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New D64 superintendent likely to be Skokie schools official

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The job of superintendent of Park Ridge-Niles School District 64 was offered this week to a Skokie school administrator. 

Over the weekend, the Board of Education proposed a contract to Laurie Heinz, assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction with Skokie School District 68, said School Board President Anthony Borrelli. 

"I'm waiting for the written contract with her signature on it," Borrelli said Tuesday, adding that some contract details were still being ironed out.

Heinz could not be reached for comment Tuesday. Under the proposed terms, she would start July 1.

The Board of Education was hoping to officially hire her during a special meeting 4 p.m. Jan. 30 at the Educational Service Center, 164 S. Prospect Ave.

Last week, Pioneer Press learned that Robert Machak had withdrawn his candidacy for the superintendent seat, leaving Heinz as the only candidate being considered for the spot.

Machak, who is superintendent of Evergreen Park Elementary School District 124, said in an email late Jan. 23 that he withdrew his name from District 64's consideration "more than a week ago" following a Jan. 9 visit to the district's schools. No visits by district board members were made to his school district, he wrote.

Machak did not respond to a phone call from Pioneer Press.

While speaking to the paper on Jan. 22, Borrelli said the board was "leaning toward [choosing] an individual" and made no mention of Machak's withdrawal.

When asked about Machak two days later, on Jan. 24, Borrelli said he had only found out later Jan. 22 — after speaking with Pioneer Press — that the Evergreen Park superintendent had withdrawn from consideration.

Heinz on Jan. 24 confirmed that she remained an interested candidate for the superintendent.

Borrelli said Heinz was the preferred candidate the board had been seeking to hire during the selection process.

Borrelli described both Heinz and Machak as "exemplary" candidates with qualities the board was looking for, but ultimately one thing about Heinz stood out to the members.

"I have to say her curriculum background was, by far, the outstanding quality that made her rise above the other candidate," Borrelli said.

Heinz is in her third year as assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction with District 68. Prior to this role, she was a principal for nine years in Northbrook School District 27 schools and began her career as a first-grade teacher at Hawthorne Primary School in Vernon Hills.

Heinz holds master's degrees from National Louis University and Northern Illinois University and received a doctorate from National Louis University as well.

District 64 Superintendent Philip Rendel is leaving the district at the end of the 2013-14 school year.

Historic Preservation Commission seeks landmark status for library

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It's not the oldest building in town that has housed a library, but Park Ridge's Historic Preservation Commission still believes the current Park Ridge Public Library merits inclusion on its list of locally-designated landmarks.

Commission Chairwoman Judy Barclay on Jan. 23 sought the Library Board's backing to nominate the nearly 57-year-old library at 20 S. Prospect Ave. as a Park Ridge historic site. Trustees are expected to consider the request at a February committee meeting.

"You're a significant site," Barclay told trustees. "Number one, you are a mid-century modern. There were two architects involved in this building: Charles Rowe and William McCaughey of Zook-McCaughey fame. And, also, you are essential to the community. You are a recognized point in this community. Oftentimes, communities have many municipal buildings that would be significant. At this point in time, the library is the only one."

McCaughey and R. Harold Zook are best known in Park Ridge for designing the art deco-style Pickwick Theatre with Park Ridge sculptor Alfonso Iannelli. The Pickwick is on the National Register of Historic Places and is a Park Ridge landmark as well.

Construction on the Park Ridge Library was completed in 1958. In 1977, the size of the building more than doubled when a southern addition was added.

The city of Park Ridge defines a local landmark as a "site or structure that has been identified as a critical architectural, historical or cultural resource with significance to Park Ridge." Benefits, the commission believes, include protection of the building and recognition of its significance in the community.

Park Ridge's first public library still stands at the northwest corner of Prospect Avenue and Northwest Highway. It was built in 1913, funded by wealthy industrialist Andrew Carnegie.

Barclay said the commission has reached out to the owners that building — which currently consists of a hair salon and office space — expressing interest in recommending it for landmark designation as well, but the group has not received a response.

"We'd love to designate it," said Library Trustee Audra Ebhong. "We send out letters and they just don't respond," Barclay said.

In order to designate a home or building a local landmark, consent from the owner is required — in this case, the Park Ridge Library and the city of Park Ridge.

Final designation must be granted by the Park Ridge City Council.

Barclay was asked if landmark status would prevent any additions to the library building in the future. She responded that the library would need to acquire a "certificate of appropriateness" from the Historic Preservation Commission to make any exterior alterations.
The Ingredients For Better Schools

Cinda Klickna
Illinois Education Association President

W e've all seen the headlines about the U.S. education system ranking disturbingly low when compared to other developed countries. Having dedicated my life to teaching children, these stories grab my attention, make me look for answers and motivate me to bring about positive change.

When we seriously analyze the root causes behind our country's seemingly low test scores, it is important to recognize that we are falling behind in several core areas that directly impact our classrooms. These include teacher preparation, salaries and funding.

By comparison, Finland continues to excel in education thanks to several key initiatives and programs. The Finnish system features an intensive teacher preparation requirement, teacher salaries that compare to doctors and lawyers as well as suitable funding for student courses and programs. Finland also boasts strong mentoring initiatives for new teachers, continual and meaningful professional development, and time for teachers to collaborate with each other.

And, guess what? Student test performance is not the sole focus. Finnish teachers rely on collaborative learning, rather than test scores, to gauge performance.

But, instead of looking at these ingredients as pieces of the whole, our state and country have merely been picking and choosing pieces to implement -- and poorly at that. A cake without all ingredients fails; a soufflé with too much of one ingredient flops.
Coming Together in Skokie and Niles Township started with a bang — the bang of someone beating on a drum, the bang of wood being broken in a martial arts demonstration, the bang of dancers' feet stomping on the ground and bodies being thrown to a mat.

In its opening celebration of the Korean culture, the first of 60 or so events covering Korea over the next six weeks, Coming Together served up a buffet of colorful sights and sounds hinting at the days to come.

Organizers of Coming Together in Skokie and Niles Township like to say that its five dozen programs scheduled for well into March offer something for everyone. The grand opening Jan. 26 at Niles West High School did the very same; there was music and film, martial arts and dance, authentic and vividly colorful wardrobes, some delectable Korean food and even an upstairs display room over the lobby filled with genuine Korean artifacts and art.

"Many people have become interested in Korean culture," said Jung J. Kim who was one of the leaders of this year's Coming Together in Skokie and Niles Township committee. "But they think it's only what happens in TV or in the music industry."

While the heart of Coming Together in Skokie is always literature — a few books are always selected from the year's culture in focus — the nearly-two-month schedule lays out a rich tapestry of events to provide much more than just a glimpse into a given culture.

Korea becomes the fifth culture on display in what has turned out to be an enlightening event bringing the community together in celebration of ethnic diversity. Each year, organizers of Coming Together work with a specific cultural community to put out a lineup that best reflects their world — a world far away from Skokie and Niles Township.

"This is a group of people who are unbelievably industrious," said Susan Van Dusen, one of the organizers of Coming Together in Skokie and Niles Township. "They're extremely organized and they put together a wonderful program. You're going to see so many sides of a culture."

In just a little over a couple hours Sunday, more than 400 visitors to the opening ceremony — which included both the American and Korean National Anthems — took in those multiple sides.
Niles West musicians welcomed visitors Sunday to Coming Together in Skokie's opening ceremony highlighting the Korean culture.

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Susan Van Dusen, one of the founders of Coming Together in Skokie, dresses in authentic Korean garb for the opening of this year's six-week program focusing on the Korean culture.

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A Korean mask dance, a film about Korea today, a Korean "BBQ" dance, a Korean traditional fan dance called the Lotus Flower Dance and a K-Pop dance. There was music by the Korean Children's Choir and String Quartet.

The ending also included performances by District 219 students representing cultures that had come before Korea in previous years — performances by the Greek, Assyrian, Filipino and Indian Clubs.

Coming Together in Skokie was the brainchild of five women from different parts of the village who regularly lunched together. They wanted to expand on Skokie's annual Festival of Cultures weekend and provide greater learning of one culture at a time.

Both programs, though, were borne out of recognition of the growing diversity in Skokie. As Van Dusen noted Sunday, more than 90 different languages are spoken in Skokie homes.

This marks the first year that Niles Township was added to the title of the annual program. As Coming Together has motored along these last five years, it has grown in attendance and interest. This year, the Lincolnwood, Morton Grove and Niles Libraries are hosting key events in the program lineup.

District 219 Superintendent Nanciann Gatta said more people sat around the table during the planning stages of this year's Coming Together than ever before.

"It's a testament to the (Korean) community and how networked they are to one another," she said. "The Korean community has pulled in more people into Coming Together in Skokie from our surrounding areas — not just Niles Township — as they have a vast network of individuals who they are organized with to provide cultural programming and experiences to better understand the Korean people."

Tom C. Suh, president of the Korean-American Association of Chicago, helped with the event and was on hand at the opening. So was Sang Il Kim, consul general of Korea in Chicago.

"Is there anybody who hasn't heard of Samsung, Kia, Hyundai, or any of the great entertainment in sport that we've featured thus far today?" asked Skokie Mayor George Van Dusen in putting the spotlight on Korea.

Witnessing a Tae Kwon Do demonstration Sunday where a martial arts student twirled, kicked and cracked through a wooden board, a teenager in the audience exclaimed, "That is so cool."

There's still six weeks to go in Coming Together in Skokie and Niles Township. As organizers might tell the enthralled audience member, he ain't seen nothing yet.
The following incidents were listed in the official bulletin of the Niles and Morton Grove police departments. Readers are reminded that an arrest does not constitute a finding of guilt. Only a court of law can make that determination.

## NILES

**DUI**

Piotr Dawlwicwicz, 29, of 206 W. Fairmont Place, Mount Prospect, was charged with driving under the influence and reckless transportation of alcohol on Jan. 18. Police stopped Dawlwicz’s vehicle on the 8300 block of Milwaukee Avenue at 4:35 a.m. after he was reportedly clocked speeding at 110 mph on Milwaukee Avenue. He has a Feb. 24 court date.

Mike Frank, 28, of 5263 N. Laporte Ave., Chicago, was charged with driving under the influence and illegal transportation of alcohol on Jan. 16. Police stopped Frank’s vehicle after it reportedly cut off a squad car in traffic and was seen crossing over the double yellow lines for several blocks on southeast-bound Milwaukee Avenue. Police said open cans of beer and a bottle of wine were also found on the floor behind the driver’s seat. Frank has a Feb. 27 court date.

**RETAIL THEFT**

Ashley Serrano, 24, of 5728 N. Wayne Ave., Chicago, was charged with retail theft on Jan. 16 after she allegedly stole several cosmetic items valued at $273.22 from a store on the 5500 block of Touhy Avenue while shopping with her child. She has a March 7 court date.

**MORTON GROVE**

**HIT AND RUN**

Ninorta Meshko, 24, of Skokie, was arrested Jan. 21 on the 8200 block of Gross Point Road after police said she fled the scene of an accident she was involved in without providing any information. Meshko was charged with hit and run. A court date was scheduled for Feb. 25.

**BATTERY**

Alexander Guz, 64, of Vernon Hills, was arrested Jan. 17 on the 7800 block of Lyons Street after he was charged with battery. Police said Guz allegedly pushed the victim and hit the person in the head with an open hand. A court date was scheduled for Feb. 25.

**WARRANTS**

Donna Devine, 57, of Des Plaines, was arrested Jan. 21 on the 5700 block of Oakton Street for having an outstanding active warrant for a traffic offense. A court date was scheduled for Feb. 20.

## CRIME BRIEFS

### WELL-BEING CHECK

A 51-year-old Chicago man was found lying on a bench outside Dollar Tree, 8766 W. Dempster St., on the afternoon of Jan. 15. Police said the man, who appeared to be very intoxicated, had some kind of orange food smeared all over his face and was unable to speak clearly. According to police, a Northwestern Hospital release paper indicating the man had been treated for heavy intoxication the day before was found in his bag next to an empty bottle of rum. The man was taken to Advocate Lutheran General Hospital for treatment and ticked for the cost of emergency services.

### DISPUTE

Police responded to a home on the 7100 block of Niles Avenue on Jan. 12 after two 18-year-old girls were reportedly told by their mother that they were not allowed to leave the house. Police informed the mother that the teens were adults and could leave the house if they wished. A resident of the 8300 block of O' terra Avenue told police she became involved in an verbal argument with her two adult children, ages 20 and 24, after she asked about them moving out of the house. The son and daughter agreed to leave the house and go live with their father, police said.

### DECEPTIVE PRACTICE

A 31-year-old Niles resident told police he wired $7,000 to a man in an attempt to purchase a 2006 BMW he believed the man was selling. On Jan. 15, the Niles man learned the transaction was fraudulent, police said.

### THEFT

A laptop computer was stolen Jan. 16 from an unlocked vehicle parked on the 9200 block of Milwaukee Avenue. A side window was shattered to gain entry.

A side window was shattered and items were stolen from a vehicle on the night of Jan. 18 while it was parked in a lot on the 8900 block of Milwaukee Avenue.
Geography bee gives students a global perspective

BY NATALIE HAYES
For Sun-Times Media | @NatHayReporter

One word — "magma" — earned Athena Xidis, an eighth-grader at Golf Middle School in Morton Grove, the title of geography bee champion of the school.

Xidis, who correctly answered the question, "What rock beneath the earth's surface could erupt as lava?" now has a chance to compete in the Google-sponsored 26th Annual National Geographic Geography Bee in Washington, D.C. in May.

But first Xidis must take a written geography exam next week that will be scored by National Geographic.

A passing score on the multiple choice exam qualifies her for the state Geography Bee in Springfield later this spring.

If she wins the state contest, she would earn a pass to the national competition where she would compete against hundreds of fifth- through eighth-graders from across the U.S. for a first-prize $50,000 college scholarship.

Social studies teacher Ted Carris, who runs the geography bee at Golf each year said 200 students participated in the first round of the contest, which quizzes students on their knowledge of U.S. and world geography and state capitals.

Only six students remained during the final rounds of the Golf Middle School District 67 National Geographic Geography Bee Jan. 23. Eighth-grader Athena Xidis (third from left) won first place. NATALE HAYES/FOR SUN-TIMES MEDIA

The final rounds at Golf on Jan. 23 started with 24 students who had all won their classroom competitions.

The students sat around in an informal circle while Carris asked questions about world geography.

One wrong answer meant disqualification, and by the second round of finals, only six students remained.

Seventh-grader Richard Yoo came in second place behind Xidis, and both students were awarded with certificates for their participation in the bee.

Carris said the questions, taken from the official list provided by the National Geographic Society, range from simple middle school-level questions about U.S. geography to more difficult questions about complex world geography topics.

"They're hard questions, and even I didn't know some of them," Carris said. "Some of the easier ones are from subjects we studied in class, but they don't get a main list to study from."

Some of the final questions students missed, for example, asked what bay the Potomac River empties into (the Chesapeake Bay), and what country the Bali and Madura Islands are part of (Indonesia).

Golf has held a geography bee for the past five years, and during that time only one student has passed the exam to qualify for the state competition, Carris said.

Carris said the students seem to get excited about the contest while they're participating in the initial rounds in their classrooms, but that excitement is replaced with shyness or indifference when all the grades are lumped together during the final rounds.

"They're into it, but then they get shy when they're all together," he said.
NILES TOWNSHIP

Organization aims to collect clothes for kids

BY GAIL SAUNDERS
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To help the needy garner coats and warm clothes for winter, Niles Township District for Special Education and several other community organizations have banded together to reopen a community clothing closet.

The township’s former clothing closet, SOCKS, an acronym for Skokie Organization to Clothe Our Kids, closed last year when the woman who'd been running it for years retired. But the need remained.

“The population’s changing in the area economically,” said Teri Queen, a school counselor at the Molloy Education Center who is in charge of the pantry. “People’s needs are changing. We get one to two calls a day from someone in the township that needs something.”

She fields calls from different agencies in the community, mental health agencies, schools or students and their families, though this number doesn’t account for other calls to other agencies.

“We had nowhere to refer them to,” she said. “Then winter was approaching, and we wanted to start our clothing drive.”

To meet that need, the Molloy counselor and those from several other agencies, who'd previously worked together, networked and opened another clothing pantry.

“We collected and had certain dates set up at the church biweekly through December,” she said. “The coat closet was open at St. Paul’s Church where coats and other winter items could be distributed to families in need. ... The church is generous to give us a room to utilize this.”

The other agencies involved in the project were Niles Township District for Special Education, Niles Township Government, the village of Skokie’s Department of Human Services, Skokie School District 69 PTO, District 219 High School, Insight Church and St. Paul Lutheran Church, who offered to open their doors to the community.

The Skokie Rotary Club held a winter clothing drive to collect coats, and placed collection bins in village halls, park districts, banks, libraries, mental health agencies, and schools throughout Niles Township. Kenny Kleeners on Dempster contributed by volunteering to clean and deliver winter coats free of charge.

The students at Molloy, which serves children and young adults with disabilities between the ages of 3 to 22, have helped out by sorting washing and folding clothes, though the committee also hopes to have the general education population contribute as well, according to Queen.

To date, they have prepared more than 50 families for winter and have collected 165 coats, with 71 of those coats going to children and 94 to adults. However, the bins have been removed until the committee meets to determine their next step.

Because the closet hasn’t officially opened, those in need can contact the church to set up an appointment though they must present a voucher from a school or a village social worker.

Niles library hosting grand reopening

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The Niles Public Library is hosting a grand reopening celebration on Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 1 and 2. The event will feature music, movies, games, prizes, tours, refreshments, and more.

Saturday, Feb. 1
- All day: Grand opening of Middle Ground for tweens, grades 5-8
- 11 a.m.: Oscar nominated movie “Blue Jasmine”
- Noon-3 p.m.: Guided tours of new library every half hour
- 2 p.m.: Oscar-nominated movie “Captain Phillips”
- 2 p.m.: Magician Paul Lee performs with animals

Sunday, Feb. 2
- All day: Self-guided tours of the new library
- 1-3 p.m.: Guided tours of new library spaces every half hour
- 2-3 p.m.: Rock band The Limitations perform Guided tours will include a look at the new automated check-in system as well as self check-out kiosks, Teen Underground (space for teens), KidSpace (space for kids), Middle Ground (space for tweens), vending café, 15-foot wood sculpture, fireplace room, study/meeting rooms and more.

Additional parking will be available at 5/3 Bank, 7100 W. Oakton St., just west of the library.

For more information about the Niles Public Library grand reopening celebration, go to www.nileslibrary.org/grand-reopening.

Get up and go

Your guide to the weekend and beyond

Every Thursday
Families who didn't pay student registration fees this year won't get another invoice from Park Ridge-Niles School District 64 — they'll get collection notices instead.

On Tuesday, 307 unpaid student accounts went to a third-party debt collector in an attempt to recover roughly $73,400, Business Manager Becky Allard told Pioneer Press.

This is first time District 64 has used an outside agency to recoup lost revenue from student fees.

Officials have taken an aggressive stance on holding non-payers responsible since Allard reported 20 percent of student accounts were delinquent at the start of the school year.

The fees, due annually by Aug. 1, help offset costs related to textbooks, supplies, technology and activities. Parents pay a flat rate depending on their child's grade level.

Currently, the average amount owed per student is $240.

District 64 budgeted to collect $974,802 in fee revenue for the 2013-14 school year. But when classes resumed in the fall, 884 student accounts had outstanding balances totaling $168,341.

Money slowly trickled in as the board and administration considered different strategies to get people to pay. The number of past-due accounts was halved by November, yet the district still stood to lose $103,052.

The Board of Education initially rejected a proposal to hire an outside debt collector in favor of first exhausting all administrative options. Yet, less than a month later, officials agreed to refer non-payers to an outside agency as part of a new process for collecting the fees.

Under the plan, the district will send monthly payment notices up to 120 days after the August due date.

The letters will come from the business manager in August and September. Starting in October, the superintendent will sign off on all demand notices, with final notes sent in December.

Those who don't pay by Jan. 15 can expect their accounts to be turned over to collections.

Habitual non-payers are also on the hook for balances totaling $88,620 over the last two years. In November, Allard reported there were 63 students who didn't pay their fees for the past three consecutive years.

She said the district is mailing final payment notices for balances from 2011 and 2012 this month. After that, collections would handle those delinquent accounts, too.

News of unpaid fees in District 64 have prompted the community at large to debate the merits of the required fees.

In recent months, some taxpayers have argued families of schoolchildren should shoulder a bigger portion of the expenses. Parents, meanwhile, questioned the high price tag and legality of out-of-pocket costs for a public education.

Board member Vicki Lee said parents should be held liable for paying the flat fees regardless of whether the costs are broken down and explained "to [their] satisfaction."

"They need to understand there are expenses that need to be paid," she said.

A few residents, including a PTA president, previously said there families are boycotting the fees outright by not paying at all.

To that Board President Anthony Borrelli countered, "It's not fair for some folks to arbitrarily decide they don't believe in the fees."

Going after a person's credit score is one surefire way to get them to pay,他 said.
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HELP SQUAD

Does home improvement store need payroll improvement?

Even though we only knew one side of the story, we at Help Squad were disappointed to hear what happened to Joe. Usually if someone loves his or her job, it shows in their work, often times leading to recognition from company superiors. And Joe certainly came across as passionate in his former job. So, it really didn't make sense.

That said, our task was to get Joe his final paycheck of $415. So, we called The Home Depot where he worked and spoke with one of his former managers who quickly directed us to Home Depot's corporate office in Atlanta, specifically HR services.

After a couple of phone calls, we were told that the company would not discuss Joe's case or give out any information. So, after hanging up, we got Joe on the line and called back.

A company representative looked into the matter while we were on hold, got back on the line and told Joe she would send the check out immediately.

Immediately is right! The Home Depot overnighted the check and Joe got his $415 check the next day!

Dear Joe,

First of all, we are sorry that things turned out the way they did for you, and that you lost a job you really loved. That's not easy, especially with a new baby to support.

We'll leave you with this great quote by Vince Lombardi. "The difference between a successful person and others is not a lack of strength, not a lack of knowledge, but rather a lack of will."

Best of luck in your job search!

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Rauner not what he seems

I loved the humorous take on a serious issue in Mr. Paul Sassone's recent satire, er, article, "Let's keep cutting the minimum wage." (Jan. 23.) This witty jab at minimum wage critics was pretty lively, even as Sassone's work goes. However, I thought there was one point that Mr. Sassone hit right on the nose.

In his piece, Mr. Sassone portrayed GOP gubernatorial candidate Bruce Rauner as a supporter of cutting minimum wage. While I can't agree or disagree with Mr. Sassone on this count, mostly because of Mr. Rauner's flip-flopping on the issue where he would support either side "under some (unspecified) circumstances," I can agree with the implication that Rauner does not have the interests of this state at heart.

In his recent TV ads, we see Rauner portrayed as a normal, hardworking businessman who is still exactly like you because he likes to wear $18 dollar watches. This ad ran so many times that I just had to wonder, how much is this guy spending on advertising?

The answer, depending on your source, falls somewhere between $1.5 million and $3.2 million in 2013 alone. That's a heck of a lot of $18 watches, all of which was spent on advertising meant to convince me that he is fiscally responsible.

All I can see is that Bruce Rauner desperately wants you to believe one thing while he tries to hide the glaringly obvious: he is really just the opposite.

Joe Nechall
Deerfield

Richard Sherman's rant? Get over it

For me, the football season ends with the Bears' final game. After that, I don't much care what happens in football or even who wins the Super Bowl.

However, I must admit I paid attention to the fallout from the NFC Championship game, when the Seattle Seahawks beat the San Francisco 49ers on a spectacular last-second play by a defensive back named Richard Sherman.

Now I found out about that spectacular play after the fact. Sometime after the game ended, I heard a lot of ranting and raving — on social media mostly — about this horrible person named Richard Sherman.

Now I found out about that spectacular play after the fact. Sometime after the game ended, I heard a lot of ranting and raving — on social media mostly — about this horrible person named Richard Sherman and how his comments on a live interview after the game were causing everyone to become a Denver Broncos fan for the Super Bowl.

Naturally I found this very intriguing. What did this man say after the game that would cause an outpouring of condemnation and hate?

Thankfully, within seconds I saw Sherman's half-minute interview with reporter Erin Andrews. She asks him to take us back through the game-winning play. And off he goes, yelling about "Crabtree," whom I've since learned was the opposing wide receiver.

No doubt you've seen it, too.

The gist of the Sherman's emotional outburst is this: Sherman is great, Crabtree is lame, or worse, and nobody should talk bad about Sherman.

He was pretty excited, no doubt caught up in the moment of just winning the title game for his team. Who wouldn't be?

But I still don't get the outrage. I don't get the outpouring of hate and the racist name-calling of Sherman, who, by the way, is a black guy with dreadlocks.

Oh, wait, yes I do.

I'm old enough to remember another black man who was a really good athlete. He would call himself the greatest and trash-talk his opponents, calling them chumps and predict how he would dispatch them. I remember people — well, mostly white people — being outraged by this athlete's behavior.

They called him names and rooted for his opponents, too.

People got really upset, but tried to be polite about it when he changed his name and insisted his old name was a slave name. Then people got really mad when he dodged the draft during Vietnam.

Of course I'm talking about a man who is universally admired today — Muhammad Ali.

Now, I'm not saying Richard Sherman is on a par with Muhammad Ali. All I'm saying is that I've seen a talented, outspoken black man speak his mind and be universally condemned for it before.

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— Muhammad Ali

Now, I'm not saying Richard Sherman is on a par with Muhammad Ali. All I'm saying is that I've seen a talented, outspoken black man speak his mind and be universally condemned for it before.

I got over it then, and don't care about it now.
Are you SAD? Not "sad," SAD.

SAD is Seasonal Affective Disorder, which afflicts people in the winter. Experts say SAD is caused by less sunlight in winter, in turn causing brains to produce too much of the hormone melatonin. But you and I, we know better.

What causes Seasonal Affective Disorder is the temperature that never rises above 20 degrees day after day, after day. It's the snow that falls every other day. And it's not just an inch or two, as TV weatherpersons predict. No, it's always five, six, seven, eight, nine, 10 inches of snow, all the time, day after day after day...

This, this is what produces those SAD symptoms in us:

Depression, irritability, hopelessness, anxiety, loss of energy, social withdrawal, oversleeping, loss of interest in activities, appetite changes, weight gain and the inability to concentrate.

OK, it's true that I possess about nine of these symptoms all year around. But that doesn't mean I don't have SAD.

How about you? I also notice I have another SAD symptom. I've started paying attention to television commercials. Usually I just shut off my brain during commercials. But I've started noticing and following the narrative.

Just the other night I saw a commercial for adult undergarments. And as I listened to the lady talk, I asked myself — Yes, it would be terrible to order undergarments and have the delivery man come to your door and shout, "Incontinence man! I've got a package for you!"

Much better to work with a Personal Incontinence Advisor to arrange for delivery silently and in an unmarked package. Then I started wondering what colleges and universities offered majors in personal incontinence advising? How well does the job pay? What are the opportunities for advancement?

And maybe those pizzas made out of biscuit dough don't taste vile.

And of course I want to move my TV from room to room. Who wouldn't?

And how come everyone got a new Lexus for Christmas except me?

Those drug commercials sure have me convinced. I'd like to take all the drugs mentioned. The government forces them to mention those rare side effects like death, blindness, stroke and the like.

Maybe one of those drugs will cure me of SAD.

Oops, gotta go. It's almost time to watch "Bridezillas." It usually has some really informative commercials.

Has it stopped snowing?
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Bedrooms: 2
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8810 N Wisner St: Arthur Hirsch and Diane Hirsch to Htmg LLC for $515,000 on Dec. 10

**Morton Grove**
5841 Cleveland St: Michael J Moore to Hak Kwon Oh and Rathear Loeun for $337,500 on Dec. 11

8646 Callie Ave: Robert A Avery to Michael S Swanson and Eryn Swanson for $275,000 on Dec. 12

7911 Luna Ave: Nues Township Schools Cus to Devon Bank for $195,000 on Dec. 13

7640 Arcadia St: Anthony Lazzara and Rosa Lazzara to Rizwan Mohammed and Hajira Fatima for $327,500 on Dec. 10

**Park Ridge**
1343 Courtland Ave: Fred G Schoenfeld to Vito V Maselli and Anne R Maselli for $460,000 on Dec. 9

**Skokie**
126 N Northwest Highway: Gabriel W Slaiva to Antoni Sadko and Marta Sadko for $265,000 on Dec. 9

**Glencoe**
8810 N Wisner St: Arthur Hirsch and Diane Hirsch to Htmg LLC for $515,000 on Dec. 10

3823 S Hamlin Ave: Betsy Dollar Trust, Elizabeth Dollar Trust and Joyce A Keitel Trust to True Dimensions Inc for $265,000 on Dec. 10

128 Tyrell Ave: Rory J Fidler to Lech Nadborski for $200,000 on Dec. 13

**Glenview**
445 Sheryl Lane: Marian Skrzypek and Elzbieta Skrzypek to Helen A Madden for $261,500 on Dec. 9

3224 Harrison St: Bokhee Shin and Donghun Shin to Yetron Odisho for $350,000 on Dec. 10

1465 Plymouth Place, #62: Matthew J Fuller to Scott Shapiro for $171,500 on Dec. 9

**Lincolnwood**
6503 N Nokomis Ave: Tony Pehar and Mary Ann Pehar to Robert J Kline and Robert J Kline for $325,000 on Dec. 9

9130 Samoset Trail: Babak Saadatmand to Robert Zaretsky and Shoshanah Zaretsky for $297,000 on Dec. 9

2719 Alison Lane: Dina Clark and Timothy Clark to Ellen Sternweiler for $778,500 on Dec. 12

2115 Lincoln St: Jennifer Keysen and Jennifer Campbell to Sarah Larkin and Cordell R Larkin for $590,000 on Dec. 9

**Northfield**
46 Hibbard Road: Jay S Lawrence and Debra Lawrence to Angela S Sidwany and Amil D Sidwany for $1,251,500 on Dec. 11

2955 Drury Lane: Carol R Snyder Trust and Ann D Rankin Trust to Daniel H Friedman and Audra Marks for $682,500 on Dec. 9

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6503 N Nokomis Ave: Tony Pehar and Mary Ann Pehar to Robert J Kline and Robert J Kline for $325,000 on Dec. 9

**Evanston**
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1817 Leland Ave: Gladys Cadet and Max Cadet to Irene Kott for $70,000 on Dec. 9

2708 Central St: Stephen C Merle and Ann Jacques Merle to Brian Hesselberg and Jessica Hesselberg for $396,000 on Dec. 9

2115 Lincoln St: Jennifer Keysen and Jennifer Campbell to Sarah Larkin and Cordell R Larkin for $590,000 on Dec. 9

**Chicago**
7144 N Ovenhill Ave: Edward A Vavrik Trust and Anne M Langford Trust to Brian J Strauss for $200,000 on Dec. 10

Blockbuster or flop? The Movie Review section has the scoop.

Get up and go

Your guide to the weekend and beyond

Every Thursday
NILES

THURSDAY, JAN. 30

Toddler Time
10 a.m.: Stories, songs and rhymes for children ages 1 to 3 with a caregiver. Niles Public Library District, 6960 W. Oakton St., Niles. Call 847-663-1234.

CJE SeniorLife Resource Counseling
12:30 p.m.: Make an appointment for a private session with a Resource Specialist from CJE SeniorLife, trained to counsel adults 60 and older.

FRIDAY, JAN. 31

Rise and Shine Story Time
10 a.m.: A 30-minute story time for children ages 2 to 6 with a caregiver. Niles Public Library District, 6960 W. Oakton St., Niles. Call 773-508-1054.

SATURDAY, FEB. 1

Middle Ground Grand Opening
9 a.m.: Grades five to eight can drop in to see the new space for middle school students. The event includes "Minecraft," crafts and more. Niles Public Library District, 6960 W. Oakton St., Niles. Call 847-663-1234.

Paul Lee's Magic Show
1 p.m.: Celebrate the grand reopening of the Niles Public Library with a magic show by magician and illusionist Paul Lee. A second performance begins at 2:30 p.m. Niles Public Library District, 6960 W. Oakton St., Niles. Call 847-663-1234.

Family Story Time
7 p.m.: Stories, songs and activities for families with children ages 2 to 6. Attendees are welcome to wear pajamas. Niles Public Library District, 6960 W. Oakton St., Niles. Call 847-663-1234.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 5

Big Kids Story Time
1:30 p.m.: Stories, songs, creative dramatics and other fun activities for children ages 4 to 6. Niles Public Library District, 6960 W. Oakton St., Niles. Call 847-663-1234.

THURSDAY, FEB. 6

Introduction to Word Web App
1 p.m.: Learn to use the free version of Microsoft Word. An MSN account is required. Niles Public Library District, 6960 W. Oakton St., Niles. Call 847-663-1234.

Inventor Training Camp
4:30 p.m.: Students in grades one to four can dream up new ideas and inventions at the library. Niles Public Library District, 6960 W. Oakton St., Niles. Call 847-663-1234.

TUESDAY, FEB. 11

Introduction to Excel Web App
1 p.m.: Learn to use the free version of Microsoft Excel. An MSN account is required. Niles Public Library District, 6960 W. Oakton St., Niles. Call 847-663-1234.

HAPPENING NEARBY

THURSDAY, JAN. 30

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.

Story Time for 3s

Survivor Book Signing
1 p.m.: Meet with Holocaust survivors who have written stories about their experiences. The event is held in the Feis Family Lobby on Thursday, Saturday and Sunday afternoons in January, subject to author availability. Illinois Holocaust Museum, 9603 Woods Drive, Skokie. Call 847-967-4800.

Hacked?!
1 p.m.: Learn what you can do to keep computer predators away and what you can do if you are hacked. American Legion Memorial Civic Center, 6140 W. Dempster St., Morton Grove. Call 847-765-6500.

Batttle of the Books Reader's Theater
5 p.m.: Battle of the Books participant rehearse followed by a performance at 6 p.m. at the Battle of the Books Ceremony. Niles Public Library District, 6960 W. Oakton St., Niles. Call 847-663-1234.

SATURDAY, FEB. 8

Navigating in Facebook
10 a.m.: Learn how to upload photos, change privacy settings and more. Participants are asked to set up their Facebook account before class.

Hanji Craft: Make a Mirror with Rice Paper
10:30 a.m.: Students in grades four to eight can make a hand-held mirror of acid-free rice paper. Niles Public Library District, 6960 W. Oakton St., Niles. Call 847-663-1234.

World Language Story Time: Visit Russia
2 p.m.: Children ages 4 and older with a caregiver can share stories and songs in Russian followed by a craft and a snack. Niles Public Library District, 6960 W. Oakton St., Niles. For more information, call 847-663-1234.

SUNDAY, FEB. 9

Second Sunday Special Polar Explorers
2 p.m.: Polar Explorers of Wilmette is an expedition company that makes a trip to the North Pole each year. Learn about the trials and experiences of this trip. Space is limited. Niles Public Library District, 6960 W. Oakton St., Niles. Call 847-663-1234.

Inventor Training Camp
4:30 p.m.: Students in grades one to four can dream up new ideas and inventions at the library. Niles Public Library District, 6960 W. Oakton St., Niles. Call 847-663-1234.

Death Cafe
6:30 p.m.: In a culture that doesn't honor grief, there's a chance to discuss the impact after a death. At Death Cafes across the world, people come together in a relaxed and safe setting to discuss death, drink tea and eat cake. Registration is available at www.deathcafechicago.com. Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge. Call 847-825-3123.

Returning to College
7 p.m.: Mary Kelly of National Louis University addresses important questions to consider when going back to college to finish a degree or get a new one, including financial considerations, time management and emotional and academic read-
**CALENDAR**


**Do More with Word 2010**
7 p.m.: Participants will learn how to create and change page layouts, work with columns, bullet points and more. Registration is required. This is a follow-up class to Introduction to Microsoft Word 2010. Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove. Call 847-85-4220.

**FRIDAY, JAN. 31**

**Women in Business Networking Breakfast**
8:30 a.m.: A networking breakfast, featuring a lecture by Adrienne Dimopoulos, an accomplished public relations and media relations professional who has 25 years of expertise in crisis communications and media spokesperson training. Park Ridge Chamber of Commerce, 720 Garden St., Park Ridge. For more information, call 847-825-3121. $10-$15.

**Facebook Workshop**
1 p.m.: Learn how to set up an account, understand security features and add photos to Facebook. Mathers', 739 W. Higgins Ave., Chicago. Call 774-4604. $16-$20.

**Chorus**
1 p.m.: Join Park Ridge Senior Center chorus for an afternoon of singing. Park Ridge Senior Center, 100 S. Western Ave., Park Ridge. Call 847-692-3570. $9-$10 per month.

**Friday Night Live Club**
7 p.m.: Students grades four and five can enjoy inflatables, a live DJ, dancing and more. Concessions available. Wildwood Nature Center, 529 Forestview Ave., Park Ridge. For more information, call 847-692-3570. $5.

**SATURDAY, FEB. 1**

**Snowshoeing Through Lyman Woods**
8:30 a.m.: The whole family can take a snowshoeing trip through Lyman Woods followed by a hike to see kames, glacially deformed hills of gravel. There must be 4-inches of snow for snowshoeing. The group departs from Maine Park Leisure Center. For ages 6 and older. Maine Park Leisure Center, 7201 W. Sibley St., Park Ridge. Call 847-692-3127. $15.

**Admissions Open House**

**Groundhog Day Fireside**
2 p.m.: A five-foot-tall groundhog visits to teach children about his life. For ages 3 and up. Emily Oaks Nature Center, 4650 Brummel St., Skokie. $5.

**College Essays: Stand Out & Get In**
2 p.m.: Learn how to write a stellar college admissions essay and what colleges look for in a great essay with professional assistance from C2 Education. For grades nine through 12; registration required by Jan. 29. Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview. Call 847-729-7500, ext. 7800.

**Music Editing & Making Beats (Grades 6-8)**
2:30 p.m.: Instructors from Glenview's Terra Sounds School of Music & Arts will teach the basics of music production. Play acoustic and electronic instruments, program drums and drum arrangements. Registration required. Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview. For more information, call 847-729-7500, ext. 7800.

**Professional Championship Bull Riders**
7:30 p.m.: The Maine-Niles Association of Special Recreation takes a trip to the Sears Centre Arena in Hoffman Estates to watch the Professional Championship Bull Riders World Tour Finale VIII. For ages 18 and older. Bring money for snacks and souvenirs. Maine-Niles Association of Special Recreation, 6820 W. Dempster St., Morton Grove. For more information, call 847-966-5522. $46-$102.

**The History of the Park Ridge Fire Department**
2 a.m.: Former captain Ralph Bishop will again present his program on the history of the Park Ridge Fire Department. He will review firemen, equipment, fire stations and fires he personally fought. Slides presentation and artifacts will be shown. Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge. For more information, call 847-825-3123.

**Hall of Fame Coach Speaks**
10 a.m.: Hall of Fame Coach Howard Romanek discusses "Searching for Meaning and Community: The Historical Challenge of Sports to American Judaism." Ezra-Habonim Niles Township Jewish Congregation, 4500 Dempster St., Skokie. $15 for members, $18 for nonmembers or at the door.

**Patient-Centered Medical Decision Making**
Noon: All are invited to a special opportunity to hear Robert McNutt, one of the nation's authorities on both diagnostic and treatment decision-making and quality of patient care, speak on factors that influence your physician's performance. First United Methodist Church, 418 W. Touhy Ave., Park Ridge. Call 847-825-3144.

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1. **Grade alter/yard drain**
   - Address: 7549 N. Neva Ave., Niles
   - Issue date: Oct. 17
   - Permit cost: $50
   - Construction cost: $4,350

2. **Flood control**
   - Address: 6916 W. Birchwood Ave., Niles
   - Issue date: Oct. 15
   - Permit cost: $80
   - Construction cost: $7,676

3. **Flood control**
   - Address: 7648 N. Osceola Ave., Niles
   - Issue date: Oct. 16
   - Permit cost: $80
   - Construction cost: $10,717

4. **Flood control**
   - Address: 7438 W. Jonquil Terrace, Niles
   - Issue date: Oct. 16
   - Permit cost: $80
   - Construction cost: $9,200

5. **Roof (commercial and residential)**
   - Address: 7650 N. Waukegan Road, Niles
   - Issue date: Oct. 14
   - Permit cost: $103
   - Construction cost: $7,000

6. **Roof (commercial and residential)**
   - Address: 7850 N. Waukegan Road, Niles
   - Issue date: Oct. 14
   - Permit cost: $103
   - Construction cost: $7,000

7. **Single family - remodel**
   - Address: 7948 N. Oconto Ave., Niles
   - Issue date: Oct. 17
   - Permit cost: $299
   - Construction cost: $12,744

8. **Flood control**
   - Address: 6907 W. Oakton Court, Niles
   - Issue date: Oct. 16
   - Permit cost: $80
   - Construction cost: $7,300

9. **Furnace and air conditioning (HVAC)**
   - Address: 6628 W. Wood River Drive, Niles
   - Issue date: Oct. 15
   - Permit cost: $54
   - Construction cost: $9,449
Kappa Cell & Gifts brings a little slice of Greektown to suburbs

BY IGOR STUDENKOV
For Sun-Times Media | @istudenkov

Kappa Cell & Gifts in Niles has a little of everything — books, DVDs, CDs, toys, clothing, decorations, jewelry and apparel. It even sells concert tickets, smartphones and smartphone accessories.

But there is one theme that unites most of those products: They offer customers a way to get in touch with Greek culture.

An offshoot of a music store in Chicago's Greektown, the shop was born out of the owners' desire to bring their products to northern suburbs. The store also serves as the headquarters of Greek Music Live, a booking agency that specializes in bringing Greek artists to Chicago area.

The store has only been open for five months, but it is already attracting customers from Niles and the nearby suburbs. The owners hope to build on that and continue to grow their customer base.

Kappa is co-owned by Yiannis Morikis, Pam Fakhouri and George Katerinis. Morikis is the current owner of Greektown Music. A Chicago Greektown fixture since 1990, this family-owned store offers Greek music, movies, books and other products.

Over the last few decades, Chicago's Greek-American community has been moving northwest, with many of them settling in the suburbs. Morikis and Fakhouri realized that this population was an untapped market.

"There are a lot of Greeks living in Niles," said Fakhouri. "We decided to open a store here as a way to reach them."

They chose a retail space on Courtland Avenue, between Brilakias Import Foods grocery store and Pandora's Gifts and Baskets. According to Morikis, moving in next to two Greek businesses side-by-side seemed like a great way to get customer traffic.

Kappa shares a lot of inventory with Greektown Music. While it doesn't have quite as many CDs as its Chicago counterparts, having a diverse music selection is important to the owners.

"We carry a huge variety of music," said Fakhouri. "Folk music, pop, rap."

The store offers Greek books, DVDs, jewelry imported from Greece, Greek-American-themed T-shirts and other apparel. It's the only place in Niles where one can buy Omogenia — a Morton Grove-based, monthly Greek-language newspaper.

Unlike the Chicago store, Kappa has a large children's section, offering children's books, toys and DVDs of Greek cartoons and American children's movies dubbed in Greek. There is even a small children's reading area, with a table and two child-sized chairs.

Fakhouri said that most Greek customers buy music and children's products.

"Even Greeks that are third-and fourth-generation are still interested in Greek singers and Greek culture, and they want to pass it on to their children," said Fakhouri.

But the store has many things to offer to non-Greek customers as well.

"Non-Greeks buy jewelry and music," said Fakhouri. "They also buy cellphones and accessories."

The store is also home to Greek Music Live, a company dedicated to bringing Greek artists to perform in United States. The company is project of passion for Kappa co-owner Katerinis.

"He was always a fan of Greek music," said Fakhouri. "He thought it was important for Greeks in the U.S. to experience it."

The company has been operating since 2002. Since Katerinis was a Niles resident, sharing the space made sense. It gave Greek Music Live a place to sell physical tickets. Until Kappa opened, customers could only buy them online. It also allowed the company to advertise their concerts to customers they may not otherwise reach — for free.

Kappa has only been operating for a few months, so it's too early to talk about its success. But Fakhouri said that the customer traffic has been decent, and the owners are working to grow it.

"We are trying to get the word out there," she said. "We've been advertising on Greek radio."

"The word of mouth is very important," added Morikis. "It's been really helpful [so far]."
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1. Donna Donovan of Park Ridge (from left), Jack Nicklaus and Mike Donovan of Park Ridge; 2. Sally (from left) and Fred Blesi of Glenview with Jack Nicklaus; 3. Mark Abtahi of Niles, Evans Scholarship winner (left), with Jack Nicklaus. Abtahi caddied at the Park Ridge Country Club and is a student at the University of Illinois; 4. Armond Dinverno of Park Ridge (from left), Jack Nicklaus and Kitty Dinverno of Park Ridge; 5. Doug Petrie of Kenilworth (from left), Linda Petrie Bunch, Jack Nicklaus, Jim Moore of the Western Golf Association, Judy Petrie of Kenilworth and Jim Bunch. PHOTO BY CHARLES CHERNEY PHOTOGRAPHY
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LEFT: Brian Gryll of Glenview (second from left) with board members Penny Yoselle and Jeff Farkas, both of Skokie, and Board Secretary Edwin Shinitzky of Chicago | PHOTOS BY NATASHA WASINSKI/FOR SUN-TIMES MEDIA

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Century-old ring passed to couple

Nina Faustmann and Jon Ziols

BY HEATHER DORNEECIOER
Contributing writer

When Jon Ziols, formerly of Park Ridge, proposed to Nina Faustmann, a Northbrook native, he put roses in the center of their living room, so they were the first thing she saw when she got home from work.

He came out of their bedroom, got down on one knee and put her late grandma Rozalia's 100-year-old ring on her finger.

"My grandpa gave my grandma the ring on their 10-year wedding anniversary, and now it's been passed down to me. Jon didn't change the setting or anything; we just had to get it resized," said Nina, a nanny and personal chef in River Forest.

Jon bought Nina a dress from her favorite store, Ann Taylor Loft, and told her she had two and a half hours to get ready before a limo came to take them to a celebratory dinner at Prosecco in River North.

Their ceremony and reception were at the Chevy Chase Country Club in Wheeling. Although the couple didn't have a specific wedding theme, Nina loved how the inside of the country club had an old school "Boardwalk Empire" vibe with its dark wooden bar, open layout and high ceilings.

"We walked in, and it was perfect. As soon as we saw it, we knew we wanted to get married there," she said.

Accenting Nina's bouquet was her late father Rick's gold Sagittarius charm and a small clover charm from one of her bridesmaids because Nina and Jon met on St. Patrick's Day. Her bouquet also had a gold and pearl brooch from Jon's grandma, Josephine.

Guests' welcome boxes were filled with Polish candies to honor Nina and Jon's shared heritage; Chicago-made treats, such as Red Hots, Lemonheads, Jays potato chips and Smart Pop popcorn; and mini toothbrushes with toothpaste—a nod to Jon's dentist father, Gordon.

In the days following their Sept. 21 wedding, the Roscoe Village residents took a "mini moon" downtown. They got massages at the Ritz-Carlton hotel and enjoyed the skyline view over dinner at the Signature Room atop the John Hancock Center. They took their official honeymoon to Thailand last month.
Danielle Hanken & Brian Burt
Terry Hanken of Chicago and Gail Kalmeron of River Forest, along with Janet and Paul J. Burt of Lake Forest and Kathleen and Perry Reichard of Mays Landing, N.J., announce the engagement of Danielle and Brian. The couple own and collaborate at WebRev Marketing & Design, a digital marketing and Web design firm in Chicago. The couple became best friends in high school. Brian and Danielle plan to marry in March in Napa Valley, Calif.

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Lauren Vasilievas & Anthony Genovese
The parents of Lauren Vasilievas and Anthony Genovese would like to announce the engagement. Lauren, a graduate of Lyons Township High School in Western Springs, works for Oak Brook Hub Logistics as a business development analyst. Anthony, a graduate of East Leyden High School in Franklin Park, is an industrial technology teacher at Rolling Meadows High School. Both graduated from Eastern Illinois University. The couple are planning an Aug. 2 destination wedding in Punta Cana, Dominican Republic.

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Hey, kids!
Go play outside.

BY WENDY ALTSCHULER
For Sun-Times Media

Get outside and take in the sights, sounds and smells of nature. Kids who participate in nature camp will greatly benefit from warm weather activities, connecting with animals, building summer friendships and an al fresco adventure.

“The Park District of Highland Park’s Heller Nature Center offers a variety of nature-based summer camps that give children the opportunity to connect with nature and explore the never-ending journey that is the great outdoors,” said Jessica Reyes, naturalist at Heller Nature Center. “Campers gain an appreciation for the natural world while gaining essential life skills.”

Kids can join a camp that caters to their age, interest and ability.

“Campers discover the wonders of the beach, bluffs and ravines along Lake Michigan in Sand Trackers; Coast Guardians spend the summer learning to be water specialists and caretakers by participating in hands-on activities, scientific investigations, canoeing, biking, hiking and water recreation; Trekkers go camping, caving, hiking, SCUBA diving, canoeing, biking, fishing and even meet live animals; The Outdoor Adventure Camp participants encounter a multitude of outdoor sports including rock climbing, canoeing, kayaking, caving, surfing, fishing, zip lining and white water rafting while camping throughout Wisconsin and Michigan,” said Jeff Smith, Heller Nature Center manager.

“I imagine if you ask grown-ups to name a few of their fondest childhood memories, at least one would include an experience in the outdoors,” said Dayna Hardin, owner and director of Lake of the Woods and Greenwoods Family of Camps in Decatur, MI. “What a shame it will be if our children grow up to have their fondest memory be one that is alone and indoors.”

Lake of the Woods, camp for girls and Greenwoods, camp for boys have provided inspiring experiences for kids for over 75 years. Hardin is a major nature-advocate for children and she believes that too many children today experience defining moments indoors, at home playing video games or using social media, or in the car shuttling between organized activities.

“Camp allows children to play in the open air as well as have authentic connections with others, not just Facebook connections,” said Hardin. “Research shows interaction with the natural environment plays an important role in children’s development, including building problem-solving and critical thinking skills, as well as fostering creativity. These are some skills that have been identified as what future leaders will need to be successful in the 21st century.”

The nature/animal connection

Zoo camp provides unique opportunities for campers to connect directly with nature. According to Katie Edinger, supervisor of camps, overnights and family programs at Brookfield Zoo, the nature-based Zoo Camp satisfies children’s innate interest in the natural world by providing the chance to explore animals and their environment through games, art activities and scientific experimentation.

“For example, if a group of campers absolutely love penguins, we encourage them to design their own project around our penguins,” said Edinger. “Just like researchers in the field and at the Zoo, campers can spend time making notes on animal behaviors through observations. They may have the opportunity to speak with a member of our animal care staff who works directly with the animals to gain valuable insights to caring for these animals. Finally, the campers may even try to design their own penguin exhibit.”

By providing meaningful hands-on curriculum that encourages campers to discover

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Green thumb: Chicago Botanic Garden's Camp BG promotes outdoor play. 1 SUPPLIED PHOTO

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nature in an enjoyable way, said Edinger, kids will carry their experiences into adulthood as respectful, responsible stewards of the environment.

Allison Price, director of education at Lincoln Park Zoo, said that time outside has been shown to be good for a child's physical, mental and emotional health.

"Playing and learning in nature enables kids to exercise their powers of observation and imagination - skills that are important in school and in life," said Price. "Many children experience a sense of mastery out in nature when they recognize familiar animals from storybooks or when they draw a connection between something new they learn and something already familiar in their own lives, giving them a boost in self-assurance and confidence."

Price questions: "When a child spends no time in nature, is it surprising that he grows up disinterested in conservation?"

Lincoln Park Zoo's summer Conservation Camp serves future generations of decision-makers, according to Price, by helping them establish a sense of empathy and connection to the natural world.

"The goal is simple: make learning about nature fun, and make having fun in nature educational," said Price.

Lake of the Woods Camp: Horseback riding on one of the trails is a summer treat. 1 SUPPLIED PHOTO

Lincoln Park Zoo camps: Playing and learning in nature enables kids to exercise their powers of observation and imagination - skills that are important in school and in life. 1 SUPPLIED PHOTO

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Kids that go to camp have transformative experiences. Not only do they learn valuable physical or mental skills but also they interact socially on a diverse level that exceeds what they're able to do at home with siblings or parents. I would even go so far as to say that certain developmental milestones are reached faster or at least at a richer rate through their involvement in camp, outside of a parent's reach.

My older boys, ages 6 and 5 years old, participated in soccer camp over the summer. They were broken up into different groups based on their ages. The separation of my attached-to-the-hips kids was key. They both had the comfort of knowing that they would be near each other, learning about the same sport, but what was brilliant about the division was that they were interacting with new kids that brought their own distinctive personalities and skill sets to the table. When siblings are in a class together, they tend to stick together, limiting the chance for social progress with new friendships.

My 5-year-old, Sage, tends to shy away from sports in light of his older brothers athletic prowess. Last year, both boys took a T-ball class together, and Sage spent a lot of time sitting in the grass in the outfield playing with his mitt while his brother cracked balls down center field and ran around the bases. Sage actually scoffed at the idea of soccer camp this summer, because he felt that he wasn't any good at it, which broke my heart. No matter how much encouragement I gave him, no matter how much time we spent in the back yard kicking balls around, Sage simply lost his motivation to do well. Drive, as I've learned as a parent, can't be forced. We can only simply provide the opportunities to get our children excited about sports (or any other extracurricular activity) but in the end, they are the ones that decide how much enjoyment they will get out of the experience. I didn't care that he didn't want to do sports, I cared that he didn't want to try.

So, off to soccer camp we went. And you know what happened? Sage loved it! He met friends that he chummed around with at the start of each class, he gained confidence in his capabilities and he was excited to share stories with his older brother. I feel like my son gained a certain amount of character-building self-respect through summer camp; he had fun, learned something new and he stepped outside of his comfort zone a little bit. Just as when we tell our kids, “I don’t care if you eat it, just try it and then decide if you like it,” summer sports camp for Sage was the same.

He discovered something that I couldn't directly teach him—he had to learn it all by himself.

Visit specialsections.suntimes.com/lifestyle/parenting to check out more columns from the Wendy City Mom.
These long, cold winter days sometimes make focusing on the fun of camp that awaits us every summer difficult. A great camp is more than just fun and games. Camp provides a tremendous opportunity for children to begin laying the foundation for a healthy and happy lifestyle. Camp does more than just form a bridge between the school years. A summer spent playing, laughing, growing and learning can be the catalyst for a lifetime of happiness and success for your children.

Camp provides a unique opportunity to enjoy and explore a wide variety of physical activities. Traditional sports such as baseball, soccer, basketball and football, provide campers an engaging opportunity to learn and play. In addition, campers gain exposure to sports and activities that they might otherwise not have experienced, such as high ropes, pioneering or kayaking. Daily swimming provides campers with a chance for physical development as well as a valuable life skill. Playgrounds and creative play areas allow campers to exercise both their bodies as well as their imaginations. This sort of play is essential to the development of healthy, well-adjusted children. Through increased physical activity, children will build stronger, healthier bodies and an appreciation for an active lifestyle, which will in turn help set the stage for a healthier and happier adulthood.

Camp provides a refreshing change from the rigors of the school year to focus on playing and the enjoyment that comes from being outdoors.

A traditional outdoor camp setting imparts a sense of adventure and offers the freedom and opportunity to explore our natural environment. Too often, suburban sprawl confines us to small, self-contained play areas like a neighborhood park. Camp empowers children to disconnect from the TV or gaming platform and to reconnect and enjoy the expansive, natural beauty that once surrounded us. From the simple exploration of a muddy creek bed in search of animal tracks to rac-
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Bounce: Greenwoods Camp has a free swim at the lake that all campers enjoy. SUPPLIED PHOTO
Clever stowage, technology make Pathfinder a standout

BY SUE MEAD
Motor Matters

Hot on the heels of winning an award for the 2014 Pathfinder at the Texas Truck Rodeo, Nissan expands its lineup adding the 2014 Nissan Pathfinder Hybrid to the list of 14 available models.

The prize-winning large crossover utility vehicle is noted for its capabilities and its uplevel interior that can carry seven passengers while at the same time toting up to 16 cubic feet of cargo. The all-new hybrid version gets close to 25 percent improved fuel economy over its gasoline-powered stablemate.

The Pathfinder Hybrid starts at $35,110, which is a $3,000 upcharge over a similarly-equipped Pathfinder powered by the 3.5-liter V-6 gasoline engine.

While the exterior styling is the same as the 2014 Pathfinder, the Hybrid version gets unique, efficient LED taillights and Nissan PUREDRIVE Hybrid badges. The crossover’s grille is adorned by a large Nissan badge backed by a black honeycomb design that stretches like a pair of wings across the entire front end. Large halogen headlamps wrap around to the sides, with optional fog lamps mounted below.

Pathfinder has moved from a body-on-frame to a unibody and is more aerodynamic, lighter and roomier, and has been crafted with some clever stowage features and technology capabilities that are standouts in its segment.

Slipping into the Pathfinder Hybrid, the only difference we observed are the hybrid system information screens that are incorporated into the instrument panel’s Advanced Drive-Assist Display. A customisable, easy-to-read 4.2-inch color monitor gives visual power output readings from the electric motor and gas engine, as well as show the amount of power being regenerated back into the battery.

We also found this Pathfinder is roomier than the previous generation version (by 8.4 cubic feet overall), with three rows of seats. Both rear rows can fold flat to accommodate large cargo with 79.8 cu.-ft. of stowage, plus there’s under-floor storage behind the third row.

The 2014 Pathfinder Hybrid gets its mojo from a supercharged 2.5-liter gasoline engine and a 15kW electric motor paired to a compact lithium-ion battery. For the science-minded, this system uses Nissan’s Intelligent Dual Clutch System (a one motor/two clutch parallel system) that is the command central to manage power from both the electric motor and the gas engine that Nissan says is equal in performance to the Pathfinder 3.5-liter gasoline V-6 model.

The hybrid system is rated at 250 net horsepower and 243 lb.-ft. of torque, while the 3.5-liter V-6 is rated at 260 hp and 240 lb.-ft. of torque. Fuel economy for the new Pathfinder Hybrid is rated at 28 mpg combined, which is an increase of 24 percent over the standard Pathfinder. Matched to the hybrid’s powerplant in Nissan’s next-generation XTronic CVT, as well as regenerative braking to automatically recharge the battery during braking by converting the vehicle’s kinetic energy that is otherwise lost in non-hybrid models.
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Sales of vacation homes continue to rise. The National Association of Realtors (NAR) reports in its 2013 Investment and Vacation Home Buyers Survey that vacation home sales rose 10.1 percent over the previous year and make up over 11 percent of all home sales.

NAR Chief Economist Lawrence Yun said favorable conditions are driving second home sales. "We had a strong stock market recovery, which helps more people in the prime ages for buying vacation homes. Attractively priced recreational property is also a big draw," he said.

Buyers listed many reasons for purchasing a second home but the overwhelming majority, more than 80 percent, said they wanted the property as a family retreat.

Where can you find that special family retreat where you can build a lifetime of memories? Where can you find a lake home getaway that offers the convenience of a 90-minute drive from Chicago, a beautiful all-sports lake, quality construction that will last and a warm and welcoming community of good friends and neighbors? The answer is Lake Chapin Shores in southwest Michigan. There are many fine Michigan getaway spots, but this one is unique because it offers wonderful indoor comfort, every kind of outdoor activity and scenic beauty, all packaged in a hideaway community on a 600-acre all-sports lake.

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

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The 90-minute trip from Chicago to Southwest Michigan brings easy access to the area's small beach communities, first-rate restaurants and ice cream shops, local wineries, golf courses, antique and art galleries and shops. Some of the more popular vacation features for a weekend getaway at Lake Chapin Shores include: waterskiing, boating, fishing on the lake, scenic lakeside views and woodland privacy, the heated pool overlooking the lake, screened porches and large decks, the children's playground and the quiet countryside.

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When installed correctly, faux stone appears real

BY PAT LOGAN
CREATORS NEWS SERVICE

Dear Pat: Some of the siding has to be replaced on my house. I have always liked the appearance of stone accent walls. I would like to use lightweight manufactured stone. How do I install it on the wall? — Nancy W.

Dear Nancy: Natural stone accents on the exterior of a house with siding can completely transform the appearance of the entire house. Don't get carried away and add too much stone, or you may lose the “accent” effect you desire. Also, manufactured stone costs from about $6 to $10 per square foot, so the material costs can be significant.

When installed properly on an exterior wall, manufactured stone is practically indistinguishable from real stone. Even the feel to the touch is very realistic. With the new types of manufactured stone available, the finished wall does not look like real stone, it is because of installation errors.

Manufactured stone is made from lightweight concrete. This is basic concrete with lightweight fillers mixed with it. The forms for the stones are made from casts of real stones. The major manufacturers have hundreds of different molds for a random selection of sizes and shapes. The fronts of the stones are colored, and the backs are grooved so they adhere well to the mortar.

First, make sure the sheathing on your house is in good condition once the old siding is removed. Attach two layers of heavyweight (30-pound) builder’s felt to the wall sheathing. Use (30-pound) builder’s felt for indoor applications. For exterior use, a standard rake will work it almost immediately, the mortar joints will have a smooth appearance. The longer you wait, up to several hours, the rougher the surface texture of the joint will look.

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6 Reasons to Apply for a Job at a Small Business

By Catherine Conlan, Monster Contributing Writer

There are lots of advantages to working at a small business -- if you have what it takes. You need to be ready for anything and willing to use a variety of skills, but working for a small business can help you in a lot of big ways.

Consider these six powerful reasons to apply for a job at a small business.

You'll Really Matter

Small businesses offer employees an opportunity to be more than a cog in a massive organizational machine. With fewer people on board, everyone gets to do more and have a greater say in how things get done.

"Have your voice heard. Create an impact. Learn more about more," says Michelle Geib of Xperience Days. These are just a few of the reasons why you should work for a small business. When it comes to qualitative impact and personal growth, the ability for employees to have their opinions heard and implemented can be more rewarding than a paycheck at times.

You'll Learn a Lot

When you work with a small group of people, you get more face time with each of them -- including the big boss. "You get to learn from the top," says Mayer Dahan of Dahan Properties. "Small businesses work closely together and you have a chance to learn valuable lessons directly from your boss."

Cari DeCandia, director of business development at the National Autism Network, agrees. "One of the main benefits is being able to work closely with the creator of the company. It takes a person with many skill sets to create a company that can carry employees, and there is a great opportunity to learn more than the specified job description."

You'll Gain Experience Fast

Life at a small business is fast-moving. If you're a hard worker and a quick learner, you'll get new opportunities on a regular basis and gain valuable experience fast.

"An entry-level position in a small business is pure gold for a recent college graduate, especially if he or she is not entirely sure what they want to do with their career," says consultant Alfred Poor. "Small business will make it much easier to be directly involved with more aspects of the company's operations. In a corporate setting, you may get walled off in a single department, but the 'jack-of-all-trades' requirements of most small businesses will give you more exposure to a larger variety of tasks."

You'll Learn to Be Efficient

Young startups often find themselves in crisis mode, having to deal with tight deadlines, small budgets, and lots of competing demands on their time and resources. Getting experience in this sort of environment can pay off for the rest of your career.

"Working in the small-business world trains employees to work with limited resources and timelines," says consultant Doug Mitchell. "No matter where you go during your career, you'll exude 'get 'er done.'"

You'll Get More Responsibility Faster

Small businesses tend to be more nimble, and can make adjustments based on a worker's skills and aptitudes than a larger corporation might be able to do," Poor says. "As a result, you may find yourself being given more responsibility and opportunities more quickly in a small company."

You'll Have Plenty of Opportunities for Personal Growth

With every employee invested in the company's success, the payoff can be sizeable, says Chris Sonjeow of LoveBookOnline. "In most small businesses, each employee is directly or partially responsible for the bottom line, so when the company grows, it's easier to reap the monetary rewards. At the corporate giants, you're just another cog in the machine who can go overlooked."
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This forum is an opportunity for the public to learn about the proposed changes to the state funding formula for public schools and to provide feedback on the impact these changes may have on local schools and communities.

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- 'THE HOW AND THE WHY'

In this sharp new play from Sarah Treem, writer/producer of the HBO show 'In Treatment,' two evolutionary biologists with bold views that challenge their male-dominated field spar over evolution, feminism and generational divides in modern America.

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Cost: $35-$48. For tickets, call (773) 281-8463 or visit Timelinetheatre.com.

January 30-May 28

- EAT TO THE BEAT

The Harris Theater for Music and Dance launches this post-work event, which brings young professionals together to mingle and appreciate the arts. Enjoy sustenance from the city’s top food trucks, specialty cocktails and a program of four works performed by DanceWorks Chicago.

Time: 5:30 p.m.
Place: 205 E. Randolph
Cost: $5 per event or $20 for the full series through May 28. For tickets, call (312) 334-7777 or visit Harristheaterchicago.org.

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- THE NOTEWORTHY NIGHT: A SALUTE TO THE SILVER SCREEN

Movie fan and Sun-Times columnist Richard Roeper emcees this salute to great film scores, benefiting the training and education programs of the Chicago Youth Symphony Orchestras. The musical evening features dinner and a performance by CYSO's young musicians.

Time: 6 p.m.
Place: Four Seasons Hotel Chicago, 120 E. Delaware
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It's prime time to dine out next week Feb 4-8

- **THE DROWSY CHAPERONE**
  Bailiwick Chicago presents the clever, award-winning musical, in which a theater geek sees his favorite show come to life before his eyes as he spins the original cast album on his turntable.
  **Place**: Stage 773, 1225 W. Belmont
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- **GYPSY**
  She's baaack! The grand dame of all stage mothers, Mama Rose, does a number on her daughters — and then some — in this musical on the early life of burlesque beauty Gypsy Rose Lee. The Chicago Shakespeare rendition is directed by Gary Griffin and stars Tony Award-nominee Louise Pitre.
  **Place**: Chicago Shakespeare Theatre, Navy Pier, 800 E. Grand
  **Cost**: $48-$78. For tickets, call (312) 595-5600 or visit Chicagoshakes.com.

February 6-March 23

- **KHECARI AND THE HUMANS**
  Khecari, the collaborative duo of Jonathan Meyer and Julia Rae Antonick, and The Humans, led by artistic director Rachel Bunting, share the stage in a dance program of thought-provoking new work exploring a range of themes, from decay to the phenomenon of déjà vu.
  **Time**: 8 p.m.

- **RUSSIAN TRANSPORT**
  Erika Sheffer's drama about an immigrant family balancing old world values and new world ambitions receives its Chicago premiere at Steppenwolf Theatre, starring ensemble members Tim Hopper, Mariann Mayberry and Alan Wilder.
  **Place**: 1650 N. Halsted
  **Cost**: $20-$78 thereafter. For tickets, call (312) 335-1650 or visit Steppenwolf.org.

February 8

- **SNOWBALL 2014**
  The Junior Council — which supports the pediatric and adolescent HIV and AIDS programs of Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago — throws this black-tie bash, with tastings from top restaurants, live music, dancing and a silent auction.
  **Time**: 8 p.m.
  **Place**: The Great Hall, Union Station, 225 S. Canal
  **Cost**: $140. For tickets, visit 501auctions.com/snowball2014/index.php.

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(CHICAGOSPLASH.COM)
Not everyone can paint like Picasso. Fortunately, this season's graphic prints let stylish women show off their artistic sides. From colorful geometric patterns to graffiti-style illustrations, this trend is designed to make an impact. Designers pioneered this bold look on the runway, with Celine showing Parisian street art-inspired jackets and Carolina Herrera flaunting pop-art florals. Because this trend is busy by nature, keep hair and jewelry simple — when in doubt, black accessories are always a safe bet. Take a hint: Print is in and it's here to stay.
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Kerry Wood signs a baseball for a fan.

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To help kick off Cubs Convention weekend Jan. 17, retired Cubs pitcher Kerry Wood and his wife Sarah hosted guests at Harry Caray's Navy Pier (700 E. Grand) for their annual Woody's Winter Warm-Up fundraiser. Gov. Pat Quinn got the party started by introducing the Woods, and later, local media personalities and Cubs players got behind the bar and served drinks to the crowd. Throughout the bash, fans got the chance to mingle with past and current players — including Mark Prior, Jim Bullinger, Starlin Castro, Edwin Jackson, Anthony Rizzo and Jeff Samardzija — and rubbed shoulders with Cubs Chairman Tom Ricketts and President of Baseball Operations Theo Epstein. The Lovehammers kept the energy high, taking the stage to play hits from their latest album, accompanied by Windy City Live's Ryan Chiaverini on the guitar. With the help of a live auction, more than $100,000 was raised for the Wood Family Foundation, which works to improve the lives of children in Chicago. — Katerina Bizios

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

Behind the Bar

Cubs players and local media personalities volunteered their bartending skills for a night of fundraising.

February 7, 2014

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GOING GREEK

Thanks to the support of one of the longest-standing Greek Orthodox communities in the country, the doors of the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral (1017 N. LaSalle) have been open since 1910. About 200 supporters turned out to the Chicago Cultural Center (78 E. Washington) Jan. 11 for the Cathedral Ball, held to help sustain the church. Greek-American journalist Anna Daviantes served as emcee and welcomed gala-goes, who enjoyed cocktails, hors d'oeuvres and a seated dinner. Later, guests danced to the traditional sounds of Chicago-based band Rythmos before bidding on silent auction items, including a wine tour in Napa Valley provided by Terlato Wines International, jewelry courtesy of Lester Lampert, a trip to Cancun and a Cubby Bear package. Proceeds raised benefited ministries and programs. — Katerina Bizios

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

On Jan. 16, an intimate group of 60 supporters helped raise funds to provide meals for more than 1,450 Chicagoans living with HIV/AIDS at Heartland Health Outreach: Vital Bridges Center on Chronic Care’s winter event, Resolutions are Meant to Be Broken. Inside River North’s Blackfinn Ameripub (65 W. Kinzie), co-chairs Zach Rus and Anna Coffou and the Vital Bridges Junior Networking Committee (JNC) encouraged guests to forget New Year’s resolutions and spend the evening indulging in sweets from Glazed & Infused and More cupcakes and sipping Svedka vodka cocktails for a good cause. — Katerina Bizios

VITAL BRIDGES’ VITAL NIGHTS: RESOLUTIONS ARE MEANT TO BE BROKEN

Above: Catherine Weiner, Zach Rus and Victoria Deresz
Left: Guests await the results of the raffle.
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FRIDAY, JANUARY 31, 8:00

Three-time Grammy Award-winning musician and Tony Award-nominated composer Branford Marsalis is one of the most revered instrumentalists of his time. The renowned saxophonist and his tight-knit working band invite audiences to an electrifying evening of original tunes, classics and standards. Opening the night is Chicago’s own trombone great Ray Anderson and his Pocket Brass Band, a quartet that packs the joyful punch of a full New Orleans ensemble.

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Venetian shareable plates take center stage at Cicchetti
BY SAMANTHA LANDE

For nearly 1,000 years, Venice, Italy, was one of the world’s most important trade routes, a hub for exchanging global goods. Lucky for diners, the influences of this era are still obvious in the city’s eclectic cuisine, particularly in its beloved cicchetti — small plates that have become a staple in Venetian restaurants and bars.

That culinary diversity is the focus at Cicchetti, the latest project from Dan Rosenthal (Sopraffina, Trattoria No. 10) and chef Mike Sheerin (Trencherman, Blackbird). “I was inspired by the melding of flavors from Northern and Southern Italy as well as Eastern European influences, in regards to spices,” Sheerin says of his menu. Handmade pastas, salads and sandwiches — made with local and sustainable ingredients — are among the larger entrees, while shareable plates include aged hanger steak carpaccio with crispy cauliflower and raisin caper aioli ($15); braised short-rib ravioli ($18) and bruschetta assortment, topped with duck liver, pork belly or tuna conserva (three for $8).

Here’s what else you can expect at this Streeterville spot:

**Chef stats:** Sheerin most recently co-helmed Trencherman after spending time at some of the most acclaimed restaurants in Chicago and New York, including Blackbird, Jean Georges and wd-50. He’s joined in the kitchen by acclaimed pastry chef Sarah Jordan (Boka) and Phil Rubino (Acadia, L20); the team works collaboratively on all dishes, with Jordan crafting savory as well as sweet plates, and Rubino leading the pasta program.

**The vibe:** Industrial and minimalist. Rosenthal is passionate about eco-friendly practices in both food and construction. The columns and beams come from an old Wisconsin grain elevator, none of the furniture contains laminate and the wood floors are certified sustainable by the Forest Stewardship Council. Lofted ceilings and garage-style windows give the space a modern feel.

**Must-try dish:** The hearty Venetian seafood stew. “We wanted to create something that two people could eat together. Every restaurant needs to have the ‘this’ the dish that people want to come back for,” Sheerin says. The stew is simple yet flavorful, a mélange of stewed tomatoes, piquillo peppers, garlic and onions with a dash of cumin. Of course, it’s paired with fresh seafood like Madagascar prawns, lobster, mussels and octopus, alongside couscous and puffed rice for added texture ($34 for 1-2 people).

**An ode to Harry:** The bar program pays homage to Harry’s Bar, one of the most famous drinking establishments in all of Venice. In addition to the bellini ($12), which originated at Harry’s, the cocktail list includes creative, Italian-inspired libations like the Ise Water, made with Koval white rye whiskey, Dolin blanc vermout and maraschino ($13).

**Welcome back:** When brunch service begins in the spring, it will be with the help of Rosenthal’s old friend Ina Pinkney of Ina’s. The menu will feature some of her signature dishes, like her Heavenly Hot pancakes, as well as Italian eggs Benedict and frittatas.

**Take it outside:** “The neighborhood is really beautiful in spring and summer, with breezes from the lake,” Sheerin says. The restaurant plans to take advantage with a wraparound 100-seat patio. It also plans to sell its gelato, flash-frozen with liquid nitrogen, in to-go pints.

671 N. St. Clair, (312) 642-1800; Cicchettirestaurant.com
With a fresh look and a new album, Karmin touches down at Chicago's House of Blues

BY ZAK STEMER

This is a year of firsts," says Amy Heidemann, one half of pop duo Karmin. It's an understatement to say that 2014 will be big for the band, composed of Heidemann and real-life beau Nick Noonan.
In the first few months alone, the pair will release their first full-length album and headline their first national tour, which stops by Chicago's House of Blues Feb. 9. "It's way different than opening for an act," says Heidemann. "We've been doing a lot of opening for the Jonas Brothers; you just jump on stage and try to convince their fans that they like you. But this is ours. This is for our fans."

The duo's eagerness to give back their fans makes sense, considering they owe their fame to their dedicated following. The couple met at Berklee College in Boston and have been releasing music together since 2010. But their break came in 2011, when their cover of Chris Brown's "Look at Me Now" went viral on YouTube, garnering more than 88 million views. Their popularity was partly due to their musical one-two punch: Heidemann can spout off rhymes at a breakneck pace, while Noonan specializes in beats and horns. After being picked up by legendary producer L.A. Reid, Karmin quickly found mainstream success. Their debut EP, "I fell," reached Billboard's Top 20; their videos garnered more than half a billion views; and in 2012, Heidemann graced the cover of Rolling Stone's Women Who Rock issue, beating out artists like Rita Ora and Delta Rae in a public vote.

On the heels of their breakout hits, Karmin is already determined to reinvent themselves with their LP "Pulse," out March 25. Their first single, "I Want it All," released Jan. 28, marks a significant evolution of their sound, mixing disco beats with dance-anthem vocals. "We used to say our music was categorized as swag-pop," says Heidemann, referring to a genre featuring upbeat drums, catchy melodies and often a rap bridge. "But recently we've been seeing retro-future. It's a combination of this stuff we've pulled from other eras into a modern sound. It's some of the best music we've ever created."

The pair is also pressing refresh on their well-established look. Heidemann ditched her signature Rockabilly coif, and both have assumed a monochromatic dress code, changing their vibe from '50s-inspired to '70s chic. "Your image has so much to do with the music these days," she says. "You've got to make them make sense together."

Fans will get a sneak peek at Karmin's new dress code and an exclusive first listen to the album at their House of Blues show. But Heidemann suggests that their amplified stage presence will be the biggest surprise of all. "It's going to be loud. You can expect it to go harder than we used to," she says. Noonan agrees: "It's almost like a rock show at times. A lot, a lot of energy."

See Karmin live at the House of Blues Sunday, Feb. 9. For tickets ($22.50), visit Houseofblues.com

10 A.M.
The couple likes to stay in a spot that lets them walk around downtown. A recent favorite? The Swissôtel (323 E. Wacker).

11:30 A.M.
Heidemann likes to reprise her 2012 Glamorama appearance by shopping at the Macy's flagship (111 N. State).

1:30 P.M.
They treat themselves to a big lunch at 25 Degrees (736 N. Clark). He gets the Sonora hot dog; she goes for a turkey burger.

4 P.M.
The pair burns calories with a jog through Grant Park. "Nick likes to exercise, I don't," says Heidemann. "He makes me."

7 P.M.
Dinner and drinks — Noonan loves the local microbrews — at Howells and Hood (435 N. Michigan).

10 P.M.
Dessert is their favorite Chicago snack: Garrett's Cheesecorn. "We had a big tin on the tour bus and I think it was gone in 30 minutes," Heidemann says.
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FROM 'FREAKS AND GEEKS' TO FULL-FLEDGED FAME, 'COUGAR TOWN' ACTRESS & OAK PARK NATIVE BUSY PHILIPPS TALKS ABOUT HER PAST DRAMAS & CURRENT COMEDY

BY ZAK STEMER PHOTOS BY MARK SACRO

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If "Cougar Town" has a moral (besides that midday wine swilling is completely acceptable), it's that you're never too old to change. In fact, the TBS show proved that point when, about halfway into its first season, it completely switched its premise: No longer was it a program about 40-something Courteney Cox dating younger men, it was about a group of, well, friends. And that's the type of show in which Busy Philipps thrives.

It was with two culturally iconic ensemble shows that the Oak Park-born Philipps, 34, built her fame: "Freaks and Geeks," the show that launched the careers of Judd Apatow, James Franco, Jason Segal and a slew of others, and teen drama "Dawson's Creek." In both programs, she played something of a wild child — like she does now as Laurie Keller, Cox's energetic best friend, on "Cougar Town" — but it was her role as Kim Kelly on the short-lived "Freaks" that was her original springboard.

"We had the best time on that show," Philipps says. "We were all so grateful every day that we were allowed to keep shooting on 'Freaks' and 'Geeks.' We were young and none of us had done much before. I think most of us had some semblance that it was fairly extraordinary, but moving on, you look back and realize, 'Oh, wow. That's never going to happen again.' " The show, which lasted only 18 episodes, has since become a cult classic, recognized as an underappreciated work of Apatowian genius (it only had 7 million weekly viewers — at that time a small number). To this day, Philipps remains close with the cast. The mother of two even named co-star Lizzy Caplan as godmother to her first daughter, Birdie.

Though her time on "Freaks" was short, it wasn't without its struggles. "[James Franco] and I did not particularly get along working together. There were definitely some contentious moments," Philipps says. "But for whatever reason, that real-life tension made for a really compelling onscreen relationship."

If, for Busy, the cast of "Freaks" was like a bickering but ultimately loving family, the cast of "Dawson's Creek" was like a family in the middle of a divorce. Philipps was added to the show in its last two seasons as Audrey Liddell, the free-spirited foil to Katie Holmes' uptight Joey Potter. "When I joined everybody was already fairly well-established and they were at that point where they were all feeling like they were ready for the show to be over," Philipps says. "I had just come from a place with 'Freaks and Geeks', which only lasted just shy of a season, and all we had wanted so desperately was for it to continue and for it to be a success. So I really didn't understand their feelings about wanting the show to be over.

Still, Philipps managed to forge close bonds — not an easy feat in the ultra-competitive Hollywood scene. "Michelle [Williams] and I became best friends on that job and we still are to this day," she says. "And I genuinely keep in touch with most of the people."

That's the thing about Philipps: She's just so likable. Maybe it's the Hollywood smile, or maybe it's that she's retained her Midwestern mental well-being that I just take a breather from watching this season of 'Cougar Town.'"

After giving birth to baby girl Cricket in July, the mother of two is quick to share her method for getting back in Hollywood shape. "It's difficult sometimes to be an actress. I like to be as normal and grounded as I can possibly be, but I'm still on television. No one wants to put a character on television 60 pounds heavier than they normally are," she says. "There's no secret. I mean, I guess the secret would be don't gain so much weight when you're pregnant. Really, it's just moving and not eating things that are enjoyable. It's such a bummer."

Raising a family in Hollywood is one of the world's greatest plate-spinning acts, and Philipps has gone on record admitting it takes some help. "When I first got the job I had just had my first child, and Laurie's world seemed so far removed from what I was going through: being a new mom and being married. It was pure escapism," she says. And are there things she'd be doing if she didn't have her family responsibilities? "My agent is like, 'You need to write down your stories. You need to compile it and you can have a book,'" Philipps says. "I really could. But in between raising my two kids and working full time on 'Cougar Town,' I'll try to make it happen.... In my free minute."

Though her obligations don't leave her much down time, Philipps wouldn't have it any other way — in fact, she's thrilled to be back on set. "To this day, the two greatest most fun jobs that I've ever had have been 'Freaks and Geeks' and now 'Cougar Town,'" she says. Sure, the actress has changed since her first days on TV (and definitely isn't feuding with Franco anymore — the two have finally become friends). But that's the lesson here: It's never too late to change.

Watch "Cougar Town" Tuesdays on TBS at 9 p.m.
In the infinite realm of online chatter, these five Chicago bloggers have turned their hobbies into bona-fide businesses.

When Liz Schneider started Sequins & Stripes in July 2011, it was not her first adventure in the blogosphere. She had written a lifestyle blog, followed by a photography-based blog, then created Sequins & Stripes to coincide with her freelance personal styling business. She soon decided to leave her day job and give the fashion-focused site her full attention, and after three months and a drained savings account, things really took off.

Now, more than two years later, Sequins & Stripes has grown to average 350,000 page views and 50,000 unique visitors per month. What began as a style and fashion guide — her first post was on emulating trendsetters Olivia Palermo and Miroslava Duma — has also become the catalyst for Schneider to host in-store events, act as an ambassador for brands like Loft and Nordstrom and collaborate on a national scale with Kate Spade New York, T.J. Maxx and Refinery29.

“My blog is a representation of my personal style and how to have approachable, realistic style as a 20-something living in Chicago, with a budget and four distinct seasons,” she says.

Because she is the face and voice of her brand, she mixes in a few personal reflection essays alongside regular posts on fashion and beauty trends. “I always want people to know I don’t take myself as seriously as it may appear,” she says. “I’m a normal girl trying to figure it all out, and I still have victory moments when I get an email from a brand I admire or from a reader. We’re all trying to navigate our own way, and those are reminders that I’m going in the right direction.”
When Jocelyn Delk Adams first posted a mango sorbet recipe on Facebook in 2012, she had no knowledge of recipe writing, and the accompanying photo was a simple iPhone pic. But the response was so strong that she decided to create Grandbaby Cakes, a blog dedicated to baked goods and desserts. It wasn't long before she was sweetly rewarded: She won a contest on Yahoo Shine for her red velvet Mississippi mud pie recipe, and shortly thereafter, Pillsbury anointed her one of its featured bloggers, and Delk Adams works on recipe development, acts as a brand ambassador and has her recipes shared by the baking brand. Not bad for a media and events producer with no traditional training in the kitchen.

"I never really had a clear vision for what this [venture] was supposed to be," she says. "I just knew that I wanted to bake and share what I knew about baking, share that love that was passed down to me [through family recipes]." A tribute to the women who taught Delks Adams life lessons while cooking, Grandbaby Cakes features a modern take on generations-old recipes, and Delk Adams hopes it will inspire a generation living in a "microwave society" to give baking a try. Next up, she will publish her first cookbook in 2015, and she's looking into professional courses, now that her hobby has become a career.

"From an early age, we have memories where food is central to celebrations, whether it's the birthday cake your mom made or the cutting of the cake at your wedding," she says. "My grandmother always made biscuits in the morning. It wasn't just something she did because she needed to make breakfast. It meant more to her — it meant spending time with her family. That tie to family and tradition...part of that has been lost. Everyone will say, 'My grandmother made the best this or that,' because we associate it with the love we felt from their baking."
Nicole Balch and her husband bought their first home in 2007, and launched Making It Lovely, a design and lifestyle blog, to share renovation and design plans with their friends and family. But the audience was larger than she initially planned, and the site became more than just a blog about their house. The stationery and Web designer quickly realized she could use the site to promote her businesses. "I never thought that it would become my full-time job, though," Balch says. "Nobody was blogging full time back then."

Now, Balch has become her family's primary breadwinner. "It was a scary change at first," she says of the decision for her husband to stay home with their two children while she focused on growing the site. "But it has been two years now, and we're both really happy with how things have worked out."

Making It Lovely's success is due, in part, to Balch's know-how in diversifying her source of income, which includes advertisements, sponsored posts and affiliate links, as well as freelance writing outside of the site. "Sponsored posts are the most lucrative way to monetize a blog and can be great as long as they're approached in a transparent, authentic way," she says. "I turn down more potential partnerships than I accept, because I aim to promote companies and products that are a natural fit."

With a book proposal in the works that has piqued the interest of several publishing houses, it's safe to say Balch is onto something. "You have to have a passion for what you blog about, or it will fizzle and fade, or feel like a chore," she says. "My blog is an outlet for my creativity, and I'm so glad I get to call it my job."
The Everygirl is not "just a blog." "The Everygirl runs like a magazine, but online, and we act as editors, bringing on writers, contributors and photographers," Kaczmarski says. "The goal of the site is to inspire career-driven women and give them advice. We really want to shape well-rounded women, so we cover everything from making smart financial decisions to simple tips to entertaining and dressing well." Plus, they feature interviews with successful women at the top of their careers everywhere from London to LA to Boise, Idaho.

With its two-year anniversary on the horizon next month, The Everygirl is expanding, hiring fashion, beauty and food experts and producing a line of everyday items like iPhone cases and wall prints of inspirational quotes sourced from their interviews. "One question we ask all the women we feature is, 'What advice would you give to your 23-year-old self?'" Moss says. "That's the age when you've just graduated college and are like, 'OK, what next?'" A favorite? "Success is not easy and it is certainly not for the lazy."

They both agree the positive response from readers has been the most rewarding part. "When we started the site, there was this void out there for material you could connect with and real women's stories you could relate to," Kaczmarski says. "That was the goal. So no matter what happens in the future — mission accomplished."
“She’s leaping up, her shoes flapping in her hands. Just a smiling, beautiful woman against a heroic sky.” — Art Shay on one of his favorite photos of his wife, Florence.

MY FLORENCE: PHOTOGRAPHS BY ART SHAY


Photographer Art Shay celebrates the love of his life in his new exhibit “My Florence.”

By Thomas Connors

From covering John F. Kennedy’s presidential campaign to snapping Smashing Pumpkins frontman Billy Corgan, Art Shay has seen it all. The Bronx-born, Chicago-based photojournalist, who is as much a local treasure as Studs Terkel or Mike Royko, has enjoyed a long career “making pictures of the world as it is.” And while busy creating dozens of books and generating spreads for magazines such as Life, Fortune and Sports Illustrated (among many others), he always had eyes for Florence, his wife of 67 years, who passed away in 2012. He shares his love in the exhibition “My Florence: Photographs by Art Shay,” opening Jan. 27 at Columbia College Chicago’s Museum of Contemporary Photography.

Florence Shay, who for 40 years owned Titles, Inc., a bookshop in Highland Park, was a fixture in her husband’s business. She assisted him administratively, and collaborated with him as well. When he went hunting crime figures in Las Vegas for Life, Mrs. Shay went along as a decoy, and even captured big boss Moe Dalitz with a camera hidden in her handbag.

The exhibit “My Florence” presents more than 70 photographs of Shay’s other half in a variety of situations: as a model (with the family in a Chicago hotel room for one story, testing a hula hoop in another), working in her bookstore, posing with influential friends such as David Mamet and vamping à la Marilyn Monroe. And while it might be easy to peg the show as a big valentine, Shay sees it as “a Chekhovian story of life in the last 60 years in this area.” Among the shots is one in which Florence — who, along with her husband, was an active member of the fair housing group Deerfield’s Citizens for Human Rights — joins other activists in greeting Eleanor Roosevelt as she arrives to support their cause.

The exhibition includes a few images from Florence’s last months, when she was dying from ovarian cancer. “Being a journalist, you can’t turn yourself off just because it’s your own life that’s being shown,” says Shay. But overall, “My Florence” conveys the best and brightest moments of their shared lives. According to Shay, one of his wife’s favorite images was one of the first he ever took of her, in 1942, when both were at a camp in the Catskills.

“She was about 20 years old,” he says. “She was a good dancer and she’s up leaping up, her shoes flapping in her hands, just a smiling, beautiful woman against a heroic sky. She never believed she was as beautiful as she was.”
The Midwest native stars in the quick-witted comedy ‘G.B.F.’

In her new film “G.B.F.,” Andrea Bowen plays a high school student—a role she never got the chance to play in real life. “I was tutored on the ‘Desperate Housewives’ set my whole high school career, so I had to ask my friends what high school was like,” laughs the actress, 23, who rose to fame as Teri Hatcher’s daughter on the hit ABC series. “There were certain times I wished I could have done the typical high school experience, but Teri said, ‘Don’t worry about prom — you get to go to the Emmys!’

“G.B.F.” (short for “gay best friend”) gave Bowen a chance to show off her comedic chops: She plays a “buttoned-up, sweet Mormon girl” named Shelley who competes with her female peers to befriend Tanner, a “buttoned-up, sweet Mormon girl” named Tanner, the school’s first openly gay student. “She’s very sweet, but not the sharpest crayon in the box. She decides to make [Tanner] her project. I play an unintelligent character—most characters I play are smart or mature for their age. Playing someone dim-witted was fun for me.”

Road to Hollywood: “I started off doing Broadway in New York. I was the youngest Colette in ‘Les Miserables.’ I look back and think, ‘Who in their right mind let a 6-year-old own that stage?’ I did two Broadway shows after that. Then, I booked That Was Then,” a short-lived television pilot for ABC. I’m lucky my dad is a musician, and we grew up in a house full of singing and dancing. Hopefully I’ll get to do more theater.”

Chicago connection: “I was born in Ohio; I grew up in the Midwest for family reunions. I went to Chicago in November for a screening of ‘G.B.F.’ We got off the plane, dropped our bags off and tried to find deep dish — we ended up going to Pequod’s. The next day we walked around Lakeview, and it started to snow, which we were really excited about. My friend took a picture of it snowing and the people behind us said, ‘You’re not from here, are you?’”

In Character With... Andrea Bowen

BY LIZ CROKIN

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IN CHARACTER WITH Andrea Bowen

BY LIZ CROKIN

The Midwest native stars in the quick-witted comedy ‘G.B.F.’
The newest sought-after amenity — the screening room — is closer than you think

BY MADELINE NUSSER

With the Super Bowl, Academy Awards and Olympics drawing near, you might be shopping for updated media equipment — or a home with a room that showcases it. If so, you’re in good company: The Custom Electronic Design and Installation Association reports Americans spent $14 billion on home theaters in 2013, a 10 percent increase from the previous year. Fortunately, for those not ready to dedicate $25,000 to high-quality screens and sounds, a few developments offer a screening environment for much less.

One such space inhabits Adler Place at 1629 S. Prairie, the most recently redeveloped South Loop tower from Related Midwest. “We thought hard about how to design it in a unique way, not have the heavy traditional theater room,” says Ann Thompson, Related Midwest’s senior vice president of architecture and design. The goal was to offer condo-dwellers a flexible living space often only found in single-family homes. The key: movable lounge furniture and a multi-use bar and buffet space. Loaded with a flat-screen TV, sound system and a full kitchen, the room can be reserved by all residents of the building’s 275 units, which start at $305,000 for a one-bedroom (call broker David Wolf, president of Related Realty, at 312-662-1900).

Since Adler Place opened in December, condo owners have steadily reserved the media room for screening parties, like the “Downton Abbey” season premiere, and fulfills more unusual requests, like opening up for parents throwing daytime play dates. “We’ve found people want to use them in a more casual way,” Thompson says.

The Grant, Adler Place’s sister development at 1201 S. Prairie, also offers a by-reservation media room.

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When I sent this question out through my social media platforms, I thought it would be a great way to get conversation going — until I had to actually answer it myself. When I sat down to write my answer, I was stumped, because the only thing that came to mind was, “I’m already doing what I want to be doing, so now what do I say?” And it seems annoyingly cliché to say that I’m already doing what I want to be doing whether money is an issue or not and blah, blah, blah ... boring.

Some other jobs that came to mind were nursing, teaching, volunteering my time and devoting myself more to nonprofits, but it just wasn’t resonating with me. So I sat and thought a little longer. Then, it dawned on me: If money wasn’t an issue, I would absolutely, without a doubt stay home with Evan full-time, because when the day is done, being a mom to Evan is my No. 1 priority.

I also loved reading what you would be doing with your lives! Here are a few favorites.

Jason Michael Martin
@WVUGuy29: a veterinarian. I love animals. I’d do that for free because they can’t help themselves.

Will D. @WAD1980: I’d be your landscaper and pool boy. Donnie would approve since I’m from Boston.

James Nibert: I would hunt unicorns and raise dragons because we would obviously be in a fairytale!

Natalie Tibaudo Merryman: I would still be a teacher and a mom.

Ralph Kinlinger: Write music.

Rosemarie Tordillo-Zub: Just cook for people who work and don’t have time.

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2. "Jewish Soldiers in Blue and Gray," a film about American Jews who served in the Civil War, debuts at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 8 at Beth Emet the Free Synagogue, 1224 Dempster St., Evanston. $5 at the door. (847) 869-4230.


4. The Park Ridge Civic Orchestra performs with special guest violinist Rachel Barton Pine at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 12 at the Pickwick Theatre, 5 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge. Visit Parkridgecivicorchestra.org or call (847) 692-7726.

5. "Iannelli Exhibit," posters from Alfonso and Margaret Iannelli (pictured), are on display Saturdays and Sundays through Feb. 28 at Iannelli Studios Heritage Center, 255 N. Northwest Highway, Park Ridge. Call (847) 261-4595.

Light-hearted 'Tom Jones' an ode to joy of sex

BY CATEY SULLIVAN
For Sun-Times Media

Bawdy, funny and sexually celebratory, Northlight Theatre's staging of "Tom Jones" is a welcome blast of heat in the frigid midwinter. Adapted by Jon Jory from Henry Fielding's massive 18-volume, 18th-century romance, "Tom Jones" tells a delicious tale of heaving bosoms and unbuttoned trousers as it follows the escapades of a chick magnet in the Era of Enlightenment.

Directed with a clever hand by William Brown, "Tom Jones" is a lively roll in the hay that's deeply sensual but never smutty. "Tom Jones" is also the rare sex farce wherein the women give as good as they get. The conquests are reciprocal, the characters fully fleshed out in both mind and body. Yet for all the sexual scrapes and amorous escapades that our fair-haired hero indulges in, Tom Jones — both the play and the character — maintains a delightful core of innocence.

Fielding's narrative is (so to speak) a coming-of-age tale. Mysteriously left as an infant in the bed of the aptly named Squire Allworthy (Marcus Truschinski), Tom (Sam Ashdown) is raised as a respectable young lad. But respectability becomes a challenge once Tom hits the age of consent: The ladies can't keep their hands off him, and he's enthusiastically agreeable to bedding anyone who shows an interest.

In a field of feminine plenty, two women stand out as Tom makes his way from the English countryside to the salons of London. The first is Molly (Molly Glynn), a ravishing, red-headed wench who assertively enfolds Tom into the mysteries of carnal embrace. The second is the refined, well-off Sophia Western (Nora Fiffer), a sheltered young woman whose father (John Lister) casts a deeply disapproving eye on any sort of romance between his well-bred daughter and the local bastard.

The piffle of a plot centers on how/whether Tom will gain the respect of Sophia's formidable father and thus be able to wed his one true love. But with a narrative that trifling, the production's success rests wholly on the cast's comic timing and ability to create multi-layered characters.

No worries on either front here: Brown draws optimum performances from one and all. Glynn is an absolute hoot as the gleefully randy Molly, exuding sex-positive seductiveness and sparking with energy from every pore. Truschinski — sporting delightfully epic sideburns — embodies the buttoned-up, stiff-upper-lip manner of a proper English gentleman. And as Sophia's father Squire Western, Lister is a marvelous scene stealer, a fellow whose formidable bluster and patriarchal protectiveness is both comic and touching.

In the title role, Ashdown is marvelously charismatic and nails the wide-eyed joy and occasional confusion of a young man plunging head first into the wonderland of libido. As stories of scamps go, "Tom Jones" is hard to beat.
A jewel of a restaurant in Skokie

BY LEE A. LITAS
Dining Columnist

Sunipa Dhalawong still measures her family restaurant’s age by the age of her daughter, who was only three when the Thai transplant first launched the family business with husband and executive chef Pallop Dhalawong. The very first Ruby of Siam opened in Chicago 27 years ago.

The Dhalawongs attribute their three-decade run to exactly one thing: authenticity.

“We never compromise on ingredients and we don’t substitute,” said Pallop simply. He means it. The lion’s share of ingredients used at Ruby — from spices and coconut milk to vegetables — comes directly from Thailand.

“It’s important to us because many Thai restaurants combine Asian cuisines (and have) not just Thai but also Chinese, Japanese, Korean,” said Pallop. “Some people like to have variety but I found out for myself that you will never be able to do a good job on any dish because you have so many different dishes.”

The only substitutions the Dhalawongs make are when certain ingredients required for dishes are simply not available in the States. As in the case of their Kang Kew Waan green curry ($10.99), the Dhalawongs use not only local eggplant but also traditional Thai eggplant which looks like a miniature, palm-sized melon and has a crunchier and slightly more bitter taste.

The new flavors may take some getting used to but, “That is exactly how it is made in Thailand,” said Sunipa.

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“We might not be that fast because we cook everything to order,” said Sunipa. The small 65-seat store does fast business on the weekends so do expect a wait. On the other hand, the Dhalawongs have an active delivery arm and make runs from their Skokie location as far north as Wilmette.

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Featured by Zagat as one of the best Thai restaurants in Chicago, you can’t go wrong with anything from the delicate Ruby crab legs (Ruby’s version of Crab Rangoon) with luscious crab rolled into warm cream cheese and wrapped in delicate spring roll skin ($6.99), to the Khao Soy, a perfect, cold-weather delight with egg noodles and rich coconut milk-infused curry ($10.99).

Though the dishes are filling enough to consider skipping dessert, you would be doing yourself a disservice by not trying the luscious mango with creamy, dreamy sweet sticky coconut rice ($5.99). More rice, you say, and for dessert? Yes, oh yes!
It will be a Frostival of fun in Park Ridge

**BY MYRNA PETLICKI**
For Sun-Times Media

It's the 100th anniversary of the Park Ridge Park District and everybody is invited to celebrate the milestone at Frostival, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 8 at the Oakton Sports Complex, 2800 W. Oakton.

"Frostival is a brand-new, free family event," reported Recreation Supervisor Mary Bart. "We have a lot of games and activities set." That includes sled dog team demos throughout the event, ice sculptors, a DJ providing music, snowman cookie decorating for the first 100 children, a mini-snowman building contest, a snowball throwing contest, a snowman ring toss and a dodgeball-like game of dodge the snowball.

"In honor of our sled dogs, we have purchased sled dog pillow pets," Bart said. "The first 100 children can stuff them for a minimal fee of $6. They can take it home as a remembrance of the event."

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Enjoy a variety of outdoor activities at the free Winter Exploration Day, noon-4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 1 at Caldwell Woods, 6100 W. Devon Ave., Chicago. Your family can sled, snowshoe, snack around a campfire, do arts and craft projects, learn fun facts about winter and take a nature hike.

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Come celebrate winter at Park Ridge's Frostival on Feb. 8. Fun and frosty activities include sled dog team demos, snowman cookie decorating, a mini-snowman building contest, and a snowball throwing contest.

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Chicago Shakespeare kicks off its Sondheim double bill—one of the most anticipated "entertainment highlights of 2014"—Chicago Sun-Times
**I, FRANKENSTEIN**

Rated PG-13 for sequences of intense fantasy action and violence throughout

Stars: Aaron Eckhart, Bill Nighy, Miranda Otto

Frankenstein's monster (Eckhart), who has been on the run for centuries, finds himself in the middle of a war between two immortal clans. Screenwriter Stuart Beattie (“Pirates of the Caribbean,” “G.I. Joe: Rise of the Cobra”) co-wrote and directed the action fantasy.

**JACK RYAN: SHADOW RECRUIT**

★★ 1/2

Rated PG-13 for sequences of violence and intense action, and brief strong language

Stars: Chris Pine, Kevin Costner, Keira Knightley

It's interesting how easy it is to accept Russians as the bad guys again, as they are in this intermittently entertaining espionage thriller, after such a recent steady diet of evil terrorists and Mexican drug lords. Of course, it would seem strange if novelist Tom Clancy's Cold War hero Jack Ryan were pitted against a nefarious threat that didn't emanate from Moscow, but it still takes a bit of a conceptual backflip to make that happen. Pine does fine as the new Ryan in this origin story/reboot, trying to prevent a nasty-tempered Russian billionaire (Kenneth Branagh, who also directed) from destroying the U.S. economy. The espionage stuff is over-elaborate and unconvincing, and the action is increasingly absurd and frenetic, but the real problem is Ryan's drippy romance with his annoying fiancée (Knightley).

**DEVIL'S DUE**

★ 1/2

Rated R for language and some bloody images

Stars: Zach Gilford, Allison Miller, Robert Belushi

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So to satisfy all of those criteria, I created a mega mashup that draws on two classic party foods — Buffalo chicken wings and nachos. The resulting Buffalo chicken nachos are easy to assemble, but pack tons of bold flavor to get you through the big game.

To keep things as easy as possible, I start with the meat from a rotisserie chicken. But if you’d prefer to grill or roast your own, have at it. The meat from the chicken then gets tossed with a killer Buffalo sauce, then spread over a thick bed of tortilla chips. Add cheese and the rest of the toppings, then pop them in the oven until melted.

BUFFALO CHICKEN NACHOS

Start to finish: 30 minutes
Servings: 8

1/2 cup Frank’s RedHot Sauce (original)
1/4 cup barbecue sauce
1/4 cup butter
1/4 pound rotisserie chicken
7 1/2 ounces tortilla chips
8 ounces grated cheddar cheese
8 ounces Mexican-style shredded cheese
1/2 cup crumbled blue cheese
1/2 cup sliced black olives
1 bunch scallions
Salsa, to serve
Sour cream, to serve

Heat the oven to 400 degrees. Line a rimmed baking sheet with foil and coat with cooking spray.

To make the buffalo sauce, in a medium saucepan over medium heat, combine the RedHot sauce, barbecue sauce and butter. Heat, stirring, until the butter is melted and thoroughly blended. Set aside.

Remove all of the meat from the chicken, cut into bite-sized pieces and place in a large bowl. Pour the buffalo sauce over the chicken, then toss well to coat. Set aside.

Spread the tortilla chips in an even layer over the prepared baking sheet. Sprinkle the cheddar cheese evenly over the chips. Using tongs or a fork, spread the chicken evenly over the cheese and chips.

In a small bowl, toss together the Mexican-style cheese and the blue cheese, then sprinkle evenly over the chicken. Top with the olives and scallions. Bake for 10 to 15 minutes, or until the cheese is melted and just starting to brown. Serve with salsa and sour cream.

Nutrition information per serving: 710 calories; 400 calories from fat; 45g fat; 190 mg cholesterol; 27 g carbohydrate; 3g fiber; 4 g sugar; 51g protein; 1560 mg sodium.

Looking for one more classic Super Bowl appetizer with a twist? Try seven-layer potato skins.

SEVEN-LAYER POTATO SKINS

Start to finish: 45 minutes (15 minutes active)
Servings: 16

8 medium potatoes
2 tablespoons vegetable oil
2 large yellow onions, diced
Salt and ground black pepper
8 ounces loose sausage meat, cooked and crumbled
1/2 cup sour cream
2 cloves garlic, minced
8 slices cooked bacon, crumbled
1 cup shredded cheddar cheese
2 scallions, sliced

Heat the oven to 400 degrees. Line a rimmed baking sheet with foil, then coat with cooking spray.

Poke the potatoes all over with a fork. Microwave on high until tender, 10 to 12 minutes depending on the wattage of your microwave. Allow to cool until easily handled.

Meanwhile, in a medium skillet over medium, heat 1 tablespoon of the oil. Add the onions and cook until softened and browned, 15 to 20 minutes. Add the reserved potato flesh and the sausage. Season with salt and pepper, if needed. In a small bowl, stir together the sour cream and garlic. Set aside.

Once the potato skins have baked, start layering them. Spoon a bit of the caramelized onions into the bottom of each shell. Top with the sausage-potato mixture. Season with salt and pepper, then bake for 15 to 20 minutes, or until crisped and browned.

Meanwhile, in a medium bowl stir together the reserved potato flesh and the sausage. Season with salt and pepper, if needed. In a small bowl, stir together the sour cream and garlic. Set aside.

When the potatoes are cool enough to handle, cut them in half. Scoop out and reserve the insides, leaving a 1/4-inch-thick wall of potato flesh on the skin. Arrange the halves skin sides down on the prepared baking sheet. Brush the potatoes with the remaining tablespoon of oil. Sprinkle lightly with salt and black pepper, then bake for 15 to 20 minutes, or until crisped and browned.

Nutrition information per serving: 160 calories; 70 calories from fat; 8 g fat; 20 mg cholesterol; 16 g carbohydrate; 1 g fiber; 2 g sugar; 7 g protein; 210 mg sodium.
Morning Matinee: ‘Last Love’ 10:30 a.m.: A screening of the 2013 comedy about the life-changing connection between a retired American philosophy professor and a young Parisian woman. Lincolnwood Public Library 4000 W. Pratt Ave., Lincolnwood. For more information, call 847-677-5277.

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I p.m.: Professor Bob Burton leads a discussion and video presentation on some of the earliest TV commercials including ground-breakers, award winners and more. Mather’s, 7134 W. Higgins Ave., Chicago. Call 773-774-4804. $5 suggested donation.

Cinematic Classics: ‘Lilies of the Field’ 1 p.m.: A screening of the 1963 comedy, starring Sidney Poitier, about a traveling handyman who helps a group of nuns build a chapel in the desert. 94 minutes. Lincolnwood Public Library, 4000 W. Pratt Ave., Lincolnwood. Call 847-677-5277.

Travel Film 2 p.m.: Enjoy a family-friendly movie traveling through a different part of the world. Call 847-825-3121 to find out what movie will be playing this week. Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge.

The Year of the Horse 6 p.m.: Families can celebrate the Chinese New Year and the year of the horse with Chinese games, crafts and more. Wildwood Nature Center, 529 Forestview Ave., Park Ridge. For more information, call 847-692-5127, $15 per family.

Lit’ Ed & The Blues Imperials 7:30 p.m.: The blues band performs. Evanston SPACE, 1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston. Evanston. $15-$27.

Pat McGann 8 p.m.: A comedic performance by the creator and host of “The Chicago Stand-Up Project.” Additional performances Friday at 10:30 p.m. and Saturday at 9:30 p.m. Admission is $22 and a minimum purchase of two food or drink items. Zanies Comedy Night Club Rosemont, 5437 Park Place, Rosemont.

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Film: ‘Don Jon’ I p.m.: A screening of the 2013 comedy, starring Joseph Gordon-Levitt and Scarlett Johansson, about a man who begins to crumble, misunderstandings and hilarious mayhem build to a delightfully chaotic climax. Can the good doctor hold it all together and avoid disaster? Performances are at 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays through Feb. 22 and 3 p.m. through Sundays Feb. 17 through 23. Oil Lamp Theater, 1723 Glenview Road, Glenview. Call 847-834-0738. $30 includes BYOB and homemade cookies.

Saturday, Feb 1
Snowshoeing Through Lyman Woods 8:30 a.m.: The whole family can take a snowshoeing trip through Lyman Woods followed by a hike to see kames, glacially deposited hills of gravel. There must be 4 inches of snow for snowshoeing. The group departs from Maine Park Leisure Center. For ages 6 and older. Maine Park Leisure Center, 2701 W. Sibley St., Park Ridge. Call 847-692-5127. $15.

Skokie Art Guild 9 a.m.: The group offers fine art workshops every Saturday. There are live models but no instructor. Devonshire Cultural Center, 4400 Greenwood St., Skokie. Call 847-673-4460. $20 per session; $12 for guild members.

‘Iannelli’ Exhibit 10 a.m.: Posters from Alfonso and Margaret Iannelli are on display Saturdays and Sundays through Feb. 16. Iannelli Studios Heritage Center, 255 N. Northwest Highway, Park Ridge. Call 847-663-1234.

Winter Carnival! 10 a.m.: Fun for the whole family with games and prizes, a moonwalk, face painting, train ride for tots, a raffle table, craft table, popcorn, cotton candy and more. Lunch is included. Glenview New Church, 74 Park Drive, Glenview. For more information, call 847-724-0057, ext. 10. $5.


Winter Exploration Noon: Enjoy winter with various outdoor activities, nature hikes, crafts, snacks and more. Caldwell Woods, 6100 W. Devon Ave., Chicago.


Film: ‘To Have and Have Not’ 9:30 a.m.: Expatriate American Harry Morgan helps to transport a French Resistance leader and his beautiful wife to Martinique while romancing a alluring lounge singer. Stars Humphrey Bogart, Lauren Bacall. 90 minutes. Call 847-823-5101 or visit www.mgpl.org to learn more. Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove.

Groundhog Day Fireside 2 p.m.: A five-foot-tall groundhog visits to teach children about his life. For ages 3 and up. Emily Oak Nature Center, 4650 Brummel St., Skokie. $5.

Swear and Shake with the Kickback 9 a.m.: The bands perform, as part of Chicago Bluegrass and Blues Festival. Evanston SPACE, 1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston. Call 847-492-8860. $20-$35.

The Handcuffs and More 9 p.m.: Performances by The Handcuffs, Swimsuit Addition and The Queue. Must be 21 or older to attend. 27 Live, 1012 Church St., Evanston. Call 855-927-5483.


Celebrate with the Limitations 2 p.m.: Celebrate the grand reopening of the library with a concert by the Limitations at 2 p.m. followed by refreshments and tours of the new spaces. Niles Public Library District, 6960 W. Oakton St., Niles. For more information, call 847-663-1234.

Arts on Sunday: The Art of Scientific Imagery 3 p.m.: Scientists from Northwestern University’s Science in Society program discuss their award winning images from the 2013 Northwestern University Science Images Contest. Evanston Public Library - Main Branch, 1703 Orrington Ave., Evanston. Call 847-446-8646.

‘Unforgettable’ Viewing Party 4 p.m.: Watch the television series about an American crime and mystery. Fleetwood-Jourdain Community Center, 1655 Foster St., Evanston. Call 847-884-9895.

‘Hitler’s Children’ Monday 3:30 p.m.: The documentary explores the terrible legacy left to the children and grandchildren of some of the Nazi era’s most senior officials. North Shore Senior Center, 6140 Dempster St., Morton Grove. For more information, call 847-784-6030. $8-$11.

Maker Monday 4:30 p.m.: The group makes crafts out of ordinary things. Niles Public Library District, 6960 W. Oakton St., Niles. Call 847-663-6625.

Trivia Night 8 p.m.: Winners receive gift cards. Specials include $4 Budweiser products.

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TUESDAY, FEB. 4

Double Feature: Discover Asia
11:30 a.m.: Part of the "Discoveries... Asia" series, "Korea: Seoul, Gyeongju, Busan and Jeju Island" and "China: Beijing, Great Wall, Xi'an, Guilin, Hong Kong and Shanghai" feature historic attractions and cultural heritage of Korea and China. Call 847-929-5101 or visit www.mgpl.org for more information. Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove.

Family Story Time
7 p.m.: Stories, songs and activities for families with children ages 2 to 6. Attendees are welcome to wear pajamas. Niles Public Library District, 6960 W. Oakton St., Niles. Call 847-663-1234.

'The Tuesday 10' Showcase
8 p.m.: A mix of ten headliners, including rising stars and surprise guests, perform stand-up. $10 and the purchase of at least two food or drink items. Zanies Comedy Night Club Rosemont, 5437 Park Place, Rosemont. For more information, call 847-813-0484.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 5

The History of the 'Tonight Show'
1 p.m.: Cultural historian Barry Bradford uses rare video clips and amazing stories of "Tonight Show" host David Letterman. North Shore Senior Center, 6140 Dempster St., Morton Grove. Call 847-784-6030, $9-$12.

Natural Gas
8 p.m.: The improvisational group takes a suggestion from the audience and turns it into a show. The Gift Theatre, 4802 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago. Call 773-227-7071, $5.

Pat Tomasulo
8 p.m.: The sports anchor for "WGN Morning News" performs a stand-up routine. Must be 21 or older to attend. Admission is $22 and a minimum of two food or drink purchases. Zanies Comedy Night Club Rosemont, 5437 Park Place, Rosemont.

THURSDAY, FEB. 6

Oscar Nominated New Release: "Before Midnight"
2 p.m.: A screening and discussion of the 2013 drama about a man and woman who reunite nearly two decades after their first romantic encounter. 109 minutes. Niles Public Library District, 6960 W. Oakton St., Niles. Call 847-663-1234.

FRIDAY, FEB. 7

Special Musical Bibliobop
10 a.m.: A musical performance by Alma Celeste for children. The hour includes music, stories and dancing.

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THE LEGEND OF HERCULES

RATED PG-13 for sequences of violence, sexual content and brief strong language.

Stars: Kellan Lutz, Gaia Weiss, Scott Adkins

You have to give “The Legend of Hercules” credit for delivering pretty much exactly what you’d expect in terms of good, dumb, mythological fun. Though a little less dumb and a little more fun would have been better. Veteran action/adventure director Renny Harlin goes through the motions, serving up plenty of ancient Greek melodrama, bulging muscles and sword-and-sandal clichés — with a thick layer of fairly cheesy CGI effects trudged on for pseudo-excitement. And Lutz (Emmett Cullen in “The Twilight Saga”) is bland but beefy as Hercules, who has lots of complicated family issues to sort out before getting busy becoming legendary.

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RIDE ALONG

**RATED PG-13 for sequences of violence, sexual content and brief strong language.**

Stars: Ralph Fiennes, Felicity Jones, Kristin Scott Thomas

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Paranormal Activity: The Marked Ones

**RATED R for pervasive language, some violence, graphic nudity and some drug use.**

Stars: Molly Ephraim, Andrew Jacobs, Crystal Santos

Apparently bored with tormenting middle-class white folks in suburban L.A., the “Paranormal” Satan-spawn have established a new base for their evil activities in the predominantly Latino community of Oxnard. “The Marked Ones” concerns recent high-school grad Jesse (Jacobs), and his comic-relief buddy Hector (Jorge Diaz) who record everything on their new video camera — including Jesse’s demonic possession. Writer-director Christopher Landon, who also scripted “Paranormal” two through four, has given this semi-reboot more of a sexual charge than its predecessors, a handful of decent shocks and a surprisingly action-packed finale. No matter how creepy things get, though, there’s near zero suspense because the found-footage gimmick comes with a built-in emotionally distancing effect. Maybe it’s time to turn the freaking camera off already?

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TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You're eager to take on new responsibilities. But before you do, you might want to check out exactly what would be required of you so that you don't face any "surprises."

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) It might be best to put off an important decision until a fluctuating situation becomes more stable. Recently received news could help resolve a family matter.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) If you still have a problem getting that information gap closed, you might consider asking a higher authority to resolve the matter.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) A family matter needs to be dealt with at the start of the week. Once it's resolved, then you can devote more attention to that new opportunity that seems to hold potential.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Pay attention to those doubts. They could be warning you not to make any major decisions until you've checked them out, especially with money matters.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A business venture might need more of your attention than you are able to provide. Consider asking a trusted friend or family member to help you.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A more positive aspect helps you get a clearer focus on how to handle your time so that you can deal with several new responsibilities.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A very close friend has advice that could help you work through a confusing situation. So put your pride aside and ask for it.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) A workplace situation could turn a bit tense. The best way to handle it is to confront it and deal with it openly.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A colleague's remarks appear to be especially cutting. But don't waste your time or your energy trying to deal with the situation.

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John and Jennifer Maxson's 1931 Model A Ford
By ToDrive Editors

To stay competitive, the Ford Motor Company followed the iconic but outdated Model T with the revolutionary Model A. Sold from 1928 to 1931, the Model A featured exciting updated styling, an all-steel body, a more powerful 201 cubic inch four cylinder engine that produced 40 horsepower and a three-speed gearbox that pushed the car to more than 60 mph.

The car-buying public became enchanted and, despite the Great Depression, nearly 5 million Model A's were sold, some roadsters priced at less than $400.

John Maxson purchased this soft-topped 1931 sport coupe with a rumble seat in 1964 from the original owner, a dentist in the Washington, D.C., area. At the time, John was an 18-year-old senior in high school, and the car was already 33 years old.

The car is still in John's garage, is an excellent runner and has provided him and his family with thousands of hours of fun.

Teddie Kossof's Porsche
By Car Owner

Back in 1987, the Porsche 928 s4 was one of the fastest cars in the world and the safest to drive. This car still deserves to be revered. Porsche has moved into a front-engine design, which Porsche owners rejected for years. I have done a ground-up restoration on a 1987 928 s4, which took three years to finish. The restoration included a new interior and electronics, as well as paint and all finish work. The car will blow most cars out there now out of the water.
No change in vehicle sales

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Overall car sales in Niles stayed constant in September on a month-over-month basis, as residents of Niles purchased one fewer vehicle in September than in the previous month.

In the month of September, Toyota was the top-selling make to Niles residents with a total of 39 sales. The 39 Toyota sales in the month broke down into 18 new and 21 used. Ford and Nissan rounded out the top three makes in sales (both new and used) during the month with 38 and 22 sales, respectively.

The previous month, Toyota topped the overall auto sales chart for Niles residents with a total of 41 sales, followed by Ford (31 sales) and Chevrolet (29).

The breakdown of all auto sales in September was 43 percent new and 57 percent used. The top make bought new in the month was Toyota, while the top used make was Ford. The previous month, 62 percent of the 252 total auto purchases by residents were used vehicles. Ford was the top make bought used that month, while Toyota was the top brand purchased new.

In September, 68 percent of all car sales to Niles residents came through a local auto dealership, while this share was at 68 percent the previous month. 88 percent mark in September translated to 171 total sales (and 80 private sales) originating at dealerships, versus 172 total dealer sales (80 private) one month earlier.

Auto dealers that sold the most vehicles to Niles residents in September included Golf Mill Ford, Bredemann Toyota, and Star Nissan. One month earlier, Bredemann Toyota, Golf Mill Ford, O’Hare Hyundai sat atop the dealer chart selling to Niles residents.
Simpson chips in at Ohio Wesleyan

BY NICK BULLOCK
For Sun-Times Media, @HSCNewsNorth

In limited minutes as a freshman off the bench, Lake Forest alumnus Ben Simpson has proved to be a valuable contributor for the 12-3 Ohio Wesleyan men's basketball team.

Through the team's first 15 games, Simpson is averaging 2.1 points and 2.6 rebounds per game. He is one of eight players to have appeared in every game for the Battling Bishops.

Kelly Plach, a Nues West alumna, recently received the Daktronics National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Scholar-Athlete Award for her performance in the classroom and as a member of the women's volleyball team for the St. Louis College of Pharmacy. This was the third consecutive year she received the award.

Plach qualified for the award by maintaining a grade-point average of at least 3.5. As a fifth-year middle blocker and captain for the volleyball team, she moved into eighth place on the school's list of both career kills (482) and career blocks (208).

Fenwick alumna Paige Corrino, a sophomore guard for the Washington and Lee women's basketball team, sank the game-winning free throws to give the Generals a 69-66 victory against Bridgewater Jan. 25 in Lexington, Va.

With 23 seconds left on the clock, Corrino, a Clarendon Hills native, sank the game-winning free throws to give the Generals a 69-66 victory against Bridgewater Jan. 25 in Lexington, Va.

Through 15 games, Corrino is averaging 6.4 points, 6.4 rebounds, 1.9 assists and 1.8 steals per game.

Tommy Fernitz, a junior center for the DePauw men's basketball team, was recently named the North Coast Athletic Conference Men's Basketball Player of the Week. The Glenbrook North alumnus led DePauw to a 4-0 record for the week while averaging 19.3 points and 15.3 rebounds.

During that four-game stretch, Fernitz recorded the first four double-doubles of his career and twice set career bests in rebounds in a game with 15 against Drew University in the Tampa Bay Shootout Dec. 29 in Tampa, Fla., and 16 against Allegheny Jan. 4 in Meadville, Pa. He also recorded a career-best 22 points against Kalamazoo in the Tampa Shootout on Dec. 30 and was named the tournament's most valuable player.

Loyola alumnus Austin Morton, a freshman center, and Glenbrook North alumnus Mark Johnson, a sophomore forward/center, have also contributed to DePauw's 13-4 start.

Have a suggestion for the College Roundup? Email Nick Bullock at bullockpioneerpress@gmail.com.
**NILES WEST**

School recognizes top teams and players in program history

**BY NATALIE HAYES**

SKOKIE — Niles West paid tribute to its sports history by honoring members of the 1979 and 1981 girls basketball teams and former standout girls basketball players during a special ceremony. The 1979 team won a state championship and the 1981 team went on to win a state championship and the 1981 team went on to win a state championship.

The event, "A Celebration of 40 Years of Niles West Girls Basketball" on Saturday, recognized former coach Gene Earl, who led the Niles West girls basketball program from 1978-1990.

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For Sun-Times Media, @NatHayReporter

**MAINE EAST**

Common destination

Boys basketball squad added two transfer students before the season began.

Haralampiev's initial interaction on the court with his Maine East teammates was also during an open gym.

He moved to Niles from Sliven, Bulgaria, and attended his first day of school on a Friday near the middle of November. The next day, he played pick-up ball with the Blue Demons for about two hours.

Haralampiev said he was informed that he was going to be part of the team by the Maine East coaches at the end of that two-hour session, and he's spent this season as a member of the JV.

Haralampiev, who's in his third season of playing organized basketball, has had to make several huge adjustments this year. He said basketball is a less physical, less complicated game in Eastern Europe. He's also had to quickly learn the team's offensive and defensive sets and try to settle into his role at Maine East, which Genis said is a power forward-type — a player who has the physical tools to play in the paint, but who also can make jump shots.

"On my team, I used to shoot a lot because we're all perimeter guys and we played simple basketball," Haralampiev said. "Here, it's a little bit different because you have to learn a lot of plays. All my friends started playing basketball in ninth grade, so it is a little bit more complicated.

Genis said Haralampiev, who threw down a dunk as Genis was watching him during a recent Maine East practice, has a chance to overcome his lack of experience and make it into the varsity rotation next year. The keys are playing steadier on the court and having a good summer with his new teammates.

"He's really come a long way," Genis said. "I think he'll help a lot next year. He's got some really nice games on JV, and then he'll tumble a little bit. There's a consistency factor for him. But yeah, he's been a nice surprise."

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Members of the 1979 state championship team and the 1981 Final Four teams were honored during "A Celebration of 40 Years of Niles West Girls Basketball" on Saturday. The ceremony also recognized former coach Gene Earl, who led the Niles West girls basketball program from 1978-1990. Members of the 1979 and 1981 girls basketball teams and former standout girls basketball players during the special ceremony.

BY NATALIE HAYES

For Sun-Times Media, @NatHayReporter
Rasho's shooting opens possibilities

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

PARK RIDGE — There's an old saying that describes a person who exploits generosity: "You give her a yard and she takes a mile." Shar Rasho, a sharpshooter on the Niles North girls basketball team, has put her own spin on that idiom this year.

All season, Rasho has proved to opposing defenses that if they give her a yard of space, there's a good chance she's going to knock down a jump shot.

"I always shoot it whenever I'm open," Rasho said.

Rasho said shooting always has been the strongest part of her game, but she's never shot as well as she has this year. Rasho is dangerous when given open looks from behind the 3-point arc, and she provides a perfect complement to junior post player Kienya Jones.

Rasho drained six 3-pointers en route to 22 points against Maine East on Dec. 10, 2013, the first time the Vikings and Blue Demons met this season. Maine East coach Karol Hanusiak adjusted her team's defense before the host Blue Demons beat Niles North 68-40 Friday.

Maine East began the game with guard Janelle Alba Garnier on Rasho. Even when the ball swung to the opposite side of the floor, Alba Garnier didn't drift away from Rasho. Maine East switched to a 2-3 zone in the second half because of foul trouble, and its players immediately closed out on Rasho almost every time she touched the ball.

Despite all of the defensive attention, Rasho knocked down three 3-pointers and finished with 10 points.

"We made sure we knew where she was," Hanusiak said. "That was our goal tonight: if she was going to take a 3, better be a hand in her face, better be a body next to her."

Defenses have been playing Rasho tighter and tighter as the season has progressed, she and Niles North coach Dan Paxson said. Paxson has installed a few quick-hit plays to help Rasho generate open looks. He said some are on baseline drifts to get her free in the corner, some are off-screens and others are on penetrate-and-kick action.

Rasho also has adjusted what she does within the Vikings' offense.

"I just have to be patient with my screens so I can get an open shot," she said. "I can't just stand in one spot and expect to be open. I've just got to keep moving around."

Paxson said most of her opportunities came from within the Vikings' offense. Opposing defenses have focused on double- and triple-teaming Jones, who's capable of eclipsing 30 points any night.

Teams often have to make an unenviable choice against Niles North, especially if they lack a quality post defender to slow Jones.

"She opens the floor for Kienya," Paxson said of Rasho.

BOYS BOWLING STATE TOURNAMENT PREVIEW

Nearly scrubbed, co-op team becomes a state qualifier

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

CHICAGO — Niles North senior Daniel Ullenaubrück spent seven months trying to create the District 219 co-op boys bowling team last year, yet it seemed as if all of that effort was for naught on Sept. 30, 2013.

Ullenaubrück visited several members of the District 219 school board during those seven months. He said he went to their homes and their places of business to plead his case.

"I introduced myself," Ullenaubrück said, "and then I would be like, 'I'm trying to get a team started for Niles North. There's a lot of good bowlers, and a lot of good bowlers that are leaving, too, after this year. I think we have a really good chance of making it [to state]. Is there anything you can do to help us out?' They were on board with it, they just made his shots and focused on hitting his marks on the lane.

"You get really tired by the fourth or fifth game, and mentally, you decompose," said Clemente, who rolled a 1,280 to qualify for this weekend's state meet. "It's just ridiculous.

The Niles resident added that he dealt with the fatigue by trying not to think about it. He said he just made his shots and focused on hitting his marks on the lane.

Clemente bounced back from a 160 in the fourth game with a 211 in the fifth and a 215 in the sixth.

NOTRE DAME

Notre Dame entered its sixth and final game at the St. Patrick Sectional in fine to qualify for the state tournament.

The Dons were in fifth place with about a 100-pin lead over seventh-place St. Lawrence — the top six teams at the sectional qualified for this weekend's state meet — but they started the sixth game slowly. Only senior captain Alex Jensen was bowling well in the sixth.

Jensen pulled his teammates together in a huddle after the sixth frame of the final game and delivered a passionate speech. He looked like a quarterback trying to inspire his offensive teammates right before they trotted onto the field to try to win the game.

"I just said that we've got four frames left and we've worked so hard throughout the season to get to this point," Jensen said. "It was just time to make the big plays."

The Dons responded. Jensen and junior Bob Hoening, who subbed in after the fourth frame of the sixth game, bowled turkeys in the three frames after Jensen's speech. Sophomore Charlie Allen and Tom Ochal both bowled five straight strikes to close out their final games.

Allen bowled a 219 in the sixth game and Ochal finished with a 214.

The strength of those two scores, along with Jensen's 257, helped Notre Dame secure fifth place and advance to the two-day state meet, which begins Friday in O'Fallon.
Gallardo pushed hard by training partner

Junior worked out with Barzowski in the offseason in hopes of placing at state

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NILES — If you're trying to find Notre Dame junior wrestler Jimmy Gallardo, chances are he's with sophomore teammate Jake Barzowski, coach Augie Genovesi said.

"Where one is, the other is usually right behind," Genovesi said.

The duo struck up a friendship during Gallardo's sophomore season when the two were training partners. When Gallardo went to state last season, Barzowski attended as well to help him train.

Now, they are two of Genovesi's top wrestlers, a fact that is not a surprise to Genovesi given all the work the two put in during the offseason. The pair trained together, along with Barzowski's brother, freshman Josh Barzowski, twice a day while also lifting weight. Their offseason culminated at the National Wrestling Championships in Fargo, N.D., in July.

"They push each other," Genovesi said. "It's a good partnership for both."

For Gallardo, the offseason routine was especially valuable as he came into the week with a 33-6 record. A two-time state qualifier, Gallardo is looking to place at state this year. He lost in last season's Class 3A quarterfinals at 113 pounds.

Gallardo said he feels good about his chances of achieving his goal this year thanks to his workouts with Jake Barzowski.

"He's a tough workout partner," Gallardo said. "He doesn't know when to quit and knows when to push me. I think it's important that he knows my weaknesses and what I need to do to get better and he pushes that. He makes me make the moves that I struggle with."

Jake Barzowski, who wrestles at 132 pounds, said he enjoys pushing Gallardo, who competed at 120 in a home triangular on Jan. 23, outside his comfort zone.

"I'm bigger than him and I think that's good," Barzowski said. "It makes it harder for him. I think we're really good at just pushing each other. We never ease up."

Gallardo is heading into the ESCC tournament this week — he's scheduled to wrestle at 113 pounds, according to Genovesi — with a lot of momentum and the potential for a deep postseason run.

"We have a saying that summer wrestling makes winter champions and they are proving that true," Genovesi said. "Jimmy gets better every time he steps on the mat."
Testament to teamwork

Dons' Gallardo, Barzowski make each other better

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Notre Dame's Jimmy Gallardo (top) looks for back points against Marian Catholic's Chris Harris during their match on Jan. 23. | BRIAN OHANNEY/SUN-TIMES MEDIA
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