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Skokie Swift run keeps memory of Dan Horyn alive

BY MIKE ISAACS
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Sometimes a foot race is about so much more than just the running. Hundreds who gather near downtown Skokie's Yellow Line CTA station June 8 for such a race will have a beloved and compassionate Niles North High School teacher and track coach in mind and in heart. The first annual Dan Horyn's Skokie Swift 5K kicks off at 8:30 a.m. at 4901 Searle Parkway, near the CTA station.

Of all the comments expressing grief and sympathy over Horyn, who was struck down at age 34 from an aggressive form of esophageal cancer, none resonated more than four words from one of his students.

"His legacy is us," the student said.

Horyn was a tremendously popular English teacher, a much-loved track and cross-country coach, and his palpable connection to students was clear to everyone inside Niles North. After he died in September, it became clear outside as well.

"Mr. Horyn talked me out of suicide. He saved my life," one student wrote on a public Facebook page.

"While I was Mr. Horyn's student and going through some issues with depression, he was the only teacher I had who made it clear that he noticed," another student wrote.

"I lacked a true family, and he guided me...He messaged me weekly and made sure I was living a worthwhile life...I owe him everything I am as a person," said another grief-stricken student.

The June 8 run in honor of Dan Horyn will begin only a short skip away from the Bughouse Studio in downtown Skokie, which Horyn's wife, Andrea, opened a few years ago. The two were a close team, and Dan helped Andrea during the summer of 2011 get the place ready for an August opening.

An elementary school art teacher possessing a wonderful rapport with children and adults, she quit her job to pursue a dream. (Since then, Andrea has become a full-time art teacher again at Madison School in Skokie).

Bughouse unleashes creativity and imagination through pottery and ceramics classes for all ages. When Dan Horyn wasn't teaching or coaching track, he would hang out with Andrea at the distinctive art studio with the attractive green walls and join her for special events. Like at Niles North, or anywhere else he went, Dan Horyn could light up a room with his energy, friendliness and compassion.

But less than a year into his training which sometimes produced eating and digestion issues.

"Hiking the Grand Canyon was the tell-tale sign for us that something was wrong," Andrea said. "He couldn't make it up the canyon. We hiked down, stopped for a few hours and hiked up. People we had passed hours before started to pass us."

They drove a few hours to a hospital, but the first diagnosis wasn't definitive. Dan was dehydrated, which is not uncommon for Grand Canyon hikers, and some of his counts were off. His counts, though, eventually normalized and Dan was sent on his way.

Two weeks later, he was diagnosed with stage four esophageal cancer.

Treatment for cancer

Dan Horyn was treated at the University of Chicago Medical Center. He bravely fought the disease for 19 months before he died. Andrea subsequently created the Daniel M. Horyn Foundation, which will be the beneficiary of the inaugural Skokie run.

One reason Andrea created the foundation was because she saw first-hand the disease's insidious nature when Dan was fighting against it.

By the time Dan Horyn experienced symptoms from the fatal cancer, it was already in the esophagus and impacting the liver, which produced serious complications. It is not uncommon for the disease to metastasize like this before patients even notice.

There are two types of esophageal cancer — one in the upper esophagus impacting older males and often due to smoking or drinking. Dan Horyn had the other kind of cancer in the lower esophagus.

For reasons not fully understood, this second kind of cancer is occurring more frequently in younger men in the United States — sometimes in men like Dan living healthy lives. The Horyns' oncologist, Dr. Victoria Villafr, said she currently is treating a male in his 20s for the disease for the first time in her career.

Dan Horyn continued teaching with the disease, making special effort to seem OK to students and colleagues at work. But behind the scenes, Andrea knew it was a different story.

She saw first-hand in Dan what others did not see — "the suffering and being at the hospital and being with our doctors and talking through the realization of the disease — especially at the end watching somebody so fit really decay."

Next month's run

Next month's 5K run marks the unofficial beginning of the Foundation, which was created out of the close friendship developed between the Horyns and Villafr, an expert in the field of esophageal cancer. Holding a run on behalf of the Foundation, an idea hatched by a friend of Dan's, made complete sense, Andrea said.

"The running connection with Dan was a reason we chose this as an event," she said. "He started running when he was 5 or 6 years old. He just continued on. Even though teaching was a full-time job for him, the coaching was really important to him."

The Daniel M. Horyn Foundation's mission is to raise awareness about esophageal cancer, a disease rarely detected until later stages with formative malignancies.

"Little research and drug development funding exists specifically for esophageal cancer, leaving standard treatments and unpredictable combinations...to patients with late stages of the disease," the Foundation states. "The Daniel M. Horyn Foundation supports esophageal cancer research and the introduction of new therapies for the treatment of esophageal cancer at The University of Chicago Medical Center."

Rallying around Andrea

When Dan Horyn succumbed to his cancer about eight months ago, the community united around Andrea. Several communities, in fact. Andrea's former school in La Grange, downtown Skokie, the University of Chicago medical team, Niles North High School and Madison School all were there for her.

"We cherish Andrea," said downtown Skokie booster Scott Holtz, a member of the committee organizing the June 8 run. "For her to be doing the 5K for Dan, it is such a monumental thing. I'm so happy that she's doing it."

Organizers expect many hundreds of people who knew Dan to participate.

"I don't think he can be summarized in any word or two," Andrea said about her late husband.

"Everybody has a different story about him, but he had an infectious personality, and he was super positive and super smart and super sweet. There's a lot of people I know who are incredibly bright, incredibly positive, super funny, super witty — he was all of those things. But the thing that was so great about him was that you felt like you were a better person after knowing him. He really made you feel like you were so important."

Many important-feeling people will lace up their shoes next month and run — run to keep the memory of a friend, a colleague, a teacher and a family member alive. The race may be only 5 kilometers, but there is no finish line when it comes to remembering and loving Dan Horyn.
Morton Grove's proximity to Lake Michigan gives it options few other suburbs enjoy to escape the steeply rising costs Chicago is charging for delivery of water, a consultant told the village board Monday.

Either Evanston or Wilmette can provide water more cheaply than Chicago, said Patrick Glenn, senior engineer with Gewalt Hamilton Associates. One other option he presented was the Northwest Water Commission, which has a water main running through Morton Grove, but may not be able to provide enough water capacity.

“We see bigger savings with the Evanston project, but it’s a more expensive project to accomplish,” he said. The savings would result from cheaper water rates, which would add up over the long term.

Though Morton Grove is a relatively small customer, his firm’s number-crunching showed a clear benefit to Morton Grove, Niles and Park Ridge if they partner together to get either Evanston or Wilmette water delivered.

“Morton Grove, Park Ridge and Niles are small users surrounded by larger users. But when the three are grouped, they make the largest customer in the area,” he said.

If the three did enter an agreement to build an infrastructure of water mains, it would cost Morton Grove $25 million and provide a first-year savings of $1.5 million over Chicago rates, he said. That assumes Morton Grove will issue 20-year bonds that carry a 4 percent interest rate and an annual payment of $1.84 million.

Under that scenario, if Chicago raises its water rates by 2 percent a year, Morton Grove could save $95 million over a 30-year period by using Evanston water, he said.

Because it would take Morton Grove, Niles and Park Ridge 20 years to pay off the infrastructure bonds, the real savings would come after that period ends, when the towns would be paying for just the cost of the water, he said.

Niles Village Manager Steve Vineziano told the Morton Grove board, “We have a great opportunity for the Village of Niles, the Village of Morton Grove and potentially Park Ridge — we have two viable options. I think this is a great opportunity for our municipalities to do right by our residents.”

Wilmette also approached Morton Grove and Niles with the idea of selling them water, he said. That proposal would save Morton Grove $450,000 in the first year (compared to a $1.5 million savings with Evanston) and provide Morton Grove a 30-year savings of $41 million (compared to $95 million with Evanston).

Morton Grove Trustee John Thill asked whether federal funds would be available to help the village defray the costs, and Glenn responded that there might be assistance to get a lower interest rate on the bonds, but was not aware of any financial help for the actual infrastructure cost.

Gewalt Hamilton made a similar presentation to Park Ridge on May 5 and will present to Niles on May 27; the firm is suggesting the three towns agree to investigate partnering to obtain Evanston water.

“What we have so far is the financial analysis, which says if we can bring the three communities together, there’s a beneficial project here for all three,” Glenn said. “If that doesn’t work out, the Wilmette-Glenview option is still there.”
Local home powered by solar panels, wind generators

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A t the first glance, George Printzis’ home doesn’t seem that different from other homes on Chester Street. But a closer look reveals six solar panels on the south side of his roof. And anyone who looks inside the gate blocking his driveway would spot a small turbine in his yard.

These are just the first steps towards an ambitious goal. Since 2009, Printzis has been working to make his house the first house in Niles to be completely powered by alternative energy. To do that, he wants to put one of the wind generators on his chimney — something that would require special permission from the Village Board. If Printzis gets that, he plans to add two more wind turbines, which he believes will be enough to power his house in full.

Printzis has been fascinated with electricity since he was a little boy. Growing up, the small town in Greece where he lived didn’t have electricity, and the grammar school he attended didn’t have electricity for the first few years, either. He was intrigued by the whole concept of electricity, and that interest led him to a career in engineering.

But it wasn’t until the summer of 2009 that his passion led Printzis to try to power his house with alternative energy. He started with solar panels. At first, he built a solar panel from scratch, but he discovered that his design was vulnerable to moisture. Dealing with it was too troublesome, so he decided to simply order solar panels online.

But even as he was in the process of equipping the house with solar panels, he was worried that Chicago area simply wasn’t sunny enough to power the house through solar energy alone.

His daughter’s science project gave Printzis an idea. He would build a wind turbine generator to generate additional power.

The wind turbine generator he built wasn’t like the three-bladed, propeller-like turbines one usually associates with wind power. Printzis went for a less common type, which has four blades pointing upward from the generator’s circular top. As he explained, the design has several advantages.

“It doesn’t kill birds, because it rotates very slowly,” said Printzis. “It’s quiet — the neighbors didn’t complain.”

His original plan was to install the generator atop of his chimney. But Printzis said that, when he went to get a permit, the village of Niles said that it couldn’t give him one, because the village doesn’t have any ordinance governing the use of turbines.

“I’m losing a lot of power, because I don’t have big batteries,” he said. “If I was to get four batteries, or eight, it would be 100 percent, but batteries are very expensive.”

Getting two more wind generators would allow him to power the house completely, and even generate extra energy he could sell to ComEd. But before that can happen, Printzis wants to get the generator on top of the chimney.

Ultimately, he hopes that the village would sympathize with his goals. “If I was to get four batteries, or eight, it would be 100 percent, but batteries are very expensive.”

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Repairs to Leaning Tower could cost $600,000

BY IGOR STUDENCOV
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Repairs to the Leaning Tower of Niles may cost as much as $600,000, according to an engineering study obtained by the Niles Herald-Spectator.

The iconic structure hasn't seen significant repairs since the village of Niles first leased it from the Leaning Tower YMCA in 1995. The study, which was prepared by Wiss, Janney and Eistner Associates Inc., calls for a number of repairs to its exterior and interior structures. While the current budget proposal allocates $225,000 for repairs, the Board of Trustees remains divided on what's the best way to address the problem.

The report suggests that the village replace most of the ground-level concrete, including the concrete lion statues. Because the concrete was made before 1960, it is more prone to freeze-thaw cycles than the modern concrete, resulting in severe damage.

The remaining concrete would be repaired, while the balconies and the roof would be water-proofed. The stairs would need to be repaired, the windows would need to be repainted and the top floor would get the new railing.

The report estimates that repairs themselves would cost $505,000 overall, with $58,000 reserved for unexpected expenses. Another $65,000 would go toward engineering, testing and inspection during construction, bringing the total project cost to $570,000.

To give the village some breathing room in case of cost overruns, WJE recommended budgeting $600,000 for repairs.

In a follow-up letter to the Department of Public Works, the company suggested splitting up construction over two years. About $200,000 worth of repairs would take place in 2014, and the remaining repairs would take place in 2015.

The village's currently-proposed budget calls for spending $226,000 on repairs this year. According to the budget proposal, the village is considering creating a new tax increment financing district on Touhy Avenue to potentially cover the Leaning Tower improvements, along with the other improvements to the surrounding area.

According to Trustee Joe LoVerde, if established, the TIF could be able to generate $484,000 in cash for repairs. It would also be able to dip into the reserves of the already-established Milwaukee/Touhy TIF.

Trustee Rosemary Palicki was an enthusiastic supporter of the Leaning Tower until she discovered that Niles didn't own it outright. When interviewed late last year, she indicated that she would hold off any final judgment until she saw the results of the study.

Now that she has seen the study, Palicki indicated that she still has reservations.

"I am concerned that we are spending taxpayer dollars on property we don't own," she said. "As a board, we have not rationally discussed the pros and cons of continuing to invest in this property."

While she called the tower "an iconic symbol of Niles," she wasn't sure the village should be spending $225,000 on it when other infrastructure needs are understated.

"At the end of 2013, the board received the findings of a major study on the village infrastructure that shows a critical need to repair and replace our water mains and streets," said Palicki. "The money that we have budgeted for repairs is below the recommended rate of repair."

LoVerde has been the tower's most vocal supporter on the board. He said he's urged Mayor Andrew Przybylo to look into alternative ways to fund repairs.

"Can the tower qualify for historical status?" said LoVerde. "If so, are there funds or grants to renovate it? What about donors and sponsors if this area becomes a high priority for prime development? How about Italian-American organizations? How about our Sister City Pisa, would they be willing to contribute to renovation?"

LoVerde also said that he hoped that the actual costs would be lower than WJE's estimate, but he reiterated his support for keeping the tower in good condition.

"It has been a part of our community forever and I hope it will be there forever," said LoVerde. "I guess the inscription on the plaque tells the story. This structure is dedicated to all who contribute and strive to make this earth and its unlimited resources, materially and scientifically a better place for mankind."

I would be quite honored to support the words inscribed on the plaque and more so honored to be part of a re-dedication of this treasure of Niles."
POLICE BLOTTER

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

NILS

RETAIL THEFT

Arunaben Patel, 47, of 810 N. Oxnam Ave., Niles, was charged with retail theft on May 13 after she allegedly stole three watches and a purse from a store at Golf Mill Shopping Center using a child's stroller. The items were valued at $194. She has a June 20 court date.

DUI

Stephanie Richter, 48, of 8112 N. Ozanam Ave., Niles, was charged with driving under the influence on May 10 after she was reportedly seen driving erratically on Milwaukee Avenue at 2 a.m. He was taken into custody on the 8800 block of Milwaukee Avenue where he reportedly told police he was coming home from a wedding. Court information was not available.

Saul Valencia-Bonilla, 40, of 8924 National Ave., Morton Grove, was charged with driving under the influence on May 14. Police conducted a traffic stop on his car on the 8900 block of Dempster Street after he was reportedly seen weaving while driving westbound just after midnight. He has a June 10 court date.

MORTON GROVE

HIT AND RUN

Dawn M. Angelilli, 42, of Morton Grove, was charged with leaving the scene of an accident when she was arrested on Waukegan Road and Beckwith Road in Morton Grove May 12. Police said Angelilli allegedly left the scene of a motor vehicle accident and was apprehended a short time later. A court date is scheduled for June 12.

Ivka Jozic, 56, of Niles, was charged with leaving the scene of an accident after she was arrested on Beckwith Road and Oak Park Avenue in Morton Grove May 9. Police said Jozic allegedly left the scene of a motor vehicle accident and was later apprehended. A court date is scheduled for May 30.

DRUGS

Clifton Walton, 24, of Chicago, was charged with possession of cannabis after he was arrested at Dempster Street and Austin Avenue May 11 in Morton Grove. Police said Walton was stopped for a traffic violation before officers allegedly found marijuana in his vehicle. He is scheduled to appear in court June 16.

DUI

Alex Savic, 41, of Niles, was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol after he was stopped for a traffic violation before officers allegedly found marijuana in his vehicle. He is scheduled to appear in court June II.

CRIME BRIEFS

NILES

BURGLARY

A resident of the 7000 block of Howard Street told police he left his home for about 30 minutes on the afternoon of May 10 and returned to discover it had been burglarized. Police did not indicate what, if anything, was taken.

THREAT

A 32-year-old woman told police that a former co-worker who used to flash gang signs at her during work hours made threats against her to another person on May 13 after he was fired from the business. Police said the 18-year-old man was fired after he allegedly touched the woman inappropriately and she reported the incident to her supervisor.

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The Maine Township High School District 207 unveiled its plans for the renovation of the Tool and Manufacturing Association building, which the district bought last month.

As previously reported by this newspaper, the district plans to renovate the building to house administrative offices and the Alternative Resources Center, allowing it to expand classroom space in Maine South High School. During the May 15 Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting, the district revealed more details about the renovations, how much it would cost and the project timeline.

But before the district can move in, it has to remove all the asbestos in the building. The building had more of the hazardous material than originally thought. The district may remove it in several phases or try to remove it all at once.

The structure was originally built as the administrative headquarters for the district. It sold the building to TMA 30 years ago, moving the administrative offices into Maine South. The district bought the building back in order to free up space in the school and move the Alternative Resource Center closer to the district.

According to the plans unveiled at the May 15 meeting the administrative side and Alternative Resource Center side are of similar size in terms of overall square footage. But according to Mary Kalou, the district's Assistant Superintendent for Business, the administration will actually less space to work with than it does now. 

"I think, on the administrative center side, we are going to have less space than we currently have," she said. "Our goal is to make sure it would work for the kids."

The ARC portion will have six classrooms, two offices for psychologists, a conference room and a work room. One of the building's most distributive features — a skylight dome located in the middle of the structure — will be preserved, but the room under it will be split into the ARC cafeteria and fitness center.

According to Kalou, the ARC usually gets fewer than 30 students, but there's room to expand and increase capacity, if necessary.

The administrative portion will include a board room, two conference rooms and a kitchen. At this point, it hasn't been decided which parts of the administration will move to which offices, but Kalou assured the committee that everyone will have their space.

The two parts of the building will have separate entries, and the new security and card reader system will be installed throughout.

One major issue the district will have to tackle before the move is complete is asbestos removal. The plan calls for removal to be split into three phases. The first phase would involve the southern half of the building, taking care of most of the ARC portion and some administrative areas. The second phase would include the northern half, including the ARC cafeteria and fitness room and future board room. Removal in the remaining administrative area would be taken care of after the renovations are complete.

Committee member Sean Sullivan urged the district to remove asbestos from the entire building during renovations.

"My personal feeling is that, the sooner we abate, the better off we'll be," he said. "The time to abate is now, while the building is empty."

Kalou said removing asbestos from the entire building would likely delay the move-in to the administrative center, though.

In the end, the committee didn't make any final decision on the issue.

According to the documents provided to Pioneer Press, the renovation project will cost $646,000 overall, with $90,000 going toward the first two phases of asbestos abatement. The third phase is estimated to cost $125,000.

Under the timeline unveiled during the meeting, the board is expected to issue construction bids by June 27. The contractor will be selected in August. TMA is expected to move out by September 1, which is when the construction will begin. District staff is expected to start moving into the new building by the beginning of next year.
Recycling bin option may earn village money

BY PAM DEFIGLIO
For Sun-Times Media

Could you stuff a few more bottles and cans into your recycling bin if it were bigger?

Morton Grove residents will soon get a chance to find out. Groot Industries, which picks up garbage and recyclables in the village, will provide 95-gallon recycling bins to residents for free, but only by request.

The move could help Morton Grove recycle money back into its pocket, because it gets paid for the recyclables. The village received $11,020 in 2013. And because those materials are diverted out of the garbage, it also saves the village money in landfill fees.

“It’s a win-win,” said Frank Hillegonds of Elk Grove Village-based Groot Industries, which picks up garbage and recyclables.

Most Morton Grove homes have 65-gallon bins, which Hillegonds said will likely meet the needs of smaller households. Larger households, and those who recycle more, may be able to fill up the 95-gallon bins.

Condominium residents will also get recycling services for free under the new agreement.

Groot officials felt the larger recycling bins were merited because it was seeing more bins filled up each week and receiving more requests for the larger bins.

“The 95-gallon recycling bins will remain forest green with a cream-colored lid. The lid color distinguishes them from the garbage bins, which have black lids.”

Residents will soon receive a Groot brochure describing the option to get a 95-gallon bin.

Hillegonds also said Groot recently invested $14 million for new technology at its Elk Grove Village materials recovery facility. Optical sorters can distinguish even between different types of paper for recycling, he said.

“It’s the most advanced facility in the Midwest, and perhaps in the nation,” he said.

A 95-gallon recycling bin is pictured next to a 65-gallon bin. The 95-gallon bin is 33 percent larger.

Deacon suing church members for libel

SUN-TIMES MEDIA WIRE

The deacon of a Niles church is suing several members of his congregation for libel after they allegedly signed and distributed a defamatory memorandum about him.

Chang Hyun Moon, who has served as the deacon of Lakeview Presbyterian Church in Niles for 28 years, filed the suit Monday in Cook County Circuit Court against 22 of his church’s members who, the lawsuit stated, signed a defamatory memorandum entitled “Reprimand of Deacon Moon” in May 2013.

The suit stated that in paragraph seven of the memorandum, Moon was falsely accused of threatening to report the details of church member’s offerings to the IRS.

The false statement also impacted Moon’s personal life, according to the suit.

“The Korean community is a culture of honor, and falsely alleging that a member of that community threatened to report some of its members’ conduct to a federal tax agency not only caused Chang to lose face in that community, but caused his wife to file a petition for dissolution of marriage against him that specifically references the Defendants’ allegations,” the suit stated.

The three-count suit alleges defamation, false light invasion of privacy and intentional infliction of emotional distress. Moon is seeking $6.6 million in damages.
Four people remained behind bars this week after authorities said two of them robbed a woman at gunpoint in the driveway of her Niles home, while the other two sat in the getaway car.

Approximately $1,000 in cash was stolen from the 34-year-old woman after she arrived at her home on the 9000 block of Churchill Circle around 2:30 a.m. and was approached by two, semi-masked people holding guns, Niles police said.

The two demanded her purse and another tote bag she was carrying, police said. After she handed the items to them, the two drove off in a light-colored SUV, police said.

The woman told police she believed she had been followed home from her workplace, which authorities said they later confirmed. Niles Police Sgt. Robert Tornabene would say only that the woman worked “in the cash industry.”

About 15 minutes after police in the area were given the description of the SUV, a Cook County Sheriff’s officer saw the vehicle and pulled it over on Central and North-west Highway in Chicago, police said. As the officer waited for back-up to arrive, the two people climbed out of the SUV’s windows and ran, police said.

The officer held three other people inside the SUV while other sheriff’s officers and police from Chicago and Niles arrived on the scene. They found the victim’s credit cards and her identification in the vehicle.

Police also found two loaded handguns in the SUV, which they later discovered were reported stolen to the Brookfield Police Department from a home burglary.

Later that day, about 5:30 p.m., Niles police detectives conducted surveillance of an apartment building in the 1300 block of North Lorel in Chicago, where they believed the two people who ran off might be. They saw the two suspects leave the building and try to drive off in a waiting vehicle, but police stopped it and took the two into custody.

The victim later identified the two as the people who had robbed her, police said.

Charged with armed robbery were Mercedes Alvarez, 22, of the 1300 block of North Lorel Avenue, Chicago; Peter Bloodgood, 22, of the 1800 block of Kenilworth Avenue, Berwyn; Julian Cortez, 21, of the 3800 block of Highland Avenue, Berwyn; and Angelo Rodriguez, 20, of the 1600 block of South Harvey Avenue, Berwyn.

Bond was set at $400,000 for Bloodgood, Cortez and Rodriguez, and was set at $75,000 for Alvarez.

They were scheduled to appear again in court on May 21.

Jennifer Johnson contributed

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Help Squad goes international, tries to help football team with botched uniforms

Dear Help Squad,

My name is Colin Muldoon and I'm the head coach of the Ravens, an American football team based just outside Stirling in Scotland. We've been in existence just over a year and are about to compete in our first season in the league; we're a youth (ages 14-16) and Junior (ages 16-19) team and we raise funds to buy equipment through bag packing at stores, players fees and some small sponsorships.

We decided to look in the U.S. for game shirts and chose a company called Insane Sports based in Northbrook, run by a gentleman called Mr. Ross. The shirts cost us almost $1,000 and they were several weeks late, so much so that we had to reschedule a game because of the delay.

When the shirts finally arrived, I had to pay $60 for delivery, which I wasn't informed of and was then stunned to discover that over half of them were too small! A Youth XL didn't even fit my 9-year-old daughter! When the players tried the other shirts on, 6 of them ripped, so after one game we had no shirts.

I have contacted Mr. Ross several times by email and telephone, and no calls have been returned. The last reply I had to any email was more than a week ago stating we would need to pay for new shirts before the replacements would be sent out, and he would need photos of the torn shirts before he would replace them. The photos had already been sent to him weeks earlier.

Today we had to go to a new supplier for game shirts and this has cost us yet again over $1,000, which we cannot afford. All we wanted was our incorrect and faulty uniforms replaced, but instead we have been ignored, put off and had a ton of excuses thrown at us. It's the kids who are suffering. Mr. Ross has cost us over a year of hard work from the kids, parents and all the people who kindly donated their time and efforts to get the team off the ground.

Yours respectfully,
Colin Muldoon, head coach,
Clackmannanshire Ravens, Scotland

Dear Mr. Muldoon,

Any parent can attest to the excitement kids get out of playing sports, and that unbelievable sense of pride kids feel belonging to a team, which, of course includes team uniforms. That's why your story touched us so much, and why we tried to help you straighten things out with Insane Sports.

We wish we had better news, but we were unsuccessful in our attempts even to reach Ross. We called him and left five messages, all of which went straight to his voicemail. In other words, his phone did not ring. All calls were unreturned. We even did an extensive Internet search to see if there might be another number for Insane Sports, but had no luck.

We are sorry we were unable to help the team with this issue, and wish you lots of luck in your remaining games.

Sincerely,
Help Squad

We also want to mention that through our correspondence with Muldoon, we learned that he left a total of 16 voicemail messages for Ross, all of which were unreturned. Additionally, because the team had to spend another $1,200 for new uniforms, Muldoon told us that the Ravens will most likely have to forfeit three away games because they cannot afford transportation.

How can you prevent this from happening to YOUR team?

Help Squad contacted Ken Freeman, the owner of a Deerfield-based promotional merchandise company, Jelli Goods, and asked him to give us some tips for ordering custom clothing and uniforms. Here is Freeman's advice:

1. Give the company your logo in a workable format. If you are submitting a logo, make sure the person who designed it provides you with a vector file versus a jpg of the logo to give to the promotional company.
2. Communicate with the vendor. Provide them with the timeline, the date of your event or the start of your season. Allow for lots of lead time!
3. Be up front with the vendor regarding your budget.
4. Go see the actual uniforms or shirts you are ordering, or order samples. Sizes vary, and each clothing manufacturer's sizes run differently. Hold the shirts or uniforms in your hand, look at them and feel them, and find out how much they will shrink.
5. Make sure you see a proof before the job goes to print.

Lastly, Freeman stated that no promotional company has a 100 percent success rate, and that they all make mistakes now and again.
LETTERS

Trustee still opposes video gambling

This is in response to the emails, phone calls, and visits to my home and the most recent article published in my church bulletin on Mother's Day Sunday, regarding video gambling in Niles.

I voted as a trustee against video gambling in 2010. I ran for office in 2011 and stated, and I quote; "I will oppose future attempts to lift the ban on video gambling in Niles if the issue comes back to the village board for a vote."

Many politicians say what people want to hear, get elected and do the exact opposite. I gave you my word during my campaign in 2011 and stand by it today. If you disagree with my position, there will be an election coming up reasonably soon and you, the citizens of Niles, will have the right to express your support or disappointment with my decision on Election Day.

My reasons against video gambling haven't changed back then or now but in fact have grown stronger. I have heard from an overwhelming number of citizens who are against video gambling and I have pledged to support their request to cast a NO vote for video gambling.

I can't tell you the outcome of this issue but what I can say is; regardless of what side of the issue you took I appreciated hearing from you.

I continue to encourage all citizens of Niles to contact your elected officials and voice your concerns regarding this important issue, whether you are for or against video gambling.

Joe LoVerde
Village Trustee

When did thought become hated on campus?

"Is the skin of today's college student so thin that he or she can't stand to hear someone speak who has a different point of view? This is why we send our kids to college, to become intolerant drones who navel-gaze their way to the opinion that the altar of justice demands the sacrifice of free speech? After spending 25 years in journalism, this is an idea that is foreign and repugnant to me."

BY RANDY BLAESER

It's graduation time, when commencement speakers offer words of wisdom and pearls of advice to the new graduates going out into the world.

But judging by the news coming from some of our nation's top college campuses, the class of 2014 already knows it all.

Either that, or today's graduating seniors are so fragile-minded they can't bear to even listen to someone with whom they disagree.

In any event, some of our top universities are saying no to proposed commencement speakers who don't toe the party line, or have pursued controversial policies, or made tough decisions in tough spots because they are actually doing something with their lives, not just reading about it.

If you haven't heard, former Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice backed out of giving the commencement speech at Rutgers after students protested her invitation.

Christine Lagarde, who is head of the International Monetary Fund, likewise decided against speaking at Smith College after students signed a petition against her. Women's rights advocate Ayaan Hirsi Ali was chased out of Brandeis University earlier this year, and don't forget first lady Michelle Obama, who was asked not to give a talk at Topeka High School's commencement, despite this year being the 60th anniversary of the landmark Brown vs. Board of Education Supreme Court decision.

The canceller is Robert J. Birgeneau, the former chancellor of the University of California at Berkeley, who withdrew from his scheduled speech at Haverford College.

Not only was Birgeneau protested, but he was also marked for a public shaming by students and faculty who had a laundry list of demands for him to submit to for atonement of his perceived crimes. What did Birgeneau do? He was chancellor at Cal during an Occupy Cal protest that became violent.

Is the skin of today's college student so thin that he or she can't stand to hear someone speak who has a different point of view? This is why we send our kids to college, to become intolerant drones who navel-gaze their way to the opinion that the altar of justice demands the sacrifice of free speech?

After spending 25 years in journalism, this is an idea that is foreign and repugnant to me. In the newsroom, we used to say "Fact plus thought equals truth."

At a university, wouldn't you want to hear the facts? Don't you want to think? Is your truth all that there is room for?

It seems so long ago when I last walked a college campus as a student. It was a controversial time back then, too, and America was divided.

But I cherish my time there, the opportunity to hear lectures by controversial speakers like John W. Dean III and Sam Ervin about Watergate, or activist attorney William Kunstler, or former CIA director William Colby. Sure, there were protests, but nobody covered their ears, stamped their feet, and said, "Go home."
Think about what Memorial Day means

Memorial Day isn't just a day off from work.
Take some time, maybe while the burgers are sizzling on the grill, to ponder the day's sad and solemn meaning.

Memorial Day hadn't yet been created when Abraham Lincoln gave his short speech at Gettysburg.

But Lincoln might have been speaking of the meaning of Memorial Day when he said, "that from these honored dead we must remember that. And all the American men and women who have died in all the wars gave that last full measure. They died so that America could live.

On Memorial Day we must remember that. And the price, the terrible price:

World War II - 405,399 dead.
Korean War - 33,686 dead.
Vietnam War - 58,220 dead.
Gulf War - 382 dead.
Iraq War - 4,400 dead.
Afghanistan - 2,179 dead.
And counting.

The price of war is high. It always goes up. And someone else pays the bill for us. But because so many were — and are — willing to pay that price, government of the people, by the people, for the people has not perished from the earth.

We should remember what we have. We should remember what it cost.
And not just on Memorial Day.
7120 N. Milwaukee Ave., Unit 705, Niles

Condo size: 1,500 square feet
Lot size: NA
Year built: 1993
Bedrooms: 2
Bathrooms: 2
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1816 Glenview Ave: Stephen W Figueroa Sr to William Villalona and Esperanza Villalona for $275,000 on April 3
1208 Lois Ave: Brian K Read and Barbara Zya Villalona for $275,000 on April 3
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Glenview
327 Nora Ave: Stephen W Lochen and Barbara W Lochen to Steve W Pylypiw and Amber L Engelke for $425,000 on April 3

Rosemont
9614 W Higgins Road, #3: Darin Cobir to Daniel L Zwygart for $328,500 on April 3

Skokie
5905 Culver St: Harold Oza and Gita Oza to Sababudin Gredelj and Edina Skoji for $290,000 on April 2

Lincolnwood
6712 N Ramona St: John Cornici and Livia Cornici to John Boudouvas and Konstantina Boudouvas for $480,000 on April 4

Northfield
19 Meadowood Lane: Bmo Harris Bank Trust to Meadowood LLC for $60,000 on April 2

Elmwood Park
120 Ashland Ave: Lois Ghiselli to Maria Forres Opdyke and Jesse Opdyke for $320,500 on April 3

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CJE SeniorLife Resource Counseling
10 a.m.: Make an appointment for a private session with a Resource Specialist from CJE SeniorLife, trained to counsel adults 60 and older, their families and caregivers. 30-minute sessions are available. Niles Public Library District, 6960 W. Oakton St., Niles. For more information, call 773-508-1054.

Head to the Cloud
6:30 p.m.: Learn about iCloud, Dropbox and other cloud storage and file sharing resources. For ages 21 and older. Niles Public Library District, 6960 W. Oakton St., Niles. For more information, call 847-663-1234.

FRIDAY, MAY 23
Library Volunteer Information Session
9:30 a.m.: Learn more about volunteering at the library in this one-hour session, followed by a library tour and an informal individual chat. Duties may include helping staff or helping with special events and programs a few hours a week. Niles Public Library District, 6960 W. Oakton St., Niles. Call 847-663-1234.

Rise and Shine Story Time
10 a.m.: A 30-minute storytime for children ages 2 to 6 with a caregiver. Niles Public Library District, 6960 W. Oakton St., Niles. For more information, call 847-663-1234.

SATURDAY, MAY 24
River Trails Family Hike
1 p.m.: The whole family is invited to join a hike through the nature trails, then enjoy free pizza at the recreation center. Feldman Recreation Center, 8800 W. Kathy Lane, Niles. For more information, call 847-297-3000. $5.

MONDAY, MAY 26
Citizenship: Spring Session
6 p.m.: Attendance at all classes is mandatory. Niles Public Library District, 6960 W. Oakton St., Niles. Call 847-663-1234.

TUESDAY, MAY 27
Adult Computer Beginner Boot Camp
10 a.m.: Learn to use the mouse, keyboard and begin searching the Internet. This four-week training session meets Tuesdays through May 27. Registration required. Niles Public Library District, 6960 W. Oakton St., Niles. For more information,
**American Society of Anesthesiologists, 520 N. Northwest Highway, Park Ridge.**

**Photoshop Elements**
9:30 a.m.: Learn the basics of using layers and other simple functions of Adobe Photoshop. Registration required. Skokie Public Library, 5215 Oakton St., Skokie. For more information, call 847-673-3733.

**Women in Business**

**Navigating Your Next Adventure: Managing Your Income in Retirement**
1 p.m.: Edward Jones financial advisor Joe Perino gives expert ideas on a reasonable and sustainable strategy for managing income and expenses during retirement. Mather's, 7134 W. Higgins Ave., Chicago. Call 773-774-4804.

**Talking Books Discussion Group**
2 p.m.: Librarian Gary Gustin leads this discussion of fiction and nonfiction works. The discussion is meant for people with visual impairments, and library staff will mail out related cassette tapes from the Library of Congress prior to the group's meeting. Skokie Public Library, 5215 Oakton St., Skokie. For more information, call 847-324-3163.

**MCPL Teens: Chat & Chew**
4 p.m.: Come hear about and discuss books before they are published. Also, share your recently read books or receive recommendations from other teens. Snacks will be provided. No registration required. Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove. For more information, call 847-965-4220.

**Write Stuff Writing Club**
7 p.m.: Learn about acrostics, biopoems and more. For kids in fourth to eighth grade. Registration required. Skokie Public Library, 5215 Oakton St., Skokie. Call 847-673-3733.

**Harvard on the Couch: Free Online Learning**
7 p.m.: Learn about free online courses offered by elite universities. Registration required. Skokie Public Library, 5215 Oakton St., Skokie. For more information, call 847-673-3777.

**Pages Through History: The Lost City of Z**
7 p.m.: The group meets to discuss the historical novel by David Grann. Skokie Public Library, 5215 Oakton St., Skokie. For more information, call 847-673-3777.
## BUILDING PERMITS

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**BIZ NOTES**

- The Lake Forest-based Career Resource Center is celebrating the 20th anniversary of Executive Director Jan Leahy. On April 24, CRC's Board of Directors recognized her service with a surprise celebration dinner and, on May 7, a small party was held at CRC in her honor. Under Leahy's guidance, CRC has grown from a small, faith-based organization open three days a week to a well-known professional organization with a 501(c)(3) nonprofit designation that has helped in excess of 11,700 job candidates.

- Zengeler Cleaners, the Midwest's oldest and largest dry cleaner, recently announced that it will relocate the company's headquarters location in Northbrook. The store is moving to 770 Skokie Boulevard, just around the corner from the current location on Dundee Road. The new facility is scheduled to open in 2015.

- Airhart Construction recently announced plans to build homes on the five home sites at its latest location: Dana Park Estates in Oak Brook, a private, gated, cul-de-sac community situated near the southeast corner of Meyers Road and 31st Street. Airhart Construction will be offering ranch and two-story homes from its Medalist Series with many of the homes including first-floor master suites. Homes range in size from three to five bedrooms and three to one-half baths.

- Michael T. Kase, DMD, brings his expertise in maxillofacial prosthodontics to the Loyola University Health System. As one of only about 200 such specialists in the nation, Kase treats some of the most complex cases of patients who have defects of the face and neck area due to cancer, surgery, trauma and birth defects.

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**Do you have news about grand openings, hires, promotions, awards or recognitions? Email biznotes@pioneerpress.com.**
After a report Wednesday said Meijer is the leading candidate to open a new grocery store in Morton Grove's Prairie View Plaza, Mayor Dan DiMaria could only partially confirm it.

DiMaria said Meijer has reached out to Alan Saposnik, president of Skokie-based Tower Realty Services, which is handling the leasing at Prairie View Plaza on behalf of its owner, Federal Construction Inc. of Montreal, Canada.

"I know he [Saposnik] has been talking to other grocers as well," DiMaria said, adding they included some quality grocers with recognizable names. Prairie View Plaza is located at the southeast corner of Waukegan Road and Dempster Street; the longtime Dominick's store there closed in late December, and the store has been vacant since.

The Crain's Chicago Business report quoted unnamed sources in stating Meijer was the leading contender.

Saposnik would not comment on that, but said that if Meijer or another grocery company wanted to build a store with a larger footprint than the former Dominick's, they would be able to knock down the current buildings.

Meijer, based in Grand Rapids, Michigan, started opening stores in far outlying Chicago suburbs in the 1990s. Many of them sell both groceries and general merchandise like clothing, shoes, housewares and electronics.

When the Niles store at 9000 W. Golf Road opened in 2010, it contained a grocery and a pharmacy. At 102,000 square feet, according to the company, it was about half the size of the typical suburban Meijer. Reflecting the trend toward giant big box stores, however, that 102,000 square feet is about twice the size of the former Dominick's in Prairie View Plaza.

"The primary focus now is finding anchor tenants for the property, such as a grocery store," Saposnik said. "Then the rest of it will start to fall into place. We're talking to other tenants who would be junior anchors. That would allow us to be in good shape if we can find the right anchors."

He had said last year that maintaining the straight-line configuration of the shopping center—with stores all lined up in a row—was most visible to passing motorists, and thus most desirable from a business standpoint, as opposed to a Randhurst Village-type configuration with multiple out lots and a more mall-like configuration.

However, he said Wednesday, "We're entertaining any thought that allows us to lease the property. Now that Dominick's is gone, we have to determine what makes the most sense."

Mayor DiMaria commented that the incoming grocery store, whatever it will be, does not have to occupy the same location in the shopping center that Dominick's held.

DiMaria liked the idea of a Meijer that would feature general merchandise as well as groceries, on the grounds that it could produce more sales and revenue.

"But my preference is for a grocery that facilitates the needs of residents and attracts shoppers from outside Morton Grove as well," he said.

He pointed out that demand exists, since there are no grocery stores on Dempster Street from Produce World (at Harlem and Dempster Streets in Morton Grove) all the way east to Lake Michigan.

As far as other major tenants, DiMaria said L.A. Fitness' lease has ended, but it is still operating. Saposnik said he's in conversations with them about staying, given that they have been longtime tenants.

The mall also contains a dollar store, furniture store, Salvation Army store and some smaller stores, in addition to out lots including a KFC and a Starbucks.
The Event: More than 350 guests got to play in magic castles and enchanted forests on May 1, while princes and princesses — in the form of child virtuosos Ethan Bortnick, Jackie Evancho and the Chicago Children's Choir — singing lullabies at the annual WTTW & WFMT soiree held inside the Renee Crown Public Media Center in Chicago.

Rated the tops for children's programming by the coveted Nielsen ratings, WTTW and PBS reach more youngsters than any other broadcaster.

Cause Celebre: "Our theme tonight is 'come and play' to showcase the fact that we are the best in children's programming in the country," said Renee Crown of Wilmette, event chairman.

Sporting a Dickensian nightcap, WTTW host and storyteller, Geoffrey Baer, began the evening by reading the audience a bedtime story, accompanied by his daughters Ruby and Alma Louise.

"Since the beginning, public media has educated and entertained audiences and, as Cookie Monster said, our programs help children and everyone see a world of possibilities and dream big dreams," said Baer.

Rounding out the evening with moving performances that had the audience on its feet were Chicago Children's Choir alumnus Phillip Armstrong, who accompanied Bortnick and Evancho along with younger members of the Chicago Jazz Philharmonic, conducted by Orbert Davis.

"Oui-performers tonight are the perfect way to attract people of their age and to encourage other young people to dream big dreams and do big things," said Dan Schmidt, formerly of Wilmette, WTTW/WFMT president and CEO.

And event sponsor, Peter McNitt of Winnetka, vice president BMO Harris Bank added: "We are committed to supporting the communities where we do business, and WTTW is a treasure."

Bottom Line: The event raised more than $50,000 to benefit WTTW and WFMT's mission to deliver high-quality, innovative programming that enriches, engages and educates.
CAUSE & EVENT

BIG KID BINGO NITE
Benefiting: Northfield Township Food Pantry
Location: Glenview Park Center’s Lakeview Room in Glenview
Date: April 25
Attended: 100+
Raised: $11,000+
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ABOVE: Mairead Smialek of Glenview and Christine Grudecki of Norridge
ABOVE RIGHT: Angelo Suranno of Glenview, Gary Chaney of Northbrook, Ron Bernardi, auctioneer of the event and Grace Chaney of Northbrook
RIGHT: Deb McMahon and Dave Hambourger, Northfield Food Pantry Auxiliary Board members

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LOCAL WEDDING SPOTLIGHT ON: Blackhawks themes

As the temperature outside rises, both the race for the Stanley Cup and wedding season start to heat up. Here's how some area couples chose to incorporate their love for the Chicago Blackhawks into their special day.

1. When Shena Patel, of Northville, Michigan, and Mayur Patel, of Niles, married June 22 in Novi, Michigan, Mayur arrived in a Corvette decorated with Blackhawks gear.

2. K.C. Vetter, of Gurnee, and Brenden Hennigan, of Park Ridge, had mascot Tommy Hawk at their cocktail hour Sept. 22 in Mount Prospect.

3. When Carrie Pike, of Chicago, and Rob Krolak, of Long Island, New York, threw their March 21 celebration at the United Center, they got a lot more than they bargained for: a photobomb from Hawks winger Patrick Sharp.

4. Tara Nosko, of Palatine, and Jimmy Dodaro, of Elk Grove, incorporated their love for the team with tables named after Hawks players at their Sept. 6 wedding in South Barrington.

5. Meghan Krieger, of Forest Park, and Eric Vincent, of Lexington, Massachusetts, showcased their Blackhawks-Bruins rivalry with the cake topper at their Aug. 10 wedding in Oak Park.

6. Holly Munk, of Palos Heights, and Christopher Zann, of Boca Raton, Florida, expressed conflicting loyalties with a Hawks' sweater over Holly's chair and a Red Wings' sweater over Christopher's chair at their May 18, 2013, wedding in Winnetka.

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Kathryn Brewer & Frederick Jorgensen

Kat, a Wilmette native, is graduating later this month with a bachelor's degree in political science from Wheaton College. Frederick, from Winnetka, will be graduating with a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from Purdue University. He will pursue a master's in civil engineering at Purdue in the fall. The couple will marry Oct. 18 at Winnetka Covenant Church, with a reception at the Woman's Club of Wilmette. Kat and Frederick met during their sophomore year at New Trier High School, where they graduated in 2010.

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Graduation ceremony survival tips

School commencement ceremonies are right around the corner. Thousands of students and assorted friends and family members will participate in celebrations littered with life-affirming speeches and the distribution of well-earned diplomas.

Graduation can certainly be a momentous event that is remembered for years to come. Nevertheless, some ceremonies are remembered for all the wrong reasons. Lengthy run-times and uncomfortable conditions can turn commencement celebrations into exercises in survival. Nerves may run high, and boredom may set in. However, make the best of the situation.

- Get adequate rest before the ceremony. Soon-to-be graduates should go to bed early the night before the ceremony in preparation for their big day. Some commencement ceremonies begin early in the morning, and feeling rushed or exhausted from a poor night's rest can only compound nerves and anxiety. Graduation eve should be a low-key night when grads and their friends and family enjoy a quiet meal and some time to reflect on the last several years.
- Dress accordingly. Grads should watch the weather report and choose the most appropriate dress for the weather on commencement day. Dressing in layers is may be your best option.
- Leave young kids at home. Graduation ceremonies can last for several hours, during which the audience is expected to remain quiet and attentive. Such expectations may prove challenging to youngsters. Encourage family members to keep young children at home; they can always enjoy the post-ceremony party later.
- Protect your skin when attending outdoor ceremonies. Even if the meteorologist warns of thunderstorms, play it safe and don't forget the sunscreen. This will protect your skin if you're sitting out in the sun and afterward when standing outside as well-meaning family members insist on taking photos on campus.
- Eat before the ceremony and stay hydrated. Don't skip breakfast on graduation morning. Eat a hearty meal that will hold you over until after the commencement. Make sure to stay hydrated and bring a bottle of water with you.

Redefining school in the summer

Parents: Put the brakes on kids’ summer brain drain

Parents and kids alike sigh with relief at the end of another successful school year. Yet, years of studies show that summer brain drain is a very real phenomenon, and where kids are intellectually at the end of one school year isn’t always where they are when they begin a new one. Over the summer, the average student loses more than two months of grade-level equivalency in math skills.

Luckily, parents have somewhere to turn with the successful implementation of children's enrichment programs, shifting your summer breaks into learning opportunities. "Summer is an ideal time for children to build on their math and science skills, instead of losing them, which is known as the 'summer slide,'" said Michelle Cote, founder and creative director of Bricks 4 Kids.

Summer camps with an emphasis on STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) allow children to collaborate with other peers, teaching teamwork and organization while enhancing self-esteem and improving fine motor skills.

Parents looking for a way to combat the unfortunate educational losses have been encouraged by the growth of enrichment programs and the pool of talented instructors. Teachers who also have a summer break are flocking to these programs where they are given the freedom to be creative, teaching the way that they have always imagined. "We all enjoy the summer when we can help our students grow in much more inventive ways, eliciting the visions of our young scientists, engineers and architects through enrichment camps," says Gracia Merrill, a 12-year education veteran, just two months shy of her master's in education.

Summer months are an excellent time for kids to not only fill learning gaps but
Residence halls remake urban campuses
Room with a view

College students thrive in lakefront campus housing

The traditional Chicago-area "commuter college" is going the way of the slide rule and landline phone. More and more urban colleges are offering student housing to build a closer campus community, save students the hassle of long commutes and offer up the city as a classroom without walls.

Sparking the trend was the modern University Center (UC) at 528 S. State, which opened in 2004 with students from Columbia College Chicago, DePaul University and Roosevelt University. Today it houses 1,700 students from those schools in addition to students from Robert Morris University.

"The mission was really to support academic achievement," said Marlene Levine, executive director of the center. "But considering the location and the amenities students have available, we really provide a wow factor too."

The founding colleges latched on to the redevelopment boom in the South Loop, and the UC eventually replaced a parking lot in the educational corridor. Today the facility offers rooms with meal plans as well as apartment-style units with kitchens for independent meal preparation.

Although some of the schools offered limited apartment style housing 10 years ago, they couldn't provide the total academic and social atmosphere of a residence hall. "We have a fitness room, a yoga room, music rehearsal space, quiet study areas, social lounges and bike storage, to name a few amenities," Levine said.

"Today there is an unmistakable buzz in the South Loop every evening," said Mark Kelly, vice president of student affairs at Columbia College. "Students are going to cultural events, gallery shows, performances. We have now created a sense of an urban campus—a place to work and play. If you are in the creative arts, you aren't going to find that in a cornfield."

Monica Chapman, 22, grew up only about 30 minutes away from Columbia. But she said her parents encouraged her to live on campus housing to take advantage of the full college experience. She has lived at Columbia's housing in the Dwight, which was built in 1911 as the headquarters for a paper company, and in 777 S. State. "I get to explore the city a lot, which I might not have done if I had to commute," Chapman said. "And I know people who commuted for a while and then decided to move to campus. I don't feel like I go to a commuter college.

That's exactly the sentiment Roosevelt has aimed for through its participation in the UC and in the 2012 opening of the Wabash Building at 425 S. Wabash. That facility has classrooms, science labs, lounges and offices for many of the school's administrators and faculty on the lower floors, as well as 16 floors of housing at the top overlooking the lakefront. "We call this a vertical campus," said Bridget Collier, assistant provost for student affairs. "The president of the university has his office in the building. So the faculty and staff have so many ways to intersect with students."

"I think this type of housing has been a success because we work hard to make our residence halls more than a place to sleep," Collier said. Roosevelt offers hands-on "life skills" programming for students in campus housing to help them adjust to getting public transit, living in a diverse "neighborhood," and perhaps doing their own laundry for the first time.

"Research shows that student housing is really a supportive environment," Collier said. "Students who live on campus are naturally just more engaged in school, they persist when things get hard and they graduate.

Almost one-third of Roosevelt's 3,500 city undergraduates live in campus housing. "The residence halls are a big selling point for the school and its UC partners. Beyond the fact that our facilities are so modern is the sense of community we've built here. Many of the students call the Wabash home."

Chicago universities are changing in ways that make housing an even greater recruitment tool. For example, Robert Morris University now offers athletic programs. "Our hockey players really needed a place to live, since many of them were not from the area," said Nancy Donohoe, public relations director at the school. "They live on the UC, and things have really worked out there. When it's time to take the van to practice, they are already all together."

She said the UC concept has been a boon to all of the Robert Morris students who live there. "We have such a fertile area as our campus. You've got the cultural and political icons all around you," Donohoe said. "Chicago is our campus."

Because all Robert Morris students must complete an internship, that city immersion is even more important, she said. "The students have so much on their plates, having housing so close just eliminates their transportation worries," Donohoe said.

She added that Robert Morris wanted to extend its reach beyond commuters. "Having a residence hall gives students the opportunity to grow and expand their horizons beyond the classroom," she said. "The fact that the UC also brings together students from a variety of colleges is really a bonus. There is a great sense of community over there, and lots of..."
opportunities for students from different colleges to interact."

The availability of housing made Robert Morris attractive to Jennifer Davis, 19, a culinary arts student who hails from Detroit. "Having housing here was a big deal," she said. She also has taken advantage of the leadership training the UC offers, and next year will be a resident adviser there.

"I'm so glad I've had the experience of living in student housing," Davis said. 'I wanted to get out of my comfort zone. Now I have friends who go to a couple different schools...that's not something most people get in college."

As for the convenience of living in the city, Davis said that aspect can't be overlooked. "I have a hard time seeing how people commute and do everything else they need to do."

She counts among her favorite nearby attractions the Shedd Aquarium, Ohio Street Beach and enjoys renting bikes with her friends for late-night rides in the summer.

Columbia's Kelly said half of the current freshman class of 2,200 is from out of state. "So we really aren't a commuter school any more. Ten years ago we were known as a regional college, but now we've built a national following," he said. "The fact that the campus is embedded in the city makes it so much more alluring."

Schools are collaborating on offering housing at another enviable location as well. The Flats opened in the fall of 2013 at 829 S. Wabash.

Part of the building houses classrooms and offices for East-West University and the upper floors are residences for students from that school as well as Columbia.

"The students are just delighted," said Tasleem Raja, facilities manager for East-West. "The majority of the rooms have a view of the lake or Grant Park." The building includes a gym with a basketball court, computer rooms, a yoga room and laundry facilities. All of the units are apartment-style with kitchens.

Even without the lakefront to attract students to campus residences, local schools are creating a feeling of community via housing. Purdue University Calumet began offering housing on its Hammond campus in 2005.

"We consider student housing to be a cornerstone for building a vibrant student community," said Wes Lukoshus, assistant vice chancellor of marketing and communications on the campus. "It's given us the ability to attract more students from a larger region who want a Purdue education on a campus that is 'big enough' yet 'small enough.'"

Lukoshus also pointed to research that shows higher graduation rates for residential students versus commuters. Housing is also a key to expanding the intercollegiate athletic programs, which has grown to 12 teams, he said.

About 750 undergrads out of an 8,400 enrollment are enjoying the computer labs, lounges and tutoring programs offered in Griffin and Peregrine halls. The residences have apartment-style units where students prepare their own meals. The buildings are only blocks from classroom buildings and are adjacent to the campus fitness center.

"To a great extent, student housing is helping transform Purdue University Calumet," Lukoshus said.
When choosing a college, students often look for the best academic institutions. While it’s hard to argue with that approach, high school students facing the decision of where to spend the next four years of their lives should know that the right university is not necessarily the one with the best academic reputation.

A host of factors come into play when finding the right match between student and university. Academics should always carry the most weight, but students should consider a host of other factors before ultimately deciding where to continue their academic careers.

Cost
In a perfect world, students would not have to worry about financing their college educations. But that’s not a world in which today’s students live, so the cost of a college education is something nearly every college-bound student must consider before deciding where to attend.

According to the College Board, the average overall cost to attend in-state public college for the 2012-13 academic year for students who did not receive financial aid was $22,261, a nearly 4 percent increase from the previous school year. That sticker price includes the cost of living in a dorm, food, books, and the additional expenses college students typically have. And the College Board notes that, despite the cost increase, financial aid budgets stayed the same as the year before, meaning even those students who received financial aid paid more money.

While cost should not dictate where high school students ultimately go to college, students should know that eventually student loans will have to be repaid with interest, so those who do not want to bury themselves in student loan debt after graduation would be wise to choose a university that’s more affordable or one that’s offering a more attractive scholarship and grant package. Unlike student loans, scholarships and grants do not have to be repaid.

Distance from home
While many high school students may think a school far away from their folks is ideal, the reality of being far away from home is a struggle for many college students who attend college outside of their home states. Homesickness is a very real thing for college students who are away from home and on their own for the first time.

In addition to homesickness, college-bound students should consider the cost of travel before enrolling in a college or university that’s far from home. Mom and Dad might not be able to afford to fly their college students home several times per year for the holidays and other breaks in the school year, and the burden of financing that travel can fall on students. If you are not planning to work during the school year, then financing trips home may prove very difficult.

Environment
Both the academic and social environments at a college or university merit consideration when students are deciding where to continue their educations. Some students thrive in a competitive academic environment, while others tend to fare better in a more casual setting. Students should assess which environment is best for them and choose a university that best suits them as a student.

A college or university’s social environment is another factor for students to consider. Larger schools tend to rely heavily on Greek life, while smaller schools may be more intimate and less exclusive. Students who hope to join a sorority or fraternity might benefit from a school with a thriving Greek life, while those who want a more intimate social environment might prefer a smaller school where all of the students seem to know one another.

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ACT
Sign up online (actstudent.org/regist) or use the packet provided by your high school counselor or found in your school's college guidance office. The cost is $36.50 for the test without a writing portion and $52.50 for the exam with the writing test. Fees include the option of sending scores to four colleges of your choice for free; the fee for additional schools is $11 per school.

Saturday test dates will be June 14, 2014 (May 23 late registration deadline); Sept. 13, 2014 (Aug. 8 registration deadline); Oct. 25, 2014 (Sept. 19 registration deadline); Dec. 13, 2014 (Nov. 7 registration deadline).

For more information about ACT registration, call (319) 337-1270.

SAT
Students can register online (sat.collegeboard.org/home) or through packets provided by high schools. The cost is $51 for the basic SAT. Additional optional fees include a $24.50 registration fee for basic subject tests, $24 for language with listening tests and $13 for all other subject tests. Registering by phone costs another $15. Fees include sending scores to four colleges of your choice for free; the fee for additional schools is $11.25 per school.

The next Saturday test will be June 7, 2014 (May 23 late registration deadline). Tentative fall Saturday test dates are Oct. 11, Nov. 8, Dec. 6.

For more information about SAT registration, call (866) 630-9305.

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Scholarships are available for both adult and transfer students, as well as for those who live in Illinois. An estimated 70 percent of students receive financial aid, of which 49 percent receive some form of gift aid. Scholarship assistance helps the campus raise the bar of excellence in recruiting and retaining exceptional students.

Classes are taught by committed faculty members with academic and professional expertise in their fields, and small class sizes ensure that students receive valuable personalized attention. More than 80 percent of full-time tenured and tenure-track faculty at IU Northwest have achieved the highest degree attainable in their respective disciplines. Classes have a typical student-to-faculty ratio of about 15-to-1, ensuring that students receive one-on-one attention and support.

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This program demonstrates the continued partnerships between Ivy Tech and the community. According to Thomas Coley, Ph.D., chancellor for Ivy Tech Community College Northwest/North Central, “Collaborating with La Porte High School continues to foster positive enrollment for Ivy Tech and helps community members seek viable employment opportunities.”

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By the end of the three-hour event, 917 cars had come through the Recycling Extravaganza and dropped off, among other things: 54,266 pounds of electronics; 4,631 pounds of household items; 5,888 pounds of clothing; 1,646 books; 76 bicycles; 196 pairs of eyeglasses; 2,100 pounds of scrap metal; and 1,500 pounds of carpet and padding.

In addition, 201 trees were saved because of the 24,000 pounds of paper that people brought to be shredded and recycled.

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The campus remains vibrant throughout summer with a five-week summer school program called Summer OPS (Opportunities for Personal Success) for young men in grades 7-12 that allows students to catch up or work ahead in traditional academic areas or explore other interests. In addition, Camp St. John’s offers four week-long sessions of high-energy adventure camp for young men ages 11-16 that promote physical activity, leadership, self-confidence and teamwork.

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Elmhurst College

High school students who have not yet applied to Elmhurst College are invited to a First Look Friday session. Upcoming sessions include June 20 and June 27. This two hour experience starts with a group presentation led by an admission counselor to learn about Elmhurst College: admission, financial aid & scholarships, academics, early professional preparation opportunities and more. After the presentation, take a campus tour led by Jaywalkers, our outstanding student ambassadors. Check-in begins at 10 a.m. or 1 p.m. Pre-registration is required. Visit public.elmhurst.edu/visit/highschool for all of the tour options or call 630-279-4100. The school is located at 190 S. Prospect Ave., Elmhurst.
Hands-on learning

Museum of Science and Industry pledges to train 1,000 teachers

The Museum of Science and Industry, which has already trained more than 800 teachers in its own professional development program, aims to work with another 1,000 middle-grade teachers over the next five years.

"Science can be complex, challenging and oftentimes intimidating for both students and teachers," David Mosena, museum president, said. "It is critical during the middle years of schooling to make science more engaging through hands-on, inquiry-based teaching to foster a strong interest in science. As champions of science and learning, we are using our content expertise, proven teaching strategies and world-class exhibits to improve science education in schools."

Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel outlined Chicago's broad efforts to improve STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) education, which has a goal of tripling the number of students with STEM credentials by 2018. "I would like to thank the Museum of Science and Industry for partnering with the City as we work to expand access to STEM education for Chicago's teachers and students," Mayor Emanuel said. "Our partnership with MSI also reflects the opportunities available to help support our teachers while creating a roadmap for students of a cradle to career STEM education by leveraging our City's world-class, civically-engaged cultural institutions, businesses and non-profits."

U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan, who grew up in Hyde Park and has been a frequent visitor to the Museum, said "Improving STEM education is a national priority. It's great to have strong outside partners like MSI to supplement STEM teaching in our schools. Museums all across America can play a key role in enriching education for children."

Michigan State University Professor William Schmidt, who spearheaded a recent curriculum study of the museum's program, said that science performance in the United States is lagging on both U.S. and international tests, in part because so many teachers lack the skills and the support they need to make it more engaging. "Many professional development programs are not very effective," Schmidt said. "The Museum's program is, and we now have the proof."

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All-Star Athlete
If your guy or girl took home more trophies and sports-related awards than you can count, a sporty gift may be just what is needed. Plan a day when you can take your graduate to a sporting event of his or her choosing. You may be able to take in a home game of a favorite team or fly to a playoff game. Sports enthusiasts who attend many games may enjoy receiving a ticket stub diary, where they can scrapbook their photos and memories of different games throughout the year.

Travel Bug
Perhaps your graduate has a love for travel and plans on seeing the world before starting a job or furthering his or her academic career. A new set of luggage might be the right fit. If not, consider a subscription to a travel magazine or some books about specific destinations. Think about ordering a personalized passport cover and a traveler’s journal for documenting all ports of call.

Future CEO
Some students just seem destined for corporate success. Help pave the way with gifts that befit a CEO. Many mergers and acquisitions are made out on the golf course, so having the skills of the game is a necessity. Golf lessons with a PGA pro or a membership to a golf course is a great place to start.

Students who want to make a good first impression can benefit from a personalized leather portfolio for keeping resumes at the ready. Business cards printed with contact information can be handed out at networking events and job fairs.

Financial Maven
A student who excels in finance may appreciate a gift of green. Purchase stock in his or her name, or open up a savings or credit account that can be used for school expenses. Monetary gifts never go out of style and could set a graduate on a course for success.

Philanthropist
If your student has been participating in a cause from as early as you can remember, a philanthropic gift could be a nice touch for graduation. Make a donation in his or her name to a charity of his or her choosing. If you prefer to spread good will

Rite of passage: Treat your favorite grad to a well-deserved token of achievement. 1 SUPPLIED PHOTO

together, schedule volunteer time at a community center, hospital or disaster relief organization or enroll in programs that can use volunteers.

Career Person
A graduate ready to begin his or her career may need a few resources to get started. A savvy business wardrobe can help make a good first impression. Gift cards to stores that carry professional wardrobes will benefit those grads that may not have the budget to stock their wardrobes with career essentials.

Purchasing a bus pass or a gift toward commuting costs can be another way to offer a career-related gift.

Stress Relief
Few graduates will scoff at the idea of relaxing before a new stage of their life sets in. Several gift ideas that can help a graduate kick back, relax and wash away memories of stressful exams or school applications. A gift certificate to a spa center that offers facials and massages would prove a relaxing gift. Some graduates may unwind through exercise, so a new piece of exercise equipment or membership to a local gym would be thoughtful. Tickets to a concert or theater performance could be a relaxing and entertaining way to unwind after the hustle and bustle of graduation.

When gifting graduates one can begin by looking at their interests or what items may help them start their new careers or academic pursuits.

Career and technical training give students a competitive edge

In a few weeks, high school students around the U.S. will close one chapter of their lives and enter another as they graduate and move on to continue their education or enter the workforce.

Approximately 90 percent of students who spent their high school years participating in career and technical education (CTE) courses will graduate, which is a significantly higher rate than those who do not participate in CTE classes. CTE students are also more engaged. Eighty-one percent of high school dropouts say relevant, real-world learning opportunities would have kept them in high school, according to the Association for Career & Technical Education (ACTE).

Many CTE programs collaborate with colleges, universities and employers to offer course credit and on-the-job training. The National Restaurant Association Educational Foundation’s (NRAEF) ProStart program recently announced its 2014 National ProStart Collegiate Passport. More than 60 colleges and universities nationwide offer ProStart students course credit and scholarships for completing the two-year program, which prepares students for foodservice industry careers. To receive the industry-recognized ProStart National Certificate of Achievement, students must pass two national exams and work 400 mentored hours.

“Eighty-one percent of students who receive the ProStart National Certificate of Achievement are still working in the industry five years later, a testament to the strength of ProStart and our students, who are heavily recruited by post-secondary schools for their skills,” said Rob Gifford, executive vice president, strategic operations and philanthropy for the National Restaurant Association and the National Restaurant Association Educational Foundation.

“Graduates have proven to have a comprehensive knowledge of culinary and management basics as they begin our programs,” said Terri Ann Parks, director of regional recruitment for The Culinary Institute of America. “Our partnership with ProStart has allowed us to bring some of the best and brightest culinary students to our college nationwide.”

Post-secondary career and technical education addresses the needs of high-growth industries like health care and foodservice. Health care occupations make up 12 of the 20 fastest-growing occupations while the National Restaurant Association predicts that total restaurant and foodservice employment will grow by 11 percent over the next 10 years.

Students who took post-secondary CTE courses earned a higher salary than high school graduates who did not take CTE courses, according to a National Assessment of Vocational Education report. A graduate with a CTE-related associate degree or credential typically earns an average of $4,000 to nearly $20,000 more annually than a person with an associate’s degree in humanities.

Even if students don’t immediately decide to participate in CTE coursework in college, they have the option to engage in CTE later in life to transition into a new career.

Results: Approximately 90 percent of students who participate in career and technical education (CTE) courses in high school will graduate. Many programs collaborate with colleges, universities and employers. 1 SUPPLIED PHOTO
Health care teams demand nurses with doctorate degrees

When open enrollment for the Health Insurance Marketplaces closed earlier this year, more than 7.1 million Americans had signed up for health insurance coverage. As millions of new patients continue to gain access to insurance under the Affordable Care Act, industry leaders are facing the challenge of providing quality care while meeting the needs of an aging population and patients with more chronic health issues. One emerging solution is the concept of “care teams” that more closely engage health care professionals from all disciplines.

The Institute of Medicine (IOM) recommends health care delivery through such multidisciplinary teams, among other tools, to help health care systems lower costs while continuing to provide the best possible care for each patient. Care teams that include nurse practitioners and physician assistants are proven to alleviate demand for physicians without increasing their supply, according to 2013 research from RAND Corporation, a nonprofit research and analytics institution.

Doctoral education in nursing practice prepares nurses with enhanced leadership skills to strengthen practice and health care delivery, according to the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN). For this reason, nurses with doctoral education are being emphasized as an option for future leadership of care teams, as noted in the IOM’s report, The Future of Nursing: Leading Change, Advancing Health. Nursing educators are taking note, with more institutions offering advanced nursing degree programs that prepare nurses through specific curricula focused on implementing efficiencies in health care delivery and enhancing nurses’ leadership skills.

Nurses are responding to meet this need and leading the care team charge through continued education. The AACN reports nearly 15,000 students were enrolled in Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) degree programs in 2013, a 21.6 percent jump from 2013.

Chamberlain College of Nursing is one education provider that is responding to the industry call to action to prepare nurses to develop and drive care teams. Chamberlain offers a DNP Health Care Systems Leadership specialty track designed for master’s-prepared nurses who want to pursue advanced leadership roles within their chosen specialty. Students learn about leadership in the context of nursing informatics, health policy, higher education administration and executive health care practice.

“The DNP graduate should be equipped with the tools to address modern health care delivery issues and improve the health care setting through more integrated, streamlined care,” said Mary Brann, DNP, MSN, RN, Chamberlain instructor and executive director for clinical excellence and regulatory compliance at a 540-bed university medical center. “Chamberlain’s DNP Healthcare Systems Leadership specialty track prepares advanced practice nurses to lead and manage complex health care systems. In my clinical role, I seek doctoral nurses to fill leadership roles and help lower health care costs by establishing more effective, patient-centric models of health care delivery.”

As Brann points out, industry advancement requires more nurses be prepared to facilitate the transition from practice that occurs in silos to practice that includes comprehensive input from all disciplines and the patient to ultimately elevate patient care and improve system efficiencies. Under these models, patient satisfaction increases because they are receiving more coordinated care and have more access to the resources and services they need.

“Nursing students today are developing skills to lead nurse units in providing comprehensive, cohesive, contiguous patient care; partner with health care educators to increase the pipeline of future nurses; and provide a heightened level of patient engagement,” Brann said.

As health care continues to evolve and progress, so will the responsibilities and contributions of nurses. Nurses today are integral to responding to issues facing the health care industry. Those with doctorate degrees will be essential to incorporating new approaches and solutions, such as care teams, within the future health care setting.

Life after the Olympics: Luger offers insight on balancing work, school and life

A natural-born athlete, Erin Hamlin grew up playing a variety of sports, although it wasn’t until the age of 12 that she was introduced to lugeing. Her prior athletic experience instilled a great deal of concentration, dedication and strength of mind and body, and it wasn’t long before she worked her way through the national team’s developmental luge program and was living and training full-time in Lake Placid, N.Y.

Hamlin’s hard work paid off and she went on to compete in the 2008 and 2010 Olympic Winter Games and recently made history when she became the first American luger to win a medal when she earned bronze at the 2014 Olympic Winter Games in Sochi, Russia. In addition, the United States Olympic Committee at its 2014 “Best of Us” Awards Show recognized her momentous feat where she earned the title of Best Female Olympian of the Winter Games.

Q: What was it like to compete at the 2014 Olympic Winter Games in Sochi and make history by becoming the first U.S. singles luger to win an Olympic medal?

"Each time I've competed at the Olympics, I've learned and grown so much. The challenge of being the greatest in the world is what drives me to pursuing my Olympic dreams," said Hamlin. "I'm very excited to become the first American luger to win a medal in the history of the sport and the one who has shown me that there is room for improvement from a sustainability standpoint. Continuing my education and earning a degree will allow me to explore a career in which I can achieve this," said Hamlin.

She adds, "To help me reach this goal, I am preparing for my career by earning a bachelor's degree in technical management with a specialization in sustainability management at DeVry University."

Q: How do you balance athletic training with your academic endeavors?

"Since I can take my courses online, it allows me to manage my school work and my rigorous training schedule. I feel that learning helps me look forward to what is next and earning my degree will prepare me to achieve success off the track, as well," Hamlin said.

Q: What advice do you have to share with young athletes who aspire to compete in the Olympic Games?

"It can certainly be intimidating, to balance school and other life responsibilities - especially when you aspire to be successful in athletics or any extracurricular activity," said Hamlin. "Whatever picture can be very overwhelming. It's important to remember to stay focused on the end goal and break it down into smaller steps - that way it becomes much more manageable."

DeVry University is an official education provider of the United States Olympic Committee. To learn more about Hamlin or other Team USA student athletes who have competed in the 2014 Olympic Winter Games in Sochi, visit newsroom.devry.edu.
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Volkswagen Eos packs big fun into tiny convertible package

BY JOHN STEIN
For Sun-Times Media

The Volkswagen Eos is one of the few convertibles that can claim to be an all-season drop-top. Engineered from the drawing board as a hardtop convertible, it can keep winter temps at bay and hold back the annoying whirring of road noise.

In its eighth year of production, the Golf-based 2014 Eos still features the GTI drivetrain, but it does not have many new features except a new standard navigation system and Car-Net (similar to Chevy's OnStar and other infotainment systems).

It is official that the 2014 Eos will cease production with this generation. That does not diminish the Eos or what it does very well — provide fun with high-end features and a soft, comfortable ride.

The Eos offers three trim levels beginning with the base-level Komfort to the athletic Sport model to the luxurious Executive trim. VW dropped the previous Lux level, which does leave a bit of a gap in the trim lines; however, there is plenty of ability to get back to the Lux level with an entry of add-ons.

My tester was the top-line Executive trim level featuring big 18-inch rims that looked even larger and more athletic against the small Eos proportions. Eos is a conservative exterior design that is more focused on being a sophisticated cruiser than a sporty, performance convertible.

My tester featured notable options such as automatic wipers, parking sensors, power-folding outside mirrors, an eight-way power-adjustable front passenger seat (with power lumbar), leather upholstery, an auto-dimming rearview mirror, an upgraded navigation system with a larger touchscreen display, a rearview camera, HD radio and a premium Dynaudio 10-speaker sound system.

The star of the Eos show is the retractable top, which only takes 25 seconds to completely open or close. It requires 16 inches of clearance behind the rear bumper to operate; rear sensors sound if you don't have enough room.

Inside the cabin you get the high-quality fit and finish you expect from VW. Front passengers will find the Eos spacious, though backseat occupants will feel cramped. When folded into the trunk, the retractable top leaves 6.6 cubic-feet of cargo space. With the top up, trunk capacity increases to 10.5.

The Eos is powered by a turbocharged 2.0-liter four-cylinder engine, which is rated at 200 horsepower and 207 pound-feet of torque. A six-speed automated manual transmission (aka DSG) pushes power to the front wheels.

VW says the Eos will accelerate from zero-to-60 miles per hour in 7.3 seconds. I didn't have a chance to actually time this but if accurate, it is average for a convertible in this price range. Environmental Protection Agency-estimated fuel economy is 25 miles per gallon combined (22 city/30 highway).

The Executive level tester I had for the week came to $36,900 MSRP. This is a good value for the uniqueness of the hardtop convertible function, and the ability to safely drive the Eos with its FWD and have a true coupe in the winter, and a convertible in the summer.
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Arlington Heights, IL May 19, 2014 – Kristen Napleton, of the
Ed Napleton Automotive Group, awarded the winner of the
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raffle, Marisol Perez, with a $5000 Carnival Cruise on Friday,
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Arlington Heights Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram and Ed Napleton
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demonstrate proper child safety seat installation. Additionally,
Kristen Napleton and Rod Winklepleck, corporate Finance
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Marisol Perez, of Niles, was thrilled to receive the $5000
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As reported inMonster's 2011 Health Care Job Conditions Report, health care continues to be the healthiest labor-market sector, a trend driven in part by the growing demand for experienced nurse practitioners.

To help explain the expanding role of the nurse practitioner in health care, we spoke with Dr. Penny Kaye Jensen, President of the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners and Assistant Professor (Clinical), University of Utah, College of Nursing.

In this interview, Ms. Jensen discusses how nurse practitioners will shape tomorrow's health care hiring needs as well as the competitive recruitment landscape for nurse practitioners.

Monster: What services do NPs provide?

Jensen: Nurse practitioners (NPs) are expert clinicians with advanced training who provide primary, acute and specialty health care services. NPs provide a full range of services such as:
- Ordering, performing and interpreting diagnostic tests such as lab work and x-rays.
- Diagnosing and treating both acute and chronic conditions such as diabetes, high blood pressure and asthma.
- Prescribing medications and other treatments, managing patients' overall care.
- NPs focus on the health and well-being of the whole person. What sets this group of health care providers apart from others is their unique emphasis on helping patients to make educated health care decisions.

When considering productivity measures, employee compensation and the cost of education, NPs are cost-effective providers of health services.

Monster: In what areas of the country are NPs most in demand?

Jensen: NPs are in demand in all areas of the country, along the distribution of the population. For instance, 19-20% of the U.S. population resides in rural areas and 18-19% of NPs practice in rural areas. However, in cities where there are more health care consumers, NPs are more heavily concentrated.

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Monster: What is the demand for nurse practitioners changing health care recruitment practices?

Jensen: While health care consumers are increasingly more aware of the contributions of NPs, employers are increasingly more familiar with advantages provided by NPs. As the market becomes more competitive for NPs, recruiters may be offering better benefit packages and salaries, as we are seeing this evolve.

Monster: How do educational costs compare with NPs and PAs?

Jensen: Last year, we surveyed all FNP programs and medical (MD) preparation. We reported that the total NP program cost is less than two-thirds of the cost of one year of medical school. Our findings are consistent with the older information reported in the Institute of Medicine (IOM) that means that the number of advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs) that can be trained for the cost of training 1 physician is between 3 and 14.

Assessing the costs of education is a multidimensional problem, due primarily to the complexities of deriving the production cost to the institution. One study, sponsored by the Association of Academic Health Centers (Gonyea, 1998) attempted to compare the educational cost for various health professions. It concluded that for every 1 physician (4 years), 14 advanced nurse practitioners or 12 physician assistants could be produced (Starck, 2005).

Monster: Will physician assistants (PAs) also help to address this need?

Jensen: The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) Nursing Research Network commissioned Kevin Stange, University of Michigan, and Deborah Sampson, Boston College, to plot the provider-to-primary care physician ratio for NPs and physician assistants by county, calculated as the population-weighted average for states with available data. Between 1995 and 2009, the number of NPs per primary care MD more than doubled, as did the number of physician assistants per primary care MD. These figures suggest that it is possible to increase the supply of both NPs and PAs in a relatively short amount of time, helping to meet the increased demand for care.

Monster: How do educational costs and salaries compare with NPs and PAs?

Jensen: As cited in a AANP compensation study report nearly all (80% or more) NPs receive vacation, sick leave, liability insurance, health insurance, educational leave. However the majority of NPs also receive professional leave, disability insurance, life insurance, and retirement plan. So the benefits should be robust if a recruitment package is going to be competitive.

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As reported inMonster's 2011 Health Care Job Conditions Report, health care continues to be the healthiest labor-market sector, a trend driven in part by the growing demand for experienced nurse practitioners.

To help explain the expanding role of the nurse practitioner in health care, we spoke with Dr. Penny Kaye Jensen, President of the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners and Assistant Professor (Clinical), University of Utah, College of Nursing.

In this interview, Ms. Jensen discusses how nurse practitioners will shape tomorrow's health care hiring needs as well as the competitive recruitment landscape for nurse practitioners.

Monster: What services do NPs provide?

Jensen: Nurse practitioners (NPs) are expert clinicians with advanced training who provide primary, acute and specialty health care services. NPs provide a full range of services such as:
- Ordering, performing and interpreting diagnostic tests such as lab work and x-rays.
- Diagnosing and treating both acute and chronic conditions such as diabetes, high blood pressure and asthma.
- Prescribing medications and other treatments, managing patients' overall care.
- NPs focus on the health and well-being of the whole person. What sets this group of health care providers apart from others is their unique emphasis on helping patients to make educated health care decisions.

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Sandrine boutique
The Parisian fashion house cuts the ribbon on its new Gold Coast location this week, welcoming shoppers to browse its sleek men's and women's collections in a modern, minimalist space. 102 E. Oak; Sandro-paris.com

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**BIG SHOULDERS HUMANITARIAN AWARD DINNER**

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*Time: 6 p.m.*
*Place: Hilton Chicago, 720 S. Michigan *
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**May 22**

**CHICAGO LIGHTHOUSE ANNUAL DINNER**

Rachel DeWoskin, author of the novel *Blind*, gives the keynote address and attorney Frank Chanen receives the Beacon of Light Award at the annual Seeing What’s Possible dinner. Chaired by Anida Johnson Cohen, the evening features dinner, drinks and music from the Stanley Paul Orchestra. Proceeds help Chicago Lighthouse’s programming and assistance for the visually impaired.

*Time: 6 p.m.*
*Place: Four Seasons Hotel Chicago, 120 E. Delaware *
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- **AGE OF OPULENCE FASHION SHOW**
  WMAQ-5's Zoraida Sambolin emcees while society blogger Candace Jordan, WLS-Channel 7's Diana Palomar and other prominent Chicago women walk the runway in everything from ready-to-wear to bridal couture from local fashion designer Elida de la Rosa. It all happens in the new event space from the Gibson Restaurant Group, which will also dish up cocktails and appetizers. Proceeds benefit the Edgewater Development Corporation.

Time: 8 p.m.
Place: Hartford Plaza, 500 W. Superior
Cost: $100. For tickets, visit Brownpapertickets.com/event/627132

May 30
- **ONE MILLION DEGREES FOOD & WINE TASTING**
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Time: 6 p.m. VIP reception, 7 p.m. general reception, 8 p.m. dinner, 9:30 p.m. dessert bar
Place: Bridgeport Art Center, 1200 W. 35th
Cost: $500. For tickets, visit OneMillionDegrees.org.

May 31
- **WOMEN'S BOARD OF THE BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF CHICAGO SUMMER BALL**
  This signature summer soiree marks its 65th anniversary with help from co-chairs Virginia Bobins, Linda Gantz, Marty Higgins, Bonnie Stearns, Renée Crown, Ellen O'Connor, Karen Gray and Barbara Pearlman. The black-tie event offers dinner, drinks and live entertainment from Under the Streetlamp - featuring "Jersey Boys" cast members - all benefiting BGCC's after-school programs.

Time: 6:30 p.m. 8 p.m. dinner
Place: Navy Pier Grand Ballroom, 600 E. Grand
Cost: $700. For tickets, call Brice Kanzer at (312) 235-8037 or email Bkanzer@bgcc.org.

May 30-November 2
- **CHGO DSGN: REDENENT OBJECT AND GRAPHIC DESIGN**
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Time: 6-10 p.m. opening reception
Place: Chicago Cultural Center, Exhibit Hall, 78 E. Washington
Cost: Free. For more information, visit ChicagoCulturalCenter.org.
Fashion icons Mark Badgley and James Mischka made a stop in Chicago May 8 for Neiman Marcus (737 N. Michigan) and the Service Club of Chicago's VIP fashion show charity event. The design duo hosted an intimate group of 100 and sent more than 60 pieces from their Spring 2014 collection down the department store's runway. While taking in the stylish show, attendees and co-chairs Mary Lasky and Tina Weller sipped champagne and white wine, snacked on light hors d'oeuvres and enjoyed the sounds of harpist Penny Currier. Pieces ranging from daywear to couture were available for purchase, and shopping was highly encouraged. The elegant garments helped raise more than $10,000, which will reach more than 60 local nonprofit partners of the Service Club.

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GENERATION RESCUE'S RESCUE OUR ANGELS

The View co-host Jenny McCarthy celebrated Mother's Day weekend with her son by her side at Generation Rescue's seventh annual Rescue Our Angels event May 9. "The Real Housewives of New Jersey" stars Jacqueline and Chris Laurita and Chicagoans Tim Smithe, Ji Suk Yi and Frank Fontana joined the mother-son duo at VenueOne (1044 W. Randolph) to toast to the nonprofit's continued success in raising awareness of autism. McCarthy beamed as 11-year-old son Evan took the stage to introduce event founders Michele and Peter Doyle. Later, emcees Catie Keogh, host and executive producer of "24/7 City Secrets," and Ryan Chiaverini, "Windy City Live" co-host, took over, keeping energy high all night. The funds raised at the bash will support families affected by autism.

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You'll need sunglasses to look directly at these lovely women, all dazzling in brilliant white. A year-round fashion staple — ignore that myth about no white after Labor Day — the shade definitely hits a high note during warm-weather months. Need to add a few pale pieces to your closet? Check out BCBG Max Azria's selection of rompers, crop tops and separates or the ultra-chic Kate Moss collection at Topshop, replete with minis, maxis and camisoles in pure ivory. Best of all, the color goes with everything — meaning you have carte blanche to rock it all season long.
**EARLY INVESTING**

Keynote speaker Rear Admiral Casey W. Coane encouraged local leaders to support childhood education for the next generation of Chicagoans at the Ounce of Prevention Fund’s annual luncheon May 6. Chairman and CEO of Northern Trust Frederick H. Waddell served as corporate chair of the event, helping draw more than 850 supporters to the Hilton Chicago (720 S. Michigan), where they listened to esteemed guest speakers and watched a video montage highlighting the organization’s mission: “It’s Good Business to Invest in Young Children.” The event raised $850,000, which will support early academic and social programs for underprivileged youth across the country.

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**HIgh School Musical**

Shakespearean monologues, African-inspired drumming and a jazz cabaret were just a few of the acts that lit up the stage at Chicago High School for the Arts’ annual Kerfuffle! benefit May 7. The performance-packed evening attracted more than 300 guests to the Museum of Contemporary Art (220 E. Chicago), where they enjoyed entertainment from ChiArts students, alumni and a special guest — WGN-Channel 9’s morning co-anchor Dan Ponce, who joined musical theater student Meghan Healy in belting out a rendition of “Anything You Can Do.” Co-chaired by Francia Harrington and Mirja Haffner, the third annual benefit raised more than $300,000 for ChiArts, Chicago’s only public high school for the arts.

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SINGING PRAISE

The Merit School of Music hit a high note at its annual gala May 8, celebrating 35 years of children's music education by shattering fundraising records. More than 650 supporters joined co-chairs Judith A. Istock and Richard L. Thomas in watching performances by Merit's Opera and Music Theater and Vocal Jazz ensembles. The top singers took the stage to belt out an original tribute song set to the tune of "March of the Toreadors" in honor of special guest and famed soprano Renée Fleming, who received the Alice S. Pfiester Award for Distinguished Service to the Arts. The pitch-perfect evening netted $1.5 million to benefit Merit School's music and theater education programs. Jacqueline Andriakos Splash was the media sponsor of this event. The Sun-Times Foundation and the Chicago Community Trust will match donations to the Merit School of Music up to a total of $10,000. Up to $1,000 can be matched per individual donation.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY'S RAISE YOUR HAND CHICAGOLAND KICK OFF EVENT

HOME COMING

With the help of 300 Habitat for Humanity volunteers, 13 new houses will pop up along Michigan Avenue at the end of the month, giving more than a dozen local families a place to call home. To celebrate the major construction project — a four-day affair called "Raise Your Hand Chicagoland" that kicks off May 29 — supporters gathered May 8 at the Midway Club (450 N. Cityfront Plaza). Co-chairs John Edwardson and A. Steven Crown and 70 local sponsors, including lead corporate sponsors BMO Harris Bank and Lowe's Companies, helped raise $1.2 million for the effort.

— Jacqueline Andriakos

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Chicago mainstay Carnivale punches up brunch  BY THOMAS CONNORS

As its name might suggest, the new Sunday brunch service at Carnivale is a bright, boisterous affair. "It's pink hats this month, maybe derbies next month," says General Manager James Jablonski, referring to the playful gifts he dispenses to young diners as he wends his way through the restaurant, surrounded by balloons. Throughout the meal, a string-and-keyboard ensemble plays everything from Enya to Led Zeppelin to "Besame Mucho." From time to time, you can even catch character master Arturo Camarena stepping away from his station to offer up a heartfelt aria.

Jubbler's cavernous, vibrant pan-Latin eatery has been a West Loop destination for nearly a decade, but, as Jablonski explains, "Carnivale needed to reach a new audience, and brunch was the [way to] do that." Chef Rodolfo Cuadros spices things up even further, combining classic dishes — think fried-egg sandwiches ($11) and pancakes ($12) — with plates that express what he calls a "South American soul food" sensibility. Case in point: the chicken 'n' waffles ($13). Cuadros marinates the bird for 24 hours in a combo of Cuban and Korean ingredients (garlic, onion, orange juice, achiote, cumin and oregano) and sends it to the table with Belgian waffles accompanied by a chipotle-kicked maple syrup. "I've lived in Europe and all over South America, and brunch is a purely American meal," says Cuadros. "So we take those standard dishes and add bold, Latin flavors.

Here's what else to expect at Carnivale's brunch:

All in the family: Nearly everything on Carnivale's brunch menu is made in-house. That includes the thickly sliced bacon (cured for seven days and smoked for 18 hours) and the fennel seed sausage for the tomato- and parmesan-accented Scotch egg ($15). "The only things we buy are the sourdough bread and Glazed & Infused doughnuts from right down the street," says Jablonski.

Eye-opener: The ubiquitous fried calamari appetizer gets a perfectly calibrated boost at Carnivale. The crisped critter sits atop an Asian-inspired salad of shaved green papaya and carrots tossed in a piquant sweet and sour adobo ($11). "We are by no means a one-faceted cuisine," says Cuadros. "We have the liberty to draw from many cultures. When you talk Peru, you [also] have Japanese and Chinese influences.

Must-try dish: Throw calorie-related caution to the wind and tackle the Key lime French toast, stuffed with Key lime custard, finished with brown butter and pineapple syrup and topped with fresh whipped cream ($12). "It's taking an American dish and giving it that tropical feel," says Cuadros. "It's one of our best-sellers.

Drinkup: Carnivale is known for its perfectly poured quaffs, and its brunch list is no exception. Do yourself a favor and sample The Dove, a lightly sweet and refreshing libation spun from Chinaco Blanco tequila, fresh-squeezed grapefruit juice, soda and mint ($9).

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Pastor Corey Brooks of New Beginnings Church

Three local organizations located in food deserts — New Beginnings Church (6620 S. King), the North Township Trustee Office (5947 Hohman) and Northwest Community Center (1325 N. Johnston) — will flourish this summer, thanks to help from Fifth Third Bank. On National Garden Day May 9, Fifth Third officials presented all three organizations with container gardens, representing the larger fruit and vegetable gardens the bank will soon build on their respective land.

“We hope these gardens will inspire healthier food choices and help build unity in communities where nutritious food options have been limited,” says Fifth Third Chicago President and CEO Kevin Sullivan. The community gardens complement the bank’s annual food relief efforts throughout Chicagoland and Northwest Indiana.

It’s been a busy year for Alexis Cozzini. The stylish Chicagoan, who launched showroom-style store Citizen Stone (1440 N. Dayton) last fall, is now adding wedding planning to her plate: Craig Bernstein, founder of Doc B’s Fresh Kitchen (100 E. Walton), popped the question in Malibu May 13.

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Kate Scully & John Krebsbach

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Even in the summertime — when Chicago's all about relaxation and sunshine — there's nothing quite like retreating to a spa for a much-needed escape from the daily grind. But who has time to scout out the perfect place to find some serenity? Here, we break down five of the nation's top-ranked spots to unwind, from a Native American-inspired Arizona sanctuary to a lush oasis in Connecticut's Litchfield Hills.

CAL-A-VIE: VISTA, CALIFORNIA
LONG HAUL

With a South-of-France vibe (think vineyards and scenic views) and sunny California climate, Cal-a-Vie has a threefold focus: sweating, relaxing and nutritious dining. The all-inclusive wellness retreat attracts a diverse clientele — from well-heeled moms to high-powered executives to Hollywood types — many of whom visit with the intent of dropping a few pounds. Upon arrival, guests get a customized itinerary based on their weight and body-fat measurements. Each day begins with a 6 a.m. walk or rigorous hike through the foothills, followed by your choice of unique exercise classes (Enjoy spinning? Try it in the pool!) and an afternoon of spa treatments. Activity groups are kept small to ensure one-on-one attention from the experts, including fitness gurus and dietitians who dole out tips on maintaining the Zen lifestyle when you return home. Three healthy meals are provided per day, plus nutritious snacks and all the apples you can eat — you may go to sleep a little hungry, but you'll wake up refreshed and ready to take on the real world again. Three-night packages start at $3,995; 29402 Spa Havens, Vista, CA; Cal-a-vie.com

MII AMO: SEDONA, ARIZONA

OUT WEST

Leave your Lululemon gear behind and escape to Mii Amo, a destination spa surrounded by the Coconino National Forest in Boynton Canyon, which was long considered a place of healing by Native Americans. In fact, the entire retreat is Native American-inspired, from the adobe brick design to the crystal grotto, a modern interpretation of a Native American kiva (a place for spiritual ceremonies). Consistently earning high praise (Travel & Leisure ranked it as the world's best destination spa in 2009), Mii Amo strives to help every guest experience that "aha" moment through meditation and understanding the major impact of small changes (healthy eating and daily stretching, for instance). You can choose from a variety of "journeys," depending on what you want to work on during your stay: wellness, spirituality or healing. Each includes sessions with a life coach, top-rated cuisine (wine is allowed!) and two spa services per day, from calming facials based on Eastern Indian therapies to reiki healing or more traditional treatments. Three-night packages start at $2,730; 525 Boynton Canyon, Sedona, AZ; Miiamo.com
The pool at Sundara

SUNDARA INN AND SPA: WISCONSIN DELLS, WISCONSIN

SHORT DRIVE

Nestled in 26 acres of pine forest on the outskirts of the Wisconsin Dells, the award-winning Sundara Inn and Spa (Sundara means “beautiful” in Sanskrit) takes peace and quiet to the next level. The adults-only destination focuses on helping guests achieve a state of Zen via a meditation trail — with seven stops along the path to correspond with the seven chakras of energy — tranquility garden and silent sports like yoga and biking. A heated outdoor infinity pool, fire pit and waterfalls create an overall sense of calm and spa services — many organic and based on Ayurvedic principles — range from body wraps to Dead Sea scrubs. Planning a getaway for two? Snag a “spa together” room and enjoy your treatments simultaneously. Rooms start at $219 per night; 920 Canyon, Wisconsin Dells, WI; Sundaraspa.com

THE PENINSULA SPA: CHICAGO NEARBY

An oasis of calm situated on the 19th and 20th floors of the five-star Peninsula hotel, this spa is the ideal escape if you’re short on time. Book two or more hours of treatments to enjoy full access to the spa’s amenities — a sparkling lap pool with grand views of the city, outdoor terrace, eucalyptus steam room, jacuzzi, relaxation lounge and more — and linger for as long as you’d like. Asian-inspired treatments range from Thai massage to intensive facials, and a two-hour “Half Day Spa Journey” includes a massage and individualized facial. If you really want to splurge, stay overnight at the hotel and take advantage of the spa facilities throughout your mini-getaway. Rooms start at $395 per night, treatment prices vary; 108 E. Superior; Chicago.peninsula.com/en/spa-wellness

The spa sundeck at The Peninsula

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MAYFLOWER GRACE: WASHINGTON, CONNECTICUT

QUICK FLIGHT

If it’s luxury you’re looking for, you’ll find it in abundance at the Mayflower Grace, a two-hour drive from New York City, the destination spa and country manor is set on 58 acres of bucolic gardens and woodlands. Decorated in soft shades of ivory and pale blue, the heavenly, 20,000-square-foot spa features amenities like a eucalyptus steam room, iridescent-tiled pool, domed mosaic whirlpool and relaxation room with sumptuous seating and expansive windows. Spa treatments run the gamut from sugar-and-salt scrubs and indulgent massages to anti-aging facials, and other activities — like guided walks through the woodlands — are designed to instill peace and tranquility. A juice cleanse launches this summer to complement the spa’s health-conscious cuisine, and weekend and weeklong packages can be customized to suit individual goals. Rooms start at $575 per night, 118 Woodbury, Route 47, Washington, CT; Gracehotels.com/mayflower/spa
Comedian and 'Parks and Recreation' star Aziz Ansari is bringing 'Modern Romance' — and loads of laughs — to the Chicago Theatre. BY ZAK STEMER
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If that were the case, Aziz Ansari wouldn't be heading to Chicago May 21 and 22 to perform his new comedy show, "Modern Romance," in which he details the ups and downs of being single in today's digital dating world. According to Ansari, even celebs struggle with their love lives. "If I meet someone at a bar, yes there's that initial moment of, 'Oh, you're that guy. I enjoy your work,'" he says. "There are other actors — I won't name names — that you'd be stunned to know deal with the same issues."

Luckily, Ansari, 31, has plenty of other things to be thrilled about. Over the past decade, the comedian's career has blown up: He's gone from posting college prank videos online to starring as the quick-witted and overconfident Tom Haverford in NBC's "Parks and Recreation." He's starred in major flicks like Judd Apatow's "Funny People," "30 Minutes or Less" and "This Is the End." And off-screen, he's traveling the country performing his hit stand-up and penning a book inspired by his act (more on that later).

It's been quite an adventure for a guy who decided to pursue stand-up on a whim. "I never thought about doing comedy when I was growing up or anything," Ansari says. "I grew up in South Carolina and there the whole idea of doing anything on TV — they think you're crazy, you know? It's a totally different world." But the young Ansari always enjoyed making people laugh and telling stories, so it's no surprise that while he was attending New York University in 2000, his friends encouraged him to take the stage for open mic nights. "I don't remember my first stand-up joke but I'm sure it was horrible," he laughs. Fortunately, Ansari quickly got the hang of it and began performing regularly with the prestigious Upright Citizens Brigade. It wasn't long before people took notice: In 2005, Rolling Stone included him on its "Hot List," and in 2007, MTV picked up a sketch comedy show dubbed "Human Giant" created by and starring Ansari and his comedy collaborators Rob Huebel and Paul Scheer. From there it was a quick leap to network television: The comedian was picked as the first cast hire for "Parks and Recreation" in 2008.

Having risen to fame so rapidly, Ansari maintains that nothing has really sunk in yet. "There was never an 'I made it' moment for me," he says. "I just try to work hard and sometimes I work so hard that I don't stop to realize that what I get to do is pretty awesome and that I should be happy with it." Maybe it's because Ansari never stops to look up that not much in his life has changed — especially when it comes to love. "You know, just because I'm on TV and stuff, (dating) doesn't really change that much ultimately," he says. "You'd never go up to someone who's very attractive and say, 'Oh, you know nothing about anyone else's dating life because you're very attractive.' [Being famous] is the same thing as being very attractive. You get a little bit more attention, but once you meet someone, you deal with the same crap that everyone else deals with.

Those universal struggles — like trying to meet up with a flaky date — are the foundation of Ansari's latest act. One of his biggest frustrations? "When you text someone and you don't hear anything and you're sitting there waiting. Then you get on Instagram and they've posted a photo of a deer. You're like, 'What are you doing!? You're snapping a photo of a deer and I'm sitting here waiting!' I thought we had something!" But for all his dating disappointments, Ansari admits that most of his experiences have been rather tame. "I've never been on a date where it's like, she opened the trunk and there's a body in there," he jokes. "The horrible dates I've had are the ones that everyone's been on: where you don't know what to say to the person or just don't have a rapport."

But finding that rapport with his audience is crucial to Ansari. "My favorite kind of stand-up, and the kind that I'm most proud of, is when the audience laughs but they also get the feeling of, 'Holy cow, I can't believe that guy said that. That's something I felt really deep inside,'" he says. "You laugh and you feel that this very personal compound is actually very universal and that we're all in this together."

When Ansari's not lamenting the labors of love, he's connecting with his fans in an entirely different way as the scene-stealing, materialistic Tom Haverford on "Parks and Recreation." The show — which wrapped its sixth season last month and was recently renewed for a seventh and final season — features Tom's constant entrepreneurial missteps, like Rent-A-Swag: renting high-end clothes to middle schoolers whose moms won't buy them. Hubristic hijinks aside, the highlight of filming this past season for Ansari was meeting one of his personal music icons. "The season finale was insane," he says. "Ginuwine guest-starred and it was so bizarre because I get to play Tom who's going crazy about hanging out with Ginuwine and then I'm also Aziz who's like, 'This is so weird, I'm doing a scene with Ginuwine!' It was surreal on a couple different levels."

Ansari views the shows impending finale as a bittersweet moment; while he'll miss his tight-knit cast ("We all enjoy each other tremendously. I know every actor on a show says that, but I mean it honestly," he says), he's glad the series won't join the ranks of sitcoms that overstayed their welcome. "It's smart that they're ending it now," he says. Then he jokes: "No one wants to be one of those shows that's on too long and it's like, 'We've seen all these people do everything. They're all going to die soon!'"

With free time on his horizon, Ansari is charging full-speed ahead with his next project: a book, which will be released in 2015. Inspired by his "Modern Romance" act, the tome takes a more academic approach to dating — of course, all the while maintaining his characteristic wit. To prepare, Ansari is traveling the world from Paris to Tokyo, interviewing sociologists, anthropologists and social psychologists to figure out the cause of the dating habits he lampoons during his stand-up.

"I thought that doing a straight comedy book for me would be pretty boring," he says. "I don't want to say [I'm taking] a scientific approach and make it sound like I'm trying to be something I'm not, but I'm a smart guy and I like learning about stuff. So I thought I should talk to these people who are really smart and ask them what's really changed [about dating]."

While the world around him continues to evolve, Ansari has retained the humor and humility that earned him his fame — even when he comes to a comedy-centric city like Chicago. "I think there are four [comedy] shows at the Chicago Theatre [this year] and that's insane," he says. "It's just very flattering. I'm very thankful to Chicago for caring that much about my comedy." With such a huge fan base here, it's hard not to wonder: Maybe the Windy City is where Ansari can finally find a good date?

To purchase tickets (starting at $49) to see Ansari at the Chicago Theatre May 21-22, visit Ticketmaster.com.
"I once was in a delicatessen. At the table were Woody Allen, Dick Cavett, Rodney Dangerfield and Richard Pryor," she says. "And when my husband came in to meet us, he said, 'You look like four undertakers. I've never seen such a sad, pathetic, not-laughing group of people.'" She pauses to emit one of her signature sandpaper laughs before dropping the punch line, which is shocking, but not in the way you'd expect. "I'm very shy," she admits. "I like to think of myself in public as a champion of women's rights and people's rights and big and loud and screaming about it. But in private, if I don't know you, I don't talk."
If it's hard to accept the taboo-torching Rivers as timid, it's because the iconic comedian has spent the past five decades demonstrating that she considers no public figure too sacred to lampoon and no subject too risqué to discuss with relish. "I say things that I think have to be said," she says of her comedic persona. "I get very angry when things are pushed under the blanket. I really think that's the comic's job. We're absolutely placed on this Earth to say, 'The emperor has no clothes.'"

Rivers, 80, is just as willing to turn her wry humor and unapologetic critiques on herself, openly divulging her shortcomings and freely analyzing the triumphs and setbacks of her career. "I've gone up and down so many times. I'm like a Jewish yo-yo," she laughs. "You're hot, you're cold, you're hot, you're cold. I'm on a big upswing right now, and I'm very aware of it. At the moment I'm everybody's darling."

She isn't exaggerating. Rivers is currently starring on three TV shows: E!'s "Fashion Police," where she shamelessly sends up Hollywood's red-carpet style; "Joan and Melissa: Joan Knows Best?" a reality series that follows Rivers and her daughter, Melissa, as they navigate life in LA; and "In Bed With Joan," a low-budget, online-only gem that sees Rivers taking to her boudoir Bed With Joan," a low-budget, online-only documentary that she considers no subject too risqué to discuss with relish. Rivers attributes the series' popularity to its unpretentious nature. "I wanted a show where I could do and say anything, and that's on the Internet," she says. "The guests are all coming on and talking honestly - what could be less intimidating than sitting in this ugly little room, in bed with me, with one s**** camera and three lights?" And though she's three TV shows deep, she's already planning a fourth. "I want to start doing celebrity drunken calls," she says. "I want to have a glass of wine and call up Lindsay Lohan and give her advice."

Rivers' single-minded focus on moving forward leaves little time for much else. The self-proclaimed homebody says she 'never lingers' when she travels for work, always returning home to her lavish New York digs or her room in Melissa's LA house. "I have no personal life," she jokes. "I have no romance. I closed the hotel three years ago." Instead, she sees plays with pals in her spare time and works on keeping her career 'exactly as it is now,' seeking out every possible opportunity to share her disarmingly truthful take on things. "It's always fun to keep trying. Push the envelope," she says. "Otherwise it gets stale, you know?"

And though she's thrilled to be back on top, Rivers credits her darker days with keeping her honest — and more importantly, funny. "I think comedians have to go through being outsiders and not having the confidence that they're wonderful," she says. "It keeps me edgy and a little off-center. Not that the hard times seem much easier in retrospect. I look back now and I don't know how I did it. I think of the strip clubs I played, how I was fired from my first job," she says. "I don't know how that poor girl went back. I'd like to meet her and ask, 'How'd you do it?'"

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Clockwise from top: Rivers with Johnny Carson In 1986; Rivers and Chris Hardwick on "In Bed With Joan"; Rivers with Dick Clark on "$10,000 Pyramid" in 1974; Rivers and Kris Jenner on the set of "Fashion Police"

First, after she landed her own late-night show in 1986, Carson shut her out, refusing to take her calls or allow her on "The Tonight Show" — a ban that lasted nearly 30 years thanks to subsequent hosts Jay Leno and Conan O'Brien. "It was insane. My agent would call up every five months and say, 'Come on. Even men that commit murder get out in 20 years,' " she says. "Carson never understood when I left, but he understood when Cosby and Brenner and Seinfeld left. It was the one time I felt discriminated against because I was a woman." Soon after, her show's run was cut short and tarnished by tragedy — after Fox executives fired Rivers' husband Edgar Rosenberg as producer in 1987, he committed suicide. "It was a really rough period," says Rivers.

But just as quickly as things soured for Rivers, they turned sweet again. In 1989, she landed her own daytime talk show, "The Joan Rivers Show," which won a Daytime Emmy and ran for five years. In the early '90s, Rivers and daughter Melissa began hosting the pre-Academy Awards show for E!, launching a partnership with the network that's still going strong.

"It was a total moment of, 'You can't take this away from me,' " says Rivers of finding her way back to fame. These days, Rivers is holding onto the spotlight with both hands. In March, new "Tonight Show" host Jimmy Fallon welcomed her back to the show; she says he called her the minute he got the job. "He said, 'This is ridiculous. We want you back. It was extraordinary, I adore him.' She's got more than 2 million Twitter followers hanging on her every quip, and she's fielding requests to appear on "In Bed With Joan," even from celebs she's spent years skewering.

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The comedian on getting his start in Chicago and his new ‘Late Night’ gig

The newest “Late Night” host, “Saturday Night Live” alum Seth Meyers has had no problem filling the comedic shoes of predecessors David Letterman, Conan O’Brien and “SNL” castmate Jimmy Fallon. In his first season alone, he’s already attracted superstar guests like Cameron Diaz, Vice President Joe Biden and Kanye West. Earlier this month, Meyers, 40, took a break from his “Late Night” duties to stop in Chicago as the main entertainment at the Make-A-Wish Foundation’s annual Wish Ball. We caught up with the comic at the event, which raised more than $14 million to grant wishes for children with life-threatening medical conditions.

Comedic beginnings
“I grew up in New Hampshire but went to Northwestern. I saw the improv troupe there and fell in love with the idea of trying to do that. I started taking improv classes at a place called IO — on Clark right by Wrigley Field. It was [called] Improv Olympic when I was there, but I think they got sued by the Olympics, for real — now there’s no signage.”

Guest stars
“Amy Poehler was my first guest [on ‘Late Night’]. Every time I’d try to get a name, they’d come on, it’s a blast. I don’t really have any dream guests — I can’t believe that anyone comes on the show. So the fact that we even have guests every night is great for me. That’s the fun thing about the show, and the part I was most worried about: The skill set I didn’t exercise at all on ‘SNL’ was interviewing people, but it’s really fun.”

Litmus test
“We bring in a group of people touring the [NBC] building around 4:15 in the afternoon — taping is at 6:30 — to see a monologue run through. It’s a good chance to tell them jokes and realize the ones that all the writers loved are huge duds and you’ll never tell them out loud again. Stand-up is different; it’s a lot more personal. I try to make them jokes out on my wife all the time. That’s part of the deal for her — it’s not too bad of a deal.”

Late night humor
“The monologue is very news-based, then in the sketches we’re just trying to be silly and smart at the same time. We try to embrace the dumbest ideas possible because we have a lot of real estate to fill. You know, people are up, it’s 12:30 at night — I think they want to see stuff they can’t see at any other hour, so we try to embrace the time slot.”

Catch “Late Night with Seth Meyers” weekdays at 11:35 p.m. on NBC.
No man is an island

Intersection lives illuminate commonalities in Courtney Baron’s ‘Eat Your Heart Out’

BY THOMAS CONNORS

Once upon a time, playwright Courtney Baron wanted to be a neurosurgeon. But, as she puts it, “I was a terrible student, barely graduated from high school, and I fell in love with writing.” While she never made it to medical school, the mysteries of mind and body continued to fascinate her — and provide a launching pad for her creative efforts.

In graduate school, she wrote a piece about a man suffering from insomnia so severe it was fatal (an actual malady). Later, her piece “Here I Lie” referenced factitious disorders, in which individuals feign illness. “Eat Your Heart Out” — celebrating its Chicago premiere this week in a Rivendell Theatre Ensemble production — came to be after Baron read about Broken Heart Syndrome, a temporary cardiac condition brought on by stress, such as the death of a loved one.

I initially set out to write about a few different characters with this syndrome,” says Baron, “but I realized pretty early on that I was more interested in simply how we deal with broken hearts and how many of us are the catalysts for breaking our own hearts by getting in our own way.”

“Eat Your Heart Out” weaves together the lives of folks who, at first, seem to operate on distinctly different tracks. The lynchpin of the action is Nance, a divorced social worker balancing her job helping a childless couple, the needs of her overweight teenage daughter and her own search for a meaningful relationship. “All the different hats we all have to wear can be exhausting and confusing,” says Baron. “When [viewers] watch this character travel from scene to scene, I hope [they] will come to see how complicated it feels, but how simple it could all be if we could all just love ourselves and our faults a little bit more.”

Loneliness and longing are never fun, but Baron’s musings on them is not without its lighter moments. As director Hallie Gordon observes, “All these people are brokenhearted in different ways, and that makes it so difficult for them to connect with each other. They are each afraid, so they put up these walls. We get to peer into their lives and watch the walls crumble and see them as vulnerable human beings. These characters are true to life, and from their awkwardness and fear comes humor — because without that, how do we survive the challenges that life throws us?”

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When it comes to meeting new people, do you step outside your comfort zone? Or do you tend to stick with what's comfortable and familiar? Does the thought of having a conversation with a total stranger excite you or cause anxiety?

To be completely honest, my first reaction is to feel a little nervous anticipation. Believe it or not, I can be shy at times and often feel anxious at the thought of spending time with a group of strangers. Throughout the years, though, I've realized how important it is to put myself out there and get to know everyone that comes into my life. I believe we enter one another's lives for a reason.

Between my recent Stirring the Pot book-signing events and the tour starting for my "Dirty, Sexy, Funny" comedy show this month, I've had the pleasure of meeting so many new friends. All of your sweet words, tweets and comments are really very touching and I'm so incredibly grateful for every single one of you. I look forward to meeting so many more!

TWEET AT @JENNY MCCARTHY
GREAT ESCAPES

Emily McConnell, spa director at the Dana Hotel, indulges in her favorite luxuries

> Coola: citrus mimosa sunscreen spray, $32, Ulta Beauty locations citywide, Ulta.com
  “Being an esthetician, I am a diehard sunscreen wearer. This spray-on is made with organic ingredients and leaves a light, beautiful scent.”

Gucci: Havana sunglasses, $325, 900 N. Michigan, Gucci.com
  “I never leave the house without my sunnies. They go with any outfit on any occasion.”

> LBD Women: sun protection powder, $65, Labeladonna.com
  “This pure mineral sun-protection powder is translucent and can be applied to any skin tone.”

Moroccanoil: body butter, $52, Nordstrom, 55 E. Grand; Shop.nordstrom.com
  “This wonderful smelling, paraben-free body butter is ultra-hydrating. I like to apply after I’ve been in the sun.”

Dana Hotel: raspberry lychee facial starts at $120, 660 N. State; Danahotelandspa.com
  “There’s nothing I love more than pampering myself and others. The Dana’s new raspberry lychee facial provides intense hydration, helps reverse sun damage and relaxes you.”

> Soy Delicious: karma candle, $34; Soydelicious.com
  “It’s 100 percent natural soy and as it burns down you can use the oils as a moisturizer. I keep them on my desk and at home.”

Pure + Good: Blossom Band leggings, $88, Anthropologie, 108 N. State; Anthropologie.com
  “I like to feel comfortable while doing yoga and these leggings are perfect. They have a fun floral accent, which is great for summer.”

Therapearl: Eye-ssential mask, $12.99, Aaron’s Apothecary, 2338 N. Clark; Aaronsapothecary.com
  “Everyone wants to wake up looking well-rested and rejuvenated, but that’s not always the case. This is a great mask that helps reduce swelling, puffiness or redness in the eye area.”

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Congratulations to LFCDS English Teacher Kim Bell, who has been named a 2014 Golden Apple Teacher of Distinction. Kim joins six previous LFCDS teachers who have been recognized by the Golden Apple Foundation as Teachers of Distinction.
**Summer Movies:**

**Shooting, smashing, & spooking on tap**

**BY BILL GOODYKOONTZ**
Associated Press

**As you might expect, the summer-movie lineup is filled with sequels and superheros. But it's a little more eclectic this year, with some horror creeping into the mix, and also some other original fare amid the smashing and spooking. Premiere dates are subject to change.**

**May 23**

**“Blended” (PG-13):** Adam Sandler and Drew Barrymore reunite, because, um, “50 First Dates” was so good! Whaters. They play single parents who go on a blind date, have a horrible time and wind up together with their families at a resort.

**“X-Men: Days of Future Past” (PG-13):** Wolverine (Hugh Jackman) travels to the past to right some sort of wrong. Cool idea, in that we see some of the characters as they are in the present and, played by different actors, as they were in the past. So, Ian McKellen is the older Magneto, while Michael Fassbender is the younger one.

**May 30**

**“Maleficent” (PG):** Kind of a Sleeping Beauty from the perspective of the evil fairy (played by Angelina Jolie). Looks dark and creepy. Sure hope that’s the case.

**“A Million Ways to Die in the West” (R):** I’m not a Seth MacFarlane fan, but this film, which he co-wrote, directs and stars in, looks interesting. He plays a cowardly farmer who will have to face a dangerous gunslinger. The cast is terrific: Liam Neeson, Amanda Seyfried, Charlize Theron, Neil Patrick Harris and Sarah Silverman.

**June 6**

**“Edge of Tomorrow” (PG-13):** Is Tom Cruise still a major star? Maybe. He’s also an underrated actor who could use a good movie. Perhaps this will be it. He plays a futuristic soldier who gets killed at the end of every day, only to start the next day alive and training harder. Somewhere Bill Murray is chuckling.

**The Fault in Our Stars” (PG-13):** Shailene Woodley plays a girl who falls for a guy (Ansel Elgort) at the rise of the Four Seasons. John Lloyd Young plays falsetto-voiced Frankie Valli, but the most intriguing name in the cast is Christopher Walken.

**June 20**

**“Jersey Boys” (R):** Film version of the popular musical, about the rise of the Four Seasons. John Lloyd Young plays falsetto-voiced Frankie Valli, but the most intriguing name in the cast is Christopher Walken.

**June 27**

**“Transformers: Age of Extinction” (not yet rated): BOOM! POW! EXPLOSIONS! AUTOBOTS! DECEPTICONS! EARTH IN PERIL! MAYHEM! With Mark Wahlberg.**

**July 2**

**“Deliver Us From Evil” (not yet rated): Eric Bana stars as a New York City police officer who enlists the help of a priest (Edgar Ramirez) versed in exorcisms to help him solve mysterious crimes.**

**“Maleficent,” the villain from the 1959 classic “Sleeping Beauty.”**

**“Transformers: Age of Extinction.”**

**“And So It Goes” (PG-13):** Michael Douglas plays a realtor who has to ask his neighbor (Diane Keaton) for help to raise his granddaughter. **“Dawn of the Planet of the Apes” (not yet rated): Sequel to “Rise of the Planet of the Apes.”**
it's difficult to imagine anyone bringing the purpose in the wrong hands. Though sometimes on the Internet? These things ALWAYS wind up next day it's gone. Have they never used the ad Cameron Diaz make a sex tape and the good at being bad. Hurt and Ian McShane also star; they're the 12 labors but has to go back into action plays the title character, who has completed Johnson - no longer the Rock, you know -

July 25

"Hercules" (not yet rated): Dwayne Johnson — no longer the Rock, you know — plays the title character, who has completed the 12 labors but has to go back into action at the behest of the King of Thrace. John Hurt and Ian McShane also star; they're good at being bad.

"Sex Tape" (not yet rated): Jason Segel and Cameron Diaz make a sex tape and the next day it's gone. Have they never used the Internet? These things ALWAYS wind up in the wrong hands. Though sometimes on purpose ...

Aug. 1

"Get on Up" (not yet rated): Frankly, it's difficult to imagine anyone bringing the funk like James Brown, the subject of Tate Taylor's film, did. But that's the challenge facing Chadwick Boseman. He'll have to work harder than the hardest-working man in show business to pull it off.

"Guardians of the Galaxy" (not yet rated): Marvel continues its march onto the big screen, and with the "Avengers" movies and the various "Iron Man" and "Captain America" movies doing so well, why not? Chris Pratt stars as Peter Quill, who steals an orb, which leads to all sorts of trouble.

Aug. 8

"The Hundred-Foot Journey" (not yet rated): An Indian family opens a restaurant in France across the street from a Michelin-starred French restaurant. Risky business, sounds like, but it stars Helen Mirren, so we're in.

"Lucy" (not yet rated): Scarlett Johansson is this year's Benedict Cumberbatch: She's in everything. This time around, she's a woman who, according to the press material, "transforms into a merciless-warrior evolved beyond human logic."

"Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles" (not yet rated): TMNT has been a comic, a cartoon, video game, TV and a movie. And now another movie. This one has Will Arnett in it, though, so it's got that going for it.

Aug. 13

"Let's Be Cops" (R): Jake Johnson and Damon Wayans Jr. dress like cops for a costume party but soon get involved with fighting crime involving real mobsters.

Aug. 15

"The Expendables 3" (not yet rated): Sylvester Stallone just keeps pumping out these movies, with aging action stars kicking bad-guy butt. Harrison Ford and Mel Gibson join the gang this time around.

"The Giver" (not yet rated): Jonas (Brenton Thwaites) is chosen as Receiver of Memories for a too-perfect community. He trains with the Giver (Jeff Bridges) and realizes things aren't as perfect as they seem. Based on the popular Lois Lowry novel.

Aug. 22

"Sin City: A Dame to Kill For" (not yet rated): Frank Miller and Robert Rodriguez's 2005 film was practically revolutionary because it was so visually mind-bending. Now they're back, along with Jessica Alba, Mickey Rourke and Rosario Dawson. Can it be as groundbreaking as the first film? Probably not. But still pretty intriguing.

"When the Game Stands Tall" (not yet rated): Jim Caviezel plays Bob Ladouceur, a former pupil in Roger Donaldson's action thriller.

"November Man" (R): An ex-CIA operative (Pierce Brosnan) must face off against a former pupil in Roger Donaldson's action thriller.

"Underdogs" (not yet rated): Phillip Rhee and Beau Bridges star in a film about a group of inner-city kids who battle the Beverly Hills championship martial-arts team.
**Theater Review**

Speak the name Neil Simon to fervent champions of "cutting edge theater" and more often than not they will roll their eyes dismissively. They are the losers.

In fact, I would dare each and every one of them to make their way to Northlight Theatre, where director Devon de Mayo and her cast have created a gorgeous revival of "Lost in Yonkers," Simon's 1991 Pulitzer Prize-winning play. I bet few who make the effort will emerge from that theater unchanged by the experience.

Yes, Simon has written a traditionally structured play about a family in distress. But it is a great beauty of a work that masterfully turns from the tragic to the comic in human nature while capturing the absurdity that lies in between.

His story is set in 1942, as Eddie Kurnitz (Timothy Edward Kane, impressive in a reversal of his usual heroic mode), the widowed father of two boys - Jay (Alistair Sewell), 15, and his brother, Arty (Sebastian W. Weigman), 13, both played with enormous charm and skill — is forced to make a drastic change. Saddled with debt from medical expenses for his beloved wife, and threatened by the loan shark who advanced him the money, he must give up the family's Brooklyn apartment and take a job as a travelling salesman in scrap metal, a lucrative wartime business. First, however, he must convince the boys' fearsome, emotionally frozen Grandma (Ann Whitney, in a performance of exquisitely controlled pain), to take them into her Yonkers home for a year.

It would be difficult to know who is made more miserable by this situation. Grandma, a German-Jewish refugee who still bears the scars of a traumatic childhood, has survived by becoming tougher than any adversary. And her four adult children bear different, but profound scars — the result of her effort to arm them against the world.

Eddie is a loving man, but weak, nervous and non-confrontational. Bella (Linsey Page Morton, breathtaking in her vulnerability), 35, lives with her mother, and yearns for love and real life, even though she has the emotional development of a child. Bella's sister, Gert (Anne Fogarty is ideal), suffers from deep anxiety whenever she comes home. And Louie (Erik Heliman, that cagiest of actors), is a criminal forever on the run from mobsters.

While the boys' tenure in Yonkers is often a torture (Grant Sabin's set is spotless perfection), the experience transforms them, as it does all the other characters. But it is Bella, who adores Jay and Arty, and is embodied by their presence, who is most radically changed. And, in the play's most explosive scene, Morton seizes hold of the stage for a rebellion that is beyond shattering.

As it happens, there is not a single "lost" moment in "Yonkers."
You won't believe your eyes when Sean Masterson presents his Magic Matinee, 1:30 p.m. Saturday, May 31 at Skokie Theatre, 7924 Lincoln Ave. "It's a journey back in time," the magician said. "It features a mind-reading ghost and also a trick from 1906 that was invented by the same guy who invented sawing a woman in half."

Masterson wanted that historic trick to be a surprise but he talked about another amazing trick from the past. "A coin ends up wrapped up inside a ball of wool," he related. "It was very popular in the 1880s through about 1920 but disappeared."

As with all of his shows, there will be lots of audience participation.

Masterson, whose show features many sleight-of-hand tricks, praised the Skokie Theatre. "It's the ideal space to see a magic show because it's extremely intimate," he said.

Tickets are $12
For details, call (847) 677-7761 or go to skokietheatre.com.

PLANT A SEED

Kids ages 4-10 and their families will learn what plants need to grow at Ready, Set, Garden, 5-7:30 p.m. Saturday, June 7 or 21 at the Chicago Botanic Garden, 1000 Lake Cook Road, Glencoe. They'll pot a plant to take home, take a tram ride and have s'mores around a campfire at this Nature Night. Cost is $25 per child, 20 percent less for members. Reservations are required.

For details, call (847) 835-6801 or go to chicagobotanic.org/naturenights.

HAVE S'MORES FUN

There will be singing, clapping and strumming at a Spring Sing and S'mores Campfire, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Friday, May 30 at Emily Oaks Nature Center, 4650 Brummel St. The cost is $4 per person.

For details, call (847) 674-1500, ext. 2500 or go to www.skokieparks.org/emily-oaks-nature-center.

PECK SPEAKS VOLUMES

Richard Peck, who has written more than 38 books for children and teens, will meet his fans and autograph books, 7 p.m. Monday, June 2 at Evanston Public Library, 1703 Orrington Ave. His books will be available for purchase. Registration is required.

For details, call (847) 448-8610 or go to www.epl.org.

SNAP TO IT

Photographer Matthew Austin will teach kids ages 8-14, with an adult, how to use photography for storytelling at a Family Workshop: Photography Fun!, 3-4:30 p.m. Sunday, June 1 at the Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center, 9603 Woods Drive, Skokie. Registration is required.

For details, call (847) 967-4800 or go to www.ilholocaustmuseum.org.
Blissful BURGERS for a memorable Memorial Day

BY MELISSA ELSMO OUT OF MEL’S KITCHEN

Memorial Day weekend presents the perfect opportunity to fire up the grill, welcome cookout season in earnest and celebrate the humble hamburger.

Few things are served with more frequency than indulgent cheeseburgers at casual neighborhood cookouts, but grilling gurus everywhere delight in offering up creative twists on burger tradition. Elevating an American lunch counter mainstay into gourmet fare means taking toppings and garnishes way beyond ketchup, pickles and mustard.

Gourmet burgers always start with high-quality, fresh-ground meat that should not be handled for too long to ensure the patty remains juicy after cooking. Seasoning burgers liberally on the exterior, but never mix salt into the meat as it can alter the texture of meat during cooking, making for an unappetizingly mealy burger. After a quick sizzle on the grill, a properly cooked burger practically begs to be slathered with an array of garnishes.

These days, meat lovers are topping hamburgers with everything from pulled pork to bacon jam, and hot heads clamor to weave habanero and chili-spiked cheeses into their spicy burger creations. Topping a burger is a matter of personal preference. When considering what additions would make the ingredient list for your signature Memorial Day burger, I looked to a few of my favorite summer foods for inspiration.

Growing up in Wisconsin, cheese curds were an essential road trip snack. I’ve always been a cheese curd purist because I crave their squeaky freshness, but it’s hard to resist the garlic and dill curds tucked into cheese shop coolers. Whipping up a batch of beer cheese stuffed with fresh dill gave a nod to my Wisconsin roots and offers a bold alternative to sliced cheese on a burger.

Tomatoes in any form smack of summer, and topping a burger with a duo of contrasting tomatoes gives it some welcome textural variety. Thick slices of red heirloom tomato are the perfect foil for a crispy fried green tomato and marry perfectly with salty bacon and peppery arugula to elevate a backyard basic to a state of burger bliss.

Whether you give my signature burger a whirl or come up with your own custom combination, the time has come to fire up the grills and throw down a batch of burgers to celebrate the start of summer. Memorial Day weekend presents the perfect opportunity to fire up the grill, welcome cookout season in earnest and celebrate the humble hamburger.

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BACKYARD BURGERS WITH FRIED TOMATOES AND GARLIC-DILL BEER CHEESE
(Makes 6 burgers)

**For the Fried Tomatoes**
For the burgers

**For the Garlic-Dill Beer Cheese:**

8 ounces sharp cheddar cheese, grated
8 ounces mild cheddar cheese, grated
8 ounces cream cheese, room temperature
1-2 garlic cloves, minced
2 Tablespoons fresh dill, chopped
1/4 cup sweet onion, minced
1 teaspoon kosher salt
1/2 teaspoon coarse pepper
1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper
1/2-3/4 cup lager beer

To make the beer cheese, place the cheddar cheeses and cream cheese in the bowl of a stand mixer fitted with the paddle attachment. Mix on medium-high speed until well combined. Add the garlic, dill, scallions, onion and seasoning and mix to combine. Slowly add the beer in a steady stream with the machine running until mixture is well combined and spreadable. Transfer to an airtight container and refrigerate until ready to use. Allow to come to room temperature before serving.

**Prepare the burger:**

6 strips of cooked bacon
A few handfuls of arugula
1-2 garlic cloves
2 red heirloom tomatoes, sliced into 1/2-inch thick rounds
1/2-inch thick rounds
Salt and pepper

For assembly:
6 Brioche buns, lightly toasted
2 red heirloom tomatoes, sliced into 1/2-inch thick rounds
A few handfuls of arugula
6 strips of cooked bacon

Working quickly, shape the meat into six, 4-ounce patties that are each about 3/4-inch thick. Season the patties liberally with kosher salt and pepper on both sides just before cooking. Grill 4-5 minutes per side until just a blush of pink remains in the center. Transfer the burgers to the toasted buns. Top each burger with a tablespoon of this homemade beer cheese, a fried tomato, a slice of fresh red tomato, a strip of bacon and some arugula.
Night (it) Owls: Late-Night TV Pioneers
1 p.m.: Oakton Community College Professor Bob Burton highlights the memorable moment from the pioneering days of late-night TV and discusses how it continues to evolve. Mather's, 7034 W. Higgins Ave., Chicago. Call 773-774-4804.

Travel Film
2 p.m.: Enjoy a family-friendly movie traveling through different parts of the world. Call 847-825-3123 to find out what movie is playing this week. Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge.

Classic Film Series: ‘The Prisoner of Shark Island’
7 p.m.: Watch the rediscovered 1936 film about Dr. Samuel Mudd, who was imprisoned after innocently treating President Lincoln’s assassin. Stars Warner Baxter, Gloria Stuart and Claire Gillingwater. 96 minutes. Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge. Call 847-825-9263.

CD Release Party; Judith Owen

GO CALENDAR
BY AGGREGO NEWS SERVICE

THURSDAY, MAY 22

Film Lover’s Friday; ‘The Armstrong Lie’
1:30 p.m.: A documentary about cycling legend Lance Armstrong’s rise and fall. 124 minutes. Elwood Park Public Library, 701 E. Central Park, Elwood Park. Call 708-453-7645.

Open Mic
2:15 p.m.: Everyone is invited to showcase their talents in comedy, dramatic readings, singing, story telling and more. Mather’s, 3235 N. Central Ave., Chicago. Call 773-205-3800.

Friday Night Concert
7 p.m.: The Lazy Lee Quartet performs at this BYOB event. Mather’s, 3235 N. Central Ave., Chicago. Call 773-205-3800.

Steve Moakler with Cody Fry
8 p.m.: The singer-songwriters perform.

SATURDAY, MAY 24

Vorskotz and More

Family Movie: ‘Sleeping Beauty’
2 p.m.: A princess is put under a curse that only a prince can break, with the help of three good fairies. 75 minutes. Niles Public Library District, 6960 W. Oakton St., Niles. Call 847-663-1234.

Art and Wine Night
5 p.m.: The night features artwork from more than 20 local artists with wine and snacks served. Creative Coworking, 922 Davis St., Evanston.

Larry Reeb
7 p.m.: The comedian, known as “Uncle Larry,” performs stand-up. Must be 21 or older to attend. Admission is $22 and a minimum of two food or drink purchases. Additional performances Friday at 10:30 p.m. and Saturday at 9:30 p.m. Zanies Comedy Night Club, 5437 Park Place, Rosemont.

Kane’s Pizza and More
5p.m.: The night features artwork from more than 20 local artists with wine and snacks served. Additional performances Friday at 10:30 p.m. and Saturday at 9:30 p.m. Zanies Comedy Night Club, 5437 Park Place, Rosemont.

COIN with Heyrocco
8 p.m.: The bands perform. Presented by SPACE Interns and Movers & Shakers. Evanston SPACE, 1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston. Free admission, 21 and older to attend. Admission is $22 and a minimum of two food or drink purchases. Additional performances Friday at 10:30 p.m. and Saturday at 9:30 p.m. Zanies Comedy Night Club, 5437 Park Place, Rosemont.

MONDAY, MAY 26

Memorial Day BBQ
11 a.m.: Celebrate Memorial Day with music, games, jump horse, hot dogs, burgers, brats and more. Park Ridge Presbyterian Church, 1250 W. Crescent Ave., Park Ridge. Call 847-823-4035.

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Evanston SPACE, 1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston. $15-$27.

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SUNDAY, MAY 25

Pancake Breakfast
8:30 a.m.: An all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast including sausage, bacon, scrambled eggs, milk and coffee. American Legion Post 974, 9757 Pacific Ave., Franklin Park. Call 847-678-7474.

Branchburg X
3 p.m.: New Comedy Barque, in collaboration with Wisconsin Baroque Ensemble, performs pieces by J.S. Bach. Grace Lutheran Church, 7300 Division St., River Forest. Call 847-222-4093. $10-$20.

God Bless America
4 p.m.: This Memorial Day concert features The Navy Band Great Lakes Wind Ensemble. A special invitation to all military veterans to muster with the members on a rotating basis. This event is free. Additional performances Friday at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday at 10:30 p.m. Zanies Comedy Night Club Rosemont, 5437 Park Place, Rosemont.

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TUESDAY, MAY 27

Film: ‘It’s a Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad World’
11:30 a.m.: The cast for this classic 1963 comedy includes Spencer Tracy, Milton Berle, Sid Caesar, Buddy Hackett, Ethel Merman and Mickey Rooney. Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove. Call 847-965-4220.

‘The Thunder Ten’ 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. Call 847-913-0464.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 28

Movie Matters: ‘War Dogs of the Pacific’
7 p.m.: A heart-warming film that explores the unique bond that formed between young marines and their dogs during WWII. Call 847-929-5101 or check out the Movies & More page on www.mpl.org to learn more. Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove.

CineVerse: ‘Quiz Show’
7 p.m.: All those interested in cinema and discussing the universe of film are invited. The group will discuss a different movie chosen by the members on a rotating basis. This week the group focuses on the 1994 film directed by Robert Redford. CineVerse is open to anyone 17 or older. For more information, visit cineversesookie.org. Oakton Community Center, 4701 Oakton St., Skokie.

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 773-289-7071. $5.

Spencer James
8 p.m.: The comedian incorporates music and dance into his standup performance. Must be 21 or older. $22 and a minimum purchase of two food or drink items. Additional performances Friday and Saturday at 10:30 p.m. Zanies Comedy Night Club Rosemont, 5437 Park Place, Rosemont.

THURSDAY, MAY 29

Bakers Square Lunch and Take Home Pie
11:30 a.m.: Enjoy an afternoon of friends, lunch and baking. After lunch guests can make a mini pie to take home. For ages 18 and older. Norridge Park, 4631 N. Overhill Ave., Norridge. Call 708-457-1244. $15-$17.

Movie: ‘Saving Mr. Banks’
8:30 p.m.: A screening of the 2013 drama about author P.L. Travers and Walt Disney’s mission to adapt her Mary Poppins books into a movie. 125 minutes. Skokie Public Library, 5225 Oakton St., Skokie.

Classic Film Series: ‘Theodora Goes Wild’

Laura Freeman-Sentimental Journey: The Music of Doris Day
8 p.m.: Chicago cabaret favorite Laura Freeman hosts a celebration of the music of Doris Day. Having recorded over 600 songs, Day is known for such hits as Sentimental Journey, Secret Love and Everybody Loves a Lover. Doris was not just a pretty voice and a pretty face. She represents the spirit of all of us, at various times in history. Join the theater in celebrating Day. With music director Becky Menzie. Skokie Theatre, 7924 Lincoln Ave., Skokie. $20.

See GO CALENDAR, NEXT PAGE.
Movie: 'Closed Circuit'
1:30 p.m.: A screening of the 2013 crime drama about the defense team of a high-profile terrorism case. 96 minutes. Skokie Public Library, 5215 Oakton St., Skokie.

Origami Workshop
2 p.m.: Discover how Japanese art influenced Frank Lloyd Wright's architecture, and learn basic folds and design in origami to make figures inspired by architecture. For students in grades four to six. Call to register. Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove. Call 847-929-5102.

Silver Screen Series: 'Hell's Angels'
2 p.m.: Two buddies take on World War I flying aces and a seductive blonde. The 1930 film runs two hours and stars Ben Lyon, James Hall and Jean Harlow. Call 847-929-5101 or check out the Movies & More page on www.mgpl.org to learn more. Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove.

Family Workshop: Photography Fun
3 p.m.: We take photos nearly every day, but how does a camera lens work? And how can we use photography to produce remarkable images that showcase imagination, passion and talent? Join Chicago photographer Matthew Austin through the museum's stunning indoor and outdoor spaces. Recommended for ages 8 to 14 with an adult. Reservations required; email education@ilhmec.org. Illinois Holocaust Museum, 9603 Woods Drive, Skokie.

Trina Hamlin
7 p.m.: The singer-songwriter performs in the studio. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Evanston SPACE, 245 Chicago Ave., Evanston. $20.

The Nadas with Curtis Harvey
8 p.m.: The alternative rock and folk bands perform. Evanston SPACE, 245 Chicago Ave., Evanston. $12-$22.

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Book & Author: Isaac Levendel
1:30 p.m.: Six years of research contributed to "Hunting Down the Jews: Vichy, Nazis and Mafia Collaborators in Provence 1942-1944," Isaac Levendel's penetrating analysis of Nazi and Vichy anti-semitic policy. A book signing will follow. Reservations required; email reservations@ilhmec.org. Illinois Holocaust Museum, 9603 Woods Drive, Skokie.

Greater Chicago Jewish Festival
11 a.m.: Peter Himmelman will headline this year's Greater Chicago Jewish Festival. The festival is truly the heart and soul of Jewish Chicago. In the event of rain, the festival will be held at Niles West High School, St. Paul Woods, 6500 W. Oakton St., Morton Grove. Call 847-933-3000. $5 suggested donation; children and seniors free.

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**FILM CLIPS**

**OPENING FRIDAY**

**BLENDED**
Rated PG-13 for crude and sexual content
Stars: Adam Sandler, Drew Barrymore
After a disastrous blind date, a mismatched man and woman (Sandler, Barrymore) are thrown together at a family vacation resort. Frank Coraci ("Here Comes the Boom," "The Waterboy") directed the comedy.

**THE IMMIGRANT**
Rated R for sexual content, nudity and some language
Stars: Marion Cotillard, Joaquin Phoenix, Jeremy Renner
After immigrating to America in the 1920s, a woman (Cotillard) falls victim to a charming pimp (Phoenix) before falling in love with a stage magician (Renner). James Gray ("The Yards") co-wrote and directed the drama.

**X-MEN: DAYS OF FUTURE PAST**
Rated PG-13 for sequences of intense sci-fi violence and action, some suggestive material, nudity and language
Stars: Aaron Taylor-Johnson, Elizabeth Olsen, Bryan Cranston, Ken Watanabe
The mutant superheroes encounter their younger incarnations after sending Wolverine (Jackman) into the past to prevent a little more personal revelation — or a little less unquenching admiration. Depp, a buddy of gonzo journalist Hunter S. Thompson, whose work provided the greatest outlet for Steadman's savage vision, offers little but star-power and mumbled appreciation as the kindly, soft-spoken artist creates new pieces from scratch. But the work speaks vividly for itself.

**GODZILLA**
★★ 1/2
Rated PG-13 for intense sequences of destruction, mayhem and creature violence
Stars: Aaron Taylor-Johnson, Elizabeth Olsen, Bryan Cranston, Ken Watanabe
This $160 million reboot is still a big, dumb monster movie at heart, but that's not necessarily a bad thing. There's lots of miscellaneous human drama to wade through involving lots of not-quite-A-list stars, but the main attraction is a prehistoric-era grudge match between the big G and a couple of bad-guy monsters that look like giant dung beetles. Sure, that might sound silly, and it is, really, but the important thing is that the new "Goddzilla" looks and sounds awesome. Tremendously awesome at best. Just wait until you hear this crazy reptile roar.

**MILLION DOLLAR ARM**
★★ 1/2
Rated PG for mild language and some suggestive content
Stars: Jon Hamm, Alan Arkin, Lake Bell, Suraj Sharma, Madhur Mittal
As bland, family-friendly, wholesome inspirational sports movies go, "Million Dollar Arm" has its moments. It's just a shame it winds up being about the wrong characters. Rather than telling the story of the first two major-league baseball prospects to be signed from India, "Million Dollar" is mostly about the LA superagent (Hamm) who finds them in a nationwide talent contest. And then there's the important lesson of what life, love and What Really Matters Most. Hint: it's not money.

**CHEF**
★★★★
Rated R for language, including some suggestive references
Stars: Jon Favreau, John Leguizamo, Scarlett Johansson, Dustin Hoffman
After hit-and-miss results in big-budget blunderland of hits including "Elf" and the first two "Iron Man" movies, misses such as "Cowboys and Aliens" and "Zathura," writer/director Jon Favreau returns to his roots, working portrait of artist and illustrator Ralph Steadman is both welcome and long overdue. It's just a shame it doesn't include some language

**FOR NO GOOD REASON**
★★★★
Rated R for language, some drug content and brief sexual images
Stars: Johnny Depp, Ralph Steadman
Meals on wheels: Emjay Anthony, Jon Favreau and Sofia Vergara in "Chef."

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**MILLION DOLLAR ARM (PG)**
Fri-Mon 2-5:30-8:30; Tue-Thu 5:30-8:30

**THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN 2 (PG-13)**
Fri-Mon 2:30-6:30-9:30-12; Tue-Thu 2:30-6:30-9-12

**Godzilla (PG-13)**
Fri-Mon 2-5:30-8:30; Tue-Thu 5:30-8:30

**Million Dollar Arm (PG)**
Fri-Mon 2-5:30-8:30; Tue-Thu 2:30-6:30-9-12

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Spotts, Alice Katherine (nee Johnson) Born in 1925, married in the later 1940s, passed peacefully late Friday evening, May 9, 2014. Preceded in death by husband, Melvin J. Spotts; four brothers; and one son, Thomas. Surviving loved ones include, James (55), Katherine (62), John (60), and Richard (56). Alice attended Northwestern University and was an R.N.

Alice's special interests included soloing a small airplane at the age of 15 before getting her driver's license. She had also tried modeling in the 1940s and was a land-surveyor's wife.

Memorial services will be held at Faith Presbyterian Church of Cape Coral, FL, on Friday, June 13, at 3:00 p.m.
High School Cube News, Sun-Times Media's new high school sports website, launched this week. It's the latest evolution in Chicago area prep sports coverage. High School Cube News will integrate all the highlights and live games from HighSchoolCube.com with the comprehensive coverage formerly provided by Season Pass.

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HOROSCOPES: MAY 28 – JUNE 3

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) There's nothing an Aries likes less than having to tackle a humdrum task. But finding a creative way to do it can make all the difference.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Finishing up a job on time leaves you free to enjoy your weekend without any Taurian guilt pangs. A romantic attitude could take you by surprise.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Moving in a new career direction might be seen as some as risky. But if you have the confidence to see it through, it could prove rewarding.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Holding back on a decision might be difficult, considering how long you've waited. Until you're able to resolve all doubts, it could be the wiser course to take.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) You still need to move carefully where financial matters are concerned. Better for the Lion to move slowly than pounce on a "promising" prospect.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A rejection of an idea you believe in can be upsetting. Don't let it discourage you. Get yourself back on track and use what you've learned from the experience.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) The early part of the week could find you looking to balance your priorities between your family and career responsibilities. Pressures ease by the week's end.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) An associate's problem could cause unavoidable delays in moving ahead with your joint venture. If so, use the time to look into another project.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Although a financial problem could be very close to being resolved in your favor, it's still a good idea to avoid unnecessary spending.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Support for some unwelcome workplace decisions begins to show up, and continues to build, so that by week's end you are as popular as ever.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Deciding to attend a social function you might have earlier tried to avoid could turn out to be one of the best decisions you've made in a long time.

PILES (February 19 to March 20) Getting into a new situation could prove to be more difficult than you expected. Don't hesitate to ask for advice in coping with some of the challenges.
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CAR STORY
**My 1969 Dodge Dart**

By Les Fiatt of Countryside

I always have been a Mopar guy. I built and raced many, going back to 1965. They have all been big blocks — 383 and 440 engines.

This 1969 Dart was my first small block: a 340 cubic inch engine. I bought this car in 1975 for $600. But when I was done with restoration and performance modifications, this turned out to be an amazing car.

It had 12.5 compression, W-2 Heads, a single 850 Holley carb on a Dominator manifold, nitros oxide system and more. Additionally, it had a manual valve body trans with a high stall converter. It ran a 10.85 seconds elapsed time in the quarter mile and 124 mph. It had a fiberglass front end and trunk lid.

I had a great time for many years with this car.

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In the month of February, Lincoln was the most popular luxury auto brand purchased by Niles residents. Lincoln sales accounted for two of the eight total luxury vehicle sales to Niles residents. All used Lincoln vehicles made up the two overall Lincoln sales in the month.

Second place on the overall luxury sales list to Niles residents in February went to Acura, which accounted for two sales. Infiniti took third place on the list of most popular auto brands, totaling one sale. Overall, Land Rover was the most popular luxury auto brand bought new (one purchase), while Lincoln was the most popular luxury brand bought used (two purchases).

In February, 38 percent of luxury car purchases by Niles residents came through a local dealer, while 62 percent came via private party transactions. Private party transactions accounted for five of the eight total luxury car sales to Niles residents in February, while local dealer transactions accounted for three luxury auto sales.

The top auto dealership selling luxury vehicles to Niles residents in February was Audi Jaguar Volvo Land Rover Orland Park, followed by Ed Napleton Acura and Jennings Chevrolet. Of the three overall luxury sales by dealerships in the month, Audi Jaguar Volvo Land Rover Orland Park accounted for one. Niles residents purchased a total of 69 vehicles (all brands) in the month of February — 36 pre-owned and 33 new. This means that used cars accounted for 52 percent of overall sales in the month.
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**Girls Track & Field State Preview**

**Niles North’s Kanam motivated by last year’s state finals performance**

Slowek worked hard over the summer in an effort to win first state medal

BY ERIC VAN DRIEL
For Sun-Times Media, @VanDrielsports

SKOKIE — One inch separated Niles North junior Fiona Kanam from advancing to the Class 3A state finals a year ago. Her throw of 38 feet, 3 inches in the shot put left her just short of a state final berth. It also forced her to second-guess herself.

“My other teammate [Niles West’s Jasmine Townsend] made it and I didn’t make it, so I was like, ‘Maybe if I didn’t worry so much, maybe I would have got it,’” said Kanam, who transferred from Niles West to Niles North in the summer of 2013. “It bothers me until now, but now I think about that and I’m like, ‘Hey, you’re going to be better. You’re throwing further, so now when you get out there, do what you’ve got to do and don’t worry about others. You might place or you might not place.’”

Kanam said missing out on the state finals by such a slim margin provided a lot of motivation for the offseason. She improved the strength in her legs by lifting weights, she said, and her offseason training has paid off. She easily won the shot put title at the Class 3A state preliminaries on Friday by Niles West sophomore Jazmin Rafanan, who was second (48.79 seconds) in the 300-meter hurdles, and Niles West junior Christine Mujica, who was fourth (5:14.13) in the 1,600.

**Maine South**

Maine South senior Olivia Cattau was the favorite entering the 300 hurdles at the Niles West Sectional. She led with 100 meters remaining, but Glenbrook South junior Shannon Carroll pulled even with about 50 meters remaining. Cattau barely led Carroll as they jumped over the event’s final hurdle, but Carroll tripped over it and fell to the ground.

Cattau finished first (46.84) and Rafanan advanced to state by taking second (48.79). Carroll was fourth (50.24).

“I turned around, actually, before the race finished,” Cattau said. “I was like, ‘Oh, my God! Noooo!’ I was so sad because I love her and she did so good.”

Cattau qualified for the Class 3A state meet in the 300 hurdles as a sophomore and, after making the long trek from Park Ridge to Charleston, experienced a similar disappointment. She said she fell on a hurdle, skinned both of her knees and hurt her shins that day. Having been through that, Cattau knelt beside Carroll briefly to console Carroll. It’s something every hurdler goes through at some point during his or her career, Cattau explained afterward.

“If you haven’t had that happen to you as a hurdler, you’re not trying hard enough,” she said. “Or you’re lying.”

The state finals are scheduled to take place the following day.

**Maine East**

Maine East senior Elanta Slowek made it to the Class 3A state meet as a sophomore and junior, but failed to make it to the second day of the state meet both years. She hopes to change that this week.

“I just want to medal,” said Slowek, who qualified in the high jump and discus. “That’s the goal.”

Coming home without a state medal — the medals are awarded to the top nine finishers in each event — led Slowek to search out instruction so that she could reach the next level.

Slowek went to a high jumping camp at Harper College twice a week last summer, and that helped her improve her technique. It fixed her approach, her takeoff and her arms, she said. She cleared 5-2 at the state preliminaries last year, but had a career-best jump of 5-5 at the CSL North meet on May 9. She cleared 5-5 to finish first in the high jump at the Niles West Sectional.

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Changing of the guard

Kozomara expected to replace Babula next season

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

GLENVIEW — As the seconds ticked away in the Maine East boys water polo team’s final game of the season, the Blue Demons simplified their offense.

Maine East’s five field players spread out on the offensive end of the pool as Loyola’s players guarded them. Senior Mike Babula, the Blue Demons’ most skilled offensive player each of the last two seasons, set up at hole set. He jockeyed with a Ramblers defender for position and then, when he was open, the ball was passed to him. He got it, turned quickly and tried to score.

The Blue Demons employed this offensive strategy a few different times during the fourth quarter of the Glenbrook South Sectional quarterfinal. Babula won his one-on-one matchups, but he couldn’t cut into the Ramblers’ lead.

Then, Mateo Kozomara replaced Babula at two-meters. The lanky junior was able to fight for position and receive passes like Babula, but both of Kozomara’s shot attempts were wild and he wasn’t able to score either.

With 1 minute, 39 seconds remaining in the 12-3 loss on May 14, Babula got free, drew the defense and assisted on Kozomara’s lone goal of the match.

Maine East’s final quarter of its 16-16 campaign likely served as a transitional period. Kozomara is the likeliest candidate to assume a good portion of the offensive burden Babula carried this year.

“He keeps growing. Look how long his arms are — they’re down to his knees,” said Przekota, when asked where Kozomara can improve. “So just continuing to get stronger and become a leader — a vocal leader, not just in the pool, but helping his teammates out and keeping them accountable.”

Maine East's Mateo Kozomara, who is pictured on May 14 during the sectional quarterfinals against Loyola, is in line to replace Mike Babula as the Blue Demons' top offensive weapon next season. | BRIAN O'MAHONEY/FOR SUN-TIMES MEDIA
GLENVIEW — After arguably the most important win in program history, Niles West boys water polo coach John Przekota made sure to mention Kyle Patt's impact on the team.

Patt, one of two four-year varsity players on the Wolves along with Steven Renko, didn't score the most goals in the 15-11 victory over Maine South in the Glenbrook South Sectional quarterfinals on May 14, but he was invaluable.

"He's our emotional leader," Przekota said. "He's our spark plug, the one that gets everybody going."

All four of Patt's goals came in the first half as Niles West ended a two-year postseason losing streak to Maine South. The senior couldn't contain his excitement following the win, which was the team's first postseason victory since 2011.

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**NILES WEST**

**Pain relief**

State championship in horizontal bar helped
Jamiyankhuu forget about wrist fracture

**BY MIKE CHAMERNIK**
For Sun-Times Media, @MikeChamernik

HINSDALE — Niles West's Dalai Jamiyankhuu came into the boys gymnastics state meet over the weekend with a fracture in his right wrist. Though practicing with the wrist was tough, and the injury forced him to scrap a few tricks in some of his routines, Jamiyankhuu decided to fight through.

"I just thought to myself, 'This is the last part I need to do before it gets better,' so I just finished the season up with a good finish," Jamiyankhuu said. "Then I can rest.

He amazed at the state finals and he didn't exactly take it easy. He won the state title in the horizontal bar and placed in the top six of every other event he participated in — the team event, the all-around, parallel bars, vault, still rings, floor exercise and pommel horse.

"He came out on fire," Niles West coach Adrian Batista said. "Every event he hit. He went 6-for-6. He really wanted it. He had the determination to hit every event, and that's a lot to do."

Jamiyankhuu said he isn't the strongest or the most flexible gymnast, but Batista said he's a natural gymnast and a gifted swinger who can thrive in every event he participates in.

"His technique is just flawless on many events, and that's what we strive for all our gymnasts to do, but very few of them can," Batista said.

In the horizontal bar, Jamiyankhuu scored a 9.2, topping the second-place finisher by 0.35 points. He finished second in the floor exercise (9.4) and pommel horse (9.35); tied for second on parallel bars (9.25); third in vault (9.6); tied for fourth in still rings (8.85); and sixth in the all-around (52.55).

He was part of the Niles West side that finished fifth (146, 6) in the team event. It was the first time Niles West competed in the team event at state in 28 years.

Jamiyankhuu brought scoring and intangibles to the team.

"Seeing him just pushed us a little bit more, so it made our gymnastics a little bit better," senior Paul Dugo said. "That's why we're here now."

This summer, Jamiyankhuu said he will workout twice a day, the first for skills and the second for strength and conditioning. But first, some rest: He was scheduled to have a cast put on his wrist this week and it is to stay on for nearly a month.

After the team and all-around competitions Friday, Jamiyankhuu said he wasn't experiencing his second state finals trip to the fullest because of his wrist burn. Saturday's performance, though, changed everything.

"I'm glad I did it," Jamiyankhuu said. "Winning state it just felt really good that I actually forgot about my pain."

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**NILES WEST & NILES NORTH**

Wolves' seniors go from novices to fifth in state

Wolves close out high school career by placing 33rd

**BY MIKE CHAMERNIK**
For Sun-Times Media, @MikeChamernik

HINSDALE — Niles West came into the boys gymnastics state championship team competition ranked fifth out of eight teams, and they ended Friday night at Hinsdale Central ranked fifth in the team standings.

It was a victory to the Wolves, though. They held their own with the state powerhouse — they scored 148.6 points, finishing almost 13 points shy of champ Wheaton Warrenville South.

The majority of Niles West's points came from nine seniors, none of whom had much experience in the sport as freshmen.

"As freshmen, we never thought we'd get here," Paul Dugo said. "As seniors, it's huge. I still can't believe we're here, it's pretty awesome."

Unlike some other schools, Niles West doesn't have a club team that feeds gymnasts into its system. Instead, coaches have to recruit and sell athletes on the sport, and then the gymnasts gain experience by attending summer camps and hitting the gym whenever it's open. Only one Niles West gymnast, sophomore and leading scorer Dalai Jamiyankhuu, belonged to a club team.

"They came in, they didn't know what chalk was or how to swing or anything like that, and they just worked their butts off to get to where they're at," coach Adrian Batista said of the seniors. "That's what makes it a little more special, too.

After a 3-3 season in 2012 and a 6-3 campaign last year, the team believed things could come together this year before the season. If there was any year that Niles West would reach state as a team, Batista said, this was it.

Niles West went 9-0 this year. Seniors Dugo and Harris Khan were two of the leading scorers on the team. Dugo scored a combined 24.5 points in the floor exercise, still rings and vault in the team event Friday, and Khan scored 32.95 combined points in the floor exercise, vault, parallel bars and horizontal bar.

While they pushed for a respectable team score, the seniors also left their marks in the individual events at state Saturday. Dugo, Khan, Timmy La, Ryan Tang and David Nipas combined to compete in eight individual events, and La had the best finish, taking ninth in the pommel horse with a score of 8.5.

"The meet that we had isn't really what we wanted, but I'm still happy," Khan said of Friday's team event. "We made it to state, and we're a top-five team in the state of Illinois, so that's good."

**Niles North**

Vikings senior Scott Wong made his third trip to state and finished with a score of 8.15 on the parallel bars, which was good for a 33rd-place finish.

"I was really happy for him, that he got a chance to be a three-time state qualifier," coach Richard Meyer said. "We don't have that too often in our neck of the woods here. Nonetheless, he did a great job."

Also, junior Allen Nou finished 36th in the floor exercise (8.65) and senior Joel Eric came in 50th in the still rings (6.75). Sophomore Davin Kaiser came in 54th in the floor exercise (8.25).

Kaiser was a solid contributor all year for the Vikings, a usual third or fourth scorer. The team had several sophomores on varsity this year and Meyer said that Niles North can have just as many state qualifiers in 2015.

"I fully anticipate to have four more there again next year," Meyer said.
St. Louis catcher Yadi Molina just might be the most complete player in baseball. His defensive prowess is unparalleled. He’s thrown out more than 40% of would-be base stealers over the first 10 years of his career, during which Cardinals pitchers posted a 3.71 ERA when he was behind the plate; 4.22 when he wasn’t. On offense, Molina has batted .313 over the last three seasons before 2014 (7th best in the majors) with 104 doubles (12th best) and only 154 strikeouts (3rd fewest among the 104 players with at least 1,500 at bats). No wonder the Cardinals are in the hunt every year.

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