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New Ranch Floor Plan at Henning Estates Offers Attractive Pricing and Superior Quality

The latest addition to the offering of ranch homes at Henning Estates in Huntley is the new Amherst plan. With a base price of $349,900 including a wealth of impressive features. The Amherst was designed to meet the needs of price conscious homebuyer in search of a superior quality home to fit within a specific budget.

"The new Amherst addressed two specific concerns we heard most often from potential buyers," noted Ryan VanLue, president of Rock Creek Homes, the developer and builder of Henning Estates. "Customers were asking for a lower priced home that lived like our most popular South Haven model which is priced at $396,900. We got to work designing a home that would offer some of the same design elements of the South Haven, but in a more compact size to get the price down."

Every home at Henning Estates already includes quality features inside and out, starting with a spacious 1/3 acre homesite. Rock Creek Homes designed Henning Estates to make the most of the natural setting by preserving nearly 60% of the land to feature wetlands, ponds, mature trees, prairies and open spaces. The smart design and development of the land created a community where homeowners can enjoy peaceful privacy and scenic views.

With plans for 103 single-family homes, Henning Estates is unique in that every home will be a single-story ranch design. While the community is not age-restricted, it is very appealing to active adult homebuyers who value privacy, quality and independence. The lifestyle at Henning Estates affords homeowners the freedom to enhance their home with a garden, swimming pool or even a fence, as approved through the Homeowners Association to maintain the community's aesthetic beauty.

The new Amherst plan offers a modern, open concept design, perfectly sized to accommodate the needs of today's ranch homebuyers. It spans 1,940 square feet including 2 bedrooms plus a den, 2 baths and a 2-car garage. The spacious kitchen features a large island open to the great room and bordered by both a casual eat-in-dinette and a formal dining room. A collection of Maytag Stainless steel appliances are included in the home as are maple cabinetry, Moen faucets and sleek Corian countertops. Just off the foyer is the den, a flexible space that could serve multiple purposes for crafting, exercise, recreation or work. For privacy, the master bedroom and second bedroom are located on opposite sides of the home. The master features a spacious walk-in-closet and master bath with dual sinks and a large walk-in shower. The second bedroom is ideal for guests with a second full bath just down the hall.

On the exterior of the home the level of quality continues with low-maintenance exterior materials, architectural shingles, a finished 2-car garage with insulation and drywall, premium windows with attractive grill designs and a full landscape package. The home will also include a full house fire suppression system, energy efficient heating and cooling equipment, designer lighting and elevated 9' ceilings throughout the home. VanLue noted, "Our goal with the Amherst was to offer a home that still met our strict quality principles but also made buying a home at Henning Estates a little more affordable. With the addition of the new Amherst we've widened our product offering and expanded our base price range with an entry price of $349,900 going up to $399,900 for our largest floor plan."

As with all of the ranch homes at Henning Estates, an especially appealing feature is that Rock Creek Homes welcomes clients to personalize their home to fit their needs perfectly. VanLue points out, "Sometimes homeowners want to build the house exactly to the plan, yet more often we find that customers have special requests and we work hard to accommodate those needs when it's feasible. Popular requests are things like extended rooms, adding windows and finishing basements. The level of personalization we allow in our homes is what sets us apart from other builders."

Henning Estates currently offers six unique ranch floor plans sized from 1,940 to 2,624 square feet. The west Huntley location allows for residents to relax in the scenic countryside while still enjoying the convenience of being just a couple miles from I-90. Everyday conveniences like grocery stores, pharmacies and gas stations are all just minutes away and for shopping, entertainment or dining, the popular Randall Road corridor is just over 10 miles from home. The newly enhanced highway interchange at I-90 and Route 47 has made the area even more accessible with both east- and west-bound access to and from I-90.

Henning Estates is located at 16809 Church Road in Huntley, just east of Route 20 and 2 miles north of the I-90 Tollway. Two decorated models, the South Haven and the Newcastle, are open daily from 10am to 5pm or by appointment. Call (847) 338-3821 or visit www.henningestates.com for more information.
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Despite approval, gun range still under fire

BY IGOR STUDENKOV
For Sun-Times Media | @istudenkov

A month after the Niles Village Board approved a gun range's application to open up in the village, its existence remains a controversial topic.

During the Aug. 26 Niles Board of Trustees meeting, Mayor Andrew Przybylo indicated that the village government may consider a moratorium on any future gun shop applications. And during the public comment session, a number of people spoke out against the Sportsman's Club and Firearms Training Academy, urging the board to withdraw approval. Most of the speakers belonged to People For a Safer Society, a northwest suburban group that seeks to reduce gun violence through stronger gun control measures.

People For a Safer Society member and Niles resident Chris Hance took his complaint a step further, arguing that the board violated a Cook County ordinance, and filing a complaint with the Cook County State's Attorney. The village indicated that it's currently looking into the allegations.

At the start of the meeting, Przybylo said that he understood that many residents were still concerned about the gun shop. He said the village government officials and the Niles Police Department Chief would be meeting with legal experts to come up with the best ways to enforce existing firearm-related laws, particularly laws regarding firearm sales.

Przybylo also said that village government is considering looking at the current ordinance regulating special use permits for gun shops, and potentially putting a moratorium on issuing permits altogether.

"The board is look to tighten the up the ordinance and also look at a moratorium for such shops," he said.

Przybylo finished his statement by assuring Niles residents that the board listened to their concerns.

"We are trying to do the right thing," he said. "Believe us — it is important to me that you have confidence in this board."

Przybylo did not stay all the way through the meeting, leaving about halfway through to due to what he described as a "prior engagement." Trustee Joe LoVerde took over as board president with Przybylo out, so when the public was allowed to comment on non-agenda items at the very end of the meeting, the mayor wasn't present.

While several residents spoke on topics other than the gun shop, the comments session was dominated by People For a Safer Society members. Group founder and president Denyse Wang Stoneback argued that the vote went against popular opinion and failed to satisfy the special permit criteria. She also argued that the board underestimated the danger of having gun ranges in the community.

"Shootings in the U.S. are on the rise," she said. "Numerous school shooters have come to [gun] ranges to hone their skills."

Stoneback requested that the village cancel Sportsman's Club permit.

Garrett Evans, of Chicago, survived the Virginia Tech massacre and has since spoken out in support of gun control on number of occasions. During the comment session, he argued that bullying has gotten worse in recent years, and the victims are more likely to fight back with guns.

"I am against the gun shop, not only because of the proximity to schools, but because kids are bullied to the level you couldn't fathom," he said. "Kids are being bullied much younger, and this hurt is seething for many years."

Jenny Lee, who recently moved to Niles with her husband, said that she's been disappointed with the board's recent decisions. She also argued that the board didn't do enough to reach out to Niles' immigrant communities, citing the Korean American community as an example. Until Korean-language media reported on the issue, she said, most of them had no idea about the gun shop.

Hance went a step further, arguing that the village didn't have the authority to permit gun shops due to conflicts with Cook County Code of Ordinances. Section 54-154(b) of the code forbids gun shops from being located within a mile of a public school, a private school or a public park.

However, Section 54-92 makes it clear that home rule municipalities such as Niles are exempt if they have a "separate municipal ordinance specifically regulating the licensing of firearms dealers."

Earlier this year, the Niles Board of Trustees passed an ordinance changing the existing village gun shop regulations. However, those regulations are part of an appendix that includes all special use permit requirements.

Village of Niles spokesman Hayley Gerard said that the village is looking into Hance's allegations.

"We're going to look into the allegations," she said. "If more research is necessary, we will do research, but our lawyer is confident that it won't be the case. At this time, there won't be any impact."
An early-morning house fire on the 5800 block of Keeney Street nearly gutted a Morton Grove home Thursday.

Neighbors living near the vacant house at 5845 Keeney St. called 911 shortly before 3:30 a.m. to report flames coming out of the lower floor of the split-level style house.

The lower-level roof was engulfed in flames with firefighters arrived, said Tom Friel, Chief of the Morton Grove Fire Department.

Neighboring fire departments in Niles, Park Ridge, Glenview and Skokie were called in to help battle the blaze.

"Neighbors told us the home was vacant for at least six months, but we forced entry inside and searched it anyway," Friel said.

"By the time we arrived, the fire was spreading to the upper level of the home, but we got in quick and stopped it from taking any more of the roof."

Flames on the lower roof penetrated the home's exterior, Friel said, but the fire was extinguished before the flames and smoke came close to the homes to the east and west of the fire.

"The neighboring homes are close to the building that was on fire," Friel said. "As we attacked the fire, we protected both other houses."

The fire apparently started in a lower-level attic. The cause is still under investigation, but Friel said it was likely accidental.

"Electrical fires aren't uncommon in homes that aren't well-maintained," he said. Officials said the damage was "significant," and estimated the cost at $75,000.
Pace wants to speed up buses on Milwaukee Avenue

BY IGOR STUDENKOV

Pace and the Illinois Department of Transportation are working together to make buses along Milwaukee Avenue faster through Niles and Chicago.

The Arterial Rapid Transit corridor will give Route 270 buses signal priority, create special queue-jump lanes that will allow buses to bypass traffic and build new bus stops with real-time travel information.

Because Milwaukee is a state highway, many aspects of the plan will need to be coordinated with IDOT. Pace is tentatively planning to have the improvements up and running by late 2016.

The Milwaukee Avenue transit corridor traces its roots back to a streetcar line that traveled from Chicago's Jefferson Park neighborhood to much of Niles. The line launched at the beginning of the 20th century, bringing thousands of working-class immigrants to the village. Since then, Milwaukee Avenue has been the village's busiest commercial corridor and the closest thing it has to a downtown.

Today, Pace Route 270 follows the similar route as the original streetcar. Most buses travel between the Jefferson Park Transit Terminal and Golf Mill Mall an average of every 10 minutes most of the day and every half hour during the late evening. One third of the buses keep going northwest along Milwaukee Avenue until they reach Glenbrook Hospital.

The ART corridor won't extend past Golf Mill Mall for now, though Pace spokesman Patrick Wilmot said the agency may consider expanding it.

"More of Milwaukee Avenue could be added later, but that's subject to ridership demand and available funding," he said.

The project has been in the works since 2005, but it wasn't until recently that Pace got the funding for it. In the meantime, the agency and IDOT have been field-testing the signal priority technology on Routes 350, 352 and 364, which serve Harvey.

"We've been running a trial and collecting data for close to four years now," said Wilmot. "During the first phase of the project, which involved about 50 buses, we realized up to 15 percent of time saving. [Pace], together with IDOT, seeing the project success, we are moving on to Phase II."

Phase II involves implementing signal priority and other arterial rapid transit elements on several major Pace transit corridors, including Milwaukee Avenue.

At this point, it is not entirely clear how much arterial rapid transit improvements will speed up the buses. But Wilmot said that Pace hopes that the time savings will be greater than what was achieved at Harvey.

"With limited functionality on our test corridors in the south suburbs, we achieved up to a 15 percent time savings with [signal priority]," he said. "When applying that standard, the roughly 30-minute travel time between Jefferson Park and Golf Mill, [signal priority] alone could save close to five minutes of travel time."

Pace hasn't yet decided if it will make any changes to the corridor's service frequencies. Wilmot indicated that the agency will try to make it easier for riders to transfer to other Pace routes.

"One of the goals is to provide a strong level of service frequency on Milwaukee Avenue with easy connections to other routes including the [Niles Free Bus] and on other corridors such as Touhy, Oakton and Dempster," he said.

Because Milwaukee Avenue is a state highway, every change must be coordinated with IDOT.

"Certain project elements require more input from IDOT than others, and the traffic signals are one of the more significant examples of that," Wilmot said. "However, because Pace and IDOT are already working together on the joint [signal priority] corridors in the south suburbs, we have a good level of collaboration and expect a smooth transition when bringing [signal prioritization] to Milwaukee. While IDOT doesn't need to sign off on every element of the project, as a stakeholder, their staff is kept apprised of all project developments."

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Patrick Wilmot, Pace spokesman
The shrine to St. John Paul II at Niles' Maryhill Cemetery depicts the saint in carved gray granite. / Pam Defiglio for Sun-Times Media

Niles

John Paul II Statue To Be Dedicated Saturday

BY PAM DEFIGLIO
For Sun-Times Media

Polish-American and Mexican-American Catholics in the Niles area can stand together Saturday as a Catholic bishop dedicates a shrine at Maryhill Cemetery honoring religious figures of the two nationalities.

The cemetery's four-sided new shrine will have two sides honoring St. John Paul II, one dedicated to Our Lady of Czestochowa and one for Our Lady, Mother of the Americas (also known as the Virgin of Guadalupe).

Auxiliary Bishop Andrew Wypych of the Archdiocese of Chicago will preside over the dedication ceremony at 9:30 a.m. Sept. 6 at Maryhill, 8600 N. Milwaukee Ave., Niles. The shrine, a 32-foot tall tower which is 4 feet by 4 feet wide, is located to the right after driving into the main entrance. It can be seen from Milwaukee Avenue.

The shrine is fashioned from Barre gray granite, quarried in Barre, Vermont. The faces dedicated to St. John Paul II (formerly Pope John Paul II) depict his visits to Chicago, said Ted Ratajczyk, director of cemetery services for Catholic Cemeteries of Chicago, which includes Maryhill Cemetery.

Our Lady of Czestochowa is dear to the hearts of Poles and Polish-Americans, and Our Lady of Guadalupe is treasured by Mexicans and Mexican-Americans. John Paul II had devotion to both saints, Ratajczyk said. The former pope liked to call Guadalupe "Our Lady of the Americas."

Both of the Madonnas are depicted in colorful mosaics made of individual glass tiles called smalti, made in Venice, Italy. They are trimmed with tiles of real gold leaf sandwiched between clear glass. An artist from Conrad Pickel studio in Vero Beach, Florida, which is known for religious art, created and installed the artwork.

The two sides of the shrine depicting St. John Paul II are mainly carved in stone, with colorful swaths of mosaic near the base.

St. John Paul II was born in Poland and was chosen by Catholic cardinals worldwide in 1978 to serve as pope. He died in 2005, and Pope Francis canonized him as a saint in April.

The Lira Singers quartet of the Lira Ensemble, a Polish fine arts musical ensemble, will perform at Saturday's dedication ceremony. Ratajczyk said Catholic Cemeteries is paying for the cost of the shrine, as part of its practice of providing inspirational artwork in its cemeteries.

All are welcome to attend Saturday's ceremony, he said.
The following incidents were listed in the official bulletin of the Niles Police Department. Readers are reminded that an arrest does not constitute a finding of guilt. Only a court of law can make that determination.

NILES

RETAIL THEFT

Jack Steele, 43, of 8212 Summerdale Ave., Chicago, and Michael Arena, 10024 Holley Lane, unincorporated Maine Township, were each charged with retail theft after they alleged stole two electronic items, valued at $186, from a store on the 6100 block of Touhy Avenue. They have a Sept. 30 court date.

Claudio Zerillo, 25, of 2220 N. Central Ave., Chicago, was charged with retail theft on Aug. 27 after police said they were accused of stealing two electronic items, valued at $849 from a store at Golf Mill Shopping Center. He has a Sept. 30 court date.

RETAIL THEFT

Natasha Mason, 21, of 2006 South Fourth Street, Maywood, was charged with retail theft on Aug. 24 after she allegedly stole an air mattress from a store on the 8500 block of Golf Road. She has a Sept. 30 court date.

Daniel G. Johnson, 60, of 10024 Holley Lane, unincorporated Maine Township, was charged with retail theft on Aug. 26 after he allegedly stole two watches from a store at Golf Mill Shopping Center. He has a Sept. 30 court date.

Vincent Butyniec, 24, of 5502 N. Neenah Ave., Chicago, was charged with retail theft on Aug. 26. Police said Butyniec, an employee at a store on the 7400 block of Milwaukee Avenue, was accused of giving a customer one set of brake pads and two brake rotors without charging for them. The items were valued at $148. He has a Sept. 30 court date.

DUI

Richard Park, 29, of 3281 Prestwick Lane, Northbrook, was charged with driving under the influence, leaving the scene of an accident and failure to give aid and information on Aug. 23. Police said Park was involved in a hit-and-run crash and his vehicle, which was missing its rear bumper and had a flat tire, was stopped after it was seen traveling on the 8700 block of Golf Road. Park has an Oct. 2 court date.

Joel Toledo-Flores, 4l, of 8870 Root Street, Niles, was charged with driving under the influence, driving without a valid license and illegal transportation of alcohol on the morning of Aug. 24. According to police, Toledo-Flores was seen slumped over inside his vehicle, a cowboy hat covering his face, while the vehicle was parked on the 8800 block of Root Street with the headlights on and the keys in the ignition, but the engine turned off. Police said an open bottle of beer was located in the center counsel. Toledo-Flores reportedly told police he had never been issued a driver's license. He has an Oct. 2 court date.

CRIME BRIEFS

BATTERY

Police said a 40-year-old Skokie man reported being punched in the face on the afternoon of Aug. 22 following an apparent road rage incident. The man told police he was driving south on Central Road when he noticed the vehicle behind him was following very closely. After entering a parking lot on the 5600 block of Touhy Avenue, the man reported that the vehicle pulled into a nearby parking space and the driver exited and began screaming that he had been cut off in traffic. The man then punched in the face, police said. When the victim attempted to get a photograph of the suspect's vehicle, the suspect reportedly told him, "Go ahead and call the police. I work for the government," before he reentered his car and drove away. According to police, a witness recorded some of the interaction between the two men and a suspect has been identified, though an investigation was still pending at the time of the report.

COUNTERFEIT CURRENCY

A woman reportedly used a counterfeit $100 bill to purchase $8.80 worth of food from the snack bar at Brunswick Zone. She has a Sept. 30 court date.

THEFT

A gas grill was stolen between 12:20 and 5 p.m., Aug. 28, from the driveway of a home on the 7300 block of Howard Street. On Aug. 23, a man was reportedly seen throwing a black suitcase over the fence outside a store on the 8500 block of Golf Road. The man then left the store through the main exit, walked over to retrieve the suitcase, said he had left his wallet at the store, and had it left behind at the photo counter inside a store on the 9600 block of Milwaukee Avenue.

BURGLARY

A bicycle, tennis rackets, coins and phone accessories were stolen from an unlocked garage on the 8100 block of Cumberland Avenue between midnight and 6 a.m., Aug. 22.

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Niles

Board gives early OK to Touhy makeover plan

BY IGOR STUDENKOV
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The Niles Board of Trustees got a chance to see — and comment on — the Touhy Corridor plan that was unveiled to the Niles Chamber of Commerce and Industry in mid-August.

During the Aug. 26 meeting, Ross Klicker, the Niles Economic Development and Marketing Coordinator, presented the plan to the board. He asked the board for a vote to approve the general "vision" without necessarily agreeing to specifics. Klicker said he would do a follow-up presentation during the September meeting.

Trustee Chris Hanusiak expressed concerns about the financial implications of the plan. Several trustees expressed concerns about how the plan would fit with the potential Leaning Tower repairs. But in the end, the board voted to approve the plan 5-1, with Hanusiak casting the sole "no" vote.

As previously reported by Pioneer Press, the plan offers the general ideas for what sort of development the Village of Niles would like to see in the triangle-like area between Touhy Avenue, Lehigh Avenue and Gross Point Road. Klicker's presentation was a shorter version of the presentation he gave to the Chamber of Commerce a week earlier. While he mentioned the business-class hotel, the new park near the Leaning Tower and the new retail areas, he didn't mention anything about a potential Metra station.

Trustee John Jekot, Mayor Andrew Przybylo, Palicki and Hanusiak had attended the earlier Chamber of Commerce presentation in non-official capacity.

After Klicker gave the presentation, Trustee Joe LoVerde spoke in support of the plan. Trustee John Jekot said that the plan would put the village in better position to compete with Rosemont and other northwestern suburbs.

"We just need to be able to compete [with other towns] with entertainment districts," he said.

Hanusiak reiterated the concerns about the impact the plan would have on the taxpayers.

"There is a cost associated with it," he said. "The costs need to be offset, and the tax would need to go up for schools, for property owners."

Hanusiak asked Klicker about how much this would cost the taxpayers. Klicker said that, at this point, the plan wasn't specific enough for him to give the board any numbers.

"I don't know," Klicker said.

"This is the first step. If the board adopts it, than the question becomes 'how do we make it happen.'"

Hanusiak also reiterated his long-held position that public funding shouldn't be used to repair the Leaning Tower.

"I oppose using government funding for the Leaning Tower of Niles," said Hanusiak. "All the other [landmarks of this kind] — they seem to be privately owned."

Palicki offered similar sentiments, saying that she wasn't comfortable voting for the plan while the source funding for Leaning Tower repairs is up in the air.

Trustee George Alpogianis said that he had his own concerns about the fate of the Leaning Tower.

"There is nothing [like the Leaning Tower] in the area," he said.

"The Leaning Tower is pivotal to the whole process. How much would it cost to repair it? How much would it cost to take it down if it's not repairable?"

However, Alpogianis told Klicker that he was willing to approve the plan and wait until he had more information.

"Keep doing a good job and come back with the answers," he told Klicker.

In the end, the board voted to support the plan 5-1, with Hanusiak voting "no." Palicki originally voted "present," but she changed it to "yes."

After the vote wrapped up, Przybylo said that the plan would eventually resolve the Leaning Tower repair issue.

"It's going to lead to a public-private partnership that is going to address the problem that is the Leaning Tower," he said.
Park Ridge parent appointed to School Board

BY JENNIFER JOHNSON
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Park Ridge resident Pablo Morales has been appointed to the Maine Township High School District 207 Board of Education.

Morales is senior manager of implementation, products and services for Walgreen Co. based in Deerfield. He holds a bachelor's degree in organizational management from North Park University in Chicago and an associate's degree in accounting. He is a parent of two sons who attend Maine South High School in Park Ridge.

Members of the community will have an opportunity to comment on the proposed 2014-15 budget for Park Ridge-Niles School District 64 during a special hearing Monday.

The public hearing will take place at 7:15 p.m., Sept. 8, at Jefferson School, 8200 Greendale Ave. in Niles.

Adoption of the budget, which outlines the district's spending plan for the next year, is expected on Sept. 22.

The proposed budget's operating fund is showing $69.9 million in revenues and $68.7 million in expenditures, with a surplus in the fund of about $1.2 million, according to the district.

The budget includes an increase in salaries of about 4.9 percent and increases in benefits of about 4 percent. Student fees will remain at last year's levels.

Chief School Business Official Becky Allard declined to share the budget's total expenses and revenues — including how much the district anticipates spending on capital improvements over the next year — until the Sept. 8 hearing.

"There are adjustments [to the budget] that the board has not seen," she said.

The Board of Education approved a tentative budget back in July.

District 64 will not adopt the 2014 property-tax levy until December. Allard expects an increase in the levy between 4.5 and 4.9 percent will be proposed to the board, though she anticipates the district will actually receive an increase closer to 1.8 to 1.9 percent due to the Consumer Price Index limit and small growth in new construction.
Morton Grove

New owner giving shopping center a facelift

BY PAM DEFIGO
For Sun-Times Media

The Morton Grove shopping center at the northeast corner of Harlem and Dempster has a new owner, a new name and a new sign. Now, it's getting a new look.

Scaffolding sits in front of some stores in the strip center as workers remodel the buildings' facades. Closer to Dempster Street, a sign announces the new name of the center, formerly called Lonore Plaza: Dempster Crossing.

The changes came after Bianco Properties, a Creve Coeur, Mo.-based real estate investment company, purchased the shopping center last year.

"We are long-term owners, and Dempster Crossing is a perfect fit for our portfolio, as it is well located at one of suburban Chicago's busiest intersections," said Danny Wolk, senior vice president with Bianco.

Bianco owns a $350 million portfolio of real estate, primarily in St. Louis, Seattle, Dallas and Minneapolis, according to promotional materials. It made its foray into the Chicago market last year with the purchase of a retail complex in the West Loop, then purchased the Morton Grove property.

The company is changing the shopping center's look from white facades with green awnings to facades with a sandy beige color, which can already be seen on the Subway restaurant at the west end. Wolk said the construction work should be substantially completed in September, with a final completion date set for October.

Miguel Sanchez, an employee at Greener One Stop Cleaner in the shopping center, said the renovation work has not caused problems, except that customers occasionally have trouble finding a parking space.

"Construction trucks are occupying a few spaces in the parking lot. "Once in a while, insulation blows in the front door, and customers ask what it is. But they clean it up," Sanchez said of the renovation workers.

The update also includes an electronic message sign, which has been installed. Wolk said it will rotate businesses' messages along with time and temperature and community service messages.

The shopping center includes a Subway, Great American Bagel, ReMax Masters, Lai Thai Restaurant, Tawa Indian Restaurant, Zoot Cuts, Betty's Bistro, Kohinoor Salon and Bedding Experts, among other stores. Wolk said he expects to lease the one vacancy soon.

He was enthusiastic about the center's location and visibility.

"With Edens Expressway two miles to the east and Interstate 294 to the west, there is a significant amount of traffic on Dempster Street, as well as a dense residential base in Morton Grove and the nearby communities," he said.
Four tips to keep from dating losers

BY JACKIE PILOSOFF

Jackie: What do you think we should do for ourselves to draw a healthy, stable, loving relationship into our life? Is it me, or is this a nicer way of asking, "How can I avoid picking complete losers and meet someone who is normal and who treats me well?"

In answer to this question, first I want to ask: Why is it that when we go into one of those self-serve frozen yogurt places, like Menchie's or Cocomero or Pinkberry, that we sample different flavors before choosing the ones we want in our cup? We then peruse the toppings they really want?

Here's why:
1. They have low self-confidence and think they are lucky that someone actually likes them.
2. They lack self-love and feel that this is the way they deserve to be treated.
3. They are afraid to be alone.

I will never forget the time I was at a restaurant and began talking to a woman who said her boyfriend was outside getting the car. As women tend to do, she and I began chatting nonstop, only to be interrupted by a very rude guy standing in the doorway with an angry face, shouting, "Let's go, woman! Do you want a ride or not?"

Those were his exact words.

The woman, who instantly transformed from relaxed and happy to tense and worried, started to say good-bye when I asked her if she'd like to stay here with me, along with the girlfriend I was meeting. I told her we would drive her home.

She declined, at which point I said, "No offense, but why are you with that guy?"

The woman replied, "Because I'm in my 50s and I don't want to be single."

As she walked off, the guy shot me a dirty look and then began yelling at her. I sat there with a look on my face probably resembling a little kid whose parents just told him there's no Santa Claus.

Here are four tips that could take you from dating losers to a healthy, stable, loving relationship:
1. Give everyone a chance. Not just the good-looking ones. Everyone brings gifts to the table. Being wise and open-minded will give you the ability to uncover the best ones.
2. Don't ignore the red flags like you normally do. If he has six beers in the first half hour, let yourself see that's excessive. If she spends the whole night talking about old boyfriends in a negative way, realize you could be next on her list!
3. Listen to your friends. They care about you and have your best interests at heart.
4. Like and love yourself. Make good choices that foster self-love, self-acceptance and inner peace. When you are happy in your core, you attract healthier relationships.

I conducted a poll on Facebook asking men and women: "What's your number one criteria for your next boyfriend (or girlfriend)"

Here are some of the answers I received:

"Faithful, kind, attentive, honest, a true friend, appreciative, loyal."

These are some pretty lofty expectations, but at the same time, shouldn't the traits listed above be standard? I don't know about you, but I'd rather be alone than settle for anything less than these.

It takes patience and strength to wait for the right guy or girl, and guts to move on if the person you're dating is cheesecake frozen yogurt, when what you really want and need is cookies and cream!

Do cheaters deserve a second chance? Email me your opinion at Jackie@loveessentially.com. Or, if you have a question about dating or relationships, feel free to reach out! All questions and comments are anonymous.
HOW TEACHERS HELP STUDENTS BY BEING IN A UNION

Cinda Klickna
Illinois Education Association President

What happens in a classroom affects both the teacher and the students. So, it's important to remember that the teachers' working conditions are the students' learning conditions.

Teachers are experts and we know what students need to be successful. That is why teachers and support professionals speak up. The union provides the collective voice to do so, through bargaining, community service and political action.

When class sizes are so big that they hamper learning, we, the school employees, collectively act to bargain for smaller class sizes.

When educators spot a need in their school or community, we join with others in the union to identify ways to help.

When we see state legislation that would harm our students, we use our collective voice for political action and provide our views and expertise as educators.

So when you hear politicians and others honor teachers but demean the teachers' union, it's an attempt to separate the two from each other. But we are one and the same. Teachers and other education professionals ARE the union.

Just as doctors and lawyers join professional organizations, so do teachers and school support professionals. Our union is a professional organization that speaks with a collective voice. Whether it's speaking out about funding cuts or a lack of supplies, or bargaining items such as course offerings or professional development needs, our union gives us a voice.

Would anyone begrudge the American Medical Association recommending doctors spend more time with each patient? No. Why then should anyone begrudge teachers asking that class sizes remain small so we can have one-on-one contact with each student? From both research and my own experience as a former English teacher, I can tell you that one-on-one time occurs more often in smaller classes and reaps great rewards.

Many times, the only union-related issues that are reported in the news are based on economics. Yes, school employees will always be concerned about salaries and benefits because we owe it to our families to have a wage that can support them. But we also know that if a district wants to attract quality educators, there has to be a competitive salary to go with it.

Our union is made up of the people who have the best interests of students at heart, and our union provides its members a voice, for themselves, their students, their communities, and for public education.

As president of the Illinois Education Association, I am proud to represent the 135,000 members who do so much. Instead of demeaning our members for being a part of a union, I think they should be applauded.

A message from

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Airline makes good on lost luggage

HELP SQUAD
BY CATHY CUNNINGHAM

Dear Help Squad,
On June 2, 2014, I was booked on a United Airlines flight from Chicago O'Hare to Dallas-Ft. Worth with a $25 checked bag. After 12 flight delays, the UA flight was cancelled. I rebooked onto an American Airlines flight scheduled to arrive at DFW on June 3. Though I finally arrived at DFW, my bag did not. I filed a lost bag claim with American and was told I could spend up to $250 for interim emergency clothes and toiletries.

On June 5, wearing the same clothes as the day before, I went to my Federal Aviation Administration meeting in Ft. Worth hoping to get a call from AA that my luggage was arriving shortly. The whole day went by — no call. So that evening I spent $114.70 on clothes and toiletries.

On June 4, I finally got a call from AA that my luggage was found. It had left Chicago O'Hare. AA asked if I wanted the bag delivered to my home because my trip was almost over. I said, "No," since the $25 spent was to have the bag fly with me. AA delivered it to my hotel that evening. Yay!

But the travel nightmare was not over. I've followed all of AA's ever-changing instructions to get reimbursed the $114.70, providing requested copies and original documents. I have been given the runaround every time I call to get status on my reimbursement. AA keeps saying it's still under review.

I am sincerely asking for Help Squad's assistance to get this issue resolved!

Theresa, Hawthorn Woods

Theresa and Help Squad made a joint call to Central Baggage Services. At that time we were informed of the following:

• Theresa's claim had been received.
• The CSR was not authorized to provide status on the claim.
• The average processing time for interim expense reimbursement claims was eight weeks.

• If the CSR submitted a request to the claims department, it would be seven to 10 days until a response was posted.
• There was no escalation process — i.e., regardless of how poorly the situation was progressing, Theresa could not request to speak to a manager.

At this point it had been 12 weeks since Theresa's luggage was lost and 11 weeks since she submitted her interim expense reimbursement claim — both well beyond the stated eight-week claims processing time. We thanked the CSR and moved on to Plan B.

We composed an email containing Theresa's original letter and sent it to American Airlines' Media Relations department.

Within an hour Theresa received a phone call from AA saying that her claim had been processed and she would receive written communication via mail in the next seven to 10 business days. Shortly thereafter, Help Squad received an email from AA's Corporate Communications Department stating the following: "We've reached out to [Theresa] to let her know that her claim has been processed in full and she should be receiving a check in the mail in the next seven business days."

Upon conveying this message to Theresa, Help Squad received the following email from her:

"I can't thank you enough for your assistance. Help Squad ROCKS!!! Thank you, Theresa. It was our pleasure. And thanks to AA's Corporate Communications Department for facilitating this resolution. They rock as well.

Need help?
Did a utilities company overcharge you? Did a boutique deny your return for a refund? Are you the victim of fraudulent business practices? Is someone just exhibiting bad business behavior? Let Help Squad make the call for you.

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Howard gun range is against Cook County law

The Niles Village Board's recent vote to grant a special use permit for a gun store and firing range at 6413 N. Howard Street violates a Cook County ordinance:

According to Cook County ordinance Sec. 54-154, Limitation on concentration:

(a) No deadly weapons dealer license may be issued to any person seeking a license to operate a gun shop in the County which will be located within five miles of any other gun shop within or outside of the County as measured from the property lines of the respective properties.

(b) No deadly weapons dealer license may be issued to any person seeking a license to operate a gun shop in the County which will be located within one mile of any public or private school or public park as measured from the property lines of the respective properties.

According to Cook County Sec. 54-92, Applicability, the article shall control the licensing of all firearms dealers within Cook County except in home rule municipalities which have a separate municipal ordinance specifically regulating the licensing of firearms dealers.

Niles does not have a separate municipal ordinance specifically regulating the licensing of firearms dealers.

I demand that the Niles Village Board retract the special use permit as soon as possible and encourage others to do the same.

Cory Hance
Niles

Mindset list reveals limits of freshman experience

"There are clear mindset attitudes for incoming freshmen that are completely different from those of my peers, the kind of difference that says, 'Hey, geezer, the debate's over so get used to it.' For example: My peers are split on gay marriage, but for the incoming freshmen, the courts have always been overturning bans on same-sex marriage."

"I Love Lucy" (Lucy stomping on grapes making wine) any time I want.

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For example: My peers are split on gay marriage, but for the incoming freshmen, the courts have always been overturning bans on same-sex marriage.

Here is one that took me by surprise: My generation's mindset about national politics is based on the idea of the failed presidency. By the time my generation reached college, we had Clinton, Bush II and now Obama. Even the single term of the first Bush was an anomaly between two-termers Reagan and Clinton.

I'm left wondering, what does that quite interesting fact bode for the future? Alas, I don't think a college freshman can tell me the answer to that one.
Government has interesting perception of 'justice' for banks

Are "economics" and "business" synonyms? Or are they different? Either way, I don't understand.

Take this, for example: the recent government settlement with Citigroup. Citigroup agreed to cough up $7 billion for bad mortgages the government said helped set off the Great Recession.

So, here's the first thing I don't understand: Though individual borrowers and homeowners are the victims, here's how the $7 billion is to be divided — $4 billion to the federal government in penalties, $500 million to five states (including Illinois) and Federal Deposit Insurance, and $2.5 billion for homeowner relief.

Why do the victims receive such a small slice of the pie? I don't understand.

"To date, no criminal charges have been filed. I don't understand."

Also, I don't understand how a fine is punishment for a bank. Punishment should consist of the loss of something that will really hurt the offender, such as his liberty.

But Citigroup isn't going to be hurt much by giving up $7 billion. That $7 billion represents one quarter's earnings. And Citigroup reportedly last year earned $14 billion and had $85 billion cash on hand.

So, a $7 billion fine is as much a hardship for the bank as, say, me taking 100 Snickers candy bars (my favorite). And when caught, getting fined 20 Snickers. Why should I care? I still have 80 Snickers.

When announcing this settlement, U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder said the settlement doesn't preclude the possibility of criminal charges being filed. Oh?

The Citigroup fine is just the latest for bad mortgages involving gigantic banks, such as JP Morgan and Bank of America.

To date, no criminal charges have been filed. I don't understand. But maybe it's not economics and business I don't understand.

Perhaps what I don't understand is the American system of justice.
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**BY AGGREGO NEWS SERVICE**

$327,000

**AGENT** Joanne Hyun, Zip Solutions Realty, 847-256-2220

**7325 W. Breen St., Niles**

- **House size:** 1,201 square feet
- **Lot size:** 6,700 square feet
- **Year built:** 1958
- **Bedrooms:** 3
- **Bathrooms:** 2
- **Garage:** Two-car detached
- **Property tax:** $5,718.41 (2013)
- **Exterior:** Brick

**School districts:** East Maine School District 63 and Maine Township High School District 207

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FRIDAY, SEPT. 5
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, SEPT. 8
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.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 9
Preschool Story Time
10 a.m.: Stories, songs, and action rhymes for children aged 3-5. Oakton St., Niles. Call 847-663-1234.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 12
Homework Help Orientation
5:30 p.m.: Students ages 4-18 can learn about volunteering options available through "Homework Help" at the library. The "Homework Help" team helps students in kindergarten through fifth grade with their homework. Niles Public Library District, 6960 W. Oakton St., Niles. Call 847-663-1234.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 13
Second Saturday Breakfast Bingo
9:30 a.m.: Kids and families are invited for breakfast treats and bingo. Niles Public Library District, 6960 W. Oakton St., Niles. Call 847-663-1234.

MONDAY, SEPT. 15
Yoga for Kids: Stretch, Bend and Breathe
4:30 p.m.: Kids ages 4-8 can learn yoga poses and breathing techniques. No experience needed. Attendees are asked to bring a bath towel and wear comfortable clothes. Kids in second grade and younger must be accompanied by an adult. Niles Public Library District, 6960 W. Oakton St., Niles. Call 847-663-1234.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 6
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. 18. Market Grounds, 6210 Dempster St., Morton Grove.

Market Day Pick-Up
8:30 a.m.: St. Paul Lutheran Church, 5650 N. Canfield Ave., Chicago. Call 708-867-5044.

Career Fair for New Glenview Mariano's
9 a.m.: Attend this career fair for the new Mariano's in Glenview 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Mariano's seeks to fill 400 positions. Part-time and full-time jobs in all of their departments are available, including bakery, deli, floral, hot foods, sushi, soup, front end, logistics, produce, salad bar, barbecue grill, meat and seafood, smoothie, sweet shop and the cafe. Mariano's Career Center, 8930 Waukegan Road, Suite 230, Morton Grove. Call 847-966-1138.

Outdoor Flea Market
9 a.m.: Clean out the attic, closets and basement and rent a space at this popular sale. Each person is provided with a 10-foot-by-10-foot space and an 8-foot table and chair. Additional tables and chairs may be rented for $10 per set. Register online at www.prpark.org using class #37060. Oakton Ice Arena, 2800 W. Oakton St., Park Ridge. Call 847-692-5127.

Romp and Rhyme
11 a.m.: Young children ages 2-3 and their parents or caregiver are invited to join this play time with rhymes, stories and songs. A parent or caregiver must be present. Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview. Call 847-729-7500.

Doodles Into Cartoons
12:30 p.m.: Artist Bob Bulger teaches attendees how to draw cartoon figures using simple geometric shapes. This is a two-part class beginning at 11:30 a.m. Sept. 6 and 13. Mather's, 7134 W. Higgins Ave., Chicago. Call 773-774-4834. $10 suggested donation.

ACT Prep Exam
1 p.m.: Take a free ACT practice exam. Scores will be provided before students leave. Calculators are not provided. Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge. Call 847-825-3123.

2014 Stems and Steins
4 p.m.: Experience unlimited wine or beer tastings, with 50 beers or 50 wines to choose from. Premier tasting reservations for both wine and beer are available for an extra charge. Also available are hors d'oeuvres, pretzels and mustard, fruit and cheese, a silent auction, instant-win raffle and entertainment. Reservations should have been made by Sept. 1. Attendees must be 21 and older. Noble-Seymour-Crippen House, 5524 N. Newark Ave., Chicago. Call 773-631-4633. $50, $70 premier tasting.

Havdallah, Dinner and Movie
5 p.m.: Extra-Habonim Niles Township Jewish Congregation, 4500 Dempster St., Skokie.

Jiggle Jammies Jamboree
7 p.m.: Children's singer Jodi Koplin leads this early
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childhood movement and song program. Children may come dressed in pajamas. Cookies and milk are served. Register online at www.prparks.org using class #37060. Maine Park, 2701 W. Sibley St., Park Ridge. Call 847-692-5127. $5 residents; $8 nonresidents.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 7

Skokie Farmers Market
7:30 a.m.: The Skokie Farmers Market brings vendors in from Illinois, Indiana, Michigan and Wisconsin that sell fresh produce, cheeses, spices, flowers and other sundry items. Select days offer entertainment such as live music. Dogs and pets are not allowed in the market. The Skokie Farmers Market has been open since 1975 and is sponsored by the Consumer Affairs Commission. Skokie Village Hall, 5127 Oakton St., Skokie. Call 847-673-0500.

Recycling Sunday
9 a.m.: Metal products, appliances, computers, sports equipment and other hardware is accepted. Also on the list of acceptable products are computers, copiers, fax machines, printers, scanners and computer cords. For further information, call 847-675-4141. Ezra-Habonim Niles Township Jewish Congregation, 4500 Dempster St., Skokie.

Rally Day
10 a.m.: Kids and parents are invited to hear about the kids' Summer Route 66 adventures. The event includes music, games, food and more. Park Ridge Presbyterian Church, 1300 W. Crescent Ave., Park Ridge. Call 847-823-4135.

Outdoor Yoga 100th Anniversary Celebratory Class
10 a.m.: Join this special class in a time of relaxation and yoga. Wildwood Nature Center, 529 Forestview Ave., Park Ridge. Call 847-823-4135.

Make a Card for Grandparent's Day
10 a.m.: Parents and children may come to the store and make a card for Grandparent's Day. No registration is required. Mariano's, 1900 S. Cumberland Ave., Park Ridge. Call 847-696-3846.

Sunday Brunch with Jeff and Janis
10 a.m.: The musical duo Jeff and Janis performs at a brunch sponsored by the Men's Club of Ezra-Habonim, the Niles Township Jewish Congregation. The duo plays popular music, Broadway show tunes, standards and ethnic selections including Israeli and Yiddish songs. The event is open to men and women. For reservations or further information, call the synagogue office at 847-675-4141. Ezra-Habonim Niles Township Jewish Congregation, 4500 Dempster St., Skokie. $15.

Splash-N-Dash and Bake Sale Alzheimer's Association Fundraiser

Traumatic Brain Injuries and Concussions
7 p.m.: The talk is led by Dorothy Kozlowski, a professor in the department of biological sciences at DePaul University. Her research focuses on how the brain tries to repair itself after traumatic brain injury and on treatments that aid in behavioral recovery. She is a member of the Chicago Concussion Coalition and, with her students, offers concussion education programs to students in grades four to 12. Morton Grove Community Church, 8944 Austin Ave., Morton Grove. Call 847-966-2982.

MONDAY, SEPT. 8

Teddy Bear Time

Officer Friendly Story Time
11:30 a.m.: Stop by the library for a fun story time led by a Park Ridge police officer. For all ages. Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge. Call 847-825-3123.

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

Pages Book Discussion: 'Revolution' by Jennifer Donnelly

TUESDAY, SEPT. 9

Story Time for 4s and 5s

Movies, Munchies, and More: 'Antony and Cleopatra'
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**Parking lot**

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**Roof (commercial and residential)**

Address: 6700 W. Howard St., Niles
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Construction cost: $5,541

**First Bank & Trust and its holding company, First Evanston Bancorp, Inc., announced the election of Stephen H. Hagerty to the board of directors to serve a three-year term, effective Sept. 1, 2014.**

**Bridget Juister of B Holistic is practicing acupuncture by appointment only at 701 N. York Road, just south of the Gateway Square mall in Hinsdale.**

**Burr Ridge Veterinary Clinic co-owners Brian D. Rooney, DVM and Jeffrey D. Palmer, DVM recently welcomed two new veterinarians to the practice. Dr. Karen E. Angele, a graduate of the University of Illinois, has practiced veterinary medicine for more than 20 years in the Chicago metropolitan area. Dr. Kathryn McFadden Sexton, a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, has also practiced as a veterinarian in Chicago and its suburbs since 2009.**

**Hinsdale-based Foxford Communities has announced the grand opening of Wimbledon Estates, an exclusive community of seven custom-built homes on one-acre lots in Lake Bluff. Construction has already begun on a 5,000-square-foot French Provincial-style home set for completion by November of this year. Located off of Green Bay Road, just over a mile from downtown Lake Bluff, Wimbledon Estates is nestled in a quaint cul-de-sac surrounded by mature trees. Homebuyers have a choice to purchase a lot and work with their own home builder or they can work with Foxford, which has partnered with ICON Building Group to design a luxury spec home.**

**Sidley Austin LLP is pleased to announce that Markets Lindt, partner in Sidley's Chicago office, has been elected National Secretary of the American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA) for the 2014-2015 term.**
Business

The Big 4-0

Great America to celebrate 40th birthday in 2015; no new coaster

BY DAN MORAN
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One year almost to the day that Six Flags Great America deployed much fanfare to announce designs for the record-breaking Goliath roller coaster, park officials hosted a scaled-back ceremony Thursday to announce scaled-back plans for 2015: A celebration of the park's 40th season.

"Next season's going to be a party," Park President Hank Salemi told a group of Gurnee officials and residents invited inside the otherwise closed Hometown Square. "If you were a kid in 1976 or any time since then, we hope to stir memories and generate even more excitement about our park next year."

While no major additions are planned, Salemi said the park will bring back three kids' rides that date to Great America's opening season in 1976 — the Lady Bugs, Red Baron Airplanes and Tots Livery Surrey Carriages.

Salemi added that park employees will also sport nostalgic costumes, and each week will feature a focus on a different thrill ride, with parties planned around each of the park's 14 coasters.

Otherwise, Thursday's event was primarily a chance for the sharing of memories, including an appearance by Richard Welton, who was a 33-year-old mayor when what was then known as Marriott's Great America opened its gates in May 1976.

Standing with Bugs Bunny and a few other Warner Bros. icons, Welton told a crowd of about 100 people that "they're the only ones who haven't aged — the cartoon characters. I'm glad to be here today. I'm really glad to still be alive after all we went through a lot of years ago."

He reminisced about growing up in Gurnee when it was a small community of about 300 people. At the time, local high school graduates moved away because there were few job opportunities in the area, Welton said.

"We wanted to live here and build a community of opportunity. We knew we needed money, and we had none," said Welton, recalling that his mayoral predecessor, Gordon Gillings, told him "a philosophy that I've followed all my life, and that is, 'We're not against development as long as it pays for itself and doesn't cost Gurnee taxpayers any money.'"

"And 105 million visitors with a little amusement tax off of each, multiply that out, and there you can see some real money," Welton said. "In order to build the town that we wanted to build, we needed a golden cow, and you're looking at it here today."

Current Gurnee Mayor Kristie Kovarik said one of the biggest benefits of having the theme park in town is "how it blends in with our community" and gives it an identity.

"When I travel for business, no one ever knows what Gurnee is," Kovarik said. "But all I need to say is, 'Well, do you know where Six Flags Great America is?' And everyone, no matter where I've been in the country, always has some story or memory to tell about Six Flags. We really are blessed, and as Mayor Welton pointed out, it has fed the economic development for this whole region and fueled a lot of jobs and provided a lot of revenue that we then use to provide the finest public services anywhere in the state."

Salemi said Great America is "very, very fortunate to have the kind of working relationship we have" with the village when the park needs permission for big-ticket expansions like Goliath, the wooden coaster that debuted this spring with a height that required a zoning variance.

"I say this all the time [to] some of my counterparts who run other parks around the country, and I say it to my boss and the people who run Six Flags, we are so, so lucky to be in the community that we're in," Salemi said. "You guys are incredible neighbors. We do our best to be good neighbors — I know sometimes we cause traffic jams and maybe make a bit too much noise, but we truly are so appreciative of all you and what you do for us."

The 2014 operating season is winding down, with Great America and Hurricane Harbor both open this weekend and on Labor Day before the water park shuts down for the year. Great America will then be open to the public the weekend of Sept. 6-7 before re-opening for Fright Fest on Sept. 27.

Plans for 2015 include a 40th Season Celebration on May 29, 2015, with Gurnee residents invited to participate by emailing the park at sfgprp@sixflags.com.
Big Greek Food Fest lives up to name

BY LEE A. LITAS
For Sun-Times Media

A collective and hearty "Opa!" sounded through Niles as the 35th annual St. Haralambos Big Greek Food Fest rolled out its culinary best July 18-20. More than 15,000 attendees converged on the massive food tents serving up homemade specialties from hand-rolled dolomates to the robust Greek side dish, moussaka and lamb roasted on a spit.

Visitors were also invited inside the church to view scenic films of Greece, enjoy cooking classes and browse the tent market "agora" for hand-made jewelry and artwork throughout the three-day event. This year's raffle prize was a 2014 Volkswagen Beetle Convertible.

For more information, visit biggreekfoodfestofniles.org

PHOTOS BY LEE A. LITAS/ROE SUN-TIMES MEDIA
'Dance for Life' raises $175,000 to fund HIV/AIDS care

The event: The 23rd annual "Dance for Life" benefit supporting HIV/AIDS care pulled out all the stops on Aug. 16 at the Chicago Hilton which turned its Grand Ballroom crimson for the occasion.

More than 650 supporters enjoyed a gala reception and bid high for the cause before moving to the Auditorium Theatre where more than 2000 attendees enjoyed performances by newbie and veteran Chicago dance companies. Participating troupes included: Visceral Dance Chicago, Joffrey Ballet, Giordano Dance Chicago, Hubbard Street Dance Chicago, River North Chicago Dance Company and Ensemble Español.

Cause célèbre: "There is always a new element to 'Dance for Life,'" said four-year managing director Anthony Guerrero of Chicago. This year's benefit extravaganza offered no less than two world premieres and six high-energy dance numbers. To help forge a cohesive sense of community, each company included members of different performing troupes, as well as independent artists from around the city.

"This is really the essence of 'Dance for Life' and the Dancers' Fund," said Guerrero. "Besides building the awareness (for HIV/AIDS care) and raising the funds, it's really to build the dance community here in Chicago. That's why we are all really here."

This year, the "Dance for Life" benefit was accessible to a greater number of dance-lovers, with a range of tickets with prices that began at $25.

"You don't have to have a lot of money to be able to be part of the philanthropic movement and give back to wonderful organizations in the community," said Guerrero. "We're here celebrating life and celebrating dance and every single body in every seat is important."

Bottom line: Dance for Life raised more than $175,000 benefiting the AIDS Foundation of Chicago, The Dancers' Fund, Making A Daily Effort and Agape Missions Inc.

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Make the Most of Every New Hire for Holiday Jobs

By: Roberta Chinsky Matuson

It's starting to look a lot like Christmas, even though fall has just arrived. With this year's budgets in hand, employers will be checking their lists twice to get the most of every new hire for their holiday jobs. Here's how to make every new hire count.

**Think beyond the holiday season.** If you want customers to return long after the holiday trim is gone, pay close attention to your hiring process. Begin by adjusting job descriptions and job requirements to ensure you're attracting candidates that can handle this year's seasonal needs.

Hire your hourly workers as if you were bringing on a year-round employee. This means casting your net wide to ensure you have an adequate pool of candidates and investing the time required to thoroughly screen candidates and conduct an interview. Don't forget to wrap up the hiring process with reference checking before making an offer.

**Shop early.** A reduction in headcount means you'll need to hire people who are willing and able to do more than what's required. Look for self-starters with a history of working independently.

These candidates are best found early in the season, as they are the ones knocking on doors before the masses decide it's time to find employment. Early October is the perfect time to begin searching for star performers. You'll get first dibs on candidates and have time to recover should a new hire need to be replaced.

**Over hire.** People with a host of experience are looking for work this holiday season. Go against the trend and add mature workers to your seasonal team. Many are more fit than their younger counterparts and most know better than to text while talking with customers. Take advantage of the breadth of knowledge that experienced workers can bring to the table. Listen to their suggestions and implement those ideas that have merit.

**Shop your aisles for seasonal hires.** Who better to represent your products and services than someone who is a long-term customer or client? Keep your eyes and ears open for people who are passionate about your business and make them an offer they can't refuse. Offer current employees a referral bonus to encourage them to refer top-notch candidates who they'd be proud to work side-by-side with.

**Avoid job burnout.** Seasonal workers are as prone to job burnout as regular full-time staff. Crazy holiday schedules combined with demanding customers make for a stressful workplace. One way to reduce the likelihood of job burnout is to ensure everyone on the team pulls his or her own weight.

This means addressing employee performance issues when they occur, rather than counting down the days until Christmas arrives.

Pay attention to the staff schedule with your hourly workers. Avoid scheduling employees for late nights followed by early morning openings and provide employees with frequent breaks. Set aside a quiet place for employees to take breaks so they can decompress.

**Invest in training.** It may sound counterintuitive to incur costs when the outlook for a strong holiday season is dim. But this is exactly what is needed to be a strong contender in the months that follow. Employees who lack training quickly frustrate customers and often become disgruntled as well. Keep in mind that comments regarding lousy service live on long after Ebenezer Scrooge has left the building. Put seasonal employees through as much training as any other hire.

**Dedicate resources to onboarding.** Ask anyone who has worked a seasonal job to describe their first week at work and most will say chaotic. That is if they make it through the first week. You wouldn't drop a new skier at the top of a mountain without proper instruction, yet companies do this all the time with their seasonal new hires. To best assimilate new hires into your workplace it's important to have an onboarding process in place for their first few weeks that includes detailed instruction and coaching.

**Manage your seasonal hires.** Manage the performance of seasonal hires as you would your regular staff. Provide them with a job description and details regarding how performance will be measured. Then do what you would do for any of your employees. Provide them with on-going feedback and a year-end performance review.

The best way to make the most of every new hire this holiday season is to treat them as you would any of your regular staff with your hiring process. When you do this, don't be surprised when neither you nor your customers can easily discern which workers are here to stay and which are here only for the season.
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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 20th day of August, 2014.

Carolyn Dutil
Treasurer, Niles Public Library District
There are many light-duty full-size pickups to choose from, but the Ram stands out above the rest for its well-mannered ride, impressive fuel economy, refined and quiet cabin, and long list of available amenities.

The Ram 1500 half-ton pickup is an impressive truck that is capable of towing and hauling, as well as being nicely-crafted and comfortable enough for a night on the town.

For 2014, the Ram 1500 becomes the first light-duty pickup truck to offer a fuel-efficient light-duty diesel engine.

The 3.0-liter turbocharged V6 diesel engine produces 240 horsepower and 420 pound-feet of torque. With the light-duty diesel engine, Ram 1500 is rated at an impressive 20/28 miles per gallon city/highway (two-wheel drive). Four-wheel-drive models drop only to 19/27.

The 3.0-liter diesel engine makes the Ram 1500 the most fuel-efficient in its class. Along with the light-duty diesel engine, Ram also offers a strong, yet fuel-efficient gasoline-powered V6, and a powerful HEMI V8.

The 3.7-liter V6 and 4.7-liter V8 engines have been discontinued. The current 3.6-liter gasoline-powered V6 produces an astounding 305 horsepower and 269 pound-feet of torque. Plus, this V6 is a flex-fuel engine that can run on regular unleaded or E85.

Like the diesel engine, the 3.6-liter V6 gas engine is mated to a smooth-shifting eight-speed automatic transmission. The eight-speed shifts smoothly without feeling too busy, and the extra gears help with towing and fuel economy. The gas-powered V6 Ram 1500 features a fuel economy rating of 18/25 mpg (2WD).

The gas-powered V6 is very strong and it delivers impressive acceleration from a stop, and for passing. The gas-powered V6 can tow up to 7,450 pounds and it should satisfy most Ram 1500 buyers.

Many light-duty truck buyers have been clamoring for a diesel engine. Now they have one. The Ram 1500 with the 3.0-liter turbocharged diesel engine is rated to tow up to 9,200 pounds.

While the diesel takes a bit longer to get up to speed, acceleration is very good and the cabin remains fairly quiet. The 3.0-liter diesel engine provides impressive torque, while accelerating much like a gasoline-powered engine.

Those who crave power will prefer the 395 horsepower 5.7-liter HEMI V8. The HEMI V8 provides awesome power, as well as fuel-saving technology that can shut off four of its eight cylinders to save fuel when power is not needed.

The HEMI V8 provides Ram 1500 with exciting acceleration, and the capability to tow up to 10,450 pounds (when properly equipped).

The Ram 1500 is offered with three cab configurations (regular, quad, crew), and multiple box choices. The regular cab can be fitted with a 6'4" or 8' box. The quad cab features a 8'4" box, and the crew cab can be equipped with a 5'7" or 6'4" box.

The starting price is $24,810, and there are too many trim levels to list. Prices top out just around $58,000 for a fully loaded top-of-the-line Laramie Limited Crew Cab 4X4, with the diesel option.

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WHAT FILM ARE YOU MOST LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING THIS FALL?

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"Birdman," out Oct. 15. Quite a step up from "Prat Coal" - Michael Keaton finally gets another role he deserves as a washed-up actor butting heads.

Managing Editor
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"The Disappearance of Eleanor Rigby," out Sept. 26. I'm torn if I feel with James Chastain, and the movie's concept - the disconnection of a relationship told from three different perspectives - sounds right up my overly analytical alley.

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"It's great to have Girl, out Oct. 3, for me I'm all about the back-toured movie thing and can't wait to see how the film holds up.

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"I'm embarrassed to admit that mine is The Hunger Games: Mockingjay, out Nov. 21. If I were in the arena, my weapon of choice would be crippling sarcasm and passive aggression.

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"I'm going with the Oly anterior-menting drama "Farrarh" out Nov. 14. Assistant Editor Katreaen Rizzi might pick it for Cheesecake Factory, but I'm interested in seeing what Steve Carell does with a non-connevable role.

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September 10-13

- VMR FENDI POP-UP EVENT
  Fill your fall wardrobe with plenty of Fendi at this three-day pop-up sale focused on the Italian designer. VMR owners Mark Gill and Tina Kourasis have compiled a collection of runway-ready to wear, jewelry, handbags and the Karlito charm — one of the hottest accessories for fall — all from the iconic luxury brand.
  Time: 11 a.m.-6 p.m.
  Place: 34 E. Oak, 7th floor
  Cost: Free. For more on VMR, visit VMRchicago.com.

- GREEN TIE BALL
  Don your best emerald, lime, green or Kelly hues for the Great Green Gatsby. Gateway Green's annual event, co-chaired by Lee Golub and Splash's own Susanne Negovan and emceed by "Windy City Live" co-hosts Val Warner and Ryan Chavelerini. Savor food and drinks from over 60 top local restaurants — then dance it off to beats from the city's best DJs, including DJ Rock City and DJ Matt Roan, who takes over our Trending Now page this week), culminating in an appearance by Perry Farrell. Splurge on a VIP ticket and score access to a pre-event reception, first dibs on food and drinks and a casino gaming area courtesy of Rivers Casino. The event benefits Gateway Green, which works to beautify Chicago expressways, gateways and communities.
  Time: 6:30-8:30 p.m. VIP reception, 8:30 p.m.-1 a.m. event
  Place: UIC Parking Lot 6, 1135 S. Union
  Cost: $150 in advance, $175 at the door. VIP $250, $275 at the door. For tickets, visit GatewayGreen.org.

- CELESTIAL BALL
  Join chair Pamela Pohl, co-chairs Lisa Lewis and Meg Sauer and more than 700 of the city's civic, business and philanthropic leaders for the Adler Planetarium's annual black-tie event, hosted by the institution's Women's Board. Themed "Starry Night," the evening features a reception, auction, dinner and dancing, with proceeds from the event helping to fund the Planetarium's science education programs.
  Time: 6:30 p.m. reception, 8:30 p.m. dinner
  Place: Adler Planetarium, 1300 S. Lake Shore
  Cost: $800. For tickets, visit Phchicago.com/event/adler.

Chicago, offering support for those whose lives have been touched by cancer.
  Time: 7:30 p.m.
  Place: The Montgomery Club, 500 W. Superior
  Cost: $150. For tickets, visit Erie80bond50.com.
Celebrity chefs and the culinary masterminds behind Chicago's best restaurants brought the heat at the Magnificent Mile Shopping Festival's A Magnificent Taste Aug. 22. Guests turned out to Pioneer Court (401 N. Michigan), where they nibbled on delectable dishes crafted by the chefs, including Stephen Wambach (Allium), Tim Graham (Travelle) and John Coletta (Quartino). Between bites, diners also had the chance to rub shoulders with the evening's celebrity host, former "Top Chef" fan favorite Sam Talbot. The bash jump-started a weekend of activities, which included pop-up shops along Michigan Avenue from vendors like Macy's, H2O+, the 900 N. Michigan Shops and more. Proceeds from the event will benefit local nonprofit Common Threads, which is dedicated to educating children from low-income families on the importance of nutrition and physical well-being. —Olana Milios

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Talk about being totally on point: These fashionable women have us seeing spots, thanks to one of the season's most feminine trends. Whether you opt for bold blotches, classic black-and-white dots or microdots, just remember to keep the rest of the outfit subdued — try limiting yourself to just a few accessories (we love a chic belt that breaks up the pattern) and avoid clashing prints. Need to stock up on spots? Grab Alice + Olivia’s polka-dot shift dress or Dolce & Gabbana’s sexy sheaths before they’re replaced with fall’s more muted designs. Trust us, this is a look that’s definitely spot-on.
Game time

Two-story restaurant/lounge Reverie (414 N. Orleans) is the new kid on the East Bank district block, after swinging open its doors for business Aug. 1. The sports-bar-inspired space was created by restaurant veterans Jesse Boyle (Red Ivy, Grand Tour), Adam Cisek (Red Ivy, Palermo's) and Paul Lee (Coco Pazzo, Tre Soldi, Sunda) and sports personalities Ryan Baker (WBBM-Channel 2), Lou Canellis (WFLD-Channel 32) and Kip Lewis (Comcast SportsNet Chicago). At the opening bash, chef Rodelio Aglibot welcomed guests to sample his menu, made up of gourmet American fare with Asian accents. — Chiara Miliou

Wild, wild West


dered music from Garfield Park (100 N. Central Park) Aug. 16 during the Chicago Westside Music Festival. The third annual summer fest brought local talents — including Terisa Griffin, La Obra, Chas, Aniba Hotep and The Sol Collective — to the stage before an audience of more than 6,000. While the older crowd sipped refreshing brews from the new MillerCoors beer garden, Radio Disney and the Chicago Park District's "Kid Zone" kept children entertained with interactive games. To top off the night, headliners Brownstone and 112 belted their famed '90s R&B tunes. The festival carried a philanthropic note, too: Local nonprofit Acts of Love was on hand doling out free books to kids.

— Chiara Miliou

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Milestone memories

Former Splash cover star and E! News host Giuliana Rancic celebrated her 40th birthday with a weekend in Chicago. The television star kicked off the festivities Aug. 8 alongside husband Bill Rancic, family and friends at Studio Paris (59 W. Hubbard). The following day, the Rancies invited a VIP crowd, which included fellow E! News host Jason Kennedy and former Chicago Cub Kerry Wood, to their new Chicago restaurant, RPM Steak (52 W. Illinois).

Restaurant partners RJ, Jerrod and Molly Melman and Doug Psaltis joined the party and encouraged guests to sip cocktails and try bites from the menu. The evening ended with a sweet — and fashionable — moment when Rancic blew out the candles on her cake: a replica of an Hermès Birkin bag. —Katerina Bizios

SCHOOL OF THOUGHT

BY JENNY MCCARTHY

Cut the back-to-school blues. Every parent has mixed emotions when it comes to this time of year — there are tears because our babies are getting older and won't be home as much, and there is excitement because our babies are growing up and we'll have more time for ourselves. (Let's be honest though, I'd spend every minute of every day with Evan if I could.)

On top of the stress of actually going back to school, there's the stress of making sure your kids have every school supply they could possibly need. What happened to the days when there was just one type of pencil, pen and notebook? Now there's actually a pen aisle — an entire aisle dedicated just to pens — it's crazy!

So as the lazy summer days are replaced by a school schedule, carpools and homework, I've decided to make the best of it by trying to make the year as memorable as possible for both Evan and me. Here are my three goals for this school year:

• Come up with a back-to-school tradition — or even a weekly tradition during the school year — like a special dinner or game night.
• Volunteer at the school. If they need a chaperone for a trip, I'll be the first one to volunteer so I'll get to spend the day with Evan and his new friends.
• Make sure to have conversations about Evan's day, every day; be there to listen to his stories, give him advice and just enjoy the day with him.

Missing Evan while he's at school only makes the time I get to spend with him once he's home that much more special — even if it consists of helping him with his homework.

What are some ways you cope with the back-to-school blues?
Hyde and seek

Jared Wentworth brings his ‘prehistoric’ cooking to Hyde Park with The Promontory

BY ANTHONY TODD

We're doing some straight-up prehistoric cooking, but putting a modern twist on it,” says chef Jared Wentworth of the cuisine at his new Hyde Park restaurant, The Promontory.

Case in point: Upon entering the bright, airy restaurant, the first thing diners see is meat roasting on a giant spit. "With the open flame, the hearth, we're taking a lot of large, rustic cuts of meat and breaking them down into dishes that are more modern," explains Wentworth.

Though the food might pay homage to a bygone era, The Promontory is part of a very recent restaurant boom in Hyde Park. Nearby, all of 53rd Street seems to be under construction, with condominiums, grocery stores and new businesses opening constantly.

The Promontory joins a group of restaurants (including A10 and Yusho from chef Matthias Merges) that are making their way to this South Side neighborhood, which Wentworth believes is the perfect location. "It's a great neighborhood," he says. "It's just begging for more good restaurants."

Here's what else to expect at The Promontory:

**Shared vision:** The menu is arranged into novel sections; instead of "small," "medium" and "large," The Promontory boasts "cold," "fast," "embers" and "historic." "I'm done with small plates," says Wentworth. "I wanted a menu where every dish could be shared."

**Must-try dishes:** The offerings from the "embers" section are the most visible — a huge open-flame hearth dominates the kitchen. Giant legs of lamb sizzle over the fire, destined for Wentworth's Navarin of Lamb ($26). The lamb is roasted, then braised over two days before it's plated with grilled sweetbreads, squash, fava beans and baby turnips. It's not just meats that get the fiery treatment: Don't skip the hearth-roasted feta served with warm olives, charred peppers and a baguette ($7).

**History in the making:** "I'm a history nerd — I really wanted to bring back dishes of yore that fell out of favor," says Wentworth. That's the point of the "historic" section of the menu, which includes dishes like sole Veronique ($25) and Kentucky burgoo ($24), the official dish of the Kentucky Derby that started as a sort of communal stew. "Whatever you brought got put into the pot," says Wentworth. His hearty version combines a stock composed of roasted game bones with roasted pork collar, homemade rabbit sausage, charred corn and haricot vert.

**Drink up:** The drink menu at The Promontory is laid out in a grid for easy reading, with the style of drink (stirred, shaken or carbonated) across the top and the spirit (bourbon, tequila, rum or gin) along the side. Try the Roots & Malt, which combines spicy, anise-heavy homemade root beer with rye or bourbon ($10). Served in a huge, frosty stein, it's a delicious (if slightly dangerous) tipple.

**Dinner and a show:** Like Dusek's, The Promontory has multiple parts: a restaurant, a concert venue and an event space. The second-floor space, which has a capacity of about 650, can be partitioned into several different sections. Every weekend, it transforms into The Promontory Social Club, with DJs, a full bar and plenty of dancing. Blues and R&B shows are in the works, too.

5311 S. Lake Park, (312) 801-2100; Promontorychicago.com
t was a perfect match when Danielle Lutz, owner/creator of Sole Goddess, met Glenn Richter, COO of Nuveen Investments, through Chicago matchmaking service Selective Search. "I said I'd meet him for a drink because I didn't have much hope about it, but we ended up having dinner and closing down Coco Pazzo [300 W. Hubbard]" she says of their January 2012 first date. "I didn't know I was going to marry him that night, but I knew he was different."

Two years later she did marry him, in an elegant ceremony at the Fourth Presbyterian Church (126 E. Chestnut) that was followed by a reception for 100 at the historic Woman's Athletic Club (626 N. Michigan). "Part of why we chose the WAC is because of all the original antiques and chandeliers that match the style in our home," the bride says. Lutz used the space's vintage charm as a guide for the reception décor, accenting it with art deco touches - like a custom monogram on their five-tier carrot cake by Elisia Root Cakes - and purple flower arrangements by Natural Beauties Floral. After a four-course dinner, Richter's 18-year-old son Max brought down the house with his best man speech. "He was cracking everyone up, but it was from the bottom of his heart," says Lutz.

Lutz also helped design another important part of the day: her wedding gown. After trying on several gowns without finding "the one," she took matters into her own hands. "The designer was in town from New York and I told him my vision - I needed more of a 'wow' factor," she says. After traveling back and forth three times to meet with Charles W. Bunsine II, head designer of Anna Maier, the bride ended up with the custom lace and headed gown she envisioned. Lutz finished her look with jewelry from Lester Lampert, a pair of sparkly Jimmy Choos - and, of course, her signature Sole Goddess foot balm.

"I'm grateful we were able to have such a beautiful wedding but, most of all, I feel really blessed to have such a happy, loving relationship," Lutz says.

CHEERS!

• Real estate expert and contributing SPLASHhome writer Ashley Devick is charting into marriage territory after NA Logan VP Dan Logan popped the question Aug. 8 at the Godfrey Hotel (127 W. Huron). The pair, who have known each other since their days at Hinsdale Central High School, jetted off to Greece to celebrate.

• Illinois Institute of Technology architecture student Piotr Matejczyk will impact the window-shopping experience for Chicagoans this fall: As the inaugural recipient of the SPARK Award - presented by Louis Vuitton and the city's Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events - Matejczyk's project, Re-Thinking the (Hyper) Loop, went up on display in Louis Vuitton's (919 N. Michigan) windows Aug. 27.

• RPM Advertising blows out the candles on 20 years of business and, to celebrate, the agency's partners Steve Platcow and Mark Malin (above, with Rhona Frazin and Elizabeth Dozier) hosted 400 guests at the Chicago Cultural Center (78 E. Washington) for an evening of giving back. The company selected Christian Fenger Academy High School as the recipient of a $10,000 donation.

SEND US YOUR CHEERS!
If you have good news to share - or if you'd like your wedding featured - send a note to Splash@suntimes.com.
eredith Vieira has a secret talent: She's a phenomenal waitress. Though she rarely gets to put those skills to use anymore — after lead gigs on "The View," "Who Wants to be a Millionaire" and "The Today Show," she's one of television's most successful women. But in 1996, while she was still on "The View," Vieira dusted off her order pad to work as a celebrity waitress at a New York charity event.

That night, the TV star was assigned to the corporate table for Pepsi, where one of her guests was the company's then-Global Public Affairs Manager Jon Harris. Neither knew it when appetizers came, but by dessert, they'd become best friends. "Every drink we had, she had; every part of the meal we had, she had," recalls Harris, who until recently worked as the Chicago-based chief communications officer for Hillshire Brands. "By the end, we were laughing all night and it was like we had known each other our whole lives."
Now, after nearly 20 years of friendship — including countless nights spent drinking wine and belting out Beatles songs with their spouses, Richard and Allie, and both couples' kids — the dynamic duo will finally take their relationship to a new level. As of Sept. 8, they'll join forces as host and anchor on Vieira's new eponymous daytime show, airing on WMAQ-Channel 5 at 1 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Vieira couldn't be more excited. "Yikes! It's happening!" she laughs. "The anticipation is what gets to you. I just want it to start." Harris matches her enthusiasm, adding: "I get to be part of this amazing adventure with one of my best friends on the planet. It's a dream come true."

Together Vieira and Harris represent the perfect TV couple. She's got experience, he's got fresh-eyed fervor. But to say Harris' path to TV was unconventional would be an understatement. A year and a half ago, after Vieira decided she wanted to host her own show, she immediately requested Harris as her cohort. The executives at NBC were more than a little taken aback — after all, here was a tried-and-true TV icon recommending a relatively unknown "nit." "They said, 'You need somebody who's done TV,'" she recalls. "I said, 'Well, I don't want a fake friend. I want a real friend.' I don't want to pretend or create this relationship from nowhere. Here it is, I have this person who's great, who has my back and who's fun and smart."

For Harris, the moment Vieira approached him with her wild idea represented a rare second chance at a lifelong dream. Growing up, he had always loved performing — he starred in commercials as a child, took singing lessons at Carnegie Hall and acted in college. But when graduation time came, Harris was faced with a dilemma. Take a major risk and pursue a performing career or choose a steady paycheck at an office gig. "I had student loans to pay. I was helping my mother with bills and [helping] my brothers who were going to school at the time," he says. "So I thought, 'That would have been a nice dream,' and I left it at that."

He didn't entirely stop performing, though. He still regularly stole the spotlight at parties and events, and through another celebrity pal, Rachael Ray, Harris landed a gig at Austin's SXSW festival, picking up his guitar and playing original songs and covers of classics to warm up the audience for Ray. His wife of 18 years, Allie, also helped keep that flame burning. "Allie's reminded me that I always said 'Gosh, I kinda wish I at least tried harder for it,'" Harris says. "But I took that safer path, the realistic path." Allie will continue to support him as the show kicks off: While he commutes to New York to film, Allie will stay in Northbrook with their children, giving him the best of both worlds.

Harris still remembers the way Vieira asked him to join forces. "Meredith said to me, 'About that dream — why don't we look into making that come true?'" Vieira recalls that Harris was blown away. "I told him, 'Jon, I wouldn't do it if I didn't think we would be great together. I want everybody to know you.'"

What drew Harris — and the network hopes will draw millions of viewers — to Vieira is her incredible authenticity. "People love her because they feel that they know her," Harris says. "And they do know her. Whether she's on 'The Today Show,' 'Who Wants to Be a Millionaire' or 'The Meredith Vieira Show,' she's herself. She's that person that you want to have breakfast, lunch and dinner with ... and snacks."

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"Who's a better dancer?" Harris |
| Jon. And Jon will say 'Jon.'" |

"Can I call it a tie? I think she's going to say I'm a better dancer, but I don't want to say it. All right, I'm a better dancer." |

NEW GIG, NEW DUDS

To prepare for his TV debut on "The Meredith Vieira Show," Harris asked local luxury menswear line Boga, and its Showroom Manager and Lead Stylist Sarah Watts, to pick four camera-ready looks. "If I'm looking to be my best self for this new adventure, then there's no better way to be dressed than in Boga," Harris says. "They say the clothes make the man, and I'm feelin' pretty good right now."

| Boga Chiff Sweater-Jacket, $695: Shirt, $270; Denim, $220; Belt, $150; Derby Shoes, $550 |
| Shirt, $290: Denim, $220; Belt, $150; Wingtip Boot, $625 |
| Shirt, $290: Tie, $150; Denim, $220; Belt, $150; Brogues, $425 |

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State of the ARTS

Seventy shows light up Chicago stages this season. BY THOMAS CONNORS

Labor Day may signal "the end" for those who wish summer would last forever. But for theater and dance fans, whose pickings can be pretty slim midyear, September is the start of something good — and this season is shaping up enticingly well. Here are just a few of the events we're looking forward to.

'Death Tax' at Lookingglass Theatre

It's no fun facing mortality and just having playwright Lucas Hnath makes sure audiences don't forget it with "Death Tax," a sharp and stunning show in which a dying woman is convinced that her name and face have been stolen. "Deanna Dunagan, whose memorable tour is traceable to "August: Osage County," earned her third Jeff and Tony Awards. Stars in the Lookingglass Theatre Company production, directed by ensemble member Heidi Stiller, Sept. 5-20. 821 N. Michigan

Tickets: $25-$44, $40-$65 thereafter. Call (312) 537-0460 or visit Lookingglasstheatre.org

MOTION PICTURE

Miguel Blanco and Christine Rocas star in the Chicago premiere of "Raku," one of three works in "Stories in Motion" at the Joffrey Ballet Sept. 18-21.
The Goodman Theatre kicks off its 90th season with the world premiere of Frances Ya-Chu Cowhig’s "The World of Extreme Happiness." Taking inspiration from sources as varied as Arthur Miller’s essay "Tragedy and the Common Man" and Xue Xinran’s "Message from an Unknown Chinese Mother: Stories of Loss and Love," the New York-bound show follows the travails of a peasant girl turned factory worker negotiating life as the booming economy affects every aspect of existence in China. The piece made quite an impression when it played in London last fall, with critics calling it "hard-hitting and bruisingly funny" and a "snappy theatrical insight into contemporary China." Sept. 13-Oct. 12, 170 N. Dearborn. Tickets: $10-$40, subject to change. Call (312) 443-3800 or visit Goodmantheatre.org.

Jennifer Lim

Stories in Motion' at the Joffrey Ballet

Hard to believe, but it's been 20 years since the Joffrey Ballet pulled up its roots and settled in Chicago. As the company launches this anniversary season, Artistic Director Ashley Wheater has devised a special, one-weekend-only addition to the typical three-program subscription season. Titled "Stories in Motion," the richly varied offering focuses on the narrative appeal of the story ballet, with the return of two major modern works from the Joffrey repertoire: George Balanchine's "Prodigal Son" and Antony Tudor's "Lilac Garden." And to bring things up to date, the program includes the Chicago premiere of "RAIU" by San Francisco Ballet's resident choreographer Yuri Possokhov. Sept. 18-21, Auditorium Theater, 50 E. Congress. Tickets: $32-$155. Call (312) 982-2787 or visit Ticketmaster.com.

Broadway in Chicago's 'Amazing Grace'

From 'Kinky Boots' to Sting's "The Last Ship," Chicago continues to be the launching pad for big-budget, Broadway-bound musicals. Next up: "Amazing Grace." And this one's really got a backstory. The show is the branchchild of Christopher Smith, a former cop who dreamed up the idea back in the 90s. Although he had only dabbled in music, his fascination with the hymn's power and the man who penned it — John Newton, an 18th-century English ship's captain — never waned. And 17 years later, his prayers were answered, in a dream. The music is by Lynn Ahrens and Stephen Flaherty, the book and lyrics by Lee Hall, and the direction by John Cameron Mitchell. Sept. 18-21, 1650 N. Halsted. Tickets: $45-$55. Call (312) 595-5600 or visit Chicagoshakes.com.

Ionesco Suite' at Chicago Shakespeare Theater

French villagers transform into beasts. Two proper couples meet for dinner and their polite conversation devolves into sheer nonsense. A music teacher stabs his pupil. Such is the stuff of playwright Eugène Ionesco. And while his absurdist jewels of the 1950s might strike some as museum pieces all these years later, in the hands of director Emmanuel Demarcy-Mota and the Théâtre de la Ville, Paris, his work has lost none of its luster. The company's "Ionesco Suite" — a tapestry of scenes from seven of the writer's plays — makes its U.S. debut on Navy Pier as part of Chicago Shakespeare Theater's always eye-opening World Stage Series. Oct. 15-19, 800 E. Grand. Tickets: $45-$55. Call (312) 595-5600 or visit Chicagoshakes.com.

'The Night Alive' at Steppenwolf Theatre Company

Director Henry Wishcamper is certainly getting his Conor McPherson fix. This past spring, he directed the Irish playwright's adaptation of Strindberg's "The Dance of Death" at Writers Theatre (and just earned a best director nomination for that effort from the Jeff Awards committee). Now he's helming the Chicago premiere of McPherson's "The Night Alive" at Steppenwolf Theatre. The play, which debuted at London's Donmar Warehouse in 2013, concerns a less-than-successful chap who rescues a strange woman from an abusive boyfriend. Drunks, deadbeats and the downwardly mobile have long populated McPherson's plays, but with this latest work, the possibility of hope seems to glimmer a bit brighter than usual. The cast includes ensemble members Francis Guinan and Tim Hopper, with Helen Sadler, Dan Waller and M. Emmet Walsh. Sept. 18-Nov. 16, 1650 N. Halsted. Tickets: $20-$82. Call (312) 335-1650 or visit Steppenwolf.org.

‘Living the History: 125 Years of the Auditorium Theatre’

Lyric Opera fans love the Civic Opera House, but there's no question that audiences of every stripe embrace it as the Auditorium Theatre. No wonder. This grand old dame of the arts has seen just about every kind of entertainment on its stage and from opera to ballet to rock concerts to Shakespeare. Oct. 15-19, 220 S. Columbus. Tickets: $45-$55. Call (312) 595-5600 or visit Chicagoshakes.com.

Directed by Rachel Rock and featuring Lincoln Center’s John Mahoney, Patti LuPone, Eric Owens, Apollo Chorus, John Mahoney, the Civic Opera’s All-Star Band, Eric Owens and Patti LuPone, the Civic Opera’s 125th anniversary season is a tribute to Chicago's historic Auditorium Theatre. Tickets: $45-$55. Call (312) 335-1650 or visit Steppenwolf.org.
Autumn rising
Fall festival season ramps up with these 10 fests
BY SELENA FRAGASSI

Hideout Block Party/Onion & A.V. Fest
Held in the parking lot of Chicago's revered Hideout music club, this annual gathering has community as its core with family-friendly entertainment, local food and craft vendors and a characteristically good music lineup that includes indie megawatts Death Cab For Cutie, The Walkmen frontman Hamilton Leithauser and gospel folk songstress Valerie June. $39-$65, Sept. 5-6, 1354 W. Wabansia; Hideoutblockpartyavfest.com

World Music Festival Chicago
The City of Chicago enhances its global affairs with this 11-day gateway into the bright minds of the international music circuit. Since it began in 1999, the free festival has welcomed performers from more than 80 countries. This year brings Ragmala: A Celebration of Indian Classical Music, Argentinian electro folk wizard La Yegros and Afrobeat star Seun Kuti & Egypt 80 (son of Fela). Free, Sept. 11-21, various venues; Cityofchicago.org

Riot Fest & Carnival
Over the past 10 years, this homegrown punk/rock throwdown in Humboldt Park has exploded into a flagship of festival season. To celebrate, 10 bands will play their seminal albums, including alt-rock junkies Jane's Addiction, geek-chic balladeers Weezer and metal gods Slayer. Stay for the 100+ other artists, carnival rides and sideshow feats — like last year's John Stamos butter sculpture. $69.98-$289.98, Sept. 12-14, Division & Sacramento; Chicago. riotfest.org
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Chicago International Film Festival
The CIFF has been a leader in discovering groundbreaking directors and premiering national and foreign films to cinephiles citywide. Celebrating its 50th year, the fest's marquee events will be a Golden Anniversary Celebration and 150 movie times. $7-$20 for screenings or $30-$150 for special events. Oct. 9-23, various locations; ChicagoFilmFestival.com

EXPO CHICAGO
Consider it the modern wing of the city's art fair season. Nearly 140 leading international galleries will display contemporary works in this Navy Pier fair. Special exhibits include "Shaq Loves People," portraits curated by the NBA star, architect Jeanne Gang and artist Paula Crown's collaboration and "Border Crossings" from the National Museum of Mexican Art. $20-$30, Sept. 18-21, 600 E. Grand. ExpoChicago.com

Chicago Gourmet
As if you needed a reason to celebrate food and wine, Bon Appétit gives you a whole weekend of culinary heaven in Millennium Park. It kicks off with the entertaining Hamburger Hop burger competition and continues with tastings and talks from 150 of the city's finest restaurants, sommeliers and spirit makers. $55-$300. Sept. 26-28, 201 E. Randolph: Expochicago.com

Chicago Artists Month
Now in its 18th year, this citywide spree curates a theme of "Crossing Borders" by exploring creativity in each neighborhood through art walks, gallery openings, workshops and performances. Some highlights include South Chicago Dia De Los Muertos Art Walk; How to Use a 3-D Printer workshop and the Laser Cat exhibit. Various costs. Sept. 27-Oct. 31, various locations; Chicagoartistsmonth.org

ChillFest
After last year's inaugural success, ChillFest returns, bringing 100-plus local artists that will play acoustic "living room sets" in local storefronts, boutiques and restaurants in Wicker Park and Bucktown for one day. Former featured acts included French folk singer Julie Meckler and soulful pop crooner Julian Bell — we have high hopes for 2014's talent. Free, Nov. 15, various locations; Chillfestchicago.com

Food Film Festival
The premise of this interactive fest at Kendall College is to taste what you see on the screen. A number of features, documentaries and shorts all about food are screened while guests nosh on inspired dishes from local purveyors. It was started by "Hamburger America" creator and Travel Channel host George Motz. Tickets $10-$55. Oct. 25-Nov. 9, various locations; FoodFilmFestival.com

Shopping Spy
The latest intelligence from the retail scene

Boutique buys
Eva Anderson and Robyn Anderson Baldenegro, owners of Le Dress, bid farewell to Wicker Park as they close their boutique. The sisters-in-law are holding a final "Au Revoir" sale now through Sept. 28, marking fall merchandise up to 75 percent off. 1741 W.Division: Ledressshop.com

Shop it
Make Labor Day sales count this weekend by giving back through nonprofit Shop2Care. Starting Sept. 1, sign up for the online service, shop at its registered retailers and a percentage of your sale will benefit a charity of your choice — the Metropolitan Chicago Breast Cancer Task Force is among local groups that can benefit. Free; Shop2Care.org

On the move
Shopping stylish back-to-school activewear just got easier: Westfield Old Orchard welcomed Ivivva, Lululemon Athletica's boutique for girls, to its Skokie shopping center, stocking comfortable and cute garb for active girls ages 4 to 14. 4999 Old Orchard, Skokie; Westfield.com/oldorchard
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Five Minutes With...

THE BOY ILLINOIS

Rapper William Dalton on his local roots and lyrical influences

BY ELLE EICHTINGER

It's not often that Chicago rapper Lupe Fiasco takes young musicians under his well-versed wing, but in the case of William Dalton, he saw something special. Like Lupe, Dalton — the 27-year-old hip-hop star better known as 'The Boy Illinois' — keeps Chicago center stage. Since touring with his mentor last fall, he's worked with other local artists, including fast-rapping Twista, and pays homage to his hometown through his work — a recent project was dubbed "Jean Baptiste" in reference to Jean-Baptiste Pointe du Sable, who Dalton calls "the grandfather of Chicago." Later this fall, Dalton will release his latest album, "Pointe (New Age Colonialism)."

Road to rap
'I started rapping around the age of 13. I made a group, Family Affair, with two of my friends, [but] after high school I thought of my solo career. I was at the University of Illinois for 2 ½ years and dropped out to pursue music.' My dad was in a band — he [stopped] to take care of my older sister — so he understood when I dropped out of school. He said, 'If you're going to do music, do it 100 percent.'

Musical influences
"Michael Jackson without a doubt, because I danced a lot when I was a kid. Earth Wind & Fire, Al Jarreau, Jay-Z, Kanye [West] and Lupe."

On tour
"I've known Lupe for 2 ½ years, but I had to earn my stripes. It took time for him to give me that nod [of approval]. That was my first national tour [with Lupe last fall]. He had a tour bus with all his people — but me, I had a van. We beat them to every city because they had so much stuff to haul with them; they would check out early and [my friends and I] would take over their rooms. ... We were in Arizona and [Lupe] pulled out a book and started reading. I mean, nobody brings books on a rap tour — that's the last thing you'd expect. — but this guy is [real]."

Lyric lessons
'I try to make [music] for everyday people. A line in a song might refer to getting out of a car and dropping your phone off your lap — something everybody does. There are millionaires out there you can rap about, but the majority of the population is middle-class people, that's who I [rap for]."

Composition style
"Sometimes the words might not come to me, but the melody [does]. I skat a little bit then fill in what I want to say later. It's like writing a paper — the introduction, then the important paragraph, then the [conclusion]."
It's a little ironic that Riki Lindhome and Kate Micucci, better known as musical comedy duo Garfunkel and Oates, named their band after two famous second fiddles. In just seven years together, the pair have reached millions via their YouTube channel, scored their own show — "Garfunkel and Oates," which debuted on IFC Aug. 7 — and booked the House of Blues Chicago for Sept. 6. All signs point to the fact that these women are anything but second string.

That said, it was definitely a slow rise to fame for Lindhome, 35, and Micucci, 34. Now inseparable friends, the two met nearly a decade ago while on dates at LA's famous Upright Citizens Brigade comedy show. "We were kinda not enjoying our dates," admits Micucci. "I noticed Riki [in the lobby] and struck up a conversation and we totally hit it off. By the end of the night we had gone out to drinks after the show. I remember my date going, 'You like Riki better than you like me,' and that was true." (But don't feel too bad for their dates: "I'm sure they're fine," Lindhome laughs. "Maybe they're in a comedy band together, who knows?")

While their bond was instantaneous, it took the 2008 writers' strike to bring Garfunkel and Oates to fruition. While on break from making a splash her guest role on "The Big Bang Theory" — a sitcom Micucci has also guest starred on — Lindhome decided she wanted to turn a short movie into a musical, and tapped her pal to help. "We put the songs up on YouTube and then kind of forgot about it," remembers Lindhome. "All of a sudden we realized that people had started watching these two videos. We thought, 'Okay, let's make another one,' and we kept going from there until we had enough songs where we said, 'Let's play live [and] see what happens.'"

Now they're touring the country, belting out hilarious tunes like "Save the Rich" and the relationship ballad "My Apartment's Very Clean Without You." But even if you've seen them live before, Lindhome and Micucci insist that you're still in for some surprises. "Every show is different," says Lindhome. "It's always stories or songs or whatever's on our mind that night. It's a really silly and fun night," Micucci adds. "It's always a blast.

When they're not on tour, the laugh-out-loud ladies are back in LA filming episodes of their show, which combines sitcom structure with musical interludes — all based largely on Lindhome's and Micucci's personal lives. "My character has a story arc where I'm diagnosed with Peter Pan Syndrome, which is actually something that I was told I had by a therapist," laughs Micucci. "And I got my eggs frozen in real life and then that was a two-part episode in the show," says Lindhome. That authenticity is what makes the show so enjoyable — Lindhome and Micucci come across like they could be your friends. It's what's drawn in millions of viewers, and big-name guest stars like Ben Kingsley and the real John Oates.

The newfound irony of their stage name isn't lost on the duo. "It's surreal," Micucci says. "We just feel insanely lucky."
For homebuyers, the first impression is key — which is why these charmers are bound to go fast.

_Homebuyers are a bit like speed-daters. According to real-estate website Zillow's 2014 Home-Selling Season Survey, a first impression — or in real-estate lingo, "curb appeal" — is the ticket to wooing buyers. Whether they consciously know it or not, buyers react strongly to features such as exterior doors, window frames, planters and shrubs. And the attraction, or aversion, starts way before they put their foot in the door._

"The first thing any buyer sees is an exterior photo online," says Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices KoenigRubloff Realty Group broker Aaron Share (call 773-710-9932). "The second thing they see is the exterior when they drive by or at a showing. Whether consciously or subconsciously, it creates a connection to the house."

_How to bump up a home's curb appeal? Be willing to add a coat of paint to the exterior, replant the yard and trim branches, improve the exterior lighting and change out hardware. Enhanced features like these make Share's listing at 2448 N. Monticello (left) a charming Logan Square option for $550,000. "The inside is gorgeous," Share notes. "Long story short, the owners were very willing to do a couple of things to make it pop on the outside. The vintage three-bedroom abode has brand-new siding, a trimmed front tree, new address numbers and mailbox, new mulch and planters. While theamped-up exterior might catch more eyes on an MLS site, the first impression lasts: "A house's exterior is a reflection of the house on the inside," Share adds, "and of its owners."_
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Pioneer: DDJ-SX DJ controller, $997, Guitar Center, 2633 N. Halsted; Guitarcenter.com

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Bass: Logan Weejuns, $108, similar styles available at Penelope's, 1913 W. Division; Shoppenelope.com

“I finally found a brown shoe that I can slip on and wear with anything. I love how comfortable they are — when you're standing and DJing for hours on end, a comfortable shoe goes a long way.”

Topman: black floral-design shirt, $55, 830 N. Michigan; Us.topman.com

“Last summer I became obsessed with short-sleeve button-down shirts and Topman has some killer ones. Half of my go-to wardrobe has been purchased there.”

Dante's: pizza slice, $3.50, 3028 W. Armitage; Dan tespizzeria.chicago.com

“Not a week goes by that we don't get a pizza — or at the very least a slice — from Dante's. It's the best pizza in Humboldt Park and, quite possibly, the whole city. DIG IT.”

Three Dots and a Dash: cocktails start at $13, 435 N. Clark; Threedotschicago.com

“I'm a sucker for frozen drinks and The Golden Glove takes the prize for two things: most delicious and most potent. It's a one-and-done sort of cocktail that I can't get enough of.”

The Bike Lane: bikes start at $250, 2130 N. Milwaukee; Bikelanechicago.com

“Chicago is great for biking and I highly recommend starting at The Bike Lane. These dudes do it all: great products, excellent service, amazing prices.”

Wilson: Steam 99S racquet, $199, Sports Authority, 620 N. LaSalle; Sportsauthority.com

“I play tennis about three times a week and when I play, I play with Wilson. Always have, always will. If it's good enough for Roger Federer, it's good enough for me!”

< Mitchell & Ness: snapback Blackhawks hat, $30, Villa, 1555 W. Division; Ruvilla.com

“Did I mention I love Chicago sports? I wear this hat nearly every day — it's a staple and a classic.”

PAWS Chicago: adoptions start at $25, 1997 N. Clybourn; Pawschicago.org

“If you are looking for a pet, look no further than PAWS. It's an amazing organization that really puts the animal first. We found our dog Oscar there and he's the very best.”

Chicago Bulls: ticket prices vary; Nba.com/bulls

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Air Force pilot weds Park Ridge native

Jenna Kelly and Jim Mailliard

BY CAITLIN MULLEN
Contributing writer

For about four years, a mutual friend tried setting up Jenna Kelly and Jim Mailliard. Once the two met in October 2010 in New York City, they understood why.

"From that day, we were pretty much together," Jenna said. Jenna, of Park Ridge, is in marketing. Jim, from Omaha, Nebraska, is an Air Force pilot stationed in Kaiserslautern, Germany, where the couple now lives.

On the night they met, Jenna and Jim climbed a fence to get into Gramercy Park, a private park in Manhattan, and it made for a special memory they often think back to fondly.

In March 2013, Jim took Jenna to New York City for the evening, and as they walked by that same park, Jim proposed.

At Jim's suggestion, they ducked into an Irish bar for a drink, where their friends surprised and celebrated with them.

Jenna and Jim knew they wanted a Chicago wedding since she's from the suburbs and Chicago would be a good midpoint for friends coming from all over the country and Europe.

"I really wanted a downtown wedding," Jenna said. "I'm definitely a city girl."

To keep everything downtown and make it easier for guests, they chose Holy Family Catholic Church in Chicago, which Jenna called "stunning."

Because they didn't want a traditional ballroom feel, the industrial atmosphere of the Bridgeport Art Center's Skyline Loft in Chicago — which had the city views the couple also wanted — fit the bill.

"We knew we could kind of work with it and make it our own," Jenna said.

Jenna said they wanted their May 31 wedding day to feel relaxed, a little rustic and a little classic. Bridesmaids wore long navy strapless dresses, and the men wore dark gray suits.

Jenna knew she wanted a lacy, A-line dress, and her Monique Lhuillier gown from Ultimate Bride in Chicago was an instant hit.

"Everyone immediately was like, 'This is it!,'" Jenna said of her trying on the dress.

One of Jenna's favorite details was the interactive way they set up escort cards. Her brother, Matt, built a large wooden frame and attached chicken wire to it; they used clothespins to display the escort cards. They then asked their guests to take Polaroid photos of themselves and hang the photo up once the card was removed.

Jenna's mom, Mary, compiled the photos in a book, which she sent to the couple in Germany.

"It was just something not everybody sees, so it was fun," Jenna said.

The couple honeymooned in St. Lucia, where they spent time relaxing and snorkeling.

Contact Renee Lee at rlee@bouquetcatcher.com or 312-651-6613 to share your wedding story. Facebook.com/BouquetCatcher Twitter @BouquetCatcher Pinterest.com/BouquetCatcher
Tiffany Roberts and Matthew Kowieski

Tiffany Roberts, a Lake Forest native and daughter of Scott and Beth Roberts, is engaged to marry Matthew Kowieski, son of John and Kathy Kowieski. Matthew is from Elmhurst and graduated from Immaculate Conception High School in 2006 and Marquette University in 2010. Tiffany graduated Lake Forest High School in 2006 and Marquette University in 2010. Tiffany works in wealth management for Northern Trust and Matthew is an assistant portfolio manager at Ziegler Capital. They will marry Oct. 18 at Gesu Church in Milwaukee.

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Fall movies say so long to superheroes

BY BRUCE INGRAM
Film Critic

Had enough sequels and superheroes to satisfy you for another nine months or so?

Hope so, because fall is coming and that means it's time for the movies to get serious as Hollywood sends out its first wave of wannabe Oscar contenders. In other words, the kids are back in school, the big money has been made and it's time to assure the grownups they haven't been completely forgotten.

Here are a handful of heavyweights to watch for between now and Thanksgiving.

“Gone Girl” (Oct. 3)

Director David Fincher (“Se7en,” “Zodiac,” “The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo”) certainly knows his way around a brooding crime drama. Maybe that's why there's so much buzz surrounding this quickly produced adaptation of Gillian Flynn's recent bestseller. Ben Affleck stars as a husband whose behavior comes under scrutiny when his wife disappears.

“Fury” (Oct. 17)

Brad Pitt proved he had World War II chops five years ago in “Inglourious Basterds,” so he looks right at home here as a battle-weary tank commander during the final months of the war in Europe. “Fury” was written and directed by David Ayer, who wrote “Training Day” and wrote and directed 2012's devastating true-crime drama “End of Watch,” so don't expect happy-go-lucky.

“Birdman” (Oct. 17)

With his background of deep-dish visionary dramas including “Amores Perros,” “21 Grams,” “Babel” and “Biutiful,” no one is ever going to accuse Alejandro Inárritu of being a lightweight. He appears to be lightening up at least a little, though, with this surreal, semi-comic story of a washed-up movie star. The star is played by long-ago Batman Michael Keaton, once famous for playing the titular superhero and now hoping for a Broadway comeback. If he can keep his levitation problem under control.

“Interstellar” (Nov. 7)

Writer/director Christopher Nolan is best known for his “Dark Knight” trilogy, but he also took on inner space a few years back with the trippy “Inception,” so it seems natural he'd head in the opposite direction with this sci-fi adventure. Astronaut Matthew McConaughey leads a last-chance shortcut through a wormhole to find a new world in another solar system for starving mankind.

“Foxcatcher” (Nov. 14)

Bennett Miller was two-for-two with “Capote” and “Moneyball” before winning Best Director at Cannes for this much-praised true-crime drama — also a finalist for the Palme d'Or. Channing Tatum gets heavy with his portrait of one of a pair of brothers (Mark Ruffalo is the other one) training as Olympic wrestlers. Unfortunately, it turns out their coach (Steve Carell, utterly transformed) has some major personal issues.

More to watch for: Kristen Wiig and Bill Hader go for the “Little Miss Sunshine” vibe in the Sundance hit “The Skeleton Twins” (Sept. 12), Michael Parks tries to turn Justin Long into a walrus in Kevin Smith's “Tusk” (Sept. 19), Liam Neeson doles out more extra-judicial justice in “A Walk Among the Tombstones” (Sept. 19).

The makers of “Coraline” and “ParaNorman” bring on more animated family weirdness with “The Boxtrolls” (Sept. 26), and sleazy lawyer Robert Downey Jr. tries to help disapproving dad Robert Duvall beat a murder rap in “The Judge” (Oct. 10).
Family Friendly

Mini Comic Con highlights fun of comic book world

BY MYRNA PETLICKI
For Sun-Times Media

Comic book fans of all ages will have a thrilling time at Eisenhower Public Library District's Second Annual Mini Comic Con, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 6 at 4613 N. Oketo Ave., Harwood Heights.

"Sixteen or eighteen artists will be here and a lot of times they will draw sketches for people," reported Penny Blubaugh, outreach and young adult librarian.

Several comic book vendors will be on-site so people can purchase comics but the library will also be giving away many comic books.

"We're going to have a costume contest and any age can enter," Blubaugh said.

There will also be several workshops including, Accessorize Your Cosplay (fantasy costume), for ages 7 and older from 11:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m. Artists from If an Elephant Can Paint will do face painting throughout the free event. Kids can also do Bottle Cap Crafts while supplies last.

For details, call (708) 867-7828 or go to eisenhowerlibrary.org/comicon.

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For details, call (847) 671-2739 or go to hofbrauhauschicago.com.

BIG WHEELS
That's what kids will feel like at Touch-A-Truck, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 6 at Lincolnwood Town Center's lower level parking lot near Kohl's, 3333 W. Touhy Ave., Lincolnwood. They will be able to climb into the driver's seat of fire trucks, police cars, dump trucks and other vehicles at this free event.

For details, call (847) 673-1540 or go to www.lincolnwoodil.org.

Dress up and join other comic book fans at Mini Comic Con on Sept. 6 at the Eisenhower Library. Enjoy comics, toys, games, art, anime, manga and a giant costume contest.

FOOD AND FUN
Celebrate the start of the school year at Temple Beth Israel Brotherhood's Annual Picnic for Families, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 7 at 3601 W. Dempster St., Skokie. There will be hot dogs, hamburgers, beverages and desserts for $5 per person; $20 per family. Activities will include a moonwalk and face painting.

For details, call (847) 675-0951 or go to www.tbiskokie.org.

DO IT YOURSELF
Children ages 2-6, with an adult, will explore science, technology, engineering, art, math and reading at STEAM Starts, 10-11 a.m. Friday, Sept. 12 at Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave. The drop-in program is a self-guided exploration of those topics.

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From the dozens of suburban theater productions launching this fall, we've culled a list of 10 that absolutely deserve your consideration.

1. "The Commons of Pensacola"
   Sept. 12-Oct. 19; Northlight Theatre, 9501 Skokie Blvd, Skokie; Northlight.org
   Playwright Amanda Peet pulls an intriguing spin on the tried-and-true dysfunctional family trope with "The Commons of Pensacola." Peet focuses in on Judith, a widow whose late husband's financial improprieties echo those of swindler Bernie Madoff. The fractured family left in social and economic exile is further tested during a fraught Thanksgiving.

2. "Camelot"
   Oct. 30-Jan. 4; Drury Lane, Oak Brook, 100 Drury Lane, Oakbrook Terrace; DruryLane.com
   They're bringing Broadway vets to play King Arthur (Bryce Ryness, "Hair") and Queen Guinevere (Christy Altomare, "Mamma Mia") in Lerner and Loewe's musical telling of Arthurian legends. But for my money, it's the supporting roles in the show that are far more interesting. The ensemble includes Travis Taylor as the hilariously self-confident Lancelot, Jonathan Weir as the wizardly Merlin and Patrick Rooney as the villainous Mordred.

3. "Luce"
   Sept. 27-Nov. 9; Next Theatre, 927 Noyes St., Evanston; Nexttheatre.org
   They may be having some financial troubles (Pioneer Press reported earlier this summer that Next owes more than $70,000 in back rent for their long-time home in the Noyes Cultural Center), but that's not stopping Next from launching what promises to be an intellectually engaging and entertaining 34th season. First up is JC Lee's story involving school violence and the dangerous ambiguity that comes from drawing conclusions about people's motivations. The title character is an all-star high schooler, but after he pens an essay that may or may not indicate an unstable mind, Luce's parents are faced with difficult questions.

4. "The King and I"
   Oct. 22-Jan. 4; Marriott Lincolnshire Theatre, 10 Marriott Drive, Lincolnshire; MarriottTheatre.com
   Siam (as Thailand was known in the 19th century) is the setting for Rodgers and Hammerstein's romanticized look at Anna Leonowens and her attempts to bring Western education to the Far East. This is a tricky musical to stage — the culture clash has the potential to be dangerously dated, but there's no denying that the score's myriad love songs are utterly swon-worthy: "Shall We Dance," "Hello Young Lovers," and "Something Wonderful" among them.
Jurgen Hooper and Marc Grapey star as Isaac Newton and Robert Hooke in Writers Theatre's production of "Isaac's Eye."

5. "The Gravedigger"
Oct. 1-Nov. 2, First Folio Theatre, 31st Street and Route 83, Oak Brook; Firstfolio.org
Just in time for Halloween, a new twist on Frankenstein. First Folio transports audiences to 1700s Bavaria, where the titular laborer unearths a scary looking fellow living in a freshly dug grave.

6. "Deathtrap"
Sept. 5-Oct. 5; Citadel Theatre, 300 S. Waukegan Road, Lake Forest; Citadeltheatre.org
Ira Levin's spooky/funny mystery/comedy features a maze of murderers, psychics and troubled wives that create a labyrinth of a plot that's a crackling delight from start to finish.

7. "Impenetrable"
Oct. 10-Nov. 2, Clockwise Theatre, 221 N. Genesee St., Waukegan, Clockwisetheatre.org
Chicago playwright Mia McCullough has long been known for smart, compelling and complex stories about equally smart, compelling and complex women. The prospect of one of Chicago's finest female actors, Judy Blue, directing a McCullough piece? Reason enough to get your tickets now. "Impenetrable" deals with the fallout that follows a spa owner who erects a billboard featuring a gorgeous supermodel type marked up like a side of steak, pointing out her bodily "flaws."

8. "Isaac's Eye"
Through Dec. 7; Writers Theatre, 64 Vernon Ave., Glencoe; Writerstheatre.org
Michael Halberstam directs playwright Lucas Hnath's tale of an ambitious young Isaac Newton and his fractious, competitive relationship with one of the era's most respected scientists, Dr. Robert Hooke.

Dec. 10-14; Piven Theatre Young People's Company at the Noyes Cultural Center, 925 Noyes St., Evanston; Piventheatre.org
The young people's company at Piven will spend much of the fall devising this new work, drawing from their own experiences in a collaboration that is apt to be both deeply personal and intensely universal.

10. "The Mousetrap"
Nov. 7-Dec. 14; Northlight Theatre, 9501 N. Skokie Blvd., Skokie; Northlight.org
Agatha Christie's whodunit features a motley assortment of colorful suspects conveniently snowed in and unable to escape as a murderer is loose somewhere on the grounds. Jonathan Berry directs a procedural with a twist ending we wouldn't dream of disclosing.
A+ treats celebrate back-to-school days

BY BETH DGEHLMAN

B ring some class into the kitchen with these school-themed treats.

Classroom Cupcakes
Looking for a fun after-school activity? Try these cupcake toppers that are surprisingly easy to make and give your kids plenty of opportunities to get creative.

You need:
Vanilla wafers
Food Writers (edible markers available at most craft stores)
Frosting (red, yellow, brown and/or black)

Directions:
Use Food Writers to draw faces on the vanilla wafers.
Add “hair” with frosting.
Place toppers on your favorite cupcake and serve.

Note: Get creative by adding cake decorating sprinkles for earrings, braces, freckles and more!

Edible Crayons
“Don’t eat the crayons” does not apply when it comes to enjoying these colorful concoctions.

You need:
Pretzel rods
Colored candy melts (available at most craft stores and large grocery stores)
Crayon paper labels (Download free “crayon” labels at mommyonashoestring.com.)

Directions:
Break pretzel rods in half. Melt candy melts (one color at a time) in the microwave on medium heat for about 1 minute. Stir and continue cooking at 15-second intervals until melted. Stir melted candy and place in a small bowl.
Working quickly, dip both ends of the pretzels in the melted candy and set aside to dry on waxed paper.
Use colorful paper to print out crayon labels.
Cut labels to size and wrap around pretzels with double stick tape.
Thank you to Mandy at gourmetmomonthego.com for this colorful recipe!

Choco-Boards
“Chalk one up” for mom and dad when you serve your kids these clever treats.

You need:
Hershey’s “Special Dark” Chocolate Bar (jumbo size makes 4 chalkboards)
Toothpick (for engraving)
1/4 Cup powdered sugar
Soft caramel candies
White jimmies (sprinkles) for the chalk pieces

Directions:
Create 4 small chalkboards by breaking the chocolate bar along the 3 vertical lines, creating 4 smaller bars.
Place the candy bar smooth side up and engrave your message with a toothpick. Brush away excess chocolate shavings. Sprinkle a small amount of powdered sugar over message and use finger to gently rub the powdered sugar into the engraved lines (your message will “magically” appear in white). Remove excess powdered sugar with a damp paper towel.
Create the chalkboard frame with caramels by cutting the caramels into small strips.
To make the strips sticky, add a few drops of water before pressing them into the side of the chocolate bar. Note: if they still don’t stick, try using a touch of melted chocolate. Add “chalk” (white jimmies) if desired.
Thank you to the very talented Lindsey Ann for sharing this recipe. For more adorable recipes as well as video tutorials from the “Cupcake Wars” champ, visit LindsayAnnBakes.com.
**GO CALENDAR**

**THURSDAY, SEPT. 4**

Garth Brooks with Trisha Yearwood
7:30 p.m.: Garth Brooks performs select dates Sept. 4-14. Visit the website for more details and to purchase tickets. Allstate Arena, 6200 Mannheim Road, Rosemont. Call 847-635-6600.

Larry Reeb
8 p.m.: As seen on HBO, Showtime and Dante Basco in "The Last Airbender." Visit the website for more details and tickets. To purchase tickets, call 847-998-5040.

**FRIDAY, SEPT. 5**

**Friday Film: “Dead for Speed”**
1 p.m.: Starring Aaron Paul and Dominic Cooper, "Dead for Speed" is an action film about a street racer who tries to avenge his friend's death. However, his ex-partner learns of his plans and tries to end it all. 132 minutes. Morton Grove Public Library, 6200 W. Dempster St., Morton Grove. Call 847-965-1200.

**Art Exhibit Opening Reception**
5 p.m.: An art exhibit opening reception is free and open to the public. 2 p.m. every first Saturdays. Lannelli Studios Heritage Center, 5200 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago. Call 847-998-5040.

**MGP/Teens: “Divergent” Pizza Party**

**Movie in the Park: “The Lego Movie”**
8 p.m.: Watch a movie under the stars! The Lego Movie is about an ordinary construction worker who is suddenly propelled to go on an earth-shattering quest to save all the Legos. 100 minutes. Harkin Park, 6250 W. Dempster St., Morton Grove. Call 847-965-1200.

**THE ENGLISH BEAT WITH DJ DUBAMATRIX**
8 p.m.: Chart-topper DJ Dubamatrix opens with some multi-instrumental reggae sounds for The English Beat, an influential ska revivalist group. Their hit cover of Smokey Robinson's "Tears of a Clown" earned them explosive popularity, and more recently slipped into a reggae-pop niche. Evanston SPACE, 1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston. Call 847-492-8860, $38-$68.

**SATURDAY, SEPT. 6**

**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, 6200 W. Dempster St., Morton Grove. Call 847-750-9436.

**Art League Exhibition**

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11 a.m.: Chicago's Roscoe Village neighborhood plays host to this great one-day seafood extravaganza filled with fresh oysters, music, arts and crafts and more. Damen Avenue and Roscoe Street, 2000 W. Roscoe St., Chicago. Call 773-868-3010. $7 suggested donation.

**Doodles into Cartoons**
11:30 a.m.: Artist Bob Higbe teaches attendees how to draw cartoon figures using simple geometric shapes. This is a two-part class beginning at 11:30 a.m. Sept. 6 and 13. Mather's, 7134 W. Higgins Ave., Chicago. Call 773-774-4804. $10 suggested donation.

**Greek Fest**
1 p.m.: The indoor festival runs 1-10 p.m. both Sept. 7 and 8. Attractions include Greek food, homemade pastries, loukoumades and hot dogs for kids. Free parking is available in the two lots along W. Higgins Road. Saints Peter and Paul Greek Orthodox Church, 1401 W. Higgins Road, Glenview. Call 847-729-2235.

**New Release Movie: “The Secret Life of Walter Mitty”**
2 p.m.: A anonymous man with a boring life and incredible fantasies decides to live his life and exceeds all of his extraordinary fantasies. Stars Ben Stiller, Kristen Wiig and Jon Daly. 114 minutes. Niles Public Library District, 6960 W. Oakton St., Niles. Call 847-663-1234.

**Silver Screen Series: “White Heat”**
2 p.m.: The 1949 film "White Heat" features James Cagney in his role as a heartless gangster. The film is part of the "Golden Age of Cinema" series that occurs 2 p.m. every first Saturday of the month. Not rated. Run time 120 minutes. Morton Grove Public Library, 6440 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove. Call 847-965-4220.

**Havdallah, Dinner and Movie**
6 p.m.: Join us for this traditional Jewish service featuring the talented Korby Lenker performs at a brunch sponsored by the Children's Home Association. Temple Beth Israel, 3601 W. Dempster St., Skokie. Call 847-677-0591.

**Starlight Movie: “Akeelah and the Bee”**
7:15 p.m.: Bring a chair or a blanket to watch this movie at the park. James Park, 2200 Mulford St., Evanston.

**WaterDance for the Guinea Water Project**
9 p.m.: This performance benefit seeks to help bring safe drinking water to West Africa. There are performances by Diamanda Diya, Oshun Danse, Jen Balman Cynthia Gobb and Seven Samba, The Lost Brigade and KJ Irwin. All net proceeds are donated to the Motherland Rhythm Community, a 501(c)3, to support its work making and distributing sustainable water filters in Guinea.

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**SUNDAY, SEPT. 7**

**Skokie Farmers Market**
7:30 a.m.: The Skokie Farmers Market brings visitors from Illinois, Indiana, Michigan and Wisconsin that sell fresh produce, cheeses, spices, flowers and other sundry items. Select days offer entertainment such as live music. Dogs and pets are not allowed in the market. The Skokie Farmers Market open since 1975 is sponsored by the Consumer Affairs Commission. Skokie Village Hall, 5127 Oakton St., Skokie. Call 847-673-0500.

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**Bake Sale**
8:30 a.m.: Home baked goods are for sale such as rugelach, cookies, pies, cakes, brownies and others. Temple Beth Israel, 3601 W. Dempster St., Skokie. Call 847-677-0591.

**Make a Card for Grandparent’s Day**
10 a.m.: Parents and children may make cards for a card for Grandparent’s Day. No registration is required. Mariano's Park Ridge, 1800 S. Cumberland Ave., Park Ridge. Call 847-896-3846.

**Sunday Brunch with Jeff and Janis**
11:30 a.m.: The musical duo Jeff and Janis performs at a brunch sponsored by the Men's Club of Ezra-Habonim, the Niles Township Jewish Congregation. The Biohazard and the Performance Hall, 1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston. Call 847-492-8860. $12.

**Diane Birch**
7:30 p.m.: Birch is known for her biographical album "Speak A Little Louder," which rejoices in triumphant melodies and emotional honesty. Her single "Bible Belt" debuted in the Billboard Top 100 and prompted praise from The New York Times, NPR, Rolling Stone, Vanity Fair and more. Evanston SPACE, 1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston.

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The lives of separated identical twins (Rayne) intersect after pursuing musical paths from the 1950s to the 1970s. Dustin Marcellino directed the rock 'n' roll family drama.

**THE LAST OF ROBIN HOOD**
★★½
Rated R for some sexuality and language
Stars: Kevin Kline, Dakota Fanning, Susan Sarandon

Whatever hard lessons Errol Flynn learned in the last 17 years of his life, staying away from very young girls after his 1942 statutory rape trial clearly wasn't one of them. The final major scandal of the aging former swashbuckler (Kline, perfect) involved dying in the company of his 17-year-old fiancée (Fanning) after their two-year affair—condoned by her fame-obsessed stage mother (Sarandon). Writer/directors Richard Glatzer and Wash Westmoreland (Sundance festival winners for "Quinceañera") take a surprisingly sympathetic approach to everyone involved in the romance, resulting in blandness—a little more lechery and lust wouldn't have hurt.

**WHEN THE GAME STANDS TALL**
★★½
Rated PG for thematic material, a scene of violence, and brief smoking
Stars: Jim Caviezel, Michael Chiklis, Alexander Ludwig, Laura Dern

Considering that the De La Salle High School Spartans are the winningest team in high-school football history, if not the winningest team in any sport, ever, it's interesting that "When the Game Stands Tall" is essentially a movie about losing. Not flat-out, over-and-done losing, but losing as an opportunity to learn moral lessons, as in winning is less important than teamwork, brotherhood and faith. The Christian-themed film spotlights the 12-year, 151-game winning streak of the Spartans football team—and what happened when these Goliaths ran into their David.

**AS ABOVE, SO BELOW**
Rated R for bloody violence/terror, and language throughout

Stars: Perdita Weeks, Ben Feldman, Edwin Hodge

A team of explorers finds something very scary dwelling in the catacombs beneath the streets of Paris. John Erick Dowdle ("Devil") directed the horror.

**LIFE OF CRIME**
★★★
Rated R for language, some sexual content, and violence
Stars: Jennifer Aniston, Yasin Bey, John Hawkes, Tim Robbins, Will Forte, Isla Fisher

Striking the proper balance between light humor and genuine threat has always been a problem for adaptations of Elmore Leonard crime novels, but "Life of Crime" basically gets it right. Possibly because the late author also served as executive producer. Bey (a.k.a. Mos Def) and Hawkes play kidnappers who expect crooked real-estate developer Robbins to hand over a million dollars for his trophy wife Aniston — only to learn he's filed for divorce and isn't especially eager to see her again.

**THE NOVEMBER MAN**
★★
Rated R for strong violence including a sexual assault, language, sexuality/nudity and brief drug use
Stars: Pierce Brosnan, Luke Bracey, Olga Kurylenko

You've seen it all before, many, many times, but that doesn't mean "November Man" doesn't deliver the standard-issue goods—even if it all makes less sense than usual. The 61-year-old Brosnan, 12 years after ending his run as James Bond, still dispenses violence with panache, this time as a retired CIA agent with a grievance, taking on a Chechen war villain running for the Russian presidency. And the CIA too, just to keep things lively.

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Cantonis, Anastasia Harras
87 of Tarpon Springs, FL, passed away at home on August 24, 2014. She was born in New York City on January 11, 1927, the first child of Demetrios and Eleni Harras. She completed her schooling at Steuben Textile High School graduating with honors in 1944. In 1947 she married her lifelong partner, Michael and embarked on a life of building a family while her husband toiled building the family business. The couple moved to Chicago in 1947, eventually settling in Park Ridge, IL, where they raised their 3 children George, James and Cynthia. After 30 years in Chicago they moved to Tarpon Springs. Anastasia’s entire life revolved around her family. It was her sole passion. Involved in many charitable endeavors with her husband, she was also a Cub Scout Den Mother, member of the St. Andrews Women’s Club in Chicago, and the Philoptochos Societies of both St. Andrews and St. Nicholas. She was always available to do anything that was asked of her personally. Her children and grandchildren experienced what true unconditional love is from her. Her grandchildren were her greatest joy. Anastasia was predeceased by her husband of 63 years. She is survived by her three children and their spouses: George and Maria, Jim and Allie, and Cynthia Cantonis Heller and Stephen Heller; her grandchildren Michael, Spiro, Matthew, Anastasia, Leigh, and Alexandra; granddaughters-in-law, Rebecca and Mary; her great-grandchildren, Charlotte and Lucille Lyn; and her sister and brother-in-law, Theo and Mary Katsulos.

A wake will be held on Thursday, August 28, at St. Nicholas Cathedral in Tarpon Springs, FL from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m., with Trisagion service at 7:00 p.m. A private funeral service will be held on Friday. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Morton Plant Mease Foundation, 1200 Druid Road S., Clearwater, FL 33756, or St. Nicholas Cathedral, 36 N. Pinellas Ave., Tarpon Springs, FL 34689. Dobles Funeral Home, Tarpon Springs Chapel, (727)942-0515

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**HOROSCOPES: SEPTEMBER 10 — SEPTEMBER 16**

**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) It might not be wise to pursue goals involving others, unless you can stop impulsively rejecting new ideas. Either open your mind or wait until next week.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) It's a good time for the Bovine to be creative and practical for yourself. Shop wisely, not impulsively, and keep your Bull's eye focused on quality, not quantity.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) You should feel more confident about moving ahead with plans that had to be delayed by an unexpected turn of events. Family matters might need more attention.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) Be considerate of others as you move into a new area in your professional life. Take time to meet people and discuss mutual goals. The more you get to know each other, the better.

**leo** (July 23 to August 22) Creating a fuss could get your ideas noticed quickly. But it would be best to present your case, and then wait for a reaction to follow in due course.

**virgo** (August 23 to September 22) Unkept promises might cause plans to go awry this week. You can either grumble about people "letting you down" or find a way to make the best of it.

**libra** (September 23 to October 22) Putting off making a commitment early in the week could be a good move. Best to act when you know you're making an informed decision.

**scorpio** (October 23 to November 21) A recent act of kindness on your part could take on special meaning this week. Also, look for signs of upcoming changes in both your personal and professional relationships.

**sagittarius** (November 22 to December 21) Many of the tougher communication barriers between you and others in the workplace or at home could begin breaking down this week.

**capricorn** (December 22 to January 19) Your "tough love" attitude toward someone you care for could be misunderstood. Show more consideration in the way you relate to that person.

**aquarius** (January 20 to February 18) An unexpected workplace challenge could be daunting. But take what you know and apply it to the problem, and you should see positive results.

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By Rich Schulz of River Forest

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It has only 16,000 Miles, most of which were from driving around that wonderful park at the corner of 1st and North Avenues in Melrose Park.

The vehicle has the original Kiddieland logo on the side doors and the hood has "Miniature Rides" in special lettering, which cost a lot to have done in those days.

It has the two-speed rear-end and double leaf springs. And it's worth mentioning they were built to last at least 500 years.

I also have the original bill of sale from 1948. It was $1,846 then with all the options. It even dumps.

Most of these trucks were about $1,400 in 1948, so Mr. Arthur E. Fritz, Kiddieland's founder, got the very best truck he could buy back then.

I went to Oak Park-River Forest High School with Mr. Fritz's granddaughter, Kathy Rayn, and she knows all about the truck's interesting history. I just put $4,000 into the brake system and the vehicle has a new muffler, a new six-volt battery, and a rebuilt carburetor, so it runs like a dream.

It's very fun to start, because its six-cylinder, Green Diamond engine makes you feel like you're starting an airplane!

If you're interested in learning more about the Kiddieland truck, you can contact me at 847-778-1295. I'm currently in the process of contacting Christie's, Sotheby's and other auction houses to sell the vehicle.
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When Adrian Beltre blasted a home run for Texas early in the 2014 season, he became the fifth player in major league history to hit at least 100 homers for three different teams, having already done so for the Dodgers and the Mariners. Any guesses on the other four? The first was Reggie Jackson (Oakland, New York Yankees, California), followed by Darrell Evans (Atlanta, San Francisco, Detroit), Alex Rodriguez (Seattle, Texas, Yankees) and Jim Thome (Cleveland, Philadelphia, Chicago White Sox). 

It's not uncommon for a baseball player to throw right-handed and bat left-handed. But surprisingly, in the history of the majors, only two players have ever appeared in at least 2,000 games while throwing left-handed and batting right-handed. One was Jimmy Ryan, a pioneer who played from 1885-1903. But the other was Hall-of-Famer Rickey Henderson, who as of 2014 held the big-league records for career stolen bases, steals in one season, total runs scored, unintentional walks and lead-off home runs. 

Entering 2014, the Chicago Bears will be without the man who played more years and in more games than any other player in team history - more than Brian Urlacher, more than Walter Payton, more than Dick Butkus and Jim McMahon combined. His name is Patrick Mannelly, and he was Chicago's long snapper for 16 years until his retirement after 2013. He played in 243 games, snapped the ball 2,282 times and set two NFL records - 920 straight snaps and 180 games without a blocked punt. 

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BOYS CROSS COUNTRY SEASON PREVIEW NOTEBOOK

Feeder program credited with growth of Niles West team

Niles North's Barr, Notre Dame's Contreras have made great strides since last season

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The Niles West boys cross country team has seen its numbers spike in recent years, with participation in the program up to about 75 runners this season.

Varsity coach Mike Grossman said the increase is largely because of the creation of the Little 9 feeder program, which is geared toward students at the nine middle schools in District 219 that feed into Niles North and Niles West.

The Little 9 was created four years ago and has helped raise awareness of cross country at those schools, Grossman said. That is especially important because District 219 doesn't offer middle school cross country. For Niles West, developing runners at an earlier age is vital in trying to compete with very strong programs like New Trier.

"What we've had in the past are kids that have done another sport in the fall [as freshmen at Niles West], and then ran for our program in the spring for track," Grossman said. "Then they say they didn't even know about the sport of cross country. Then, as a sophomore, they'd be one of our best athletes. We're giving kids an extra year — maybe even a couple of extra seasons — to compete in the sport."

Little 9 also helped cultivate a strong core of sophomores — including Emanuel Rivera, Marco Alaras, Frankie Santa and Nico Dominguez — on this year's team that could contribute to the varsity team — which is led by senior captains Theo Beck and Adrian Vargas — by the end of this season.

Niles North

Like last year, Niles North senior Dhruvil Patel is the team's pacemaker in practice, and senior Nebil Mohamed and the Vikings' other runners are in pursuit. What's new for Niles North is that junior Martin Barr has made a big leap this year, and coach Dave Shafron said Barr is often running stride-for-stride with Patel in practice.

"I firmly believe that each season builds on the last season," Shafron said. "Martin ended the last cross country season on a pretty good note. He continued running strong through the winter. That led into a good track season. That led into a good summer. He just keeps building off of his previous seasons."

Barr was Niles North's sixth runner (16 minutes, 33.1 seconds) at the Class 3A Lake Park Sectional last season.

Northridge

Many coaches measure progress from season to season with their stopwatch, but Northridge coach Mike Egle uses a slightly different method early in the season — he runs with his team.

"Last year, Egle kept up with then-seniors David Lechuga and Tom Carden during most practices, he said, and the members of the freshman class would be way behind those three. This year, the roles have shifted. It's the new sophomores — Peter Conroy, Patrick Moore, and Sebastian Puentes — who are running ahead of Egle."

"This year, the sophomores are running better than the seniors were last year, so that's pretty exciting," Egle said. "Those three sophomores have made a huge improvement, so I'm pretty confident that these guys look ready to go downstate."

While those sophomores have looked very fast in the preseason and appear to have the potential to lead Northridge to a fourth-straight trip to the Class 1A state meet, Egle plans on having them compete on the sophomore level in the regular season. Senior Will Thornton is likely to be joined by the sophomores near the end of the season for postseason races, Egle said.

Ridgewood

Juniors Kevin Moore and Adonis Silva are back as Ridgewood's top runners, but it's possible they'll have company at times this season.

"From track to now, just over the summer, he's put in quite a bit of miles," Barrett said. "He's a stronger runner. His times have been cut down quite a bit this year."

"Kevin jokes in saying that, 'My brother doesn't really understand pain.'" Barrett said.

Sophomore Kamil Bonifaciuk also figures to contribute for Ridgewood this year.

Notre Dame

Notre Dame's Matt Contreras was the team's lone sectional qualifier a year ago. The now-junior placed 118th at the Class 3A Lake Park Sectional, finishing the race in 16:51.

Notre Dame coach John Barrett said he has seen Contreras make significant improvements this year in his confidence leading the team — he's leading workouts more often, along with fellow juniors Travis Martin and Robert Kostecki — and in his times.

"He's put in a lot of miles," Barrett said. "He's a stronger runner. His times have been cut down quite a bit this year."

Senior Connor Widicka and "Saxon Kotoski also are expected to be part of the Dons' lineup this season.

Maine East

The Blue Demons' lone sectional qualifier last year was Eric Ponzetti, a then-junior who was 107th at the sectional (16:37).
Girls Cross Country Season Preview Notebook

Hawks look to continue string of state berths

With Leonard now in college, Maine South focused on running as a pack

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Emily Leonard's graduation in the spring means the Maine South girls cross country team no longer has a four-time all-state finisher and likely can't rely on a top-flight runner to lead the team to the state meet.

"We've been trying to run with the philosophy of having everyone run together and see how far we get with a consistent pack," Maine South coach Jeff Downing said of early-season practices. "The hope is that different days, different people will step out."

The Hawks' leaders in practice thus far have been juniors Julia Sirvinskas, Kalina Gardiner and Olivia Ryan, Downing said. They set the pace, and the goal is for the team's other runners to keep up with them.

Maine South has a lot of depth aside from those three, as sophomores Anna Seenarain, Maura Lally and Olivia Holmes are in line to contribute to the varsity.

Maine South qualified for the Class 3A state meet as a team all four years of Leonard's career and, even though she's now running at Dayton, the hope is that with pack training and team-wide improvement the Hawks can extend their streak of state berths to five.

"It may not happen the same way, and it may not quite come together until the last [minute]," Downing said of state. "Hopefully it will at the end, but you've just got to stay patient and stay on the course."

Ridgewood

Ridgewood figured to have a nice core of young runners returning this year since four freshmen were in the Rebels' top seven last season, but sophomore Kinga Sojka is the only runner who decided to return.

Although she's currently the lone female cross country runner at Ridgewood, Rebels coach Tony Guagenti and the boys team have made sure she isn't by herself very often.

"We practice together, so we get her in [workouts] with a couple boys who will be near the same speed as her in practice," Guagenti said. "She trains with them on workout days, and then I'll try to go running with her on days that we're not out doing workouts. If we're out on the roads, I'll try to run with her on those days, so I try not to keep her solo. We try to show her that she's just as important representing Ridgewood as any of the boys are."

Niles West

Senior Christine Mujica, who finished 97th at the Class 3A state meet a year ago, returns for Niles West. Mujica is joined by senior Katherine De Lara as well as juniors Nicole Camburn and Danielle Karp, but Mujica is the fastest runner on the squad.

Since Niles West doesn't have a runner who can challenge Mujica in training, Wolves coach Anne Heselton and the team's other coaches have had to get a little creative in finding ways to test Mujica.

"It is very difficult for her teammates to push her so we bike alongside her for some runs and she has had male pacers for a few workouts," Heselton said via email. "She enjoys pushing herself and is a great example for her teammates."
**NOTRE DAME**

Barzowski, secondary prove up to challenge

A new-look defensive backfield adjusting to varsity football

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The memory that will likely endure from the Notre Dame football team's first week of the 2014 season involves the touchdown that clinched the game.

The play started with the Prairie Ridge offense at its own 49-yard line Friday, trailing by six points and needing to score a touchdown in the final 47 seconds of the fourth quarter. Junior quarterback Luke Annen dropped back to pass and peeled down the field, when suddenly the Dons' pass rush closed in.

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That wasn't completely the case on Saturday. After a string of completions on the Blue Demons' final drive, Youel was sacked twice. Though the line gave him time on the Blue Demons' fourth-down play, Youel threw an incomplete pass. The Bulldogs took over the ball on downs and went on to win the game.

**MAINE EAST**

Loss shows offensive line has room for improvement

Quarterback sacked twice on final drive in loss to Schurz

BY MEGAN HART

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CHICAGO — "Who? East! Who? East!" was the chant in the Maine East football team's huddle before the Blue Demons took on Schurz in the first game of the season.

The team was led in its refrain Saturday by senior left guard George Corey. It could be said that Maine East's offensive line, which features four returning seniors, is the heart of its team.

"If you talk to any level head coach anywhere, they tell you, you win games with your offensive line," Maine East coach Gabe Corey said.

This offseason the Blue Demons added a new line coach, Joe Tedeschi. Though Tedeschi is confident his unit has what it takes to be successful, after the Blue Demons' 7-0 loss to Schurz, he said the line has to do better.

"We've got to be more physical and we've got to be better up front," Tedeschi said.

The Blue Demons' offensive line will continue to build on the work it did this offseason. Senior right tackle Kyree Brammer said the linemen spent time practicing footwork, lifting weights and improving their conditioning. He said members of the offensive line pushed one another to improve.

In addition to being more physical, Tedeschi emphasized the importance of communication between linemen. Left tackle Nick Pavlovic, a senior, said he thinks this is an area where his unit will excel.

"We've known each other so long," he said. "We know each other's tendencies."

When they're not playing, Pavlovic said the line, which also includes senior center Tom Bartzel and sophomore right guard Leo Acevedo, likes to spend time together off the field.

"We like to go out to eat together," he said. "It's what offensive linemen like to do — go out to eat."

The Blue Demons had some bad luck early in Saturday's game. Senior running back Munich Bayer left with an injury during the team's first possession and did not return.

Last season, the Blue Demons were plagued by injuries. They were without several of their offensive linemen, and it showed. Though the line gave him time on the Blue Demons' fourth-down play, Youel threw an incomplete pass. The Bulldogs took over the ball on downs and went on to win the game.

"I didn't think I would be able to bring it back for a touchdown," Barzowski said. "I was just trying to get down as far as I could."

Barzowski immediately broke through two tackles, and then used a wall of Notre Dame defenders to scampier into the end zone and clinch a 34-21 win for the Dons.

Barzowski said that play — and the way he was mobbed by all of his teammates afterward — is the greatest feeling he's ever had on a football field.

"I feel very safe, I have faith in my linemen," he said. "In practice no one has gotten to me."

Not only is he calling out the defense's coverage before the snap and making sure the other members of the secondary are lined up correctly, Simon has helped Topping, who was a running back for the Dons' sophomore team a year ago, transition to safety.

"He doesn't know all the coverages as well as I do [at this point]," Simon said. "I'm helping him, like, 'What happens here, on a motion, is you go up.' I'm just helping him, mentally."

Although it was a defensive back who clinched the game in Week 1, Barzowski, Topping and Simon all acknowledged that the young secondary has room to improve. The defense watched game film at the end of Monday's practice and they saw things — like wrong coverages and misalignments before the snap — that they figure to address in practice.

Still, they had a hand in helping the Dons start the season with a victory.

"We had some mistakes that we have to correct," Topping said. "But all in all, we did good. We got the win."
Tate adjusting to making reads at new position

Vikings linebacker learning how to take his cues from offensive guards

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Isaiah Tate possessed all the requisite physical attributes needed to make a successful transition from defensive end as a junior to inside linebacker this year on Niles North's football team. He's strong, agile, a good tackler and very athletic.

However, it has taken Tate time to grow accustomed to reading his keys from his new position once the ball is snapped.

"That's probably my hardest thing," Tate said.

In Niles North's defense — and in many defenses — the inside linebackers' read is usually guard to the backfield. Put more plainly, the action of the guard — if he pulls, if he turns his shoulders a certain way, or if he pops up to pass block — often tips off linebackers regarding the type of play and where it's going.

Keying on the guard to get the ball sounds relatively easy in theory, but technique, footwork and reaction time are vital for inside linebackers. That's a big reason why Tate and Mike Garoppolo, Niles North's linebackers coach, have made the correct reads. Monyongo usually lines up at inside linebacker on the strong side before the snap, also has helped his transition.

"It's really good because he's like my brother," Monyongo said of the pair's relationship. "We've known each other since grade school, since we were little kids. We tend to come up on the same page a lot. I don't have to say much to him. He knows what I'm thinking. I know what he's thinking." 

"The two have developed on-field trust among themselves this season, they said. Tate said one of Monyongo's biggest strengths is the way he always seems to make the correct reads. Monyongo, in turn, complemented Tate's ability to take away cut-back lanes — which is crucial given that Monyongo usually lines up at inside linebacker on the strong side.

"If I'm flowing over the top and the play is blowing up on my side — and that running back decides to do his own thing in the backfield and cut back — Isaiah's always going to be there to help out," Monyongo said.
DECISIVE VICTORY

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Niles West wide receiver Matt Galanopoulos makes a move past Ridgewood linebacker Max Kalynyuk during Friday's game in Norridge. Niles West won 41-0. | JASON GLEDHART/SUN-TIMES MEDIA
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