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Niles welcomes new firetruck to town

BY IGOR STUDENKOV
Pioneer Press

Niles Mayor Andrew Przybylo and other village and Fire Department personnel officially welcomed a new firetruck to the village of Niles.

During the ceremony, which took place on March 26 at 9 a.m., firefighters drove the new firetruck in front of the Village Hall. The vehicle includes a number of new features — most notably, a basket-like platform at the tip of the ladder. The mayor and Village Manager Steve Vinezeano got a chance to see that particular feature first-hand as they climbed onto the platform and took it to the Village Hall roof.

The Niles Fire Department has been field-testing the vehicle for the past few months, and it recently entered service. Robert Greiner, NFD's district supervisor, told Niles Herald-Spectator that the new truck has already proven to be useful — and that the department expects that it would continue to be a great addition to the fleet.

The Fire Department acquired the vehicle last year. According to the village, it was built by the Appleton, Wis.-based Pierce Manufacturing. The vehicle is eight-feet wide, and the ladder can extend for up to 11 feet four inches, making it the largest firetruck in NFD's fleet.

In a first for the department, the firetruck's ladder features a basket-like platform that can lift up to 500 lbs. Firefighters refer to a firefighting vehicle with this type of ladder as a "tower." When the ladder is used, four support "legs" extend out, anchoring the vehicle and helping to keep it stable. Firefighters can control the ladder while they are in the basket, which is expected to help them use water against fires more effectively.

Greiner explained that the big advantage of the

basket is that it can carry fire-fighting equipment — something that came in handy when the firetruck was recently used to put out a fire in Morton Grove.

"It was a good thing that we got it," he said. "It worked really well."

The firetruck has several other new features, including a dual screen command information center, more spacious cab passenger sitting and improved LED lighting.

According to the village press release, the firetruck cost \$1.1 million and has a life expectancy of 20 years.

The department has been training with the truck for the past few months. Greiner said that, because of its size, learning how to maneuver it was a bit of a learning curve.

"It is a lot of truck," he said. "It is a challenge to drive it around. You need to think of where you'd want it to be."

The Thursday ceremony was relatively low-key. Aside from Przybylo, Vinezeano and Greiner, Niles Fire Department Chief Steve Borkowski, Interim Niles Police Department Chief Dennis McEnerney and Niles Department of Public Services Director Mary Anderson attended, as did a number of police officers and firefighters.

Przybylo and Vinezeano posed for pictures with other officials. They were then strapped into the safety harnesses and led onto the basket, which took them up to the roof.

Once he stepped off the basket, Przybylo said he was impressed with the new vehicle.

"Well, that was fun," he addressed the firefighters. "Good luck with this, guys. Beautiful purchase. And be safe!"

In an official statement, Borkowski touted the firetruck as a great tool.

"Being able to have a new tower ladder like this is vital to our operations and allows us keep up with the



VILLAGE OF NILES PHOTOS

Niles Village Manager Steve Vinezeano, left above, and Mayor Andrew Przybylo, right above, are among local officials welcoming the village's new firetruck on March 26.

newest lifesaving technology," he said. "It is another tool that will help our talented firefighters do the best job possible and keep our residents safe."

Greiner told the Niles Herald-Spectator that he expects the new vehicle to serve the department well in the future.

"It would really help us with window rescues," he said. "It's very safe, very secure. That's what it's all about."

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Niles board urges state not to cut tax funding

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The village of Niles Board of Trustees urged the state government not to cut the village's share of the state income tax.

Under Gov. Bruce Rauner's budget proposal, the local share of the revenue from the state income tax would be reduced by half. The village has argued that the decrease would cost the village \$1,475,248. During its March 24 meeting, the board approved a resolution urging the governor and the Illinois General Assembly to reconsider.

Since 1969, every municipality in Illinois received a portion of the state income tax revenue.

Last year, the village received \$2,822,344 through the fund. The General Fund budget had a total of \$44,126,615 in revenue.

Rauner's proposal would need to be approved by the Illinois General Assembly before it is implemented.

On March 2, the village issued a press release urging

residents to contact the governor and state legislators about the issue.

Mayor Andrew Przybylo warned the public of the dangerous consequences of the cuts.

"This funding can't be easily replaced, and it will require service reductions," he said.

Trustee Chris Hanusiak, who is also running for re-election, was the only trustee who spoke against the resolution. He argued that the voters would want the village to be more fiscally responsible and live within its means.

"23 precincts [in Niles] overwhelmingly voted for Rauner," he said. "We had a deficit but we still continued to hire. We need to be fiscally responsible, for the sake of the residents of Niles."

Przybylo responded that Niles has been fiscally sound, and the state government would be taking advantage of that to fix its own problems. He argued that Niles shouldn't give up the money without a fight.

During the public comment period, Village Board candidate David Carrabota echoed Hanusiak's arguments.

"There was a message sent by residents in electing this new governor," he said. "We have the responsibility to stop spending money we don't have. Let's send a message to the [state] government showing that we're responsible by straightening out our budget and straightening out our pensions."

While he and Hanusiak are running as independents, the two have released a joint campaign platform.

"Resident Susanna Atanus spoke strongly in favor of the resolution.

"I urge the mayor and the Village Board to join other mayors in opposing this," she said.

"We will not be robbed. Gov. Rauner — grow up and do your job right. We didn't put you in office to be blind to 99 percent of your constituents."

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Niles Township supervisor honored

Niles Township government supervisor, Marilyn D. Glazer, was honored by the Township Officials of Cook County, trustee division, for her work on their board of directors, officials said in a release.

A plaque was presented to Glazer at the division meeting on Thursday, March 19 at the Tuscan Restaurant in Oakbrook. Division President Ron Szymanski made the presentation.

Glazer had to resign from the trustee division board of directors when she was appointed supervisor of Niles Township government.



NILES TOWNSHIP GOVERNMENT

Niles Township Government Supervisor Marilyn D. Glazer with Division President Ron Szymanski.

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Trustee candidates face off at Golf Mill Mall

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Pioneer Press

Niles Village Board of Trustees candidates answered questions and argued about village issues during the Niles Candidates Town Hall.

The event took place March 26 at Golf Mill Mall's Center Court. Maine Township Supervisor Carol Teschky moderated.

Six candidates are running for three seats. Incumbent Trustee Joe LoVerde is running with former police Chief Dean Strzelecki and Niles Ethics Board member Denise McCreery as the Niles Forward Party slate. Incumbent Trustees Chris Hanusiak and Rosemary Palicki are running as independents, as is the new candidate David Carrabotta.

LoVerde touted his experience in Niles government, particularly his work on stormwater relief, and emphasized the importance of retaining businesses and attracting new ones. Strzelecki touted his experience on the police force and the steps he took to improve communications between officers and residents. McCreery touched upon her experience as president of the Niles Chamber of Commerce and Industry and promised that she

would listen to the voters.

Carrabotta said he would work to improve village finances and stop using TIFs and other tax incentives. Palicki said she would continue to listen to residents, work to increase transparency and carefully consider the issues.

Hanusiak said his record on the board speaks for itself and he would continue to oppose video gambling should there be any attempt to revoke the existing ban.

After the opening statements, Teschky asked questions submitted by the public and the press. First, the candidates were asked how they would help a commercial building owner who hasn't been able to attract tenants for several months.

McCreery said she would work with the Niles Chamber of Commerce and Industry to help businesses. Carrabotta said he would treat each business individually, helping them if necessary, or simply sitting back and trying to remove regulations and other obstacles that may be in their way.

Palicki said that beautification could help attract businesses to vacant storefronts. She also said she would try to make sure the board is more careful about granting tax incentives.

Strzelecki said the village's economic develop-

ment coordinator should help commercial property owners attract tenants. Hanusiak argued that taxes should be lowered to attract more businesses.

LoVerde said the village's existing facade program and tax incentives can help attract businesses, emphasizing that he and other Niles Forward Party candidates would be "pro-business" if elected.

When asked what Niles could do to improve transparency and accountability, Carrabotta proposed choosing Niles Ethics Board members by lottery from a pool of volunteer candidates in order to avoid political appointments. Palicki expressed concern that the Ethics Board isn't as effective as it used to be, noting that, in the last two years, it has met less and pursued fewer complaints. Hanusiak questioned the objectivity of Ethics Board Chairman Tony Gaudio.

Strzelecki said the village inspector general position — which was established in 2013 — was a strong mechanism for rooting out corruption.

Next, the candidates were asked to give their take on the "biased flier" that was sent out before the November election. The flier in question concerned the referendum to take away

Niles mayors' power to fill trustee vacancies. At the time, Palicki and Hanusiak both expressed concerns that the flier was slanted to focus on the negative consequences of the referendum — something they reiterated during the debate.

Strzelecki said that he had no issue with the flier.

LoVerde said the village simply followed its attorneys' advice. McCreery said she didn't necessarily have a problem with village sending out information about referenda — as long as it's done right.

"Decoding those referendums may be difficult sometimes," she said. "We should continue to do this, but representing both sides."

Carrabotta strongly denounced the fliers, calling them "propaganda" and arguing that residents could have gotten information about the issue through media or by researching it on their own.

"It's government out of control," he said.

Next, the candidates were asked to give their take on another controversial issue — granting special-use permit to the Sportman's Club gun shop and training center. Palicki and LoVerde opposed granting the permit, arguing that the gun shop didn't meet all the

requirements. Both trustees said on multiple occasions that they didn't oppose gun shops per se — which they reiterated during the debate.

Strzelecki said that he was confident that, as long as all the safety procedures are followed, the gun shop wouldn't make the village any less safe.

"You can't handle a gun in the shop unless you have a (firearms owner identification card)," he said. "They are not going to be able to buy ammunition without a FOID card. (The shop) is going to have the highest-end burglary alarms."

Hanusiak and Carrabotta expressed similar sentiments. McCreery said that while safety is an important concern, she doesn't think the gun shop will affect it.

Finally, the candidates were asked about whether they support term limits. During the 2012 municipal elections, Niles voters approved two referenda — one placed on the ballot by the Village Board and one placed by activist Joe Makula. While all candidates said they supported term limits, Palicki reiterated her opinion that a judge should decide which referendum would become law.

In the closing statements, candidates reiterated their positions and took some

swipes at their opponents. LoVerde and McCreery both accused Palicki of voting against resolutions that would promote business growth. LoVerde also questioned Hanusiak's motivations behind his votes.

"Chris — are you really independent or are you against everything because you couldn't support two mayors who ran against you?" he said.

Strzelecki also criticized Palicki and Hanusiak.

"Voting 'no' against the mayor isn't being independent — it's being obstructive," he said.

Responding to McCreery's criticism, Palicki said she voted the way she did either out of safety concerns or because she thought the measures would benefit some businesses at the expense of others.

"To me, it's unrealistic to offer a program if we can't offer it to all businesses," she said.

Hanusiak also used his closing statement to push back against NFP candidates' criticism.

"I vote for things that make sense for the taxpayers," he said. "When things make sense, you vote for them. When they don't, you vote 'no.'"

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Park Ridge-Niles School District 64 reviews strategic plan

BY IGOR STUDENKOV
Pioneer Press

As Park Ridge-Niles School District 64 prepares to take its first steps toward creating a new strategic plan, the school board met to review how the previous plan worked out.

During the March 25 meeting, District Superintendent Laurie Heinz presented the review. She indicated that, while the district had many successes with introducing and expanding

the use of technology in education, it struggled with improving ways to set goals for students and improve collaboration within the district.

The report also suggested what the district could do better when designing a new strategic plan. That included more emphasis on achieving results, provisions for addressing the district's financial issues, more planning for facility improvements and regular reviews of the plan's progress. It also

called for the district's administrative team to take a more direct role in the planning process.

In 2009, the district started working on its current strategic plan. Known as the "Journey to Excellence," it called for five improvement strategies addressing different facets of the district's operations. This included incorporating more technology; setting up a system of goals and benchmarks to improve student performance; improving communi-

cations between the school staff, families and community organizations; improve instruction; and developing a protocol to ensure the staff would be able to implement the strategies. Each strategy was further divided into "action plans" that explained how the district would implement each strategy.

The Board of Education approved the plan in 2010. It was designed to last for five school years. It started during the 2010-11 school year

and is scheduled to end in 2015-16.

The district staff is in the early stages of the planning process for the next strategic plan. Heinz told the board that, with only one year to go on the current plan, this was a good time to look at whether the action plans worked and what the district could learn from its failures and successes.

"Although it's a different plan we're going to have moving forward, [the current plan] was a tremendous

plan," said Heinz. "It really allowed the district to move forward in a lot of ways."

She told the board that the district made considerable strides with the first strategy, citing as examples the 1:1 Chromebook initiative and using Infosnap for student registration. The teachers have also done a better job of using apps to teach students, she said.

"[In the past] everybody was just buying apps year

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Man accused of beating passenger aboard Niles bus

BY JENNIFER JOHNSON
Pioneer Press

A Morton Grove man claiming to be skilled in mixed martial arts stands accused of demonstrating his fighting prowess in the wrong place: aboard a Pace bus.

William Walsh, 26, of the 7100 block of Greenwood Street, was arrested and charged with battery on the evening of March 17 after he allegedly punched a 46-year-old Glenview man repeatedly while both were passengers on a bus driving through Niles.

The victim told Niles police that Walsh was yelling at other passengers at the back the bus and continued to yell as he approached

the front door. This prompted the man to tell Walsh, "Calm down. You're getting off the bus anyway," police said.

According to police, Walsh responded to the man's comment by dropping the bags he was carrying and making a fist before allegedly telling him, "Do you have a problem with me? Well, you have one now. I'm an MMA fighter."

Walsh then allegedly began punching the man several times in his face and back.

Police located Walsh at the corner of Oakton Street and Harlem Avenue after he reportedly got off the bus at



William Walsh

Milwaukee and Oakton and headed east.

The victim complained of pain around his kidney area and sharp pains when he inhaled. His lip

was also swollen and bleeding, police said, and he was taken by paramedics to Advocate Lutheran General Hospital in Park Ridge.

The bus driver provided the same story of what had happened to the victim, police said.

Walsh was released on bond and is set to appear in court on April 30.

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Strategic plan gets reviewed

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after year, and we didn't know who buys what," she said.

Heinz said that success was more mixed with developing a system that would set academic and social goals for each student and track how well the students achieve them. Today, she explained, there is an informal system, but it isn't being consistently applied. That is because implementing Common Core standards took precedence.

"[The system] hasn't been implemented with support, and it certainly hasn't been fully implemented," said Heinz. "We're going to continue to focus on goal-setting."

The key here, she said, was to create goals that fit each student rather than try to come up with something that would apply for everyone.

"Students come in all shapes and sizes," Heinz said.

Board member Vicki Lee

said that her daughter, who goes to school in the district, has benefited from the system. She believes that the system would be a great asset if it's fully implemented.

Heinz said that the district's efforts to improve communications with parents and local organizations is very much a work in progress.

"You reach out and you hope its reciprocated," she said. "Sometimes, it is, sometimes it isn't. But we need to keep trying."

Heinz said that the district will continue to work to develop collaborative education programs with local community organizations and groups.

The district plans to place particular focus on reaching out to families from immigrant communities.

"We have a growing population of families that don't speak English at home," she said. "We are going to be doing an [English Language Learners] curriculum review. As we

work toward that, we are going to reach about and get ELL families more involved."

Lee said she felt that the teachers could do a better job keeping parents in the loop. "I think it shouldn't be that difficult, with all of our technology, to send updates on what's going on in class," she said.

The district staff made more progress on defining expectations for students, using assessments and tailoring lesson plans to fit different students' learning styles. Heinz said that the district is going to continue working on expanding peer coaching. Accommodating different learning styles has been a mixed bag — while there has been improvement in some subjects, there is still room for improvements in others.

Finally, Heinz presented recommendations on what the district could do differently with the new plan.

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THEFT

Amelou Gobenciong, 36, of the 6700 block of Knox, Lincolnwood; and Vernica Cavallari, 18, of the 3300 block of Diane Avenue, Park City, were each charged with retail theft on March 17. Police said the two women were accused of entering the self-check-out lane at a store on the 8500 block of Golf Road and failing to scan items. The stolen merchandise totaled \$179.09, police said.

Aleksandra Wysocki, 33, of the 600 block of Clover, Schaumburg, was charged with retail theft on March 18 after she allegedly stole

15 cosmetic items valued at \$501 from a store at Golf Mill Shopping Center. She has an April 28 court date.

Marta Lopez, 40, of the 9300 block of Bay Colony, unincorporated Maine Township, was charged with theft on March 15. According to police, Lopez, the manager of a store at Golf Mill Shopping Center, was accused of clocking in as an employee who had quit in January and collecting pay checks issued to that employee while she also collected her own salary. Lopez allegedly stated that she had worked during the hours the former employee had been scheduled to work. Police said the theft totaled \$201.45. Lopez has an April 16 court date.

DUI

Sam Laspisa, 47, of the 22100 block of Chestnut Ridge, Kildeer, was

charged with driving under the influence of drugs, possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of hypodermic needles following a traffic stop on March 18 at 1:30 a.m. According to police, three hypodermic needles and two pipes believed to be used for smoking crack cocaine were located inside Laspisa's vehicle, which was stopped on the 7900 block of Milwaukee Avenue. He has an April 30 court date.

Travis Taylor, 26, of the 9600 block of Golf Terrace, unincorporated Maine Township, was charged with driving under the influence and felony possession of a controlled substance on March 22 after he was reportedly stopped for speeding and driving the wrong way on Caldwell Avenue at 3:50 a.m. According to police, a search of Taylor's car revealed a

"white, rock-like substance" inside a wallet that was inside the driver's side door. Taylor has an April 1 court date.

BURGLARY

A 77-year-old woman told police that between March 9 and March 14 three necklaces, three sets of earrings and two gold rings were stolen from her room inside a residential living facility on the 8900 block of Golf Road. The woman also told police that \$210 in cash was stolen from her closet in December, but she did not report the theft.

THEFT

A 2014 Nissan Altima was stolen overnight between March 15 and March 16 from the 8700 block of Grace Street.

Approximately 30 sets of eyeglass frames were stolen March 15 from a

store at Golf Mill Shopping Center. Store security video reportedly showed a woman taking the frames off display racks and placing them in her purse before leaving the store with a man. An employee told police that a similar theft occurred at another store in the chain.

Forty-eight cans of Red Bull energy drink were stolen March 18 from a store on the 8000 block of Milwaukee Avenue.

A man was seen stealing four boxes of perfume and cologne from a store at Golf Mill Shopping Center on the afternoon of March 23. The items were valued at \$246.

HARASSMENT

A 60-year-old Niles woman told police on March 18 that she has been the victim of online harassment. According to police, the woman reported that

Facebook accounts had been opened in her name without her permission. An investigation was pending.

PROPERTY DAMAGE

A Niles man told police on March 22 that he discovered the dashboard of his vehicle had been taken apart while it was parked in a lot on the 8800 block of Golf Road. Police said the ignition was also pulled out, but nothing was stolen from the vehicle.

Between March 21 and March 22, someone pried open the mailboxes belonging to tenants of an apartment building on the 8000 block of Milwaukee Avenue, making it impossible to secure the boxes, police said.

A resident of the 8900 block of Heathwood Circle told police she discovered a section of her exterior window screen had been cut out on March 21.

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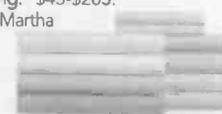
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D63 students raise money to fight heart disease

Students at four East Maine District 63 elementary schools got their own hearts pumping this month raising money for a heart disease research.

The students raised more than \$11,500 for the American Heart Association (AHA) through Jump Rope for Heart and Hoops for Heart events, district officials said in a release.

The AHA's Jump Rope and Hoops for Heart events are designed to help kids better understand how their own hearts work, and to raise money for "kids with special hearts." Students have fun, learn how to stay healthy, and make a difference in the lives of others.

More than 1,000 students raised pledges from friends, neighbors and family for numbers of jumps or basketball shots - and then jumped rope or shot baskets over the course of their gym class periods in

February and March. Final totals were Melzer (Morton Grove): \$5,400; Stevenson (Des Plaines): \$3,000; Apollo (Des Plaines): \$1,900; and Washington (Glenview): \$1,220

"Raising funds for the AHA was a great fit for our district, because we have a strong commitment to student health - and we encourage all of our students to give back and help others," said Superintendent Dr. Scott Clay. "Donating more than \$11,000 is a remarkable feat -- and gave our students first-hand experience in how easy it is to make a positive difference."

Through its seven schools, East Maine School District 63 serves a diverse population of more than 3,500 students who live in Des Plaines, Niles, Glenview, Park Ridge, and Morton Grove.

Pioneer Press staff report



EAST MAINE DISTRICT 63/HANDOUT

East Maine District 63 students raised more than \$11,000 for the American Heart Association. Melzer Elementary came in at the top, donating \$5,400.

Maine South shifts focus for second all-school fundraiser

BY JENNIFER JOHNSON

Pioneer Press

After raising more than \$19,000 last year for a local animal rescue that needed a new home, Maine South High School is embarking on yet another all-school fundraising campaign, mixing extracurricular activities with an opportunity to give back.

This year, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital will be the recipient of all funds raised by students, staff and the community through free-will donations and school activities.

The first of the fundraising events will be the school-wide dodgeball tournament on Friday, April 10 at the Park Ridge school, 1111 S. Dee Road. Money will be raised through team sign-ups; for \$50, eight to 10 students can compete as a team.

The tournament will be followed by the school's very first Color Run on Saturday, April 11 at 12 p.m. Hosted by the Maine South National Honor Society and Park Ridge Youth Commission, the Color Run will consist of a two-mile walk/run around the campus with a \$20 entry fee per person.

Unlike similar walks, participants will cross the finish line covered in paint, as paint packets are thrown at them from stations set along the route, according to Maine South Assistant Principal David Berendt.

On Friday, April 17, Hawkfest, open to Maine South students only, will raise money through admission for an evening of games, inflatables and raffle prizes.

Food will be the focus during Pizza Madness on Wednesday, April 22 where local pizza restaurants will donate pies for participants to sample. This event, which



MAINE TOWNSHIP DISTRICT 207

Maine South High School students, along with members of a preschool class, display the amount raised for Wright-Way Rescue during last year's all-school fundraiser.

begins at 5:30 p.m in the student cafeteria, is open to anyone in the community for a minimum \$5 donation.

School clubs are also invited to organize their own fundraisers for the cause.

"I'm sure other things will develop as other organizations put ideas together," Berendt said.

St. Jude's Children's Hospital, based in Memphis, was selected by students themselves. Via online voting, a large list of charitable organizations was narrowed down to four: St. Jude's, Feed My Starving Children, Wounded Warriors and Park Ridge-based Avenues to Independence. After viewing advertisements of the four, the students voted again, with St. Jude ultimately receiving the most online votes.

The full amount raised for the hospital

will be announced during the spring assembly. A goal amount has not been set.

"I hate to set a monetary goal because it's all about the school coming together for a cause," Berendt said, adding that it can be "hard to top" the previous year's contributions the longer the fundraisers go on.

Last spring, Wright-Way Rescue was presented with a check for \$19,400 after Maine South's month-long fundraiser. The shelter was in the process of opening a new facility in Morton Grove after its former location in Niles was heavily damaged when a school bus crashed through the front wall.

In return for its contribution, an adoption suite inside the new center was named in recognition of Maine South.

Katelyn Kahn, who is a member of the events committee for the all-school fund-

raiser, said she was surprised by how much her classmates raised last year.

"I found out before the assembly and I was very excited to see everyone's reaction," she said. "I was not expecting that much money, so I hope we can do the same again this year."

Berendt believes the experience of giving back will be long-lasting.

"I think the most important thing [about the fundraiser] is people realizing [they should] look past themselves and be a steward of giving back to the world," Berendt said. "I think the sooner you learn that, the better the chance you will carry it on for the rest of your life."

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Maine West gym to get \$10 million upgrade

BY LEE V. GAINES
Special to the Tribune

A \$10 million addition to Maine West High School's gymnasium will include a fitness center, aerobics workout room, wrestling room, offices and new lockers.

The Maine Township District 207 Board of Education voted unanimously at a special meeting last week to approve a nearly \$10.2 million contract with Waukegan-based Happ Builders, Inc. for the 24,000-square-foot addition on two sides of the gym, said spokesman David Beery.

The money was put aside and the upgrades are part of a 10-year capital improvement plan for the district's three schools, he said.

The district received six bids ranging from \$10.2 million to nearly \$12.4 million, Beery said.

The addition, which has been discussed by district officials for the past year, will "bring Maine West closer to having the equivalent physical education and athletic facilities that Maine East and Maine South

"[The addition will] bring Maine West close to having the equivalent physical education and athletic facilities that Maine East and Maine South already have."

— David Beery, Maine Township District 207 spokesman

already have," he said. Both those schools also have field houses, which is not currently in the works for Maine West, but possible in the future, Beery said.

When Maine West opened in 1959, the building included "a feature that was unusual if not unique," Beery said. The basement includes an indoor running track and weight room, in addition to few locker rooms and a wrestling area, which are all still in use, he said. Though unique, the 55-year-old facility does not provide "what students and staff could reasonably expect to see in a suburban high school in 2015."

The addition will mean the basement track will be less congested, Beery said.

Construction will begin in mid-April. The first phase, which includes work on the gym's air conditioning system and

installation of the new locker rooms, is slated to wrap up by the start of the next school year.

Maine West's graduation ceremonies typically have taken place in the football stadium, with the spectator gym as a back-up in case of bad weather. This year, the ceremonies have been moved to the Rosemont Theater because of the construction. Graduating seniors from both

Maine East and Maine South have previously walked across the Rosemont stage.

The second phase of the project—which will include construction of the fitness center, aerobics and wrestling rooms and staff office space—will begin in August and is scheduled to be completed by the beginning of next year, Beery said.

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CORRECTION

The March 19 story "District 219 issues heat up board race" contained a factual error. The story incorrectly stated that candidate Linda Lampert said some feeder schools were excluded from partnering with District 219. She in fact acknowledged that some of the feeder districts chose not to partner with D219.

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Hospice care companies plan merger

Three were pioneers in area

BY ELLEN JEAN HIRST
Tribune reporter

Three Illinois nonprofit hospice companies were expected to announce on Tuesday that they are combining to form what's expected to be the largest end-of-life provider by patient volume in the state.

The companies — Chicago-based Horizon Hospice & Palliative Care, Barrington-based JourneyCare and Glenview-based Midwest Palliative & Hospice CareCenter — will emerge with a new name after the deal is completed June 1.

The combined hospices will be able care for about 2,500 patients daily in 10 Chicago-area counties. Sarah Bealles, president and chief executive of JourneyCare, will assume the same role with the new company.

The companies collectively employ 800 health care professionals, with home visits making up more than 90 percent of their business. The deal, subject to regulatory approval, involves combining the assets and liabilities of the three businesses. No money is changing hands.

Mary Runge, Horizon's chief executive, said putting the deal together was a collaborative effort.

"Three CEOs for over the last few years really put our own ambitions aside and there was never any triangulation or fear of losing our jobs, but only a focus on how this can be better," Runge said. "It's very special, this merger."

The combined companies' revenues in 2013 were

about \$80.9 million, the equivalent of about 15 percent of the \$548.3 million spent on hospice care that year in Illinois, according to research organization Hospice Analytics. JourneyCare and Midwest Hospice each have annual revenue of more than \$30 million; Horizon's annual revenue is less than \$13 million.

Nearly 150 hospice care providers operate in the state, according to the Illinois Department of Public Health. About half of them are in Cook, DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry and Will counties.

The combining companies were some of the first to open in the Chicago area nearly three decades ago when hospice care was still largely volunteer-based. Some of the companies' original funders still serve on their respective boards. The three CEOs have worked together; in 2006 they formed a loose affiliation through a purchasing collaborative.

By combining, the companies will be able to spread their strengths across the new company, Bealles said. JourneyCare and Horizon are known for their pediatric hospice care programs, she said, while Midwest has an accredited Jewish care program and many health system relationships.

An aging population is expected to increase business for hospice care in the coming years, Bealles said.

Baby boomers, she said, typically want more control over the care they receive. Just half of people who know they're in their final months or days of life



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Judy Rios of Elburn, a patient at JourneyCare in Barrington, plays with her daughter's dog, Lexi, on Monday.



CEOs Jamie O'Malley, Midwest CareCenter; from left, Sarah Bealles, JourneyCare; and Mary Runge, Horizon Hospice & Palliative Care, worked in conjunction on the merger.

choose hospice care.

"Typically in the last couple years of life, someone who has a progressive illness will end up hospitalized and then they'll go to rehab and then they'll go home where there's not adequate support," Bealles said.

Then they end up back in the hospital, often dying in an intensive care unit, she said, which is "both expensive and unpleasant."

"What we've been able to do with hospice care is stop

that cycle," Bealles said. Hospice care has been shown to save the health care system money, she said. It's cheaper to die in a hospice center or at home than at a hospital.

Since the Affordable Care Act passed in 2010, hospital systems and other health care companies have been consolidating as reimbursements become lower and payments increasingly are tied to patient outcomes.

"Our health care part-

New company's inpatient locations

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Marshak Family Hospice Pavilion
2050 Claire Court, Glenview

Hospice Suite at Northwest Community Hospital
800 W. Central Road, Arlington Heights

Ada F. Addington Inpatient Hospice Unit
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COUNTIES SERVED

The 10 counties served by home hospice and palliative care are: Boone, Cook, DeKalb, DuPage, Kane, Kendall, Lake, McHenry, Will and Winnebago.

ners are consolidating and at the same time narrowing their networks, looking for those that provide best value, outcomes and cost," Bealles said. "And you have to be able to serve their entire population. The ability to be that partner of choice in our community is really what's driving this."

Bealles said she was drawn to the industry after she joined a hospice company in Madison, Wis.

Her first week, while walking out of the lunch

room, she heard a bell ring, indicating someone had died. A co-worker told her to wait near the hospice's entry to witness a procession.

Workers wheeled out the body, draped in a beautiful quilt. Family members reached out to touch the deceased. Bealles, in awe at the intersection of compassion, respect, sorrow and joy, was in tears.

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SingStrong to serenade Niles West High School

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Pioneer Press

Grammy winners and stars from popular musical reality TV shows will converge on Niles West High School April 10-12 for the third annual SingStrong, a three-day, non-stop singers' wonderland that will merge collegiate and high school singers with professional capella groups.

The all-vocal event merges together singers of every level for three straight days of concerts, voice classes and competitions — all with the goal of raising thousands of dollars to support the Cure Alzheimer's Fund.

A capella groups and soloists from as far as Taiwan and Venezuela are scheduled to appear at this year's SingStrong, along

with nine college and high school groups and Grammy winner Ben Bram, gospel powerhouse Resound and stars from NBC's "The Sing-Off" and "America's Got Talent," according to Jonathan Minkoff, executive producer for SingStrong.

"We're all crushed by an avalanche of fake music every day," Minkoff said. "A capella is the opposite of that, and this festival gives you an incredible, uplifting, transformative feeling that you have to hear for yourself."

Kind of like a Comic-con for die-hard a capella enthusiasts, Minkoff designed SingStrong to satisfy all the desires of people who love singing under one roof in just three days time.

Niles West student Julia Neiman, who will perform

this year with her school's a capella team, Guys and Dolls, said SingStrong is about more than just watching professional a capella groups perform.

"What I love about SingStrong is that it's basically a huge event where people who love the same thing get to be nerds about it for a few days and meet others with similar interests," Neiman said. "We love hosting it here at West because we get to be a part of something huge all while supporting the fight against Alzheimer's disease."

The weekend will kick off with "ACA-IDOL," an "American Idol"-style a capella competition for professional and collegiate groups. A so-far unidentified celebrity judge will give live feedback and audience members will vote for

their favorite performers by texting with their cell-phones.

Main concerts featuring professional a capella groups will take the stage on Friday at 7 p.m. and Saturday at 9:30 p.m.

High school groups will have their moment in the spotlight on Saturday at 2 p.m. during a high school-level competition. Awards will be issued in two categories — performance and arranging and composition.

Although some would argue they had the home court advantage, last year Niles West's three a capella groups — Echo Effect, High Fidelity and Guys & Dolls — beat out four other high school teams that performed at SingStrong.

Guys & Dolls member Thea Gonzalez described her first experience at Sing-

Strong last year as "surreal."

"It really does feel like you're on a different planet when you come to this event," Gonzalez said. "The most fascinating part of a capella is how personal it is. Singing in itself is so personal because it comes from a person's heart and a capella is the culmination of several people's hearts coming together for the same goal."

SingStrong started in Washington, D.C., and landed in Skokie three years ago thanks to a connection Minkoff and co-producer Freddie Feldman have with Niles West a capella coach Amy Branhal, a former client of Feldman's Skokie-based a capella studio, VOCOMOTION.

Feldman said SingStrong was a "special gift to the Skokie community" after

last year's event.

A silent auction to support Alzheimer's will start Saturday evening at 8:30 p.m. The event raised more than \$3,000 last year between the auction and ticket sales, and Minkoff said he hopes this year's SingStrong will surpass that amount.

"We filled thousands of seats last year, but (if heaven forbid) our audience stayed home, we'd still have more than 200 singers having the time of their lives," Minkoff said.

Ticket prices range from \$15 to \$35. Discounts are available for seniors, students and groups of 10 or more. Tickets are available for purchase at www.SingStrong.org.

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†Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7:30 PM
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament -
till Midnight

Prayer Service - 11:45 PM

GOOD FRIDAY - April 3rd

Prayer Service for Morning - 9:00 AM
†Liturgy of the Passion and
Death of the Lord - 3:00 PM
Living Stations of the Cross - 7:00 PM

HOLY SATURDAY - April 4th

Prayer Service for Morning - 9:00 AM
Blessing of Food - 1:30 PM
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Jami Nakamura Lin, a writer and reader services assistant at Des Plaines and Morton Grove libraries, poses with her books in her Lincoln Square apartment.

Read it and weep

Writer forges early connection to books

BY LAURA PEARSON

Books loom large in Jami Nakamura Lin's earliest memories.

"One day my dad came home from work and found my mom, sisters and I sobbing in the master bedroom, the entire bed covered in Kleenex."

Her father's concern turned to laughter when they explained they'd just finished reading "Where the Red Fern Grows."

A writer and reader services assistant at

Des Plaines and Morton Grove libraries, the Lincoln Square resident is still serious about reading, now gravitating toward history, poetry, essays and "slipstream" fiction that melds fantasy and reality. Living in a small apartment means keeping her self-described "hoarder" tendencies in check.

"But I can't ever narrow down my collection too much," she says. "Every time I've given books away, it has been a bit painful."

About this story

This piece first ran in *Printers Row Journal*, the Chicago Tribune's premium Sunday book section.

— Laura Pearson

Blizzards are a sign of spring as Park Ridge Dairy Queen reopens

BY JENNIFER JOHNSON

Pioneer Press

It's a sure sign that spring has finally arrived: The Park Ridge Dairy Queen is open.

Closed all winter, the red boards finally came off the windows and doors at the popular eatery at Devon Avenue and Canfield Road, signaling the change in seasons, even if the temperature outside did not.

As the school day ended on Friday, March 27, families started filling up the small establishment, which has been a neighborhood staple for decades.

"They wait [all winter] until the day it opens again," Edison Park resident Gina Schrantz said of her two children, who were waiting to order.

In addition to the traditional Blizzards and soft serve cones, the Park Ridge Dairy Queen sells cakes and hot foods, including burgers, hot dogs, corn dogs, chicken strips, Polish sausage, onion rings and more.

Dairy Queen is open from 11 a.m. from 9:30 p.m., Sunday through Thursday, and 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays.

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SHOUT OUT

David Leske, politically involved Niles resident

Niles resident David Leske was at the Niles Candidates Town Hall debate, where candidates for the Niles Park District Board of Commissioners and Niles Public Library Board of Trustees gave statements, and the Village of Niles Board of Trustees candidates answered questions and debated positions. We approached Leske before the debate started and caught up with him after it ended.

Q: What brings you to this debate?

A: I'm attending because one of my friends is running.

Q: And who would that be?

A: [Incumbent Niles Village Board trustee] Chris Hanusiak.

Q: So, other than Chris, are there any candidates you support?

A: [Niles Village board challenger] David Carrabotta

Q: Why do you support them?

A: Let's just say this – people who share the same moral vision are people who become friends. People who share the same values are people who become friends.

Q: What did you think of the debate?

A: I think it should be longer. Cut out the [Niles] library and [Niles] Park District stuff.



IGOR STUDENKOV/PIONEER PRESS

David Leske

[Trustee debate] is the important stuff.

—Igor Studenkov, for Pioneer Press

Shout Out is a weekly feature where we get to know and introduce our readers to their fellow community members and local visitors throughout suburban Chicago.

Reps host 'Coffee and Conversation'

To update residents and answer questions about recent events in Springfield, state Rep. Laura Fine, D-Glenview, will be hosting "Coffee and Conversation."

The event will be held on Tuesday, March 31, from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Skokie Public Library, located at 5125 Oakton St. in Skokie. Fine will be joined by state Rep. Lou Lang, D-Skokie.

"There are many important issues facing our state that the Legislature will be considering in the coming months," Fine said in a release. "I look forward to listening to and discussing the ideas and concerns of people who attend, and encourage anyone who would like to share their views to come."

For more information contact Rep. Fine's full-time constituent service office at 847-998-1717 or email Rep-Fine@gmail.com.

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OPINION

My two cents on woman for the \$20 bill



RANDY BLASER

If you haven't heard, there is a movement to replace the portrait of President Andrew Jackson that currently graces the \$20 bill with the portrait of a woman.

The group "Women on 20s" is pushing for the change by 2020, which is the 100th anniversary of the passage of the 19th amendment, which gave women the right to vote. The argument is that the time has come for a woman to be on paper money.

The Susan B. Anthony \$1 coin never became popular with the public, nor did the Sacagawea coin, probably because of design flaws more than a dislike for the women honored.

It certainly is long past time to have a great American woman on a bill.

But why replace Jackson?

Jackson was once considered a great president of the people. He was a populist, up-from-the-bottom president who wielded presidential power like never

before. He was the father of the spoils system and even nipped an early threat of secession in the bud.

But Jackson has fallen out of favor today. The women at "Women on 20s" cite his opposition to the federal banking system (it was a big issue back then), and his support for the Indian Removal Act of 1830, which today we remember as the "Trail of Tears."

He seems fairly expendable compared to Washington on the \$1, Lincoln on the \$5 and Hamilton on the \$10, among the most-widely circulated bills.

But I'm not so keen on the list of candidates put forward by the "Women on the \$20." Sure, there are top-shelf nominees like Eleanor Roosevelt (the top of any list), Susan B. Anthony, Clara Barton and Sojourner Truth.

But there are also candidates — Shirley Chisholm, Barbara Jordan, Patsy Mink and Alice Paul — who seem more like Democratic Party back-benchers than great women in American history.

I know I'm opening myself to criticism. After all, who am I to judge or even have an opinion. I just think if we're going to put someone on a bill, man or woman, let's have a truly undisputed great.

So here are my other candidates for the

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woman on the \$20.

Any great American women's list has to start with Abigail Adams, a true patriot and intellectual who often advised her husband during the crisis of Independence. Adams was the wife of one president, mother to another and grandmother to a U.S. Ambassador to Great Britain. One could call her the mother of our country.

Emily Dickinson is known as a recluse and spinster and popularized in recent times as "The Belle of Amherst." She is also a true American genius and one of the greatest poets in American literature, if not the greatest woman poet in the English language. Not just politics makes a country great.

If we're going with literary heroines, and there are some writers on the "Women on \$20s" list, than how can Louisa May Alcott not be considered? Her book "Little Women" still endures today and she could

hold her own in Concord's intellectual circle with the likes of Emerson and Thoreau.

Betsy Ross, American flag, Stars and Stripes forever.

The most influential book in American history is "Uncle Tom's Cabin." Its author is Harriet Beecher Stowe. Everyone in America should know this and would if she were on the \$20.

Why can't we be open to the arts? The greatest American art form is jazz, and Ella Fitzgerald is the greatest American jazz singer ever. She deserves to be on this list.

Chicago has meant a lot to the nation and any list of great American women must include Jane Addams.

It is a pity that Sandra Day O'Connor did not make the movement's list. Supreme Court justice of the United States is the doorway to greatness, and O'Connor was the first woman to walk through that door.

Finally, I really like the idea of Nellie Bly, investigative reporter who often went undercover to expose corruption and danger to the public.

Randy Blaser is a freelance columnist for Pioneer Press.

Why are taxpayers punished to be saved?



PAUL SASSONE

We are Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde. That's how our elected officials seem to view us.

We are The Taxpayer, and as The Taxpayer we must be both saved and punished.

As Dr. Jekyll we must be saved from excessive taxation and spending before — as Gov. Bruce Rauner said in his budget address — "asking for more of taxpayers' hard-earned money ..."

As Mr. Hyde, all this excessive taxation and spending goes to provide services for us.

For example, in order to save The Taxpayer, Gov. Rauner would punish The Taxpayer. Cuts in state funding for transportation would result in service cuts and

higher fares.

And who would be the recipient of these cuts and hikes? The same Taxpayer the cuts are supposed to help.

And if municipalities receive less state money, your town will cut services and hike fees and taxes. Again, hit The Taxpayer to save him.

Cut child care and after-school programs to save The Taxpayer. Who suffers? Kids and their parents, who are Taxpayers.

One reason for red light cameras, we are told, is that they bring in revenue that otherwise would come from The Taxpayer. But who pays all these tickets? The Taxpayer. And have taxes gone down with red light cameras?

Congressional Republicans would twist Medicare into a voucher program to save The Taxpayer. Yet surveys show nine out of 10 Medicare recipients are happy with the system, that Medicare is more efficient than private insurance companies at delivering care per dollar and that premiums and costs would rise under a voucher system.

So, who would pay more for less under a voucher system? The Taxpayer, naturally.

To elected officials, you, The Taxpayer, are perpetrator and victim. It is a convenient view for them. It allows officials to do what they want, to impose their views, and hold us up as the reason.

But, as The Taxpayer, we should refuse to look at just the one side, the side officials would have us only see: how they do what they do for us.

We must also see what these officials do to us.

Do you want to pay higher fares for less transportation when you go to work? Because I don't.

Do you want to shell out \$100 for inac-

curate and unnecessary red light cameras? I don't.

Do you want Medicare destroyed? I don't.

Do you want services cut and taxes raised in your town? I don't.

So, don't be taken in or distracted. Elected officials do what they want for reasons of their own. They don't ask you. They don't ask me.

Make them justify what they do with facts, reasons and explored alternatives, not just hide behind you and me.

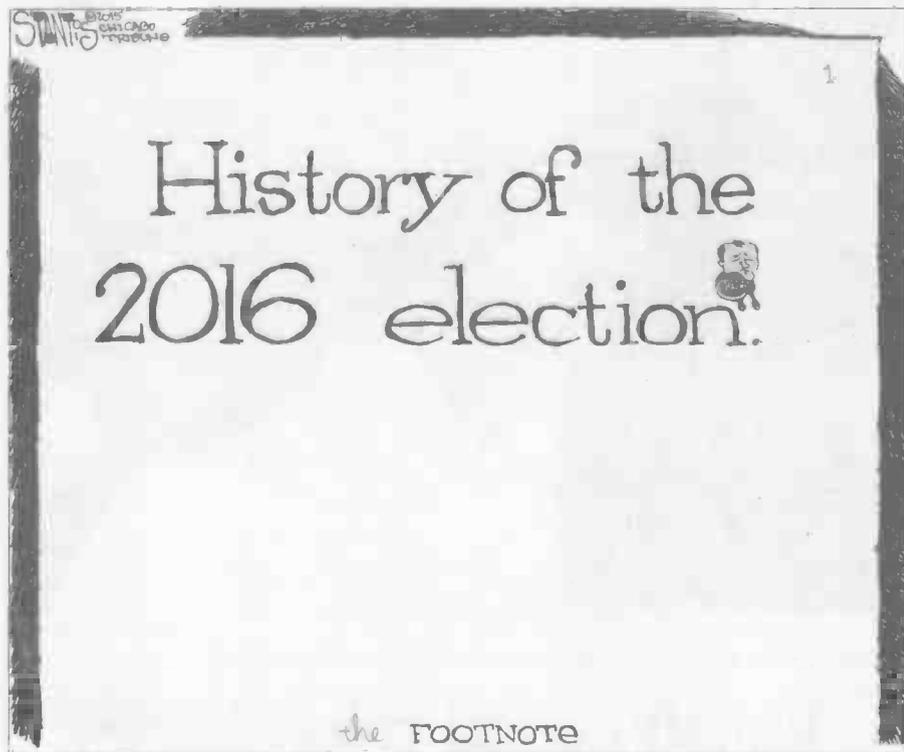
Don't let them get away with making us their unconsulted accomplices.

Sincerely,
A Taxpayer.

A NOTE TO READERS

In an effort to ensure fairness and accuracy, Pioneer Press is not publishing any election-related letters to the editor in this, the last edition before the April 7 election. Letters are being published online at the Chicago Tribune suburban websites at chicagotribune.com.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

April 7 can bring change to D219

Editor's note: Pioneer Press misattributed a quote to Lampert in a previous story and has given her the opportunity to clarify her position in a letter. No other election related letters will run the week before April 7 as there is no chance for rebuttal.

I am excited about the long-term vision for District 219 and hope to be a leader in achieving those objectives by serving on the board of education. I feel the perfect board is made up of new and seasoned members bringing a fresh perspective to our schools. I am bright, open-minded, approachable, and most importantly, have a child attending a district school. Many of us feel a lack of clarity and engagement from our board. This can change April 7.

The District 219 school board race has left the independent candidate with limited resources, like me, little room to run. Factions have voters confused. Voters may choose up to four candidates to sup-

port. You do not have to vote for any specific four; you can pick and choose and even vote for just one or two candidates.

We need a new viewpoint to lead District 219 into the future. One of the biggest issues we have is an easy fix. It is communication. We need collaboration between the board, parents, teachers, staff and community. I am against outsourcing jobs which could be held by community members. Many are feeling excluded by the current decision-making process, but I will seek your voice. We need trust back in our district and not to feel as if changes are being made behind our backs. I am not beholden to any special interest group. The only endorsement I seek is yours.

— Linda Lampert
Niles Township District 219 School Board Candidate

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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OPINION



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In Lake County, prices jumped from \$2.25 to \$2.80 as March drew to a close.

Family road trip chases down gas for \$2 per gallon



DAN MORAN

Another dispatch from the ongoing battle between the working class and Big Oil (Revised Spring Forecast Edition):

After experiencing a brief rollback in mid-March that witnessed Lake County pump prices falling from the \$2.50 range to more like \$2.25 per gallon, the cost of gasoline saw a more stubborn upward trend that kicked in around St. Patrick's Day and continued right into the Spring Break Driving Season.

The bad news from that development was Lake County prices jumped up the staircase from \$2.25 to \$2.50 to \$2.80 as March drew to a close. The good news was you could still find gas in the \$2.10 range if you searched for it — in Oklahoma, but still.

Yes, as usual, I have the receipts to prove this, as-

suming it would ever have to be proven. At the very least, the little scraps of paper that piled up in a rented minivan tell the tale of American driving life in early 2015, a soon-to-be longed-for time when filling up the tank was briefly the least of our worries.

Leaving Lake County on March 20 felt more like sneaking out of a party gone wrong. The aforementioned jump in gas prices had threatened to take some of the glow off of a cross-country road trip, but there was comfort in remembering that gas is always cheaper in the wide-open spaces of the oil-producing states.

I'm not sure if Missouri fits that description, but the \$2.09 we paid in Joplin that night would take the title of cheapest price on the whole 4,000-mile adventure. The record from there shows purchases like \$2.19 at both the Sky City Travel Center in New Mexico and the Vinita Travel Plaza on the Will Rogers Turnpike in Oklahoma.

If there was a going rate throughout the plains states and southwest last week, it was probably around \$2.29, which could be found everywhere from Santa Rosa, N.M., to Winslow, Ariz. In Arizona's ever-expanding Valley of the Sun, it was more like \$2.40 at one Circle K after another.

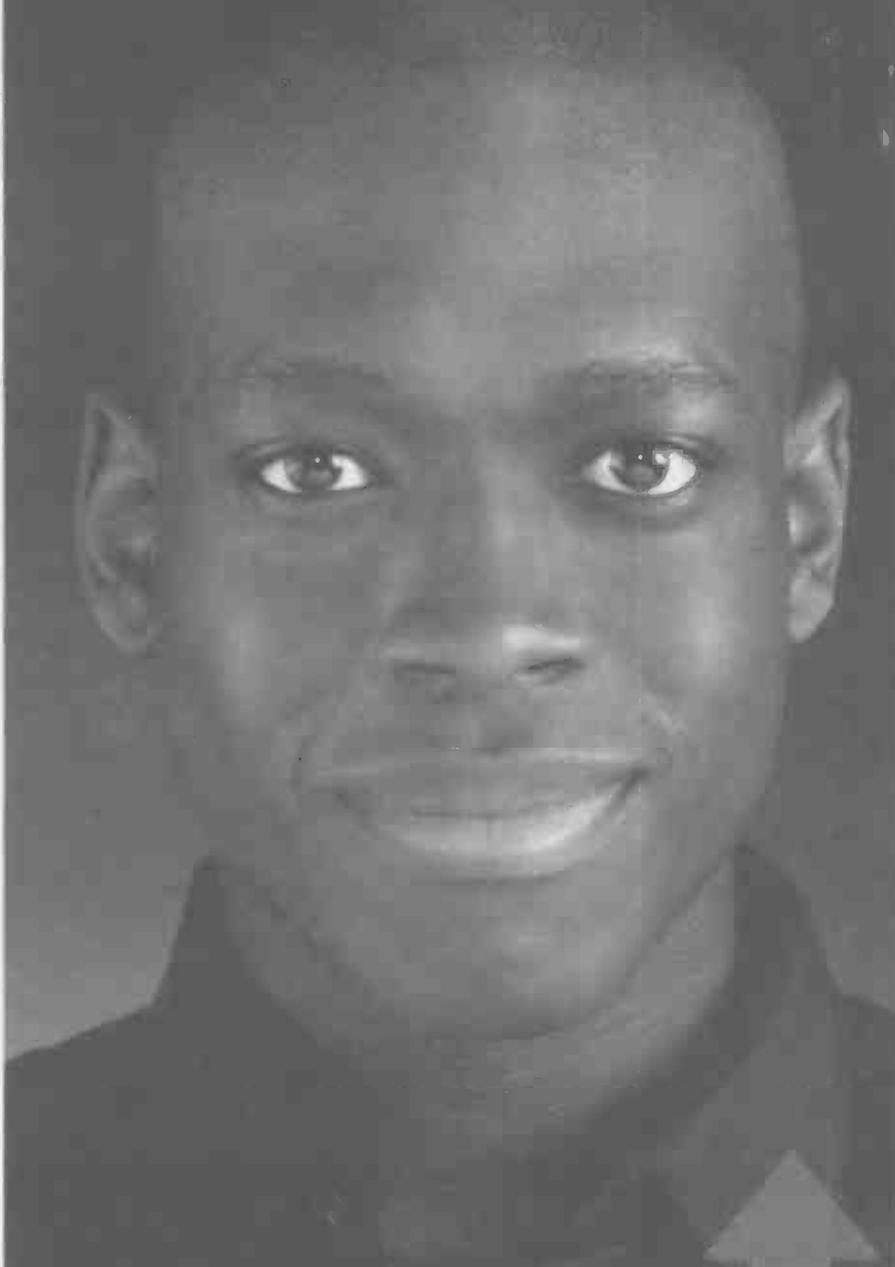
But the drive home would make those greater Phoenix prices look like a bargain. By the time we made it to the MotoMart in Eureka, Mo., which overlooks the grandeur of Six Flags St. Louis, we were happy to pay \$2.47 per gallon, and everything was at least 20 cents higher on the Illinois side of the Mississippi.

Of course, all of this complaining is relative. When gas inevitably soars above \$3 and beyond, I'll long for the \$2.45 sign that greeted me one wind-swept March afternoon on Dirksen Parkway in Springfield.

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OPINION

Gray paint still hot commodity for spring home rehab

It may still be gray outside, but if you have gray inside, too — painted on your walls — you've got what is still the No. 1 color for spring.

"Grays have been popular for two to three years now," said Ilhan Trnovac, assistant manager at J.C. Licht, 7051 W. North Ave., in Oak Park. "One particular gray, Revere Pewter — that one is very popular."

Spring has officially sprung, and that means spruce-up time, especially for those looking to sell their house. I've said this before, and I'll say it again: The most inexpensive way to give your house a quick and easy makeover is with a new coat of paint.

"It is absolutely the most reasonable way to update and give your house a fresh look," said Larry Jandris, store manager at Norridge Ace Hardware, 8330 W. Lawrence Ave.

If you're like me, you're indecisive when it comes to picking new colors. Do I get brave and try really funky, bright color schemes? Or do I stick with the mundane colors I currently have, and am sick of?

I swear, one of these days



FELICIA DECHTER

I'm going to bust loose and get brave! But for now, I'll probably change my beige walls to gray when the painting in my house gets underway within the next couple of weeks.

The Benjamin Moore Historical Collection, which has 170 or so colors in it that are somewhat muted, is used a lot in Oak Park, Trnovac said.

"It has a little bit of everything with a traditional or historical look to it," he said. "In the Oak Park, River Forest area, that's what we mainly sell."

At Ace Hardware, 2728 N. Harlem Ave. in Elmwood Park, "gray is real big," as are pale beige and pale yellows. But bright colors, such as red and green, are being used for accent walls, said owner Larry Colandrea.

"The large areas are earth tones, but people will do one wall," Colandrea

said. The accent colors are "much brighter than in the past 10 years," he said.

In Norridge, color is in, too, even though "this is still a pretty conservative town," said the Norridge Ace's Jandris.

"Grays and beiges are still the workhorses," Jandris said.

Yet the paint companies are looking to color your world with what they think is the hottest spring color, he said.

"Benjamin Moore says it's green; Valspar says it's blue; Ace says it's pink," Jandris said. "They all want to push color."

Jandris reminded me that different colors tend to elicit different reactions. For example, warm colors such as red, yellow and orange are excitable, while cool colors like green, blue and violet have a calming and cooling influence.

"We don't sell paint, we sell color — so we're changing your life through color," Jandris said.

Felicia Dechter is a freelance columnist for Pioneer Press. Got a real estate story idea? Email writel2@comcast.net.

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101 N Lincoln Ln, # 1D, Arlington Heights	Jozef Maciolek & Zofia Maciolek	Federal Home Loan Mtg Corp	03-03-15	\$104,000
1631 N Windsor Dr, # 311, Arlington Heights	Asen P Totkov & Bogumila Paprota	Michal Matuszewski	03-03-15	\$112,000
3401 N Carriageway Dr, # 407, Arlington Heights	Kavin R Sivapalan	Stephen S Olson	02-26-15	\$221,000
215 W Hyde St, # 7 3, Arlington Heights	Mablene Krueger	Sohail Hyderi	02-27-15	\$295,500
104 N Regency Dr W, Arlington Heights	George C Kostakis	Fannie Mae	02-27-15	\$330,500
635 S Walnut Ave, Arlington Heights	Paul A Wolf & Abigail M Wolf	Right Residential II Fund I	02-26-15	\$389,000
200 Lake Blvd, # 443, Buffalo Grove	Rachel Kamish	Zobel Trust	02-27-15	\$119,000
451 Town Place Cir, # 209, Buffalo Grove	Vadzim Zverau & Aiena Zverava	Weinfeld Trust	02-26-15	\$205,000
39 Chevy Chase Dr, Buffalo Grove	Annabel Dizon	Robert M Piette	02-27-15	\$230,000
2 Buckingham Ln, Buffalo Grove	Tae H Bae & Yoon Kyung Bae	Olga Levy	03-02-15	\$270,000
2496 Waterbury Ln, Buffalo Grove	Prakash Nagarajan & Usha Rao Podilla	Nicholas Li	02-26-15	\$384,000
2700 Misty Woods Rd, Buffalo Grove	Seung Jin Han	Seninger Trust	02-24-15	\$585,000
9997 Linda Ln, # GE, Des Plaines	Syed Wasti	Prof 2014 S2 Reo I Llc	02-27-15	\$40,000
1250 E Washington St, # 1, Des Plaines	Amy A Mazur	Pnc Bank Na	03-03-15	\$67,500
8904 Jody Ln, # 2F, Des Plaines	Lucyna Gawiak	Irene Amara	02-27-15	\$77,000
8928 Steven Dr, # 1B, Des Plaines	Daniel Hrobsky	Fannie Mae	03-03-15	\$82,900
8824 Dee Rd, Des Plaines	Mangal S Grewal & Pardeep K Grewal	Uzma Ahmaf	02-27-15	\$150,000
1976 Laura Ln, Des Plaines	Kathryn A Drellicharz	Jill A Romanowski	03-03-15	\$158,500
1327 Brown St, # 310, Des Plaines	Marcella Petriella	Jeremy L Buboltz	03-03-15	\$175,000
1994 Spruce Ave, Des Plaines	Vijaykumar Patel & Hitarthi Thakkar	Robert McMurray	02-26-15	\$215,000
521 Beau Dr, Des Plaines	Bruno L Salles & Mona Salles	Hari J Rabadia	03-03-15	\$262,000
4679 Lunt Ave, Des Plaines	Bantunde A Turner & Susan Carey	V & T Investment Corp	02-27-15	\$565,000
1816 Lemar Ave, Evanston	Mahtab Sohrevardi	Fannie Mae	02-26-15	\$33,000
1000 1/2 Dodge Ave, Evanston	Akinloye Jacob Ogungbemi	Jp Morgan Chase Bank	02-27-15	\$88,000
2124 Seward St, Evanston	Adan Carrillo	Yvette Holt	02-27-15	\$178,500
515 Main St, # 707, Evanston	Xiaoyu Lin & Min Cheng	Fannie Mae	03-03-15	\$180,000
2320 Lee St, Evanston	Michael Stano	Whale Done Llc	02-27-15	\$297,000
617 Custer Ave, # A, Evanston	Cassandra F Kulpa & Daniel W Kulpa	Gary A Abramson	02-27-15	\$308,000
3518 Grove St, Evanston	Billy T Chiu & Sarah R Safran	Guner Cellkna1	03-03-15	\$325,000
9001 E Prairie Rd, Evanston	Rivka Kompel	Viking Ventures Services Llc S	02-27-15	\$352,000
2030 Bennett Ave, Evanston	Jonathan Zielinski & Courtney Zielinski	David M Winer	02-27-15	\$572,000
3702 Capri Ct, # 21 D, Glenview	Annur Sumar & Maleka Sumar	Norman Trust	03-03-15	\$235,000
1120 E Lake Ave, Glenview	Olurotimi Sofoluwe & Ann Elizabeth Sofoluwe	Teresa Arcos	03-03-15	\$315,000
5 Bixtone Path, Hawthorn Woods	Clint Gill & Natalie Christina Gill	Teresa L Rueckert	02-27-15	\$402,500
23657 N Sanctuary Club Dr, Kildeer	Vincent M Gumma & Ralene M Gumma	Orleans Rhil Lp	02-26-15	\$850,500
20843 W High Ridge Dr, Kildeer	Douglas A Mannion & Karen A Mannion	Alan E Cheskey	02-26-15	\$1,125,000
630 Valley Rd, Lake Forest	Michael J Nocella & Renee Nocella	Jeffrey C Pinderski	02-26-15	\$1,000,000
106 Ash St, Lake Zurich	William T O Connor	Adrienne Zagozdon	02-25-15	\$37,500
31 Miller Rd, Lake Zurich	Marlene Leavitt & Martin Dela Torre	Michael James Kinney	02-26-15	\$90,000
23789 N Lakeside Dr, Lake Zurich	Renoldas Rutkunas & Valda Rutkunlene	Wells Fargo Bank Trustee	03-02-15	\$116,000
17 S Shore Ln, Lake Zurich	Liliya M Raskin	Citibank Na Trustee	02-26-15	\$118,500
128 Mohawk Trl, # D, Lake Zurich	Jim Bieber	Monika Derdas	02-26-15	\$155,000
722 June Ter, Lake Zurich	Marla B Zarras	Fannie Mae	02-26-15	\$170,000
970 Bristol Trail Rd, Lake Zurich	Robert L Meifinger & Laurel Meifinger	Michael A Stine	02-26-15	\$367,500
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128 Mckinley Ave, Libertyville	Barbara Thill	Nicholas C Lazzaretto	03-02-15	\$272,500
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194 Red Top Dr, Libertyville	Julie A Berry	Michael Corcoran	03-02-15	\$380,000
246 Cater Ln, Libertyville	Jonathan M Dorr & Natalie Dorr	Nasir Rahman	02-25-15	\$509,900
649 E Glendale Rd, Libertyville	Matthew L Deans & Katie A Deans	Drh Cambridge Homes Inc	02-26-15	\$786,500
49 Berkshire Ln, Lincolnshire	Benjamin Felt & Tracey Felt	Aimee L Devlin	02-25-15	\$570,000
37 Dukes Ln, Lincolnshire	Jordan Mandel	Bin Xu	02-24-15	\$759,500

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5879 Teal Ln, Long Grove	Bashar Diab & Nadia R Diab	Scott Brenner	02-27-15	\$715,000
8400 Callie Ave, # 608, Morton Grove	Janet Shamoon	Digital Fcu	02-26-15	\$119,000
5501 Lincoln Ave, # 402, Morton Grove	Edward Shamoun	Federal Home Loan Mtg Corp	02-27-15	\$130,500
8832 Mason Ave, Morton Grove	Elona Delisi & Fitim Delisi	Marilyn J Regula	03-03-15	\$220,000
8734 Fernald Ave, # 6, Morton Grove	Narcis M Chira	Bdcn Bank	02-26-15	\$230,000
204 Concord Ct, Morton Grove	Derek E Sandford & Margaret L Sandford	Lexington Station Llc	02-27-15	\$343,500
403 E Lincoln St, Mount Prospect	Amanda Junius	David J Dollevoet	03-03-15	\$110,000
200 S Louis St, Mount Prospect	Nicola Griseta	Marshall B Skloss	03-03-15	\$220,000
116 S Bobby Ln, Mount Prospect	Marcin Kaczmarek	Lorelei J Trumfio	03-03-15	\$230,000
518 N Wille St, Mount Prospect	Mary Rita Bush	Norbert Milka	03-03-15	\$316,500
7863 N Caldwell Ave, # 108, Niles	Janina Bosak	Harold S Gomez	02-26-15	\$131,000
9500 N Washington St, # 203, Niles	Jung H Kim	Lorita Stelnberg Estate	03-03-15	\$150,000
7091 W Touhy Ave, # 204, Niles	Marriane M Ugarte	Pnc Bank Na	03-03-15	\$165,000
8809 W Golf Rd, # 12B, Niles	Francis Noorlover & Maria Noorlover	John S Ahn	03-03-15	\$187,000
1129 Midway Rd, Northbrook	Alexander Polyakov	Compass Real Estate Services	02-27-15	\$180,000
3611 Walters Ave, Northbrook	Oscar D Martinez & Ingrid Martinez	Margarete Fischer	02-26-15	\$415,000
4333 Oak Knoll Ct, Northbrook	Ryan C Moore & Emily C Moore	Gregory Gertz	02-26-15	\$641,500
1194 E Barberry Ln, Palatine	Mayuresh Gandhi & Neha Gheewala	Lubo Zhou	03-03-15	\$90,500
1295 N Sterling Ave, # 104, Palatine	Vincent T Kramer	Kenneth M Kramer	02-26-15	\$95,000
1354 N Sterling Ave, # 101, Palatine	Michele Wolff	Christopher G Greis	03-03-15	\$96,500
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43 W King George Ct, Palatine	Roger Madejski	Allen T Weber	02-26-15	\$300,000
138 W Comfort St, Palatine	John Gilchrist Potter & Jennifer Booth Potter	John H Polk	02-26-15	\$335,000
2364 N Westwood Ln, Palatine	Michael Cavill & Kim Cavill	Min Kyong Pak	02-27-15	\$405,000
358 S Kensington Ct, Palatine	John L Rossi & Joanna D Rossi	David Patrick Torp	02-26-15	\$517,000
5806 N Corona Dr, Palatine	Mark Whitlock & Jaqueline Whitlock	Vincent M Gumma	02-27-15	\$544,500
642 S Arcadia St, Palatine	Namrata Khare & Abhijeet Sangamnerkar	Kf Walter Homes Llc	02-26-15	\$810,000
304 N Knight Ave, Park Ridge	Anthony Ward	Federal Home Loan Mtg Corp	03-03-15	\$261,000
1523 Brophy Ave, Park Ridge	Patrick Doyle & Emily Doyle	Michael J Valentine	03-03-15	\$555,000
614 N Merrill St, Park Ridge	Jonathan Morrison & Tanya Morrison	Ruscitti Trust	02-27-15	\$605,000
208 Fairway Ct, Prospect Heights	Salin C Thomas & Vineetha John	Richard E Alcalá	02-27-15	\$560,000
9614 W Higgins Rd, # 21, Rosemont	Mark Petrucci	Ralph S Hegland	02-27-15	\$92,000
340 Mallard Ct, Vernon Hills	Ling Ge	Fannie Mae	02-24-15	\$97,250
431 Tyler Ct, Vernon Hills	Wanling Fu	Erik Koster	02-24-15	\$135,000
939 Belle Isle Ln, Vernon Hills	William V Reichert III & Maria O Reichert	Michael R Deer	02-24-15	\$369,000
1791 Stanwich Rd, Vernon Hills	Kim Long & Heather Long	Lauren P Glazer	02-24-15	\$505,000
1111 Pleasant Run Dr, # 909, Wheeling	Roxanna Navor	Paulina Machola	02-26-15	\$135,000
926 Ridgefield Ln, Wheeling	Mark Petrov & Rimma Petrov	Iwona M Konstanty	03-03-15	\$145,000
918 Beverly Dr, Wheeling	Jetsain Acevedo Vargas & Daisy Acevedo	Federal Home Loan Mtg Corp	03-03-15	\$160,000
189 E Dennis Rd, Wheeling	Maglorio Martinez	Luxotic Inc	02-26-15	\$172,000
36 Cedar Dr, Wheeling	Bernardo Aguilar & Ella Khamikoeva	Gefen Group Llc	02-26-15	\$242,500
730 W Highgoal Dr, Wheeling	Dennis H Pringle	Michael V Ciesielka	03-03-15	\$290,000
724 12th St, # 203, Wilmette	Robert P Chez	Dorothy S Murakishi	02-26-15	\$215,000
224 Heather Ln, Wilmette	Ronald J Ehlers Jr	Capital One Naiai	02-26-15	\$401,000
2155 Kenilworth Ave, Wilmette	Ian B Hoffenberg & Michelle L Hoffenberg	Carl Mark Fifield	02-26-15	\$785,000
1214 Cherry St, Winnetka	Anthony Conversa & Amy Conversa	Kenneth J Davidson	02-27-15	\$642,000
570 Clavey Ln, Highland Park	Scott W Dickinson & Kathryn Dickinson	Lora J Haak	02-26-15	\$500,000
1000 Judson Ave, Highland Park	David A Miller	Wendy Spatz	02-26-15	\$525,000
1569 Mcdaniels Ave, Highland Park	Joakim H Cederqvist & Elizabeth A Cederqvist	Apm Inc	02-26-15	\$571,000
920 Bob O Link Rd, Highland Park	Andrew Benjamin Block & Carrie Crane Block	Eugene Fine	02-26-15	\$1,040,000

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DEERFIELD

Circular drive with lush perennial landscape leads the way to this one-owner Jacobs-built custom home with 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths. Expanded & continuously updated, including 2-story foyer, entertainment-size newer kitchen with granite counters and island with seating, maple cabinetry, & bay eating area. Vaulted living room with hardwood flooring, separate dining room, family room with wood-burning fireplace, and newer pella sliders to deck and yard. Expanded master suite has luxury bathroom.

Address: 905 King Richards Court
Price: \$598,000
Schools: Deerfield High School
Taxes: \$14,290
Agent: Karen Potesman Skurie/Baird & Warner Highland Park



LAKE ZURICH

Mature half-acre home site affords privacy by perimeter trees. Four-bedroom, 3.5-bath home includes expansive master suite, full walk-out basement, and heated 3-car garage with a workshop. Freshly painted, new carpeting in living and family rooms. Entertainment-sized deck & patio with hot-tub. Built-in storage room off the lower level for yard equipment.

Address: 157 Beech Drive
Price: \$569,900
Schools: Lake Zurich High School
Taxes: \$11,718
Agent: Michael Rein/CENTURY 21



GRAYSLAKE

Large sunroom has sliders opening to the backyard with 20x40 heated pool with diving board, surrounded by aggregate patio and wooded fenced yard with beautiful perennials and trees for park-like living. Traditional colonial with large rooms. Windows have been replaced (Marvin and Pella). New carpeting in bedrooms and basement. Steam showers in baths. Master has whirlpool bath. 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths.

Address: 18971 West Maple Ave.
Price: \$315,000
Schools: N/A
Taxes: \$9,472
Agent: Richard Capoccioni/RE/MAX Center



NORTHBROOK

4-bedroom, 2.5-bath home has updated kitchen with tons of cabinets. Breakfast bar opens to family room. Separate dining room opens to elegant living room. First-floor mud/laundry room. Hardwood floors, newer windows and skylights. Freshly painted. Unfinished basement with great space.

Address: 1440 Cedar Lane
Price: \$549,000
Schools: Glenbrook North High School
Taxes: \$8,572
Agent: Paula Joyce/KoenigRubloff Realty Group

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A 'throwback' to how dining 'used to be'

BY JACKIE PILOSSOPH

Pioneer Press

When Aleksandr Vaysman and his father-in-law, Igor Shtrambrand, were searching for the perfect location for Deka, their new French-Russian brasserie, the two discovered a spot in a seemingly untapped market: Wheeling.

"What this area was missing was an upscale place that really is a throwback to how food and presentation and the whole dining experience used to be," Vaysman said. Located on the corner of Dundee Road and Milwaukee Avenue, a former Edwardo's Natural Pizza Restaurant, the space underwent a full gut remodel before Deka opened its doors last fall.

The 100-seat dining area offers dark floors, dark wood furniture, white and navy linens and navy drapes with crystal beading — giving it a bright, clean feel. Pendant chandeliers, along with several oil paintings by local artist Lydia Wylangowska, add a sexy, feminine, romantic element.

"This is almost like (Wylangowska's) art gallery," said Vaysman, who holds a degree in architecture from the University of Illinois and a master's degree from the Illinois Institute of Technology. "She picked out pieces to match our mission, which was to deliver best of class food and service in a very playful manner with a



JACKIE PILOSSOPH/PIONEER PRESS

Aleksandr Vaysman (left), co-owns Deka with his father-in-law, Igor Shtrambrand.

classical twist. It's comfortable, but not pretentious."

"This is a true experience. You'll see things on the menu you've never seen before, with the level of food being unforgettable," said Shtrambrand, a native of Ukraine along with Vaysman.

With lunch and dinner menus designed

by well-known chef Michael Richie, who began his career at La Francais and has held positions as a chef at Joe's Stone Crab in Miami and the St. Moritz in Lake Geneva, Deka offers upscale French cuisine with an eastern European twist.

The menu includes appetizers such as oyster shooters, smoked salmon and frog

legs; a large selection of caviar; soups; salads; and entrees like pan fried branzino, prime filet mignon and Chilean sea bass baked in parchment paper.

"The presentation is impeccable because we know that diners first start eating with their eyes, so it makes the meal a complete experience," Vaysman said.

Andrea Foreman and her boyfriend, Dan Fisher, both of Wheeling, recently dined at Deka.

"We were instantly blown away by the decor," said Foreman. "It was stunning, with beautiful artwork and gorgeous crystal lighting throughout."

Deka also offers a huge vodka selection, live jazz on Friday nights, and a private gaming room that includes five slot machines.

"We truly want people to come here and make a night of it," Shtrambrand said. "The whole experience is about attention to detail from the minute you walk in."

"We ended up playing the slots and won 245 pennies," Foreman said. "I can't wait to go back. I'm in love with the place."

Deka is located at 401 E. Dundee Road in Wheeling. To learn more, visit Deka-restaurant.com or call 847-520-3352.

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Audiologists warn of hearing loss from earbuds

BY JACKIE PILOSSOPH

Pioneer Press

There's nothing unusual about kids listening to loud music. It's to be expected, isn't it? But what many people don't realize is that loud music and other loud noises are dangerous and can cause permanent damage to the ears.

It is this serious issue that motivated the audiologists from Audiology Associates, an audiology practice in Deerfield and Northbrook, to spend an afternoon raising awareness by educating a group of New Trier High School band students.

"It's important to get the message across that once you've done damage, it can't be fixed," said Dr. Sheri Gostomelsky, who holds a doctorate in audiology and who founded the practice 15 years ago. "It's easy to dismiss the dangers, but we're seeing more teens losing their hearing because they're listening to music too loudly through their earbuds. And it doesn't get better. It's important to take care of your

ears."

"As musicians, these students are extremely reliant on their ability to hear," said Liz Meyer, who also holds a doctorate in audiology. "Education about hearing care among children and young adults is lacking. Teens are experiencing more hearing loss now than ever before, and musicians who don't use hearing protection can do permanent damage to their hearing."

Along with a presentation to the students on ways to prevent hearing loss, Audiology Associates donated hearing protection to the pep band, as well as a sound level meter to help band director Matt Temple determine volume levels at school events and promote healthy hearing for years to come.

"A lot of the students didn't realize that exposure to the typical day-to-day sounds can add up and eventually affect their hearing negatively," said Temple, who has held his position at New Trier for 20 years. "Often times, students assume hearing is only affected by really loud sounds, but

that's not true. Consistent exposure to moderately loud sounds can also be very damaging."

Meyer explained that the rule of thumb is that listening to sound at a level of 85 decibels or louder will cause damage. She said kids are listening to their music at even louder levels than that.

"I see the effect of hearing loss on my patients and the negative side effects and I know these kids are doing horrible damage on a regular basis," she said.

Gostomelsky said fortunately, prevention of hearing loss is easy if students are willing to wear proper ear protection.

"There are earplugs that allow you to hear speech and music clearly, but that will limit what your ears are exposed to, so nothing ever gets so loud that it will damage your ears," she explained.

Audiology Associates staff also includes Mark Christian.

The practice is dedicated to treating hearing disorders, hearing loss, and tinnitus, or ringing of the ears, as well as hearing



AUDIOLOGY ASSOCIATES

Audiology Associates includes doctors Sheri Gostomelsky, center, with Mark Christian and Liz Meyer.

conservation and hearing loss prevention. Audiology Associates has offices at 1535 Lake Cook Road in Northbrook and at 400 Lake Cook Road in Deerfield. To learn more, visit audiologyillinois.com.

Listings are subject to change. Please call the venue in advance.

Thursday, April 2

Cafe Music: The Lisker Music Foundation presents an extremely unique concert that fuses classical music with jazz, Latin and Broadway. Young, yet world-renowned musicians (all graduates of Juilliard) perform. 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Nichols Concert Hall, Music Institute of Chicago, 1490 Chicago Ave., Evanston, \$30, 949-742-4679

The 9th Annual Opera Idol Competition: This is the vocal competition for aspiring opera singers all across the Midwest. Young opera singers who compete may win invaluable training with opera greats such as baritone Sherrill Milnes, soprano Maria Zouves and composer Carlisle Floyd. The senior division 9th Annual Opera Idol Finals event is at 7 p.m. on April 17. Make reservations today! Opera Idol Preliminary Rounds (March 11, and 19); Opera Idol 'Junior' Competitions (March 31 and April 2). 7:30 p.m. Thursday, The Merion, 1611 Chicago Ave., Evanston, free, 847-864-6400

Let's Talk @ Lunch: Participants bring their lunch, the YWCA Evanston/North Shore provides the beverage, facilitator and a topic, article or video clip as the catalyst for honest conversation. For information, contact: Eileen Hogan Heineman, ehaineman@ywcae-ns.org, phone ext. 158 or go to the website. noon Thursday, Family Focus Building, 2010 Dewey Ave., Evanston, free, 847-864-8445

Native Haute Couture: The year long exhibit celebrates the history of Native American high fashion from pre-contact to today. It features garments that showcase American Indian artistry and expertise in tanning, weaving, embroidery, beadwork and tailoring. 10 a.m. Thursday-Wednesday, Mitchell Museum of the American Indian, 3001 Central St., Evanston, free, 847-475-1030

Actors Gymnasium Spring Session: Registration is open for spring classes at this circus and performing arts school, with classes for kids, teens, and adults. Offerings include: parent-tot classes, tumbling, circus arts, aerial arts, dramas, parkour, physical theater, contortion, stage combat, gymnastics, and more! Classes fill quickly so register now at the website. 8 a.m. Thursday-Wednesday, Actors Gymnasium, 927 Noyes St., Evanston, \$165-\$415, 847-328-2795

Book Bites: Reading Social: Discuss

the novel "We Are All Completely Beside Ourselves" by Karen Joy Fowler. 7 p.m. Thursday, Glenview House, 1843 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-742-0692

Do more with Excel 2010: This follow-up to Introduction to Microsoft Excel 2010 covers performing calculations with formulas and functions. 7 p.m. Thursday, Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

Kids Club Spring Break: The Golf Mill Kids Club features activities for elementary school-aged children and their families throughout the week. 11 a.m. Thursday and Friday, Golf Mill Shopping Center, 239 Golf Mill Center, Niles, free, 847-699-1070

Save A Stars Drug Disposal Program

: Save a Star Drug Awareness Foundations Drug Disposal Program box is still in the lobby of the Niles Police Department, 7000 W. Touhy Ave., Niles, IL. Accepted are: prescription medications, (including controlled substances), all over-the-counter and pet medications, samples, vitamins, liquids and creams. Call 847-579-1300 ext. 146. 9 a.m. Thursday-Wednesday, Niles Police Department, 7000 West Touhy Ave., Niles, free

St. Haralambos Philoptochos Spring Bake Sale: The Ladies Philoptochos Society of the St. Haralambos Greek Orthodox Church, hosts a Spring Bake Sale. Featured are sweet tsoureki bread, koulourakia, lambathes and Easter gift baskets. Home-made Greek pastries are also available. A Lenten lunch served both days, and a sit-down coffee shop is provided. Call for a pastry order. 9 a.m. Thursday, Holy Taxiarchai-St. Haralambos Greek Orthodox Church, 7373 North Caldwell Ave., Niles, free, 847-647-8880

Book Discussion: This group meets on the first Thursday of each month. 1 p.m. Thursday, Park Ridge Senior Center, 100 S. Western Ave., Park Ridge, free, 847-692-5127+

Medication and Sharps Collection: Deposit your old or unneeded medications and needles in a safe manner by taking them to the foyer in City Hall on the first Thursday of each month. Medications will also be accepted at a 24-hour dropbox in the same location, although sharps will not be accepted. 8 a.m. Thursday, Park Ridge City Hall, 505 Butler Place, Park Ridge, free, 847-318-5200

Karaoke Thursdays: Enjoy some great pizza and sing a tune or two. 7 p.m.

Thursday, Perry's Pizza and Ribs, 711 Devon Ave., Park Ridge, free, 847-823-4422

German Stammtisch: The group meets on the first and third Thursday of each month in the community center to practice German and learn about German culture. For all experience levels, from native speakers to beginners. 1 p.m. Thursday, Oakton Park Community Center, 4701 Oakton St., Skokie, free

'Outside Mullingar': Anthony and Rosemary are two introverted misfits. Anthony has spent his entire life on a cattle farm in rural Ireland, oblivious to the longing of his neighbor Rosemary, who hopelessly pines for him as the years slip away. 7:30 p.m. Thursday and Friday, 2:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, 2:30 p.m. Sunday, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Northlight Theatre, 9501 Skokie Blvd, Skokie, \$15-\$60, 847-673-6300

Friday, April 3

Duplicate Bridge: The senior center offers a friendly bridge game every Friday morning. 9 a.m. Friday, Park Ridge Senior Center, 100 S. Western Ave., Park Ridge, free, 847-692-5127

"Seven Last Words of Christ": Haydn: The Montag Ensemble plays "The Seven Last Words of Christ" by Franz Joseph Haydn. noon Friday, St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 205 N. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge, free, 847-825-6659

"Last of the Red Hot Lovers": Emergent Theatre Co. presents Neil Simons play directed by film and television star Robert Costanzo. The production previews Thursday, March 26, at 7:30 p.m. and runs March 27-April 19. Tickets are available at www.emergenttheatre.org, or by calling (773) 729-7294. 7:30 p.m. Friday, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday, JCC Chicago - Mayer Kaplan JCC, 5050 Church St., Skokie, \$20 adults; \$10 seniors/students with ID, 773-729-7294

Saturday, April 4

FUSE: Studio: Drop in with friends to wire LEDs, compose a ringtone, build an amp, mix chemicals to make gel beads, navigate a robot obstacle course and more. For grades six to 12. midnight Saturday, Evanston Public Library, 1703 Orrington Ave., Evanston, free, 847-448-8600

Evanston Winter Farmers Market: Shop for fresh produce and other local goods at the winter market. 9 a.m. Sat-

urday, Evanston Ecology Center, 2024 McCormick Blvd., Evanston, free

Sunnyside Up: 9:30 p.m. Saturday, The Celtic Knot Public House, 626 Church St., Evanston, free, 847-864-1679

Habitat Park egg hunt: Get out your baskets and get ready to hunt - colorful eggs are hidden all over the outdoor Habitat Park exhibit. 10 a.m. Saturday, Kohl Children's Museum, 2100 Patriot Blvd., Glenview, \$5 per child, 847-832-6600

Flight-to-Fun Kids Club: Something's Fishy: Live Music by Andre Gloeckner: Enjoy an ocean-themed story time and craft, along with live music by Andre Gloeckner. Story time provided by Glenview Public Library. Flight-to-Fun Kids Club is co-sponsored by The Glen Town Center. Advance registration recommended. 10:30 a.m. Saturday, The Book Market at Hangar One, 2651 Navy Blvd., Glenview, free, 847-904-7304

Diaper Derby, Shopping Cart Race and Egg Hunt: Interactive family event with great prizes and lots of fun! Visit www.facebook.com/Lincolnwood-TownCenter to register. Schedule: 1 p.m. Diaper Derby (0-12 months, must be crawling); 1:20 p.m. Shopping Cart Races (1-2 years old); 1:40 p.m. Shopping Cart Races (3-5 years old); 2 p.m. Egg Hunt (2-11 years old). Must bring ones own basket. 1 p.m. Saturday, Lincolnwood Town Center, 3333 W. Touhy, Lincolnwood, free, 847-674-1219

Silver Screen Series: "Gaslight": Watch the film "Gaslight" (1944, NR, 2 hours) Years after her aunt was murdered in her home, a young woman moves back into the house with her new husband. However, he has a secret that he will do anything to protect. 2 p.m. Saturday, Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

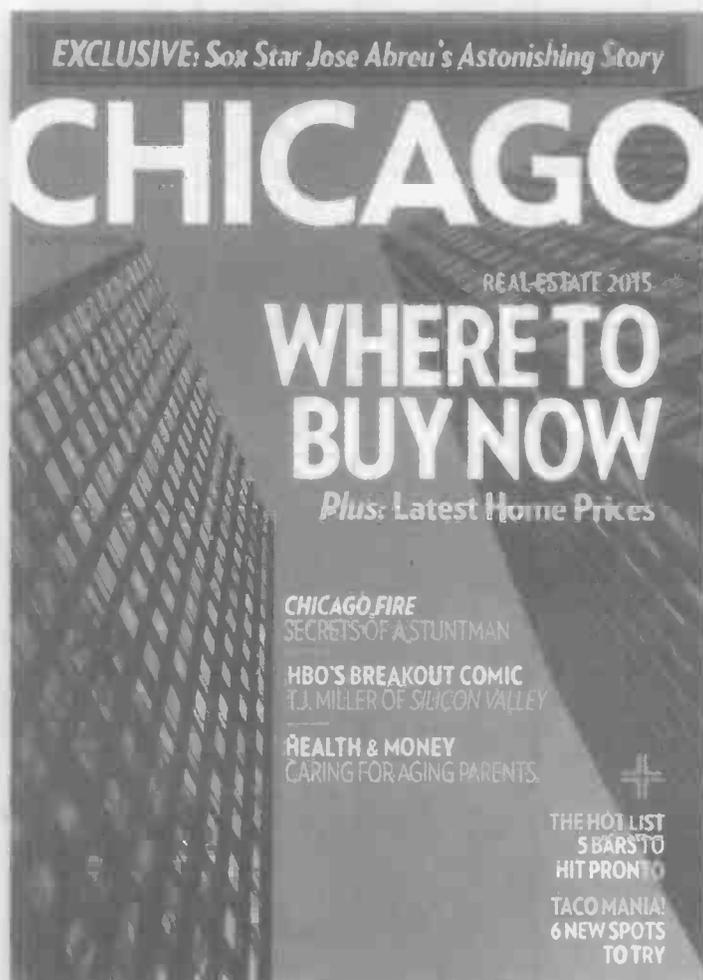
The Two Hour Cup: Try three different premium loose leaf teas and take home info cards with descriptions and tasting notes. 2 p.m. Saturday, 1 p.m. Sunday, TeaLula, 11 S. Fairview Ave., Park Ridge, \$4.50, 888-832-5852

Share-A-Seder: Temple Beth Israel presents its annual Share-A-Seder. Bring for your family: hard boiled, peeled eggs; kosher for Passover matzah; wine and/or grape juice. Reservations and payment due by March 27. For more information, call or see website. 6 p.m. Saturday, Temple Beth Israel, 3601 W. Dempster St., Skokie, Dinner: adults

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"Critical & Thinking": Ian Harris performs two live comedy shows. "Critical & Thinking" is a hilarious, skeptic take on religion and common beliefs. Second show begins at 10 p.m. Also joining is Daryl Moon. Tickets available at laughstub.com. Enter "EH-SMember" at checkout to save \$5: <http://www.laughstub.com/comedians/Ian-Harris>. 8 p.m. Saturday, Ethical Humanist Society of Chicago, 7574 N. Lincoln Ave., Skokie, \$15. 773-852-2315

Saturday Night Ballroom - April Dance and Waltz Lesson: Experienced ballroom dancer or a newcomer, with or without a dance partner. Come and join instructor, dancer, and host Vito Magrone for a social ballroom dance. A group lesson prior to the dance is included in the cost. The social ballroom dancing begins at 8 p.m. with a DJ specializing in playing tunes for waltz, tango, cha cha, swing, hustle, salsa, rumba, samba, fox trot and more. Free lot parking. You can pay at the door or purchase tickets online: <http://just-dance.us/tickets/> (Check website for future dates). 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Just Dance Studios at Georgetown West, 301 South Prospect Ave., Wood Dale, \$10, 630-542-7644.

Sunday, April 5

Easter brunch at Hilton Orrington: Enjoy an Easter brunch that includes stations of pasta, seafood, omelets, desserts, visits from the Easter Bunny and more. 11 a.m. Sunday, Hilton Orrington Evanston, 1710 Orrington Ave, Evanston, \$42; \$21 for children ages 5-10; Free for children 4 and under with each paying adult, 847-556-7913

The Sunday Spark: DJBVAX spins dance, hip hop, reggae and house music. 10 p.m. Sunday, Chicago's Home of Chicken & Waffles, 2424 W. Dempster St., Evanston, free, 773-263-5193

Storytelling in the Snug with Michael Parent: The storyteller, singer and juggler performs. 7 p.m. Sunday, The Celtic Knot Public House, 626 Church St., Evanston, No cover. Reservations recommended., 847-864-1679

Using Humor to Change Minds: Ian Harris, a popular skeptic/atheist comedian, will talk about how he uses humor to get people thinking critically, bridging the gap to discussing off-limits topics and promoting critical thinking and secularism in entertainment. Join in for Coffee Hour after the talk. All are welcome to these EHS Sunday pro-

grams, which are open to the public, and childcare is available. For information, visit: EthicalHumanistSociety.org. 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Ethical Humanist Society of Chicago, 7574 N. Lincoln Ave., Skokie, free, 847-677-3334

Monday, April 6

Book Bables: Songs, games, story time and free play for babies ages 2 and younger with a caregiver. 10:15 a.m. Monday, Evanston Public Library - North Branch, 2026 Central St., Evanston, free, 847-448-8600

Live Bluegrass, Roots and Folk: Every Monday in the pub, The Mudflapps perform. 8 p.m. Monday, The Celtic Knot Public House, 626 Church St., Evanston, free, 847-864-1679

Knitting Roundtable: Come work through knitting projects and socialize with fellow knitters. Expert knitters can show you how to solve knitting challenges. Don't forget your current knitting projects and needles! Call 847-929-5101 or visit www.mgpl.org for more information. 2 p.m. Monday, Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

Yarn Gang: Kids in grades one and up are invited to try their hand at knitting, crocheting or other yarn crafts. 4 p.m. Monday, Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

MGPL Kids: Monday Morning Play group: Drop-in play time for preschoolers with a parent or caregiver to introduce young children to the library in a low-key, unstructured session. Call 847-929-5102 or visit www.mgpl.org for more information. 10:30 a.m. Monday, Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

Money Matters Discussion: The group meets on the first and third Monday of each month. 10 a.m. Monday, Park Ridge Senior Center, 100 S. Western Ave., Park Ridge, free, 847-692-3597

Exploring Grief: 7 p.m. Monday, Kenilworth Union Church, 211 Kenilworth Ave., Wilmette, free, 847-251-4272

Tuesday, April 7

5Rhythms Dance: Come and explore the 5Rhythms Dance - a movement meditation to music. 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Raydiant Day, 1400 Greenleaf St., Evans-

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ton, \$15; \$10 for students and seniors, 847-869-0250

Rotary Club of Evanston Lighthouse: This community leadership group boasts 80 members and meets every Tuesday. 7:15 a.m. Tuesday, Hilton Garden Inn Chicago North Shore/Evanston, 1818 Maple Ave., Evanston, free

Irish music session: Enjoy Irish music every Tuesday night. 7 p.m. Tuesday, The Celtic Knot Public House, 626 Church St., Evanston, free, 847-864-1679

Genealogy First Tuesdays: This informal group meets to break down the "brick walls" that make genealogy research difficult and give each other tips and advice on exploring genealogy. Registration is required. 2 p.m. Tuesday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

An Evening with Poet Jim Reiss: The Poet Within Series: Hear Jim Reiss, award-winning and frequently published poet, read from his latest book, *The Novel*. Enter Jim's world as he speaks of the ordinary in his extraordinary voice. Open mic opportunity follows the reading. Advance registration recommended. 7 p.m. Tuesday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

Movies, Munchies, & More: Film: Inception: Make time for movies and a snack. 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

Apps Made Easy: Learn and Share: Bring your smartphone or tablet to learn how to download apps, hear about some of the best ones out there, and share your favorites with the group. Basic knowledge of your device is required. Advance registration required. 2 p.m. Tuesday, Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

MGPL Kids: Listen Up!: Drop-in story and play time for preschoolers with a parent or caregiver. Call 847-929-5102 or visit www.mgpl.org/kids for more information. 4:45 p.m. Tuesday, Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

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Park Ridge Senior Center. This is an eight week class. 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Park Ridge Park District - Senior Center, 100 S. Western Ave., Park Ridge, \$86, 847-692-3597

Alzheimer's Support Group at Skokie Library: Support group intended for family and friends caring for someone with memory loss. Email facilitator Joanna Leja at SkokieAlz-Group@gmail.com or call her at 847-673-1250. 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Skokie Public Library, 5215 Oakton St., Skokie, free, 847-673-1250

Wednesday, April 8

Ben Kronberg: The comedian seen on NBC's "Last Comic Standing" makes his Chicago debut at The Lincoln Lodge's weekly show. 8 p.m. Wednesday, SPACE, 1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston, \$15-\$22, 847-492-8860.

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Michael Palascak: The local comedian - as seen on "Letterman" and "Leno" - headlines a stand-up showcase. 8 p.m. Wednesday, Zanies Rosemont, 5437 Park Pl., Rosemont, \$22 plus a two-item food-drink minimum, 847-813-0484

Julie Butler Chanteuse: Julie Butler Chanteuse Brings "A Touch of Downton Abbey" to her Red Carpet Events for seniors. A red carpet is rolled out for attendees of the matinee performances. 2 p.m. Wednesday, Skokie Theatre, 7924 N. Lincoln Ave., Skokie, \$15, 847-677-7761

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Irish Fest raises \$50,000 for Avenues to Independence

BY LEE A. LITAS
Pioneer Press

What began as a wedding party at the home of board chairman Peg O'Herron and husband Bob Healy of Schaumburg, has blossomed into a festive St. Patrick's Day bash.

On March 8, 350 guests came to the Cotillion Banquets hall in Palatine for the 18th annual Avenues to Independence Irish Fest. Awaiting them at the end of the rainbow was a four-course banquet, silent auction and, of course, a Pot O'Gold on which to try their luck in raffle.

Since 1953, Avenues to Independence has worked to maximize self-reliance for individuals with physical, intellectual and other developmental disabilities by providing homes, jobs and community living programs.

The 2015 Irish Fest raised \$50,000 which will go directly toward refurbishing, repairing and making Avenues-supported homes and apartments more accessible. See more at: avenuestoindependence.org



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Eric Johnson, board member (from left, Mary Johnson, Naomi and Kevin Goll, all of Park Ridge



Jim (clockwise, from left), Allison, Cathy, Patrick, Clare and Emma McCarthy all of Park Ridge



Tim Kelly, Avenues participant, (left), with dad Bernard Kelly, both of Inverness



Bob Okazaki of Barrington, executive director, and Michele Shoollin of Glencoe, vice president of development

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2015 Aloha Casino Event raises \$25,000 for Dist. 64 schools

2015 Aloha Casino Event

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Raised:

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Attended:

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Featuring:

Casino style gambling with D64 teacher "celebrity" dealers, silent auction, wine auction and a Hawaiian luau-style dinner

Website:

www.district64elf.org



District 64 school board Secretary Vicki Lee (from left), Steve Lee and Vice-President Scott Zimmerman, all of Park Ridge



District 64 ELF Teacher Representatives Kara Pottinger (left), and Cheryl Williams, both Park Ridge school teachers



DIST. 64 ELEMENTARY LEARNING FOUNDATION PHOTOS

District 64 ELF Trustees (from left), Hillary Larson, Angela Burns, Heather Imhoff, Connie Michels, Carolyn Sitklewicz, all of Park Ridge

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Who is liable for windshield broken at golf course?

Dear Help Squad,

In fall 2014, while watching a high school golf match at a local private country club, one of the high school boys hit a stray tee shot into the parking lot in which I was legally parked. Unfortunately, the stray shot hit my vehicle, shattering the windshield. I had the windshield replaced. I contacted the school to get reimbursed. They directed me to their insurance agent. When I contacted the insurance agent and told him the story, his explanation was to the point: The school is not responsible. My point was I was at the golf course to watch a school-sponsored event. If the school were not at the course, I would not have been at the course. So therefore I think the school should be responsible for reimbursing the \$172 cost of the windshield. I contacted my insurance company, and the deductible is \$500. I know the golf course is not responsible for damages that a golfer causes. The golfer is responsible for any damages that he caused. In this case the golfer was playing for the school; that is why the school should be responsible. I'm looking for a second opinion. Who is responsible for paying for the damages?

Thanks,
Bill
Naperville

Help Squad reached out to State Farm Insurance for an answer to Bill's question. We were put in touch with State Farm spokeswoman Missy Dundov who explained that, "Each claim is handled on its own individual merits.



CATHY CUNNINGHAM
Help Squad

Without knowing full details of the event, it is hard to speculate on this particular situation. But in general, under State Farm's Homeowner's Policy, there is a coverage called Damage to Property of Others used when we have determined the claimant (is neither negligent nor has any legal responsibility for the damage). This coverage is for property damage to the property of others caused by an insured."

Because the claim in this case would be filed as a home owner's — as opposed to an auto — claim, there is no deductible involved. However, per State Farm's policy, "the amount payable would be the replacement cost at the time of the incident, full cost of repair or \$500 in any one occurrence." For Bill to receive reimbursement in this way, a claim would have to be submitted through the golfer's parents' home owner's policy.

Now if Bill found his windshield shattered and was unable to identify the golfer responsible for the damaging shot, he could submit a claim to his own insurance company through his auto insurance policy. Dundov explained that in this scenario, "a claim representative would do an investigation to decide who was at fault, and determine if (it

were necessary to) subrogate out the cost to another party."

Subrogation is a legal process in which insurance companies can resolve disputes and recoup costs through negotiation, arbitration or other legal remedies with another party's insurance company.

It is important here to understand that with auto insurance, a claimant's deductible will come into play, so the damaged party will need to determine if they want to file (and incur that expense)," she said.

Help Squad provided all the above information to Bill who responded with the following: "Thanks for investigating my story. I was hoping the school would be liable and pay for the damages, since it was a school-sponsored event. I would not feel right asking the boy's parents to file a claim on their insurance policy or have them reimburse me, even though it was an accident."

You're welcome, Bill. Sorry things didn't work out exactly as you'd hoped. However, your inquiry likely enlightened a few Help Squad readers, and though not monetary in value, there is value to this just the same. Thanks for the question.

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Do sweatpants really cause divorce?



JACKIE PILOSSOPH
Love Essentially

I have always been a huge fan of actress, Eva Mendes. I loved her adorable performances in *Stuck on You* (2003) and *Hitch* (2005) and I even thought she was great when she played the malicious girlfriend in *The Women* (2008).

So when I saw the clip from her infamous interview warning, "Ladies, the number one cause of divorce in America — sweatpants," I laughed.

What was utterly shocking to me was the aftermath of the comment: the backlash she received from those offended by her disapproval of sweatpants! Not only did Mendes feel the need to apologize on twitter for her sweatpants remark, but her boyfriend, Ryan Gosling, even had to comment on her behalf, stating on twitter, "Obviously the sweatpants remark was a joke. Wearing them now."

My question is, why is everyone so sensitive and defensive when it comes to sweatpants? Clearly, they are an item of clothing meant for comfort and not for the purpose of looking sexy or attractive. In other words, they are what they are. Why the eggshells?

Do I agree with Eva that sweatpants cause divorce? Yes and no. I will be the first one to admit that I adore sweatpants, and spend a lot of time in them. Just ask anyone in my neighborhood if they have seen me at our local Starbucks in the morning wearing, ahem, sweatpants. They'll vouch for me. And, I do not believe sweatpants were the cause of my divorce.

All that said, I believe there is a time and place for sweatpants in a marriage (or a serious relationship). Lounging around in sweatpants with your spouse and ordering a pizza on a lazy Sunday can be blissful. However, what I believe to be the real issue of sweatpants lies in the frequency. In other words, maybe Mendes should have said, "Ladies, the number one cause of divorce in America-wearing sweatpants more often than not."

In my opinion, there are many men and women in relationships

who get a little too complacent in their daily appearance, and perhaps because of busy schedules end up putting how they dress at the bottom of their list of priorities. I know I have been guilty of it

at times. But repetitive days of no makeup, an old t-shirt, unwashed hair and yes, sweatpants, can lead to a lack of romance, sex, dates and possibly a romantic disconnect which can cause marital problems and divorce.

I happened to be out at a nice restaurant in my neighborhood a couple weeks ago, when I spotted a married couple at the bar, waiting for a table. Keep in mind it was a Saturday night. The guy looked handsome, shaven, and was wearing a button down and dark jeans. The woman: no makeup, hair in a ponytail, old Levi's jeans, a sweat-shirt and running shoes. I seriously couldn't believe it. Now, maybe I seem shallow and judgmental, but it frustrated me. This woman was not ugly. She had a nice body and the potential of being very attractive. She couldn't find 15 minutes to make herself look nice for a dinner date with the love of her life? The question going through my mind was, "When did she stop caring?"

I'd be willing to bet a thousand dollars that this woman did not wear a similar outfit on her first date with her husband several years earlier. Maybe she's lost interest in her husband romantically or sexually. Maybe she's just lazy. Those scenarios are what lead to divorce, not sweatpants.

Looking attractive, i.e. not wearing sweatpants every single day in front of your spouse (with the exception of the gym) is important because it shows you still value the romantic element to your relationship. People get divorced when they give up, and nothing says, "I give up" more than sweatpants. Maybe that's what Mendes was trying to say.

Jackie Pilossoph is a freelance columnist for Pioneer Press

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The road back from a heart attack

Treatment programs put patients onto life's active track

BY DES BIELER
The Washington Post

"The No. 1 reason that people in the United States, across the board, will die is because of cardiac and vascular disease."

That was the grim beginning of my conversation with Alfred Casale, chairman of cardiothoracic surgery at the Geisinger Heart & Vascular Institute in Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

OK, well, that's the bad news. There is some good news, right?

Right. Over the last 25 years or so, Casale said, the treatment of cardiac diseases has improved to the point that "it's really one of the success stories of modern medicine."

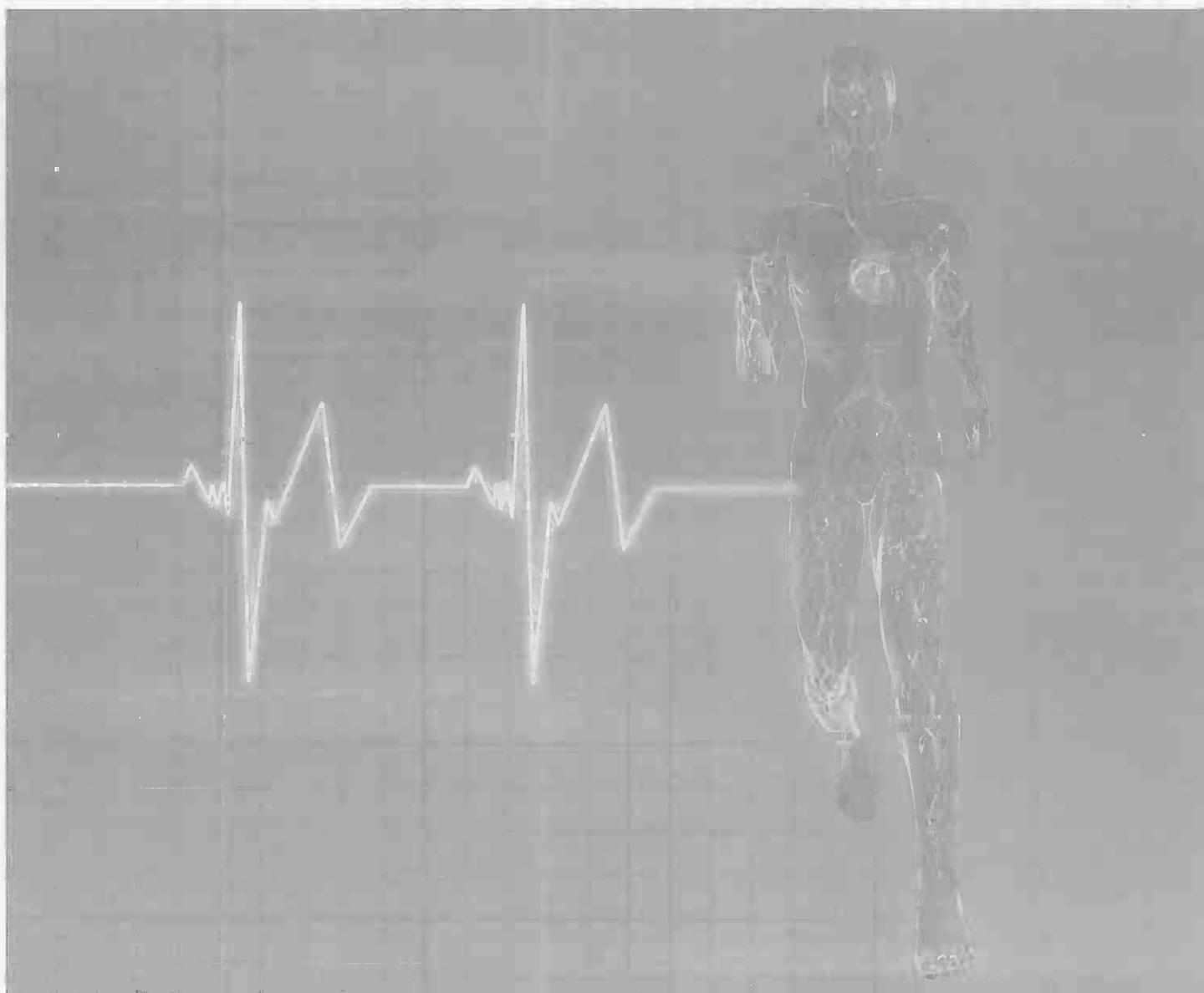
"When I was growing up," the 59-year-old continued, "somebody having a heart attack was a catastrophe. Now, although a heart attack is still nothing to be taken lightly, somebody with the same kind of problem is likely to be going home the next day, off of work for a couple of days, and then back in the saddle with a plan in place to change their lifestyle."

That plan probably has a pharmaceutical element. But an extensive course of physical workouts is usually also required, and if hitting the gym can seem daunting for healthy people, it's particularly scary for those whose hearts have recently failed them.

However, if the process is managed carefully, even an elderly person with a weak heart and little previous experience with working out can become a success story.

The key, according to Casale, is to "assess where you are, set a plan for where you want to go, and then very gradually, three times a week over a 12-week period, begin to ramp up gently the amount of exercise." And ideally, continue exercising for the rest of your life.

Which is where a place like the University of Maryland Baltimore Washington Medical Center, located in Glen Burnie, comes in. Exercise physiologist Debbie Lund, who has been a supervisor



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at the center's cardiac rehab program since it began in 1985, said "the majority of patients are toward the older population. ... It's mostly aerobic but some strength training."

Jim Southworth, 78, is one of the center's regulars. The Glen Burnie resident has been exercising there for 14 years, ever since undergoing quintuple bypass surgery.

Southworth goes to the center at 7 a.m. every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, where he meets his regular group of friends. Experts say such camaraderie is important to rehab.

Southworth said his exercise routine has varied little over the years. One difference is that,

whereas patients in the initial rehab phase are continuously monitored by staff and hooked up to EKG machines, now he simply records his own heart rate and blood pressure after every station.

Every session begins with five to six stretches, which are "very, very important," according to Casale.

Southworth then does a slow warm-up on a treadmill before setting it on an incline with a speed of 3 mph for about 10 minutes. Then he rotates between a step machine, an arm ergometer sometimes called an arm bike and the treadmill before weighing himself, cooling down and checking his resting pulse and heart rate.

The whole process usually takes a little over an hour, and he is living proof of its effectiveness (along with, of course, sensible eating habits and medication). Before his bypass, Southworth said, his 5-foot-9 frame carried about 250 pounds, but the initial course of rehab got his weight down to around 195, and he has kept it there.

Once victims of a heart attack or heart disease are done with the 12-week program, they are not required to keep coming back to a medical facility for maintenance; that can be done at any gym or even at home.

Casale noted that "more and more commercial gyms ... are recognizing that putting pro-

grams together for specific populations, like patients who've had (heart attacks) in the past or are rehabbing from a cardiac event, is not only part of their mission, but it's good business." For heart attack survivors who want to get into a medically supervised maintenance program, Casale suggested checking with a local branch of the American Heart Association or with hospitals that have interventional cardiology programs.

For his part, Southworth gets peace of mind from working out near medical personnel. "This way ... if something goes wrong, within 10 to 15 seconds, somebody's there, and they're taking care of you."

Loud gym music: Bad workout for your ears

BY VICKY HALLETT
The Washington Post

During her first workout at Orangetheory Fitness in Fairfax, Va., Donna Reid was blown away by two things: “how hard it was and how loud it was.” The 51-year-old adored the studio’s interval training program — a mix of treadmill, rowing machine and resistance exercises — but when it came to the accompanying music assaulting her eardrums, well, that didn’t seem so sound.

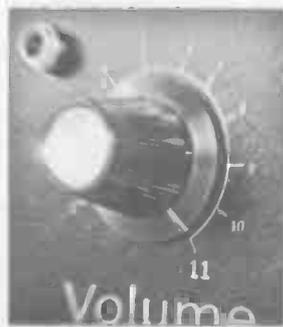
“I want to do something good for my body. I don’t want to do something detrimental at the same time,” said Reid, who asked the trainer to turn down the volume. She got her wish for a few minutes. But when it crept up again, Reid knew she would need a different tactic.

She’s settled on earplugs, which she brings without fail to her five Orangetheory sessions each week. A couple of classmates have commended this strategy, although they haven’t followed her lead. As for the rest?

“When it’s a song they like, they’ll yell out to the trainer to crank it up. I think they’re crazy,” Reid said.

At the very least, they’re probably not thinking about the potential ramifications of that request. Loud noise, like sun exposure, is the sort of thing that might not seem harmful at any given moment, but the cumulative effects can be devastating and irreversible, said Deanna Meinke, a professor of audiology at the University of Northern Colorado and co-director of Dangerous Decibels, a public health campaign targeting noise-induced hearing loss.

Researchers have raised concerns about music at gyms since the 1980s,



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A sign that it’s too loud: You experience ringing in your ears (tinnitus).

Meinke noted, but the fitness industry doesn’t seem all that interested in dialing it down. A study released last year by Australia’s National Acoustic Laboratories compared sound levels from fitness classes in 2009-2011 with those from 1997-1998. The finding: High-intensity offerings are even noisier than they were a decade ago, with indoor cycling classes topping the list of culprits, blaring tunes as loud as 99 decibels.

As a general rule, adults can safely tolerate 85 decibels for as long as eight hours. But get above that, and the time frame shrinks rapidly, Meinke said. The human ear can handle 91 decibels for two hours, and 94 decibels for just one hour.

A sign that it’s too loud: You experience ringing in your ears (tinnitus) after you’ve stepped out of the gym. You also might have temporary hearing loss, but the effect often is too slight to notice, said Matthew Bakke, chairman of the audiology department at Gallaudet University. If you think it may be too loud, it probably is. But the more you’re exposed to

loud music, the less likely you are to mind it, he added.

Once permanent hearing loss creeps in, however, you won’t be able to ignore that. The condition isn’t like sticking in an earplug, which muffles everything. Instead, soft sounds are blocked and loud noises seem to get louder, Bakke explained. That’s why, as we age, we tend to be bothered more by blasting music. (Or, as Bakke puts it: “I sound like a crotchety old man.”)

As seniors become an increasingly important target for the fitness industry, trainers need to take extra note of noise, said Bernadette O’Brien, an 84-year-old aerobics instructor, who raises these issues at conferences around the world. Music is an integral part of all of her classes “It creates a mood, makes you feel nice and encourages you to move,” she said.

But turn it up too loud, and “the chronologically enriched” won’t be happy about it. “And they will tell you,” O’Brien added. To prevent that, she recommends just 60 decibels for seniors.

That’s a little overcautious, said Meinke, who noted that normal conversation is 65 decibels. Still, she’d like to see volume levels come down overall to that 85-decibel level, accompanied by an education push in gyms. Audiologists could lead classes in hearing health, Meinke suggested, and clubs could lend out noise dosimeters, devices that are worn throughout the day to measure cumulative exposure.

These days, however, you’d be lucky to find a fitness facility that has a noise policy of any kind — at least one that its management will discuss publicly.

PEOPLE’S PHARMACY PRESCRIPTIONS AND HOME REMEDIES

Vitamin D supplements can help ease psoriasis

BY JOE GRAEDON
AND TERESA GRAEDON
King Features Syndicate

Q: I have been taking 5,000 IUs of vitamin D-3, and my psoriasis has seriously improved as a result. If only I had known about this 15 years ago, it would have saved me so much anguish. I can’t understand why doctors don’t recommend vitamin D along with their creams.

A: Both oral and topical vitamin D can be effective against psoriasis (International Journal of Dermatology online, Jan. 20, 2015). People with eczema may also benefit from vitamin D supplementation (Journal of Drugs in Dermatology, March 2012).

A surprising number of people have inadequate levels of vitamin D, especially during the winter. Read more about this crucial nutrient and its role in helping control blood pressure, easing arthritis pain and preventing fractures in the Guide to Vitamin D Deficiency. Anyone who would like a copy, please send \$3 in check or money order with a long (No. 10), stamped (70 cents), self-addressed envelope to: Graedons’ People’s Pharmacy, No. D-23, P.O. Box 52027, Durham, NC 27717-2027. It also can be downloaded for \$2 from our website: peoplespharmacy.com.

Q: I saw a commercial for Brisdelle and wanted to know more since I have struggled with hot flashes and night sweats for way too long. Then I learned it has the same ingredient as Paxil.

I took Paxil some years ago for depression, and when I stopped, the withdrawal symptoms were horrific. I suffered “brain zaps”; it was the



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Both oral and topical vitamin D can be effective against psoriasis. People with eczema may also benefit from it.

worst thing I’ve ever been through.

As a result, I won’t go near Brisdelle. The commercial says it’s the only nonhormonal option. Is that really true?

A: Brisdelle is the only nonhormonal drug that the Food and Drug Administration has approved for hot flashes. The maker might be emphasizing the nonhormonal angle because many women worry about hormone replacement therapy.

Estrogen and progesterin may raise the risk of breast and ovarian cancer, heart attacks, strokes and dementia.

The ad doesn’t mention that the active ingredient in Brisdelle, paroxetine, was originally used as an antidepressant. Nor does it say that stopping paroxetine suddenly can be hard, as you discovered.

Most importantly, the commercial does not tell how well it works. The difference between Brisdelle and placebo was two fewer hot flashes per day. While that is statistically significant, it is hardly impressive, especially since women had to experience at least seven flushes a day to be included in the study.

Side effects of Brisdelle

include headache, nausea, vomiting and fatigue. Suicidal thoughts also may occur on occasion.

There may be a side effect on the wallet as well. One woman said her Brisdelle bill was \$178 for a month’s supply. A low dose of generic paroxetine, though not approved for hot flashes, runs about \$4.

Q: My doctor prescribed Celebrex several years ago to help ease the arthritis pain in my knee. Three days ago, my pharmacy substituted with generic celecoxib.

I was pleased with the savings, but my pain has grown worse daily. Have other people found that generic celecoxib is not as effective as Celebrex?

A: The FDA approved generic celecoxib in May 2014, so it has been available for less than a year. Although we get complaints about other generic drugs, we’ve not heard from readers regarding generic Celebrex. If we hear from others, we will let you know.

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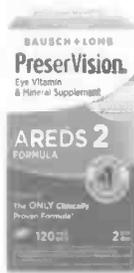
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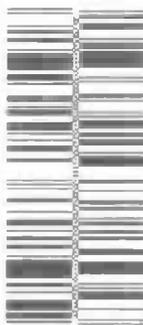
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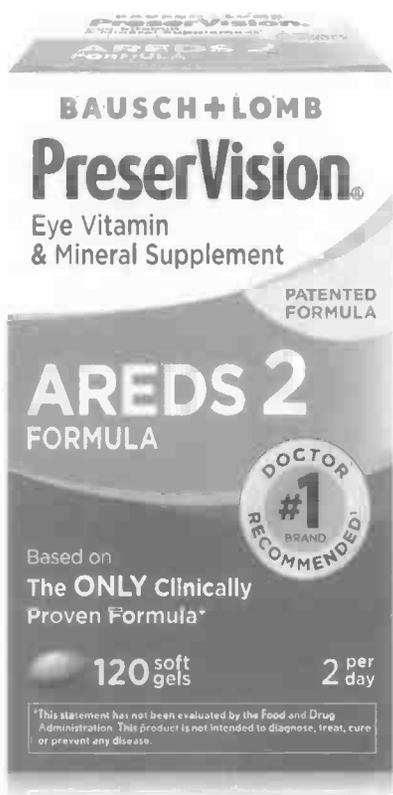


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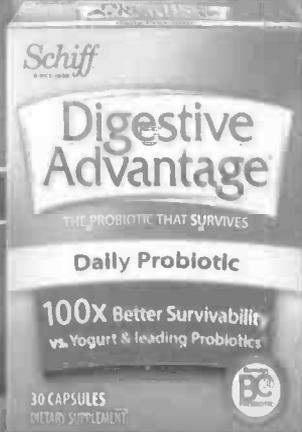
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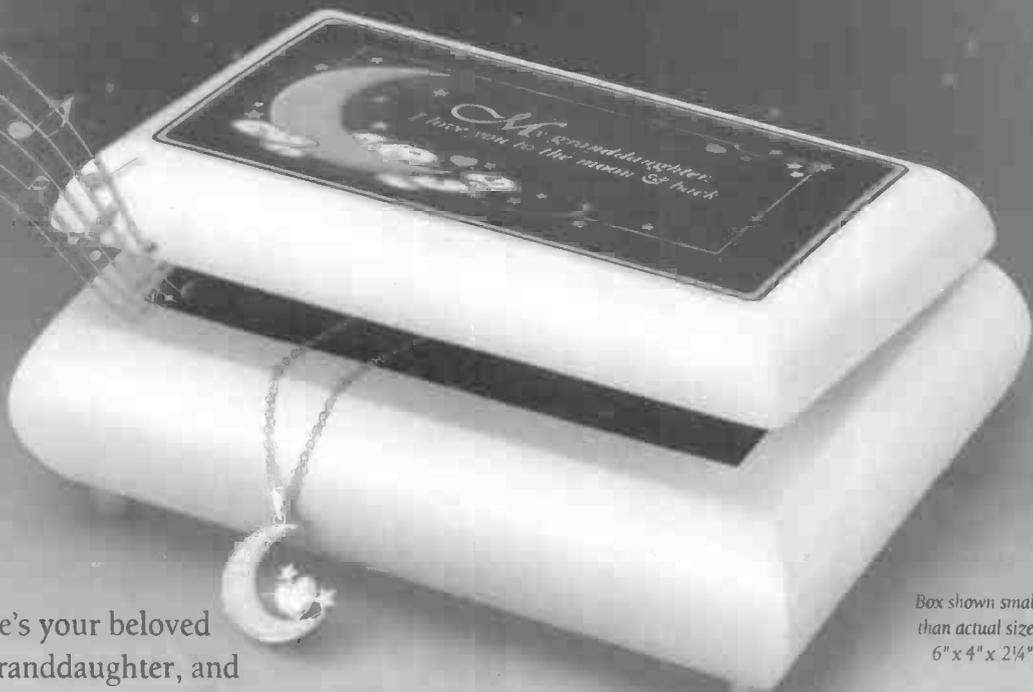
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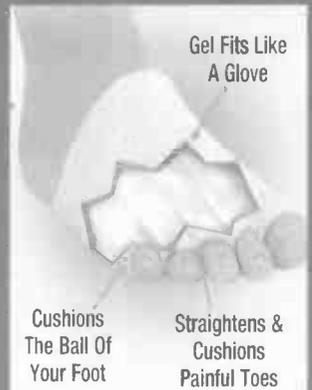
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There's more to Ava's pretty feminine looks than meets the eye. An elasticated, cross over touch strap makes for a comfortable fit, whilst extra cushioning to the heel gives you a little bounce in your step. Distinctive punched flower design adds the perfect finishing touch.

Heel height: 1 inch

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Dusty Rose Nubuck

Dark Aqua Nubuck

"The shoes are very comfortable and stylish."

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Navy

New QUAKE

Pretty, breathable punched design

Just the thing for longer summer days, Quake will keep your feet feeling as fresh as a daisy. Cute cut-outs and punched detail in the leather and nubuck uppers allow skin to breathe, whilst an adjustable touch fasten strap brings added comfort. A cushioned, flexible and lightweight sole completes its easy-wear design.

Heel height: 1 inch

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Dark Aqua Nubuck



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Introducing our lightweight classic

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Heel height: 1 inch

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RUMBA

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Softly cushioned underfoot

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Heel height: 1 3/4 inches

US Sizes: 5, 6, 6 1/2, 7, 7 1/2, 8, 8 1/2, 9, 9 1/2, 10, 11

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Light cushioning underfoot

Utterly feminine, Pollyanna boasts a pretty on-trend bow with intricate punched detail. Inside, Hotter Comfort Concept® features - pyramid cushioning, a feather light, flexible sole and roomy fit - all combine to indulge feet.

Heel height: 1 1/2 inches

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Light and flexible

Softly cushioned and naturally breathable, Donna is a high cut slip on with full flexibility. Donna feels wonderful on the foot thanks to a breathable leather insole with pyramid cushioning and flexi grooves in the sole.

Heel height: 2 ½ inches

US Sizes: 5, 5½, 6, 6½, 7, 7½, 8, 8½, 9, 9½, 10, 11

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Our favourite flexible loafer

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Heel height: 1 ¼ inches

US Sizes: 5, 5½, 6, 6½, 7, 7½, 8, 8½, 9, 9½, 10, 11

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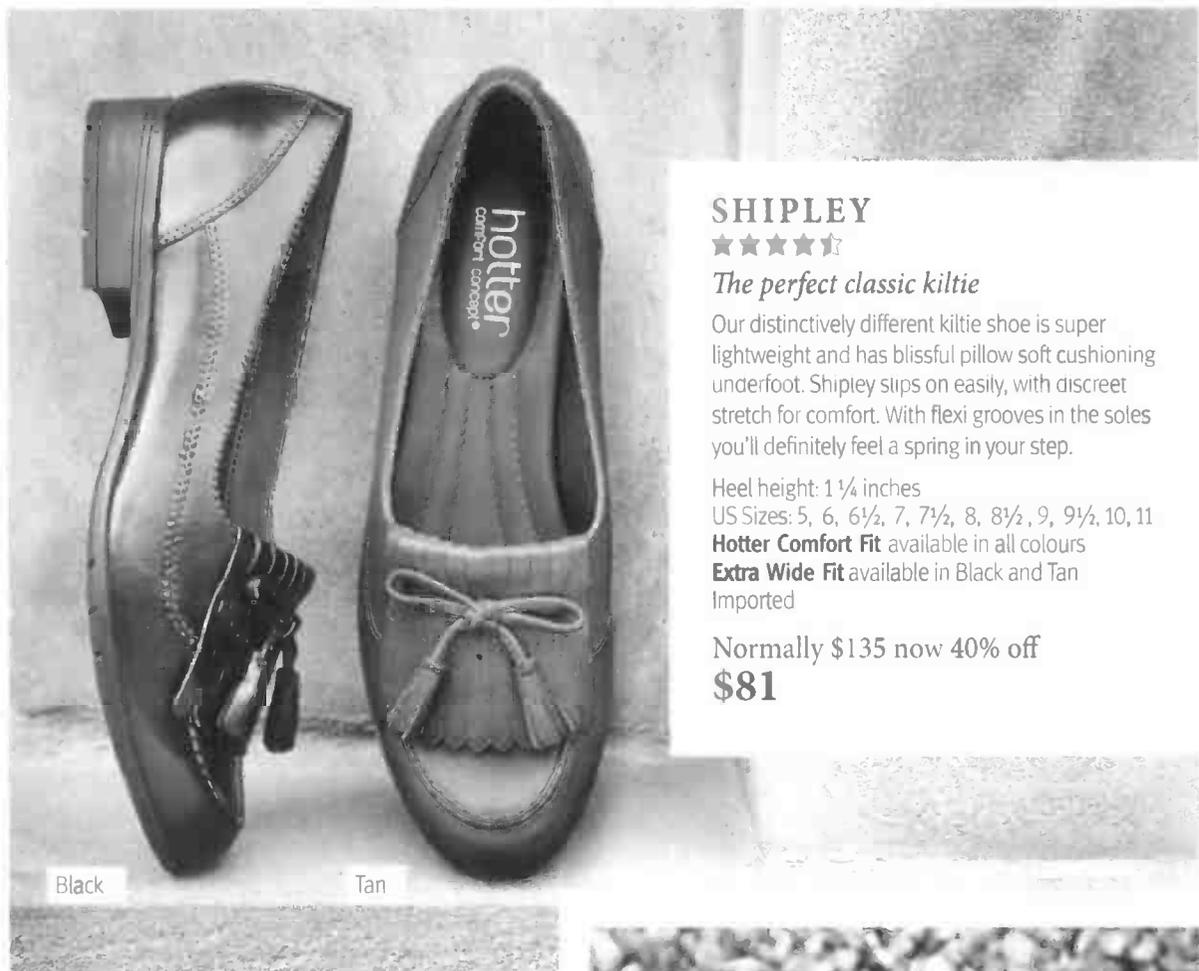
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Nude

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Black

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Heel height: 1 ¼ inches

US Sizes: 5, 6, 6½, 7, 7½, 8, 8½, 9, 9½, 10, 11

Hotter Comfort Fit available in all colours

Extra Wide Fit available in Black and Tan Imported

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LEANNE

★★★★★

Spring & ultra lightweight

Let Leanne's shock absorbing sole and underfoot cushioning take your journey's bumps. Soft and breathable, they sport a hygienic removable insole to keep your feet fresh.

Heel height: 1 inch

US Sizes: 5, 6, 6½, 7, 7½, 8, 8½, 9, 9½, 10, 11

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Heel height: 1 ¼ inches

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Heel height: 1 1/2 inches

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Rosso Nubuck

Navy Blue



Off White

EASY



Our best selling classic

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Heel height: 1 1/2 inches

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Nubuck

Rose Gold

Soft Beige



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Nubuck/Textile

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Utterly light. Utterly soft

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Heel height: 1 1/2 inches

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Heel height: 1 1/2 inches

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Navy Nubuck



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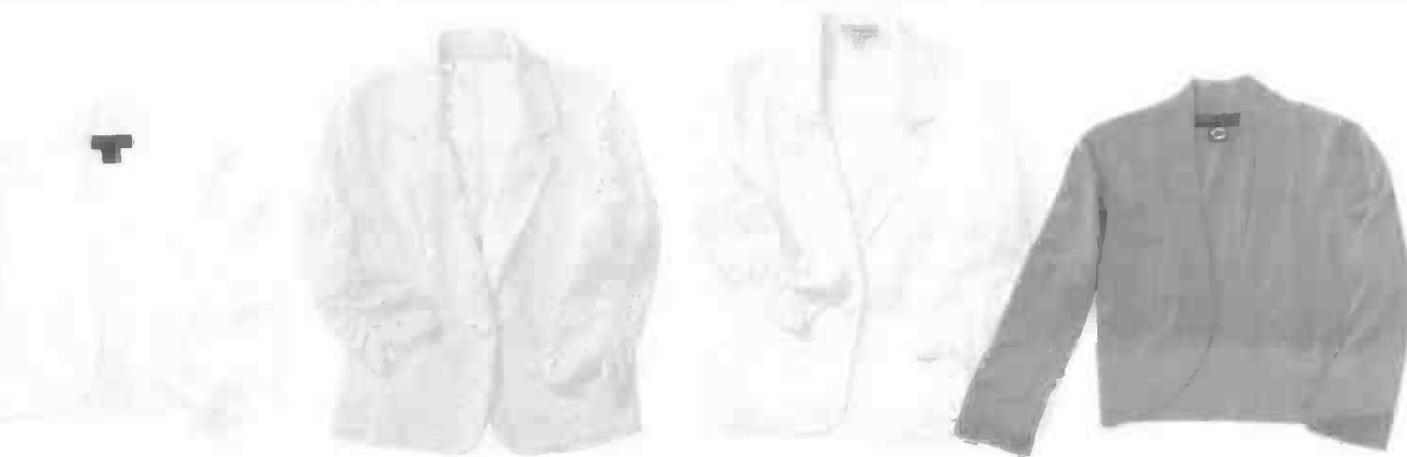


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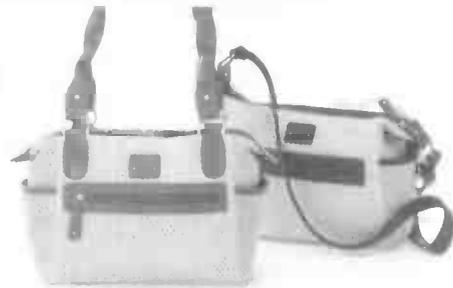
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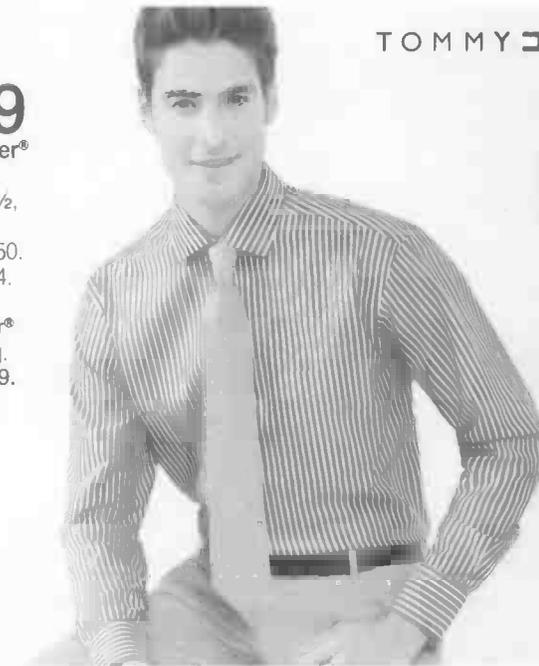
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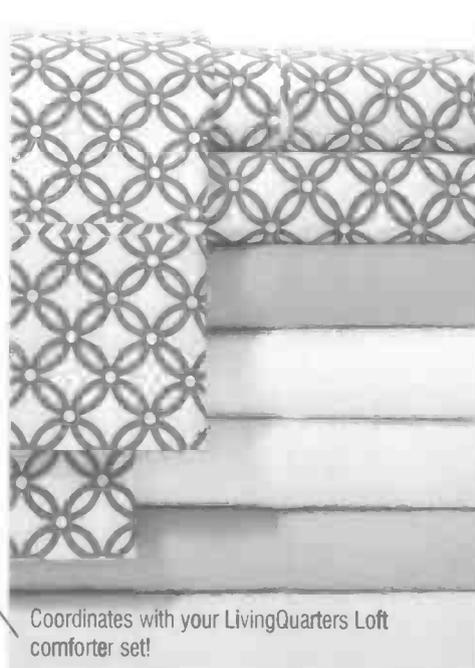




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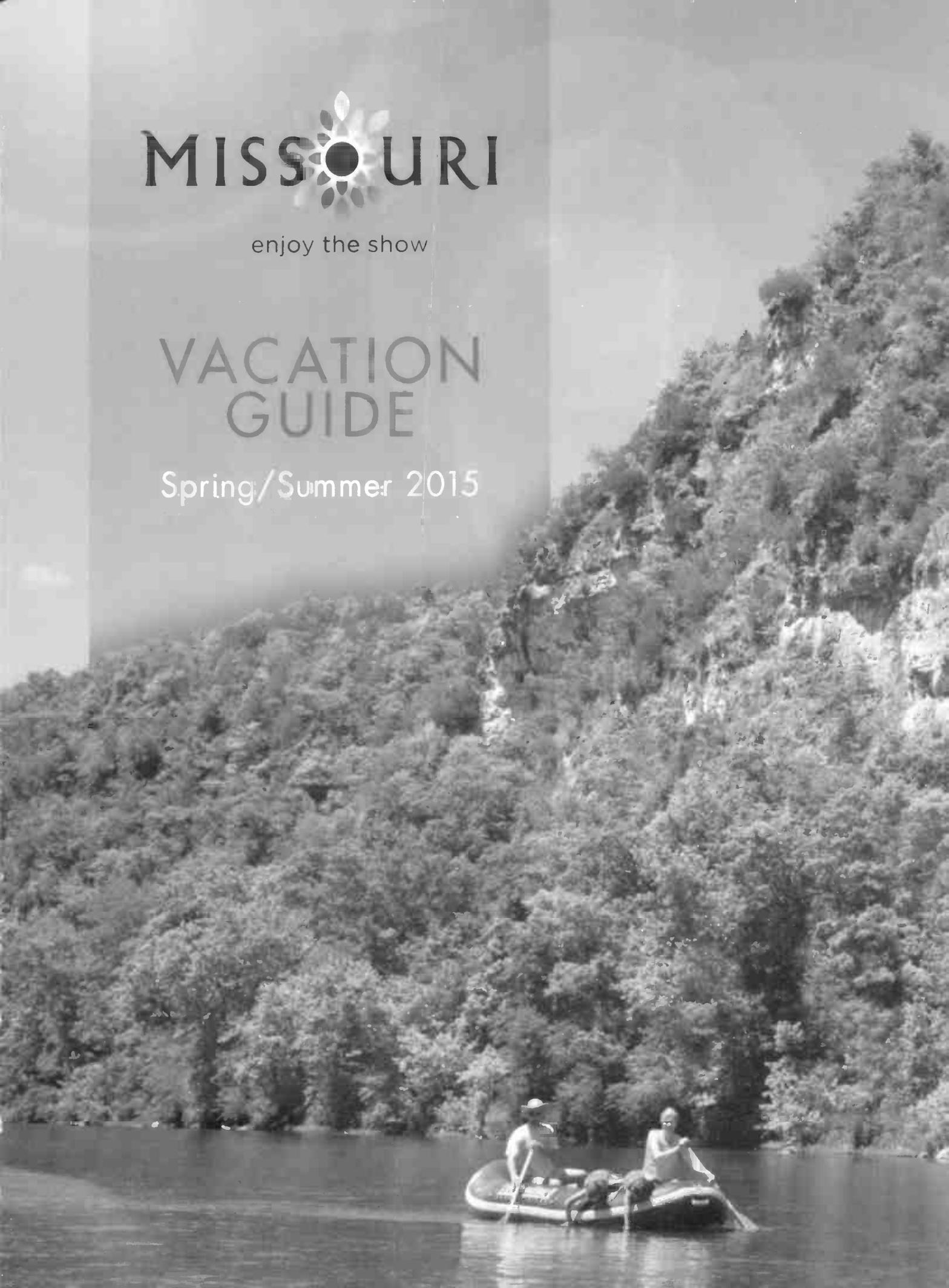
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Spring/Summer 2015



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BIKING THE KATY TRAIL

One of the best ways to enjoy the show is to travel across the state on the Katy Trail, the longest rails-to-trails conversion in the country. Stretching nearly 240 miles, the Katy Trail offers great views of the Missouri River, passes through or near several cities – including Missouri's capital, Jefferson City – and offers convenient access to shopping, dining, lodging and Missouri's great wines.

Enjoy the ride.

WINE COUNTRY

Producing wine since the mid-1800s, Missouri wine country has made a name for itself as being one of the best wine destinations in the U.S. Missouri is home to more than 125 wineries, four American Viticulture Areas and 10 Wine Trails. You'll be able to try 11 varietals that you possibly haven't yet, such as the famous Norton and Vignoles.

Enjoy the vintage.

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There are more than 50 floatable rivers and streams scattered across Missouri, serviced by upwards of 60 canoe outfitters who will set you up with everything you need. And, we're home to hundreds of campgrounds, from sites with back-to-basics camping, to those locations offering all the comforts of home. If you prefer the comfort of RV travel, Missouri has plenty of locations for you, too, many complete with full hookups and extras such as Wi-Fi access.

Enjoy the fresh air.

THINGS TO DO IN MISSOURI IN 2015

We could easily show you 2,015 things to do, but nine is a little more doable.

SCENIC DRIVES

Between Route 66, Highway 36 and the Great River Road, it's obvious Missouri has great drives covered. Aptly named "Way of American Genius," Highway 36 runs east to west through the boyhood towns of Mark Twain, Walt Disney and General John J. Pershing. The Great River Road National Scenic Byway follows the Mighty Mississippi and tracks the length of Missouri's eastern border. And, it goes without saying that "The Mother Road," or Route 66, is quite possibly the most famous drive in North America.

Enjoy the drive.

LEGENDS OF GOLF

Don't miss out when the Legends of Golf Tournament brings the top names from the PGA Champions Tour to Branson, Missouri. The inaugural event in 2014 drew such greats as Ben Crenshaw, Nick Faldo, Hale Irwin, Tom Kite, Jack Nicklaus, Gary Player, Lee Trevino, Tom Watson and others to the renowned Buffalo Ridge Springs and Top of the Rock golf courses. This year's event is scheduled for April 22-26.

Enjoy the rivalry.

SANTA CALI GON

Wagon trains full of settlers traveling west in pursuit of a new life took three main routes: the Santa Fe, California and Oregon Trails. And they all originated in Independence, Missouri, which is why the city celebrates that rich history and pioneer spirit with a non-stop weekend celebration each year. Enjoy live entertainment, an authentic 1800s trappers' encampment and arts and crafts at this can't-miss celebration August 29 – September 1.

Enjoy the tradition.

HANNIBAL

With museums, art galleries, a famous cave and Mississippi River adventures, it's fair to say there are a lot of things to see and do in Mark Twain's storied hometown. One of Hannibal's truly heart-pounding experiences is Cardiff Hill. A statue of Tom Sawyer and Huck Finn sits at the base, and adventurers who make it to the top are rewarded with a beautiful view overlooking downtown and the Mississippi River.

Enjoy the storytelling.

SIKESTON RODEO

Head due west of the Mississippi River and you'll find Sikeston, and its famous annual rodeo. Officially referred to as the Sikeston Jaycee Bootheel Rodeo, the celebration brings top cowboys and cowgirls from all over the U.S. together in one arena. If you're looking for a variety of activities, the rodeo is known for its famous concerts, Cowboy Up! Art Festival, Cowboy Color Chase 5k race, annual golf tournament, barrel racing, and of course, bull riding.

Enjoy the festivities.

LAKE OF THE OZARKS

Although it's not our largest lake (Truman Reservoir has more surface area), it is number one in shoreline, snaking along at more than 1,100 miles. In fact, that is more shoreline than the entire Pacific coast of California. And as far as how much fun is to be had, you could spend days – nay, weeks – discovering all there is to do. Try such activities as visiting a cave and viewing the entire lake via helicopter ride, in addition to all your water-based fun.

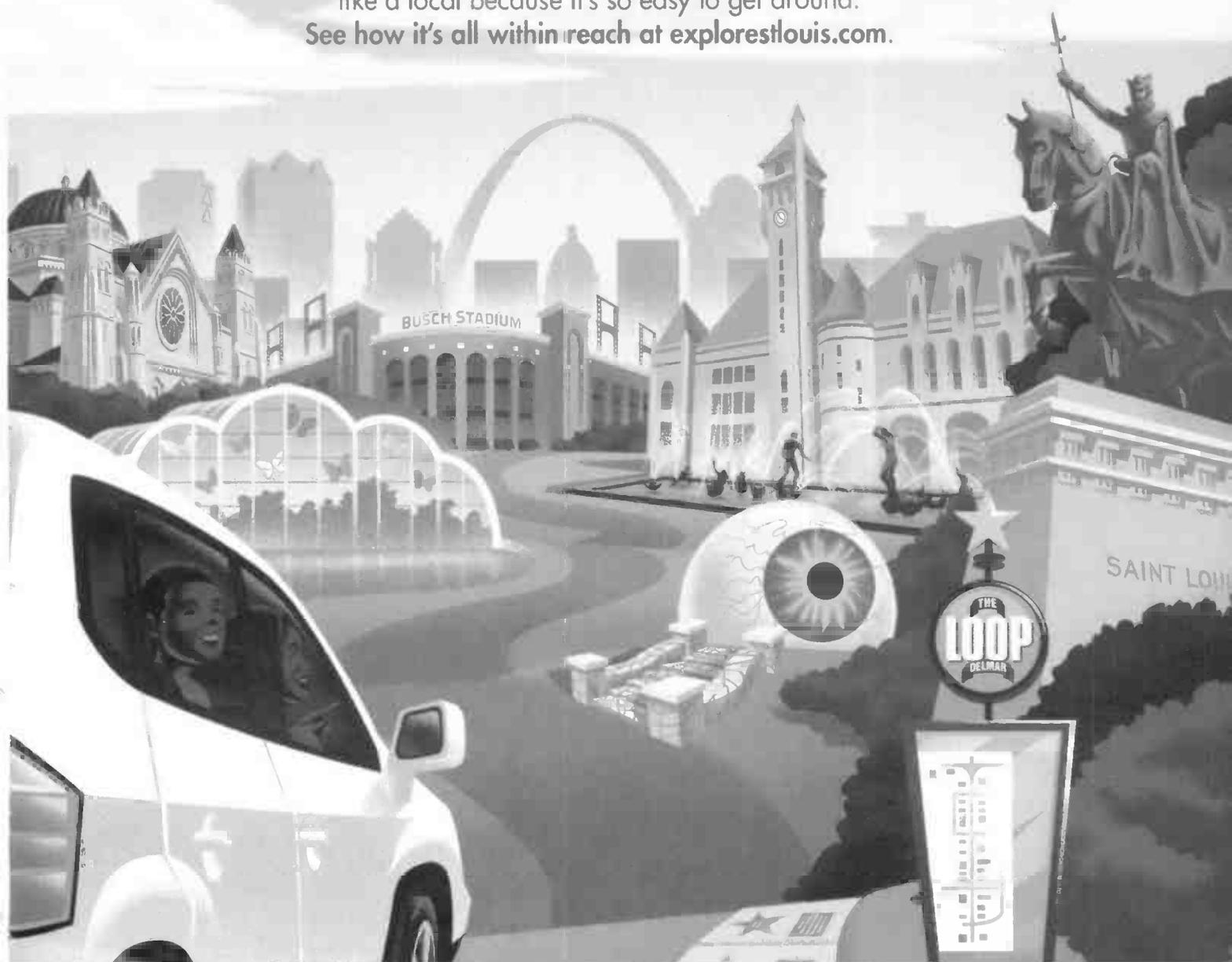
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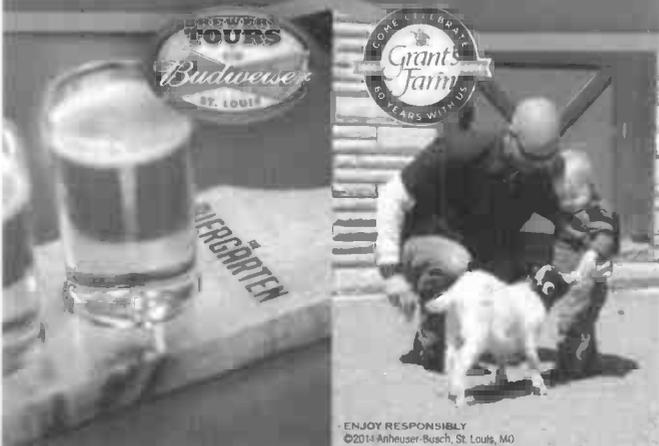


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CIRCLE #14 ON THE VACATION FUN COUPON

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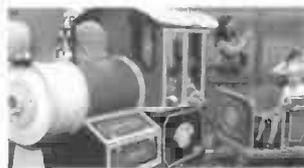
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▲ National World War I Museum at Liberty Memorial

lies in its impressive network of parks, boulevards and of course, exquisite fountains. The world-renowned jazz legacy continues today in clubs throughout the city. For barbecue lovers, the city's signature food can be found at nearly 100 barbecue establishments, but visitors also delight in restaurants of



▲ B.B.'s Lawnside BBQ



▲ Kansas City Jazz

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▲ J.C. Nichols Memorial Fountain

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▲ Kansas City Power & Light District



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History Comes Alive in St. Joseph

Once a thriving trade stop and the starting point of the Pony Express, this historical town has held firm to its roots.

Fascinating sites and museums commemorate the generations of folks who have made the area their home.



▲ St. Joseph is one of America's best-kept secrets for historic architecture.

It's hard to even go a few feet in the city without coming across a historical marker that recounts an extraordinary story, including the life of the most trusted man in America, Walter Cronkite, and the most wanted, Jesse James.

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Springfield Makes Your Vacation Dreams Reality

Some travelers seek excitement in the great outdoors. Others enjoy visiting attractions. For some, fine dining and lodging are the necessary components of the perfect vacation. You'll find all that and more at your fingertips in Springfield.

For fans of the outdoors, Bass Pro Shops Outdoor World boasts more than 300,000 square feet of outdoor supplies, apparel and wildlife exhibits. The store is bigger and better than ever with new exhibits and displays along with the NRA National Sporting Arms Museum and the Archery Hall of Fame, conveniently located inside the store and free to see.

For a tranquil experience, visitors can stroll through acres of forests and fields at the Springfield Conservation Nature Center and the gardens at Nathanael Greene Park. The city is surrounded by nature with accessible lakes, rivers and streams.

The area also offers many attractions for the adventurous traveler and those with children. Visitors can ride through Fantastic Caverns, visit the Ambler Diversity of Life Center reptile exhibits at Dickerson Park Zoo or drive through Wild Animal Safari. The Discovery Center, an interactive science center, entertains with unique educational experiences.

For sports fans, the Missouri Sports Hall of Fame has 22,000 square feet of memorabilia and displays. Jordan Valley Park offers hockey and ice skating at Mediacom Ice Park, green space with a unique interactive water feature, trails and more. Next door, the Springfield Cardinals AA team plays at Hammons Field and golfers can choose



- ▲ Connect with nature in a canoe on Lake Springfield
- ▲ Have a ball at a Springfield Cardinals game
- ◀ Experience living history at Wilson's Creek National Battlefield

from five public golf courses throughout the city.

For history buffs, the History Museum on the Square is a must-see along with Wilson's Creek National Battlefield. The battlefield features Civil War exhibits and visitors can walk, bike or drive through the site of the Battle of Wilson's Creek on a self-guided tour. The city's history museum features exhibits of local Ozarks' history dating from prehistoric times through the

1900s. Both feature new displays this year.

Cultural activities are an important part of the Springfield scene. View fine art at the Springfield Art Museum and performances of the Springfield Ballet, Springfield Symphony, Springfield Opera and Springfield Little Theatre as well as high-quality performances at Juanita K. Hammons Hall for the Performing Arts.

That's just a small sample of all Springfield has to offer. Learn more at SpringfieldMO.org or call the Convention & Visitors Bureau at 800-678-8767.

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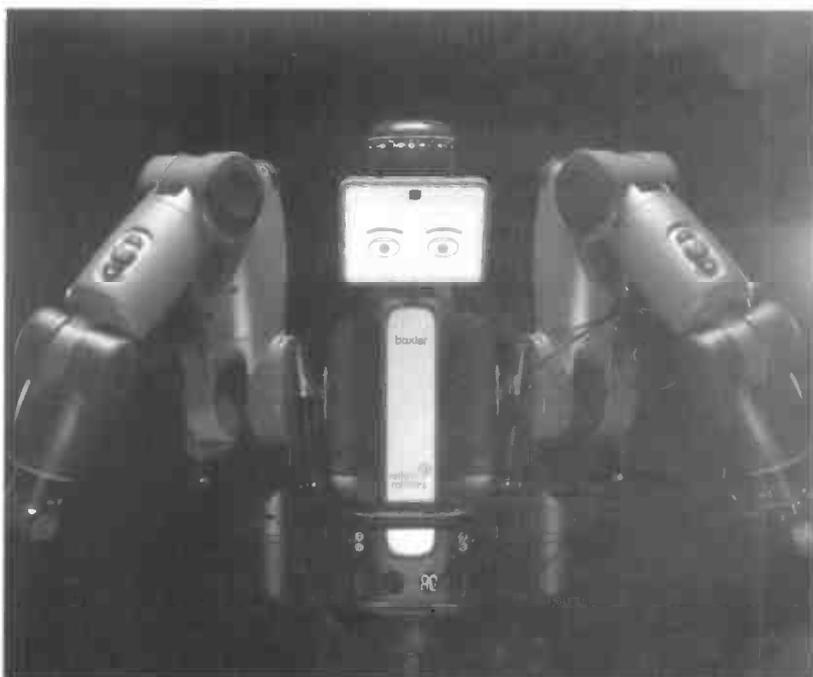
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Place: 5700 S. Lake Shore

Cost: \$18 general-admission. For tickets, visit Msichicago.org.

BY THOMAS CONNORS

THIS WEEK

MARCH 31

THE WAREHOUSE' PRODUCTION LAUNCH PARTY

In honor of the one-year anniversary of legendary DJ Frankie Knuckles' (above right) death, "The Warehouse" film producers — **Robert Teitel, Billy Dec, Randy Crumpton and Joe Shanahan** — host a movie production launch party for the film, which pays tribute to Chicago's



legendary nightclub, the birth of house music and Knuckles' artistic genius. Proceeds will benefit the Frankie Knuckles Foundation.

Time: 6-10 p.m.

Place: The Underground, 56 W. Illinois

Cost: \$20 donation, VIP tables starting at \$500. For tickets, call (312) 943-7600 or visit Theundergroundchicago.com/warehouse.

[com/warehouse](http://warehouse.com/warehouse).

THROUGH APRIL 4

MACY'S FLOWER SHOW

An array of blooms, grasses, succulents, trees and more, this annual display doesn't disappoint. According to the theme, "Art in Bloom," the 13 eye-thrilling displays take inspi-

ration from great movements in art from the Renaissance to Pop.

Place: 111 N. State

Cost: Free. For more information, visit Macys.com/flowershow.

NEXT WEEK

APRIL 6

'FEAR NO ART' THE DINNER PARTY

The conversation always flows at these revealing repasts. This month's guests are **Chaz Ebert**, photo-tog extraordinaire **Sandro** and concert pianist **George Lep-aw**. In the kitchen: Michelin Star Chef



Ryan McCaskey of Acadia.

Time: 5 p.m. reception, 7 p.m. show

Place: City Winery, 1200 W. Randolph

Cost: \$45. For tickets, visit Citywinery.com.

APRIL 9

● AMERICAN WHISKEY AFFAIR

This third annual affair — a signature event for Untitled, which stocks more than 510 American whiskeys, the most in the world — offers over 75 brands for introduction tasting, meet-and-greets with master distillers and hors d'oeuvres from Chef **Ryan Klkkert**.

Time: 8-11 p.m.

Place: 111 W. Kinzie

Cost: \$50, \$75 at the door. For tickets, visit 3rdamericanwhiskeyaffair.eventbrite.com.

APRIL 9-MAY 24

● 'RED-HANDED OTTER'

Ethan Lipton's relatable comedy follows a young man as he



Cubs first baseman Anthony Rizzo (center) at last year's Bricks and Ivy Ball.

APRIL 8

● Bricks and Ivy Ball

Join Cubs players, board directors **Tom Ricketts** and **Laura Ricketts**, President of Baseball Operations **Theo Epstein** and President of Business Operations **Crane Kenney** at this benefit supporting Cubs Charities. The '80s-themed evening includes music from **DJ Kasper K** and an auction.

Time: 6 p.m.

Place: Union Station, 500 W. Jackson

Cost: \$600. For tickets, visit Cubs.com/bricksandivyball.

balances the loss of his beloved cat, the complications of human love and the well-meant but sometimes wacky efforts of his friends to cheer him up.

Place: A Red Orchid Theatre, 1531 N. Wells

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tickets, call (312) 943-8722.

APRIL 11

● CHICAGO HEART BALL

The American Heart Association's black-tie bash supports research and advocacy efforts in the fight against cardiovascu-

lar diseases. Sip, sup, mingle, dance and bid on top-drawer auction items.

Time: 6 p.m.

Place: Navy Pier Grand Ballroom, 600 E. Grand

Cost: \$1,000. For tickets, visit Chicagoheartball.com.



APRIL 9-23

● Chicago Latino Film Festival

Featuring over 100 films from Latin America, Spain, Portugal and the U.S., the 31st annual fest opens with **Alberto Arvelo's** look at Simon Bolivar in "The Liberator," and concludes with "Fire" from Spanish director **Luis Marias**.

Place: AMC River East 21, 322 E. Illinois

Cost: \$12 adults, \$10 children. For tickets, visit Chicagolatinofilmfestival.org.

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"Any event with food, drinks, beautiful people and rescued animals wearing bow ties and formalwear is a party to which I want an invitation." — KISS FM's Christopher "Brotha' Fred" Frederick

The scene: Man's best friend made the perfect date to PAWS Chicago's 9th annual Animal Magnetism at Venue One (1034 W. Randolph) March 20, where nearly 500 dog lovers and their furry friends had caricature portraits drawn by **Darick Maasen**, indulged in "pupcakes" from Swirlz Cupcakes and doggie ice cream and enjoyed puppy pampering by Paradis 4 Paws dog spa.

The invite list: Hosted by HGTV and DIY Network's **Alison Victoria** and PAWS professional board member **Lex Cisler** and sponsored by The Professionals Moving Specialists, the bash included a

paddle-raise for the "Bid to Save Lives" program, which fundraises in support of PAWS Chicago's shelter medicine program. Later, several animal advocates were recognized for their leadership in helping crack down on puppy mills, including Chicago City Clerk **Susana Mendoza**, Cook County Commissioner **John Fritchey** and founder of The Puppy Mill Project **Cari Meyers**.

The bottom line: The pup-friendly fête raised \$130,000, which will help fund critical life-saving programs for homeless animals. —*Chiara Milioulis*

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1. Lex Cisler, Alison Victoria and Christopher "Brotha' Fred" Frederick 2. Kim Gleeson and dog Spencer at the Darick Maasen Art caricature booth 3. Dana Magnusson and dog Patton 4. A canine guest tries on Heavenly Beasts fashion. 5. Deputy City Clerk Carina Sanchez and honorees Cari Meyers, Alderman Scott Waguespack, Alderman Ameya Pawar, Alderman Proco Joe Moreno and Cook County Commissioner John Fritchey with PAWS Founder Paula Fasseas

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STEPPEWOLF THEATRE'S WOMEN IN THE ARTS LUNCHEON

The scene: Steppenwolf Theatre Company honored Emmy- and Obie Award-winning actress and original ensemble member **Laurie Metcalf** at its sixth annual Women in the Arts Luncheon at The Standard Club (320 S. Plymouth) March 9.

The invite list: Nearly 300 attendees came out for the event, which featured opening remarks by original ensemble member **Jeff Perry**, a conversation between Metcalf and Steppenwolf Artistic Director **Martha Lavey** and a video montage of Metcalf's many memorable roles, such as Jackie Harris in "Roseanne" and Mary Cooper in "The Big Bang Theory."

The bottom line: The luncheon raised nearly \$175,000 for Steppenwolf's professional development and educational programs, including Steppenwolf for Young Adults and the School at Steppenwolf as well as its Professional Leadership Programs. —*Susie Moskop*

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1. Sandy Reynolds, Kym Hubbard and Leticia Davis 2. Nancy Daigler, Laurie Metcalf, Stephanie Smith and Regenia Stein 3. Shawn M. Donnelley and Stephanie Field Harris 4. Rachel Kraft, Jeff Perry, Lyn McKeane and Debbie Marchese

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Calm down, gents — you don’t have to jump on the “Fifty Shades of Grey” bandwagon to look like a million bucks in cool grays. For the last two years, Hollywood’s leading men have been making waves in blue suits, but as the trend reaches critical mass, we’re seeing a shift back to classic charcoals in slim cuts. Recently, A-listers like Eddie Redmayne and Nick Jonas have been rocking slate suits; to get the look, head to Suitsupply or Ralph Lauren for top-notch, fitted options. Formal enough for the office but cool enough for the bar, gray suits are ultra versatile — pair a light suit with brown shoes or a dark suit with black. You’ll look so suave, all the ladies will say — to quote Anastasia Steele — “Oh, jeez!”



The scene: Lookingglass Theatre celebrated its 27-year anniversary with an event themed "An Evening in Wonderland" March 21 at InterContinental Chicago Magnificent Mile (505 N. Michigan), where guests bid on auction prizes like tickets to a taping of "The Late Show with Stephen Colbert" and a trip to New York City.

The invite list: Co-chairs **Gerry Barad**, **Thomas O'Neill** and **Charlotte B. Whitaker** and honorary co-chair **Nancy Timmers** welcomed 350 of Chicago's corporate and cultural

leaders for a night of cocktails, dinner and live and silent auctions. Lookingglass ensemble member **David Schwimmer** served as the master of ceremonies and chef and restaurateur **Rick Bayless** accepted a Lookingglass Civic Engagement Award.

The bottom line: The gala raised \$700,000 in support of Lookingglass Theatre's artistic and educational programs, which help develop innovative theatrical programming in the Chicago community. —*Susie Moskop*

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1. Brad Griffith and Tiffany Kim with Nicole, Lee and Sandy Golub
2. Jon Harris and Delphine Blanchot
3. David Schwimmer and Richard Ditton
4. The Red Queen living statue
5. Ann David with co-chairs Thomas O'Neill and Charlotte B. Whitaker

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LOOKINGGLASS THEATRE
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LITTLE CITY FOUNDATION'S POKER TOURNAMENT & CASINO NIGHT



The scene:

Partygoers put all their cards on the table, gambling the night away at Little City Foundation's Poker Tournament & Casino Night, dubbed "Seeing Hope Together," at The Montgomery Club (500 W. Superior) March 6.

The invite list:

The bash, themed "Monte Carlo," featured casino and card games, cocktails and an all-night buffet by Gibsons Bar & Steakhouse, plus poker and silent auction prizes, including a Las Vegas vacation at Caesars Palace.

sunglasses courtesy of Spex — the evening's presenting sponsor — and a Dana Rebecca Designs diamond necklace. But it was **Doug Dorn** who took home the evening's top prize: a seat at the World Series of Poker Main Event in Las Vegas.

The bottom line:

The evening raised more than \$130,000, which will benefit Little City's mission to support children and adults with autism and developmental disabilities.

—*Chiara Miliouliis*

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1. Winner Doug Dorn
2. Tina Schubert and Eleni Bousis
3. Edward Hockfield and Michael Caputo
4. Spexettes model sunglasses.

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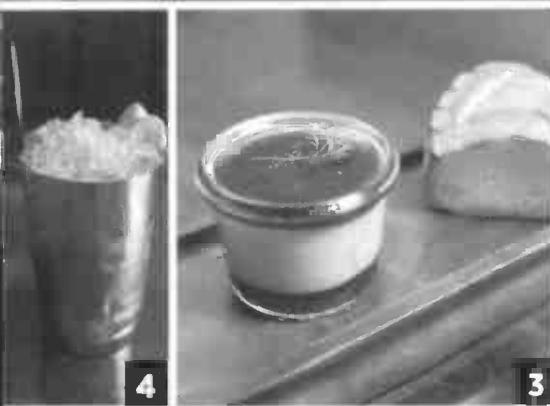
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Patrick Cullen brings a slice of San Francisco to Wicker Park with **Presidio** BY ANTHONY TODD



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We've all heard of "California Cuisine," that tired standard of the 1990s, defined by goat cheese, wilted radicchio and undercooked vegetables. At Presidio — named for a park overlooking the San Francisco Bay — first-time restaurateur **Patrick Cullen** hopes to bring this slice of American cuisine back to its delicious, authentic roots. "We want to showcase the best of that new generation of American cooking that started in Northern California with people like Alice Waters, Thomas Keller and Jeremiah Tower," explains Cullen. True to those culinary pioneers, the restaurant showcases fresh produce, uncomplicated but extremely flavorful preparations and unique beverage options.

Here's what else to expect at Presidio:

Chef stats: Chef **Shaun Connolly** did stints at moto, Nightwood and Chicago Cut Steakhouse before landing at Presidio. "To me, Northern California means fresh seafood and produce; wine-friendly, lighter [cuisine]; simply prepared but well executed food," Connolly says.

Menu must: In keeping with the fresh, deceptively simple approach is a rabbit salad (\$16), made with local Indiana rabbits and "inspired by a classic duck leg confit salad," says Connolly. The meat is marinated in duck fat — with peppercorns, allspice and Thai chilies — for 24 hours, then tossed with duck fat and shallot vinaigrette, arugula, pluots and toasted almonds.

Cocktail trio: The bar program at Presidio is the first project for The Dogma Group, a collaboration between **Alex Renshaw** (Drumbar),

Clint Rogers (The Dawson), and **Brian Sturgulewski** (Fulton Market Kitchen, Bordel). In addition to an extensive cocktail menu, they've curated an entire list of ferments, a bitter Italian liqueur. "In San Francisco, fernet is a part of life," says Renshaw. "[About] 70 percent of all fernet in the U.S. is imbibed in San Francisco." Try a shot with a small glass of craft ginger ale to cut the bitterness (\$7).

Final sip: "Rather than making someone cruise through the cocktail menu and ask for [a drink] without the spirit, we have a dedicated section of the menu for craft sodas," says Cullen. Delicious flavors include banana phosphate, chocolate phosphate and tart cherry phosphate — and look for more complex concoctions in coming weeks.

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BY ZAK STÉMER

A (rare) heartfelt moment

"My children are my main priority. I have two boys and they're the best thing that's ever happened to me in my entire life. On top of that, I'm married to — I think — the greatest woman in living history. So I don't have hobbies where I put together miniature steam engines."

My fair first lady

"I sat next to Michelle [Obama] for two hours and I fell in love. She is the bee's knees. She is truly hilarious [and] up-to-date on pop culture. I think she could probably [be president] later on."

First joke

"I tried to make a sketch that I did in a stand-up comedy group into a stand-up joke. It did not work at all. I was pumpin' the brakes and the car was careening out of control."

If Joel McHale is telling the truth, then he's preparing to deliver one of the greatest comedy shows the Midwest — nay, the world — has ever seen. "[My routine] is — I'll just say it's a lot of everything ... and the Kardashians," he says. "About 75 percent of my act [is Ryan Seacrest jokes]. Oh, and pyrotechnics. And a lot of knife throwing, like in 'Gangs of New York.' And sword swallowing. I have the tiger that Siegfried and Roy got rid of — that was bad news. It's a very expensive show to pull off."

Jokes aside, the 43-year-old, Seattle-raised funnyman really is planning to bring down the house during his April 10 performance at Horseshoe Casino in Hammond, Indiana, but he'll be relying on his unique brand of sarcastic, pop culture-based comedy — honed by hosting E!'s "The Soup" for the past 11 years — to do it.

When he's not prodding the freak show of characters that populate the reality TV landscape on "The Soup," McHale stars in the sitcom "Community," which moved from NBC to Yahoo March 17. Set at Greendale Community College and following a study group of neurotic pals, the show has earned a cult following — it even spawned the hashtag #SixSeasonsAndAMovie.

The sixth season, which premiered earlier this month, sees several new developments, including new cast members (Paget Brewster and Keith David) and freedom from FCC regulations since moving online. But despite the changes, McHale is quick to reassure followers: "It's not just gonna be a bunch of strippers and MMA fighting. It's still the show you love." A couple quick spoilers: There will be another paintball episode and the gang will make a sci-fi movie. "This season's going to be one of the best because the creativity is off the charts," the star says.

If it seems like McHale is spinning a lot of plates, that's because he is. Actually, it's slightly ironic that the comedian takes such great pleasure in lambasting Ryan Seacrest — he and the "American Idol" host have more commonalities than differences. They both have their hands in many simultaneous projects, both pack their days to the brim (McHale worked until 3 a.m. the night before we spoke), both know the Obamas (McHale hosted the Correspondent's Dinner in 2014) and both have become staples of the E! Network. "[Seacrest] is a businessman who's got his hand in a lot of different Kardashians," McHale laughs. "I'm just a guy with a paper route and a dishwashing job and I rake leaves. I'm just doing odd jobs everywhere. ... I'm being falsely modest; I do not have a golden touch. I have a touch that I usually press too hard and kill something, like Lenny in *Of Mice and Men*. I have failed at so many things, so when something is successful, I run down the streets screaming and bragging."

See McHale live April 10 at Horseshoe Casino (777 Casino Center, Hammond, Indiana). For tickets (starting at \$60), visit Ticketmaster.com.



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'IT WAS HARD FOR US, BUT AT THE END OF THE DAY, WE KNEW WE HAD TO DO IT IN HIS HONOR.'

— Bridges on finishing "Furious 7" after the death of co-star Paul Walker



BUILDING BRIDGES

Actor, rapper and Oak Park native
CHRIS 'LUDACRIS' BRIDGES
on his 'Fast' franchise, finding his
voice and his growing family

BY ZAK STEMER • PHOTO BY DONNA PERMELL

There's only one name for someone who, professionally, has done everything from jumping between speeding cars to refereeing a Jell-O wrestling match in a rap video, and who, in his downtime, likes to skydive, dirt bike and shoot machine guns at the range: Chris Bridges. Wait — no, call him Ludacris. That's much better.

The rapper/actor/philanthropist is many things to many people. To gear-head movie buffs, he's the star of the action-packed auto franchise "Fast & Furious"; to 20- and 30-something music lovers, he's the multi-platinum, Grammy-winning rapper behind such hits as 2000's "What's Your Fantasy"; and to inner-city students, he's the philanthropist behind The Ludacris Foundation, which focuses on youth leadership programing.

"The versatility in what I've done since the beginning of my career is something that stands out," Bridges, 37, says. "I feel I can do anything." Case in point: This week, he'll be premiering both "Furious 7," the seventh installment of the \$2.4 billion

series, and "Ludaversal," his eighth studio album.

The Champaign-born, Oak Park-raised rapper's "do anything" mentality was a necessity when it came to filming "Furious 7," in theaters April 3. The series is known for its nonstop action: car chases, crashes, explosions, car jumping, flying and drifting — not to mention fist fights and

gravity-defying stunts (in the sixth film, Vin Diesel famously drives his car off a makeshift ramp over a highway, jumps out, catches Michelle Rodriguez in midair, and the two safely land on another car).

Bridges joins the cast of action all-stars as Tej, the tech-savvy member of Diesel and Paul Walker's fast-driving crew. He first appeared in 2003's "Too Fast, Too Furious," then again in "Fast Five" and "Fast & Furious 6" — but while his character was primarily for tech support and comedic relief in the past, this new installment sees Bridges involved in a lot more action, including a fight scene in which he gets to show off his martial arts skills. (In reality, the actor is proficient in 52 Blocks, an African-American martial art.)



"I keep asking myself after every damn sequel, 'How can we top this?'" Bridges says. "And then we keep toppin' it! ... I think the last [movie made] \$800 million — I really and truly believe we're gonna break a billion with this one and make history."

For all the upbeat energy of the movie, the blockbuster is also tinged with sadness. One of the movie's stars, Paul Walker, died tragically in a car accident in November 2013, midway through production of "Furious 7." Filming stopped for nearly half a year before the team decided to finish the movie. "It was hard for us, but at the end of the day, we knew we had to do it in his honor," Bridges says. With unused footage from past films and new technology — plus Walker's two brothers as occasional stand-ins — they were able to complete production. "We were pretty much finished [filming], so it was really just about us going back and finishing strong."

Bridges' other labor of love, "Ludaversal" — an album he describes as his most personal yet — drops March 31. "I'm just being vulnerable in this one — you've got some songs on here where I'm really talking about my personal life," he says. "There's a song ['Ocean Skies'] about my father, who was an alcoholic who I've never really wanted to talk about. But once I understood that there might be other people out there going through the same thing I went through ... [I had to] encourage people to spend time with and talk to [their] parents as much as possible."

Everything about the album reflects Bridge's transformation to the mega star he is today. Raised just outside Chicago (he attended Oak Park and River Forest High School until his freshman year), Bridges learned the rap game in Atlanta, where he held odd jobs at places like Pizza Hut as a teenager. But he hasn't lost his fondness for our fair city: Earlier this month, he stopped by Alcott College Prep school to give laptops to students as part of Comcast's Internet Essentials' Get Schooled, Get Connected Spring Challenge. "Anytime I get to give back and do something positive in the community — especially in Chicago — it's a great thing," he says.

It's clear that Bridges hasn't forgotten

his roots and humble beginnings. Even the new album's cover art alludes to the two different points in Bridges' life: A photo of his old 1993 beige Acura Legend is juxtaposed with a gleaming private jet.

Success didn't come overnight: The Ludacris we know today has been 15 years in the making. His first album for a major label, "Back for the First Time," was released in 2000 with help from now A-list producer Timbaland. That record launched Bridges to new heights, with hits like "Southern Hospitality" and "What's Your Fantasy."

In 2005, he won his first Grammy for the still-popular song "Yeah" with Usher and Lil' Jon. By 2006, he was turning heads as an actor, earning a SAG Award for his role in "Crash." Through the first decade of his career, fans were treated to a new Ludacris album approximately every two years — his 2006 record, "Release Therapy," earned him two more Grammys.

In 2010, Bridges broke musical genre barriers when he collaborated with then 16-year-old pop star Justin Bieber on the song "Baby," which now holds the spot as the No. 2 most-watched music video of all time with more than 1 billion views. Bridges dropped his album "Battle of the Sexes" later that same year but, since then, he's remained uncharacteristically quiet on the music front. "This is the longest break that I've taken between albums," he says. "I've had to live life to get inspired again — that's what it's all about."

The last five years have given Bridges plenty to inspire him — so much, in fact, that he plans to drop yet another album before the end of the year. He's the proud father of two girls, Karma and Cai, and made headlines last December when he proposed to — and quickly married — girlfriend Eudoxie Mbouguiengue. The couple recently announced that they're expecting Bridges' third child, and the famous father couldn't be more thrilled. "[Since I've been a father,] I've changed in the fact that I'm evolving and progressing. If anything keeps me hungry and keeps me passionate, it's [my kids], and knowing that there's something bigger than me," Bridges says. "It's about livin' life to the fullest."



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10 of Chicago's most stylish guys offer their best tips for helping you live like a gentleman

MEET THE MEN

Gideon Akande
personal trainer and group fitness instructor



Brigg Klein
assistant general manager, Neiman Marcus Northbrook

Nick Kokonas
co-owner, Alinea, Next and The Aviary; CEO, Tock, Inc.



Mark Millmore
director of the MCA Store, Museum of Contemporary Art Chicago

Carmen Rossi
owner, Hubbard Inn, Barn & Company, Heating & Cooling, Pomp & Circumstance



Jon Schiff
owner, Real Good Juice Co.

Michael Stejskal
winner, #FLATSProject accelerator program; owner, The Public Barber



Giuseppe Tentori
executive chef/partner, GT Fish & Oyster

Eddie Tom, Jr.
player development executive, Rivers Casino



Anthony Walters
Chicago Bears safety



TOP TEQUILA

"I enjoy quality tequilas, such as Casa Noble or Fortaleza — añejo for sipping or reposado for mixing. The key [to mixing a cocktail] is fresh — fresh citrus, never from a bottle. No pre-made mixers. And good ice for shaking and drinking." —*Nick Kokonas*

Casa Noble: Añejo, \$54.99 and Fortaleza: Reposado, \$69.99
Both available at Binny's locations citywide; Binny.com



BEST BOURBON

"While I love whiskey in all forms, an Old Fashioned has to be my favorite preparation — it's bold, smooth and just sweet enough to make you want to drink another. For the value — and especially when in a mixed drink — I don't think you can go wrong with Buffalo Trace." —*Michael Stejskal*

Buffalo Trace: Bourbon whiskey, \$24.99. Mariano's locations citywide; Marianos.com



BEST NIGHT OUT

RPM [Steak, 66 W. Kinzie] and then right out to [Studio] Paris [59 W. Hubbard] — that's a night out on Saturday." —Anthony Walters



CREATIVE COCKTAILS

"I really love The Promontory in Hyde Park. Make sure to try the El Diablo." —Jon Schiff

El Diablo: PV Reposado, Combiar Fruits de Rouge, Alipus Mezcal, lime and ginger beer. \$10. The Promontory, 5311 S. Lake Park West. Promontorychicago.com



BEST DELIVERY

"Urbanbelly [1400 W. Randolph]. My favorite dish is the rice-cake noodles: chicken katsu with sliced rice cakes, mango, cilantro and Korean chili broth." —Giuseppe Tentori



FAVORITE BRUNCH

"Having lived in the South, Carriage House's [1700 W. Division] delicious Southern menu always brings back good memories." —Brigg Klein



AMAZING ARTIST

"I bought a simple piece from local artist Duncan R. Anderson [pictured above, "Dance Lessons"] a few years ago that I love, although I'm certain that what it means to him and what it means to me are completely different." —Mark Millmore

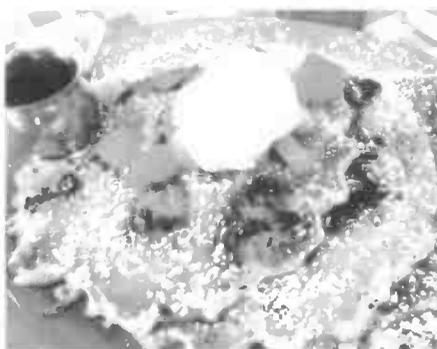


FAVORITE OVERALL

"Tavern on Rush [1031 N. Rush] because of the ribeye. I've taken many clients there and always walked away satisfied. Tavern also has the best patio in the summer" —Eddie Tom, Jr.

BEST ROMANTIC SPOT

"I like the diner Pauline's [1337 W. Fullerton] for an early-bird breakfast for two, but my view is that you can make nearly everything romantic — you're only limited by what might be considered acceptable behavior at the time." —Mark Millmore



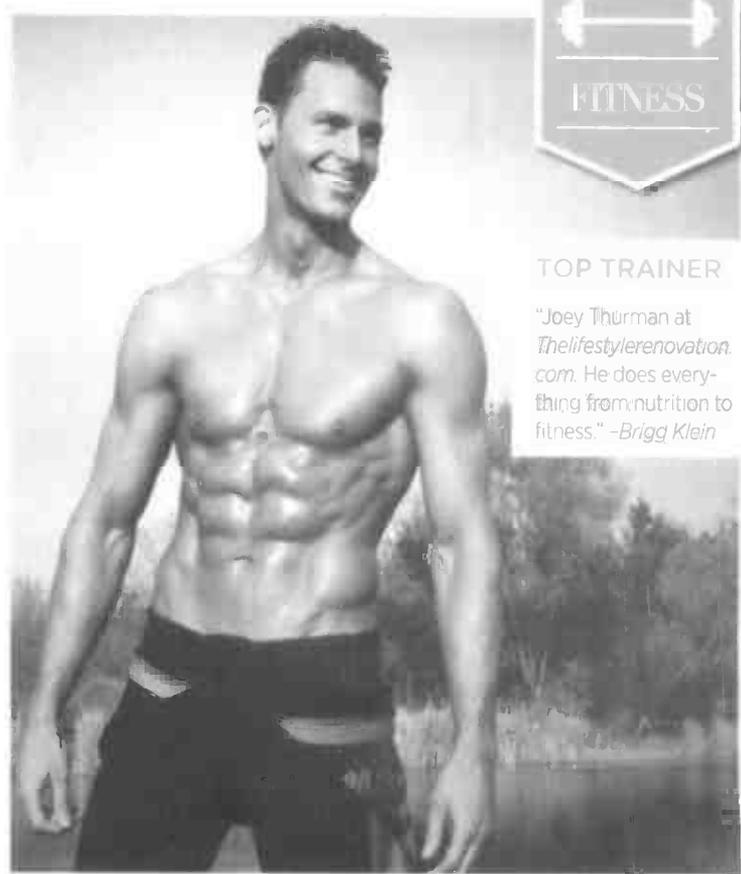
FAVORITE GALLERY



"I'm a big fan of the Kruger Gallery Chicago [3709 N. Southport; left, "Bananas" by Jeffly Gabriela Molina]. [They specialize in] avant-garde pieces, showcasing images shrouded in political and social change." —Carmen Rossi



PRO TIP
 "The most important part of shaving is the prep. Wait until after you shower to put a blade to your face — the heat and moisture soften the beard hair and open your pores. Spend a good amount of time massaging your shave cream or oil into your face — this raises the hairs and makes for an easier and closer shave." —*Michael Stejskal*



TOP TRAINER
 "Joey Thurman at *TheLifestyleRenovation.com*. He does everything from nutrition to fitness." —*Brigg Klein*



BEST HAIR PRODUCT
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MoroccanOil: Treatment Original, \$43; *MoroccanOil.com*

> BEST AFTER SHAVE

"Bottega Veneta — I love the fresh scent." —*Giuseppe Tentori*

Bottega Veneta: Pour Homme after-shave balm, \$70. Nordstrom, 55 E. Grand; *Shop.nordstrom.com*



FAVORITE RUNNING SHOE

"The Adidas Boost changed my entire outlook on running. As an athlete who favors high-intensity, explosive workouts, I found longer distance runs to be boring and painful on my joints. [With these], I can run longer and recover faster than ever before — the best part is my body doesn't hate me afterward." —*Gideon Akande*

Adidas: Ultra Boost shoes, \$180. Adidas Sport Performance, 845 N. Michigan; *Adidas.com*



SMOOTHEST SKIN
 "As a darker gentleman, I can't afford to be 'ashy.' Johnson's baby oil does the trick in keeping me moisturized and smooth." —*Gideon Akande*
Johnson's: baby oil, \$4.49. Target location's citywide; *Target.com*



BEST SPORTSWEAR BRAND
 "I [love the] newer things that Under Armour has come out with. I'm not even a runner, but they have running sweatpants that are tapered at the ankle, so if I'm working out, if it's a little chilly, I can use those sweats." —*Anthony Walters*
Under Armour: men's UA Storm run pants, \$79.99, Under Armour Brand House, 600 N. Michigan; *Underarmour.com*

SCAVES THE SHUFFLE

"Brooklyn Grooming makes a wonderful, high-end beard balm. My favorite [scent] is Fort Greene — it's botanical and bold, but fades exactly when it's supposed to." —*Michael Stejskal*
Brooklyn Grooming: classic beard balm in Fort Greene, \$26; *BrooklynGrooming.com*



PRO TIP
 "Anything off the rack can be turned into a great suit — you just need a good tailor. I found mine in Boguslaw [65 E. Oak]." —*Jon Schiff*



> PERFECT PANTS

"I don't think you can go wrong with dark wash denim, but when feeling more adventurous I have red, green, yellow and blue Levi's 511s. I generally wear those in the summer, and buy them one size shorter than usual. This way I can show a little ankle with boat shoes or a pair of low-rise Converse." —*Michael Stejskal*

Levi's: Commuter 511 slim-fit trousers, \$88, 1552 N. Milwaukee; *Us.levi.com*



> SUPER SUITING

"Here's what you do: Drive into the Loop. Go to 70 W. Madison. Go to the back, past the deli and newsstand, around the corner and into HALO [for Men]. Bypass the reception table and see the tailor. His name is Josh. He runs his operation [Sebastien Grey] out of there, and he's the best, most affordable custom-suit guy in town. Whether you tell him Carmen sent you or not doesn't matter, because he treats everyone like aces." —*Carmen Rossi*

> BEST BACKPACK

"No matter where or for how long I'm traveling, I always have my Coach or Swiss [Gear] backpack — fits right under the seat in front of you and everything is accessible." —*Eddie Tom, Jr.*

Coach: Bleecker traveler backpack in leather, \$548, 625 N. Michigan; *Coach.com*



Self-control check-up

BY JENNY MCCARTHY

I'm going to make a bold statement here and say that the majority of us, as long as we're being honest with ourselves, have a serious lack of self-control. Whether it's over food, beverages, the things we say and do — or, on the contrary, don't do — we can all find something we allow ourselves to indulge in just a bit too much.

Do you have issues stopping yourself from texting your crush one too many times, or from saying no to the second glass of wine you didn't intend to have, or from allowing really awful words to fly out of your mouth in the heat of the moment?

Certainly, we're all guilty of one of these, in some capacity — sometimes on a daily basis. So, what is it within ourselves that's so hard to wrangle?

I wish I knew.

What I can say, however, is that there's a daily practice I participate in that helps. At the end of every day, as a way to unwind, I go over my day in my head. I recall everyone I interacted with and what our conversations were like; I recap every meal I ate and every beverage I drank; and I scan my phone to remind myself of all of the texts I sent.

This may seem like a daunting task — and, at first, it is. But you'll soon begin to recognize patterns in your behavior. Did I seem snappy and ungrateful with more than one person I conversed with? Did I make a decision to choose unhealthy foods for my meals? Did I go work out or did I use my few free moments gluttonously sucking down a chocolate milkshake?

Let me tell you, after a few nights



of seeing a pattern of bad choices, the poor-decision making slowed. I was forced to be accountable to myself — and there's no worse critic than our own selves. I'd be damned if one more chicken finger crossed my brain or if I had to cringe yet again when recalling what I said to someone in a meeting! There was simply no longer any excuse for my overindulgence or lack of self-control,

because it was being reported to someone every night ... me!

There's nobody else out there who can change you but you. If you do this on the regular, and you really go through your entire day every day, you'll find yourself making better choices in all aspects of your life! What's one area of your life where you lack self-control? Tweet me @JennyMcCarthy.

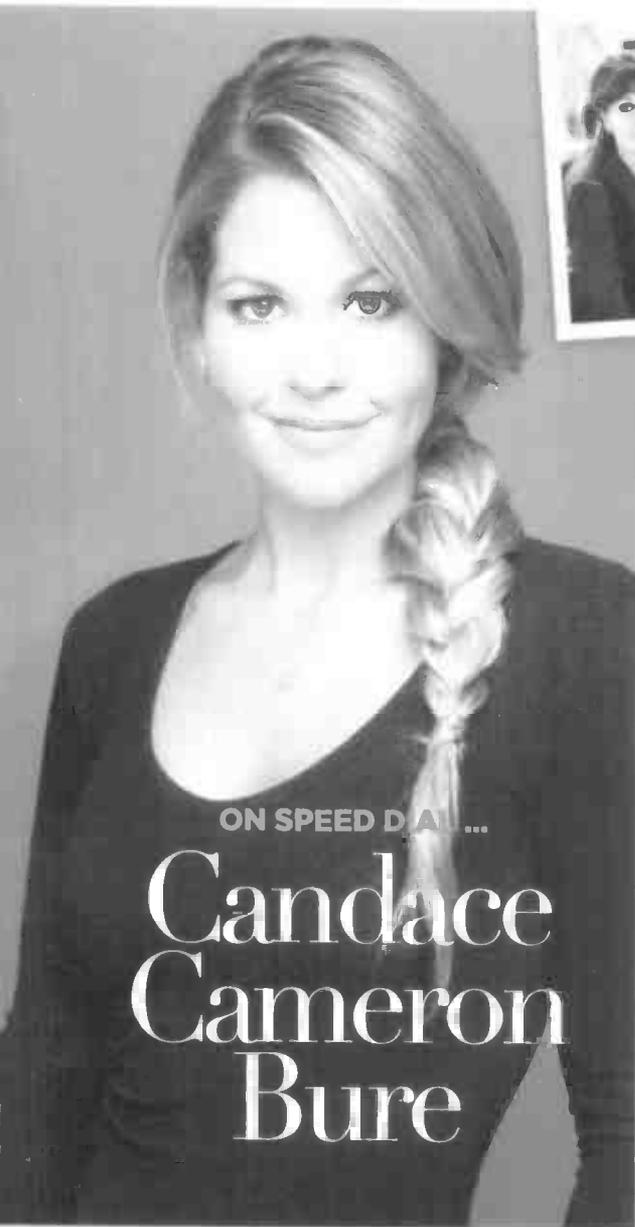
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Above: Bure (right) and Marilu Henner in "A Bone to Pick: An Aurora Teagarden Mystery"

'Full House,' that took me to having a career. It's what I've done my whole life. [You] hear so many crazy stories about the industry — and it is super crazy — but I love it and it feels like home to me."

Behind-the-scenes: "I love being on the production end, as well. It's a natural progression for a lot of actors, to get into directing or producing. I had absolutely no desire to direct, but I always wanted to produce, so I started my company, iCandy Productions."

People would be surprised to know: "That I'm a really big EDM [electronic dance music] fan. It's not totally my scene, but I absolutely love the music. My kids and husband love it, too, so when we're in the car or at the house we're pretty much cranking the EDM."

My work is inspired by: "My family. There are lots of people I admire, but the types of [projects] I want to do are ones for families, that families can be inspired, uplifted or entertained by. And my fans give me feedback that they know when they watch something with Candace in it, they can expect something appropriate that they can watch with their families and don't have to be embarrassed."

Watch "A Bone to Pick: An Aurora Teagarden Mystery," on Hallmark and Hallmark Movies & Mysteries April 4 at 8 p.m.

The 'Full House' star dials in

BY ELLE EICHINGER

Portraying D.J. Tanner on "Full House" for eight of her formative teenage years, actress Candace Cameron Bure could have gone the way of so many child stars of the '90s — but staying true to her wholesome TV alter-ego proved to be the right path. Now, she's reaping the benefits of her early start as an actress, producer, author and mother of three — who also took an impressive third place on "Dancing with the Stars"

last year. Next month, she stars in the Hallmark Channel film "A Bone to Pick: An Aurora Teagarden Mystery."

Calling from: "Vancouver. We're currently [here] shooting the second movie in the 'Aurora Teagarden' film series."

I started acting: "When I was 5 years old. My mom asked me if I wanted to try acting — we didn't come from a show-business family; there wasn't any pressure. [When] I got the part on

Service with a smile

VIP treatment runs off the rails in **'The Upstairs Concierge'** by playwright Kristoffer Diaz **BY THOMAS CONNORS**

Wit has its pleasures. And who doesn't like a good screwball comedy? But there's nothing like a farce. From Molière to The Marx Brothers, writers and entertainers have gone all-out with over-the-top antics and improbable scenarios to deflate pretensions, speak truth to power and give our everyday foibles a good what-for. With "The Upstairs Concierge" — now at Goodman Theatre — playwright Kristoffer Diaz takes aim at today's sometimes toxic fascination with status and celebrity.

Diaz, whose wrestling-driven "The Elaborate Entrance of Chad Deity" earned an Obie Award and Pulitzer Prize nomination, likes theater that's "big and loud." His work, he suggests, "exists in the intersection of many cultural traditions, from European drama to Golden Era hip-hop, from the rich history of Latino playwrights in the United States to Jewish comedians from the Catskills. I embrace all of them, and make art that lives somewhere in the middle."

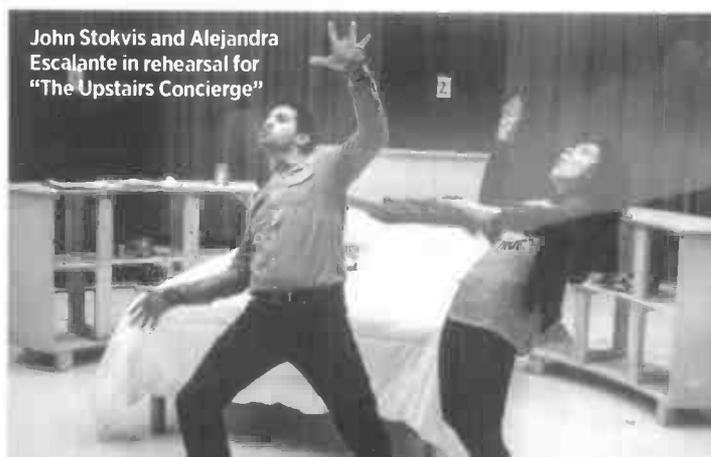
Fast-paced and ridiculous, "The Upstairs Concierge" follows the travails of Ella, recently hired as a concierge in a swanky new hotel catering to VIPs. It's one wrong move and miscommunication after another as she attempts to understand the seemingly senseless protocols of the place (a task made all the more difficult

'The Upstairs Concierge'

Through April 26, Goodman Theatre, 170 N. Dearborn. For tickets (\$10-\$40), call (312) 443-3800 or visit Goodmantheatre.org

by the hapless staff she's stuck with). "There's this weird idea that being well-known means you deserve to have people take care of your every need, even if those needs are kind of dumb," says Diaz. "I like when people are nice to each other, even if they come from different social strata. When folks are jerks, that's worth having some fun with."

"Writing comedy is very hard," notes director KJ Sanchez, who makes her Goodman debut with this production. "Kris is good at it in a several ways. His humor is never cruel; he never makes a joke at his character's expense. He gets behind his heroes and heroines — he's really rooting for them, and this makes the audience root for them as well. Our 'Upstairs Concierge' world is a little like the island of misfit toys. So many great comedians and funny writers understand the value of humor from loneliness. And they, like Kris, understand how to turn that loneliness into something totally joyful."



John Stokvis and Alejandra Escalante in rehearsal for "The Upstairs Concierge"



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FAMOUS FURNITURE

Oprah Winfrey may have left Chicago, but her furniture hasn't. Leslie Hindman Auctioneers will put a collection of more than 500 pieces from Winfrey's Water Tower apartment up for auction April 25 (a public preview begins April 16). Proceeds will benefit The Oprah Winfrey Leadership Academy Foundation. 1338 W. Lake; Lesliehindman.com

SOMETHING NEW . . .

Bella Bianca Bridal Couture celebrates its second anniversary by taking its Gold Coast salon to a whole new level — literally. With the second-floor expansion, brides, bridesmaids and wedding guests can shop an even wider array of designers, including **Ines Di Santos**, **Christos Bridal** and **Alvina Valenta**. 12 W. Maple; Bellabianca.com

HATS OFF

Family-owned Goorin Bros. Hat Shop bids farewell to its Lakeview spot with a half-off sale on select styles, including fedoras, cloches and floppies, flatcaps, cadets, ivys and more, through April 26. The shop will also host a "Lakeview Loyalist" goodbye bash April 9 from 6-9 p.m. 3243 N. Broadway; Goorin.com

OFF THE CHAIN

IANNECI Jewelry gives Bloomingdale's shoppers two chances to be dazzled by its latest medley of Chicago-made silver and gold chains — mixed with plated brass beads and Swarovski pearls and crystals — with all-day trunk shows April 25 and 26. 900 N. Michigan; Bloomingdales.com



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Nithya Rajagopalan & Vikram Naidu

BY CHIARA MILIOULIS

Nithya Rajagopalan definitely found her knight in shining armor: Her groom, Vikram Naidu, even rode into their wedding on horseback, as is custom during *baraat*, a part of traditional Indian ceremonies. For Rajagopalan, who works in business development for grocery delivery startup Instacart, the fairytale began in February 2014, when Naidu, director of finance for the on-demand car service Lyft, proposed in Napa.

Last fall, the couple commenced their three-day Indian wedding festivities, starting Friday night with a get-together at the bride's family home in Naperville, followed by an evening reception Saturday and a formal ceremony and lunch reception at The Drake Hotel (140 E. Walton) on Sunday.

For Saturday's main bash, 250 of the couple's friends and family members

turned out for a cocktail party, featuring signature Moscow Mule and Ginger Fizz cocktails and an ice cream sundae bar, plus Garrett's Popcorn as a late-night snack. "A bunch of our college friends did a [choreographed] dance for us," says the bride. "It was amazing to be surrounded by all these people who had been part of our lives."

On Sunday, the duo said their "I do's" in the Drake's Gold Coast Room — Rajagopalan donned three different saris from her native country — before heading to a South Indian-inspired reception, complete with dishes like aloo matar, uttapam and aavial. "Both of our families come from a city in India called Chennai, so we had each table name be a different town or sub-town," Rajagopalan says. "We grouped people by where they have family or where they grew up to personalize it." Thinking back on the wedding, Rajagopalan says, simply: "It was all ... amazing."

IT'S IN THE DETAILS

Bride's lehnga & saris: Ushnak Mal Mool Chand, Ushnakmals.com; Parisera, Parisera.com

Lolaeventproductions.com

The Drake Hotel social & wedding specialist: Shaun Rajah; Shaun.rajah@hilton.com

Catering: The Drake Hotel, 140 E. Walton; The-drakehotel.com

Bride's shoes: Kate Spade, 56 E. Oak; Katespade.com

Sweets: Garrett Popcorn Shops, various locations citywide; Garrettpopcorn.com

Bride's hair & makeup: Sonia Roselli Makeup Studio, 7001 N. Glenwood; Soniaroselli.com

Décor & florist: Shaadi Creations, 399 Wall, Glendale Heights; Shaadicreations.com

Groom's attire: House of Sankalan; Burberry, 633 N. Michigan, Us.burberry.com

Wedding planner: Lori Stephenson, LOLA Event Productions;

Entertainment: Shaadi Entertainment; Shaadi-entertainment.com



PHOTOS BY ANH BUI

MORE ONLINE

For more of their wedding photos, visit Chicagosplash.com

CHEERS!



Cheers to **Carly Olsman**, manager of event strategies at Jasculca Terman Strategic Communications, and **Jason Bradford**, associate at Jenner & Block, on their recent engagement. The pair is planning a December wedding at The Art Institute of Chicago (111 S. Michigan).



There wasn't a dry eye in sight as eight teenagers from the Boys & Girls Clubs of Chicago shared their profound

stories of overcoming tragic obstacles with the help of their neighborhood club at this year's Youth of the Year Competition. Winner **Laura Ambriz** (above) received a \$2,000 scholarship and the chance to advance to the regional competition, where she will compete for an additional \$10,000 scholarship.



Demetra Blzios, regional accessory manager at Mercedes-Benz USA and sister of Splash contributor Katerina Bizios, had the surprise of her life when her boyfriend, **Eric Vassilatos**, the co-founder of local ticket company Vivid Seats, got down on one knee. The couple celebrated at the bride-to-be's favorite restaurant, Pelago (201 E. Delaware), and are planning a wedding in Greece next summer.



Things are looking pretty at the Chicago Humanities Festival — the organization welcomed two new members to

its art department: professor and artist **Jonathan Elmer** will take up the role of director, while **Alison Cuddy** (above) will step in as associate director.

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WHITNEY WANDLAND

AGE: 23. **CLAIM-TO-FAME:** Miss Chicago, Chicago Luvabull and model for Stewart Talent Agency. **LIVES IN:** Lakeview. **WISH UPON A STAR:** I saw Miss America for the first time when I was 5 and I always wanted to be in pageants. This year was my last eligible year to compete. I was so excited [when I won] because it [happened] on my first try! **WEALTH KICK:** My platform is [Jumping for Joy:] Fighting Childhood Obesity. One out of three children are obese — [that's] a huge number! I think it's so important for parents to eat right and be good examples for their children. We're all so on the go, [we sometimes] don't have time to think about what we're putting in our mouths. It's really important to eat healthy

and stay active. **CROWNING MOMENT:** The Miss Illinois pageant is in June — I'm expecting it to be a lot of fun. Hopefully, it works out in my favor! **HOOP DREAMS:** My dad was a huge Michael Jordan fan and my favorite movie is "Space Jam." When I went to the [Bulls] games, I'd watch the dancers. I tried out for the Luvabulls and I didn't make it, but I came back the next year and made it. **PRINCE CHARMING:** I look for someone who is intelligent, has a job and sees where he wants to be in the next 5 to 10 years. We both need to be working toward something. **PERSONAL MANTRA:** Nothing comes easy. You have to think you're not going to get everything you want — but what you do get is meant for you to have.

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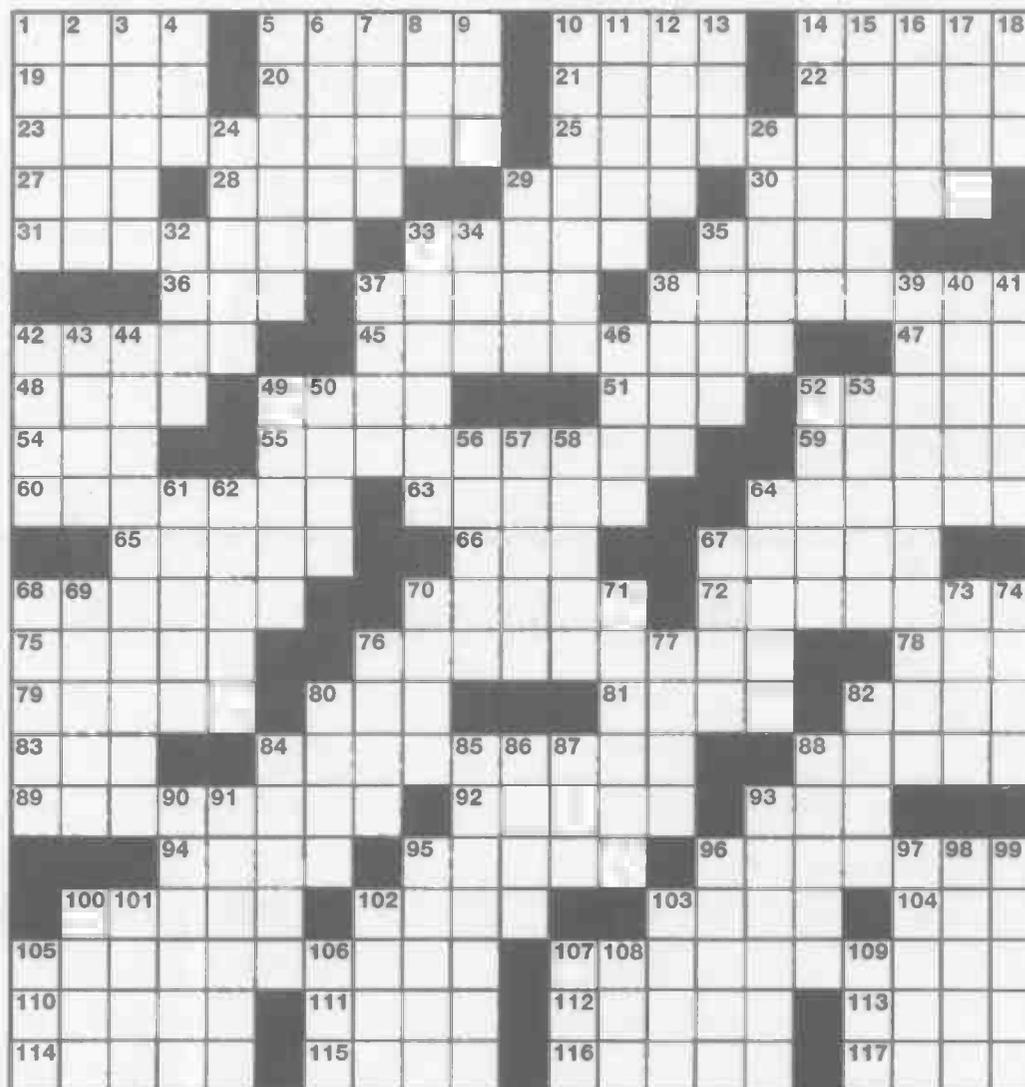
Across

- 1 Tuna-and-cheese sandwich
- 5 Totally exhausted
- 10 Scandinavian capital
- 14 Freud collaborator
- 19 Parts of some portfolios
- 20 In the know
- 21 Ostrich relative
- 22 Repetitive practice
- 23 Computer hardware
- 25 Seaside promenades
- 27 Score 100 on
- 28 Dillydally
- 29 Utah national park
- 30 Inflatable boats
- 31 Get dry and wrinkly
- 33 Buttonholes, essentially
- 35 Toad feature
- 36 Man cave, maybe
- 37 Book's backbone
- 38 Era or epoch
- 42 Handled roughly
- 45 Journeys from bar to bar
- 47 Prefix for metric
- 48 Airport stats
- 49 Dear: Fr.
- 51 Jamie Foxx Oscar film
- 52 Blackboard material
- 54 Items on a "must" list
- 55 Banned picnic game
- 59 Comic-strip segment
- 60 Siri speaks for them
- 63 Genders
- 64 Chopper parts
- 65 Sports shoe
- 66 Manning of the NFL
- 67 Potato-processing tool

- 68 '50s Porsche model
- 70 River through Nottingham
- 72 Loosens, as laces
- 75 Spanish national hero
- 76 Print quantities
- 78 Mauna —
- 79 Chicago mayor before Emanuel
- 80 Psi preceder
- 81 Art Deco designer
- 82 Diner sandwiches, for short
- 83 Enjoyed 82 Across
- 84 Flies close to the ground
- 88 Potion portions
- 89 What the septum separates
- 92 Educator Montessori
- 93 Comprehend
- 94 Slippery swimmers
- 95 Alloted, with "out"
- 96 *Hunger Games* skill
- 100 Electrified
- 102 Driver's warning
- 103 Coloratura's solo
- 104 Churchill signal
- 105 High-security storage spots
- 107 Bugs in genetics research
- 110 See things the same
- 111 Green Hornet's sidekick
- 112 Special Forces headgear
- 113 Subside
- 114 Formal footwear
- 115 Princes' prep school
- 116 World Cup powerhouse
- 117 Tip-jar filler

Down

- 1 Mythical greedy monarch
- 2 Author — Maria Remarque
- 3 Light-show light
- 4 "Naughty boy!"
- 5 Prison chief
- 6 Volunteer's offer
- 7 Apply asphalt
- 8 Before, to bards
- 9 — Moines, IA
- 10 Satellite, by definition
- 11 Drives off
- 12 Low in fat
- 13 Crew-team member
- 14 Invasive apps
- 15 Works in progress
- 16 Cheery tune
- 17 Some lodge brothers
- 18 *Treasure Island* monogram
- 24 Did a jackknife, say
- 26 Vial measures
- 29 Metal in pennies
- 32 "Beware the — of March"
- 33 Brushes aside
- 34 Ad—
- 35 Full of guile
- 37 Jet forth
- 38 "Jabberwocky" starter
- 39 Inserts for self-playing instruments
- 40 Late-blooming flower
- 41 Christmas songs
- 42 Nail treatment, for short
- 43 Sitting on
- 44 Laundry steps
- 46 Creative fields
- 49 Unmistakable



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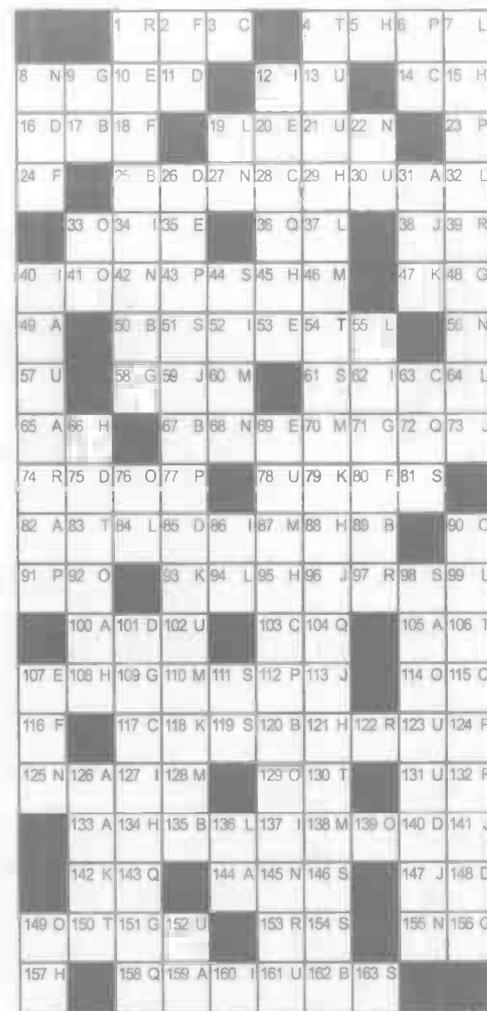
- 50 Own, old-style
- 52 Sci-fi logician
- 53 Approach the wee hours
- 56 Farm-equipment brand
- 57 Wheel bars
- 58 Horse holders
- 61 Blast from the past
- 62 Indigent
- 64 Dentist's instruction
- 67 Least of a litter
- 68 Coupe counterpart
- 69 Pupil of Socrates
- 70 High-school math
- 71 Fearful
- 73 Pledge-drive premium
- 74 Talk trash to
- 76 High degs.
- 77 Celestial bear
- 80 Animation collectibles
- 82 "You and me —"
- 84 Poet Doolittle
- 85 Thoreau pal
- 86 Abominate
- 87 Source of gold
- 88 Tea choice
- 90 Studs who wrote *Working*
- 91 Actor Keanu
- 93 Courageous
- 95 "Be Prepared," e.g.
- 96 Shakespearean sprite
- 97 French water source
- 98 Milton Hershey colleague
- 99 Go-aheads
- 100 Fight, as a war
- 101 Regarding
- 102 No longer bubbly
- 103 Distinctive air
- 105 Scrooge shout
- 106 Luau strings
- 107 Clarice Starling's employer
- 108 No longer active: Abbr.
- 109 MGM mascot

Quote-Acrostic

- Define clues, writing in Words column over numbered dashes.
- Transfer letters to numbered squares in diagram.
- When pattern is completed, quotation can be read left to right. The first letters of the filled-in words reading down form an acrostic yielding the speaker's name and the topic of the quotation.

Clues	Words
A. Merely adequate	159 126 82 49 105 144 133 100 65 31
B. Gather rubbish	50 135 17 120 162 67 89 25
C. Archangel	63 103 117 14 90 3 28
D. Exemption	75 26 16 101 140 148 85 11
E. Cancer or Capricorn	35 10 107 53 20 69
F. Creditable	2 80 18 116 24 132
G. Blanked; 2 wds.	71 48 109 151 58 156 9
H. Indifferent	15 45 134 29 88 108 66 157 5 121 95
I. Pauper's fear	52 34 12 137 86 40 62 160 127

J. Mixing of wet clay	38 59 113 96 73 147 141
K. Powerball, e.g.	93 79 142 47 118
L. Newcomer; 2 wds.	55 94 7 37 99 64 19 84 136 32
M. Horizontal supports	46 87 110 138 70 60 128
N. Informal reception; 2 wds.	56 27 68 125 145 155 42 8 22
O. West	129 41 149 139 92 76 33 114
P. Honoring banquets	6 23 91 112 124 43 77
Q. Japanese religion	72 115 36 104 158 143
R. Son of Poseidon	74 39 97 1 153 122
S. Not completed	51 119 154 44 98 111 163 61 146 81
T. Cigar tobacco, e.g.	130 4 83 54 150 106
U. Equal; hyph.	57 123 21 161 152 13 131 78 102 30



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Musical Drama

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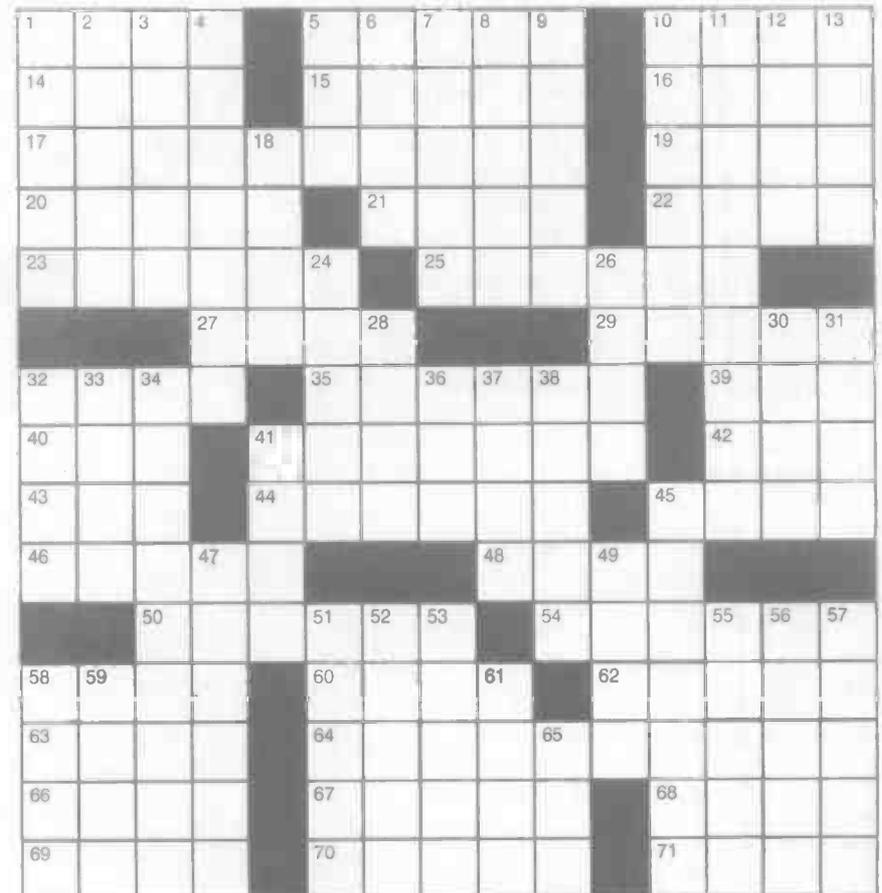
- Goddess of discord
- Campfire remains
- Come down
- Dryer leftover
- Perch
- Seine feeder
- Mozart opera, with *The*
- Wolf's wink
- Bikini, for one
- Lollapalooza
- Dutch or French
- Talk incessantly
- Part of D.D.S.
- Had bills
- Perfect
- Org.
- Famous fables
- Three: prefix
- Luau souvenir
- Strauss opera
- Cable sta.
- To the right
- Kingdom
- Geezer
- Osborne's *Look Back in* ___
- Bones
- '60s child

Down

- Swiss
- City southeast of New Delhi
- French friend
- Rose oil
- Café au ___
- Verdi opera
- Notable movie maven
- Encumbrances
- Bullring cries
- Campus gp.
- Last name in journalism
- Wall Street letters
- Violinist Mischa
- Gauche's gear
- Fort Knox item
- Crumbly cheese
- Sandy's comment
- Aria
- Dog
- Cosmetician Lauder
- Back of the boat
- Gizmo
- Verdi opera
- Sonja Henie's birthplace
- ___ *Gynt*
- Ball of yarn

Down

- Domain
- Actress Farrow
- Benchley novel, with *The*
- New Yorker* cartoonist
- Mardi Gras follower
- Pond plant
- Caught in the act
- Wagner opera
- Hit the slopes
- Another, south of the border
- Music mark
- First name in architecture
- Heading
- Tickled pink
- Sofian
- Half of a Washington city
- Cyberspace letters
- Last ___
- Triple Alliance country
- Archibald, et al.
- Wipe out
- Woe is me!
- Infatuated
- Cubist Rubik
- Horned viper



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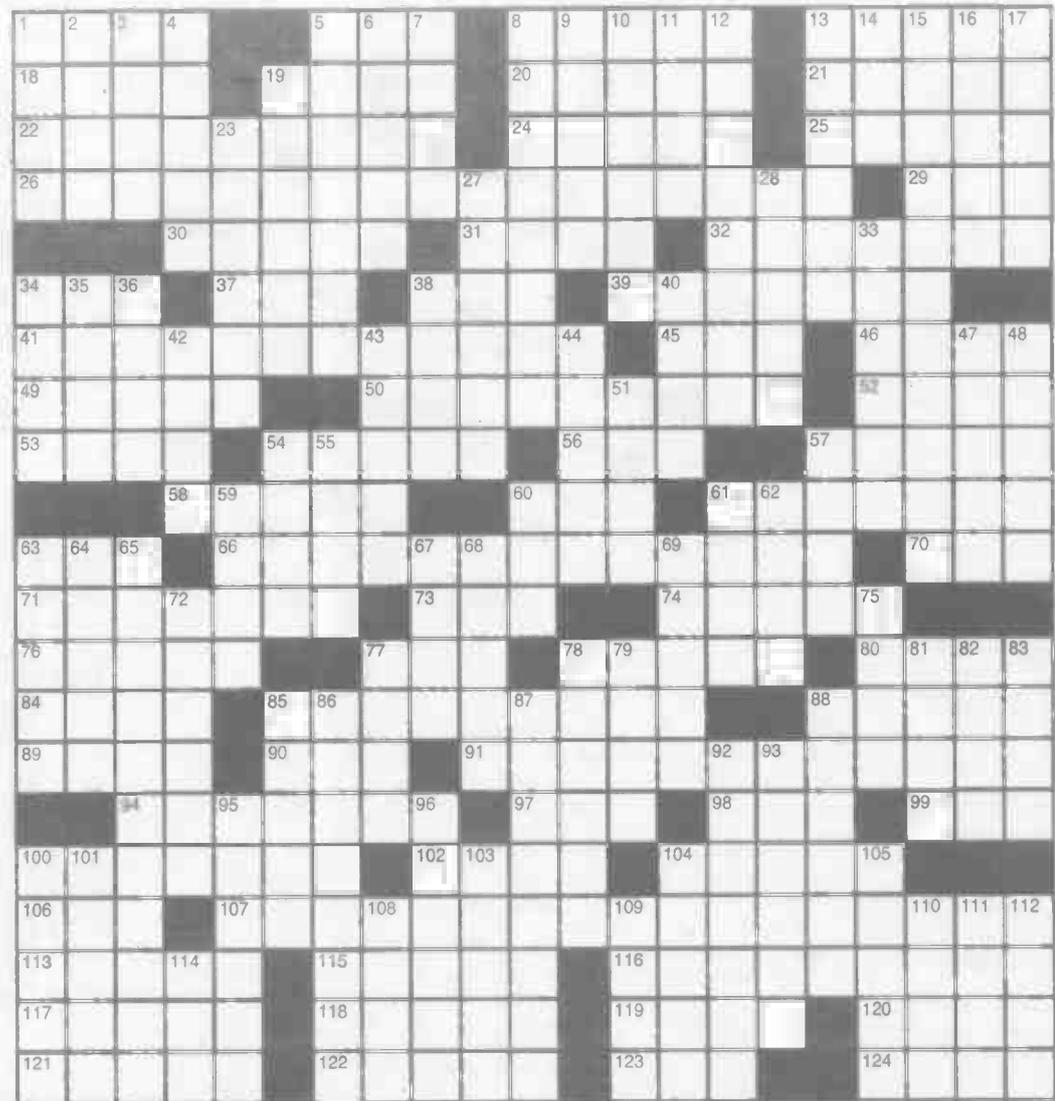
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Across

- 1 Trade
5 Bestow upon, as a compliment
8 Increased excessively, with "on"
13 Back country
18 Subject of a memorable chocolate simile
19 Sport with four-person teams
20 Came to
21 Theatrical work
22 Barbecue feature
24 More cordial
25 Canning tomatoes
26 Sign outside the women's locker room?
29 Paper cut cries
30 High
31 Wooded depression
32 How the riot act is read
34 Lifeboat item
37 Beginning of Christmas?
38 Tiny —
39 Gadget in the game Twister
41 Hopper using hops?
45 Gardner of "The Hucksters"
46 Cher's "Burlesque" role
49 Reason
50 Auditorium sections
52 Illegal USMC status
53 Pot filler
54 Castaway's signal
56 Where Yogi naps
57 Vice president before Gerald
58 Fragrant bloom
60 Excitement
61 Edison's 1,000-plus
63 Told too much
66 Powerful Persian bloodline?
70 It's longer than a dit
71 Finale of Copland's "Rodeo"
73 Hosp. areas
74 Wii fanatic, say
76 Shaker unit
77 — tai
78 Equine array
80 Paintballs, e.g.
84 Fizzes out
85 Fire sign?
88 Inflict
89 Sushi options
90 Black batt. terminal
91 Draft in a moldy basement?
94 "Wanna bet?"
97 Academic no.
98 Full Sail or Harpoon product
99 Title stuffed bear in a 2012 comedy
100 Squat hounds
102 Red Carpet stance
104 Rotisserie league data
106 Israeli machine gun
107 Stray nut among the Doritos?
113 Total
115 Naps, maybe
116 Athenian landmark
117 Gussy up
118 Some map dots
119 Olympian chariot rider
120 Real estate division
121 Repaired, in a way
122 Bothersome
123 Was in the driver's seat
124 Dieter's data

Down

- 1 Hardly a pick-up expert?
2 Cleaning cloth
3 Rough quantity
4 — colony
5 Tip
6 Temper
7 Crème brûlée ingredient
8 Considerable outbreak
9 Cooperative words
10 Hometown folks
11 Managed with difficulty, with "out"
12 Disdainful
13 Slip
14 NYSE event
15 Another showing of an Edsel documentary?
16 Matthew McConaughey has one
17 Nervy
19 Want more
23 Seller of staples
27 Safe to have
28 Former lab burners
33 Prepare to paint again
34 Kimono holders
35 It occasionally floods Florence
36 Mtge. adjustment
38 Lift not as common as it used to be
40 Tylenol target
42 Fit as a fiddle
43 Summers in China?
44 Tom and Jerry, e.g.
47 Partially, casually
48 Spill clumsily
51 Hard-to-miss sign
54 Zoomed
55 Estate highlight, often
57 Lid inflammation
59 "— a mission"
60 Some magazine spreads
61 Coll. prep test
62 Some drive-thrus
63 "That's a surprise"
64 Greene of the original "Battlestar Galactica" series
65 Pulled hamstring, to a hurdler?
67 Move in on
68 "The Frog Prince" byline
69 Like gymnasts
72 Trash-talks
75 Not at all typical
77 Wise men
78 Ballpoint alternative
79 "The Blacklist" actor
81 Gather
82 Cornfield attraction
83 Accepted
85 Santa — Derby
86 Accidentally reveals
87 Fraidy cat
88 "That sav'd a — like me!": "Amazing Grace"
92 Filled with tears
93 Denounces
95 Duel attendant
96 Bouts
100 Goals of some back pats
101 Poetic blue
103 Young barn dweller
104 Trap
105 Bound bunch
108 Washer part
109 Abundant gemstone
Down Under
110 Old empire builder
111 Vancouver, for one
112 Sega competitor in the 16-bit market
114 Ball holder



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Jumble

Unscramble the six Jumbles, one letter per square, to form six words. Then arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by this cartoon.

BOLLAG
ICTENE
DANTE
URESFE
NIVOSI
HIRTEE

So, how does this work? I've never done this before. Ooh. He's cute.

I went here first when I was ready to start dating again.

SHE SIGNED UP FOR THE ONLINE DATING SERVICE IN THE HOPE OF —

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Sudoku

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Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders contains every digit 1 to 9.

Level: **1 2 3 4**

		6	1	7				
		8		3	4	1		
9			2					6
			3	5				
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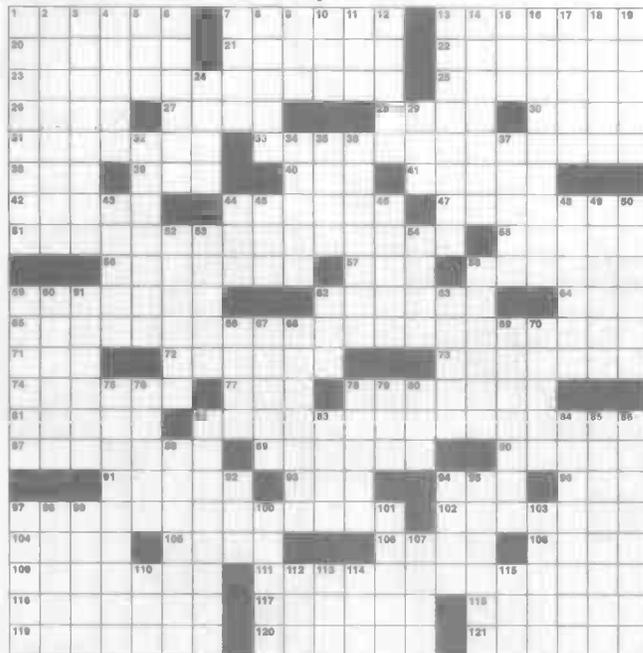
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CALIFORNIA, HERE I COME

By Alan Arbesfeld / Puzzles Edited by Will Shortz

ACROSS

- 1 Small drums
7 Leaves of grass
13 Folded like a fan
20 East Coast national park
21 Early stone tool
22 Go wild
23 Ancient Peruvian using Netflix?
25 Washington post?
26 Newbie: Var.
27 Senator Mike from Wyoming
28 1965 hitmakers Dino, ___ & Billy
30 Start to lose it
31 Exactly 72, maybe
33 "No fishing here!"?
38 Be up
39 Ending with Vietnam
40 Vietnam ___
41 Like the headline "ELVIS FATHERED MY ALIEN BABY"
42 Sheer
44 Lines from Homer and Erasmus
47 Some art projections
51 Dog whose rocket went off course?
55 Make the podium
56 Some black-tie events
57 Refrain syllable
58 "Network," for one
59 Never
62 "Is that so?"
64 A minimus is a little one
65 Comment to an annoying blackjack dealer?
71 TV ET
72 Pub fixture
73 "Ta-da!"
74 Up-to-the-minute
77 Letters after Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand's name
78 Less deserving of a laugh, say
81 Sealer, maybe
82 Part of a jumbo trail mix?
87 Sorry sort
89 Lit
90 Marie Antoinette, par exemple
91 First name on the "America's Got Talent" panel
93 State on the Miss.
94 Bouncer's



concern

- 96 AAA offering: Abbr.
97 Agent for Bogart's partner?
102 Wild
104 Declare
105 Filmmaker Riefenstahl
106 Hold it!
108 "When I was ___..."
109 President John Tyler's wife
111 "12-Point Type: A History"??
116 Tied up
117 They might grab some food before a flight
118 Hard and unyielding
119 Bar order that's not drunk
120 "Me as well!"
121 Isn't completely truthful

DOWN

- 1 It may be on the tip of your tongue
2 Put in play
3 It holds a lock in place
4 Classic theater
5 Marshy place, perhaps
6 Identical to
7 Auto pioneer Karl

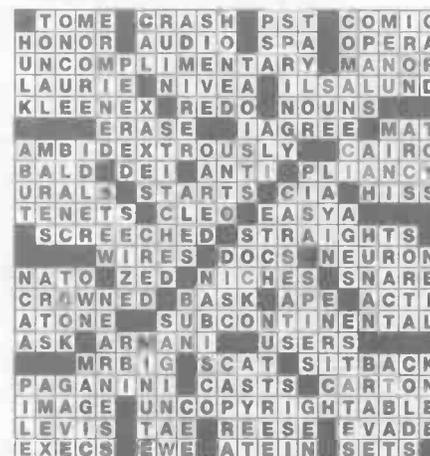
- 8 "When dealing with people, let us remember we are not dealing with creatures of ___": Dale Carnegie
9 Will Smith biopic
10 When repeated, a child's meal
11 Yadda, yadda, yadda
12 Tangerine or peach
13 Force divided by area, in physics
14 ___ brothers, inventors of the motion picture (1895)
15 Having five sharps
16 Cause of a great loss?
17 Option for a quick exit
18 Quaint letter opener
19 Classic British Jaguar
24 Concerning
29 Sharp turn
32 Projected image
34 High-tech surveillance acronym
35 Major account
36 Site of a 1776 George Washington victory in the Revolutionary War
37 ___ Rudolph, U.S. sprinter who won three golds in the 1960 Olympics
43 British racetrack site
44 ___ Hardware
45 It's in the 60s
46 Rock singer?
48 Photosop user, e.g.
49 Egyptian king overthrown in a 1952 revolution
50 Wintry mixes
52 Barely touch, as a meal
53 Visibly stunned
54 Grp. with a launch party?
58 Criticism
59 Spiral-horned antelopes
60 "C'est magnifique!"

- 61 Like some titmice
62 Fist bump, in slang
63 It might say "Happy Birthday!"
66 Ancient Assyrian foe
67 Old lab burners
68 Ambushed
69 One calling foul?
70 Mess (around)
75 Catholic rite
76 "Delphine" author Madame de ___
78 Waxing and waning, e.g.
79 U.K. honour
80 Free
82 Thomas Jefferson and Calvin Coolidge, e.g.
83 Quiet period
84 Menial
85 Showstopper?
86 When school's open
88 More slapstick
92 Novelist McEwan
94 ___-bodied
95 Board's opposite
97 Maryland's largest city, informally
98 ___ Fisher Hall, longtime venue at Lincoln Center
99 Whale constellation
100 Capone henchman
101 Something you might get a charge out of
103 Tasty
107 "In that case..."
110 China's Lao-___
112 Suffered from
113 Jeff Lynne's band, for short
114 Patch of land
115 ___ season

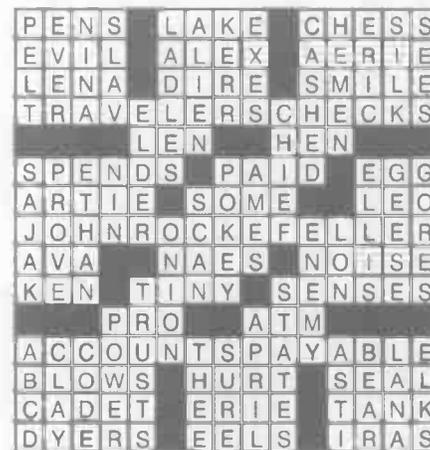


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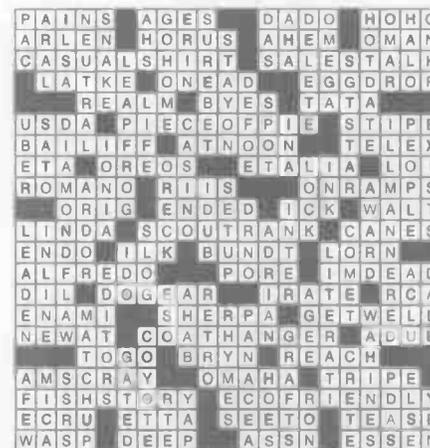
"Weird Words"



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"Course Catalog"



Last week's Quote-Acrossic

(Kay) HYMOWITZ: (The) COMFORTS OF HOME: Popular economic theory claims in bad times women's hemlines drop. I also hypothesize that interior design returns to 'homeyness': Goodbye sleek, geometric and minimal. Hello overstuffed, floral and cluttered.

Last week's Sudoku

3	9	7	5	2	1	8	4	6
1	5	6	9	8	4	2	7	3
4	2	8	3	7	6	5	9	1
6	7	3	4	5	2	9	1	8
9	4	1	6	3	8	7	5	2
5	8	2	1	9	7	6	3	4
2	1	9	8	4	5	3	6	7
7	6	5	2	1	3	4	8	9
8	3	4	7	6	9	1	2	5

This week's Jumble

GLOBAL ATTEND VISION
ENTICE REFUSE EITHER

She signed up for the online dating service in the hope of —

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FIRST "SITE"

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MORTON GROVE PARK DISTRICT FISCAL YEAR: MAY 2015 - APRIL 2016 BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING CALENDAR
All Meetings held at 6834 Dempster wednesday's at 6:00 p.m.
Meeting Date
 Committee of the Whole/
 Board Meeting
 May 6, 2015 Committee of the Whole
 May 20, 2015 Board Meeting
 June 10, 2015 Committee of the Whole
 June 17, 2015 Board Meeting
 July 1, 2015 Committee of the Whole
 July 15, 2015 Board Meeting
 August 5, 2015 Committee of the Whole
 August 19, 2015 Board Meeting
 September 2, 2015 Committee of the Whole
 September 23, 2015 Board Meeting
 October 7, 2015 Committee of the Whole
 October 21, 2015 Board Meeting
 November 4, 2015 Committee of the Whole
 November 18, 2015 Board Meeting
 December 2, 2015 Committee of the Whole
 December 16, 2015 Board Meeting
 January 6, 2016 Committee of the Whole
 January 13, 2016 Board Meeting
 February 3, 2016 Committee of the Whole
 February 17, 2016 Board Meeting
 March 2, 2016 Committee of the Whole
 March 16, 2016 Board Meeting
 April 6, 2016 Committee of the Whole
 April 20, 2016 Board Meeting
 4/2/2015 3161292

Storage - Legal

Foster Ravenswood Self Storage
 1800 W Foster Ave
 Chicago IL 60640
 773-561-5003
 Auction Date will be 4-10-15 at 3:pm
 Unit 539, Richard Gutierrez: personal items
 Unit=333, Francisco Garcia Home heater system, one TV Stand
 Unit=755.5, Serintha Hill, boxes one bed header and personal items
 Unit#988, John Morales, full of boxes and house hold items
 3/26, 4/2/2015 3150433

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- | Name | Unit |
|-----------------------------------|------|
| Naron Harris | 29 |
| Darryl Ward | 32 |
| Charles Hoskins | 33 |
| Curtis Martin | 37 |
| Sara N Drake | 67 |
| Shanicka Smith | 88 |
| Veda Robinson | 94 |
| Latesha M Holman | 106 |
| Janelle Alonso | 115 |
| Latonya Y Strong | 183 |
| Cornelius E Windmon | 186 |
| Juanaki Anderson | 201 |
| Alice D Torres | 221 |
| Jesus Lopez | 222 |
| Elizabeth M Oneal | 252 |
| Jessie Smith | 257 |
| Mikilia Griggs | 268 |
| Richard D Davis | 275 |
| Ollie M Anderson | 303 |
| Lucinda Davis | 305 |
| Rosa Perez | 308 |
| Jessica Castro | 343 |
| Taura L Wilhite | 371 |
| Canady E Lawrence | 375 |
| Latoya Q Thompson | 393 |
| Melissa Banys | 399 |
| Sandra Butler | 411 |
| Gloria D Burton | 414 |
| Eduardo Consuelos-Pere | 432 |
| Antoinette Willis | 439 |
| Freddie Santiago | 494 |
| Celevia Taylor | 533 |
| Velma Dotson | 544 |
| Jeffery M Bylina | 544 |
| Luznery Santiago | 546 |
| Linda C Welch | 581 |
| Erika Sanchez | 632 |
| Gene A Base | 633 |
| Sparkle S McCullough | 643 |
| Belen M Lozada | 660 |
| Shamane Miller | 716 |
| Dewayne Kelly | 720 |
| Latoya M McGee | 725 |
| Leon Hall | 747 |
| Angel E Almadovar | 750 |
| Clintina Taylor | 756 |
| Shaunteen Jones | 779 |
| Lakesha Thomas | 796 |
| Orlando Soto | 816 |
| Corin Bahr | 824 |
| Lauren Coleman | 836 |
| Elvis A Brown | 840 |
| Yoiana Wilkerson | 842 |
| Yvette Young | 843 |
| Estelja Gaston | 873 |
| Jennifer C Cole | 902 |
| Christopher Harris | 911 |
| Bid#Win, 441.001668, Brook Snyder | |
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- | Unit | Tenant Name |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| 2013 | Juan L Araiza |
| 1220 | Mike Cohen |
| 3114 | Roberto Carlos Gutierrez |
| 3198 | Jose F Hernandez |
| 2499 | Paulo Ivan Hernandez |
| 3178 | Nadia Mondragon |
| 2019 | Victor Javier Penafior |
| 2099 | Marcela Ramirez |
| 3180 | Rafael L Roberson |
| 3230 | Reyes Rodriguez |
| 3132 | Maria O Ruiz |
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- | Tenant Name | Unit # |
|----------------------|--------|
| Brenda Hernandez | 1005 |
| Michelle L Stayduhar | 1024 |
| James Rosenthal | 1066 |
| walid R Halit | 1145 |
| William Thurm | 1145 |
| James Rosenthal | 1146 |
| Erick Madrigal | 1438 |
| Arthur J Krauss | 4002 |
| Alma Black | 4124 |
| Sonia Ramirez | 4131 |
| Tiffanie Winton | 4165 |
| Mylisse L Genaro | 4190 |
| Arthur K Krauss | 4196 |
| Catherine Lucido | 4212 |
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PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO PNC MORTGAGE, A DIVISION OF PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
Plaintiff.

- DAVID ZORNIG A/K/A DAVID E Defendants
12 CH 36314
8020 KOLMAR AVENUE SKOKIE, IL 60076
NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 9, 2015, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on May 5, 2015, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 8020 KOLMAR AVENUE, SKOKIE, IL 60076 Property Index No. 10-22-329-020-0000. The real estate is improved with a one story, single family home with a one car detached garage. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to the Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g)-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales. For information: Visit our website at www.tjsc.com, between the hours of 3 and 5 pm. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One North Dearborn Street Suite 1300, CHICAGO, IL 60602, Tel No. (312) 476-5500. Please refer to file number PA1219235, THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-3636. You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES One North Dearborn Street Suite 1300 CHICAGO, IL 60602 (312) 476-5500 Attorney File No. PA1219235 Attorney Code. 91220 Case Number: 12 CH 36314 TJS# 35-2284 I44992U 4/2, 4/9, & 4/16/2015 3160387

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, SOLELY AS TRUSTEE FOR MORTGAGE TRUST 2005-3,
MORTGAGE BACKED NOTES, SERIES 2005-3, Plaintiff,
vs.
WALTER TRENTADUE, Defendants,
14 CH 5767

NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause in intercounty judicial sales Corporation will on Thursday, April 30, 2015 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 8618 North Laramie, Skokie, IL 60077. P.I. No. 10-21-11-031-0000. The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence. If the subject mortgaged real estate is a unit of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by subsection (g-1) of Section 18.5 of the Condominium Property Act. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance by certified funds, within 24 hours. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. For information call Sales Department at Plaintiff's Attorney, Jeanine Deas Kochalski, LLC, One East Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois 60601. (614) 220-5611. 13-028462 NOS INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122 I650693 4/2, 4/9, & 4/16/2015 3161049

Judicial Sales - Real Estate

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION
FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION ("FNMA"), Plaintiff

V.
RICHARD A. RAJCIK A/K/A RICHARD RAJCIK; EVA RAJCIK; LINCOLN COURT CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, Defendants

13 CH 20895
Property Address: 5040 WARREN STREET, UNIT 304 SKOKIE, IL 60077

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE - CONDOMINIUM Shapiro Kreisman & Associates, LLC file # 13-068856 (It is advised that interested parties consult with their own attorneys before bidding at mortgage foreclosure sales.) PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a judgment of Foreclosure entered on February 4, 2015, Kallen Realty Services, Inc., as Selling Official will at 12:30 p.m. on May 5, 2015, at 2015 Washington Street, Suite 1020, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real property: Commonly known as 5040 Warren Street, Unit 304, Skokie, IL 60077. Permanent Index No.: 10-21-410-031-1014.

The mortgaged real estate is improved with a dwelling. The property will NOT be open for inspection. The purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay such of the condominium association's assessments and legal fees as are required by 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). The judgment amount was \$226,829.34. Sale terms for non-parties: 10% of successful bid immediately at conclusion of auction, balance by 12:30 p.m. the next business day, both by cashier's checks; and no refunds. The sale shall be subject to general real estate taxes, special taxes, special assessments, special taxes levied, and superior liens, if any. The property is offered "as is," with no express or implied warranties and without any representation as to the quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to review the court file to verify information and to view auction rules at www.kallens.com. For information: Sale Clerk, Shapiro Kreisman & Associates, LLC, Attorney # 42168, 2121 Waukegan Road, Suite 301, Barrington, Illinois 60010 (847) 291-1717; between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. weekdays only. 1645120 3/26/2015, 4/2/2015, & 4/9/2015 3142050

Judicial Sales - Real Estate

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO WACHOVIA MORTGAGE, FSB SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO WORLD SAVINGS BANK, N.A. Plaintiff,
vs.
WALTER DZIEDZIC AS TRUSTEE OF THE WALTER DZIEDZIC LIVING TRUST DATED 6/4/98, UNKNOWN BENEFICIARIES OF THE WALTER DZIEDZIC LIVING TRUST DATED 6/4/98, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS

11 CH 39773
7655 WEST SUFFIELD STREET MORTON GROVE, IL 60053

NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 3, 2015, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on May 5, 2015, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 7655 WEST SUFFIELD STREET, MORTON GROVE, IL 60053 Property Index No. 09-13-321-020-0000. The real estate is improved with a tan, brick, split level, single family home with a two car attached garage. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial Sale Fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g)-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales. For information: Visit our website at www.tjsc.com, between the hours of 3 and 5 pm. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One North Dearborn Street Suite 1300, CHICAGO, IL 60602, Tel No. (312) 476-5500. Please refer to file number PA117942, THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-3636. You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES One North Dearborn Street Suite 1300 CHICAGO, IL 60602 (312) 476-5500 Attorney File No. PA117942 Attorney Code. 91220 Case Number: 11 CH 39773, TJS# 35-2057 I649825 3/26/2015, 4/2/2015, & 4/9/2015 3142911

Judicial Sales - Real Estate

Bid Notice

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT sealed bids for apparel services will be received by the Village of Lincolnwood until 10:00 A.M., C.D. on Tuesday, April 14, 2015 at the Lincolnwood Village Hall Council Chambers located at 6900 N. Lincoln Avenue, Lincolnwood, Illinois 60712 at which time they will be opened and read. Bids received after such time will be returned unopened. Electronic bid packets will be available beginning on Monday, March 30, 2015 by contacting the Village of Lincolnwood at (847) 677-9740. The Village reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any irregularities and informalities. Please state clearly on all sealed bid packages the words "APPAREL BID" and address the bid packages to "Melissa Rimdzius, Community Center Program Supervisor/2/2/2015 3174811

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT sealed bids for the purchase and installation of shade structures for the Proseel Park Family Aquatic Center, located at 7055 Kostner Avenue, Lincolnwood, Illinois 60712, will be received by the Village of Lincolnwood until 10:00 A.M., C.S.T. on Thursday, April 16, 2015 at the Lincolnwood Village Hall Council Chambers located at 6900 N. Lincoln Avenue, Lincolnwood, Illinois 60712 at which time they will be opened and read. Bids received after such time will be returned unopened. Electronic bid packets will be available beginning on Thursday, April 2, 2015 by contacting the Village of Lincolnwood at (847) 677-9740. The Village reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any irregularities and informalities. Prevailing wage rates are required as per the Illinois Prevailing Wage Act. The rates shall be the most current prevailing wage rates for work completed in Cook County Illinois. Please state clearly on all sealed bid packages the words "SHADE STRUCTURE BID" and address the bid packages to Chris Stachewicz, Superintendent of Parks and Facilities, Parks and Recreation Department. 4/2/2015 3174847

Bid Notice

Village of Lincolnwood REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS (RFQ) MUNICIPAL SECURITY SYSTEM SERVICES RFQ Response Due Date: June 24, 2015, 4:00 PM
Deliver Sealed Responses to: Douglas J. Petroschius Assistant Village Manager Village of Lincolnwood 6900 N. Lincoln Ave. Lincolnwood, IL 60712
To receive a copy of the RFQ document contact:
Douglas J. Petroschius Assistant Village Manager (847) 745-4711 dpetroschius@vld.org 04/02/2015 3172660

Public Hearings

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE - THE MORTON GROVE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, April 22, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. in the Board of Trustees Chambers, Richard T. Flickinger Municipal Center, 6101 Capulina Avenue, Morton Grove, Illinois to consider the following cases:

CASE ZBA 15-01
Request for an appeal of the Village Administrator's Determination for a four (4) ft. waiver request from Section 12-7-3-J pertaining to driveway width, where the determination was made on Section 12-7-3-J authorizes the Village Administrator to grant waivers to Sections of Title 12 outside of Chapters 2, 3, and 4, of which those variances are determined by the Zoning Board of Appeals. Section 12-16-3-C authorizes the Zoning Board of Appeals to hear appeals of determinations by village officials within the authority of Title 12.

The parcel is located in the R1 Single Family Residence District and is commonly known as 7515 Lyons. The applicant is Andrew Venamore. 04/02/2015 3172403

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE - THE MORTON GROVE PLANNING COMMISSION will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, April 22, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. in the Board of Trustees Chambers, Richard T. Flickinger Municipal Center, 6101 Capulina Avenue, Morton Grove, Illinois to consider the following cases:

CASE PC 15-02
Requesting Text Amendments to Village of Morton Grove Unified Development Code Title 12 Chapter 1 and Chapter 16, (Ordinance 07-07) to establish a time limit for Authorized Variations granted by the Village Administrator or Zoning Board of Appeals.

The applicant is Village of Morton Grove, 6101 Capulina, Morton Grove, IL 60053. 04/02/2015 3172393

Legal Notice of Public Hearing on City Budget Notice is hereby given that a Tentative Budget for the City of Park Ridge, County of Cook, State of Illinois for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 2015 and ending April 30, 2016 is on file and conveniently available for public inspection at the Park Ridge Public Library at 20 S. Prospect Avenue, Park Ridge, IL 60068 and Park Ridge City Hall, Cashier's Desk at 505 Butler Place, Park Ridge, Illinois, 60068.

Notice is further hereby given that a public hearing on said Budget will be held at 7:00 p.m., on Monday, April 20, 2015 at the Park Ridge City Hall Council Chambers at 505 Butler Place, Park Ridge, Illinois, 60068.

Dated This 26th day of March, 2015. 4/2/2015 3164246

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Public Hearings

LEGAL NOTICE APPLICANT: 824 East Avenue

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held on Thursday, April 23, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. or soon thereafter in the City Council Chambers at the Park Ridge City Hall, 505 Butler Place, Park Ridge, Illinois, when the following matter will be considered:

ZONING CASE NUMBER: V-15-01

Application for a Variance to allow a new single-family residence with an attached garage, utilizing one double garage door, without utilizing single garage doors when facing the street, conflicting with Section 11-4-F-2A; Attached Garage Regulations of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Park Ridge.

LOT THIRTY-THREE (33) (EXCEPT THE SOUTHERLY 5-FEET THEREOF AS MEASURED ON A LINE PERPENDICULAR TO THE NORTH LINE OF LOT 34) IN BLOCK (6) IN MICHAEL JOHN TERRACE UNIT NO. TWO (2) BEING A SUBDIVISION OF PART OF THE NORTH HALF OF THE NORTH WEST QUARTER OF SECTION TWENTY-FIVE (25), TOWNSHIP FORTY-ONE (41) NORTH, RANGE TWELVE (12) EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN.

Permanent Index Number: Q9-25-122-040-0000

THE PROPERTY OTHERWISE KNOWN AS:

824 East Avenue

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

The case file for this matter is available for review in the Department of Community Preservation and Development in City Hall.

Gary Zimmerman, Chairman Zoning Board of Appeals

4/2/15 3169705

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Morton Grove Park District Budget & Appropriation Ordinance

Fiscal Year 2015-2016
The Board of Park Commissioners shall formally present an ordinance providing for the Combined Annual Budget and Appropriation for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 2015 and ending April 30, 2016 on Wednesday April 15, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Prairie View Community Center, 682 Dempster St. Morton Grove, IL 60053.

A copy of the ordinance is available for public inspection on the Morton Grove Park District website, at the Administration Office at the above address Monday-Friday, 9am to 5pm, and at the Morton Grove Public Library. 4/2/15 3164491

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Registration Number: D15141240 on March 11, 2015

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The true and real full name(s) and residence address of the owner(s)/partner(s) is: Owner/Partner Full Name RITA CINQUEGRANI

Complete Address 4442 N. FORESTVIEW AVENUE CHICAGO, IL 60656, USA 3/26/2015, 4/2/2015, & 4/9/2015 3136108

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID Park Ridge-Niles School District 64, 164 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge, IL 60068, will receive sealed bids for:

Maintenance Vehicle Purchase Agreement

Bids are due at the address above by Tuesday, April 14, 2015 at 9:00 A.M. At this time, the bids will be publicly opened and read. Bidders are invited to attend the opening but their presence is not required.

Bid specifications may be requested from the Educational Service Center, 164 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge, IL 60068 or downloaded from the District's website at www.d64.org.

By order of the President of the Board of Education of Community Consolidated School District Number 64, Cook County, Illinois. DATED the 2nd day of April, 2015. Vicki Lee Secretary, Board of Education, Community Consolidated School District Number 64, Cook County, Illinois 4/2/2015 3162975

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Ultrasound aids mice with Alzheimer's-type disease

By RANDY DOTINGA
HealthDay

Preliminary research in mice raises the possibility that an ultrasound-based treatment might help eliminate plaque buildup in the brain that is associated with Alzheimer's disease.

Scientists don't know whether the approach is feasible for humans, but the research is promising, especially because of how well mice with an Alzheimer's-like disease fared after treatment, said study lead author Gerhard Leinenga, a graduate student at the University of Queensland in Australia.

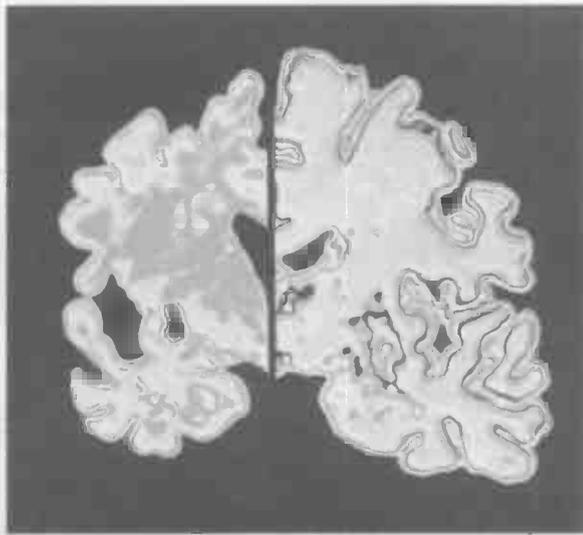
"The mice performed better on three tests of their memory," Leinenga said, noting their performance was similar to that of healthy mice used as controls.

The ultrasound treatment targets brain-clogging material known as amyloid plaque. Scientists suspect plaque is connected to the development of Alzheimer's disease, a progressive brain disorder, but its exact role is unclear.

"We know that amyloid interferes with the function of neurons and causes brain cells to die, but not everyone with amyloid in their brain will go on to develop Alzheimer's or another dementia," said James Hendrix, director of global science initiatives for the Alzheimer's Association.

Alzheimer's, the most common type of dementia, causes problems with memory, thinking and behavior.

In the new study, researchers turned to ultrasound, the same sound-wave technology that helps doctors view internal organs and babies in the womb. The researchers applied ultrasound to mice with Alzheimer's-like disease after injecting



ALFRED PASIEKA/SCIENCE PHOTO LIBRARY

A computer graphic of a vertical slice through the brain of an Alzheimer's patient, left, compared with a normal brain, right. The Alzheimer's disease brain is considerably shrunken, due to the degeneration and death of nerve cells, believed connected to buildup of amyloid plaque.

them with "microbubbles" that vibrate when they encounter ultrasound signals.

"In our treatment, ultrasound acts on the microbubbles, causing them to expand and contract in the blood vessels of the brain," Leinenga said. This disrupts the "blood-brain barrier," which protects the brain from germs in the blood, Leinenga said, apparently allowing molecules to enter the brain and activate cells that "eat" amyloid plaque.

The technique appeared to reduce levels of amyloid plaque in the treated mice and nearly eliminate it in 75 percent of the animals without damaging brain tissue. The treated mice also performed better on memory tests, including a maze, places of avoidance and object recognition, the researchers said.

There are many caveats to the new research.

Potential costs and side effects in humans are unknown. And it's unclear if the treatment will even work, let alone whether it actually halts progression of the devastating illness.

Although plaque is thought to contribute to Alzheimer's, this has not been confirmed.

Also, "human brains and human cognition are much more complex than in mice," Leinenga said. "And the brains we treated were much smaller than a human brain, with very thin skulls, so this technique using ultrasound to open the blood-brain barrier will need to be optimized in order to treat a human brain."

Hendrix said the research is "intriguing" but "still very preliminary."

"People with Alzheimer's and their caregivers should not ask their doctors about scanning ultrasound to treat Alzheimer's disease at this time," he said.

Leinenga said a number of experiments are planned to test the treatment in mice. "And we plan to construct an ultrasound device suitable for treating much larger brains and to test this in sheep," he said.

The study appears in the March 11 issue of *Science Translational Medicine*.

Coke a good snack? Health experts paid by cola say so

Consultants happy to 'share' details on nutritional value

By CANDICE CHOI
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Coca-Cola is working with fitness and nutrition experts who suggest its soda as a treat at a time when the world's biggest beverage-maker is being blamed for helping to fuel obesity rates.

In February, several of the experts wrote online posts for American Heart Month, with each including a mini-can of Coke or soda as a snack idea. The pieces — which appeared on nutrition blogs and other sites including those of major newspapers — offer a window into the many ways food companies work behind the scenes to cast their products in a positive light, often with the help of third parties who are seen as trusted authorities.

Ben Sheidler, a Coca-Cola spokesman, compared the February posts to product placement deals a company might have with TV shows.

"We have a network of dietitians we work with," said Sheidler, who declined to say how much the company pays experts. "Every big brand works with bloggers or has paid talent."

Other companies including Kellogg and General Mills have used strategies like providing continuing education classes for dietitians, funding studies that burnish the nutritional images of their products and offering newsletters for health experts. PepsiCo has also worked with dietitians who suggest its Frito-Lay and Tostito chips in local TV segments on healthy eating.

Others use nutrition experts in sponsored content; the American Pistachio Growers has quoted a dieti-



WILFREDO LEE/AP

Coca-Cola is working with fitness and nutrition experts who suggest its cola as a healthy treat.

tian for the NFL's New England Patriots in a piece on healthy snacks and recipes, and Nestle quoted its own executive in a post on infant nutrition.

In a statement, Coca-Cola said it wants to "help people make decisions that are right for them" and that like others in the industry, it works with health experts "to help bring context to the latest facts and science around our products and ingredients."

It said any communications by the experts it works with contain the appropriate disclosures.

Most of the pieces suggesting mini-Cokes say in the bios that the author is a "consultant" for food companies, including Coca-Cola.

Some add that the ideas expressed are their own. One column is marked at the bottom as a "sponsored article," which is an ad designed to look like a regular story. It ran on more than 1,000 sites, including those of major news outlets around the country. The other posts were not marked as sponsored content, but follow a similar format.

Kelly McBride, who teaches media ethics at The

Poynter Institute, said the phrasing of the disclosure that the author is a "consultant" doesn't make it clear the author was specifically paid by Coke for the column.

The message that Coke can be a healthy snack is debatable. A mini-Coke is 75 ounces and has 90 calories, all of it from high-fructose corn syrup. That's compared with 140 calories in a regular 12-ounce can.

Alice Lichtenstein, a professor of nutrition science and policy at Tufts University and a member of the nutrition committee at the American Heart Association, said a smaller can of soda might be a "move in the right direction" for someone who regularly drinks soda. Still, she wouldn't recommend soda as a snack.

Robyn Flipse, the dietitian who wrote the sponsored article for Coke, said she would suggest mini-cans of Coke even if she wasn't being paid. Although she doesn't drink soda herself, she said the smaller cans are a way for people who like soda to enjoy it sensibly.

"I absolutely think that I provided valuable information," she said.

CHAIN REACTION FATBACK EDITION

Bring on the bacon

Starbucks, Little Caesars, Wendy's roll out pork-centric items

BY EMILY WICKWIRE
Tribune Newspapers

Since being elevated from the breakfast plate to America's collective palate, bacon has become a ubiquitous ingredient on menus ranging from the cheapest of the cheap to prohibitively expensive. It also seems to be the secret weapon of fast-food chains hoping to spice up their offerings. We tasted a few of these popular chains' latest bacon-centric creations — a breakfast sandwich, a pizza and a burger — and found that they were all pretty satisfactory. Long live bacon.



ABEL URIBE/TRIBUNE NEWSPAPERS

Starbucks

Double-Smoked Bacon, Cheddar & Egg Sandwich

Ad copy: Made with thick-sliced bacon, hardwood-smoked for 10 hours, our new bacon breakfast sandwich is the perfect accompaniment to our dark roast coffees and sure to satisfy any bacon lover's craving. Served on our signature croissant bun with melted cheddar cheese and a perfectly cooked egg.

Our take: No wimpy bacon here. In this pork-centric creation, sturdy, peppery slabs of bacon along with egg and cheddar cheese are sandwiched between two thick pieces of a croissant bun hybrid (the shape of an English muffin with the flaky, messy character of a croissant). The meager amount of cheddar cheese was slightly disappointing, but so rarely does a chain actually make bacon that might be worth eating when peeled off the bun, this oversight (as well as the squishy, fast-food-quality egg) can be forgiven. However, points still have to be taken off for high fat and sodium.

Nutritional: 540 calories, 32 g fat, 940 mg sodium

McGrade: A-



MICHAEL ZAJAKOWSKI/TRIBUNE NEWSPAPERS

Little Caesars

Bacon Wrapped Crust Deep! Deep! Dish Pizza

Ad copy: The Bacon Wrapped Crust Deep! Deep! Dish Pizza is a large eight-corner Deep! Deep! dish pepperoni and bacon pizza with a crispy crust wrapped in 3½ feet of bacon!

Our take: Three feet of bacon might not have been a marketing ploy after all — the square, eight-piece pie (the pizza only comes in a large size for \$12) came enclosed in a perfect perimeter of it. Bacon aside, the crust was nicely crunchy, with crisped, crackly edges and a spongy dough interior. The pepperoni didn't serve much of a purpose except to make the pizza saltier, but the addition of bacon was surprisingly subtle. Rather than a punch of pork, its contribution was all in the texture; between the soft, burnt cheese topping and cushiony pizza dough, it was nice to have a crispy bite of bacon.

Nutritional (per slice): 450 calories, 23 g fat, 830 mg sodium

McGrade: B+



ABEL URIBE/TRIBUNE NEWSPAPERS

Wendy's

Bacon & Blue on Brioche burger

Ad copy: We could talk a blue streak about Wendy's newest cheeseburger creation, the Bacon & Blue on Brioche. Featuring a quarter pound of 100 percent fresh pure beef, savory Wisconsin blue cheese and applewood smoked bacon on a toasted brioche bun.

Our take: With the amount of ingredients this burger contains — bacon, blue cheese, mixed greens, tomato and aioli — it was actually hard to discern the bacon. What salty, crunchy complement it might have provided to the beef was overshadowed by sizable chunks of solid blue cheese and a heavy-handed slathering of the mayonnaise-based sauce. Did it work? Sort of. The crumbly, slightly stale bun was too insubstantial, but that was the biggest disappointment. Be warned, the Bacon & Blue is less a bacon-focused item and more a combination of every animal-based fat you might enjoy in one sandwich. Just don't look at the sodium content.

Nutritional: 650 calories, 39 g fat, 1,290 mg sodium

McGrade: B-

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When it comes to marc, older is better

BY DAVID HAMMOND
Special to Tribune Newspapers

"Do you like grappa?" came the question while we visited Gabriel Boudier, a spirits maker in Dijon, France.

"Sure," we shrugged.

"This is better," continued managing director Jean Battault, holding up a bottle of Boudier's Marc de Bourgogne.

We agreed.

France's marc, like Italy's grappa, is a brandy, a distilled wine, made from pomace, the skins, seeds and general gunk left over after wine grapes are pressed.

Marc (rhymes with "car"), like Roquefort or Champagne, is a name protected by French law. To be called marc, the spirit must be produced in a specific way.

The key difference between marc and grappa, according to restaurateur and master sommelier Alpina Singh, is that marc is usually aged, giving the liquor a softer, more rounded quality than might be found in much grappa.

Grappa sometimes seems harsh and one-dimensional. Hoping for more mellowness with the French version of pomace brandy, we purchased one aged 20 years: Domaine de la Folie.

It was not cheap, about \$100 a bottle. The nose is resinlike, perhaps not as inviting as Scotch or bourbon. The first sip starts hot on the tongue, but the heat quickly subsides to a pleasant warmth, with notes of vanilla and raisins.

Marc also has an almost bitter note, perhaps due to the grape seeds in the pomace.

Though much marc is aged for a few years, more aging seems to improve it, and the best marc is pro-



DON BAYLEY/GETTY

Pomace, the seeds, stems and skins left over from pressing wine grapes, doesn't get wasted. In some regions, it is used to make marc, a French brandy.

duced in Burgundy. So, when purchasing marc, look for a Burgundian bottle with as much aging as you can afford. Marc can be expensive; bottles from the wine house of Romanee-Conti list at a staggering \$500.

At the Intercontinental in San Francisco, beverage manager Marissa Payne oversees one of the country's most extensive selections of grappa and marc. Payne had good things to say about Jules Belin, a marc that she says "has a lot of depth due to its extended aging process. Its caramel and fig notes lend it to being consumed on its own or mixed into cocktails."

In New York, Aaron Polsky, formerly of Eleven Madison Park and currently beverage director/head bartender at Mulberry Project, adores marc. "I think marc can provide the richness of cognac," with

the complex funk of grappa," says Polsky. "Splitting a base spirit with marc can add layers to a shaken cocktail, and as a base for a Manhattan, it can provide something unexpected but familiar."

Though marc isn't often if ever used in cooking, it is used to wash the rind of Epoisses de Bourgogne, a supremely stinky French cheese, also from Burgundy.

Regularly washing the cheese with marc, says Lydia Burns of Pastoral cheese shops in Chicago, creates a "fertile environment for bacteria that up the stank factor and contributes to the meaty, savory profile characteristic of Epoisses."

French epicure and writer Brillat-Savarin deemed Epoisses to be king of all cheese, and marc is one reason for its powerful deliciousness. *Merci a marc!*

Quick study



LEAH ESKIN
Home on the Range

Espresso must be tipped from a tiny cup, in a crowded train station, standing up. Other methods exist, but they aren't as stylish.

Lucia taught me. Actually, it was her mom. We'd ditched our dreary dorm and turned up at her family's place in Perugia. At midnight, a carload of cousins met our train. We swerved up a steep road and tumbled out to a long table, bright with candles, heavy with wine bottles, fragrant with oranges and pistachios.

Lacking the language, I followed along: Mornings: market. Afternoons: kitchen. Evenings: table, candles, wine, oranges and pistachios. On the weekend, in Rome, her grandfather showed me old photos and her grandmother, in exasperation, urged: "*Parla italiano! E facile!*"

Then Lucia's mom packed us into the car, careened around corners and lurched to a stop at the station. She walked her stippled leather boots across the hall, ordered an espresso and downed it, standing up.

I've always minded that lesson. Sometimes I embellish with a crisp orange/pistachio bite. It's as close as I get to speaking Italian. As promised: It goes down easy.

Crave more Leah?

Find all your favorite stories and recipes in Leah Eskin's new memoir, "*Slices of Life: A Food Writer Cooks Through Mary a Conundrum*." Available now, wherever books are sold.



ABEL URIBE/TRIBUNE NEWSPAPERS; JOAN MORAVEK/FOOD STYLING

Pistachio biscotti

Prep: 15 minutes Bake: 1 hour Makes: About 2 dozen

- 1 1/4 cups flour
- 1/2 cup almond flour (aka almond meal)
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 4 tablespoons (1/2 stick) unsalted butter, softened
- 3/4 cup granulated sugar
- 2 eggs
- 2 teaspoons vanilla
- Finely grated zest of 1 orange
- 1 cup roasted, salted pistachios (no shells)
- 1/4 cup sanding sugar

1 Mix: Whisk together flour, almond flour and baking powder. Set aside.

2 Fluff: Using a stand mixer fitted with the paddle attachment, beat butter and sugar until fluffy, about 2 minutes. Beat in eggs, vanilla and zest, 1 minute. Beat in flour mixture. On low speed, mix in nuts.

3 Shape: Divide dough in two. Heap one portion onto a parchment-lined baking sheet. With lightly floured hands, shape into a low loaf, about 7 inches long, 4 inches wide and 3/4-inch high. Sprinkle with half the sanding sugar, pressing it lightly into the top of the loaf. Repeat, shaping another loaf with remaining dough on a second baking sheet.

4 Bake: Slide baking sheets into a 300-degree oven, and bake until set, 30 minutes. Let cool.

5 Slice: Use a serrated knife to slice each loaf crosswise into 1/2-inch thick slices. Tip slices over, cut-sides down on the parchment.

6 Crisp: Slide pans back into a 300-degree oven and bake until golden and dry (but not hard), about 13 minutes per side. Cool. Enjoy with espresso.



ABEL URIBE/TRIBUNE NEWSPAPERS; LISA SCHUMACHER/FOOD STYLING

DINNER TONIGHT

Go bold, or go mellow

BY JOE GRAY
 Tribune Newspapers

Often a recipe that calls for Italian sausage will specify whether you should use links with fennel seed, or without, the writer looking to control that flavor in the dish. I will leave that choice, as it applies to this pasta, to you. Choose sausages with fennel seed, and the licorice flavor from the fresh fennel bulb will be intensified; pick those without, and the flavor will be quieter. Either way, the fennel bulb itself will become sweeter in the cooking and more mellow.

Many a dish with fresh fennel will call for saving some fronds as a garnish. You could do that here, certainly, but I prefer fresh thyme leaves, which simmer in the cream, spreading their flavor throughout the dish.

Tip: To prep the fennel, trim the tough root end. Cut off the stalks. (Save stalks to flavor chicken or vegetable broth, if you like.) Remove the tough outer layer.

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Pasta with fennel and sausage

Prep: 15 minutes Cook: 20 minutes

Makes: 4-6 servings

- 1 pound penne pasta
- 1 pound Italian turkey or pork sausage, casings removed
- 1 tablespoon olive oil, optional
- 1 large fennel bulb or 2 medium, about 1 pound when trimmed
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup dry white wine
- 1/2 cup heavy cream
- 1 teaspoon fresh thyme leaves or 1/2 teaspoon dried
- 15 pitted Kalamata olives, quartered lengthwise

1 Cook the pasta in a large pot of well-salted boiling water until al dente; drain, saving 1/2 cup of the pasta water.

2 Meanwhile, brown the sausage over medium-high heat in a large skillet, breaking up the pieces with a wooden spoon; cook until no pink remains, about 7 minutes. Transfer sausage to a bowl.

3 Cut the fennel into slices, about 1/4-inch thick; cut those slices crosswise into sticks, again about 1/4-inch. Add olive oil to skillet, if needed to cook the fennel. Add fennel; season with salt. Cook over medium heat until softened and caramelized, 8 minutes. Stir in the wine; cook to reduce by half. Add the cream and thyme. Simmer until the sauce is thickened slightly but still loose.

4 Add the drained pasta to the skillet along with the olives. Toss to coat the pasta. Add some of the reserved hot pasta water if dish seems dry.

Nutrition Information per serving (for 6 servings): 509 calories, 18 g fat, 5 g saturated fat, 72 mg cholesterol, 62 g carbohydrates, 24 g protein, 671 mg sodium, 5 g fiber

SERIOUSLY SIMPLE

Matzo brittle perfect for Passover dessert

STORY AND PHOTO
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Most wheat flour isn't permitted during the Passover holiday, which can be a challenge for making desserts. Also, the Seder meal has so many courses that often my guests don't want a heavy dessert. I have made flourless chocolate tortes, meringues topped with lemon curd and whipped cream, and almond olive oil cakes that sit idle at the table because my guests are sated.

When I came across matzo brittle many years ago, I thought it was the perfect way to enjoy a sweet that wasn't too heavy. It is now a serious hit on my Passover table every year. I like to make the brittle ahead and keep it refrigerated until serving. You can even freeze it if you have any left over. I break the matzo apart into shards or use a serrated knife to cut it into pieces, so that everyone can have as much as they want or just a taste. Accompany this with a bowl of beautiful fresh strawberries, and celebrate the spring season.

Caramel chocolate matzo brittle

Prep: 25 minutes Cook: 12 minutes

Chill: 1 hour Makes: 4 sheets, about 16 servings

- 4 sheets matzo
- 6 tablespoons unsalted butter or margarine
- 1/2 cup dark brown sugar
- 3/4 cup bittersweet chocolate chips
- 1/3 cup toasted slivered almonds
- 1/3 cup toffee bits

1 Heat the oven to 400 degrees. Line two baking sheets with foil or parchment paper. Place two matzos on each baking sheet.

2 In a medium saucepan over medium heat, melt the butter or margarine. Add the sugar; stir well. (If the heat is too high the mixture will burn.) Simmer for about 3 minutes, whisking constantly until it becomes a thick, caramel-like mixture. Remove from the heat.

3 Working quickly so the caramel doesn't harden, use a metal spatula to spread the mixture evenly over the entire surface of each matzo sheet. Bake until the topping is bubbly and brown, about 5 minutes. Watch carefully so they don't burn.

4 Remove the baking sheets from the oven; immediately sprinkle each matzo evenly with the chocolate chips. Bake until the chocolate is just melted, about 2 minutes. Remove from the oven; spread the chocolate evenly over each piece with a spatula. Sprinkle with the almonds and toffee bits.

5 Refrigerate at least an hour. Break into pieces or cut into strips and arrange on a serving platter. The brittle can be stored in an airtight container and refrigerated. It also can be frozen.

Nutrition Information per serving: 183 calories, 10 g fat, 5 g saturated fat, 13 mg cholesterol, 23 g carbohydrates, 1 g protein, 19 mg sodium, 1 g fiber

Salami helps cheesecake go savory



MARIO BATALI

Savory cake. Have I lost you? I sure hope not because my potato and salami cheesecake from “America — Farm to Table: Simple, Delicious Recipes Celebrating Local Farmers” (Grand Central Life & Style, \$35) is absolutely killer. This versatile dish makes an original appetizer for a fancy dinner party, plays an excellent sideman to a light main course and also makes a great lunch with some roasted squash or a simple arugula salad.

The ricotta and the eggs give this cheesecake the texture we really like. Instead of using vanilla and sugar as in traditional cheesecake preparation, we use salami and the undisputed king of cheeses, Parmigiano-Reggiano. Grate the Parmigiano-Reggiano with a little vigor to bring out its sharp, fruity grittiness when mixing with the salami and parsley. The meat can be whatever you have diced up in the refrigerator: ham, pancetta pieces or sweet Italian salami, as I prefer it. Spicy salami works just as well, which is what I used when I made this for Rachael Ray, a lady who loves a kick.

When dusting the bottom of your springform pan, you can also use what I like to call “fat-boy breadcrumbs,” left larger for a richer, crunchier, different texture. Breadcrumbs are super useful in breading, of course, but also can be added to dishes like pasta or salad, for a nutty flavor. Stale bread works as well as fresh, so be resourceful if you have an older loaf lying around. Don’t be timid with those pieces of butter on top either. They will create glistening hot spots, making the breadcrumbs even more crunchy and delicious.

Mario Batali is the award-winning chef behind 25 restaurants including Eataly, Del Posto, and his flagship Greenwich Village enoteca, Babbo.

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Potato and salami cheesecake

Prep: 1 hour

Cook: 1 hour, 15 minutes

Makes: 8 servings

- 3 pounds waxy gold potatoes, such as Yukon Gold
- 1/2 stick (4 tablespoons) unsalted butter
- 1 cup fresh breadcrumbs, toasted in a dry skillet until light golden brown
- 4 large eggs
- 1/2 cup whole milk
- 1/4 cup fresh ricotta
- 1 cup freshly grated Parmigiano-Reggiano
- 1/2 pound sweet Italian salami, cut into 1/4-inch dice
- 1/4 cup finely chopped fresh flat-leaf parsley leaves, about 1 bunch
- 4 ounces Asiago cheese, grated

1 Place the potatoes in a saucepan and add water to cover. Bring the water to a boil, and cook the potatoes until tender, about 45 minutes.

2 Meanwhile, butter the bottom and sides of a 12-inch springform pan with 2 tablespoons of the butter and dust the bottom and sides with 1/4 cup of the breadcrumbs.

3 In a medium bowl, lightly beat the eggs. Add the milk and ricotta, and mix; set aside. Heat the oven to 400 degrees.

4 Drain and peel the potatoes, and pass them through a food mill or ricer into a very large bowl. While the potatoes are still warm, use a large rubber spatula to fold in the Parmigiano, then add the salami and the parsley and stir just enough to evenly mix. Gently stir in the egg mixture; do not overstir — just bring it all together.

5 Place half of the potato mixture in the prepared pan, and gently smooth it to the edges. Sprinkle the grated Asiago over the potato mixture to within 1/4 inch of the outer edge. Top with the remaining potato mixture, and carefully smooth it over with a wet spatula. Sprinkle with the remaining breadcrumbs, and dot with the remaining 2 tablespoons butter. Place the pan on a baking sheet, and bake until light golden brown on top, 25-30 minutes. Remove from the oven, and let rest for 20 minutes.

6 Unmold onto a serving plate and cut into wedges, like a cheesecake, to serve.

Nutrition Information per serving: 450 calories, 22 g fat, 11 g saturated fat, 153 mg cholesterol, 42 g carbohydrates, 20 g protein, 711 mg sodium, 3 g fiber

QUENTIN BACON PHOTO

Top a cappella acts gather for SingStrong

Roughly 30 groups to take the stage

By MYRNA PETLICKI
Pioneer Press

You don't need musical instruments to make beautiful music. For proof, visit SingStrong Chicago. The annual festival offers performances by some of the best a cappella groups in the world with proceeds going to charity. This year's musical feast runs from Friday to Sunday, April 10-12, at Skokie's Niles West High School.

"We have more artists than ever," reported Producer Freddie Feldman. "We have nine headliners and they're all so amazing. They've all won numerous awards."

The line up includes groups from Atlanta, Los Angeles, Boston, New York, Taiwan and Venezuela.

"We've got close to 30 a cappella groups performing," Feldman said.

One unique group is Stiletta, a New York-based female sextet that combines dancing with a cappella singing. Judy Fontana Minkoff is the founder of the group, as well as the wife of SingStrong executive producer Jonathan Minkoff.

"There are no other dance a cappella groups in the world that I'm aware of," Minkoff said. "We incorporate pretty heavy-duty hip-hop choreography into our songs."

Minkoff noted that when she founded the group in February of 2013, her first step was finding an excellent beat boxer. She scored with Meghan "MC Beats" Costa, who was ranked third best female beat boxer in the world at the Beat box Battle World Championship in Berlin in 2012.

To gather the other four members of the group, Minkoff said. "I tried to look specifically outside of the usual a cappella networks because I knew that I wanted performers who were not just singers. They had to have it all."

It's obvious that selection process worked. In mid-March Stiletta cleaned up at the Mid-Atlantic Regional Harmony Sweepstakes A Cappella Festival. "We won every single award," said Minkoff proudly of their wins for Audience Favorite, Best Arrangement and First Place Overall.

In May, Stiletta will compete at the nationals.

In addition to performing with Stiletta at SingStrong Chicago, Minkoff will work with Single Singers Chicago, for which she has served as director since 2012. "It's sort of an ad hoc a cappella group where



BALL IN THE HOUSE

Ball in the House is one of the professional a cappella groups performing at SingStrong Chicago.

SingStrong Chicago

Friday to Sunday, April 10-12
Niles West High School, 5701 Oakton St.,
Skokie
\$75-\$100 for full weekend pass; \$15-\$35
for tickets to individual events
Chicago.singstrong.org

we say, 'Anyone who wants to sing with us can join.' It doesn't matter how old you are or what your background skills in music are."

Participants rehearse for about three hours during the festival, and then perform on the main stage.

Producer Feldman noted that the money raised through SingStrong Chicago is donated to charity. "A portion of our proceeds goes to the Niles West Choir Department," he said. "Our other charity is the Cure Alzheimer's Fund. Our main cause is fighting Alzheimer's."

Like every member of the SingStrong organization, Feldman is a volunteer. He works tirelessly on the event for two reasons.

"We're trying to help put the Cure Alzheimer's Fund out of business by hoping our money helps them find a cure," Feldman said. His other reason is, "To spread the gospel of a cappella. It's so accessible for all ages, all types of people, musicians, non-musicians. Until people attend SingStrong, they don't realize what's possible with the human voice."



STILETTA

(Clockwise from top left) Members of dance/a cappella group Stiletta, Jaymee Frankel, Judy Minkoff, Olivia Harding, Meghan "MC Beats" Costa, Meg Lanzarone and Haley Clair.

FAMILY FRIENDLY

Diaper Derby takes off at Lincolnwood Town Center

BY MYRNA PETLICKI
Pioneer Press

Competitors, up to 12 months, will crawl toward the finish line in hopes of winning the Diaper Derby, 1 p.m. April 4 at Lincolnwood Town Center, 3333 W. Touhy Ave. Slightly bigger kids will have a chance to compete in Shopping Cart Races at 1:20 p.m. for ages 1 to 2, and 1:40 p.m. for ages 3 to 5.

"It's pretty simple — from one side to the other," said Sara Diaz, marketing administrative assistant for Lincolnwood Town Center. "The older kids have to grab something, put it in the cart and roll it to the other side."

To compete in the Diaper Derby or the Shopping Cart Races, kids must be registered on the Lincolnwood Town Center website (under News and Events).

At 2 p.m., children ages 2 to 11 can participate in an Egg Hunt at some of the mall's stores. The eggs contain candy, toys, coupons and gift cards. They can be registered online or on-site. Bring a basket.

The Easter Bunny will pose for photos. For details, go to lincolnwood-towncenter.com.

'Tis the season

Celebrate the warming weather at a Spring Garden Party, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. April 4 at the north end of the Westfield Old Orchard Shopping Center, Skokie Boulevard and Old Orchard Road, Skokie. There will be face painting, a petting zoo, arts and crafts projects, balloon animals and snacks at this free event. Reservations are required. For details, go to westfield.com/oldorchard.



LINCOLNWOOD TOWN CENTER

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Diaper Derby and Shopping Cart Races

When: 1 p.m. April 4

Where: Lincolnwood Town Center, 3333 W. Touhy Ave.

For more info: Go to lincolnwoodtowncenter.com

Creature comforters

Kids can become Animal Ambassadors, 2 to 3 p.m. April 11 at Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave. They will learn about the animals that live in Illinois from the Grove National Historic Landmark Museum, which will bring its traveling trunk full of natural history and artifacts to the library. Registration is required. For details, call 847-965-4220, or go to mgpl.org.

Watch in wonder

An hour of sleight-of-hand is promised for the Second Sunday Family

Program: Magic of Gary Kantor, 2 to 3 p.m. April 12 at Niles Public Library, 6960 Oakton St. Pick up tickets for the always-entertaining Kantor 30 minutes before the performance at KidSpace. For details, call 847-663-1234, or go to nileslibrary.org.

Highland fling

Teachers and staff from Highland School will share their favorite stories for pre-kindergartners to fifth-graders, 7 to 8 p.m. April 8 at Skokie Public Library, 5215 Oakton St. Refreshments will be served at this drop-in event. For details, call 847-673-7774, or go to skokieliibrary.info.

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Film fest spotlights women's issues

BY GINA GRILLO
Pioneer Press

Our world is smaller now than it has ever been. Our ability to share our ideas and connect, via the internet, to those living on opposite sides of the planet, is now only a mouse click away. The internet and social media have changed the potential reach of the human voice — and women across the globe are finding new freedoms in joining their voices together into a family of voices, where there has long been only a path to silence.

As part of that movement, the Wilmette Theatre will feature the Family of Woman Film Festival, April 10-12, a festival that illuminates issues confronting women and girls globally by bringing those issues to the big screen via documentaries.

Peggy Goldwyn founded the festival eight years ago in Sun Valley, Idaho, to bring attention to the work of The United Nations Population Fund, the agency for reproductive health and the rights of women.

"Most Americans are unaware of this U.N. agency, and of the importance of the work they do to advance women's rights as equal rights around the world," Goldwyn said. "Coming from a film background, I felt the best way to illustrate the obstacles women and girls face in today's society was by telling stories — giving a face to what might seem an abstraction."

This second annual Family of Woman Film Festival at the Wilmette Theatre was initiated during a conversation between friends Goldwyn and Peggy Wagener, a member of the Wilmette Theatre Board,



TOM CLAYTON

From her Chicago home, teen Alaa Basatneh used social media to help coordinate a rebellion in Syria. Her story is told in "#chicagoGirl."



ALTAF QADRI/AP

British filmmaker Leslee Udwin will conduct a Q&A following the screening of her film, "India's Daughter," about the 2012 rape of a woman on a New Delhi bus.

who decided to bring a mini-version of the main event to Wilmette.

The theme for the 2015 Festival is "Women and Their Dreams," and includes the films, "#chicagoGirl," (Syria and United States), "India's Daughter," (United Kingdom and India), and "The Supreme Price" (Nigeria). The Family of Woman Film Festival has launched a new partnership with the organization, Woman Deliver, a global advocate for girls' and women's health and rights.

Goldwyn, active in the film industry for more than 40 years, began her career writing and producing documentaries for television. Prior to her work in film, she created scripts for "That Girl," "The Odd Couple" and "Love, American Style." Goldwyn is also a novelist, founder of the Samuel Goldwyn Children's Center and an Emeritus Board Member of UNFPA, Friends of The United Nations Population Fund.

Turn to Film, Next Page



JOANNA LIPPER

The film "The Supreme Price" tells the story of Harvard graduate Hafsat Ablola whose father was Nigeria's first democratically elected president. After her father was overthrown by a military coup and her mother was assassinated, Hafsat returned to Nigeria to work with the Pro-Democracy Movement.

Women's issues in the forefront of film fest

Film, from Previous Page

British filmmaker and director of "India's Daughter," Leslee Udwin, said "my hope for the films showcased during the Family of Woman Film Festival will be that they become tools for education, helping to ensure that gender equality is finally put on the agenda of every civilized nation across the globe."

"#chicagoGirl"

7:30 p.m. Friday, April 10
An inspiring documentary about a Chicago teen, Alaa Basatneh, who uses social media to coordinate a rebellion in Syria. Working with scores of citizen journalists in Homs, Alaa plans protests and assists protesters, all from the confines of her suburban Chicago bedroom. As the situation in Syria grows increasingly desperate, Alaa chooses to leave the safety of her home and sneak into Syria with needed medical supplies.

Q&A with Alaa Basatneh following the film.

"India's Daughter"

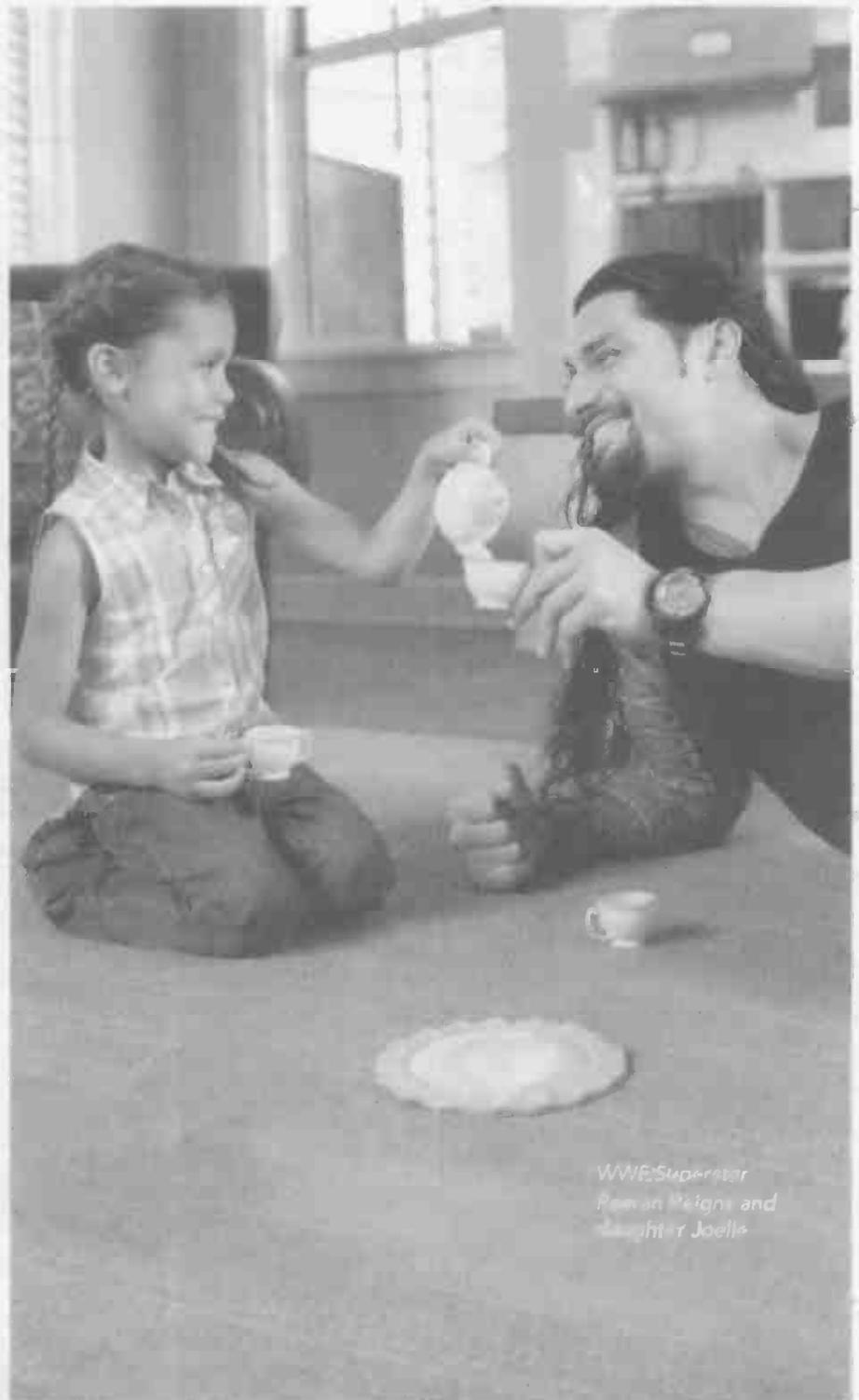
7 p.m. Saturday, April 11
The story of the brutal gang rape of a 23-year-old medical student by six men on a bus in New Delhi in 2012, and the uproarious riots and protests that took place following her death, inspiring a campaign for the protection of women. The film weaves personal insights from the victim's family, with documentary footage and an interview with one of the men convicted of the crime. Explores themes of society and violence against women. Director Leslee Udwin will participate in a Q&A following the film.

"The Supreme Price"

1 p.m. Sunday, April 12
Tells the dramatic story of Harvard graduate, Hafsat Abiola. Hafsat's father

became Nigeria's first democratically elected president in 1993, while Hafsat was attending college in Boston. Her father was overthrown by a military coup and imprisoned, while her mother, while campaigning for his release, was assassinated. Shortly after her mother's murder, her father mysteriously died in prison. These tragedies forever transform Hafsat's life as she returns to Nigeria to work with the Pro-Democracy Movement.

Single tickets to the Family of Woman Festival at the Wilmette Theatre, 1122 Central Ave., are \$10; \$8 for seniors and students. An opening reception takes place 6-7:30 p.m. April 10 at de Giulio Kitchen Design, 1121 Central Ave., Wilmette. Hosted by Festival founder, Peggy Goldwyn, and in honor of Alaa Basatneh, the star of "#chicagoGirl." Tickets for the reception are \$25 (price includes movie). Visit wilmettetheatre.com.



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Spring fashions that feel good and look great



BETH ENGELMAN
Mommy on a Shoestring

"Be bold, be confident, be clothes minded." That's the philosophy of fashion consultant and stylist, Heidy Best, owner of BECLOTHEMINDED, a wardrobe consulting firm based in Chicago.

Best believes being stylish involves more than just looking good; it's also about how clothes make you feel.

"I love to help women look great and feel beautiful," said Best. "Sometimes that means adding a just few new items to her wardrobe and sometimes it calls for an entire closet overhaul. The key is to help each client find the styles, colors and silhouettes that look best on them and then incorporate simple ways to keep the clothes looking fresh and current."

I recently spoke with Heidy about her fashion philosophy and asked her to share some of her favorite tips and trends for this spring.

Putting your Best Foot Forward

Sarah Jessica Parker may have been onto something with her shoe obsession: the right shoe can make your legs look longer and leaner. So when buying shoes this spring, go for versatility with an assortment of neutral shoes in varying styles. This season, Best loves the look of classic nude pumps, sexy snakeskin wedges, and metallic gladiator sandals. Just be sure to find shoes that are comfortable. After all, there's nothing beautiful about aching feet.

A New Twist on the LBD

Surprise! According to Best, this season's LBD is actually blue. She loves this new take on the closet staple. A "little blue dress" can be classic, sophisticated and be a pop of color, much needed



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HEIDY BEST

Fashion consultant and stylist Heidy Best shows off a dress perfect for spring.

after this dreary winter. To show off a tan, choose a dress in a lighter shade of blue. Ladies of a fair complexion might opt for a deeper blue, such as cobalt.

Beyond the Skinny

No need to pack up your skinny jeans this season, but you can expand your repertoire with new silhouettes and styles. Look for wide leg trousers, distressed boyfriend jeans and drawstring joggers. To ensure your outfit doesn't look too baggy, pair these new styles with fitted tops and form-fitting blazers.

Friendly Floral

Floral prints are all the rage and it's easy to see why. Flowers are pretty, feminine and come in a rainbow of colors. Best recommends buying a pretty floral cardigan. It can be worn a number of different ways and can change the look of an entire outfit. Floral capris and shorts are also good choices, and a fun twist on a timeless trend.

Talk Back to Mommy!

We asked our Facebook friends to share their favorite spring trends: "Bring on the sandals! I love my wedges." **Laurie Martinelli**, Northbrook
"Converse! They're old school, but feel fresh for 2015!" **Jen Luby**, Highland Park
"The 70's are back for spring and summer and I'm looking forward to giving the new culottes and clogs a whirl! Yes, I said culottes!" **Meredith Sinclair**, Willmette
"So happy that the wide flair bell bottoms are back. They balance out our hips very nicely." **Amy Courage**, Winnetka
"Crazy colored sneakers are back! Love them. New Balance has some cool styles even for us LA middle-aged women!" **Louise Sattler**, Los Angeles.
What's your favorite spring trend? Visit us on Facebook, or follow @momonashoe on Twitter and tell us what you're most looking forward to wearing this spring.



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Friday, April 3

"Endgame": This theatricalized, environmental production, spectacularly designed by Elizabeth Bracken, takes as its motif a kid's birthday-like party, replete with colored lights, favors and little hats for the audience, who sit at ledges with room for a beverage. Hamm, Clov, Nag and Nell, the characters in the actual play, are enclosed in a wagonlike structure with its own walls and curtain, bringing to mind a toy theater or a tainted jewel box. 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, The Den Theatre, 1333 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, \$28, 773-352-5599

"Macbeth": See Shakespeare's epic tale of ambition gone wrong. 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 7 p.m. Sunday, The Artistic Home, 1376 W. Grand Ave., Chicago, \$28-\$32, 312-243-3963

Into the Bat Caves of Kenya: Scientists Bruce Patterson and Paul Webala, accompanied by vlogger Emily Graslie, venture deep into a cave in Kenya's Mount Suswa to study the varied bats of East Africa. 9 a.m. Friday-Wednesday, Field Museum, 1400 S. Lake Shore Drive, Chicago, free, 312-922-9410

Vodou: Sacred Powers of Haiti: This exhibit explores Vodou as a religion and an expression of the Haitian national experience. 10 a.m. Friday-Wednesday, Field Museum, 1400 S. Lake Shore Drive, Chicago, free, 312-922-9410

"Murder Ballad": Bailiwick Chicago presents the Chicago premiere of Julia Jordan's off-Broadway rock musical about a love triangle gone wrong in Manhattan. 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 7 p.m. Sunday, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Flat Iron Arts Building, 1579 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, \$15-\$40, 312-335-3000

Chicago Styled: Fashioning the Magnificent Mile: This exhibition uses 20 outfits from the museum's costume collection to tell the story of a St., in fashion. The exhibit runs Nov. 15 to Aug. 16 and is free with admission. 9:30 a.m. Friday and Saturday, noon Sunday, 9:30 a.m. Monday-Wednesday, Chicago History Museum, 1601 N. Clark St., Chicago, free, 312-642-4600

"Heat Wave": This play is set in Chicago, in the summer of 1995, and an intense heat wave has gripped the city with temperatures soaring above 100 degrees. By the time its all over 739

people will have died, mostly the poor, elderly, or minorities with nowhere to seek shelter. As the morgues overflow, the city's emergency response team is called into question. 8 p.m. Friday, 4 p.m. Saturday, Steppenwolf Theatre Garage, 1624 N. Halsted St., Chicago, \$15-\$20, 312-335-1650

"Bible Bingo": Vicki Quade ("Late Nite Catechism") unleashes what promotional materials call "a new, interactive comedy," centered around an Archdiocesan bingo department on the hunt for revenue. "That's where you come in: Get ready to play bingo for a variety of wacky prizes. Along the way, you'll be drawn into conversation about everything from Adam and Eve to modern sins. Just be careful: You might laugh so hard you forget to yell 'bingo.'" 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Royal George Theatre Center, 1641 N. Halsted St., Chicago, \$30, 312-988-9000

"Marie Antoinette": See David Adjmi's play about the fair-and-famed young French queen, which promotional materials describe as "a confection created by a society that values extravagance and artifice. But France's love affair with the royals sours as revolution brews, and for Marie, the political suddenly becomes very personal." This performance promises to hold "a mirror up to our contemporary society that might just be entertaining itself to death." 7:30 p.m. Friday, 3 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday, Steppenwolf Theatre Company, 1650 N. Halsted St., Chicago, \$54+, 312-335-1650

"The Book of Mormon": This Tony Award-winning musical satire by Trey Parker and Matt Stone ("South Park") and Robert Lopez ("Avenue Q") follows the misadventures of two missionaries who naively attempt to convert the inhabitants of a village in Uganda. 7:30 p.m. Friday, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sunday, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday, Bank of America Theatre, 18 W. Monroe St., Chicago, \$45-\$115, 800-775-2000

The Last Bison: With Neulore and Emily Jane Powers. 8:30 p.m. Friday, Subterranean, 2011 W. North Ave., Chicago, \$12-\$14, 773-278-6600

"Picture Imperfect": This production tells the story of a single mother and the impossibly conflicted decisions she must make. Abandoned, impoverished, and haunted by past mistakes, Mary battles an unforgiving system as it moves in painful, inexorable steps to take her beloved autistic son, Cole. 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Athenaeum Theatre, 2936 N. Southport Ave., Chi-

cago, \$30, 773-935-6875

"Creation's Birthday": This play brings to life the story of the Big-Bang Genesis through the legendary battle between astronomer Edwin Hubble and the scientific icon Albert Einstein. 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 3 p.m. Sunday, Athenaeum Theatre, 2936 N. Southport Ave., Chicago, \$30, 773-935-6860

Public Service Broadcasting: With Kauf. 10 p.m. Friday, Schubas Tavern, 3159 N. Southport Ave., Chicago, \$10-\$12, 773-525-2508

Ones to Watch with Skype: Kallin and Myles: 6:30 p.m. Friday, House of Blues, 329 N. Dearborn St., Chicago, \$28, 312-923-2000

OK Go: 8 p.m. Friday, Metro, 3730 N. Clark St., Chicago, \$25

"The Addams Family": The quirky Addams family comes to town via this strange and comic musical. 7:30 p.m. Friday, 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, 3 p.m. Sunday, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Mercury Theater, 3745 N. Southport Ave., Chicago, \$45-\$65, 773-325-1700

Maker & Muse: Women and Early Twentieth Century Art Jewelry: The museum presents the major exhibition comprised of works drawn from the Collection of Richard H. Driehaus and prominent private and public collections throughout the United States. 10 a.m. Friday-Wednesday, Richard H. Driehaus Museum, 40 E. Erie St., Chicago, \$12.50-\$20, 312-482-8933

"The Other Place": In Sharr White's new drama, Juliana Smithton, a successful neurologist, finds her life coming apart at the seams. 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 7 p.m. Sunday, Profiles Theatre at The Main Stage, 4139 N. Broadway, Chicago, \$20-\$40, 773-549-1815

"Genius": This play examines the secrets and alliances of two creative couples from different generations who find their lives changed forever one evening after an electric dinner party. 8 p.m. Friday, 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, 3 p.m. Sunday, Profiles Theatre at The Alley Stage, 4147 N. Broadway, Chicago, TBA, 773-549-1815

Patti Smith: 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Old Town School of Folk Music, 4544 N. Lincoln Ave., Chicago, \$73-\$75, 773-728-6000.

Belle and Sebastian: 8 p.m. Friday, Riviera Theatre, 4746 N. Racine Ave., Chicago, \$40

"Royal Society of Antarctica": This

play follows Dee (Aila Peck) as she returns to her birthplace at the blindingly bright McMurdo Station in Antarctica to work as a janitor and seek answers to her mother's disappearance in this weird and touching new work. 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 2:30 p.m. Sunday, The Gift Theatre, 4802 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, \$25-\$35, 773-283-7071

"The Apple Family Plays: That Hokey Changey Thing and Sorry": Richard Nelson's series of four plays explore politics, change and family dynamics. The plays are being performed on alternating nights. 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday, TimeLine Theatre, 615 W. Wellington Ave., Chicago, \$35-\$48, 773-281-8463

"The Bird Feeder Doesn't Know": In this play, Ingrid and Herman are retirees living independently in their longtime family home somewhere in the heart of America. Like any parents with adult children, they long for more visits from their son, the physically disabled Everett, who lives in the big city several hours away. But with Herman's physical abilities declining as a normal part of aging, Everett's help at home is needed now more than ever. 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 7:30 p.m. Sunday and Monday, 8 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday, Raven Theatre, 6157 N. Clark St., Chicago, \$15-\$22, 773-338-2177

"One Came Home": Lifeline Theatre presents a world premiere adaptation of Amy Timberlakes Edgar Award-winning and Newbery Honor book, *One Came Home*. During the great passenger pigeon migration of 1871, throngs of strangers descend upon Placid, Wis., bringing prosperity in their wake. But as the skies clear, tragedy strikes and Georgie Burkhardt's sister goes missing. When a body is found and the town goes into mourning, Georgie sets out to uncover the truth. 7:30 p.m. Friday, 4 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, 4 p.m. Sunday, Lifeline Theatre, 6912 N. Glenwood Ave., Chicago, \$20-\$40, 773-761-4477

"Jesus Christ Superstar": This is an intimate re-imagining of the classic rock opera, performed acoustic and unplugged. 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 7 p.m. Sunday and Monday, No Exit Cafe, 6970 N. Glenwood Ave., Chicago, \$20-\$68, 773-743-3355

"Master Works: The Intuit Plays": Commedia Beaugard presents six short plays inspired by pieces from the art museum's permanent collection. Audience members can see the artwork and vote for their favorite play. 7:30 p.m.

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Friday and Saturday, Intuit: The Center for Intuitive and Outsider Art, 756 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, \$10-\$15, 312-243-9088

"The Power of Prom": This '80s tribute combines elements of the songs, movies, television shows, and pop-culture that epitomized the decade. 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, The Annoyance Theatre, 851 W. Belmont Ave., Chicago, \$15-\$20, 773-697-9693

"All My Relations: A Seneca History": In collaboration with visual artist and dancer Rosy Simas (Seneca), this exhibit introduces the history of the Seneca culture through milestones in the lives of Simas and her relations. It features traditional and modern Seneca artifacts, which span various generations. 11 a.m. Friday-Wednesday, Mitchell Museum of the American Indian, 3001 Central St., Evanston, Free-\$5; \$10-\$12 for talk, 847-475-1030

"The Diary of Anne Frank": The classic production explores the life of a young Jewish girl in hiding for two years during World War II. 8 p.m. Friday, 4 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday

and Wednesday, Writers Theatre, 664 Vernon Ave., Glencoe, \$35-\$75, 847-242-6000

"Lone Star" and "Laundry and Bourbon": Presenting two plays depicting life in a sleepy Texas town. "Lone Star" and "Laundry and Bourbon," by James McLure, both seem to show us a simpler life and a unique perspective on the world. 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Oil Lamp Theater, 1723 Glenview Road, Glenview, \$17.50-35, 847-834-0738

Fresh fish and seafood specials: The inn offers an array of fresh fish and seafood specials each Friday during Lent. 11 a.m. Friday, The Happ Inn, 305 Happ Road, Northfield, Varies, 847-784-9200

"Seven Last Words of Christ": Haydn: The Montag Ensemble plays "The Seven Last Words of Christ" by Franz Joseph Haydn. noon Friday, St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 205 N. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge, free, 847-825-6659.

"Last of the Red Hot Lovers": Emergent Theatre Co. presents Neil Simons play directed by film and television star

Robert Costanzo. The production previews Thursday, March 26, at 7:30 p.m. and runs March 27-April 19. Performances are Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m., and Sundays at 2 p.m. Tickets are available at www.emergenttheatre.org, or by calling (773) 729-7294. 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday, JCC Chicago - Mayer Kaplan JCC, 5050 Church St., Skokie, \$20 adults; \$10 seniors/students w/ID, 773-729-7294

"Outside Mullingar": Anthony and Rosemary are two introverted misfits. Anthony has spent his entire life on a cattle farm in rural Ireland, oblivious to the longing of his neighbor Rosemary, who hopelessly pines for him as the years slip away. 7:30 p.m. Friday, 2:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, 2:30 p.m. Sunday, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Northlight Theatre, 9501 Skokie Blvd, Skokie, \$15-\$60, 847-673-6300

Saturday, April 4

"Cinderella": Cinderella would love more than anything to attend the royal ball. With an evil stepmother and two wicked stepsisters, she is instead ordered around getting them ready for the big event. She is not allowed to go, but a

surprise visit from her fairy godmother may mean all Cinderellas dreams can come true. See this favorite story with fun music-filled twists. Recommended for grades PreK-3. Call x228 to book your group and save up to 20%. For Tickets to Weekday Performances Call or Stop By the Box Office 847-577-2121 www.metropolisarts.com. 11 a.m. Saturday, 10 a.m. Monday-Wednesday, Metropolis Performing Arts Centre, 111 W. Campbell St., Arlington Heights, Adults \$14, Children 12 and under \$12, 847-577-5982

Utsav Holi Color Run 2015: Utsav hosts first of its kind, color run in Barrington to celebrate HOLI, festival of colors as celebrated in India. noon Saturday, Citizens Park, 511 Lake Zurich Road, Barrington, free, 847-533-6057

Anne of Green Gables: Generations of readers have adored childrens novel Anne of Green Gables and now this beloved classic is coming to stage at Provision Theater. Adapted & Directed by Provisions Artistic Director Timothy Gregory and based on best-selling novel by Canadian author Lucy Maud Montgomery. Noon and 3 p.m. Saturday, 3 p.m. Saturday, Provision Theater, 1001

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"The Magician and his Shadow": This magic show is about more than just magic. Theater Wit describes this production as a "theatrical magic show that combines magical illusions with the story of a magician whose shadow takes on a life of its own." 1 p.m. Saturday, Theater Wit, 1229 W. Belmont Ave., Chicago, \$14.50 for children, \$17.50 for adults, 773-975-8150

"Two Trains Running": Set in a Pittsburgh diner, this is the 1960s chapter of playwright August Wilson's century cycle. 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, 7:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Goodman Theatre, 170 N. Dearborn St., Chicago, \$27-80, 312-443-3800

Self Defense Family: With Makthaverskan and Solids. 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Beat Kitchen, 2100 W. Belmont Ave., Chicago, \$12-\$14, 773-281-4444

El Bandolero & Souphonetics: 10 p.m. Saturday, Masada, 2206 N. California Ave., Chicago, free, 773-697-8397

"Fancy Nancy: The Musical": Follow

Nancy to her first dance recital, after which she's picked to be a tree in an upcoming show. "Can she still bring fancy flair to her role when it isn't the one she wanted?" asks promotional materials. "Adapted from the bestselling books, this is a funny, frilly ballet story with a lot of heart." 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Apollo Theater, 2540 N. Lincoln Ave., Chicago, Price varies., 773-935-6100

Clip Art: With Julian Lynch. 10 p.m. Saturday, Schubas Tavern, 3159 N. Southport Ave., Chicago, \$8-\$10, 773-525-2508

Walk the Moon's "Talking Is Hard" Tour: With the Griswolds. 6:30 p.m. Saturday, House of Blues, 329 N. Dearborn St., Chicago, Sold out., 312-923-2000

"The Greatest Story Never Told": This event brings families and strangers together to collaborate and create improvised stories on stage. Professional improvisers help coax audience suggestions and invite volunteers to take to the stage. 1:30 p.m. Saturday, iO, 3541 N. Clark St., Chicago, \$15, 773-880-0199

Pixar's "Ratatouille": Bring the children to this classic 2005 animated comedy by Brad BiRoad In French with

English subtitles, the movie follows a young culinary initiate befriended by a rat with the palate of a gourmand. 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Alliance Francaise de Chicago Downtown Location, 54 W. Chicago Ave., Chicago, \$8 admission, 312-337-1070

"The One and Only Ivan": Lifeline Theatres KidSeries presents this world premiere adaptation based on the best-selling book by Katherine Applegate and illustrated by Patricia Castelao. For 27 years, the world of Ivan the gorilla was a dull cage in a roadside shopping mall. But when he meets Ruby, a baby elephant captured in the wild, Ivans ambitions and imagination must grow to meet the challenge of rescuing his endangered new companion. 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Lifeline Theatre, 6912 N. Glenwood Ave., Chicago, \$15, 773-761-4477

"Fire and Beer": The Annoyance House Ensemble improvises based on an audience suggestions. 8 p.m. Saturday, The Annoyance Theatre, 851 W. Belmont Ave., Chicago, \$12; \$8 for students, 773-697-9693

Hello Weekend: 10:30 p.m. Saturday, Joe's Bar, 940 W. Weed St., Chicago, \$5, 312-337-3486

Sunnyside Up: 9:30 p.m. Saturday, The Celtic Knot Public House, 626 Church St., Evanston, free, 847-864-1679

Silver Screen Series: "Gaslight": Watch the film Gaslight (1944, NR, 2 hours) Years after her aunt was murdered in her home, a young woman moves back into the house with her new husband. However, he has a secret that he will do anything to protect. 2 p.m. Saturday, Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

"Busytown": Based on the wildly popular children's books by Richard Scarry, this musical brings colorful characters to life, including Huckle Cat, Lowly Worm, Betsy Bear and Farmer Pig singing and dancing on stage. 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Saturday, Northbrook Theatre, 3323 Walters Ave., Northbrook, \$10-\$12, 847-291-2367

"Dinner Detective": Be a part of this award-winning, interactive comedic murder mystery dinner show in the U.S. Prizes awarded to the Top Sleuths. 6 p.m. Saturday, Chicago Marriott Schaumburg, 50 N. Martingale Road, Schaumburg, \$59.95, 866-496-0535

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Sunday, April 5

Chicago International Music Festival: This educational performance event brings together instrumental ensembles from the United States and beyond. 7 p.m. Sunday, Symphony Center, 220 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago, \$20, 312-294-3000

Monday, April 6

Hanni El Khatib: With Black Pistol Fire. 8:30 p.m. Monday, Subterranean,

2011 W. North Ave., Chicago, \$15, 773-278-6600

"Decibel Magazine" Tour featuring At the Gates: With Converge and Vallenfy. 6 p.m. Monday, House of Blues, 329 N. Dearborn St., Chicago, \$35, 312-923-2000

Jessie Ware: With Jesse Boykins III. 7:30 p.m. Monday, Metro, 3730 N. Clark St., Chicago, \$28.50, 773-549-0203

Live Bluegrass, Roots and Folk: Every Monday in the pub, The Mudflapps perform. 8 p.m. Monday, The Celtic Knot Public House, 626 Church St., Evanston, free, 847-864-1679

Tuesday, April 7

The Suffers: 8 p.m. Tuesday, Schubas Tavern, 3159 N. Southport Ave., Chicago, \$10-\$12, 773-525-2508

Traditional Irish Music Night: 8 p.m. Tuesday, Chief O'Neill's Pub, 3471 N. Elston Ave., Chicago, Free, 773-473-5263

"23": This is a multimedia sketch production composed of vignettes from a

millennial coming-of-age point of view. 9:30 p.m. Tuesday, The Annoyance Theatre, 851 W. Belmont Ave., Chicago, \$5, 773-697-9693

Irish music session: Enjoy Irish music every Tuesday night. 7 p.m. Tuesday, The Celtic Knot Public House, 626 Church St., Evanston, free, 847-864-1679

Movies, Munchies, & More: Film: "Inception": Make time for movies and a snack. 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

Wednesday, April 8

Happyness: With Ezra Furman. 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Subterranean, 2011 W. North Ave., Chicago, \$12, 773-278-6600

Yonatan Gat: With The Avantist. 9 p.m. Wednesday, Schubas Tavern, 3159 N. Southport Ave., Chicago, \$10, 773-525-2508

Live music at Brasserie by LM: With The Giving Trio and Combo 1. 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Brasserie by LM, 800 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago, free, 312-431-1788

"Rails, Rogues and Wrecks": The social impact railroad expansion has had on American life is not more apparent than in the songs of the steel rails: The Rock Island Line, Casey Jones, I've Been Working On The Railroad, 16 Tons, This Train, The Wabash Cannonball, and The City of New Orleans. This musical presentation by award-winning singer-songwriter Rick Pickren will include the central role that Illinois played in the evolution of the railroad system from east to west and from steam to diesel power. 7 p.m. Wednesday, Fremont Public Library, 1170 N. Midlothian Road, Mundelein, free, 847-837-3225

Julie Butler Chanteuse: Julie Butler Chanteuse Brings "A Touch of Downton Abbey" to her Red Carpet Events for seniors. A red carpet is rolled out for attendees of the matinee performances. 2 p.m. Wednesday, Skokie Theatre, 7924 N. Lincoln Ave., Skokie, \$15, 847-677-7761

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"Cinderella" ★★★

PG, 1:45, family

Refreshingly free of all snark, the satisfying new live-action "Cinderella" from the princess manufacturing company known as Disney is a sincere, openhearted rendering of the familiar fairy tale. — *Michael Phillips*



"Run All Night" ★★ 1/2

R, 1:54, action

In a convention-bound action movie such as "Run All Night," some nicely ruffled actors (beginning with Liam Neeson, our supreme late-winter action star) can go a long way toward redeeming the clichés, the primary cliché being a flawed protagonist who seeks redemption for his sins. The film co-stars Ed Harris and also Vincent as an New York police detective trying to get Neeson's character, a guilt-stricken,

mobbed-up hit man, to confess to his crimes before the Harris character eliminates him. "Run All Night" also makes room for a Nick Nolte cameo. Directed, frantically, by Jaime Collet-Serra and written by Brad Ingelsby, "Run All Night" promises a sprint punctuated by a lot of gunfire, bleeding and bodies. Mission accomplished. — *M.P.*



"Kingsman: The Secret Service" ★ 1/2

R, 2:09, action

Collin Firth portrays one of the crack gentlemen-spies working for a supersecret agency out to save the world from a crackpot billionaire philanthropist (Samuel L. Jackson). As Firth's colleagues, Michael Caine and Mark Strong offer unblinking gazes par excellence. And Welsh newcomer Taron Egerton is engaging as "Eggsy," recruited by Firth's Harry Hart to join the Kingsman cadre. Based on the 2012 graphic novel "The Secret

Service" by Mark Millar and Dave Gibbons, director Matthew Vaughn's picture will appeal to anyone who enjoyed Vaughn's earlier "Kick-Ass." I didn't. I find the jocularly of Vaughn's gamer-style violence a drag. — *M.P.*



"Focus" ★★

R, 1:45, action

In "Focus," Will Smith plays gentleman thief Nicky Spurgeon, who runs a 30-person team of pickpockets and scam artists. Margot Robbie is the fatale-in-training Jess Barrett, looking for a mentor and a leg up in the con game. Some will take "Focus" in the intended spirit, that of a casual, eye-candy throwback to older Hollywood. Many found the same creative team's "Crazy, Stupid, Love," a disarming romantic comedy

(me, less so), and clearly the team has a gift for zigzag plotting. But the setup of "Focus" feels hasty and insufficient. Even in a lark about con artists working through their trust issues, we need more. — *M.P.*



"Chappie" zero stars

R, 2:02, sci-fi

We're in Johannesburg, South Africa, in the near future. Law-enforcement droids have improved crime statistics. The police force orders up another batch of robots from the weapons firm. The firm's lead designer (Dev Patel) cracks the code for a new iteration of droid that is human in its techno-make-up. "Mad Max" criminals kidnap Patel's character in hopes of enlisting his inventions in a multimillion dollar heist. The

sweet, naive droid the punks nickname Chappie becomes a pawn in their miserable game. This is one of those misjudgments that could only have come from a talented filmmaker with an idea, ripped off from "A.I." and a million other movies, seen through to the bitter end. — *M.P.*

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NICKOLAUS P. HOLLECK, of Skokie. Veteran, U.S. Army; Past President, Lincolnwood Lions Club; member, St. Lambert School Board, The American Legion, and the German-American Club. Beloved husband of Mary Ellen, nee Murray; loving father of Christine (Bob) Moran, Dr. Caroline (Matt) Kahle, Ursula (Casey) Costigan, and Norine (Peter) Fetter; dearest grandfather of Matthew, William, Elizabeth, Rosemarie, Eleanor, Charlotte, Norah, Maeve, and Liam; fond brother of the late Ursula Posezich and Horst Holleck; dear brother-in-law of John Murray. Visitation was Thursday, March 26, at HABEN Funeral Home & Crematory, Skokie. Funeral Mass was celebrated Friday, March 27, at St. Lambert Catholic Church, Skokie. Interment private. In honor of Mr. Holleck's grandson, Matthew Moran, contributions may be made to Misericordia Heart of Mercy, 6300 N. Ridge Ave., Chicago, IL, 60660. For funeral information: 847.673.6111 or www.habenfuneral.com.



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House, Patricia M

Patricia M. House, age 59, passed away suddenly on March 24, 2015. Cherished wife of James. Selfless and loving mother of Theresa (Christian) Abel, Margaret, William and Thomas. Proud and loving grandma of Lorelei & Dean Abel. Beloved daughter of Dolores and the late James Smolinski. Dear sister of James Jr. (Karen) Smolinski. Dear daughter in law of Harold and Patricia C. House. Fond sister in law of Michael (Jeanne), John (Mary), Sharon Moore, Mary (John) Wilms, Stephen & Jeanne (Richard) Kupier. Dear aunt and a friend to many. Pat loved watching things grow, both her family and her garden. She will be greatly missed. Her visitation was held on March 27, 2015 at Nelson Funeral Home in Park Ridge, arrangements were taken care of by Marion O'Connor Friel, Funeral Director. A Funeral Mass was held at Mary Seat of Wisdom Church and the Interment took place at St. Adalbert Cemetery, Niles. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Myositis Association, 737 King St, Suite 600, Alexandria, Virginia 22314. Info 847-823-5122 or www.nelsonfunerals.com.

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Extra cost for peace of mind

As sales of certified preowned vehicles climb, buyers should make sure the used car they're eyeing is worth the upcharge

BY RICK POPELY

Special to Tribune Newspapers

Sales of certified preowned vehicles, touted as the cream of the used-car crop by dealers and manufacturers, hit record levels in 2014 and are projected to continue to grow as more late-model vehicles wind up on used-car lots.

Dealers are supposed to make sure certified preowned (CPO) vehicles are in A-1 condition before they sell them, plus they come with a longer warranty than other used cars and other perks for owners. Because of that, they typically command a price premium of hundreds of dollars over regular used vehicles.

But are CPO vehicles really any better than similar used cars from the same year and with similar miles that have not been "certified"?

That's hard to say because there are no data to answer that, said Mike Quincy, an automotive specialist on the Consumer Reports test staff. Consumer Reports surveys millions of its readers a year about their vehicles' reliability, but the surveys cover all used cars, and CPO vehicles aren't separated from the herd.

Better or not, though, the longer warranties and other benefits of CPO vehicles attract buyers by offering greater peace of mind.

"People perceive that a CPO vehicle will be better than just any car off the streets," Quincy

said in an interview, but he warned that slapping a "certified" label on a used car doesn't transform a lemon into a peach.

"The best new cars in Consumer Reports' reliability data will likely make the best used cars. When a car starts out problematic, it's likely to stay problematic," he said. "If a car was designed poorly or built improperly or there is a never-ending software glitch, a CPO program is not likely to fix that."

Michelle Krebs, senior analyst for AutoTrader.com, said a survey of car shoppers last fall showed that consumers are willing to pay a premium of around \$2,000 for a CPO vehicle, and the top three reasons were "peace of mind," the warranty and affordability (compared with a new vehicle).

"Clearly, what they think they're getting is peace of mind. They recognize they are getting a vehicle that is certified to a certain level of quality and condition," she said.

An analysis of used vehicles listed for sale on AutoTrader.com during 2014 showed that the average dealer asking price for CPO vehicles of \$27,661 was \$1,209, or 4.6 percent, higher than the average for all used vehicles. The data do not show actual transaction prices.

All major manufacturers have CPO programs, and CPO sales have climbed steadily since the recession to a record 2.3 million vehicles in 2014. Industry analysts say CPO vehicles accounted



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— Mike Quincy,
Consumer Reports

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for 21 percent to 23 percent of used-car sales by franchised new-car dealers last year. That should increase because a growing number of off-lease vehicles will be on used-car lots over the next few years.

CPO programs differ in detail, but they typically include vehicles that are 6 years old or less and have fewer than 80,000 miles. Certified vehicles usually come with additional warranty coverage, a free vehicle history report, roadside assistance and other benefits. Warranty coverage varies by manufacturer and even by different brands sold by the same manufacturer.

Ford, Honda and Toyota, for example, extend the basic warranty by 12 months/12,000 miles and increase the powertrain warranty to 7 years/100,000 miles. Ford charges a \$100 deductible per service visit after the original new-vehicle basic warranty expires, and Toyota charges a \$50 deductible. Honda does not have a deductible.

Before a vehicle can be certified, dealers are supposed to perform a comprehensive inspection and make necessary

repairs. They also pay a fee to the manufacturer to get the CPO warranty and other benefits. What gets inspected and the fee that dealers pay varies by brand.

Automotive News, in a guide to CPO programs published last fall, said the CPO fee that dealers pay was \$369 per vehicle on Chevrolets, \$395 on Nissans, \$450 on Toyotas, \$995 on Lincolns and ranged from \$595 to \$1,580 on Mercedes-Benz vehicles.

Quincy advises that shoppers should make sure that any CPO vehicle they are considering is certified under the manufacturer's program, not one conceived by a dealer or a third-party warranty company. The only dealers who can sell factory-backed CPO vehicles are new-car dealers affiliated with that manufacturer.

"Joe's Garage can say they have certified preowned cars, but you have to find out, certified by whom. Our advice is that if it's a factory-certified used car, then you've got some recourse if something goes wrong. The factory is backing the extended warranty. The factory is guaranteeing that any fixes or repairs that the used car needed was

done," he said.

Even then, Quincy said it pays to look beyond the like-new appearance of a CPO vehicle and a glossy brochure. Most CPO vehicles were leased by individuals for two or three years, but some started life in daily rental fleets — a red flag for some consumers. (The vehicle history report should show whether the car was previously leased or owned by an individual or a rental company.)

"In some ways, they can be an excellent buy. The biggest cost for a new car in its first three years is depreciation. If you buy a 2- or 3-year-old car, it's already gone through its steepest depreciation, so in some ways, a good used car is the best and smartest automotive buy out there," Quincy said, cautioning shoppers to fully understand the benefits — and limits — of CPO programs.

"Whether it's a good value is up to you. If you don't mind spending a little bit more, certified preowned can give you more peace of mind, but read the fine print," he said.

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TOYOTA

Toyota's 2015 Camry, with a dramatically restyled front, stands apart from predecessors.

Sporty, but pricey, makeover

BY ROBERT DUFFER
Tribune Newspapers

For 12 years running, the Toyota Camry has been the best-selling car in America, prized for its reliability, well-equipped value, safety and endurance. The Camry doesn't excite, and most car buyers don't care. But as more buyers shift to crossovers, the midsize segment has contracted, and automakers are boldly restyling what was once a function-over-form equation dominated by Camry.

Toyota has refreshed the 2015 Camry with a sportier skin and upgraded interior for its seventh-generation model, which was introduced in 2012.

Outside, it looks like a completely redesigned model. Upfront, the bumper has been eaten by what appears to be the lower jaw of the giant trapezoidal grille bedecking new Lexus models.

LED daytime running lights flank the lower half of the grille, and the body panels are more sculpted to flow toward the back.

Every exterior panel has been restyled except the hood, says Toyota, and it gets a slightly wider stance and is an inch longer.

The front might be too much for more conservative Camry fans, but there's no mistaking that the new Camry stands out, at least from other Camrys.

2015 Toyota Camry XSE
Midsize sedan

As tested:

\$35,668

Base price: \$31,370

MPG: 21 city, 31 highway

Engine: 3.5-liter V-6

Transmission: Six-speed automatic with paddle shifters

Parting shot: An impressive sport version of America's best-selling car falls short of the asking price.

Among the styling changes for 2015 is a new XSE sport trim level, one of four trim levels that Toyota calls the sportiest Camry ever. We had the XSE with the available 3.5-liter V-6 engine for a week.

The makeover continues inside, where the seats and dash materials are all upgraded to feel more luxurious than any preceding Camry. The XSE came with leather-trimmed "ultrasuede" seats and a leather-wrapped steering wheel. Both elements felt and looked good.

Driving the XSE might be the nicest surprise of all. Acceleration was peppy and ever present.

The brake pedal is more pliant than other new cars,

meaning the gap between pressing the brake and engaging ABS to avoid a skid is shorter. I doubt the brake pads would be worn down already, but maybe it was my unfamiliarity with Toyota's two-stage brake booster, which is supposed to improve on the feel.

The stiffer body and more rigid chassis mean the Camry handles with more feel as well, making the total package more fun to drive yet still smooth and quiet at highway speeds. It responds to the driver, and with the V-6 in front-wheel drive, the XSE has an edge not usually attributed to the Camry.

The six-speed automatic doesn't have any surprises, but the paddle shifters seem kind of ridiculous. The sporty elements don't sacrifice too much in fuel economy, with the XSE getting 21 mpg in the city and 31 on the highway.

The major refresh delivers on cutting a new form for the Camry, but it comes with a price tag that most Camry lovers will not like.

The XSE starts at \$26,150 for the 2.5-liter four-cylinder; the V-6 adds more than \$5,000. Our test model peaked at \$35,668 after delivery. It's a lot for a Camry. But the new Camry looks and feels good, and it should be able to stem the market-share tide for now.

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Yes, put winter tires on the rear of FWD vehicle



BOB WEBER
Motormouth

Q: Put new winter tires in the rear on a front-wheel-drive car? You think your readers are happy with no explanation?

—N.D., Chicago

A: We received several messages, including some that stated that we are just plain wrong or even stupid for telling readers to put the two new tires on the back. We are not making this up and have driven cars on a skid pad equipped with the good tires on the front and then on the rear. Here is the explanation, verbatim, from the technical experts at the Tire Rack, where they maintain their own test track:

"Intuition suggests that since the front tires wore out first and because there is still about half of the tread remaining on the rear tires, the new tires should be installed on the front axle. This will provide

more wet and wintry traction; and by the time the front tires have worn out for the second time, the rear tires will be worn out, too. However, in this case, intuition isn't right ... and following it can be downright dangerous.

"When tires are replaced in pairs in situations like these, the new tires should always be installed on the rear axle and the partially worn tires moved to the front. New tires on the rear axle help the driver more easily maintain control on wet roads since deeper treaded tires are better at resisting hydroplaning.

"Hydroplaning occurs when the tire cannot process enough water through its tread design to maintain effective contact with the road. In moderate to heavy rain, water can pool up in road ruts, depressions and pockets adjacent to pavement expansion joints. At higher speeds, the standing water often found in these pools challenges a tire's ability to resist hydroplaning.

"If the front tires have significantly less tread depth than the rear tires, the front tires will begin to

hydroplane and lose traction on wet roads before the rear tires. While this will cause the vehicle to understeer (the vehicle wants to continue driving straight ahead), understeer is relatively easy to control because releasing the gas pedal will slow the vehicle and help the driver maintain control.

"However, if the front tires have significantly more tread depth than the rear tires, the rear tires will begin to hydroplane and lose traction on wet roads before the fronts. This will cause the vehicle to oversteer (the vehicle will want to spin). Oversteer is far more difficult to control and in addition to the initial distress felt when the rear of the car starts sliding, quickly releasing the gas pedal in an attempt to slow down may actually make it more difficult for the driver to regain control, possibly causing a complete spinout."

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Stevenson guard Jalen Brunson, holding the ball, celebrates with Patriots fans after leading his team to the Class 4A boys basketball state title on March 21.

RULE OF THREE

Jalen Brunson is leaving Stevenson with three consecutive Pioneer Press Boys Basketball Player of the Year awards and his crowning achievement — a state championship

BY JOHN P. BORNEMAN | Pioneer Press

PEORIA — Just after 3 p.m. on Thursday, March 19, roughly 27 hours before they were scheduled to play in a Class 4A boys basketball state semifinal against Bolingbrook, the Stevenson Patriots took the court at Carver Arena for the first time.

Save for a smattering of fans, media members and IHSA and arena employees, the home of the Bradley Braves was a well-lit cavern with 11,000 empty red seats. Stevenson was running a little late for its shootaround — thanks to slow service at a Subway during the

three-hour trip down from Lincolnshire — but the Patriots wasted no time getting into some defensive drills. Jalen Brunson, standing on the same court where he had experienced the disappointment of a state final loss in 2013 and a semifinal loss in 2014, was ready to work, and he made sure his teammates were, too.

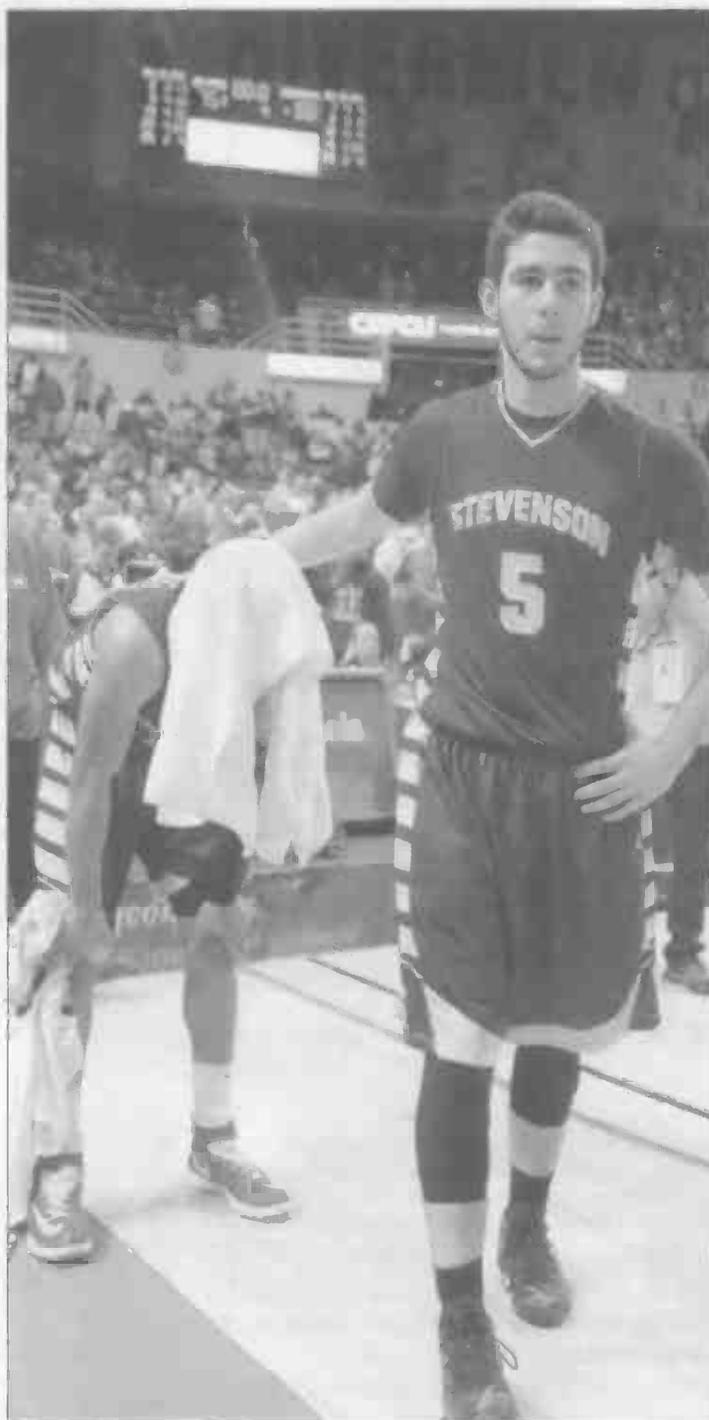
“Let’s sweat Con!” he shouted to senior teammate Connor Cashaw.

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Jalen Brunson, year by year

Position:
Point guard
Height: 6-foot-2
Weight: 190 lbs
High School:
Adlai E.
Stevenson
College:
Villanova

YEAR	GAMES	Field goals			PCT	3-point field goals			Free throws			AST AVG	RB AVG	STL AVG	PTS	AVG			
		MADE	ATT	PCT		MADE	ATT	PCT	MADE	ATT	PCT								
Freshman	2012	28	134	307	47.8%	22	55	40.0%	55	77	71.4%	74	2.6	77	2.9	50	1.9	339	12.1
Sophomore	2013	32	217	447	48.5%	65	155	41.9%	190	241	78.8%	115	3.6	121	3.8	68	2.1	689	21.5
Junior	2014	34	297	577	51.5%	89	227	39.2%	203	277	73.3%	159	4.7	183	5.4	97	2.9	886	26.1
Senior	2015	33	281	521	48.2%	83	220	37.7%	181	217	83.4%	174	5.3	153	4.6	85	2.6	768	23.3
TOTAL		127	890	1,806	49.3%	259	657	39.4%	629	812	77.5%	522	4.1	534	4.2	300	2.4	2,682	21.1



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Jalen Brunson, left, and Parker Nichols react to their 75-68 loss to Young in the Class 4A state semifinals in Peoria on March 21, 2014.

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"Let me see something Jus!" he yelled as sophomore Justin Smith took off streaking down the court and finished his turn through the drill with a dunk.

After a few trips down the court, the 6-foot-2, 190-pound Brunson jogged back to the sideline, signaled to an assistant coach and said, "Two-on-0?" The Patriots switched gears, starting their full-court, fastbreak 2-on-0 drill.

"It's real obvious if you watch our practice and 90 percent of the things we do, he is the one who leads us," Stevenson coach Pat Ambrose said. "He is the one that drives us, that sets the tone right away. He will do something additional if he senses it. He will back off the team if he senses it.

"It puts a little pressure on him because some people think, 'You're not a coach,' but he is so gifted as a human to kind of read people in terms of what they need at that point. I think it's rare that people get bothered by it."

Brunson's baseline intensity on an otherwise quiet Thursday afternoon is standard operating procedure. He's at the front of the line for every Stevenson drill. He isn't afraid to cut in front of his less-experienced teammates if he feels like he needs another rep. He rarely (if ever) subs himself out during practice. He wants to have everything just right, to the point that when one line got shorter than another during a shooting drill Thursday, an exasperated Brunson threw up his hands and lamented to junior guard Ryuji Aoki, "See how uneven it is now?"

"It's intense. He's always going hard," Smith said. "He's always going 100 miles an hour."

"It's amazing," senior Cameron Green said. "He works so hard every play. He works every second. You'd think maybe he'd take one play or two plays [off], but every play he'd go hard and push others

to their limits."

For the third consecutive season, Jalen Brunson is the Pioneer Press All-Area Boys Basketball Player of the Year. He averaged 23.3 points, 5.3 assists, 4.6 rebounds and 2.6 steals per game as a senior, becoming Lake County's all-time leading scorer on his way to finishing with 2,682 career points. And oh yeah, he finally earned that elusive state championship, helping the Patriots beat Bolingbrook in the semifinals and Normal Community in the title game on Saturday, March 21.

In those games — particularly Saturday's final — Carver Arena was packed with screaming fans, many of them dressed in Stevenson apparel as they watched the Patriots chase Lake County's first boys basketball state championship. But on Thursday, the title game seemed forever away. On Thursday, it was all squeaking sneakers and bouncing basketballs and a recording of Chicago's 1972 hit "Saturday in the Park." The interesting choice for a jock jam echoed through the empty arena.

Saturday, in the park, I think it was the Fourth of July.

And I've been waiting such a long time, for Saturday.

Picture Brunson in his green Stevenson uniform with the gold and white trim, his eyes red and watering, walking off the court at Carver Arena with a white towel draped over his head. That was the lasting image of Stevenson's 2013-14 season and its loss to Young and Duke-bound superstar Jahlil Okafor in the state semifinals.

Brunson scored a state tournament-record 56 points on the night of March 21, 2014, but it wasn't enough to keep the Patriots from losing, 75-68, as the 6-10 Okafor dominated in the post with 33 points on 13-for-15 shooting. Even before the Peoria Journal Star website published a photo that alleged Brunson made a

two-handed obscene gesture toward the Young crowd, a controversy that got him briefly suspended by the IHSA, he was crushed.

"He was heartbroken. It shattered his dreams, because he knew he was winning that game," said Rick Brunson, Jalen Brunson's father and a former NBA guard. "That's how he thought. He lost, and he was shocked. He said, 'I'm not feeling like that no more.' And I said, 'Well, you only got one more chance to do it.'"

Jalen Brunson made the photo of himself — crying, white towel obscuring his face — the background on his phone. He looked at it every day. "Every time I would open my phone, I would see it," he said. "I was reminded of it all the time, just had that memory stick with me."

He relied on a work ethic forged in part by the NBA experiences of his father, who played nine consecutive seasons from 1997-2006 on non-guaranteed contracts with the Portland Trail Blazers, New York Knicks, Boston Celtics, Chicago Bulls, Toronto Raptors, Los Angeles Clippers, Seattle SuperSonics and Houston Rockets. Every season, Rick Brunson said he had to wait for the Jan. 10 deadline after which the base salary in NBA contracts became guaranteed. In 2006, Rick Brunson was trying to make the Philadelphia 76ers when he found out he had been cut after a preseason game against the New York Knicks that Jalen Brunson attended. He was done.

"I remember driving home — [Jalen Brunson] was in fifth grade — and I told him, 'Hey, it's not going to work out here,'" Rick Brunson said. "He cried all the way home. He didn't understand. And I told him, 'That's how hard it is to reach your dreams. You gotta work tirelessly. When you work, and you think you did a good job that day, you gotta go back.'"

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Jalen Brunson worked out with Cashaw — his friend since Rick Brunson took a job as a Bulls assistant and moved his wife Sandra, daughter Erica and an eighth-grade Jalen from New Jersey moving to the Chicago area in the summer of 2010 — and stuck to a practice routine that required him to make at least 300 shots per day before his senior season. Most of his statistics actually went down from a junior year in which he averaged 26.1 points, 5.4 rebounds and 2.9 steals, but he bumped his assists per game up to 5.3 (from 4.7) and cut his turnovers from 2.0 to 1.5. He remained a credible threat from the 3-point line while becoming even better at using his body to get to the basket.

Once in the lane, Jalen Brunson finished (he shot 55.8 percent on 2-point attempts as a senior) or got to the free-throw line, where he made 83.4 percent of his attempts, a 10 percentage-point improvement over his junior year. He wouldn't shy away from contact, something 6-2, 285-pound senior teammate Nick Dillon learned trying to defend him in practice as a junior.

"If I did switch on a screen, I'd go as hard as I could against him," said Dillon, who sat out this season with an injury. "A lot of guys, if they see a guy like me, they back down and try to shoot a jumper. He'd go right into my chest."

In a busy offseason, Jalen Brunson committed to play basketball for Villanova and traveled to Colorado, where he helped Team USA to a gold medal in the FIBA Americas Under-18 Championship in June. On Nov. 29, 2014, Jalen Brunson sat in the stands at Memorial Stadium in Champaign and watched the Stevenson football team win its first state championship.

"You just saw how all the hard work finally paid off and how emotional it was," he said. "Everyone was so in love with their sport. And I saw that I was in love with my sport, and I worked so hard for everything I've done. I was like, 'It's bound to happen.'"

He was a single win from achieving his goal when he sat behind the podium in the Carver Arena media room after a 63-43 semifinal victory over Bolingbrook on Friday. He had started

the game by hitting just one of his first 13 shots — scoring on a breakaway dunk as the first-half clock expired — and finished with 21 points on 4-for-18 shooting. To some degree, he was falling back on a hard-earned lesson from a loss to Zion-Benton his junior year. Jalen Brunson scored 27 points in that game, but he made just nine of his 32 shot attempts. Even now, he says he shot his team out of it. But against Bolingbrook, he turned into a facilitator. He controlled the tempo and got to the free-throw line, making 13-of-14 foul shots. It was a far cry from the offensive show he put on a season earlier, but his team advanced to the final. He tried to explain the difference.

"It feels so much better," he said before gesturing to the chair to his right. "Last year, I was sitting in this chair, crying my eyes out."

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About 15 minutes southwest of Carver Arena, past General Wayne A. Downing Peoria International Airport and the little green sign welcoming visitors to Peoria

"And I told him, 'That's how hard it is to reach your dreams. You gotta work tirelessly. When you work, and you think you did a good job that day, you gotta go back.'"

—Rick Brunson, former NBA player and father of Jalen Brunson

County and reminding them it was the one-time home of "baseball slugger" Jim Thome, is the 6,400-person town of Bartonville.

If you were looking for a quiet place to prepare for a basketball game, Bartonville might be the place to start. Signs along the side of the road advertise a quilt sale and the Tuscarora Fire Department's annual pancake and sausage day. At the corner of Airport and Pfeiffer roads is Limestone Community High School, where Thome's No. 44 baseball jersey is the centerpiece of a glass display case of sports memorabilia mounted just inside the main entrance. The blue block letters on the outside of the brick building say "Home of the Rockets," but with no school on Friday, Limestone became the home of the Patriots during the state tournament. "We didn't want to be in a public spot, just because we

wanted some real privacy," Ambrose said.

Limestone fit the bill. The hallways were empty except for a few students and school employees. The biggest distraction was a groundskeeper who dropped in one morning and approached a Stevenson assistant by saying, "I've been a sports fan all my life. I heard you guys got some good players." The Patriots started their final practice of the season at 11:20 a.m. on Saturday, a gorgeous 58-degree day. Outside, the only noise came from the few cars on Airport Road and the occasional ping of a metal bat on an adjacent baseball field where a team was holding practice.

Inside, the Patriots were focused but loose. Jalen Brunson wore a green warm-up with the No. 25 and "Stevenson Patriots" written in gold. The tops of the blue "V" on his Villanova T-shirt peeked out from underneath the jersey. He listened with his teammates as assistant coaches ran through the offensive and defensive strategies the Patriots would likely see from Normal in the state championship game that night. The message from the coaching staff was simple: Normal was 33-1 for a reason. The Ironmen took down powerhouse Simeon in the supersectional. They deserved respect.

During brief down moments, Jalen Brunson played lighthearted games of one-on-one with Dillon, attempting an increasingly difficult series of 3-point shots. But he also grilled Stevenson coaches on the benefits of pressing and trapping Normal's guards. When the Patriots were told to disperse and take 10 shots from their favorite spot on the floor, Jalen Brunson headed straight to the free-throw line. In a one-point sectional semifinal win over Notre Dame on March 10, he missed a free throw with 15 seconds left to give the Dons a chance to tie the game at the end of regulation. He made 35-of-39 attempts in subsequent games. "It's something I work on every day," he said. "I know I'll always hit my free throws."

On Saturday night, he made all nine of his free throws on his way to a Class 4A-title-game-record 30 points.

Ambrose has the Patriots finish off practices with what he calls the "good-luck half-court chuck." He



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Stevenson's Jalen Brunson is fired up after driving to the basket against Normal Community in the Class 4A state title game on March 21.

nominates a group (juniors, coaches, etc.) to shoot from half court, and the team doesn't leave until someone makes a basket. On Saturday, it was the seniors' turn.

Jalen Brunson was up first. He raised his hand to quiet his teammates. There was a pause, then he took a dribble and pulled up for a jumper from the white "L" in the center of Limestone's court.

Practice over.

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The walk from the Marriott Pere Marquette hotel, where Ste-

venson stayed in Peoria, to Carver Arena is about 350 steps (give or take a 6-7 stride). You could do the whole thing inside if you wanted, using the elevated walkway that connects the hotel and the Peoria Civic Center, but the Patriots preferred to take the outdoor route to get some fresh air.

Before he could make that short trip, Jalen Brunson had to wait. Stevenson's walk-through was over by 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, and

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the state championship tip was scheduled for 8:15 p.m. (it actually happened at 8:45 p.m.). He tried to stay relaxed by stretching and taking a two-hour nap. He watched some of the NCAA Tournament (by the time the final started, his future Villanova teammates had been shocked by No. 8 seed North Carolina State, a fact that didn't go unnoticed by Normal fans who chanted "N-C-STATE!" while he shot free throws). He looked up video of Stephen Curry's 54-point game against the Knicks at Madison Square Garden on Feb. 27, 2013, psyching himself up with each 3-pointer. When it was time to head to the arena, he was jumping around his hotel room. "I really didn't have any nerves," Jalen Brunson said. "I knew that this was it."

He was dominant from the outset in the championship, a complete reversal from the semifinal against Bolingbrook. He finished a 10-point first quarter with an and-one layup and a primal scream to no one in particular. He scored 15 of Stevenson's first 23 points, and the third-quarter sequence in which he hit two free throws, drove the full length of the court for a layup and used his

crossover to set up a 3-pointer put Stevenson in control for good.

"I was really bummed last night when Brunson had a bad shooting night," Normal coach Dave Witzig said after the game. "He doesn't have two bad shooting nights in a row."

As a result, Ambrose was able to clear his bench late in the fourth quarter. One by one, the starters made their way to the sideline as the Stevenson crowd roared. Jalen Brunson was the last to leave, hugging every player and coach on his way off the court. The longest hug was reserved for Ambrose, the coach whom Jalen Brunson called a father figure after the game.

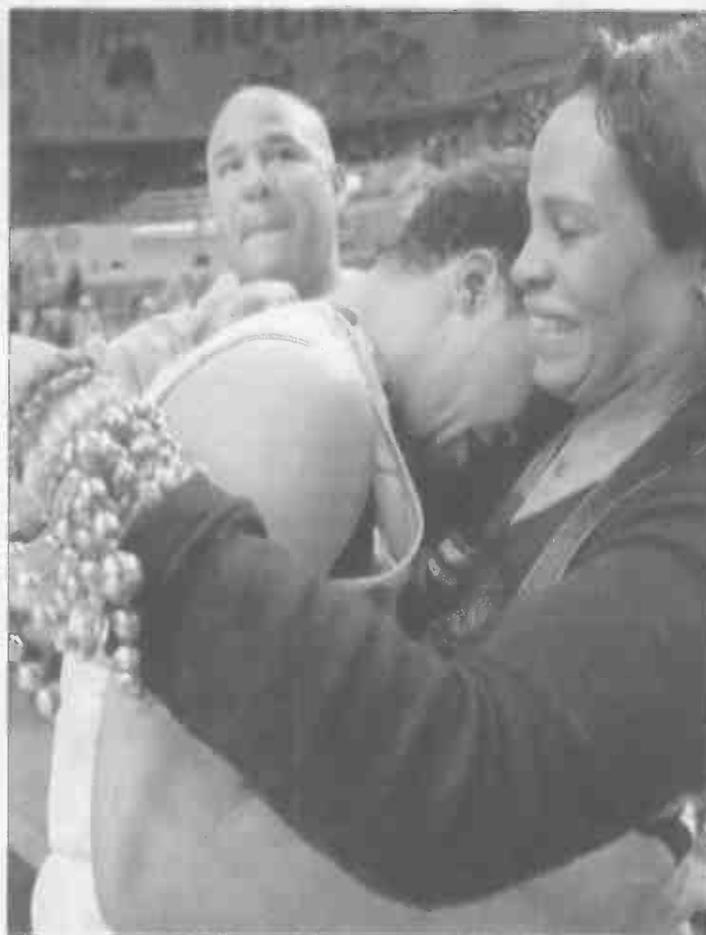
After the final buzzer sounded on Stevenson's 57-40 win, Jalen Brunson made his way to the crowd. He found Rick Brunson and hugged him. He found his mother Sandra, and hugged her, too. He stood, patiently, with his hands on his hips, to receive the first-place medal that he had waited such a long time for. By the time the Patriots were posing for team photos with the championship trophy, there was just one more thing they needed to do.

"Every sectional we'd run into the crowd," Jalen Brunson said. "Every supersectional we'd run into the crowd. But we'd never had a chance to run into the crowd

during state."

The Patriots had just finished taking their photos when Jalen Brunson, clutching a Wilson basketball, started the real madness. He stood and turned toward the baseline, where a thin yellow rope was keeping a mob of Stevenson students clad in black T-shirts at bay. All of a sudden, the Patriots were in the crowd. The rope never stood a chance. Neither did the security staff. The floor was overrun. In the chaos, someone held up a copy of the Peoria Journal Star with a headline trumpeting "Stevenson wins state." Senior guard Matt Johnson ripped off a spirited impression of a speech by professional wrestler Ric Flair, capping it by asking his teammates for "two claps, and a state championship." At the center of it all was Jalen Brunson, obscured except for two arms — the left covered by his distinctive white shooting sleeve — raising the state championship trophy high above the crowd. (By the way, that trophy he busted his butt for four years to earn? Broken in less than an hour.) Finally, he led a Patriots charge through the masses, off the court and into the underbelly of Carver Arena.

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Sandra Brunson hugs her son, Jalen, after Stevenson's 57-40 win over Normal in the Class 4A state title game. Rick Brunson looks on.

BOYS ALL-AREA 2ND TEAM

Jordan Ash

St. Joseph, G, Sr.

2014-15 stats: 14.5 ppg, 4.8 rpg, 3.1 apg

College: Northwestern

The 6-foot-3 Ash was selected the Catholic North player of the year and named to the IBCA all-state second team for Class 3A/4A. He had a team-best 45 3-pointers and a 39-percent shooting percentage from behind the arc. At the Class 3A state tournament, Ash made a total of seven steals in two games to help the Chargers win their first state title since 1999.

Connor Cashaw

Stevenson, G, Sr.

2014-15 stats: 15.9 ppg, 8.3 rpg, 2.3 apg

College: Rice

Like his teammate Jalen Brunson, Cashaw was synonymous with success, winning 108 games as a four-year player for the Patriots. The 6-foot-5 Cashaw was selected to the IBCA all-state second team for Class 3A/4A. During Stevenson's run to the Class 4A state title, he totaled a team-best 23 points in a 62-45 win over Riverside-Brookfield in the Chicago State Supersectional.

Nojel Eastern

Evanston, G, So.

2014-15 stats: 15.7 ppg, 5.3 rpg, 3 apg

College: Undecided

The 6-foot-4 guard got better as a sophomore, earning second-team all-state honors in Class 3A/4A from the IBCA and leading the Wildkits to a Central Suburban South championship and a Class 4A regional title. Ranked as one of the state's top players in the Class of 2017, he has offers from Seton Hall, Illinois, Purdue, UNLV and Bradley, according to 247Sports.com.

Rapolas Ivanauskas

Barrington, F, Jr.

2014-15 stats: 18 ppg, 8.3 rpg, 2 apg, 1.3 blocks/game

College: Undecided

The 6-foot-8 Ivanauskas was named the Mid-Suburban West player of the year. Offensively, according to Barrington coach Bryan Tucker, Ivanauskas was a difficult matchup for opposing teams because he can shoot the 3, drive to the basket or post up in the paint. Ivanauskas has offers from Creighton, Iowa, Northwestern and Purdue, according to 247Sports.com.

George Sargeant

Maine South, F, Sr.

2014-15 stats: 15.7 ppg, 6.8 rpg, 2.0 apg

College: Undecided

During his senior season, the 6-foot-7 Sargeant shot 68 percent from the field and 76 percent on free throws while helping the Hawks to a 26-4 record. He was named to the IBCA's all-state third team for Class 3A/4A. A four-year varsity veteran, Sargeant won 99 games, three regional titles and two Central Suburban South championships in his career.

LAUNCHING PAD

Hinsdale Central record-setter Gabrielle Rush keeps working on her shot

BY GEORGE M. WILCOX
Pioneer Press

Ever since Hinsdale Central fielded a competitive girls basketball team in 1978-79, no player in the program has shot the ball more times in games than senior Gabrielle Rush.

And no Red Devils girls basketball player has scored more points.

In all, Rush took 2,065 shots and scored 2,322 points during her four years on the varsity. She set or tied 14 school records.

Rush capped her career by averaging career highs in points (24.9), rebounds (11.7), assists (3.7) and steals (3.3) to earn the Pioneer Press All-Area Girls Basketball Player of the Year award.

"Rush was the ultimate competitor," Oak Park-River Forest coach J.P. Coughlin said. "We only beat her once in a regional [in 2013] and I thought we had figured out how to stop her, or at least slow her down. Unfortunately for us, she was constantly reinventing her game and adding layers that we weren't prepared for."

Her development can be traced back to her family.

Her dad, Peter Rush, played basketball for Central Catholic in Lafayette, Indiana, and handed down his passion for the game to each of his five children: Danielle, 25; Nick, 23; Christine, 21; Gabrielle, 18; and Matthew, 14.

Peter Rush set up a half court at the family's home with two baskets, a free-throw lane and a 3-point arc painted on the concrete. He even held his own backyard basketball camp for his kids each summer.

"We would all go outside and do shooting drills together," Gabrielle said. "We had to do things like we all had to make a shot in a row and then run to the next [station]. If someone didn't make it, that would hold everybody back. That would give you pressure from your siblings. You would get those looks and mean comments if you were not pulling your weight."

Nick Rush became captain of the Nazareth boys basketball team. Christine Rush was a two-year varsity starter at Hinsdale Central and the team MVP in 2011. She made the Brown women's basketball team as a walk-on and just wrapped up her senior season.

Gabrielle Rush has been her dad's best pupil so far and plans to continue her career at Princeton, which made national headlines this spring by going undefeated during the regular season.

Basketball was far from a regimented activity for the Rush children, though.

"Me and Matthew and my other siblings will turn on the outdoor speakers and go out there and shoot around, play H-O-R-S-E or mess around," Gabrielle Rush said. "It's something we've always done and it's something we have in common. It's expected that you're always going to hear balls bouncing outside."

During the high school season, Gabrielle and Peter Rush visited Life Time Fitness in Burr Ridge every Sunday morning for 60 to 90 minutes to practice shooting. Gabrielle Rush did all the shooting, while her dad rebounded.

"If my shot is working we'll cut it short, but if there are things I'm doing wrong during the week [in games], we'll spend more time on that," Gabrielle Rush said.

Her commitment, determination and competitive spirit made her one of the most dangerous shooters in the Chicago area, whether it was a 2-point set shot, a 3-pointer or a free throw.

"She is a scouting report nightmare," York coach John Constable said. "You have to commit all five to defending her. If you can hold her to under 20 points, you feel like you've done a great job defensively."

2-point shots

Gabrielle Rush's high school coach, Tom McKenna, said she is the last one to leave the gym after every practice.

Rewriting the record book

Hinsdale Central senior guard Gabrielle Rush owns the following school records:

Team MVP: Four times (2012-15)
Points, career: 2,322
Points, season: 772 (2015)
Points, game: 40 (Feb. 20, 2015)
Season with 700+ points: 1 (2015)
Seasons with 500+ points: 2 (2013, 14)
Seasons with 400+ points: 3 (2012, 13, 14)
Games with 20+ points, season: 25 (2015)
Rebounds, career: 751
Rebounds, season: 362 (2015)
Games with 10+ rebounds, season: 23 (2015)
Seasons with 50+ steals: 4 (2012-15)
3-pointers, career: 306
3-pointers, season: 98 (2013)

Gabrielle Rush attempted 1,186 2-pointers and made 34 percent of them in high school.

Gabrielle Rush has done it with a release off her right shoulder instead of from her forehead like many players. Neither McKenna nor Gabrielle Rush's AAU coach, Randy Weibel of Midwest Elite, could argue with the results.

"When you see ball after ball go in and you see a kid like that develop a 3-point shot, you don't mess with it," Weibel said.

Gabrielle Rush credits her father and McKenna for adjusting her mechanics. She has never watched video of herself shooting and relies on her father and coaches for advice. When Gabrielle Rush joined Midwest Elite two years ago, Weibel realized she would be more effective driving to the basket than taking set shots.

"That has come a long way in two years. She was not comfortable with that to start out with," Weibel said. "The thing about her is that if it doesn't start out great for her, she'll develop [the skill] as the years go on."



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Hinsdale Central's Gabrielle Rush shoots during the Red Devils' 77-63 win over Proviso East in the Class 4A Morton Regional championship.

"I think I'm shooting a lot more off the dribble," Gabrielle Rush said. "I know freshman year I was always spot-up and would take [shots] flat-footed like 2-point shots or 3-points. As the defense has evolved, I have started to create my own shots off the dribble and not necessarily off the pass like I used to be. I think that was the main thing that evolved."

"I had been used to sitting in the corner, someone passes to me and I get a shot off. When that wasn't working anymore, I had to put in

more work in the summer to find ways for me to get my own shots off or create shots off the dribble or pass."

3-point shots

Gabrielle Rush's 879 career 3-point attempts is nearly twice as many as any other Red Devils player. Jenny Pavich, who attempted 493 3s in her four-year career during the mid-1990s,

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ranks second. Gabrielle Rush made 306 3s, breaking Melanie Ploger's Hinsdale Central record of 188.

Gabrielle Rush and Ploger both had NBA 3-point range shooting capabilities.

"I called it concession-stand range," said McKenna, referring to Hinsdale Central's new concession stand inside the school's gym. "She could shoot from the concession stand. I would say, 'Oh my God!' And then, 'Nice shot' when it went in. I had faith in her ability to make that shot, especially in crucial situations."

Gabrielle Rush said she used the same mechanics for 3-point shots as 2-pointers. She still lines up the ball over her right shoulder

and right knee.

"I think I have the same general motion," Gabrielle Rush said. "There is not a lot of jumping. When I'm further out, I need to jump more, bend my knees and use my legs."

Free throws

Weibel said Gabrielle Rush's free-throw percentage during the AAU season is 90 percent, while she made 87 percent of foul shots as a senior. She was an 82-percent shooter over her high school career, making 588 of her 717 attempts.

Gabrielle Rush is superstitious at the free-throw line. She said she has used the same pre-shot routine since the second grade: spin the ball, bounce three times, spin

again and shoot.

Gabrielle Rush broke Toni Kokenis' school career scoring record of 2,031 points with a pair of free throws on Jan. 19 against Rockford Boylan. On Dec. 4, 2014, Gabrielle Rush hit 12-of-12 free throws against OPRF en route to scoring 39 points, which equaled her career high at the time.

Her personal record of 40 points came in her final high school victory, a win over Proviso East in the Class 4A Morton Regional final.

It only seemed fitting that before she concluded her career, Gabrielle Rush established a new single-game scoring record for Hinsdale Central.

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Hinsdale Central's Gabrielle Rush shot baskets every Sunday during the season with her father at Life Time Fitness in Burr Ridge.

Gabrielle Rush, year by year

Position:	YEAR	GAMES	Field goals			3-point field goals			Free throws			AST	AVG	RB	AVG	STL	AVG	PTS	AVG	
			MADE	ATT	PCT	MADE	ATT	PCT	MADE	ATT	PCT									
Point guard	Freshman	2012	26	134	464	28.9%	61	171	35.7%	113	159	71.0%	36	1.4	126	4.8	60	2.3	442	17.0
Height:	Sophomore	2013	26	173	424	40.8%	98	240	40.8%	104	126	82.5%	58	2.2	115	4.4	59	2.3	546	21.1
5-foot-9	Junior	2014	27	173	541	32.0%	61	217	28.1%	153	180	85.0%	61	2.3	148	5.5	75	2.8	560	20.7
High School:	Senior	2015	31	234	636	36.8%	86	251	34.3%	218	252	86.5%	115	3.5	362	11.7	102	3.3	772	24.9
Hinsdale Central	TOTAL		110	714	2,065	34.6%	306	879	34.8%	588	717	82.0%	270	2.5	751	6.8	296	2.7	2,322	21.1
College:																				
Princeton																				

SOURCE: Hinsdale Central High School, CBS sports

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GIRLS ALL-AREA 2ND TEAM

Kaitlin Aylward

Trinity, F, Jr.
2014-15 stats: 15 ppg, 7 rpg, 2 apg, 2 steals/game
College: Undecided
The 6-footer emerged this season as the Blazers' top post player and leading scorer. A second-team all-tournament pick at Montini, Aylward scored a career-high 27 points in a regular-season win against Hinsdale Central and led Trinity with 13 points in its upset victory over Young in the Class 4A Young Sectional final.

Elly Daleske

Lake Zurich, F, Sr.
2014-15 stats: 11.7 ppg, 10.3 rpg, 3.2 apg
College: Grand Valley State (not playing sports)
The 5-foot-10 Daleske averaged a double-double for the season and scored a season-high 20 points in the Class 4A regional semifinals against Buffalo Grove. The three-year varsity player also starts as Lake Zurich's soccer goalkeeper, but does not plan to play sports in college.

Kasey Firnbach

Vernon Hills, F, Sr.
2014-15 stats: 12.8 ppg, 6.7 rpg, 1.9 apg
College: Undecided
The three-sport standout ended her third varsity basketball season with a double-double (10 points, 12 rebounds) in a loss to North Chicago in the Class 3A Antioch Sectional semifinals. The 5-foot-10 Firnbach tossed the discus 109 feet, 4 inches last year at the Class 2A state meet and completed her volleyball career in the fall.

Kienya Jones

Niles North, G-F, Sr.
2014-15 stats: 18.0 ppg, 9.5 rpg, 2.3 steals/game
College: Undecided
The Central Suburban North player of the year led the Vikings to their first 20-win season and conference championship in 11 years. A two-time all-conference selection, Jones was named all-tournament at Niles North and Riverside-Brookfield and scored more than 1,200 points in her career.

Victoria Swift

Lyons, G, Sr.
2014-15 stats: 13.6 ppg, 3.0 apg, 2.0 steals/game
College: Undecided
The four-year varsity player led Lyons (19-8) to its first West Suburban Silver Conference championship since 2005. A prolific 3-point shooter, Swift was a repeat all-tournament selection at Wheaton North and tied her career high with 24 points in a win over Oak Park-River Forest.

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Evan Boudreaux

Lake Forest, F, Sr.

2014-15 stats: 23.9 ppg, 13.2 rpg

College: Dartmouth

The 6-foot-8 Boudreaux capped his four-year varsity career by leading the Scouts to a 28-3 record and a trip to the Class 4A Waukegan Sectional finals. He was named to the Associated Press Class 4A first team as well as to the IBCA first team for Class 3A/4A. Boudreaux ended his career with 2,077 points and 1,296 rebounds.

Q: Lake Forest is a big golf town. Conway Farms is hosting the BMW Championship in September for the second time in three years. Have you been? Do you play golf?

A: I do play. My dad played in the pro-am of the tournament two years ago, and I caddied for him. It was the first time I've done something like that. We played with Ryan Moore.

Q: Although you're 6-8, you possessed an all-around offensive game in high school. Will it be the same in college?

A: I consider myself a basketball player, not someone who plays a certain position. Dartmouth said they will use me in different ways, such as posting up, coming off the dribble. I don't think I fit into just one role.



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Joe Mooney

Notre Dame, G, Sr.

2014-15 stats: 19 ppg, 5 rpg, 4 apg

College: Undecided

The 6-foot-3 East Suburban Catholic player of the year shot 46 percent from 3-point range and had a 4-to-1 assist-turnover ratio. Mooney was the centerpiece of Notre Dame's 26-5 team that lost to Stevenson, the eventual Class 4A state champion, 78-77 in the sectional semifinals. He has offers from Air Force, UC Davis and New Hampshire.

Q: Your brother Matt was a standout at Notre Dame and he's playing for the Air Force men's basketball team as a freshman. What's it like when you two play one-on-one? Friendly competition?

A: Friendly is the last word I would use to describe our games. They often end with someone splitting us up, and we wouldn't talk the rest of the game. Typical brotherly game.

Q: What did those games against your brother do for you?

A: Without a doubt they made me a tougher player. Getting my butt kicked by him humbled me and showed me how much harder I had to work to get better. It toughened me up mentally. You learn a lot about yourself when you get beat like that.



JOHN J. KIM/TRIBUNE

Glynn Watson

St. Joseph, G, Sr.

2014-15 stats: 15.0 ppg, 4.2 rpg, 4.1 apg

College: Nebraska

Between the Class 3A semifinals and finals, the 6-foot point guard scored a total of 47 points to lead the Chargers (29-6) to their second state championship, and first since 1999. The all-Catholic League pick was selected to the IBCA Class 3A/4A first team.

Q: Your older half-brother Demetri McCamey was all-Big Ten at Illinois. What made you decide to sign with Nebraska?

A: I had my options open. It came down to those guys. They stayed in touch with me. After they called me, set up a visit, visited the school, I like the coaches there, the atmosphere there. I like the players. I felt like that was just the place. I felt this is where I can better myself and take my game to the next level; to become a better person and a better player.

Q: What will you remember most about coach Gene Pingatore?

A: In practice, he goes for perfection. That's why I've worked so hard because of coach Ping. He always stays on my back like a father figure. He always looks for the best in me. If I'm not playing so good, he asks, "What's wrong?" He knows I can always play better.



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Matt Rafferty

Hinsdale Central, F, Sr.

2014-15 stats: 19.7 ppg, 10.3 rpg, 4.2 apg

College: Furman

The 6-foot-8 Rafferty missed six games due to a broken right hand, which likely cost him an opportunity to become the school's all-time leading scorer. Rafferty fell 68 points short of the record (1,632). He holds school career records in rebounds (975), steals (164) and blocks (170).

Q: You missed less than one month with a broken shooting hand, returning to the team in time for the playoffs. You seemed determine to close out your senior season on the court. Did you play through any pain?

A: The doctor did a great job of giving me the best chance to play, and I worked very hard in rehab to come back. The first game or two I was a little rusty, but I was pretty close to 100 percent in the playoffs. I didn't really have any pain at all, maybe a little in the first game back.

Q: Hinsdale Central has won six (athletic) state championships (in 2014-15). What's it been like to be part of such a successful athletic program?

A: Everybody here expects to win championships. You're almost disappointed when you don't.



JOHN J. KIM/TRIBUNE

Jalen Brunson

Stevenson, G, Sr.

2014-15 stats: 23.3 ppg, 4.6 rpg, 5.3 apg

College: Villanova

The 6-foot-2 Brunson will go down as one of the top high school players in state history after leading the Patriots to their first Class 4A state title this season. A four-year starter, he is Lake County's all-time leading scorer with 2,682 points. Other awards the Pioneer Press Player of the Year earned this season include Mr. Basketball of Illinois, McDonald's All-American, Associated Press Class 4A first team and Illinois Basketball Coaches Association first team for Class 3A/4A.

Q: How far did you have Villanova going in your NCAA Tournament bracket?

A: I had them a long way. ... [Villanova coach Jay Wright] would probably be mad at me for saying this, but I had them losing to Kentucky [in the final].

Q: Out of the players you've played against, whose game do you admire?

A: I'd have to say Jabari [Parker, now with the NBA's Milwaukee Bucks] and Jahliil [Okafor of Duke]. I just look at those guys and see how hard they work. ... They're on the path I want to be on.

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Jeannie Boehm

New Trier, F, Jr.

2014-15 stats: 15.9 ppg, 10.4 rpg, 2.2 apg

College: Undecided

The 6-foot-3 Boehm shot 57 percent, and was a defensive stopper on the other end, creating problems for opposing players with her length and athleticism. Boehm earned first-team honors in Class 3A/4A from the Illinois Basketball Coaches Association.

Q: What was one of your favorite non-playing memories from this season?

A: We started the season by eating at the Rock 'n' Roll McDonald's in downtown Chicago after our game at Phillips. After our last game of the season in Normal, someone on the bus said — and I don't remember who — we should eat at McDonald's. It was a cool way to end.

Q: Have you narrowed down your list of colleges, and when do you expect to make a decision on where to play after New Trier?

A: A bunch of colleges watched me play this season: a few from the Ivy League, a bunch from the Big Ten and a handful from the ACC. I have a list, but I have not made it official. I will soon. I am definitely aiming to decide before the summer AAU season.



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Taylor Buford

Stevenson, F, Sr.

2014-15 stats: 12.5 ppg, 6.3 rpg

College: Butler

The Patriots (26-5) suffered three of their losses when Buford missed seven games, six due to an ankle injury. The four-year varsity player led Stevenson to an undefeated North Suburban Lake season. She is one of eight Stevenson girls players to score more than 1,000 career points.

Q: How did you select Butler?

A: I chose to attend Butler University because it has a great academic reputation. ... I love that it is a small school, and back in my hometown of Indianapolis. I really liked the coaching staff and players — especially since I played AAU basketball under head assistant coach Damon Bailey — and the opportunity to play in the competitive Big East Conference.

Q: What activities are you involved in away from the game of basketball?

A: I really like to watch movies. I love to go to movie premieres with my friends. I also really like to bake desserts. I'm really good at making pies and brownies. In school, I am a part of Youth and Government, Student Council and Hispanic Youth Tutoring.



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Haley Greer

New Trier, G, Jr.

2014-15 stats: 10.8 ppg, 2.8 rpg, 4.6 apg

College: Undecided

Greer helped the Trevians (31-2) take third in Class 4A. Greer made 37 percent of 3-point attempts and finished with a team-best 45 3s.

Q: Even after the team lost in the state semifinals to Fremd, the players were able to bounce back and win that third-place game against Homewood-Flossmoor. Tell me about the morning after the loss.

A: We played knockout, some shooting games, juniors vs. seniors. We just had fun with each other. It helped us clear our mind, and it showed the kind of chemistry we had on that team.

Q: What is something your dad (Bulls assistant coach Andy Greer) has done to motivate you?

A: He knows I am serious about playing college basketball, so he put this quote in my room. It says, "You have two choices. Pain of discipline or pain of regret." He's trying to get me to be my best every day to reach my goals. It's about putting as much as you can into your workouts to get the results you want. It's hung up on my wall and is a cool reminder for me when I wake up every morning.



ARMANDO L. SANCHEZ/TRIBUNE

Annie McKenna

Trinity, G, Jr.

2014-15 stats: 14 ppg, 3 apg, 2 steals/game

College: Undecided

The floor leader for the GCAC Red champions scored the game-winning basket with 20.9 seconds remaining as the Blazers (27-5) beat Young to advance to the Class 4A sectional final. The 5-foot-4 point guard scored a career-high 26 points against Fenwick in the sectional semifinals. She was named first-team all-tournament at Montini.

Q: You fouled out of the supersectional overtime loss to Homewood-Flossmoor with a minute left in regulation. What do you remember about the rest of the game?

A: We were beating Homewood-Flossmoor the entire game and I felt the game was ours. I couldn't believe the game changed so quickly in that last minute. It was devastating, but it makes us want it that much more next year.

Q: Have you always worn knee pads when you play?

A: My sisters all had problems with their knees while playing basketball. I did it as a precaution, but now it's a habit. I seem to hit the floor a lot so I don't play without them and I think they help.



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Gabrielle Rush

Hinsdale Central, G, Sr.

2014-15 stats: 24.9 ppg, 11.7 rpg, 3.7 apg, 3.3 steals/game

College: Princeton

The Pioneer Press All-Area Player of the Year set or tied 14 school records as a four-year starter. As a senior, she set marks for points in a season (772), points in a game (40) and rebounds in a season (362). She is the third four-time MVP for the program, joining former Illinois guard Maggie Acuna and former Stanford guard Toni Kokenis.

Q: Are you amazed at all the records you've established?

A: It's kind of crazy. So many people have asked me about it, "What does it feel like to get all these records?" It's crazy passing all these people I've grown up looking up to, like Toni Kokenis. She's still such a great role model going to Stanford. It's so cool to be a part of the legacy at Hinsdale Central. Some day kids will see my name or Toni's or Morgan [Kasperek's] name. That's such a great crowd around me to be a part of that.

Q: Will you be playing with President Barack Obama's niece, Leslie Robinson, next season?

A: Yes I will. They went to the White House this year so hopefully they will do that again next year.

For the third year in a row, Stevenson's Jalen Brunson has been named the Pioneer Press All-Area Boys Basketball Player of the Year.

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BEEN WAITING SUCH A LONG TIME

Jalen Brunson, the Pioneer Press All-Area Boys Basketball Player of the Year, capped his career by winning the state title that had eluded him in the past.

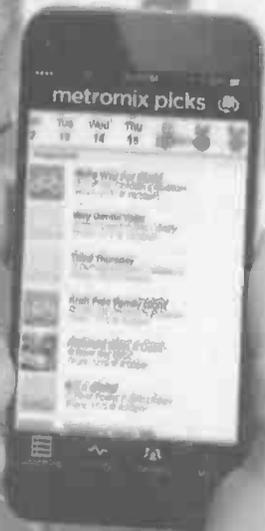
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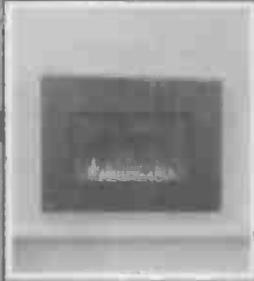
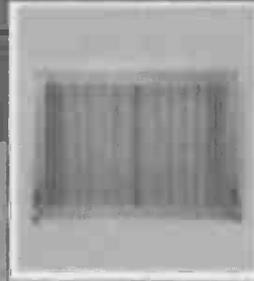
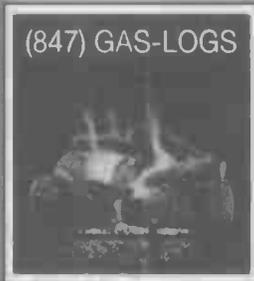
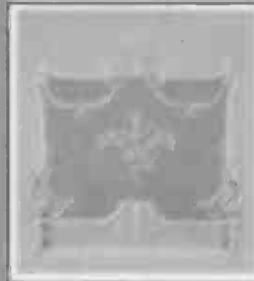
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