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Expert council proposed to manage the eco-health of Cook County forest preserves

BY TODD SHIELDS
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Youth soccer coach Igor Galijasevik has repaired the turf damage horseback riders can cause by going off trail and galloping saddled steeds across Harms Woods playing fields in Morton Grove.

"Dirt bikes, horses, trucks all put holes in the field. You have to get out here with a bucket of soil and fill them in," said Galijasevik, director of coaching for the FC Mirage soccer team for 10 years.

His team's home field is Harms Woods South on the corner of Harms and Golf roads.

"And when it rains heavily, it floods out here and games are canceled," he said, handing out break-time ice cream bars to 10-year-old players in a shaded pavilion.

When told a special Cook County citizens group could be formed to oversee the 69,000 acres of open land in Forest Preserves of Cook County, Galijasevik and several patrons nodded approval.

"It's great out here and we need (all) the help we can get for our fields," Galijasevik said.

Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle introduced an ordinance in July for creating the Conservation and Policy Council to provide conservation leadership and expertise to her and county commissioners.

In February, the county also adopted the Next Century Conservation Plan to guide the forest preserves for the next 100 years.

A county release said 3,000 of the 69,000 acres of forestland were in "good ecological health," meaning they had a good mix of native plants and soil conditions for native species habitat.

The Next Century Plan calls on the Forest Preserves to commit to restoring 30,000 acres in the next decade.

Cook County Commissioner Gregg Goslin, R-14th, said while the plan has a stated purpose for the next 25 years, its vision will impact the forest environment for the upcoming 100 years.

He also said the majority of forestland is not in ecological trouble, but some acres need help.

"Even areas around Glenview have degraded. County forest preserves have always been treated as an aside, such as in restoration efforts," he said.

Goslin's district covers Glenview, Northbrook, Northfield, Barrington, Inverness, Palatine, Rolling Meadows, Arlington Heights, Prospect Heights and Wheeling.

He said the Conservation and Policy Council also had members with financial backgrounds to lend advice on program management and budgeting.

"It will be a really focused group of thought leaders with knowledge in environmentalism, conservation and financing. In addition, the plan has storm water control components, such as dredging out over-silted water retention areas throughout the forest preserves.

"There is a problem with our silted-up lagoons. Cleaning them up would help with the retention of stormwater," Goslin said.

Glenview residents Krista Rachiele and Mary Garvey often walk the trails at Blue Memorial Woods. They said floodwater turning to ice was an occasional deterrence to hiking the paths through Harms Woods.

"We couldn't walk here up through March and April — too much ice. I know it was one of the worst winters last year, but we had to leave," Garvey said.

"I had friends in from California and they didn't know what public forest preserves were. It's so nice to have our forest preserves for running, walking, riding and picnicking," Rachiele said.

Each year, 40 million people visit the woodlands, wetlands and prairies to take in nature, bicycle, hike, fish, cross-country ski, picnic, golf and canoe.

Until 10 years ago the forest preserves, however, were neglected, especially maintaining and improving the eco-health of their natural assets, Goslin said.

Preckwinkle also announced programs for immediate implementation:

• The Forest Preserves of Cook County, Friends of the Forest Preserves, Audubon Chicago Region and Friends of the Chicago River will create a network of 6,000 volunteers for restoring habitat in the Chicago and Calumet rivers. By reducing invasive vegetation, increasing native plant cover, and improving stream bank stability, this work will reduce erosion, and improve habitat and water quality.

• The plan recommends building a conservation corps to provide workforce training to youth and unemployed individuals throughout the county while expanding the preserves capacity for ecological restoration.

• The preserves will work in the next 25 years to protect as many as 21,000 acres of additional open space identified by the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning and Chicago Wilderness that is unprotected and to provide critical habitat, buffers or connections for trails.

• Preckwinkle has asked the Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways to look at access to the preserves with more public transportation, biking and walking.
Niles Public Library

Library looks for help hiring new director

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The Niles Public Library is looking for consultants to shape the library's future.

Two months after Linda Weiss retired as a library director, the Library Board sent out bids for a consultant who would help find a new leader. At the same time, the library set out to find a consultant to advise the board on staffing and operations.

The library board is expected to choose consultants for both positions sometime after the Aug. 20 meeting.

The board has known about Weiss' intention to retire effective June 30 since April of this year. However, the board made no move to look for her replacement until the July meeting, when they voted to have Business Manager Greg Pritz to take the first steps toward hiring a consultant.

At the time, Sue Wilsey, the library's public relations and marketing supervisor, said hiring a consultant to help handle the search for a director was standard procedure for public libraries. It ensures that the board wouldn't have to spend countless hours whittling down the pool of candidates by itself. Instead, the consultant would help narrow down the applicants and make recommendations, leaving the board to conduct interviews and make the final decision.

According to the bid documents, the library is looking for consultants who already have experience finding library directors. The prospective consultants would need to explain how they'd go about finding candidates, the timeline for the process and what sort of fee they would charge.

The bid document mentions that the board would consider the applications during its Aug. 20 meeting. But Wilsey clarified that the board wouldn't necessarily select a candidate at that meeting.

"The business manager would present the information for a decision, and [the board] wouldn't necessarily decide who to hire," she said. "The decision at the board meeting may be to extend the search or possibly schedule an additional meeting to determine the next step."

Wilsey said board president Morgan Dubiel hopes to have the board vote on the issue later, during a special meeting.

The library is also looking to hire a consultant to review its operations and staffing practices. According to the bid document, the consultant would look at how the library is currently organized and how much its employees are paid. It would then present its findings to the board.

Afterwards, the consultant would then come up with the recommendations for how the library should be structured to best serve its patrons and "accomplish established core work activities." The consultant would also look at how much the staff members should be paid.

The search for a consultant was launched on behalf of Dubiel. Earlier this year, Weiss, Pritz and Assistant Director Susan Lempke developed a proposal for the new organization chart. Some aspects of their proposal, such as the merger of the Patron Services and Page Services departments, were approved by the board. But other aspects, such as the creation of the Digital Services Department, stalled. During the July 15 meeting, Dubiel argued that the proposal was too confusing and urged the board to hire a consultant before it approves any more changes.

During the meeting, trustees Linda Ryan and Karen Dimond expressed reservations, arguing that hiring a staffing consultant was premature, and should be done after the new director is hired.

Wilsey indicated that the board hasn't decided when it was going to choose the staffing consultant. Nor is it clear how much the library is prepared to spend to hire either consultant.

"There has not been a determination on budget for the consultants at this point," said Wilsey.
Morton Grove

M-NASR picnic draws adults with disabilities for medieval fun

BY NATALE HAYES
For Sun-Times Media | @NatHayReporter

For hundreds of local adults with special needs, the annual summer picnic hosted by the Maine-Niles Association of Special Recreation (M-NASR) is the most anticipated social gathering of the year.

M-NASR — a privately funded program similar to a park district — provides athletic and creative classes, group social outings, and annual vacations for hundreds of adults in the area (most of who have been diagnosed with intellectual disabilities).

For the fourteenth year running, M-NASR hosted the annual summer picnic on August 7, drawing nearly 500 people to Harrer Park in Morton Grove, where guests played games, danced to music from a live DJ, and enjoyed a barbecue.

Wearing bright yellow T-shirts donning this year's theme, "Medieval M-NASR," the mood was light and happy as guests caught up with old friends and connected with new ones on the sunny Thursday afternoon in the park.

For 31-year-old Meghan Dolan, M-NASR has been key to her social life since she was a child. Dolan met her best friend, Laura Kaczmarek, through the program when the girls were in preschool.

Cate Dolan, Meghan's mother, said an annual five-day vacation that takes a group of adults to a different destination each year is a great way for Meghan to see the world while also giving the family a period of time to relax.

Meghan Dolan just returned from a trip to Boston this summer, and she's also been to Myrtle Beach, S.C., and on a Caribbean cruise.

"M-NASR is so beneficial to Meghan because it gives her a social outlet when she otherwise might not have one," Dolan said. "Our family talked about relocating to the East Coast, but we decided against it because there's probably no programming like this."

M-NASR makes it possible for her to do her shopping and go out with friends.

"It's such a great social outlet," Bauer said. "The van comes and picks me up at night to go out with my friends, so I can get a break from my husband," she joked.

M-NASR is funded entirely by the Liponi Foundation for Special Recreation, a Morton Grove-based nonprofit agency that provides scholarships, purchases wheelchair-accessible vehicles and sponsors all M-NASR events.

Morton Grove resident Sam Liponi was instrumental in starting the foundation, which began in 1990.

His niece Stella Liponi said he left a large sum of money for the foundation before he passed away, and the Liponi family continues to oversee the organization today.

"He saw a need in the community for programming like this, so he started [the foundation]," Liponi said.

M-NASR serves six communities including Des Plaines, Lincolnwood, Morton Grove, Niles, Park Ridge and Skokie.
George Kotsiopoulos: Fashion maven, North Shore native

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When he's not on the red carpet, George Kotsiopoulos sits just to the left of Joan Rivers on E!'s "Fashion Police," reacting with shock and awe to the latest celebrity styles. But he wasn't always a fashionista. Skokie native Kotsiopoulos, 45, started in the stock room of Lord & Taylor and was headed for life as an accountant, before falling into the world of stylists and fashion editors. Below, Kotsiopoulos talks about growing up on the North Shore, his new fashion book and why Jennifer Lawrence says dumb things about his show.

Q: For much of your career, you were a stylist. For someone who might not know anything about the fashion industry, what does a stylist do?
A: A fashion stylist does things like: You can work for a magazine and you arrange the clothes for the photos. You can dress the people for television commercials or for print ads.

And then of course there's red carpet dressing, which is the same thing essentially as just dressing a normal person, except everything is borrowed. You just call designers and they loan you clothes to put on celebrities. It's in exchange for them walking on the red carpet, or being at a party and getting photographs taken that the designers can then distribute to the press and the media.

And then they do all the press for that, so a 12-year-old girl can see Jennifer Lawrence and read about her perfume. Because they can't buy the $5,000 dress that she is wearing, but they can buy the perfume.

Q: You mention Jennifer Lawrence. She was a fan of "Fashion Police" and then not a fan of the show. She had said that "Fashion Police" was one of the reasons that people have body issues.
A: I'm sure she is a lovely girl. It is just kind of dumb when you're making statements like that and you have a stylist at a shoot and you spend hours in hair and make-up. You have trainers and nutritionists and all these people like getting you ready so you can be naked in the X-Men movie, in your blue suit. And you're being retouched in all these ads and then you're going saying that "Fashion Police" — which critiques fashion — that we're the cause for women having bad body issues? It's just stupid more than anything else.

Q: You used to work in the Lord & Taylor stock room, right?
A: [Laughs] Yes, I did. I remember that I had a manager there, an assistant store manager who literally told me that I had "delusions of grandeur." Not in like a joking way; he was serious.

First of all, why do you tell a 16-year-old that they have delusions of grandeur? You want to be supporting them and allowing them to grow. And then on the flip side, I'm just like, "Yeah, [expletive], look at me now!" [Laughs]

Q: On Instagram, you had a touching post for Pride Portraits, which was a photo of you with your mother. You wrote, "As difficult as it was for me to come out, it was just as hard for Momma Kotsi."
A: Anyone who is gay and is dealing with telling their family, I wanted them to just understand immediately.

Q: Your new book, "Glamorous by George: The Key to Creating Movie Star Style," seems like it's not only a fashion guide but your guide to life.
A: I always talk about production designing your life. It's one thing if you have beautiful clothing but then you go into your house and it's a fricking mess? They can't afford their rent because they just went and bought a $2,000 blazer, which I never did. You don't have to be rich to look and act like a movie star.

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POLICE BLOTTER
The following incidents were listed in the official bulletin of the Niles and Morton Grove police departments.

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BATTERY
Eric Chavez, 20, of 8853 Robin Drive, unincorporated Maine Township, and Danny Machado, 24, of 8287 W. Oak Ave., Niles, were each charged with battery on Aug. 11 after police reportedly spotted them punching and kicking each other in the courtyard of a building on the 8200 block of Elizabeth Avenue at 11:20 p.m. Mario Herrera, 22, of 8852 Robin Drive, unincorporated Maine Township, was also charged with obstruction after he allegedly argued with the responding officer and refused to follow directions. According to police, Herrera told the officer, “Get back into your car and drive away. This doesn’t concern you.” Police were unable to determine what prompted the physical altercation as Chavez and Machado reportedly declined to make any statements. All three men have a Sept. 22 court date.

RETAIL THEFT
Jasmine Crayton, 18, and Katrail Thomas, 34, both of 8292 Emerson Street, Evanston, were each charged with retail theft on Aug. 9. Police said they stole a total of 46 items, valued at $405, from a store on the 8500 block of Golf Road. They have an Aug. 26 court date.

DRUG POSSESSION
Jessica Heart, 21, of 6952 Monroe Court, Niles, was charged with possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia and unlawful possession of a hypodermic needle on Aug. 10. Heart was stopped by police after she and a 29-year-old man were reportedly seen walking in the area of New England Avenue and Seward Street just before midnight while carrying several bags. According to police, a search of Heart’s bag uncovered six pieces of foil containing suspected heroin, as well as a needle and a metal spoon containing a brown residue. She has an Aug. 26 court date.

MORTON GROVE

BATTERY
Attanbagna Enkhsaikhan, 21, of Chicago, was charged with driving under the influence on Aug. 8 after he his vehicle was reportedly seen swerving on southbound Milwaukee Avenue from Harlem at 11:10 p.m. He has a Sept. 17 court date.

THEFT
An iPad was stolen from a residence on the 5000 block of Touhy Avenue on Aug. 9, police said. The woman realized her wallet was missing when she tried to check out. An attempt to use one of the credit cards in the wallet was made, police said.

CRIME BRIEFS

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An iPad was stolen from a residence on the 9000 block of Waukegan Road on Aug. 6 after it was left outside on a patio chair, police said.

BURGLARY
A man posing as a contractor tried to get into a home on the 7600 block of Enfield Avenue on August 12. The woman who answered the door at the home knew he wasn’t a contractor because she already had one working in her home and had been told that no other contractors were coming in to work, police said. The woman’s actual contractor confronted the subject and followed him to a black Chevy Equinox parked in front of the home, police said. The person got into the rear seat of the vehicle, and it drove away.

Police said an unknown offender entered a home on the 9200 block of Cameron Lane on August 6 through a bedroom window, but nothing was taken.

Cash and jewelry were taken from a home on the 500 block of Callie Court on August 14 during a burglary, police said. The unknown offender or offenders entered the victim’s home through an unlocked screen door, according to police.
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Nicole Cortez was all smiles as she was handed her brand-new Chromebook computer during back-to-school preparations at Emerson Middle School on Aug. 14.

Classmate Owen Kopka, on the other hand, was somewhat indifferent. 

"It's just another thing to carry around," the incoming eighth-grader lamented.

Views of Park Ridge-Niles School District 64's new Chromebook requirement for grades three through eight seem mixed. Some parents were more favorable to Apple devices; others were just eager for their children to get a head-start using more technology within the classroom.

"I'm so happy that she is exposed to technology because she will need it when she goes to high school," said Cortez's mother, Judith. "She'll be prepared."

"Technology is moving forward so I guess we just have to go with the flow," added Geraldine Clifford, whose son, Dylan, an incoming seventh-grader, admitted that he is looking forward to typing more of his assignments instead of having to write them by hand.

District 64 students got a head-start using Chromebooks during a pilot program last school year. At that time, the devices were shared, but now, under the district's new technology initiative, each student will have his or her own Chromebook, fully funded by District 64.

Middle school students will be expected to take their computers home at night (where they will learn about the importance of keeping them fully charged and safe from damage), while students in grades three through five will largely use the Chromebooks in the classroom, officials say. Parents are required to pay a $30 fee to cover insurance on the devices.

Student Cole Shane said he likes the devices because they'll be more convenient when it comes to school work.

"I like having the computer right away and not having to come in early and print stuff out in the library," he said.

But other students have expressed hope that the Chromebooks will lighten their textbook load. Mary Jane Warden, director of innovation and instructional technology, said replacing printed books with digital versions will be evaluated as part of regular curriculum reviews.

"The district is continuing to work with current textbook publishers to utilize more digital resources," she said. "Several of the textbooks and learning resources have already been made available online. With the Chromebook deployment, students have the benefit of having continuous access to these online resources."

The goal of giving each student his or her own computer is to provide "anytime, anywhere learning," Warden said.

Warden said Chromebooks were chosen by the district over other devices because they align with what Maine South and Maine East High School students use, they include Google apps for education and, at $322 per device, are considered a low-cost option.

"We want to be as frugal and as productive as possible with innovative and progressive learning," Warden said.

Children in kindergarten through second grade will continue to use iPads in the classroom.

By owning the devices, the district will be able to manage and monitor the content as students use them, officials have said.

District 64 students head back to school on Tuesday, Aug. 26.

Eighth-grader Maya Corkill sets up her new Chromebook at Emerson Middle School in Niles Thursday, Aug. 14. BRIAN O'MAHONEY FOR SUN-TIMES MEDIA

Sue Herman helps 13-year-old Kordian Cebulla as he sets up his new Chromebook at Emerson Middle School in Niles on Thursday, Aug. 14. BRIAN O'MAHONEY FOR SUN-TIMES MEDIA
District 64

Evanston teacher named assistant principal at Carpenter, Franklin

BY IGOR STUDENKOV
For Sun-Times Media | @studenkov

The Park Ridge-Niles School District 64 Board of Education voted to confirm Emily Lech as the assistant principal for Carpenter and Franklin schools.

Lech replaces Stephanie Daly, who was appointed principal of Washington Elementary School. Before applying for the position, Lech taught at Dawes Elementary School in Evanston-Skokie School District 65. In a press release, District 64 Superintendent Laurie Heinz said Lech was chosen for her ability to work well with peers and communicate with parents, as well as her experience in using data to improve instruction.

Lech's appointment comes about a year after Daly was appointed to her position. As previously reported by Pioneer Press, Daly was appointed to fill a vacancy created when Jessica Hutchison, the previous Washington principal, left to take a job outside the district.

The position is the first administrative appointment for Lech. She served as a fourth- and fifth-grade teacher at Dawes for five years. She led the school's parent-teacher school improvement committee, which sought to figure out ways to improve communications between teachers and parents as well as improve the school climate and facilities. She also helped put together a number of school events.

Lech was involved in a number of school initiatives. She was one of the instructional leaders charged with helping to bring teachers up to speed on Common Core state standards. Lech also led a districtwide professional development program that sought to improve instructional planning and help teachers better tailor their plans to students' individual needs.

Before joining District 65, she taught at Galapagos Elementary Charter School in Chicago's West Humboldt Park neighborhood for a year. Prior to that, she taught third and fourth grade in Washington, D.C.

Lech was one of the eight candidates selected from a pool of 100 applicants. A group of District 64 teachers and administrators narrowed the pool to two finalists and Heinz made the final decision.

In the official statement to the press, Heinz said Lech was chosen for several reasons. "Emily's experience working cooperatively with peers to strengthen teaching skills, utilize data to improve instruction and implement the Common Core standards, combined with her focus on communication and forging strong relationships with families especially impressed our interview team," she said.

Heinz said the district administrators have high hopes for Lech. "We believe she will be immediately effective in working with both our Carpenter and Franklin communities as we move ahead with technology integration as part of our 21st Century Learning Plan and as we enter the second year of our Common Core-aligned math curriculum," she said.

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Schmidt pushing again for new O'Hare environmental study

BY JENNIFER JOHNSON

Park Ridge Mayor David Schmidt says he will make another push for new environmental studies of O'Hare Airport's impact on surrounding communities.

Schmidt recently told the Park Ridge City Council that he has asked Jeanette Camacho, executive director of the O'Hare Noise Compatibility Commission, and Chairwoman Arlene Mulder to place a resolution on the Sept. 5 meeting agenda calling on the FAA to conduct a supplemental environmental impact study of O'Hare expansion on surrounding areas.

Schmidt had attempted in 2012 and 2013 to obtain support from the ONCC membership in seeking a new study, but the efforts failed.

"Two years ago they told us to get lost, but now with the new runway flying over the Northwest Side of Chicago and also flight heading in the opposite direction on the west end of the airport, there are a lot of people for the first time experiencing what we've been experiencing for five years," Schmidt said. "There's some pretty upset people and there are mayors lining up to force the issue onto the O'Hare Noise Compatibility Commission agenda, should Mayor Mulder and the executive director not see it our way."

Mulder said Schmidt's request will be considered by the ONCC's Executive Committee on Sept. 2. That committee, of which Mulder is a member, decides what items will appear on the regular meeting agenda, she said.

Schmidt believes a new environmental impact study could potentially help Park Ridge and other area communities in a few ways.

"One hope is it will possibly lead to a cap on the number of flights that go over Park Ridge and there will also be a readjustment of the noise contour lines so that more residents will be eligible for soundproofing," he said. "These are primary reasons for wanting the study."

The city has long held that the existing environmental impact statement for O'Hare is invalid because substantial changes to the airport have occurred since the last study was conducted.

The FAA has rejected previous attempts by Park Ridge to get a supplemental study performed.

Schmidt said he plans to attend the Sept. 5 meeting at DePaul University O'Hare and, if his resolution is not addressed by the board, he will ask that it appear on the October meeting agenda.

Schmidt, who last month called for Mulder's resignation from the ONCC, has already received support for the environmental impact study resolution from other voting members on the ONCC board.

Norridge Village President James Chmura and Harwood Heights Village President Arlene Jzierny both say they will back Schmidt's effort because O'Hare experience the noise, I think they are contacting their mayors with their own complaints. As a result, I think there will be more reaction to do something."

Schmidt said three members of the ONCC will be needed to place a resolution on the agenda if the chair and executive director decide not to do so.

In addition to the mayors of Norridge, Harwood Heights, and Bensenville, Members of the FAIR Coalition, representing residents of Chicago's Northwest Side, are also reportedly working to get Chicago representatives on the ONCC to back the environmental impact study resolution.

Northwest Side residents have complained of increased aircraft noise and traffic since the last two runways opened.
Man accused of pounding on doors, chasing neighbor

BY JENNIFER JOHNSON
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A Niles man is facing criminal charges after he police said he caused alarm in his neighborhood by pounding on doors, screaming, and chasing at least one of his neighbors. Stanislaw Roman, 61, of 6725 N. Forest View Lane, was arrested Aug. 9 and charged with battery and disorderly conduct after officers responded to a call of an intoxicated man screaming on the 6700 block of Forest View and pounding on several front doors.

When police arrived around 6:50 p.m., one of them reportedly observed Roman yelling in the middle of the street and attempting to punch a 61-year-old neighbor in the face. The officer grabbed Roman, handcuffed him and detained him in the back of a squad car, police said.

The neighbor and another man, 53, told police they saw Roman running around their block and screaming for unknown reasons. The 53-year-old told police that when Roman approached him outside his home, he feared for his safety and ran around to the backyard in an attempt to hide from Roman. But police said Roman reportedly chased the man around his residence several times before grabbing the victim's arm and pulling him to the ground.

The man told police he was able to get away and ran out into the street where his neighbor managed to separate him from Roman until police arrived.

While in police custody, Roman asked to be taken to the hospital for an evaluation, but when paramedics arrived, he refused to be transported, police said.

He is scheduled to appear in court on Aug. 28.

Police: woman says man groped her in fitness center hot tub

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A woman told Niles police she was groped by a man she met in a hot tub at the Niles Family Fitness Center.

According to police, the 52-year-old Chicago resident reported that the man reached inside her swimsuit in an attempt to keep her from leaving the hot tub on the morning of Aug. 10.

The woman told police that the man, who identified himself as "Marty" and claimed to be 60 years old, had joined her in the tub as soon as she entered it and began making small talk with her. She reported that when she shook his hand, the man caressed her palm with his middle finger, which she believed was a sexual advance, police said.

After creating a distance between her and the man, the woman told police that the man asked her multiple times to sit closer to him, though she refused. Police said it was after she tried to leave the hot tub that the man grabbed her near her right hip and she pushed his hand away.

Staff of the fitness center, located at 987 Civic Center Drive, were also notified of the alleged incident, according to police, though no individuals using the name Marty had reportedly signed in at the facility that day.

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Local retailer comes to rescue

BY CATHY CUNNINGHAM
For Sun-Times Media

HELP SQUAD

Help Squad,
I bought my daughter a bunch of clothing from sugarlips.com - two large orders of merchandise (totaling nearly $400) in just a few weeks' time. The website advertises free shipping and returns so when I contacted them about a skirt that was clearly defective - the hem unraveled after just a few hours of wear - I didn't expect a problem. The skirt was on sale for less than $20.

I was surprised when I emailed Sugarlips' customer service to learn that the representative with whom I was communicating had no authority to exchange the skirt without approval from the owner. I was further shocked when I was told the owner refused to do anything about the defective skirt. I was sure there must have been a misunderstanding, so I called the customer service number and spoke with another representative who could not have been ruder.

I'm shocked that Sugarlips doesn't stand behind its merchandise. I've never before been treated so poorly by a retailer.

Sincerely,
Linda
Lincolnshire

Enter Help Squad

Help Squad learned the skirt in question was originally a $16 item on sale for just $12. All Linda was asking for was an even exchange for the exact same skirt.

Help Squad made a call to one of the customer service representatives with whom Linda had been in contact. He was familiar with the situation. When we explained to him our column was serving as a consumer advocate on Linda's behalf, the representative's response was, "There's nothing we can do about it. If the customer wears something and damages it, we can't take it back. That's her fault."

We pointed out to the rep that this assertion made two major assumptions: One, Sugarlips could never, even inadvertently, sell a defective product; and two, Linda - or any other customer requesting an exchange citing faulty workmanship — must be lying. Neither seems a very customer-centric approach to business.

We asked to speak to the owner, a request that was denied. We then asked the customer service rep to inform the owner of our intent to publish a column regarding this situation and to please have the owner call or email us. We received a phone call a few hours later from this same representative saying the owner would not speak with us and was sticking to the company's policy of no returns or exchanges on worn clothing.

At this point, Help Squad decided to contact a small, Deerfield clothing store called Just Between Friends that carries the Sugarlips brand. We explained Linda's dilemma to store manager Megan Katen, who said, without hesitation, that Just Between Friends would be happy to take back the skirt and provide Linda with either a store credit or an exchange.

When asked what her store must do when a customer brings in defective merchandise that has been worn, Megan said Just Between Friends often has to absorb the cost. "But we need to have happy customers. When consumers shop online, they are often left on their own if something goes wrong. That's why shopping locally is so important. We're here to ensure our customers are treated right."

Linda,

Though Help Squad is as disappointed as you that sugarlips.com would not take back your defective skirt, and in the process treated you as though you were dishonest, we are glad we could put you in touch with the very customer-focused local retailer, Just Between Friends, at 740 N. Waukegan Road, Deerfield, which, by the way, opened another store on Aug. 9: Just 4 Friends, at 600 Central St. in Highland Park.

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Letters

Have we forgotten the lessons of Watergate?

In his column "Have we forgotten lessons of Watergate," Randy Blaser asserts more Americans died in Vietnam during the Nixon years than during Johnson's tenure. Government records show that from 1964 through 1968, 36,756 Americans were lost in the war. From 1969 through 1974, there were 21,195 lost. While this is far, far too many, I'm sure Blaser would agree we ought not attempt to revise history.

Both presidents Johnson and Nixon escalated the war. Johnson carpet-bombed the North, Nixon bombed Cambodia. President Johnson took us into the war following the now-debunked Gulf of Tonkin incident, and Nixon got us out of the war, without victory, an act similarly repeated in Iraq by President Obama.

President Nixon's memory, forever tarnished by Watergate, overshadows his accomplishments. Would you be surprised to learn that under Nixon both the Occupational Safety and Health Administration and the Environmental Protection Agency were created? Twelve Americans walked on the moon during his presidency, none before and none since. By opening relations with China he blunted the Soviet Union and gained a strategic victory in the Cold War.

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But the anguish of a community is on an indication of where we are headed unless we address the festering issue of the disparity between blacks and whites in America.

I know that in many ways, relations between the races have never been better. Overt racism by individual Americans is hard to find. More and more Americans live in diverse communities.

Yet many African-Americans still live in areas vastly different from most Americans, and that difference, although in the background at Ferguson, has led directly to the unfolding tragedy we are witnessing there.

We know the shooting of an unarmed, young black man is the incident that triggered the events there. Accounts of the shooting differ — police say there was a struggle for a gun and a shot was fired in a police car before the officer took deadly force, while others say the young man was confronted and compliant before being gunned down.

But the anguish of a community, the desperate struggle of a lifetime and the abandonment of hope that is the ongoing struggle of being black in America can be heard in the initial pleas of the mother of the victim: "Do you know how hard it was for me to get him to stay in school and graduate? You know how many black men graduate? Not many. Because you bring them down to this type of level, where they feel like they don't got nothing to live for anyway. They're going to try to take me out anyway."

There it is. That's why what has happened in Ferguson the last week has happened. Most of us have no idea how hard it is to keep a black child in school all the way to graduation.

But most of us know that given a choice, we want no part of it. That's why people with means and ability choose to live in communities with schools where just getting a kid through isn't the main issue. We know that's not enough, they've got to excel to get ahead. But why is it so hard to get kids in these communities to graduate? The victim's mother speaks to that also. You bring them down to a level where they feel like they have nothing to live for anyway, she says. When she says "you" I don't know if she means society in general, or whites, or white society, or maybe just America.

Imagine the desperation of that statement. They have nothing to live for anyway.

Nothing will change, no matter what anyone does. Nobody cares.

The hopelessness in that mother's statement should be chilling to every American. It should be a realization that makes us stop and say, 'Hey, wait a minute. This is America, where our children should not face hopelessness as they go to school.' And her final statement is chilling: 'They're going to try to take me out anyway.'"

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Hedge fund manager — my new dream job

What do I want to be when I grow up? That’s a question many young people may be asking themselves as a new school year starts. Pilot, policeman, fireman, scientist. These are just some of the things I wanted to be when I was a kid.

But for our times, for the world today, is there a better, more appropriate, answer to the question?

I remember reading here a piece about the wealthiest people in America by state. That honor for Illinois belongs to Ken Griffin, founder of a hedge fund. His worth was listed at $5.5 billion.

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But being a person in hedge funds — what is the proper nomenclature, hedge funder, or hedger? — must be quite profitable.

Unfortunately, I haven’t the foggiest idea what a hedge fund is. But I know that “high returns” is a good thing.

Can schools prepare a student for a career of hedge-funding?

Perhaps not in lower grades, where students concentrate on staying within the lines.

But in higher education, yes.

I checked with Northwestern University. That great school offers all kinds of stuff about hedge funds in such courses as, “Introduction to Hedge Funds,” “Wall Street, Hedge Funds and LBO Funds,” “Hedge Fund Law,” and “Hedge Fund Investing.”

It seems pretty clear that hedge-funding is the way to go, career-wise.

Ah, if someone had only told me this when I was young, perhaps I could be typing this on my 23,000-acre ranch in Montana and Wyoming instead of on a cluttered dining room table in suburban Chicago.
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New Savers Store Opening in Glenview

National secondhand store Savers opens the doors to a new location in Glenview on Thursday, September 18, bringing unexpected treasures and incredible deals to the community. This will be the eleventh Savers store in the greater Chicago area.

Through its unique business model of purchasing, reselling and recycling donated items, Savers provides sustainable funding to nonprofit organizations, offers communities a smart way to shop, and saves more than 650 million pounds of goods from landfills each year – making Savers one of the largest recyclers of used goods in the world.

“We’re thrilled to bring our good deeds and great deals to local residents,” said Christina Anderson, Savers store manager. “We take great pride in working with our nonprofit partners and in looking after the environment, while at the same time providing our customers with the best selection and shopping experience of any secondhand store. Everyone likes to find a great deal, and people really love to support their local communities. We make it easy to do both.”

The new store opens in conjunction with a rising thrift shopping trend, which is one of the fastest growing retail segments. Lifestyle, economy and social trends have contributed to the growth, including the popularity of do-it-yourself projects, a renewed interest in vintage clothing and household items.

And where does Savers get this impressive inventory? Each store provides an easy, convenient way for residents to donate gently used goods collected at Community Donation Centers located on-site at Savers stores or donated directly to the nonprofits. The new Glenview store’s Community Donation Center, which is now open, provides an easy, convenient way for residents to donate gently used clothing and household items.

In the Glenview community, Savers has teamed up with Friends of the Epilepsy Foundation of Greater Chicago. This partnership turns otherwise unused goods into sustainable funding that supports their vital mission to lead the fight to stop seizures, find a cure and overcome challenges created by epilepsy.

Located at 9840 Milwaukee Road, grand opening festivities begin Thursday, September 18, starting at 8:45 a.m. with a ribbon cutting ceremony. The new location will be open Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Sunday 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

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**FRIDAY, AUG. 22**

**Rise and Shine Story Time**
10 a.m.: A 30-minute story time for children ages 2-6 with a caregiver. Niles Public Library District, 6960 W. Oakton St., Niles. Call 847-663-1234.

**MONDAY, AUG. 25**

**Baby Time**
11 a.m.: A short program of stories, songs, rhymes and playtime for children 2 and younger with a caregiver. Niles Public Library District, 6960 W. Oakton St., Niles. Call 847-663-1234.

**Women's Club Meeting**
11:30 a.m.: The club meeting features entertainment by Herb Lick as Elvis. The event includes an introduction to Pinterest and a bake sale to raise funds for air conditioning. Niles Senior Center, 999 Civic Center Drive, Niles. Call 847-663-1234.

**THURSDAY, AUG. 28**

**Introduction to Power Point Web App**
10 a.m.: Learn to use the free version of Microsoft PowerPoint Web App. Participants must have an MSN account, familiarity with the Word Web App and register. Niles Public Library District, 6960 W. Oakton St., Niles. Call 847-663-1234.

**TUESDAY, SEPT. 2**

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

**THURSDAY, AUG. 21**

**Discover Online Radio**
1:30 p.m.: Learn how to build a customized online radio station that streams your favorite songs and artists using popular online streaming services. Eisenhower Public Library, 4503 N. Oketo Ave., Harwood Heights. Call 708-867-7829.

**Twitter**
2 p.m.: Learn how to use the online social networking service. Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview. Call 847-729-7500.

**An Armchair Tour of the Solar System**
7 p.m.: Michelle Nichols from the Adler Planetarium shows recent NASA spacecraft images of our Solar System, including views of the Sun, Jupiter, Pluto and more. Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge. For more information, call 847-825-3123.

**Stamp Club**
7 p.m.: Philately enthusiasts can meet at this club, which meets every two months. Lincolnwood Public Library, 4000 W. Pratt Ave., Lincolnwood. Call 847-677-5277.

**THURSDAY, AUG. 22**

**Skokie Photographic Society**
7:30 p.m.: The group meets on the third Thursday of each month. All levels of photographic skill are welcome. Skokie Village Hall, 5127 Oakton St., Skokie. Call 847-677-9334.

**Bringing Yiddishkeit to the Former Soviet Union**
7:30 p.m.: The Men's Club of Ezra-Habonim gives a PowerPoint presentation titled "Bringing Yiddishkeit to the Former Soviet Union." This program covers Judaism in Russia and Ukraine. Synagogues in cities such as Kiev, St. Petersburg and Moscow are featured as well as synagogues in small villages, called "shtetls." The Lubavitch Chabad are highlighted for their work in promoting Judaism, helped by young Jewish financiers who first learned they were Jewish after the fall of the Soviet Union. For further information or for reservations, call Ezra-Habonim Niles Township Jewish Congregation, 4500 Dempster St., Skokie. Call 847-675-4141.

**FRIDAY, AUG. 22**

**Computer Interest Group**
1:30 p.m.: Seniors can share their passion for computers. Niles Senior Center, 999 Civic Center Drive, Niles. Call 229-663-9380.

**Lincolnwood Chamber of Commerce: Breakfast Connections**

**Saint Martha Church Rummage and Bake Sale**
10 a.m.: Saint Martha's is having a rummage and bake sale to raise funds for air conditioning. They have over nine rooms of items to browse. Things for sale include baby items, toys, clothes, books, DVDs, holiday items, electronics, furniture, bedroom fittings, housewares, sporting goods, exercise equipment, craft supplies, tools, refrigerators and other items. The bake sale benefits the handbell choir. Lunch is available from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. St. Martha's Catholic Church, 8523 Georgiana Ave., Morton Grove. Call 847-965-0262.

**Lego Mania II**
1 p.m.: Students can create with Legos. For students in grades one to six. A second program begins at 1 p.m. Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview. For more information, call 847-729-7500.

**From Farm to Cafe Table**
3 p.m.: Mary Beth Lutjen and the Delighters create eight small courses using fresh produce from the farmers market. Attendees can learn how to make the courses and give them a taste test. Mather's, 7134 W. Higgins Ave., Chicago. Call 773-774-4604. $9-$10.

**FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE Club**
7 p.m.: Fourth and fifth graders are invited to join the night club at the pool, complete with a DJ and pizza, hot dogs and pop. Hinkley Pool, 25 Busse Highway, Park Ridge. For more information, call 847-692-6602. $5.

**SATURDAY, AUG. 23**

**Backlot Bash**
6 p.m.: This annual downtown summer party includes live bands, food, beer, a carnival, classic film festival, auto show, a 5K run, Sunday pancake breakfast, bingo, children's activities and more. Headliners for live music features Spin Doctors and Tributosaurus. The festival is held Aug. 22-24. Downtown Skokie, 5127 Oakton St., Skokie.

**Park Ridge Farmers Market**
7 a.m.: The weekly farmers market runs every Saturday through October. Park Ridge Farmers Market, Prairie and Garden Streets, Park Ridge.

**Morton Grove Farmers Market**
8 a.m.: The market features favorites such as seasonal fruits and vegetables, meats, eggs, baked goods, cheeses, honey, handcrafted items, natural bath and body products, gifts, prepared foods, live music, children's activities and a free drawing. Runs weekly through Oct. 19. Market Grounds, 9210 Park Ridge, Morton Grove. Call 847-750-8436.

**Make Your Own Bookmark**
10 a.m.: Parents or caregivers can bring their kids to the store to create their own bookmark. Kids receive a prize for completing the craft, snacks are served and there is face painting and caricature drawing. Register online at www.marianos.com/parkridge. Mariano's Park Ridge, 1900 S. Cumberland Ave., Park Ridge. For more information, call 847-696-3846.
Friends Book Sale
2 p.m.: Browse a selection of discounted items, including hardcover books, DVDs and CDs for $1 and paperback books for 50 cents. Eisenhower Public Library, 4618 N. Oketo Ave., Harwood Heights. Call 708-867-9288.

'An Evening of Comedy, Music and Spoken Word'
7:30 p.m.: Join author and comedian Debbie Sue Goodman and friends for a fun "Evening of Comedy, Music and Spoken word." Debbie Sue is an author of the books, "My Husband the Stranger," "Still Single" and "Still Dating." Visit Debbie Sue on her website, www.stillsingle.org. The Glenview Grind, 989 Waukegan Road, Glenview. For more information, call 847-729-0111.

SUNDAY, AUG. 24

Annual Rotary Pancake Breakfast
8 a.m.: The Rotary Club of Skokie Valley holds its annual pancake breakfast, serving all-you-can-eat pancakes, sausage, orange juice and hot coffee. This year, the pancake breakfast is part of Skokie's Backlot Bash celebration. All proceeds go to benefiting Rotary Charities. Parking is suggested on the west side of the Skokie Library. The Rotary Club of Skokie Valley represents the communities of Skokie, Niles, Morton Grove and Lincolnwood. Skokie Public Library, 5261 Oakton St., Skokie. Call 847-673-7774. $6.

Sundays with Rabbi Weill
9 a.m.: Children up to age six can come to this program of stories and playtime, led by Rabbi Jeffrey Weill. Ezra-Habonim Niles Township Jewish Congregation, 4500 Dempster St., Skokie. Call 847-675-4141.

Creative Writers Showcase
10:30 a.m.: The Creative Writers Showcase ends the society's summer season and features a wide-ranging program of original stories, essays, memoirs and poems by a group of members and friends. Copies of the presented works are available on the Society website or by emailing John Taylor at john-twtt@att.net. There is a coffee hour after the talk. Ethical Humanist Society, 7574 Lincoln Ave., Skokie. For more information, call 847-677-3334.

FIFTH ANNUAL NORWOOD CROSSING FAMILY PICNIC
Noon: Norwood Crossing residents and their families — along with board members, donors, volunteers and staff — are invited to the annual Family Picnic. Music provided by the Dime Store String Band will accompany food, games for kids, and a "split-the-pot" raffle. Norwood Crossing.

MONDAY, AUG. 25

Love Boat Cruise
2 p.m.: Join Sandi Haynes in a musical island journey with songs from the Beach Boys as well as Sandi's Latin melodies. Dress up for the occasion with sunglasses, a hat and a wild shirt. Summit of Uptown, 10 N. Summit Ave., Park Ridge. Call 847-825-1161.

iPad and iPhone Workshop:
Going Further
7 p.m.: Learn how to get the most out of your iOS device. Presented by Geoff Horwitz of The MacMentor. Register online. Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview. For more information, call 847-729-7500.

TUESDAY, AUG. 26

Camera Club
10 a.m.: The club meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month. Park Ridge Senior Center, 100 S. Western Ave., Park Ridge.

Life Transitions Group
7 p.m.: A support group for men and women who have been widowed for one to four years. The group is volunteer-facilitated and held on the fourth Tuesday of each month. Park Ridge Nonprofit Center, 720 Garden St., Park Ridge. Call 847-720-4793. $5 per session.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 27

Teen DIY Craft: Light Painting
5 p.m.: Using a slow shutter on a camera, participants use light to capture pictures that look like writing in the air. Materials are provided, however, attendees may bring a camera or camera phone. Registration is required. All teens ages 13-18 are welcome. Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove. Call 847-965-4220.

THURSDAY, AUG. 28

Android Tablets for Beginners
7 p.m.: Come learn how to use your Android tablet, from interface basics down to must-have apps. The class will be presented by FireLogic. Registration required. Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge. For more information, call 847-825-3123.

SATURDAY, AUG. 30

Microsoft Excel 2007 Basics
10 a.m.: Learn how to make lists, enter data and keep records with the spreadsheet program. Registration is limited. Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge. For more information, call 847-825-3123.
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11 Fence
Address: 7607 N. Neva Ave., Niles
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21 Roof (commercial and residential)
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31 Flood control
Address: 6907 W. Jonquil Terrace, Niles
Issue date: May 7
Permit cost: $120
Construction cost: $5,500

41 Commercial - remodel
Address: 7400 N. Waukegan Road, Suite 105, Niles
Issue date: May 5
Permit cost: $102
Construction cost: $2,500

51 Parking lot
Address: 7626 N. Milwaukee Ave., Niles
Issue date: May 7
Permit cost: $530

61 Grade alter/yard drain
Address: 7740 N. Oconto Ave., Niles
Issue date: May 7
Permit cost: $80
Construction cost: $5,500

71 Fence
Address: 7943 N. Nora Ave., Niles
Issue date: May 9
Permit cost: $25
Construction cost: $900

81 Swimming pool
Address: 7943 N. Nora Ave., Niles
Issue date: May 9
Permit cost: $169
Construction cost: $1,000

91 Sewer repair/clean out
Address: 7912 N. Oketo Ave., Niles
Issue date: May 9
Permit cost: $25
Construction cost: $380
Construction cost: $5,000

10 Fire protection
Address: 7030 N. Milwaukee Ave., Niles
Issue date: May 9
Permit cost: $220
Construction cost: $5,000

11 Flood control
Address: 7728 N. Oleander Ave., Niles
Issue date: May 7
Permit cost: $160
Construction cost: $7,676

BIZ NOTES

• Ashley N. Garfield of Glenview recently joined the Law Offices of Jeffery M. Leving, Ltd. She received her Juris Doctorate from the John Marshall Law School in Chicago after graduating with two Bachelor of Arts degrees in Psychology and Spanish from the University of Michigan.

• Hatem El Halabi, MD, FACS, of Lake Forest recently joined the ranks of doctors at Cancer Treatment Centers of America at Midwestern Regional Medical Center. As a distinguished surgical oncologist, Dr. Halabi specializes in treating patients with advanced disease.

• George V. Duczak, a resident of Barrington Hills and president of The American Worker Plans in Hoffman Estates, has been elected President of the Chicago & Northeastern Illinois Association of Health Underwriters for a two-year term.

• Elizabeth A. Kaveny of River Forest, a partner with the Chicago law firm of Burke Wise Morrissey & Kaveny, has been elected as second vice president of the Illinois Bar Foundation, the charitable arm of the Illinois State Bar Association. Kaveny represents catastrophically injured victims of medical negligence and their families, with a focus on women and children's issues. She has been an active member and officer of the Illinois Trial Lawyers Association and the Women's Bar Association of Illinois.

• Two Bostons Pet Boutique, a leading area pet care and wellness resource carrying specially selected dog and cat foods, products, and supplements at its two Naperville locations, announced that it will open a third retail location at 838 Village Center Drive, in the Burr Ridge Village Center.

Do you or your company have news about grand openings, hires, promotions, awards or recognitions? Email your items to biznotes@pioneerpress.com.
Business

Frame Factory, 44-year-old business, moves to Lincolnwood

BY NATALIE HAYES
For Sun-Times Media | @NatalhayReporer

Since opening in the 1970s, family-owned framing business Frame Factory has closed and reopened locations all over the North Shore—moving from Morton Grove to Skokie to Highland Park and locations in Chicago.

Last year, the business found its new home in Lincolnwood after moving operations from a site in Chicago to a 13,500-square-foot warehouse tucked away about a half block down on Proesel Avenue off of Devon Avenue.

Frame Factory specializes in adding the finishing accents to photos and artwork for major corporations, hospitals, and interior designers, who seek the framing expertise of Frame Factory president Ande Kubis. Her business offers hundreds of thousands of framing choices.

Despite Kubis's reputation as the go-to framing guru among an extensive list of regular clients from all over the country, not many people in Lincolnwood seem to know her business exists.

Being hidden on a side street in a gray incognito office doesn't help her cause, Kubis admits, but she said she's focused on building stronger ties with her new Lincolnwood neighbors.

"We're the only framer in the area—there's no one else like us around here," Kubis said. "We want the local community to know we're here, and we want people to think of us as the source for all their framing needs."

Kubis just completed a large thousand-piece order for a local corporate-owned hospital, but she also does smaller orders from degree framing and wedding photos to that dusty rolled-up poster shoved under the bed waiting to be hung.

"Simple framing is underappreciated," Kubis said. "We want to frame your passion—what's important to you."

Guests visiting the business will find a small foyer and showroom showcasing frame options in hundreds of colors and textures, but the private back area of the warehouse is where the real framing magic happens.

On any given weekday, about 20 employees—most of whom have worked for the company for more than two decades—work diligently on different projects that will eventually add up to the final finished product—a glossy framed photo or piece of art centered perfectly inside a custom-made frame ready to be delivered to the customer.

Those who think framing is a simple task will likely change their minds after seeing the high level of skill and great deal of patience that goes into the framing process at the Frame Factory.

An electronic computer-operated cutting board assures plasterboard used to mount the photo is cut to the perfect size, but it's the human touch that assures each piece is created to perfection.

Around the corner from the cutting board, product manager Brian Mitchell strategically measures a photo as part of one of many steps it will go through before it's finally framed and ready to go.

It might seem like a fairly simple job, but when an order for 1,000 framed prints comes in—as it often does—Mitchell's job can at times become tedious.

However tedious the work may seem, however, he likes his job, he said, because every day is different.

"It helps that I really like the people I work for," Mitchell said. "It's more like a family than a job."

Corporate art sales manager Iris Girtz has also worked for the company for more than a decade.

"I'm passionate about working here because it's a family-run business and we all feel like part of that family," Girtz said.

Stan and June Fleishman opened the Frame Factory in 1970 on Lincoln Avenue in Skokie after Stan Fleishman sold his glass and mirror company and decided to focus solely on framing.

Over the years, the family relocated the business to three separate locations in the city and several spots in the Skokie area, before leaving one permanent retail-only showroom open at 1809 W. Webster Ave, which is still open today.

Of the four sisters in the Fleishman family, Kubis showed the highest dedication to the family business.

She started sweeping floors in her father's shop when she was 10-years-old, and took over the entire business when he passed away in 2010.

She kept all of the employees her father had hired over the years—some of them who have been with the business for nearly 30 years, she said.

Her sister Cindy Fleishman also stayed in the family business, and is now the general manager.

Kubis now wants to extend the feeling of trust that comes from working among family beyond the walls of her business to reach her new neighbors in Lincolnwood.

"We really want to form a relationship with the neighbors here, and let them know we're a trusted destination for framing," Kubis said.
Woody Allen brings his ‘Magic’ to Chicago

Event: Legendary writer/director Woody Allen made a rare appearance in the Windy City on July 19 for the premiere of “Magic in the Moonlight,” starring Colin Firth and Emma Stone. More than 150 city and suburban fans attended a private reception at the Bellwether restaurant, adjacent to AMC River East theatres, before getting a sneak peak of the film.

Allen's latest creation takes viewers to the South of France where Stanley Crawford (Firth), aka “Wei Ling Soo, the most celebrated Chinese conjuror” with an allergy to phony spiritualists, goes on a mission to the Côte d'Azur in order to expose as a fraud the intriguing young clairvoyant, Sophie Baker (Stone).

Cause célèbre: “The things that interest me are those that I feel are meaningful to people,” explained Allen about the theme that runs throughout all his films. “I have never been political. I have always done things that have relationships or have subjects about the meaning of life ... and these things always resonate with people (and) don't date as much because the subjects are more eternal.”

Allen came to promote his film alongside his funders, executive producer/investor Ron Chez and Metropolitan Capital Bank.

“We are located in the historic Tree Studios developed by Judge Lambert Tree,” said Michael Rose of Chicago, chairman/CEO of Metropolitan Capital. Tree sought to foster a renaissance of the art community in Chicago after the Columbian Exposition of 1893. “Being an organization that has defined itself civically by fostering a greater appreciation for the arts, we try to be good stewards of that (art movement).”

Richard Keneman of Winnetka, chief lending officer of Metropolitan Capital noted: “As far as I am concerned, Woody is art (and) this is what our bank is all about — doing something for our clients, something artistic, something like this.”

CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: Ron Chez of Chicago, executive producer; Gov. Pat Quinn, Woody Allen of New York City, Edward Watson of Boca Raton, Fla.; Philip Plowden and Janie Goldberg-Dicks of Highland Park; Steven and Ellen Rogen of Highland Park; Richard Keneman of Winnetka, chief lending officer, and Susan Payne of Chicago, Metropolitan Capital executive vice president; Adam Wojciechowski and Anastazja Brozyna of Park Ridge. PHOTOS BY LEE A. LITAS/FOR SUN-TIMES MEDIA
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Doctor and patient join together for love

Marie Rosin-Dittmar and Raymond Hatland

BY CAITLIN MULLEN
Contributing writer

When Raymond Hatland wanted to ask Marie Rosin-Dittmar on a date in December 2011, he had to consider whether it was worth risking their doctor-patient relationship.

Marie has been a dental patient of Raymond's for almost 30 years. When their spouses passed away, “we found ourselves both available,” Marie said.

“The timing was perfect for both of us, I guess,” Raymond said.

Raymond, a dentist with a private practice in Chicago, and Marie, the senior coordinator in student academic services for Loyola University's School of Education, live in Evanston. Raymond grew up in Chicago; Marie is from Rochester, Michigan.

Raymond said they had always had a good heart-to-heart connection, and when they began dating, they hit it off immediately.

“It’s a little bit magical,” Raymond said. “We’re both at the right time in our life to appreciate each other.”

In November 2013, the two decided to get married, but Marie still had Raymond propose when he gave her a ring.

They chose the Holiday Inn Chicago North Shore/Skokie to host the May 25 wedding; they had the ceremony in the atrium of the hotel, and the reception in its adjoining banquet and conference center.

Making sure their day was full of laughter was important to Raymond. He made a late, light-hearted entrance to “Get Me to the Church on Time” from the musical “My Fair Lady,” which had guests clapping.

Raymond also wanted to do the glass breaking ritual — a staple at Jewish ceremonies — which was jokingly referred to as “the last time I got to put my foot down.”

Working with a navy and pink color scheme, Marie had a navy sash on her Lazaro dress, pink sashes were used on chairs and pink runners on tables. They used cherry blossoms in decor, which were special because they’re available for a short window of time.

To surprise their guests, Marie and Raymond found a dance studio where they could take lessons at night and learned a choreographed first dance to “You Light Up My Life.”

The couple said their friendly, hospitable group of family and friends seemed to feel at ease and enjoy the day.

“I have never seen my family dance so much,” Marie said. “It was an awesome evening.”

See more photos at:

Contact Renee Lee at rlee@bouquetcatcher.com or 312-651-6613 to share your wedding story. Facebook.com/BouquetCatcher Twitter @BouquetCatcher Pinterest.com/BouquetCatcher
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**Interior Define + Stock Manufacturing Co. pillows**

The Chicago-based, made-to-order furniture line has teamed up with the local men’s clothier to create a collection of pillows designed to be “fluffy, affordable and manly” — think stripes, camo and dots. Pick one or mix and match several patterns to create the ultimate bachelor pad. Starting at $50. 2027 W. North; Interiordefine.com.

**Luxury Garage Sale’s Chanel private sale**

Fashionistas, get ready to click: The locally based consignment shop is launching a flash sale on hundreds of new Chanel pieces, as well as discounted rates on their existing Chanel inventory. The date is top secret — shoppers will be notified by email when the sale goes live. Items start at $150. 1658 N. Wells; sign up for the sale alert at Luxurygaragesale.com.

**Equinox sampler**

Throughout August, the fitness mecca is offering lakeside classes, like Vinyasa Flow and Power Flow yoga, at Oak Street Beach Food + Drink, meaning you can sweat it out while soaking in some of the sweetest views in the city. Best of all, you can snag a specialty cocktail following each week’s class. Free, 1001 N. Lake Shore. Space is limited; visit Facebook.com/equinoxchicago to sign up.

**Sarah Wayne Callies**

lit up the room at the W New York-Downtown during her Splash photo shoot. The former “The Walking Dead” and “Prison Break” actress laughed, blew kisses and posed for the camera.

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Place: The Magnificent Mile, from 401 N. Michigan to 900 N. Michigan
Cost: Free. For more information, visit themagnificentmile.com.

August 22

A MAGNIFICENT TASTE
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Time: 5:30-8:30 p.m.
Place: Pioneer Court, 401 N. Michigan
Cost: $125 general admission, $200 VIP includes a meet-and-greet with Talbot. For tickets, visit Events.commonthreads.org/eventdetails.aspx?eventid=143.

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CHICAGO SOLDIERS GOLF OUTING
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and Harris Theater are sold out, but you can still catch the opening night simulcast and Saturday night's grand finale performance. Both at Pritzker Pavilion.

Place: Pritzker Pavilion in Millennium Park, 201 E. Randolph
Cost: Free. For more information, visit ChicagoDancingFestival.com.

Aug 20

FLYWHEEL FUNDRAISER FOR COMMON THREADS
Get fit for a cause at Flywheel Chicago's benefit class for Common Threads. Reserve a bike for the 45-minute ride, led by top instructor Candy Morales, and score a gift certificate for one of Chicago's best restaurants (think Big Star, Boarding House, Allium and Le Colonial). Post-workout, indulge in wine from Good Vines and healthy snacks from Marianos and scoop up raffle tickets for the chance to win Flywheel classes, a signed Art Smith book, tickets to Common Threads events and more.

Time: 8:30 p.m.
Place: Flywheel Chicago, 710 N. State
Cost: $50 for a bike reservation. To sign up, visit Events.commonthreads.org/eventdetails.aspx?eventid=143.

Aug 20-23

CHICAGO DANCING FESTIVAL
This annual four-day fest celebrates all things dance with performances from a range of companies, including local favorites Hubbard Street and the Joffrey Ballet, and national stars such as Martha Graham Dance Company, the Juilliard School and dancers from Washington Ballet Brooklyn. Events at the MCA and Harris Theater are sold out, but you can still catch the opening night simulcast and Saturday night's grand finale performance. Both at Pritzker Pavilion.

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Cost: Free. For more information, visit ChicagoDancingFestival.com.
Time: 8 a.m.
Place: Meadows Golf Course, 2802 123rd, Blue Island
Cost: $100 per golfer. To reserve a tee time, email Dan Drew at Dan@jarnesindustriesinc.com.

August 21
- **BACON, SPORTS & BEER CELEBRATION**
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  **Time:** 3-6 p.m.
  **Place:** The Great Hall in Union Station, 225 S. Canal
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- **BATTLE BUDDY BOWLING**
  Roll out to Wheaton for this afternoon event, which features a bowling challenge (with help and video analyses from pro bowler Bill Spigner), pizza buffet and a slew of raffle prizes, including sports memorabilia and gift certificates to restaurants like Harry Caray's. Funds raised benefit the Puppy Rescue Mission, which works to help military troops reconnect with the four-legged friends they bonded with while in war zones and bring them to the US.
  **Time:** 1:30 p.m. check-in, 2 p.m. games
  **Place:** Fox Bowl, 1101 Butterfield, Wheaton
  **Cost:** $25 adults, $15 kids 12 and under. For tickets, visit Facebook.com/events/642256912518230/

- **CHICAGO FRINGE FESTIVAL**
  Asging to bring theater to non-traditional theater areas in Chicago, this year the annual Fringe Festival posts up in Jefferson Park, presenting 200 performances in 50 shows in five different venues. Plays range from dramatic to comedic and from solo shows to ensembles, and all feature up-and-coming, boundary-pushing artists.
  **Time:** Thursday-Friday noon-11:30 p.m., Saturday-Sunday 11:30 a.m.-9:30 p.m.
  **Place:** Venues across Jefferson Park
  **Cost:** $10 per show, five-show package $45, 10-show package $80, unlimited pass $175
  For tickets, visit Chicagofringe.org.

- **CHICAGO JAZZ FESTIVAL**
  The 35th annual event sends summer out on a high note with four days of free performances from some of the best jazz musicians in the world, including headliners such as Sun Ra Arkestra, Ravi Coltrane, Rufus Reid and Cecile McLorin Salvant. The fest kicks off on Thursday with shows at three different venues, and Millennium Park plays host for the rest of the weekend.
  **Time:** Thursday-Friday noon-9:30 p.m., Saturday-Sunday 11:30 a.m.-9:30 p.m.
  **Place:** Cultural Center, 78 E. Washington; Roosevelt University Ganz Hall, 403 S. Michigan; Millennium Park, 201 E. Randolph
  **Cost:** Free. For a full lineup of performances, visit Chicagojazzfestival.com

- **NORTH COAST MUSIC FESTIVAL**
  Snoop Dogg, Kid Cudi and Bassnectar headline a lineup that also includes Chicago natives Wild Belle and Ghosthouse at this fifth annual festival, which showcases an eclectic mix of house, hip-hop, electronic, jamband and indie rock musicians. With more than 20 after-party events happening around town, too, you can get a full festival fix before the season comes to a close.
  **Time:** Friday 3 p.m., Saturday-Sunday 12 p.m.
  **Place:** Union Park, 1501 W. Randolph
  **Cost:** $69 for single-day passes, $189 three-day passes, $279 VIP three-day passes. For tickets, visit Northcoastfestival.com

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Left: Macy's CEO Terry Lundgren and Andrea Schwartz greet iHeart Radio 2013 contest winners Before You Exit.

Marl Agory and Paul Anthony

Rock city

From a high-energy red carpet to an hour-long runway show that opened with snowflakes coming down on nearly 1,500 guests, Macy's Passport Presents Glamorama got Chicagoans thinking fall fashion. Guests packed Harris Theater (205 E. Randolph) Aug. 8 for the sold-out show, themed “Fashion Rocks,” where designs from International Concepts, Calvin Klein, Ryan Seacrest Distinction and more were sent down the runway. The crowd cheered on a group of young performers modeling Hello Kitty fashions and went wild for the show’s famed Diesel segment, in which male models strutted their stuff—and showed a little skin. Pop star Jason Derulo got the audience on their feet when he closed the show with a performance of his biggest hits, including “Talk Dirty” and “Wiggle.” Later, partygoers moved to the theater’s rooftop terrace, where they filled up on food inspired by Macy’s Culinary Council Chef Stephanie Izard and enjoyed a braid bar and makeup stations by Red 7 Salon and Lancôme. The evening raised nearly $200,000 for the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Chicago and Northwest Indiana. —Katerina Bizios

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Ronald McDonald House Ambassador 2014 Samantha Roberson and Doug Porter
Here's a sneak peek at one of summer's hottest fashion statements: cutouts. Designers fully embraced the trend with this year's resort collections — Proenza Schouler opted for subtle slivers of skin peeking through structured dresses, while Michael Kors put a modern twist on flowing maxi dresses with classic keyholes. We love sleek backless tops and daring bodycon dresses with ab-flaunting peekaboos, but any way you slice it, cutouts are a sexy addition to any wardrobe.
High fashion and fundraising came together Aug. 11 at The Service Club of Chicago's annual Day on the Terrace luncheon. Co-chairs Jean Antoniou, Sharyl Mackey, Sheila O'Grady and Tracey Tarantino DiBuono welcomed guests to the Peninsula Chicago (108 E. Superior) ballroom for lunch, a raffle and the much-anticipated fashion show themed "City on the Move." Guests applauded as each model moved down the catwalk in fashions provided by Azeza, CH Carolina Herrera, Dolce & Gabbana, Escada, Lulu's on the Avenue, Maximilian Furs at Bloomingdale's, Neiman Marcus, Vera Wang, Black Tie Formalwear, Ike Behar and Tom James. Proceeds from the afternoon will benefit The Service Club of Chicago's Philanthropic Grant Program, which assists a wide array of local charities. —Katerina Bizios

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International travel just got an upgrade: Emirates introduced a nonstop flight from Chicago to Dubai — the airline's ninth U.S. gateway — Aug. 5, and to celebrate, Emirates Executive Vice President and Chief Operations Officer Adel Al Redha welcomed more than 500 guests to Navy Pier (600 E. Grand) Aug. 6. Attendees were greeted by a winding red carpet and an Emirates cabin crew that doled out hand towels, dates, Arabic coffee and Champagne. Local TV personality Brittany Payton emceed the dinner and introduced violin troupe Ken Arlen's Sirens and a surprise performer: award-winning singer/songwriter Lionel Richie, who drew guests to the stage and performed late into the night. —Katerina Bizios

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Wine & dine

Enophiles came together at Terlato Wines' inaugural The Secret Table pop-up dinner Aug. 6. The Terlato family welcomed guests to Chez (247 E. Ontario) for a tasty three-course meal crafted by TWO (1132 W. Grand) chef Tom Van Lente, paired with a variety of wines and the evening's signature "Secret Garden" cocktail, a blend of Prosecco and Langley's No. 8 Gin. Though it was an intimate affair, guests were encouraged to share the evening via social media with the hashtag #TheSecretTable — some guests had even won their seats by entering a contest on the brand's Santa Margherita Facebook page. — Katerina Bizios

PHOTOS BY ERIC RADEMACHER
Chef Rodelio Aglibot in action

Must-try dishes: Asian flavors, combined with a modern American sensibility, are especially obvious in some of the raw dishes on Reverie's menu. Where else can you find a sports bar that serves hamachi sashimi with pickled tomato and jalapeño, first-press olive oil and yuzu ($16)? And in a welcome twist on an overdone trend, Aglibot's crispy Brussels sprouts and kale come with minced shrimp, a sweet/spicy chili vinaigrette and a generous dose of shallots for extra savory flavor ($13).

Go fish: Enviably, Aglibot has a full sushi bar set up in his apartment, where he regularly hosts parties for friends. He's been experimenting lately with a type of sushi that he calls "warm rice nigiri." It changes the whole essence of the fish — it melts in your mouth," he explains. It's not on the menu (yet), but Aglibot plans to go behind the sushi bar himself on Monday and Tuesday nights when the restaurant is quiet to slowly introduce this treat to Chicagoans. "I guarantee people will fall for it.

Game time: "We don't have a Jumbotron with a bunch of screens connected," laughs Aglibot. But Reverie is still a sports lover's paradise, with a state-of-the-art AV system that spans the walls. Lighting installations around the TVs change color to fit the mood, and if a game isn't on, the space takes on a cool, romantic vibe, with screens broadcasting underwater scenes. The upstairs lounge is equally sleek and stylish, but not overly hip. "Not clubby — that was important for us," emphasizes Aglibot. "It's a gathering place that doesn't have to be someplace you can only go to after midnight."
As Hollywood continues to turn books into blockbusters, doing your required middle-school reading has never been more important for an up-and-coming actor. But Brenton Thwaites and Odeya Rush, the stars of the latest novel-turned-movie, “The Giver,” must have missed the memo — before auditioning for the flick, neither had read Lois Lowry’s beloved Newbery Medal-winning book. In the duo’s defense, both grew up out of the country — Thwaites, 25, in Australia and Rush, 17, in Israel — and both picked up the tome later when they landed their respective roles.

For those who skipped their grade-school homework or simply need a refresher, “The Giver” takes place in a post-apocalyptic utopian society that focuses on the principles of total obedience and “sameness”: Differences are abolished, color is removed and emotions — including love — have ceased to exist. Released Aug. 15, the film adaptation stars Jeff Bridges, Meryl Streep, Katie Holmes and Alexander Skarsgård, but it’s Thwaites and Rush who take center stage. Thwaites stars as Jonas, a young boy chosen by Bridges to be the next Receiver of Memories, responsible for learning and harboring the secrets of his society’s past. Rush plays Fiona, a young woman who Jonas begins to fall for after he stops taking his emotion-suppressing injections, leading him to revolt against the system and its chief elder (Streep).

Adapting a popular novel came with a fair amount of stress for Thwaites. “The book is loved by so many people,” he says. “Now that [the movie] is coming out, there’s pressure to see if they agree with it or like it.” Fortunately, the actor knows a thing or two about pressure, having kick-started his career on the uber-popular Australian soap “Home and Away” (the same show that launched Heath Ledger, Isla Fisher and Chris Hemsworth) as ladies’ man Sm Henderson in 2011. Last April, he took the big screen in the horror flick “ Oculus,” followed by an appearance as Prince Phillip in the mega-hit “Maleficent”; later this year, he’ll play a prison inmate opposite Ewan McGregor in “Son of a Gun.”

For her part, Rush has always been up for a challenge: As an 8-year-old in Haifa, Israel, she’d write and perform plays, often wrangling her toddler-aged brothers to play female roles. “I’d make them sign contracts to be in my plays because they’d just leave in the middle,” she remembers, laughing. “Later, when they were 8 or 9, they didn’t want to play girls anymore. So I had to write a play called ‘The Secret Ninja,’ which I’m not very proud of. They’d be like, ‘Oh, I’m hungry,’ so in every single scene they had to be eating.”

With six brothers, Rush is used to hanging with the guys, so it’s not surprising that she and Thwaites forged an instant connection on “The Giver” set. In person, the duo’s dynamic is more sibling-like than anything else: They’re constantly smiling and laughing (she even punches him playfully during our photo shoot at the Four Seasons Chicago [120 E. Delaware]) and recalling their favorite moments from filming. “In South Africa, Brenton and Jeff [Bridges] would play [guitar] and I would sing out of key,” remembers Rush. Thwaites chimes in, “You’re a great singer — she’s a great singer!” Rush laughs and adds, “I’m really not... [But] I sing with heart and passion, and that’s what counts!”

A NOVEL ROMANCE

BRENTON THWAITES & ODEYA RUSH STEAL THE SCREEN WITH THEIR STAR-CROSSED LOVE IN ‘THE GIVER’

BY ZAK STEMER • PHOTOS BY KIRSTEN MICCOLI

EARLY ROLES

• “When I lived in Alabama, I did ‘Steel Magnolias,’ but I could barely speak English, so they gave me the smallest part. I had to have a Southern accent, but I still had my Israeli accent and I was just learning English, but somehow I did it,” laughs Rush.

• “I did short films with my family. I played an assassin in one, a kid who got eaten by a monster in another. Just crazy cool stuff you do as a kid,” remembers Thwaites.

SECRET SOFTIE

“‘To be honest, I do love romance,” Thwaites confesses. “Love stories, I think, are the most powerful stories.”

GUilty pleasures

• “Dark Swiss chocolate with a nice Argentinian malbec,” says Thwaites.

• “I had a thing with ’Toddlers & Tiaras’ for a little bit, just because it makes you feel really good about yourself when you watch those shows,” jokes Rush.

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For more photos from our fun shoot with Thwaites and Rush, go to Chicagosplash.com.

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'The Walking Dead' and 'Prison Break' star Sarah Wayne Callies on wild tornadoes, working with refugees and her wondrous resurrections

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ormally it'd be a miracle if someone came back from the dead, but for Sarah Wayne Callies, it's just another day at the office. The La Grange-born actress's two most recognizable characters, 'Prison Break's' Dr. Sara Tancredi and 'The Walking Dead's' Lori Grimes, were both killed off — by decapitation during a failed rescue attempt and by childbirth, respectively — and, subsequently, both miraculously revived. (In the case of 2005's 'Break,' legions of loyal fans revolted, sending waves of emails to FOX until it was revealed that Tancredi's death was faked; in 'Walking Dead,' Grimes began reappearing in her husband's visions.) "Apparently my fans have as much power as Jesus to resurrect people from the dead," jokes Callies. "It's amazing."

This month, Callies steps into an equally perilous role, appearing as weather researcher Allison Stone in the new thriller "Into the Storm," released Aug. 8. In the film, the actress finds herself in a van of storm chasers, driving into what she dramatically describes as a storm "bigger than any that's ever been."

To prep for the role, Callies studied weather patterns and tuned into The Weather Channel before heading off to set each day. "There was a time [while we were shooting] that I could have explained all sorts of things like low pressure systems and the formation of tornadoes," she says. "I was quite fluent in all of that."

Now, devoted fans will get the chance to chat with Callies face-to-face about the new film and her past projects when she comes to town for Wizard World Chicago (our city's version of ComicCon) Aug. 22-24 (weekend tickets start at $50, available at Wizardworld.com). The convention affords the 37-year-old actress a long-overdue homecoming. While she was born in La Grange, Callies left as an infant and was raised in Honolulu, Hawaii. It was on the island where she landed her first acting gig as a child: the role of courtier in "Once Upon a Mattress" (a rendition of the classic "Princess and the Pea").

But even after climbing to more regal roles, Callies wasn't convinced acting was for her. "To me, it's what [addiction] is to some people," she says. "I kept trying to give it up. I kept going; [Acting] is no good for me. This is no kind of life. There's no stability in this, there's no money in this — I just gotta do one more play and then I promise I'll stop." Fortunately she didn't: After graduating from Dartmouth in 1999, Callies took the stage with the Denver National Theater Conservatory, where she earned her Master of Fine Arts in 2002.

Since her days as princess Cinderella, Callies has sought progressively tougher, stronger roles. She got her big break in 2003, when she was tapped to play NYPD detective Jane Porter in the TV adaptation of "Tarzan." Although the show only lasted eight episodes, it was enough to get her noticed and cast for "Prison Break," which shot its first season here in Chicago. "I moved to Wicker Park and loved it so much that I bought the apartment when I left," she says. "I still harbor hopes that [I'll come back]."

Currently, the actress is based in British Columbia, where she lives with her husband of 12 years, Josh Winterholt, and their 7-year-old daughter Keala on a remote corner of an island. "We're sort of at the end of the world here," she says. "The cable guy came at one point and we like, 'I can't even get you cable out here.' That means that she's stopping tuning in to "The Walking Dead" — though she occasionally gets updates from her former castmates, she insists she's as in the dark as fan about the upcoming season.
There’s another reason she’s turned off the TV. “Walking Dead” marks the first time Callies has left a program that’s continued on without her, giving the actress understandably mixed emotions. “When I miss the show — and I do miss the show — I find that I miss the show with the gang of us who started it,” she says. “I miss that fun pocket where a bunch of artists that nobody had really heard of came together to tell this crazy story and everybody thought we were nuts. We were just holding our breath, crossing our fingers that we might get renewed for another season. That’s the show I miss.”

To Callies, “Walking Dead” was about more than an apocalypse — she saw a deeper subtext. For more than a decade, she’s been an advocate for the International Rescue Committee, an organization dedicated to helping refugees, and it gave her a different perspective on the series. In a video on the IRC’s website, she explains, “We started talking about the ways in which it was not a zombie show. And what we started to recognize is that it’s actually a refugee show.”

The IRC is a cause close to the actress’ heart — and one that has roots in her family tree. Her grandfather was a refugee from Transylvania during the “White Terror” of World War II and fled to Ellis Island when he was 8. “He had what could be considered a hard landing,” says Callies. Though his start might have been shaky, he eventually landed on his feet in Chicago, running an Arthur Murray Dance Center and working with famed foot tappers Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers. Within one generation, his daughter (Callies’ mom) earned a Ph.D. at the University of Chicago and became a Shakespeare professor. Now, Callies is out to make the path smoother for future immigrants: “There are a lot of refugees showing up in the U.S. and I thought, ‘Wouldn’t it be cool if I got to be part of that process?’” she says.

Callies hasn’t taken a passive approach to her philanthropy — in January 2013, she spent weeks at the Domiz camp, a particularly rough Syrian refugee haven in Iraq. She interviewed residents and got firsthand accounts of refugee realities, including tent cities, where 16-person families were crammed into two-bedroom tents and where contaminated water caused rampant disease.

Last year, Callies leveraged her “Walking Dead” fame and turned her experiences into a series of articles on The Huffington Post, writing about the dire situation — but approaching the serious topic with her characteristic honesty and levity. Take, for example, one article about the Domiz camp that begins, “Darfur got George Clooney. Haiti got Sean Penn. Cambodia got Angelina Jolie. The Syrian Kurds got me, Sarah Wayne Callies. That is the simplest and most direct metric I know to convey how bad it is for them right now.”

Callies applies that mix of candor, humility and charm to each of her projects, whether she’s playing a detective, doctor, storm chaser or being a real-life hero. She attributes it all to her upbringing back in Honolulu. “We have a phrase [in Hawaii], ironically, that’s ‘Don’t act,’” she says. “It doesn’t mean don’t become a professional actor. It means don’t act like you’re more than you are — and don’t act like you’re better than anybody else.”
The on-the-rise actress scores her first feature film role

BY ELLE EICHINGER

If you haven't heard McKenzie Chinns name just yet, take note. With a leading role in Steppenwolf's "Hushabye" and a small but mighty part in the upcoming Chicago-produced feature film "Hogtown," (director Daniel Nearing calls her 'a force of nature'), Chinn, 30, is staking her claim as a bona fide actress.

Road to the stage

"At Catholic school, we did a big Christmas pageant, and the first graders did a nativity play. Every little girl wanted to be Mary and I wasn't chosen. I remember feeling very shortchanged. I [saw] my first professional play when I was 10, it was 'Blues for an Alabama Sky' by Pearl Cleage, and Phylicia Rashad was in it and it was riveting. [But] it wasn't until high school that I became really hyper-focused on acting." 

Role call

"[My character in 'Hushabye'] is Erika, a young woman just out of rehab. The play follows this time when she's trying to learn how to put one foot in front of the other again, to rebuild herself. It's about her family also, and the bad decisions we make and how to move forward from those decisions."

In character

"It starts with the script; that's the blueprint for building the character. I look for clues - what is definitely true - then what can I infer about the character by what she says. What other characters say about her. Beyond that, I think about what the character ultimately needs, what is driving her, what is she fighting for? That's the spine of any character."

Stage vs. screen

"They're as different as they can possibly be. [In film] there's a lot more intensity wrapped up in a much shorter period of time - it required me to do a lot of the discovering [beforehand] and have a plan before going on to the set, because we don't have weeks to rehearse. On stage it's this long, luxuriant experience [in which] things evolve over time."

Dream collaborators

"There are a lot of Chicago actors I would love to work with, [such as Steppenwolf's] Karen Adridge and Kirsten Fitzgerald. In terms of film, I could never forget Phylicia Rashad - that would feel like coming full circle."

Down time

"I do a lot of writing - I keep a blog and have been doing some performance writing, trying my hand at different things. And I got married less than a year ago, my husband's a musician. Every once in a while we find time to go out and be normal married people."

See Chinn on the Steppenwolf stage through Aug. 24 and in "Hogtown," playing at the Gene Siskel Film Center (164 N. State) Aug. 25 at 8 p.m.
For many families, the start of a new school year signals the search for a new home — and rather than the standard location must-haves like Lake Michigan views and proximity to work, parents are putting school districts at the top of their priority lists. Those who do their research know which of CPS' neighborhood schools (schools that don't require testing for admission) have the best reputations, and seek out properties in those areas.

“There’s a huge difference when it comes to houses for sale in what are considered the ‘good’ school districts,” says 1123 W. Monroe listing agent Armando Chacon (Century 21, call 312-455-1322), himself a neighborhood resident and member of the Local School Council. “But it still provides a nurturing and comfortable environment. It’s a combination that has served the school, and the West Loop, very well.”

THE SCHOOL:
Skinner West Elementary School, 1260 W. Adams

Skinner West, which has both a magnet cluster/classical program that students must test into and a neighborhood program, ranked sixth statewide in the Sun-Times' 2013 list. The K-8 school is housed in a state-of-the-art, 101,000-square-foot building that opened in fall 2009 with features like a green roof irrigated by a reclaimed water tank, outdoor classrooms that connect the school to an adjacent park, art rooms and science labs.

“This school means business and pushes kids to academic excellence,” says 1123 W. Monroe listing agent Armando Chacon (Century 21, call 312-455-1322), himself a neighborhood resident and member of the Local School Council. “But it still provides a nurturing and comfortable environment. It’s a combination that has served the school, and the West Loop, very well.”

THE HOME: 1123 W. Monroe

Two blocks from Skinner West is this 2,700-square-foot, three-bedroom, 3.1-bath West Loop townhome, on the market for $769,000. It's a short walk from recently remodeled Mary Bartelme Park (which has an ADA-accessible play lot, dog park and massive steel sculpture that sprays a cooling mist in warm months), Union Park and an ever-growing list of trendy restaurants.

The property features a first-floor family room, balcony and bath on the main level, eat-in kitchen and two ensuite bedrooms. A private drive for the complex provides access to a two-car garage and is a popular spot for children who live in the development to ride bicycles.

“This is a quiet street, but it’s in the heart of everything,” Chacon says. "More and more families want to live in the West Loop — there aren’t enough three-plus bedroom units to satisfy demand.”

THE SCHOOL:
Oriole Park Elementary School, 5424 N. Oketo

Oriole Park is a much-loved school in this Northwest Side neighborhood, with a principal and teachers who are consistently praised for creating a supportive environment and high level of parent involvement. An overcrowding problem will soon be relieved thanks to a $20 million annex scheduled for completion for the 2015-16 school year that will add 15 classrooms, plus a new lunchroom, library and computer and science labs.

THE HOME: 7644 W. Catalpa

Just a five-minute walk from the school is this three-bedroom, 3.1-bath home, on the market for $549,000. The home sits on a 40-foot-by-125-foot lot and has a large deck off the first floor and a balcony off the master bedroom. Other features include nine-foot ceilings, modern kitchen and bath fixtures, hardwood floors throughout and a two-car garage with carport. The location is perfect for commuters, too, as it's minutes from the Kennedy Expressway, the Harlem Blue Line stop and the Metra's Union Pacific/Northwest line.
to be in the Lincoln school district," says Sharon Chen, the listing agent for 1633 N. Vine (@properties, call 312-952-9516).

THE HOME: 1633 N. Vine

About a mile from the school is this three-bedroom, three-bath townhome. Fortunately, not all Lincoln Park properties come with million-dollar price tags. This home has three fireplaces, a private roof deck with skyline views, a prime location short distances from the Old Town neighborhood, Clybourn Corridor shopping and Halsted Street and a list price of $669,000. Chen says this a great property for a small family looking for extra room. "There's a patio in addition to the rooftop deck, and a family room to use as a play space."

This address is also ideal for forward-thinking families, who can take advantage of close proximity to the new Barack Obama High School. The selective-enrollment school will be built next year at the intersection of Division and Halsted, and soon thereafter should begin accepting students for the 2017-18 school year.

THE SCHOOL: Abraham Lincoln Elementary School, 615 W. Kemper

Abraham Lincoln Elementary School offers both a gifted program and a neighborhood program, and it's home to Ecole Franco-Américaine de Chicago, a tuition-based program with a French government-approved curriculum. It also boasts a well-regarded music education program run by parent volunteers, and by the 2015-16 school year, its $20 million, three-story expansion will add classrooms, music rooms, a computer lab and a rooftop playground. "Most of my showings are families who want

THE SCHOOL: South Loop Elementary School, 1212 S. Plymouth

"South Loop Elementary School is very highly regarded within the Chicago Public School System," says Erin Ward, a broker with Related Realty and a sales and marketing partner for 1201 S. Prairie (call 312-662-1900). "Plus, it's a neighborhood school — children can walk to school and will be in class with friends from the neighborhood."

The pre-K to eighth-grade South Loop Elementary has grown along with the neighborhood, making significant improvements over the last decade in standardized test scores to put it among the top-ranking schools in the city. It's also got more than 40 impressive arts and after-school programs, including partnerships with cultural institutions such as the Chicago Children's Choir, Lookingglass Theatre and Hyde Park Arts Center.

THE HOME: 1201 S. Prairie, unit 3701

This $4-story condo tower has it all: stunning views, walking distance to downtown shopping, restaurants and offices and an address in the South Loop Elementary School district. Available units here range from $321,000 over to $2 million; this particular unit goes for $1.49 million.

"One of the hallmarks of the South Loop is all the great things it offers for kids," says Ward. "It's like having a giant playground out your front door, with the lakefront, Grant Park and Millennium Park all so accessible, not to mention the Museum Campus and other cultural venues that are great for children."

All the residences at The Grant feature private balconies, nine-foot ceilings and floor-to-ceiling windows. Family-friendly amenities within the building include an indoor pool, home theater room and children's playroom. Unit 3701 is a 3,000-square-foot, three-bedroom, three-bath property. "The unit lives like a single-family home that's all on one floor," says Ward. The Signature package — included at this price point — includes engineered flooring and Wolf, Bosch and Sub-Zero appliances in a chef's kitchen where grown-ups can cook while keeping an eye on kids in the adjacent family room.

THE SCHOOL: Bell Elementary School, 3730 N. Oakley

The in-demand Bell Elementary School boasts three programs for students in pre-K through eighth grade: neighborhood, regional gifted and deaf/hard of hearing (both Chinese and American Sign Language are offered to students in all three programs). High standardized test scores and art and music programming, plus lots of extracurricular activities, mean both kids and parents are pleased. "This is a great family neighborhood, and Bell school is what made that happen," says Avi Ron, the listing agent/builder for 3627 N. Campbell.

THE HOME: 3627 N. Campbell

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In a town teeming with theaters, Boyd Harris and Layne Manzer are betting they can bring something new to the table.

**BY THOMAS CONNORS**

Boyd Harris didn’t stand a chance. With an aunt in the theater — actress Moira Harris, a member of Steppenwolf and wife of Gary Sinise — and a mother who took him regularly to Steppenwolf and Remains Theatre, it’s not surprising that the kid who grew up in the 1500 block of Mohawk would take to the stage himself. He’s worked with renowned director Austin Pendleton, appeared in David Cromer’s “Picnic” and now, at age 33, he’s launched his own company: Cole Theatre. “By virtue of working across the spectrum of Chicago theaters, I’ve become aware that there are a lot of hard-working and talented artists with impactful voices who are either unrecognized or undervalued,” says Harris. “Cole Theatre was made to be a place for those artists.”

Harris began laying the groundwork for the operation two years ago, then turned to fellow performers Layne Manzer to get the company up and running. Like Harris, Manzer is no novice, having already co-founded another Chicago company, The Plagiarists. “We’re two guys who were a couple of kids fresh out of an undergrad theater program.”

Too many times we see artists break through a ceiling in their careers and get recycled in the same roles,” adds Manzer. “There’s still so much talent on the storefront stages that is not being utilized, and we aspire to continue to challenge these artists to step into roles, and design shows, that push them to reach a little further, to broaden their comfort zone. To me, that’s the type of theater that is compelling to audiences and rewarding to artists.”

Cole’s premiere outing is a production of “Ecstasy,” a gritty, blokes-on-a-bender work by Academy Award-nominated director Mike Leigh. First performed in Britain in 1979, the show hasn’t been seen in Chicago since 1997. “It’s smart, fun and topical, but also unnerving and heartbreaking,” says Harris. “I love it because it’s a simple story that effectively becomes about so many different things: love, friendship, poverty, racism, the pervasiveness of functional and non-functional alcoholism and what makes up abusive and healthy relationships. All of these connect to our mission to tell interesting, thoughtful, relevant stories that seek to illuminate the joy, horror, humor, sadness, triviality and love within the worlds we have constructed, or those that have been constructed for us.”

**ECSTASY**

$10-$25. Aug. 21-Sept. 28. A Red Orchid Theatre, 1531 N. Wells. For tickets, call (773) 774-6821 or visit ColeTheatre.org
LET IT GO

BY JENNY MCCARTHY

Every single one of us, at one time or another, has held a grudge against someone — it's human nature. It's just so much easier to be bitter about something than to let it blow over, but we're not doing ourselves any favors by holding onto those grudges, no matter how big or small they may be. While it's easier said than done to forgive and forget, it's always best to at least try and, of course, to try not to sweat the small stuff, and keep in mind that moving forward. Once you've let it go, you're back at square one.

The most important part of letting go of a grudge is moving forward. Once you've chosen to forgive or move on, don't allow the grudge to creep back in. Never try to rehash the situation, because it will only bring back all of the negative feelings — and then you're back at square one.

Try not to sweat the small stuff, and keep in mind that we're all human and we're all going to make mistakes, what really matters is how we handle ourselves when those mistakes are made.

What are some ways you've dealt with your own grudges? Did you get over them or are you still holding on and why?
TRISHA GAURI & TIM MATTHEWS

BY KRISTIN J. LARSON

Trisha Gauri and Tim Matthews' wedding joined not just two families but also two cultures, as the pair celebrated with dual ceremonies: a Hindu blessing honoring the bride's heritage July 12 and a more modern affair at the Sofitel Chicago (20 E. Chestnut) July 18. "I'm the only girl in my family and it's tradition for the girl to have a big, elaborate blessing," says Gauri. "We chose the Sofitel in honor of my dad. It was his favorite hotel and he passed away a few years ago."

Honoring family and cultural traditions was of the utmost importance to Gauri, an elementary school teacher, and Matthews, a director of sales for Xerox. "Tim is Irish and Italian, but he totally embraces our Indian culture," she says. That meant partaking in several Indian ceremonies, including baraat for Matthews — a tradition which saw him riding into the blessing ceremony on horseback — and a henna party for Gauri, where she and her close friends had their hands elaborately painted. "It was fun to see our guests in Indian clothes, dancing to different music," says Matthews.

The next week, the couple exchanged vows at the Sofitel in front of 150 guests — and the ceremony had a totally different aesthetic. "The Indian wedding was so bright, with pink and orange, but I'm more subtle personally, so I wanted that to play out in the Sofitel," she says. To achieve the understated look, she opted for a color scheme of mocha, charcoal and Champagne. Prior to the ceremony, the wedding party took photos around town and even got a few snaps with Chicago Bears quarterback Jay Cutler, who was hosting an event on North Avenue Beach.

"When you're planning, you think, 'Is it all worth it? Should we have spent all this money?' But it was all worth it — every penny," says Matthews.
Want to live in a new luxury building chock full of amenities? You’re in luck — if you’re looking to rent.

According to Appraisal Research, tower developers are expected to complete around 2,000 apartments this year and an estimated 3,700 in 2015. Meanwhile, new condo buildings are in short supply, especially outpaced by rental high-rises in trendy downtown neighborhoods.

That makes 4 East Elm — a Gold Coast condo tower developed by Convexity Properties, an affiliate of DRW real estate investments — a very unique property. Diverging from its glassy-boxed rental peers, the Solomon Cordwell Buenz-designed building features mammoth spaces, starting at 3,095-square-foot three bedrooms for $2.1 million and topping out at more than double the space for $7.2 million. (Call @properties, 312-542-1144.) Each of the 25 floors maxes out at two condos, and all are accoutered with top-of-the-line appliances, luxe, natural finishes and private outdoor space.

A fifth-floor landscaped sun deck features lounge space, an outdoor pool and spa; residents also share a fitness center and screening and lounge rooms outfitted by Gary Lee Partners, veteran designers of Gold Coast interiors. These communal amenities are reminiscent of successful trends hyped by rental-tower developers.

So why buck the high-flying rental trend and build condos? “There used to be only condos and then rentals. Now, I think people are starting to look at sites and developing accordingly,” says @properties founder Michael Golden, who manages sales for the building. “This one has great views and a great location; it’s a premium condo site.”

Tower power

Some forthcoming rental developments are testing the condo market. At the 500 West block of Webster, Sandz Development Co. transformed former Lincoln Park Hospital into apartments and is redeveloping one 12-story building into luxury condos, with sales starting later this year (call 773-791-0550 for information).

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Because without the work life balance and perspective that a holiday provides, you won't remain an effective executive.

"I was that guy checking email at the beach - not a good thing," says Scott Miller, a serial entrepreneur who in 2010 launched The Bee, a web-based financial application. "I just decided to take the risk." During a month-long family vacation in New Zealand while he was running a previous venture, Miller had absolutely no communication with his staff or clients. "I gave my staff our itinerary, but I wasn't going to make it easy for them to reach me. They handled issues on their own and made some great decisions."

Don't feel ready to take the plunge and revamp your management style? For your pre-vacation reading, scan these dozen top tips from seven entrepreneurs who know how to take a small business vacation.

**Get clients familiar with your proxies.** Don't let your email auto-responder be the one to tell your customers who to contact while you're on a two-week pleasure trip. "In the client contract we make it clear that my non-equity partner and contractors might get involved; transparency is important," says Erin Powers, owner of Powers Mediaworks, which represents law firms.

**Network it.** Network with other small firms in your industry and exchange resources when principals go on vacation. "It does require a high degree of trust to work with people who are occasionally your competitors," says Powers.

**Who will do your duties?** Enumerate and delegate your daily activities, one by one. Rob Jäger, principal of Hedgehog Consulting, advises: "Look for tasks that only you do. Ask yourself, is it critical that I do these tasks? Identify who on the team can perform them."

**Maximize opportunities for staff.** Make a virtue of your need to depend on your staff while you're away by asking your employees to do more. "It was great to see people step up and take more responsibility," says Miller. "Looking in the mirror, it was obvious that I had been holding that back."

**What would Socrates do?** Starting now, get in the habit of asking your staff lots of questions in the course of business. "Every time a problem or question comes up, a business owner should ask, 'What would you do if you couldn't get hold of me?'" says Jäger.

Practice, practice, practice. "Practice being hands-off for longer and longer stretches - even when you're in the office - to allow employees to get comfortable being in charge," says Kate Koziol, president of K Squared Communications.

Prepare for the worst case. "What's the worst that could happen? Take this not as a rhetorical question but as a challenge requiring a detailed, documented response. "Put contingency action plans into place for what staff should do if something goes wrong," says David Gammel, principal at High Context Consulting.

Meetings in brief. "While I'm away I don't do all the Monday meetings, but I do have the COO brief me on them," says Tracey Frost, owner of Citibabes, which operates membership centers that combine child care with adult fitness and related facilities.

Your admin keeps the trains running. "Behind every great entrepreneur is an amazing assistant who solves problems and handles things," says Yao-Hui Huang, CEO of Gigapixel Creative. "Your assistant can take messages, call you in a block of time, get the answers and get back to people."

Access when you're remote. "If you can't entirely avoid doing business while on holiday, consider making advance arrangements for virtual meetings and remote access to documents via secure download."

Smartphone as security blanket. "If no news is bad news to you, do bring your smartphone but set limits on its use: "In some ways the BlackBerry gives you more freedom when you go away; I'd be nervous if I were out of contact," says Frost.

Do a post-mortem. Debrief your team and critique yourself so that your next vacation is even more successful. Miller says if his preparations for vacation fell short in one area, it was business development. "When I returned, the sales pipeline wasn't as full as usual. I could have done a better job by loading the pipeline with more pre-sales activity."

Your small business vacation away from your business gives you the chance to learn some big lessons. Here's Gammel's teaching for entrepreneurs who are beyond the earliest stages of operation: "Owners should be working primarily on their business rather than in it."

Of course, it's difficult to imagine your bootstrapped enterprise carrying on while the owner is (you) is taking a vacation. Says Powers: "When you have your own business, it's hard to let go. But it becomes more comfortable over time." Miller also urges fellow entrepreneurs to get over it. "I thought it was going to be a huge deal, but it turned out not to be."
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The Lexus IS convertible is available with two different six-cylinder engines, a 204 horsepower 2.5-liter and a 306 horsepower 3.5-liter. My IS250C tester had the former, and featured the F-Sport package for a grand total of $50,734, including freight.

A convertible always benefits from a snappy color, and tester's Ultrasonic Blue Mica turned a lot of heads during the week loan.

Rather than having a canvas roof, this convertible is of the retractable hardtop variety. This arrangement has several advantages in security, durability, sound and weatherproofing, ease-of-use, and even aesthetics. Clearly the metal roof is more secure than a cloth top, and you don't have the eventual significant expense of replacing it down the road. When closed, the car is well insulated and very quiet inside. The doors shut solidly, and the side windows automatically move up to seal tighter.

Top operation is a one-touch affair, no latches to unlatch, and it even lowers all the windows for you simultaneously. For safety reasons, you do have to keep your finger on the button throughout the duration of the top opening, the trunk opening to accept the folding top, and the hard tonneau cover covering up the area behind the rear seat; the good news is this takes a mere 30 seconds to accomplish. The reverse is basically the same, though it doesn't close the windows for you. However, there is a separate "all" window switch so you don't even have to close them individually.

All this greatly increases the appeal of top-down motoring by making it so easy. Even some automatically stowing canvas tops will need an extra tug here or there so the cloth folds properly. And to have a cozy cabin when you want it, this is an all-weather car with no compromises. Well, except for trunk space. Like any hardtop convertible, that roof has to hide somewhere. There's always a slot at the rear available for a couple briefcases or so, but there is a rather complicated array of objects attached to the inside of the trunk, so some studying of the owner's manual will be required to figure out where you can load things and when.

Another nice thing about the IS250C is that it looks good with the roof closed. Traditional convertible tops are utilitarian; cars with those are not intended to look good with the top up. The IS250C has attractive coupe styling. It has the inevitable high-tailed look, with having to hide the roof in back, but designers integrated it into a wedge-shaped profile that tapers down gracefully at the rear. Cleverly, the rear deck has two character lines that trail off the rear roof corners, but with the tonneau cover in place, they evoke two pods tapering back from the cockpit like an old speedster. Nice touch.

Mechanically, the IS250C is Lexus impeccable. The 2.5-liter V6 is a proven unit, delivering smooth power through a flawlessly operating six-speed automatic. The only thing I can criticize is a fair amount of cowl shake. This is flex in the body you can see by the windshield frame oscillating when the car hits bumps, an age-old challenge in engineering a convertible. A fixed roof is part of the structure of a car; take that away and you lose rigidity. That said, having the IS250C roof closed reduces it, or at least makes it less noticeable. The firm F-Sport suspension kept this from translating into the IS250C feeling rubbery in corners. Lexus has been really pushing their F-Sport variants lately, and the package also added sporty visual touches like some great-looking dark chrome wheels that really wake up the IS convertible's styling.
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ZZ Top, Jeff Beck play at Ravinia

BY LILLI KUZMA
For Sun-Times Media

Music legends ZZ Top and Jeff Beck perform on a co-bill at Ravinia Festival in Highland Park, along with opener Tyler Bryant, on Aug. 28.

The iconic American trio, ZZ Top, famous for the members' long-flowing beards and hits like "La Grange," "Legs," and "Sharp Dressed Man," was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 2004. ZZ Top founding member and guitarist, Billy Gibbons, recently discussed the band and its music.

Q: You formed ZZ Top when you were 20 years old. You'll turn 65 at the end of the year. What has kept this band running so long and so successfully over the years?
A: The ZZ Top longevity secret isn't really a secret at all. You can see it for yourself when attending any one of the band's performances: it's about having a good time and that good time has continued more than four decades. There ain't a detour when it's rockin' night after night. Certainly so!

Q: Fame didn't come immediately to ZZ Top. Looking back now, as a Rock & Roll Hall of Famer, in a band that has achieved world-wide renown, top chart hits and gold records, did you ever doubt this band would be a success?
A: The combination of this three-guy trio felt exactly right from the very start. It was a natural assumption things would work out. The reality is there wasn't an awareness of any initial success as we were too busy touring. Let it be said the initial breakthrough came as quite a pleasant surprise.

Q: The iconic beards. What's the story?
A: "Evolve" may be the right word because these beards were not necessarily calculated. There and we hadn't seen each other for quite some time though we did keep in touch by phone in those pre-Internet days. When the band reconvened in the flesh, there was no shortage of an amazement seeing some rather impressive and luxuriant chin whiskers. It made the grade that the sprouts happened without specific consultation. It was like a match-made set of bookends to some extent. ZZ Top's fearless drummer of course, has the last name "Beard" so he's always been way ahead of the curve, at least conceptually.

Q: Is it true Jimi Hendrix taught you some guitar licks when you were 17? How big of an influence was Jimi on your music?
A: Yes, it's quite true. We share concert bills with him in our pre-ZZ group, The Moving Sidewalks. Jimi was a generous guy, fun-loving and sort of shy. However, Jimi's love of the guitar transcended all. There were things being done on his electric guitar that probably weren't being imagined by the designers. To say Jimi Hendrix had an influence is a slight understatement; there's Hendrix ... and then there's Hendrix.

Q: What is touring like now for you? Is it more relaxed?
A: The early days of making the rounds was standard. Existing in a van stuffed with beer and gear! ... Now the preference tends to lean toward travel by motor coach, more as a rolling apartment. More like staying "at home" while hitting the road. It's waaasyyy different.

Q: Your upcoming show at Ravinia has Jeff Beck on the bill. Two separate shows? Any collaboration with Beck?
A: Jeff will have a set, ZZ Top will have a set, but we'll definitely do some playing together. In essence, it's two concerts plus a bonus round.

Q: Any unmet goals? What's next?
A: We really enjoy acting on "Bones." The cast and crew are like a second family so we're looking forward to yet another season, as well as getting some new songs down on "wax" or whatever the medium of the moment happens to be.
Peacock records live at S.P.A.C.E.

BY BRUCE INGRAM
For Sun-Times Media

After taking a two-year hiatus after the birth of her twins (aside from posting a new song on YouTube each week for the yearlong Real Women/Real Songs project), Alice Peacock is back on the road.

Sort of. The singer/songwriter will record her first live album Aug. 23 at S.P.A.C.E. in Evanston, which will be followed by limited touring as family time allows.

She spoke a bit about how she finds time for music and two babies.

Q: Is this the first time you’re taking a non-time hiatus?
A: Yeah. I toured until I was eight months pregnant with Joe, my 4-year-old, and he came on the road with me right away as a baby, for a little while. But babies and green rooms and hotels and all that, it’s not the best combo. (Laughs) And with twins it becomes twice as complicated.

Q: Was it difficult to make the decision to start performing again?
A: Not really. It felt like a good time to come back. I was a little anxious, of course. Would I remember my material, how would it feel to be on stage again, and all that. But it really was like riding a bicycle. It felt great to be back.

Q: What songs are you planning to perform?
A: It will mainly be older stuff, but there will be some new songs as well. I’ve been doing this thing the past year called Real Women/Real Songs. There are 22 of us, I think, and we’re writing a new song every week, which is great. But the kicker is that you have to perform it and record it for YouTube. (Laughs) Now we’re about 30 weeks in and I’ve written 10 or 12 songs, so far, that I really like. Those might be on my next studio album. And we’ll probably do five or six of them and do those up at this gig.

Q: Why did you choose to come back with a live album?
A: Well, I’ve never done one. And people often tell me they enjoy my songs solo, acoustic style, and I’ve never recorded them stripped down that way. And I know it’s going to sound really good at S.P.A.C.E. If we don’t screw up. (Laughs) No pressure.

Q: Is there a certain amount of pressure involved? Or are you thinking of it as just another show?
A: If I really start thinking about it, I can get a little panicky. But my husband says I’m a good fourth-quarter player. So I’m trying not to stress too much about it.

I think being a mom is helping me feel less stressed about it. You know, this morning I was trying to get the kids out the door and somebody needed a new diaper and then somebody else spilled the goldfish crackers and then this and then that and we were an hour late. And finally I got them outside and one of them slipped in a mud puddle and we had to start over again. (Laughs) It’s helped me learn to roll with things. We’ll do the show and if we end up in the mud, oh well ...

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BY MYRNA PETLICKI
For Sun-Times Media

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Three days of live music, carnival rides, great food and activities for all ages are planned for Skokie's annual Backlot Bash, 6-10 p.m. Friday, Aug. 22; 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 23; and noon-8 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 24 in downtown Skokie.

There will be carnival rides along with family-friendly events at the Skokie Public Library and free film screenings at the Skokie Theatre.

For details, call (847) 673-0500 or go to www.skokie.org.

FOCUS ON FRIENDSHIP

Learn how friendships are made at a Back-to-School Storytime, 11 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 26 at the Old Orchard Barnes & Noble, 55 Old Orchard Center, Skokie. Children will hear "Peanut Butter & Cupcake" by Terry Border and participate in friendly activities.

For details, call (847) 676-2230 or go to www.barnesandnoble.com.

WHAT A WORKOUT

Dance, gymnastics skills and movement will help get kids ages 2-6 in shape at Let's Get Physical with My Gym, 10:30-11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 23 at the Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave. Program is presented by My Gym Children's Fitness Center of Skokie. Registration is required.

For details, call (847) 965-4220 or go to www.mgpl.org.

BIG JOB FOR SMALL GUY

An average Lego mini-figure named Emmet is drafted to join a quest to stop an evil tyrant in "The Lego Movie." The 100-minute, PG-rated animated film will be shown at 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 23 at the Niles Public Library, 6960 Oakton St.

For details, call (847) 663-1234 or go to www.nileslibrary.org.
Deep dish bro-mance: Owen Wilson and Zach Galifianakis in "Are You Here."

``Are You Here' explores dubious depths

BY BRUCE INGRAM
Film Critic

It's over-stuffed, over-complicated and contrived, but "Are You Here" does try to go deeper than a typical studio comedy. Nonetheless, it's still likely to be a disappointment for Matthew Weiner fans eager to see what the "Mad Men" creator has to offer in his feature-film writing/directing debut.

At times "Are You Here" seems like two films, one superimposed on the other: a fairly standard-issue wacky bro-mantic comedy populated with two-dimensional characters; and an attempt to mine their personal struggles for maximum dramatic impact. It doesn't really work.

Owen Wilson and Zach Galifianakis are typecast as Steve and Ben, a charming, womanizing, shallow TV weatherman and a borderline-crazy hermit with no job and no social skills. They're lifelong best buds, not to mention longtime weed enthusiasts, so when Ben's father dies, Steve volunteers to drive him back to their small home town in Pennsylvania Amish country for the funeral.

There, much to the consternation of Ben's uptight sister Terri (Amy Poehler), they learn Ben has inherited most of dad's million-dollar estate, including a hundred-acre farm. Meaning, of course, that Ben will attempt to transform the land into a nutty utopian community, Terri will attempt to have him committed, and Steve will hang around to see how he can score a piece of the pie — especially since he's fallen for the old man's beautiful New Age hippie chick widow Angela (Laura Ramsay).

Romance eventually emerges as the primary ingredient in "Are You Here," as Steve tries to straighten out his act to win Angela's approval, but Weiner also delves into serious drama throughout, exploring issues connected to Ben's family and his rapidly accelerating mental illness.

Unfortunately, while this film is ostensibly a comedy, there aren't many laughs, despite numerous attempts and a stellar comic cast. Yet "Are You Here" is not a complete misfire. We are talking about the work of one of episodic TV's great writers, after all, and that shows from time to time in the intelligence and maturity of the dialogue. Maybe Weiner is used to having much more time to develop and explore his characters and themes, and he'll zero in better in the future.

For now, we can all be grateful that for this story he was limited to two hours.
Stress busting on a shoestring

Stay calm and carry on," is a lovely saying, but it isn't always easy - especially at this time of year.

As the lazy days of summer make way for school, carpools and homework, I am reminded once again why people often refer to August as the "Sunday of summer." There's a lot of anticipation, excitement, stress and anxiety as families get used to new schools, classrooms, teachers and routines. To help us get through this stressful time, I have gone to experts to find ways to stay calm and carry on - without spending a fortune.

Abhyanga

"In India, Abhyanga is an ancient massage practice that uses sesame or coconut oil," says Dr. Trupti Gokani, a board-certified neurologist and founder/medical director of Zira Mind and Body in Glenview. Although Abhyanga refers to a massage that is generally done over the entire body, it can be modified to fit the time constraints of busy families.

Gokani recommends using the oil (warmed slightly) to massage hands, feet and ears. It's a great addition to any bedtime routine. Like most things that are good for us, Abhyanga is most effective when repeated over time, and can help both you and your kids reach a calmer and more balanced state.

Breathwork

According to neurologist and integrative medicine specialist Dr. Rowena Chua, breathwork is one of the easiest and most effective relaxation techniques. Chua is a practicing physician at Sphere, a holistic sports medicine team at the Heartwood Center in Evanston.

"Learning how to regulate your breath is invaluable," says Chua. "It can help improve your physical, mental and spiritual well-being." In times of stress and anxiety, Chua recommends trying one of the following techniques:

**Ten to One:** Count exhales slowly from 10 to 1. For instance, breathe in and then on the exhale say, "10." Breathe in again and then on the exhale say "9." Continue until you get to "1." Repeat if desired.

**Breath Counting:** Take a deep breath and count to 3 slowly, then exhale and count to 8 again. Repeat several times as needed.

**In and Out:** Take a deep breath and say internally, "I am." Exhale and say internally, "at peace." Repeat several times as needed.

**Toe tapping**

Chua also recommends "toe tapping," which she describes as an ancient practice that opens the energy flow in the legs and hips, while also balancing the energy between the head and body. "Because toe tapping is so grounding, it is remarkable for treating stress and anxiety," says Chua. To try this technique, lie flat on your back. Keep your body as relaxed as possible as you tap your toes inward and outward (like a windshield wiper). Feel free to tap as fast or as slow as you like. Chua recommends doing this for 5 minutes every day. However, she cautions to avoid this exercise if you are pregnant or if you have had recent knee or hip surgery.

**Walk it Out**

"Don't underestimate the power of a walk," says Hannah Mich, an Exercise Specialist and Certified Athletic Trainer at Sphere. "Walking can help relax your mind, boost your immune system and help maintain energy levels." Even if you only have time for a 10-minute stroll, its calming effects, coupled with a change of scenery and burst of fresh air, can have a profound effect on you and your kids.

**Aromatherapy and Essential Oils**

"An easy and portable way to relieve stress is through the use of essential oils," says Amanda Leuthardt, an acupuncture and bodywork specialist at Sphere. When using essential oils, Leuthardt suggests placing a few drops on your wrists and breathing in the fragrance throughout the day as needed. She is particularly fond of cedarwood, which is known for its calming properties and has been found to help improve concentration and attention span.

Leuthardt also likes lavender, which she calls "the ultimate adaptogen," because she finds it can balance any personality. Lavender is also the oil that has been most widely studied as an antidote for stress.

For more information: about Zira see ziramindandbody.com; Sphere at spheremedicine.com; Heartwood at heartwoodcenter.com.
**GO CALENDAR**

**THURSDAY, AUG. 21**

**Stamp Club**
7 p.m.: Philately enthusiasts can meet at this club, which gets together monthly. Lincolnwood Public Library, 4000 W. Pratt Ave., Lincolnwood. Call 847-677-5277.

**FRIDAY, AUG. 22**

**Lincolnwood Chamber of Commerce: Breakfast Connections**
8 a.m.: Join the Lincolnwood Chamber of Commerce and Industry for a networking breakfast featuring guest speaker Jack McNerney from Guardian Financial. Lincolnwood Community Room, 4170 W. Morse Ave., Lincolnwood. Call 847-677-9740. $10 for nonmembers.

**Film: ‘Transcendence’**
1 p.m.: A scientist’s controversial experiments lead to his death, in which his still-surviving consciousness is uploaded into one of his machines. 59 minutes. Morton Grove Public Library, 7010 Dempster St., Morton Grove. Call 847-965-4220.

**Sights and Sounds of Love Songs**
2:30 p.m.: Band director and music historian Steve Cooper gives a presentation featuring rare video clips of love songs. Performers include Ray Bolger, Donny Osmond, Nat King Cole, Elvis and more. Mather’s, 3235 N. Central Ave., Chicago. Call 773-205-3300. $8 suggested donation.

**From Farm to Cafe Table**
3 p.m.: Mary Beth Lutjen and the Delighters create eight small courses using fresh produce from the farmers market. Attendees can learn how to make the courses and give them a taste test. Mather’s, 7154 W. Higgins Ave., Chicago. For more information, call 773-744-4804. $8-$10.

**Backlot Bash**
6 p.m.: This annual downtown summer party includes live bands, food, beer, a carnival, classic film festival, auto show, a 5K run, Sunday pancake breakfast, bingo, children’s activities and more. Headliners for live music features Spin Doctors and Tributosaurus. The festival is held Aug. 22-24. Downtown Skokie, 5207 Oakton St., Skokie.

**Jeff Daniels and Ben Daniels Band**
7 p.m.: Jeff Daniels, an actor and singer, performs down-to-earth tunes along with the Ben Daniels Band, who complete the performance with American, blues, jazz and rock. Evanston SPACE, 1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston. Call 847-492-8660. $25-$45.

**Friday Night Concert Featuring Carpepacho Super Combo**
7 p.m.: The five-piece band Carpepacho Super Combo performs salsa, merengue and cumbia music at this BYOB event. Light refreshments served. Mather’s, 3235 N. Central Ave., Chicago. Call 773-205-3300. $8 suggested donation.

**SATURDAY, AUG. 23**

**Morton Grove Farmers Market**
8 a.m.: The market features favorites such as seasonal fruits and vegetables, meats, eggs, baked goods, cheeses, honey, handcrafted items, natural bath and body products, gifts, prepared foods, live music, children’s activities and a free drawing. Runs weekly through Oct. 18. Market Grounds, 6210 Dempster St., Morton Grove. Call 847-635-8860. $8 suggested donation.

**2014 Corn Roast**
9 a.m.: The Farmers’ Market hours are from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and the corn roast starts at 9 a.m. The event is sponsored by The Winnetka-Northfield Chamber of Commerce and Sunset Foods. For more information, visit winnetkanorthfieldchamber.com.

**Schiller Park Family Fun Day and Classic Car Show**
Noon: The festival has vendors, a beer tent, food, children’s rides and a band and DJ. Registration for the car show is 9 a.m. Find a car registration form here: http://carexhowsrulejenisights.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/07/2014_Car_Show_Registration_Form.pdf Schiller Park Metro Station, 4555 Ruby St., Schiller Park. For more information, call 847-773-7898. Free.

**Friends Book Sale**
2 p.m.: Browse a selection of discounted items, including hardcover books, DVDs and CDs for $1 and paperback books for 50 cents. Eisenhower Public Library, 4613 N. Oketo Ave., Harwood Heights.

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**Family Movie: ‘The Lego Movie’**
2 p.m.: The whole family is invited to watch the animated movie about a Lego construction worker who is recruited to stop an evil tyrant from making the Lego universe permanent. 100 minutes. Snack provided. Niles Public Library District, 5960 W. Oakton St., Niles. Call 847-663-1204.

**Marco Antonio Solis**
8 p.m.: Latin artist Marco Antonio Solis performs. Allstate Arena, 8800 Mannheim Road, Rosemont. Call 847-635-6601. $70-$95.

**Alice Peacock: Live Album Recording**
8 p.m.: Hailing from Nashville, Alice Peacock is a hit recording artist with twangy melodies. Dress up for the occasion with sunglasses, a hat and a wild shirt. Expo 76 and More, 492-8860. $20-$35.

**Public Tour of Skokie Sculpture Park**
1 p.m.: Meet in the North Parking Lot between Dempster and Main Street for a guided tour through the park. Skokie Northshore Sculpture Park, 9351 Keeler Ave., Skokie. Call 847-677-7474. $6.

**IndieFlix Film: ‘I’m Not Nuts: Living with Food Allergies’**
1:30 p.m.: The documentary explores food allergy information and solutions through several families. Eisenhower Public Library, 4613 N. Oketo Ave., Harwood Heights. For more information, call 708-867-8728.

**Critic’s Choice Cinema: ‘The Auction’**
2 p.m.: A quiet farmer is forced to make life-changing decisions after his still-surviving consciousness is uploaded into one of his machines. 99 minutes. Morton Grove Public Library, 6210 Dempster St., Morton Grove. Call 847-635-8860. $20-$35.

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

**MONDAY, AUG. 25**

**Women’s Club Meeting**
11:30 a.m.: The club meeting features entertainment by Herb Luck as Elvis. The event includes an Italian beef sandwich, cole slaw and an ice cream cup for lunch. Niles Senior Center, 999 Civic Center Drive, Niles. Call 847-588-9420. $5-$7.50.

**Love Boat Cruise**
2 p.m.: Join Sandi Haynes in a musical island journey with songs from the Beach Boys as well as Sandi’s Latin melodies. Dress up for the occasion with sunglasses, a hat and a wild shirt. Summit of Uptown, 10 N. Summit Ave., Park Ridge. For more information, call 847-825-1161.

**Puttin’ on the Ritz Luncheon**
10:30 a.m.: The luncheon includes a presentation of pictures, interesting facts and music of Irving Berlin performed live. Lunch includes a cheeseburger, chips and a dessert. Call 847-329-9333.
**GO CALENDAR**

**Niles Senior Center, 999 Civic Center Drive, Niles.** For more information, call 847-588-8420. $10-$15.

**Trivia Night**
7:30 p.m.: Trivia is free, gift cards are awarded to winners and there is a special for $2 domestic beers. Bar Louie Skokie, 5300 Touhy Ave., Skokie. Call 847-763-3056.

**Natural Gas**
8 p.m.: The improvisational group takes a suggestion from the audience and turns it into a show. The Gift Theatre, 847-763-3056.

**Mark Normand**
8 p.m.: Current semi-finalist on “Last Comic Standing” Normand comes to Zanies. Zanies Comedy Night Club Rosemont, 5437 Park Place, Rosemont. For more information, call 773-774-4804. $5.

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**FILM CLIPS**

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**LOVE IS STRANGE**

★★★ 1/2

Rated R for language
Stars: John Lithgow, Alfred Molina, Marisa Tomei

Despite the travails and tragedy in “Love is Strange,” you’ll have to look a long time to find a film that’s a better endorsement of long-term relationships. Lithgow and Molina (both at their best) star as a newlywed, long-partnered gay couple who essentially become homeless when a Catholic school fires one of them in reaction to their marriage. It’s a minor-key movie, achingly sad at times, but understated, true to life and ultimately quite moving.

**ARE YOU HERE**

★★★ 1/2

Rated R for language, drug use and some sexual content/nudity
Stars: Owen Wilson, Zach Galifianakis, Amy Poehler, Laura Ramsay

There are times when “Mad Men” creator Matthew Weiner’s feature debut seems like two films at once: a standard-issue whacky bro-mantic comedy with two-dimensional characters; and an attempt to mine their personal struggles for maximum dramatic impact. It doesn’t really work. Wilson and Galifianakis are more or less typecast as Steve and Ben, a charming, womanizing shallow TV weatherman and a borderline-crazy hermit. When Ben inherits a farm in Amish country, Steve tries to help him collect. True romance and deepened self-knowledge ensue.

**LAND HO!**

Rated R for some language, sexual references and drug use
Stars: Earl Lynn Nelson, Paul Eenhoorn

A pair of 60-something former brothers-in-law (Nelson and Eenhoorn) embark on a road trip through Iceland in search of their youth. Aaron Katz (“Cold Weather”) and Martha Stephens (“Passenger Pigeons”) co-wrote and directed the comedy.

**THE ONE I LOVE**

★★★

Rated R for language, some sexuality and drug use
Stars: Mark Duplass, Elisabeth Moss, Ted Danson

This low-key indie romantic dramedy with a touch of “The Twilight Zone” has a little trouble deciding whether it wants to be funny, creepy, romantic, dramatic or all of the above. There are some interesting ideas here, though, about idealized expectations in long-term relationships. Duplass and Moss star as an on-the-brink-of-divorce couple on a counselor-prescribed weekend getaway at a secluded resort with some very surprising features.

**SIN CITY: A DAME TO KILL FOR**

Rated: Not yet rated
Stars: Mickey Rourke, Jessica Alba, Josh Brolin

More hard-boiled tales of lust and destruction in beautiful downtown Sin City, based on the graphic novels of Frank “The Dark Knight” Miller. Miller and Robert Rodriguez co-directed this sequel to their 2005 hit.

**THE TRIP TO ITALY**

No MPAA rating
Stars: Steve Coogan, Rob Brydon

After their 2010 tour of restaurants of northern England, comedians Coogan and Brydon exhibit their friendly rivalry while eating their way through Italy — always trying to top each other's impersonations and improvisations along the way. Writer/Director Michael Winterbottom (“24 Hour Party People”) returns for the sequel.

**WHEN THE GAME STANDS TALL**

Rated PG for thematic material, a scene of violence, and brief smoking
Stars: Jim Caviezel, Michael Chiklis, Alexander Ludwig, Laura Dern

The story of the legendary 151-game winning streak achieved between 1992 and 2004 by the unknown De La Salle High School Spartans football team. Thomas Carter (“Coach Carter”) directed the sports saga.

**SHOWTIMES**

Headed for the altar: Alfred Molina and John Lithgow in “Love is Strange.”

“The Hundred-Foot Journey,” starring Om Puri, Manish Dayal, and Helen Mirren.

**THE EXPENDABLES 3**

Rated PG-13 for violence including intense sustained gun battles and fight scenes, and for language
Stars: Sylvester Stallone, Jason Statham, Arnold Schwarzenegger, Mel Gibson

Freelance commandos the Expendables and their leader (Stallone) come into conflict with the ruthless arms dealer (Gibson) who co-founded the team. Patrick Hughes (“Red Hill”) directed the action adventure.
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Bernie Johnson, Bernard Franklin "Bernie"
82, of Old Saybrook, Connecticut, passed away August 8 at Middlesex Hospital in Middletown, Connecticut.
Bernie's life was remarkable for his 55-year marriage to wife, Jane, strong relationships with his three daughters and eight grandchildren, and longtime relationships with friends across the country. He was a generous, benevolent, and unusually kind man. Bernie put family first throughout his life. His exemplary character and integrity remain an enduring, shining example for many.

Born in Evanston in 1932, Bernie grew up in Park Ridge. He was the son of Irma and Franklin Johnson. Bernie earned an engineering degree from Northwestern University and an MBA from Butler University. Bernie served in the U.S. Navy and spent his entire career with commercial printer R.R. Donnelly & Sons. While working in Crawfordsville, Indiana, Bernie met Jane Williams. The couple married in 1960 and had their three daughters before transferring to Old Saybrook, Connecticut.

Singing in several choral organizations provided Bernie fulfillment and joy throughout his life. These included Capella Cantorum and 35 years with his First Church of Christ choir. Other pastimes were golf, playing with his grandchildren, and traveling with Jane. Long-distance running was a passion discovered in Bernie's 60s. He ran the Boston Marathon at age 50. Bernie's fanaticism for sports was lifelong. He was most passionate for his Northwestern University Wildcats, Chicago Cubs, and Bears, and US Olympic teams.

Besides Jane, Bernie leaves behind daughters, Julie Peterson, Jennifer Sell, and Angela Kulmann; as well as sons-in-law, John Peterson and Brian Sell; and eight grandchildren, Audrey, Lankston, Conner, Bennett, Trevor, Bradley, Nora, and Drew. Bernie was preceded in death by his mother, Irmas; father, Franklin; sister, Lynn Johann; and son-in-law, Jaret Kulmann.

A memorial service will celebrate Bernie's life Saturday, August 30, at 11:00 a.m., at the Old Saybrook First Church of Christ.

The Johnson family asks that in lieu of flowers, donations please be made to First Church of Christ in Saybrook, for special music programming.

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Petrie, Georgia Brown
Longtime Norwood Park resident Georgia Brown Petrie passed away at age 85 on Friday, August 8th at Resurrection Hospital. As a child, she moved to Norwood Park in the mid-1930s with her parents, and lived in the same home on Naper Ave. for 78 years. She was a life-long member of St. Alban's Episcopal Church in Norwood Park. She loved her family, her home, her neighbors and her community.

Her passion in life was teaching children. She taught Geography and Social Studies at Lincoln Junior High/Middle School in Park Ridge for 36 years, after starting her career teaching for two years in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan. She retired from teaching at Lincoln in 1989.

Georgia was a graduate of Onahan Elementary School in Norwood Park and Tall High School. She held a Bachelor of Arts degree in Education from the University of Illinois and a Master of Arts degree in Civic Planning from Northwestern University. She enriched her educational experience by traveling extensively in North America, Europe and Asia during summer vacations, and brought that knowledge back to the classroom to provide first-hand content for her students. She particularly enjoyed traveling in Scotland, which was her grandmother Petrie's place of birth.

Georgia was preceded in death by her parents, George and Ella Petrie. She is survived by her three cousins and numerous once-removed first cousins living across the United States.

Burial will be alongside her parents in Ridgewood Cemetery in Des Plaines. For information, Olson Burke/Sullivan Funeral & Cremation Center, Chicago, 773-774-3333.

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Rasmussen, Willard Cyrus
Age 92, passed away peacefully, August 14. He was born March 3, 1922 in Moorhead, MN, the eldest son of George and Doris Rasmussen. Will's life was dedicated to serving people. His helping others mission lead to executive and administration roles for Lutheran Social Services of Illinois for three decades. He was also a fifty year member of St. Luke's Lutheran Church - serving the church in many ways.

Will is survived by his beloved wife of 63 years, Irene; and their sons and families, Rodd (the late Joyce) and their children, Ellen and Ryan; Jay and Barbara and their children, Andrew, Jack and Kate; Ned and Carole and their children, Anne and Rebecca; brother of the late Vivian Clements and Wayne Rasmussen; uncle to many beloved nieces and nephews. He was a Purple Heart WWII Army veteran.

A memorial service will be held Monday, August 25 at 1:30 p.m. at St. Luke's Lutheran Church 205 N. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge, IL 60068 (847-825-6659). A reception will be held immediately after the service at the church. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made in Will Rasmussen's name to Lutheran Social Services of Illinois. (http://www.lssi.org/Support/GiveAGift.aspx).

Wydra, Helen M.
CPA, of Niles, was born March 9, 1940 in Chicago to Peter and Margaret (nee Porstner) Bartu. She died August 15, 2014 at Northwestern Memorial Hospital in Chicago. Helen is survived by her children, Paul (Patty) Wydra and Steve (Karen) Wydra; her grandchildren, Maggie, Brandon, P.J.; dear aunt to many nieces and nephews. Helen was preceded in death by her brother, Peter Bartu Jr.; and by her parents.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be given to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, P.O. Box 1000, Dept. 142, Memphis, TN 38101-9908 or The Humane Society HSUS, 2100 L. St., NW, Washington, D.C. 20037. Funeral information and condolences, www.GlueckertFH.com or (847) 253-0168.

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Rehder, Jeffrey Mansfield
Age 64, born March 26, 1950 in Evanston, IL, and passed away August 10, 2014 in Des Plaines, IL from cancer.

Loving father of Ivy (Dan) Kessel; grandfather of Oliver, Danica and Dylan. Survived by his mother, Elizabeth; brother, Skip (Amy); sister, JoAnne (Matt) Koupal; and nieces and nephews. Preceded in death by his father, Frank.

Jeff was a lifelong Cubs, Bears and Blackhawks fan. He was an artist, passionate about painting with watercolors and left his family many stunning paintings to remember him by.

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Over the years, this vehicle received numerous awards, from the Classic Car Club of America and the Concours d'Elegance.

The car also recently took part in the Oak Brook Father's Day event, the car show in the parking lot of the Park Ridge Public Library, and the ABC 7 segment “I Love My Car.”

The vehicle's body is dove gray, its fenders and beltline are black, and its pin striping is red.

The vehicle has all accessories that were produced and available during that time period. Its original price? Eight-five years ago, it was $3,785.
It seems that more 21-and-younger players than ever are making it big in the majors. In the five full seasons since 2009 there have been Mike Trout, Bryce Harper, Giancarlo Stanton and Manny Machado, just to name a few. In fact, in the five seasons from '09 through 2013, 21-and-under players appeared often enough to qualify for batting or ERA titles 20 times - double the rate of the previous 20 years. But get this - the decade with the most 21-and-under regulars was the 1960s (62), followed by the '70s (59).

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Charlotte Brown was a Texas high school pole vaulter who cleared 11' to finish fourth in her state tournament in 2014. No big deal - except that Charlotte is legally blind. She can't see the bar she tries to vault over, she can't see the box where she plants her pole, she can't even see the landing pad. Charlotte completes her vaults by counting her steps and using a high-frequency beeping device that lets her know where the box is. Her personal best vault is 11' 6".

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Longtime leader credited with helping grow Evans Scholar Foundation

BY BOB GOSMAN
For Sun-Times Media, @HSCNewsNorth

It seems like just about every caddie who has earned a Chick Evans Scholarship has a Jim Moore story.

Zoe Sundstrom's story begins the first time she met Moore, who devoted his professional career to the Western Golf Association and the Evans Scholar Foundation, which awards full tuition and housing scholarships to golf caddies. Moore was the one who greeted her when she arrived for her first interview with the WGA.

Sundstrom, a Glenview resident, went into the interview believing it was the key to her future. "I was so nervous but his handshake, smile and welcoming, warm personality put me completely at ease," said Sundstrom, who earned a scholarship to Northwestern and remains an active Evans Scholar alumna. "It was the beginning of a lifelong relationship."

Moore, a Green Oaks resident and 47-year staff member of the WGA, died Aug. 13 at the age of 73. He worked in numerous capacities during his career with the WGA, including serving as educational director and senior vice president of foundation advancement.

Longtime Western Golf Association educational director Jim Moore (left) greets a prospective Evans Scholar at a selection meeting. | WESTERN GOLF ASSOCIATION

Moore loved being the first contact at the WGA with prospective Evans Scholars.

"Without question, the greatest reward is that I have been the first person from the WGA to talk to these young people in a one-on-one interview about the scholarship."

Jeff Harrison, senior vice president for education, said Moore's contributions could never be characterized as small.

"Jim was a giant in the Evans Scholarship program," he said. "Jim had a very special way about him; he was kind and truly cared about people. He hired me 25 years ago and was a wonderful mentor. He was like a second father to me."

Moore is credited with helping lead the nonprofit's growth from 600 active scholars and 1,000 alumni to 870 active scholars and 9,990 alumni. The program also expanded to 14 college campuses across the country where recipients live together in a scholarship house.

Some of Moore's additional accomplishments with the Evans Scholars Foundation include:
- an increase in academic standards and diversity;
- requiring all chapters to have an annual philanthropy or community service project;
- introduction of co-ed living;
- re-introduction of resident advisors to emphasize chapter living.

In 2008, the Evans Scholars Alumni Association established the James E. Moore Scholarship to honor his service to the WGA. Andy Verchota, then an Evans Scholar at Marquette, had the opportunity to introduce the scholarship and Moore in a short speech.

"It was interesting how he [connected] so well with everyone [regardless] of age," Verchota said. "He smiled all the time and had such a positive personality. He impacted people in so many different ways. Across every facet of his life he touched people and helped improve their lives."

Moore's legacy also lives on through the James E. Moore Scholarship Trophy, which is annually awarded to the Evans Scholarship chapter with the highest cumulative GPA.

Moore's funeral is scheduled for 1 p.m. Sunday at The United Methodist Church of Libertyville. The WGA will have a celebration of life memorial at a later date.
KNEE INJURIES

First strike
Local athletes attempt to determine risks, avoid injury

BY JON KEEN
For Sun-Times Media, @prepspioneer

Libertyville senior Ellie Daugerdas hears it all the time from her high school soccer and travel teammates. They talk about how knee injuries happen to other players, not to them. "A lot of kids have this 'I'm invincible' mentality," Daugerdas said. "Personally, I felt that way."

But in April 2013, while playing for the Wildcats, Daugerdas leaped in an attempt to win a 50-50 ball. On her descent, she landed awkwardly on her left leg. She felt a pop. An MRI revealed a torn ACL, requiring surgery. Later, doctors said her body structure made her more susceptible to the type of injury she suffered.

"Because of the way I landed, they could tell certain things, that my knee could give out," Daugerdas said. "I didn't think a [knee] injury would happen to me."

That's the idea behind the two-pronged, proactive approach being taken by Midwest Orthopaedics at Rush, a private Chicago-based group that specializes in sports medicine, and the Illinois Athletic Trainers Association this fall. The groups are launching a preventative education campaign called "Knees for Life," complete with suggested exercises designed to help young athletes strengthen muscles around their knees. They are also teaming with Accelerated Rehabilitation Centers to offer free knee screenings to high school athletes to determine their risk profile.

"We want to be sure kids are protected as well as they can [be]," said Dr. Bernard Bach, Midwest Orthopaedics' director of sports medicine.

According to a study by the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons, nearly 400,000 ACL injuries occur in the United States every year. Midwest Orthopaedics said it has seen its ACL-related patients double in five years. For patients under the age of 25, that number has tripled.

Bach said he and other physicians perform about 600 ACL surgeries each year, with many of those patients being between the ages of 14-16.

"Those are the kids, the bundle of what we see," Bach said. "The number has gone through the roof. It's a real big deal."

Max Mittelstadt is a sophomore quarterback at Hinsdale Central. He recently did a screening at the Accelerated Rehab facility in Villa Park. Under the supervision of a trainer, Mittelstadt was put through a series of exercises.

He jumped up and down from an elevated platform, performed knee dips and sprinted in a straight line, cutting quickly left and right.

And although Mittelstadt was told he had a low risk of an ACL injury, he said he plans to take better preventative care of his knees.

"I'm going to stretch more, to make sure I'm loose and not tight," said Mittelstadt, who also plays baseball. "You have to take the possibility of injury seriously."

Sixteen months after her injury, Daugerdas still wears a brace on her left leg when she plays soccer. She said she is more diligent in strengthening both her knees and plans to have the brace off by November.

"I tell my soccer friends, 'If you feel a little weak in the knee area, you may want to try this [exercise]' or say 'You may get hurt,'" Daugerdas said. "A lot of them are like, 'What are you talking about?' No one believes it until it happens to them."
The Niles North girls swimming team was ready for the crack-of-dawn 6 a.m. practice on Aug. 14: Everyone had their suits and goggles on at 5:52.

Coach Paul Torres was impressed and started practice a little early.

"This is the fastest varsity team I have ever had," said Torres, who's entering his 12th year as a coach with Niles North. "We have a lot of girls who are fairly committed and that are really determined to do well."

Among those are four 2013 CSL North all-conference picks: senior Megan Crane, junior twin sisters Selma and Alma Jukic and junior Azra Avdic. Avdic was the only one to qualify for the state meet last year. She finished 11th in the 100-yard butterfly (56.98 seconds) last year at the state finals at New Trier, and she came in 15th in the 500 freestyle (5:02.38). Avdic is a versatile swimmer who can compete with the best in the 100 fly, 500 free and 200 free.

"I know that she could go to state in any of those three," Torres said. "We just have to pick one that we think will give her the best opportunity to place well."

Niles West

Senior Emma Helgeson had a fine run at the end of last year for the Wolves, parlaying a strong finish at the Glenbrook South Sectional into a trip to state. She won the 100-yard freestyle and finished second in the 200 freestyle at the sectional. At the state finals, Helgeson came in 15th in the 100 free (52.66 seconds) and 27th in the 200 free (1:54.64).

With the desire to do even better in her final year, Helgeson kept busy in the offseason. As soon as her high school season ended, she registered with Skokie's SWIFT Aquatics club.

"She just never took a break," Niles West coach Jason Macejak said. "I saw her a couple of nights before swim season started and she was out of the water for a little bit since summer season ended, and she couldn't wait to get back in. She's just somebody who needs to be in the water."

The Wolves have a few other swimmers that have a shot at qualifying for state. Senior Abby Hegberg is skilled in the backstroke and junior Lauren Patt is a distance and sprinting freestyle swimmer.

"We've never had more than one qualifier for swimming events before in the same year," Macejak said. "It'd be nice to have a few girls to get to go down there together."

Maine South

While every school deals with losses due to graduation, the Hawks have been hit particularly hard. Jenna Zitkus qualified for state each year from 2010 to 2013 and finished 14th in the 100-yard backstroke (57.54) and 29th in the 100 butterfly (58.29) at state last year. She was a sure thing each meet for the Hawks: They could expect Zitkus to win individual events and anchor successful relay teams.

"Quite literally, everybody who's going to be swimming on the varsity is going to have to do more than they've had to do in the past, and more than they probably thought," coach Don Kura said. "I'll be eye-opening for them to see what a loss like that looks like when you starting competing in meets against other teams."

Maine South has the personnel to keep competing, though. Seniors Erin Patrick and Taylor Pinkerton are in their fourth years of varsity swimming. Patrick swims the 200 individual medley, backstroke and freestyle races while Pinkerton does the distance freestyles. Also, junior Keanan Bender races in freestyle sprints.

Maine East

Junior Alyssa Kaeuwilai returns to the Blue Demons and will specialize in the breaststroke and freestyle. After missing most of her freshman year because of a partially torn UCL in her left elbow, she participated in her first sectional meet last year. She didn't qualify for state, and coach Peter Przekota said she was a little nervous with so much on the line her first time out.

"Hopefully with that year under her belt and another year of training, she's ready to go this year," Przekota said.

Along with Kaeuwilai, senior Nicole Lozneanu is the Blue Demons' best bet to earn a top-six spot at conference. Lozneanu swims the individual medley and butterfly.
John Amaro has been the girls tennis coach at Niles North for the past nine years, and he said he's never before coached a player who hits as well as freshman Michelle Bacalla.

Bacalla joins the Vikings' tennis team having a wealth of tournament experience, as well as a five-star ranking on tennisrecruiting.net. Bacalla is ranked 68th in her class nationally as of Monday. She has the potential to be one of the top finishers at the state tournament this year, Amaro said.

"She has a solid all-around game," Amaro said. "She can hit the ball heavy, she can hit the ball with spin. She has every shot at her disposal. She's got an extraordinary return of serve and she also has a very strong and accurate serve as well. She has a really strong all-around game. She's athletic, she's quick. She was pretty much born to play tennis."

Bacalla will likely play No. 1 singles all season, and the Vikings figure to have several quality players at the top of their lineup. Sophomore Sabrina Palavra, who played No. 1 singles for Niles North a year ago, is back. So too are junior captain Alexandra Burbules and senior captain Noa Horberg.

**Niles West**

Niles West is full of varsity experience this year. Four-year varsity members Analise Vujica and Katie Chleboun are entering their senior years and returning state qualifier Eliza Kirov, a sophomore standout, also is back.

Junior Anna Chlopecki, like those three players, also has been up on varsity since she was a freshman, and she made big steps this offseason. Niles West coach George Bravos said Chlopecki attended four different camps and seemed to always be playing tennis — even during the excruciatingly cold winter.

"When you look at Anna, she's more assertive on the court," Bravos said. "Her strokes are stronger. She's more consistent on the court. She's attacking the ball with more confidence. You can really see all of the hard work that she put in this summer — and not just the summer, [but] taking private lessons during the winter, working with private coaches. You can really see her starting to develop into one of the better players on our team."

**Maine South**

Maine South finished 16th in the state a year ago, which was the Hawks' best finish at the state tournament since 2010.

The team's three-person state lineup — junior Leigh Friedman and sophomores Marti Wind and Kamila Czosnyka — is back. Senior Randi Wind, who just barely missed out on making it to state, also has returned.

That core of four should be at the top of the Hawks' lineup this season, but it's not a guarantee they'll play as they did for much of last season — when Friedman and Randi Wind were at singles, and the then-freshmen played doubles.

"I'm kind of thinking about that," Maine South coach Andrea Tisler said, regarding keeping Marti Wind and Czosnyka together at No. 1 doubles this year. "I guess we're going to do a lot of match play this week to kind of figure it out. Kamila and Marti worked well together, but I kind of want to see how Kamila and Randi do together."

**Ridgewood**

Ridgewood won't field a varsity squad this year, but Julia Wicklund will lead the Rebels' junior varsity team.
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Maine South looks to solidify defense

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The Maine South boys soccer team returns six of its seven leading scorers from a team that scored 50 goals a year ago, but the Hawks' defense is inexperienced at the varsity level.

Senior Jakub Opiola, an outside back who played club soccer with the Chicago Magic last fall, is expected to help the back line. Maine South coach Dan States said seniors Michael Gabel, Paul Gaudyn and Alex Solberg are all candidates to see significant time at center back, with Opiola possibly moving inside at times.

Having the defenders gel early in the year figures to be key for the Hawks, who will be led by senior midfielder Michael Banas and senior forward Agostino Lappo.

“We're going to open up with Fremd [on Aug. 25] and then two days later, we have Sandburg, so two of the perennial [powers] in the state will test us early,” States said. “It'll be good experience for those guys.”

Niles West

Niles West senior midfielder Mario Ljubic was crucial to the Wolves' development this offseason.

The captain was in charge of getting his teammates into the weight room for strength and conditioning, Niles West coach Scott Ackman said, and he ran captains' practices.

“He's probably one of the best captains I've ever had,” Ackman said. “The kids really look up to him. He's been on varsity for four years; he's the only kid that's done that on [this year's team]. He's just a great role model!”

Fellow midfielders Edgar Rodriguez and Anthony Morales also will be senior captains, providing the Wolves with a great deal of experience and leadership in the middle of their formation.

Niles North

Niles North will have to replace an eightperson senior class that helped the Vikings win their first CSL North title last season.

That class included a trio of 2013 all-CSL North selections: defender Carlos Santos, goalkeeper Eddie Kim and midfielder Jake Douglas.

Ridgewood

Ridgewood switched its formation in the

offseason, going from a 4-4-2 to a 4-5-1. The 4-5-1 will change the job descriptions of two of the Rebels' best players.

Senior Jakub Korzec will still play as a striker, but a big component of being the lone forward in a 4-5-1 is holding the ball and then distributing it.

Edi Antal has been Ridgewood's sweeper the last two seasons, yet the Rebels are planning on using him as a right outside midfielder this season. That will demand a ton of running from Antal and left outside midfielder Matt Strodek, a senior.

“Those two outside mids in the 4-5-1 really have to work hard,” Ridgewood coach Rob St. John said. “They're constantly up and down the field, providing solid defense and then transitioning into two forwards at times. They did a great job [this summer]. They really did.”

Northridge

Northridge coach Desmond Ryan has a rather unique choice to make during the opening weeks of the season. He's trying to decide where to use senior Conner Mongoven, who excels as both a forward and a goalkeeper.

Ryan said Mongoven is a potential allconference selection last year — and added that he's likely to play there in college. Mongoven's also a very skilled striker capable of providing much-needed scoring.

“He's phenomenal out of the air [as a forward],” Ryan said. “He's phenomenal on the first touch. He's got great speed, especially for a goalie. All the years I played, goalies are not usually known as the speedsters of the team.”

Notre Dame

Mike Smith has been a big part of Notre Dame soccer in recent years, first as a player for the Dons from 2003-07 and then as a coach in the program's lower levels.

Now, he's the varsity coach.

Smith was appointed to the position in June.

“I've been around Notre Dame soccer for probably the last 15 years,” he said. “Taking the head coach position is a big-time dream come true for me.”

Smith’s first team at Notre Dame has four senior captains in goalkeeper Kevin Johnson, defender Joe Hilger, midfielder Nicco McDermott and forward Ricky Bernabei. Junior forward Brandon Vargas and junior defender Nate Adams are both three-year varsity players, and they figure to have important roles on this year's squad as well.

Maine East

Maine East tried using a 4-4-2 formation with a flat back four near the end of last season, but it didn't work. The Blue Demons' offside trap was exposed, first-year Maine East coach Jeff Bishop said, which forced them to switch back to a sweeper-stopper system.

Bishop re-implemented the 4-4-2 this summer. The team was able to take its time growing accustomed to it, and the 4-4-2 will be one of the Blue Demons' two primary formations — with one major difference.

“This year, we're running that formation except we told them that it's not necessary to hold that high line and get in a foot race,” Bishop said. “You're allowed to drop off like you would in any other defensive formation. They really kind of took to that and it kind of clicked for them.”

Bishop was the Maine East assistant varsity coach for the last five years and replaces Vic DiPirro, who retired after last season. Bishop will look to senior captain Alex Lulek to be a leader of that defensive unit.
Experience fuels Maine East's high hopes

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If the Maine East girls volleyball team is to have a successful season, veteran leadership will be important. The Blue Demons return five starters from last year, including Hannah Farley and Sarah Hua-Pham, who are entering their fourth varsity seasons. That experience will be beneficial when conference play begins, according to coach Ann Bezek.

"It helps so much," Bezek said of Farley and Hua-Pham. "Their leadership is huge for the team. They're like mini-assistant coaches. They're all about the team and don't have any sort of personal agenda."

The coach said with so many returning players, the Blue Demons can hit the ground running. Most of the roster is familiar with the team's offensive and defensive strategies. Bezek thinks her team has a ton of potential, and if everything goes well, this will be the strongest Maine East team in years. It could be one that can compete for a CSL North title.

Maine South

The Hawks won a regional championship last year behind their seniors. With eight key players graduated, the team will need new players to step up. Though some could see it as a rebuilding year, coach Peter King is optimistic that two players who missed much of last season will make a big impact this fall.

Seniors Maxine Kasznia and Nora Quinn, who has verbally committed to Fairfield, missed a majority of the 2013 season because of injuries, but came back for the playoffs to help the team win the regional. Healthy from the start of the season, they'll be key for Maine South's success on the floor.

"We graduated both outsides last year," King said. "Lindsey in the offseason really worked on her consistency as a hitter and her aggressive play. She has really shown how to step up and has earned her way to become one of the outsides for this year."

Dominique Krasno as two players who will be important to the Wolves' success. Both played on the varsity a year ago and should play more prominent roles with Rusek gone.

Niles North

The Vikings aren't the team they were in 2013. They also aren't the team they will be in a couple of weeks.

Outside hitter Taylor Louis has moved on to Marquette, and that's a major loss for Niles North. Louis was one of the top players in the area last season and was the key player in the team's attack. Without her, the Vikings will have to change the way they play.

Coach Michael Cott said his roster is young and will improve as the season goes along. The team will attempt to work with several players in Louis' old role.

"They know the defense and we can start running plays right away," Wlodarczyk said. "It's a leg up from before."

Niles West

Olivia Rusek was the star for the Wolves last season, but she now plays for Miami (Ohio). Still, coach Stacy Metoyer thinks Niles West has a lot of young talent, and she is eager to see what they can do.

"We will have more people to distribute the ball to this season," Metoyer said. "A lot of our kids played club volleyball over the summer and come into the year a lot better than they were last season."

Metoyer mentioned sophomore Kaila Johanson and junior
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