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CORRECTION
A story on Niles' new plan to redevelop the Touhy Avenue corridor that appeared in the Sept. 4 issue of the Niles Herald-Specator incorrectly reported Village Trustee Rosalynn Palicki's vote on the issue. Palicki abstained after the village attorney told her she could not pass.

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Morton Grove Public Library

How-to Fest draws hundreds of curious people to library

BY NATALIE HAYES
For Sun-Times Media | @NatHayReporter

The Morton Grove Public Library was abuzz Sunday afternoon as hundreds of people stopped by the How-To Fest, where they learned to do everything from yoga and square dancing, to how to apply Halloween makeup and decorate a cake with pastry chef-precision.

The How-To Fest showcased about 20 local vendors and experts, all of whom volunteered to share their know-how with the public on a variety of topics for two hours on Sept. 14.

Live folk music set the scene on a picturesque sunny fall afternoon for square dancing group Glenview Squares to teach the crowd how to "do-si-do," while kids and parents found entertainment across the parking lot by experimenting with a long list of hands-on activities.

The idea behind the How-to Fest, according to librarian Melissa Mayberry, was to expose people of all ages to a variety of potential new interests, while increasing exposure for local businesses.

"It pulled the entire village together with the opportunity to touch things and do things you haven't tried before," Mayberry said.

Some activities, like the magic tricks booth, were strictly for fun, but other stations focused on educational topics like public speaking and child therapy.

Therapists from Glenview's Courage to Connect Therapeutic Center had an array of craft materials set-up for kids to learn a form of therapy called unstructured free play.

The child-centered therapy is known to be beneficial for autism and some sensory disorders by facilitating engagement in a largely uncontrolled environment, according to therapist Heather Murphy.

"We came out to share the benefits of the therapy and get people more aware of the concept of sensory play," Murphy said.

Behind the therapy booth, mobile crafts business owner Shari Pontillo helped kids learn how to make felted soap - a craft that combines a bar of soap with a loofah-like material.

Pontillo left her regular job in marketing two years ago to invest more time in her business, "Twisted Fiber Studio." She said she jumped at the chance to appear at the How-to Fest because she's trying to increase her base of clients.

"Most of my business is focused on private craft parties, so this is a great way to meet people and tell them about what I do," Pontillo said.

Before the day was over, people at the fest learned how to create the "smoky eye" look with makeup, practice basic yoga poses, shoot a basketball, and select craft beers.

The Morton Grove Police and Fire departments also stopped by to give tours of their vehicles and hand out safety information.

A DUI goggles activity hosted by the Morton Grove Police Department had people lined up all afternoon to try to toss a ball into a bucket while wearing glasses to simulate the vision of a driver impaired by alcohol.

Few people who tried out the goggles managed to land the ball in the bucket, let alone pass a mock roadside sobriety test by standing on one foot or walking a straight line.

Adult services librarian Natalya Fishman said the library was planning to continue hosting the How-to Fest on an annual basis.

"It's all about community involvement," Fishman said. "It was educational, but entertaining at the same time."

Corinne Strecker, of Glenview, said the How-to Fest is so far her favorite out of the 80 street festivals she's been to this summer.

"Each exhibit was different," Strecker said. "People actually learned new skills, because everything was hands-on."

Jigar Trivedi learns how to hula hoop at the Morton Grove Library's How-to Fest on Sept. 14, 2014. | GEORGE EDWARDSON FOR SUN-TIMES MEDIA

Chuck Berthold makes fishing lures at the Morton Grove Library's How-to Fest on Sept. 14, 2014. | GEORGE EDWARDSON FOR SUN-TIMES MEDIA

Morton Grove residents learn how to square dance at the Morton Grove Library's How-to Fest on Sept. 14, 2014. | GEORGE EDWARDSON FOR SUN-TIMES MEDIA
Two binding referenda that had potential to alter the way the Niles government works won't be on the ballot after all.

In July, Niles resident Joe Makula filed two petitions to put two referendum questions on the November election ballot. The first question would ask if residents wanted to take away the Niles mayor's power to appoint trustees. The second question would have asked residents if they want village clerk to become an elected position.

But before the questions went on the ballot, they had to clear the Niles Electoral Board. The board is made up of Mayor Andrew Przybylo, Trustee Joe LoVerde and Village Clerk Marlene Victorine — two of the three officials who would have been directly affected by the referenda. During its Sept. 12 meeting, the board voted to knock them off the ballot because they created legal uncertainty and, in the case of the second question, create trustee vacancies that could last more than a year. While Makula previously indicated that he would challenge such decision in court, it is not yet clear whether he'll do so.

Makula previously told Pioneer Press that he filed the petitions to give Niles residents more say in how their government is run and decrease the political influence of the mayor. If voters approved the referendum questions, village clerk would be elected for a four-year term and trustee vacancies would be filled by special election. If the trustee vacancy occurred less than 196 days before a regularly scheduled election, the seat would remain vacant until the election.

A few weeks after Makula filed his petitions, Niles resident Frank J. Mareci filed objections to both of them. The Niles Electoral Board met on Aug. 16 and Sept. 5 to listen to Mareci's objections and Makula's counter-arguments. On Sept. 12, it met to make the final decision. The board contracted attorney Keri-Lyn Krafthefer to help them make the decision and provide legal perspective.

First, the board considered the objections about the mayor's power to replace trustees.

Mareci had argued the proposal would create problems that the law may not be able to address. For example, if a trustee left the post a day after the Election Day, or less than 160 days later, the vacancy could last months. If several trustees retired at the same time, it could potentially leave the village board without a quorum.

Krafthefer said that the state and village law currently allow the mayor to address that problem by making temporary appointments to tide the board over until the election. The referendum would take that away.

"The longest time could be two and a half years," said Krafthefer. "And there's no mechanism for anyone to make a temporary appointment."

The Przybylo, LoVerde and Victorine agreed. Victorine noted that, in 2009, the Village Board had three vacancies within six months — something that may happen again.

The trio voted unanimously to strike the question from the ballot.

For the Village Clerk question, Krafthefer felt that two objections to Makula's proposal had merit.

Mareci argued that because the referendum would take effect immediately, there's ambiguity about how it would affect Victorine and whether or not she would have to resign immediately.

He also argued that it wasn't clear when Niles residents were supposed to elect a clerk. That is particularly important since, if one were to assume that it would take place during the most recently scheduled election, the candidates simply wouldn't have time to take all the necessary legal steps to get on the ballot.

"The timing poses a problem because candidates would have little time to file," said Krafthefer.

She added that, in researching state law, she discovered that it called for certain phrasing for any referendum on whether an appointed village clerk should be elected — something that the referendum question doesn't quite follow.

The Przybylo, LoVerde and Victorine agreed with Krafthefer's conclusion and unanimously voted to sustain both objections, taking the village clerk question off the ballot as well.

In the aftermath of the vote, Makula declined to comment. But he had said in the past that, if the board kicked the questions off the ballot, he would challenge it in court.

His attorney, John Fogarty, said that they would be considering their options.

"We will review our options and make a decision on how to proceed," he said.

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Niles

Pace finalizes Niles Free Bus changes

BY IGOR STUDENKOV
For Sun-Times Media / @istudenkov

A cluster of changes that would reorganize Niles Free Bus routes have been finalized.

Tim Payne, principal at Nelson Hygaard consulting, and Charlotte O'Donnell, Pace's Senior Planner, presented the final proposal to the Village Board Sept. 9. The plan now goes to the Pace Board of Directors for consideration; it's not clear when Niles will consider the changes.

The final version of the Niles Free Bus revamp was largely identical to what was previously presented at the public meetings. As before, Route 411 would follow much of the western half of the current version of the route, traveling in both directions between Golf Mill Mall and the Village Crossing. While the previous version reused the Route 413 number for a new route that would cover parts of current-day Route 413 and the eastern portions of the current Route 411, the final version labeled it Route 410. Route 410 would travel between Golf Mill Mall and the Village Crossing.

Route 412 would see the same changes as the previous version. Under the final plan, it would continue to serve Golf Mill and several nearby shopping and residential areas, providing more service to the northwestern tip of the village while no longer serving the residential area northeast of Milwaukee Avenue and Golf Road.

As in the previous version, all routes would run once every half an hour seven days a week, converging at Golf Mill to allow for easy transfers. The final version shifted the times the buses will run. Most notably, Route 412 will now run from 9:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m.

After the presentation, Trustee Rosemary Paliicki wondered if there was anything that prohibited the Niles Free Bus from providing service outside the village. Payne reiterated something he previously told Niles Herald-Spectator: While there was nothing to explicitly prohibit it, they wanted to avoid concerns that village money was being spent outside the village proper.

Trustee George Alpogjans wondered how many people who ride regular Pace buses transfer to Niles Free Bus system.

"There is some transfer activity from [regular] Pace buses to Niles Free Bus, but it isn't significant," said Payne.

Trustee Joe LoVerde asked about the financial impact of the changes.

"Overall, the cost goes down slightly," Payne answered. "How it splits between Pace and the village is up the Pace and the village."

Once the changes are implemented, the contract — and, with it, the funding formula — would need to be renegotiated, he explained.

Trustee Chris Hanusiak wondered why weekend service was expanded to all routes when he recalled cutting weekend service from one of the routes.

O'Donnell said that he was thinking of current Route 413. The service reduction had to do with the nature of the route.

"It services a lot of industrial areas," she explained. "Even with our fixed routes, we have a hard time serving them shift times are off."

As the result, Route 413 has some of the lowest ridership figures in the entire Pace network. But because Route 410, which would partially replace Route 413, largely serves residential and commercial areas, O'Donnell doesn't expect that low ridership would be an issue.

Mayor Andrew Przybylo expressed concern about the service along the portion of Milwaukee Avenue south of Touhy Avenue. It's currently served by Route 411, but under the final proposal, the Free Bus wouldn't serve that area at all.

"There's a large amount of people who lives in condominiums along that route," he said.

"Yes, and the ridership is not very high," Payne replied. "It's not high enough to continue [service]."

As the discussion continued, Przybylo asked how Pace sees the Niles Free Bus system.

"Is Pace happy with his thing?" he asked. "Is it something that Pace would encourage other villages to do?"

O'Donnell replied that, while the model wouldn't work everywhere, Pace believes it has merit.

"I certainly think it's an asset to the community," she said.

Reflecting that the Niles Free Bus network primarily moves residents between homes and shopping areas, Przybylo wondered if it had economic value. Payne replied that, while he didn't have the figures for the Niles Free Bus system specifically, systems like this generally bring economic benefit to the community.

"I think that, in general, public transit generates for the economy more than it costs," he said.
Jennifer Govis of Morton
the daughter of Alex and

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Monmouth College

Jessica M. Govis, a sopho-
more psychology major and
the daughter of Alex and
Jennifer Govis of Morton
Grove, was on the dean's list
at Monmouth College for
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Winona State University

Kyle English, of Morton
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Bradley University

Juliette C. Dassinger,
Marina N. Krajevic, Justin
W. Lee, Rebecca W. Lee and
Joseph N. Ruel, all of Morton
Grove, have received recog-
nition on the dean's list for
the spring semester at Brad-
ley University, in Peoria.

To be eligible for the dean's
list, a student must achieve
a minimum 3.5 grade-point
average for the semester on
a 4.0 scale.

Hope College

Joy Sherman, of Morton
Grove, was named to the
dean's list at Hope College in
Holland Mich.

To be named to the
dean's list, a student must
have a minimum 3.5 grade-
point average on a 4.0 scale.

Loyola University Chicago

Loyola University Chi-
cago student, Alexander D.
Wood, has been accepted
as a member of The Na-
tional Society of Collegiate
Scholars. In addition to
his merit scholarship at
Loyola, he was chosen as
the 2014-15 recipient of the
James Wesley White, Jr.
Scholarship. Most recently,
Wood has been named to
the College of Arts and Sci-
ence's dean's list. He is also
a 2013 Niles West High
School student.

In service

Local graduates United States
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Pfc. Jeremy Erjavac, 18,
of Morton Grove graduated
from United States Marine
Corps boot camp at Marine
Corps Recruit Depot San
Diego on Aug. 29, 2014.
Pfc. Erjavac successfully
completed 13 weeks
of intensive basic training
at MCRD San Diego as one
of 76 recruits in Train-
ing Platoon 3263. While in
recruit training, Pfc. Erjavac
became a squad leader.

Following 10 days home
on leave and seven days of
recruiters assistance he will
report to Camp Pendleton
for SOI (school of Infantry)
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On October 25, the Skokie Consumer Affairs Commission will accept
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Visit www.skokie.org for details on the Skokie Farmers’ Market
POLICE BLOTTER

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

THEFT
Sherebe Riddle, 29, of 10801 N. Ridge way, Chicago, was charged with felony theft on Sept. 5. Police said Riddle, an employee of a store on the 5600 block of Milwaukee Avenue, was accused of adding $77 worth of minutes to two mobile phone cards and adding $200 in store credit to two gift cards without actually paying for them. Court information was not available.

BATTERY
John Whelan, 50, of 7900 Caldwell Ave., Niles, was charged with domestic battery on Sept. 9 after police said he grabbed the arm of a woman inside his home, causing a bruise. Whelan also allegedly told the woman that if she called home, causing a bruise. Whelan also allegedly told the woman that if she called home, a “Peel and Win” prize card. Every card is a winner! Prizes include: 30-minute personal training sessions, free fitness classes, membership discounts and more! One per person. No photocopies or reproductions accepted. Redeem on 9/20/14 ONLY.

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CRIME BRIEFS

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A Chicago man told police that someone stole his front license plate on Sept. 5 between 12 and 10 p.m. while his vehicle was parked in front of a store on the 5700 block of Touhy Avenue.

Two modems, valued at $320, were discovered stolen on Sept. 8 from a store on the 9500 block of Milwaukee Avenue.

A man who had been evicted from a residence on the 8700 block of Osceola Avenue told police that between Aug. 26 and Sept. 8, someone stole the washer and dryer from the home, as well as his wife’s diamond ring. The man told police that the building’s management company told him he could stay on the property until the end of September.

On Sept. 10, a man reportedly used a counterfeit $100 bill to purchase $15 worth of items from a store on the 9500 block of Golf Road.

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Niles North plans special homecoming week to celebrate its 50th birthday

BY NATALIE HAYES
For Sun-Times Media I @NatHayReporter

Homecoming week at Niles North High School is always packed with lots of fun activities to gear up students for the big football game and dance, but this year the school spirit-fueled energy emanating through the hallways will be turned up a notch as the school celebrates its 50th anniversary.

The 2014-15 school year is packed with events to honor Niles North’s 50th year, and the year-long celebration is set to kick-off this Saturday with the start of homecoming week.

Almost like a massive reunion spanning 50 years of alumni, the events will include everyone from current students, teachers and staff; to former athletes and coaches and alumni who graduated long ago.

Appropriately themed “Jumping through the decades,” homecoming week kicks off this Saturday when students will head to the school over the weekend to decorate the hallways with themes from different decades.

Student activities director Caroline Benjamin printed out old yearbook snapshots, and the students will incorporate the photos into the themes for each decade, she said.

“We’re making a historic overview of the school,” Benjamin said. “It’s a fun place to hang out and decorate the school for homecoming.

Students will arrive at school Monday morning to begin a week of homecoming-infused activities, including lunchtime dance-offs hosted by a live DJ, a pep assembly that will have principal Ryan McTague jumping out of a giant 50th birthday cake, and a parade and fireworks display the night before the big homecoming dance on Sept. 20.

Niles North teenagers will also have a little fun coming to school all week dressed according to a designated theme for each day of the week.

Pajamas are the dress code Monday, and on Tuesday students can dress up as twins with a friend, or choose to dress like their favorite teacher.

Wednesday is sports day, and on Thursday students and teachers will dress in the style of their favorite decade for “Throwback Thursday.”

Friday is packed with activities to get the school excited about the Varsity homecoming football game that evening at 7 p.m.

Students will wear purple to school to mark spirit day, and a school-wide pep assembly will amp up students and teachers for the big game against Glenbrook South High School.

Benjamin said planning an elaborate homecoming week is the key to getting students to see they can have fun in a safe way without making bad decisions.

“Teachers tell me the kids are going insane during homecoming week, but I love it because it’s good energy,” Benjamin said. “The whole point is that we want them to realize how much fun they can have in school—that they can have fun while being safe.”

Alumni will join the mix Friday evening for the parade starting after the junior varsity football game at around 6:30 p.m. The parade will start in the north parking lot, then head down Lawler Avenue on the side of the school that faces Old Orchard Shopping Center before ending on the track.

Alumni will have a special place to hang out this year during the game in a larger-than-usual alumni tent with a live band made up of a unique group of past graduates who also happen to be teachers at Niles North.

“This year will be an incredible opportunity to reconnect with friends, reminisce about special times, and forge new friendships.”

Ryan McTague,
Niles North principal

A special halftime show to commemorate alumni and the school’s 50th birthday will precede a fireworks show at the end of the game, topping off an action-filled Friday.

Then on Saturday while students are at the dance, alumni are invited to their own party at the Double Tree Hotel in Skokie.

The 50th Anniversary Alumni Party is expected to draw upwards of 300 alumni and former teachers and coaches for a night of drinks, dinner, and catching up on memories.

1998 Alumni Matt Robins is part of an eight-member committee that has been planning the alumni party for the past six months. Robins said some alumni are flying in from other parts of the country to attend the party.

“The Saturday night party will give everyone a chance to talk to each other and reconnect,” Robins said. “As great as the game and other festivities are, the best part will be the party when we can all finally interact and catch-up.”

Then on Sunday, principal McTague will lead tours of the school to give alumni a chance to see how the school has changed over the years.

“We want to see people from all classes come join us,” Robins said. “Homecoming is big for every high school, but this is extra big because it’s our 50th.”

Niles North is reaching out to alumni via social media and a directory of past graduates to invite them to other events planned this year, Benjamin said.

Not all the events to commemorate the 50th anniversary have been planned yet, but alumni will be asked to audition for roles in this school year’s spring musical— a performance of Hairspray.

“This year will be an incredible opportunity to reconnect with friends, reminisce about special times, and forge new friendships,” McTague said during a recent District 219 school board meeting.

For a full listing of homecoming and 50th anniversary events, or to purchase tickets to the alumni party, go to https://sites.google.com/a/d219.org/nnhs-50th-anniversary/home.
D64’s extra cash shrinks in latest budget

BY NATALIE HAYES
For Sun-Times Media I @NatHayReporter

The latest version of the proposed budget for Park Ridge-Niles School District 64 shows $70.2 million in revenues and $69.6 million in expenditures, with a surplus in the operating fund of $640,709.

The revised budget presented to the school board by business manager Rebecca Allard Sept. 8 reflects several major changes from the first version of the 2014-15 budget presented to the school board in May.

One such change is an additional $378,760 in revenue from the original $69.9 million projection.

But the latest budget also bumps up district spending by $1.2 million compared to last year. Revenue in the education fund for this year has been reduced by 1.6 percent or about $914,399 compared to last year. Student fees will remain at last year’s levels.

No one from the community spoke during a public hearing last week. School board members are expected to approve the version of the budget presented Sept. 8 during the next school board meeting Monday.

The school district is also proposing to spend 4.6 percent more on benefits, an increase of $401,349 from last year.

The unaudited operating fund for the 2013-14 school year by approximately $2.4 million or 5.3 percent for a long list of positions: 2.5 percent for administrative staff, 3.5 percent for secretarial and custodial staff, and 2 percent for exempt staff and technology staff, the school district said.

Old Orchard welcomes new restaurants, athletic-wear store for kids

BY NATALIE HAYES
For Sun-Times Media I @NatHayReporter

The fall shopping season at Skokie's Westfield Old Orchard will bring in two new popular full-service restaurants and a trendy children's athletic store.

Buffer Wild Wings, Uncle Julio's Fine Mexican Food, and ivivva—lululemon athletica's kids' collection are opening in the shopping mall between August and December.

Up until now, shoppers with a hankering for Mexican food had to travel off the shopping center campus, but the Sept. 1 opening of Texas-based restaurant chain Uncle Julio's will add Mexican cuisine to Westfield Old Orchard's list of 15 restaurants.

Uncle Julio's will open on the east side of the mall near Barnes & Noble and Brooks Brothers, and will be the fourth Chicago-area location.

Something rarely seen at a mall—a sanctuary for sports fans—will also appear at the shopping center this December.

Opening next to Macy's on the west side of the mall, Buffalo Wild Wings is best known for flavorful chicken wings and an extensive beer selection.

"With Buffalo Wild Wings, Westfield Old Orchard is able to offer shoppers and area residents a fun sports bar option, while Uncle Julio's provides authentic Mexican cuisine within a more sophisticated setting," said Shannon Ridgeway, senior marketing director at Westfield Old Orchard.

Beyond the debut of the new dining options, girls with a penchant for expensive active-wear can now shop at the first ivivva location in Illinois. ivivva—lululemon athletica's yoga-inspired children's line—sells pricey clothing to wear to the gym, yoga, or sports practice.

Like lululemon, ivivva caters to yogis willing to shell out some serious cash to look good at the gym. Yoga tights sell for up to $68, and a runner's jacket costs around $88.
Niles

Developer gets tax break to redevelop industrial building

BY IGOR STUDENKOV
For Sun-Times Media | @istudenkov

The Niles Village Board has approved a property tax incentive for an industrial site on Jarvis Avenue.

The classification will allow the Atlanta-based Seefried Industrial Properties to get a lower property tax rate on the property at the 5600-5750 W. Jarvis Ave., as an incentive for redevelopment. The developer is looking to buy the site from Woodward Inc., a Fort Collins, Colorado based airspace manufacturer, which is moving to a larger facility elsewhere in Niles.

Seefried is looking to knock down the old buildings and build a new, larger facility. The purchase was contingent on getting the tax credit.

But the approval wasn't without controversy. Trustee Chris Hanusiak questioned whether it was wise to trade a manufacturer with hundreds of employees for a warehouse that could be run by two employees. He also questioned the financial implications of the tax credit. But most trustees felt that Seefried's proposal would be best for the parcel in the long run, approving the tax incentive 5-1.

Woodward currently operates a cluster of five office, research and manufacturing buildings that sit on the opposite sides of the southern Niles/Skokie border. The two buildings on the Niles side, at 5600 W. Jarvis Ave., house office and research facilities.

In the fall of 2013, Woodward announced its intention to move to the new facility at 6500 W. Howard St., a site that was previously occupied by the W. W. Grainger Industrial Supply company and the Adams Elevator Equipment Company. Woodward obtained a property tax incentive to redevelop that site last year, and it currently plans to move by March 2015.

According to the documents submitted to the village, Seefried plans to knock down both buildings at Woodward's current home and build a 213,675 foot building in their place. The building would have 30 foot ceilings, making it nearly twice as tall as the current structures. Tenants would be able to use it as either a warehouse or an industrial facility.

The developer plans to spend approximately $5.2 million to buy the building and $8.4 million to build the new structure. Seefried expects to create 110 construction jobs.

While Seefried has been quiet about potential tenants, documents presented to the Village Board indicate that Coca-Cola and an unidentified wholesaler would be interested in the property. Seefried has also reached out to Shure, whose headquarters is a block away.

An Atlanta-based developer will get a property tax break to develop the site at 5600-5750 W. Jarvis Ave. in Niles. IGOR STUDENKOV/FOR SUN-TIMES MEDIA

The class 6(b) property tax classification that Seefried received was devised by Cook County officials to encourage industrial businesses to build new industrial facilities or rehabilitate old ones. Properties that receive the classification get their tax rates lowered from 25 percent to 10 percent for ten years. The tax rate then increases by 5 percent for each of the next three years, returning to the regular 25 percent rate on the 13th year. In order to qualify for the incentive, the government of the municipality where the property is located must vote to recommend the approval.

During the Aug. 26 Village Board meeting, Trustee Joe LoVerde outlined the rationale for the recommendation. The structures' age made them "functionally obsolete," and a new building would be more likely to bring tenants that would bring in employees.

While most trustees agreed with the rationale, Hanusiak questioned the financial impact of Seefried's request. He asked Ross Klicker, the Niles Economic Development and Marketing Coordinator, about the impact of the classification of the property's tax revenue.

Klicker indicated that the property currently generates $450,000, and that it would generate about $340,000 if the classification is approved.

"Something will have to make up [for the decline]," argued Hanusiak.

He also expressed concern about how Seefried's plan would impact employment, especially if the property becomes a warehouse, which would only be run by a few employees.

"We are looking to go from a manufacturing facility with 300 to 400 employees to a warehouse," Hanusiak said.

In response, Mayor Andrew Przybylo argued that Seefried's plan was better for the village on the long run, since it was getting a more modern industrial building out of the deal - one that will last for a long time.

"The village of Niles is getting a building for 50 years that will be a viable building that is a sure thing," he said.
The good we can take from the Ray Rice videotape

LOVE ESSENTIALLY
BY JACKIE PILOSSOF

Using the words “good” and “Ray Rice videotape” in the same sentence might seem inappropriate, or even offensive. Yet, I truly believe that when the world watched a hotel elevator videotape of a football star decking his fiancé in the face, it was like forcing a sleeping person to drink a Venti coffee.

That videotape was a true wake-up call to the fact that domestic violence exists not just in poor, uneducated communities, but on the other end of the spectrum, among the affluent suburban couples, physical violence in relationships is subtle. It doesn’t always mean a black eye or arm bruises, but rather a shove or a kick or grabbing someone’s shoulders and shaking the person. And what I want to say is, any physical assault, no matter what or how minimal, it is completely, 100 percent unacceptable.

“He crossed the line, but he didn’t punch me or anything” is NOT OK. Not even one time.

Terri Ammirati is a Bannockburn- and Oak Brook-based licensed clinical professional counselor who has been a couples therapist for more than 20 years. She said when couples come to see her for counseling, physical abuse is often the elephant in the room.

“They don’t come to see me to talk about domestic violence, but as I am working with them, it comes out in very subtle ways,” she said. “Couples often blame their problems on depression or anxiety, when in reality the abuse is what’s causing these issues.”

Ammirati said there can be several reasons women don’t come forward in domestic violence situations. They include low self-esteem, shame, embarrassment, blaming themselves and protecting their partner. However, the biggest reason is financial restraint.

“Women who are dependent on their spouse financially don’t want to give up their lifestyle,” Ammirati said. “They make the decision to stay, rationalizing that they can live with it because ‘It’s not that bad.’

“It’s not that bad?!” Is that what Janay was thinking when she married Rice AFTER he punched her in the face? I don’t want to judge the Rices, or anyone, for that matter and I don’t want to make people think that a one-time incident of domestic violence means that you are headed for divorce court.

But, I do think that one hit, one shove, one kick or one shake will undoubtedly lead to a second incident if nothing is addressed after it happens. In other words, seeking therapy is crucial for many reasons that go far beyond saving a marriage.

Ammirati said she has worked with countless couples over the years in teaching them how to handle emotional intensity, or the times they “get flooded with adrenaline” that can lead to violence.

“Most of the time, domestic violence is a learned behavior that they have seen from their parents,” she said. “We’re not born knowing how to beat someone up.”

Ammirati said she works with couples to teach them how to handle and manage conflict effectively, using methods such as taking a timeout and walking away, or learning how to release anger in a non-dangerous way.

I wholeheartedly agree with Ammirati when she explained that the first step is recognition and self-awareness by the couple that they need help. In other words, get out of denial. Drink the Venti coffee.

The long-term effects of physical abuse are almost unspeakable: low self-esteem, no self-worth, lack of self-love, and unhappiness to the extreme that the inside damage is so much worse than a couple bumps and bruises.

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Help Squad called Tony and obtained his account information. We also asked for his job ticket reference number only to learn that in the six weeks since he began struggling with this issue he was never assigned one by AT&T (a possible indication that a ticket had never been opened to address Tony's problem).

We also did a little research on porting. The term is shorthand for the transporting of an existing phone number from one service provider to another, and per the FCC, "[N]umber porting rules require 'simple' ports [ports that do not involve more than one line or more complex adjustments to telephone switching equipment] to be processed in one business day." Not four to five business days, and certainly not six weeks.

Further, porting must be initiated by the new service provider prior to the old provider disconnecting service — which, according to Tony, was the order of events for his U-verse installation.

Armed and educated, Help Squad called AT&T's customer service number. After spending several minutes providing the necessary account information and having a customer service rep attempt to troubleshoot Tony's issue remotely, Help Squad was (supposedly) transferred to tech support. However, it was not tech support to which we were transferred, rather it was billing! We were already feeling Tony's pain.

After clarifying that we did not require billing assistance, we were again transferred; this time to the offshore U-verse technical support desk.

It was here that a very thorough and efficient level-one technical support representative solved the mystery of why Tony was able to call out on his phone, but unable to receive incoming calls. He had been assigned a new phone number!

Over the previous six weeks, no one from customer service to level two technical support to AT&T's Office of the President — had been able to figure this out. The reason this tech rep was so quickly able to identify the root cause of Tony's problem was that she not only asked for Tony's account number, but she also requested his phone number. The two did not match. Bingo!

At this point she put us in touch with another technical support representative, who researched whether Tony's old number was still available. Upon learning that it was, its reinstatement was ordered.

Though Tony still had to wait another week for his number to be restored, he was thrilled to finally have a fully functioning land line.

"As of 10:30 this morning, my old number seems to be working," Tony said. "Thanks a million for all your help. It's because of [Help Squad] I think it finally got resolved."

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Letter
Residents shut out of O’Hare noise discussion

As a longtime resident of Norridge, I was used to plane noise. But recent changes have made the constant noise overwhelming. Windows are kept closed in order to sleep, watch television or just have a conversation at the dinner table. Conversations outside must be paused while planes pass overhead.

I decided to attend the recent O'Hare Noise meeting at DePaul O'Hare on Sept. 5. I arrived at 7:30 a.m. only to be told the room was at capacity, as were many others. We could sign in but could not hear or participate in the meeting. I find it disconcerting that a meeting which should address concerns of people whose quality of life is impacted by these changes was held on Friday, at 8 a.m., in a room with a capacity of 100. The commission members and representatives numbered about 45, not leaving much room for concerned residents.

Perhaps the timing and location is geared toward hindering a truly open public forum and the commission really doesn’t care about the negative impact on people’s lives. Holding meetings at a local school auditorium would certainly accommodate more than 100 people, as would changes in the time.

When the airport changes were originally talked about, the Noise Commission held meetings in towns that were not going to be impacted by the noise and now, the residents of towns that are impacted still don’t have a real voice because of room capacity and timing of meetings.

Carol Maggio
Norridge

Researchers can choke on their half-baked idea

BY RANDY BLASER

While surfing the Web, I recently came across an article with the headline: “The tyranny of the home-cooked meal.”

Here at last, I thought, was the answer to my grandfather’s untimely death at the age of 59. I had always suspected the two packs of Lucky Strikes he smoked every day, or the obligatory shot and a beer — the national cocktail of Poland — he imbibed after work, is what did him in.

But it was the hidden tyranny of my grandmother’s home cooking, no doubt, that did the dastardly deed. This article would expose him as a victim of years upon years of fried pork chops, Hungarian goulash, and the deadly but delicious cucumbers and sour cream.

It turns out there is a victim here, but it’s not my grandfather who succumbed to home cooking. The victim was my grandmother and all the other women who tried to live up the idealized standard, touted by 1950s research, of preparing a home-cooked meal.

The article cited research conducted at North Carolina State University by academic types who no doubt eat like the 80-something, college-dweeb depicted on “The Big Bang Theory.” (If 1950s sitcoms can be used as evidence to support a theory, then I can debunk it with modern sitcoms.)

The researchers claim that the time pressures, trade-offs just to save money, and the burdens of pleasing other family members hardly make the effort worth it. Home-cooked meals just put too much stress on women.

Low-income women were particularly burdened, say the researchers. I hate to break it to researchers, but down here in the trenches every aspect of life is particularly difficult for low-income people.

But they digress.

The main culprits for the stress of the home-cooked meal, again according to the researchers, are men, who are described as picky, whiny and ungrateful for the effort of the women, who were hesitant to try new recipes for fear the meal would be rejected.

I haven’t done the research to dispute this report, but then again it is so ridiculous on its face, I don’t have to. My own experience of growing up in a home-cooked-meal family, creating one with my wife, and having friends who do the cooking, tells me that this tyranny of family dinner is a bunch of baloney.

Like everything in life, it is all how you look at it.

I’ve found preparing and enjoying the family meal to be a joy, not a burden. The job, the commute, the daily grind, the other chores that have to be done — that’s burdensome. Preparing and enjoying a meal together as a family is a joy, and getting easier all the time thanks to YouTube, where I’ve learned to prepare rabbit stew and fillet a pampano.”

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Medical commercials take fun out of ads

If there was one place I was sure would always be safe from reality it was the world of television commercials. No matter how frightening the real world became, I knew I always could count on commercials to waft me into a level of unreality where nothing mattered but the mellow, rich taste of coffee or the whitening prowess of a new and improved detergent.

"Sources report that the president will be indicted in the forging of Honus Wagner baseball cards." "Violence erupts in the Texas secession crisis." "Arnold Schwarzenegger will make more movies." No matter how depressing the headlines I always knew they soon would be interrupted by a bright and cheery playlet about who has the most effective breath mint, or a snappy little jingle about how I deserve a break today.

But less and less these days.

Now when I hear "Vladimir Putin elected governor of Nebraska" or "Halt pizza sales in wake of latest mozzarella poisoning incident," the commercial breaking into these real-life horrors no longer comforts or provides a bright and cheery interlude.

More and more now I see and hear catheters, erectile dysfunction, cancer of every sort, incontinence, sex after menopause, botched surgeries, suicidal depression...

"When I found out I had inoperable rectal cancer I was kind of blue. Then I heard about the great strides in the treatment of cancer being made at the University of Gary Hospital."

The spread of medical commercials for hitherto private events is depressing. Health problems in commercials used to be benign — dandruff, perspiration, halitosis, headache. Now there is no disease or bodily failing too terrifying or private to make into a commercial.

Of course I am aware of all the bad things that can (and sooner or later will) get us. It's just that I don't want to be reminded of them constantly.

There needs to be some place safe from the terrors of reality, some place where problems are small and solvable merely by purchasing a product that requires no prescription and doesn't warn of Armageddonal side effects.

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Chat and Chomp Book Discussion: ‘Doll Bones’
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Women’s Club Meeting
11:30 a.m.: The club meeting features a presentation by John Boda and lunch. Niles Senior Center, 999 Civic Center Drive, Niles. Call 847-588-8420. $5-$7.50.

Book Discussion
7 p.m.: The group discusses “The Things We Save” by Joanna Zienty. Niles Public Library District, 6960 W. Oakton St., Niles. Call 847-663-1234.

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5 p.m.: Join the group to discuss Naomi Novik’s book “I Am the Storm.” For students in grades four to six, Pizza is served. Niles Public Library District, 6960 W. Oakton St., Niles. Call 847-663-1234.

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10 a.m.: This program is sponsored by the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity. Reservations required. Niles Public Library District, 6960 W. Oakton St., Niles. Call 847-663-1234.
Multimedia Craft Class: Paper Quilt

Club Fitness Grand Re-Opening
3 p.m.: Residents can tour the improved facility, talk with trainers. There are giveaways, prizes, snacks and a Zumba party from 3:30-5:30 p.m. Prairie View Community Center, 6834 Dempster St., Morton Grove. Call 847-965-1200. $5 for the Zumba party.

Class of 1974 Reunion
6 p.m.: Resurrection College Prep High School, 7500 W. Talbot Ave., Chicago. Call 773-775-6616.

Twice As Nice Moms Kids Rosale
8 p.m.: Gently used and like-new clothing is for sale in sizes newborn to 10. Other items are shoes and boots, coats, holiday costumes and clothing, maternity clothing and items, baby equipment and gear, books and toys. Park Ridge Presbyterian Church, 1300 W. Crescent Ave., Park Ridge. Call 847-823-4133. $1.

Plug into the Past with Ancestry Library Edition
10 a.m.: Learn how to use the database Ancestry Library Edition in this hands-on computer class. Learn about the genealogy collections it offers and how to search for family records.Mouse experience and previous Internet experience is required. Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge. Call 847-825-9223.

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### BIZ NOTES

- **The Shiffman-Morris Dental Practice**, 195 N. Arlington Heights Road, Buffalo Grove, welcomes their newest associate, Dr. Susanna Fischek. Dr. Fischek provides comprehensive dental treatment for both adults and children. To make a dental appointment call (847) 215-1511.

- If you can roll a ball, eat an hors d'oeuvre, or make a bid, you're invited to Glenview's first-ever Bocce Ball Bonanza and Fundraiser, scheduled for Oct. 1 at Pinstripes, 1150 Willow Road, Northbrook. The Bocce Bonanza and its silent auction will support free public programs offered by Glenview's Chamber of Commerce, including Summer Fest, Halloween Window Painting and Holiday in the Park. Save your place by calling the chamber at (847) 274-0900. Tickets are $45 for Chamber members, $55 for nonmembers and at the door.

- After nearly 100 years in Lake Forest's Market Square, Griffith Grant & Lackie Realtors will move from its Market Square location to a larger office space at 280 E. Deerpath in Lake Forest. The move is slated for Sept. 30.

- Hilton Hotels & Resorts recently announced the opening of Hilton Chicago/Oak Brook Hills Resort & Conference Center, formerly Oak Brook Hills Resort. Featuring 86 meeting venues throughout more than 42,500 square feet of exhibition space, it offers all the amenities of a resort while providing convenience for business conference needs.

- Dr. Dave Dulany, senior director of Primoris Professional Placements, recently received the Certified Search Consultant designation from the American Staffing Association. Dulany is a resident of Darien.

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Illinois' largest health system is about to get even bigger.

Downers Grove-based Advocate Health Care, one of the largest systems in the country, on Friday announced plans to merge with NorthShore University HealthSystem to create a health system with 16 hospitals, 4,438 beds and 45,000 employees.

The combined system would also have a new name: Advocate NorthShore Health Partners. Both hospital systems said consolidation is necessary to stay competitive amid health care reform and other market trends.

"From the Advocate perspective, we really think for us to continue to improve health outcomes and improve safety and reduce cost we need scale," said Advocate President and CEO Jim Skogsbergh. "And so this [merger] allows us to be in that kind of scale."

Mark Neaman, president and CEO of NorthShore, noted that the deal would enable the systems to "collectively really respond to what's going on in the external market." He cited the Affordable Care Act, which encourages consolidation in the health care industry to coordinate patient care and reduce health care costs, including waste.

Financial terms of the deal weren't disclosed. Advocate had $4.9 billion in revenue in 2013, compared with $1.8 billion for NorthShore.

Advocate has a total of 250 care sites, 12 hospitals, and the largest emergency and level one trauma network in Illinois, including Good Samaritan Hospital in Downers Grove and Lutheran General in Park Ridge. NorthShore has four hospitals in Evanston, Glenview, Highland Park and Skokie, as well as doctor's offices and clinics from Gurnee to south suburban Harvey.

Neaman said the merger wouldn't affect NorthShore's partnership with Rochester, Minnesota-based Mayo Clinic, which gives NorthShore patients access to Mayo physicians at no extra cost.

Skogsbergh and Neaman will serve as co-CEOs of Advocate NorthShore Health Partners for 24 months. After that, Neaman would retire and Skogsbergh would become the sole CEO, according to the deal.

The merger could be complete by early next year.

The announcement comes as Northwestern Memorial HealthCare and Winfield-based Cadence Health combined into one health system Sept. 1. That merger, which is expected to bring in a combined revenue of nearly $3 billion a year, brought 60 care sites in Chicago and the suburbs, including four hospitals, under one umbrella.
**Trend**

**Friends of Marlene work in concert to promote women’s cancer care**

**Event:** More than 125 Friends of Marlene Hetzel Palmerson gathered at Ravinia Festival in Highland Park on Aug. 26 to enjoy performances by the Temptations and the Beach Boys while raising critical funds for the Maggie Daley Center for Women’s Cancer Care in Chicago.

Cause célèbre: “We did this in Marlene’s memory and thought this was something she could put her arms around,” said Francine Pepitone of Chicago, chairman. Instead, after Palmerson lost her battle with breast cancer in 2010, Friends put their cumulative arms around this project to help provide one-stop concierge and holistic services for all women battling cancer.

In addition to treatment, Maggie Daley Center offers its 55,000 annual patients care and options to nurture their psychological, genetic/reproductive, nutritional and cosmetic needs.

“It’s the kind of (aid) that really helps a patient go through this journey with the greatest of compassion and comfort,” said Holly Gibout of Chicago, vice president Northwest Memorial Foundation.

Mariam Eldeid of Lombard, coordinator of supportive oncology education at the Maggie Daley Center, is a licensed clinical social worker who focuses on patients’ extra needs.

“Not the diagnosis, chemotherapy or radiation, but the whole rest of the person,” explained Eldeid. The question her team of dietitians, social workers and nurse navigators asks regularly is: What else can we do to treat this whole person?

“We don’t know what’s in the future,” added Eldeid, “But we know we have today and that’s what we anchor ourselves to everyday.”

Cancer survivor and foundation committee member, Cathy Dunlap of Old Norwood Park, found solace at the Maggie Daley Center: “They...really try to provide you windows into your soul as a person, not just a patient,” said Dunlap.

**Bottom Line:** The event raised $10,000 bringing the total funds raised by Friends of Marlene to more than $180,000 in support of the pioneering work of the Maggie Daley Center for Women’s Cancer Care in Chicago.
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Social Media: The Ultimate Candidate Sourcing Pool

Peter Kazanjy, Vice President of Product & Technology at Monster and Founder of TalentBin by Monster

You may think of it as something superfluous. Maybe something you use occasionally to post a vacation photo, or offer well wishes to a friend. But it's certainly not something you would consider using day-to-day at work.

It should be.

Obviously, it's social media. And not only should you be paying close attention to the growing audience on the variety of social media platforms that exist today — and the many more that seem to pop up over time — but you should be figuring out a strategy for capturing this audience and the amazingly talented candidates falling just below your radar every second.

Consider the following: Joe Candidate works for a niche software development company based in a remote area of a Mid-Western state. This worker, who is 27 years old, has been at this company for five years. Maybe he's been promoted once, and takes home an average salary. He does not manage any direct reports, but he's taken the lead on a few projects internally to great results.

On paper, it seems he's doing OK, and maybe he is. But the truth is there's not enough money in the budget to promote him again, despite his being due. The company needs him right where he is. Suffice it to say, he's hit the ceiling and he knows it.

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But Joe isn't actively looking for a new job. Like most passive candidates, he's comfortable enough where he is, and hasn't tipped over the line to active seeking. He's considered opportunities if the path to one were easily forged, but given his circumstances, finding that path — even beginning to look on his own — feels daunting. It intimidates him.

Unfortunately, Joe Candidate isn't on any popular recruiting network, or at least, his profile isn't built out sufficiently enough to be found — he's been too busy working to pay attention to that stuff. Let's say, based on geography and his relative inexperience, his professional network is limited.

But Joe Candidate is online. He's posted code from his pet projects on GitHub to show peers. He's asked a few questions about new technologies he's worked on with StackOverflow, and answered some about tech he's well familiar with.

It turns out Joe Candidate is somewhat active on Twitter. Reflective of his personality, he retweets content from his favorite online publications.

A few weeks ago, he was tagged in a photo on Facebook at a major programming convention in Las Vegas.

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Historic Landmark Designation Case Number: LD-14-02

Leonard Johnson filed an application for historic landmark designation, in accordance with the requirements of Section 23-2-3 of the Municipal Code of the City of Park Ridge at the property commonly known as 70 South Lincoln Avenue, Park Ridge, Illinois.

All persons interested in the above-described matter are invited to attend and will be heard.

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Mazda Miata as fun to drive as ever after 25 years

BY STEVE WHEELER
Motor Matters

The Miata turns 25 years old. The two-seat roadster may have aged a quarter of a century, yet it still acts like a kid — full of pep and energy and good looks. And it remains one heck of a fun car to drive, too.

During the past 25 years, the automotive industry has seen many changes. But the Miata has endured, embracing its lightweight, rear-wheel-drive design while keeping up with much stricter safety and engineering requirements over the years.

Introduced at the Chicago Auto Show in 1989 as a 1990 model with pop-up headlights, the Miata’s roots run deep. The second generation was launched — minus the pop-up headlights — in the 1999 model year with a more powerful engine and new styling. The 2008 model year marked the start of Miata’s third generation, when every single component was either all-new or extensively revised.

As early as 2000, the Guinness Book of World Records declared the MX-5 the best-selling two-seat sports car in history, with more than 530,000 units produced. Today that number has rolled over 900,000, and is well on its way to one million.

To celebrate, Mazda introduces a special 25th Anniversary edition of the 2015 MX-5 Miata. It is outfitted in a Soul Red Metallic premium coat and 17-inch Dark Gunmetal 10-spoke aluminum alloy wheels wrapped in grippy Bridgestone Potenza tires. The interior has Almond leather seats and door trim. Only 100 models are made available in the U.S.

Our test vehicle was the current-generation Grand Touring hardtop convertible with a Zeal Red exterior and black interior. Like all Miata models, it’s outfitted with a 2.0-liter four-cylinder engine that produced 158 horsepower and 140 pound-feet of torque. The test Miata had the available six-speed automatic transmission with paddle shifters. The manual transmission model produces 167 horsepower.

We drove the Miata hard on interstate highways, twisting levee blacktops, shady country lanes and even gravel roads. The MX-5 Miata delivered spirited performance and confident handling in all those conditions. The tight little roadster remained flat during hard corners and stuck to the road like a tongue to a frozen flagpole.

The Miata doesn’t have that much power, but excessive power isn’t necessary to have fun driving the Miata. It’s all about driving dynamics. First, the roadster has a 50/50 weight distribution front to back, which helps keep the car balanced. Second, the front-engine, RWD Miata reacts instantly to driving commands. One of the best things about the Miata is its precise steering control. And finally, the engine doesn’t redline until way up at 7,200 revolutions per minute. It’s a combination of driving dynamics that delivers a hunk of driving enjoyment.

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Urban perks

Living in or near downtown has its advantages

BY REX ROBINSON
For Sun-Times Media

The house in the suburbs with the white picket fence will always be an option for growing families. But there are advantages to living in an urban setting, whether Chicago or the heart of another community's downtown.

There are many housing options, and each has attractions and amenities. Retirees might enjoy maintenance-free living in an area where restaurants, theaters and shopping are nearby, close enough to walk to or easy to access via public transportation.

Others might choose communities that have townhouses, condominiums or apartments near Metra stations to have easy access to downtown Chicago.

Some, however, want to be even closer to the action, where they can walk out of their building, hop in a cab or take the "L" train and within minutes be

Downtown living: Lakefront views and high-end luxury mark the Waldorf Astoria Condominiums offered by Gold Coast Realty Chicago. 1 SUPPLIED PHOTOS

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or universities in the city. Leo Clark, president and owner of Gold Coast Realty Chicago, said urban living is all about being social and loving the energy that comes with the people that surround you. "There is never a dull moment with the exciting nightlife, world-class restaurants and music scene all at your front door," he said. "From a broker's standpoint, urban real estate is about matching your client's personality with the amenities and services that make living easier.

Matt Farrell, president of the Chicago Association of Realtors and managing partner of Urban Real Estate in Chicago, sees the kind of amenities becoming important to buyers. "People are looking for places with some outdoor space and where they can have pets," Farrell said. "Gone are the non-dog-friendly buildings."

Security also is paramount for some residents, he said. Some of the popular residential spots in downtown Chicago include 11 E. Walton and the surrounding area of Oak and Rush, River North as well as 340 E. Randolph, a high-rise residential development known as 340 on the Park. As for the popular newer housing developments in downtown Chicago, Farrell pointed to the Legacy at Millennium Park, a 72-story luxury development, as well as The Grant, another luxury condo development in the South Loop. The Trump International Hotel and Tower is another very high-end development. This development at 401 N. Wabash is a combination hotel and condos. The development features a mix of one-, two- and three-bedroom condominium units as well as luxurious penthouses. D'Ambrogio to head relocation, corporate services at @properties

John D'Ambrogio has joined @properties as executive vice president of relocation and corporate services, the brokerage firm has announced. Co-founders Thaddeus Wong and Michael Golden said D'Ambrogio will play a central role in growing @properties' relocation and referral business throughout Chicagoland.

Prior to joining @properties, D'Ambrogio, 49, spent five years as vice president of strategic development for Chicago-based Baird & Warner. From 2003 to 2009, he was senior vice president and director of operations and relocation services at Rubloff Residential Properties. He was also a principal in a relocation consulting practice that counted several Fortune 500 firms among its clients. He has served on the boards of the Chicago Corporate Relocation Council, The Advisory Council for Leading Real Estate Companies of the World and the Chicago Corporate Relocation Council, and he is a frequent speaker at national and international conferences for the brokerage and relocation industries.

"As the largest independent brokerage firm in Illinois, and one of the top brokerage firms in the nation, @properties presented a great opportunity for me to come in and build a market-leading relocation business. The firm is miles ahead of the pack in terms of marketing and technology," said D'Ambrogio.

"John is the guy for 'relo' in Chicago, and we are going to grow that business exponentially with him at the helm," said Wong.

D'Ambrogio, a lifelong Chicago resident, currently lives in the South Loop. He has served as president of the Lake View East Chamber of Commerce and as a commissioner appointed by former Mayor Richard M. Daley for Special Service Area No. 5 on Chicago's North Side. HOW DO YOU LIVE?

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He's gone from Wrigleyville to Hollywood, but can 'The Mindy Project's' Ike Barinholtz leap from TV sidekick to comedy's main man?
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Through November, Michigan Avenue will host a herd of life-sized statues depicting Chicago’s police horses, each designed by a local artist. The installation benefits the Chicago Police Memorial Foundation, providing support and assistance to families of Chicago police officers who have been killed or injured in the line of duty. Horsesofhononor.com

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Whether you’re a culinary hotshot or a kitchen rookie, feel free to roll up your sleeves at this new BYOB cooking class/dinner party, where chef/owner Rebecca Goldfarb teaches small groups to make meals ranging from herb-crusted tilapia to chicken provençal. $75 per person. 819 W. Armit-age. Thesocialtable.com

friend of Splash Jon Landau e-introduced us to Ike Barinholtz this summer, and before we knew it, “The Mindy Project” actor was welcoming us into his Los Angeles home, where he made funny faces for the camera and channeled his basketball icon Scottie Pippen by shooting some hoops.

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September 19
- **SKYLINE SOIREE**
  Enjoy cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, a raffle, silent auction and live entertainment courtesy of Final Say: A Maggie Speaks Band at the Associate Board of Ambassadors of the American Cancer Society’s sixth annual event, which helps fund the organization’s mission to fight the disease. Post-event, head over to Shay (222 W. Ontario) for the official afterparty.
  
  **Time:** 7-11 p.m.
  
  **Place:** City Winery, 1200 W. Randolph
  
  **Cost:** $125. For tickets, visit acesilivejoinme.org/?tabid=507044.

September 20
- **ARTEDGE 2014: ‘DAVID BOWIE IS’**
  Celebrate the Museum of Contemporary Art’s hotly anticipated David Bowie retrospective at this 1970s-themed event, which includes cocktails, dinner inspired by famed Chinese restaurant Mr. Chow, a first look at the exhibit and a concert featuring rock-and-roll legend Bryan Ferry. Presented by Louis Vuitton and co-chaired by Nancy Crown, Caryn Harris, Liz Lefkofsky and Carl Sacks, the evening benefits the MCA’s exhibitions, performances and education initiatives. Can’t make the opening event? “David Bowie Is” runs through January 4, 2015.
  
  **Time:** 6:30 p.m.
  
  **Place:** Museum of Contemporary Art, 220 E. Chicago
  
  **Cost:** $3,000. For tickets, call (312) 397-4062 or email Bowiega@mca.chicago.org.

September 20
- **HARVEST BALL**
  The flowers and greenery of the Chicago Botanic Garden provide a vibrant setting for the organization’s annual black-tie gala, co-chaired by Carolynn Pfaff and Emily Reynolds. Dine, drink, bid on silent and live auction items — including travel packages — and dance to tunes from DJ Megan Taylor and live band The Chicago Players. Proceeds from the event will go toward the development of a new educational garden.
  
  **Time:** 6 p.m. cocktails and silent auction, 7:30 p.m. dinner and dancing
  
  **Place:** Chicago Botanic Garden, 1000 Lake Cook, Glencoe
  
  **Cost:** $550. For tickets, visit chicagobotanic.org/guild/harvestball.

September 21
- **AAHH! FEST**
  Rapper and Chicago native Common has brought together an all-star lineup — including Lupe Fiasco and Jennifer Hudson — for his inaugural hip-hop music festival. Comedian Dave Chappelle hosts the event, which kicks off with a community showcase curated by fellow Chicagoan Rhymefest in partnership with Donda’s House Inc. Stay tuned — the fest is rumored to have a big-name special guest stopping by too.
  
  **Time:** 10 a.m.-1 p.m. community showcase, 4-11 p.m. festival
  
  **Place:** Union Park, 1501 W. Randolph
**September 22**

**FRIENDS OF JAMES BEARD BENEFIT DINNER**

This women-only lineup features some of the biggest culinary stars in the Midwest—think Stephanie Izard (Girl & the Goat), Mindy Segal (Mindy's Hot Chocolate) and sommelier Alpana Singh (Boarding House)—banding together for a reception and multi-course dinner benefiting the James Beard Foundation's scholarship fund to help women advance in the culinary world.

**Time:** 5 p.m.
**Place:** Moto, 945 W. Fulton Market
**Cost:** $50, plus tax and gratuity. For tickets, visit Commonthreads.org

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**September 23**

**END OF SUMMER BASH**

Splash teams up with real-estate developer Jay Michael to celebrate the last few weeks of warm weather with Brewery Ommegang beers, passed appetizers and a DIY taco bar. Fifty percent of the ticket price benefits Common Threads, the nonprofit organization that helps children in underserved communities learn about health, nutrition and wellness through cooking.

**Time:** 5-8 p.m.
**Place:** S/N, 51 W. Hubbard
**Cost:** $20 for access to the community showcase. For tickets, visit Clubtix.com/aahh-fest-by-common-tickets-329514

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**September 23**

**AFTER SCHOOL MATTERS GALA**

Join event chair Melody Hobson, plus Nora Daley, E. Robbie Robinson and the rest of the board of directors for After School Matters' annual dinner event and student showcase. The night benefits ASM, which offers Chicago high-school students out-of-school activities in everything from art to tech to sports.

**Time:** 5:30 p.m. cocktail reception and gallery. 7 p.m. dinner and performances
**Place:** Navy Pier Grand Ballroom, 600 E. Grand
**Cost:** $1,500. For tickets, visit After-schoolmatters.org/gala

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**September 23**

**DINNER OF CHAMPIONS**

At the Chicago chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society's 35th annual dinner event, the Great Performances of Champions will honor honorees who have dedicated a lifetime of service to the cause.

**Time:** 5:30 p.m. doors open, 7 p.m. show
**Place:** City Winery, 1200 W. Randolph
**Cost:** $45. For tickets, visit Citywinyer.com/chicago

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**September 23**

**FEAR NO ART: THE DINNER PARTY**

At the latest installment of her monthly series, Fear No Art founder and moderator Elysabeth Alfano gathers Chicago Sun-Times columnist Bili Zwecker, Attorney General Lisa Madigan, talk show host Jerry Springer and North Pond chef Bruce Sherman for lively conversation and a tasting of Sherman's fare. Can't make it? Live stream the show at ChicagoSplash.com

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**Place:** City Winery, 1200 W. Randolph
**Cost:** $20 for access to the community showcase. For tickets, visit Clubtix.com/aahh-fest-by-common-tickets-329514
In vogue

Models in leather leggings, colorful faux fur and layered looks proved fall was in the air as they came down the runway at the 100% Bloomingdale's Fashion Show Sept. 10. Style stars turned out to the department store's (900 N. Michigan) fifth floor for the Splash-sponsored bash, where they sipped cocktails provided by Prairie Organic Spirits, snacked on hors d'oeuvres by Paramount Events and mingled with friends while perusing the latest brands from the retailer's exclusive collection. Splash editor/publisher Susanna Negovan presided over the runway presentation, which showcased pieces from designers like Alice + Olivia, J Brand, Elie Tahari and Diane von Furstenberg — all among the 1,000 original pieces crafted by designers exclusively for Bloomingdale's. Guests cheered as prizes — including a Rebecca Minkoff handbag — were raffled off to audience members. —Katerina Bizios

Women took over Michigan Avenue Aug. 31 for The Magnificent Mile's first-ever Half Marathon and 5K. Marking the end of Mile's two-week shopping festival, more than 10,000 women got their heart rates up at the morning run — produced in partnership with Fleet Feet Sports, the Chicago Sports Commission and Choose Chicago — and, after crossing the finish line, took advantage of special shopping promotions along the Mile.
Sometimes fashion is about compromise — and nowhere is that more apparent than in this season's crop of dual-toned ensembles. An indecisive dresser's dream (how many times have we been caught between the red or black dress?), these outfits combine two solid hues, creating a modern, minimalist look. Edeline Lee nailed the trend this fall by pairing matte gray skirts with satin, electric blue blouses, while Moncler Gamme Rouge blocked silver/yellow and champagne/orange combos on its outerwear. Whether you mix complementary colors or opt for two shades in the same family, it's a look that gives you twice the bang for your buck.
From the art

Thanks to the support of more than 500 guests, the Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago was able to hit new fundraising highs at the 13th annual Gala of the Arts Sept. 5. Eventgoers filled Navy Pier’s Grand Ballroom (600 E. Grand), where they browsed the work of local and national artists before sitting down for dinner and an award presentation. WMAQ-Channel 5 anchor Allison Rosati presided over the program and presented the Mandatum Award to the Women’s Board of Catholic Charities, Lake County Services. Later, guests joined co-chairs Jerry and Christine Bern and Michael and Carol Bilder in enjoying the sounds of Dennis DeYoung: The Music of Styx. Proceeds from the gala will benefit the Catholic Charities’ Emergency Assistance Program, which helps Chicagoans in need pay heating bills and provides them with emergency food and clothing.

Splash was the media sponsor of this event.

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The Chicago Lighthouse's Flair Event

Inger Burnett-Zeigler and Allyson Ratliff

Models onstage after the show

With flair

STORIES BY KRISTIN CALLAHAN

A celebration of fun, fashion and philanthropy, The Chicago Lighthouse's annual FLAIR fundraiser brought more than 200 guests — including local notable Rochelle Trotter and Sun-Times columnist Bill Zwecker, who served as the emcee — to the Fairmont Hotel (201 N. Columbus) Sept. 9. The event included lunch, a fashion show with designs from Winnetka boutique Frances Heffernan and the presentation of the inaugural FLAIR award to local philanthropist Vonita Reescer for her community service. Proceeds — including a surprise $25,000 donation from Trotter in honor of her late husband, Charlie Trotter — will benefit Lighthouse programs, which assist the blind and visually impaired.

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Shiftgig's 1 Million Members Party

Above: Eddie Lou and Brittany Mitchell
Left: Macy Sears, Sydney Roti and Maddy Wilson

Raise a glass

Online service and hospitality community Shiftgig reached its million-member mark and, to celebrate, invited industry professionals to John Barleycorn (149 W. Kinzie) Sept. 8. Partygoers packed the River North spot to enjoy drinks, appetizers and Monday night football while donating to The Goulden Touch, Chicago Bears kicker Robbie Gould's foundation. Funds raised will benefit the new Ronald McDonald House at Cadence as well as Working in the Schools, which promotes literacy among Chicago's youth.

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Heat wave

Rick Bayless spices up his portfolio with a new Wicker Park location of Mexican café Xoco

BY SELENA FRAGASSI

When Rick Bayless decided to expand operations for his highly successful Mexican café Xoco, he didn’t have to look far. The award-winning chef and host of PBS’s “Mexico: One Plate at a Time” lives just a few blocks away from his new Wicker Park location. The spot marks Bayless’ first venture outside of the River North hub that houses Topolobampo, Frontera Grill and the original Xoco. “I not only have a personal connection to this area, but Wicker Park also appealed to me because its energy matches Xoco’s,” he says. “Both are lively, bold, creative — and a little raucous.”

Bayless further tapped into that wild spirit by assembling a new bar and cocktail program, which includes 17 local brews on draft and cocktails like traditional margaritas, fresh grapefruit palomas and raspberry mint margaritas ($10) poured from taps. “The bar is a key thing for us,” says Bayless. “When you’re eating a torta like the Milanesa ($10.25), which has so much going on [it’s crispy, creamy and spicy], beer cleanses the palate and prevents your tongue from getting overwhelmed.”

While the menu mostly mimics the River North outpost, with a heavy focus on tortas, caldos (meals in a bowl) and specialty bean-to-cup drinking chocolates, there are a few new items, such as the pickled pigs feet tostada ($4), queso fundido ($8), green and red ceviche tostadas ($4.50) and a brunch program until 2 p.m. on weekends, all of which matches up with Bayless’ main goal: “getting high-quality Mexican food in as many hands as possible.”

Here’s what else to expect at Xoco Wicker Park:

Full service: Bayless enhances the original Xoco’s in-and-out style with a seated, full-service operation. “It changes the experience for sure,” he says. “Wicker Park seemed right for a place where you can hang out a little longer and have another drink.” Inside, the ambiance is cozy, with an open kitchen and probably the most spectacular fan pulleys of any restaurant in Chicago. Outside, there’s a breezy seasonal patio that can seat around 50 people.

Must-try dishes: Bayless is known for his tortas — sandwich-style options crisped to perfection in a wood-burning oven — like the Ahogada, made with golden pork carnitas, black beans and pickled onions ($10). The guacamole bar includes the “almost naked” option ($7) or the “fully dressed” style with an abundance of toppings ($8). Sides include bacon caramel corn ($3) and hummus-style sikil pak made with pumpkin seed ($4.50).

Local love: “You can’t have great food without great ingredients, and you can’t have truly great ingredients unless you have good farmers close by [that you support],” says Bayless. In addition to the local craft breweries featured on tap, Xoco proudly displays a chalkboard listing the names of its regional purveyors, including Tallgrass Beef, City Farm, Pleasant Meadows Farm and, of course, Bayless Family Gardens.

Drinking partners: Don’t miss the bean-to-cup chocolate service ($2.75 and up): As the menu explains, “Huge sacks of cacao beans arrive at our door from Tabasco. We roast them, winnow them and grind them” all in-house. It’s then mixed with steamed milk or water for the ultimate dessert beverage.

1471 N Milwaukee Ave., (312) 829-3821; Rickbayless.com
Winnetka native JOHN O’DONNELL fuses East and West Coast attitudes with his clothing line Johnnie-O

BY ZAK STEMER

Favorite Chicago spots
- “I’ve gotta go to Charlie Beinhetic’s [290 Skokie, Northbrook] for burgers. They’re big-time.”
- “I’m fortunate to play at a golf club up in Lake Bluff called Shoreacres [1601 Shoreacres, Lake Bluff]. It’s a magical place.”

A new adventure
O’Donnell and his fiancé, Sandra, welcomed their first child, Jack, three months ago. “It’s amazing, but I’m not getting a lot of sleep,” he says with a laugh.

When John O’Donnell launched his fashion brand, Johnnie-O, in 2005, he didn’t do anything by the book; in fact, he had no design experience and no collection to speak of. But he did have a name, a logo — and a good idea. “I thought, ‘Why couldn’t there be a West Coast version of the Polo horse?’” says the Winnetka native, 49. “Why don’t you marry the [West Coast] lifestyle with East Coast prep, bring those worlds together?”

With that, O’Donnell put his first relaxed polo shirt into production just in time for a friend’s golf trip, and Johnnie-O was born. Designed to be a laid-back version of buttoned-up Hamptons style, the brand immediately found a fan base. “The surfer guy can say, ‘I like that, it’s a little more dressed up,’ and the East Coast guy can say, ‘I feel comfortable in that, and the brand gives me just a little bit of Southern California feel without putting on some big Hawaiian shirt,’” explains O’Donnell.

But it wasn’t until 2 ½ ago that O’Donnell really struck fashion gold. Most men can attest to the fact that they’ve spent a lifetime plagued by the dilemma of how far to unbutton a dress shirt. So O’Donnell thought of a solution: Hide a button between the second and third buttons, letting guys get a relaxed look without revealing ’70s-lounge levels of chest. He dubbed his invention the “tweener” shirt, and, this month, he’s rolling out a new collection of tweeners in colorful checks and plaids.

These days, according to O’Donnell, Johnnie-O is “in the big leagues.” The line has expanded to include women’s wear, swimwear and kids’ clothes, is sold at more than 400 stores nationwide (including Marian Michael [566 Chestnut, Winnetka]), takes in millions annually, and has famous fans like former Chicago Bear Brian Urlacher and “NCIS” star Chris O’Donnell (who happens to be O’Donnell’s younger brother).

For O’Donnell, the company’s success represents a long shot that struck its target: After graduating from UCLA in the late ’80s, O’Donnell found work in media sales and financial services, but was never completely fulfilled by sticking to the status quo. “I never figured I’d start a business. But I got the logo, got the name, got a URL, some business cards and I was open for business,” he says. “People [have] really hung with us. We’ve had a lot of cheerleaders.”

Johnnie-O gingham shirt, $95.
THE MINDY PROJECT’S
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HOMEGROWN HUMOR

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But it's "The Mindy Project" that marks Barinholtz's biggest part yet — after ending its second season last spring with 2.5 million viewers, it'll return for round three Sept. 16. The show, centered on Dr. Mindy Lahiri's (Kaling) quest for love, concluded "Awesomes" and HBO's cult hit "Eastbound & Down."

"The show used to be about a girl looking for love. Now it's a show about a guy whose found love, but she wants to kill the guy who's giving it to her. And sometimes he wants to kill her."

On set, the cast's chemistry is a comedic goldmine, and while the show is scripted, they almost always do improv takes to let the actors run free — giving Barinholtz the chance to tap back into the skills he honed here in Chicago. In 1995, after dropping out of Boston University ("We got into a big fight, college and I, he joked), the 18-year-old Barinholtz came back to Chicago and, one evening, attended Improv Olympics (now known as iO) 15th anniversary show at The Vic. His fate was as good as sealed. "It was so amazing," he remembers. "I got to see [Amy] Poehler, Tina [Fey], Chris Farley and David Koechner and all these amazing titans of improv. I said to my dad afterward, 'I wanna sign up for [iO's training classes.']"

When he wasn't training or working a 9-to-5 at the CTA, he would spend his days playing pickup games of basketball at the East Bank Club (he recalls one particularly memorable game, "with a then-local politician named Barack Obama. I'm sure he still thinks about the time I posted him up and popped a baby hook over his head and it burns him up!). But it was at night when Barinholtz got his most valuable experience. He worked as an usher at iO, watching his heroes Poehler, Fey, Koechner and Farley light up the stage. "[Improvisation] is exactly where I got most of my training," he says. "I got to watch these amazing performers, and the only downside was, every once in a while, a prom date would vomit and it burns him up!" But it was at night when Barinholtz got his most valuable experience. He worked as an usher at iO, watching his heroes Poehler, Fey, Koechner and Farley light up the stage. "[Improvisation] is exactly where I got most of my training," he says. "I got to watch these amazing performers, and the only downside was, every once in a while, a prom date would vomit and it burns him up!"

Amsterdam was "total overstimulation," Barinholtz says. "Everything you've heard and seen in the movies about Amsterdam is true." And while Barinholtz admits that it's a fair amount of his 22-month stint abroad was a blur, his time onstage was invaluable, teaching him how to command an audience. "At iO or Annoyance [Theatre], you can kind of get away with being the quiet guy on the side who makes funny references, "he says. "At Boom Chicago, they teach you how to perform for hundreds and hundreds of people. They teach you how to own a room."

When he finally returned to Chicago, Barinholtz had made a roll of new pals, including Seth Meyers' brother, Josh. In 2000, the brothers Meyers, Barinholtz and several other Chicagoans packed their bags and moved to L.A. "We were ready to take LA by storm," Barinholtz says. "And by storm, I mean as busboys and waiters."

But Barinholtz quickly found a second home there, blending in thanks largely to the cabal of Chicago-forged comedians in the city, including fellow Boom Chicago alum Jason Sudeikis. "It was really so great having a Chicago pedigree," Barinholtz says. "Sudeikis, who's a good buddy, came out to visit and right away we went to George Wendt's house. Just him knowing that you're from Chicago, he's nicer to you. There's a shorthand with Chicagoans out here. You meet someone from Chicago and right away you know they're on the level, they don't BS and they probably don't have a great diet."

Fourteen years later, Barinholtz is more than settled in L.A., married to Erica Hanson and father to a 1-year-old daughter. He jokes that he's become more than a little baby crazy, saying, "You know how people say that you have a baby and it totally changes your life and you just talk about the baby and look at pictures of the baby? I gotta tell you, it's so true. You become obsessed with your baby."

Seeing the greats on the mainstage inspired Barinholtz to push himself to his limits and fully immerse himself in comedy. But his timing was off: In 1997, he auditioned for Second City's tour company, and didn't make the cut. "I was trying to be as good as Kevin Dorff and Amy Poehler and those people, but I never got hired to be on a tour company," he says.

Fortunately, three years after that very first show, Barinholtz auditioned for and landed a spot in Boom Chicago, an Amsterdam-based improv troupe founded by three Evanston natives. The troupe garnered attention for being one of the few theaters that paid its actors well enough that they didn't need side jobs. "At first I was like, 'I can't move to Amsterdam! I'm doing too much important stuff here,' " he remembers. "Then I'm like, 'What the hell am I talking about?'" (It helped that Barinholtz had heard of another Chicagoan who made the leap over to Amsterdam a few years earlier: "Late Night" host Seth Meyers.)

Ike Barinholtz, Chris Messina and Mindy Kaling in "The Mindy Project"
Every child who's spent a fall in the Midwest knows: 'Tis the season for apple picking and cider chugging. Seeking a more adult-centric seasonal escape? Try this fall's must-sip spirit: hard cider. A far cry from the sweet and spicy stuff you grew up sipping, the grown-up version is crisp and refreshing, influenced by its predecessors in England, France and Spain.

In nearby western Michigan, production of the stuff is thriving. There, fruit farms arereviving dozens of varieties of heirloom apples ideal for juicing and fermenting. A collection of new cider producers are located along what's being called the "Napa of the Midwest": Michigan's Cider Coast, 200 miles of changing leaves, apple orchards, stunning vistas and crisp ciders. The coast is easily accessible by car from Chicago—meaning the region is literally ripe for a quick fall getaway.

Here, we've broken down a weekend trip to the coast, replete with orchard tours, restaurant tips, hotel recommendations and, of course, plenty of cider sipping.
Vander Mill Ciders
14921 Cleveland, Spring Lake, three hours from Chicago
Ciders start at $4 per pint, $11 per four-pack; Vandermill.com

Among the cider founding fathers is Paul Vander Heide. The enthusiastic cider-maker has been a leader of the hard cider scene since 2008, when he began pressing and fermenting local apples in his Spring Lake cidery. "We attempt to make them representative of the apples here in Michigan," Vander Heide says. "With no bitter sharp varieties available, we largely have fresh-eating apples to work with." That will change over the next few years, though — Vander Mill is working with Dietrich Farm to plant 20 acres of "bitter sharps and bitter sweets" that are more suited for cider.

The commitment to using local apples means creativity is the name of the game at Vander Mill. They're best known for Totally Roasted, a cider steeped with cinnamon-roasted pecans, as well as seasonal offerings such as Nunica Pine, made with Columbus hops and distributed around Michigan, Illinois and Ohio in 16-ounce cans. At the bar — made from reclaimed apple crates — you can sip 10 hard ciders and one apple wine out of mason jars or as part of a flight of four. The tasting room doubles as a restaurant, where chef Stephanie Luke incorporates your beverage of choice into cider-battered Lake Michigan whitefish tacos served on housemade corn tortillas with carrots — which, naturally, are also pickled in cider. She even makes those cinnamon-covered donuts that taste just like a childhood trip to the local apple orchard.

Stop by soon to enjoy it all with a side of live music: On Oct. 4, the cidery is celebrating its fifth annual Vanderfest, featuring local beers side by side with ciders from a half-dozen producers.

While you're there: Sleep off the cider buzz before heading north at the JW Marriott Grand Rapids. The luxury hotel boasts waterfront views, a pool and proximity to Peoples Cider Co. and Sietsema Orchards. Rooms start at $215 per night, 235 Louis, Grand Rapids, Marriott.com.

Left Foot Charley
806 Red, Traverse City, 2½ hours from Vander Mill
Ciders start at $5 per pint, $14 per bottle; Leftfootcharley.com

Ten years ago, the vacant Northern Michigan Asylum for the Insane was converted into a mecca of residences, restaurants and one city-center winery. What was once the laundry facility now sources apples and grapes from 18 nearby growers to produce 6,000 cases of wine and cider annually. This winter, owner Bryan Ulbrich will expand his operation — the team has set their sights on distribution in Chicago.

Stop by the winery's taproom, where floor-to-ceiling windows overlook a patio dotted with wine barrels and where three varieties of cider — two year-round and one seasonal — are poured. To taste what Ulbrich and other local cider-makers refer to as "Michigan terroir" (a flavor that results from the region's unique climate and soil conditions), opt for Relic, a dry cider made with Winesap, Baldwin, Rhode Island Greening, Jonathan and Hubbardston Nonesuch apples. Cinnamon Girl, a spunky cider worthy of its name, starts light but ends with a gentle sting thanks to whole Sumatran cinnamon sticks. And if you're lucky, Hopfel Apfel will be in season: This special cider is made with fresh Michigan hops and seasoned with ginger, and it's only available from late September through the fall.

While you're there: Wander the rest of the (possibly haunted) halls of the former insane asylum across the courtyard — it houses several acclaimed restaurants, including authentic Italian spots Tavolària Stella and Pepenero. 830 Cottageview, Thevillageetc.com.
Forty-Five North Vineyard and Winery
8580 E. Horn, Lake Leelanau, 30 minutes from Left Foot Charley
Ciders start at $5 per pint, $12 per bottle; Fortyfivenorth.com

You might have a "pinch me" moment at Forty-Five North: The surrounding scenery is lush and green, reminiscent of Bordeaux, the region that sits on the same latitude line as the winery (and inspired its name). Similar soil conditions to France allow rows of grapevines, set in front of rolling hills, to thrive here. The result? Soft rieslings and peach crémant, a slightly sweet white wine blended with cold-pressed peach juice. Owner Steven Grossnickle dabbles in other fruits that flourish in the area, too - think cherry wine and apple and pear ciders that drink like wine.

Spend an afternoon in the tasting room - filled with corrugated metal and exposed beams that smell like fresh-cut timber - and sample three of the Grossnickle's varietals, including a new wild fermented cider made from 25 different types of apples with a process similar to brewing sour beer. Compared with the clean finish of the traditional hard cider, the cloudy, full-bodied liquid has an intriguing earthiness. And don't be surprised if you run into a fall bride at the bar or on the patio - the picturesque locale is a popular destination for weddings.

While you're there: Continue the wine crawl at Blustone Vineyards, another slice of wine paradise with 10 acres of grapes sprawling over a hill and leading to the intimate winery. 780 N. Sylt; Blustonevineyards.com.

Tandem Ciders
2055 N. Setterbo, Suttons Bay, 10 minutes from Forty-Five North
Ciders start at $4 per pint, $12 per bottle; Tandemciders.com

In summer 2003, Dan and Nikki Young discovered the magic of hard cider on a tandem bicycle ride through England. They promptly brought their new knowledge of cider-making back to the States - and the tandem bicycle too. In 2008, they affixed it over the door of a white barn surrounded by fledgling cider apple trees, marking the entrance to the tasting room of Tandem.

Replicating the charm of that English countryside visit, Tandem serves draft and bottled hard cider at a six-seat bar. Try a free tasting or purchase a pint of Smackintosh, their flagship cider, which tastes like the first bite of a ripe Macintosh apple. They also craft rare ciders, such as Ice Caves, made from frozen apple juice for an in-your-face, funky taste, and Scrumpy, a barrel-aged cider spiked with apple brandy.

While Dan says "making good cider is the priority," recreating the signature cideries they experienced across the pond is important to the pair, too. So, when in a ciderery modeled after an English pub, eat as the British do: Hard-boiled and pickled eggs are the house specialty, served with a side of Saltines. And while you're there, pick up a few bottles of their Pretty Penny, an intoxicatingly complex blend of 30 ciders and apples, or the face-puckeringly tart Crabster, both sold only in Michigan.

While you're there: The Inn at Black Star Farms is one part bed-and-breakfast and one part winery. Conclude your cider crawl with a night in the brunt red mansion flanked by horse stables - start with a sunset wine tasting and end in the comfort of a country-chic suite. Rooms start at $225, 10844 E. Revold; Blackstarfarms.com.
**Dress to impress >**

Brides-to-be can shop a selection of gently used designer and couture wedding gowns at Westfield Old Orchard's Charity Gown Sale Sept. 14. Gowns will be available in sizes 4-18 and will range from $99-$3,900 - all discounted at up to 85 percent off retail price. A percentage of the day's sales will be donated to Brides Against Breast Cancer, which offers free information and services to thousands of people impacted by cancer each year. Admission starts at $5. 4999 Old Orchard, Skokie; Westfield.com/oldorchard

**Rare gem >**

Head to the North Shore Sept. 19-20 for a meet-and-greet with Irene Neuwirth Sales Director Woju Kim. Peruse the latest from the LA-based line - known for its colorful gemstone designs (at right) - while chatting with Kim, who will be on-hand at Neopolitan Collection to help you shop. Friday and Saturday 10 a.m.-6 p.m. 715 Elm, Winnetka; Neapolitanonline.com

**Stacking up**

Stock up on pieces from CUSP Neiman Marcus' slew of designers - including L'Agence, McQ and Tibi - and accessorize with Lisa Freede stackable bracelets (at left): a set of three is free with any $350 purchase. Plus, score $50 off any purchase of $500 or more Sept. 18-21. 737 N. Michigan; Cusp.com

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**Stress buster**

BY JENNY McCARTHY

We all have those weeks when we look at our to-do lists and just want to cry. Wouldn't it feel amazing to just go back to bed and sleep through it all? Sure. Would it be a good idea for us to do that? Probably not. Obviously, it's completely normal to feel overwhelmed, but let's face it, we have to suck it up and dive in.

In a previous column, I wrote about how to cope when the pressure is on — doing yoga, meditating, being in nature and making lists to help when you have a million things to accomplish. Some of you added to that and told me ways that you've dealt with being overwhelmed — I wanted to share a few of my favorite additions with you:

- First of all, breathe. Just step back and literally take a breath of fresh air. If you have a pile of work on your desk in front of you, take a minute and walk away from it.

  You can then come back with a clear mind — and you'll be better able to concentrate.

- Get some physical and mental rest. I think a lot of people underestimate how much our health affects our daily behavior. If you're lacking sleep or you've been slacking on eating healthy, it can be a huge factor in feeling overwhelmed. Make sure you take care of yourself — get plenty of sleep, fill up on water and make sure your diet is full of vitamins.

- Set and prioritize goals. If you give yourself a goal, you're more likely to actually accomplish it. If you have multiple work assignments due the same day, make a list of what needs to be done and when each is due, and then knock them off one by one. If you wait until the last minute to do everything at once, you'll drive yourself crazy.

- Handle the situation. Put on some music, unplug from the Internet, tell people around you that you don't want to be disturbed and get to work. Once you start crossing things off your list, you'll gradually feel less and less overwhelmed, which will motivate you to keep going.
Over there, over there!

The Newberry Library looks back at World War I

By Thomas Connors

From strategies and technologies to the rationale for engagement, there's no question that America's current military campaigns are not entirely comparable to the world-changing conflicts of the 20th century. Even when it comes to enlisting public support and promoting the country's actions abroad, the discourse now is so very different from the days of Wilson and Roosevelt. At a time when the White House is compelled daily to determine how far to go in its commitments overseas, the Newberry Library presents "Chicago, Europe, and the Great War," a timely look at how the government pressed its case and how citizens responded as "the war to end all wars" rumbled forth in 1914.

In a country that was still forming an independent national identity, old bonds to Europe often dictated how Chicagoans felt about getting involved. As Curator and Director of Continuing Education Rachel Bohimann notes, "Many German-Americans hoped the U.S would intervene on the side of the Central Powers — Germany and Austria-Hungary — or that the U.S. would at minimum remain neutral. Irish-Americans in Chicago opposed American involvement on the side of the Entente — France, Britain, Russia, and Belgium — because of their antipathy for the British Empire."

With America's entry into the war in April 1917, Chicagoans went into training at various military camps, including Fort Sheridan in Highwood and Camp Grant in Rockford. The first Chicago soldiers to serve on the Continent were the 13th Engineers, a regiment of trainmen deployed to take the place of French trainmen who had been called to the front. And at war's end, Chicagoans did their bit, too: Charles Hutchinson, president of Chicago's Corn Exchange Bank, helped organize a coalition to restore the city of Reims and its 13th-century cathedral. Captain Chauncey McCormick — who later led International Harvester — participated in a food relief mission to Poland.

Complementary to "Chicago, Europe and the Great War" is "American Women Rebuilding France, 1917-1924," a traveling exhibition of material from the Franco-American Museum at the Château de Blérancourt. Inspired by Anne Morgan, daughter of financier J.P. Morgan (who was herself inspired by Jane Addams and the work of Hull House), hundreds of American women set off for France, where they became involved in a range of rebuilding efforts, from construction and agriculture projects to staffing visiting nurses programs and social centers.

Comprising posters, letters, photographs, editorial cartoons, silent films and more, both exhibitions outline the varieties of public opinion, examine the push for preparedness and document the commitment in Europe of Chicago area servicemen, journalists and medical personnel. It's a far cry from CNN. And that makes all the difference.

Above: A 1918 photograph of the entrance of the Chateau de Blerancourt from the exhibit "American Women rebuilding France, 1917-1924"

At left: A Food Administration poster from the exhibit "Chicago, Europe and the Great War"
BY ELLE EICHINGER

Tatyana Ali's lovolly grin first charmed audiences in the '90s, when the actress played teenage Ashley Banks alongside Will Smith in "The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air." Now the 35-year-old has moved onto more mature roles: She stars in the upcoming Queen Latifah-produced rom-com "November Rule" in post-production now and slated for release later this year. Another sophisticated stint: This summer, Ali was pegged as commencement speaker for American InterContinental University's graduation ceremony in Chicago — and we caught up with her while she was in town.

School days
"I loved school when I was little and there was no question whether or not I was going to college. I was doing music at the time, and the label was working with me to try to get me to not go — so I deferred for a year to tour with the label, but I was going to school, period. I ended up going to Harvard [to study] political science.

Role call
"The title 'November Rule' [gets its name from] a rule that the main character has. If he's dating someone, he dumps her before Thanksgiving, because after that comes the holidays. New Year's, Valentine's Day — it's an onslaught of forced dumping. Since doing the film and in talking to people about it, I've actually found that this happens a lot. But in the movie, it turns out that the girl he ends up dumping is the one."

In character
"I get an idea of who the character is from the script beforehand, and then meeting the other actors and the director is sort of like the icing on the cake, that makes it gel together. ('November Rule' director) Mike Elliot is an incredible comedy director. We had a lot of fun."

Star-struck
"The most star-struck I've ever been was meeting Dr. Mae Jemison. I loved astronomy when I was little — Dr. Jemison was the first black woman to go into space, she was on my wall when I was little. When I met her, I literally couldn't speak."

Fan encounters
"Half of the times I get recognized are from 'Fresh Prince,' but fans love to pull [other] projects I've done out of their hat — 'Sesame Street,' a film called 'Home Again' that went to the Toronto Film Festival — there's kind of no telling. And sometimes they think they know me from high school!"

Side projects
"I put out an EP. 'Hello,' in January as a birthday present to myself — the music industry is so different now, you can upload anything, share it with people. It did well, people liked it, so now I've been recording [since then]."
Colleen Ores & John Stauffer III

BY KRISTIN J. LARSON

When Colleen Ores, a digital marketing manager at Zocalo Group, and John Stauffer, a sales manager at Echo, got engaged in April 2013, the pressure was on for at least one person: the bride's father, Dick Ores. At three of Colleen's four siblings' weddings, Dick had given toasts that weren't so smooth. "We always made fun of his speeches because they were like business presentations," laughs Colleen.

Fortunately, her father had more than a year to prepare for the occasion — the couple said "I do" at Holy Name Cathedral (735 N. State) this summer. After seven years of dating, it was a happy next step for the duo, who first met this summer. After seven years of dating, it was "I do" at Holy Name Cathedral (735 N. State) this summer. After seven years of dating, it was a happy next step for the duo, who first met seven years ago.

The couple and their 155 guests then headed to Galleria Marchetti (825 W. Erie), where they dined on a four-course Italian-inspired dinner, followed by a hazelnut cake from Bittersweet Bakery. But before the dancing began, Colleen's dad took center stage for his speech — and, this time, it was anything but a boardroom bore. "He wrote a poem where everything rhymed, and then he ended it by playing [Gym Class Heroes ft. Adam Levine song] 'Stereo Hearts' and he made up his own lyrics to the tune," she says. "He was basically rapping! His speech was a hit with the crowd and completely floored the bride and groom. It was so shocking and hilarious. One of my friends said to him, 'You're going to have to do acrobatics for your last daughter's wedding to follow that speech.'"

To end the fun-filled day, the couple and a group of friends headed to their favorite local spot, Green Door Tavern (678 N. Orleans). "It was an awesome experience, and now we're thrilled to focus on our lives together," says Stauffer.

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.
When a Frank Lloyd Wright home goes on sale, it grabs headlines. When a house by architect Bruce Goff hits the market, it's less likely to attract the public's attention — but causes waves among architecture aficionados.

"I've had mostly architects request to walk through the home," says Gabe Horstick, who just listed Goff's Myron Bachman House at 1244 W. Carmen in Uptown (call 262-337-0246). Lauded as "creative" by the irascible Wright, little-known but profoundly influential Goff built unorthodox American homes while his contemporaries embraced the unembellished box. One of two designs by the architect in Chicago, Goff's 1948 Bachman House remodel shows just what the architect is known for: an affinity for unconventional shapes and materials, ranging from Japanese-inspired details to corrugated metal and Gaudi-esque rippled glass.

Landmarked in 1922, the 2,400-square-foot three-bedroom, built for recording engineer Myron Bachman — whose recording studio was part of the home — also comes with a unique set of challenges. "It's not what most people envision for themselves," says Horstick of the $599,000 estate listing. "But this house is very cool. It attracts the area's deep pool of architects and music enthusiasts."
I'm a big fan of Frank Lloyd Wright and have always wanted to do the walking tour in Oak Park. This is at the top of my list next time I'm in Chicago — it's a great activity for a crisp fall day.

ROB HART-STM

Fresh off the opening of Soho House Chicago, UK-based Cowshed spa director Christina Russillo kicks her feet up in our city.

> Soho House Chicago: Cowshed massage starts at $60, 113-125 N. Green; Sohohousechicago.com

“Have a spa day with your girlfriends and try our Cowshed facial, complete with a head, neck and shoulder massage. Afterward, grab a drink at the Allis before heading to dinner on Randolph Street.”

> Restoration Hardware: chandelier, $3,895, 938 W. North; Restorationhardware.com

“Restoration Hardware is a constant inspiration for me at work and at home. I’m really drawn to this chandelier’s unique rectangular shape. I can envision this over a reclaimed wood table during a gathering with the family for dinner.”

> Fig Tree: stationary, pack of six starts at $15, 1037 W. Madison; Figtreechicago.com

“We’re always up for a good laugh in our office — we like to say, ‘Take your work seriously, but not yourself.’ When I came across the cards at Fig Tree I had to stock up — they have an amazing selection, most of which are created by local designers.”

> Vince: circle cardigan, $495, Saks Fifth Avenue, 700 N. Michigan; Saks-fifthavenue.com

“A cozy sweater is essential for fall and, with the unpredictable temperatures in Chicago, so is dressing in layers. This Vince cardigan elevates the classic jeans-and-sweater look.”

Winter Session: $80, Morlen Sinoway Atelier, 1052 W. Fulton; Morlensinoway.com

“I travel quite a bit, so travel accessories are my friends. I love the look of this canvas snap bag [created in partnership with local designer Morlen Sinoway]. Throw it into your carry-on to keep small things like makeup or toiletries organized.”

Threadless: Elmo onesie, $15, 1260 W. Madison; Threadless.com

“Support the local art community by purchasing their designs printed on tees and other items. This Elmo onesie is perfect for my 15-month-old son.”

Little Goat: scone, $2.50; 820 W. Randolph; Littlegoatchicago.com

“Brunch is a staycation staple, and this spot is a favorite of mine whenever I’m in town. If you need to grab and go, try the rosemary and white chocolate scone from the bakery — it rivals any scone I’ve had in London.”

Christian Louboutin: So Kate ankle booties, $1,095, Barneys New York, 15 E. Oak; Barneys.com

“I love heels and Barneys is my go-to for shoes. These Christian Louboutin booties are classic, great for fall Chicago weather and will last a lifetime.”

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NILES-HERALD-SPECTATOR
Bernie Madoff story inspired darkly comic 'Pensacola'

BY CATEY SULLIVAN
For Sun-Times Media

The victims swindled out of billions by the late Ponzi scheme felon Bernie Madoff ran the gamut from Holocaust survivors who suddenly found themselves penniless to Madoff's inner circle of high-flying financiers who learned too late that they'd been betrayed by a man they trusted.

Madoff died in prison. His wife Ruth retreated from Manhattan to Florida, stripped of all her financial assets and virtually a prisoner in her own home, unable to face a world where her name was universally reviled.

It's there, in the Sunshine State's "Redneck Riviera" neighborhood, that playwright Amanda Peet [an actress known for films such as "The Whole Nine Yards" and "Something's Got to Give" and TV shows "Jack & Jill," and "Studio 60 on the Sunset Strip"] begins "The Commons of Pensacola." The drama, onstage through Oct. 20 at Skokie's Northlight Theatre, never mentions the Madoffs by name. But as it follows the fallout of a family ruined by their patriarch's massive financial misdeeds, it's pretty clear that the Madoffs weighed heavily on Peet's mind as she crafted the story of Judith, a woman undone by her husband's crimes.

For director Robin Witt, the questions "Commons" asks are as significant as they are vexing: "What happens to a family that's been destroyed from within? What happens when you're so hated, when the things your husband or father has done are so heinous that you don't even have the right to mourn his loss?"

As Judith, veteran Chicago actor Linda Kimbrough has a personal connection to Madoff and the ruinous schemes that cost people their homes, their retirement and even their health. "I have a relative who worked in Madoff's office. She didn't do anything wrong. Doesn't know anything. But, you know, they're still trying to find out what happened to all that money. Every year, she gets reinvestigated and polygraphed," Kimbrough says.

Whether you have a tie to Madoff or not, "The Commons of Pensacola" tells a compelling story of a family struggling with crippling guilt and trying to mend relationships that seem irretrievably broken. Peet's drama is set on Thanksgiving, as Ruth's daughters Becca (Lusia Strus) and Ali (Lori Myers) arrive for a visit that unleashes the demons buried just below the surface at Judith's new Florida home.

"I think [Peet] is really talking about the idea of revelation as redemption," says Witt. "This is a family crippled by a wound that is festering. Unless they can deal with the heart of their pain, it's going to keep festering.

"It's also about greed and how insidious it is," Witt continues. "There's this whole sense throughout the play of recalibration, of why it's important sometimes to kind of reset our lives so we can figure out what's really important."

As for Judith's story, Kimbrough says it is taking her places that - fortunately - she's never had to go in real life. "This is a woman who was married for 50 years when all of a sudden everything went kapooy," she says. "Imagine being married to someone for that long and finding out that this man you've trusted for half a century is not the person you thought he was. That he's betrayed you and thousands of others. That he's been lying for decades. That's a tough mindset to understand. I kind of get it — I was married to a cad. But not for 50 years thank goodness."

For all its serious content, "The Commons of Pensacola" is an inherently humorous drama, albeit limned with the humor of the gallows. ("I'm the only person in the entire state of Florida who can't wait to get Alzheimer's," Judith asserts at one point.)

"When you're describing the plot, it sounds like the most depressing thing ever. But it's not. It's extremely funny," says Witt. "I think this play reminds us that everyone has a complicated story, whether they seem like villains or heroes on the surface. And it reminds us that the ties that bind families can be incredibly fragile. That's not a bad thing for all of us to see every once in a while."
FILM CRITIC

BY BRUCE INGRAM

Film historian Matthew Hoffman decided to go for the gold to kick off the second season of his Pickwick Theatre classic movie series — “Goldfinger” to be precise.

Hoffman will honor the 50th anniversary of the James Bond classic Sept. 18 at the Pickwick Theatre in Park Ridge. In addition to projecting a digitally restored print, he has invited the Ian Fleming Foundation to set up an exhibit of Bond memorabilia in the lobby, including the model Lockheed Jetstar that crashed in the film’s finale.

“Goldfinger” has always been my favorite Bond film and it’s also the one that really turned Bond into a worldwide phenomenon,” Hoffman said. “It’s the film where all the things we associate with the Bond movies coalesced — the gadgets, the great villain, the wonderful title song, the Aston Martin. There’s a lot of great stuff in that film and it’s a lot of fun to show.”

For the remainder of 2014, Hoffman plans to carry on with the salute to the movies of motion picture history people are not going to find anywhere else,” he said.

The “Gold” standard in spics: Sean Connery as James Bond in “Goldfinger,” which is celebrating its 50th anniversary.

The Pickwick Classic Film Series Presents

“GOLDFINGER”
7:30 p.m. Sept. 18
Pickwick Theatre, 5 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge
$7; $5 for seniors
(847) 825-5800; Parkridgeclassicfilm.com

Wendy in December, with “The Wizard of Oz” as a possible backup.

Hoffman plans to make the rest of season two “kind of a mix,” though he hasn’t confirmed all of his bookings. So far, he plans to present Charlton Heston in “Ben-Hur” in April as a tie-in with one of his Park Ridge Library film programs, and hopes to secure a 50th-anniversary screening of the Beatles’ “Help.”

Hoffman reports that attendance has been steady at around 200, on average, for his Pickwick Classic Film Series programs, with occasional spikes such as the 400-plus who attended his season-finaile, double-feature salute to Tyrone Powers in May — with Powers’ daughter as a special guest.

Personal appearances by the likes of Taryn Power-Greendeer and Donnie Dunagan, and special features such as the Bond memorabilia show, are all part of Hoffman’s plan to make each Pickwick Classic Film more than merely a screening.

“My overall goal is to offer an experience of motion picture history people are not going to find anywhere else,” he said.
Family Friendly

Dave Rudolf charms with his silly songs

BY MYRNA PETLICKI
For Sun-Times Media

Dave Rudolf know what kids like. “Kids love it when adults act goofy and I'm the king of goofy,” the children's entertainer declared.

Rudolf will be charming kids and their parents with his 30-minute interactive show, “Silly Songs for Silly Kids,” 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 24 at the Exploritorium, Oakton Community Center, 4701 Oakton St., Skokie.

Rudolf’s interactive show includes the song “Tyrannosaurus Rex.” “Kids get to stomp around like dinosaurs,” he said. During “Quit Buggin’ Me,” Rudolf said, “Parents and kids get to ‘bug’ each other.” Children will swim like fish during “3 Little Fishes.”

The two-time Parents’ Choice winner will be making his usual “goofy” sounds and kids will use limbo sticks, shakers and more during the show.

The event, Silly Time at the Exploritorium, is free with paid admission of $3 for Skokie residents; $5 for nonresidents.

Before and after the show, children can explore the costumed dress-up area, water play area, climbing wall and other attractions.

For details, call (847) 674-1500, ext. 2700 or go to www.skokieparks.org/exploritorium.

TAKE A BREAK

Parents who need a night out can be assured that their kids will be safe and well supervised at Mega Movie Pajama Night, 6-9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 19 at Maine Park  Leisure Center, 2701 Sibley St., Park Ridge. Children ages 4-9 will play games, have a snack and watch a movie. The cost is $14 for residents; $26 for nonresidents. Registration is required.

For details, call (847) 692-5127 or go to www.prparks.org.

HEAR HERE

Preschoolers will be all ears at Listen Up!, 10-11 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 23 at Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave. They will hear stories, sing songs and work on craft projects. A parent or caregiver must also attend.

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

TRAVEL WITH TALES

Children ages 3 and up, with a parent or caregiver, will be exposed to two different cultures during World Language Storytimes on Saturday, Sept. 20 at Niles Public Library, 6960 Oakton St. From 10:30-11:30 a.m. They will Visit Serbia with stories, songs, a craft project and a snack. Then they can Visit Russia from 1:30-2:30 p.m.

For details, call (847) 663-1234 or go to www.nileslibrary.org.

ANOTHER CULTURAL CONNECTION

A packed program of ethnic music and dance is planned for Evanston's Hispanic Heritage Month Kick-Off Celebration, 1-4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 20 at Robert Crown Center, 1701 Main St. Two Evanston food vendors will sell authentic food.

For details, call (847) 448-4311 or go to cityofevanston.org/hispanicheritagemonth.
Romantic ‘Eleanor Rigby’ tells half the story

BY BRUCE INGRAM
Film Critic

It's hard to know what to make of this way-too-slow-for-way-too-long romantic drama because it's cobbled together from two separate as yet unreleased movies that tell the story of a broken marriage from the husband's and wife's points of view.

For some mysterious reason, the Weinstein Company's Harvey Weinstein has convinced debut writer/director Ned Benson to assemble “The Disappearance of Eleanor Rigby: Them” in advance of the releases of “Eleanor Rigby: Him” and “Eleanor Rigby: Her,” perhaps thinking audiences might be more likely to invest two hours in the story rather than four. Instead of juxta-pozing his and her points of view in one convenient package, “Them” refrains from taking sides. And while “Eleanor Rigby” doesn’t lack for ambition or subtle performances, sitting through this mix 'n' match version can feel like a chore, despite fine moments here and there.

After a brief flashback to happier romantic days, “Eleanor Rigby” quickly defaults to post-breakup misery after a tragic event that’s only gradually revealed. In one scene, Eleanor (Jessica Chastain) is kissing her husband Conor (James McAvoy) in a park, in the next, she's attempting suicide by jumping off a bridge. Eleanor disappears, in a sense, moving back in with her distant psychologist dad (William Hurt) and her chilly musician mom (Isabelle Huppert) in their upper-middle-class home in Connecticut. And Conor resolves to stalk her, while his little restaurant in Manhattan starts to flounder.

And that's it, basically, for a long, long time. The two of them cope in their separate ways, with only minimal, and mostly regrettable, contact. Eleanor, who gave up an academic career for love, goes back to school. Conor, meanwhile, moves back home to work out old issues with his dad, super-successful maverick restaurateur Ciarán Hinds. And goes a long way toward convincing us he’s at least a bit of an angry, insensitive jerk, just as Eleanor is at least a bit of an entitled, grown-up child.

The good news is that writer/director Benson is less interested in keeping us guessing about whether Eleanor and Conor might get back together than in showing how each of them grow and mature. The bad news is that he does it, occasionally, by having his characters speak to each other in upper-middle-brow profundities.

That's not always the case, though. In one of the film’s best scenes, Eleanor’s father tells her how he lost her in the ocean once, on a day he recalls as the worst and the best of his life. And there’s an emotionally climactic scene between Eleanor and Conor, from Eleanor's point of view, that’s simple, heartfelt and honestly moving enough to make the whole film worthwhile. In addition to underscoring, again, what a fine actress Chastain really is.

It's good enough to make me curious about Conor’s take on that event, though probably not curious enough to invest another two hours. Or four to get the whole story.
Score big this football season with these Chicago Bears-themed crafts.

AstroTurf Koozies
Looking for a cute way to keep drinks cold? Make these AstroTurf koozies that pay homage to Soldier Field.

**You need:**
- AstroTurf (available at most hardware stores as well as Home Depot and Lowe's)
- Glue gun or Tacky Glue
- Ruler and chalk

**Directions:**
Place AstroTurf on table (green-side down). Use chalk to measure 4 to 6 rectangular strips that are 3 ½" wide x 10" long. When forming the koozies, use a standard 12 oz. can as your guide. Simply wrap one rectangle around the can and glue the sides of the AstroTurf together (allow for about an inch of overlap to ensure the koozie fits but is not too snug).

Remove koozie from can and set aside to dry. Cheers!

Let's Make Some Noise Shaker
Noisemakers are nothing new, but you'll be surprised how much your kids will enjoy these Bears-themed shakers. They're also a fun surprise to hand out to guests right before a big game.

**You need:**
- Empty water bottles (make sure they are completely dry)
- Rice
- Food coloring (orange and blue for the Bears)
- Funnel

**Directions:**
Place rice into two separate bowls. Add blue food dye to one bowl and orange dye to the other. Stir rice to make sure the colors are well distributed. Set aside to dry.

Use a funnel to fill each bottle with rice (about ¾ full). Have your kids decorate the shakers with pictures that show their team spirit.

Festive coasters and trivets
These coasters and trivets are easy to make and will last forever. They're also a fun craft to do with your kids on a rainy afternoon.

**You need:**
- Ceramic tiles (4 ½" x 4 ½" for coasters, 10" x 10" for trivets)
- Permanent markers
- Felt (cut into squares, 4 ¼" x 4 ¼" for coasters, 10" x 10" for trivets)
- Hot glue gun or Tacky Glue

**Directions:**
Decorate each tile with permanent markers. Set aside to dry. Heat-set the ink by placing the tiles in an oven at 250 degrees for about 15-20 minutes. Allow time to cool. Glue felt squares to the bottom of each tile. Set aside to dry and enjoy.

Football Vases
These festive, fun football vases add a touch of whimsy to Sunday brunch. They also make a cute hostess gift.

**You need:**
- Mason Jar
- Mason Jar
- Brown acrylic paint
- White duct tape

**Paint brush**

**Directions:**
Squirt some brown paint into the jar and swirl it around until the entire jar is covered (you might need a paint brush to get the hard-to-reach areas).

Pour out excess paint and set aside to dry.

Add a football lace pattern with white duct tape (1 vertical stripe, 5-6 horizontal stripes).

Note: Although acrylic paint is not water-soluble, it's still a good idea to line the vase with a smaller glass or cup before adding water and flowers. I find the liner keeps the vase looking fresh and helps the flowers last longer.
Dinner Theater: The Florence Welk Show
4 p.m.: Entertainer Kat Litrenta entertains the audience with chart toppers from the 1920s and 1960s. The BYOB event includes dinner and a performance. Mother’s, 7314 W. Higgins Ave., Chicago. Call 773-774-4804. $16-$18.

‘Pirates of the Caribbean: Curse of the Black Pearl’
4 p.m.: A blacksmith and Captain Jack Sparrow team up to save the governor’s daughter. Starring Johnny Depp, Geoffrey Rush and Orlando Bloom. 143 minutes. Niles Public Library District, 6690 W. Oakton St., Niles. Call 847-663-1234.

Chat and Chomp Book Discussion: ‘Doll Bones’
5 p.m.: Join the group to discuss Holly Black’s Newbery honor book “Doll Bones.” For students in grades four to six. Pizza is served. Authors Cassandra Clare and Holly Black plan to visit the library on Sept. 26. Registration is required. Niles Public Library District, 6690 W. Oakton St., Niles. Call 847-663-1234.

Make Your Own Cheese Board Class
6 p.m.: Sample some of Mariano’s most popular cheeses and learn how to make one of their cheese boards. Information on the different cheeses is provided with wine pairings. Appetizers are served. Ages 21 and up. Registration is required. Register at www.marianos.com/parkridge. Mariano’s, Park Ridge, 1900 S. Cumberland Ave., Park Ridge. Call 847-696-3846. $10 with a drink purchase.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 19
Friday Morning Coffee Club
10 a.m.: The group watches “War of the Worlds” based on the Orson Welles radio broadcast that created one of the biggest mass hysteria events in U.S. history. Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge. Call 847-825-3123. $5 for non-Park Ridge Library cardholders.

Friday Film: ‘The Amazing Spider-Man 2’
1 p.m.: Come for a screening of “The Amazing Spider-Man 2,” where Peter Parker needs to figure out who is plaguing New York City again with their evil powers and save his loved ones. Lincolnwood Public Library, 4000 W. Pratt Ave., Lincolnwood. Call 847-677-5277.

Common Thread
3:30 p.m.: Knitters of all ages and levels of expertise are invited to join in a time that’s dedicated to crocheting and sewing. Drop-ins welcome, no registration necessary. Lincolnwood Public Library, 4000 W. Pratt Ave., Lincolnwood. Call 847-677-5277.

Saturday, Sept. 20
Morton Grove Farmers Market
8 a.m.: The market features favorites such as seasonal fruits and vegetables, meats, eggs, baked goods, cheeses, honey, handicrafted items, natural bath and body products, gifts, prepared foods, live music, children’s activities and a free drawing. Runs weekly through Oct. 18, Market Grounds, 6210 Dempster St., Morton Grove. Call 847-750-6436.

24th Annual Fall Arts and Crafts Adventure
9 a.m.: Artists and crafters of the American Society of Artists exhibit their work at this juried show. Work such as paintings, pottery, woodworking, glass, artwear, jewelry, granite crafts and others are on display. Art in Action has exhibitors on hand working and demonstrating at their booths. Hodges Park, 101 S. Courtland Ave., Park Ridge. Call 847-991-4746.

Homebrewing Club: Brew Day
10 a.m.: The Homebrewing Club brews and bottles beer at the library. Only those who attend this brew will be allowed to attend the bottling day in October. Must be 21 or older to attend. Elmwood Park Library, 1 W. Comi Parkway, Elmwood Park. Call 708-453-7645.

Introduction to the Open Studio Process
10 a.m.: Explore the OSP process and learn to combine intuitive art-making with thoughtful writing and reflection. No art or writing experience necessary. Evanston SPACE, 1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston. Call 847-492-9800. $15-$35.

Zumba at the Library
11:30 a.m.: Certified instructor Dana Tramontin leads free Zumba classes for people ages 13 and up. Those under 18 years old must receive parental permission. Registration is required. Franklin Park Public Library, 10311 Grand Ave., Franklin Park. Call 847-455-5016.

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**TUESDAY, SEPT. 23**

**Dinner and Movie**
5 p.m.: Join seniors for dinner and a screening of "Draft Day," the 2014 drama about a general manager who trades the number one pick at the NFL Draft to rebuild his team. Stars Kevin Costner, Chadwick Boseman and Jennifer Garner. Dinner includes a hot dog, chips and dessert. Niles Senior Center, 999 Civic Center Drive, Niles. Call 847-588-8420. $2-$3.

**WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 24**

**Natural Gas**
8 p.m.: The improvisational group takes a suggestion from the audience and turns it into a show. The Gift Theatre, 8420. $2-$3.

**FRIDAY, SEPT. 26**

**Edward Gorey: Wicked and Whimsical**
3 p.m.: Loyola University of Chicago Museum of Art docent Sherry Avila gives a presentation on artist and grand master of the comic macabre Edward Gorey. A prize drawing follows the presentation. Mother's, 7134 W. Higgins Ave., Chicago. Call 773-774-4804. $5 suggested donation.

**SATURDAY, SEPT. 27**

**Martin Luther Lutheran Church Pancake Day**
8 a.m.: The breakfast offers all-you-can-eat pancakes, sausage, applesauce, orange juice, coffee, tea and milk. There are raffles and cookies are for sale. Martin Luther Lutheran Church, 6960 W. Oakton St., Niles. Call 847-663-1234.

**First United Methodist Church Choir Concert**
3 p.m.: The First United Methodist Church Choir comes to perform at Summit of Uptown, 10 N. Summit Ave., Park Ridge. Call 847-925-181.

**SUNDAY, SEPT. 28**

**Henry Sapoznik, Yiddish Culture Historian**
10:30 a.m.: Award-winning author, record and radio producer Henry Sapoznik shares a piece of Yiddish culture through performance. Illinois Holocaust Museum, 9603 Woods Drive, Skokie. Call 847-967-4800. $10 advance, $12 at door, free for museum members.

**Teen Henna Art**
2 p.m.: Henna artist Kendra Williams discusses the art and gives temporary tattoos to teens. For students in grades seven to 12. Niles Public Library District, 6960 W. Oakton St., Niles. Call 847-663-1234.

**SUNDAY, OCT. 4**

**Octoberfest**
6 p.m.: German folk band Alpine Thunder plays. There is a German buffet dinner with complimentary wine, dancing, silent auction, bar, games and awards. Admission includes one free cocktail. Ridgemoor Country Club, 6601 W. Gunnison St., Harwood Heights. $75.
OPENING FRIDAY

THE DISAPPEARANCE OF ELEANOR RIGBY: THEM

★★★★

Rated R for language
Stars: James McAvoy, Jessica Chastain, Viola Davis

It’s way too slow and it goes on way too long, but, if you stick it out, “Disappearance of Eleanor Rigby” might eventually draw you in with its detailed examination of the agonized aftermath of a wrecked marriage. A distillation of two companion features, subtitled “His” and “Hers,” “Them” opens with a quick flashback to the happy romance of Eleanor (Chastain) and Conor (McAvoy), then abruptly changes mood when Eleanor attempts suicide — then lets us spend the next two hours trying to sort out what went wrong. Fortunately, there’s one very touching scene near the very end that arguably makes it worth the effort.

THE MAZE RUNNER

Rated PG-13 for thematic elements and intense sequences of sci-fi violence and action, including some disturbing images.
Stars: Dylan O’Brien, Kaya Scodelario, Will Poulter

After his memory is erased, a teenager (O’Brien) finds himself in a small community of teens attempting to escape captivity through a deadly maze. Wes Ball makes his directing debut with the fantasy adventure.

Womb mates: Kristen Wiig and Bill Hader in “The Skeleton Twins.”

A private investigator (Neeson) is hired by a drug kingpin to find the men who kidnapped and murdered his wife. Screenwriter Scott Frank (“The Wolverine,” “Minority Report”) wrote and directed the crime drama.

THE ZERO THEOREM

Rated R for language and some sexuality/nudity
Stars: Christoph Waltz, David Thewlis, Melanie Thierry, Tilda Swinton, Matt Damon

A computer expert (Waltz) is assigned by all-powerful Management (Damon) to perfect a theorem proving that everything adds up to nothing. Terry Gilliam (“Brazil”) directed the futuristic fantasy drama.

THIS IS WHERE I LEAVE YOU

Rated R for language, sexual content and some drug use
Stars: Jason Bateman, Tina Fey, Jane Fonda

After the death of their father, four estranged siblings are forced to spend a week together in their old family home. Shawn Levy (“Night at the Museum”) directed the comedy.

A WALK AMONG THE TOMBSTONES

Rated R for some disturbing violence/gore, language and sexual content
Stars: Justin Long, Michael Parks, Genesis Rodriguez, Haley Joel Osment

An obnoxious podcaster (Long) is taken captive by an eccentric recluse he intended to interview and ridicule. Kevin Smith (“Zack and Miri Make a Porno”) wrote and directed the horror comedy.

A Walk Among the Tombstones (R)

Rated R for language and some disturbing images, language and brief nudity
Stars: Liam Neeson, Dan Stevens, David Harbour

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My 1956 Studebaker Golden Hawk
By Philippe A. Hans of Lake Forest

In spring 1957, my grandfather saw a 1956 Studebaker Golden Hawk in a dealer showroom and immediately fell in love with it. He decided to present the car to my grandmother as a surprise 30th wedding anniversary gift.

The snow cap white/sun glow yellow Studebaker featured a matching white and yellow vinyl interior with silver piping, power windows, power steering, power brakes, power adjustable front seats and AM/FM radio.

My grandmother shared my grandfather’s admiration for the appearance of the car, but she was concerned about its performance. Featuring Packard's 332 cid, 275 hp V8 engine, the Studebaker Golden Hawk was the most powerful U.S. stock-built passenger car offered for sale in 1956, boasting the highest power-to-weight ratio of any volume-built U.S. production vehicle, a speed of 125 mph, and a 0-60 mph acceleration of 9.3 seconds with its Packard-built overdrive Ultramatic automatic transmission.

The 1956 Chrysler 300-B slightly exceeded a few of these performance parameters. The Chrysler was a road-legal NASCAR racing car, while the Studebaker sold as a five-passenger family sports car. In other words, the 1956 Studebaker Golden Hawk can be regarded as the precursor to the American muscle cars, and it scared my grandmother.

Moreover, my grandmother had obtained her driver’s license only a few years prior. After the car sat in the garage for two years essentially unused, my grandfather offered to trade it in for something more docile. But my grandmother had become too attached to the Studebaker. She finally began to use it regularly, except in the winter and when it rained.

In 1979 she quit driving, and in 1997 she gave the car to me. The odometer read 25,330 miles. I eventually performed an 18-month, nuts-and-bolts restoration.

Since 2004, I have driven the car every day, weather permitting. It performs flawlessly. Whenever I drive the Studebaker, I remember sitting in the back seat as a little boy, my grandmother negotiating traffic with confidence and poise. She was careful always to keep both hands on the steering wheel and thus never touched the radio dial while driving.

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Here's one for the books: Toronto used baseball's new replay challenge to have one of its own base runners called out. Why? Because it allowed the Blue Jays to score a run. Bases loaded in a July 2014 game against Oakland, ground ball to first. The first baseman tagged the runner headed to second, then threw to home for a force out at the plate. But when the ump ruled that the tag was missed, Toronto manager John Gibbons used replay to show that the tag was in fact made. Therefore the run at home was not a force out. Since the catcher had just stepped on home plate, the run counted.

These days, football players get their playbooks on laptop computers. But when Oklahoma kicker Michael Hunnicut received a blank tablet - kickers don't need to know plays, of course - he decided to write his own playbook. It was just one page long, in fact only one sentence long. When Hunnicut's playbook was completed, it read, "Kick the ball through the uprights."

Ever heard of the Self-Transcendence Race? It's 3,100 miles - more than 115 marathons - run over 52 days at a high school in Queens, NY. That's an average of more than two marathons per day, every day. In 2014, the 18th year of the event, it was won for the second time by Sarvogata Ukrainskyi, 41 years old, whose winning time was 798 hours, 58 minutes and 10 seconds. By the way, fewer than 1% of all Americans have run even one marathon.
MAINE EAST

Farley, Hua-Pham behind strong start

Outside hitter and setter show great chemistry on court

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DES PLAINES — Maine East seniors Hannah Farley and Sarah Hua-Pham have one of those hard to explain connections on the volleyball court.

“They can look at each other and know what to run,” Maine East coach Anne Bezek said. “Something just clicks, and it’s amazing to watch.”

It happened Monday in the Blue Demons’ 26-24, 25-13 win over Maine West in the CSL North opener. Early in the second game, Hua-Pham assisted Farley, an outside hitter, for three kills to help Maine East to a 6-1 lead. The Warriors never got closer than four the rest of the way.

“I know where she’s going to be, and she knows where I am going to be,” said Hua-Pham, the team’s setter. “We have that chemistry.”

Parley and Hua-Pham, who were both all-conference selections last season, live within walking distance of one another in Niles and have played volleyball together since their days at Nelson School. They’ve been varsity teammates at Maine East all four years.

“We’re best friends,” Farley said. “We do everything together, and I think that helps us play volleyball. Farley, the Blue Demons’ leading hitter, finished with a team-best six kills Monday. Hua-Pham had 16 assists.

“She knows how I like my sets, a certain height, how far out,” Farley said. “That’s what’s so good about her.”

At 6-0 through Monday’s victory, Maine East is off to its best start in four seasons with the two veterans. Bezek said she’s thrilled for the two to experience some success, even if it still is early.

“They’ve been through some rough patches with the team, so this is perfect to see,” Bezek said. “It’s happening at the right time for them.”

Bezek said Farley and Hua-Pham also lead the Blue Demons off the court. Because she spends part of her day as a teacher at Maine West, Bezek said the two often aid her in administrative tasks such as hanging flyers around Maine East for the team’s Oct. 7 fundraiser match at home against Maine West. The also make sure food is brought to away games.

“They do so much for me, helping me with a lot of little things,” Bezek said.

Back on the court, the Blue Demons look to continue their undefeated start Thursday at home against Niles North. Maine East, which last won a regional title in 2004, then hosts its own tournament Friday and Saturday.”

“This season has been so great,” Farley said. “There is so much more in store for us.”
MAINE EAST

Despite injury, Suarez focused on starting role

Running back filling in for injured Bayer

BY MEGAN HART
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SKOKIE — Injuries started early for the Maine East football team this season, with starting running back Munkh Bayer, a senior, suffering a broken fibula on the Blue Demons’ first possession of their opening game against Schurz. They haven’t let up, with junior running back Alberto Suarez among the latest victims.

Suarez, who stepped into Bayer’s role in a 53-7 loss to Niles West on Friday, left the game in the third quarter with a wrist injury.

Nevertheless, Suarez expects to play Friday against Maine South, and Bayer said he thinks Suarez is prepared for the challenges of starting as running back.

“He’s the key player to our offense right now,” Bayer said.

Suarez understands his starting role isn’t easy.

“I feel pretty good,” Suarez said before his start on Friday. “It’s going to be a little hard, but I’m just going to do my best.”

This is Suarez’s first season on the varsity, and he said that means “harder training and harder responsibilities,” but said the rewards are greater. Suarez said his personal goal is to help his team win and to make his coaches happy.

Suarez, who described his running style as intense, said his favorite thing about playing running back is “trucking people.” He said Bayer’s strength is speed, while he prefers to jam the ball up the middle.

Maine East can only hope Suarez can stay healthy.

Last year, the Blue Demons played much of their season without their first- or second-string quarterbacks.

Coach Gabe Corey said he hoped the injuries would ease up this season, but that hasn’t happened.

“Again tonight, we had three or four guys go down and it killed us,” Corey said after the loss to Niles West.

After Suarez came out of Friday’s game, the Blue Demons relied heavily on junior Woody Corey, who played both running back and quarterback in the second half. The running game was key for both teams, as wet conditions made protecting the ball crucial. The Blue Demons turned the ball over five times, three times on fumbles and twice on interceptions.

Woody Corey, who scored Maine East’s touchdown on a 63-yard run, said he doesn’t mind if his role changes as the result of injuries. He’s willing to do whatever it takes to help his team win.

“I give it my all on every play,” he said. “Our goal is to score on every play, so I just try to make it happen.”

Amari, Manso chipping in for Ohio

Goalkeeper Nicole Amari, a Vernon Hills graduate, recorded her second career shutout as the Ohio women’s soccer team beat Wright State 1-0 Aug. 29 in Dayton, Ohio. A senior, Amari recorded six saves in the Bobcats’ first win of the season.

Amari then recorded a career-high 13 saves on Aug. 31 in a 3-0 loss to a solid Kentucky team.

Ohio has struggled to a 2-4 start this season, but another Vernon Hills alumna, redshirt sophomore Carly Manso, also has played well for the Bobcats. She has started all six games and leads the team in goals (two), points (five), shots (12) and shots on goal (eight).

Several other area athletes are on the Blue Demons’ men’s soccer team.

Simon Megally, from Maine South, scored the winning goal for the DePaul men’s soccer team in its 1-0 home victory against Utah State Sept. 6. A sophomore midfielder, Megally scored from 30 yards out in the 64th minute.

Through four games, Megally leads his team in goals (two), points (five), shots (12) and shots on goal (eight).

Two area athletes have helped the Loras College men’s soccer team hold its opponents to four goals in the team’s 4-1 start. Justin Giacotto, who played high school soccer for Fenwick, is a junior defender for the Duhawks, and Calvin Miller from Maine South is a sophomore defender. Both have played in all five games, with Miller starting twice.

Giacotto, Miller and the Loras back line have held opponents to 38 shots, with 20 on goal. The Duhawks’ defense also has held opponents to a .105 shot percentage.

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Tough night aside, Dons' hopes center on Tsagalis

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NILES — Notre Dame's Tyler Tsagalis stood in the shotgun against Benet. With seconds left in the first half, he dropped back and threw to the end zone. A Redwings defender undercut the ball, intercepted it and halted the Dons' best drive of the game.

With a shrug, Tsagalis walked back to the sideline Friday.

"They had real big defensive ends," Tsagalis said after a 23-0 loss. "They were getting up the field and it was getting a little hard to see. Their defensive backs break on the ball very well too, they did a great job."

Tsagalis completed 8-of-21 passes for 75 yards and an interception. But through incompletions and dropped passes, there were flashes of the playmaker Tsagalis could be. And if the Dons continue to lean on the junior quarterback as much as they did against Benet, their offensive success this season could depend greatly on his play.

"He's a talented kid," Notre Dame coach Michael Hennessey said. "I'm glad he's a junior because he'll be back here next year. He can make some things happen. He was flushed out of the pocket a little too early too often, and there's only so much you can do."

Even on a tough night, Tsagalis' play was important to the Dons. On nearly every drive, he extended plays with his legs. When no one was open, he ran, sometimes for big yardage. He led the team with 14 carries, though sacks dropped his rushing yards to nine. He also got everyone involved in the passing game, hitting six different receivers.

"It's always not as good as it looks when you don't put up points," Tsagalis said. "But I just do what I think I need to do and try to do everything I can to help the team win. If it means making plays with my feet, if it means trying to extend plays, I try to do everything I can."

And while the results weren't ideal against Benet, Tsagalis has an experienced receiving corps. He has two seniors on the outside, Matt Curley and Bill Byrne. Those playmakers, along with Tsagalis, have the Dons aiming to repeat the success of last year's team, which finished 7-4.

"Every team goes into the season expecting to score, win, make the playoffs, win the state championship, and that's obviously still our goal," Tsagalis said. "But we just have to go back to practice, get this loss out of us and just move on. We got a tough match-up against Marist [on Friday], but we got to move on and get better."

Notre Dame quarterback Tyler Tsagalis runs toward the sideline late in the second quarter during Friday's game against Benet in Niles. BY JUDY FROKOWSKI FOR SUN-TIMES MEDIA

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Overnight trip a success for Vikes

Niles North overpowered opponents at tennis tournament in Springfield

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For the first time in head coach John Amaro's eight-year tenure, the Niles North girls tennis team stayed overnight for a tournament.

The Vikings played against 15 downstate teams on Sept. 6 in the Cyclone Invitational in Springfield.

The Vikings dominated it.

Freshman Michelle Bacalla and sophomores Sabrina Palavra and Yasbel Gonzaga all won titles in the three singles flights (Nos. 1 through 3, respectively). Juniors Jackie Ehrlich and Amy Burke won the No. 2 doubles bracket, and senior Noa Horberg and junior Alexandra Burbules took second in No. 1 doubles. The Vikings were so successful that other schools gawked at the "purple team," according to Amaro, wondering who they were and where they came from.

"It felt really great to be so good, especially out of 16 teams," Horberg said.

Among the many highlights, Palavra topped a state qualifier, Mattoon's Shannon Daniel, 6-3, 6-3 in the finals; Ehrlich and Burke came back from a 3-0 deficit in the first set of their finals match; and Gonzaga shined in her first-round match.

Gonzaga topped Quincy Notre Dame's Melanie Schlepphorst in her first match 6-4, 6-4 and impressed Amaro. Gonzaga was confident going in, but Schlepphorst could slice the ball and hit drop shots, making the match-up a difficult one. Gonzaga kept her poise and, with Amaro talking to her at every changeover, she prevailed and went on to win the title.

"It felt like a big step for me and a big raise in my confidence," Gonzaga said. "I usually don't have that much confidence when I'm playing, but it was a big raise for me."

Gonzaga's teammates could get that boost in confidence, too. They only went to three sets in three of their 20 total matches, and they played well against unknown teams with different tennis styles.

"For all the girls to be able to play four matches in one day against competitive schools, it really increases your game," Amaro said. "It makes your game so much better."

Along with the tennis, the trip was a bonding experience. The team took two vans to Springfield on Friday, ate at a Steak 'n Shake and stayed at a hotel. After the matches Saturday, the Vikings drove back to Skokie, not returning until 10:30 p.m. Horberg said that this year's team is close-knit and that there's "no drama."

"We're able to really find fun with each other no matter where we are," she said. "The fact that we could just go downstate and bond together was really cool. It just turned out really well."
"Adrian came to practice one day and said, 'Coach, check this out.' ... My jaw dropped."

Yoon Lee, Niles North coach

Coardos' flips give Vikings added threat

BY ERIC VAN DRIL
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EVANSTON — Growing up, Adrian Coardos had the athletic ability and imagination to do what he refers to as crazy stuff, such as teaching himself to do front flips.

His athleticism has helped him flourish on the soccer field at Niles North, where he was an all-conference selection a year ago and is the Vikings' most dangerous offensive player as a senior this season. It also along with the open-mindedness to try new things — allowed him to do something that shocked Niles North boys soccer coach Yoon Lee near the beginning of last season.

"Adrian came to practice one day and said, 'Coach, check this out,' " Lee said.

As Lee looked on, Coardos picked up a soccer ball and, instead of doing a standard throw-in, he took a few steps and did a front flip with the ball. After his legs whipped over his body and landed on the ground, his momentum continued forward and he launched a long throw-in.

"My jaw dropped," Lee said. Lee then asked, "How'd you learn this, Roco?"

Coardos, whose nickname is Roco, told Lee, "I learned it on YouTube."

"I just searched it up and saw someone doing it," Coardos said. "I was like, 'Oh, this is cool. It might help us in a game. I might as well try.'

Coardos attempted a flip throw-in before debuting it at practice, and he said it worked almost instantly. Having experience at doing flips without a ball allowed him to add the ball seamlessly, he added.

Since that point, Lee said Coardos' flip throw-ins have improved greatly. As he has become stronger, they've become longer, higher and more of a weapon.

When a ball goes out for a throw-in near the opponents' end line, it's as if the Vikings have a corner kick.

Coardos sent throw-ins into the box several times when he was in that range against Evanston in the Wildkits' 1-0 victory Sept. 9.

Furthermore, he said he can aim his throws to where the Vikings are either on the back post, the near post or in the middle of the box.

"It's even better than a corner kick because I think he can place it a lot better than a kick," Lee said.

Flip throw-ins are uncommon in soccer, but there are other high school players with the skill. Wheeling has a player who does them, Evanston coach Franz Calixte said, which is one reason why the Wildkits weren't caught off-guard when Coardos sent his first flip throw-in into the box.

"It's a corner kick," said Calixte, when asked how his team defends flip throw-ins. "You just defend it the same way you'd defend a corner kick or a free kick.

Niles North had yet to score on one of Coardos' flip throw-ins this year as of Sept. 9. His service is consistently accurate, but Lee said the next step is finding somebody with the fearlessness to go up for a header in the box and finish.

"Trying to find somebody on the end of that has been ... I won't say challenging, but a work in progress," Lee said.
Adefeso a threat to break big plays

Senior wide receiver turned screen pass into 46-yard gain against New Trier

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NORTHFIELD — The New Trier football team's defense started strong against Niles North, holding Vikings junior running back Craig Dawkins and the rest of the Vikings' offense at bay en route to a quick 7-0 lead.

But then, late in the first quarter Friday, Niles North quarterback Tony Granato rifled a quick screen pass to Yomade Adefeso. The senior wide receiver made the first New Trier tackler miss before quickly accelerating down the sideline for a 46-yard gain.

Adefeso's catch-and-run put the Vikings in field-goal range. The big play didn't turn the tide of the game — New Trier blocked the field-goal attempt to end the drive, and the Trevians went on to win 34-6 — but it showed one of the reasons why Adefeso's been so effective to start the season. It also proved a point.

"It was eye-opening because if I'm making big plays out here, I know that [my teammates are] saying, 'OK, I can make those big plays, too,' " Adefeso said. "That got them pumped up."

Adefeso has been a constant threat in Niles North's passing game thus far. He has 20 catches, 244 yards and three touchdowns through the first three weeks.

Moving forward, Adefeso's production figures to continue to be crucial to the offense's success, given the Vikings' injury woes at running back. Not only is junior Barrington Wade expected to be out for at least one more week — he was wearing a walking boot on his right leg against New Trier — but Dawkins fractured his left fibula in the first quarter against the Trevians.

Dawkins finished the game in spite of the injury — he even carried the water jug to the bus afterward, Niles North coach Mark Egofske said — and scored on a 55-yard screen play right before halftime. However, Egofske said Dawkins will be out for at least four weeks and could miss the rest of the season.

The Vikings are likely to use a running back-by-committee system against Glenbrook South on Friday.

Running screens effectively is a big part of the Vikings' offense. They're not only a vehicle for Adefeso to get the ball, but they're high-percentage passes that help take the pressure off of the running game and Granato.

"When I catch a screen pass, I'm looking for a person to dodge," Adefeso said. The key "is making that first guy miss, and then [it's] off to the races."

Adefeso's shiftiness, speed and vision with the ball make him a big-play threat.

"He's a kid who also likes to run with the football," Egofske said. "He's not bashful at all. When we go on the scout team, he goes in the backfield without even being told. He'll just sneak in there and then the next thing is, 'Wow, look at that kid! That kid can run.' [And then it's] 'Oh, that's Yomade!' "

ABOVE: Niles North's Yomade Adefeso (7) tries to allude New Trier defender Colin Casas during Friday's football game in Northfield, Ill.

LEFT: After he caught a pass, Niles North's Yomade Adefeso looks to the referee who threw a flag during Friday's game against New Trier in Northfield, Ill.

MOVE: Niles North's Yomade Adefeso (17) tries to allude New Trier defender Colin Casas during Friday's football game in Northfield, Ill.

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NILES WEST
Wolves still waiting for the offense to click

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LA GRANGE — The Niles West boys soccer schedule is loaded with high-quality opponents and includes a pair of difficult tournaments, including the PepsiCo Showdown, which is currently under way.

The ultimate goal of playing such a schedule, Niles West coach Scott Ackman said, is to be able to beat elite competition by the end of the season.

For that to happen, however, the Wolves know they will have to score more often.

"We're still trying to work on it," said Ackman, whose team fell to 2-6 on Saturday. "The offense just isn't clicking yet."

Niles West scored its eighth goal of the season in a 7-1 loss to Streamwood on Saturday. Wolves junior forward Denis Soldo tied the game 1-1 in the first half. Soldo's goal was one of the few bright spots for the Wolves, who were without their starting goalkeeper due to a one-game red card suspension and two of their starting defenders because they were late for the bus that morning.

Soldo's goal was an example of what makes him a promising prospect. He got behind the Sabres' defense with a nice run up the middle of the field, then dribbled the ball toward goal. While three Streamwood defenders closed in, Soldo kept possession and rifled a shot into the net from 15 yards away for his second goal of the season.

"With the ball and without the ball, he moves well," said senior midfielder Mario Ljubic. "If I were to describe what I like about him, I would say his finishing. He's not the quickest of kids, or the fastest of kids, but definitely his finishing."

Soldo is the most capable goal scorer on the team. He's big and physical and can beat goalkeepers with well-placed shots. He has a strong club background with Chicago Magic, but it's taken him time to adjust to bigger, stronger varsity defenders.

"The defenders, I'm not used to them," said Soldo, who's in his first year on varsity. "I'm used to always being the biggest one because I'm always playing at my age. Varsity is all these people who are older, and I'm playing against people who are a year — or two years — older than me."

Ackman and Soldo both said the next step for him is to become more comfortable making diagonal runs. Soldo said he usually just makes straight-ahead runs with Chicago Magic because of his physical advantages and the 4-3-3 formation his club team plays, but Niles West uses two forwards and running straight into the teeth of a varsity defense makes him easier to defend.

Although Soldo is still going through an acclimation process, Ackman and Ljubic are both hopeful that the offense can score more in the coming games by playing more cohesively and learning from its experiences against tough competition to start the season.

"The technical skills, the work ethic is definitely there," Ljubic said. "We want it. The passion is definitely there. I think the more games that we play, the more time we put in, they're going to come — the goals are going to come, the wins are going to come."

NIILES WEST
Pignato the 'pulse' of Wolves' defense

Linebacker played in win over Maine East after missing first two games of 2014

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SKOKIE — Senior linebacker Adam Pignato was thrilled to be back on the field for the Niles West football team.

"It was great to be out there with my teammates," Pignato said. "We still have that chemistry."

Pignato missed the first two games of the season with a broken foot and started in Niles West's 53-7 victory over Maine East on Friday. The Wolves, who were up 40-0, pulled their starters at the end of the first quarter.

While Pignato would have liked to play more minutes, he said winning is the most important thing.

Pignato had two tackles and a fumble recovery in Friday's game, which was homecoming for Niles West. While he said it was fun to have a big crowd cheering the Wolves on, Pignato also emphasized that every game is equally important.

Coach Steve Baum was very excited to have Pignato back on the field.

"He's our defensive leader, a three-year varsity starter and he's the pulse of our defense," Baum said.

Pignato's priority is to always do what's best for the team. Pistorius said Adam Pignato was disappointed he didn't play in the team's first two games, but Adam Pignato still did everything he could to help his teammates while he was sidelined.

"He's truly a team captain and he helps everyone around him get better on the field," Pistorius said.

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"He's got tremendous leadership quality to him," Pignato said. "He just has that leadership quality to him."

Jeremy Pignato, a senior running back, said he's learned a lot from playing beside his brother.

"He taught me to always just be the hardest working person out there and don't take plays off," he said.

While Adam Pignato had hoped to play in more of Friday's game, he said he recognized how important it is for younger players to gain experience.

"We have to help out the ones that are coming up," Adam Pignato said.

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