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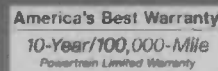
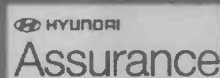
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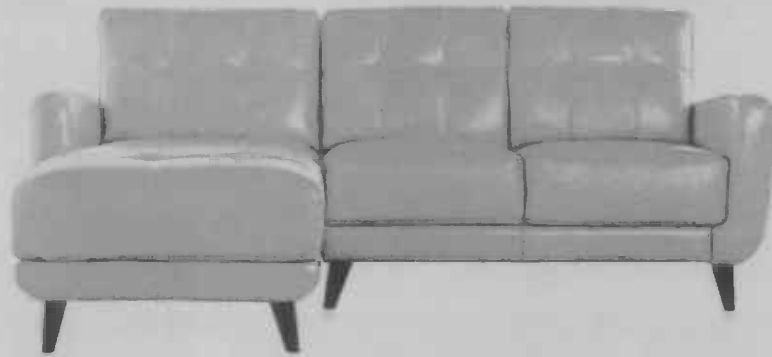


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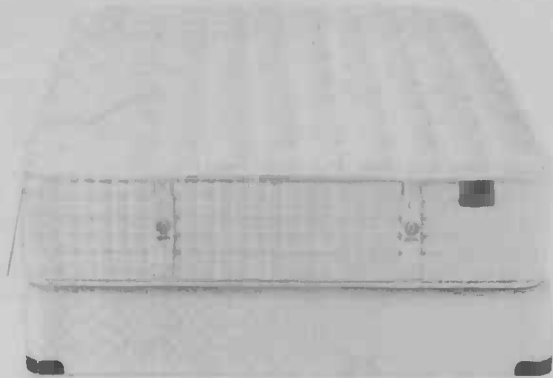
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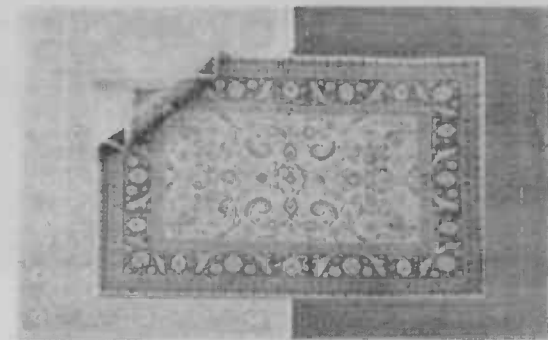


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Mosquito spraying in Morton Grove was prompted by the capture of insects infected with the West Nile virus in traps in the village. In this file photo, a pool of mosquitoes from Streamwood is tested for West Nile virus at the Northwest Mosquito Abatement District office. | RUTHIE HAUGE-SUN-TIMES MEDIA

## ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH OFFICE

# Morton Grove traps turn up West Nile-infected mosquitoes

BY NICK KATZ

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**MORTON GROVE** — The North Shore Mosquito Abatement District sprayed a large portion of Morton Grove last week after mosquitoes caught in traps tested positive for the West Nile virus.

The spraying was part of work done July 19 in Morton Grove, Niles and Skokie.

"They conducted adult mosquito control in most of the village last Thursday night," said Morton Grove Environmental Health Office Bonnie Burnett.

Burnett said the work was prompted by the capture of mosquitoes infected with the West Nile virus in traps in Morton Grove. Though the NSMAD does not publicize the location of those traps, they often are in or near

Cook County Forest Preserves.

Burnett said the mosquitoes were trapped sometime between July 9 and July 16.

She noted that this summer's hot, dry weather has been particularly conducive to the growth of large numbers of mosquitoes.

"The hot weather makes them breed more quickly," she said.

In addition, when there is little rain the standing water in basins and other locations is not flushed out, which destroys the mosquito larvae. That allows them to grow into adult mosquitoes.

"This weather is bad from both points of view," Burnett said.

Infected mosquitoes also have been trapped in other area communities, including Skokie, Evanston, Glenview and Niles.

But according to the Centers

for Disease Control and Prevention there have been no human cases of West Nile so far this year in Illinois.

That's far different than 10 years ago when an unusually hot summer allowed the West Nile virus to strike the Chicago area.

In Cook County alone there were 634 human cases and 41 deaths from the emerging mosquito-borne virus, which only three years earlier had first appeared in New York.

The tally from the Illinois outbreak — 884 human cases and 66 deaths — was the worst in the nation.

That was the year former Morton Grove Mayor Dan Scanlon became ill with West Nile encephalitis and his wife died from a West Nile-related illness. Scanlon, who died in 2010, remained in a wheelchair the rest

of his life as a result of his illness.

Burnett said residents should clear away containers that collect standing water and regularly change the water in birdbaths and swimming pools. Citizens also are urged to take personal precautions by covering up exposed skin when going outdoors and using a repellent that contains DEET, picaridin, oil of lemon eucalyptus or IR 3535 according to label instructions.

Burnett said anyone who finds standing water in such places as swimming pools can report it to the village. In addition, she said, residents who find dead birds can report those.

But birds are useful only if they have been dead less than 24 hours and show no signs that they died in some violent way. Of particular interest are crows and Blue Jays, she said.

## DEATH INVESTIGATION

### Man hit by train was set to marry fiancée next day

BY TRACY GRUEN AND NICK KATZ

**MORTON GROVE** — A 38-year-old Skokie man was rushing to meet the woman he was to marry the next day when he was struck and killed last week by Metra train.

Danny You, of the 1800 block of West Lee Street, on the evening of July 17 was crossing the tracks at 8300 Lehigh Avenue in Morton Grove when he was struck by a northbound commuter train.

"He was super-excited they were going to get married," said Darin Hanley, a funeral director at Bubb Funeral Home in South Bend, Ind.

Hanley said the couple were supposed to be married the next day, July 18.

Hanley said a representative of the funeral home was in Chicago and talked with You's fiancée, who said she was on one side of the platform and You was on the other.

You was hit by the train when he tried to cross over to be with her, Hanley said.

"She saw the whole incident," Hanley said.

A spokesman from the Cook County Medical Examiner's Office said You died as a result of "multiple injuries" from a "train striking pedestrian accident."

Metra Police said You was attempting to cross the train tracks where there wasn't a designated crossing area.

Metra Police on July 23 were still investigating the incident and had not issued a final report, the Metra spokesman stated.

The Metra spokesman said You was trying to cross about a quarter-mile from the Morton Grove Metra station.

You was struck and killed by outbound Milwaukee District North Train No. 2141

The train had left downtown at 5:30 p.m. and was scheduled to arrive in Fox Lake at 7:06 p.m., according to a Metra spokesman.

The accident delayed seven trains anywhere from 18 to 80 minutes and forced Metra to cancel three others, the spokesman said.

Morton Grove Police Cmdr. Paul Yaras said You had apparently left one of the factories in the area and walked across the tracks to catch a ride.

Yaras said he was not at a crossing and apparently did not see the train coming.

"He cut across the tracks and was struck by a northbound train," Yaras said.

Hanley said his family was from the South Bend, Ind., area and they held a visitation and cemetery service, but chose not to release an obituary.

Phone calls from Pioneer Press to You's father were not returned.

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NOTE TO READERS**

Recently, the Pioneer Press learned that a photographer on our staff has produced dozens of false photo essays on numerous occasions for the "Question of the Week," a regularly occurring feature.

This is absolutely unacceptable. The photographer admitted to producing false photo essays that appeared in the Deerfield Review, Highland Park News, Morton Grove Champion, Niles Herald-Spectator, Norridge-Harwood Heights News, (Oak Park) Oak Leaves, Park Ridge Herald-Advocate and Western Springs Doings.

The Pioneer Press is committed to accurately covering the stories of our local communities and readers, and we apologize for this breach of trust.

The photographer's employment with our company has been terminated, and we have instituted new measures in an effort to prevent this from happening in the future.

*Sincerely,*

*Chris Krug,  
Publisher, Pioneer Press*

**MAINE TOWNSHIP**

**Clerk's office donates \$1K to Honor Flight Chicago**

**MAINE TOWNSHIP** — Maine Township Clerk Gary K. Warner donated \$1,000 in June 2011 and again June 26, 2012, to the Honor Flight Chicago program, according to a news release.

For the past eight years the clerk's office has been processing passport applications from which the township generates about \$15,000 worth of annual revenue, the release stated. Warner is donating a portion of the yearly revenue to Honor Flight as a way to support local World War II veterans.

The donation funded the trip to Washington, D.C., for two veterans. Groups of veterans take part in Honor Flight Chicago several times each year. Veterans fly out of Midway Airport in the early-morning and return after a day in the nation's capital.

The Honor Flight Chicago program is a nonprofit organization founded in 2008. The purpose of the program is to acknowledge veterans, and set aside a special day dedicated to honoring, remembering and celebrating their service. The veterans' day with Honor Flight consists of a flight to Washington, D.C., visitations of the World War II, Korean, Vietnam and Iwo Jima memorials, a



**Pictured left-right: Highway Commissioner and veteran Robert Provenzano, Trustee Peter Gialamas, Trustee Susan Moylan Krey, Clerk Gary K. Warner, Trustee Laura J. Morask, Honor Flight Chicago Representative Mary Jane Cole, Trustee Walter Kazmierczak, Supervisor Carol Teschky and Collector Mary Rohde.** | CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

tour of Washington, and a flight back where veterans are greeted by hundreds of citizens.

Warner himself is an Army vet-

eran having served from 1952-54, the release stated.

This year the Maine Township Board along with Warner is sup-

porting the program.

For information on Honor Flight Chicago go to [www.honorflightchicago.org](http://www.honorflightchicago.org).

**VILLAGE PLANNING**

**Public input sought on environmental goals**

**BY TRACY GRUEN**  
Contributor

**NILES** — Sustainability is high on the village of Niles' priority list and resident input was encouraged at the first public meeting to create an environmental plan July 25.

Part of the village's recently adopted 2030 Comprehensive Plan is to implement a sustainability plan to promote the importance

of environmental issues and sustainable practices to residents, businesses and developers.

Residents have been asked to share their input on various topics, such as increasing recycling rates, biking, transit and walking, and ways to save energy at home and at work.

"This is actually a pretty unique action plan in the region," said Kristin Ihnchak, of CMAP (Chica-

go Metropolitan Agency for Planning). "Niles is one of the front-runners in terms of developing a plan that is specific environmental resources."

CMAP is providing technical assistance to various municipalities, such as the village of Niles, and is acting as project manager.

CMAP received a \$4-million federal grant to assist various towns with ways to ultimately ad-

vance the regional comprehensive plan.

"We'll be looking for residents' input on the goals," Ihnchak said.

She said neighbors' comments and suggestions will help shape the recommendations of the plan.

"This document (the environmental plan) will give them some broad, over-arching goals and achievable action steps," Ihnchak said.

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People board a village bus outside Golf Mill Shopping Center on July 20. The village of Niles is considering making changes to routes of the Niles Free Bus and is holding two public hearings on the matter. | ALYSSA SCHUENEMAN-SUN-TIMES MEDIA



People wait at the bus stop outside JCPenny at Golf Mill Shopping Center. | ALYSSA SCHUENEMAN-SUN-TIMES MEDIA

## VILLAGE HALL

# Hearings slated on fare, route changes to the Niles Free Bus

BY TRACY GRUEN  
Contributor

**NILES** — The potential for the Niles Free Bus being in need of a more accurate name is to be a topic of conversation during upcoming hearings.

A proposed charge of 25 cents per one-way trip for general riders and 10 cents per one-way trip for seniors age 65 or older will be discussed at the hearings, scheduled for 1:30-3:30 p.m. and 6-7:30 p.m. Aug. 9 at Village Hall, 1000 Civic Center Drive. Under the proposal, children younger than 7 would ride free. The discontinuation of service on Presidents Day, Veterans Day and the village's Spring Holiday also will be discussed.

The temporary discontinuation of weekend service for the Route 413 South End Special is also slated for discussion at the hearing.

The courtesy bus sys-

tem costs the village about \$550,000 a year to operate. Village trustees had asked staff to reduce the cost of operating the system.

This year the cost of the free bus went \$75,000 over budget, but the PACE suburban bus system reimbursed the village, village Finance Director Scot Neukirch explained.

Neukirch said the total operating expense to run the free bus system was about \$1,578,000, of which the village contributed about \$643,000, but after the audit the amount was \$568,000.

Neukirch said that the village is expected to contribute 36 percent of budgeted expenses for the Free Bus and PACE picks up the rest.

Mike Haws, fleet manager for the Public Works Department, said the proposed fees are anticipated to bring in about \$65,000 a year.

"It's about trying to make

it more efficient and sharing the load with the residents," Haws said.

Haws said route changes are also being examined but won't be discussed at the upcoming hearings. He said the bus routes haven't been updated since the inception of the Free Bus and certain routes may need to be changed to best meet the needs of riders.

"We are seeing areas we should be in and areas we shouldn't be in," Haws explained.

Patrick Wilmot, a PACE spokesman, said: "We'll go along with anything they need to improve the long-term vitality of the system. They have the ability to change the fare.

"We're certainly understanding of their financial issues."

Village Trustee Joe LoVerde said he was not in favor of fare changes at this time.

He said he wants to see cost reductions first and see if officials can avoid charging a fee.

He believes they can make it affordable by changing routes and implementing other cost reductions without having to charge a fee.

"A lot of people depend on the bus," he said.

LoVerde said the board has been asking staff to look at several cost-saving measures to reduce operating costs of the Free Bus for the past few years and officials haven't yet received any such figures.

Route 411 serves Golf Mill, Notre Dame High School, Civic Center Plaza and Niles Public Library. Route 412 goes to the Golf Mill, Four Flags and Golf Glen shopping centers. The third route, 413, travels to the Leaning Tower YMCA, Pointe Plaza and Village Crossing Shopping Center.

Any person wishing to comment on the proposed



A couple boards the Niles Free Bus on July 20. | ALYSSA SCHUENEMAN-SUN-TIMES MEDIA

changes is welcome to attend the public hearing, the village's website stated. Prior to the public hearing, written comments may be submitted to village of Niles, Public Services Department, 6849 Touhy Ave., Niles, IL 60714.

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The Owens family — Richard, Jr., Richard, Sr., and Christine — saw the midnight release of "Dark Knight Rises" July 20 at AMC Theatres in Niles' Golf Mill Center. | NATASHA WASINSKI-FOR SUN-TIMES MEDIA

A CLOSER LOOK

# Big evening for 'Dark Knight' fans at local cinemas

BY NATASHA WASINSKI  
Contributor

As dusk set in and the skies opened up, people began gathering in the shadows on the sidewalk adjacent to Prospect Avenue in Park Ridge.

Dark, dreary weather July 19 only enhanced the mood for those who stayed out late to see the highly anticipated release of director Christopher Nolan's dark conclusion to his Batman trilogy.

Adam Sparks, 20, of Park Ridge, and 150 other fans had lined up outside the Pickwick Theatre as early as 10 p.m. for the midnight premiere of "The Dark Knight Rises."

"As a youngster I used to dress up with my cape and mask," said Sparks, who wore for the occasion a black T-shirt adorned with the superhero's classic yellow crest.

"I still have my toys and everything," he said, adding jokingly: "I should have been out

here playing with them."

Several others from the mostly young crowd said they grew up with the Dark Knight series. After the wild success of "The Dark Knight" in 2008, many said they couldn't wait to see the concluding chapter.

"I'm expecting great things: great graphics, great plot line, great everything," said Salvatore Rocco La Tragna, 16, whose group of teenage friends was the first in line for theater doors to open.

"I still don't think it's going to be as good as the first one," said Michael Stack, Jr., 14, who unlike his peers preferred "Batman Begins" to "The Dark Knight."

Pickwick owner Dino Vlahakis said adventure-action films in particular generate a lot of buzz among teenagers and young adults who desire to see new movies immediately.

Though summer blockbusters have always brought

in throngs of theatergoers, nowadays people rush to see the latest flicks as soon as they come out.

Vlahakis said that, whereas ticket-sale revenues used to drop 20 to 25 percent a week after a film's release, that figure today is closer to 50 percent.

Pickwick sold 640 tickets to the midnight premiere of "The Dark Knight Rises," the theater's fourth-largest opening-night crowd.

For Rachel Schwamberger, 18, of Chicago, and Catherine Carini, 17, of Lincolnwood, Christian Bale was reason enough to stay up and brave the rain outside the Pickwick.

Carini prepared for the night by rewatching the second installment the week before.

"I watch 'The Dark Knight' regularly," she said. "You know what's going to happen but the suspense kills me."

Both were excited to see



new faces in the latest film.

"I'm confident in the supporting cast," Carini said. "Anne Hathaway rocks. She'll be more like the classy Catwoman."

"She'll bring her own spin to it," Schwamberger added.

Alyssa Rathan, 20, of Chicago, also felt confident in Hathaway's ability to play Batman's feline frenemy.

"I think she's really versatile and can pull it off," she said.

At AMC Theatres in Niles' Golf Mill Shopping Center, Batman fans also trickled in for the midnight showing. By 11 p.m. the cinema had sold 900 of 2,100 tickets, according to theater staff.

Moviegoers Christine Owens and her husband, Richard, Sr., along with son Richard, Jr., came to the premiere in matching "The Dark Knight Rises" shirts.

Owens also carried with her a plush Batman and Catwoman, and wore a Batman-themed ring, watch and bracelet.

The couple's son inspired their fanfare.

"Batman was like his third or fourth word," Owens said.

Richard, Jr. said he prefers Batman to other superhe-



Costumed crusaders and crooks made a showing at AMC Theatres in Niles' Golf Mill Shopping Center for the midnight release of "Dark Knight Rises" July 20. Pictured: Alex Conforti as Mr. Freeze, Joseph Welman as The Joker, Richard Calbrese as Bane, Sara Ortime as The Riddler, and Tatiana Thomas as Batman, all of Chicago. | NATASHA WASINSKI-FOR SUN-TIMES MEDIA

roes because of his ability to "stand up to the other guys without (having) powers."

Caped Crusaders and nemeses, alike, made an ap-

pearance at the Niles' cinema, too.

Tatiana Thomas, 22, of Chicago, told her friends they couldn't catch a ride to the

theater unless they suited up.

Thomas went as the feminine version of Batman. Her boyfriend, Richard Calbrese, doubled that night as Bane,

Batman's main foe in "The Dark Knight Rises." Friends Alex Conforti dressed as Mr. Freeze, Joseph Welman painted his face like The Jok-

er, and Sara Ortime played the part of The Riddler.

From behind his mask Calbrese summed up the group's allegiance to the movie series: "Batman is just awesome."

The excitement of the film's opening was later overshadowed by news of a deadly shooting rampage at a sold-out Colorado theater that left a dozen people dead and nearly 60 wounded. Police identified the gunman as 24-year-old James Holmes.

A spokesman for AMC issued this statement:

"We are terribly saddened by the random act of violence in Aurora and our thoughts are with the victims and their families. For the safety and security of our guests and associates, we are actively working with local law enforcement in communities throughout the nation and, under the circumstances, we are reaching out to all of our theatres to review our safety and security procedures. Being a safe place in the community for all our guests is a top priority at AMC and we take that responsibility very seriously."

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IN PROFILE

# Vet gives family gift of life with dog's surgery

BY JENNIFER JOHNSON  
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UP CLOSE

**NAME:** Dr. Piotr Warcholek.  
**BEST KNOWN AS:** Park Ridge Animal Hospital veterinarian.  
**HOMETOWN:** Palatine.

The three cars that struck Goldy, a 1-year-old Golden-doodle with a sense of adventure, left the Higginson family's pet with serious injuries requiring surgery.

The problem was the cost. At \$3,000, it wasn't something the Park Ridge family could easily afford. Feeling compassion for Goldy's owners, veterinarian Piotr Warcholek decided to see what he could do.

"Sometimes in this situation I just think that maybe someone will help me," the doctor, based at Touhy Animal Hospital, said. "I did make a few phone calls to find the money. I was more than happy to offer them this help."

Warcholek, a veterinarian for more than 30 years, managed to secure the \$3,000 required for Goldy's surgery, which took place at Veteri-

nary Specialty Center in Buffalo Grove. Less than two months later Goldy is healing and doing well, his owner, Sophia Zaffer Higginson, reported.

"He has been weaned back to doing his daily activities slowly," she said. "He seems to be doing really well. The prognosis seems excellent."

Goldy was injured May 24 after escaping his yard near the busy intersection of Touhy and Dee, not far from Touhy Animal Hospital.

Higginson remains in awe of Warcholek's efforts to cover the cost of Goldy's surgery



Veterinarian Dr. Piotr Warcholek holds his dog, Kryspin, at Touhy Animal Hospital in Park Ridge on July 9. | JENNIFER JOHNSON-SUN-TIMES MEDIA

and recovery. "He saved our dog's life," Higginson said. "There's no way I can thank him besides telling everyone how awesome he is and what a kind

man he is." For Warcholek, helping a pet is helping an entire family. "The relationship between pet and owner is so strong, especially these days," the

soft-spoken doctor shared. "Thirty years ago it wasn't like that at all."

Warcholek, who shares his office with his own dog, a Maltese poodle named Kryspin, proudly showed thank-you cards he received from Higginson's children, Meghan, 10, and Eddie, 13, as well as classmates of Meghan's at Washington Elementary School in Park Ridge. The cards, both typed and handwritten, thank the doctor for helping Goldy after his accident, some sharing personal stories of their own pets being cared for by Warcholek and his staff at Touhy Animal Hospital, 2311 W. Touhy Ave.

"It was a very touching moment," Warcholek said of receiving the cards.

In addition to treating cats and dogs Warcholek also sees his share of guinea pigs, hamsters and ferrets. A native of Krakow, Poland, he worked with horses and other farm

animals during his early years as a veterinarian.

At Touhy Animal Hospital, Warcholek and his staff offer preventive care, full examinations, vaccinations, lab work, dental care, spaying and neutering, microchipping, common surgeries like foreign-object removal, eye care, laser therapy and a number of other services.

Helping out a patient's financially strapped owners isn't something Warcholek can do frequently, he acknowledges, though he dreams of establishing a fund that would be available to those who need it in the future.

"We've lost trust in other people, but once in a while something happens," he said of his ability to secure financial help for Goldy's care. "It's most important for the kids to believe that something can happen, even the unexpected."

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Sophia Karabatsos, of Chicago, holds a tray of gyros for her family at the St. Haralambos Big Greek Food Fest on July 21 in Niles. Karabatsos said she and her family make the drive up every year from their Midway neighborhood to attend the festival. | ERIC DAVIS-FOR SUN-TIMES MEDIA

## COVER STORY

# The bigger the better

Saint Haralambos feeds off of excitement of Big Greek Food Fest revelers

BY TRACY GRUEN  
Contributor

**NILES** — Volunteers worked hard as they do each year to make the past weekend's Big Greek Food Fest of Niles even bigger and better than the year before.

From July 20-22, the festival returned to Saint Haralambos Greek Orthodox Church, 7373 Caldwell Ave.

The event is a long-standing tradition in Niles that

features authentic Greek food made by volunteers.

Guests enjoyed homemade shish kabobs, moussaka, pastitso, spinach pie, Greek pastries, wine and more. There was also live Greek music, and Greek dancers entertained crowds each night of the festival.

Volunteers of all ages came together to make about 10,000 pork-shish-kabob skewers and all of the food featured at the festival, which

is the largest fundraiser for Saint Haralambos Greek Orthodox Church.

"The money that we make helps the church the rest of the year," said Elini Lanzourakis, public-relations chairman for the festival.

Lanzourakis said the church will be creating a new school and other facilities on property purchased next to the church. She said there is not yet a specific plan or project date.

"Hospitality is No. 1," said Lanzourakis, adding that the event provides a friendly atmosphere where families can come and enjoy an authentic Greek dinner while their children are having fun in a family environment.

For the past five years the festival's Kids Korner has been providing a secure area where parents can bring their children to play and enjoy face-painting, games, a balloon artist, crafts and more.



St. Haralambos parishioner George Rizos bastes a lamb roast on the spit during the festival. | ERIC DAVIS-FOR SUN-TIMES MEDIA

A lucky winner was slated to go home with either a new 2012 Chevrolet Camaro or a new Harley-Davidson motorcycle, or \$20,000. There was also a second prize of \$2,000, third prize of \$1,000, fourth prize of \$500 and fifth prize

of \$500.

For guests who really love what they eat at the fest, cooking demonstrations were on the itinerary, as well. There was also an area for shopping, a movie about Greece and guided tours of the church.



Parishioner Gregory Uranas works the souvlaki grill July 21. | ERIC DAVIS-FOR SUN-TIMES MEDIA



Parishioners Vicky Callas, Arthur Demeros and Maryanna Calls work the lamb booth at the Big Greek Food Fest. | ERIC DAVIS-FOR SUN-TIMES MEDIA



Kosta Sotiropoulos, of the Hellenic 5, tunes up his Bouzouki before performing July 21 in Niles. | ERIC DAVIS-FOR SUN-TIMES MEDIA



Parishioner George Korkofigas rakes the coals in the souvlaki grill during the festival. | ERIC DAVIS-FOR SUN-TIMES MEDIA

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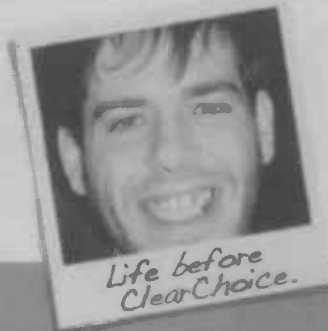
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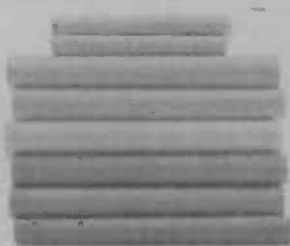
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DISTRICT 219

# Federal mediator assisting in district, teacher talks

BY NATASHA WASKINSKI  
Contributor

SKOKIE — A federal mediator is assisting Niles Township High School District 219 and its teachers union with settling next year's contract, according to a joint statement from the two parties.

Jim Szczepaniak, community relations director for the district, said the School Board and the Niles Township Federation of Teachers engaged a mediator and agreed to issue a shared public statement but would not comment further on the details of the contract discussions.

The current teachers contract, which had been in place since 2009, is set to expire Aug. 20.

Mediation services are provided by the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service at no cost to the district or union, the release states. The mediator began meeting with

the two negotiating teams July 13. The statement notes issues that have remain unresolved since March, including matters involving teaching and learning, such as school day; teacher evaluation; salaries; benefits; pensions; and extracurricular pay.

Public-employee pay has

also been on the minds of residents as of late.

Since the village issued property tax bills issued last month, District 219 has come under fire by residents upset with rate increases that fund the public school system.

According to expenditure data from fiscal year 2011, District 219 employee salary and benefits accounted for nearly 84 percent of the educational fund budget, for a total of \$69.9 million.

Property taxes that same year accounted for \$116.4 million of district revenue.

"No one is happy that taxes on property have gone up," Szczepaniak said.

He added that members of the board of directors are taxpayers in the district, too, and are doing their best to be financially prudent.

"We understand that we're not living in the good old days when we could spend more money and ask for more tax dollars," he said.

A phone message for Steve Grossman, president of the Niles Township Federation of Teachers, was not immediately returned.

## SCHOOLS BRIEFS

### Gatta named 'Educator of the Year'

Niles Township High School District 219 Superintendent Nanciann Gatta has been named Educator of the Year by the Illinois State Crime Commission/Police Athletic League of Illinois, according to a news release.

Gatta was honored at the commission's annual awards dinner on June 20 at Drury Lane Oakbrook Terrace, the release stated.

Gatta was recognized, among other accomplishments, for the effective partnerships District 219 has established with local law-enforcement agencies, social-service agencies and youth advocates to reach out to youth and prevent crime, through such initiatives as the Niles Township Youth Coalition.

The coalition meets monthly to share information related to challenges facing young people in Niles Township.

"The coalition has been cited as a model of interagency cooperation, instituting such proactive programs as an alternative-to-suspension program that encourages at-risk youth to provide community service while they stay in school," the release stated.

Gatta was also recognized for the district's ongoing efforts to reach out to Niles Township's diverse constituencies, including a large im-

migrant community; families of District 219 students speak more than 80 different languages.

In accepting the award, Gatta told the audience: "What we have learned in partnering with all of my colleagues in education, law enforcement, government and social services agencies is that schools are safe, not through heavy police presence or metal detectors. Schools are safe when students connect to at least one adult and one program that gives them a sense of belonging and pride."

Gatta was one of two-dozen "leaders who make a difference." Other honorees at this year's ceremony included Chicago Police Department Superintendent Garry McCarthy, who won the Police Athletic League's Jesse White Award and Illinois Supreme Court Justice Mary Jane Theis, who received the Award of Excellence in the Judiciary.

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Rull the district's new Chief Financial Officer at its July 9 meeting, according to a news release.

Rull has more than 20 years' experience in financial and operations management in the private, public and nonprofit sectors, the release stated.

Rull was most recently senior vice president and director of specialized markets at Urban Partnership Bank in Chicago, which is recognized for its commitment to community-development banking.

She also served as chief operating officer for Three Arts Club in Chicago, a nonprofit gallery and residence for women in the arts.

Rull served Bank One (formerly First National Bank of Chicago) in a number of roles from 1980 to 2001, including Foreign Exchange Trading manager, directing both the United States and London offices.

In public education Rull served the Chicago Public Schools as Director of School Operations and Renovation. She was responsible for CPS's \$750-million budget for school-building renovation, day-to-day maintenance and operations. She started at CPS as deputy of Instruction and School Management.

"We are very excited to bring Kris to D219, since she has such big-picture experience in financial and operational management," said Superintendent Nanciann Gatta. "Kris is a passionate advocate of public education who has shown time and again that she has the ability to identify and implement ways to improve system efficiencies to reallocate resources to the classroom. We are proud of D219's strong fiscal health, and I believe Kris will help us take the right steps to maintain our financial stability."

Rull holds a Bachelor of Science degree in finance from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, and graduated with honors.

### North's bass team takes second place in competition

The Niles North High School bass fishing team earned second place out of 21 teams in the IHSA Sectional held the past spring at the Skokie Lagoons. The team qualified for the state competition also held in

the spring at Carlyle Lake in Carlyle, Ill. Members of the team included: Sammy Pizzalato, Kevin Tong, Ismael Meza, and Umair Hassan. Kevin Tong caught the largest bass at 3.14 lbs. The coaches were Carol Herlocker and Pat Steeno. The boat drivers were Dave Leffleman and Hugh Flack.

### North artists in Great Frame Up Show

The following Niles North High School artists were selected as the Best in Show winners in the 2012 Life is Simply Art (LISA) Contest at the Great Frame Up, 2814 Central St., Evanston, held recently: Charmaine John, painting; Crystal Zapata, drawing; Sarah Sunahara, photography; Samantha Blank, graphic communications; and April Hernandez, 3-dimensional. The artists advanced to the Best of the Best Show held the past spring when they competed against students from 27 other schools for scholarship money.

### West STEM student earns symposium award

Niles West STEM Inquiry and Research student Sebastian Chirayil competed at the Percy Julian Symposium held the past spring at Oak Park-River Forest High School. Chirayil, a sophomore, won third place in the freshmen/sophomore division for his project "The pH Dependency on the Redox Potential of the Protein Cytochrome C."

### Students take the national Latin exam

Resurrection College Prep High School Latin students joined more than 148,000 students from all 50 states and 13 countries taking the 2012 National Latin Exam, sponsored by the American Classical League and the National Junior Classical League, designed to evaluate students' long-term acquisition of Latin grammar, mythology, life, history, roots/derivatives and reading comprehension. Six students were recognized with the next-highest award, a Special Achievement Certificate, including Sofia Lyskanowski, of Niles, and Sarah Nolan, Elizabeth Mahoney, Elaine Wasylo and Erin Vasiliadis, all of the Chicago area.



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**7042 W Keeney St:** Real Equities Inc to Vladimir Huante I for \$265,000 on June 7

**8149 N Grace Ave:** Herbert Kusch Sr to Anthony J Geslicki for \$238,000 on June 5

**7414 W Howard St:** Aedeline Zoladz to Kristen M Shinagawa for \$194,000 on May 15

**9500 Washington Ave Unit 309:** Meho Sabic to Ronnie A Houston Sr for \$144,000 on June 1

## MORTON GROVE

**9223 Menard Ave:** Helene Abrams to Ahmed M Hashim for \$310,000 on May 17

**9116 Mansfield Ave:** Prayat Kopsumbut to Erica Barraca for \$290,000 on May 17

**8111 Parkside Ave:** Grove Morton to Stella M

Stephan for \$210,000 on May 23

**7250 Davis St:** Karen S Moe to Steven J Hoppe for \$100,000 on May 24

**6020 Lincoln Ave Unit 408:** Gary M Gordon to Nashwan Habib for \$95,000 on May 25

**5506 Lincoln Ave Unit A524:** Joseph C Cascio to Arbela Baba for \$76,000 on May 21

## EVANSTON

**815 Ridge Ter:** Philip A Amerson to John B Julia for \$869,000 on May 25

**1414 Ridge Ave:** Charles W Pyne to Jeff D Harris for \$675,000 on May 24

**2430 Ridgeway St:** Anne Koch to Scott Hays for \$650,000 on June 4

**949 Ridge Ave:** Asfandyar Khan to Khayyam Khan for \$500,000 on May 24

**2653 Hillside Ln:** Mark Knepper to Ellen Darnieder for \$415,000 on May 23

**2127 Lincolnwood Dr:** Niles Township Jewish Congregatio Ezra-Ha-

bonim/The to Corina V Swaney for \$408,000 on June 1

**2306 Hastings Ave:** Kevin Ball to Stacy Stonequist for \$399,000 on May 29

**2227 Payne St:** Michael A Nash to Brian Molitor for \$390,000 on May 25

**1629 South Blvd:** Susan J Jones to Devin Bell for \$380,000 on May 31

**2120 Cleveland St:** Kelly D Janzen to Grant Waspi for \$273,000 on May 24

**2541 Crawford Ave Unit C:** Joseph P Lampert to Johnathan D Meeks for \$192,500 on May 23

**525 Grove St Unit B2:** Mary F Sethness to Ben Ost for \$191,000 on May 24

**530 Hinman Ave Unit 3B:** William Stein to Jeffrey R Bradshaw for \$190,000 on May 23

**125 Kedzie Ave Unit 1253:** Robyn R Randle to Jane P Currie for \$180,000 on June 4

**843 Judson Ave Unit 8431:** Patrick Horan to

Janis Mara Michael for \$124,000 on May 23

## GLENCOE

**151 Park Ave:** Robert Chase Jr to Joseph A Canepari for \$2,225,000 on May 29

**110 Lakewood Dr:** G R Dev Inc to Nigel S Kirtley for \$1,635,000 on June 8

**96 Harbor St:** David Navon to Mark S Talamonti for \$1,611,500 on June 1

**994 Cherry Tree Ln:** Susan Munic to Michael Thompson for \$660,000 on May 29

**313 Hawthorne Ave Unit 313E:** Sean Weil to Melanie Harris for \$180,000 on May 29

## GLENVIEW

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**915 Huber Ct:** Salvatore A Chiovani to John M Peluse for \$817,500 on May 22

**1010 Raleigh Rd:** John E Zummo to Kenneth M Taira for \$540,000 on May 31

**2628 Violet St:** Dimitry T Ragumov to Carl Alburn for \$531,000 on June 1

**2731 Langley Cir Unit 403040:** Stanley Moreyno to Matthew R Whipple for \$430,000 on May 25

**1616 Glenview Rd:** John F Wood to Tracey L Kite for \$385,000 on May 24

**2309 Dewes St:** Robert Sorenson to Reenie M Matteo for \$315,000 on May 30

**1616 Magnolia St:** Reid Weiner to Joel A Childs for \$299,000 on May 29

**19 Lincoln St:** Jeffrey Thompson to Andrew Northrup for \$280,000 on May 31

**226 Washington Ave:** Bbx Logistic Inc to Kyle Nathan for \$277,000 on June 7

**4172 Cove Ln Unit MANY:** Scott Biller to Tatyana Zheleva for \$113,000 on May 22

**701 Forum Sq Unit 307:** Joanne J Kang to Chang Min Jung for \$100,000 on June 5

**4208 Central Rd Unit 4A:** Janina Piech-Tucker to

Adam Marknt for \$70,000 on June 4

**3925 Triumvera Dr Unit A12D:** Jonathan Lee to In Hye Rhee for \$40,000 on May 23

## LINCOLNWOOD

**7121 Hamlin Ave:** Martin H Fishman to Peggy J Mcdurmon for \$323,000 on May 25

**7026 N Crawford Ave:** Zorica Popic to Mary Jane Dulay for \$250,000 on June 1

## NORTHFIELD

**2316 Clover Ln:** Robert M Fishman to Slawomir Marecik for \$1,050,000 on May 25

**3030 Arbor Ln Unit 3030204:** Lois E Hennick to Robert L Snyder for \$150,000 on June 1

## SKOKIE

**4021 Greenwood St:** Shamir Otani to Moshe Mizrahi for \$318,000 on May 22

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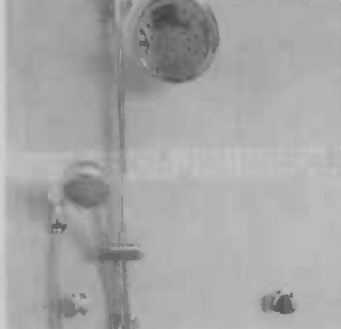
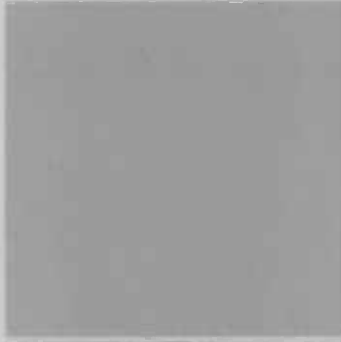
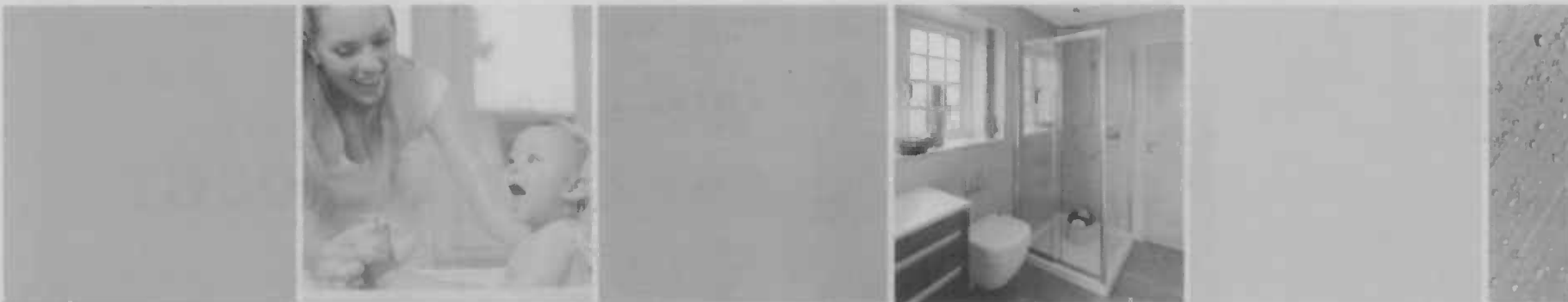
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## POLICE BLOTTER

The following incidents were listed in the weekly bulletin prepared by the Niles Police Department. Readers are reminded that an arrest does not constitute a finding of guilt. Only a court of law can make that determination.

### PROPERTY DAMAGE

Matthew Gianakopoulos, 24, of 7233 Greenleaf, Niles, was arrested July 17 at his home and charged with knowingly damaging property. The victim, a 59-year-old Niles man, said that when he got home from work he discovered the rear-entry door of his house was kicked in. The victim told police that his son, the suspect, had broken down the door. Matthew Gianakopoulos has an Aug. 28 court date.

### CRIMINAL DAMAGE

A 63-year-old Niles man reported that someone smashed out the front window and driver-side windows, and slashed all four tires of a 2007 Toyota four-door vehicle between July 16 and July 17 on

the 8700 block of Grace. An investigation was pending.

A 27-year-old Niles man said someone damaged his 2000 Nissan four-door vehicle parked between July 18 and July 19 in his driveway on the 7600 block of Harlem Avenue.

### THEFT

An employee of a business on the 7400 block of Natchez Avenue reported that between July 6 and July 9 two unknown suspects removed two grinders and an air-line dryer from behind the building. The cost to replace the items is \$2,800.

### FRAUD

A 21-year-old Niles man told police he lost his wallet in Evanston and someone used his debit card 16 times, spending a total of \$664 between July 13 and July 15.

### SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY

An 82-year-old Niles woman

told police that a man called her on July 19 at home and reportedly pretended to be her grandson, and said he was in trouble in Canada and needed \$2,000. The victim called her daughter-in-law and learned that the caller was not her grandson.

### DOMESTIC DISPUTE

A 35-year-old Niles woman and a 46-year-old suspect got into a domestic dispute on July 19 at their apartment on the 7900 block of Caldwell Avenue. The suspect admitted to being angry about wasting air-conditioning by leaving the front door open and the victim said the suspect had slapped her.

### GRAFFITI

A 73-year-old man reported that on July 18 someone had placed graffiti on the wall of his apartment complex on the 8400 block of Dempster Street. Police said the graffiti was not gang-related. The suspect used black spray paint for the graffiti.

## POLICE BRIEFS

### Man ticketed in pit bull's attack on relative

A recent report of a dog attacking a family member resulted in multiple stitches and a municipal citation.

Park Ridge police ticketed Maciej Milowicki, 26, of the 900 block of N. Lincoln Ave., for failure to control an animal July 8 after his 42-pound pit bull, "Bubbles," bit a 30-year-old relative.

The victim's 10 puncture wounds required a dozen stitches, according to police. Milowicki was given an Aug. 14 adjudication hearing date.

Deputy Police Chief Lou Jogmen said police have a formalized process for documenting dog bites and the like in order to better track and take preventive action regarding dangerous animals.

Multiple reports involving the same pets may lead to an intervention by city's Animal Commission, he said.

"It's an issue we've tried

to deal with over the years," Jogmen said. "Even though it's a family member (who suffered a dog bite), it's a serious thing."

### Officers' initiative leads to bicycle-theft suspect

Park Ridge police successfully tracked down a bicycle that went missing late last month and perhaps the culprit, too.

Roberto Rich, 27, of the 1400 block of S. Canal, Chicago, was arrested and charged with felony theft July 10 in connection with an incident that occurred two weeks earlier when an unattended bike was allegedly stolen from the first block of S. Summit Avenue in Park Ridge.

According to police the owner had parked the bicycle at 12:30 p.m. June 27 in an attached garage and left the overhead door open while he went inside the house.

He returned 10 minutes later and found his \$425 Gary Fisher bicycle missing.

The owner filed a report with police, who investigated the matter, said Deputy Police Chief Lou Jogmen.

Detectives soon discovered the bike in a local pawn shop and were able to trace the sale back to Rich.

Jogmen credits the recovery to descriptive information about the bike provided by the owner to police, and to the responding officers' diligence in not writing off the crime as just another stolen bike.

"To toot our own horn, it was a nice job," he said. "They stuck with it."

Jogmen said Rich has not admitted to, nor been charged, in connection with other bicycle thefts.

No bond or court information related to his July 10 arrest was available.

— By Natasha Wasinski

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## Carrying a torch for English cuisine

BY VERONICA HINKE  
Contributor

It's Olympics time, and the world is watching London — again. First, all eyes were on Will and Kate as they made their historical walk down the aisle at Westminster. Then it was the queen's golden jubilee. Now, on the tennis shoe heels of that more steadfast English event, Wimbledon, the world's gaze is again fixed on Londinium, as ancient Romans called her.

And as more modern day Americans turn their attention to England, they are learning about her time-honored cuisine. They're discovering that British classics go beyond Christmas puddings and steak and kidney pies (that's actual kidneys, not beans).

"Recent events in England have come across very well in the media; people began talking a lot about fashion, culture and tradition — and eventually, food," said Jerome Bacle, executive chef at Courtright's in Willow Springs.

### English classics

While working in London as a chef for two years, Bacle, who lives in Oak Park now, developed an appreciation for classic English dishes, like lamb roasted with fresh mint lamb jus and bacon scones. "When these recipes are made right, they're very tasteful, and bring a lot of good memories, too, from my time in London," he said.

Any English table in summer will include foods like foos made with fresh cream blended with berries or stone fruits. And nothing says Great Britain more than that hearty classic, Beef Wellington.

Then there is the Eton Mess. It's a fluffy dessert made by layering fruit, heavy whipping cream and meringue. The recipe is light-heartedly named after Prince William's prep school, Eton College in Windsor.

But perhaps the most fitting way to celebrate the Olympics is by bringing people together around an

English summer pudding, bursting at the seams with fruit. "The games are among the most exciting competitions in the world. They bring emotions of joys and tears while bringing people back together to support their country. So, after all, why not celebrate around a summer fruit pudding?" Bacle asked.

And, these puddings are remarkably versatile. They can be made with fruits or other sweets as a dessert or with savory ingredients as an appetizer.

The late Two Fat Ladies chef Jennifer Paterson famously made a summer pudding using tomatoes. Other savory foods with higher sugar content, such as corn, sweet peas or carrots also work well in an appetizer pudding.

### Into port

Best yet, they're delicious. "Summer puddings are light and refreshing," Bacle said. He especially likes how his Port Red Wine and Melon Summer Pudding exudes the flavor of its key ingredient: mint-infused red wine. He accentuates the flavor with melons.

"I like pairing melon and red port wine, which is traditional and not unusual as an appetizer. It's just a different way and interpretation to put them together, this time as a dessert."

Bacle sticks less with tradition, holding his summer pudding together using gelatin rather than the more expected stuff of English puddings, bread without crust.

He'll use white wine or Champagne to make a summer pudding to serve at Courtright's during the Olympics. "White wine and red fruits or stone fruits are great to use as summer pudding," Bacle said.

For her puddings and so much more, England persists as a world class culinary contender. "English chefs have taken England's cuisine to a different level, a higher level. And it's only the beginning," Bacle promised.

Let the games continue!



Courtright's executive chef Jerome Bacle prepares a English Summer Port Wine Pudding, made with fresh fruit. | SUN-TIMES MEDIA PHOTOS

### Red Port Wine and Melon Summer Pudding

(Adapted from Jerome Bacle)

- 1/2 small watermelon
- 1/2 cantaloupe
- 1/2 honeydew
- 1 1/2 cups red port wine
- 3 teaspoons gelatin powder
- 1/2 cup fresh mint leaves, chopped
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 cup heavy cream

Cut melons, remove seeds and scoop melon balls. Reserve in refrigerator.

**Melon sauce:** Scoop remaining melon, measure two cups and place in sauce pot; add all but one tablespoon of sugar and heat on medium; bring to boil and cook for 15 minutes. Remove from heat, mix in blender; strain and refrigerate.

**Pudding:** Soak gelatin in cold water for 15 minutes. Boil wine in sauce pot over high heat and flame to burn the alcohol. When flame is gone, remove from heat and add chopped mint. Allow mixture to infuse for 10 minutes; add gelatin to hot wine. Whisk until dissolved; cool to room temperature. Divide melon balls into four martini glasses. Pour wine mix over melon. Refrigerate overnight.

**The next day:** Whisk whipping cream and remaining sugar in stainless steel bowl until thick. Refrigerate. Serve pudding topped with melon sauce and Chantilly cream.

To accelerate the setting process, cool port wine mixture in ice bath before pouring into glasses and allowing it to set for four hours.



Port Wine Pudding.

**BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT**

# Italian eatery celebrates 60th anniversary

BY TRACY GRUEN  
Contributor

**UP CLOSE**

**NAME:** Riggio's  
**SPECIALTY:** Italian cuisine  
**ADDRESS:** 7530 W. Oakton St.  
**HOURS:** 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Mon.-Thurs.; 11 a.m.-midnight Fri., Sat.; 1 p.m.-10 p.m. Sun.  
**WEBSITE:** riggios.com

**NILES** — For 60 years the Riggio family has been serving pizza, pasta and other authentic Italian dishes to hungry customers.

In 1952, Adreana Riggio and her husband, Pasquale, opened a storefront pizzeria in Chicago called Riggio's Caffè Pranzo. In 1957 they opened their second restaurant, Riggio's, in Niles, and in 1972 they purchased the Red Star Inn and opened their third restaurant.

Today their son, Tony Riggio, and his wife, Trish, run the Riggio's restaurant at 7530 W. Oakton St. in Niles, and continue to use the same recipe as the original location.

Back in 1952 customers referred to Adreana Riggio as "Mama" and some of the original customers still stop in at Riggio's in Niles to experience the same flavors that had them hooked decades ago.

"We wanted to expand," Riggio said of why the family decided to open another restaurant in Niles in 1957. "Niles has been a wonderful village."

Riggio's offers a wide variety of Italian foods from different regions. He noted that the restaurant features pasta sauces from Northern Italy to the Rome and southern areas of the country, each of which varies in color depending on the region.

Plus, Riggio added, "We serve excellent pizza."

In addition to pastas and



Tony and Trish Riggio stand in front of Riggio's restaurant, which celebrated its 60th anniversary in business July 14 in Niles. | JOEL LERNER-SUN-TIMES MEDIA

pizza Riggio's serves a wide variety of other dishes, such as veal, chicken and seafood.

Riggio's wife is the executive chef of the restaurant. She studied cooking in France and learned the recipes from

her husband's mother over several years.

"We pride ourselves in using very fresh, very-high-quality ingredients," Riggio said, adding that including varied dishes from across Ita-

ly was important to his family.

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## QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Around Niles we asked, "What business do you think would be a good addition to Niles?"



**"Another Starbucks Coffee closer to here."**

HAIM FITERSHTEIN, Des Plaines, at M&A Auto Service Inc.



**"Something privately owned, more small businesses."**

JEFF WELSH, Palatine, at M&A Auto Services Inc.



**"A Jamba Juice, because it is nutritious, healthy and green."**

KATHERINE PHILIS, Des Plaines, at New Hair Ltd.



**"A frozen-yogurt place."**

MARINO STAMOS, Des Plaines, at New Hair Ltd.

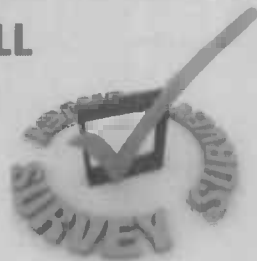
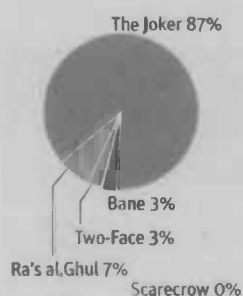


**"I think they should bring back Giordano's. It was a really good restaurant."**

IWONA POMIAN, Arlington Heights, at American Travel Abroad Inc.

## PIONEER PEOPLE POLL

Here are the answers to last week's question: **Who is your favorite "Batman" nemesis from the current film series?**



This week's question: What is your favorite physical activity during the summer?

1. Jogging.
  2. Walking around the neighborhood.
  3. Sports league.
  4. Swimming.
  5. Fanning myself on a deck chair.
- To submit your answer, go to [niles.suntimes.com](http://niles.suntimes.com).

## 1000 WORDS BY JACK HIGGINS



# Seeing oldest son off to work is job unto itself



BY CHERYL O'DONOVAN

Van Mom Strikes Again

My oldest son landed a part-time job this week.

His new employer is a local grocery chain.

He'll be a bagger and all-around worker.

We're thrilled, of course.

It's a terrible economy and he's really lucky.

Inevitably this brought back memories of my first part-time job as a clerk for Kmart, and then, briefly as a waitress.

My hand shook so much delivering food that I spilled a pitcher of root beer all over a family.

To even the score, my next customers brought in a sick child who threw up all over the booth and we had to boil everything to sterilize it. I was so bad at waitressing that patrons tipped me to leave.

For his new job, my son must wear a white business shirt, a tie and dress slacks.

Before we drop him off for a training session, I inspect his haircut and ensure that he's not dug out a Bob-the-Builder belt from the old toy box to wear with his black pants.

On a whim, I tell him to hold still.

I plop two droplets of my husband's aftershave onto my fingers, and dab it lightly around my son's bristly jaw.

I frown.

What am I doing here?

Preparing my sweet sheltered

**"Before we drop him off for a training session, I inspect his haircut and ensure that he's not dug out a Bob-the-Builder belt from the old toy box to wear with his black pants."**

son for the sequel to "Magic Mike"?

Then I wash off the aftershave but cannot completely remove the scent.

Now my son and I will both smell like The Most Interesting Man in the World.

"I don't always use cologne, but

when I do, I reach inside the medicine cabinet for the bottle manufactured in 1982."

Of course, I can't talk.

My perfume collection has likely turned into grain alcohol.

OK, he's ready to go to work.

I grab the van keys.

My youngest wants to come, too, and the dog wags his tail.

All four of us (drooly furball included), head over to the store to see him off.

My oldest gets out of the van and

I wish him good luck.

He strides for the entrance, and for seconds, he reminds me of my husband when he was younger, tall, slim, vigorous.

My youngest, Mr. Skeptic, heard the wobble in my voice.

"Oh, Mom, you're not going to cry, are you?"



# Jobs: lip services. reality



BY PAUL SASSONE  
Columnist

I am confused.

Let me explain, then perhaps you can straighten me out.

Like you, I can't help but be aware of the campaign for President of the United States. Each

day we are bombarded by TV commercials for both parties. What these commercials have in common is the insistence that the No. 1 issue in the campaign is jobs, jobs and more jobs.

Creating jobs is job one for the Democrats and the Republicans.

I get it.

But when I look away from the TV, when I view what is happening elsewhere in America, that's when I become confused.

If both political parties maintain creating jobs is the most important task for America, why does the rest of the country seem to be going in the opposite direction?

I mean, the rest of America seems bent on eliminating jobs, not creating jobs.

Just today I heard that J.C. Penney wants to get rid of all sales clerks and replace them with machines that allow customers to self-checkout, you know, like grocery stores — which is another instance of eliminating jobs.

And recently, I learned to my dismay that the Chicago Tribune outsources some of its

suburban news coverage to workers in the Philippines. More job elimination. (On the positive side, this gives the paper an opportunity to replace its old motto "World's Greatest Newspaper" with "Philippines' Greatest Newspaper.")

These are only two very recent examples of job elimination. I'm sure you can think of plenty more.

So, my confusion: How can any President create jobs when the rest of the country is hell-bent on eliminating jobs?

And what happens to America when most jobs are eliminated?

Because I have a great deal of faith in computer technology, I am confident that given enough time and enough thought, bright people will figure out how to replace most jobs with computers.

When that happens, who pays the taxes that fund our national, state and local governments? How do the police, firefighters, teachers get paid?

Who buys the goods that keep people employed to produce more goods that keep businesses in business?

I know who benefits when jobs are created. But who benefits when people are put out of work?

So, I'm confused. I can't reconcile the major theme of both presidential campaigns with what I see actually happening in America. Straighten me out, please.

# Politics is in a long dry spell, too



BY RANDY BLASER  
Columnist

It is a very dry season.

And I'm not just talking about the weather, or the fact that we've had little rain this summer, or that the lawns in all the suburbs are a dull brown.

I'm also talking about the narrow minds that talk politics during this presidential election season. When it comes to issues that matter, this is a very dry season.

I can't wait for the Olympics to begin just to have some relief from the constant flow of stupid coming from politicians and their surrogates.

Sport may not be all that important, but it features people devoted to being the best, instead of people devoted to "Where's mine?"

Can I give you some examples?

U.S. Rep. Joe Walsh says a lot of goofy stuff, but the goofiest is criticizing his opponent Tammy Duckworth as un-American because she talks about being a war veteran. His complaint: That's all she talks about. Real heroes, he insists, don't talk about it.

Duckworth flew a helicopter in Iraq and lost both legs when it was shot down.

I don't know how much she talks about that on the campaign trail, but I do know that when war veterans turn politicians, they sure talk about it. From the Supreme Allied Commander of Europe to a lowly PT boat skipper. I suppose Walsh would, too, if there had been a war for him to go to when he came of age.

But let's move on.

Another big issue in Chicago is the looming Chicago Public School teachers' strike. I hear

the commercials. Everyone is for the children.

Yet the children are dying in record numbers on the streets of Chicago. It is a national shame. There should be task forces, conferences, summits, whatever it takes, trying to figure out what to do about the murder of innocents in the streets. But there isn't. Just more "Where's mine?"

Nationally, I've heard it all. President Obama hates business and slapped every small business owner in the face with his statement that if you own a business, you didn't build that.

I've been thinking about his statement a lot, trying to figure out two things: What was he trying to say and what is the point of saying it?

I've decided it was a just plain dumb thing to say. I think he meant we're all in this together. That's an idea we all agree on. We need each other. No man is an island. Blah blah blah.

But it came out as if he was saying one group — successful businesses — is taking unfair advantage of the rest of us who do the real work.

What is the point? Business bad, workers good, I guess. In other words, "Where's mine?"

Meanwhile, Mitt Romney got rich by obtaining businesses and sucking them dry of profits by firing workers and shipping American jobs overseas.

Well, he didn't do that by himself. Somebody had to build the global economic system that allows any job to be performed where labor is cheapest.

That's what has happened in this country since Reagan. We had a choice, jobs or cheap televisions? We chose cheap televisions.

Out in the heartland, it is a dry season. People are just trying to get through it with real help on housing, wages and jobs. But the stuff we're offered this political season is just a mirage.

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Warren Polk (from left), Karla "Coco" Ibarra, Caryn Ruby, Ines Bellina, Brenda Aranda, and Eric Scott Curtis of Salsation Theatre Company. | PHOTO BY JUAN CARLOS PELAYO

## Sketch troupe hopes laughs lead to thoughts

BY MYRNA PETLICKI  
Contributor

Eric Scott Curtis is convinced that his "Daylabor Dreamin'" sketch comedy revue addresses universal themes. That's why, even though he is Jewish, Curtis felt comfortable writing the show about minority empowerment for Latino-focused Salsation Theatre Company.

It's a bonus that Curtis is a Skokie native and the show will premiere at Gorilla Tango's Skokie Theatre.

Curtis' desire to write this show grew out of his work as a drama and career/technology teacher at Simmons Middle School in East Aurora. "We do a sketch show every year," said Curtis. "It's been very entertaining to work with kids to write a sketch show. I decided I really wanted to do one for adults. So I went to Nelson and we hatched the plan out."

That was Nelson Velazquez, Salsation's artistic director. "He came through with a number of sketches that I really liked," Velazquez reported.

### Old friends

Curtis chose Salsation because he had performed in the company's touring show the previous year.

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"They're a very nice, talented group of people so I thought I'd give them first option with this show that I had the idea of," he said.

The show was inspired by Curtis' desire to draw attention to "things that I thought needed a voice. Oftentimes minorities are looked upon as stereotypical. Through this show we try to fight the stereotypes." His goal is to show that members of minority groups "have the same dreams as everybody else."

"Salsation has always taken the stereotype and then empowered the stereotype to make fun of it," Velazquez said. He added that, particularly in this show, "We take the stereotype to the extreme to show the absurdity of the stereotype. The goal by the end of the show is to have you thinking and questioning what it is that you thought of Latinos or stereotypes in general.

"We're there to make you laugh," Velazquez emphasized. "We're not there to give you a civics lesson or an ethics lesson. We just want to get you to think about things. If we do that, we've accomplished a goal."

"And laughter is a great way to do that," Curtis added.

One issue addressed in the show is immigration reform. "A lot of the immigration reform that you hear today is, 'We want to make sure that everybody is legal in this country,'" Velazquez related. "The key word that they don't use is 'Make sure that you're not brown.' There's plenty of illegal immigration coming in from Eastern European countries. People will get visas and come here and those expire."

### Surprise

Velazquez noted that the news seldom reports on that situation.

"There's a heavy implication that it's all coming from Mexico," he said. "When we show you who the Latino is, we're going to catch you by surprise."

The artistic director noted that women also have a voice in this show, "because they're a minority within themselves."

Curtis, who studied acting at the University of Iowa and Oxford School of Drama in England, performs in "Daylabor Dreamin.'" He revealed that the rest of the cast was involved in the creation of the show. "I had seven or eight scenes to start with going into the show and we played with them. I changed those sketches based on the strengths of everybody else and how everybody played together," he said.

The artistic team, which included director Juan Carlos Pelayo, felt that the show was developing so well that they decided to lengthen it. Four additional sketches created by cast members were added.

"Laughter is great," Curtis concluded. "But you always want [audiences] after the show to be talking about it, to be thinking about it, to be discussing it. And hopefully, to come see more theater."

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BY MYRNA PETLICKI  
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## Assistance wanted

Award-winning children's singer Laurie Berkner will present a solo concert at Ravinia at 11 a.m. Saturday.

"I'll probably be asking the audience to help out a lot because it will just be me up on the stage," Berkner said.

Pavilion tickets are \$15 and lawn seats are \$5 for the Kraft Great Kids Series concert at Lake Cook and Green Bay roads, Highland Park.

For details, call (847) 266-5100 or visit ravinia.org.

## What's cooking

Carmen Ensalada and Candy Delight are a couple of performers featured in "Puppet Soup," a delicious blend of entertainment presented by Dave Herzog's Marionettes from 4 to 5 p.m. Monday at the Skokie Public Library, 5215 Oakton St. Pick up free tickets for the marionette variety show at 3:30 p.m. that day.

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A Guinness Book record holder is coming to the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts in Skokie, 9501 Skokie Blvd., and he's only 11 years old. Ethan Bortnick was recognized as the World's Youngest Solo Musician to Headline His Own Tour. The pianist, singer and composer will perform at 7 p.m. Wednesday.

"It's a surprise," Ethan said of the selections he will perform. "It's all kinds of music — classical, jazz, pop, rock and roll, my own music."

The opening act will be the KidzBop Kids. Ethan's musical career had an early start.

"I really wanted to play piano," he said. "When I was 3, I asked my parents for piano lessons."

At first they resisted. "But on a little toy keyboard, I started playing everything that I heard," he related. Ethan got those lessons and has since headlined more than 100 shows around the world.

Tickets are \$34.50 to \$49.50. For details, call (847) 673-6300 or visit northshorecenter.org.

## Sketchy details

More talented young people will be on stage during Sketchtastic! at 2 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays, July 28 through Aug. 5, at Gorilla Tango's Skokie Theatre, 7924 N. Lincoln Ave. The comedy revue was created by and will be performed by kids ages 9 to 15. Topics range from school to families and pop culture. Tickets are \$12.

MOVIE REVIEW

Rise and fall of romance in 'Ruby'

BY BRUCE INGRAM  
Contributor

RUBY SPARKS  
★★★

A beguiling but by no means reassuring romance with classical underpinnings, this second feature by the directors of "Little Miss Sunshine" muses on the ephemeral nature of romantic relationships — particularly their tendency to go painfully awry.

Even when they literally have been made to order.

Inspired by the myth of Pygmalion (the legend of a sculptor who falls in love with one of his statues, which also inspired George Bernard Shaw's play of the same name and the musical "My Fair Lady"), "Ruby Sparks" is the story of a lonely, isolated and rather insufferable young novelist named Calvin (Paul Dano), whose imagination concocts a dream girl who comes to life.

After writing a best-seller at the age of 19 that has made him rich and famous while hobbling him creatively with a reputation for genius, Calvin has written nothing but a handful of short stories for 10 years.

Friendless except for a scruffy little dog he acquired on the advice of his psychiatrist (a nice cameo role for '60s/'70s star Elliott Gould), Calvin spends his days staring at a blank sheet of paper in his manual typewriter while his agent and publisher grow increasingly impatient and a troubling new tone begins to emerge from the admirers he condescendingly tolerates at personal appearances. "Is it weird for you that you used to be so successful?" one asks.

So his relief is exultant and infectious when inspiration strikes. After dreaming of a beautiful young girl named Ruby with red hair and blue eyes (Dano's real-life girlfriend Zoe Kazan, who also wrote the screenplay), who teases him for having passively-aggressively named his dog after F. Scott Fitzgerald, Calvin types for days in a creative frenzy, writing an elaborate character profile that begins to take on a strange new dimension.



Made for each other? Paul Dano and Zoe Kazan star in "Ruby Sparks."

"It's like I'm writing so I can spend time with her," he tells his shrink. And that wish comes true in a big way when Ruby's shoes and underwear and personal hygiene products begin to materialize in his house. That's just before she appears in the flesh one morning, wearing nothing but one of his shirts and offering to make him eggs for breakfast.

This is all delightful (especially as seen through the eyes of Calvin's worried brother Harry, played by Chris Messina), because Kazan's initial take on the situation (as writer and actor) is to play it for comedy. Calvin and Harry are initially convinced that he has lost his mind.

But after discovering that Ruby really does exist, and that Calvin can alter her with a few words on his typewriter (their first test has Ruby switching from English to fluent French without noticing any change), they are content to accept her as a gift from the gods.

However, Harry has different ideas about the potential benefits of having a tweakable girlfriend who can be made to think, feel and act any way at all.

"For men everywhere," he implores, "tell me you're not going to let this go to waste."

But noble Calvin has a higher ideal of love — at first. "I will never write about her again," he says.

And so it goes, during the first rush of infatuation, when they fulfill each other's every need and appear to be ideally matched. Until, gradually —

perhaps inevitably? — that first glow begins to fade and Ruby begins to find Calvin controlling and their isolated life stifling.

So, what does Calvin do when things stop going his way in the relationship? He goes back to the typewriter, of course.

That's the point where Kazan's ambitious script takes a big risk and switches gears from frothy comedy to grim contemplation of the darker side of the interpersonal dynamics in romantic relationships as both parties struggle for power.

She and Dano and directors Jonathan Dayton and Valerie Faris make it work, for the most part (despite occasional logical gaps and a jarring shift in tone), as Calvin's adjustments make Ruby veer in various disastrous directions.

She's unbearably clingy one moment, unbearably happy the next and Calvin is increasingly dissatisfied until his frustration culminates in a thoroughly unpleasant scene in which he demonstrates his total dominance. At his worst, Calvin is not above making Ruby crawl on all fours and bark like a dog.

Fortunately, there's more to "Ruby Sparks" than that — even more than its potentially dead-end juxtaposition of infatuation and disillusionment, honeymoon and hell on Earth. It's something along the lines of if-you-love-something-let-it-go.

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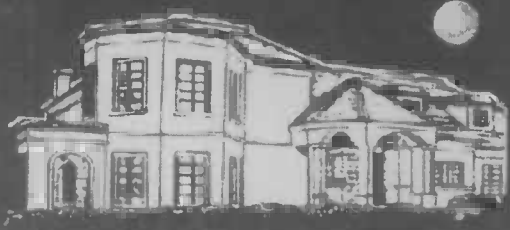
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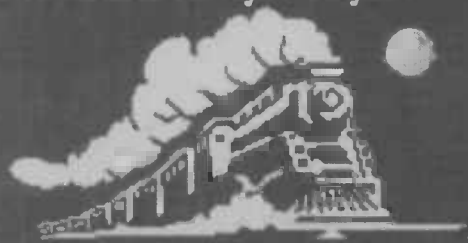
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**FILM CLIPS**

**OPENING FRIDAY**

**KILLER JOE**

**Rated:** Rated NC-17 for graphic disturbing content involving violence and sexuality, and a scene of brutality

**Stars:** Matthew McConaughey, Thomas Hayden Church, Emile Hirsch, Juno Temple, Gina Gershon

■ When a gambling debt puts his life in danger, a young man (Hirsch) hires a hit man (McConaughey) to kill his evil mother (Gershon) for her insurance money. William Friedkin ("The Exorcist") directed the crime drama.

**RUBY SPARKS**

★★★

**Rated:** Rated R for language including some sexual references, and for some drug use

**Stars:** Paul Dano, Zoe Kazan, Chris Messina

■ The life of a young novelist (Dano) is complicated when a female character he creates (Kazan) comes to life and moves in with him. Jonathan Dayton and Valerie Faris ("Little Miss Sunshine") directed the romance from a screenplay by Kazan.

**THE WATCH**

**Rated:** Rated R for some strong sexual content including references, pervasive language and violent images

**Stars:** Ben Stiller, Vince Vaughn, Jonah Hill

■ A neighborhood watch patrol of suburban dads winds up fending off an alien invasion. Akiva Schaffer ("Hot Rod") directed the action comedy.

**STILL PLAYING**

**FAREWELL, MY QUEEN**

★★★

**Rated:** R for brief graphic nudity and language

**Stars:** Diane Kruger, Lea Seydoux, Virginie Ledoyen

■ There's a certain fascination in this servant's-eye view of the final days of Marie Antoinette, but a fair amount of frustration as well. Veteran French director Benoit Jacquot ("A Single Girl") sets this story during the four days surrounding the storming of the Bastille and tells it from the point of view of the queen's young reader Sidonie (Seydoux, the female assassin of "Mission Impossible: Ghost Protocol"), a no-nonsense



The bad guy wears black: Matthew McConaughey in "Killer Joe."

young woman with a fiercely protective love of Antoinette (Kruger), who is more worried about her unrequited love for the Countess Polignac (Ledoyen) than the prospect of her head tumbling into a basket. Strong performances keep things interesting (along with a revisionist view of Versailles as a health hazard full of dead rats and mosquitoes), but the intelligence and drive Sidonie brings to the story eventually dissipate because her marginal view of court life is so limited — at times missing pieces of the tale are supplied by her dreams. As a result, "Farewell, My Queen" is up-close and personal but also oddly detached and unengaging. We can only see what Sidonie sees and feel what she feels, and in the end, while that's intriguing, it's not quite enough.

**ICE AGE: CONTINENTAL DRIFT**

★★★

**Rated:** PG for mild rude humor and action/peril

**Stars:** Ray Romano, Denis Leary, John Leguizamo

■ It's taken awhile to wring the last bits of inspiration out of the "Ice Age" franchise which, until now, has at least been good for a few laughs courtesy of the Scrat the acorn-obsessed squirrel, but there's little on display in this creatively bankrupt fourth installment except desperation — and greed. Manny the mammoth (Romano), Diego the sabertooth (Leary) and Sid the sloth (Leguizamo) try to make their way back

to the herd after being cast adrift on an ice floe, while a really mean orangutan pirate captain (Peter Dinklage) does his best to thwart them. All in all, the prehistoric era is a lot less hysterical than it used to be.

**THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN**

★★★ 1/2

**Rated:** PG-13 for sequences of action and violence

**Stars:** Andrew Garfield, Emma Stone, Rhys Ifans

■ Though the recent, spectacularly successful series of "Spider-Man" adventures directed by Sam Raimi is still fresh in moviegoer memory, this compete reboot of the spider-saga by director Marc Webb quickly establishes itself as a worthy successor by telling the same story in a different — and in some ways superior — manner. Webb doesn't score quite as high as Raimi in terms of visual dazzle, but he delivers plenty of adrenaline-pumping action. And he generates a surprising level of gravitas by taking the heavy-duty dramatic elements in the story very seriously. Best of all, the remarkable chemistry between Garfield as Peter Parker/Spider-Man and Stone as his high school girlfriend Gwen ups the romantic ante in a way that improves on the comics, as well as Raimi's Tobey Maguire/Kirsten Dunst match-up.

**MAGIC MIKE**

★★★ 1/2

**Rated:** R for pervasive sexual content, brief graphic

nudity, language and some drug use

**Stars:** Channing Tatum, Matthew McConaughey, Olivia Munn

■ Whatever other benefits Tatum might have enjoyed during his brief stint as a teenage male stripper, his g-string days have supplied him with his best role, more or less playing himself, apparently, in Steven Soderbergh's sexy and surprisingly substantial portrait of a cheerfully sleazy subculture. Pushing 30, Mike (Tatum) hopes to parlay stripping-cash into a custom-furniture business, when he reluctantly takes a clueless protégé nicknamed The Kid (Alex Pettyfer) under his wing after falling for his big sister (Cody Horn) — then isn't able to manage The Kid's attraction to the destructive dark side of the business. Beefcake abounds, but the real attraction is an assortment of convincingly, twilight-inhabiting characters, especially McConaughey (back to baring his chest, and then some) as devil-in-training club owner Dallas.

**KATY PERRY: PART OF ME**

**Rated:** PG for some suggestive content, language, thematic elements and brief smoking

**Stars:** Katy Perry, Shannon Woodward, Lucas Kerr, Glen Ballard

■ The pop star's life on and off stage is the subject of this documentary directed by Dan Cutforth and Jane Lipsitz ("Justin Bieber: Never Say Never").

## SHOWTIMES

Movie times are effective Friday and are compiled from information available on Tuesday. Please note that theater schedules are subject to change. If no listings are provided, please call the theater for information.

### RENAISSANCE PLACE

1850 2nd St., Highland Park  
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**Farewell, My Queen (R)** Fri-Sun 12:30-3:5:45-8:10; Mon-Thu 3-5:45-8:10

**The Magic of Belle Isle (PG)** Fri-Thu 2:30-5

**Bernie (PG-13)** Fri-Sun 12:10-7:40; Mon-Thu 7:40

**To Rome with Love (R)** Fri-Sun 12-2:40-5:20-8; Mon-Thu 2:40-5:20-8

**Moonrise Kingdom (PG-13)** Fri-Sun 12:15-2:50-5:10-7:30; Mon-Thu 2:50-5:10-7:30

**Beasts of the Southern Wild (PG-13)** Fri-Sun 12:20-2:45-5:30-7:50; Mon-Thu 2:45-5:30-7:50

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### SHOW PLACE 12

301 Golf Mill Center, Niles  
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**A Birthday Celebration: The Grateful Dead Movie Event (NR)** Wed 7 p.m.

**The Watch (R)** Fri-Sun 10:15-12:45-3:15-5:45-7:15-8:15-9:45-10:45; Mon-Thu 12:45-3:15-5:45-8:15-10:45

**The Dark Knight Rises (PG-13)** Fri-Sun 10:30-11:30-12:30-2:20-3:20-4:15-6-7-8-9:45-10:45; Mon 12-1-2-3:45-4:45-5:45-6:30-7:30-8:30-9:30-10:15; Tue-Thu 12-1-2-3:45-4:45-5:45-6:30-7:30-8:30-9:30

**Ice Age: Continental Drift (PG)** Fri-Sun 10:05-12:35-3:05-5:35-8:05-10:35; Mon-Thu 12:35-3:05-5:35-8:05-10:35

**Ice Age: Continental Drift in 3-D (PG)** Fri-Sun 11:05-1:35-4:05; Mon-Thu 1:35-4:05

**Savages (R)** Fri-Sun 10:10-4:10-10:10; Mon, Tue 4:10-10:10; Wed 2:40-4:10-10:10-10:30; Thu 4:10-10:10

**The Amazing Spider-Man (PG-13)** Fri-Sun 10-1:10-4:20-7:30-10:40; Mon, Tue 1:10-4:20-7:30-10:40; Thu 1:10-4:20-7:30-10:40

**Magic Mike (R)** Fri-Tue 1:20-



Tom Hardy is featured as Bane in "The Dark Knight Rises." PHOTO BY RON PHILLIPS

7:20; Wed 12-1:20-7:20; Thu 1:20-7:20

**Ted (R)** Fri-Sun 11:20-2:10-4:50-7:40-10:20; Mon-Thu 12:05-2:35-5:05-7:35-10:05

**Brave (PG)** Fri-Sun 11:35-2:05-4:35-7:05-9:35; Mon-Thu 12:10-2:40-5:10-7:40-10:10

**The Dark Knight (PG-13)** Tue-Thu 10:15 p.m.  
**Deranged (NR)** Fri-Sun 10:25-1:25-4:25-7:25-10:25; Mon-Thu 1:25-4:25-7:25-10:25

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**The Dark Knight Rises (PG-13)** Fri-Thu 1-4:30-8

**Moonrise Kingdom (PG-13)** Fri-Thu 1:45-4-7-9-15

**The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel (PG-13)** Fri-Thu 1:30-4-7-9-20

**Ice Age: Continental Drift (PG)** Fri-Thu 1:30-3:45-6:15-8:15

### ROSEMONT 18

9701 Bryn Mawr Ave., Rosemont  
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**Step Up: Revolution (PG-13)** Fri, Sat 12:05-2:35-5:20-7:50-10:20-12:50; Sun-Thu 12:05-2:35-5:20-7:50-10:20

**(PG-13)** Fri, Sat 11:30-2:05-4:40-7:15-9:50-12:20; Sun-Thu 11:30-2:05-4:40-7:15-9:50

**The Watch (R)** Fri, Sat 11:15-12-1:55-2:40-4:35-5:15-7:10-7:45-9:45-10:25-12:25-12:55; Sun-Thu 11:15-12-1:55-2:40-4:35-5:15-7:10-7:45-9:45-10:25

**The Dark Knight Rises (PG-13)** Fri, Sat 10:30-11:40-12:10-12:40-2:10-3:20-3:50-4:20-5:50-7:30-8-9:30-10:40-11:10-11:40-1;

Sun-Thu 10:30-11:40-12:10-12:40-2:10-3:20-3:50-4:20-5:50-7:30-8-9:30-10:40

**The Dark Knight Rises in D-Box (PG-13)** Fri, Sat 10:30-2:10-5:50-9:30-1; Sun-Thu 10:30-2:10-5:50-9:30

**Ice Age: Continental Drift (PG)** Fri-Thu 10:55-1:30-4-6:35-9:05

**Ice Age: Continental Drift in 3-D (PG)** Fri-Thu 11:25-2-5:30-7:05-9:35

**The Wiggles Big Birthday (G)** Sat, Sun 10:50 a.m.  
**Savages (R)** Fri, Sat 12:30-3:35-6:40-9:40-12:40; Sun-Thu 12:30-3:35-6:40-9:40

**Katy Perry: Part of Me (PG)** Fri-Thu 10:45-1:15

**The Amazing Spider-Man in D-Box (PG-13)** Fri, Sat 11:50-3:10-6:20-9:30-12:35; Sun-Thu 11:50-3:10-6:20-9:30

**Magic Mike (R)** Fri, Sat 11:05-1:50-4:50-7:40-10:20-12:55; Sun-Thu 11:05-1:50-4:50-7:40-10:20

**Ted (R)** Fri, Sat 11:35-2:15-4:55-7:35-10:15-12:45; Sun-Thu 11:35-2:15-4:55-7:35-10:15

**Brave (PG)** Fri-Thu 12:35-3:05-5:30-7:55

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**Total Recall (PG-13)** Thu 12:01 a.m.

**Step-Up: Revolution in 3-D (PG-13)** Fri, Sat 11:30-2:05-4:40-7:15-9:50-12:20; Sun-Thu 11:30-2:05-4:40-7:15-9:50

**The Watch (R)** Fri, Sat 12-2:40-5:15-7:45-10:25-12:55; Sun-Thu 12-2:40-5:15-7:45-10:25

**The Dark Knight Rises (PG-13)** Fri, Sat 11:40-12:10-12:40-2:50-3:20-3:50-4:20-6:30-7:30-8-10-10:40-11:10-11:40; Sun-Thu 11:40-12:10-12:40-2:50-3:20-3:50-4:20-6:30-7:30-8-10-10:40-11:10-11:40

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**Total Recall (PG-13)** Thu 12:01 a.m.

**Step Up Revolution (PG-13)** Fri-Thu 11:20-5

**Step Up Revolution in 3-D (PG-13)** Fri-Thu 2:10-7:50-10:40

**The Watch (R)** Fri-Sun 10:50-1:40-4:30-7:20-10:10; Mon-Thu 11:40-4:30-7:20-10:10

**The Dark Knight Rises IMAX (PG-13)** Fri-Thu 11-3-7-11

### WILMETTE

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**Moonrise Kingdom (PG-13)** Fri 2:30-4:45; Sat 4-6:30; Sun-Tue 2:30-4:45-7:10; Wed, Thu 4:45-7:10

**The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel (PG-13)** Fri 2; Sat-Tue 1:45-4:20-7; Wed, Thu 4:20-7

**Jess Godwin — Live in Concert** Fri 8 p.m.

**International Children's Film Festival "Friends Forever"** ages 2-5 Sat 10 a.m.  
**"A Touch of Genius"** ages 8-10 Sat 11:45 a.m.  
**"Secrets & Surprises"** ages 5-8 Sat 1:45 p.m.  
**A Woman's Path — Annoyance Theatre Live** Sat 9 p.m.



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## NEW ON VIDEO

# Disco death knell

BY BRUCE INGRAM

Film Critic

## NEW THIS WEEK

### THE LAST DAYS OF DISCO BLU-RAY DEBUT

★ ★ ★ 1/2

**Rated:** R for some elements involving sexuality and drugs

**Stars:** Kate Beckinsale, Chloe Sevigny, Mackenzie Astin, Chris Eigeman

■ The final chapter in writer/director Whit Stillman's "doomed bourgeois in love" trilogy (after 1989's "Metropolitan" and 1994's "Barcelona"), "The Last Days of Disco" takes a fairly serious (considering this 1998 film's wealth of witty dialogue) look at a group of recent Ivy League post-grads trying to navigate early career moves and contemplating settling down as the '70s morph into the '80s. Considering their advantages, this is an oddly awkward and even unlikable group of friends (especially womanizing club manager Eigeman and passive-aggressive ice-queen Beckinsale), firmly in denial of their yuppie-hood. Stillman summons a certain amount of sympathy for all of them, though, as they flounder their way through early adulthood. This Criterion Collection release features a new high-def restoration, supervised by Stillman, plus audio commentary, four deleted scenes, and a stills gallery.

### MYSTERY MEN BLU-RAY DEBUT

★ ★ ★

**Rated:** PG-13 for comic action violence and crude humor

**Stars:** Ben Stiller, Janeane Garofalo, Paul Reubens, Hank Azaria, Geoffrey Rush

■ This wonderfully silly superhero parody, based on the cult comics by Bob Burden, is all the more welcome now that blockbuster movies based on comic book heroes have become such common currency. When Captain Amazing (Greg Kinnear), goes missing from Champion City, clearing the way for evil Casanova Frankenstein (Rush) to take over the town, he fails to reckon on The Mystery Men, a team of wan-



With friends like these ... Kate Beckinsale and Chloe Sevigny in "The Last Days of Disco."

nabe heroes with semi-super powers that reside mostly in their imaginations. Even so, when Mr. Furious (Stiller) throws a hissy-fit, evil-doers beware! Extras include commentary by director Kinka Usher (best known for his talking-chihuahua Taco Bell TV commercials).

## RECENT RELEASES

### CASA DE MI PADRE

★ ★ ★ 1/2

**Rated:** R for bloody violence, language, some sexual content and drug use

**Stars:** Will Ferrell, Gael Garcia Bernal, Diego Luna, Genesis Rodriguez

■ The funniest movie of the year may also turn out to be the strangest. In addition to the most intentionally awful. Ferrell stars as Armando (and speaks Spanish throughout) in this dead-on target parody of a truly bad 1970s-era Mexican action/melodrama — defending family honor against encroaching drug lords and failing to overcome his passion for the girlfriend (Rodriguez) of his black-sheep brother (Luna). Hipster-ish? Perhaps. But also hilarious. Extras include deleted scenes and commentary by Ferrell.

### SALMON FISHING IN THE YEMEN

★ ★ ★

**Rated:** PG-13 for some violence and sexual content, and brief language

**Stars:** Ewan McGregor, Emily Blunt, Kristin Scott Thomas

■ If you give this one a try expecting a whimsical, romantic-comedy charmer you'll be satisfied, most likely, but perhaps a bit baffled by its seemingly incongruous elements of political satire. In fact, the novel *Salmon Fishing in the Yemen* was first and foremost a comic shot at Brit government, with its plot about the prime minister's press secretary facilitating a billionaire sheik's desire to practice fly-fishing in the desert (after spending 50 million pounds to build a dam, create a river and import 10,000 British salmon). In the hands of director Lasse Hallstrom ("The Cider House Rules"), though, the sheik is a visionary and the setting is ideal for romance between his business consultant (Blunt) and the somewhat cold-blooded fisheries expert (McGregor) coerced into leading the project — and a moral about valuing faith in addition to science.

## ALSO NEW THIS WEEK

### THE DEEP BLUE SEA

■ The wife (Rachel Weisz) of a British judge falls in love with a Royal Air Force pilot (Tom Hiddleston) during World War II. Terence Davies ("The Long Day Closes") wrote and directed the drama. Extras include a collector's booklet, commentaries and interviews with Weisz, Hiddleston and Davies.

### INSPECTOR LEWIS FIVE

■ Kevin Whately returns for

a fifth season as Inspector Lewis, solving crimes in the deceptively quiet academic enclave of Oxford. This two-disc set features four full-length Brit-TV mysteries.

### JIRO DREAMS OF SUSHI

■ A documentary on 85-year-old Japanese sushi master Jiro Ono and his relationship with his son and heir as he prepares to hand over his life's work. David Gelb ("A Vision of Blindness") directed.

### MASTERPIECE MYSTERY! ENDEAVOUR

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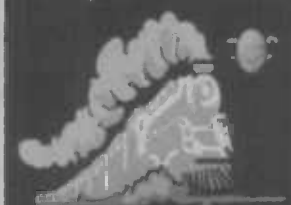
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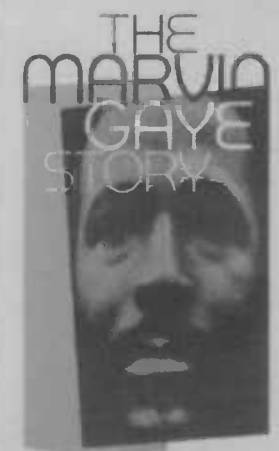
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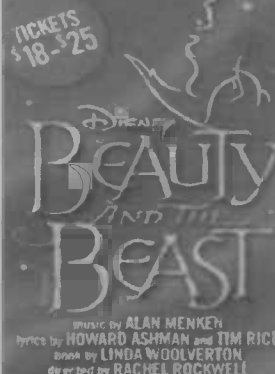


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**"Little House by the Shores of Silver Lake,"** based on *By the Shores of Silver Lake* by Laura Ingalls Wilder, at 7 p.m. **July 28** at Gorilla Tango's Skokie Theatre, 7924 Lincoln Ave. Skokie. \$11; \$9 for students and seniors. Call (773) 598-4549 or visit [www.gorillatango.com](http://www.gorillatango.com).

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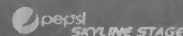
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# Rannazzisi stands up for stand-up

BY DAN PEARSON  
Contributor

You don't have to know anything about fantasy football to enjoy the stand-up comedy of Steve Rannazzisi at Zanies Comedy Night Club in Rosemont this weekend.

On the FX channel sit-com, "The League," Rannazzisi plays Kevin MacArthur, a lawyer and sports nut who grew up in Winnetka (Rannazzisi is really a New York native) and still lives there with his wife and child.

But the Zanies gig will be all about laughs.

"I do talk about the show, but I what I really want people to do is see me being a stand-up," he said. "You have to make them laugh or else they're not going to come back anymore."

## Happy to be there

Rannazzisi is psyched to be performing at the new club in Rosemont.

"I was honored that they asked me to come be one

of the first guys to do it. The people in Chicago and the surrounding area love our show so much. They feel ownership of it, so they embrace us with unbelievable amounts of vigor."

Like the "The League," Rannazzisi considers at least some of his stand-up to be "semi-scripted."

"I'll ask questions and engage the audience, but for the most part I know what jokes I want to do. Not necessarily, the order, but I know what I want to talk about," he explained. "I have a wife and two kids and there are a lot of elements of that experience in my material. But for the most part it is just sarcastic, observational, dry humor."

Rannazzisi considers just about anything fair game for comic fodder.

"Stand-up is one of the last forms of free speech," he said. "If you don't like it, you have the ability to stand up quietly, turn around and walk out. What you do not have the

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right to do, is tell me what I can and cannot say on stage, or what I can or cannot think is funny. I've sat through things in church that have offended me, but I don't ever stand up and start shouting stuff back."

Rannazzisi credits his wife, then his girlfriend, with launching his stand-up career in New York City when she signed him up for an open mike night in 2000. "It was horrifying and probably not very good but I enjoyed



Steve Rannazzisi

it and I went back again and again and eventually it just turned into something that I couldn't stop doing."

## Moving on

It took the unfunny events of Sept. 11, 2001 to get Rannazzisi to move to Los Angeles to pursue a serious career in stand-up.

Rannazzisi was at Ground

Zero when the first plane struck the World Trade Center. "Obviously it was a horrifying day for everyone. Being around there, no one had any idea of what was going on," he recalled. "I lost my job, as did my girlfriend, when the towers came down. We got severance packages and everyone was very kind to us and we packed up and

we moved to the West Coast three-four weeks later."

Rannazzisi was spotted by a talent coordinator looking for young, funny and relatively unknown talent to be part of a new show about pulling practical jokes on celebrities called "Punk'd."

Eventually, he was tapped for "The League." Outside of the show's creator, Rannazzisi was the only cast member to have participated in a fantasy football league prior to getting the role.

"I played some sports but I wasn't very good at it. So watching sports and being knowledgeable was how I participated," he said.

"We decided to create our own league in real life so the cast could learn the ropes."

He's found, the hard way, that knowledge isn't skill. "As we start our fourth season," said Rannazzisi, "I've never won, and everyone holds it over my head because I'm supposed to be so knowledgeable. It's the bane of my existence."

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# Roberts spreads joys of 'friendly jazz'

BY DONALD LIEBENSON  
Contributor

Judy Roberts, Chicago jazz icon, is performing this Friday at the Northbrook Public Library. That bears repeating: Judy Roberts, Chicago jazz icon, is performing this Friday at the Northbrook Public Library.

For free.

Roberts, accompanied by her husband Greg Fishman on saxophone and flute, will be performing her signature "friendly jazz" at 7:30 p.m.

This is one of two of Roberts' North Shore appearances during her annual summer homecoming during which she takes the stage of some of her favorite rooms, including the Jazz Showcase and Andy's Jazz Club. Also up north, she's performing — without Fishman and with singer Petra van Nuis — Aug. 29 at Glenview's Laughing Chameleon.

Roberts is particularly jazzed also about her Sunday and Tuesday night appearances at Chambers Restaurant in Niles, and praises the owners for their commitment to presenting live jazz.

And then there's the Northbrook Public Library, where she and Greg appeared years ago. "It was really fun," she said. "The people were nice and the atmosphere was intimate and relaxed. I could introduce a song by Duke Ellington and the audience wouldn't scratch their heads over who he was."

## American favorites

The evening will feature selections from her vast repertoire, drawn mainly from the Great American Songbook (and in the case of Antonio Carlos Jobim's "The Girl from Ipanema," she joked, the Great South American Songbook). "We don't do anything far out or anything that requires academic thinking," she said. "We just like to have fun playing great songs. We could stay at the library all night and not get through all of our favorites."

In other words, Roberts will be doing what she has been doing for more than four decades, putting her virtuosic stamp on classic songs from many genres. The only difference is that for the past four years, her home base has been in Phoenix, a move facilitated when her now legendary run at the InterContinental Hotel on Michigan Avenue



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came to an unfortunate and lamented end in 2006.

Roberts had been performing in Phoenix every winter before she made the gig permanent. "We amassed a great following," she said. "People picture Phoenix as a retiree town. This is not the case. It's very vibrant, cosmopolitan and beautiful."

She performs five nights a week at a club called Remington's with another transplanted Chicagoan, pianist Danny Long.

But Phoenix was not a good fit for performer, jazz educator/author Fishman, who has a thriving practice

teaching music in Chicago. He moved back in 2010. He and Roberts maintain their long-playing, long distance relationship. They have been married 10 years.

## Surviving

Roberts is a jazz survivor. She laments the dearth of jazz radio in Chicago ("There's more in Phoenix," she said incredulously) and the bygone days of great "wall-to-wall" jazz rooms, where legendary artists such as Dizzy Gillespie or George Shearing would play two or three week stands instead of one-nighters.

"Had I known it was going to end, I would have paid more attention," she laughed.

Jazz is not dead, she insists, but jazz literacy is lacking. "I frequently meet young people who have not heard of Frank Sinatra or aren't sure who Elvis is, and I'm not joking," she said. "That's like not knowing who Michael Jordan is."

Nothing against modern-day crooners such as Michael Buble (she famously once said, "Just because Frank Sinatra is dead is no reason to listen to Michael Buble"), but Roberts can't help wonder why audiences would listen to "imitators" when, "If you have a CD player or can log on to YouTube, you can hear the original artists."

Go to the source, is her mantra, not just to budding jazz fans, but musicians as well who seek her out for advice.

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harmonica. \$8 includes beverages and pastries.

**InterContinental Chicago O'Hare Hotel,** 5300 N. River Road, Rosemont. (847) 544-5300. For information, visit [www.montroseroom.com](http://www.montroseroom.com). **July 27, 8:30 p.m.:** Kill Hannah (rock). \$15.

**Live Band Karaoke,** 6:30-10:30 p.m. **July 27** on the lawn of MB Financial Park at Rosemont, 5501 Park Place. Admission is free. Food and drinks will be available from restaurants within the complex. Patrons are not permitted to bring pets, coolers, food or beverage into the park. For information, visit [www.rosemont.com](http://www.rosemont.com).

**Mayne Stage,** 1328 W. Morse Ave. in Rogers Park, Chicago. (773) 381-4554. [www.maynestage.com](http://www.maynestage.com). **July 27, 7:30 p.m.:** Dot Dot Dot, \$15 general admission. **Aug. 1, 8 p.m.:** The Zombies. \$65-\$75. **Aug. 11, 10 p.m.:** Brazilian Carnival Summer Edition, featuring Swing Brasileiro. \$15 in advance; \$20 at the door. **Aug. 17-18, 7:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m.:** Pink Floyd Laser Light Show, featuring "Dark Side of the Moon" and "The Wall." \$30 general admission. **Aug. 25, 9:30 p.m.:** Freshlyground (Afro pop). \$20 in advance; \$25 at the door; \$35 reserved. **Aug. 26, 7 p.m.:** Gary Nunez and Plena Libre with Chicago Afro-Puerto Rican Ensemble (CAPRE). \$20-\$30. **Aug. 30, 8 p.m.:** The Del Moroccos. \$12, general admission.

**The Park Ridge Chorale** will present its summer concert, "It's a Grand Night for Singing," at 7 p.m. **July 28** at St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 205 N. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge. The program includes selections from "The Sound of Music," "Hello Dolly!" and more. Tickets in advance are \$14, \$12 for seniors; at the door \$16, \$14 for seniors. Free admission for children under 18. For tickets, call (847) 823-3958 or (847) 825-2216.

**S.P.A.C.E.,** 1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston. [www.evanstonspace.com](http://www.evanstonspace.com). (847) 492-8860. Shows at 8 p.m., unless noted otherwise. **July 27:** James Carter Organ Trio (jazz). \$17/\$20. **July 28:** Alfonso Ponticelli's Swing Gitan and Reginald Robinson (gypsy jazz). \$12-\$22. **July 29:** Stooges Brass Band (jazz/funk). \$12/\$15. **Aug. 1:** Catbon Leaf (alt country). \$17-\$30. **Aug. 3:** Chuck Prophet (Americana/rock). \$15/\$18. **Aug. 4:** Chicago Women in

Blues. \$12-\$22. **Aug. 5, 7 p.m.:** Davina & the Vagabonds (blues/jazz). \$12-\$20. **Aug. 7:** Lera Lynn with Ernie Hendrickson (country/rock). \$10/\$12. **Aug. 8:** Caleb Hawley and Theo Katzman (indie rock/soul). \$10/\$12. **Aug. 9:** Tab Benoit (blues). \$24/\$28. **Aug. 10:** Billy Boy Arnold (blues). \$15/\$20. **Aug. 11, 7 p.m.:** Krista Deter in The Studios at SPACE. \$20. **Aug. 12:** "Words & Music," hosted by Ingrid Graudins and featuring Robbie Fulks, Steve Dawson and Liam Davis. \$12/\$15. **Aug. 15:** Tom O'Brien (bluegrass/country). \$18-\$30. **Aug. 17:** Claire Lynch Band (bluegrass/folk). \$18-\$30. **Aug. 18:** Marshall Crenshaw. \$18-\$38. **Aug. 21:** Aoife O'Donovan (indie/folk). \$12/\$15. **Aug. 23:** Jesse Colin Young (folk). \$22/\$34/\$44. **Aug. 24:** Maria Muldaur (blues/pop). \$17-\$30. **Aug. 25:** Langhorne Slim & the Law (alt country). \$15/\$18. **Aug. 25:** Seth Glier Residency in The Studios at SPACE, \$10. **Aug. 26, 2 p.m.:** Michael Smith and Anne Hills. \$15/\$18. **Aug. 26, 7 p.m.:** Dan Navarro. \$15-\$28. **Aug. 28:** Rebecca Loebe with Anna Vogelzang. \$10-\$18. **Aug. 29:** David Ryan Harris (R&B). \$15/\$18. **Aug. 30:** Canned Heat (blues/rock). \$28-\$68. **Aug. 31:** The Fabulous Thunderbirds (blues/rock). \$28-\$68.

### ART GALLERIES

**Art Museo** at the InterContinental Chicago O'Hare, 5300 N. River Road, Rosemont. (847) 544-5300. [www.icohare.com](http://www.icohare.com). **Through July 30:** "Forms & Fragments," an exhibit of contemporary sculpture by Chicago Sculpture International members Nikki Renee Anderson, Shelley Gilchrist, Donna Hapac and Mimi Peterson.

**DoubleTree Hotel,** 9599 Skokie Blvd., Skokie. **Through July:** "Birds of a Feather," paintings by Jim Lange, sponsored by Simply Chicago Art. For information, visit [www.simplychicagoart.com](http://www.simplychicagoart.com).

**Oakton Community College,** Koehnline Museum of Art, 1600 E. Golf Road, Des Plaines. (847) 635-2633. [www.oakton.edu/museum](http://www.oakton.edu/museum). **Aug. 2-Sept. 21:** "Eyewitness: Works by Morris Topchevsky," a diverse survey of work by the Chicago artist and social crusader Morris Topchevsky (1899-1947). Opening reception will be held from 5-8 p.m. **Aug. 2.**

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# Story festival online

Evanston's Susan O'Halloran is one of five local storytellers performing in "JustStories," the world's first-ever racial harmony online storytelling festival that takes place Aug. 1-3. During the three-day festival, participants can log onto the JustStories Facebook page at [www.Facebook.com/JustStories](http://www.Facebook.com/JustStories), to watch videos from a different professional storyteller every hour on the hour, from 8 a.m. to midnight each day.

In addition to O'Halloran, Jane Stenson and Syd Lieberman of Evanston, Anne Shimojima of Morton Grove and Arif Choudhury of Northbrook will share stories of their ethnic backgrounds. In all, 43 tellers from around the country are on the program.

Throughout the festival, storytellers will be online to answer questions and respond

to comments and anecdotes. This means you can watch the videos, then comment on them and tell your story, too, and read other people's comments — from Australia to India to Africa to Ireland to the United States.

O'Halloran, a co-producer of the festival, says sharing stories is a great way to get people to discuss racial issues, which can often be hard to talk about. "Stories can be entertaining, engaging and emotionally touching," O'Halloran says. "When you hear other people's stories you realize how unique each person and group is,

as well as all we have in common. When we're able to walk in each other's shoes, even for a few minutes, a stranger becomes a friend."

Complete information at [www.Facebook.com/JustStories](http://www.Facebook.com/JustStories).



Susan O'Halloran

Art by Older Adults, 1123 Emerson, Suite 200, Evanston. [www.SASiathome.org](http://www.SASiathome.org). Gallery hours are 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Wednesdays and Fridays or by appointment. **Through Nov. 4:** Works by Robert Leopold, Delores Rix and Howard Tyner.

### AUDITIONS & OPPORTUNITIES

**The Rising Stars Theatre Co.** will hold open auditions for "Damn Yankees" from 7-10 p.m. **Aug. 16-17** at 2559 N. Sayre, Chicago. Callbacks, if needed, will be from 1-5 p.m. **Aug. 19.** Seeking a large cast of adults and children. Prepare 32 bars of a song and bring sheet music in correct key. Accompanist provided. Be prepared to dance. All roles are open and there is no pay. Production dates are Nov. 3-11. Visit [www.risingstarschicago.com](http://www.risingstarschicago.com).

**Canzonetta Youth Orchestra** is seeking musicians to audition for the 2012-13 music season. Directed by Hilel Kagan, Canzonetta is a chamber orchestra that offers specialized instruction for children interested in developing their orchestral skills. Training Orchestra, for 7- to 10-year-olds with beginning orchestral experience, meets from 1:30-2:30 p.m. Saturdays. The Intermediate Orchestra, for 10- to 13-year-olds with more advanced training, meets from 3-4:30

p.m. Sundays. The Senior Orchestra, for high school students who are advanced musicians, meets from 1-3 p.m. Sundays. All three orchestras rehearse at the Wilmette Recreation Center, 3000 Glenview Road. There will be at least four concerts throughout the year. To make an audition appointment, call Helia Schramm, (847) 328-0570.

**Chicago Master Singers** will hold vocal auditions for the 2012-13 season **Aug. 9, 14, 16 and 21** in Palatine. Dedicated singers are invited to call (877) 825-5267 or send an e-mail to [cms.information@gmail.com](mailto:cms.information@gmail.com) to make an audition appointment. CMS is a 130-voice ensemble directed by Alan Heatherington featuring singers from throughout the Chicago area. The ensemble will perform this season with the Ars Viva Orchestra and the Lake Forest Symphony. For more information, visit [www.chicagomasstersingers.org](http://www.chicagomasstersingers.org).

**Artists and craftsartists** are invited to jury to be among the exhibitors in the 22nd annual An Arts & Crafts Adventure, to be held **Sept. 15** in Hodges Park, Park Ridge. Potential exhibitors should submit four images representative of their work they wish to exhibit, one of their display set-up, their first/last names, address, and daytime telephone number. A resume/

show listing is helpful. Call (847) 991-4748 or visit [www.americansocietyofartists.org](http://www.americansocietyofartists.org).

**Crafters are sought** for the Resurrection College Prep High School Arts & Craft Fair, to be held **Nov. 10** at 7500 W. Talcott Ave., Chicago. Applications are available at [www.reshs.org](http://www.reshs.org) or by contacting Carol Marchetti at (773) 775-6616, ext. 112.

**The Norwood Park Historical Society** is accepting applications from crafters, artists, and high-quality chefs/bakers to fill positions at the 25th annual Victoria's Holiday Boutique, a fund-raiser for the nonprofit organization, to be held **Nov. 28-Dec. 2** at 5624 N. Newark Ave., Chicago. Fee is \$35-\$65 per space, and each seller must donate 15% commission on sales. During the event, crafters must commit to a minimum of five hours to working the sale. Hand-made or homemade items only. Call (773) 631-4633 or e-mail [info@norwoodparkhistorical-society.org](mailto:info@norwoodparkhistorical-society.org).

**Crafters are sought** for the Christmas in Park Ridge Boutique, sponsored by The Center of Concern, to be held from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. **Dec. 7-8** at Park Ridge Presbyterian Church, Crescent and Delphia. Space rental \$20-\$80, plus 10% of sales. Call (847) 823-0920 (evenings) or leave

# Encore performance

Table Fifty-Two and Takashi chefs return for another shot at 'Top Chef Masters' honor

BY LORI RACKL

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## 'TOP CHEF MASTERS'

9 to 10 p.m. Wednesdays on Bravo

Chicago restaurateur Art Smith is back for more "Top Chef Masters." But this time, there are 120 pounds less of him.

When the colorful, quick-witted chef competed in 2009 in the Bravo series' debut, his popularity grew. So did his waistline.

"I wasn't feeling very good at that time; my diabetes was flaring up," said the Table Fifty-Two owner, a Southern comfort food specialist who'd tipped the scales at 325 pounds.

"People love a big, funny, fat chef — particularly a big, flaming gay one," he added. "I was afraid if I lost the fat, I'd lose the funny."

A trip to the emergency room convinced Smith that was a chance he'd have to take. He started exercising and began eating — and cooking — healthier.

"I realized that if I didn't do something, I would never make another TV show," said Smith, 52, one of two local toques vying for the "Top Chef Masters" title and \$100,000 prize for charity. Now in its fourth season, the show features a dozen contestants cooking their way through a series of timed challenges in hopes of avoiding elimination each week by the judges.

Smith, a celebrity chef living up to both parts of that title, also will appear on ABC's "Time Machine Chefs" Aug. 16. That TV cook-off pits four culinarians against one another as they whip up meals from an age long ago — without the help of modern appliances, amenities, running water and electricity. The winner will be crowned "The Greatest Chef in History."

Rounding out the Chicago contingent of "Top Chef Masters" this season is Takashi Yagihashi of Park Ridge, owner of his namesake Michelin-starred restaurant in Bucktown and a newer eatery,

Slurping Turtle, in River North.

Yagihashi is a newcomer to "Top Chef Masters" but not to the small screen. Earlier this year, he competed on Food Network's "Iron Chef America" and did a brief stint as guest chef during a quickfire challenge on "Top Chef."

"I always have mixed feelings," Yagihashi said about competitive cooking shows. "Food should not be a competition because how can you judge my food is better than the other one? It's a very personal thing. But I decided hey, it's going to be fun."

That is, unless you get thrown one of "Top Chef"'s infamous culinary curve balls, like having to reinvent your menu at the 11th hour or turn sea urchins into dessert.

"If you get some ingredients or a theme you know, it's enjoyable," he said. "But if you don't, you're in big trouble."

Yagihashi's years of experience with Japanese, French and American cuisine have left him feeling pretty confident in the kitchen. It was speaking, not cooking, on camera that made him the most nervous.

"My English is a second language," said the native of Mito, Japan. He originally moved to the States at age 23 to take a culinary job. "I was a little bit shy about that."

Shyness is as rare as a black Perigord truffle in Las Vegas, the setting for this season's "Top Chef Masters." The chefs bunked at The Strip's Cosmopolitan resort, where Smith is a big fan of the hotel's no-name, no-sign New York-style pizza joint. ("It's the best meal in all of Vegas," he confided.)

Aussie chef Curtis Stone is back this season as "Top Chef Masters" host, along with returning judges James Oseland and Ruth Reichl. They're joined by rookies Krista Simmons, a food and travel journalist, and Francis Lam, features editor of Gilt Taste. Dropping in at the judges' table will be boxing legend Sugar Ray Leonard, the folk rock music duo Indigo Girls, burlesque performer Dita Von Teese, party rockers The B-52's and Olympic gold medalist Brian Boitano.

This time, Smith is facing half as many contestants as he did in season one, when Chicago's Rick Bayless won. Smith was sent packing after a challenge that called for making a vegan, gluten-free meal for "New Girl" star Zooey Deschanel.

Back then, "I didn't speak vegan," Smith said.

When offered another shot at the show, he didn't hesitate to come back for seconds.

Before breaking into the restaurant world, Smith spent several years as Oprah's personal chef.

"One thing I was taught by Oprah Winfrey is you never want to look not pretty in public," he said, speaking metaphorically. This season, "you'll see some not-so-pretty" by certain contestants, Smith hinted. In other words, the oven mitts are off.



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### BOOKS & POETRY

**Gorilla Tango's Skokie Theatre**, 7924 Lincoln Ave. Skokie. www.gorillatango.com. (773) 598-4549. **Aug. 26**, 5:30 p.m.: Salsation, a Latin improv and sketch comedy troupe, presents the Word Up! poetry slam. \$10.

### CHILD'S PLAY

**Akoo Theatre at Rosemont**, 5400 N. River Road, Rosemont. Tickets are available at www.ticketmaster.com or (800) 745-3000; the ticket prices listed below do not include service fees. For more information about the theater, visit www.rosemonttheatre.com. **Aug. 9**, 2:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.: The Wiggles! Celebration Tour. Tickets: \$15.50-\$85.50.

**ImagineU Family Series** presents "Lyle the Crocodile" at 7 p.m. **July 27**; 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. **July 28**; 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. **July 29** in Northwestern University's Hal and Martha Hyer Wallis Theater, Theatre and Interpretation Center, 1949 Campus Drive, Evanston. Recommended for children age 5 to 10 and their families. Tickets: \$10. Call (847) 491-7282 or visit www.tic.northwestern.edu.

**Mitchell Museum of the American Indian**, 3001 Central St., Evanston. (847) 475-1030. www.mitchell-museum.org. Admission is \$5; \$3 for senior citizens, students and children. **Kids Craft Mornings** are informal workshops where children learn to construct simple versions of traditional Native American objects. Workshops are included with museum admission. Participants must be accompanied by an adult. Saturday workshops are at 11 a.m.; Sunday workshops at 12:30 p.m. **July 28-29**: Northwest Coast button blankets.

**Niles Public Library**, 6960 Oakton St., Niles. (847) 663-6405. www.nileslibrary.org. **July 28**, 2 p.m.: Saturday Family Movie features "Happy Feet 2." **Aug. 25**, 2 p.m.: Saturday Family Movie Series presents "The Adventures of Tintin," rated PG. **Aug. 28**, 4 p.m.: Captain Underpants book release party, for children in grades 1-4.

### COMEDY

**Gorilla Tango's Skokie Theatre**, 7924 Lincoln Ave.

Skokie. www.gorillatango.com. (773) 598-4549. **July 27-Aug. 10**, 7:30 p.m. Fridays and Thursdays, **Aug. 16**, 7:30 p.m.: "Daylabor Dreamin'," a sketch comedy show exploring the current wave of minority empowerment. \$12. **July 28-Aug. 5**, 2 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays: "Sketchtastic," a comedy revue written and performed by an ensemble of youth age 8-13. \$12. **Aug. 4-Sept. 29**, 9 p.m. Saturdays: "Holy Bouncing Boobies! A Batman Burlesque." 18 and over only. \$20.

**Zanies Comedy Club**, 5437 Park Place, Rosemont. Showtimes at 8 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays; 8 p.m. and 10:15 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. Two-item food/beverage minimum. **July 27-28**: Steve Rannazzisi. **Aug. 1-4**: Nick Vatterott. **Aug. 10-11**: Sebastian Maniscalco. **Aug. 15-18**: Michael Kosta. **Aug. 22-25**: John Roy. **Aug. 29-Sept. 1**: Maria Villasenor.

### FAIRS & FESTIVALS

**Jeff Park Arts and Music Festival**, featuring arts, food, music, crafts, and games, **July 27-29** at Jefferson Park, 4822 N. Long at Higgins and Milwaukee Avenue, Chicago. Hours are 6-10:30 p.m. Friday; noon-10:30 p.m. Saturday; and noon-9:30 p.m. Sunday. Music headliners include Smoking Popes, Jason & the Scorchers, and Paul Cebar. In addition, The Gift Theatre Company will host stand-up comedy and improv, as well as presentations by Filament Theatre Ensemble and the Irish Seanachai Theatre Company. Admission is \$5 before 5 p.m.; \$7 after 5 p.m.; \$15 for all three days. Visit www.jeffest.org.

**The Evanston History Center** presents its annual ice cream social from 1-4 p.m. **July 28**, rain or shine, at the Dawes House, 225 Greenwood St., Evanston. The event includes music by the Ridgeville Band, Kevin Kelly's Magic Show, face painting and games for children, and refreshments. Free. For more information, visit www.evans-tonhistorycenter.org or call (847) 475-3410.

**Village of Harwood Heights 65th Anniversary Festival**, 1-8 p.m. **Aug. 4-5** at Union Ridge Field, 4600 N. Oak Park Ave., featuring music, Bingo and family-friendly activities and games.

**Lakeshore Arts Festival**, 11 a.m.-6 p.m. **Aug. 4-5** at at Dawes Park, Sheridan Road

at Church Street, Evanston, featuring live jazz and classical music, a silent art auction, a children's craft tent, and food by local restaurants. Free admission. Visit www.cityofevanston.org/lakeshore.

**Family Fest**, 6-11 p.m. **Aug. 10** and 11 a.m.-11 p.m. **Aug. 11** on the grounds of St. Stephen Parish, Spruce and Prospect streets, Des Plaines. The event includes live entertainment, with the headliners Rick "Elvis" Saucedo at 9 p.m. Friday and Triple Shot at 8 p.m. Saturday. There will also be food vendors, children's activities, games, raffle prizes and more. For information, call (773) 391-3185.

**Taste of Armenia Festival**, noon-6:30 p.m. **Aug. 26** at St. James Armenian Church Evanston, 816 Clark St., Evanston. The event features authentic Armenian food, live music, children's activities, cooking demonstrations and other cultural offerings. Free admission and parking. Visit www.tasteofarmenia.org.

### FILM

**Block Cinema**, in the Pick-Laudati Auditorium at the Block Museum of Art, Northwestern University, 40 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston. (847) 491-4000. www.blockmuseum.northwestern.edu/block-cinema. Admission is \$6; \$4 for Block Museum members, students with ID and senior citizens, or as noted below. All films shown at 7 p.m., unless noted otherwise. **July 27**, 7:30 p.m.: Rare Baseball Films: The Newsreels.

**Lincolnwood Public Library**, 4000 W. Pratt Ave. (847) 677-5277. www.lincolnwood-library.org. **July 27**, 1 p.m.: "Safe House."

**Niles Public Library**, 6960 Oakton St., Niles. (847) 663-6405. www.nileslibrary.org. **Aug. 2**, 2 p.m.: Charles Dickens Film Discussion Series features "David Copperfield." **Aug. 4**, 2 p.m.: Screening of "We Bought a Zoo." **Aug. 9**, 2 p.m.: Charles Dickens Film Discussion Series features "A Tale of Two Cities." **Aug. 16**, 2 p.m.: Closed captioned screening of "Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close." **Aug. 23**, 2 p.m.: Charles Dickens Film Discussion Series features "Great Expectations."

**Northwest Chicago Film Society** presents the Classic Film Series at 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays, unless otherwise noted, at the Portage Theater, 4050 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago. Admission

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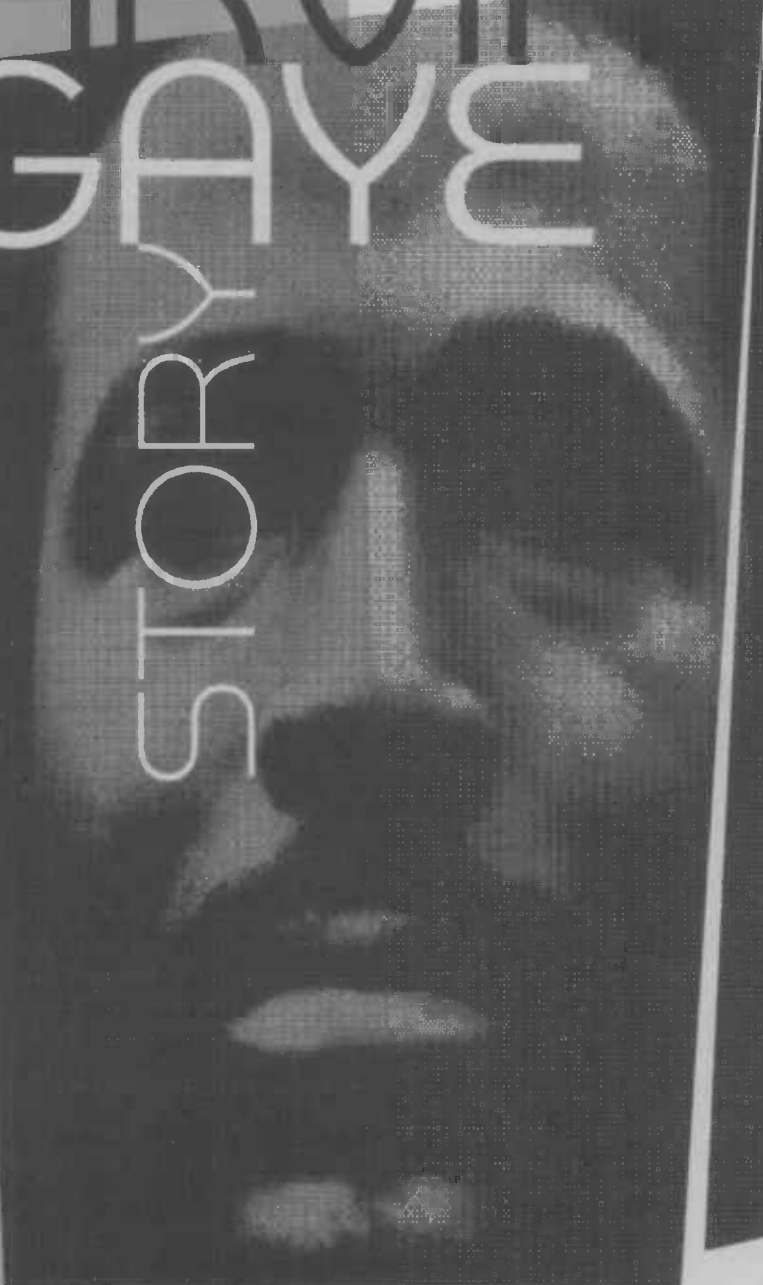




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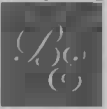
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## Free Wisconsin museums

BY GARY KNOWLES

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### Wausau

The Leigh Yawkey Woodson Art Museum hosts one of the world's most highly anticipated exhibits of bird art each year. Birds in Art opens the first Saturday following Labor Day and continues for nine weeks. An updated 1931 English Tudor period Cotswold-style residence houses the museum. Grounds cover four acres highlighted by the Margaret Woodson Fisher Sculpture Garden. There are up to ten changing exhibits each year as well as storytelling, lectures, videos, demonstrations, and bus trips. Don't miss OctoBIRDfest, the museum's biggest family festival of the year. 700 N. 12th St., Wausau, WI 54403. (715) 845-7010. [www.lywam.org](http://www.lywam.org)

### Neenah

Evangeline Bergstrom gathered one of the finest collections of glass paperweights in the world. At the Bergstrom Mahler Museum, see the fascinating collection that also includes Germanic



Wausau: The Leigh Yawkey Woodson Art Museum hosts Birds in Art. I SUPPLIED PHOTO

glass drinking vessels from the 16-19th centuries, Victorian glass baskets and contemporary art-glass. 165 N. Park Ave., Neenah, WI 54956. (920) 751-4658. [www.bergstrom-mahlermuseum.com](http://www.bergstrom-mahlermuseum.com)

### Kohler

Design Center displays three levels of innovative product design and technology, creative achievement and American history. The 36,000-square-foot space blends old and new in a comprehensive representation of Kohler's state-of-the-art products designed for gracious living. 101 Upper Rd., Kohler, WI 53044. (920) 457-3699 [www.us.kohler.com/us/Kohler-Design-Center/content/CNT400038.htm](http://www.us.kohler.com/us/Kohler-Design-Center/content/CNT400038.htm)

### Madison

The Geology Museum on



Manitowoc: In 1962, a smoldering hunk of the Russian Sputnik IV satellite crashed into the street in front of the Rahr-West Museum, and a plaque marks the spot. I SUPPLIED PHOTO

the University of Wisconsin Campus traces its roots to the 1800s. With huge Mastodon bones, meteorites, glowing rocks and fossils, it can hold the whole family's attention. 1215 W. Dayton St. in Weeks Hall, Madison, WI 53706 (608) 262-1412. [www.geology.wisc.edu/~museum](http://www.geology.wisc.edu/~museum)

### Manitowoc

Fine art and collectibles dating to the 19th and 20th centuries fill the Rahr-West Museum, an elegant 1891 Victorian mansion listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Galleries feature changing exhibitions and a collection of American art. USA Today named Rahr-West one of the 10 Great Places to See Art in Smaller Cities. In

1962, a smoldering hunk of the Russian Sputnik IV satellite crashed into the street in front of the building, and a plaque marks the spot. 610 N. Eighth St., Manitowoc, WI 54220. (920) 686-3090. [www.rahrwestartmuseum.org](http://www.rahrwestartmuseum.org)

### Mount Horeb

Wally Keller Tool Museum in Duluth Trading Company has an extraordinary display of vintage tools dating from 1865-1950 that documents the history of the American workingman. Look for the fascinating Whatsis Board, which challenges visitors to identify obscure tools. Steve Schlecht, proprietor of the Duluth Trading Company, preserved Wally Keller's collection. 100 W. Main St., Mt. Horeb, WI

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### Sheboygan

John Michael Kohler Arts Center will stretch your artistic muscles. Devoted to innovative explorations of contemporary American art, the museum is nationally acclaimed for its exhibitions as well as its visual and performing arts. The new 100,000-square-foot arts center has ten galleries, an intimate theatre, a flexible interdisciplinary performance space, studio-classrooms, meeting spaces, the ART-space shop and the ARTcafe. See the artsy restrooms! 608 New York Ave., Sheboygan, WI 53081 (920) 458-6144 [www.jmkac.com](http://www.jmkac.com)

## Distinctive buildings, places in Wisconsin

BY GARY KNOWLES

For Sun-Times Media

### Taliesin

Taliesin is the life-long masterwork of America's most noted architect, Frank Lloyd Wright. The prairie-style house, located at County Hwy. C at Spring Green, embodies Wright's energy, technique and creative vision. It is the longest on-going project of Wright's career. The visitor center was also a Wright-designed building. (877) 588-7900. [www.taliesinpreservation.org](http://www.taliesinpreservation.org)

### House on the Rock

The House on the Rock, off Hwy. #23 overlooking Wyoming Valley between Spring Green and Dodgeville, seems like an architectural mash-up of Frank Lloyd Wright's

Falling Waters, Playboy Mansion, Camelot, Star Gate and Dante's Inferno. It's filled with astounding collections of dolls, organs, glass, music machines and wonders. Alex Jordan's masterpiece, an 80-foot carousel, features 269 fantasy creatures, a booming calliope and 20,000 hovering lights and angels. (608) 935-3639. [www.thehouseontherock.com](http://www.thehouseontherock.com)

### Yerkes Observatory

This beautiful 1890s Victorian building, which looks similar to a castle out of a Vincent Price film, is most famous for the 40-inch refracting telescope: the largest refracting telescope in use for scientific research. The telescope was built for the 1893 World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago. The observatory offers evening observing sessions for

adults and kids 12 and up. (262) 245-5555. [astro.uchicago.edu/yerkes/index.html](http://astro.uchicago.edu/yerkes/index.html)

### Milwaukee Art Museum

This winged museum looks as if it's ready to fly off over Lake Michigan. The Quadracci Pavilion is the first Calatrava-designed building completed in the United States. The Burke Brise Soleil, the movable, wing-like sunscreen is comprised of 72 steel fins and rests on top of a glass-enclosed reception hall. It's raised and lowered to control temperature and light. (414) 224-3200. [www.mam.org](http://www.mam.org)

### Tom's Burned Down Café

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Taliesin: The prairie-style house, is the longest on-going project of Wright's career. I SUPPLIED PHOTO

Burned Down Café is a kind of tiki-bar-bistro, northern exposure nightclub and shrine to creative individualism hunkered under a canvas awning in little La Pointe. The walls are covered with wise and wisecrack sayings painted on bits of board. Under the floor is the hulk of a Cadillac. You'll meet a nice mix of sailors, philosophers, accountants, artists, bikers, professors, sailors and wandering musicians. [www.tombsburneddowncafe.com](http://www.tombsburneddowncafe.com)

# Civil War sites

BY GARY KNOWLES

For Sun-Times Media

1) Camp Randall and the Memorial Arch, Madison: The plot of land where the University of Wisconsin football stadium stands was the training ground for farm boys and volunteers who became Union troops. The only piece of Camp Randall that is left is a small, wooden shed.

2) Wisconsin Veterans Museum: See the exhibition of the Iron Brigade called From Paper to Iron. The museum has artifacts, dioramas and displays. Visitors with have Wisconsin relatives that served in the war can buy a detailed Certificate of Service. [www.wisvetsmuseum.com/exhibitions/civilwar/](http://www.wisvetsmuseum.com/exhibitions/civilwar/)

3) Kenosha Civil War Museum: This museum focuses on the upper Midwest's contributions to the Civil War and personal stories. [www.thecivilwarmuseum.org](http://www.thecivilwarmuseum.org)

4) Soldier's Monument: The monument stands 46 feet high and weighing 80 tons.

5) Confederate Spy Grave:

One of the most notorious, storied and celebrated spies for the Confederacy, Belle Boyd is buried in the Spring Grove Cemetery in the Wisconsin Dells. After the war ended, she made a living by traveling the country, telling her story and supporting the concept of one nation.

6) Old Abe, the war eagle, historic marker: Old Abe was an eagle mascot that traveled with Wisconsin's troops. He earned a reputation for flying and screeching ferociously over the battlefield. Chipewa Indians captured him in northern Wisconsin and sold him to a local farmer. Old

Abe served in 42 battles and lost only a few feathers. After the war, Old Abe lived in Madison at the Capitol. Old Abe is on the 101st Airborne Division logo, on the Case Tractor logo and as a replica statue in the Wisconsin State Assembly Chambers. The marker is located at Hwy.

#138 near Jims Falls.

7) Victorious Charge, Milwaukee: John S. Conway's bronze sculpture is known for realistic depiction of the intensity and horror of battle.

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A visitor checks out mobiles, just one of the many kinds of art available at last year's North Shore Festival of Art in Old Orchard.



Mosaic tile art by Michelle Davidove.

# Old Orchard art festival in expansive mode

BY BRUCE INGRAM  
Contributor

You can add fine art to your shopping list this weekend as the expanded North Shore Festival of Art returns to the Westfield Old Orchard mall in Skokie with more artists and an extra day for browsing.

More than 150 juried painters, sculptors, photographers, jewelers, printmakers, furniture makers and other artisans from around the country will set up shop Friday through Sunday in the inner courts of the mall. In addition to the art on display, attractions will include live music from three stages and a children's area.

"When people support a show and it thrives, it starts to develop a good reputation among artists — and that's what's happened here," said festival organizer Amy Amdur. "We have a lot of new artists coming in this year because they've heard it's such a successful show."

## Great setting

One reason for that, Amdur added, is that people are attracted to the ease of enjoying art while ambling through the mall.

"It's such a pleasant environment," she said. "The setting is so beautiful. There are trees, fountains, fish ponds, shelter if it rains and shade if it's hot, and plenty of places to sit and relax along the way."

Artists travel from as far as New York and Miami to exhibit in the

North Shore Festival of Art, but the Chicago area is also well-represented.

After making a career change from advertising to art a few years back, Debbie Yost of Park Ridge has been winning awards and developing a following for her large-format, macro photography of fruits, vegetables and flowers. Her "Ice Silhouettes" series of black-and-white magnified shots of frozen plant life is especially popular.

"What I'm trying to do is capture the shapes and forms and details of plants and flowers, from an abstract viewpoint," she said. "It's become a real passion."

Mosaic artist Michelle Davidove of Lincolnshire has a similar passion for her art, which involves the artful placement of colored mosaic tiles on pretty much anything imaginable.

"Tables, picture frames, vases, belt buckles, anything you might think of, I do," said Davidove, whose work is also available in area stores under the name Mosaics by Michelle D. "I love it because I can put things together anyway I like. It's like putting a puzzle together that I make up as I go along."

## Found art

Patrick Carr of Evanston focuses on found objects for images he sometimes calls "accidental still lifes."

"I like to shoot unusual things that people have lost, old signage, toys that have been thrown away, interesting things I find laying on the ground or in an abandoned

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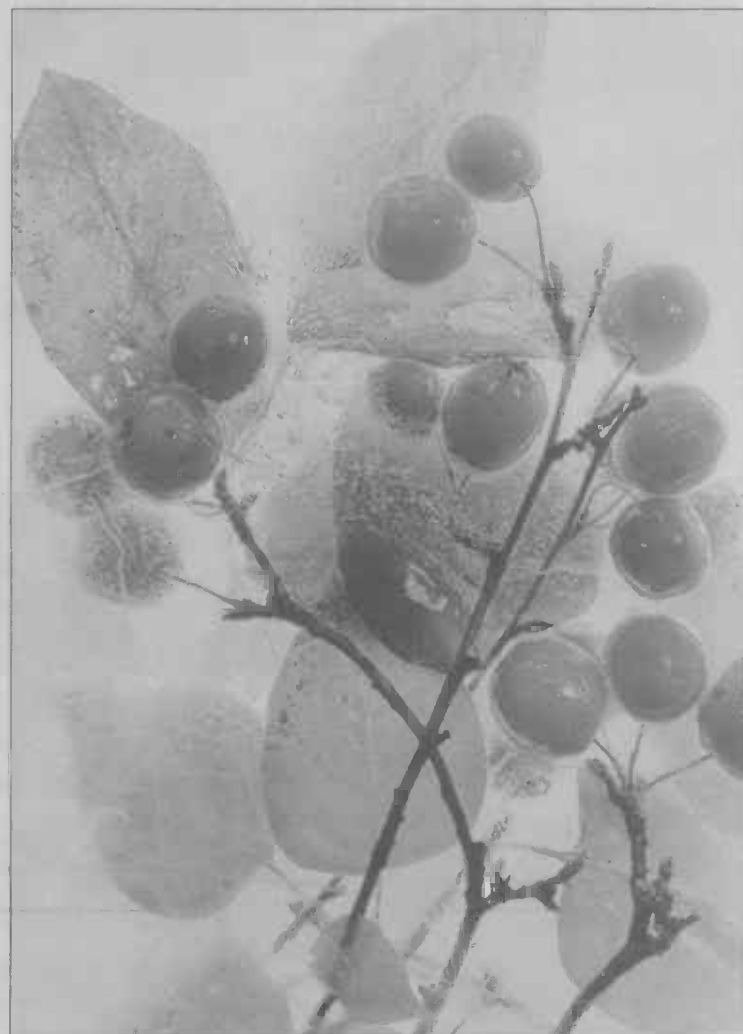
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Floral candle art by Kim Moyal and Greg Sobanski.

show window or hanging from the sides of buildings," said the photographer, who shoots on film and does traditional black-and-white darkroom printing. "Things that have been left behind and forgotten, that take on a new meaning after they've been abandoned."

"It's a visceral thing. There's a kind of beauty, I think, in the way things decay over time and develop a patina."



An Ice Silhouette by Park Ridge photographer Debbie Yost.

# Cabell sings Rachmaninoff at Ravinia

BY DOROTHY ANDRIES

Contributor

Nicole Cabell, named BBC Singer of the World in 2005, makes her home in Chicago, but to appear at the Ravinia Festival Aug. 2 she has to fly in from the Santa Fe Opera. "I'm singing Leila in 'The Pearl Fishers' on July 31," Cabell explained. "I'm coming in between Santa Fe performances, so I am just doing one number at Ravinia."

At Ravinia, she will sing Rachmaninoff's glorious "Vocalise" Opus 34, No. 14, a showcase for female singers. She is quite a festival favorite, having appeared in either the pavilion or the Martin Theatre five times between the summers of 2002 and 2008.

Cabell grew up in Southern California in the beach town of Ventura, but she resisted the style of a California girl. "I wore black and tried to create the fantasy that I lived in New York," she said, laughing at the memory. "Now I live in Chicago, but I regard myself

as a California girl. I love to go back there. I love the water."

Her early years were not particularly musical, but, when she was about 16 years old, teachers, family and others began to notice the operatic timbre of her lovely soprano voice. Soon she was taking voice lessons and she went on to graduate from the Eastman School of Music.

## Lyric training

In 2002 she joined the apprentice program at the Lyric Opera School for American Artists, now the Ryan Opera Center, where she studied for three years. In addition to training in vocal production, movement and acting, the young people in the Opera Center take roles in Lyric productions. Cabell sang Barbarina in the company's production of "The Marriage of Figaro," as well as Isabel in "The Pirates of Penzance."

Right after leaving Lyric in 2005, she entered and won the BBC Singer of the World contest in Cardiff.

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"Competitions were held all over the globe," she said, "and I took part in Chicago." After she made the first cut, she went to Wales for an additional series of eliminations. Her Lyric fan base included Bill Mason, then General Director, and the late Richard Pearlman, director of the Opera Center.

When she won, Lyric enjoyed bragging rights. "They should," she said, "they were behind me 100 percent."

For Cabell the title opened important doors, including debuts at Covent Garden in London and the Metropolitan Opera in New York. Successes continue. This season after Santa Fe, she makes her San Francisco Opera debut as Giulietta in "The Capulets and the Montagues."

## Heavier work

"I started out with a light lyric soprano voice," she explained. "Now I am a lyric soprano and I hope to transition into slightly heavier roles, like Mimi in 'Boheme.'"

She is very careful of her voice. "I go on vocal rest before I sing," she said, "and I would like to sing more in Europe. Their opera houses are much smaller than in the United States. I want to be cautious. The voice is a very delicate instrument and it can have a very short shelf-life."

"I'd like to be an artist, rather than live the life."



Nicole Cabell | PHOTO BY DEVON CASS

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is \$5. For information, visit [www.northwestchicagofilm-society.org](http://www.northwestchicagofilm-society.org). **Aug. 1:** "Stage Struck" (1958), with the short subject "Stage Frights." **Aug. 8:** "Hallelujah, I'm a Bum" (1933), with the Betty Boop cartoon "The Old Man and the Mountain." **Aug. 15:** "A Hen in the Wind" (1948), with the National Film Board of Canada cartoon "The Cat Came Back." **Aug. 22:** "This Day and Age" (1933), with the Popeye cartoon "The Man on the Flying Trapeze." **Aug. 29:** "The Chase" (1966), with the Wile E. Coyote and Road Runner cartoon "Fast and Furry-ous."

**Northwestern University's** Ethel M. Barber Theatre, 30 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston. Call (847) 491-7282 or visit [www.tic.northwestern.edu](http://www.tic.northwestern.edu). **July 28, 2 p.m.:** "South Pacific," starring Rossano Brazzi, Mitzi Gaynor and John Kerr. \$10; \$5 for students.

**Northwestern University's** Summer Outdoor Cinema series presents Parisian-themed family-friendly films on the east lawn of Norris University Center, 1999 Campus Drive, Evanston. Movies begin at

sundown (around 8:45 p.m.). Bring blankets and chairs for seating. Admission is free. Rain location is the McCormick Auditorium in Norris Center. For information, call (847) 491-4000. **Aug. 1:** "The Muppets" (2011). **Aug. 8:** "The Artist" (2011).

## SINGLES

**North Shore Congregation Israel's** 70 Plus Singles Group meets at 5:30 p.m. **Aug. 6** at North Shore Congregation Israel, 1185 Sheridan Road, Glencoe, for dinner and a discussion of the movie, "School Ties." Cost for dinner is \$18; \$20 for nonmembers. Register at (847) 835-0724, ext 632, or [www.nsci.org](http://www.nsci.org).

## TOURS & OUTINGS

**The Evanston History Center** presents a summer walking tour series June through October 2012. Conducted by Kris Hartzell, EHC's director of Visitor Services and Facilities, the tours will focus on a range of topics. Each tour begins and ends at the Dawes House, 225 Greenwood St., Evanston, and will take place rain or shine. Tours being at

11 a.m. and run until roughly 12:30 p.m. Admission for each tour is \$20; \$15 for EHC members. Reservations are not required, but are recommended. Call (847) 475-3410 or e-mail [khartzell@evanstonhistorycenter.org](mailto:khartzell@evanstonhistorycenter.org). "Burnham in Evanston," a tour of the neighborhood where architect Daniel Burnham lived and worked, **Aug. 4 and Oct. 20.** "Evanston's Lakefront," **Aug. 18 and Oct. 6.** "Architectural Evanston," a walk through the original town of Evanston, with a view to the architectural styles of different eras and how they reflect the growth and change of the city, **Sept. 1.** "Evanston Women's History," **Sept. 15.**

**The Skokie Northshore Sculpture Park**, located along the east side of McCormick Boulevard, between Dempster on the north to Touhy on the south, offers free, docent-led tours featuring a different section of the two-mile long park each month. Tours last approximately one hour and feature discussions of the sculptures, their creating artists, types of materials used and techniques employed as well as the artists' concepts

for the various pieces. The park is handicapped accessible but the tours require walking between the sculptures, so people who have difficulty are encouraged to bring a wheelchair. All tours begin promptly at 1 p.m. No reservations are required. For information, visit [www.sculpturepark.org](http://www.sculpturepark.org) or call (847) 679-4265. **Aug. 26:** Section I, park in the lot between Dempster and Main streets on the east side of McCormick Boulevard. **Sept. 23:** Section II, park in the canoe launch on Oakton, just east of McCormick, and walk over the channel bridge to McCormick to begin the tour. **Oct. 28:** Section IV, park in the lot in the park, between Howard and Touhy.

## WORKSHOPS & CLASSES

**Niles Public Library**, 6960 Oakton St., Niles. (847) 663-6405. [www.nileslibrary.org](http://www.nileslibrary.org). **Aug. 16, 7:30 p.m.:** Niles Songwriters group meets. Area songwriters are invited to bring original songs to share and get feedback.

**Skokie Art Guild** offers figure drawing workshops from 9 a.m.-noon Saturdays at the

Devonshire Cultural Center, 4400 Greenwood, Skokie. Live models; no instructor. Fee per session is \$20; \$12 for members. For information, call Steve Gal, (847) 673-4450, or visit [www.skokieartguild.org](http://www.skokieartguild.org).

## ET CETERA

**Monday Night Car Shows**, 5-9 p.m. every Monday, through Sept. 10, in the west parking lot of Westfield Old Orchard shopping center, 4999 Old Orchard Center, Skokie. Cars on display will include classic cars, muscle cars, hot rods, motorcycles and vintage military vehicles. There will also be music, food and hourly raffles. Visit [www.mondaynightcarshows.com](http://www.mondaynightcarshows.com).

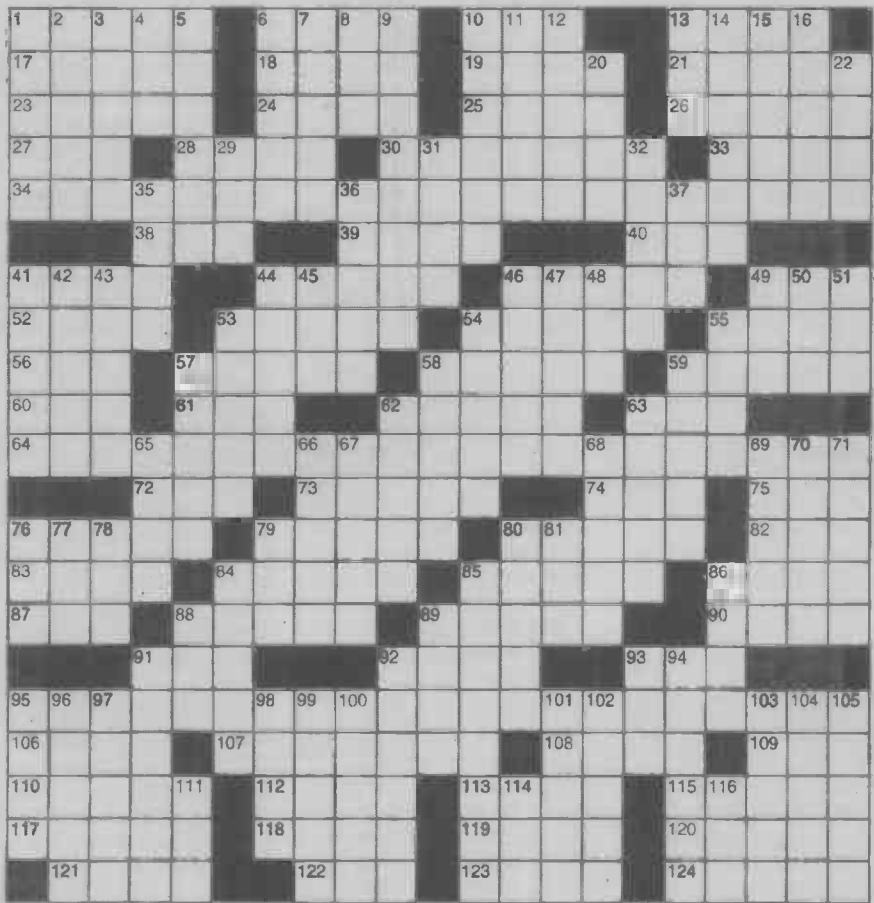
**North Shore Center for the Performing Arts**, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie. (847) 673-6300. [www.northshorecenter.org](http://www.northshorecenter.org). **July 28, 7:30 p.m.:** Miss International and Miss Teen International Pageant. The contests feature live entertainment, celebrity emcees and competitions in four categories, including interview, evening gown, fitness wear, and fun fashion wear. Tickets start at \$50.

## MUSEUMS

**Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center**, 9603 Woods Drive, Skokie. (847) 967-4889. [www.ilholocaust-museum.org](http://www.ilholocaust-museum.org). Admission: \$12; \$8 for students and senior citizens; \$6 for children ages 5-11. Special exhibitions are free with museum admission. **Through Jan. 6, 2013:** "Spies, Traitors and Saboteurs: Fear and Freedom in America," a creation of the International Spy Museum. The exhibit explores how the United States should balance civil liberties and individual rights during times of conflict, crisis and fear. At interactive stations following the themes of the exhibition — revolution, sabotage, hate, radicalism, world war, subversion, protest, extremism and terrorism — visitors are able to record their opinions and compare their reactions to those of past Gallup polling results. **Aug. 19, 1:30 p.m.:** Screening of "Elusive Justice," a PBS documentary about the more than six decades-long commitment to apprehend Nazi war criminals and place them on trial for crimes against humanity. Free with admission; reservations recommended.

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- 1 Resembling
  - 6 Lowdown lit
  - 10 Small shot
  - 13 Ellipse
  - 17 Prompts
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  - 19 — League
  - 21 Send payment
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  - 26 Praise for Pavarotti
  - 27 "Norma —" ('79 film)
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  - 30 "Ada" author
  - 33 List entry
  - 34 Start of a remark by Will Rogers
  - 38 Author LeShan
  - 39 About
  - 40 Very cold
  - 41 Mets' milieu
  - 44 Artist Neiman
  - 46 Steakhouse order
  - 49 Kasbah cap
  - 52 Printed matter
  - 53 Hook on a hawk
  - 54 Wall Street spoilers
  - 55 Poi base
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- 1 Peck part
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  - 3 Come around
  - 4 Look at
  - 5 Sent out
  - 6 Like some milk
  - 7 Jungle bird
  - 8 Top numero
  - 9 "In Memoriam" poet
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  - 11 Witch wheels?
  - 12 Low-octane joe?
  - 13 Sphere.
  - 14 Prove
  - 15 Famed figure in fiddles
  - 16 Bile producer
  - 20 Opus
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  - 29 R.E. Lee's gov.
  - 31 Part of DA
  - 32 Scores in ores
  - 35 Best
  - 36 Hitter Hank
  - 37 Sail through
  - 41 Scarecrow stuffing
  - 42 Monsieur Matisse
  - 43 Precise
  - 44 A particular Key
  - 45 Lilly of pharmaceu-
  - 46 Mans the bar
  - 47 Met men
  - 48 Rossini's "Le Comte —"
  - 49 Some trimmings
  - 50 Bungle
  - 51 Gnus center?
  - 53 Seek out a school?
  - 54 Conifer coverings
  - 55 Really rain
  - 57 Sleek swimmer
  - 58 Some kind of a nut
  - 59 — Island
  - 62 "In Search of..." host
  - 63 Unyielding
  - 65 Pay attention to
  - 66 Opens the mail
  - 67 Discernment down
  - 68 Hunker
  - 69 Serve a purpose
  - 70 Fate
  - 71 Impish
  - 76 Berry sweet stuff?
  - 77 Funny Phillips
  - 78 Inside info
  - 79 Herd word
  - 80 Farouk's faith
  - 81 Nicole on
  - 84 Exercises the arms
  - 85 "— is said and done"
  - 86 A real butte
  - 88 Expert
  - 89 Tennis legend
  - 91 Playground feature
  - 92 Reach
  - 93 Prohibition
  - 94 Woman warrior
  - 95 Subway station
  - 96 Papal name
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  - 98 Coup d'—
  - 99 Desert refuges
  - 100 Jacques, for one
  - 101 Effigy
  - 102 Like a judge
  - 103 Man of steal?
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  - 105 African scavenger
  - 111 Tolkien creation
  - 114 Form furrows
  - 116 Cookbook phrase



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## HOROSCOPES

For the week of August 1 — August 7

**ARIES (March 21 to April 19)** A strong social whirl brings a new round of good times to fun-loving Rams and Ewes. Cupid also is busy aiming arrows at single Lambs hoping for a heart-to-heart encounter.

**TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)** A romantic incident could take a more serious turn if the Divine Bovine considers meeting Cupid's challenge. Meanwhile, a professional opportunity is also about to turn up.

**GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)** A bit of hard-headed realism could be just what the Twins need at this emotionally challenged time. Face the facts as they are, not as you want them to be. Good luck.

**CANCER (June 21 to July 22)** Many opportunities open up. But you need to be aware of their actual pros and cons. Check them all out and make your choice from those that offer more of what you seek.

**LEO (July 23 to August 22)** A more stable situation begins, allowing you to feel more secure about making important decisions. Meanwhile, be sure to meet your project deadline so you can move on to other things.

**VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)** Congratulations. A new personal relationship thrives as you learn how to make room in your busy life for this wonderfully warm and exciting emotional experience.

**LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)** A new contact opens some doors. That's the

good news. But there's a caution involved: Be sure you protect your rights to your work before showing it to anyone.

**SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)** A former colleague might seek to resume a working partnership. Ask yourself if you need it. If yes, get more information. If no, respectfully decline the request.

**SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)** Good times dominate your aspect. So why not have a party to celebrate a loved one's success? And do invite that special person you want to know better.

**CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)** The shy side of the Sea Goat soon gives way to your more assertive self. This should help you when it comes time to speak up for yourself and your achievements.

**AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)** A new period of stability will help you deal with some recently reworked plans. Once you get your current task done, you can devote more time to personal matters.

**PISCES (February 19 to March 20)** Things are finally much more stable these days, so you can restart the process of meeting your well-planned goals with fewer chances of interruption or delay.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** You love being the brightest light wherever you are, and people love basking in your warmth and charm.

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An audience volunteer helps Ronald with some magic paper that ends up to be a hat. | PHOTO COURTESY OF JULIE TRAVERS

## NEWS BRIEF

### Ronald McDonald performs at Niles library

**NILES** — Last month, Ronald McDonald was invited to perform for the children at Niles Public Library as part of the Summer Reading Program, according to a news release.

Ronald performed some magic with a special coloring book with a volunteer.

He performed with his magic hat with another volunteer.

The children all got up to play Ronald Says, and then did the Go Active Dance.

"Everyone had so much fun!" the release stated.

Ronald's appearance was courtesy of the Niles McDonald's owner/operator the Schenk Family.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

*Submissions for Community Calendar are required 14 days preceding the date of publication. Send to: Niles Managing Editor, Pioneer Press, 3701 W. Lake Ave., Glenview IL 60026. Information may be faxed to (847) 486-7495 or emailed to mbottari@pioneerlocal.com.*

### Center of Concern

**The Center of Concern:** 1580 N. Northwest Highway, Suite 310, Park Ridge, (847) 823-0453, calendar of events includes:

**Mondays, through July 30:** Employment counseling, by appointment.

**Saturday, July 28:** Legal counseling, by appointment.

**Saturday, July 28:** Blood pressure and blood sugar testing, 10 a.m.-noon (no appointment needed).

**Shared Housing:** Homeowners desiring additional income, companionship, or the ability to remain in their homes may wish to consider the Center of Concern's Shared Housing Program. Residents are matched with screened applicants who possess a temperament suitable to shared accommodations.

**Available by appointment:** Preparation of simple wills and durable powers of attorney for health care and property available. All services are offered at the Center of Concern offices at 1580 N. Northwest Highway, No. 310,

in Park Ridge. For services that require an appointment, call (847) 823-0453 weekdays, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. (The center is open until noon on Fridays.) The Center of Concern offers housing counseling for seniors and others seeking affordable housing, programs designed to prevent homelessness, friendly visitors for the homebound, and volunteer opportunities in the office and in the field. See [www.centerofconcern.org](http://www.centerofconcern.org).

**Center counselors:** Also available to help eligible residents apply for Illinois Circuit Breaker property-tax relief grants and license-plate discounts, Illinois Cares Rx (prescription-drug assistance), the senior-citizen real-estate tax exemption and deferral, the senior-citizen tax-assessment freeze, and the longtime-occupant-homeowner property-tax exemption.

### Civic

**Niles Township Clerk Office:** Open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays and evenings by appointment on the second and fourth Mondays of each month to accommodate residents with passport applications, voter registrations and temporary handicapped parking placards. To schedule an appointment at Niles Township in Skokie, call (847) 673-9300.

**Maine Township Neighborhood Watch:** Meets at 7:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of every

month in the basement of Maine Town Hall, 1700 Ballard Road in Park Ridge. Meetings address issues within the unincorporated area of the township and all residents are invited. Reports from the Cook County Sheriff's Police, North Maine Fire Department, and the township's Code Enforcement Department are shared, and residents are invited to ask questions and report concerns or problems in their neighborhood.

### Arts/Crafts

**Resurrection Fair:** Applications are available for crafters who are interested in participating in the Resurrection College Prep High School Arts & Craft Fair from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 10 at 7500 W. Talcott Ave., Chicago. See [www.reshs.org](http://www.reshs.org) or contact Carol Marchetti at (773) 775-6616, Ext. 112, or [cmarchetti@reshs.org](mailto:cmarchetti@reshs.org).

### Classes

**Rainbow Animal Assisted Therapy Inc.:** Offering "Introduction to Animal Assisted Therapy," dog training classes at various locations, including 6042 W. Oakton St., in Morton Grove. The fee is \$60. Contact Dorida King at [dhking4@yahoo.com](mailto:dhking4@yahoo.com) or call (773) 736-9021, for schedules and locations.

### Clubs

**Sweet Singers:** Congregation Ezras Israel Sweet Singers entertain at nursing homes,

retirement facilities and charitable organizations, meets the first Wednesday of every month at 10 a.m. in the Rosenberg Auditorium of Ezras Israel, 7001 N. California Ave., Chicago. Those who enjoy singing are welcome to join. Call the Ezras Israel office at (773) 764-8320.

**Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7712:** Meet at 7 p.m. every second Wednesday of the month at the Post at 7680 Caldwell Ave. (next to Tam Tennis in Niles on Howard Street). The Post is open on Fridays 7 p.m. until closing. All veterans from Vietnam, Gulf War, Afghanistan Korea and World War II are welcome. Call Bernard Beverley, (847) 966-5479, email [jamesbond54762@yahoo.com](mailto:jamesbond54762@yahoo.com) or call (847) 470-9890.

**Korean War Veterans Association:** Greater Chicago Chapter No. 25, meets at 7 p.m. the fourth Wednesday of each month at the Montclare-Leyden VFW Post, 6940 W. Diversey Ave. Call Joe Henmueller, (773) 774-9671.

**The Knights of Columbus:** North American Martyrs Council Chapter, Niles, provides ways for members to help others in the community while trying to improve their family and spiritual lives. Call Bob Galassi, (847) 965-0920.

**Niles Chapter Toastmasters:** Meets at 7:15 p.m. the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month at the Morton Grove, 6140 Lincoln Ave. Members learn how to feel comfortable

and have self-confidence talking to an audience. Call (847) 583-9328.

### Community

**Birthday Party:** Celebrate Norwood Park's 138th birthday party from 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. July 28. Festivities will occur on the grounds of the Noble-Seymour-Crippen House, 5624 N. Newark Ave., Chicago. The birthday party includes something for everyone, from adults to kids of all ages. Most of the activities will be held outside. The museum will be open during regular hours, noon to 4 p.m. A special feature will include a large group of re-enactors who will portray members of the 10th Illinois Volunteer Infantry; they will set up camp, march, perform a firing demonstration, hold a presentation of arms, and conduct other drills. Free and open to the public; donations to support the Norwood Park Historical Society are appreciated. Call (773) 631-4633 or email [info@norwoodparkhistoricalsociety.org](mailto:info@norwoodparkhistoricalsociety.org).

**Polish American Night:** The first Polish-American Night with the Chicago Fire vs. the New England Revolution at Toyota Park, 7000 S. Harlem Ave., Bridgeview, starts 7:30 p.m. Aug. 18. Price of premiere tickets are \$20. Tickets can be purchased from the Polish National Alliance, (800) 621-3723, ext. 316; Polish Roman Catholic Union, (800) 772-8632, ext. 2601;

Polish Falcons of America, (574) 289-2140; the Polish Women's Alliance, (888) 522-1898, ext. 1208, or through Ed Kaczynski, (708) 496-6784. See [www.pna-znp.org](http://www.pna-znp.org).

**Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center:** 9603 Woods Drive, Skokie; information: (847) 967-4800; reservations: (847) 967-4889, [www.ilholocaustmuseum.org](http://www.ilholocaustmuseum.org). Museum admission prices: General Admission, \$12; seniors (65+), \$8; students (ages 12-22), \$8; children (ages 5-11), \$6. Reservations required for programs. Through Jan. 6, 2013: Special exhibition, "Spies, Traitors and Saboteurs: Fear and Freedom in America," a creation of the International Spy Museum, explores this vital question through video, film, interactive displays and artifacts, offering an unprecedented perspective into the stories of espionage, treason, and deception that Americans have contended with since the founding days of the republic. **July 26:** Lecture: "The Future of International Justice" — Leading authority on Holocaust law, University of Pennsylvania Law School Professor Harry Reicher will discuss additions to the armory of the international legal system, in relation to genocide and crimes against humanity, 6:30-8 p.m. Free with museum admission.

**Solid Waste Agency:** Northern Cook County, recently established a Battery Recycling



Program for rechargeable and alkaline batteries, partnered with Interstate Batteries in Skokie to provide recycling at no cost to SWANCC communities. Common household batteries are no longer accepted at Illinois EPA-sponsored household chemical waste events and facilities due to their benign nature and high recycling costs. Batteries accepted in SWANCC's program: Alkaline (AA, AAA, C, D and 9V) and rechargeable (NiCd, NiMH, lithium ion, lithium polymer). Before dropping off rechargeable batteries, residents need to tape the contact points on each battery or place in an individual self-locking plastic bag to avoid sparks. Local drop-off sites include: Niles Public Services Department, 6849 Touhy Ave., (847) 588-7900, 7 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Mondays through Fridays; Niles Village Hall, 1000 Civic Center Drive, (847) 588-8000, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Mondays through Fridays; Park Ridge Public Works, 400 Busse Highway, (847) 318-5240, 7 a.m.-4 p.m., Mondays through Fridays. Additional drop-off sites are posted at swancc.org/recycling/batteryrecycling.html.

**Solid Waste Agency:** Northern Cook County has established a location for residents to drop off electronics on a weekly basis at no cost at the Glenview Transfer Station, 1151 N. River Road, 9-11:30 a.m. Saturdays. Under the new Electronics Products Recycling and Reuse Act (SB2313), only the following items will be accepted: Computers – PCs and laptops, scanners, computer monitors, mobile phones, peripherals – mice, keyboards, zip drives, MP3 players, televisions, PDAs – printers, VHS players, fax machines, DVD players, video game consoles, and DVR/cable boxes. Electronics from businesses, institutions or schools will not be accepted. Visit swancc.org.

**Threshold Singers:** Any women interested in joining the Rainbow Hospice and Palliative Care Threshold Singers can contact Kathy Huber at (847) 685-9900. Practices are held on two Thursdays each month starting at 6:45 p.m. in Park Ridge. Threshold Singers are trained to sing in groups of two and three at the bedside of those who are sick and dying. The songs are generally traditional or simple rounds, chants, lullabies and hymns that can be chosen to respond to musical taste and spiritual direction. Singers go through patient care volunteer training, but there are no auditions; only requirements are a

love of music and a desire to serve others.

**Avenues Thrift Shoppe:** Offers great prices and specials on gently used clothing for infants, children and adults, shoes, household items, books and small furniture. On Wednesdays, seniors 60 years and older receive 10 percent off all regularly priced items. Main shop is at 7710 W. Touhy Ave., Chicago, and the "boutique" shop at 7700 Touhy Ave., features upscale clothing, outerwear, collectibles and finer merchandise. Hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays and 1-8 p.m. Thursdays. Donations accepted 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays only. Donate only gently used clothing; broken or obsolete electronics cannot be accepted. Purchases help adults with developmental disabilities. Avenues to Independence is a nonprofit organization based at 515 Busse Highway in Park Ridge that offers a variety of programs to enhance an individual's work, social, and daily living skills. For information on donations or to volunteer, contact Michael Frustini, (773) 631-6230.

**Fundraisers**

**Like New Auto Spa, Inc.:** 1050 Busse Highway, Park Ridge, has introduced a special fundraising program that benefits Advocate Lutheran General Hospital/Advocate Lutheran General Children's Hospital. Anyone who visits Like New to have their car washed or detailed or buys a gift card from the company and also asks for the Lutheran General discount will receive a price cut for the service, with a portion of the proceeds going specifically to benefit the Older Adult Services program of the hospital. Call AiMee Madden, Lutheran General Development Office, (847) 723-8518; Steve Radakovic at Like New Auto Spa, (847) 823-9274; or visit www.likenewautospa.com. The fundraising program is featured on the home page with a link to a more detailed flyer containing the discount and donation matrix. This offer is not valid with an outside wash only, or any other promotion/program.

**Health**

**Advocate Lutheran General Hospital:** is hosting a free skin cancer screening from 9 a.m. to noon Sept. 8 for early detection and prevention of skin cancer. The visual screenings will take place on the first floor of the hospital's

Center for Advanced Care, 1700 Luther Way, Park Ridge. Physicians will perform the screenings, and will give participants their results immediately. The physicians will also recommend follow-up care, if necessary. Free and open to the public, but registration is required. To register, call (800) 323-8622 and mention event code "8C03" or visit www.advocatehealth.com/luth click on "I need a class or support group" and type the class code (8C03) in the keyword box. Participants may park for free, with validation, in the parking garage adjacent to the Center for Advanced Care.

**Advocate Lutheran General Hospital:** LGH is hosting a weekly Community Healthbeat lecture series. This month's topic is "Healthy Bones and Joints," led by orthopedic surgeons. All lectures are held at Advocate Lutheran General Hospital's West End Conference Center, 1775 W. Dempster St., Park Ridge, at 7 p.m. Tuesdays. Free valet parking is available and refreshments will be served. Admission is free, however, registration is required. Call 800-323-8622 and mention Class Code 8G52 or visit www.advocatehealth.com/luth, click on "I need a class or support group" and type in the class code – July 31: "Driving: When Is It Time to Retire Your License?" presented by Dr. Denise Fiducia, psychologist.

**Advocate Medical Group:** Providing immediate care and occupational health services at the Advocate Medical Group Patient Center, 7255 N. Caldwell Ave. in Niles. This will provide community members with convenient, quality medical care including treatment for non-life-threatening illnesses such as: Cuts and burns, sprains and bruises, eye injuries, flu symptoms, sore throats, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, ear aches, respiratory and urinary tract infections. The center provides easy access to X-ray and laboratory services to assist in diagnosis and treatment of these and other ailments. In addition, the clinic provides international travel medical services including for those planning a trip out of the country. Office hours are 7:30 a.m.-8 p.m. weekdays and Saturday and Sunday 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Call, (847) 647-0355.

**Golf Mill Hearing Aid Center:** 8856 N. Milwaukee Ave., offering free hearing evaluations. All who come in will receive a comprehensive

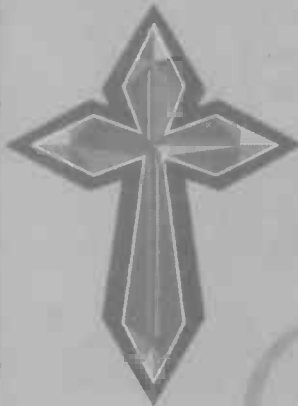
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### Edison Park Lutheran Church

6626 N. Oliphant Ave. Chicago, IL  
(Across park from Edison Park Metra)  
773.631.9131, [www.edisonparkchurch.com](http://www.edisonparkchurch.com)  
Saturday Worship 4:30 p.m.  
Sunday Worship 9:15 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.  
Rev. Dr. Michael D. Sparby, Sr. Pastor  
Carole Edwards, Associate in Ministry  
Matt Halder, Worship /Music  
Michael Lyda, Children/Youth/Family

### St. Paul Lutheran Church

5650 N. Canfield, 60631,  
(708)867-5044, [www.stpaulcanfield.org](http://www.stpaulcanfield.org)  
Street Level, Air Conditioned  
Sunday Worship 8:15 & 10:45AM  
Sunday School & Adult Bible 9:30AM  
Saturday Worship 6PM  
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### Faith Lutheran Church (ELCA)

6201 W Peterson Ave.  
Chicago, IL (773) 631-0715  
Saturday Worship 5:30PM  
Sunday Worship 10:30AM  
Holy Communion Weekly  
Pastors: Barbara Berry-Bailey  
and Jeffery King

## MORTON GROVE

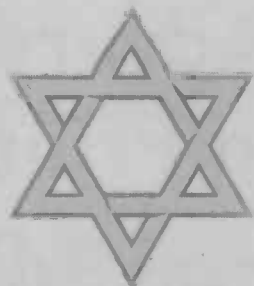
### Morton Grove Community Church Presbyterian Church (USA)

8944 Austin Avenue  
(Lake and Austin)  
Morton Grove, IL  
(847) 965-2982  
[www.mgccpresbyterian.org](http://www.mgccpresbyterian.org)  
Sunday Worship 10 AM  
Fellowship 11 AM  
Rev. Lolly Dominski  
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## NILES

### St. John Lutheran Church

7429 Milwaukee Ave., Niles  
847-647-9867  
[www.st-john-niles.org](http://www.st-john-niles.org)  
Sunday Service 9:30AM



## NORTHFIELD

### Willow Creek Community Church North Shore Campus

315 Waukegan Road  
847-441-6599  
Sunday Services: 9 & 11 am  
Promiseland (Infants-Gr5): 9 & 11 am  
Elevate (Grades 6-8): 11 am  
Impact (Grades 9-12): 6 pm  
For more information visit  
[www.WillowNorthShore.org](http://www.WillowNorthShore.org)

## NORRIDGE

### Zion Lutheran Church

8600 W Lawrence Avenue  
Norridge, IL 60706  
(708) 453-3514  
Rev. Luther John Bajus, Pastor  
Sunday Worship 9:30 am  
Holy Communion 3rd & 5th Sunday  
Early Communion - 1st Sunday 9:00 am  
Sunday School - 10:35 am  
Adult Bible Study - 10:45 am  
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## NORWOOD PARK

### Norwood Park Lutheran (ELCA)

5917 N. Nina Ave.  
Chicago, IL 60631  
773-631-2860  
Fax 773-631-0142  
Sunday Worship 10:00 am  
(Communion 1st, 3rd, 5th Sundays)  
Education Hour - Sundays 9 am  
Rev. Robert Johnson, Pastor

## NORWOOD PARK

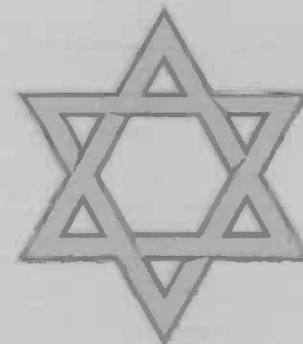
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## PARK RIDGE

### Park Ridge Presbyterian Church

1300 West Crescent Avenue  
847-823-4135  
[www.parkridgepresby.org](http://www.parkridgepresby.org)  
Sunday Service: 10:00 AM



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# Worship

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## SKOKIE

### Central United Methodist Church

8237 Kenton, Ave., Skokie  
(847) 673-1311  
www.skokiecentralumc.org  
Worship: Sundays at 10:30 AM

### St. Timothy Lutheran Church

9000 Kildare Ave. Skokie  
847-676-1300  
www.StTimothySkokie.org  
Worship: Sundays at 10AM

### Congregation Bene Shalom

4435 Oakton, Skokie,  
(847) 677-3330  
www.beneshalom.org  
No Service in July  
Shabbat Services resume in August  
Please call for more information  
Rabbi Dr. Douglas Goldhamer  
Asst. Rabbi Shari Chen  
Cantorial Soloist Charlene Brooks

### Evanshire Presbyterian Church

4555 Church Street  
www.evanshirepresbyterian.com  
Every Sunday at 11AM

### St. Peter's United

Church of Christ  
Oakton Street & Laramie Avenue  
847-673-8166  
www.stpeteruccskokie.org  
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Sunday School 9AM  
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## SKOKIE

### Temple Beth Israel

3601 W. Dempster St.  
Skokie, IL 60076  
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www.tbiskokie.org

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7800 Niles Ave., Skokie 847-674-9146  
www.devaremet.org  
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### Carter-Westminster United Presbyterian Church

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10:30 am Sunday School (All ages)  
10:45 am Traditional Service  
with Choir  
(Adult Classes in English & Assyrian)  
Fridays 7:00-9:30 pm  
Assyrian Fellowship  
Tuesday Evenings 7:15-8:45 pm  
New Life Youth Group  
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Minyan Mon-Thurs 7PM;  
Sat & Sun 6PM  
Monthly Shabbat dinners at 6:30PM  
Religious School Wed & Sat;  
Rabbi Jeffrey Weill  
Cantor Benjamin Warschawski  
Rabbi Neil Brief, Emeritus

### KEHILLAT SHALOM

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8610 Niles Center Rd, Skokie  
847-679- 6513  
www.kehillatshalom.org

### KOL EMETH

Conservative Congregation  
Rabbi Barry Schechter  
5130 Touhy, Skokie  
(1 block west of Eden's)  
847-673-3370

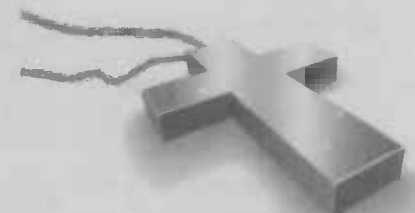
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## WILMETTE

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www.bhcbce.org  
Kabbalat Shabbat Fridays 6:30 PM  
Shabbat Service – Saturdays 9:15 AM  
Jr. Congregation, Tot Shabbat,  
Torah Time 10:30 AM  
Followed by Kiddush  
Daily Minyan AM and PM  
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- Family and friends may visit our website and sign a guest book at Pioneerlocal.com.



Death Notices

**Millenson, Judith Leah**

(nee Rehmar) 91, retired social worker and department chair, New Trier High School. Former founding board member of The Harbour (previously Crisis Homes). A licensed Clinical Social Worker, Judith earned her BA from Cleveland College (now Case Western Reserve University) and her MSW from Case Western Reserve University's Flora Stone Mather School of Social Work (1943).

Beloved wife of the late Morton Millenson; devoted mother of Debra Millenson and Leslie Joan Millenson. Judith played a very special part in the lives of her nieces, nephews and extended family, both Rehmar and Millenson families.

Funeral services Thursday, 1pm at Beth Emet Synagogue, 1224 W. Dempster St, at Ridge Avenue, Evanston. Interment Memorial Park Cemetery, Skokie. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Israel Cancer Research Fund, 295 Madison Avenue, Suite 1030, New York, NY 10017-7754. Info: PISER FUNERAL SERVICES, 847-679-4740



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**Moak, Carolyn McMaster**

Age 83, died peacefully on July 5, 2012 in Austin, Texas. She was born and raised in Goose Creek, Texas where she was active in the Methodist Church. She was loved by all who knew her, and was voted Homecoming Duchess in college. She married her childhood sweetheart and moved to Chicago, where she started her own successful medical transcription service. They raised their daughters in the suburb of Park Ridge, Illinois.



She was married to Robert Kenneth Moak, who died in 1989, and is survived by her four loving daughters, Leslie Alison Murray, Mary Lyle Duncan, Luann Kreyche, and Lori Ellen Noblet; seven grandchildren; her sister, Marian Ashley; and her brother Robert McMaster.

There will be a memorial service at Grace Methodist Church in Baytown, Texas on Thursday, July 26 at 2:00 in the afternoon. To share in memories of Carolyn, please visit our website at [www.cookwaldenchapelofthehills.com](http://www.cookwaldenchapelofthehills.com). Arrangements being handled by Cook-Walden/Chapel of the Hills Funeral Home, 9700 Anderson Mill Road, Austin, Texas 78750. (512) 335-1155

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Death Notices

**Thon, Elizabeth A.**

(nee Alberts), 87, native and long time resident of Park Ridge. Beloved wife of the late Warren Harold; loving mother of William Warren and Nancy Elizabeth (Vannerson) and loving mother-in-law of Stephen; cherished grandmother of Ben and Marielle and loving "Aunt Sis" to many nieces and nephews, died Monday, July 16th.

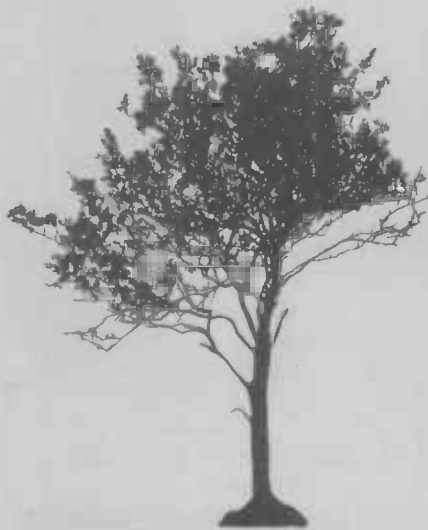
Elizabeth was an involved member of the community volunteering for the Illinois Children's Home and Aid Society and teaching Sunday school at the Park Ridge Community Church.

Arrangements by Cremation Society of Illinois - 847-577-6505.

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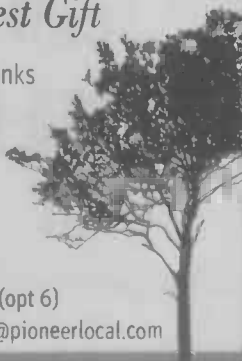
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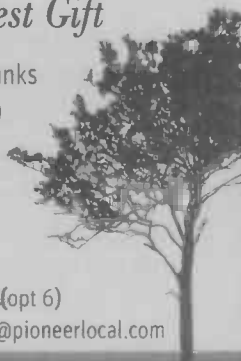


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## Tell Me About a Time When...

### Be Ready for the Behavioral Interview Questions

By Carole Martin, Monster Contributing Writer

As soon as you hear the words, "Tell me about a time when..." you should be aware that your interviewer is probably using a behavioral interviewing technique.

This technique uses your past experiences and behaviors as an indicator of your future success. In other words, if you can demonstrate through examples that you accomplished something before, the interviewer may have the tendency to believe you may do it again.

For example, if you saved your company money by streamlining a process and you relate that experience to the interviewer, he will become interested, because there's a strong possibility you could save his company money, too.

#### Be Specific

Sometimes it's difficult to come up with a specific illustration, because the situation, such as managing multiple tasks at once, occurs regularly in your line of work.

For example, when a candidate who had worked in publishing for seven years was asked, "Tell me about a time when you had to juggle priorities to meet a deadline," she almost laughed out loud.

"Juggling priorities is a way of life in the publishing business," she answered. "There's not a day when I don't have to work under that kind of pressure."

Her interviewer persisted, asking for specific examples of this type of demand.

"I could tell you five incidents that happened this week alone," the candidate replied. "I had one person on the phone, received three emails with project changes and had two deadlines to meet. And that was only on Monday."

In this scenario, the interviewer is seeking information about how the candidate handles priorities and deadlines, how she works under pressure and how flexible she is.

Since this candidate had a lot of experience in these areas, she would have satisfied the interview question by telling about a specific time when she demonstrated those organizational skills. She could have shown how she gets things done, no matter what it takes, by saying, "There was an incident last month when I received a frantic phone call from one of the managers, and I had to drop everything to get a change processed. What he asked was almost impossible, but with some help from my team and working some extra hours, I was able to



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accomplish the goal. The department manager commended me for pulling off the changes and meeting the tight deadline."

#### Write Your Stories

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#### Potential Behavioral Interview Questions

The exact behavioral interview questions you might be asked are virtually limitless. But here are a few examples of the types that you could face:

- Tell me about a time when you felt it was you against everyone else. You thought you were right and that everyone else was wrong. What did you do?
- Tell me about a time when you were working with someone who wasn't pulling their weight, and they had a different value system than yours. How did you deal with this person?
- Tell me about a time when you suffered a setback. What happened, and how did you recover?

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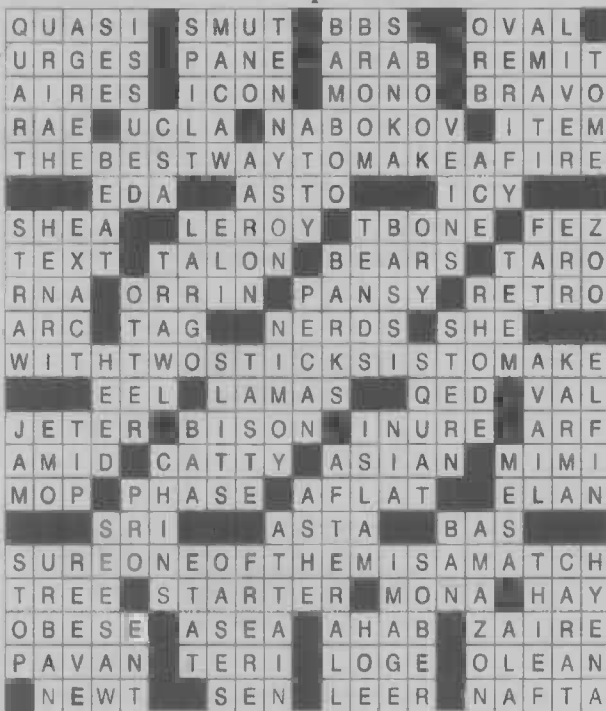
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
PUBLIC NOTICE IS hereby given that, by Ordinance No. 2012-13/1 adopted on the 19th of July, 2012, the Board of Trustees of the Lincolnwood Public Library District determined to levy an additional 0.02% of the value of all taxable property in the District, as equalized or assessed by the Department of Revenue, for the purchase of sites and buildings, the construction and equipment of buildings, the rental of buildings required for library purposes, and maintenance, repairs and alterations of library buildings and equipment, said tax levy to be effective for the 2012-2013 fiscal year.

The question of levying a 0.02% tax shall be submitted to the electors of the District if a petition is filed with the Board signed by 801 registered voters in the District asking that the question of levying said 0.02% tax be submitted to the electors of the District. Said petition must be filed within thirty (30) days after publication of this public notice. The date of the prospective next election is April 9, 2013.

The text of and Board vote regarding said Ordinance are set forth below.

/S/Christopher M. Martel  
Lincolnwood Public Library District

**ORDINANCE NO. 2012-13/1  
ORDINANCE DETERMINING TO LEVY AN ADDITIONAL  
TAX OF .02%**

**FOR THE 2012-2013 FISCAL YEAR**

WHEREAS, the Public Library District Act of 1991 [75 ILCS 16/35-5] authorizes the Board of Library Trustees to levy a special tax in addition to the annual public library district tax "...for the purchase of sites and buildings, the construction and equipment of buildings, the rental of buildings required for library purposes, and maintenance, repairs and alterations of library buildings and equipment;" and

WHEREAS, the amount of said special tax is .02% of the value of all taxable property in the District as equalized or assessed by the Illinois Department of Revenue; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Library Trustees deems it advisable and necessary to levy said special tax for the 2012-2013 fiscal year for the purpose herein set forth.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND DETERMINED BY THE BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES OF THE LINCOLNWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT THAT for the purposes authorized by said Public Library District Act of 1991 and quoted above, a special tax of .02% of the value of all taxable property in the District, as equalized or assessed, shall be levied for the fiscal year 2012-2013; and

FURTHER, THAT a copy of this ordinance shall be published in the Lincolnwood Review newspaper within fifteen (15) days after the date of adoption of this Ordinance in the form provided by law; and

FURTHER, THAT this ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption as provided by law.

ADOPTED this 19th day of July, 2012, pursuant to a roll call vote as follows:

AYE: Bartlett, Beard, Fields, Gimbel, Klatzco, Martel TOTAL 7  
NAY: None TOTAL 0  
ABSTAIN: None TOTAL 0  
ABSENT: None TOTAL 0

/S/Kendra L. Beard, President  
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I, CHRISTOPHER M. MARTEL, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT I am the Secretary of the Board of Library Trustees of the Lincolnwood Public Library District and that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of an Ordinance duly passed by the Board of Trustees of the Lincolnwood Public Library District at a meeting of the Board of Trustees held on July 19, 2012, being titled "ORDINANCE DETERMINING TO LEVY AN ADDITIONAL TAX OF .02% FOR THE 2012-2013 FISCAL YEAR," the original Ordinance being a part of the official record of said Lincolnwood Public Library District.

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/S/Christopher M. Martel, Secretary  
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**Public Hearings**

**VILLAGE OF LINCOLNWOOD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

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Property Address: 6402 North Kolmar Avenue  
Property P.I.N.: 10-34-328-030-0000  
Applicant: Dr. Darlene Egues, Property Owner  
Nature of Request: The requested action would allow for the replacement of an existing fence on the subject property. The petitioner seeks a variation from Section 3.13(11)h of the Zoning Code to permit a replacement fence that exceeds the maximum height and is located beyond the rear face and front facing facade of the existing home at the corner lot.

At the public hearing, the Zoning Board of Appeals will accept and consider all testimony and evidence pertaining to this application, and will consider any zoning actions or relief that may be necessary or convenient related to this request. At the conclusion of the public hearing, the Zoning Board of Appeals will make a recommendation to the Lincolnwood Village Board of Trustees based on the information presented. The Village Board will consider that recommendation at a subsequent public meeting. The decision of the Village Board will be the final decision of the Village regarding this application.

Information concerning this application is available for inspection in the Community Development Department of the Lincolnwood Village Hall, 6900 North Lincoln Avenue, Lincolnwood, Illinois. This public hearing may be adjourned to another date by the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Village without further notice, other than a notice entered upon the minutes of said meeting, fixing the time and place of its reconvening.

All persons in attendance at the hearing shall have an opportunity to be heard regarding this application. Any person who also desires to appear as an "interested party", with the right to cross-examine others at the public hearing, must file an appearance form with the Village of Lincolnwood no later than 5 p.m. on the business day prior to the commencement of the public hearing. Appearance forms are available in the Community Development Department of the Lincolnwood Village Hall, 6900 North Lincoln Avenue, Lincolnwood, Illinois.

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Property Address: 3837 Sherwin Avenue  
Property P.I.N.: 10-26-313-058-0000  
Applicant: Magdalena Mubark, Property Owner  
Nature of Request: The requested action would allow for approval of an off-street parking space to the front of the single-family home. The petitioner seeks a variation from Section 7.06(5) of the Zoning Code to permit off-street parking for the single-family home which would permit the existing driveway to remain.

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### Historical Society

**Family, friends and neighbors of:** Marge Berles are invited to the Niles Historical Society to remember her with the planting and dedication of an Autumn Blaze maple tree in her honor at 2:00 p.m. Aug. 18 Niles Historical Museum, 8970 North Milwaukee Ave., Niles. R.S.V.P. by Aug. 15 by calling (847) 390-0160.

**Niles Historical Museum:** 8970 N. Milwaukee Ave., is open to the public from 10:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Drop in, make arrangements for a tour, drop off artifacts and collections, or just come to visit. The new magnetic elevator makes the auditorium easily accessible. Call (847) 390-0160.

### Library

**Niles Public Library:** 6960 W. Oakton St., (847) 663-1234 or online at [www.nileslibrary.org](http://www.nileslibrary.org). Registration is required for most programs unless

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**Summer Reading Program:** Learn about the Niles Public Library's Summer Reading program. The "Reading Is So Delicious" program is open to ages 0-18, and offers free gifts for completed reading achievements. The program boasts a popular teen attraction for ages 12-18. For every reading log teens complete, they will receive a to-go cold cup with a built-in straw. The cup will contain a voucher redeemable at the mall for a free admission and Xtreme Bugs exhibit pass. Teens will be eligible for the weekly restaurant giveaways and a drawing at the end of the summer for a grand prize — an Apple iPod touch.

**Residents can recycle:** Cell phones, certain ink toners and used eye glasses at the Niles Public Library. Drop off boxes are located in the Circulation lobby.

**Help downloading eBooks:** Go to [www.nileslibrary.org/contactus](http://www.nileslibrary.org/contactus) and click on eBook Help or click on the Overdrive Download link on the home page to find step-by-step instruction sheets for different eBook readers as well as how to get started on My Media Mall. My Media Mall titles are now available for the Amazon Kindle.

**Book Buddies:** Students entering eighth grade in the fall and adults can become Book Buddies. Buddies read or listen to children read once a week for an hour. The Niles Public Library provides all materials and training.

**Niles Public Library:** Open on Sundays from 1-5 p.m. all year.

**Smart Solutions:** The Niles Public Library Smart Solutions initiative for adults 50 and older offers a program about credit scores and breakfast, which runs through November 2013. Be the first to hear about how to successfully manage your money and retirement future by attending programs, going online to the Smart Solutions website ([www.nileslibrary.org/smartsolutions](http://www.nileslibrary.org/smartsolutions)), and viewing interactive and paneled displays on the library's third floor. A representative from the Consumer and Family Economics, University of Illinois Extension Services will explain the purpose of a credit report. Patrons also learn how a credit score is used, how to order a free copy, and read and dispute errors. Reserve a spot by calling (847) 663-1234 or online at [nileslibrary.org/calendar](http://nileslibrary.org/calendar).

## Egofske puts playoffs as goal for Vikes

BY MATT HARNESS

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**SKOKIE** — Mark Egofske thought he was done as a head coach.

That all changed when Scott Smith left Niles North to become the athletic director at McHenry High School following the football season.

After spending the last six seasons as an assistant with the Vikings, Egofske was named the new head coach of the program.

"It happened so quickly," said Egofske, who's been running the team throughout the offseason. "I didn't know if I wanted to get back into it because I was enjoying spending time with my family and coaching travel softball for my daughters."

Egofske was Niles West's coach from 2000-2005 and led the Wolves to the playoffs four years in a row. He takes over for Smith, who went 20-34 in six seasons.

The last time the Vikings qualified for the postseason was in 1993, under coach Paul Giambeluc.

"That's our goal," he said of a winning season and spot in the playoffs. "I think we have a good group of kids, a good senior core. We also brought up a bunch of kids, and we are trying to fit them in in the best way possible."

Bill Votik, Eugene Edmond and Dan Fricano are a few seniors Egofske believes can turn around the program, which has qualified for the playoffs just twice in team history and hasn't won more than three games since 2009.

Both Edmond and Votik are coming off junior seasons cut short by injuries. A quarterback, Votik missed a majority of the games with a concussion, while Edmond, a lineman, was out all year with an ACL injury.

Votik is healthy and back under center and will be the leader for Egofske's spread offense.

"He has a knack for making plays," the coach said. "He's been a wonderful surprise after last season. He's had an outstanding summer."

Fricano is a player no one wants to face. The senior will line up at defensive end and also is projected to play receiver and running back.

"He has that motor, and he's a kid who can play at the next level," Egofske said. "We are really expecting big things from him this season."

Niles North wraps up its summer camp this week and breaks until Aug. 8.



Chicago Force running back Melissa Smith (87) carries the ball upfield during the National Conference Championship game against the Boston Militia at Evanston Township. | MICHAEL JARECKI-FOR SUN-TIMES MEDIA

## Smith carries Force into WFA title game

BY ERIC VAN DRIL

Contributor

The Chicago Force coaching staff assessed its team's talent at the beginning of the season and knew a showdown with defending Women's Football Alliance champion Boston Militia likely loomed in the playoffs.

The first-year WFA franchise, who had played in the Independent Women's Football League the previous eight seasons, elected to rest their star player for when they needed her the most.

Melissa Smith didn't play a game for six weeks during the middle of the season, a strategy which benefited the Force when it earned its biggest win in franchise history.

"Based upon our film study throughout the season and our scouting, we thought that we could get Melissa an opportunity to rest her legs," Force coach John Konecki said. "We took that opportunity. We rested her legs for six weeks because

we knew (the conference championship) was where we were going to end up. She was always ready to go in emergency situations, but we just didn't need her."

While the Force may not have needed Smith as it won its first 10 games by a 425-34 scoring margin, she was vital in Chicago's National Conference championship game Saturday against the Militia — which also won the IWFL title in 2010 — at Evanston's Lazier Field.

Konecki called Smith's number 31 times against Boston en route to the 35-34 victory. The stout, 5-foot-6 running back was particularly effective in the first half. She ran the ball 21 times for 101 yards and four touchdowns.

The Force (11-0) will play the San Diego Surge (11-0) for the 57-team WFA championship on Aug. 4 at Heinz Field, in Pittsburgh.

"It couldn't have been better than that," said Smith, a 32-year-old Oak Park resident.

## O'Neills relish traditions of Race To Mackinac

BY ERIC VAN DRIL

Contributor

**SKOKIE** — In a race where co-captains Shawn and Jerry O'Neill are constantly in search of variables that will get them to Mackinac Island faster, the people sailing with the O'Neills stay the same.

The majority of the crew aboard Eagle has been intact for more than 20 years. Shawn O'Neill completed his 34th consecutive Race to Mackinac on Monday, when the boat finished fourth in Section 4.

Certain traditions have arisen after making so many trips up Lake Michigan.

O'Neill, his crew and families gather after the race in the same place on Mackinac Island for their post-race dinner. They always eat the same fried chicken dinner from Jack's Restaurant, in Skokie, after finishing the race, something even the people at Jack's knows at this point.

"I get the same receptionist that's on the phone every year," said O'Neill, a Skokie resident. "I call her up on Friday morning and I say, 'I want to place an order for pickup tomorrow.' She goes, 'Let me guess: seven friend chickens, wrapped in foil; coleslaw, potato salad, plastic wear and buns.'"

"I'm like, 'Yep, that's it.' 'OK, we'll have it ready for you. What time do you want it tomorrow?'"

The O'Neills have experienced large amounts of success in the Race to Mackinac. Eagle has won the overall title three times, a rare feat considering the quality of the other boats and their crews.

The crew aboard Eagle constantly has high expectations for itself because of lofty past results and its members' experience. Reading wind patterns remains difficult for the

ship's co-captains and it was especially challenging on Sunday of this year's 104th race.

"We had a really good day Saturday, the wind wasn't cooperating with a change of direction on Sunday, so we made some mistakes whether to go in or out," said O'Neill after finishing in 40 hours, 21 minutes and 36 seconds. "Then Sunday night and into Monday, we were really solid and the boat was going well. We made some good choices."

"When you do well in other races, you have high expectations, but this is a sailboat race where you have to deal with Mother Nature. The reality is that you just don't really know exactly how the wind is going to change and when it's going to change. We go with the odds, do



Shawn O'Neill (left) and his crew on Eagle have been competing in the Race to Mackinac for the past 34 years. | COURTESY OF SHAWN O'NEILL

what we can and live with the results."

O'Neill and Eagle's crew spend the majority of its weekends during the summer sailing. O'Neill estimates the average number of races to be around 24, yet the Race to Mackinac is the one that constantly stands out.

Sharing in the post-race traditions on Mackinac Island is one thing O'Neill and his crew enjoy, as too is the uniqueness of the destination.

Another thing that makes the race unique is the beauty and challenge of the race. The night sky is much clearer on Lake Michigan

and allows sailors to temporarily escape from Chicago's lights and hazy skies. The race from the Chicago Lighthouse to Mackinac Island typically stretches over the course of three days and tests sailors, like Lake Bluff resident Doug Warren, unlike any other race the crew will experience this season.

"You're spending two, three days — maybe even longer than that — working really hard to make the boat sail fast," said Warren, who has sailed with the O'Neills for 28 years. "And then also, Mackinac Island is a really special place to come to. It's really unlike any other place I've been to."

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Awful game, great game — same game. That was Texas Rangers pitcher Colby Lewis in May of 2012. He allowed home runs to the first three Orioles he faced, then retired 18 straight including 11 strikeouts, then gave up two more homers. His total of 12 strikeouts but five home runs hadn't happened in 94 years. On the flip side, take the awful/great day at the plate for St. Louis's Ray Lankford in 1998. He fanned five straight times before homering to tie the game in the 11th, then singled to win it in the 13th.

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On the subject of great/awful games, they happen in other sports as well. In October of 1988, Dolphins QB Dan Marino passed for 521 yards (then No. 2 all time) with three TDs, but threw a career high five interceptions including one returned for a touchdown in a Miami loss. In November of 2000, Jason Kidd of the NBA Suns posted a triple-double, but also committed a league-record-tying 14 turnovers in a Phoenix loss.



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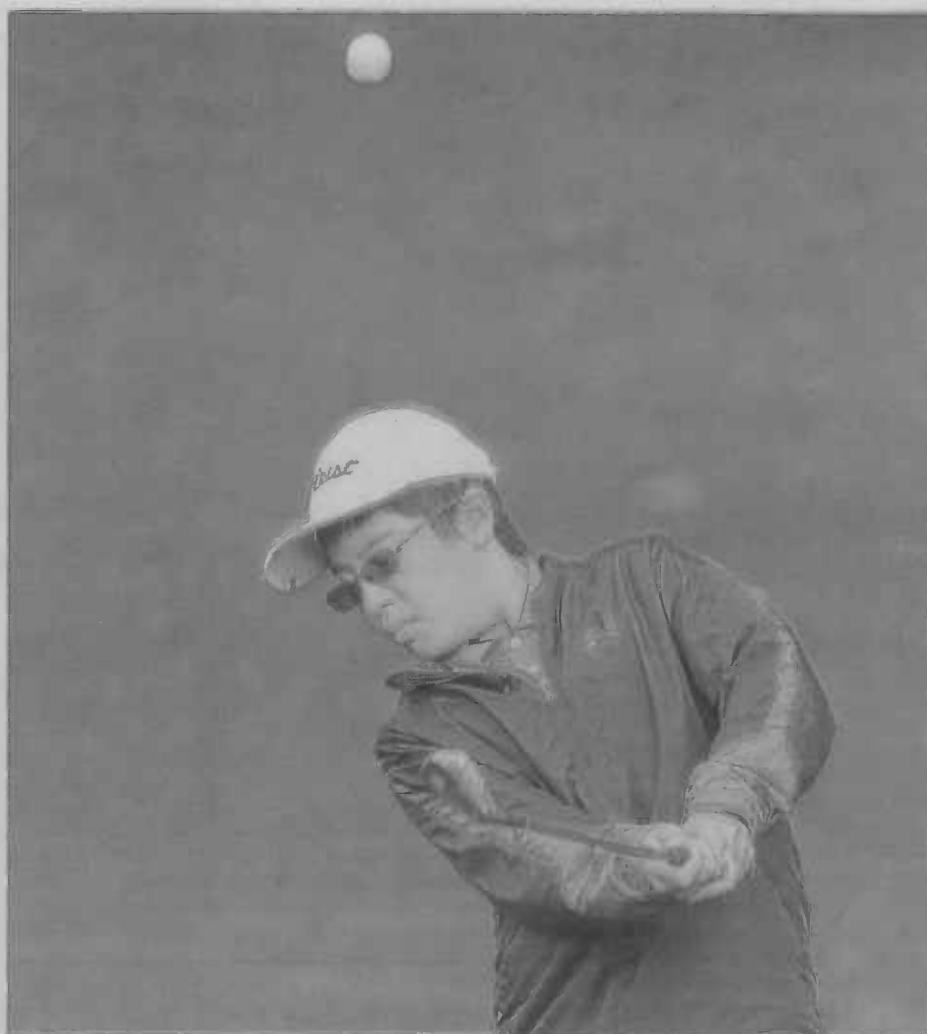
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Maine East's Orion Yamat, from Niles, survived the cut at the Junior Players Championship at Indian Lakes and took 46th. | ROB DICKER-SUN-TIMES MEDIA

## Goldstein keeping a short-termed approach

BY MATT HARNESS  
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**BLOOMINGDALE** — Jonathan Goldstein no longer tries to imagine himself, while standing on the first tee box, making birdie on the 18th hole.

These days, the rising senior at Glenbrook North does his best to concentrate on the shot in front of him.

"I don't want to get ahead of myself anymore," the Northbrook resident said. "I want to be focused on the task at hand, instead of letting my mind float away. That was my biggest problem in the past."

The newfound approach carried Goldstein to a tie for second place last week at the AJGA's Midwest Junior Players Championship at Hilton Indian Lakes Resort in Bloomington.

Goldstein shot 70-68-73 for a 5-under 211 and finished one

shot back of winner Jakob Garstecki, from Germantown, Wis.

Two of Goldstein's teammates at Glenbrook North also made the cut. Harrison Marick tied for 15th (78-70-71), and Brian Ohr tied for 19th (71-77-72).

New Trier's Austin Rendell tied for 39th (76-72-77), and Maine East's Orion Yamat finished 46th (76-74-76).

On the girls side, Loyola's Isabelle Kane took fifth after shooting 72-77-77. She was the only North Shore player to make the cut.

The tournament was held the same week as the U.S. Junior Amateur: Glenbrook North standouts Nick Hardy and Nick Jan both played at the Golf Club of New England, in Stratham, N.H., and both players made the cut to match play, where each lost in the first round.

"There may not have been

as good of competition there because of the U.S. Junior, but it was still a huge field and taking second in an AJGA event is still pretty good," Goldstein said.

Goldstein is preparing to compete a fourth season for the Spartans, and he's playing the best golf of his career.

"That's a fair statement," he said. "My ball-striking's improved a lot, and I'm so much better from a mental standpoint. I now have a pre-shot routine, and I am now more committed to each shot."

Goldstein showed last week he has the talent to contend in major tournaments, a good sign when Glenbrook North gets going next month.

"I have bigger goals after last week," he said. "But me and Harrison talked about not getting ahead of ourselves. We want to execute what we have coming up. We want to take that approach this year."

# Schiappa joins nation's best at showcase

BY MATT HARNESS

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LINCOLNWOOD — Ever since he started playing lacrosse in grade school, Mike Schiappa always was a Loyola fan.

In the spring, the soon-to-be senior got a rare opportunity to help his favorite team to a championship.

A starter on the defense, alongside standout Dylan Harris, Schiappa was instrumental in Loyola's 6-4 win over Lake Forest in the state final that ended a six-year streak of runner-up finishes for the Ramblers.

"It was really incredible," said Schiappa, who lives in Lincolnwood. "We knew it was our year, but we knew we had to work for it. It really was a process for us, and it was great for it to pay off in the end."

Schiappa is regarded as one of the best players in the country and was selected to the Champion All-American Showcase this week at ESPN's Wide World of Sports Complex, in Lake Buena Vista, Fla.

One of three players from Illinois, along with recent New Trier graduate Jack Connelly, to earn the honor, Schiappa is among the nine non-seniors in the field of 95 players.

Connelly, who's off to play at Providence, was a three-year starting goalkeeper for the Trevians.

"When I got the e-mail back, I was surprised," Schiappa said of making the team. "It's a real honor. Coach (Rob) Snyder helped me out a lot, and I definitely am thankful



Mike Schiappa, an incoming senior at Loyola, is in Florida this week competing in the Champion All-American Showcase. | PHOTO COURTESY OF MIKE SCHIAPPA

to him for that."

Schiappa, a two-year starter at Loyola who already has committed to Bucknell, has been playing lacrosse year round for some time. He competes for Illinois' Team One, as well as Titanium Elite. It's

Schiappa's first summer with the Midwestern all-star club, and he's enjoying the experience of playing with others from different states.

"The lacrosse IQ of some of the kids is on another level," Schiappa said. "These are the

best kids from these states. You learn how to share the spotlight as well as learn other things about the game."

Once he returns from Florida, Schiappa will continue training in the offseason to prepare for another bid at the

state title with Loyola in the spring.

"There are barely any days I don't go out and do something with lacrosse," he said. "It definitely comes down to how much the seniors want it and want to push the younger

guys, how much we are willing to give.

"We also have a lot of faith in our coaches. They showed us they can help us succeed. They now have higher expectations for us after we won the state championship."

# Ross jumps right into Pirates training camp

BY MIKE CAMERON

Contributor

BRADENTON, Fla. — Kevin Ross is only 18 years old and already working 60 hours per week outside in the Florida heat.

He wouldn't have it any other way.

The gifted shortstop, who graduated from Niles West and was selected by the Pittsburgh Pirates in the eighth round of the MLB draft in June, formally signed his con-

tract on July 17 and got right down to the business of playing professional baseball.

At rookie camp in Bradenton, Ross gets up at 6 a.m., eats breakfast, gets taped, works out, practices in the morning and plays a game in the afternoon. He's usually done by 4 p.m.

"I'm lovin' it," said Ross. "You realize right away it's a lot more hours and longer days, but that's no big deal. I've been working that hard forever."

After turning heads with a series of 400-plus-foot bombs in batting practice the first few days, Ross doubled in his first game Friday and was robbed of a triple on Saturday by his roommate, who scaled the high wall in center field.

The Pirates brass already has asked Ross to play in the Instructional League this fall. Not all the 25

position players and 25 pitchers in camp will be invited.

"I'll get more one-on-one instruction in the fall. We have so many players now," said Ross, who's no longer wearing a wrap on the thumb he injured in Niles West's last regular-season game. "I don't feel overmatched at all. I like the faster pitchers. I'm learning it's all about hitting it



Kevin Ross

where it's pitched.

"The facilities are top-notch. Our living quarters are hotel-style. We have four fields, and one is (prescription) turf, so we'll never miss a day."

Ross's father and life-long baseball mentor, Gerald, joined his son the first three days and plans to lease an apartment in Bradenton within the next month. The elder Ross helped Kevin sort through his initial misgivings about the signing bonus.

Pittsburgh would not budge from its below-slot offer of \$130,000, but numerous players were similarly affected by a new spending cap on teams' first 10 picks. As expected, Ross chose to pursue his pro dream and pass on a full-scholarship offer from the University of Michigan.

"I needed a few days to process everything. I was unhappy with how things went, but had to get past that," said Ross. "I know I'm doing what I'm supposed to be doing."

## Stephens burning up the summer circuit with Fire

BY DAN SHALIN  
Contributor

**NILES** — Before heading down to South Carolina for last weekend's Nike Peach Jam AAU Tournament, Notre Dame junior-to-be Duante Stephens received what he felt was valuable advice from a former high school teammate.

"I talked to (Tennessee redshirt freshman) Quinton Chievous about how big the tournament was going to be," said Stephens, who played with the Chicago Mac Irvin Fire U16s. "(Chievous) told me that a lot of the (college) coaches at the tournament would not be looking for scoring, but for the small things. He said, 'The coaches know what you can do, but you have to show them the things that don't show up on the stat sheet, like diving for loose balls.'"

"I feel like I did (those things)."

Stephens, a 6-foot-8 shooting guard, and the Fire head to Las Vegas this weekend, where they once again will play in front of hordes of college coaches.

Not that the attention and scrutiny is anything new. Stephens received his first recruiting letter when he was in seventh grade and, his freshman year, then-Illinois head coach Bruce Weber attended one of his high school practices.

"I guess Weber saw a video of our game against Whitney Young, and like two days later he was in our gym," Stephens said. "It was then I realized my hard work was paying off. Colleges were starting to look at me. I got used to it after awhile. But I'm still surprised by (the attention). But I feel blessed to have those things."

Weber has moved on to Kansas State, but Illinois remains interested in Stephens, who averaged 11 points and seven rebounds as a sophomore last season. Two weeks ago, Miami (Ohio) became the first school to offer Stephens a scholarship. He said schools like Iowa, DePaul, Northwestern, Toledo and UW-Green Bay continue to show a high level of interest.

After helping Notre Dame to a surprising 20-9 season last winter without any senior starters, Stephens has continued to progress this summer. Mike Irvin, who runs

the Mac Irvin Fire AAU program, said the lefty Stephens reminded him of former Indiana sharpshooter Calbert Cheaney.

"He's an athletic kid who can score in bunches," Irvin said. "He knocks down jump shots and gets into the lane. He's an above average rebounder for his position. He has the college body and is strong. He can take bumps."

"He's a good kid and his head is on straight. I think he'll really have a breakout year (in 2012-13) and average 20 points. He's a young junior, who is really supposed to be going into his sophomore year, so he really has upside."

Stephens grew up on Chicago's South Side but moved to the far North Side shortly before he enrolled at Notre Dame, turning down chances to play at powerhouses Simeon and Morgan Park.

As a freshman, he said he learned a lot playing alongside Chievous and Rodney Pryor, now in junior college. Stephens said head coach Tom Les has hardly gone easy on him.

"I told him I wanted to play college basketball and he said he would push me as hard as I could take it, but that I had to realize he just wanted the best for me," Stephens said. "I'm pretty much adjusted to it and to playing the way he wants me to play."

The Dons have high expectations this season, despite the decision of 6-8 junior Jon Johnson to transfer to St. Joseph. Stephens said the arrival of 5-9 senior guard Jake Maestranzi (South Elgin) has added a new dimension to the team, which lost just two games this summer league season. Maestranzi averaged 11.9 points and 3.1 assists and sank 56 three-pointers last winter.

The Dons also return quick guard Donte "Scooter" Stephenson, jump shooter Matt Mooney and inside/outside threat Eddie Serrano, all incoming seniors.

"(Maestranzi) is a great addition. He's a point guard who is pass-first, but he also came through when we needed him to score (in the summer). He hits the post (with the pass) and really pressures the ball," Stephens said. "We're undersized, but we're fast and get after it on D, and everybody is unselfish."



Notre Dame incoming junior guard Duante Stephens (33) already has an offer from Miami (Ohio). | JOEL LERNER-SUN-TIMES MEDIA

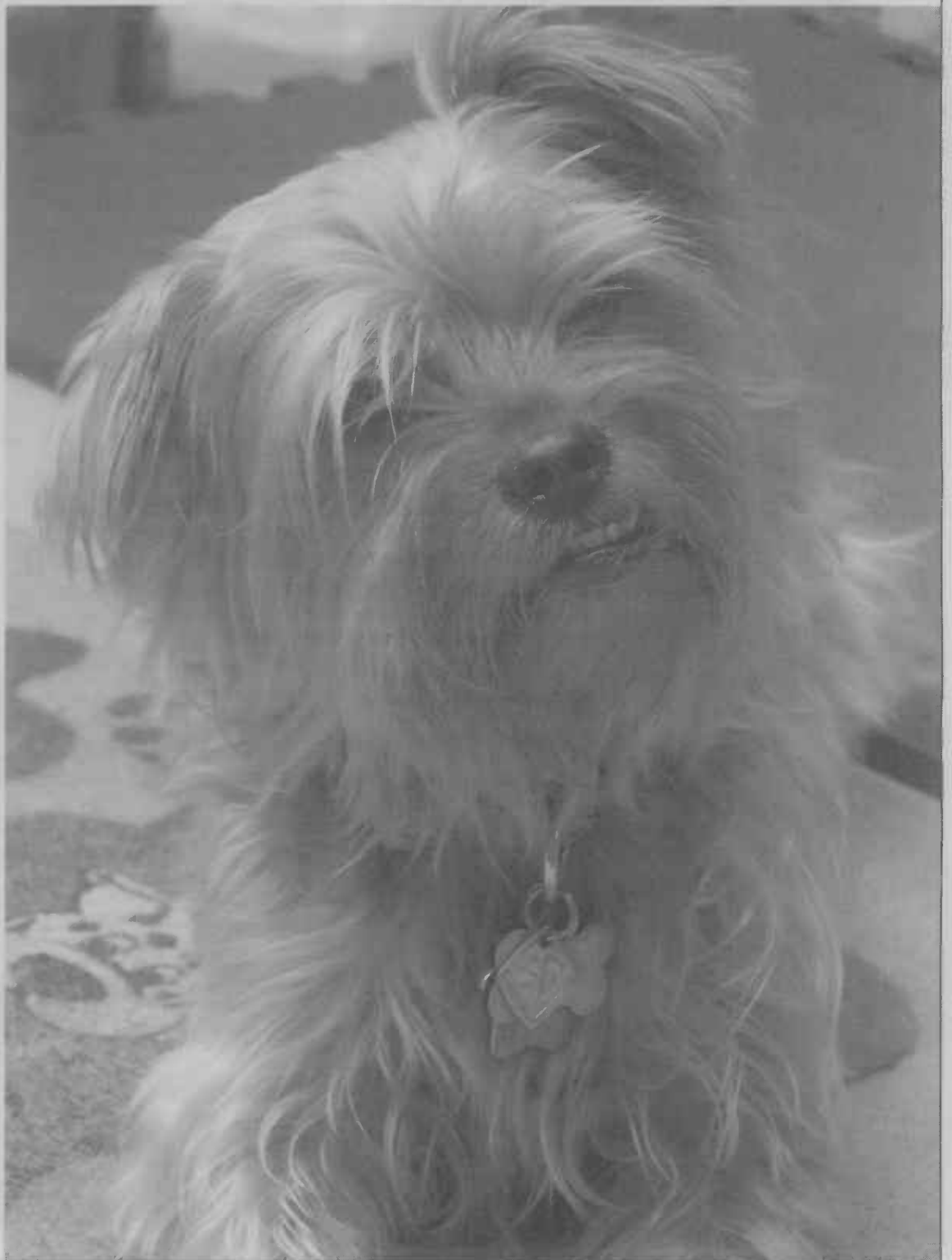
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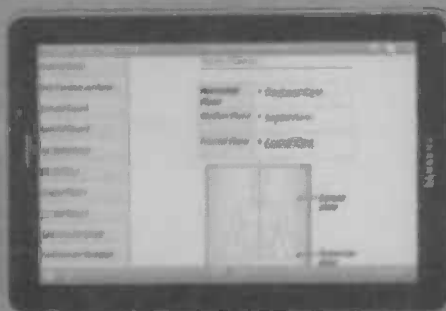
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