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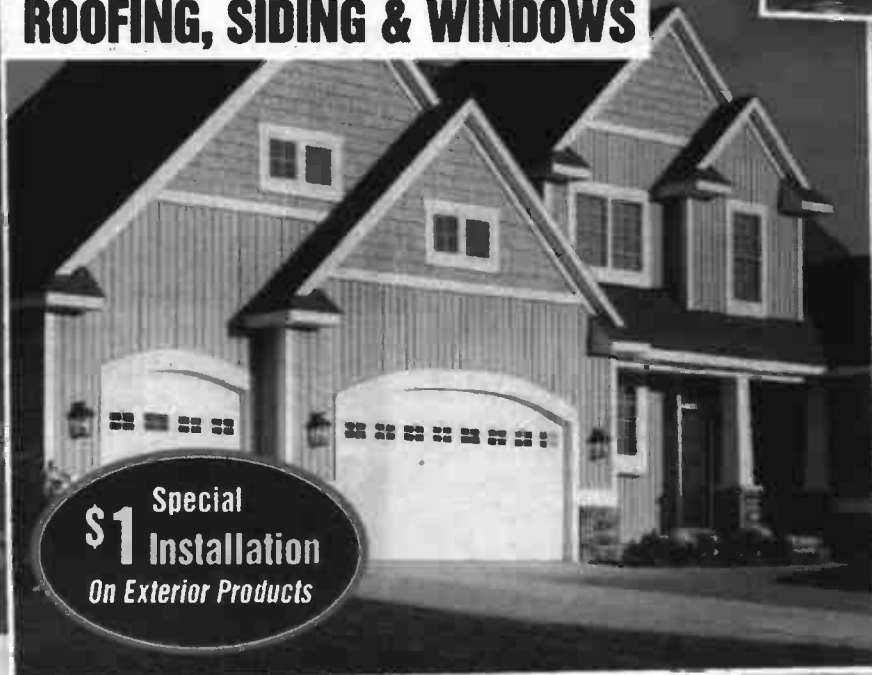
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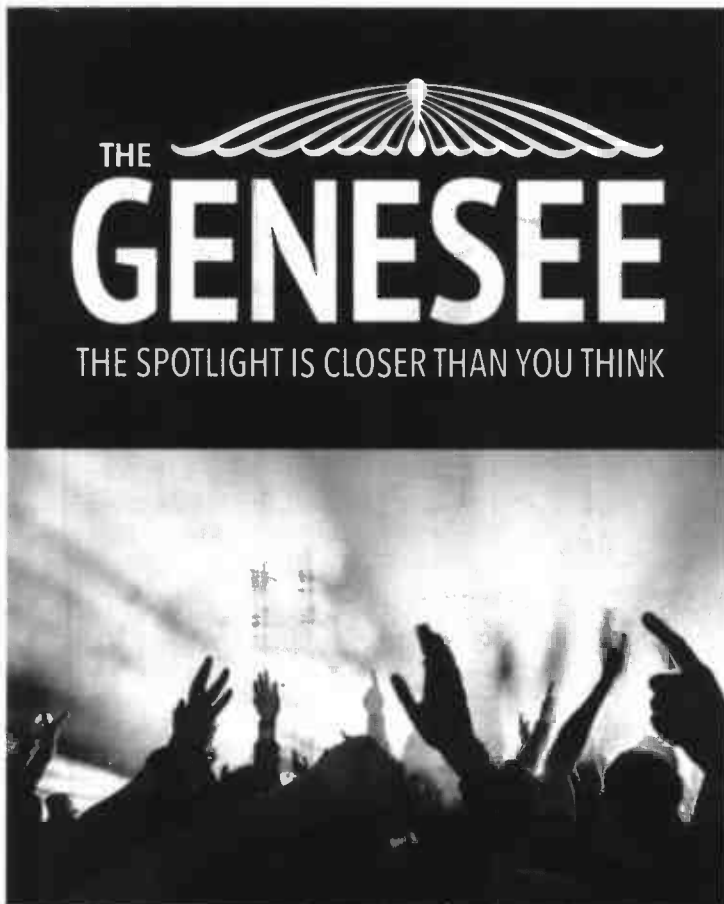
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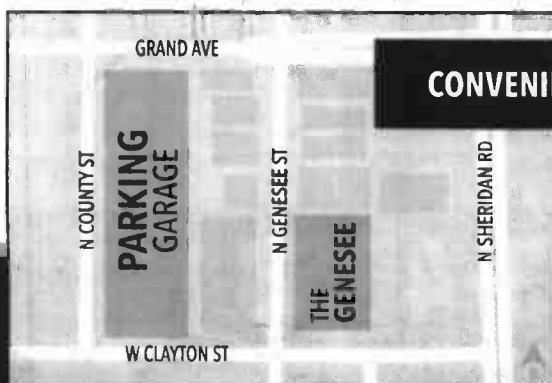
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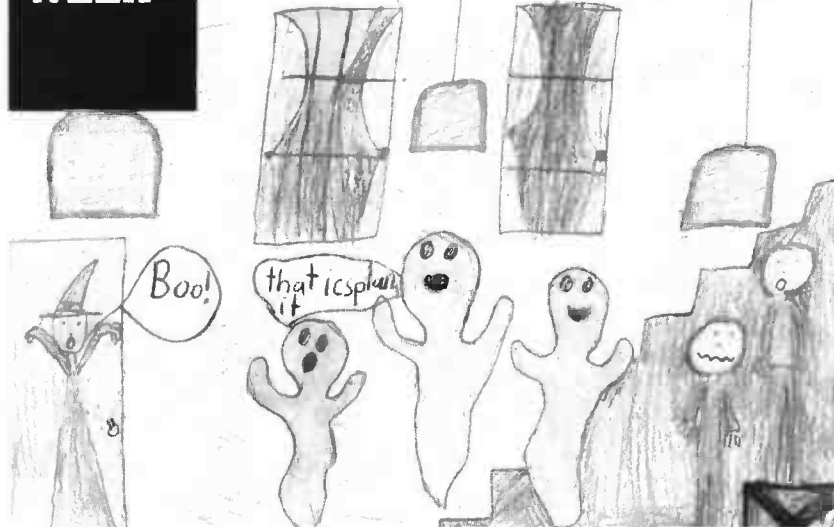
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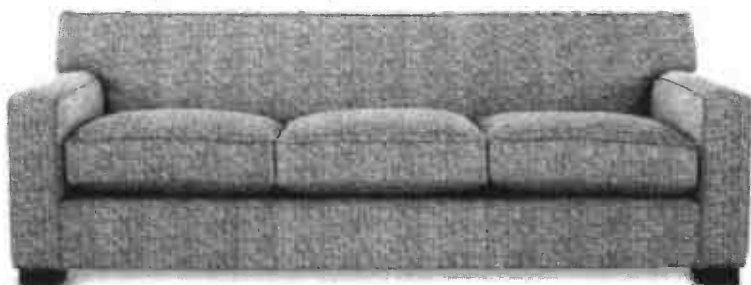
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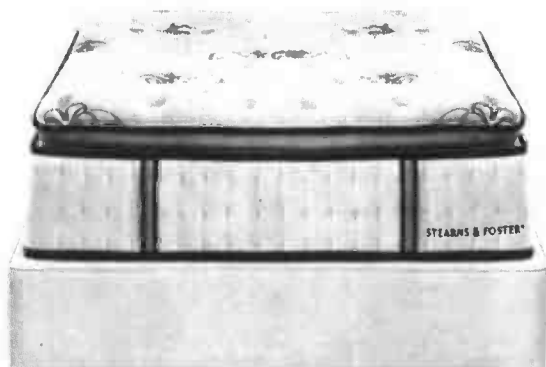
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||| **MORTON GROVE**

# Halloween fright is tradition for Morton Grove family

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**T**hey're not the Addams Family, but Don and Maureen Shipman do give each other zombies, crystal skulls, spiders, skeletons and ghosts as presents for special events and holidays.

Those gifts are in their front yard every Halloween scaring trick-or-treaters. Their house, at 9100 National Ave., is fully decked-out with elaborate scenes that range in theme from year to year.

Spiders are one of the family's main themes this year. Web covers the tombstones and torture victims throughout the yard, while more than a dozen handmade or store-bought spiders stalk their next pray. A half eaten meal still dangles from a tree, tightly wrapped and praying for its own death.

"We want to scare kids, but not scar them," Don said. "For next year, we're already thinking about recreating Universal (Studios) monsters, like Frankenstein and a lab full of scary electronic gadgets."

The couple, and Don in particular, enjoy horror films and B-movies that "are so bad they're



A ghost swims around a cell in Don and Maureen Shipman's crypt outside their house at 9100 National Ave. in Morton Grove. A crankshaft creates motion while lights illuminate the ghost. | RICK KAMBIC/SUN-TIMES MEDIA

good."

Decorating the yard began as a family project eight years ago when Don, Maureen and son Don III set up five tombstones and orange lights on the bushes. But each year they were driven to build



An enraged doctor who cuts off his patient's head is part of Don and Maureen Shipman's front yard Halloween display this year. Their house is at 9100 National Ave. in Morton Grove. | RICK KAMBIC/SUN-TIMES MEDIA

more intricate decorations.

"We do all this for fun," Maureen said. "Spending three weekends together building stuff and two weekends taking stuff down is quality family time. Our son Don is now 16, but we taught him a lot about electronics and crafts at an early age."

Neither Don Jr. nor Maureen have extensive backgrounds in carpentry or craft. The entire experience has been a trial and error. Maureen bought Don Jr. a flying crank ghost a couple years ago, so they decided to build a crypt for it to fly in. Soon thereafter, Don Jr. built an addition cell for Maureen's goblins and zombies.

In 2011 Maureen bought Don Jr. a half-priced manikin when Magical Mystery Costumes went out of business. This year, the manikin is a doctor that sawed off his patient's head, but its character changes each year based on the theme.

While they enjoy scaring youngsters, Don Jr. and Maureen



After trick-or-treaters get candy from Don and Maureen Shipman's front door, they're faced with bright lights and lasers that both hide and illuminate monsters. | RICK KAMBIC/SUN-TIMES MEDIA

stopped dressing in costumes because they realized their front yard does enough.

"We have some little guys who are too afraid to walk up the side-

walk to our front door, and they don't respond well to a vampire walking toward them with candy," Maureen said. "Our son Don will sometimes dress up, but his father



Spiders reap havoc in Don and Maureen Shipman's front yard, part of an elaborate Halloween display they change each year. Their house is at 9100 National Ave. in Morton Grove. | RICK KAMBIC/SUN-TIMES MEDIA



Monsters stand guard in Don and Maureen Shipman's graveyard, which is infested with killer spiders. The Halloween set is outside their house at 9100 National Ave. in Morton Grove. | RICK KAMBIC/SUN-TIMES MEDIA



The path to Don and Maureen Shipman's front door is no easy trek as spiders, monsters and crazed doctors surround the sidewalk as part of an annual Halloween display. | RICK KAMBIC/SUN-TIMES MEDIA

and I focus more on making sure everything is working and then giving out candy."

A couple of years ago when the front yard had a dungeon theme, Don III was dressed as Jason from Friday the 13th and he stood motionless as people walked up to the door.

"We had a group of four or five high

school kids walk past Don and he flinched, but they were confused and stared at him for a moment to see if he was an automated prop," Don Jr. said. "After they got candy, Don jumped at them waving his machete. They bolted out of here faster than we could laugh. I don't think any of them looked back either."

The elaborate set does include movable props, lasers, fog machines and spooky sounds, but the Shipmans say they're very careful where they run extension cords. They say there have been no accidents or complaints during their eight years of decorating.

Because so many of the props are given from one family member to one another as Christmas, Valentine's Day, birthday and anniversary gifts, they say the cost of building the elaborate sets is quite low.

"This is like any other hobby; we probably spend a few hundred dollars a year," Don Jr. said. "Most of it is \$20 here and \$20 there for plywood, spray paint, cloth, foam, light bulbs, extension cords, fake blood, clothes for the dummies, whatever. Then we might have a big purchase or two per year, like a fog machine or string of fences."

Maureen says she prefers the low-budget production. When Don Jr. bought a skeleton, he put considerable time into carving the ribs to make them more defined, and then installed teeth in the skull.

"We get to spend time as a family, share laughs, learn new crafts, and build something completely original," Maureen said. "Nowhere else in the world will you find stuff exactly like ours."



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## MORTON GROVE PARK DISTRICT

# Taking a stand

## American Legion yanks cash due to commissioner's pledge boycott

BY RICK KAMBIC  
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The American Legion is withdrawing all financial support for the Morton Grove Park District until a park board member stands for the Pledge of Allegiance or is no longer on the board.

Post 134 Commander Joseph Lampert attended the Oct. 24 park board meeting to confront Commissioner Dan Ashta on his choice not to stand for the Pledge, and to announce the Legion's decision.

"On behalf of our post, it is with some regret that we fully respect the right of individuals to not stand during the pledge of allegiance," Lampert said. "All veterans have been willing to lose their lives for that right, and many have. With that being said, while we support that right, we do not accept it."

"Regrettably, we will be withholding funds from the park district until such time that everyone rises for the pledge," Lampert continued. "We feel that it's disrespectful to all veterans that have been willing to sacrifice their lives for this country and it is a great dishonor to all servicemen and women who have paid the ultimate sacrifice and died for this country."

Post 134 pays \$300 to sponsor the Easter Extravaganza, \$300 to sponsor the Halloween Family Festival, \$1,000 to sponsor the Party in the Park events, and contributes \$1,000 toward 4th of July fireworks, according to Lampert.

Ashta responded during his commissioner report, and thanked Lampert for speaking his mind. However, Ashta maintained his position, just as he did on Aug. 15 when he responded to similar concerns from former Village Clerk Eileen Coursey Winkler.

"This section of the agenda says Pledge of Allegiance, and I feel like we're compelling people to speak," Ashta said, noting that the First Amendment affords the right to also not talk. "So you either stand up and say it or you don't, but either way you're making a statement. If you come to the meeting, you don't have a choice but to make a statement."

Ashta said he doesn't want to make people pledge allegiance to a government they might oppose and want to reform. Likewise, he said people with religious objections should not have to feel isolated or unwanted for not standing.



American Legion color guards Kurt Lepinski, left, and John Mahoney present the flag while general members recite the Pledge of Allegiance during their Oct. 24 meeting. | RICK KAMBIC/SUN-TIMES MEDIA

"I'm not entirely sure it's accurate to say this is a personal choice, but more of a duty. I have an obligation as an elected official to uphold the constitution," Ashta said. "I have a sincere, serious relationship with the law. I study law and constitutional law is of particular interest to me. I think the Constitution is what makes this country great and worth making sacrifices for. Countries with weak constitutions usually don't last."

Ashta said he believes what he's doing is right, and tried to reconcile with Lampert by saying both of them are good for the country.

"It really saddens me when I hear people say that they think what I'm doing is disrespectful," Ashta said. "I do appreciate the sacrifices people have made so that I can be here at this meeting. I don't want to make anyone uncomfortable. I have no objections to people who do stand for the pledge."

Ashta said he has family members serving in the military, but he also has ancestors who came from oppressive countries. His decision is not light-hearted, he continued.

"I realize that my sitting down might make some people uncomfortable, but it's the constitutional standard," Ashta said. "I'm not comfortable sitting down. There's definitely a part of me that wants to stand up and say it, but I feel like I have a duty to keep this meeting free to anybody."

Word of the Legion's protest spread fast, and Coursey Winkler, whose mother serves on the park board, found out shortly after the meeting. She's calling for Ashta's resignation before other entities rally behind the Legion.



Joseph Lampert, the commander for American Legion Post 134, confronts Morton Grove Park Commissioner Dan Ashta, for not standing during the Pledge of Allegiance. The Legion has pulled its funding from Park District programs because of Ashta's stance. | RICK KAMBIC/SUN-TIMES MEDIA



Commander Joseph Lampert announces that American Legion Post 134 will withdraw all financial support of the Morton Grove Park District to protest Commissioner Dan Ashta. | RICK KAMBIC/SUN-TIMES MEDIA

"He needs to put his pride aside. He is now hurting the park and village, and as an elected official he is the voice of the people," Coursey Winkler said. "At this time, I do not believe he is speaking for the people. If he is hurting the park he should resign."

"Nobody is asking him to say the pledge, we are only asking that he respect our country and the many people who fight everyday for our freedom, by standing when the pledge is being said. As a lawyer, I'm sure he respects the judge and stands when they enter the courtroom. We are asking that he has the same respect for our flag."

American Legion Post 134 happened to have its monthly meeting immediately after the park board meeting. Lampert said the post began talking about withdrawing support for the park district as soon as Coursey Winkler's protest was publicized in the media on July 25.

Because the post encompasses more than 800 members from several communities, Lampert said they waited several months to contact many of the less frequent attendees to make sure a majority of the post was in favor of the action.

"We had overwhelming approval, but we wanted to make sure everyone knew about something this drastic," Lampert said.

Before the post convened its meeting, a couple of Legionnaires spoke their mind.

"The guy (Ashta) is wrong," said Casey Bachara of Mt. Prospect. "Don't live under the blanket of our flag and its freedoms without at least standing during the pledge. Everybody has their rights, but there's common sense respect."

Paul Kmeicik, of Wood Dale, said politics and patriotism should not mix.

"The Pledge of Allegiance is not the platform for opposing a regime," Kmeicik said. "It's a matter of respect to your country as a whole. If you're going to oppose something, do it with your words and talk specifically about the policy or action you oppose."

Michael Noles, of Wheeling, hopes Ashta changes his mind soon.

"I would be absolutely satisfied if he at least stood like the rest of us," Noles said. "I know a lot of people who went to Southeast Asia and didn't come back. That's why it's so frustrating to some of us."

The park board's next regular meeting is scheduled for Nov. 21.



||| **MORTON GROVE**

# Finance chair pitches 'community square' for farmer's market

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The popularity of the Morton Grove's Farmer's Market has risen every year since it began in 2011, and the village finance committee wants to capitalize on that achievement.

Doug Steinman, who chairs the committee, acknowledged Mayor Dan DiMaria's initiative to make Morton Grove a destination by suggesting the village create a "community square" for the market and other potential events.

"I see the farmer's market as a big plus for Morton Grove, because it's an outlet for creativity and positive habits, but it also attracts people from neighboring communities," Steinman said during the Oct. 2 finance meeting. "Giving them more space and a more put-together area could become

an even bigger plus."

The more comfortable customers are, Steinman said, the more likely they will be to wander around to local restaurants or shops. The same could be said for other events like bands or craft shows, he continued.

The farmer's market currently meets in the shared parking lot outside the American Legion Civic Center, Morton Grove Historical Society Museum and Harrar Park Pool.

Steinman suggested building a community square on the former Maxwell's Restaurant property along Dempster Street between Lincoln and Narragansett avenues.

Village Trustee Shel Marcus, who also sits on the finance committee, said land developer Ted Mavrakis still owns that property and the village would rather help Mavrakis build commercial property that generates

sales tax revenue.

Marcus also questioned whether or not a sizable venue and enough parking could both go on the three to five acre plot of land.

Mavrakis presented a plan to Morton Grove officials in January 2012 in which he wanted to build upscale restaurants and ethnic food stores on that site so owners of the newly developed nearby condominiums had somewhere nearby to shop.

"That land has been empty for a while now," Steinman said. "I think a community square would be a good backup plan if the village hasn't met its bond limit yet."

Nobody at the meeting was familiar with how many bonds the village has issued or is allowed to issue.

The group plans to revisit the topic during next finance committee meeting, which is scheduled for Nov. 17.

||| **NILES**

# Former Wright-Way pet rescue employee accused of keeping donated supplies

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A former employee of a Niles animal shelter that was destroyed earlier this month been accused of stealing pet supplies meant for the business.

A representative of Wright-Way Rescue filed a police report Oct. 17, accusing a Chicago woman of accepting donated items for the shelter and keeping them for herself, Niles police said.

According to police,

one of the employee's job responsibilities was to pick up donations from local pet stores and deliver them to the shelter, which had been located at 7136 W. Touhy Ave. until a school bus crashed into the building on Oct. 2, causing significant damage.

The representative told police that not many donations had been coming in for the shelter, which is looking to relocate, and she then learned that a large donation of cat litter from a store in Palatine had never been received.

When the employee was questioned about the missing cat litter, she reportedly stated that she did not think the shelter needed it, police said.

The Wright-Way Rescue representative told police that she believes the former employee may have been taking pet supplies for possibly three years, but did not know how much may have been taken and did not want to press charges against her, according to Niles police. No cash donations were reported stolen.



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## ||| POLICE BLOTTER

The following incidents were listed in the official bulletins of the Niles and Morton Grove police departments. Readers are reminded that an arrest does not constitute a finding of guilt. Only a court of law can make that determination.

### NILES

#### RETAIL THEFT

Steve Sullivan, 30, of 10003 Linda Lane, unincorporated Maine Township, was charged with retail theft on Oct. 19 after he allegedly stole two pairs of sweat pants and a pair of underwear from a store at Golf Mill Shopping Center. He has a Nov. 13 court date.

Jozef Kotlowski, 57, of 8853 Robin Drive, unincorporated Maine Township, was charged with retail theft on Oct. 19 after he allegedly stole two handfuls of screws from a store on the 8600 block of Dempster Street. Police said Kotlowski, who had a prior retail theft conviction, paid for lumber, but not the screws which were reportedly in his pocket. He has a Nov. 13 court date.

Norma Balderas, 35, of 1745 E. Lincoln Ave., Des Plaines, was charged with retail theft after she allegedly used a stroller, diaper bag and purse to steal \$551.85 worth of merchandise from a store at Golf Mill Shopping Center. She has a Nov. 6 court date.

#### DUI

Alexander Richardson, 21, of 1113 N. Sussex, Libertyville, was charged with aggravated driving under the influence, driving without a valid license and no proof of insurance on the morning of Oct. 20. He was taken into custody on the 8600 block of Milwaukee Avenue after he was reportedly seen driving erratically. He has a Nov. 13 court date.

Serge Siniak, 37, of 60 Wellesley Court, Northbrook, was charged with driving under the influence and endangering the life of a child on Oct. 21. Police said Siniak shows signs of intoxication when he drove his young daughter to a Golf Mill parking lot as part of a custody exchange with his ex-wife. He has a Nov. 15 court date.

Michael Volk, 54, of 1789 Dexter Lane, Des Plaines, was charged with driving under

the influence on the morning of Oct. 23 after he was reportedly clocked speeding on westbound Oakton Street. He was taken into custody on the 8100 block of Oakton at 1:40 a.m. He has a Nov. 15 court date.

### MORTON GROVE

#### THEFT

Beribak Jovana, 27, was charged Oct. 19 with retail theft after allegedly leaving TJ Maxx, 7250 Dempster Street, without paying for a hair dryer, makeup bag and a nightstand. Jovana is scheduled in court Nov. 25.

#### TRESPASSING

Larrane M. Siebel, 38, of Skokie, was charged with criminal trespass after allegedly being found in Menards after previously being banned for prior theft cases. Siebel is scheduled in court Dec. 12.

#### WARRANT

Roshonda R. Wallace, 32, of Cicero, was apprehended Oct. 20 on a DuPage County warrant.

## ||| CRIME BRIEFS

### NILES

#### THEFT

A 20-year-old Skokie man told police his jacket was stolen on the night of Oct. 14 after he left behind briefly on a treadmill at the YMCA, 6300 W. Touhy Ave. The jacket contained car keys, a wallet with a debit card and about \$6 in cash.

#### PROPERTY DAMAGE

A liquid was poured over a car parked on the 8200 block of Newland Avenue between Oct. 11 and Oct. 14, causing the paint to bubble. A similar incident occurred between Oct. 12 and Oct. 13 on the 6900 block of Cleveland Street.

Police said a 27-year-old Skokie woman discovered scratch marks all over her car on the afternoon of Oct. 13 after she yelled at a man who was report-

edly looking into car windows in a parking lot on the 7200 block of Dempster Street.

### MORTON GROVE

#### BURGLARY

Multiple items were stolen from a car parked in the 5800 block of Lyons Street after the window was smashed sometime on or before Oct. 13.

#### CRIMINAL DAMAGE

The tires on two cars parked in the 8100 block of Long Avenue, one car parked in the 5400 block of Keeney Street and one car in the 5400 block of Reba Street were slashed sometime on or just before Oct. 12. Police are still investigating.

#### THEFT

A bicycle was taken from the front lawn of a house in the 9300 block of Harlem Avenue sometime on or before Oct. 13.

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# EDUCATION

|| MAINE EAST

## Students rake in cash to plant trees

BY JENNIFER JOHNSON

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**T**hey're a bit scrawny now, but the handful of vivid red leaves still hanging on tiny branches give a hint that the three newly-planted autumn blaze maples will eventually live up to their name.

With recited poetry and a ribbon cutting, a group of about 30 Maine East High School students braved an unseasonably cold afternoon Oct. 24 to celebrate the planting of the new trees on the Park Ridge campus, just outside the auditorium along Dempster Street.

The students are members of Maine East's six AP Language classes and among a group of about 120 who participated in a fundraising effort to buy the trees.

The project, which raised more than \$500 through a coffeehouse-style open mic night at the school, was the brainchild of teacher Greg Lundberg as a tie-in to the book "Small is Beautiful: Economics As If People Mattered," a collection of essays by E.F. Schumacher in which the importance of nature is a common theme.

"I'm hoping they take away this idea that English isn't just about reading and being cerebral in the classroom," Lundberg said. "We can actually extend it outside the classroom and do something meaningful based on something we read — inspiration from an author.



One of three maple trees recently planted along the Dempster Street side of Maine East High School in Park Ridge. The trees were purchased with money from a student fundraiser. | JENNIFER JOHNSON/SUN-TIMES MEDIA

And we got inspiration from this guy, E.F. Schumacher."

For classmate Michael Sherman, the book taught him about being "more mindful of nature."

"That was a very big theme of his — that people had kind of divorced themselves from the environment," he said. "And he proved that was a bad thing and we need to now try to give back by planting trees and being more mindful and conservative."

For student Shelby Miller, the book taught a lesson that "the



Maine East High School students Ryan Riechter and Casey Han hold up a banner during the school's "Autumn-Days, Autumn Blaze," tree-planting ceremony Oct. 24. | JENNIFER JOHNSON/SUN-TIMES MEDIA

small things," like planting a single tree, for instance, can actually have a large overall impact.

"I don't know if it will have an immediate effect, but as we get older, as we leave Maine East, we'll come back and we'll look at these trees and say, 'Hey, I was able to leave something here,'" Miller said.

"And these trees are beautiful," added classmate Anetta Siemianowicz, though she noted that, for now, their lack of leaves doesn't exactly convey that beauty.

In addition to being something Maine East alumni can look back on as a gift to the campus and a reminder of their time there, the new maples help to replace the dozen or so mature trees that were removed over the last five years due to disease or storm damage. This includes three large oaks, estimated at about 80 years old, and four or five American elms about the same age, said David Sanders, director of buildings

and grounds at Maine East.

There are over 60 trees on the school grounds, representing many different species, Sanders added.

Money for the autumn blaze maples was raised when AP Language students organized a student open mic night where attendees paid \$2 for admission. The student volunteers worked behind the scenes to set up the event, advertised it and encouraged participation, and, in some cases volunteered to perform. Students also sold baked goods to raise extra funds and collected free-will donations from teachers and others.

Madeleine Welt, a junior from Park Ridge, sold four original watercolor and pencil paintings outside the open mic night, all of them of trees.

Classmate Colleen Murphy, of Niles, said the experience of raising enough money to buy the autumn

blaze maples was "empowering."

"It was really cool seeing the trees out there," she added. "Cutting the ribbon made everything super-official."

The Oct. 24 tree ceremony also included the reading of David Rosenthal's poem "Trees Need Not Walk the Earth," by Esther Okedina of Des Plaines, and a group reading of "Song of the Trees" by Mary Colborne-Veel. Students who recited "Song of the Trees" were Alifya Valiji, Devang Patel, Kristy Andrews, David Opalka, Anetta Siemianowicz and Krystof Maniewski.

Lundberg hopes the students, by coming together for the project, gain "a sense of community and what can happen when some people embrace an idea and run with it."

"It looks so simple because there's just three trees in the ground, but it took a lot of work by a lot of people," he noted.

||| NILES

# Niles trustee defends right to serve on library board, too

BY NATASHA WASINSKI  
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Danette O'Donovan Matyas has a few choice words for a former Niles official who questioned her right to sit on both the library and village boards.

"Had the commentator did their research, as I did, it would be apparent that no conflict exists and such an erroneous allegation is irresponsible," she said. "Accusations will increase conflict and controversy when none exist. I take my position and oath very seriously."

Matyas delivered the prepared statement at the end of the Village Board meeting Oct. 22, in response to Louella Preston's assertion in September that serving with two governing bodies posed a conflict of interest.

During the public comments portion of last month's meeting, Preston — who lost a re-election bid for Niles trustee this past spring —

remarked that Matyas was listed as a director on the library's web page despite having been quoted that she would resign.

Preston suggested Matyas' dual service in an elected capacity violated the law.

"Is this an investigation for the village attorney or the new inspector general?" she pressed.

Matyas was elected to a six-year term on the Niles Library Board in 2011. The past spring she — along with newcomers John Jekot and George Alpogianis — campaigned with the Niles New Party. All three won seats on the Village Board.

Jekot, formerly the vice president of the East Maine District 63 Board of Education, relinquished his school board duties upon taking office. In his letter of resignation he said sitting on both boards would be considered serving with "incompatible offices."

Matyas, however, said she received prior confirmation from

the State's Attorney General's Office regarding concurrent board service.

She said the letter, dated Feb. 19, advised that potential conflicts arise when one governmental unit contracts with another. "Then the two offices would be incompatible," Matyas said.

Since the library and village are separate taxing bodies that do not contract with one another, "my sitting on two boards is not improper," Matyas declared.

As for a news article stating she would step down if elected village trustee, Matyas said she had clarified her comments with the reporter.

Her actual intent, she noted, was to remain on the library board while it undergoes its \$5.5 million renovation. The project is scheduled to wrap up by mid-January.

"I was a part of (the renovation) from the beginning and wanted to see it through to completion," Matyas said.



Joanne O'Donovan kisses her daughter, Danette O'Donovan Matyas, after Danette won a trustee position on the Niles Village Board in April 2013. | SUN-TIMES MEDIA FILES



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## BRIEFS

## NILES

**Village considering video gambling**

Feeling optimistic about Niles' prospects for economic growth, Mayor Andrew Przybylo wants the village to explore ways to capture new dollars, including revenue from video gambling.

Przybylo on Oct. 22 announced the creation of a new task force to collect testimony on the possible negative and positive ramifications of licensed video gaming at area establishments.

Several Chicago suburbs, including Morton Grove, have already issued video gaming licenses since Illinois legalized gambling machines in bars and restaurants a year ago this past September.

Yet other municipalities, including Park Ridge and Glenview, opted out of the Video Gaming Act.

Niles currently has an ordinance on the books prohibiting gambling, as well as the manufac-

ture, purchase and operation of any gambling device.

Przybylo noted up front he was not for or against video gambling.

"Regardless of how you feel about gaming, it's a vice," he said. "But there are benefits and costs to a village."

Former Plan Commission chairman James Callero will lead the video gaming task force. Rene Dadvivas and Elizabeth "Cooky" Kraus, along with Village Manager Steven Vinezeano, Police Chief Dean Strzelecki, and Finance Director Scot Neukirch, comprise its membership.

Przybylo stated all proceedings related to video gaming would be broadcast, recorded and transcribed.

**MORTON GROVE LIBRARY****Library to use \$150,000 in left-over cash for building upgrades**

Up to \$150,000 in unused operating money could be left over when the Morton Grove Library

finishes its 2013 budget year on Dec. 31.

In reviewing the proposed 2014 budget last week, Library Director Pam Leffler told trustees that two job eliminations and other short-term vacancies created the savings and explained her intent to use the money for building upgrades in 2014.

Leffler does expect future savings to come from the eliminate jobs, but not totaling \$150,000 after 2013. The ongoing payroll reduction contributed most, but she said money was also saved during weeks and months between resignations and new hirings at other staff positions.

"We did not lay anyone off," Leffler said. "When these people left for their own reasons, we were able to reevaluate how those departments operate and shift some duties around."

One of the two jobs eliminated in 2013 was a technical services position, which Leffler said that person left for "her dream job." The other was a public relations

and marketing position, which Leffler said that person also left for another job. Another technical services employee retired in late 2012, and Leffler said that reduction also contributed to the 2013 budget rollover.

When Leffler suggested transferring the money into the library's special reserve fund, Trustee Arthur Goldstein said he'd rather invest money into opening a satellite library on the west side of town. Though no one disagreed, Leffler said she'd rather fix up the present building first.

Approximately \$50,000 could go toward roof work, Leffler said, and similar money would also go toward asbestos abatement so the library could more freely explore small remodeling needs. Leffler specifically said any potential upgrades to the Baxter Auditorium are not a priority at this time.

Trustee Cathy Peters suggested lowering the tax rate, but Leffler disagreed with that, say-

ing the uncertain economy could get worse again and the library would look bad raising taxes if that did happen. She suggested waiting for a stronger pattern before considering tax changes.

The library's expected \$2.9 million budget is exactly the same dollar amount levied as last year and the year before.

"I think it's impressive that we've held a flat tax for three straight years," Library Board President Mark Albers said. "I agree, let's keep on that path for a while."

The budget was passed 7-0, though Peters was reluctant to vote yes, because she didn't like the budget process. Peters believes the finance committee should have been involved in drafting the budget, and extra meetings should have been scheduled for public input and more detailed review.

"It is a fine budget," Peters said. "Everything truly looks great. I just don't like how the soup was made."

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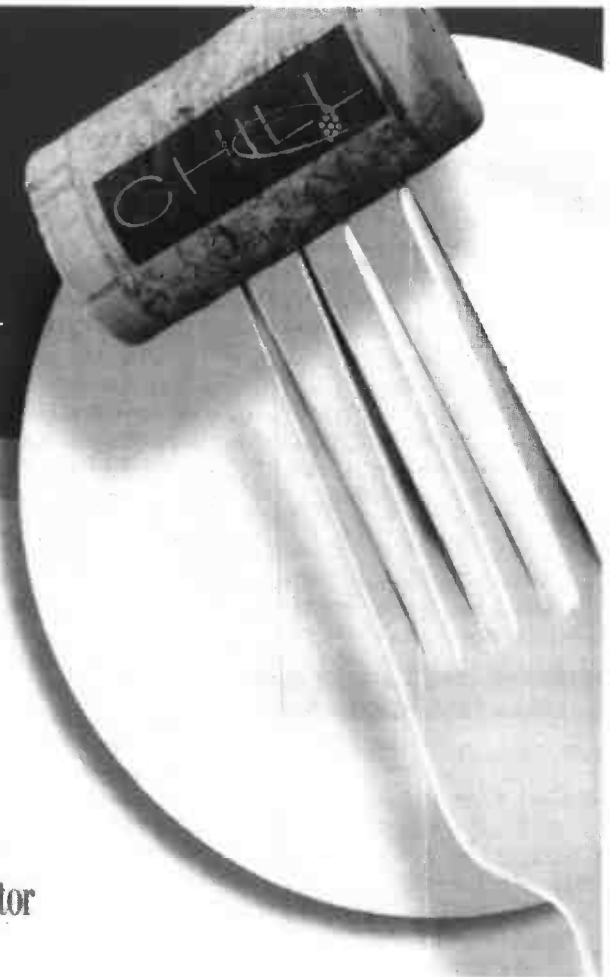
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# Scary Stories

Kids in the area did their best to scare the pants off judge Alec Nevala-Lee, but he was able to select the top three stories out of hundreds of entries in Pioneer Press' annual Scary Stories contest for third-, fourth- and fifth-graders.



Alec Nevala-Lee

Nevala-Lee had this to say about the scary stories:

*"The scariest image in the world, as Stephen King once said, is a closed door. It's late at night,*

*you're home alone, and you realize that there's something lurking in the closet or attic. You inch closer, put a hand on the knob, and fling it open at last — if it isn't opened first by whatever waits on the other side. And as many of the writers here already understand, what you finally see can't compare to the horrors you imagine. What makes a story scary isn't bloodshed or gore, but the dread we feel before the monster appears: the creaking floorboard, the shadow that momentarily blocks out the light, or the strange, soft sound that just came from behind you, even as you finish reading these words."*

Nevala-Lee is the author of the novels "The Icon Thief," "City of Exiles" and "Eternal Empire," all published by Penguin Books. His work has appeared in such publications as Analog Science Fiction and Fact, the Los Angeles Times, Salon, The Daily Beast and The Year's Best Science Fiction.

## THIRD GRADE

### FIRST PLACE

#### The Neighbor

One day, there was a kid named William. He was new in town and was greeting everyone around the block. William went to the last house on the block. It looked



Finn Mattes, third-grader at Willard Elementary School in River Forest

old and enormous. It was what looked like a haunted house. He rang the doorbell and an old lady opened the door. She was tall but not exactly the most pretty person in the world. She had a giant mole on her left cheek and talked in a shaky voice.

"Who might you be little boy?" the woman asked.

"William Hiver. I live right next to the docks," William replied.

"Well, come on in," the old lady told William.

Even though William didn't want to, he went in. The woman went into the kitchen and came out with a tray of cookies with weird toppings that he had never seen before.

"Do you want a cookie?" she asked.

"No, thank you," replied William.

"Just one?" she said.

"No," William shouted.

William had spotted a broom in the corner of the room and all the other things he saw looked like they could kill him. The toppings could be poisons, the lady looked like a witch, and the house was so old it looked like it could fall on him. With all the things he was thinking, William got scared and ran back to his house.

That night, William couldn't sleep. When he felt just a little bit drowsy something awoke him. Then he saw a shadow coming toward his room. It was the lady!

The lady said, "I see you're having trouble sleeping tonight."

"Yes," William replied.

"Then I shall put you to sleep," the lady said.

The lady took a knife and

stabbed William in the chest. And William slept forever.

— Finn Mattes, Willard Elementary, River Forest

## SECOND PLACE

### Casey and Her Hat

Once there was a girl named Casey. She always had a hat on for some reason. All the neighbors were wondering why she had a hat on. Then she married a guy named Richard.

Richard said to Casey, "Can you take your hat off for our wedding?" "No!"

Then, months passed and they were going to have a child. So Richard said, "Will you take your hat off when we have the child?"

Again Casey said, "No!"

Then, one year passed and Richard was determined to know why Casey would not take her hat off. One night Richard woke up. He tip-toed to the other side of the bed and took Casey's hat off. Snakes flew in the air and started going all over the place. Richard was surprised and fainted. Casey woke up and tried everything to wake him, but unfortunately he died. Casey was mad that Richard took off her hat. But she was also sad that Richard died. After that she swore to always be ready for anybody to take off her hat. She will never take off her hat no matter what.

— Neve Sullivan, Field School, Park Ridge

## THIRD PLACE

### The Spooky Haunted House

A few years ago, my cousins,

sister and I went to a haunted house in my neighborhood. We paid the entrance fee and as we went through the door, it slammed right behind us. We thought it was part of the haunted house act and didn't think anything of it. We were so excited to see mummies, ghosts, spiders, and bats. Everything seemed so real, but we thought they were props.

All of a sudden, we heard a man's voice through a loudspeaker that said, "What you see is the real deal, these monsters are real!"

We thought it was a joke, but then... we heard the cages open and monsters running towards us. We got so scared we started running for our lives! We were trying to run as fast as we could but we kept tripping and falling on top of each other. We thought we were getting closer to the exit but we were lost.

We were screaming so much that we were all out of breath. Our parents texted us asking where we were, but we couldn't stop running to text them back. I'm sure they were very worried about us.

Since we didn't text or call them back, they called the police. Police officers and firefighters came to our rescue, and we felt so happy and relieved. The firefighters helped us out through a window and we were happy to see the haunted house get smashed.

The person who made that haunted house didn't live happily ever. He went straight to jail. He had to stay in there all his life so he didn't build anymore crazy haunted houses. Five years have passed and the man who built that haunted house had grown his beard down to his toes. Nobody in our family ever went in a haunted house again and therefore we lived happily ever after.

— Jocelyn Chavez, Elmwood Elementary School, Elmwood Park

## FOURTH GRADE

### FIRST PLACE

#### The Black Knight

As the clock struck midnight, the Black Knight rose from the Great Ghoully Graveyard in the middle of Nightville.

The graveyard was next to the great Pumpkin Patch of Night. The Black Knight dripped a dark potion over the pumpkins. The pumpkins wriggled up from the



ground while screeching. Awful, mangled faces formed and vines grew and shaped into bodies. The creatures crept through Nightville and made no sound. They burned houses down to ashes and made the statues come crumbling down.

The townspeople kneeled before the Black Knight and begged for mercy, but the Black Knight showed them none. He ordered his pumpkin creatures to throw the people down into the Pit of Eternal Darkness. The people cried out in despair as they walked toward the pit. They were swallowed up by the Pit of Eternal Darkness and their city was no more.

Only one boy escaped, he was the only one to survive. That boy seeks justice. That boy is me.

— Kellan Billadeau, Horace Mann Elementary, Oak Park

## SECOND PLACE

### Little Grace

One June 15, 2010 the ambulance arrived at Gaslight Pool to take little Grace away.

Moments earlier, little Grace was about to go off the diving board when she slipped, fell off and drowned. Beth the lifeguard jumped in the pool and tried to save Grace. She was not successful. The loss of Grace haunted Beth for the rest of her days.

Three years after the accident, Beth was alone at the pool one evening sweeping up the pool deck and straightening chairs. While sweeping she saw tiny wet footprints leading to the diving board. Beth was curious so she followed them all the way to the foot of the diving board ladder.

Beth climbed the ladder and saw what looked to be a little Grace. Beth could hardly recognize her. Grace was weeping with her head in her hands on the edge of the diving board. Grace heard Beth's footsteps and she looked up. When she saw Beth's face Grace began to



scratching noise on her car door. She looked over her shoulder and heard little Grace whisper, "Save me." Beth didn't listen and drove away as fast as she could.

Beth quit her job as a lifeguard and never got in the pool again.

— Ava Louise Moder, Hatch School, Oak Park

**THIRD PLACE**

**The Delicious Child**

Once there was a boy named Alex. He couldn't sleep one night so he tried to sleep on the floor. As soon as his eyes closed something pulled him under the bed.

He was terrified! When he got under the bed, he grabbed his flashlight like he knew what was happening. "A monster!" he screamed.

A creepy, slimy, hairy monster crawled out and with a giant gulp swallowed Alex without chewing. It was all slimy and gooey inside the monster. "Yuck", Alex said.

It was pretty hard for the monster to swallow him. When Alex got in his intestines it took only five minutes for the batteries in his flashlight to run out. The weird

looking monster had the most humungous intestines Alex had ever seen! No one has ever thought that they could get that big! Alex walked around to see if someone was there. He looked everywhere but found no one. Then Alex slid somewhere so terrifying and frightening he almost passed out.

Alex thought, "Is this the end of me?" (Well, sort of). He fell into a bunch of water. He was in a toilet.

— Luciana Afryl, Mills Elementary, Elmwood Park

**FIFTH GRADE**

**FIRST PLACE**

**Ghost Ship**

A long time ago, there was an eastern coastal town on the shores of the United States. It was a very old town, dating back from the first settlers. They had many tales about their forefathers and the Indians. The town was always shrouded in mist. It was a chilly place, very damp and quiet. The houses always shone bright with lanterns in the windows. The children were seen but not heard, and the people were very serious.

There had always been a mysterious feel about the village. Every night at midnight there was a dim light that burned out at sea. This made the people unsettled. Eventually the mayor of the village called together the concerned citizens. They were to discuss the light and what it might be. People were very apprehensive, though they came in droves. Much animated discussion ensued: some people had seen a faint outline of an old ship with the dim light, while others had heard a man's voice calling to shore. Some had seen faint wisps of mist which looked like ropes coiling onto the shore. Others had heard and ancient mariner's song being sung in the distance. During storms, the dim light would shine very bright. Children were terrified!

During the villager's meeting, the town hall door burst open with a strong gust of wind. Old man McGuire walked slowly in, bent over with his cane keeping time with his steps.

Old man McGuire listened to the discussion and his eyes were

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Catherine Good, third-grader at Ascension Catholic School in Oak Park

smile.

Grace's face was pale and sunken with stringy brown hair. Before she drowned Grace had brown wavy hair, blue eyes and freckles. She looked nothing like Beth remembered her.

"Remember me," Grace said to Beth grinning. "I remember you,"

Grace exclaimed.

Beth was terrified! Beth climbed off the diving board in a hurry and started to run with little Grace following slowly behind her. Beth ran out of the pool entrance as fast as she possibly could and climbed in her car.

All of a sudden, Beth heard a

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shining. He was very intent on what the people were saying. Sometimes he had a far away look on his face, and sometimes he chuckled to himself, nodding his head. After an hour of discussions, the old man stood up. In a very gravely voice he said, "85 years ago this year, there was a terrible storm. My father was the captain of a schooner. He had a crew of 50 men. The boat capsized in the storm and left my mother and me on our own. It is my father's ghost ship which comes back to shore."

— Athanasios Pantazopoulos, Hatch School, Oak Park

### SECOND PLACE

#### I Know It's You

As Salem walked home from Taylor Park after playing with his awesome buddy, Nate, he felt odd, but he didn't know why. He yelled to his mom, "I'm home!"

She replied, "Auuuugh! Nooooooo! Stop it! Not the face!"

Salem said to himself, "That's weird." Then he heard a whooshing sound from upstairs. He kept walking, but more slowly. He said to himself, "Don't try to scare me, Layla! I know mom's in on it, too!"

Then, as he reached the top step of the stairs, he heard a creaky door opening in his attic. Salem yelled, "Stop it! I'm warning you! I'll whack you with a baseball bat!" By then, Salem was creeping along like a sloth, not wanting to make any noise.

Halfway across the top floor, he heard in the attic, "We need you, Salem. You are the first of many."

After hearing this, Salem yelled, "Stop it! Layla, just stop it!"

Then, he heard a shriek from the attic. He yelled, "Layla!"

He sprinted up the steps. As he reached his attic, he heard the door at the bottom of the steps close. Then he saw a bunny. It somehow remarked, "Layla is at a sleepover."

Salem replied, "Oh yeah. Wait... how did you speak?!"

"Let me explain," the bunny replied. "Your parents were working on reviving the dead. They experimented on me. It worked, and made me super smart, but it made me capable of making zombies on touch. I could touch you with my paw, and you would be completely under my control, but nobody would know, until you touched them, and they were a zombie."

"So you plan on making everyone a zombie?" Salem asked nervously.

The last words Salem heard as a human were, "No. You will!"

— Nate Lee, Hatch School, Oak Park



### THIRD PLACE

#### The Haunted Mansion of Dolobane Road

An old house on Dolobane Road looks like any other, except for one small window. It's barely noticeable from the street, but look close, and you'll see a spider with a snake curling around it. Nobody knew this, except for Emmy Flamethief, who lived next door.

When Emmy moved into the neighborhood, she told her parents the house was owned by witches. They laughed and said she had too much imagination. Emmy told kids, teachers, and even her cat! No one believed her. On the night before Halloween, Emmy's cat Chloe ran toward the creepy front door of the house. Emmy grabbed her. "I know I'm going to regret this," muttered Emmy as she and Chloe walked into the house.

They turned to ascend the dark staircase. At the top, a black and white cat blocked their path. Emmy waved a stick, and the cat chased it. The cat said, "My name is Homer. Say it five times and that stick will become a magic wand."

Emmy did, and the stick began to wave and spark. They peered around the corner. Two people dressed in all black were huddled around a large black cauldron.

"Poison?" said one.

"Yes, Bloodslash?"

"I have the feeling we're being watched."

"Personia Revealia," said Poison. The wall they were hiding behind turned to dust.

"Ah ha!" said Bloodslash. "I was right.

There are some little spies."

The two witches didn't notice Homer sneaking up behind them with a snake fang in his mouth. He dropped it into the potion, which started to bubble and churn.

"What did you do?" asked Emmy and Chloe in unison.

"Snake fangs can be used only in bad luck potions."

"So it'll give them bad luck?" asked Emmy.

"Exactly!" said Homer. "Now, all we need to do is sneak out of here."

Two weeks later, Emmy was sitting in a tree watching her two best friends play. Her mom had let her keep both cats. Everything seemed purrfect. For now.

— Cassie Metzger, Abraham Lincoln Elementary, Oak Park

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# OPINION

## LETTERS

### District 64 'clueless' on collecting student fees

I read the article "Unpaid student fees piling up at District 64" (in the Oct. 24 edition of the Park Ridge Herald-Advocate) with mounting disbelief.

On a cumulative basis, District 64 recorded over \$100,000 in unpaid student fees during the last two years, representing, respectively, 3.7 percent and 4.6 percent of all student accounts, and that the unpaid rate has risen to 20 percent currently, with the average unpaid account amounting to \$260.

District 64 staff appear clueless. Business Manager Rebecca Allard actually questions whether these debts should be written off "as the cost of doing business" or referred for collection. Board staff take no further action after final delinquent notices are sent out each April, and they do not report delinquencies to the credit bureaus.

District 64 Board President Anthony Borelli seems equally feckless, making a vague suggestion about "suggested (and unspecified) improvements ... to the payment process to lessen the burden on families." Board member Vicki Lee is "...very sad about this. We all work hard, ... pay our property taxes, pay our fees."

Really? I paid \$9,600 in property taxes over the last year, with over \$4,000 going to District 64. I would have faced serious consequences had I not. Superintendent Philip Bender says that "[w]e definitely want to keep a level of sensitivity," apparently referring to the delinquent nonpayers.

I'd rather see more sensitivity toward taxpayers. With the unpaid account rate currently at 20 percent, this indicates that the lack of consequences for nonpayment is further encouraging parental irresponsibility.

Let's all keep this in mind when the next Board election occurs.

WT. Rowan  
Park Ridge

# End the day with scary movies, books



BY RANDY  
BLASER

Let's get scared. It's colder, grayer and darker. Once all the candy has been passed out, you are home from your costume party, and the trick-or-treaters have all gone, let's get scared.

I like scary movies, and I tend to watch my favorites over and over again. For years, I've been on a "Sleepy Hollow" kick, probably because Johnny Depp is just so weird in that film.

My mom loved old horror classics, like the original "Dracula," "Frankenstein," and "Phantom of the Opera." I'm grateful she let me watch them as a kid because it not only gave me an appreciation for the horror film genre (and I'm not talking slasher movies), but also made "Young Frankenstein" a heckuva lot funnier.

There are some movies that scared me so much I've only seen them once.

I saw "Night of the Living Dead," an all-time great horror film, at the old drive-in at Harlem and Irving, and that scared the bejeezus out of me. I would not leave the car for a Coke, a popcorn or bathroom break. I've never seen the movie again.

I've only seen "The Exorcist" one

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time. I wasn't just scared throughout the movie, but had really bad vibes for about a week. When you're raised Catholic, possession by the devil is a very real thing.

The best horror movie of all time, according to the website Rotten Tomatoes, is something called "Repulsion" by Roman Polanski. I've never heard of it, let alone seen it. If you haven't either, perhaps this is the year to check it out.

If you want more than a quick thrill, a scary short story or book is just for you.

"Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde" is one of my favorites. And you will remember that "Dracula" and "Frankenstein" were classic horror novels before they became classic horror films.

Some critics argue "The Shining" is a better book than movie. Stephen

King is the master of the modern horror story.

I always liked the writer Shirley Jackson's great short story, "The Lottery." If you enjoy that short story and want something more, her novel "The Haunting of Hill House" is definitely in the top 10 of classic scary literature.

Among the titans of the horror genre are Edgar Allan Poe

and H.P. Lovecraft. The best of the best of these two giants arguably are Lovecraft's "The Call of Cthulhu," and Poe's "The Pit and the Pendulum." But you could just look them up and take your pick, and you won't go wrong.

A story I've been dying to read (sorry) is something called "The Wendigo" by Algernon Blackwood. I first heard of "The Wendigo" some 30 years ago one dark night before Halloween while talking about classic creepy stories with my creative writing professor.

We ran down the usual suspects and then he asked me if I had ever read "The Wendigo." Of course, I hadn't.

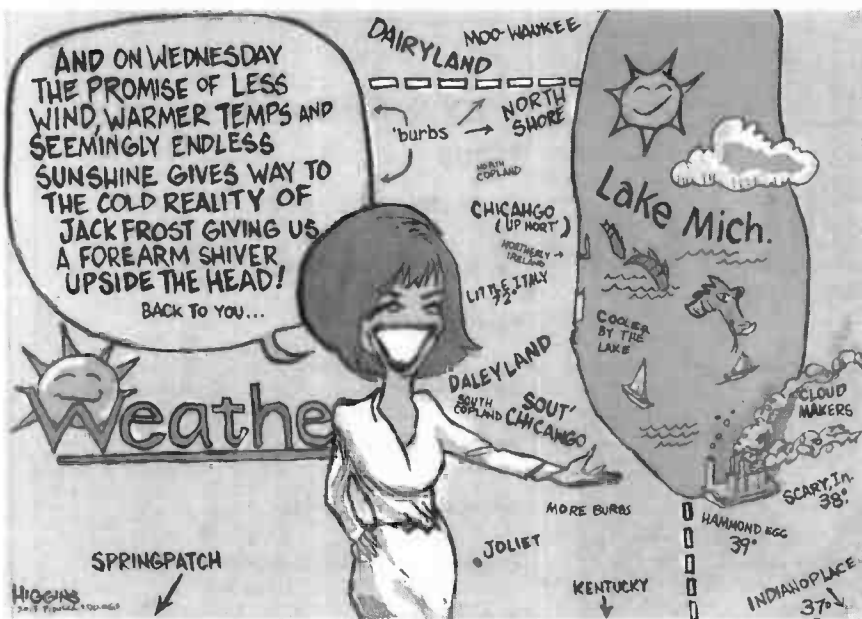
"You should read it," was all he said.

Like I said, let's get scared.

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1,000 WORDS BY JACK HIGGINS



# Let veterans speak for themselves

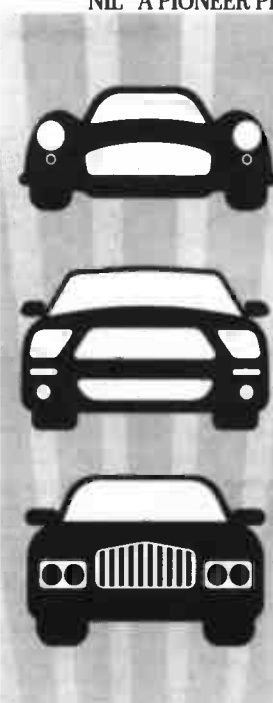
I thought I would write a column in honor of Veterans Day. But I hesitated. Only veterans truly know what they gave and what it cost them. So, what could I possibly write? Then I came across a letter dated Nov. 25, 1944, from a sergeant fighting in the South Pacific to his family. The letter reads in part: "No, I haven't received any Xmas packages as yet but I sure hope I do. Anything at all will come in handy. It seems as if I am always hungry. Whenever I get in a place like this it seems I always crave candy, so I hope there's some in my packages. "We see so many dog-fights and air raids. These raids make a fellow jumpy. When I get home every little noise I hear I'll probably jump.



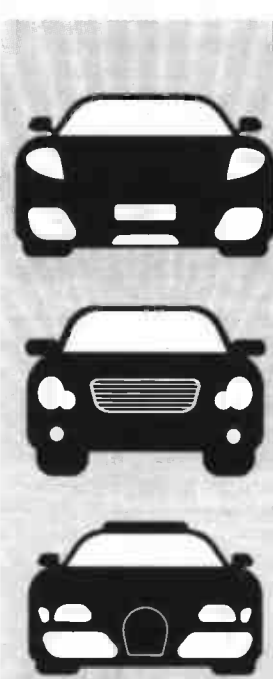
BY PAUL SASSONE

"I was just wondering whether I'll ever see home. I've had a few close calls, don't worry everything is okay. ... "You'd be surprised. A man's life don't mean a thing. When you're dead you're soon forgotten. All they say is 'he was a swell guy.' After the war who's going to know whether you were overseas or not. ... If a man tells you he's not scared he's a damn liar. "As far as living like human beings is concerned, we don't, a pig is probably better off. ... Sometimes I think a guy is better off dead. Oh well, just to get home in one piece and I'll be satisfied. "Well, I guess I'll sign off for now. Sure hope I can

write a more cheerful letter next time. Guess it's about time to wish you all a Merry Christmas. So long — stay happy." In case you're wondering, the sergeant got home in one piece, though with a bullet hole in one knee. He lived a good and rich life and died many years later much loved. As I said earlier, I was thinking about writing a column for Veterans Day. But what do I know? Only veterans really know what they gave and what it cost. The letter is much better than anything I could write. This sergeant came to my rescue. Just as he and millions of other men and women have come to our rescue over and over again throughout our country's history. Damn right they deserve a day on which to be honored.



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**Lot size:** 6,250 square feet

**Year built:** 1967

**Bedrooms:** 3

**Bathrooms:** 1.5

**Garage:** Two-car detached

**Property tax:** \$2,455.30 (2012)

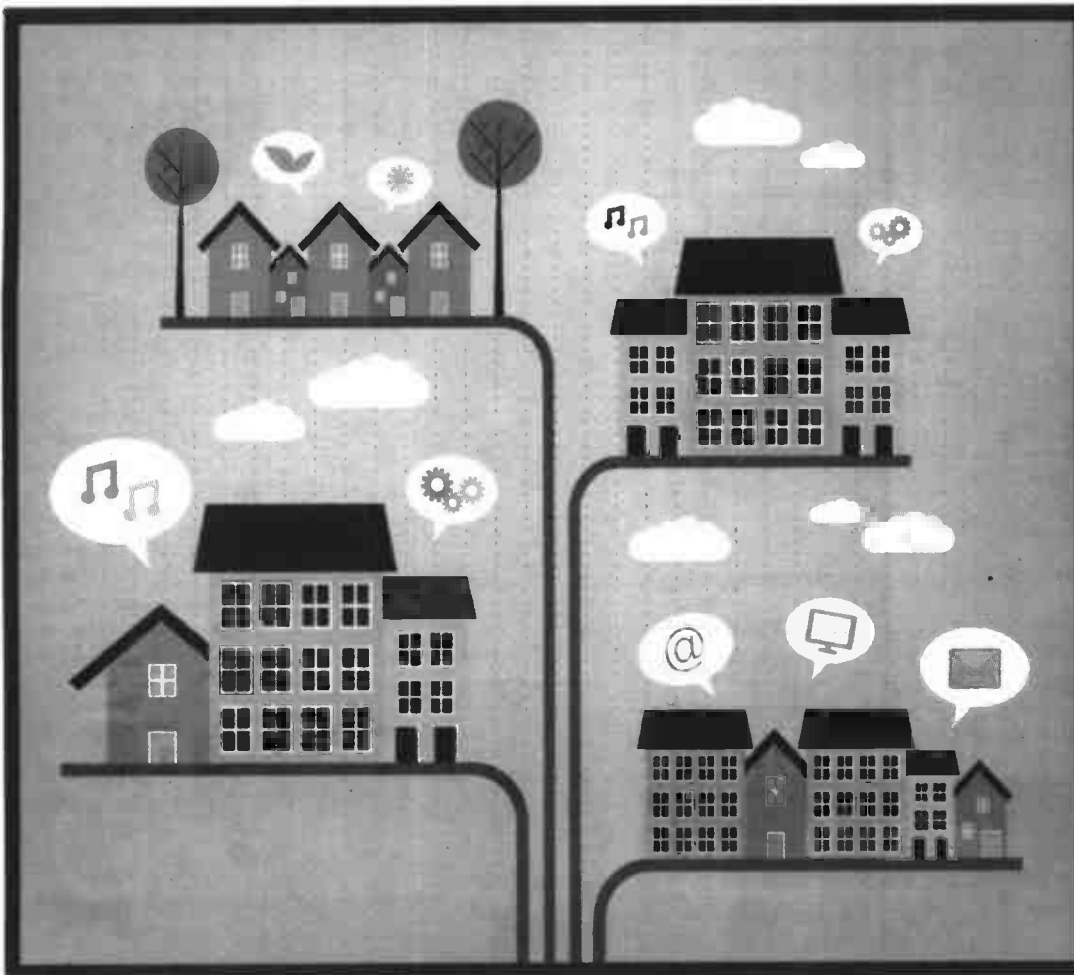
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### Niles

7011 W Touhy Ave, #307a: Nicole Tomasso to Joanna Ziajor for \$105,000 on Sept. 12

6925 W Seward St: Janina Zurek to Ellen V Ryan for \$290,500 on Sept. 9

6966 W Seward St: Waclaw E Krajewski and Celina Krajewski to Timothy James McCloskey Jr and Colleen Helen Kearns for \$262,500 on Sept. 12

7653 N Oriole Ave: Lee D Palmquist and Mary Lou Palmquist to Liliana Ciuca for \$350,000 on Sept. 9

8213 N Oleander Ave: Right Residential LLC-Series 6 to Alain A Potrel and Carmen Y Serpa for \$285,000 on Sept. 12

7140 W Niles Ave: Dmitry Valbe to Genady Aizikovich for \$125,000 on Sept. 10

7017 Carol Ave: Tatyana Svidel to Ileana Albu for \$180,000 on Sept. 12

### Morton Grove

8600 Waukegan Road, #504e: John Aliferis and Patricia Aliferis to Kia R Wheeler and Jamar Wheeler for \$102,000 on Sept. 12

8340 Callie Ave, #602: Carol Clanton to Billy Pallivos and Kathleen M Palivos for \$248,000 on Sept. 12

8610 Georgiana Ave: Ronald J Szachowicz and Dianne J West to Irene Spiropoulos for \$197,000 on Sept. 11

5937 Capulina Ave: Kathryn A Juskiewicz Trust, Suzannem Ulph Trust, Teresa Kuhn Trust and Kuhn Teresa Trust to Jennifer I Rubio for \$179,000 on Sept. 9

8043 Gross Point Road: Rdg Fund-I LLC to Gregory M Tower and Meaghan Courtney Biggs for \$330,000 on Sept. 9

7733 Maple St: Audrey Rothenberg to Houry Mekhitarian, Araxi Mekhitarian and Hrant Mekhitarian for \$327,000 on Sept. 10

7128 Emerson St: Deserae Hendrickson Trust and Janis Helene Bushong Trust to Tiran Inc for \$146,000 on Sept. 12

9267 Nagle Ave: Antibas H Gumushian and Suzanne Gumushian to Boen Jiang for \$590,000 on Sept. 12

9027 Mango Ave: Vladimir R Resnick and Yelena Resnick to Gregory J Paul and Anne M Paul for \$427,500 on Sept. 9

### Park Ridge

7 N Washington Ave: Bonny Kohler Baker to Midori Takeyasu-Par and Sandy Michiko Takeyasu for \$479,000 on Sept. 12

826 S Chester Ave: Robert Milkowski and Beata Milkowski to Witold Moskal and Anna Moskal for \$1,065,000 on Sept. 11

620 S Delphia Ave: Peter P Kubala and Sandra L Kubala to John P Bodenshok and Michelle M Bodenshok for \$386,000 on Sept. 12

1709 Vine Ave: 1709 S Vine LLC to Cheryl Ann Dominelli, Michael Dominelli and Cheryl Dominelli for \$801,000 on Sept. 9

1540 W Talcott Road: Julia A Rice to

Mary K Franzak and Kevin Halm for \$320,000 on Sept. 12

1701 S Clifton Ave: Benedetto D Modica and Cristina A Modica to Lawrence Bunyon Sr, Lawrence Bunyon Jr and Susan Bunyon for \$310,000 on Sept. 11

1117 S Aldine Ave: James R Murphy and Lynda McKelvey to Michael Auriemma and Heidi Auriemma for \$339,000 on Sept. 12

2600 Windsor Mall, #11: Patricia A Gallagher and George M Collins Trust to James W Reynolds for \$165,000 on Sept. 13

### Glenview

2811 Pauline Ave: Anton Fuderer to Phenu Zachariah for \$181,250 on Sept. 12

438 Briarhill Road: Dan V Nham and Hoa D Nham to Elizabeth J Warner Trust, Elizabeth J Warner Trust and J Warner Elizabeth Trust for \$629,000 on Sept. 10

2629 Fontana Drive: Michael F Siy and Haifan Yang to Serc LLC for \$315,000 on Sept. 10

701 Carriage Hill Drive: Collen M Bagge Trust, Mary Ann Moore Trust and Ann Moore Mary Trust to Thomas Russell and Helen Russell for \$12,000 on Sept. 11

### Skokie

8442 Linder Court: Nicholas G Sanabria to Florencia Decastro and Romel Saro for \$175,000 on Sept. 11

6906 Laramie Ave: Nissin Behar and Olema Behar to Laura Ngo and Giau Nguyen for \$340,000 on Sept. 9

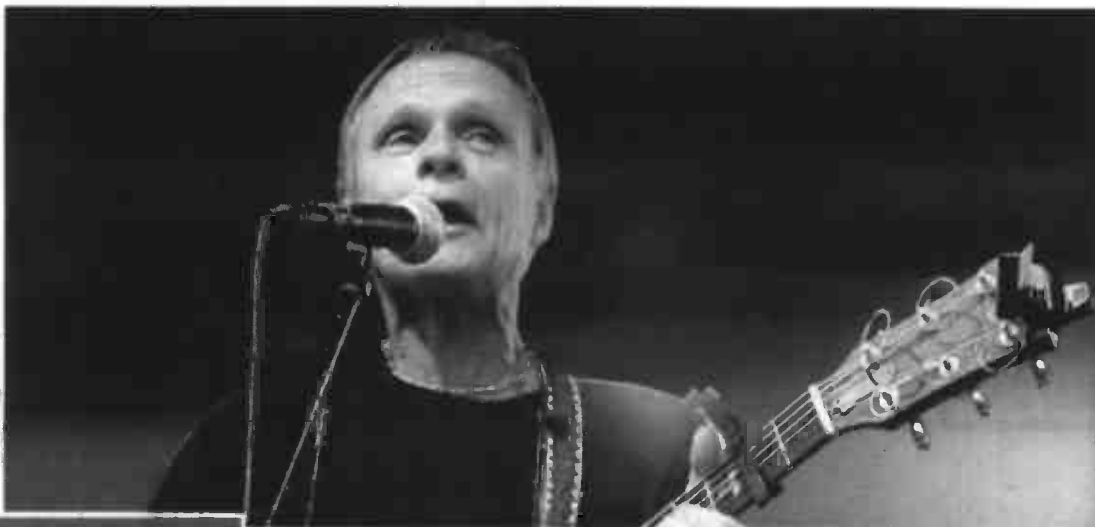
8232 Niles Center Road, #209: Avner Krohn to Grazyna Swierczewska for \$36,000 on Sept. 12

4954 Lunt Ave: Andres Mendez to Nicholas J Tsikretsis for \$275,000 on Sept. 11

8841 Laramie Ave: Justine Kniezeski to Sebastian Vazheparampil and Bindhu Kaneechirayil for \$308,000 on Sept. 12

### Lincolnwood

7311 N Kenneth Ave: Mohammed Mazharuddin to Roberta Tiran for \$230,000 on Sept. 13

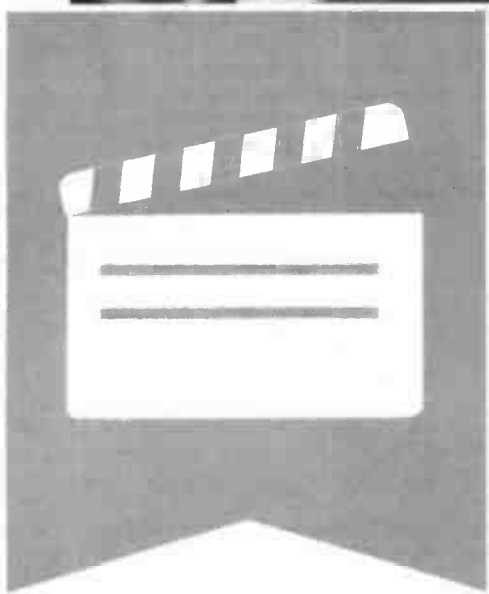


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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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### NILES

FRIDAY, NOV. 1

#### Knights of Niles Chess Club

3:45 p.m.: Kids in grades one through eight can learn the basics of chess in this after-school activity. Niles Public Library, 6960 Oakton St., Niles. Call 847-663-1234. The group gets together every Friday.

#### AA Meeting

6 p.m.: St. John Lutheran Church, 7429 N. Milwaukee Ave., Niles. Call 708-366-3226.

SATURDAY, NOV. 2

#### 'Promise Land'

2 p.m.: This 2012 film tells the story of a small town that a gas company wants to tap into for natural resources. Starring Matt Damon, Frances McDormand and John Krasinski. 106 minutes. Niles Public Library, 6960 Oakton St., Niles. Call 847-663-1234.

SATURDAY, NOV. 3

#### Niles Garden Club: Spring Bulbs in Winter

2 p.m.: Learn about forcing hyacinth and tulip bulbs in winter. Participants interested in hands-on experience may help create the seasonal display in the library entrance containers. Niles Public Library, 6960 Oakton St., Niles. Call 847-663-1234.

MONDAY, NOV. 4

#### Lyric Opera Lecture: 'Parsifal'

7 p.m.: A volunteer from the Lyric Education Corps will discuss Richard Wagner's "Parsifal," including an overview of the story, biographical information about the composer and librettist and musical highlights. Niles Public Library, 6960 Oakton St., Niles. Call 847-663-1234.

#### Niles All American Toastmasters Club

7:15 p.m.: Learn the arts of public speaking, listening and thinking. Speeches last approximately five to seven minutes. Niles Public Library, 6960 Oakton St., Niles. Call 847-663-1234.

TUESDAY, NOV. 5

#### SCORE Small Business Basics: Business Plan Financials

7 p.m.: Learn the basics of developing a business plan with an emphasis on financials from SCORE mentor Mark Lieberman. Registration required. Niles Public Library, 6960 Oakton St., Niles. Call 847-663-1234.

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WEDNESDAY, NOV. 6

#### Veterans History Project Breakfast

9 a.m.: The annual community breakfast celebrates local veterans. Featuring the Legacy Girls performing as the Andrew Sisters. Niles Public Library, 6960 Oakton St., Niles. Call 847-663-1234.

#### Battle of the Books

5:30 p.m.: Teams from Niles-area schools compete to see which can best remember details from the 60 books on the reading list. Niles Public Library, 6960 Oakton St., Niles. Call 847-663-1234.

## HAPPENING NEARBY

THURSDAY, OCT. 31

#### Story Time for 3s

10:15 a.m.: Stories and songs for 3 year olds with an adult. Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge. Call 847-825-3123.

#### Little Tykes Playgroup

11 a.m.: Free play for ages 2-4 with a parent or caregiver. Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge. Call 847-825-3123.

#### Film: 'Ghostbusters'

2 p.m.: Three unemployed parapsychology professors set up shop as a unique ghost removal service. Stars Bill Murray, Dan Aykroyd and Sigourney Weaver. 105 minutes. Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove. Call 847-929-5101.

#### Advanced Word 2010

7 p.m.: This intensive workshop will cover tables, charts and clipart in greater detail. Registration is limited to six people. Morton Grove residents have priority. Completion of the Do More with Microsoft Word 2010 workshop, or a thorough understanding Word 2010, is required. Registration is also required. Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove. Call 847-965-4220.

FRIDAY, NOV. 1

#### Nonfiction Book Discussion

10 a.m.: The group will discuss Edmund deWaal's

"The Hare with Amber Eyes." Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge. Call 847-825-3123.

#### Park Ridge Panhellenic Club Meeting

Noon: The meeting will feature a program relating to the Thorne Rooms at the Art Institute. Membership to the Panhellenic Club is open to alumnae of college Greek letter sororities. The club awards scholarships to high school graduates in the Maine Township area. Park Ridge Country Club, 636 N. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge. Call 847-823-3102.

#### GlenVIEWINGS: 'Before Sunrise'

2 p.m.: A screening of the 1995 drama about a man and woman who meet on a train in Europe and spend a romantic evening together. 105 minutes. Additional screening at 6:30 p.m. Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview. Call 847-729-7500.

#### Friends of the Library Book Sale

4 p.m.: Find great bargains on gently used hardcover, paperbacks, videos, CDs and more. The sale will be open 4 to 7 p.m. on Nov. 1 to preview night members only. It is open to the public 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Nov. 2 and noon to 2 p.m. Nov. 3. Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge. Call 847-825-3123.

#### MGPL Kids: Drama Club

4:30 p.m.: Get creative with acting and improv. For grades one and up. Call 847-929-5102 or visit [www.mgpl.org/kids](http://www.mgpl.org/kids) for more information. Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove.

SATURDAY, NOV. 2

#### Plug into The Past with Ancestry Library Edition

10 a.m.: Learn how to use the database Ancestry Library Edition, which provides access to genealogy collections and the ability to search for family records. Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge. Call 847-720-3233.

#### Holiday Bazaar

10 a.m.: Handmade holiday crafts, sweaters and afghans, baked goods, yesterday's treasures and much more will be for sale during the bazaar, which benefits the Park Ridge Senior Center. Lunch will be available for purchase. Park Ridge Senior Center, 100 S. Western Ave., Park Ridge.

#### MGPL Kids: Art Contest Reception

11 a.m.: Participants in the annual Children's Art Contest are invited to a gallery reception and awards ceremony. All art from this year's contest will be displayed in the Baxter Room in November. Call 847-929-5102 or visit [www.mgpl.org/kids](http://www.mgpl.org/kids) for more information. Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove. Call 847-965-

4220.

SUNDAY, NOV. 3

#### Park Ridge Historical Society Annual Meeting

11:30 a.m.: The meeting will include presentations on "A Year in Review" and new programs in progress including "History on the Move." Call 847-696-1973 to reserve a spot. For more information, visit the Historical Society's website at [www.pennyville.org](http://www.pennyville.org). Park Ridge Country Club, 636 N. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge. \$50.

#### Operetta: A Brief History

2 p.m.: Hersh Glagov from the Chicago Folks Operetta Company presents an historical overview of Viennese and American operettas, highlights from the upcoming production of "Babes in Toyland" with a children's chorus and live orchestra in Chicago and a history of the Chicago Folks Operetta company. Call 847-929-5101 or visit [www.mgpl.org](http://www.mgpl.org) to learn more. Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove.

#### Dedication Ceremony and Open House

2 p.m.: A celebration of Native American heritage, featuring an unveiling of the Potawatomi Eagle Dancer woodcarving. Morton Grove Historical Museum, 6148 W. Dempster St., Morton Grove. Call 847-965-0203.

#### Racial Difference and Love in Transracial Adoptive Families

2 p.m.: Transracially adopted children often experience more complex thoughts, feelings and behaviors as they discover over time what it means to be transracially adopted. This workshop highlights those moments where children are opening doors for conversations and understanding. Jewish Child & Family Services, 5150 W. Golf Road, Skokie. Call 847-745-5408. \$15.

#### 'Mary Poppins'

5 p.m.: The Maine-Niles Association of Special Recreation will be offering a trip to see the classic musical about a magical nanny. Must be 18 or older to attend. Maine-Niles Association of Special Recreation, 6820 W. Dempster St., Morton Grove. Call 847-966-5522. \$51-\$112.

MONDAY, NOV. 4

#### Story Time for All Ages

11:30 a.m.: Stories, songs and finger plays for the whole family. Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge. Call 847-825-3123.

#### Just Lunch

12:30 p.m.: Enjoy a warm meal catered by All on

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the Road followed by a few card games. For adults ages 55 and up. Park Ridge Senior Center, 100 S. Western Ave., Park Ridge. Call 847-692-3597. \$7-\$9.

**Lego Mania**

4 p.m.: Drop in for Lego building. For children kindergarten through sixth grade. Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge. Call 847-825-3123.

**Flannel Board Fun**

6:30 p.m.: This program teaches preschool and elementary teachers how to make fun and engaging stories for the classroom out of felt. Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge. Call 847-825-3123.

**TUESDAY, NOV. 5****Baby Bounce**

9:15 a.m.: Special stories, songs, rhymes and play time just for babies one year old and under. Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge. Call 847-825-3123.

**Introduction to Microsoft Excel 2010**

10 a.m.: Participants will receive an introduction to the spreadsheet program. Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove. Call 847-965-4220.

**Film: 'Great River Cruises of Europe'**

11:30 a.m.: Burt Wolf narrates six European river cruises with stops along the way where he connects the region's culture and history. 144 minutes. Call 847-929-5101 or visit [www.mgpl.org](http://www.mgpl.org) to learn more. Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove.

**MGPL Kids: Nerd Forum**

4:30 p.m.: This month the group will celebrate sci-fi and fantasy. Call 847-929-5102 or visit [www.mgpl.org/kids](http://www.mgpl.org/kids) for more information. Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove.

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**WEDNESDAY, NOV. 6****Whole Foods Market Park Ridge Grand Opening**

8:45 a.m.: The first 100 customers to arrive will receive a goodie bag loaded with product samples. Then, staff will hand out commemorative Whole Food Market Park Ridge reusable totes and provide seasonal fresh donuts samples and Dark Matter coffee. Local orchestra students will perform as well. Mayor Dave Schmidt leads a traditional bread-breaking at 8:45 a.m. Whole Foods Market Park Ridge, 225 W. Touhy Ave., Park Ridge.

**Visit From Rep. Marty Moylan's Office**

9 a.m.: A member from Illinois state Rep. Marty Moylan's office will meet with residents to answer questions. Moylan is a Des Plaines Democrat. Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge. Call 847-825-3123.

**Intermediate Microsoft Word 2007**

10 a.m.: Learn about page layout and design. Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge. Call 847-720-3386.

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2 p.m.: Learn how to use the Internet, do a basic search, follow links and arrive at a specific web address. Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge. Call 847-720-3280.

**Maine South Parents' Scholarship Club Fall Benefit**

7 p.m.: Join the Maine South Parents' Scholarship Club for a fun evening as they celebrate their 50th anniversary. All are welcome, including members, nonmembers, friends, relatives and spouses. Email [rmt1122@comcast.net](mailto:rmt1122@comcast.net) or [linda.deroeck@guaranteedrate.com](mailto:linda.deroeck@guaranteedrate.com) for tickets. Proceeds benefit scholarships for class of 2014. Park Ridge Country Club, 636 N. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge. \$30.

**Introduction to Microsoft Word 2010**

7 p.m.: Participants will learn how to create, format, print, proof and save documents. Participants must be comfortable with the computer, keyboard and mouse. Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove. Call 847-965-4220.

**THURSDAY, NOV. 7****Special Recognition: Righteous Among the Nations from Bulgaria**

5:30 p.m.: The ceremony will celebrate the addition of the names of two Bulgarian rescuers to the Ferro Fountain of the Righteous. Reservations required. Illinois Holocaust Museum, 9603 Woods Drive, Skokie.

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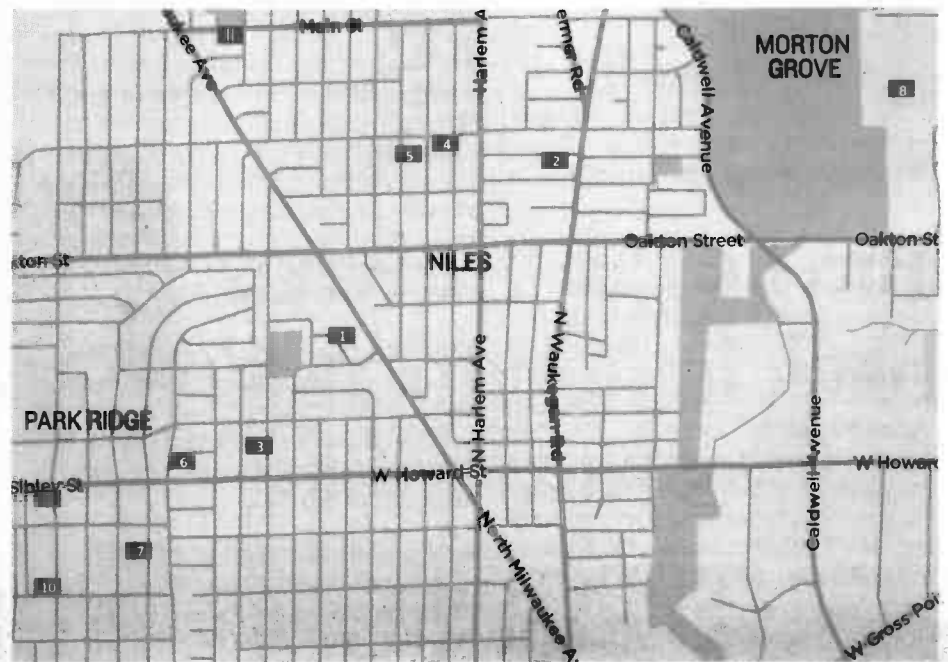
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**Roof (commercial and residential)**

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**Fence**

**Address:** 627 Oriole St., Niles  
**Issue date:** July 18  
**Permit cost:** \$50  
**Improvement value:** \$2,000

**Furnace and air conditioning (HVAC)**

**Address:** 8150 N. Oconto Ave., Niles  
**Issue date:** July 15  
**Permit cost:** \$47  
**Construction cost:** \$4,406

**5 Plumbing - misc**

**Address:** 8141 N. Odell Ave., Niles  
**Issue date:** July 15  
**Permit cost:** \$40

**Construction cost:** \$8,500

**6 Air conditioner**

**Address:** 105 Joyce Place, Park Ridge  
**Issue date:** July 16  
**Permit cost:** \$95  
**Improvement value:** \$2,800

**7 Fence**

**Address:** 414 N. Merrill St., Park Ridge  
**Issue date:** July 16  
**Permit cost:** \$50  
**Improvement value:** \$5,736

**8 Parking lot**

**Address:** 6400 Oakton St., Morton Grove  
**Issue date:** July 19  
**Application date:** June 24  
**Permit cost:** \$1870  
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**9 Roll-off box**

**Address:** 522 N. Washington Ave., Park Ridge  
**Issue date:** July 17  
**Permit cost:** \$75

**10 Fence**

**Address:** 304 N. Washington Ave., Park Ridge  
**Issue date:** July 19  
**Permit cost:** \$50  
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**Address:** 7645 W. Main St., Niles  
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# BUSINESS

|| MORTON GROVE

## Burt's Place owner back in action, now plans November reopening

BY RICK KAMBIC  
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A progressively-worsening illness forced Burt Katz to stop working for four months, but he now plans to reopen the famed Burt's Place sometime in November.

Katz was taken to the hospital in mid-August and by late September the 76-year-old workaholic was insisting he'd be up and running shortly. However, dealing with organ failure was more challenging than he thought.

"It's like any other project. At first the doctor thought the problem was something small, but then something else went wrong and then another and before we knew it we had a major problem," Katz said. "They eventually realized I had toxins in my blood."

Katz said the doctors still don't know how his blood became contaminated, but corrective surgery was performed to keep organs functioning. Other measures were taken to clean his blood and physical therapy was needed to regain mobility.

"My doctor did a fine job," Katz said. "He's proud of his handiwork and is optimistic about my recovery."

Now able to walk, Katz stopped by the Oct. 29th Village Board meeting to thank Morton Grove Mayor Dan DiMaria for sending a get-well card to the Evanston hospital he had stayed in.

"He had no obligation socially or

professionally to send me his best wishes," Katz said. "It was a pleasant surprise. I'm very grateful to have such compassionate and loyal customers and neighbors."

Though he is still low on energy, Katz said he now suffers from boredom more than anything.

"I want to see my customers again," Katz said. "I want my routine back."

A typical day for Katz used to start at 5 a.m., when he bought fresh produce and started making his dough. After that, he'd exercise at the Morton Grove Park District for an hour, and then work until Burt's Place closed at 9 or 10 p.m.

At the insistence of his doctor and wife Sharon, Katz can only work evening hours for the first few weeks.

"I don't want to jump back into it full-force until I know how my body can handle it," Katz said. "Our evening and weekend customers are most important and we want to serve their needs. After I build some endurance, we'll look into opening for lunch too."

Burt's Place itself also needs some minor work done before reopening, Katz continued.

"I don't want to make any promises or give any firm date," Katz said. "A lot depends on how I feel and how long it takes us to complete our to-do list."

The well-traveled pizza maker first gained fame when he opened The Inferno in Evanston and later opened Gulliver's in Chicago's Rogers Park.



Burt Katz, owner of the famed pizzeria Burt's Place, is recovering from organ failure caused by unknown toxins in his blood. He hopes to reopen his restaurant sometime in November. | RICK KAMBIC/SUN-TIMES MEDIA

Katz took a "hiatus" to experiment in a corporate oil company, but said the higher pay wasn't worth the restrictive working conditions. He hasn't shaved his beard since he quit his corporate job on March 12, 1971 and decided to open Pequod's in Morton Grove.

After growing bored of Pequod's, Katz sold it and opened Burt's Place down the street in 1989. Traditionally, the only person who helps in his restaurants has been his wife Sharon, who takes orders and serves tables. However, family friend Carol Anzelone will sometimes fill in for Sharon.

Katz is pro-small business and takes pride in knowing he's the only person who cooks pizzas, does the finances and chooses ingredients.

"I make sure every pizza is acceptable to sell," Katz said earlier this summer. "When you start substituting people, the standards vary and your quality promise loses value."



Burt Katz, owner of the famed pizzeria Burt's Place, is recovering from organ failure caused by unknown toxins in his blood. He hopes to reopen his restaurant sometime in November. | RICK KAMBIC/SUN-TIMES MEDIA

# TREND

## Benefit marks 20 years for U.S. Holocaust Museum

SOCIAL STUDIES  
BY LEE LITAS



**The Event:** The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C., is in a race against time. It opened 20 years ago as a living memorial to confront hatred, prevent genocide and promote human dignity. Today the museum is rushing to preserve proof of past atrocities as the world faces an alarming rise in Holocaust denials, antisemitism as well as genocide in other parts of the world and atrocities of today.

More than 2500 supporters and 100 concentration camp survivors, gathered at the Sheraton Chicago to lend their voices to the rallying cry of, "Never Again," at the Risa K. Lambert Luncheon on Oct. 7.

Honorees at the luncheon were Ann Wolk Krouse and Paul C. Krouse and Family.

**Cause célèbre:** "The whole purpose of the USHMM," said Governor Pat Quinn, "Is to make sure that we educate ourselves today to the dangers of genocide, wherever it rears its ugly head. And to always say 'Never Again.' Our candles should always be lit on behalf of those who lost their lives in the Holocaust."

Using the historical roots of the Holocaust to teach about today's challenges, the USHMM serves as a link between history and current events. "(The museum) is an incredibly important bridge," explained Tom Bernstein of New York City, USHMM chairman of the board. "Sadly, contemporary genocide is a plague that still faces the world. To understand today's world, you really have to look at history. And in order to engage today's young generation, you



have to speak to the things that are on their minds."

Mayor Rahm Emanuel issued a challenge from the podium: "When you see (human suffering), do you stand apart or do you stand among? Where is your voice?"

National USHMM co-chairman, Jay Stein of Jacksonville, Fl., said: "We are trying to let the past tell us where never to go in the future."

**Bottom line:** The event raised more than \$4.7 million for USHMM programs.



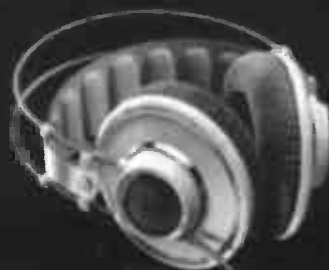
1. Lena Saed of Highland Park (left) and Sala Lewis of Deerfield, Holocaust survivor. 2. Rose Abrams (left) and Edith Adlam of Skokie, Holocaust survivors. 3. Aaron Elster of Lincolnshire and Fritzie Fritzshah of Buffalo Grove. 4. USHMM committee members and volunteers: (Top row) Sharon Laney of Northbrook and Carol Kohn of Highland Park; (Bottom row) Howard and Roberta Goss of Glencoe, Michael Kohn of Highland Park, event co-chairmen. | LEE A. LITAS/FOR SUN-TIMES MEDIA

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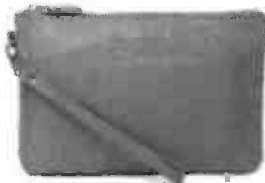
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|| FASHION

# Rich rainbow of fall hues

BY LYNN TAYLOR SCHWAAB  
For Sun-Times Media

Every season the Pantone Color Institute issues a fashion color trend report, and the current one is positively glowing. Colors are rich and brilliant, ranging across the rainbow from emerald green to samba red to Mykonos blue.



Mighty purse in pink, \$100, at Maze Home | PHOTO COURTESY MAZE HOME WINNETKA

Cindy Galvin, owner of Maze Home Store & Bardes Interiors in Winnetka, said, "Rich tones of burgundies, purples and other wine colors like plum and oxblood are warming up fall

palettes." And there are bright spots amid all that richness. "I'm seeing lots of pink this fall," Galvin continued, "in every hue from soft to hot pink. For a pop of vibrant pink, I love our Springbok belt in fuchsia. If you prefer

a more subtle splash of pink, try a cashmere poncho in blush or dogwood. For another pop of pink, we love the Mighty leather clutch with a built in smart phone charger. Pink works year round!"



Tinley Road Hannah vegan leather vest in oxblood, \$69, at Piperlime.com | PHOTO COURTESY PIPERLIME.COM

perfectly balanced look.

Rich, warm colors were all over the designer runways, all over the stores, and now

Raise toast to the wine reds — Bordeaux, Burgundy, Syrah and Cabernet — that radiate the crimson heat this season. But when cooler tones prevail, moody blues in sky, cobalt and deep inky hues are the shades of choice.

Wear these colors on their own or pair them with base colors like charcoal, camel, nude and brown for a



At Maze Home in Winnetka, cashmere ponchos in fuchsia, cerise and dogwood \$340 | PHOTO COURTESY MAZE HOME WINNETKA

they're all over every fashion website including Piperlime.com. The site is showcasing leather, a hot trend for fall, in stylish hues like oxblood, cobalt and camel that pair well with the rainbow of fabrics we'll be wearing. The smooth sheen of leather, another season

must-have, will catch the glow your favorite bright pieces.

This fall, color yourself unique. As fashion designer Michael Kors has noted, "Color to me equals power. You are the woman everyone notices in the room."



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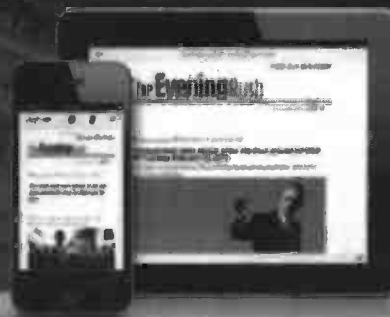
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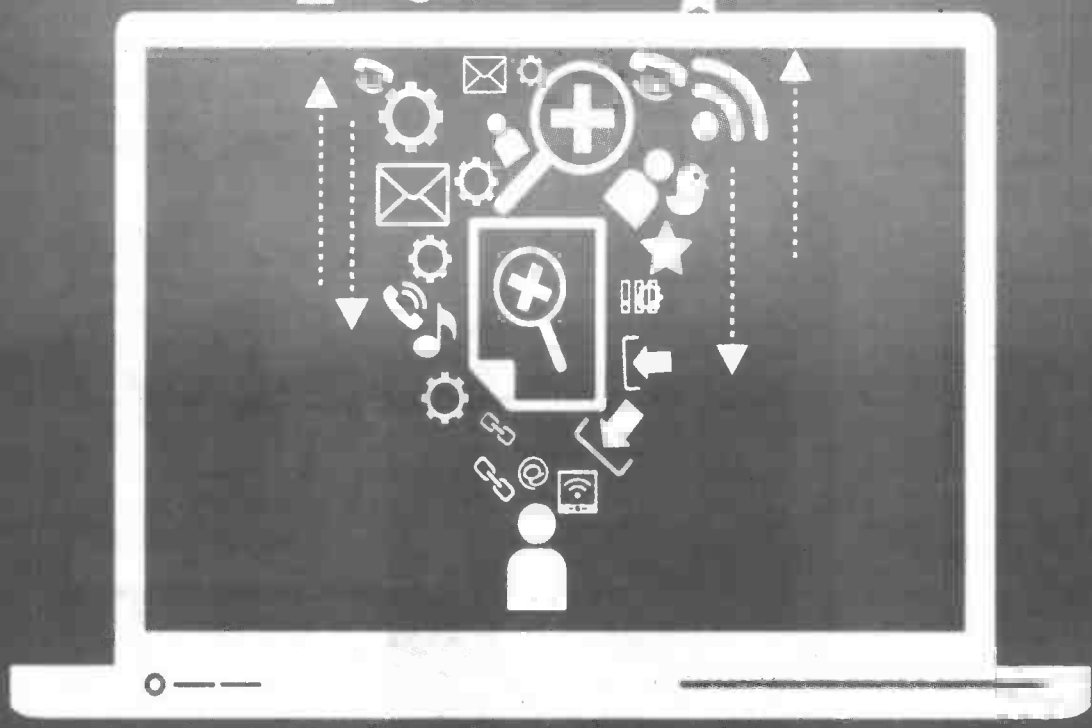
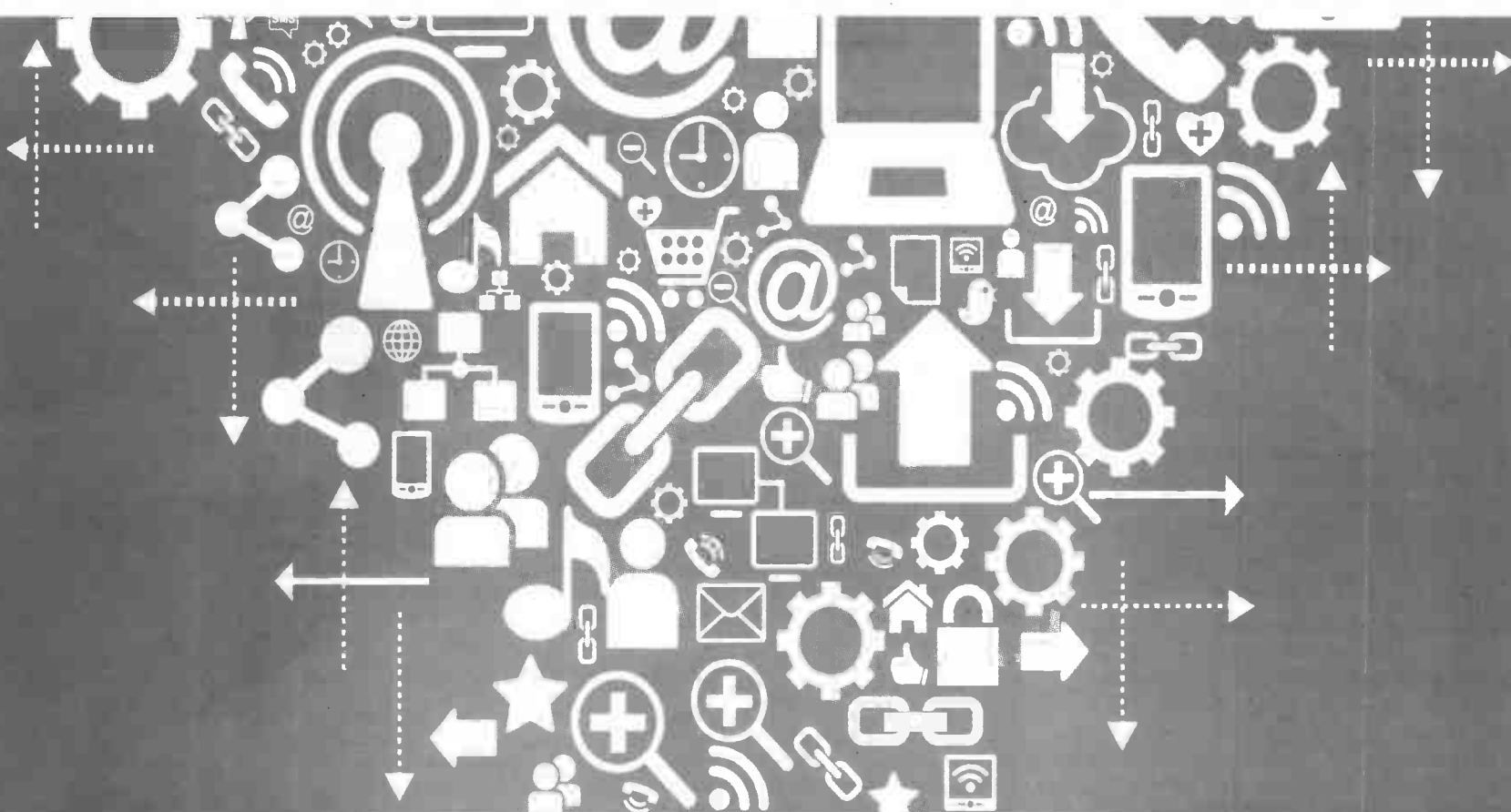
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# World travelers wed in Chicago

Melanie Batocabe and Michael Miles

BY JILL FAILLA  
Contributing Writer

**M**elanie Batocabe and Michael Miles have traveled the world together. Before their Aug. 10 wedding date, the couple visited London, Australia and Hawaii. Melanie, formerly of Norridge, and Michael, originally from Arlington Heights, expanded on their love of travel for their reception.

Because of its Italian-inspired decor, the couple chose The Botticelli Room at Monastero's Ristorante & Banquets in Chicago as their reception venue.

Each table represented a place the couple had visited, such as England and Australia. Framed photos of the couple in each location served as the table centerpieces, along with a map of the location.

The guests' party favors were luggage tags displaying messages from the bride and groom. The couple provided guests with postcards from all over the world to write messages on. Melanie kept all of them in a scrapbook.

Not all their travel plans have been perfect. The couple had planned on moving to Hawaii after their wedding, but found out they couldn't just weeks before the celebration.

But in a reception speech, Michael said, "Melanie is my Hawaii. When I am with her, I already feel the way that Hawaii makes me feel ... I feel like I am where I was meant to be."

Melanie began crying when she recalled that moment.

"There wasn't a dry eye in the house," Melanie said. "Especially me, I was crying the whole time."

Melanie met Michael in April 2009 at a Walgreen's in the Loop. He was a pharmacist and she was the assistant store manager. They soon began dating, and on Jan. 21 — Michael's birthday — he proposed to Melanie at The Publican in Chicago.

The Rev. Tomasz Wojciechowski married the couple at St. Hedwig Catholic Church in the city's Bucktown neighborhood. Melanie is Filipina, so she incorporated several Filipino traditions into the ceremony such as enclosing the bride and groom within a veil and cord to signify their lives joining together. Michael also presented Melanie with a coin after the vows to represent his commitment to their future together.

The couple live in Lakeview. Michael is still a pharmacist for Walgreen's and Melanie is a nursing student at Rush University Medical Center and a restaurant server.



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**Photographer:** Timothy Whaley & Associates, Chicago  
**Ceremony venue:** St. Hedwig Catholic Church, Chicago  
**Reception venue:** Monastero's Ristorante & Banquets, Chicago  
**Officiant:** Rev. Tomasz Wojciechowski  
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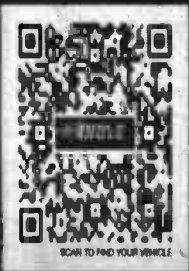
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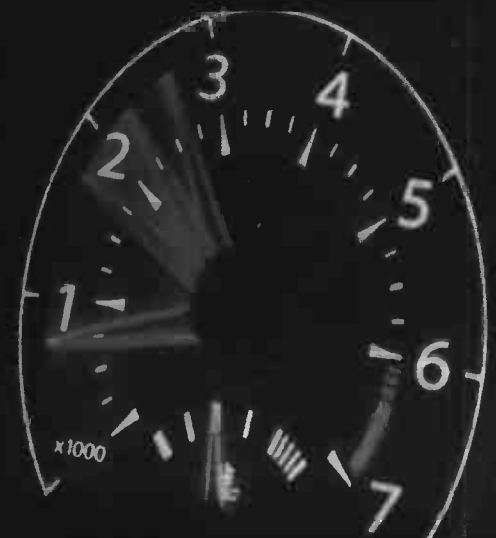
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## Holiday Jobs: The Outlook for Hiring College Students

By: Jacy Shillan, Senior Marketing Manager, Monster

The holiday hiring season is nearly upon us and planning for holiday jobs is important to college students and recent grads, as well as employers.

To provide employers who are looking to find top talent with some insight into what students are planning, MonsterCollege surveyed 549 college students and recent grads on their plans for finding holiday jobs during their upcoming holiday break.

### What Students and Recent Grads are Planning

The survey asked about overall plans and goals for working, volunteering, heading home or vacationing during the holiday break. The responses were summarized and the key points have been outlined.

- When asked what they intended to do over their holiday break, working and volunteering were chosen by most with a combined 32%, while visiting family and relaxing each garnered 17% of the response.
- Funding college expenses appears to be a primary goal for getting a holiday job during their school break. It received the most response with 19%. Gaining work experience was the next most popular goal at 12%. When asked if they would become an unpaid volunteer if it gave them key work experience in their field, 47% stated they would.
- Many of those surveyed have already planned their holiday break: 46% said they have already secured their holiday job, 4% have a college internship and 3% plan on a volunteer position.

### Holiday Jobs that Make the Wish List

To bring a personal element to the survey, MonsterCollege provided a place to express their dream job for this brief time. The responses were as varied as today's college students.

Some chose the "win the lottery" route, but most responses were sincere and forthcoming, with many students dreaming for a job in their chosen field as indicated by the survey. Below are several interesting responses to the question, "If you could get your dream job over the holiday break, what would it be":

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MonsterCollege found the overall survey results provides employers an interesting look into the holiday hiring season of today's emerging workforce. Survey respondents included 51% current college students intending to graduate in 2012 or after, 40% college graduates and 9% other student types.

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-v-  
JOSEPH BADALOV, LYUDEMILA GUNKOVA, BARCELONA APARTMENT HOMES ASSOCIATION, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants  
10 CH 22516  
9529 BRONX AVENUE UNIT 107 SKOKIE, IL 60077  
NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on August 29, 2013, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on December 3, 2013, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 9529 BRONX AVENUE UNIT 107, SKOKIE, IL 60077 Property Index No. 10-16-204-019-1007. The real estate is improved with a four level brown brick apartment building with an attached garage. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For information: Visit our website at [service.atty-pierce.com](http://service.atty-pierce.com), between the hours of 3 and 5 pm. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One North Dearborn Street Suite 1300, CHICAGO, IL 60602. Tel No. (312) 476-5500. Please refer to file number PA1009010. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE. You can also visit [www.jscc.com](http://www.jscc.com) for a 7 day status report of pending sales. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES One North Dearborn Street Suite 1300 CHICAGO, IL 60602 (312) 476-5500 Attorney File No. PA1009010 Attorney Code. 91220 Case Number. 10 CH 22516 TJSC#: 33-19499 1568618 10/31, 11/7, 11/14/13 #670103

**Judicial Sales-Real Est.**

**SKOKIE**  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A. Plaintiff,  
-v-  
LIGAYA M. BARKE Defendants  
13 CH 001904  
3925 GREENWOOD STREET SKOKIE, IL 60076  
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**VILLAGE OF LINCOLNWOOD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that on **Wednesday, November 20, 2013, at 7:00PM**, a public hearing will be held by the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Village of Lincolnwood, Cook County, Illinois, in the Council Chambers Room of Lincolnwood Village Hall, 6900 North Lincoln Avenue, Lincolnwood, Illinois for the purpose of considering the following:

**Property Address:** 3300-3310 West Devon Avenue  
**Property P.I.N.:** 10-35-426-029-0000, 10-35-423-030-0000, 10-35-423-031-0000

**Applicant:** Barry Shack, Tenant, and Sportin Life Limited Partnership, L.P., Property Owner

**Nature of Request:** The requested action is to grant approval of a monument sign for the existing business, Currency Exchange located at 3310 West Devon Avenue. The applicant seeks relief to permit the proposed monument sign to be located less than the required 10 feet from the property line as required by Section 11.04(v) and the base of the sign to exceed a maximum two feet in height as required by Section 11.04(ii).

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.

This is not a "notice to appear." It is an invitation to all interested persons to submit oral or written comments concerning this application. Written comments must be received no later than 5 p.m. on the business day prior to the public hearing and may be sent to the attention of the Village Zoning Officer at the Lincolnwood Village Hall, 6900 North Lincoln Avenue, Lincolnwood, IL 60712. Persons having questions regarding this matter may call the Village Community Development Department at 847-673-7402.

Dated: October 21, 2013

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# THINGS WE LOVE WEEK

## Haberdash Bespoke No. 607

The Chicago-based menswear brand launches its private label, packed with tweed and flannel blazers, vests and slacks. It's the perfect way to look cool in the cold. Items start at \$178, 607 N. State; [Shophaberdash.com](http://Shophaberdash.com)



## Big Star breakfast burrito

Celebrate the end of bikini season with the return of Big Star's Sunday morning indulgence: A spicy combo of eggs, chorizo, bean dip, Chihuahua cheese and lettuce wrapped in a tortilla. \$10, Big Star, 1531 N. Damen; [Bigstarchicago.com](http://Bigstarchicago.com)



## Brioni store

Dapper gents, take note: The Italian fashion house just opened a Gold Coast location — the brand's seventh in the US. We love the fall collection of clothing and accessories, decked with stamped leathers and fur trim. Pieces start at \$500, 12 E. Walton; [Brioni.com](http://Brioni.com)



## Mario Tricoci Scientific Organics

High-tech skin goes *au naturel* with a new line featuring kombucha, a fermented tea that balances pH and acts as a natural antibiotic. The 10 products range from an organic cleanser (\$34) to an age-fighting phyto-cell serum (\$75). Mario Tricoci Hair Salons & Day Spas citywide; [Tricoci.com](http://Tricoci.com)

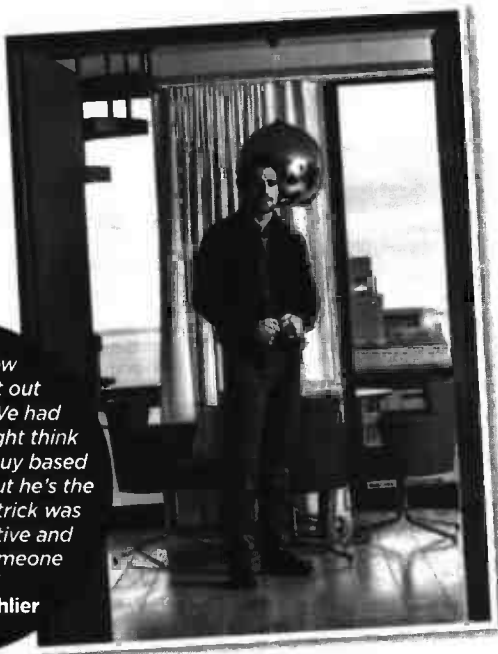
## AT THE PHOTO SHOOT

**Patrick Sharp** joined our team at the Thompson Chicago (21 E. Bellevue) for his cover shoot two days after hosting the grand opening of Michigan Avenue's new Ermenegildo Zegna store, which is why we styled him in winning looks from the men's luxury brand. The penthouse suite and its adjoining balcony were fitting spots for the shoot, and the newly opened hotel offers a Blackhawks package, which includes two tickets to a sold-out game (call 312-266-2100 or visit [Thompsonchicago.com](http://Thompsonchicago.com)).

## COVER CREDITS

Photographer: **Anthony Tahlier**  
Grooming: **Sarah Lukasewicz** for **Amazing Cosmetics** and **Jessica McDonald** for **Anthony Cristiano Salon**  
Shoot coordinating and styling: **Katerina** and **Alexandra Bizios** and **Zak Stemer**  
**Ermenegildo Zegna**: shirt, \$330; scarf, \$345; cardigan, \$2,195, 645 N. Michigan; [Zegna.com](http://Zegna.com)

"I didn't know what to expect out of this shoot ... We had a guy who you might think would be a tough guy based on his profession. But he's the exact opposite. Patrick was about as cooperative and easy going as someone could be."  
— **Anthony Tahlier**



## need to know

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### WHAT WILL YOU BE THIS HALLOWEEN?

"I won't be dressing up, but my dog Gus will be Elvis from his Vegas years — pompadour and all."

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"I get most excited about wild makeup for Halloween, so this year I'm having David Grant from Bloomingdale's Illamasqua counter do my skeleton makeup. I can't wait!"

"My boyfriend and I are dressing up as Joe Pesci and Marisa Tomei from 'My Cousin Vinny.' Basically, a lot of big hair, gold jewelry and black leather."

"For one of my costumes, I'm going as a piñata. I got the idea from Pinterest and I'm excited to make it myself."

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## this week

November 1

### ● CHAMPIONS FOR CHILDREN'S

**Jeff Joniak**, Chicago Bears play-by-play announcer and director of sports at WBBM-AM and 105.9 FM, is the master of ceremonies at this Ann & Robert



**Jeff Joniak**

H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago fundraiser, which recognizes the support of the Chicago Bulls and technology provider CDW.

**Time:** 6:30 p.m.

**Place:** Hilton Chicago, 720 S. Michigan

**Cost:** \$325. For tickets, call (312) 227-7311 or visit [Luriechildrens.org/champions](http://Luriechildrens.org/champions).

November 1-3

### ●● SOFA CHICAGO

This monster show of decorative and applied arts fills Navy Pier's Festival Hall as dozens of dealers from around the world present must-see works by hundreds of artists in all media.

**Time:** Friday-Saturday 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., Sunday noon to 6 p.m.

**Place:** 600 E. Grand

**Cost:** General admission \$15; three-day pass \$25. For more information, call (800) 563-7632 or visit [Sofaexpo.com](http://Sofaexpo.com).

November 2

### ●● LIVE. LOVE. LIFE.

Stellar fashion, libations and entertainment from **DJ John Grammatis**, Chicago Dance Crash, Bollywood Groove and Aloha Chicago propel this high-spirited benefit, which



The Service Club of Chicago's 2012 gala

November 4

### THE SERVICE CLUB OF CHICAGO GALA

Channel your best Andy Warhol or Bianca Jagger at the Service Club of Chicago's disco-themed gala, chaired by **Heather Farley Ingram**, **Darby Hills** and **Nina Mariano**. The organization has served the civic, educational and cultural needs of Chicago and surrounding communities since 1890, and proceeds benefit a range of organizations.

**Time:** 6:30 p.m.

**Place:** Four Seasons Hotel Chicago, 120 E. Delaware

**Cost:** \$450. For tickets, call (312) 388-1814 or visit [Serviceclubofchicago.org](http://Serviceclubofchicago.org).

supports the Northwestern Memorial Foundation and the Department of Neurology for research of degenerative brain diseases.

**Time:** 8 p.m.

**Place:** Museum of Broadcast Communications, 360 N. State

**Cost:** \$125. For tickets, visit [Live-love-life.org/tickets](http://Live-love-life.org/tickets).

November 5

### ● BRAIN RESEARCH FOUNDATION DISCOV-

### ERY DINNER 2013

Chaired by **Suzanne M. Kopp-Moskow**, **Michael H. Moskow** and **Alicia and Peter Pond** — with former Chicago Bear **Gary Fencik** as keynote speaker — this special evening celebrates 60 years of supporting neuroscience research.

**Time:** 6 p.m.

**Place:** Ritz-Carlton Chicago, 160 E. Pearson

**Cost:** \$500. For tickets, call (312) 553-2000 or visit [Pjhchicago.com/brf](http://Pjhchicago.com/brf).



## next week

November 7

### BETTER GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION 90TH ANNIVERSARY LUNCHEON

Award-winning NBC News anchor **Lester Holt** and hard-hitting former U.S. Attorney **Patrick Fitzgerald** address attendees at this luncheon, which honors the Robert R. McCormick Foundation, philanthropist **Richard Driehaus** and the Richard H. Driehaus Foundation.

**Time:** 11:30 a.m.

**Place:** Sheraton Chicago Hotel and Towers, 301 E. North Water

**Cost:** \$300. For tickets, call (312) 427-8330 or visit [Bettermgov.org](http://Bettermgov.org).



Lester Holt

November 7

### AUSL ANNUAL BENEFIT DINNER

**Barbara Byrd-Bennett**, CEO of Chicago Public Schools, is the guest of honor at this fundraiser for the Academy of Urban School Leadership, which works to improve student achievement in chronically failing schools.

**Time:** 6 p.m.

**Place:** Ritz-Carlton Chicago, 160 E. Pearson

**Cost:** \$500. For tickets, call (773) 534-0949 or email [BDillon@auslchicago.org](mailto:BDillon@auslchicago.org).

November 8

### FRIENDS OF LA RABIDA AWARDS CELEBRATION

**Ravi Balchwal** of WLS-Channel 7 is the master of ceremonies for this awards dinner honoring the **Reinsdorf Family, Drs. Cheryl and Eric Whitaker** and Shar-



Ravi Balchwal and Shar-

ing Notes, a string quartet comprised of students from the Chicago College of Performing Arts of Roosevelt University.

**Time:** 6 p.m.

**Place:** Four Seasons Hotel Chicago, 120 E. Delaware

**Cost:** \$500. For tickets, call (312) 553-200 or visit [Larabida.org/events/11](http://Larabida.org/events/11).

November 8

### ALEGRE CARNAVAL 2013: BENT NOTE BASH

The Merit School of Music — which provides high-quality music education to nearly 5,000 Chicago-area students — celebrates its 35th anniversary by welcoming supporters to this swinging soiree, featuring performances by the school's Honors Jazz Ensemble.

**Time:** General admission 8 p.m.; VIP admission 7 p.m.

**Place:** House of Blues, 329 N. Dearborn

**Cost:** General admission \$95; VIP \$150. For tickets, call (312) 786-9428.

November 8

### LATINO POLICY FORUM'S LATINOS ON THE MOVE BREAKFAST

The Latino Policy Forum —

the only organization in the Chicago area that facilitates the involvement of Latinos at all levels of public decision-making — welcomes **Jullan Castro**, mayor of San Antonio, to discuss education, leadership and service.

**Time:** 7:30 a.m.

**Place:** Palmer House Hilton, 17 E. Monroe

**Cost:** \$150. For tickets, call (312) 376-1766 or visit [Latinopolicyforum.org](http://Latinopolicyforum.org).

November 9

### COLUMBIA COLLEGE CHICAGO'S OPEN DOORS GALA

**Allen M. Turner**, immediate past chairman of Columbia College Chicago's Board of Trustees and a partner in the Pritzker Organization, receives the third annual Chicago Legacy Award at this performance-driven, scholarship-supporting event.

**Time:** 6 p.m.

**Place:** Columbia College Media Production Center, 1600 S. State

**Cost:** Premium seating \$1,000 or \$2,500. For tickets, visit [Colum.edu/gala](http://Colum.edu/gala).

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# FINE TUNED

Josephine Lee  
conducts  
the Voice  
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STORY BY KATERINA BIZIOS

The sound of 300 Chicago Children's Choir members filled the Radisson Blu Aqua Hotel (221 N. Columbus) Oct. 18 during the Red Jacket Optional gala. Their performance earned them a standing ovation from the crowd, which included Gov. Pat Quinn, Cubs President Theo Epstein, Boka Restaurant Group's Kevin Boehm and Rob Katz and honorees John and Christina Hatherly. To celebrate the choir's 57th anniversary, guests surpassed previous fund-raising records, raising \$800,000 to continue uniting children through education, musical expression and excellence.

*The Sun-Times was the media sponsor of this event. The Sun-Times Foundation and the Chicago Community Trust will match every dollar donated to the Chicago Children's Choir, up to a total of \$10,000. Up to \$1,000 can be matched per individual donation.*



Theo Epstein and Marie Whitney



Michael and Meeghan Nemeroff



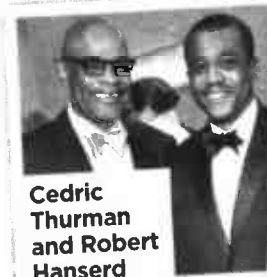
David Koo, John Hong and Ron Weiss



Christina and John Hatherly

Azeeza Khan and Chrysa Moster

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JEFF SCHEAR



Cedric Thurman and Robert Hanserd



W. James Farrell and John Canning Jr.



Chris and Amy Crane

The event was held in the Rotunda at the MSI.

PHOTOS BY J. B. SPECTOR

MSI COLUMBIAN BALL

# SPACE GLAM

STORY BY ZAK STEMER

Partygoers got a glimpse into the future, as robots — including a fuzzy robo-seal — welcomed them to the Museum of Science and Industry's 33rd annual Columbian Ball Oct. 19. Nearly 900 guests donned their black-tie best for the bash, co-chaired by Amy and Chris Crane and Anna and Bob Livingston. After dinner and dancing, steps away from a 40-foot tornado (one of the museum's attractions), guests bid during a live auction. One lucky bidder took home the item of the night: the chance to drink out of the Stanley Cup. The evening netted more than \$2 million for the MSI's education programs.

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# TRAIL BLAZERS

**JACOB NEMINARZ**  
in Hugo Boss at the  
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**MICHAEL ANDERSON**  
in Jil Sander  
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**BRAEDEN LEMASTERS**  
in Tallia  
at Vertigo Sky Lounge

**BILLY DEC**  
in Oxxford Clothes at  
Harris Theater

**DWYANE WADE**  
in Gucci at the  
Peninsula Chicago

**DAVID CHHAY**  
in Hugo Boss at Vertigo  
Sky Lounge

## COLORFUL COOL

Amp up the energy by pairing a blazer with colorful pants, but keep the shirt tame to avoid a Technicolor tragedy. Check out Band of Outsiders' electric pants, or, for a more accessible look, head to American Apparel for chinos in every hue.

## BOLD MOVES

Not every man is ready to throw on a bold-print jacket, but those who are know the secret is to wear it with confidence (OK, and matching colors). See Dolce & Gabbana, who marched out floral blazers in their Fall 2013 collection.

## YOUTH IN REVOLT

For a look that's young at heart, pick a subtly patterned jacket — soft checks or dots work well — ditch the tie and grab your Converse. The key here is the pant: A tapered leg keeps the look clean instead of sloppy.

## OFF-DUTY ROCK STAR

The ultimate casual cool; grab your old concert tee, toss on a fitted blazer (black or navy, no patterns), dark jeans and sneakers. Think "Sting going to a bookstore": dressed down, but still a boss.

## MODERN GENTLEMAN

Bring your A-game with a double-breasted suit. Yes, they're back in style. Need proof? Look at the gents on Ralph Lauren's runway. He brought back old-school formality with double-breasted jackets and three-piece suits.

## WORKPLACE WARRIOR

Your clothes don't always need to shout for attention to be in style. Day-to-day, stick to a basic navy and light blue pairing. For great local options, head to Suitsupply (945 N. Rush). Grab a pair of tan or brown loafers for a more casual look.

RINGSIDE FOR MERCY'S SAKE

# HITTING HOME

STORY BY ZAK STEMER



Michael Henning and Larry Frank duke it out.



Krista Pank with Pete Jeanne and Darryl Schimeck



Chris and Jenna Simpler



Paul Davy and Ray Mancini



Rev. Scott Donahue addresses the guests.

The 22nd annual Mercy Home for Boys & Girls' Ringside for Mercy's Sake gala packed a serious punch. More than 1,000 guests, including celeb boxer Ray "Boom Boom" Mancini, came to the Chicago Marriott Downtown Magnificent Mile (540 N. Michigan) Oct. 19 to watch nine amateur boxing bouts between leaders of the city's financial firms. Co-chaired by Paul Adcock, Richard Price and former Mayor Richard M. Daley, the heavyweight evening raised more than \$900,000 for Mercy Home's Legacy of Learning campaign, ensuring that every child who enters Mercy Home's residential care has access to quality education.

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MASQUERADE AFFAIR

# ROLE MODEL

STORY BY KATERINA BIZIOS

Model and Splash columnist Jaslene Gonzalez turned heads in a Maison De LaCour gown and extravagant mask at the second annual Via Del Corso Masquerade Affair Oct. 19. Guests flocked to Parliament (324 W. Chicago) in their best attire for the bash, which included a runway presentation with ball gowns, fall fashion and ready-to-wear accessories from local designers like Chapeaux Couture by Leen, M.GO Fashion Co. and le Thrift Consignment Boutique. Later, attendees indulged in bites from Via Carducci, desserts by Krystallized Cakes and Simply D'lish cookies before dancing the night away. Proceeds from the evening benefited A Safe Haven Foundation, an organization that empowers homeless or in-crisis families to achieve self-sufficiency.

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Jaslene Gonzalez in Maison De LaCour



Neli Vazquez-Rowland and Brian Rowland



Aleksandra Karach and Irene Pisareva

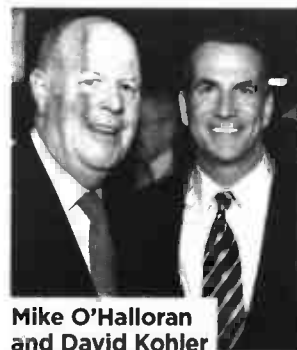


Jesse and Maria Sanchez

KOHLER PGA CHAMPIONSHIP KICKOFF

# HOLE IN ONE

Golf fanatics gathered to kick off the 2015 PGA Championship Oct. 17 at Studio Paris (59 W. Hubbard). President and COO of Kohler Co. and general chair of the 2015 PGA Championship David Kohler hosted the evening, getting guests such as Jon Harris, Doug Regan and Patrick Daley excited for the tournament, which begins Aug. 10, 2015 at Kohler's Wisconsin course, Whistling Straits.



Mike O'Halloran and David Kohler

GEORG JENSEN EVENT

# PROVING THEIR METAL

STORY BY ZAK STEMER



Jewelry on display



Eleni Bousis

It was a shining soiree Oct. 16 as the city's most stylish flooded into Georg Jensen (959 N. Michigan), the ultra-luxury silver shop, to celebrate the new Legacy Silver Hollow Ware Collection. Hosted by Splash, the event welcomed Chicago notables like Jennifer Lane, Sherrill Bodine, Michelle Parrillo and Lisa Pollina to join Georg Jensen CEO David Chu to mix, mingle and — of course — indulge in a little retail therapy.



Crescent LaGroon, Courtney Dayne and LaNesha Pickett



Richard Chang and David Chu



Lisa Cavaluzzi and Alexander Weindling

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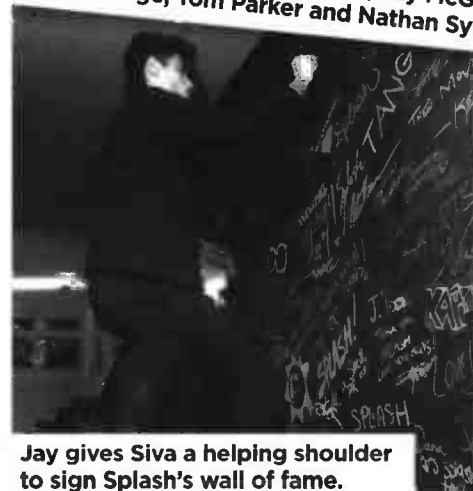
UK band **The Wanted** stopped by Splash headquarters to snap photos with fans and answer questions — all with their signature irreverence **BY ZAK STEMER**

**T**he five guys that collectively make up pop band The Wanted — **Max George, Tom Parker, Jay McGuinness, Nathan Sykes and Siva Kaneswaran** — are each capable of inciting a riot on their own. But when they're en masse, the effect is amplified; for proof, check out the video of the band's arrival at Splash (and the deafening roar of 100 teens). After greeting the crowd, the Brits sat down with Splash's Susanna Negovan, who grilled them with questions. Watch the video at [Chicagosplash.com](http://Chicagosplash.com) and read some of the band's best quotes from the interview here:



**The Wanted: Siva Kaneswaran, Jay McGuinness, Max George, Tom Parker and Nathan Sykes**

*On his recent vocal chord surgery:*  
"Saw the doctor the other day and I believe the technical term is 'bloody brilliant,' so I'm really happy." — Nathan



**Jay gives Siva a helping shoulder to sign Splash's wall of fame.**

*On his haircut:*  
"It was a bit of a DIY job from Max. It happened at about 4 a.m. and we'd had a little bit too much to drink. Max did — I thought — a sterling job. When we saw the boys the next day, Tom said, 'Mate, what have you done?'" — Jay



**The lads checked out a Higi health machine (a sibling company to Splash).**

**Jay, Siva, Max, Tom and Nathan raid the Sun-Times' candy room.**



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*On Siva's "Blue Steel" model pose:*  
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CIRCA DINNER

# SPARKLE AND SHINE

STORY BY KATERINA BIZIOS

**G**lobal jewelry buyers Circa celebrated 10 years in Chicago by hosting an intimate group at the Park Hyatt's NoMI Restaurant (800 N. Michigan) Oct. 22. Guests included **Traci Tricoci**, **Toni Canada** and **Rebecca Besser**, who rubbed shoulders with Circa's Chicago Director **Ruth Thuston** and Director of Brand Management **Natasha Cornstein**. Hosted by Scout Guide Editor **Meredith Wood-Prince** and Splash's **Susanna Negovan**, and decorated by **Debi Lilly**, the evening began with cocktails and ended with a sit-down dinner crafted by chef **Ryan LaRoche**.



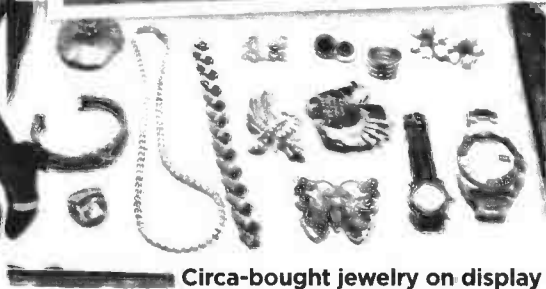
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# trap

BY ANTHONY TODD

Upon arriving at Honey Butter Fried Chicken, it's clear that this isn't your average fried chicken joint. The Avondale restaurant, open just a month, has had a line snaking down the block since day one — and the crowds show no sign of dissipating. Chefs **Christine Cikowski** and **Josh Kulp** (who also own popular underground restaurant Sunday Dinner Club) claim that on a busy night, the spot powers through 1,200 pieces of chicken, each topped with a generous dollop of its namesake honey butter.

That honey butter, which, according to Cikowski, "makes the chicken just pop," was a happy accident. "We are not geniuses," she says, laughing. "We were quickly plating the staff meal at Sunday Dinner Club on a night when fried chicken was being served with a side of corn cake with honey butter." After sampling the synthesized dish, the duo had a "eureka moment," and rushed into the dining room, yelling, "Everyone, please

Get hooked on **Honey Butter Fried Chicken's** addictive riff on a classic

put the butter on the chicken!" The rest, as they say, is history. Here's why Honey Butter Fried Chicken should be on your must-try list:

**Chef stats:** Cikowski and Kulp met during culinary school. "Josh always says that we were friendly rivals," Cikowski says. But the duo bonded over a love of seasonal cuisine made with local ingredients — something that wasn't quite so common back in 2005, when they started Sunday Dinner Club based on



**Christine  
Cikowski**

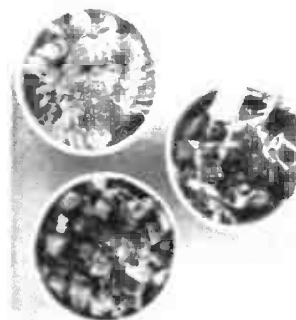


**Josh  
Kulp**

that concept.

Cikowski has also worked at Blackbird and Milk & Honey, while Kulp cooked at Pastoral. Even if you've never been to a meeting of the Sunday Dinner Club, you may remember the pair's amazing burgers, which were once a mainstay of the Green City Market.

**The look:** Down-home country meets trendy urban kitchen. There's antique wood on the walls, specials handwritten on signs and food served



**Above: Honey Butter Fried Chicken sides**

on metal kitchen trays covered in butcher paper. The design is largely the work of Cikowski and Kulp's business partners, graphic designers **Jen Meyer** and **Chris Jennings**. If you find time in between bites, check out the posters, stickers, buttons and other bits of Honey Butter swag — and you can't miss the giant mural, hand-painted by Jennings, which takes up an entire wall.

**The chicken:** Why is the chicken so good? Cikowski and Kulp start with cage-free, antibiotic-free, Amish-raised chickens from Indiana and butcher them in-house, deboning everything but the drumsticks. And the fried chicken (\$8+) may not be quite what you're used to; neither chef grew up eating the dish. "I think we came at it with fresh eyes," Kulp says. They batter it with buttermilk, then heavily lace the crust with black pepper and garlic powder before topping the whole thing with smoked Spanish paprika, which Kulp says "gives it a really unique tone."

**Don't skip dessert:** "Dump cake is a very traditional dessert," Cikowski says of the chef's favorite after-dinner dish (\$3.50). The two make their own cake mix, combine it with fresh fruit from farmers markets and, of course, top it with their butter before "baking it into this fruitcake cobbler thing. It's incredibly delicious," Cikowski adds. "People should get past the name."

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# UP TO DATE



## COLIN BURKE, 40 ▶

Owner, The Monarch (1745 W. North)

**Perfect date:** "I've worked in restaurants since my 17th birthday, so I would like to go on a picnic. I'd do the whole candlelit experience."

## JOE SEIGLE, 30

Real estate developer, Chop Shop (2033 W. North)

**Fun fact:** "I am a huge supporter and fan of contemporary dance and I sit on the board of River North Dance Chicago. Since I clearly do not have the moves or the body of a professional dancer, nobody sees that one coming."

## THOMAS RAQUEL, 27 ▶

Pastry chef, Acadia (1639 S. Wabash)

**Worst date:** "I met a model for lunch and the podium at the restaurant had a sign saying, 'Menu is available in Spanish, French and braille.' He asked me what country speaks braille."

## RODELIO AGLIBOT, 45

"The Food Buddha" and chef/owner of E+O Food and Drink (125 Randhurst Village, Mt. Prospect) with two venues opening in 2014

**Fun fact:** "My parents are ballroom dancers, so I can actually dance on the floor. I don't shy away from a karaoke machine, either."

## JAMESON ARASI, 30

General Manager, Mercadito (102 W. Kinzie)

**Fun fact:** "I'm an Eagle Scout, the highest rank in Boy Scouts. Looking back, it's one of my best accomplishments."

Call them 'nights in shining armor': These 10 eligible bachelors are wining, dining and wooing Chicago — and waiting for you

BY ZAK STEMER

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RAMZI DREESSEN

**S GET IN TOUCH**

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**DAVID SIKORA, 30**

Managing partner, Progress Bar (3359 N. Halsted) and Phoenix Bar (1932 E Higgins, Elk Grove Village)

**Perfect date:** "Anything that I haven't done before. I would prefer that he and I both be experiencing something new, like a restaurant that neither of us has been to."

**DUSTIN HEILMAN, 42**

General Manager, Nico Osteria (Opens in early December, 21 E. Bellevue)

**How to date Dustin:** "She should be really smart and have a lot of interests. Tell me a book to read, tell me a new place to eat, tell me a new trail to run instead of just wanting to do what I want to do."

**MARTIN PARSLEY, 23**

Guest Services Coordinator, Rockit Ranch Productions and The Underground (56 W. Illinois)

**How to date Martin:** "Simply put: She has to be fashionable. The girl who catches my eye is wearing something edgy, daring or unique. My ideal girl has a great sense of style."

**CHRIS BADER, 31**

Owner, Hubbard Inn (110 W. Hubbard), stand-up comic

**Worst date:** "I met a girl at one of my shows and she asked me out. I made reservations at Bavette's and she never showed up. She never responded, so I just text her every day. It's part of my [stand-up comedy] act. I think it's really funny. I'll just send her, 'I miss us.'"

**THOMAS MOONEYHAM, 27**

Beverage Director, The Gage (24 S. Michigan)

**Fun fact:** "I surfed my whole life, so I surf the lake during winters when the waves get really big. You're surfing next to ice, which is strange but super fun."

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# SHARP SHOOTER

Chicago Blackhawks star **Patrick Sharp** proves that nice guys finish first

STORY BY MOLLY EACH  
PHOTOS BY ANTHONY TAHIER

Chicago Blackhawks forward Patrick Sharp can recall, moment to moment, almost every goal he's made in his career. But when asked to describe his sense of style, he pauses.

"I don't really know how to answer that," he says. Just like on the ice, when Sharp flicks his wrist and sends the puck soaring up the boards to a teammate, he passes the question to a fellow Blackhawk.

"It's just the best," jokes defender Michael Kostka. Sharp shakes his head and laughs.

On a Wednesday night in October, the chill in the air signifying the start of the hockey season, rather than lacing up his skates, Sharp — alongside teammates Kostka and Brandon Bollig — is spending his night off decked in head-to-toe Ermengildo Zegna. He's hosting the grand opening of the brand's redesigned Michigan Avenue store (645 N. Michigan), a modern, two-level shop that houses the line's multiple collections of clothing and accessories — and though he's used to the flicker of flashbulbs as he shoots the puck, posing for photos at a red carpet event is a different world for the 31-year-old.

"I don't get nervous to play in front of 22,000 fans and on national TV, but it's different for an event like this, when you're walking a red carpet and everyone is looking at you," Sharp says. "But I'm excited to be involved and representing the brand. I use all their stuff."

His appearance at the Zegna opening Oct. 16 capped off a whirlwind week for Sharp. On Oct. 12, he played in his 600th career NHL regular season game. On Oct. 13, Sharp and his wife, Abby, welcomed their second child, Sadie. (The couple also have an almost 2-year-old daughter, Madelyn.) And two days later, he netted his 200th goal in the first period against the Carolina Hurricanes, following that with the deciding goal in a shoot-out that gave the Hawks the victory, which was also the 2,500th regular-season win in club history.

"It was a special goal," Sharp says. "But I wasn't as excited to score the 200th as I was to score one in my first game after the birth of my daughter. I'll always remember it, and the fact that we won the game is even more special."

It's become somewhat of a pattern for Sharp; after the birth of his first daughter in 2011, he also scored a game-winning overtime goal, against the San Jose Sharks at the United Center. Once again, Sharp brought home the puck and stick and put them in his newborn daughter's room. "I definitely thought about [scoring after his new daughter's birth] going into the game," he says. "Whether or not it's going to happen, that's out of my hands. But it's very special that I was able to do it twice."

Though those goals have a notable spot in Sharp's heart, they're just two of the contributions that the Thunder Bay, Ontario native has made since joining the Blackhawks in 2005. Now a cornerstone of the club, Sharp — called "Sharpie" by his teammates — is the team's alternate captain, boasts 200 goals and 209 assists in his career (at press time), and was a key player on the 2010 and 2013 Stanley Cup teams. He also helps maintain a lighthearted locker room vibe, executing pranks (see sidebar) and pestering teammates before games. "I have this tennis ball that I've had for about 10 years; the same dirty tennis ball," he says. "I throw it around, throw it off the walls, if someone's not looking I'll throw it off their back. I just kind of run around and have fun with this tennis ball."

That sense of playfulness was evident in the offseason, too, when he brought the Stanley Cup back to his hometown. He toted it to the George Jeffrey Children's Centre, a Thunder Bay-based pediatric outpatient facility with which he is heavily involved (he hosts the annual Patrick Sharp Children's Charity Golf Classic, with proceeds benefiting the center). He also let his friends and family, well, dig in. "I've been fortunate to win it twice," he says. "The first time I was single and it was for my friends and buddies to have fun. This time all those friends are married with kids, including myself, so we had all the kids over to the house and we ate ice cream out of the Stanley Cup. That was a highlight."

At press time, the Hawks were off to a 6-1-2 start, and though Sharp acknowledges last season's championship puts a target on the team's back, he also says they're ready to meet the challenge. "We feel good. We have just about everybody returning from the Stanley Cup team, we're all a year older, we're a year more experienced and we're healthy. So hopefully we can get back out there and do it again."

The 82-game NHL season doesn't allow for much time away from the ice, but in his off hours, Sharp plans to be home with the family. "I love spending time with my daughters. It's fun. It's changed the way I act, has softened me up a little bit," he says. "Those days when I'd normally be in a bad mood or angry, I'm a little more relaxed, and I owe that to my family." But he admits that his mellow demeanor is limited to his home life. "I try not to take it out onto the ice," he laughs. "Hockey is not a sport where you can be a softy, so I try to get angry before games."

So will Sharp be a hockey dad one day, cheering on his girls from behind the boards? "If they want to play, I'll do everything I can to help them out," he says. "I think I'd be nervous, watching them skate and hoping they don't get hurt. But I want them to be happy more than anything."



**Brandon Bollig, Patrick Sharp and Michael Kostka at the Zegna opening Oct. 16.**



**Sharp with daughter Madelyn (top photo) and newborn baby Sadie**

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**Zegna Sport:** shirt, \$245; crewneck sweater, \$325; leather outerwear, \$2,495; denim, \$295

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ON PATRICK, OPPOSITE PAGE

**Zegna:** shirt, \$345; casual pants, \$495; chronograph watch, \$5,700

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## TEAM ANALYSIS

Forget hat tricks, assists and saves — Sharp gives us a *real* look at this season's Blackhawks squad



**Who is the most stylish?** "It's got to be one of the Europeans. We have four Swedes, so I'll say any one of them, especially Marcus Kruger and Niklas Hjalmarsson [pictured]."



**Who gives the best pep talks?** "Michal Handzus, because he's been around so long. He doesn't speak a lot but when he does, he has everyone's attention."



**Who has the best facial hair?** "I hate to say it, but probably Brandon Bollig. He's got the best because he spends the most time on it."



**Who's the most intense?** "Gotta be Coach Q. It's all part of his look and his demeanor. He's very intense at practices and games. Talk about leadership — he's the ultimate leader on our team."



**Who is the funniest?** "Brent Seabrook. He's pretty good at one-liners, he's getting funnier and funnier every year. I think it's because he's getting older. He's always got everybody laughing."

**Who is the most superstitious?** "Brent Seabrook, by far. He's got his game-day routine down to the minute, from the time he wakes up until the game starts."

**Who is the biggest prankster?** "I have the reputation as the biggest prankster, but I just get blamed for everything, that's all. Yeah, OK. I'll take the heat for that one. You get so stiff during an 82-game schedule that it's fun to mess around, stay loose. I think everyone plays best when they're having fun and relaxed."

**What was one of your best pranks?** "I can't say that one. Ah, a lot of stuff to do in the hotels. Whether it's getting in someone's room and messing around with it, or with their equipment by cutting their laces or putting shaving cream or bubble gum at the end of their gloves. Little things like that. I don't want to give too much away."



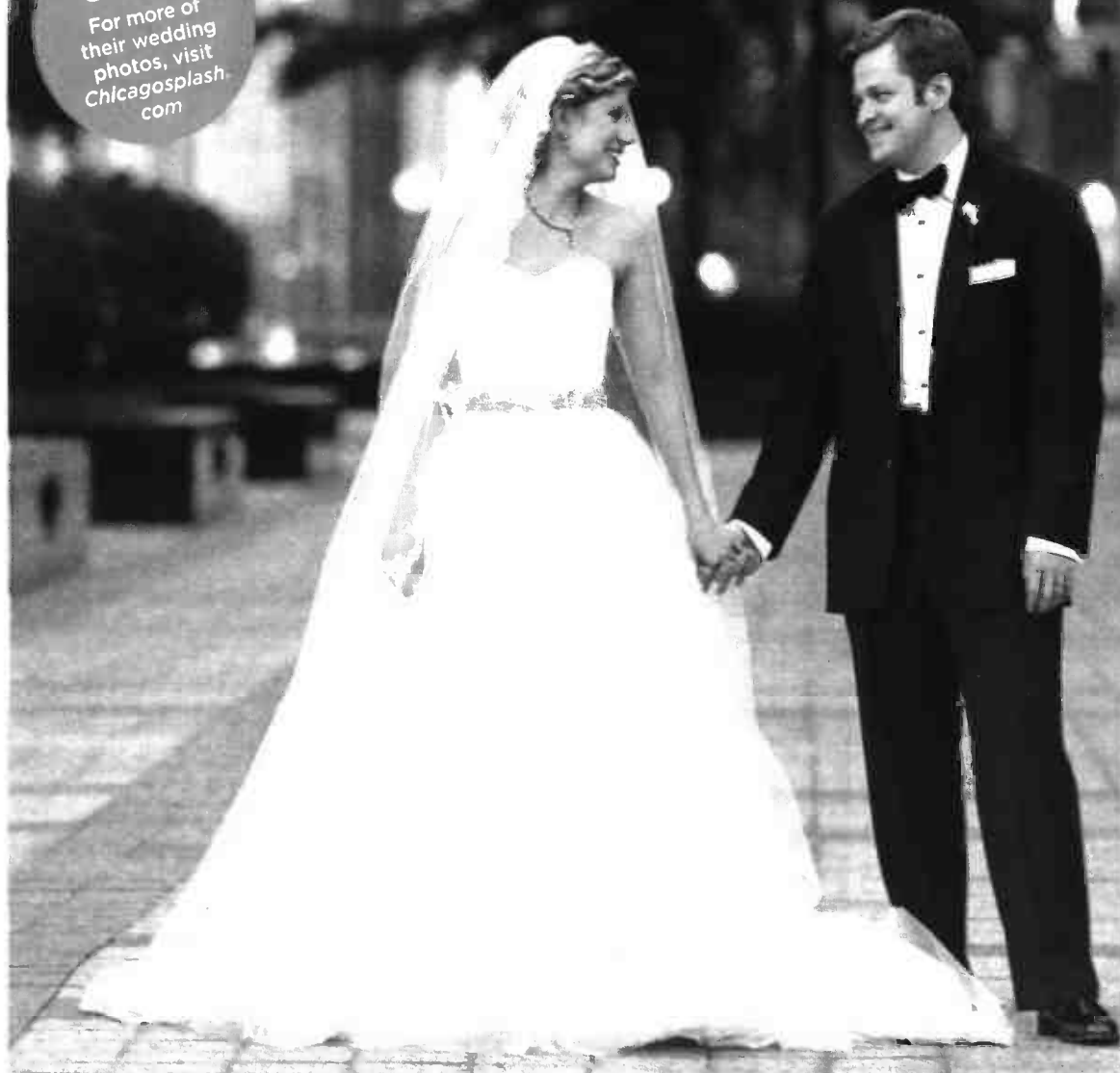
**Who's the most bookish?** "Probably the captain, Jonathan Toews. He's always got some new fitness craze or nutrition craze he's reading books about."

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# Kaylin Krashesky & John Risvold

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BY KATERINA BIZIOS

**T**hough John Risvold and Kaylin Krashesky work in law and customer service, respectively, it was the duo's love for literature that served as inspiration for their Sept. 21 wedding. "Our house has multiple bookcases in it, all overflowing," says Krashesky. "We wanted to do a library theme in a cool, classic, old-world sort of way." The couple chose the Chicago Cultural Center (78 E. Washington) to execute their vision, which included intricate details like program books that told their love story, a card catalogue from 1908 that held the seating assignments for their 260 guests and

tables named after their favorite books. During the cocktail hour, guests perused bookcases filled with pictures of the couple and their family members, including Krashesky's dad, WLS-Channel 7's Alan Krashesky. The local anchor made his daughter's day extra-special by playing a surprise recording of "You Are So Beautiful" during their first dance — the song that had played at the hospital when she was born. At 4:30 a.m., after dancing past the venue's closing time and getting only a half hour of sleep, Risvold and Krashesky took off for their honeymoon. "As we left the hotel, we ran into a handful of groomsmen coming back from Dunkin' Donuts, still dressed in their full tuxedos," says Krashesky. "It was a night to remember."



"Two flavors and five tiers. I gasped when I saw it!" -Krashesky



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The exterior of 1919 S. Prairie

# Ghost stories

Chicago's most haunted residence offers two condos that won't scare buyers away

BY MADELINE NUSSER

When it comes to real estate, the fall season often means fewer sales and dropping prices. For the rest of us, autumn signifies cooler temps, crunching leaves and Halloween haunts.

To the folks at 1919 S. Prairie (left), fall might mean all of the above. The building — on the Near South Side's historic avenue — is allegedly one of the most haunted in Chicago. Two of its six condos are currently up for sale, and while most of us don't put much stock in ghosts, would-be buyers entranced with our city's dark lore might want to scoop these up — both condos have knocked down their asks by at least \$25,000.

"For generations, no one was happy in the house," says *Chicago Haunts* author Ursula Bielski. As the tale goes, department store magnate Marshall Field gave his namesake son the house — a pretty Queen Anne on an avenue that housed 70 millionaires in the Gilded Age. In 1905, tragedy struck when Marshall Field Jr. reportedly shot himself in

his study while cleaning out his gun, though rumors swirled about his death. Mourning his son's passing, the senior Field died of pneumonia.

The pall of death surrounded the "Millionaires' Row" manse for decades, but these days, the old-timey red-brick exterior, gabled roofs and high smokestacks are the only eerie parts that remain — and the real draw. Before Junior's death, Daniel Burnham completed an addition that increased the home to 30,000 square feet with 43 rooms and 14 fireplaces. A 2007 renovation finalized the transformation into six spacious condos, with tall ceilings and grand entertainment spaces, trademark fireplaces intact.

Lest you worry about ghosts, Bielski sees hope for the condos. "Whether it was zoning or mortgage — everyone had problems doing something with the house. Only when the condos were proposed did the trouble stop, and it was able to be completed."

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### The interior of 1919 S. Prairie, unit 5







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## Cross-country divide

Resentment brews with one family close and the other far away

**D**ear Jenny,  
My husband and I have been married for almost 10 years. The whole time, we've lived in the same city as his family, while my family lives across the country. I like his family and we are definitely close. We see them often, once or twice a week. But after seeing them so much for so many years, while we see my family only a couple of times a year, I am starting to really resent them and I'm finding it difficult to be around them lately. It's not anyone's fault, but I can't seem to shake this frustration I have when my husband wants us to hang out with them, again. I hate feeling this way. Help!

—Maira, Ill.

**Jenny says:** As I'm sure you are aware, resentment builds over time. Primarily, it is induced after months or years of feeling you have been slighted or wronged. Resentment is typically targeted toward the person you believe is the cause of your pain. Then, over time, it generalizes to a larger group of people

— for example, all men, all employers, all teachers, etc. In your case, it's your husband's family. The problem with resentment is that the only person it hurts is you. I am sure you intuitively know that feeling upset, annoyed or wronged is getting you nowhere. In fact, negativity typically triggers more negativity. Resentment is a toxic emotion that can tear relationships apart and even cause physical ailments such as headaches, stomachaches and chronic fatigue.

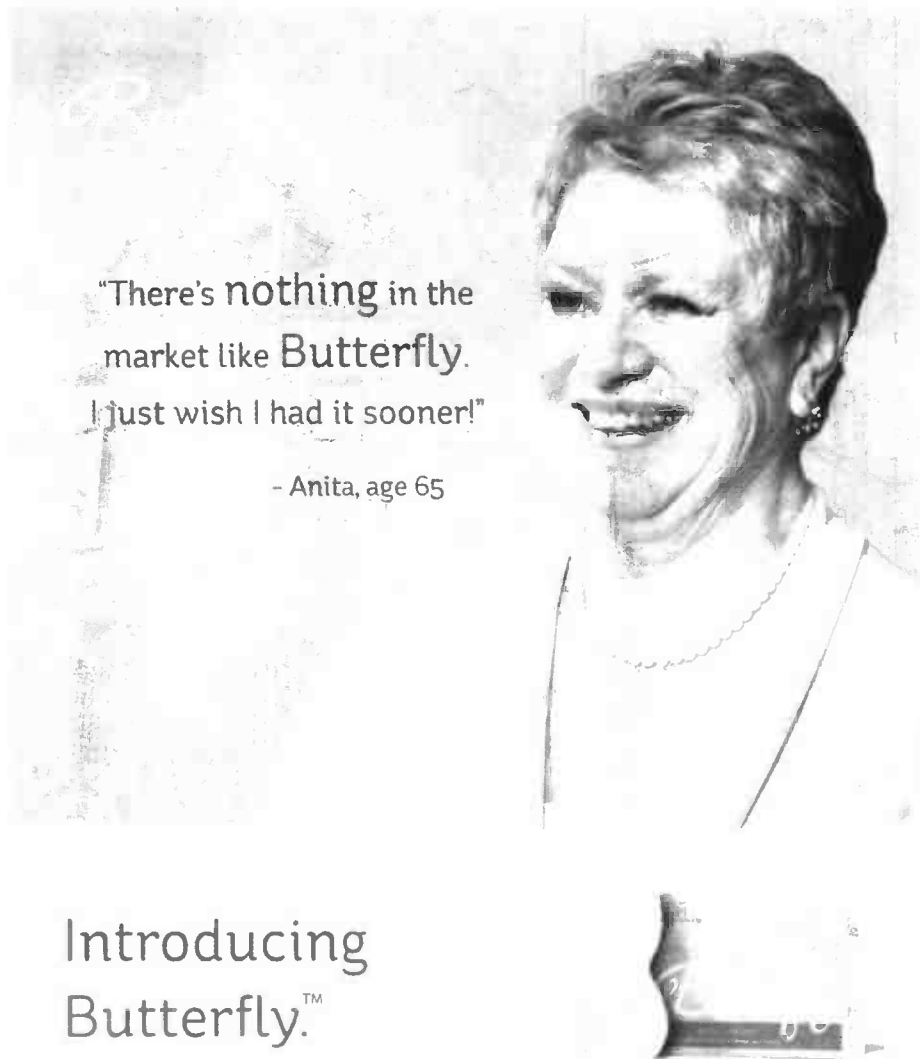
The good news is that you are aware you are feeling resentful. The next step is to develop a plan to move forward. If you haven't already, express your frustration to your husband. Is he aware you are feeling angry? If not, it's time he knows. When you speak the truth, you become stronger, more confident and more aware. Perhaps

it is time to entertain the idea of moving closer to your family or increase the amount of times you see them per year.

Realize you are not helpless in your situation. Be proactive. What will make you happy? Create a plan and implement it into your life. In my opinion, the solution to resentment is acceptance. In your situation, accept the fact that you live near your husband's family and not near your own. If you don't like your current situation, change it. Good luck!

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## Animal instincts

The Chicago Humanities Festival explores what sets us apart from our wild ancestors **BY THOMAS CONNORS**

Autumn signals a return to the classroom. But for those of us not matriculating, the Chicago Humanities Festival offers the chance to exercise our gray matter — or at least benefit from listening to those who do. The annual think-a-thon, which runs Nov. 1-10, features panels, performances and talks from esteemed individuals from across the globe, all centered on the theme “Animal: What Makes Us Human.” The festival always finds the delicate balance between science and the arts, and this year is no different. Look for appearances from University of Chicago paleontologist Paul Sereno and Stanford University biologist Deborah M. Gordon, the foremost authority on ants, as well as a roster of performances keyed in on the theme, including the magic-driven “Elephant Room” from performance group Rainpan 43, and Iranian playwright Nassim Soleimanpour’s absurdist “White Rabbit, Red Rabbit,” a solo piece performed by a different actor

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Whether because of the ability to form language or the possession of an immortal soul, humankind has long sought to distinguish itself from the animal kingdom. But ever since Darwin, the perception of that divide has diminished. Today, attempts to bridge the us-and-them gap have assumed an entirely different cast. “This used to be familiar science versus humanities territory, with the two camps thoroughly ignoring one another,” says Matti Bunzl, artistic director of the Chicago Humanities Festival. “Nowadays, evolutionary biologists speculate about art as an adaptation, while literary scholars challenge the species divide and theorize about animal communication.”

Though the festival’s determination to think “about

culture biologically, about biology culturally” may seem a tad too erudite for some, the event casts a wide net in its consideration of our place in the animal kingdom. Certainly, one of the more engaging events is “Birds Do It, Bees Do It,” a musical revue created by Rob Lindley and Doug Peck showcasing songs from the American Songbook.

“This body of song is a kind of cultural archive, chronicling and preserving the way we have thought about key issues over time,” Bunzl says. “Take Cole Porter’s iconic ‘Let’s Do It’ [Birds do it, bees do it/Even educated fleas do it/Let’s do it, let’s fall in love]. Porter presents a biologically absurd, yet utterly charming account of love in the animal kingdom. Porter knew, of course, that the ‘science’ of the song was wrong. Animals don’t fall in love. Instead, they fall in lust, a biological imperative shared by all creatures. The upshot is a powerful critique of the notion that humans are somehow above their animal urges.”

## IN CHARACTER WITH ... BILLY GARDELL

The comedian plays house with Melissa McCarthy on ‘Mike & Molly’ **BY LIZ CROKIN**

According to Billy Gardell, Melissa McCarthy is going to have a midlife crisis — that is, while playing his onscreen wife, Molly Flynn, on the duo’s hit CBS show “Mike & Molly.” In season four of the series, which premieres Nov. 4, Molly’s breakdown will “put the baby stuff on hold,” Gardell says. “Mike is going to have to endure it.” How does his character handle it? “He keeps his mouth shut like a good husband,” Gardell laughs.

Though Gardell calls playing the affable Mike “a gift,” he says that stand-up comedy is his first love. “I’ve wanted to be a comic since age 9,” says the Pittsburgh native, who honed his comedy chops at Chicago’s Zanies before starring in movies like “Bad Santa” and “You, Me and Dupree.” Fortunately, his current TV gig affords him the opportunity to make audiences laugh both onscreen and off. “We get a week off every two to three episodes, and I do a stand-up [set] on my off week,” he says. “I love the live reaction of a crowd.”

**Partner in crime:** “Melissa is an incredible talent. We have a wonderful trust. We said, ‘Let’s play this as real as possible.’ [Look at] the amount of success that has been heaped on her, and she’s still so kind and grateful. I adore all my co-stars. Melissa calls us a ‘huddled mass.’ They all came when I performed in Vegas, and we all go to Melissa’s movie premieres.”

**Role call:** “I try to make

[Mike] as genuine as possible. I want him to be a guy that everyone knows. To prepare, I tried to think of who the guy is. I’d like to see that character on the air for another three years.”

**Laugh track:** “I did stand-up from the ages of 17 to 26. Right when I was about ready to quit, it happened. My first big role was a recurring part in the [TV sitcom] “Yes, Dear.” [It] was a great education.”

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Gardell with Melissa McCarthy on “Mike & Molly”

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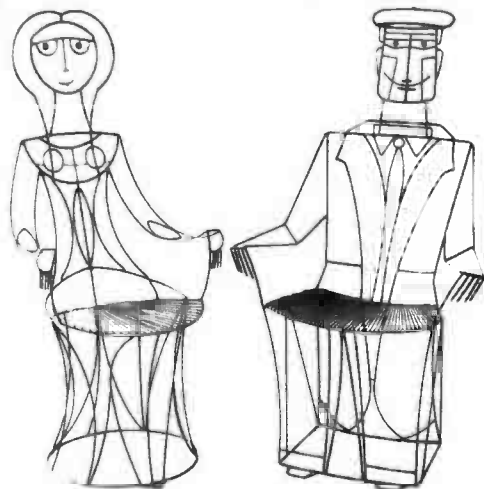
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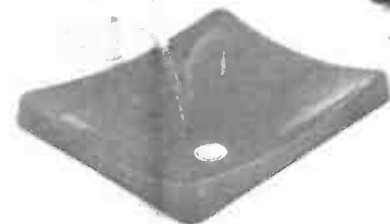
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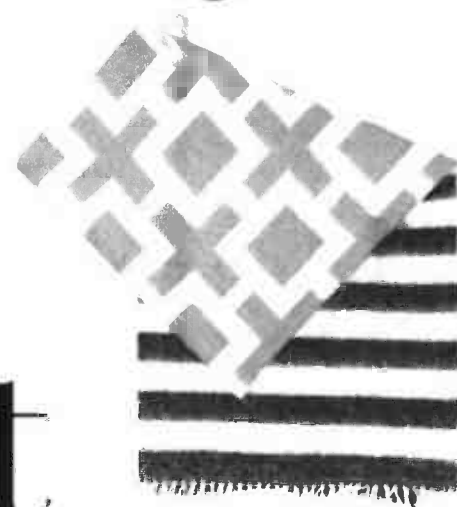
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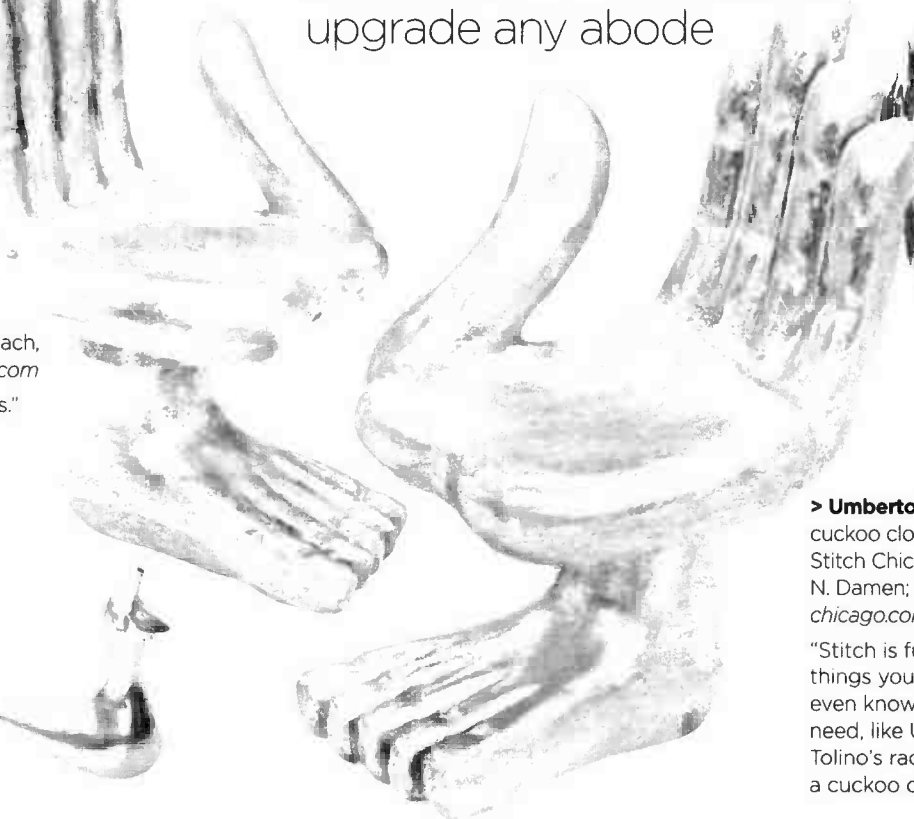
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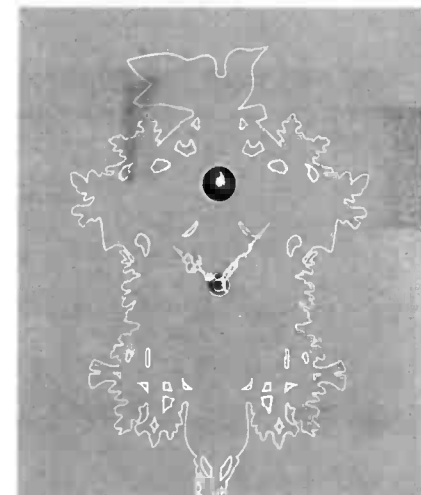


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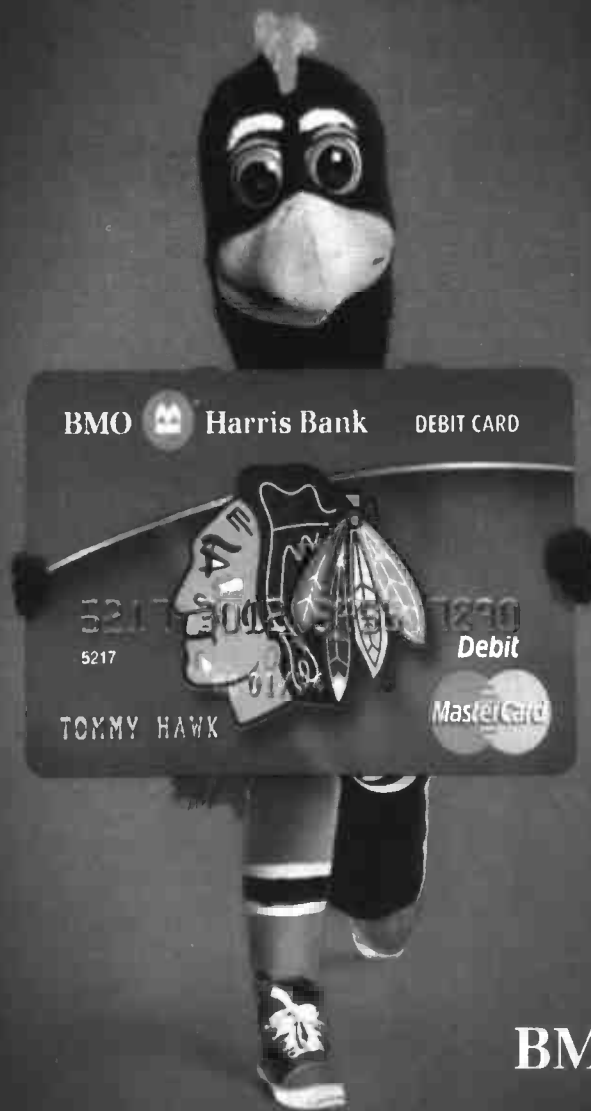
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BY JEFF TAYLOR

For Sun-Times Media

The mid-size Chevrolet Malibu sedan was redesigned for 2013, and here I am reporting 12 months later that Malibu has been revised for 2014.

Chevrolet took a hard look at the competition and then at Malibu and decided some changes were necessary. Kudos to Chevrolet for making the hard decision, and recently Chevrolet provided journalists a chance for an early review.

"Trim" and "crisp" describe the 2014 Malibu. A new chin spoiler, better looking lower grille, trimmer athletic upper grille, a few tasteful chrome accents, and some very attractive fan-blade alloy wheels helps Malibu align with Impala.

For 2014 powertrains are focused on a new 2.5-liter four-cylinder and a 2.0 turbo engine, with both backed by six-speed automatics. I tested both engines/transmissions branded "EcoTec" and, while they are not class leading in power or fuel economy, they do bolster the Malibu's competitive quotient. The 2.5

engine has 196 lb.-ft. of torque at 4,400 rpm and the 2.0 has 295 lb.-ft. of torque at 3,500 rpm.

Off the line, the 2.5 has slightly above-average acceleration and will have no problem moving a full load of passengers into the fast lane. The 2.0 is very peppy.

I spent a brief time on curvy roads and on-ramps, and I pushed both of these cars hard. Cornering and safety are aided by standard Stabilitrak w/traction control and ABS braking with good pedal feel. GM has Electric power steering dialed in, and as the 2014 has better response. Overall the ride felt a little firmer than the 2013.

The interior has also been revised. Gauges are easy to read, residing in a re-shaped dash design. The redesigned console has a better cushion and cupholders. I like the large, bright LCD screen augmented by big control knobs for audio and HVAC. The front seat seatbacks are not as thick as last year, providing a huge amount of rear seat legroom. The rear bench is flatter to allow

three-across seating. The trunk is huge with 16.3 cubic feet of flat floor space.

Malibu LT and LTZ models feature MyLink as standard. It seamlessly integrates online services such as Pandora internet radio and Stitcher SmartRadio using hands-free voice and touch-screen controls via Bluetooth-enabled phones. Malibu adds a new Text-to-Voice feature for smartphones with Bluetooth profile (M.A.P.) and Siri for iPhone iOS 6 and iOS 7 users.

Text-to-Voice converts incoming messages to speech, reads them over the audio system speakers and allows the driver to reply with preset messages such as "I'm driving and will contact you later." Users can create and save their own preset messages when the vehicle is in Park.

On the safety front, Malibu offers radar Side Blind Zone Alert and Rear Cross Traffic Alert this year. Forward Collision Alert came in very handy when a truck quickly stopped in front of me. Lane Departure Warning also helps you with crash-avoidance.

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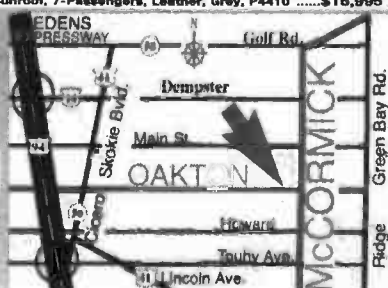
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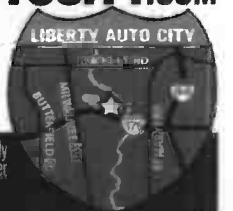
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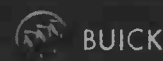
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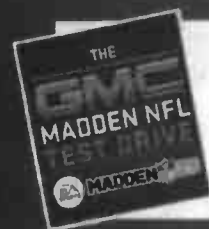


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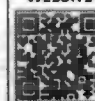


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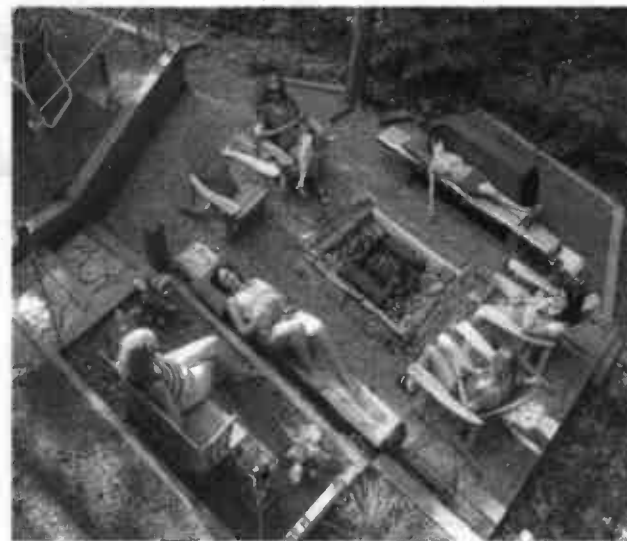
Lake Chapin Shores the place to take it easy

A home at the lake, magnificent views of water and woods, boating, fishing, a heated pool, a children's play area in a safe and secure community with abundant wildlife ... these are just a few of the reasons families are choosing Lake Chapin Shores for their second/vacation home.

Few places can offer such an opportunity for family fun and togetherness. Situated on 600-acre Lake Chapin near Berrien Springs in southwest Michigan, this thriving community has become a family retreat for homeowners, one that comes with something for everyone, every age.

The families living at Lake Chapin Shores, just 90 minutes from downtown Chicago, enjoy the scenic majesty of lake and woods, all of the water activities available at an all-sports lake and the convenience of community services, including year-round maintenance of the pool, docks and roadways, common area landscaping and concierge options.

Homeowners at Lake Chapin Shores talk with friends and family about their experiences at a lakeside and woodland retreat and what it means for decompression from the daily grind, attitude adjustment when needed and generally refocusing on the real priorities of life.



Here's a sampling of what they say.

"Our home at Lake Chapin Shores is beautiful and comfortable, so much so in fact, that it has become our favorite family gathering spot. We enjoy views of the water on three levels, with enough indoor and outdoor space and activity to keep everyone happy during our annual family reunion we've hosted here since we moved in five years ago."

— Homeowners Carol and Gary

"We chose a hilltop setting for our home and the builder helped us take maximum advantage of the expansive views of lake and woods with lots of large windows and deck space. Wherever we are in the home, we can see the colors and seasonal beauty that surround us here. It's peaceful. Our kids drive up from Chicago when they get a break from college. We're having the best time together in this relaxed setting."

— Homeowners Barb and Ken



By land and sea: Whether it's relaxing by the heated community swimming pool with family and neighbors, or off for a water-borne tour of the beautiful scenery, Lake Chapin Shores provides every opportunity to experience the view, the activity, the amenities of the area or just plain lie back. | SUPPLIED PHOTOS

"We appreciate quiet privacy, surrounded by mature trees, and living in a community where we can readily socialize with other couples, other families, just by walking down the road to the lake or pool. The views from every room are absolutely rejuvenating and make the home more inviting for everyone who visits."

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"Perched atop a hill overlooking the lake and the pool, with several levels and steps down to a gazebo and a private dock, our home is the setting for non-stop family fun. We live very busy business lives so being part of this lakeside community gives us a chance to exhale and take in the breath-taking beauty of the lake, even from the pool deck while watching our small children happily swimming and playing with their lake home friends."

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— Homeowners Laura and Brett

Lake Chapin Shores is 90 minutes from Chicago in southwest Michigan. Call for an appointment to tour the community and the model home and pick out one of the last six prime lots for your dream vacation home. Visit the website at [www.LakeChapinShores.com](http://www.LakeChapinShores.com) for a look at each of 12 model home options, photos and video of Lake Chapin Shores living and a complete list of materials and specifications. Register at the website for alerts on upcoming events, more information and pricing.

# Aviation buff, growing family choose Dawson Creek home near airport

Some people have oil in their veins. Others can't keep away from the water. Earl Modesto can't keep his head out of the clouds. That's why he and his family purchased a new home constructed by Gerstad Builders in Poplar Grove.

Gerstad's community, Dawson Creek, is located within minutes of the Poplar Grove airport, which allows Earl to volunteer at the airport and begin helping with the restoration of some historic planes. The family purchased a 3,177-square-foot, two-story Georgian model set on a third of an acre, base-priced at \$289,990.

The Modesto's were very pleased with their previous home in Indianapolis, but with the acceptance of a new aviation position in Rockford, it became necessary to start a new life in Illinois. After living in their 1,800-square-foot home for three years, Earl and Jennifer knew they wanted a larger home for their future family to grow into, which recently increased by one with the birth of their daughter.

After visiting three other communities and checking out the competition, the Modestos decided to purchase



**Family sized:** The Modesto family purchased a new Georgian home at Dawson Creek in Poplar Grove. The 3,177-square-foot, two-story home met their needs with three bedrooms, loft, 2½ baths, partial basement and a family room with two-story ceiling and fireplace. | SUPPLIED PHOTOS

their new home from Gerstad because of the reputation for construction quality and convenient location near the Poplar Grove airport.

"I wanted to be close to the airport so that I could be close to the airplanes that have always fascinated me," said Earl. "I enjoy watching the old planes taking off and lining up for the ap-

proach to the runway. I hope to get my license in a few years if everything works out OK."

Finding the right floor plan was important, but so was the community the home was to be built in. According to the Modestos, Dawson Creek was

perfect ... close enough to Rockford (17 miles) for commuting from work and major shopping adventures, but far enough away to maintain peace and quite.

Dawson Creek offers 1,380- to 3,177-square-foot ranch and two-story homes base-priced from \$162,990 to \$289,990.

Earl and Jennifer started the house hunting process with a list of features that must be found in a floor plan before they would consider buying it. They wanted a considerably larger home with an open floor plan, a mini-

mum of three bedrooms, a basement, and a three-car garage.

The Georgian was their choice. The two-story home comes basement and central air conditioning. With 9-foot ceilings, the first floor of this luxurious home includes a kitchen with center island and 42-inch upper cabinets, breakfast area, formal dining room, living room, private study and a family room with two-story ceiling and floor-to-ceiling windows flanking the fireplace. The second level is devoted to three bedrooms, a loft and two full bathrooms. The master bedroom

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**Better image:** It is surprising what a couple of mirrors can do, not only reflecting the style you add to a room like the bath, but also in "hiding" things not in use in other rooms, like a TV set in the family room. 1 SUPPLIED PHOTO

## Style, tech help refresh the nest

It's hard not to find a home improvement show about remodeling and do-it-yourself (DIY) projects.

These give homeowners ideas. If you're planning your own DIY projects, here are three areas of the home that will give you the most bang for your buck when it comes to a makeover.

### First stop: the bathroom

Bathroom remodels are the most popular remodeling projects because they have a high return on investment, according to the National Association of Home Builders. When you're ready to sell your house, renovating the bathroom typically has a return of 62 percent.

A low-cost way to modernize the bathroom is installing new faucets, a popular and easy change with plentiful style choices.

Another idea is to add additional light sources. Bringing in more light will open up the space and make your bathroom come to life. The bathroom is often a place to unwind, and adding the right lighting can set the tone for a spa-like atmosphere. One way to do this, without breaking your budget, is by simply replacing the light fixtures. Add a modern touch to your bath with dramatic choices like chandeliers and sconces.

### Second stop: the living room

Modern design doesn't have to mean uncomfortable. Homeowners love modern interiors for the sleek and streamlined look, which leads to less clutter and visual stress. Expand the modern theme throughout the home by updating furniture with unfussy and relaxed pieces. You don't need to buy everything new. Fabric covers, in an array of prints and colors, can instantly bring new life to old furniture. For pieces that need to be replaced, consider purchasing solid and neutral furniture. As trends change, you can switch out pillows and blankets to stay up-to-date.

Keep neutrals in mind when selecting paint

colors, as well. White, black, brown and gray will go with just about anything. For a pop of color, paint an accent wall with a bold color, or add extra personality with drapery or area rugs. Use lamps, paintings and accessories to give a personal touch throughout the rest of your living space.

### Final stop: the kitchen

Opening up shelving is a way to put a fresh, modern spin on your existing kitchen layout. You can order new cabinets with glass panels or simply remove the doors from your existing ones. Just make sure the exposed areas are not cluttered. Open shelving is a perfect place to display dishes. For a crisp look, try stacks of white plates and bowls. If you're looking for an edgy feel, try patterned or bright-colored ones. Adding new hardware to cabinets is also an inexpensive way to improve the look of your kitchen.

Since faucets are the most-used item in the kitchen, a new model can make a big impression. Swap out your old one for the new Align suite from Moen. Align faucets feature high-arc spouts and a geometric handle, emphasizing the simplicity and elegance of the design. To complement your new faucet, look to update your counters as well. Granite remains a popular choice because of its high style and durability.

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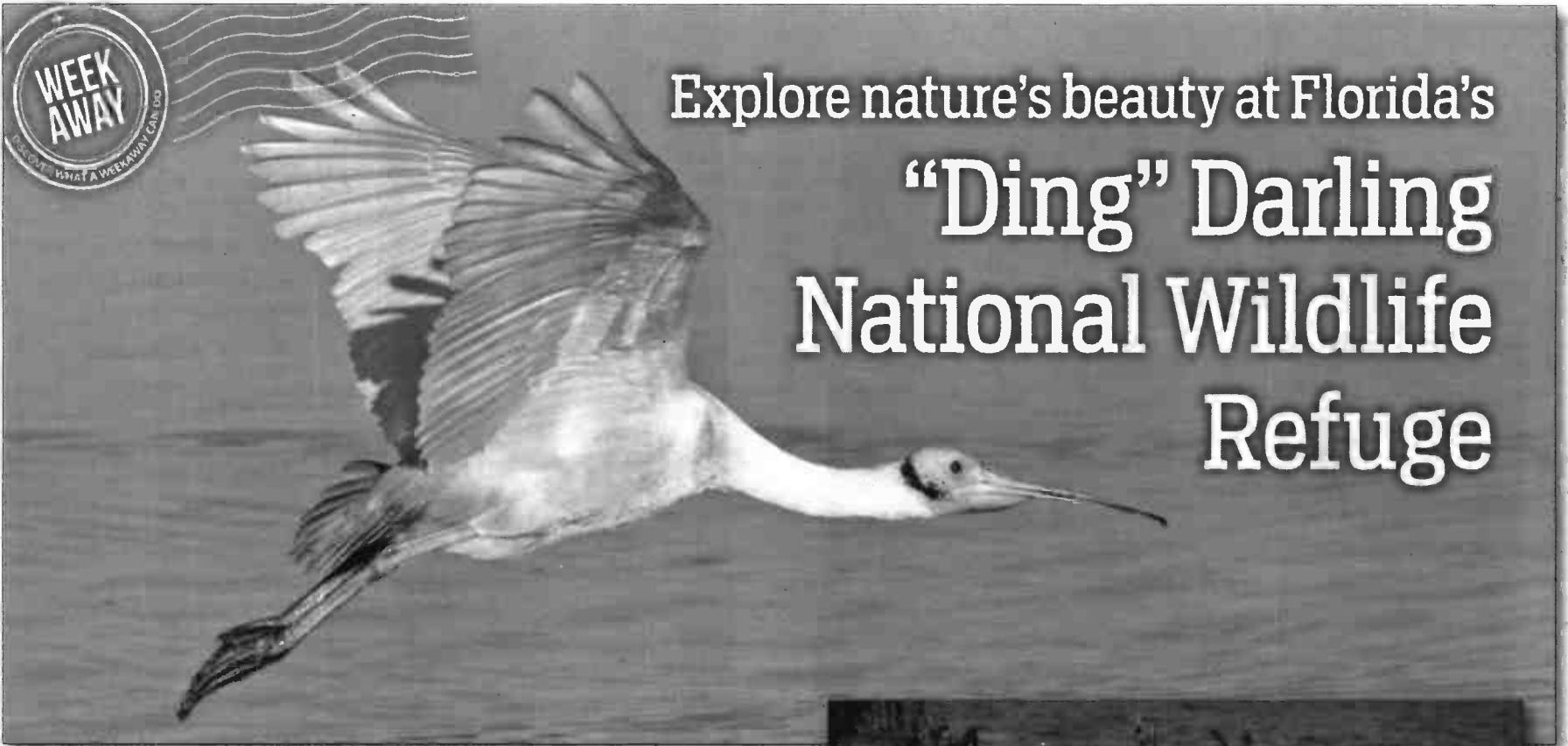
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# Explore nature's beauty at Florida's "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge



By Matthew Villanueva

The islands of Captiva and Sanibel in southwestern Florida provide a relaxing vacation haven for those who wish to escape the hustle and bustle of crowded beaches and streets. Nearly half of the land area on Sanibel Island is dedicated to the J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge. From Tarpon Bay in the east to Buck Key in the west, this pristine ecosystem provides many recreational opportunities for visitors.

### Conservation

As part of the National Wildlife Refuge System, this area is open for day use only, and no overnight camping is allowed. One of the main purposes of the Refuge is to protect native wildlife such as herons, egrets and alligators, and allow them to thrive in their natural habitat so that future generations can enjoy them as well.

### Recreation

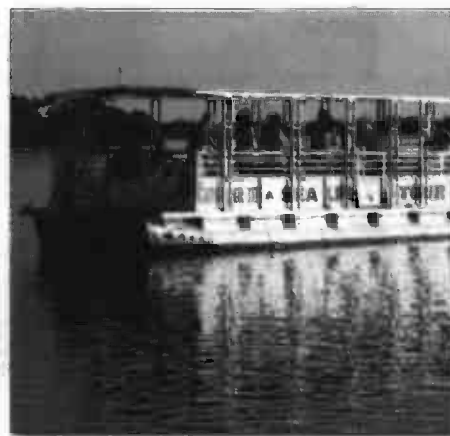
To explore the Refuge, visitors can hike on one of the numerous foot trails

or ride their bikes. There is also a canoe and kayak trail for marine exploration. Fishing is allowed anywhere in the Refuge, but fisherman must abide by the boat regulations and obtain all necessary permits from the State of Florida.

### Education

If you would like to learn more about the ecosystems at the Refuge and the flora and fauna that inhabit it, visit the visitors/education center, which is located two miles west of Tarpon Bay along the Sanibel-Captiva road. In the bookstore, run by the "Ding" Darling Wildlife Society, you can find souvenirs, field guides, and much more.

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## Fun fall activities in Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin

By Anne Thompson

If you want a little relaxation and fun before the busy holiday season gets into full swing, Elkhart Lake in southeastern Wisconsin can offer a welcoming getaway just a short drive away from Chicago or Milwaukee. Here is a quick look at the excellent activities you might enjoy to get into the autumn spirit.

### Quit Qui Oc Golf

The Quit Qui Oc Golf Club welcomes players throughout the autumn season to enjoy world-class golf with the incredible view of fall foliage in vibrant colors of red, orange and yellow. If you are looking to improve your game, you can get professional pointers from PGA and LPGA instructors at the club.

### Kayaking

To get a view of the amazing fall scenery around the lake, you might bundle up in some warm clothing and take a kayaking trip on the water. You can also participate in year-round fishing with Jay's Guide Service.

### Biking and Hiking

Elkhart Lake's proximity to the Kettle Moraine State Forest and its glacially formed hills and valleys make it a popular destination for those seeking autumn's vibrant colorama which typically peaks mid-October.



Photos courtesy of Steve Larese

### Henschel's Indian Museum

This beautiful outdoor museum showcases the area's history and hidden springs trout farm. Breathtaking views surround the museum, which stands on a sacred ceremonial site. You can see history come to life with fixed artifacts along with rotating exhibits on loan.

You can start planning your trip and book your accommodations by the water by calling Elkhart Lake Tourism at

877-355-4278. With plentiful activities to enjoy year-round, there is always a reason to get away for a weekend at the lake.



## Weekends by WeekAway

Looking for a little weekend road trip? Check out one of these events within driving distance from Chicago.

### Alton, IL

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**Beer & Spirits Festival.**  
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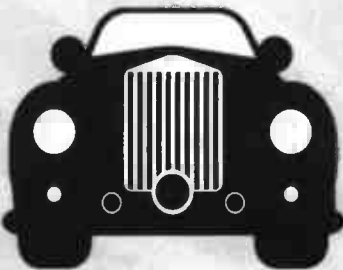
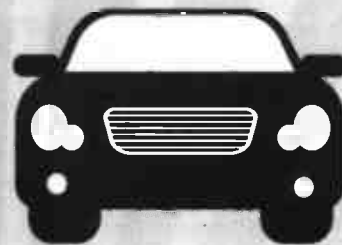
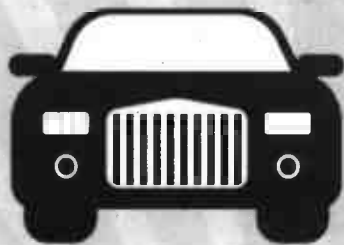
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## TOP 5

Managing Editor Jennifer Thomas' picks for this week.

1. Fall Flea Market runs 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 2 at the Robert Crown Community Center, 1701 Main St., Evanston. CityofEvanston.org.
2. Holiday Bazaar takes place at 10 a.m. Nov. 2 at the Park Ridge Senior Center, 100 S. Western Ave.
3. Enjoy an evening of contemporary and classical piano music by world-famous musician and Niles native Doug Montgomery (pictured) at 7 p.m. Nov. 2 at Oakton's Footlik Theater, 1600 E. Golf Road, Des Plaines. Call (847) 635-1893 or email Margaret Montana at mmontana@oakton.edu.



4. Friends of the Library Book Sale runs 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Nov. 2 and noon-2 p.m. Nov. 3 at Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave. ParkRidgeLibrary.org.
5. Chicago Philharmonic Chamber Players present "A Romantic Journey: From Bohemia to the Puszta," 3 p.m. Nov. 3 at St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 205 N. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge. Chicagophilharmonic.org.

## Center ring cowboy

### Ringling Bros. ringmaster gallops into new role

BY TRICIA DESPRES  
For Sun-Times Media

As the newest Ringmaster of the latest Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey circus production, Andre McClain spends his days and nights standing before stadiums full of crowds, using his powerful voice to attract the undivided attention of spectators both young and old.

Of course, his voice wasn't always that impressive.

"When I was a kid and even throughout high school, I had this high and squeaky type of voice," recalls the Missouri native, heartily laughing between each sentence. "When I was 19 years old, it changed overnight. I mean, it literally changed overnight. My family and I thought I must be sick or something."

Luckily, McClain's resounding voice hasn't changed back to its squeaky origins, and now serves as one of his most defining characteristics. It was one of the main reasons he first got noticed by the renowned circus.

"I had never seen a circus at all until I joined Ringling 11 years ago," says McClain, whose father founded the Bill Pickett Rodeo in 1984, known as America's first all-black touring rodeo. "After meeting with a talent scout, they flew me down to Texas for a tryout, but my horse trailer broke down in Oklahoma. Without a horse, I had no idea what I was going to do, so I grabbed one of those big old tubs the elephants stand on and introduced my 'invisible' horse Jonah. I also sang and roped and when I was finished, they said my contract would be in the mail if I was interested." McClain — ani-

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mal trainer, cowboy, rodeo star, singer-songwriter — was hired in 2002 as host of the circus' All Access Pre-Show, working with exotic animals and horses at every performance as the audiences are invited onto the arena floor to meet the performers and the animals up-close.

"The ringmaster is not a role where you can just act it out," explains Alana Feld, co-producer of Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey. "Every feeling and every emotion has to really be you. Andre has a true passion and love for the circus and you can see it in his performance. He also has allowed us to go back to our roots and traditions by being a true ringmaster on horseback."

McClain is the first singing equestrian ringmaster in 100 years to take the reins of the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey circus — alongside his horse Comanche.

"Comanche is quite a character," he says of his 7-year-old horse. "These shows involve so many lights and props and people moving around that it was essential that I worked with him early on to build a trust and a relationship with him."



"Cowboy" ringmaster Andre McClain in Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey's "Built to Amaze."

Preparing for a long stay in the Chicago area, with dates at both Allstate Arena and the United Center, McClain and the entire production find themselves part of the ultimate reality show. With more than 110 performers representing 17 countries and 95 exotic and domestic animals, this year's production is designed to keep generations of people entertained.

"Attention spans are short these days, so we make sure the show is very fast paced," says Feld. "In fact, I would say it is by far one of our most contemporary shows we have ever put on. It's

all about infusing contemporary pieces to the show while making sure we have enough tradition in there with what people expect from us."

"As the ringmaster, it's overwhelming and quite an honor to introduce these 6th- and 7th-generation circus performers every night," says McClain, whose wife and 14-year-old daughter travel with him as part of the circus. "This isn't some show Off Broadway. There are no special effects. These performers go out and risk their lives out there every day. This is the real deal."



John Lithgow brings his one-man, theatrical drama, "Stories by Heart," to the North Shore Performing Arts Center Nov. 3.

# John Lithgow makes Chicago theatre debut

BY MIKE THOMAS  
For Sun-Times Media

His roles have run the gamut from a goof-ball alien on NBC's hit sitcom "3rd Rock from the Sun" to the creepily malevolent Trinity Killer on Showtime's "Dexter," and John Lithgow wouldn't have it any other way.

On Nov. 3, the versatile actor, theatre veteran and author (his memoir, "Drama: An Actor's Education" was published in 2011) will appear at the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts to stage his one-man show "Stories by Heart."

Surprisingly, considering his career spans more than four decades and he knows numerous local thespians, the show will mark Lithgow's Chicago theatre debut. "It's not for want of being asked," he says, "but I've just never had the chance to say yes."

During a recent conversation, Lithgow mused about acting, fame and marriage.

**Q: Writing is a very solitary experience. When you're onstage, there's audience energy to feed off. Because of that, is theatre storytelling more gratifying?**

**A:** I think so. It's a very immediate gratification. It's a very communal event and you feel like you're ending the evening with 400 new friends. We're lucky people, we actors, at the best of times. Besides which, I'm a natural-born actor. I'm not a natural-born writer.

**Q: You mentioned having 400 new friends at the end of the evening. How has that dynamic changed in terms of people wanting to be your friends?**

**A:** "3rd Rock" did change things a lot.

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It quadrupled my recognizability. And of course it fades after a while unless something else comes along. Well, the other thing that came along was "Dexter," and I suddenly became a famous creepy villain.

**Q: Chicago is a great theatre town, as you know. A lot of people will say it's even better than New York. Do you feel that way?**

**A:** Absolutely. I literally envy Chicago actors. There's just such a tremendous tradition and a very daring theatre tradition. New York is a terrific theatre town, of course, but there is a sense that a show has to be proven goods before you'll buy a ticket for it. That's not true of Chicago.

**Q: You've been married for decades to a college professor [Mary Yeager]. How has that enhanced your life?**

**A:** It's somehow given me a private life, which is just as important if not more important than my public life. One of the real hardships of the acting profession is you tend to lend way too much importance to what you do. It's important all right, but it's not the very essence of your life. In a sense, you can't depend on acting, because acting will let you down.

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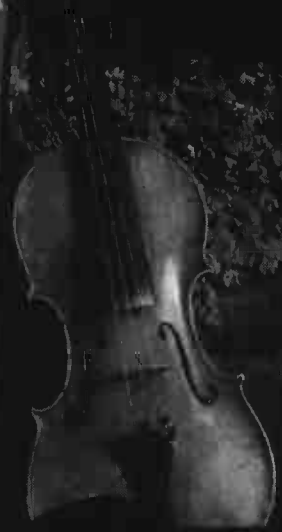
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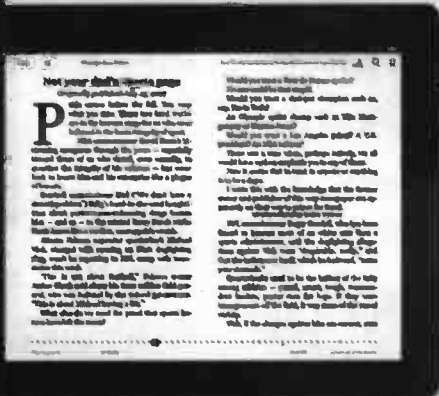
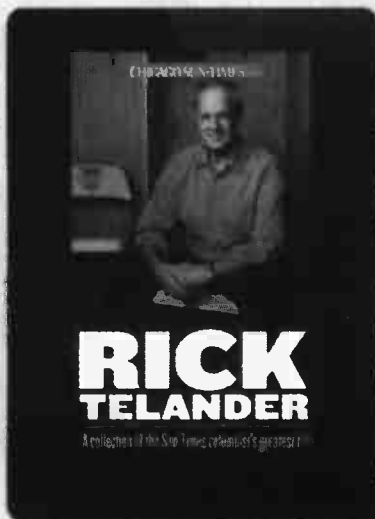
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# See the best of British theater close to home

BY STEPHANIE FOSNIGHT REGISTER  
For Sun-Times Media

If you fancy taking in the best of British drama this autumn, you can travel to the National Theatre on the South Bank of London's Thames, or you can take Northwestern University up on their alternative offer, making a trip instead to Evanston.

Once again this year, drama lovers can revel in high definition broadcasts of some of the most exciting new plays from Britain's National Theatre.

Diane Claussen, managing director of Northwestern's Theater and Interpretation center, brought the series to Evanston in 2009 after being wowed by her first viewing of a National Theatre Live production.

"I was amazed by how high quality it was, technically, but I was also amazed at how it made me feel like I was in a theater in London," she said.

The National Theatre Live broadcasts are more than just a single-camera, stationary view of a stage. The productions are filmed before live audiences using carefully directed multiple camera angles and shots, which are then packaged and sent to 500 venues around the world.

The 2013-2014 series kicks off Nov. 5 with a modern military interpretation of "Othello," starring acclaimed British actor Adrian Lester and Rory Kinnear.

On Nov. 12 and 13 comes a rebroadcast of last year's immensely popular "Frankenstein," directed by Oscar winner Danny Boyle. The two showings give area residents



Kenneth Branagh in "Macbeth." The rebroadcast of London's National Theatre's play airs at Northwestern Nov. 19. | PHOTO BY JOHAN PERSSON

the chance to see both versions of the production, in which the play's two stars — Benedict Cumberbatch (of "Sherlock" fame) and Jonny Lee Miller (TV's "Elementary") alternated the roles of Dr. Frankenstein and The Creature.

"I was so deeply moved by the core relationships in this

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Jonny Lee Miller as the Creature and Benedict Cumberbatch as Dr. Frankenstein in National Theatre's "Frankenstein," airing at Northwestern Nov. 12 and 13. | PHOTO BY CATHERINE ASHMORE

"Frankenstein." There is a sadness and beauty in it," Claussen said.

Claussen is perhaps most excited about the Nov. 19 offering of "Macbeth" in which Kenneth Branagh, an actor/director nearly synonymous with Shakespeare, interprets the title character.

National Theatre Live's 2013-2014 series also includes Shakespeare's "Hamlet" and "Coriolanus"; a rebroadcast of "The Habit of Art"; and, finally, the blockbuster "War Horse," which more than 1 million London theatergoers have seen since it debuted there in 2007.



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||| FAMILY FRIENDLY



Cow (Liz Bollar, left) distracts Farmer Brown (Derek Czaplewski, center) while Duck (Nathaniel Niemi, right) tries to steal his laundry to make a Halloween costume in Lifeline Theatre's production of "Click, Clack, Boo! A Tricky Treat."

# Halloween comes to the barnyard

BY MYRNA PETLICKI  
For Sun-Times Media

Halloween isn't scary. That's what Farmer Brown and preschoolers in the audience learn from four barnyard animals in the delightful musical, "Click, Clack, Boo! A Tricky Treat," at Lifeline Theatre through Nov. 24. James E. Grote adapted the family musical from Doreen Cronin's latest children's book, with music and clever lyrics by George Howe.

Children also learn that they shouldn't let others step on their dreams when the quartet of animals sings the lyric, "You cannot tell me what I cannot be."

There's never a dull moment from the high-energy cast: Liz Bollar (Cow), Heather Currie (Pig), Derek Czaplewski (Farmer Brown), Amanda Link (Hen) and Nathaniel Niemi (Duck). And parents won't be bored because there are a few jokes tossed in for just them. A couple of the animals discover what is scary — a CD by Britney Spears.

Performances are at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays at 6912 N. Glenwood Ave., Chicago. Tickets are \$15.

For details, call (773) 761-4477 or go to [www.lifelinetheatre.com](http://www.lifelinetheatre.com).

## STAR QUALITY

Jeffrey Brown, author of the "Star Wars" graphic novels and the children's book, "Jedi Academy," will speak and sign his books as part of the Star Wars Extravaganza, 2:30-4:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 2, at the Skokie Public Library, 5215 Oakton St. There will also be other "Star Wars" activities. Registration is required.

For details, call (847) 324-3149 or go to [www.skokieliibrary.info](http://www.skokieliibrary.info).

## WIMPING OUT AGAIN

Greg gets in trouble once more in "Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Hard Luck." Your kids can celebrate the latest book in Jeff Kinney's popular children's series at a release party at 4 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 5, at Barnes & Noble, 55 Old Orchard Center, Skokie. They will play Wimpy bingo and luck-themed activities and have snacks.

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For details, go to [groups.northwestern.edu/purplecrayonplayers](http://groups.northwestern.edu/purplecrayonplayers).

## A SPECIAL DAY

Cultural exhibitions and activities celebrating the Day of the Dead/Dia de los Muertos will run from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 2, at the Evanston Public Library, 1703 Orrington Ave. There will be Aztec ceremonial drumming, a chance to make sugar skulls, and a display of altars created by Evanstonians.

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Autumn begins for me on the first morning I wake to find golden leaves scattered about the sidewalks and into the streets. I'm filled with a vibrancy that carries me throughout those fleeting days and into the changing season. October's clock counts down moments until the first frost and I enjoy these final crisp days outdoors composting the remnants of our garden fare, detaching the hose and cleaning out pots, mulch-

ing our raised beds, and preparing the chicken coop for winter.

It feels like we're living on borrowed time in these days and I hurriedly tuck seeds in the ground for plants we'll grow in a cold frame until spring. We squeeze in final bike rides through the neighborhood and weekend trips for ice cream. The teakettle is never far from the burner.

During this time of the year, I turn indoors and welcome the return of chilly weather traditions I've valued since I was a little girl. Large rugs are rolled out across hardwood floors while my grandmother's

quilts sprawl across each couch and chair for easy access to warmth. My oven becomes a constant companion as I dry my final batch of lavender and basil, oregano and mint, and dog-ear every pumpkin recipe I come across. Just when the last of this year's tomatoes line our shelves as sauce and juice, I take stock of my dwindling canning supplies, breathe a deep breath of gratitude, and open our kitchen to bushels of apples.

Stepping into an orchard, strolling through the rows of fruit trees, and sampling bites from Granny Smiths to Red Delicious ends in laughter; I always pack the

baskets heavier than I can carry. Gathering apples has come to be my most anticipated fall activity especially when followed by a roaring bonfire, good friends sitting together on freshly split logs, and plenty of hard cider to share. Back home, I simmer our bounty with cinnamon and brown sugar for a sweet dessert and cook the rest down for applesauce.

We visit a friend's farm in central Illinois to gather our apples each year, but the Chicago area boasts plenty of U-Pick farms open to the public and you can find one close to you at [www.pickyourown.org](http://www.pickyourown.org).

Once you've gathered your basket of apples, you could even try your hand at cider pressing or making your own vinegar. After all the applesauce has been preserved and the pies have been baked, grab one of your last few apples for a quick craft. Perfect for your Thanksgiving table or a simple gift, creating a hand-stamped table runner will keep your home feeling like autumn long after the snow begins to fall.

Apple stamping doesn't need to be limited to fabric — engage kids in additional quick crafts such as stamping cards and cloth tote bags.

# GO CALENDAR

BY WRAPPORTS NEWS SERVICE

THURSDAY, OCT. 31

## Halloween Luncheon

Noon: Celebrate Halloween with this costumed luncheon. Norwood Park Senior Center, 5801 N. Natoma Ave., Chicago. Call 773-775-4790. \$150.

## Halloween: Trick or Treating

1 p.m.: Children of all ages are invited to celebrate Halloween with a trick-or-treating tour around the library. Costumes are welcome. Eisenhower Public Library, 4613 N. Oketo Ave., Harwood Heights. Call 708-867-7828.

## Classic Film Series: 'You Can't Take It With You'

1 p.m.: A man from a wealthy family of snobs becomes engaged to a woman from a good-natured but peculiar family. Starring Jean Arthur, James Stewart and Lionel Barrymore. 126 minutes. Eisenhower Public Library, 4613 N. Oketo Ave., Harwood Heights. Call 708-867-7828.

## Film: 'Ghostbusters'

2 p.m.: Three unemployed parapsychology professors set up shop as a unique ghost removal service. Stars Bill Murray, Dan Aykroyd and Sigourney Weaver. 105 minutes. Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove. Call 847-929-5101.

## Travel Film

2 p.m.: Enjoy a family-friendly movie traveling through a different part of the world. Call 847-825-3123 to find out what movie will be playing this week. Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge.

## 'Mall-O-Ween' Festivities

4 p.m.: Children are invited to dress up in their Halloween costumes and collect candy throughout the mall. A Halloween photo booth will be available from 3 to 7 p.m. in Center Court. Lincolnwood Town Center Mall, 3333 W. Touhy Ave., Lincolnwood. For more information, call 317-684-7711.

## Scream Scene

7 p.m.: Guests will wind their way through a maze featuring crazed butchers, chainsaw maniacs and ghoulish monsters. Not recommended for children under 10 years old. Oakton Park, 4701 W. Oakton St., Skokie. For more information, call 847-674-1500, ext. 2700. \$9.

FRIDAY, NOV. 1

## Lindi Ortega

7 p.m.: The Juno-nominated singer-songwriter, lauded for her voice, performs. Also featuring Brett Detar. Evanston SPACE, 1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston. Call 847-492-8860. \$12-\$18.

## Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey: Built to Amaze

7 p.m.: Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey presents the 143rd edition of the "greatest show on Earth." Elephants, tigers, acrobats and aerialists from across the globe join together to perform for the audience. Runs Nov. 1 to Nov. 11. Additional performances Saturdays at 3:30 and 7:30 p.m., Sundays at 5 p.m.. Wednesday, Nov. 6, at 7 p.m. and Monday, Nov. 11, at 3 p.m. Allstate Arena, 6920 Mannheim Road, Rosemont. Call 800-745-3000. \$15-\$90.

## The Crooked Mouth in The Studios at SPACE

7:30 p.m.: The alternative rock band performs. Evanston SPACE, 1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston. For more information, call 847-492-8860. \$12-\$15.

## The Howlin' Brothers

10 p.m.: The Nashville-based Americana band performs. Also featuring The Lawrence Peters Outfit. Evanston SPACE, 1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston. Call 847-492-8860. \$10-\$18.

SATURDAY, NOV. 2

## Holiday Bazaar

10 a.m.: Handmade holiday crafts, sweaters and afghans, baked goods, yesterday's treasures and much more will be for sale during the bazaar, which benefits the Park Ridge Senior Center. Lunch will be available for purchase. Park Ridge Senior Center, 100 S. Western Ave., Park Ridge.

## Kids Club Special Event: Steve Beno Live

10:30 a.m.: The singer/songwriter will perform for children ages 2 to 6. Registration required. Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview. Call 847-729-7500.

## MGPL Kids: Art Contest Reception

11 a.m.: Participants in the annual Children's Art Contest are invited to a gallery reception and awards ceremony. All art from this year's contest will be displayed

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in the Baxter Room in November. Call 847-929-5102 or visit [www.mgpl.org/kids](http://www.mgpl.org/kids) for more information. Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove.

## Oak Park Model Railroad's 50th Year Open House

Noon: See Oak Park's HO Model Train Club in action on its Illinois to Iowa layout based on the Chicago Great Western. This fall marks the Club's 50th year in Oak Park. See digital command control in operation. Kids can try their hand at the throttle on our junior layout. Dole Learning Center, 255 Augusta Blvd., Oak Park. For more information, call 708-848-5716.

## Film: 'Sunset Boulevard'

2 p.m.: A hack screenwriter writes a screenplay for a former silent-film star who has faded into Hollywood obscurity. 110 minutes. Call 847-929-5101 or visit [www.mgpl.org](http://www.mgpl.org) to learn more. Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove.

## Pumpkin Smash & Bash

3:30 p.m.: Roll your pumpkin down the Flick Park Sled Hill in a fun competition that kicks off the event, and then smash them into piles of compost that will help nourish plants in the spring. Registration required. Flick Park Sled Hill, 3600 Glenview Road, Glenview. Call 847-724-3337. Free.

## Teen Open Mic

6 p.m.: Old Town School hosts its monthly Teen Open Mic. It's a relaxed evening open to all Chicago area teens, incorporating rock, punk, metal, ska bands - you name it. They also feature singer songwriters and traditional musicians. Old Town School of Folk Music, 4544 N. Lincoln Ave., Chicago. \$3.

## Junior Mance Trio

7 p.m.: Junior Mance returns his

hometown for a celebration of his 85th birthday and 75th anniversary of his career with a blend of jazz and blues. For tickets and information, visit [www.ucevanston.org](http://www.ucevanston.org) or call 847-864-1330. Unitarian Church of Evanston, 1330 Ridge Ave., Evanston. \$30-\$50.

## An Evening of Comedy, Author Readings and Spoken Word

7:30 p.m.: Join author of "My Husband the Stranger," "Still Single" and "Still Dating" and comedian Debbie Sue Goodman for an evening of comedy, readings and spoken word. Featuring Richard Reeder and Roberta Miles. Perla Cafe, 1813 Dempster St., Evanston. Call 847-424-1382. Free.

## Neil Reisman

9 p.m.: The comic performs. Gorilla Tango Skokie, 7924 Lincoln Ave., Skokie. Call 847-677-7761. \$15.

SUNDAY, NOV. 3

## Montclare Elmwood Park Lions Club Chili Cookoff

11 a.m.: Lion Chili Chefs compete in the Third Annual Chili Cook Off. Sample various chiles from the MCEP area and cast your vote for the best. Includes hot dogs, chips, sweets and more. River Park Moose Lodge, 8601 Fullerton Ave., River Grove. \$10.

## GlenVIEWINGS: 'Before Sunset'

1:30 p.m.: A screening of the second movie in the trilogy about a man and woman who meet on a train in Europe and spend a romantic evening together. 80 minutes. Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview.

## Tenth Annual Something's Cooking Fall Benefit

3 p.m.: The Center for Independent Futures is hosting an appetizing afternoon featuring local chefs serving platters, desserts and drinks. Prairie Moon Restaurant, 1502 Sherman Ave., Evanston. For more information, call 847-328-2044. \$25-\$50.

## The New Northshore Chamber Orchestra Concert

3:30 p.m.: This concert will focus on all Russian music and feature prize winning performer and recording artist Desiree Ruhstrat. Admission is \$15. Youth 18 years old and younger are admitted free. Unitarian Church of

Evanston, 1330 Ridge Ave., Evanston. Call 847-864-2288.

MONDAY, NOV. 4

## Story Time for All Ages

11:30 a.m.: Stories, songs and finger plays for the whole family. Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge. Call 847-825-3123.

## Just Lunch

12:30 p.m.: Enjoy a warm meal catered by All on the Road followed by a few card games. For adults ages 55 and up. Park Ridge Senior Center, 100 S. Western Ave., Park Ridge. For more information, call 847-692-3597. \$7-\$9.

TUESDAY, NOV. 5

## Film: 'Great River Cruises of Europe'

11:30 a.m.: Burt Wolf narrates six European river cruises with stops along the way where he connects the region's culture and history. 144 minutes. Call 847-929-5101 or visit [www.mgpl.org](http://www.mgpl.org) to learn more. Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove.

## An Evening with All on the Road Catering

7 p.m.: All on the Road catering will demonstrate how to make a few delicious dishes and share cooking tips and techniques. Samples will be served. Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge. Call 847-825-3123.

## Free Bar Trivia

8 p.m.: Trivia includes a chance to win gift cards and is always free to play. The Village Inn Pizzeria, 8050 Lincoln Ave., Skokie. Call 847-675-3737.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 6

## Whole Foods Market Park Ridge Grand Opening

8:45 a.m.: The first 100 customers to arrive will receive a goodie bag loaded with product samples. Then, staff will hand out commemorative Whole Food Market Park Ridge reusable totes and provide seasonal fresh donuts samples and Dark Matter coffee. Local orchestra students will perform as well. Mayor Dave Schmidt leads a traditional bread-breaking at 8:45 a.m. Whole

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Foods Market Park Ridge, 225 W. Touhy Ave., Park Ridge.

### THURSDAY, NOV. 7

#### Dining Out Trip

11:30 a.m.: The senior center will be taking a trip to Jolene's Restaurant and Bar in Glenview. Cost includes transportation. Registration required. For adults ages 55 and up. Park Ridge Senior Center, 100 S. Western Ave., Park Ridge. For more information, call 847-692-3597. \$7-\$8.

### FRIDAY, NOV. 8

#### World War II Veteran's Breakfast

9:30 a.m.: Veterans and their guests can enjoy a catered breakfast, entertainment and a chance to share memories. Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge. For more information, call 847-720-3382.

#### 15th Anniversary All Souls' Jazz Festival

8 p.m.: Friends of Cracow Society in Chicago present the 15th All Souls' Jazz Festival (Zaduski Jazzowe in Chicago), stemming from the oldest jazz festival in Poland. More than 40 jazz musicians will perform on two stages. Copernicus Center, 5216 W. Lawrence Ave., Chicago. Call 773-777-8898.

### SATURDAY, NOV. 9

#### Princess and Pirate Pancake Breakfast

9 a.m.: Children ages 4 to 10 can dress up in a pirate or princess costume for a morning of pancakes, games, crafts and much more. Maine Park Leisure Center, 2701 W. Sibley St., Park Ridge. For more information, call 847-692-5127. \$16-\$24.

#### Second Saturday Family Story Time

10 a.m.: Stories and crafts for the whole family. Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge. For more information, call 847-825-3123.

#### Fall Craft Show and Brunch

10 a.m.: The Maine-Niles Association of

Special Recreation will be offering a trip to Harper College's annual craft show with over 200 unique craft booths. After shopping, the group will stop at Wildberry Pancakes and Cafe for brunch. Program fee includes admission to the craft fair. Must be 21 or older to attend. Maine-Niles Association of Special Recreation, 6820 W. Dempster St., Morton Grove. For more information, call 847-966-5522. \$35-\$80.

#### Sandhill Crane Trip

12:30 p.m.: Take a trip to Jasper Pulaski Park in Indiana to observe thousands of Sandhill Cranes during their migration. Transportation is provided from MPLC. Bring money for dinner. Must be 8 and over to attend. Children 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult. Maine Park Leisure Center, 2701 W. Sibley St., Park Ridge. For more information, call 847-692-5127. \$21.

#### Princess Ball

5 p.m.: Children are invited to enjoy an evening of dining and dancing with three Disney princesses. Guests will receive a formal invitation and are welcome to wear their finest attire to the ball. Skokie Heritage Museum, 8031 Floral Ave., Skokie. For more information, call 847-674-1500, ext. 2700.

#### Mary, Seat of Wisdom Parish Italian Dinner

6 p.m.: The evening offers something fun for every age, including Italian cuisine, a DJ, face painting and a special performance by Inspiración Dance Chicago. Proceeds benefit the Council of Catholic Women and its parish ministries, as well as projects serving groups throughout the area. Mary, Seat of Wisdom Parish, 920 Granville Ave., Park Ridge. Call 847-825-0518. \$25 for adults; \$10 for children 4-12.

#### Tom Kastle

8 p.m.: The Second Saturday Coffee-house features folk singer-songwriter Kastle. In addition to maritime songs, he will be including material from his solo album, "Across the Center Line." Ethical Humanist Society, 7574 Lincoln Ave., Skokie. Call 847-677-3334. \$8.

### SUNDAY, NOV. 10

#### Our Home Town Heroes

11 a.m.: Join the M-NASR in commemorating Veteran's Day. The group will decorate yellow ribbons and put together care packages to send to soldiers on active duty. Veteran guests are free but must be registered before the event.

Lunch, snacks and all supplies are included in the cost. Attendees must be 18 or older. Maine-Niles Association of Special Recreation, 6820 W. Dempster St., Morton Grove. Call 847-966-5522. \$36-\$82.

### SATURDAY, NOV. 16

#### Holiday Boutique & Luncheon

9 a.m.: The boutique will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. with an assortment of local artists and their special hand-crafted items, as well as fair trade merchants and their gifts. Lunch will be served at noon (\$20) with a special performance by the Angeli Choir. Park Ridge Community Church, 100 Courtland Ave., Park Ridge. Call 847-823-3164.

### SUNDAY, NOV. 17

#### 'Skokie: Invaded, But Not Conquered'

2 p.m.: Screening of Todd Whitman's original documentary, which explores the impact of the attempted neo-Nazi March of the late 1970s. Reservations required. Additional screenings will take place Dec. 15 at 2 p.m. Illinois Holocaust Museum, 9603 Woods Drive, Skokie.

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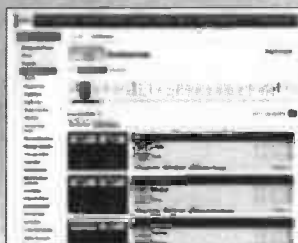
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## FILM CLIPS

BY BRUCE INGRAM  
Film Critic

### OPENING FRIDAY

#### BLUE IS THE WARMEST COLOR

**Rated NC-17** for explicit sexual content  
**Stars:** Léa Seydoux, Adele Exarchopoulos, Salim Kechiouche

The life of a young French woman (Exarchopoulos) changes greatly when she falls in love with an older female art student (Seydoux). Abdellatif Kechiche ("The Secret of the Grain") directed the erotic drama.

#### ENDER'S GAME

**Rated PG-13** for some violence, sci-fi action and thematic material

**Stars:** Harrison Ford, Asa Butterfield, Hailee Steinfeld

International military forces recruit a boy (Butterfield of "Hugo") to lead an army of young soldiers in a battle for the fate of the Earth. Gavin Hood ("X-Men Origins: Wolverine") directed the sci-fi thriller.

#### FREE BIRDS

**Rated PG** for some action/peril and rude humor

**Stars:** Woody Harrelson, Owen Wilson, Amy Poehler

Two turkeys from opposite sides of the tracks (Harrelson, Wilson) team up to travel back in time and keep turkeys off the traditional Thanksgiving menu. Jimmy Hayward ("Horton Hears a Who") directed the animated family comedy.

#### KILL YOUR DARLINGS

**Rated R** for sexual content, language, drug use and brief violence

**Stars:** Daniel Radcliffe, Dane DeHaan, Michael C. Hall, Ben Foster, Jack Huston  
Young Allen Ginsberg, William S. Burroughs and Jack Kerouac (Radcliffe, Foster, Huston) are drawn into a murder on a mutual friend's behalf while in college together. John Krokidas makes his writing/directing debut with the drama.

#### LAST VEGAS

**Rated PG-13** on appeal for sexual content and language

**Stars:** Morgan Freeman, Robert De Niro, Kevin Kline and Michael Douglas

Three 60-something friends (Freeman, De Niro, Kline) plan a wild bachelor party for their never-married lifelong friend (Douglas) in Las Vegas. Jon Turteltaub ("National Treasure") directed the comedy.

#### MAN OF TAI CHI

**Rated R** for violence

**Stars:** Tiger Hu Chen, Keanu Reeves, Karen Mok



**Senior-centered:** Michael Douglas, Morgan Freeman, Kevin Kline and Robert De Niro in "Last Vegas."

The unparalleled skills of a young martial artist (Chen) earn him a place in a lucrative underground fight club in Hong Kong. Reeves makes his directorial debut with the action adventure.

### STILL PLAYING

#### ALL IS LOST

★★★★

**Rated PG-13** for brief strong language  
**Stars:** Robert Redford

At least there's no Bengal tiger. That's about the only break the unnamed hero gets, however, in this deeply affecting survival-at-sea drama. The 77-year-old Redford gives one of his best performances as the yachtsman struggling to keep his ship afloat after a crippling accident in the Indian Ocean, with ever-diminishing hopes for rescue. With one actor, one location, almost zero dialogue and minimal, old-school special effects, writer/director J.C. Chandor ("Margin Call") turns the man's long ordeal into compelling drama as he keeps struggling through disaster after disaster. It's the struggle that counts, "All Is Lost" seems to be saying, and that's a very personal matter.

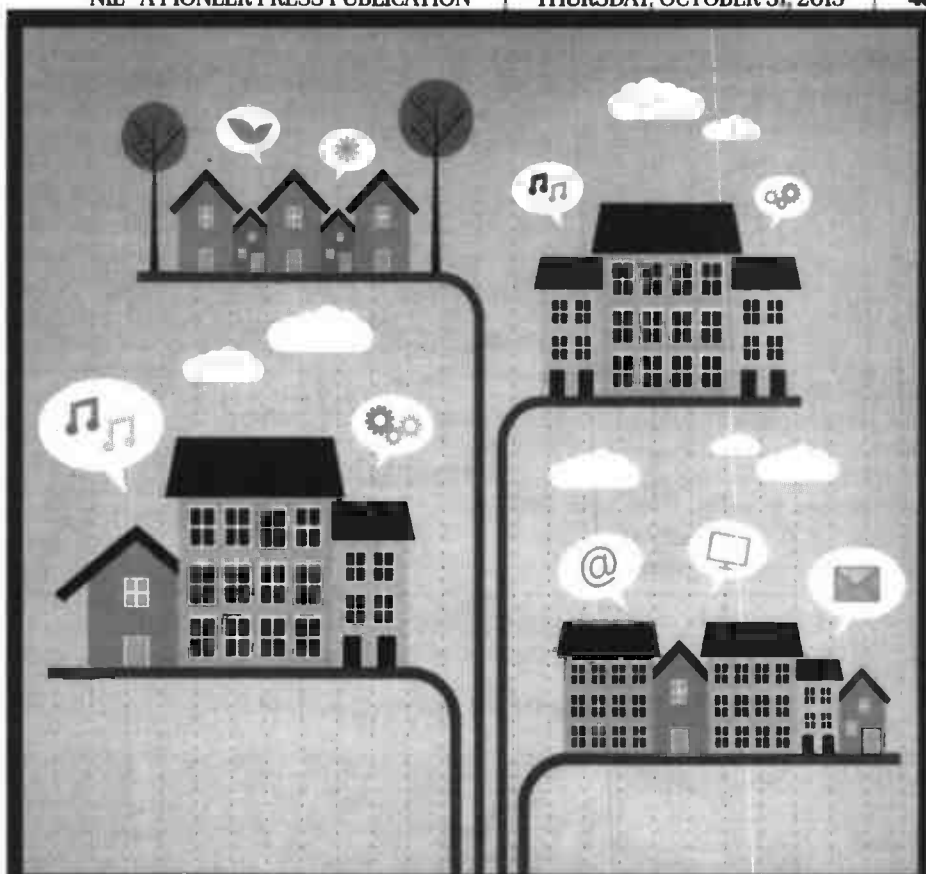
#### BAD GRANDPA

★★★

**Rated R** for strong crude and sexual content throughout, language, some graphic nudity and brief drug use

**Stars:** Johnny Knoxville, Jackson Nicoll, Spike Jonze, Georgina Cates

If you have any tolerance at all for the sort of outrageous, epic-scale, vulgar bad behavior on display in "Bad Grandpa," you're likely to laugh out loud at least once while watching it. Maybe even several times. Out of shock if nothing else. That is, unless copulation with a soda machine, entering an 8-year-old drag queen in a junior beauty pageant, and explosive diarrhea are automatic disqualifiers. In which case, stay far away. A sexually obsessed 86-year-old ("Jackass" star Knoxville) is forced to drop his young grandson (Nicoll, great) off to live with his sleazy dad. And the resultant road trip turns into a long series of wildly crude hidden-camera pranks and stunts performed for unsuspecting citizens.




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**Free Birds (PG)**

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Thu 4-6

**Last Vegas (PG-13)**

Fri-Sun 1:45-4:6:30-8:45; Mon-Thu 4:15-6:30-8:45

**Captain Phillips (PG-13)**

Fri-Sun 2-5-7:30; Mon-Thu 5-7:30

**Ender's Game (PG-13)**

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**Thor: The Dark World in D-Box 3-D (PG-13)**

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**Ender's Game (PG-13)**

Fri, Sat 10:50-12:50-1:35-3:40-4:25-6:30-7:15-9:20-10:05-12:05-12:50; Sun 10:50-12:50-1:35-3:40-4:25-6:30-7:15-9:20-10:05; Mon-Wed 12:50-1:35-3:40-4:25-6:30-7:15-9:20-10:05; Thu 12:50-1:35-3:40-4:25-8-10:50

**Ender's Game in D-Box (PG-13)**

Fri, Sat 12:50-3:40-6:30-9:20-12:05; Sun-Wed 12:50-3:40-6:30-9:20; Thu 12:50-3:40-8-10:50

**Ender's Game in MuvXL (PG-13)**

Fri-Sun 11:30-2:20-5:10-8-10:50; Mon-Wed 11:45-2:35-5:25-8:15-11; Thu 11:45-2:35

**Free Birds (PG)**

Fri-Thu 12:05-2:25-4:45-7:10-9:30

**Free Birds in 3-D (PG)**

Fri-Sun 11:20-3:35-6-8-20-10:40; Mon-Thu 1:20-3:35-6-8-20-10:40

**Last Vegas (PG-13)**

Fri, Sat 11:35-2:10-4:50-7:30-10:15-12:45; Sun 11:35-2:10-4:50-7:30-10:15; Mon-Thu 12:05-2:35-5:15-7:50-10:35

**Underdogs (PG)**

Fri, Sat 11:55-2:30-5:05-7:50-10:25-12:55; Sun-Thu 11:55-2:30-5:05-7:50-10:25

**Jackass Presents: Bad Grandpa (R)**

Fri, Sat 12:15-12:45-2:45-3:15-5:15-5:45-7:45-8:15-10:10-10:40-12:35; Sun 12:15-12:45-2:45-3:15-5:15-5:45-7:45-8:15-10:10-10:40; Thu 12:15-12:45-2:45-3:15-5:15-5:45-8:15-10:40

**The Counselor (R)**

Fri-Thu 1:45-4:40-7:35-10:30

**Carrie (R)**

Fri 2:40-4:50-5:20-7:25-7:55-10-10:30-12:25; Sat 12-2:40-4:50-5:20-7:25-7:55-10-10:30-12:25; Sun-Thu 12-2:40-4:50-5:20-7:25-7:55-10-10:30

**Escape Plan (R)**

Fri, Sat 12:35-3:35-6:50-7:20-9:50-10:20-12:30; Sun-Wed 12:35-3:35-6:50-7:20-9:50-10:20; Thu 12:35-3:35-7:20-10:20

**Escape Plan in D-Box (R)**

Fri, Sat 12:35-3:35-6:50-9:50-12:30; Sun-Wed 12:35-3:35-6:50-9:50; Thu 12:35-3:35

**I'm in Love with a Church Girl (PG)**

Fri-Sun 11:05-1:55; Mon-Thu 1:55

**Captain Phillips (PG-13)**

Fri, Sat 12:20-3:30-6:35-9:40-12:40; Sun-Tue, Thu 12:20-3:30-6:35-9:40; Wed 12:20-3:30-10:20

**Gravity (PG-13)**

Fri-Thu 2:10-9:30

**Gravity in 3-D (PG-13)**

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 773.631.9131, [www.edisonparkchurch.com](http://www.edisonparkchurch.com)  
 Saturday Worship 4:30 p.m.  
 Sunday Worship 8:00, 9:15 & 10:30 am  
 Rev. Dr. Michael D. Sparby, Sr. Pastor  
 Carole Edwards, Associate in Ministry  
 Matt Haider, 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  
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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

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### Rohr Chabad Center of Glenview

701 Harlem Avenue, Glenview  
 Shabbat morning services 9:30 am  
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 847-910-1738  
[www.ChabadofGlenview.com](http://www.ChabadofGlenview.com)

## MORTON GROVE

### St. Luke's Evangelical Covenant Church

9233 Shermer Rd., Morton Grove  
 Sunday Worship & Sunday School - 10 AM  
<http://www.stlukesecc.org/>  
 Handicap Accessible  
 Rev. Isabel Hughes, Pastor

### 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  
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 for your forgiveness  
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 Rev. Matthew Joseph Gunia, Pastor  
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 -1 John 3:20

## NORTHFIELD

### Willow Creek Community Church North Shore Campus

315 Waukegan Road  
 847-441-6599  
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 Promiseland (Infants-Gr5): 9 & 11 am  
 Elevate (Grades 6-8): 11 am  
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### Zion Lutheran Church

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 Norridge, IL 60706  
 (708) 453-3514  
 Rev. Luther John Bajus, Pastor  
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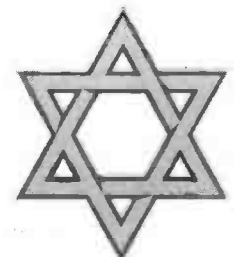
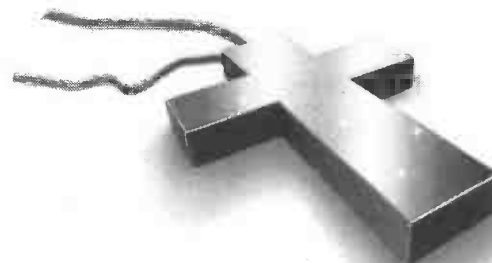
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 9:00 am High School  
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 Adult Education Bible Study Thursdays 6:30 pm  
 "Open Forum" Adult Learning First Thursday  
 every month 6:30 pm  
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(847) 673-1311  
www.skokiecentralumc.org  
Worship: Sundays at 10:30 AM

### St. Timothy Campus

9000 Kildare Ave. Skokie

#### Sunday Worship

9 am: 시카고 선교교회

10:30 am: St. Timothy's Lutheran

Noon: Agape Life Outreach Center

www.StTimothySkokie.org

### Congregation Bene Shalom

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Asst. Rabbi Sharl Chen, Soloist Charlene Brooks  
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### Evanshire Presbyterian Church

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

### St. Peter's United

Church of Christ  
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Minyan Mon-Thurs 7PM;  
Sat & Sun 6PM  
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Cantor Benjamin Warschawski  
Rabbi Neil Brief, Emeritus

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(847) 966-1095  
www.wmtcogic.org  
pastorcranford@gmail.com  
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Sunday School: 10 AM  
Bible Study: Wednesday, 7 PM  
Intercessory Prayer:  
Tuesday & Friday, 12 PM  
Dr. Clarence Cranford, Jr., Pastor  
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## WILMETTE

### Beth Hillel Congregation Bnai Emunah

3220 Big Tree Lane, 847-256-1213  
www.bhcbe.org  
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Shabbat Service – Saturdays 9:15 AM  
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Death Notices

**Carlson, James R.**

(1945-2013) James Carlson, known to his many friends and business associates as Jim, died October 24, 2013 in Laconia, New Hampshire after battling two debilitating illnesses. He passed quietly and peacefully surrounded by family.



He is survived by his son, James Jr. and brother, Carl. He will be laid to rest in a small private cemetery on his brother's farm in Bristol, NH as per his request.



To know Jim was to like Jim. He loved his many friends. He graduated from Kent College of Law and spent the rest of his life practicing law in the community where he was raised with his office barely two miles from the home he grew up in.

Jim served in the US Air Force as a lieutenant. He once worked as a sheriff's deputy, once served as a Police Commissioner, and just out of law school, worked as a deputy district attorney in Chicago, helping with the conviction of criminals. He even dreamed of one day heading up the FBI. He was an outstanding prosecutor with 17 + straight, heavy-duty, felony convictions in the short time he served. He spent the remainder of a long career that he loved focused on real estate and probate law.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial will be setup on line with the National Parkinson Foundation in Jim's name. A memorial service is being planned in the near future in the Chicago area. Arrangements by **Emmons Funeral Home**, Bristol, NH.  
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- An in memoriam or card of thanks may be placed using the same information above.
- The deadline for placing a death notice, in memoriam or card of thanks, is Monday at 5:00 pm. Photos must be submitted by Monday at 2:00pm.
- The death notice department is staffed from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm Monday through Saturday and 9:00 am to 5:00 pm on Sunday.
- Family and friends may visit our website and sign a guest book at [Pioneerlocal.com](http://Pioneerlocal.com).



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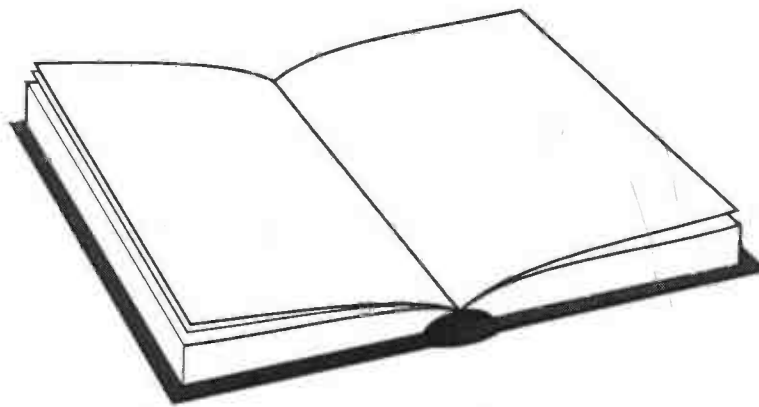
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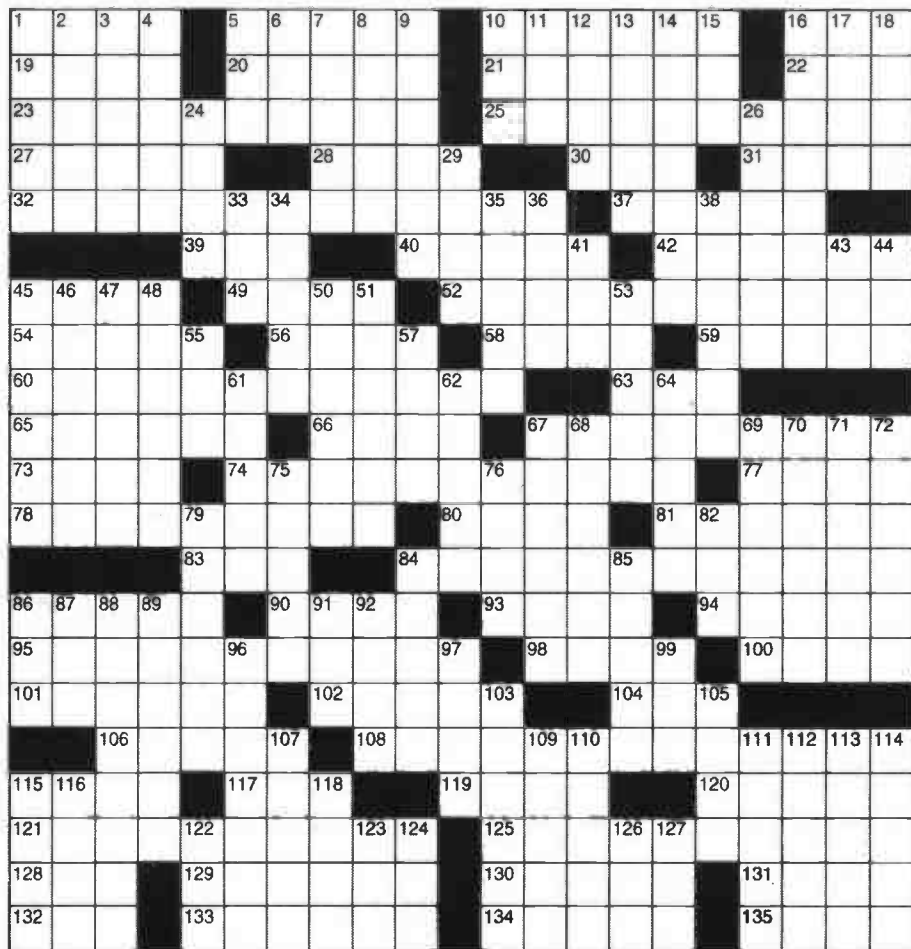


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# SUPER CROSSWORD

- ACROSS**
- 1 Peter the Great, e.g.
  - 5 Actor Haas
  - 10 Illuminated like 1890s streets
  - 16 Criminalize
  - 19 Make sharp
  - 20 Carne — (Mexican steak dish)
  - 21 Mysterious matters
  - 22 "So that's it"
  - 23 Senior Manilow?
  - 25 One looking for Bridges?
  - 27 Monte —, Monaco
  - 28 Not difficult
  - 30 Car grille protector
  - 31 "Goodness!"
  - 32 Dillon in a headlock?
  - 37 Head of monks
  - 39 "My gal" of song
  - 40 Stu of early TV
  - 42 Magazine printings
  - 45 Pepsi, e.g.
  - 49 "CD" part
  - 52 Severinsen living in San Francisco?
  - 54 Inner self, to Jung
  - 56 Cartoonist Addams
  - 58 Pod veggie
  - 59 Off. aides
  - 60 One jumping over Rains?
  - 63 EMT's treatment
  - 65 Uses 66-Across, say
  - 66 Dental care brand
  - 67 Gets rid of while
  - 73 Melodious Murray
  - 74 Brought before Crane?
  - 77 Pastry bag wielder
  - 78 Gain much knowledge
  - 80 Felt regretful about
  - 81 El — (Cher's California birthplace)
  - 83 Java, for one: Abbr.
  - 84 Fisher standing atop a stack of sacks?
  - 86 Exit an egg
  - 90 Java locale
  - 93 Stepped on it
  - 94 Boat-lifting device
  - 95 Pickford acting too quickly?
  - 98 Perplexed
  - 100 Fiddle duet?
  - 101 Prophecy giver
  - 102 Grinders
  - 104 3-D med. scan
  - 106 Sour plums
  - 108 Endeavor by Borgnine?
  - 115 Motrin target
  - 117 It glistens on grass
  - 119 Choir part
  - 120 Bugle sound
  - 121 Bitingly sarcastic Williams?
  - 125 Henning further down?
  - 128 Hightail it, old-style
  - 129 Hun head
  - 130 Radical sort
  - 131 Crooner Campbell
  - 132 What to call a knight
  - 133 Bunkmate
  - 134 Mexican money
  - 135 Urges
- DOWN**
- 1 "Gossip Girl" network
  - 2 — plexus
  - 3 Poet Breton
  - 4 Fishing line holders
  - 5 Chem class component
  - 6 D.C.'s country
  - 7 Crooner Carpenter
  - 8 "What —!" ("How boring!")
  - 9 "I declare it, that's who!"
  - 10 Chatter idly
  - 11 "My hands — tied"
  - 12 Pickle line crosser
  - 13 Actress Linney
  - 14 Dwell within
  - 15 Greek letter after sigma
  - 16 Fixtures to soak in
  - 17 Subtle "Yo!"
  - 18 — a one (zero)
  - 24 Deteriorates
  - 26 Loops with slipknots
  - 29 .9144 meter
  - 33 Stripling
  - 34 Peter — Tchaikovsky
  - 35 — more (at least a couple)
  - 36 Mite's cousin
  - 38 Note that sounds like C
  - 41 Hide-hair connector
  - 43 Chow down
  - 44 The "S" of TBS: Abbr.
  - 45 Kind of nerve or vertebra
  - 46 Over the Internet
  - 47 "Glee" actress
  - 48 Toy, to a tot
  - 50 Wisconsin-based retail store chain
  - 51 Coated pill
  - 53 Person confronting
  - 55 Fruity beverage
  - 57 Year, e.g.
  - 61 "Cómo —?" (Spanish "How are you?")
  - 62 Accessory
  - 64 Chain for dogs and cats
  - 67 Himalayan guide
  - 68 Peeresses
  - 69 "Arabian Nights" sailor
  - 70 Eight-note interval
  - 71 Black Eyed Peas singer
  - 72 Decorates, as a cake
  - 75 Mosque God
  - 76 "— is not to reason why"
  - 79 Ex — (from nothing)
  - 82 Stop
  - 84 Provide the spread
  - 85 Plant swelling
  - 86 Med. plan option
  - 87 Bern's river
  - 88 More sleazy
  - 89 Rode a bike
  - 91 Used a tuffet
  - 92 "Got it"
  - 96 Must
  - 97 Volcano near Catania
  - 99 Monet works
  - 103 Delayed
  - 105 "Let — Me"
  - 107 Brief quarrel
  - 109 Filched
  - 110 Tipsters
  - 111 Lamentation
  - 112 Sappy tree
  - 113 Get all prettied up
  - 114 Shore fliers
  - 115 Oohs and —
  - 116 Nero's 202
  - 118 Caprice
  - 122 Cup handle
  - 123 "Y" student
  - 124 "Norma —" (Field film)
  - 126 Miracle — (plant food)
  - 127 Bonn article



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# PUZZLE ANSWERS



# HOROSCOPES: NOVEMBER 6 — NOVEMBER 12

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**ARIES (March 21 to April 19)** Keep your feelings to yourself as you work through an awkward circumstance. Complaining is unwise since your words could come back to haunt you.



**TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)** A sudden flash of Bovine practicality shows you how you might be able to turn your artistic pursuits into a profitable venture.



**GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)** Be prepared with several "Plan Bs" that you might have to use as backups just in case you encounter some troublesome complications with your schedule.



**CANCER (June 21 to July 22)** You might think you'll never have a free moment again with the demands of the workplace piling on. The pressure eases as holiday time nears.



**LEO (July 23 to August 22)** Your Leone pride might make it difficult to offer an apology to a co-worker you unintentionally offended. But a quick and sincere "I'm sorry" could prevent problems.



**VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)** This is a good time to tackle those backed-up chores that have kept you from moving into other. A personal matter needs your attention.



**LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)** You usually have no problem rushing to the defense of someone you perceive as being treated unjustly. But perceptions could be deceiving this week.



**SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)** Before you point fingers at who might be to blame for the unexpected change in your plans, take a few moments to reflect, turn of events might be a blessing.



**SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)** You seek out advice in the first part of the week. But be careful not to let counsel from others overshadow your own sense of perception.



**CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)** The trusted colleagues you relied on earlier continue to offer support with your project. But you take more control, and by the week's end.



**AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)** Rely on your practical side while exploring investment possibilities. Your social life takes a gratifying turn by the week's end.



**PISCES (February 19 to March 20)** An already confusing situation appears to grow murkier during the first part of the week. But it all starts to clear by the week's end.



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### Brent Jarvis' 1965 Chevrolet Corvette

By Kevin Griffin - [kevin.griffin@wrapports.com](mailto:kevin.griffin@wrapports.com)



Most people at car shows can tell you they have put a lot of work into their cars. But few can put an exact number on that work. When Brent Jarvis worked on his 1965 Corvette however, he made sure to tally every hour that went into it. Jarvis says that for 3 years straight, there was someone spending at least 40 hours per week on it. And at the end of those three years, Jarvis says the manpower totaled up to a whopping 4,000 hours. "Everything on this car has been touched and modified," said Jarvis, who purchased the car 5 years ago.

When he first started out working on the car, he was building it for racing. But the more he modified it, the more he realized that it would make a good show car. He has raced it

however, in professional vintage road racing. Jarvis drives the car, but uses his other ones for more high speed competitive racing. He said he makes sure to not drive hard enough to

spin this one out.

Jarvis' friends gave the car its name which has stuck ever since.

"We call it 'Maxed Out,'" Jarvis said, "because everything on it is that way: maxed out."



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# Auto sales rise 38 percent

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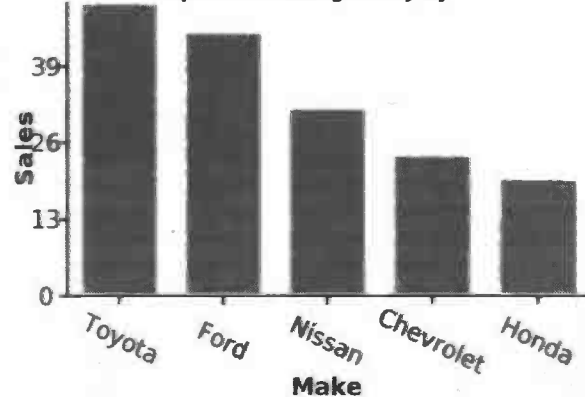
Auto sales rose 38 percent in Niles in July on a month-over-month basis, as Niles residents bought 86 more cars and trucks in July than in the previous month.

In the month of July, the top selling make to Niles residents was Toyota with a total of 50 sales. The breakdown of the 50 Toyota sales in the month was 19 new and 31 used. Ford and Nissan rounded out the top three makes in overall sales (both new and used) with 45 and 32 sales, respectively, during the month.

One month prior, Toyota led the way in overall auto purchases by Niles residents with a total of 36 sales, followed by Chevrolet (27 sales) and Nissan (25).

The share of all auto sales to Niles residents going through local auto dealerships stood at 69 percent in July. This share was at 62 percent the previous month. The 69 percent share of sales in July translated to 217 total

Top makes bought in July



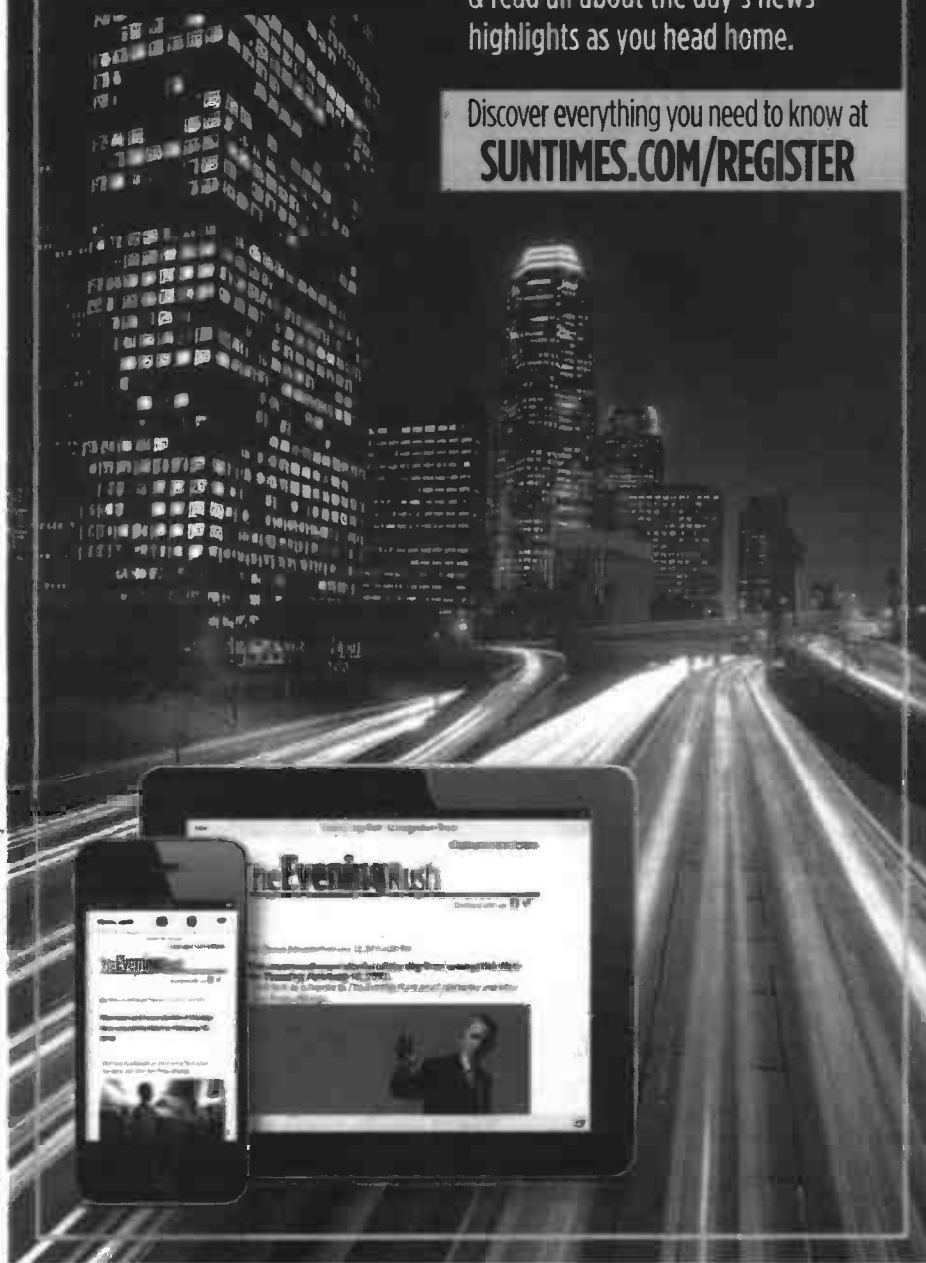
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dealer sales (and 98 private sales), compared with 142 total dealer sales (87 private) the month before.

Auto dealers that sold the most vehicles to Niles residents in July included Golf Mill Ford, Star Nissan and Bredemann Toyota. The month before, Golf Mill Ford, Bredemann Toyota and Star Nissan comprised the list of top three auto dealerships selling to Niles residents.

The breakdown of all auto sales in July was 45 percent new and 55 percent used. The top make bought new in the month was Toyota, while the top used make was Toyota. The previous month, 64 percent of the 229 total auto purchases by residents were used vehicles. Toyota was the most popular make purchased used that month, while Nissan was the top brand bought new.



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## ||| GIRLS TENNIS STATE TOURNAMENT NOTEBOOK

# Kahn warms up to state conditions

## Maine South's Wind, Czosnyka use scouting reports to their advantage

BY ERIC VAN DRIL  
For Sun-Times Media, @VanDrilSports

The temperature didn't rise to more than 50 degrees during any of Glenbrook North sophomore Maddy Kahn's five matches at the girls tennis state tournament.

Kahn played three matches in cold, windy conditions at Hoffman Estates High School on Oct. 24. The temperature never exceeded 45 degrees, according to Accuweather.com, and Kahn said she felt a little sore and tight on Friday morning before her matches at Wheeling High School.

"I did stretch more," Kahn said of changing her routine for the second day of the tournament. "Usually I just run around the courts and then do a dynamic and then start hitting. But I did a longer dynamic, I did a lot of (stationary) stretching and then running stretching as well, just trying to get myself feeling loose. And I had a hot drink in the morning. I usually don't have that."

Kahn said her dynamic routine includes exercises such as arm circles, high knees and butt kicks. She said she drank warm milk with vanilla before playing Grant freshman Gaby Schoenberg at 8 a.m. in the fourth round of the consolation draw.

The alterations Kahn made to her pre-match routine worked, as she was the fresher player in a 6-3, 6-2 victory. The temperature was 35 degrees minutes after she defeated Schoenberg, a freshman, and Kahn retreated inside the school to try to escape the cold between matches.

Kahn's state tournament ended in the next round. A 6-2, 6-3 loss to Mount Carmel senior Tyra Buss left Kahn 3-2 at the state tournament.



Glenbrook North's Maddy Kahn, who is pictured on Aug. 31, finished 3-2 at the girls tennis state tournament. | NIC SUMMERS/FOR SUN-TIMES MEDIA

### MAINE SOUTH

Maine South freshmen Marti Wind and Kamila Czosnyka played in their first state meet, which many players consider their highest-pressure tournament of the season.

Wind and Czosnyka didn't seek advice about how to handle that pressure before the tournament began, or while they went 3-0 in doubles on Thursday. They did seek advice about how to beat their opponents.

"I'm friends with other coaches too, so they would tell us some hints at what to do and how to beat other teams," Czosnyka said. "You would always take that into consideration (during matches)."

Czosnyka said she and Wind learned things about their opponents' serves and how much they attacked the net from those conversations. Both freshmen agreed having that knowledge was helpful, and it helped them to go 3-2 at their first state meet.

"They gave us a head start so we wouldn't have to figure it out all on our own," Wind said.

Maine South sophomore Leigh Friedman, like Wind and Czosnyka, went 3-2 at the state tournament.

### LOYOLA

The Witkowski sisters — freshman Caroline Witkowski and junior Abby Witkowski — went 1-2 at the state tournament. They opened with a 4-6, 6-2, 6-2 loss to Blair Hol-

lenbeck and Gabi Papachrisanthou of Belleville West, then beat Rock Island seniors Samantha Carr and Anna Teggatz 6-3, 4-6, 6-0 in their second match of the tournament. They closed with a 6-3, 7-5 loss to Geneva senior Margo Hess and junior Emma Hazel.

### EVANSTON

Evanston's two state entrants, Jessica Ampel in singles and the doubles team of Olivia Luby and Kate Kremin, went 1-2 on the first day of the state meet. Ampel, a sophomore, lost to a pair of seeded players. She fell 6-0, 6-2 to Marian Catholic's Gaby Rosales, a senior who earned a 5-8 seed. Then after a 6-4, 6-0 victory over Boylan Catholic junior Sarah Rosen, Ampel was eliminated by Grant freshman Gaby Schoenberg 6-3, 6-3.

Luby, a senior, and Kremin, a sophomore, opened with a 6-0, 6-0 victory over Mattoon juniors Rachel Kaiser and Sara Stremming. They then lost 6-3, 6-1 to Lyons senior Samantha Sherman and junior Meghan Hickey — the Lions' doubles team was a 17-32 seed — before falling 6-0, 6-1 to Glenbard South juniors Jenna Brambora and Rachel Rettger.

### NILES WEST

Niles West freshman Eliza Kirov had a solid debut at the state tournament, going 2-2 on the first day. Kirov lost only one game in her two victories, but her most grueling match of the day came last. Kirov was eliminated from the tournament when Oswego East sophomore Jaiera Harlow beat her 3-6, 6-0, 6-3 in the third round of the consolation draw.

Niles West seniors Kristine Park and Andra Sabou began their tournament with a 6-0, 6-0 loss to Lake Forest senior Victoria Falk and junior Colleen Morris, who wound up finishing fourth in the state. Park and Sabou then played Morgan Park senior Shalby Daniel and sophomore West Courtney and fell 6-3, 6-4.

### ||| NILES WEST

# Versatile Johnson takes pride in Wolves' rise

Second-year captain filled in at slot receiver against Titans, had big game

BY DAN SHALIN  
For Sun-Times Media, @danshalin

GLENVIEW — A star safety, running back and special-teamer, Niles West senior Nick Johnson was called on to play slot receiver last week in the absence of the injured Garrett Iverson.

Just as he has throughout three varsity seasons, the 5-foot-11, 195-pound Johnson came through in a big way. He caught eight passes for 134 yards and a touchdown, even though the Wolves (6-3 overall, 2-3 CSL South) lost 30-20 at Glenbrook South.

"I had to pick up more of the load this past week, more than usual," Johnson said. "Free safety is usually more my role, but I had to step up more on offense."

Despite three losses in a row, the No. 12-seeded Wolves head into the Class 8A playoffs for a second straight season when they visit No. 5 Maine South (7-2) at 4 p.m. Saturday. The back-to-back post-season appearances come after the program had gone eight years without making the playoffs.

Coach Scott Baum said Johnson, a second-year captain, has been instrumental in the program's transformation.

"Like I say, he's the poster boy for change," Baum said. "I met him and his dad (Richard) when Nick was in the fourth or fifth grade and I was in my first year (as an assistant) here. He's been around for everything we've done since he was a freshman. He's been our point guy as far as change goes.

"(Johnson) has embraced the leadership role. He's got a personality where kids want to be around him and be better like him. When I ask my (own) children who their favorite player is, they say Nick



Niles West's Nick Johnson (25) looks for running room during the Oct. 18 game against New Trier in Northfield. | NIC SUMMERS/FOR SUN-TIMES MEDIA

Johnson."

The Wolves went 2-7 Johnson's sophomore year and improved to 5-5 last season. This season, the three-game losing streak includes a 35-20 loss to Maine South on Oct. 11. Niles West trailed just 14-6 at halftime.

The performance against a Maine South team that has won 65 consecutive CSL South games gives the Wolves confidence heading into Saturday's rematch.

"I think we felt like we could move the ball on them," Johnson said. "Down the stretch, we shot ourselves in the foot with penalties

and dropped passes. It's really just the little things, more the mental aspect of the game than the physical game. We know physically we can play with them."

Regardless of the outcome of Saturday's game, Johnson and the rest of the Wolves senior class can take pride in how they have improved Niles West's football reputation within the conference, the school and the community.

"We created a new image of Niles West," said Johnson, who is receiving interest from college programs in NCAA Division I FCS and Division II. "For a few years,

(Niles West football) was a joke in the conference and we weren't winning too many games. But the past two years, we're not a joke anymore. We've shown we can play with the big boys this year.

"When I first started on varsity, there was not really the support of the school. The games weren't very crowded and people didn't really believe in the program. Now, you walk through the hallways on a Friday and people are pumped up. After games, we go to Buffalo Wild Wings and people come up to you and say, 'You guys are doing great this year!' It's fun to be a part of it."

## PLAYOFF REVIEW

**Class 8A**  
**No. 12 Niles West (6-3)**  
**at No. 5 Maine South (7-2)**  
**4 p.m. Saturday**

### PLAYERS TO WATCH

**Andrew Mihulet**, Niles West — The star senior defensive back recorded his sixth interception in three weeks on Friday against Glenbrook South.

**Tommy Galanopoulos**, Niles West — Labeled "a heck of a player" by Niles West coach Scott Baum, the junior quarterback was limited to mostly short passes in his first matchup against Maine South this season.

**Justin Fahey**, Maine South — The junior, who helped put Niles West away earlier this season with 83 rushing yards in the second half, is coming off a three-score performance at Waukegan on Friday.

**Tommy Bazarok**, Maine South — The junior has helped lead a solid Hawks secondary. He had an impressive pick Friday when he successfully fought Waukegan star Jaleel Darr-Duffie for position on an underthrown ball.

### KEY MATCHUP

Maine South's aerial attack was off and on in Friday's regular-season finale against Waukegan. Sophomore quarterback Brian Collis went 12 of 15 for 216 yards, including touchdown strikes on three consecutive passes, in the first half, before going 3 of 11 for 33 yards in the second half. Collis was picked three times by Mihulet in the first half on Oct. 11.

### ON THE OTHER SIDELINE

Fahey was a steady force for Maine South on Friday and that doesn't bode well for the Wolves. They yielded 221 yards on 42 carries to Glenbrook South's Brett Laurie and Michael Gentile on Friday.

||| NILES WEST

# Mujica breaks school record despite illness

**Niles West girls qualify for sectional as a team, Beck to represent boys**

BY DAN SHALIN  
For Sun-Times Media, @danshalin

SKOKIE — Niles West junior Christine Mujica headed home shortly after the completion of her race at the Class 3A Niles West cross country regional. She didn't even stick around for the awards ceremony.

But Mujica's early departure was excused. The runner had been ill and, despite that, turned in a record-setting performance at Saturday's event.

Mujica finished eighth with a time of 18 minutes, 14.60 seconds, the best time ever run by a Niles West girls runner on the school's home course.

Mujica broke her own record, which was set at the previous week's CSL South Meet. Prior to Mujica, the record was held by Megumi Hoshi, a 2011 graduate who went on to run cross country and track at the University of Illinois.

"(Mujica) was a little under the weather this week and didn't even make practice (the day before the meet)," Niles West coach Anne Heselton said. "So, for her to come out and do what she did, not feeling 100 percent, speaks about her character and about the possibilities for (the Nov. 2 Lake Park Sectional)."

The Wolves (133 points) finished fifth at the nine-team regional, earning one of the six qualifying spots for the sectional. Given the loaded field at the sectional, Niles West is unlikely to earn one of the automatic berths to the state meet that comes with a top-five finish.

But Heselton said she believes Mujica has a chance to earn an individual at-large spot at state. That's an impressive position to be in for an athlete who did not have much of a competitive running background when she arrived at Niles West.



Niles West's Theo Beck is the first Wolves runner to finish the Class 3A boys regional cross country race at Niles West on Saturday. Beck advanced to the sectional. | MICHAEL R. SCHMIDT/FOR SUN-TIMES MEDIA

"She didn't know what she was doing (when she started in the program)," Heselton said about Mujica, whose times are a minute faster than they were last season. "We get a lot of that here at our school. We don't have real strong junior highs with running, so we see huge jumps (in times)."

Senior Jamie Rohn (24th, 19:47.00), sophomore Danielle Karp (28th, 20:04.00), sophomore Nicole Camburn (35th, 20:25.70) and senior Taylor Genis (38th, 20:45.30) also scored for Niles West

**Niles West boys**

Junior Theo Beck was the lone Wolves runner to reach the sectional, earning an individual at-large bid after finishing 22nd (16:10.10) at the boys regional.

"(Running on the home course) helps because I know every turn and straightaway and know when to go (faster) and when to reserve



Niles West's Christine Mujica crosses the finish line at the Hornet-Red Devil Invitational on Sept. 7 at Katherine Legge Memorial Park in Hinsdale. | JON LANGHAM/FOR SUN-TIMES MEDIA

(energy) a little bit," Beck said. "I'm excited about the sectional. I'm just looking to run the best race I can and get the experience."

The young Wolves (201 points) finished eighth at the 10-team regional. The top six teams qualified for the sectional.

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## ||| NOTRE DAME

# Dons look to rebound from losses

## Notre Dame seniors trying to go out with a 'bang' in playoffs

BY KATE HEDLIN  
For Sun-Times Media, @SportsLoisLane

NILES — Notre Dame star running back Chris James said the team's current group of seniors knew early in their football careers with the Dons that they could be something special.

James and the Dons also know they'll have to dig deep as they prepare for the playoffs following back-to-back losses.

It was a disappointing end to the regular season for Notre Dame, which lost 38-14 to Joliet Catholic on Oct. 18 and fell 24-21 to Carmel on Friday.

The Dons (6-3 overall, 3-3 ESCC) lamented the missed opportunities in the latter. After recovering a blocked punt in the Corsairs' red zone late in the fourth quarter, the Dons failed to come away with any points and went on to lose to a team that entered the game with a 1-7 record.

"We just couldn't finish," James said. "We have to play with more heart. That's going to be the model for this week."

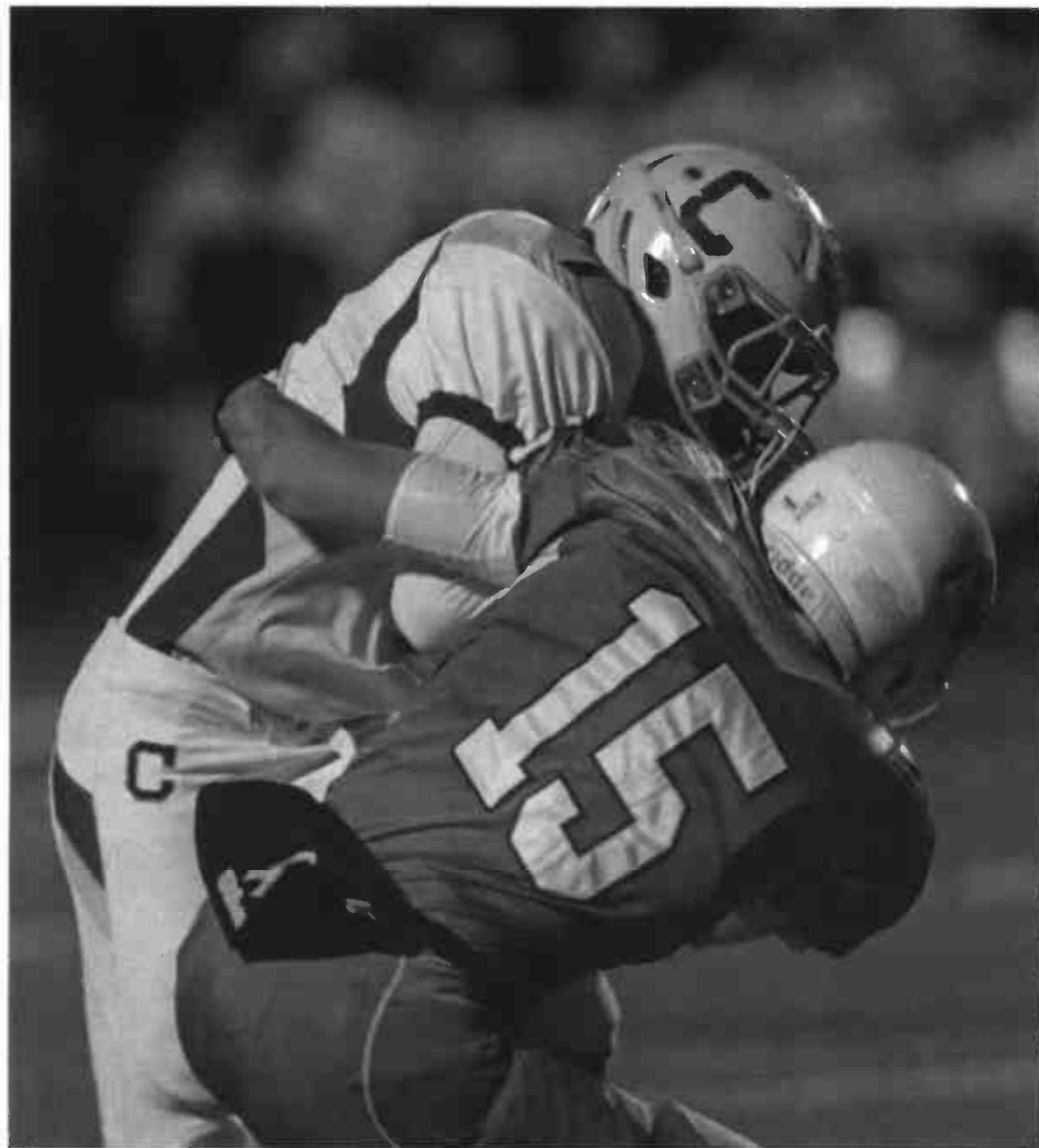
Senior linebacker Tom Sora isn't concerned about any perceived lack of momentum going into the team's first-round Class 8A playoff game Friday at Fremd (6-3).

"We wanted to go into the playoffs on a good note," Sora said. "We know we could have played better in the first half (Friday) ... but we have short memories when it comes to losses."

The loss to Carmel came despite another impressive game by James. The senior ran for 243 yards and three touchdowns on 36 carries.

"I just want to go out with a bang," James said. "But really, it's not about the personal accolades. I just want us to make state and end all of our careers on a high note."

It helps, James said, that there's



Notre Dame's Shaun Mulcrone (15) tackles Carmel's Jake Kane during Friday's game in Niles. The Dons' defense allowed 17 points in the first half, but played better after the break and allowed seven points in the second half. | TIM BOYLE/FOR SUN-TIMES MEDIA

a sense of urgency among the seniors.

"We've had the same goal since our freshman year, when the team went 8-1," James said. "When we finished that year, we all said that come our senior year, we'd go all out. We want to go out with a bang and make this class one to remember."

For that to happen, Notre Dame may have to build off of the defensive success it had in the second half against Carmel. The Dons had allowed their highest point total of the season against the Hilltoppers and struggled to slow the Corsairs in the first half Friday.

Notre Dame trailed 17-6 at the half before taking the lead late in

the third quarter.

Sora said that getting the defense back on track figures to make it easier for the offense.

"I think our defense really compliments our run game," Sora said. "If we can get off the field quickly and put the offense in good field position, it should make for a pretty fantastic football game."

## PLAYOFF REVIEW

**Class 8A**  
**No. 9 Notre Dame (6-3)**  
**at No. 8 Fremd (6-3)**  
**7 p.m. Friday**

### PLAYERS TO WATCH

**Sam Beutler, Fremd** — Beutler suffered a torn ACL and partially torn MCL in his left knee in September, but the senior quarterback opted to hold off on surgery until after the season. He's been in and out of games since, but when available he has been effective.

**Garrett Groot, Fremd** — With Beutler playing injured, the senior Groot has carried the burden of the offense and done so with ease, rushing for four touchdowns in the last two games.

**Chris James, Notre Dame** — The Dons senior running back has rushed for 10 touchdowns in the last three games, including three in a losing effort against Carmel on Friday.

**Tom Sora, Notre Dame** — A senior leader on defense, the linebacker has anchored a strong unit this season.

### KEY MATCHUP

This game features a pair of powerful running backs in Groot and James and both teams rely heavily on their ground attacks. Whichever back plays better could decide the winner of this game.

### ON THE OTHER SIDELINE

Fremd has made the playoffs 18 of the last 19 seasons, but last year was the first time since 2004 it made the playoffs and failed to advance out of the first round. The Vikings fell just short of tying for the MSL West title this season after losing their final game.



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Niles West's Matt Galanopoulos runs along  
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