLEASON/FOR SUN-TIMES MEDIA

for her return.

The Class 3A state meet is scheduled for Saturday at Detweiler Park in Peoria.

NEW TRIER

New Trier sophomore Kelli Schmidt and freshman Molly Schmidt finished 18th and 19th, respectively, at the Lake Park Sectional, with times that were only .07 seconds apart.

The Schmidt sisters' times have been within a second or two of each other all season, New Trier girls cross country coach John Burnside said. Burnside said Molly Schmidt has been able to keep up with her older sister largely because of her mental toughness

during races.

"Molly really has a courageous nature about her," Burnside said. "She's willing to stick with Kelli and the rest of these older kids, even when her body is hurting. ... I think the big thing that can happen in the middle of the race, too, is a lot of self-doubt."

"When you feel that pain and you're still not near the end, there's really the chance to just give up. And she's just never done it. She's never let fear dictate her race and, for a young runner, that's really something that's very amazing."

The Schmidts, along with the rest of the Trevians' varsity squad, advanced to the Class 3A state meet by finishing second (76

points) at the Lake Park Sectional. New Trier junior Mimi Smith (16:55.0) finished second overall at the sectional, and freshman Cara Keleher (18:05.9) finished 13th.

New Trier senior Kaitlin Frei (18:14.9) rounded out the team's top five by finishing 22nd.

EVANSTON AND NILES WEST

Niles West junior Christine Mujica (18:00.1) finished 13th at the sectional, and Evanston senior Kyla Steman (18:12.5) took 20th overall.

Both Mujica and Steman qualified for state as individuals, and Saturday afternoon's Class 3A state meet will be the first for both runners.

NORTHRIDGE MAKES STATE

The Knights (193 points) finished third at Saturday's Class 1A Lisle Sectional, earning a spot at the boys cross country state meet Saturday.

Northridge's top runner was sophomore Nathan Swanson, who came in ninth (17:40).

REGINA

Panthers junior Kate McDonough advanced to Saturday's Class 2A state meet in Peoria by placing 24th at the U-High Sectional with a time of 20:44.

||| NILES WEST

Wolves secondary proud of improvement despite loss

Three seniors played a key role in shutting down opposing quarterbacks, wide receivers

BY JONAH ROSENBLUM
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PARK RIDGE — Maine South's Brian Collis threw to open receivers throughout Saturday's Class 8A first-round playoff game against Niles West. He missed a few of them, but five of his 18 pass attempts went for 10-plus yards.

Given how Niles West thrived off its secondary all season, the Wolves' 56-20 defeat ended their season in unexpected form.

"They ran everything that we were prepared for in the early drives, but they added new plays, new crossing routes, which really threw us off," senior Andrew Mihulet said. "They beat us deep a couple of times. It was unfortunate. It doesn't happen often. This whole season, we haven't let (up) deep balls."

Since Niles West gave up an 8A-record 69 points in its first round loss to Palatine in 2012, the secondary unit had been dedicated to achieving something different.

"That's where it all started," Mihulet said.

Mihulet said they watched a lot of film, looking for tendencies. Fellow senior Nick Johnson credited the work of coach Scott Baum and defensive backs coach Matt Hohns.

"We really sat down and thought about the mental aspect of playing defensive back," Johnson said. "Give credit to the coaches. They sat us down as soon as the season was over last year. We went over things every day all the way up to (when) this season started."

For Baum, it was a special unit to work with.

"It was easy," Baum said. "It's like being a teacher. When you have good students, it's easy to



Maine South's John Hader (center) can't hold onto a pass while being defended by Niles West's Nick Johnson (left) and Christian Cervantes (right) during Saturday's Class 8A first-round playoff game in Park Ridge. | TIM BOYLE/FOR SUN-TIMES MEDIA.

teach. When you have a good group of players, it's easy to coach."

Baum said the team began to remind him of some of the secondaries he worked with as a defensive backs coach and defensive coordinator at Loyola in the early 1990s.

"You always have one or two defensive backs, but it's really when you have three or four, even five, kids that stand out, this is one of those groups," Baum said.

Mihulet led the way, recording his 12th interception in heavy traffic Saturday. He said afterward that he had dropped back to secure the pick after initially misreading the play.

"Andrew had a hell of a season," Johnson said. "He was like a grown man out there running around. He's no doubt the best cover corner in our conference easily, maybe

even in Illinois. The things he does are ridiculous."

Mihulet, a former quarterback who was converted to wide receiver/defensive back, excelled in ways that Baum never could have expected.

"We knew he could play defense ... but I don't know if we felt he'd become the defensive player that he did," Baum said.

Mihulet was a relative newcomer to the unit, given that Johnson, whom Baum proclaimed "the quarterback of our defense," and senior Garrett Iverson both joined the secondary as sophomores.

"I don't know if 'father figure' or 'the warrior' would be a great term to use for (Iverson), but he brings a nice demeanor to the game," Baum said. "He's the guy who kind of explains things and gets them fired

up. He was the maturity factor out there."

The Niles West defensive backs worked as neatly as an assembly line.

"(Garrett) made our calls, our straight calls, and got people in the right position, and then Nick kind of took over and saw what the offense was doing," Baum said. "And Andrew would go make plays."

Christian Cervantes, Jeremy Pignato and the rest of the returning Wolves secondary will try to replicate that cohesion next season.

"They set a high standard, and there are kids that want to be like those guys next year," Baum said. "They want to play like Nick Johnson, Garrett Iverson and Andrew Mihulet. Their legacy will be left behind."

GAME RECAP

Maine South 56
Niles West 20

THE SKINNY

The fifth-seeded Maine South football team pulled away late in the first half Saturday, ultimately defeating No. 12 Niles West 56-20 in the opening round of the Class 8A playoffs in Park Ridge. The Wolves were denied their first playoff win since 1991 and fell to 0-6 all-time in 8A first-round games.

TURNING POINT

The Wolves drew within a score with 3:21 remaining in the first half when junior quarterback Tommy Galanopoulos found senior wide receiver Andrew Mihulet for a 35-yard touchdown. The Hawks needed just two plays to respond. First, senior running back Clay Burdelik picked up 8 yards and then junior running back Tommy Bazarek took a screen pass 59 yards down the left sideline into the end zone. Two minutes and 15 seconds later, Hawks sophomore quarterback Brian Collis tossed a perfect cross-field lob to Bazarek to take a 28-7 lead into the intermission.

THE STAR

Burdelik — who made his return from a separated left shoulder — finished with 120 yards on 15 carries.

BY THE NUMBERS

The Wolves converted on three of their first four third-down tries, but went one for their final eight, absorbing three sacks. One came on a third-and-eight at the Maine South 26, thus knocking Niles West out of field-goal range for sure.

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||| **NOTRE DAME**

More to Dons than the running game

Cravens, Dietz and Simon have each caught at least 17 passes this season

BY **MATT HARNES**

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PALATINE — Ryan Greene and Pat Cravens have known each other since grade school.

They once were opponents in the North West Catholic Conference in Chicago, but now they are teammates on the Notre Dame football team, which is looking to get to the quarterfinals of the state playoffs for the second season in a row. The Dons play host to top-seeded Loyola at 6 p.m. Saturday in the second round.

It was easy to see the strong connection between Greene and Cravens on Friday during the Dons' 28-14 win over Fremd in the first round of the Class 8A playoffs.

Cravens caught four passes for 70 yards, including a 24-yard touchdown that secured the victory.

"I had a couple of options," Greene said of the scoring play in the third quarter that gave Notre Dame a 21-7 lead. "I was seeing where I had the numbers and the advantage. Once I saw the line-backer crashing run, I got the ball out to Pat. Pat is a great athlete, and he did the rest."

While senior running back Chris James is the star of Notre Dame's offense — he rushed for 243 yards against Fremd — Cravens and fellow senior receivers Dan Dietz and Tom Simon enable the Dons (7-3) to be multi-dimensional. And that's something coach Mike Hennessey said he knew



Notre Dame quarterback Ryan Greene looks to throw a shovel pass while under pressure during Friday's game at Fremd in the first round of the Class 8A playoffs. Greene and Notre Dame senior receivers Pat Cravens, Dan Dietz and Tom Simon bring balance to the Notre Dame offense. | JOE CYGANOWSKI/FOR SUN-TIMES MEDIA

would be important to the team's success this season.

"There's no question Chris is going to get the ball a lot," Hennessey said. "But our offense had to be more diversified this year. We are getting the ball in a good number of hands."

Cravens comes into the game against Loyola with 21 catches for 424 yards and five touchdowns. Dietz has a team-high 24 catches, while Simon has 17 receptions.

Although Dietz didn't score Saturday, his 32-yard catch on third-and-three on the first play of the fourth quarter set up the Dons for their fourth touchdown of the game.

"I've got guys I can throw to," said Greene, who's completed 56 percent of his passes for 1,566 yards and 14 touchdowns. "They are all good athletes, and they understand defenses and know where the soft spots are."

PLAYOFF REVIEW

Class 8A

No. 1 Loyola (9-1)
at **No. 9 Notre Dame (7-3)**
6 p.m. Saturday

PLAYERS TO WATCH

Jack Penn, Loyola — The senior quarterback looked sharp in his second game back after missing two with a left (throwing) shoulder injury. In one half, he finished 5-for-7 for 57 yards and two touchdowns. He also ran for a 21-yard score in the team's 48-7 victory Saturday against Lane.

Owen Buscaglia, Loyola — Buscaglia, a junior receiver, scored his team's first TD on a 13-yard reception from Penn. He now is tied with senior Joe Joyce for the team lead with eight touchdown receptions.

Chris James, Notre Dame — James busted loose in the second half of Friday's 28-14 win over Fremd, rushing for 195 of his game-best 243 yards in the final two quarters. The senior running back also scored three TDs in the second half.

Chris Bargione, Notre Dame — The senior defensive lineman had two sacks in the second half. One of them came on a third down in the fourth quarter.

KEY MATCHUP

Time of possession will be big for both teams. Loyola wants to make sure its offense stays on the field to keep the ball out of James' hands, while Notre Dame wants to run clock with James running the ball.

ON THE OTHER SIDELINE

Loyola now has won at least one game in the playoffs in all eight of John Holecsek's seasons as coach. The Ramblers have been to the Class 8A semifinals four consecutive seasons, taking second place in 2011.

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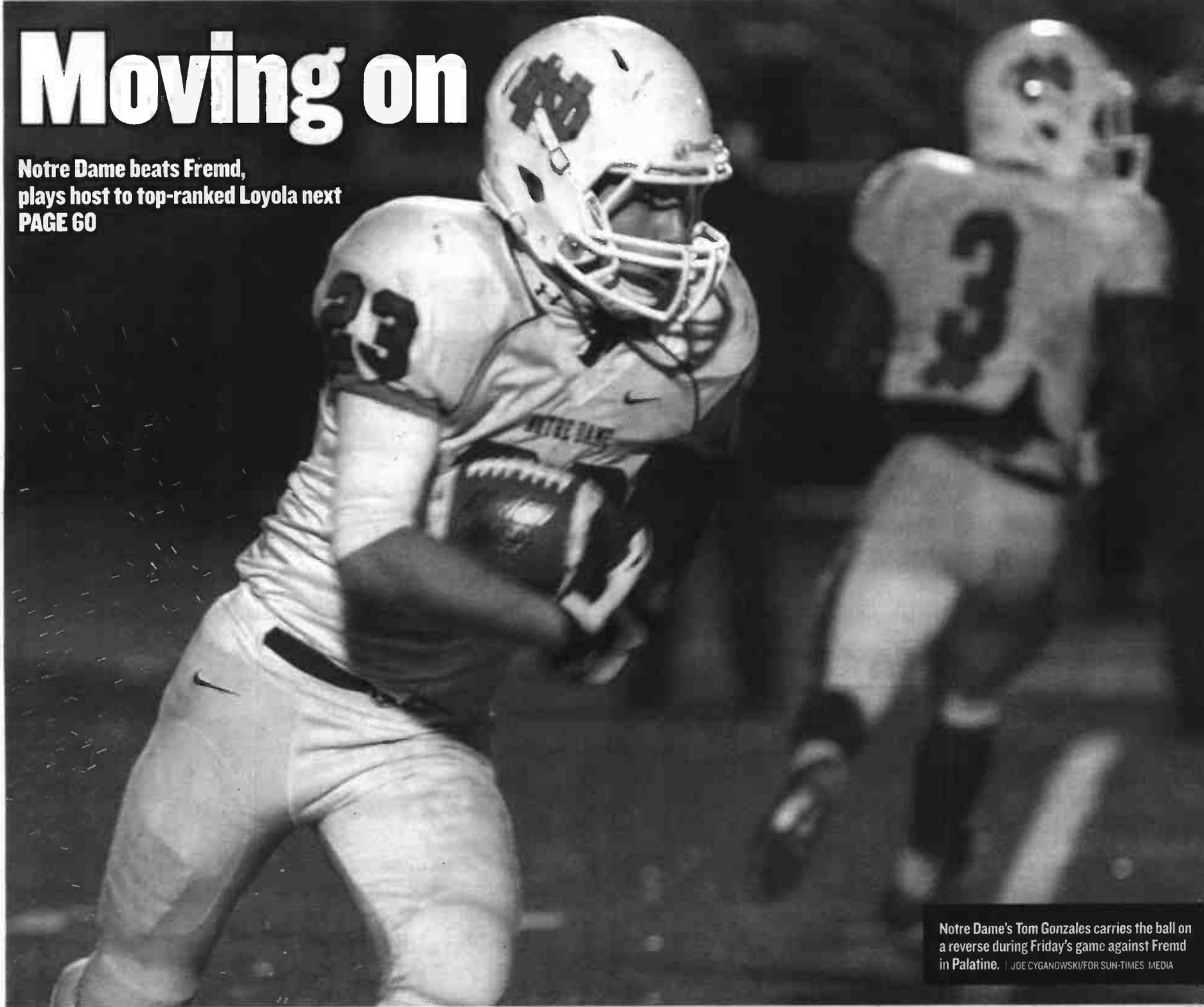
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Notre Dame's Tom Gonzales carries the ball on a reverse during Friday's game against Fremd in Palatine. | JOE CYGANOWSKI/FOR SUN-TIMES MEDIA

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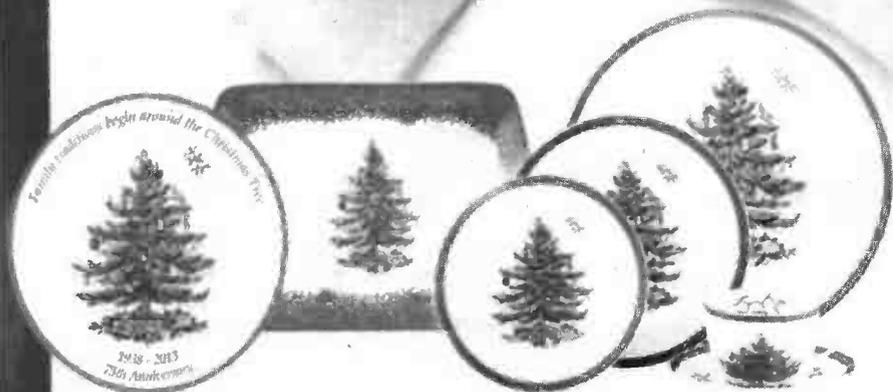
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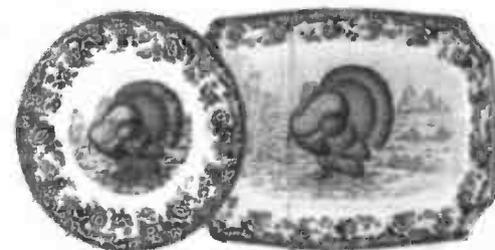
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