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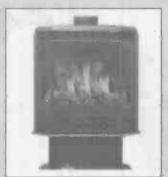


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## Niles Stormwater Commission looks at current, upcoming flood projects

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During its first meeting of 2015, the Niles Stormwater Commission looked at the flood relief projects that are still in planning stages as well as the progress of the projects that have already been approved.

During the Jan. 20 meeting, Heys and Associates Inc., which provides planning services for flood relief, reported on three problem areas that it believed deserved the most attention. The areas were identified based on the consequences of flooding during the spring and summer of 2013. If the company's recommendations are followed, the areas would be part of the third round of flood mitigation projects.

The company and village staff also reported on the progress of the projects that have already been approved. The Cleveland Relief Sewer, which would reduce flooding in the most flood-prone areas in eastern Niles, is currently awaiting response from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency and the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago. Until the two agencies respond, the project timeline remains uncertain.

The Stormwater Relief Plan was developed by Heys to address flooding issues throughout Niles. It called for a number of projects that were grouped into tiers based on priority.

The first round of projects, known as Tier I, addressed the most pressing issues. Two Tier I projects 7 the construction of new stormwater basins at Our Lady of Ransom and Maryhill Cemetery 7 were completed in December 2014. The remaining project 7 the Cleveland Relief Sewer 7 is ready for construction, but it needs to get the approval of both the Northern/ Central Illinois Pipeline Association (NIPA) and the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRDGC).

Tier II projects, which deal with smaller, but still significant issues,



The recently completed stormwater basin at the Our Lady of Ransom parish grounds Higor Studenkov/For Pioneer Press

have been planned, but work on them won't start until Tier I projects are completed. And Tier-III projects still haven't been fully planned out.

During the Jan. 20 meeting, Hey's Vice President Jeff Wickenkamp presented the company's engineering analysis of potential Tier III improvement. The analysis listed thirteen areas that could benefit from smaller scale flood relief projects. He focused on the three projects that the company believed deserved the highest priority. He distributed a memo that described the findings in detail and summarized the highlights.

According to the memo, the first project would deal with 7700 block of Oconto Avenue, near Mulford

Street. Because the area is lower than the adjacent blocks, so flood water tends to gather there. The memo proposed three options 7 building new relief sewer pipes, buying up and demolishing lowestlying houses and demolishing them to make way for a retention pond, or increasing capacity of the exist-

The company recommended the third option. The memo stated that, while it wouldn't address flooding issues as well as the other two, it would be cheaper to implement and it wouldn't come with as many legal restrictions. Wickenkamp also told the commission that, given the extent of flooding on the block, any solution would be better than no solution at all.

"Personally, I think it would be worth it, because it's a severely flooding location," Wickenkamp

The second project would deal with 8000 block of Churchill Street, which is flood-prone for similar elevation-related reasons as above. The memo proposes adding a new overflow pipe to relieve the existing sewers, ensuring that the water would drain much faster.

The third project would deal with stretches of Kedzie Street and Ottawa Avenue near Milwaukee Avenue. The memo proposes adding new sewer pipes and a blackflow preventer. Because Milwaukee Avenue is a state highway, the project would need to be coordinated with the Illinois Department

of Transportation.

The project is estimated to cost \$282,000. If the first or second options for the first project area chosen, the costs would rise by \$2.9 million or \$1.2 million, respectively.

Wickenkamp also talked about the progress on the final Tier I project 7 the Cleveland Relief Sewer. During the Dec. 4 ceremony that marked the completion of the previous two projects, Village Manager Steve Vineseano said the project should go up to bid sometime this spring. But according to Wickenkamp, they can't go up to bid until they know if IEPA and MWRDGC would require any changes. He argued that the village shouldn't go up to bid before it knows what changes, if any, were required.

"Professionally, it doesn't look good," said Wickenkamp. "It looks like we went to bid prematurely."

He explained that the plan was submitted to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency in October 2014, but the state agency is yet to respond.

Stormwater Commission Chairman Joe LoVerde expressed frustration at the vagueness of the timeline. He asked Wickenkamp to at least give a general time frame for when the village would be able to put the project up to bid. LoVerde insisted that the village residents in the area the project was meant to help deserve to at least get some idea when the project is going to start.

"I don't know what to tell them," he said. "This is a serious question."

Wickenkamp reiterated that he had no way of knowing when the agencies respond, and he didn't feel comfortable suggesting a time frame that would likely not pan out. After some back and forth, LoVerde asked Wickenkamp to get back to him with the estimate later.

"Anticipate a worst-case scenario," said LoVerde. "Take your time, call me, figure it out. [Niles residents have] to hear a date that's a realistic date."

## Niles library changes online filtering policy, buys filters

BY IGOR STUDENKOV Special for Pioneer Press | @istudenkov

The Niles Public Library Board of Trustees unanimously approved several changes to the Internet filtering policy it adopted in November.

Before the policy was adopted, the library only put content filters on its KidSpace computers. The new policy called for the library to install content filters on all library computers, as well as on its wireless Internet network. Patrons have the right to ask to have the filters temporarily turned off it gets in the way of legitimate research.

While the policy took effect immediately, won't technically come into force until the library actually purchases and installs the filters. During its Jan. 21 meeting, the board voted to approve the purchase filtering software and hardware from Austin, Texas based Lightspeed Systems. It will cost the library a total of \$9,000.

During the Jan. 21 meeting, library attorney Dennish Walsh suggested several small changes. He asked to change the categories of content the filter would block, taking out violence, racism and "hate," while leaving nudity and pornog-

"It would be hard for the filtering programs to define what racism, hatred and violence is," said Walsh.

He also suggested changing the phrasing in the section of the policy that deals with what happens if the filters get in the way of legitimate research. The policy stated that the staff "has the discretion to turn off filters upon request." Walsh suggested changing the passage to "shallturn off the filters upon request."

Finally, he asked the board to change the section dealing with what would happen to patrons who are seen viewing images that 'may be deemed objectionable or obscene.' That includes instances when the staff or other patrons catch them viewing the images. The original policy said that it 'will' result result in loss of library privileges. Walsh suggested changing the word to 'may.'

Both of those changes were suggested for similar reasons. If a patron is view-

ing nude images for legitimate reasons, he or she is legally allowed to see them. Because some patrons may object even to images such as nude paintings 7 which the patron could be viewing while, for example, researching classical painters.

"This is why [the library staff] needs discretion 7 because some patrons may find [the images] objectionable," said Walsh. "If it's a legitimate search a person is entitled to look at it."

After a brief discussion, the board unanimously approved the changes.

The board also voted to approve a vendor for the content filtering equipment. According to the staff report in that meeting's board packet, three bidders submitted proposals. The staff suggested selecting Lightspeed Systems because they placed the lowest bid. Their package included hardware filtering equipment and a five-year subscription to the filtering software. The three-year warranty was included in the price of the hardware. After that, the library would have to pay the full price to replace it. Given that Lightspeed Systems' filtering hardware costs \$5,000, the staff suggested that the library could potentially spend a total of \$14,000 overall over the next five years.

According to the figures provided in the staff reports, the other two bidders would still be more expensive. The bid submitted by Crystal Lake-based Sterling Network Integration Inc. cost a total of \$19,764, while a bid submitted by Salt Lake City based Content Watch In cost a total of \$22,998.

The report warned that none of the filters would be completely, flawlessly

"It should be noted that no content filter will offer 100 percent filtering," it said. "Regardless of the solution the library purchases, patrons may still be able to access restricted content as the content filters rely on databases that categorize sites which are submitted by people voluntarily. New websites with offensive content may be viewed until such time that a particular site is added to the databases.'

The board unanimously approved Lightspeed Systems' bid.

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## Dog day afternoon

## Four-legged friends star in Lieberman Center's canine show



Jake never saw a camera he didn't like. He competed Jan. 25 at the Lieberman Center for Health and Rehabilitation's second annual dog show. I MIKE ISAACS/CHICAGO TRIBUNE MEDIA

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The Lieberman Center for Health and Rehabilitation didn't wait for July or August to roll around to welcome in the dog days.

Maybe it was just that Lancelot and Phoebe, Cubbie and Reagan, Mensch, Zoe and Madison, Danny, Bernie and Jake couldn't wait. They were the stars Sunday, Jan. 25, and their time in the limelight was not to be demed.

The popularity and success of Lieberman's second annual dog show did not take staff by the same surprise as last year's inaugural show.

Andrea Koch, manager of Life Enrichment and Creative Arts Therapy at CJE SeniorLife, said she had the Idea when she noticed how many families visit Lieberman's residents with dogs.

"The pets bring so much joy to people," Koch said. "Some are people who can't get out of their rooms as much or people who can't really communicate verbally as well. To have this dog come in and interact with them — it's just this amazing thing."

Many Lieberman residents wanted to leave their rooms Jan. 25 for the much-anticipated dog show. Nearly 60 of them including a handful of resident judges — by far the most for any event, Koch says —

made a large circle, allowing the dogs and their owners plenty of room to perform in myriad contests.

There were prizes for best dressed, and a "treat-on-a-spoon" race, for best looking male and female, best trick, dog and owner look alike, for most obedient and shyest sweetheart, for biggest rascal, for best in show and people's choice.

A few dogs, like an adorable little one named Mensch dressed in a yarmulke and pajamas matching the owner's, won multiple prizes, but mostly the honors were spread evenly among the canines. Big and small, docile and — well — "exuberant" dogs all spent time in the winner's circle.

Emily Mysel, who works at CJE, competed with her one-and-a-half year old Mensch for the first time.

"This is very therapeutic and it brings back a lot of memories for a lot of people," Mysel said. "I'm sure many of these people had dogs at one point, and it makes them happy."

Dr. Steve Mershon, a consultant at CJE SeniorLife who competed with his dog Lancelot, a large lovable Belgian sheep dog, agreed.

"Dogs are therapeutic for people of all ages," he said.

Lancelot is one of Mershon's six dogs, chosen for the show because he is the sweetest among his lot, according to his owner. The decision paid off as the duo won the "dog and



owner look-alike" contest.

"If people could be more like dogs, we'd live in a better world," he said.

Volunteer Anne Feuerstein brought curly and cuddly Dinah to the Lieberman dog show.

"Look at the crowd," she said when asked about the show's popularity. "The whole room is full. People just love dogs."

These people certainy did. Before the contests even got under way, each owner introduced his or her beloved dog, walking the dog around the circle so that residents could get a look and a little petting in.

Last year's 26 dogs created a bit of "a madhouse," Koch admitted, so she cut off contestants this year at a more manageable 20. No one barked about it, though, and there were smiles everywhere you looked.

Last year, there was even a bit of controversy because the CEO of CJE



Judges alongside Andrea Koch, manager of Life Enrichment and Creative Arts
Therapy at CJE SeniorLife, carefully look over the wide array of impressive canines
Jan. 25 at the Lieberman Center for Health and Rehabilitation's second annual dog
show. IMIKE ISAACS/CHICAGO TRIBUNE MEDIA

SeniorLife ended up taking home the big prize.

"He was a benevolent leader and

he agreed to step down this year," Koch said, smiling, "There was no 'Doggiegate' this year."

### District 64 leans toward making all residency checks annual

BY IGOR STUDENKOV Special for Pioneer Press | @istudenkov

Park Ridge-Niles School District 64 Board. of Education is preparing to require annual residency checks for all district families.

For the past three months, the board has been discussing the possibility of requiring regular residency checks for home-owning families. This was done out of concern that the current procedures allow too many families to send their kids to district schools even when they no longer live in the district. Because those families' property taxes don't go into the district, it puts the schools under financial strain.

During the Dec. 15 board meeting, Superintendent Laurie Heinz proposed checking homeowners' residency once every three years. In response to board members' feedback, she presented two more options during the Jan. 26 meeting 7 both of which would make the checks annual. The board is expected to pick one of those options during the meeting that will be held on Feb. 23 at Washington Elementary School.

Under the current policy, District 64 does residency checks for families living in rental housing once a year. But families living in housing they own only get checked when their kids first enter one of the district schools. This means kids from families that moved out of the district could potentially keep attending.

The board first started discussing the issuein November. During the Dec. 15 meeting, Heinz presented a proposal that calls for the district to do a total of three residency checks 7 once when children first enter the district. then at third grade, then at sixth grade.

During he Jan. 26 meeting, Heinz presented two more options. Option B called for in-person residency checks. The district would designate a week some time in April where parents would be required to bring the in their documents. Parents would come in during one of the evenings and give their documents to the district staff. If there were no issues, they would get the Infosnap code that very evening, allowing them to register their kids as soon as they leave.

The drop-offs would be held at Emerson and Lincoln middle schools. The parents would go to whichever school their kids attend 7 or whichever school their kids will attend once they graduate elementary school.

The third option, known as Option C, calls for the district to set up a two-week period where parents could drop off their documents in person at whichever school their kids attend. Families that have kids in more than one district school would drop off the documents at the school their oldest child attends.

At the board's request, Heinz looked at what each option would cost. The first option would cost \$5,600, while Option B would cost \$11,000 and Option C would cost \$7,500. As Heinz explained in her report, the costs would come from overtime payments and/or payments to substitute staff that would handle regular work while the clerical stuff is busy with residency checks.

When asked which option she would prefer, Heinz said that she and her fellow administrative staff members leaned toward Option B 7 though they would be fine with other options.

"I think, at this point, we could go either way," she said. "It would be our preference to do in-person registration."

Heinz said that she preferred that option because Dr. Ken Wallace, the Superintendent of Maine Township High School District 207, told her that, in his district's experience, it was more effective.

Board member John Heyde, who expressed reservations about residency checks in the past few meetings, remained skeptical. He asked Becky Allard, the district's former chief business official, what would happen if the district mail gets returned. Allard said that this would trigger an investigation into whether the family still lived at that address. This prompted Heyde to wonder whether there were enough families that didn't live in the district and didn't trigger any red flags to make the residency checks worthwhile.

Allard responded that, when the district has reason to suspect that a family may not be residing in the district, it hires a private investigator to look into it. Hiring a private investigator would still be more expensive than any options Heinz outlined.

"We probably spend \$10,000-\$15,000 a year," said Allard.

Still, she acknowledged that the district might still need to hire investigators even if more regular checks are approved.

Heyde said that he felt that the figures Heinz provided weren't enough.

"I think what's missing from the cost figures is the cost of time for 3,000 people to have to haul themselves to middle schools,"

Board member Vicky Lee argued in favor of Option C.

"I don't think it's an effort for a family to cobble together a couple of documents, and either drop them off or mail them," she said.

Board member Bob Johnson and Board President Anthony Borrelli spoke in favor of Option C. Board member Dan Collins said he favored whichever option was the most thorough.

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## Road rage leads to fistfight challenge, ramming

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Buffalo Grove police allege that a Niles man ran down a fellow motorist with a car following an altercation.

According to the police report, Matthew H. De Cicco, 33, of 8950 W. Heathwood Circle, Niles, and another man were both stopped at a red light at about 9:30 a.m. Jan. 14 at the intersection of Milwaukee and Dundee roads.

De Cicco was allegedly talking on his mobile phone and did not see the light turn green, so the driver behind him honked at him. The driver then swerved around De Cicco's still-immobile car.

In separate statements, both men said they yelled at each other both saying the other man started it.

Both also said that De Cicco challenged the other driver to a fight later that day at the large flagpole on the northwest corner. De Cicco said he was only joking, but the other man felt that his challenge was genuine.

"De Cicco reported that he was not trying to fight anyone and wanted to drive home safely because he had his 18-month-old child in the back seat," the report

De Cicco then followed the driver to his workplace, on the 1500 block of Barclay Boulevard. De Cicco told the police that he tailed the other man to write his

license plate number down.

In the report, De Cicco said the other man parked, got out of his car and started walking aggressively toward toward his car, so he "drove quickly away since he was not sure if (the other man) had a weapon."

But the other man told the officers that when he got out of his car and crossed the lot to return to his workplace, De Cicco rammed him, cutting his left arm. De Cicco then allegedly fled, and

the other man got back in his car to pursue him.

That chase ended De Cicco's parents' house, on the 23000 block of Kingston Row in Lincolnshire, where both Lincolnshire and Buffalo Grove officers responded.

"(The man)'s left arm was cut and there was fresh blood," the Buffalo Grove report reads.

Buffalo Grove officers arrested De Cicco, charging him with leaving the scene of an injury accident.

### **POLICE BLOTTER**

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

#### RETAIL THEFT

Zolzaya Purevdorj, 34, of 4120 Williamsburg Court, Glenview, was charged with felony retail theft on Jan. 20 after she allegedly stole \$974 worth of merchandise from a store on the 8500 block of Golf Road. She has a Feb. 3 court date

### BURGLARY

Coins and a stamp collection were stolen between Jan. 12 and Jan. 15 during the burglary of a condominium unit on the 6700 block of Milwaukee Avenue. There was no evidence of forced entry to the residence, police said.

#### THEFT

A catalytic converter was stolen off a vehicle between Jan. 12 and Jan. 15 while it was parked outside a business on the 7700 block of Merrimac Avenue.

A 35-year-old Niles man learned on Jan. 17 that several unauthorized withdrawals, totaling \$7,045, had been made from his bank account since Dec. 29. Two of the withdrawals were made from ATM machines in Niles, police said.

Three people allegedly left King Spa, 809 Civic Center Drive, without paying a \$245 bill on the morning of Jan. 19. An investigating was pending.





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### Advocacy coalition endorses four D219 board candidates

BY NATALIE HAYES Special for Pioneer Press,

A newly-formed alliance of parents, teachers, and taxpayers from District 219 has endorsed four of the 12 candidates running for five vacancies on the school board in this spring's municipal election.

A selection committee appointed by the Progress219 organization selected Lincolnwood educator Lateef Farisa Hussain, Skokie Chiropractor David Ko, attorney Brian Novak of Skokie, and vice president of Skokie Youth Sports, Mark Sproat.

The formation of Progress 219—an advocacy group of about 30 people who live and/or work in Niles

Township School District 219stemmed from growing concerns among what the group's president Catherine Struzynski describes as a district-wide communication deficiency.

Struzynski said that the group will not take sides on issues until after the election, but she did say that Progress219 plans to focus on creating better transparency and open dialogue within the school district.

"The first and foremost initiative after the election, is to see if there's a better process for community outreach," Struzynski said.

She would not specifically say what suggestions Progress219 had for school administrators to increase the district's transparency.

Struzynski did mention, however, what she described as a "lack of discussion" among the school board before the \$2 million "Classrooms First Consolidation" partnership was formed with Skokie School District. 69 in August of last year.

"It was a major line item without a discussion or debate," she said. "But I want to make it clear that we're not taking a position on [the consolidation or any other issues."

A major factor in deciding who to endorse was each candidate's openness to community engagement and openness to transparency in the decision-making process, Struzynski

The candidate selection committee-comprised of two teachers, two teacher's union leaders, and two community members—conducted fairly extensive interviews of all the candidates except for two who opted out-incumbent Carlton Evans and newcomer Jon Heinz of Skokie.

Ko is the only incumbent out of the five seeking reelection that were endorsed by Progress219. Ko is running for a four-year term after being appointed to a two-year term on the school board in August 2013 following the death of longtime school board member Lynda Smith.

Evans, who serves as the board secretary, is the only candidate running for the single two-year opening on the board.

Other incumbents whose names will appear on the April 7 ballot are School Board Vice President Sheri Doniger of Lincolnwood, Jeffrey Greenspan of Skokie, and retired math teacher Eileen Valfer of Skokie.

Doniger, a dentist with a practice. in Lincolnwood, has served on the school board since 2003. Greenspan. an attorney, is seeking his fifth term on the board this year. Valfer has served on the school board since

Other new names that will appear on the ballot are Linda Lampert of Lincolnwood, Franklin Sacks of Lincolnwood, and Bennett Santana of Niles.

### Parents find 'just say no' talk tougher as pot becomes more mainstream

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With medical marijuana now legal in 23 states - including Illinois and recreational use permissible in four, parents are finding it increasingly challenging to explain to teens why the drug is harmful. Despite the push for legalization, parents should actively discourage their kids from using marijuana, according to the American Academy of Pediatrics in an updated policy statement released Monday.

But everyone agrees, it's getting

"It was so much easier when everything was black and white," said Carole Pilotte, of Flossmoor, a mother of three sons, ages 24, 22 and 18. "It's difficult when my kids see it as something medicinal. I feel like I've lost my leverage."

According to Dr. Seth Ammerman, lead author of the report, "We know that marijuana can be very harmful to adolescent health and development. We also know that in the last decade, the landscape has changed significantly."

In the statement, the nation's leading pediatrics organization reaffirms its decadelong opposition to the legalization of marijuana, but also for the first time recommends decriminalization. The academy, which is headquartered in Elk Grove Village, further endorses reclassifying marijuana to a less restrictive drug

category, which would make it easier to study its therapeutic benefits, and acknowledges that some children with debilitating chronic diseases cannot wait for lengthy research and clinical trials before having access to medical marijuana.

Still, even with these caveats, its position is clear. "In spite of the trend of more states moving toward legalization, we're saying this is a bad idea," said Ammerman, a clinical professor in pediatrics and adolescent medicine at Stanford University. "We're saying, let's get the evidence and have a thoughtful discussion ... not just go along."

The current landscape had made the way families talk about drugs tougher and more nuanced, experts say. Marijuana is no longer the sole province of stoned slackers.

Now, upstanding citizens are touting the financial advantages of legalized pot. Entrepreneurs are investing in cannabis-related businesses. Before last year's Super Bowl between the Seattle Seahawks and the Denver Broncos — the first between teams from two states where recreational marijuana is legal for adults - the "Today" show featured travel expert and legalized pot advocate Rick Steves, who planned to serve weed alongside food at his Super Bowl party. Recreational pot also is legal for adults in Oregon, Alaska and Washington, D.C.

In Illinois, medical use legislation passed the General Assembly in 2013 and was signed into law by then-Gov. Pat Quinn. However, Quinn did not issue licenses for state cultivators and dispensaries before departing office, leaving in limbo exactly when the substance will be available to those who meet the criteria.

Regardless of what Gov. Bruce Rauner does next, the mixed messages are already here. Gail Weil, director of the Community Youth Network in Grayslake, said calls from perplexed parents have increased in the last year. "More than ever, parents need to be armed with the facts, so they can give straight information from reliable sources — not 'High

A long-time anti-drug educator and social worker in Lake County, Weil frequently hears the "medical argument" contributing to a perception that marijuana is safe for all.

I say, 'Look at blood pressure medications. It's beneficial for someone with high blood pressure, but if your blood pressure is normal, you can faint," she said.

According to the report, published in the February issue of Pediatrics. there remains plenty of evidence for taking a hard line against marijuana, including that it impairs memory and concentration, and lowers the odds of getting a high school diploma. Moreover, the earlier children start using any kind of substance, the more vulnerable they are to addiction.

"The brain continues to develop until the mid-20s ... and one of the

last parts to develop is the prefrontal cortex, which controls judgment and decision-making," said Ammerman, noting that recent research has shown that regular or heavy teen users show changes in brain development pathways that are not normal.

Beyond the physiological effects, there are a number of other consequences. Marijuana is still illegal for minors in every state, and a conviction can disqualify a student for scholarships and internships, and otherwise derail career prospects, including with many police and fire departments - one reason the American Academy of Pediatrics supported reducing penalties.

Repercussions aside, the tone of the conversation between parents and kids depends a lot on the family, experts said. Valli Herman sees the complexities in Los Angeles, where her 15-year-old passes medical marijuana dispensaries on the way to school and "some parents partake very liberally," she said. California is expected to put recreational use before voters next year.

Still, Herman's antidrug position hasn't wavered, she said. Growing up in a small town near Peoria and as a student at the University of Illinois, weed was a fixture.

"I tell him that I know what it is, what it does and what it smells like ... so don't even think of trying to put one over on me," she said.

And when her son asks about the medical benefits, she has a ready

reply: "Since when do you have glaucoma?"

Jeanne Barr, of Chicago, doesn't want her 15-year-old son to use drugs either. But she also believes strongly that marijuana should be legal for adults - taxed and regulated like liquor and tobacco.

"Every family has to navigate what is and isn't acceptable in their home, but one of the problems with current drug education programs is that kids are taught that all use is abuse and they know that it just isn't true," said Barr, a teacher. "They understand that if you drink that doesn't make vou an alcoholic. I'd much rather have them making decisions in a culture of safety and trust, and misrepresenting something does not breed trust."

As decriminalization continues to gather steam, psychologist Cliff Saper, director of intensive outpatient services at Alexian Brothers Behavioral Health in Hoffman Estates, sees it as a rich opportunity.

"It opens up communication, to find out what's driving your teen to get into high-risk behaviors. Is it a peer-influence issue, so they're not left out? Is it to manage anxiety, depression or social awkwardness? Have them do the research ... what does it do to the developing brain? How about driving?" he said.

"The positive news is that it allows. parents to have a conversation, not a

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### CHECKS

"If Option B is most thorough, let's do Option B," he said. "If [Heinz] feels that Option C is just as thorough but less burdensome, let's do Option C."

Board member Scott Zimmerman said that he was concerned that the residency checks wouldn't be thorough enough.

"My question is , will this process catch [people who don't live in the district] or would they just get around it," he said.

Zimmerman said he wanted to ensure that the staff gets the best training possible. Otherwise, he argued, the process would merely be a formality.

Borrelli said that, given the timeline, it would be impossible to give the staff any extra training on the first year. Zimmerman responded that, if that's the case, the board might as well go with the option that's least burdensome to parents until the staff can be

"I want to make sure [the staff] are trained consistently," he said. "I want to go in with best practices."

### Board discusses policy on trustees attending events

BY IGOR STUDENKOV Special for Pioneer Press | @Istudenkov

The Niles Public Library Board of Trustees considered Wednesday, Jan. 21, whether to establish a policy regarding trustees attending events run by other organizations.

The motion was introduced by Trustee Linda Ryan during the meeting. She said that she wanted to get a sense of how the rest of the board felt about the issue. While she primarily wanted to touch upon trustees attending fundraisers by religious organizations, she also asked for other trustees' take on the attending events in general. The board didn't make any decision one way or another, but it is expected to continue discussing the issue at the next meeting.

In an interview immediately after the meeting, Ryan told Niles Herald-Spectator that she felt that attending fundraisers for religious organizations could create issues, as it could give an

appearance that the library favors Brebeuf Catholic parish as an one faith over another. She was also concerned about the library funds being spent to sent trustees to religious events. Ryan also said she wanted all trustees to be on the same page regarding what events they should or shouldn't attend.

During the Jan. 21 meeting, Trustee Karen Dimond said she wasn't sure whether having trustees attending events by other organizations did any good.

"We go to the events to network for the library," she said. "I'm not sure how much of that occurs at these events."

Dimond said she was especially wary of one type of events in particular.

"I'd especially not attend events that would be considered fundraisers for other organizations," she said.

Trustee Barbara Nakanishi said she felt that trustees shouldn't attend fundraisers for religious organizations, citing a recent fundraiser for St. John

example.

Interim Director Susan Lempke told the board that she felt the library benefits from having trustees attend events.

"I do think there's a benefit to trustees being in the community," she said. "It keeps us visible, and it shows that the we're supporting community organizations."

Board President Morgan Dubiel said that, while Nicholas Blase was mayor, there was a "not so secret rule" that the library board would stay away from public events. After Blase resigned following an arrest for federal corruption charges, the arrangement was relaxed.

Dubiel credited Linda Weiss. who served as the library director until last summer, with getting the library more involved with the community 7 something he said he'd like to see continue.

"We want to be engage, we want to be part of the community," he said.

Dubiel acknowledged that he

attended the event Nakanishi cited.

"At no time did I feel like I was fundraising [for the parish]," he

Dubiel argued that the library shouldn't avoid religious organi-

"Religious organizations are part of our community, and they shouldn't excluded," he said.

Trustees Chris Ball and Carolyn Drblik were absent during the meeting. Trustee Danette Matyas said she didn't have a preference one way or another.

"I don't go to that many [events]," she said.

The board decided to continue the discussion at the next meet-

Before the meeting wrapped up, Dubiel reiterated his opinion that the trustees should keep attending events, regardless of who hosts them

"We are members of this community, and we should engage with this community," he said. "I'd have to see us withdraw again."



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Vernon Hills

## Girls Scouts enjoy an 'Arctic Adventure'



KARIE ANGELL LUC Special to the Tribune @KarieAngellLuc

ore than 300 Girl Scouts turned out for an "Arctic Adventure" event Jan. 24 in Vernon Hills, at the Girl Scouts of Greater Chicago and Northwest Indiana office.

In partnership with the Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois, the Girl Scouts of Greater Chicago and Northwest Indiana hosted the drop-in event to encourage new members and to welcome current Girl Scouts

Admission was free to the fourhour event at 650 N. Lakeview Parkway. Patrons were asked to consider bringing a donation of winter hats or gloves.

The two hosting councils share borders and came together to provide a day of sisterhood so girls could practice winter camping skills, capture memories in a photo booth or meet CEOs from both councils.

"The purpose is to engage girls in Girl Scouting, to explore new activities so they can explore together and also to introduce new girls to Girl Scouting," said Nancy Wright of Park Ridge, CEO of the Girl Scouts of Greater Chicago and Northwest Indiana.

Wright said current members were asked to bring a friend, to show them what Girl Scouting is all about



"It's very interactive, very engaging, you can feel the energy as you walk in," said Wright, who grew up in Westchester and was a Girl Scout herself.

Fiona Cummings is CEO of Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois.

"The point of today is for all of the girls to experience all of the activities that we might offer as Girl Scouts and to get them to meet a lot of our staff," Cummings said.

"It's kind of a 'Taste of Girl Scouts," she said.

While traditional activities, like camping, are still a big part of Girl Scouts, Cummings said the group also wants to make sure girls are learning basic technology skills.

"We actually build in activities with cell phones these days because there are a lot of cool apps that can be useful," she said.

On Jan. 24, hands-on activities included swaps, a traditional Girl Scout activity that involves trading items, usually handmade.



Savannah Stevens of Green Oaks, who volunteered at a penguin swap table, said she believes Girl Scouts is important "because it helps a girl to grow" and learn "important skills at a young age."

Maddy Aquino and her sister Beth Aquino of Mundelein were also volunteers, cutting long pieces of colored tape to make

cheerful lanyard pins.

Maddy said she likes "to help

"I feel volunteering is to help others and it gives you a good feeling," Beth added.

Savannah Eagon, 9, of Ingleside, said the best part of participating in Girl Scouts was bonding with a troop and having fun

TOP LEFT: Cheyenne Kaminski, 9, of Round Lake and Ariana Torres, 9, also of **Round Lake, are excited to walk into the** Jan. 24 Vernon Hills Girls Scout event. **TOP RIGHT: From right, Katie Nelson of** Barrington, Kathleen Higgins of Barrington, Tegan Morrissey of Hawthorn **Woods and Avery Nice of Mundelein** are among girls making swaps, a way to trade and make friends.

FAR LEFT: From left, Miranda Lee of Round Lake and Lilliana De La Torre of Round Lake Beach have fun with oversized Lego blocks at the Vernon Hills Girl Scouts Jan. 24

LEFT: Third from right, Savannah Eagon of Ingleside is among Lego fans at the **Girls Scouts Arctic Adventure in Vernon** Hills Jan. 24. IPHOTOS BY KARIE ANGELL LUC/FOR CHICAGO TRIBUNE MEDIA GROUP

Girl Scouts of Greater Chicago and Northwest Indiana includes more than 61,100 girls and nearly 21,000 adults in 245 communities in six Illinois counties (Cook. DuPage, Grundy, Kankakee, Lake, and Will) and four Indiana counties (Jasper, Lake, Newton, and Porter).



## Project to slash water bills started

BY PAM DEFIGLIO Special for Pioneer Press

With the City of Chicago's water rates rising drastically, Morton Grove trustees took action Monday to stem the tide.

They approved agreements to hire an attorney and a municipal consultant, both with experience in suburban water sourcing and delivery, to work on alternatives to getting Morton Grove's water supply from Chicago. Morton Grove is partnering with Niles in the effort, and the two villages will share costs and benefits as they explore what Morton Grove Village Manager Ryan Horne said will be a multi-year, multi-million dollar effort to save residents money.

Morton Grove Village Finance Director Remy Navarrete said Chicago has raised its rates 70 percent since in the past four years. Chicago officials have said the higher rates are due to the city's costs in

modernizing its aging water filtration plant on the lakefront.

"This is something we have to do," said Trustee John Thill about the effort. "We can't let Chicago hold us hostage."

The village may eventually spend millions, he said, but it will protect residents from Chicago's H20 hikes

Teresa Hoffman Liston, Morton Grove's corporation counsel, called the agreement a legacy decision which may affect the next two to three generations of Morton Grove residents.

Mayor Dan DiMaria was also supportive.

"We're at a point in Morton Grove's history that we need to make a decision-stay with Chicago or leave," he said. "We have to think for generations to come, what is the best source of water. With interest rates [low] and bonds and grants available, this is probably the least cost it will be for

He also said partnering with Niles strengthens Morton Grove's position, and that the two villages have had great cooperation.

Morton Grove benefits from being in a good position geographically, Horne said, in that it is relatively close to Lake Michigan.

He also described Morton Grove and Niles as a good fit to partner, since they are not only next to each other, but their water pumping stations are near each other. If a new pipeline must be constructed, there will be minimal connection distance between the two.

In addition, Morton Grove's water contract with Chicago expires in 2018, and Niles' expires in 2019.

Skokie purchases water from Evanston, and Glenview purchases it from Wilmette. That leaves Morton Grove with four potential options, Horne said: continue to buy from Chicago, consider buying extra capacity from Glenview,

join the Northwest Water Commission, which funnels Evanston water to Arlington Heights and other towns, or buy water from Wilmette.

In October, the Northwest Water Commission entered into an agreement to sell its Evanstonsourced water to Des Plaines.

With the approval of Morton Grove's resolutions Monday, the two consultants the village contracted with are law firm Holland and Knight, and WRB LLC, the consulting firm of William Balling, a former Buffalo Grove village manager.

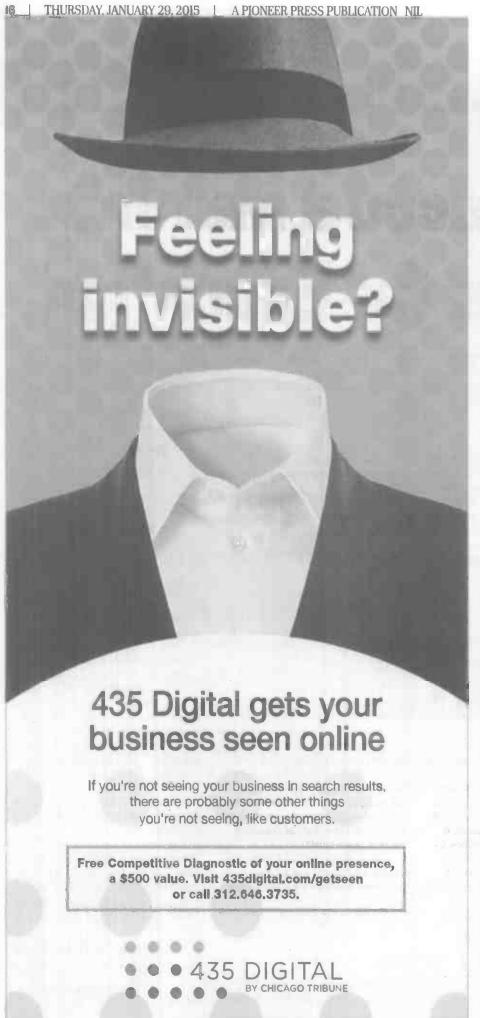
Liston described Barbara Adams of Holland and Knight as an expert in the legal aspects of municipal water services. Likewise, Liston noted Balling has overseen municipal water agreements, which villages such as Buffalo Grove and Wheeling needed decades ago to be able to grow and

"We're at a point in Morton Grove's history that we need to make a decision—stay with Chicago or leave. We have to think for generations to come, what is the best source of water. With interest rates [low] and bonds and grants available, this is probably the least cost it will be for a long time."

Dan DiMaria, Morton Grove Mayor







## **Essay: Maine South student attends gubernatorial inauguration**

ASHLEY HAMILTON

| Special for the Pioneer Press

Ashley Hamilton, a freshman at Maine South, attended the Illinois gubernatorial inauguration on Monday, Jan. 12. She wrote the following essay on her experience for the Pioneer Press.

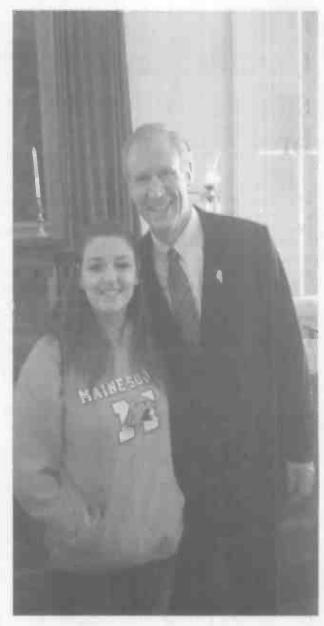
Inauguration 2015 to me was a moment in time I will never forget.

The event started off with the Air National Guard Band of the Midwest playing several songs before and during the event and they sounded amazing.

Jim Cornelison of the Chicago Blackhawks sang the national anthem, and the crowd really enjoyed it.

When it was time for Bruce Rauner to take the oath of office, I thought it was really cool how his whole family was on stage and his wife held the Bible for him. Once he took the oath, he gave a speech and I loved how he talked about education and how he wants to get schools back to how they once were, as well as get funding so that all kids get the same education, no matter where they live. He also talked about getting jobs back to Illinois, since so many have left Illinois in recent years in order to keep their businesses alive.

Once the ceremony was over, I headed to the Old State Capitol building where Governor Rauner a Lieutenant Governor Evelyn Sanguinetti were holding a meet and greet. I got the chance to ask Mrs. Sanguinetti about the one thing she would like to see changed the most while she's in office and her quote was "I would like to see more jobs become available. We want more businesses to come back to Illinois so more people will be able to find jobs in the



Maine South High School student Ashley Hamilton joins Gov. Bruce Rauner on inauguration day Jan. 12. JOONTRIBUTED

future and make it easier for people like you as well."

Later on in the evening, I attended the Inauguration Concert at the Convention Center, and got to enjoy listening to the legendary Buddy Guy who was superb on his guitar, eating great food from local food truck companies and then the main attraction of Toby Keith.

Bruce & his wife danced their first dance to the song,

"Kiss Me Like This" as their kids stood by and watched. They looked so happy and had a great time.

The whole day was something I feel honored to be part of, and is something I will for sure never forget. I will say that being part of this and watching and listening to issues and ideas, I am more interested in learning more about politics and now see how important great leaders truly are.

## Opinion

Letters

# Gambling in Illinois sold as fantasy with broken promises

In response to a letter posted Jan. 5 ("Video gaming industry ready to work with leaders" by Michael Gelatka, president of the Illinois Gaming Machine Operators Association).

Let's start with calling it what it is — gambling. "Gaming" is classier, sexier, smacks of family fun, but no mistaking, the raw term is "gambling."

One only needs to look at Atlantic City, where reckless gambling saturation resulted in massive socioeconomic and ethical fallout to communities, businesses and families. Local businesses fail, or report a 30 to 50 percent decrease in sales when money is forfeited to gambling venues, as opposed to stimulating the economy. Child welfare agencies report increases in child neglect and endangerment in the form of decreased household funds, to abandoning children at home or in parking lots to go gamble. Not far behind is increased bankruptcy, homelessness, crime and suicide.

This industry, which our government not only promotes but encourages, has built a public policy around inducing residents to gamble away their hard-earned money to fund their coffers.

The argument for job creation is certainly valid. However, consider that at last report there were roughly 7,000 part-time and full-time employees in Illinois gambling, a small number proportionally to those negatively affected by this industry, as individuals, family members or business owners. Hundreds of jobs were lost when Atlantic City casinos imploded!

Gelatka states video gambling is strictly regulated by the Illinois Gaming Board, yet they can't find a way to protect the now nearly 12,000 individuals on the self-exclusion list from the 4,600 venues available for them to now fail.

Video gambling is making a difference in our state. The broad and deep-seated collateral damage as a result of this disastrous "experiment" for many Illinoisans will be far reaching, life-altering, and in some cases, life-ending, with this addiction carrying the distinction of the highest rate of suicide. Gambling is a nightmare, sold as a fantasy with broken promises all around. It's only a matter of time.

Melynda Litchfield National Victims Advocate for Stop PredatoryGambling St. Charles We need a Marshall Plan for Education



t a recent suburban Rotary club meeting, our town's local school superintendent gave a brief report about the new PARCC tests. PARCC stands for Partnership for Assessment for Readiness for College and Careers.

To paraphrase, it sounded like the new tests for grade-school-age children were going to be a long and grueling slog of weeklong tests and assessments. The superintendent also explained that one of the tasks for educators would be to prepare students who have always earned top grades that they might not do so well this time around.

This is coming from a great suburban district with a reputation for quality education.

As I listened to the report, I kept asking myself, "What are we trying to accomplish?"

After a generation of legislation aimed at improving education, with increased tests and higher standards developed with the goal of leaving no child behind, what do we have to show for it? Not much, I'm afraid.

And then I realized, we are not even addressing the main issue facing our schools.

Here it is, 60 years after Brown

"Some schools are doing just great. They don't need extra money or bureaucratic hoops to jump through. We should just leave them alone. But a lot of schools, especially those in poor, mostly minority neighborhoods ... need help. We need to focus our efforts on those schools. We need a Marshall Plan for Education."

vs. Board of Education, the landmark Supreme Court case that outlawed segregation in public schools, and here in the Chicago area we still have legally segregated schools.

Most high performing schools are in mostly white and mostly wealthy suburbs, or are highly selective magnet schools in the city. Underperforming schools are mostly in poor, minority city neighborhoods or suburbs.

Why don't we focus our gigantic federal effort on fixing education on schools that are in crisis, schools that have a vast majority of poor students who are not meeting the standards for that grade level?

The reason is that the federal government is like the bad manager who runs your department at work. You know the type.

The bad manager wants to treat all

employees equal. The bad manager doesn't want the appearance of favoring one employee over another. So if one employee is habitually late, all employees get the same memo about tardiness. If a few workers are underperforming, everyone gets the scolding lecture at the department meeting.

And that's the state education bureaucracy in a nutshell.

Rather than focus on the serious issues facing underperforming schools and the students who are consigned to having a 50-50 chance of graduating from the time they start kindergarten, the education bureaucracy proposes and dispenses laws and rules and regulations for everyone.

Some schools are doing just great. They don't need extra money or bureaucratic hoops to jump through. We should just leave them alone.

But a lot of schools, especially those in poor, mostly minority neighborhoods, with large minority or poor populations, need help.

We need to focus our efforts on those schools. We need a Marshall Plan for Education, for schools that have been devastated by half a century of legal segregation and bad housing policy.

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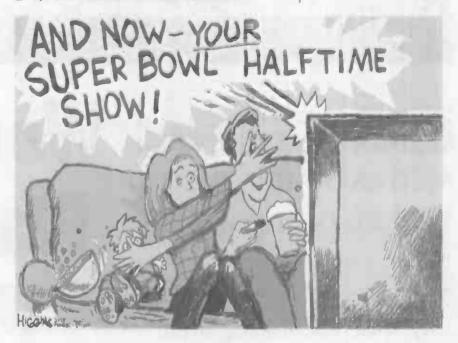


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## We didn't have summer camp. We had Methodists.

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People mistakenly believe that summer is a time when moms have even more parenting to do than the rest of the year because kids are at home.

But not if mom is smart. And my Mom was smart, indeed. She saw summer



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as an opportunity to have a brief vacation from her kids.

During the school year there was dressing and feeding us, PTA, Scouts and the occasional visit to the principal's office to hear what Paul had done now.

But in the summer, school stuff was gone. Who could watch us in the summer? The Methodists, of course. Now, we were Catholics.

But the nearby Methodist church conducted a summer Bible school.

My Mom had the ecumenical idea of enrolling Mike and I in the school. We're all God's children, right?

I still remember one of the songs we were taught at Methodist Bible school — "The B-i-b-l-e, yes that's the book for me. All day I stand on the word of God, the B-i-b-l-e."

So, it was Methodism in the morning and riding my bike, playing ball, swimming, reading and rambling in the afternoon.

Worked out for everyone. Though I still to this day feel guilty about being a Methodist under false pretenses.

Fortunately, Oak Park kids today don't have to pretend to adopt a religion to enjoy a summer camp.

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## Pick-up lines don't have to be cheesy

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Tver been in this situation? You're out at a bar or restaurant and you see some-Jone you find attractive, and whom you'd like to meet. The problem is, you don't know what you could possibly say to the person that doesn't sound rehearsed, stupid or just plain old cheesy. You fear that whatever you come up with, the person will think you are desperate or strange. So, you do nothing. He or she ends up leaving, the opportunity is missed and later that day or night, you're kicking yourself for not making a move.

Approaching someone and/or delivering an effective opening line (also known as a pick-up line, let's be honest) isn't easy. But if what you say is effective, your reward can be priceless: the beginning of an exciting, new relationship that may lead to the end of your search for Mr. or Ms. Right.

Even as a dating and relationship columnist, it's difficult for me to offer advice on how to approach someone and what to say. As outgoing, friendly and full of words as I am, I turn into a complete mess when put under pressure to start a conversation with a cute guy, trust me.

So, I recruited the help of Barbie Adler, founder and president of the Chicago-based matchmaking company, Selective Search. I first asked her why men and women have such a difficult time approaching someone they want to meet.

"Everyone has a fear of rejection and they don't want to set themselves up for failure, having their feelings hurt or being embarrassed in front of their friends," said Adler, who started Selective Search 15 years ago. "Everyone knows all the cheesy pick-up lines and no one wants to use one because that's not who they are. They don't know how to go about it while being their authentic selves."

Here are Adler's eight tips for success when approaching a potential romantic interest:

1. Get your head out of your phone. The only reason to have your phone out during a night out with friends is if you have children who might need to reach you. Otherwise, be engaged in the evening and focus on the environment. In other words, don't be on Facebook and other social media sites, and stop texting all your other friends. It's a turnoff! Put your phone in your purse or pocket and forget about it!

2. Women: smile and be approachable. When a bunch of women go out for a girl's night, they don't realize that a large group can be intimidating and overwhelming to men. So, if you see a guy checking out your group, smile at him. Let him know it's OK to come over and say "hi." Or, what's wrong with YOU walking up to him and starting a conversation? Nothing!

3. Compliments are never out of style. But, they have to be sincere. Also, it's better to compliment shoes or a handbag or a smile versus a dress or the woman's body. It's more

4. Direct can work well. "Hi, I'm Dave, may I buy you a drink?" Simple and honest.

5. Try situational humor. Let's say you're in a really long line at Starbucks and there's a cute guy in front of you. Say something funny about the line. Be friendly, witty and smart.

6. Play matchmaker for your friend. There's nothing wrong with going back to Junior High School for a few minutes by walking up to a girl and asking, "Are you single? I think you should meet my friend." Even if the person isn't single, he or she will take this as a compliment and appreciate it. If it works, you've just done Barbie's job!

7. Be both confident and sincere. This is a winning combination.

8. Don't take rejection personally. The person might be involved with someone, they might have issues that have nothing to do with you or you just might not be their type. Remember, you are someone out there's type!

In closing, I can't resist sharing these hilarious pick-up lines I found on Instagram. I would highly suggest NOT using them!

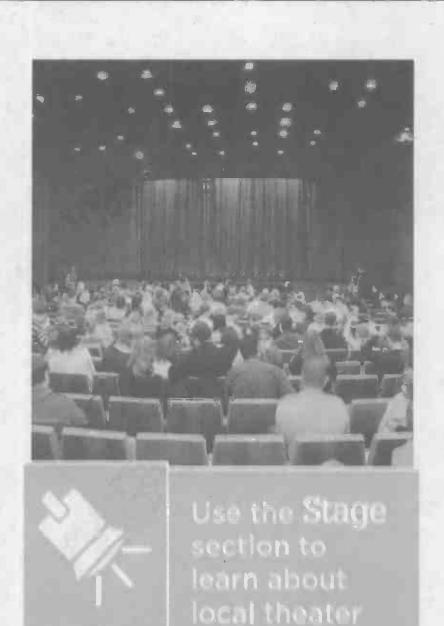
"Is your name Wi-Fi? Cause I'm feeling a connection."

"On a scale from one to 10, you're a nine and I'm the one you need."

"If you were my homework, I'd throw you on a table and do you all night."

"Is your body from McDonald's? Cause I'm lovin' it."

"Did you get a parking ticket? Cause you've got fine written all over you."





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## Brides show short wedding gowns more of the love

Helen Bradlev isn't one of those women who fantasized about her wedding as a girl, so when the time came to tie the knot on the 10th tee of a golf course, she wanted to be relaxed, comfortable and economical.

A short gown was just right for her September nuptials, said the 27-year-old bank worker in Madison. Wisconsin.

"I had tried on a few long dresses and none of them felt like me. I'm a very practical person. My mom picked out the short dress from a sale rack and it's rare that I would like anything that my mom picks out," she said with a laugh.

Once the domain of older or remarrying brides, short gowns are enjoying a little more of the love, from luxury brands like Monique Lhuillier, Oscar de la Renta and Marchesa to more affordable offerings at David's Bridal, which has a bustling retail website and about 300 stores around the country.

The short looks aren't just standin dresses originally intended for bridesmaids or cocktail parties.

Designers are offering a greater range of shorter styles as more brides break from tradition and personalize their weddings.

"A lot of people are doing more

intimate settings, so a shorter dress just feels more appropriate. If they do the big wedding, some change into a shorter dress so they can dance and have a good time," Lhuillier said.

Exactly how short is up to the

There are minis, high-low hemlines (high in the front and lower in the back), knee lengths, tea lengths below the knee and so-called "transformers," where a long train or sheer skirt detaches to show off a short dress underneath.

Designer Zac Posen put his own sister in one of the convertibles — in red - for her 2004 wedding.

"Her huge train came off to become a mini and she took it off to Judy Garland's 'Zing! Went the Strings of My Heart," he said. "It covered the grandeur of the ceremony and the fun of the party."

Long gowns remain the clear majority of the \$2.6 billion-a-year bridal gown market, noted Darcy Miller, editorial director for Martha Stewart's bridal site, Marthastewartweddings.com.

But "more and more brides seem to be seeking no-fuss, lightweight and easier silhouettes," she said. Some "want a dress they can run on

the beach in or travel with to their destination wedding."

At David's Bridal, 26 of the 75 gowns launched for spring 2015 are short, said Anne Acierno, executive vice president for design, merchandising and product development.

Posen creates luxury short looks but also includes a few in his Truly Zac Posen collection at David's Bridal

He said red-carpet trends influence some brides, and these days they're seeing more short, fancy

Among high-profile brides to go short recently were fashion "it" girl Olivia Palermo and actress Cheryl Hines, who married Robert F. Kennedy Jr. last August in a strapless, white, tea-length creation by Romona Keveza.

Vera Wang makes short gowns too, in a range of pricepoints that include her White collection for David's Bridal.

"I think you should wear what you feel most beautiful and most comfortable in, and also what is most you, most individual," Wang said.

Shorter dresses can be less expensive — a huge factor for Bradley at her country club wedding before 125 quests. The reception was in a



Chose a short gown for three great reasons: a short wedding gown provides comfort, affordability and the chance to show off the bride's accessories, I AP PHOTOS

floors and sconces all around.

Her dress cost \$400.

She spent another \$100 on a chunky glass statement necklace with matching earrings, and \$99 for a pair of 4-inch Calvin Klein heels in dusty gold with a T-strap and side

"I'm an accessory person, so I knew when I saw the dress it was a blank canvas," Bradley said. "I could go out and pick the perfect necklace and the perfect shoes and you could see them."

But embellished, hand-sewn,

bridal line: Designers are offering a greater range of shorter styles as more brides break

cozy room with a big fireplace, wood custom short gowns aren't necessarily cheaper, depending on the materials and designer.

> Emmy Mitchell, 33, of Columbus, Ohio, wore custom when she went short for her 2011 wedding.

She had originally planned to modify the 75-year-old, long, ivory satin gown worn by her mother and grandmother, but a mishap with a seamstress left much of the fabric unusable.

She regrouped, found another seamstress and was able to salvage some of the original fabric for the bodice of a new gown, inspired by the strapless, full, Vivienne Westwood design that "Sex in the City" character Carrie Bradshaw wore when Mr. Big jilted her at the altar in the first movie based on the TV

Unlike Bradley out on the golf course, Mitchell wore her short gown for a church ceremony.

"Everyone asked me, 'Aren't you worried about the church? Is it long enough?" the freelance graphic designer said. "I was, like, no, I'm not worried. We wanted it to be fun, but we didn't want it to be too casual."

Mitchell's advice for others who want to go short?

"Go with your gut. Just go for it. It was the best decision of our wedding. It made everyone loosen their collars and say, 'OK, this is a fun event. We can all cut loose tonight."



Romona Keveza cocktail length dress: The short looks aren't just stand-in dresses originally intended for bridesmaids or cocktail parties.



At David's Bridal: 26 of the 75 gowns launched for spring 2015 are short, a strapless dress with a satin sash from the White by Vera collection.



Rivini by Rita Vinieris: The Arielle, and BHLDN short dress from Anthropologie's Ostrich feather mini with peek-a-boo crystal beading dress ads a personalize touch to a

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## Questions to ask before hiring your wedding photographer

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### 1. Does the photographer have a gallery of wedding images you can review?

Reviewing sample work allows you to see the photographer's strengths and weaknesses—

don't fool yourself, every photographer has them. You'll also be able to get an idea of their style. Are they formal with an eye for the perfect picture or do they love to capture the hidden moments when no one is looking? Look for images that you can see yourself in. Think of three words that describe you and share those with your photographer. Every photographer has a style and reviewing their gallery can help you determine if theirs is right for you.



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photographer will fully concentrate on you and your wedding. You can schedule an appointment to meet at their studio and not worry about meeting someone at a coffee-shop to view samples. A freelancer has a 9-5 job and is trying to be a photographer on the weekends. Most don't have the proper insurance, back-up equipment or even a back-up photographer in case of an emergency. Most freelance photographers charge the same as boutique studios without having the overhead of rent, employees etc.

### 5. Will the photographer create a detailed shot list?

This list will ensure no important photo is missed during the commotion and excitement of the big day. You should be able to create that list together, add to the list leading up to the day and have a copy of that list the day of. Take an honest look at what images really matter and fill your photographer in on situations he or she might need to be aware of in order to prevent awkward moments, and to ensure that he or she

can get the shots that matter most.

### 2. What is the photographer's working style? 6. W

Some photographers are orderly and operate like wedding planners. Others prefer to sit back and let the events of the wedding unfold. It's important that you find someone who can understand and meet your expectations. Discuss this ahead of time and ask away, so that you understand how well the photographer's working style matches your own.

### 3. Is the photographer available for an engagement session?

An engagement session does more than provide you with priceless images together before you get married. It's also your first opportunity to work with your photographer and develop a relationship that will allow you to be completely at ease on your big day. Use this session to confirm if the photographer is indeed the right person to capture your wedding.

### 4. Is your photographer full-time or a weekend freelancer?

According to Peter Furla, of Furla Studios, 1440 Waukegan Road, Glenview, a full-time photographer lives and breathes photography which is their only means of income. A full time

### 6. What kind of lighting will be used?

Whether you have an indoor or outdoor wedding, you'll want to make sure your photographer has professional grade lighting equipment to deliver the images your wedding deserves.

### 7. Does the photographer have backup equipment?

You've prepared contingency plans for every other aspect of your wedding; your photographer should as well. A true professional photographer won't miss your perfect shot because of a technology issue. He or she will always bring one or two backup cameras, lenses, flashes, additional lighting equipment, extra memory cards, and batteries.

### 8. Does the photographer have liability insurance?

Accidents happen at weddings and if one of your guests trips over your photographer's light stand, it's good to know you both are protected. Your reception venue may even ask the photographer to submit a certificate of liability ahead of time.

# Tips for finding the perfect wedding dress

Weddings are special days for couples tying the knot. But even the most carefully planned wedding requires some patience and perseverance.

For brides-to-be, finding the right gown is one element of wedding planning that calls for patience and persistence. Trial and error is often part of the process as women look for the perfect wedding gown. Brides-to-be who have a specific style in mind may find that their dream gown doesn't always live up to expectations, while another style of dress they never imagined wearing turns out to be a stunner.

Another challenge many women face when gown shopping is that many wedding gowns are styled and geared toward women with slender figures, making the process of selecting a gown for a curvier bride a bit more difficult. But any bride, regardless of size or figure, can find the ideal dress, especially when she employs the following tips.

- Sample sizes fit a select few. Bridal shops carry a range of dresses but may only stock one or two sample dresses. For economy, these samples are a median size that are intended to fit as many shoppers as possible. Such gowns are usually in the neighborhood of a size 10. Most women, whether petite or plus-size, will not fit into the sample, so do not get discouraged.
- Visit large retail chains. Popular wedding dress chains, such as David's Bridal, may have a wider selection of sample dresses in larger sizes. Department stores as well as designers who specialize in plus-size gowns also make good resources.
- Call bridal stores in advance to schedule your visits. Your time is precious, so call bridal shops prior to visiting and explain to them your size and what you are looking for in a gown. This will ensure you aren't wasting your time driving to stores that can't provide what you want.
- Select the right fabrics. Heavier fabrics like taffeta, silk dupioni and satin may conceal better than others and can be ruched to camouflage areas you want to minimize.

Use salespeople as a resource. The right salesperson can make wedding shopping much easier and far more pleasant. Don't rest until you find someone who is excited to work with you and will give you his or her honest opinion and recommendations.

■ Dresses can be altered. Every bride needs some alterations made to her dress to achieve the perfect fit. Plus-sized brides may need a few extras. A dress is unlikely to meet



Be patient: Trial and error are often part of the process of inding the perfect wedding gown. Brides-to-be need to be patient, but also persistent. I FILE PHOTO

all of your needs right off the rack, so find a good seamstress who can alter your dress to meet your needs. Sleeves can be put on, dresses can be shortened, support can be added, and many customizations can be done to a gown post-production.

- Find a flattering shape. Choose a gown with a full-skirt or an A-line skirt with an empire or a dropped-waist seam that will elongate your midriff and flow away from your hips. Curvier brides typically avoid strapless gowns, as such dresses have a tendency to make a woman's shoulders and arms look wider.
- Don't get stuck on size. Sizes vary widely depending on the manufacturer. Wedding gowns tend to be labeled with couture sizes, which are much smaller than street sizes. A good salesperson should have a reasonable conversion chart or will choose sizes based on your measurements alone. Ignore the size on the tag and go for the gown that fits.

Never settle for less. Whether it's a gown that's not flattering or a salesperson who is rude or chastises you for not being the ideal size, do not settle for anything less than a great gown and attentive service. Bridal stores compete for business, so if a given shop does not meet your expectations, don't hesitate to work with a rival store,

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## Popular and modern first dance songs

wife is a cherished wedding tradition. While the first dance can help set a positive tone for the reception, it also can negatively impact the festivities if a poor song is chosen.

Couples may feel pressure to choose the perfect song. Yes, this is a song that the couple has selected to represent their love for each other, but it also should be one that will speak to the masses and can be thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Couples want to avoid a song that does not seem to fit with the festivities. For those couples who need a little musical inspiration, turn to many of the modern hits you're bound to hear on the radio which may help you to shine in that first dance.

■ "A Thousand Years" by Christina Perri: "Twi-hard" fans enjoyed this romantic song during the pivotal

A couple's first dance as man and wedding scene between Bella Swan and Edward Cullen in the popular "Twilight" movie "Breaking Dawn." Couples looking to recreate the magic of these star-crossed lovers can embrace Perri's delicate tone and tender lyrics.

"All of Me" by John Legend: It's been hard to escape this popular love song by R&B artist John Legend. An ode Legend wrote to his wife, this song has quickly become a popular choice for a couple's first dance.

■ "I Choose You" by Sara Bareilles: This peppy song by singer/ songwriter Sara Bareilles is a good choice for couples who prefer being nontraditional. It's faster paced and less sentimental than many other wedding songs.

"Better Together" by Jack Johnson: Johnson is known primarily for his soft rock and acoustic quitar work blended with catchy lyrics. Also an



Cherished tradition: A bride and groom share the first dance on their wedding day. I FILE PHOTO

accomplished surfer, Johnson's work is enjoyed by many but may be especially prized by couples who want to their reception to be a laid back affair full of fun and whimsy.

"I Won't Give Up" by Jason Mraz: Another acoustic ditty, this song has

a country influence and talks about not giving up and staying in a relationship for the long haul.

■ "I Don't Dance" by Lee Brice: Speaking of country influences, couples who want a little twang in their first dances can choose Brice's breakthrough hit. Romantic lyrics about spinning his partner around in circles despite not liking to dance illustrates what one partner will do for the other when in love.

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## Brides look for 'something blue' — and — more in jewelry

As weddings become more and more personalized to the bride's own tastes, blue and other colors have been making their way into the bridal picture, both in decor and in jewelry.

Sapphire blue stones are now popular, with stones set in silver and gold tone metal. Topaz stones set in gold have become popular, and rose gold metal is another color option that brides have gravitated to. These trends also influence jewelry for bridesmaids and every member of the bridal party.

While color is making news in bridal circles, pearls will always play a lead role in the world of bridal jewelry. Classic styles like single and double row chokers, often mixed with crystal, are truly classic and always appropriate for brides. But there are now many modern twists, both in design and in ways brides choose to wear pearls.

Modern brides often personalize their pearls by wearing bolder, longer styles, by mixing and layering different millimeters and by twisting, tying or knotting them. The variations are endless with a 72" white pearl rope — a staple for any bride — as well as any post-wedding wardrobe.

Crystal styles — teardrop earrings and necklaces, chokers and bracelets in floral designs — are also beautiful and popular choices among brides. They, too, can be layered, mixed and matched



Something blue: Sapphire blue stones are popular with brides and also jewelry for bridesmaids. I METRO CREATIVE CONNECTIONS

with pearls.

The bottom line is that brides are more than ever expressing their personal style in every aspect of their weddings. Jewelry selection is a wonderful way to do this because it is a focal point that frames the face and will live forever in glorious photos of the memorable day.

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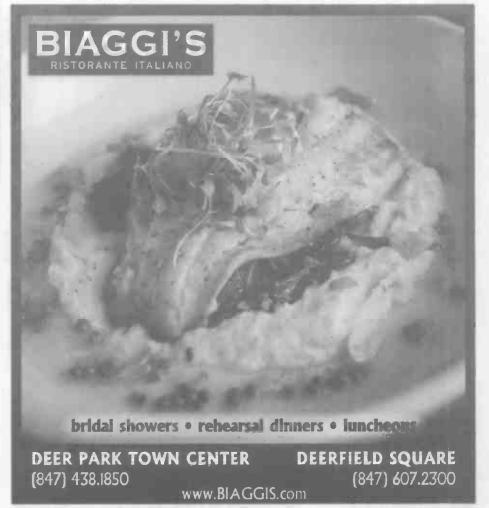
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## Wedding invitation and postage tips

Whether a couple is planning a lavish wedding or a more low key affair, the wedding invitations are an essential part of keeping guests informed about the big day.

While couples can now share details of their wedding through email or even digital invitations, many still prefer to go the traditional route and send paper invitations. In addition to the cost of the invitations themselves, couples need to factor postage into their wedding budgets. It may not seem like much, but the cost of postage can add up quickly. The following are a few postage pointers for couples about to tie the knot.

- Choose envelopes wisely. The size of your envelopes contributes to the cost of the postage necessary to mail your invitations. Postal services have specific size and shape parameters that govern postage. Envelopes that are oddly shaped or fall outside of these strict measurements are usually susceptible to additional postage charges. That's because the envelope cannot run through standard sorting machinery and must be hand-processed.
- Consider the weight. Mailings that exceed one ounce will require additional postage, even if they are in standard envelopes. Invitations, with their various components and thick card



stock, typically weigh more than one ounce.

Never purchase postage in advance, as you will not know what the completed invitation costs prior to mailing. Always weigh the invitation with all inserts included to get an accurate estimate of postage. Then purchase stamps accordingly.

■ Get to know your local postal employee. Many postal employees, especially those who work at the smaller branches, grow accustomed to seeing the same customers over and over. They can be very helpful and good resources when it comes to saving money on postage. Strike up a conversation with the person behind the counter and ask advice on the best way to mail invitations and ensure they arrive looking beautiful. Choose an off-peak time so the postal employee can give you his or her full attention and will not feel rushed by a line forming behind you. The employee may suggest hand-canceling envelopes, which means the invitation will be processed by hand rather than run through machinery to avoid damage.

- Stamp the return envelope. Invitations typically include response cards that guests will send back to confirm if they will be attending the festivities. To facilitate the RSVP process, stamp the response card.
- Prep invitations six to eight weeks in advance. Invitations should be mailed nearly two months prior to the wedding. This allows guests to plan and respond accordingly.
- Double-check envelopes before sending. Ensure that postage is sticking well and that envelopes are well-sealed. In addition, verify that you have the most current addresses for recipients. If invitations get returned to sender, they can cost you even more time and money to

resolve any issues.

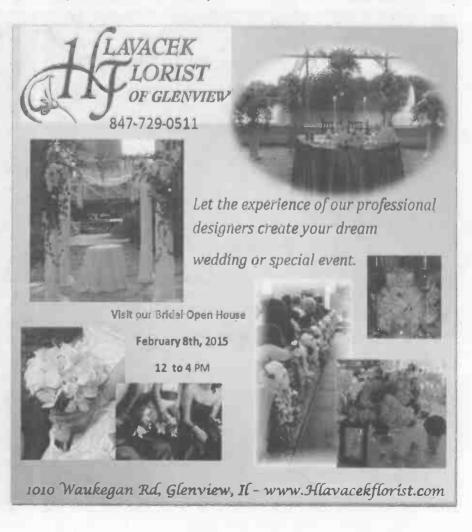
- Consider custom postage. The post office should carry several attractive options for wedding invitation stamps. However, you also may be able to go online and purchase custom postage that features a graphic or an uploaded image to make the invitations even more special.
- Do a test run. You may want to send a complete invitation to yourself just to see how it arrives in the mail. This way you can check the level of damage and have an opportunity to make any changes, such as adding a piece of vellum to prevent ink from smudging or to place bows or adornments in another area.
- Give your mail carrier a heads-up. Let your assigned mail carrier know that response cards will be on the way. They tend to be small and can get lost in among other letters and mail. A small token of gratitude, such as a gift card, for your mail carrier may ensure all of your response cards arrive.

A wedding just isn't the same without the guests. Make sure friends and family are well informed about the wedding by sending out invitations in advance and ensuring the proper postage will get those invites where they need to go.

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## How to build a wedding registry

Many once-popular wedding traditions have fallen by the wayside. But one wedding tradition that has withstood the test of time is the wedding registry. Couples about to tie the knot still build a wedding. registry so their guests know what to buy them as wedding gifts. This saves quests the trouble of agonizing over what to buy the couple getting hitched and also ensures that couples won't receive two or more of the same item.

Building a registry can be fun, as couples can act like kids in a candy store and add items they might otherwise not be able to afford. But there is a method to building a registry that can ensure the process of giving and receiving gifts is comfortable and convenient for everyone involved.

Choose a national chain, Many stores will allow couples to establish a registry, but it behooves couples to choose a national chain or chains for their registry. A local boutique

store might sell several items you would love to have, but that store may only be accessible to quests who live nearby, and such stores may be more expensive than larger national chains that can afford to charge less for similar products. Choosing a national chain ensures all of your quests will be able to access and purchase a gift from your registry, and make those purchases without breaking the bank.

- Choose a store with an online presence. When choosing a store for your registry, it also helps to choose a store with an online presence that's user-friendly. Ideally, pick an online retailer you have already had positive experiences with. This not only will make it easier for your quests, but also for you should you decide to return items down the road.
- Choose more than one store. You also want to choose more than one store when building a registry. Some guests will prefer to shop in-

store rather than online, so you want lots of out-of-town guests, can be to give them some options so they don't have to drive far and wide to find the lone brick and mortar store for your registry.

- Visit the stores and do your homework. Though some stores allow you to develop a registry entirely online, it still helps for couples to visit the store together and build their registries in the more traditional way. Visiting a store as opposed to browsing the store website allows you to touch and feel products, which can give you a more accurate idea of their quality. In addition to seeing the products in person, read online reviews of products before putting them on your registry so you can ensure you're getting quality items.
- Choose items that vary in price. Many couples are sheepish about putting expensive items on their registries. That's not surprising, as the cost of attending a wedding, especially one that features

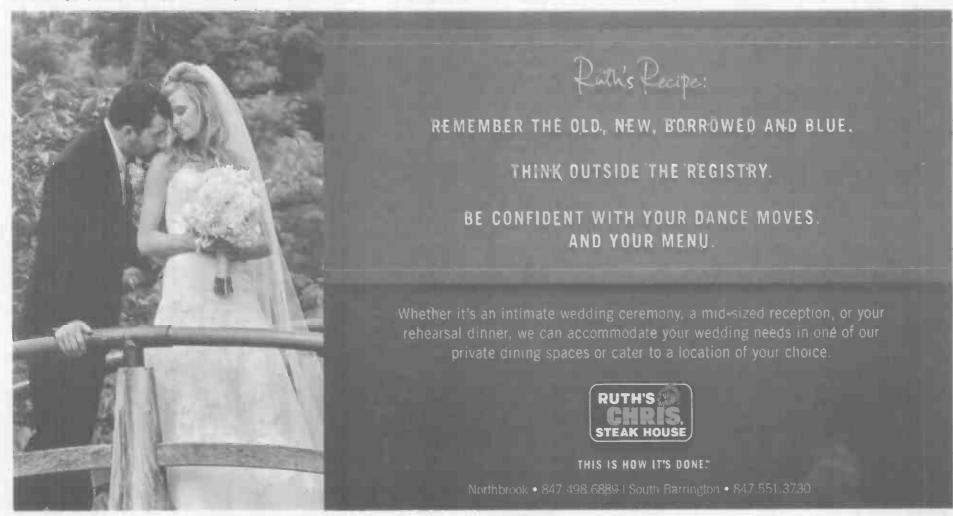
substantial. But some guests, such as the bride and groom's parents and siblings, may want to give a more high-end gift, so don't be afraid to include items in a range of prices, from the inexpensive to the more costly, on your registry.

■ Don't abandon the registry after your big day. You won't end up getting everything you include on your registry, but that doesn't mean you should just forget about those items that never made their way into your home. Many retailers offer couples significant discounts on items from their registries that were never purchased, and those discounts may extend for as long as a year after the big day. Revisit your registry after the wedding to see if you can find great deals on those items you never received, and continue to do so until the registry expires.



Time to register: Building a registry can be a fun activity for couples about to tie the knot. I METRO CREATIVE CONNECTIONS

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## Got kids? Make your wedding a family affair

When Angelina Jolie wed Brad Pitt in one of the most publicized nuptials of the 21st century, she wore a jawdropping silk and satin gown designed by Donatella Versace. Embroidered on her floor-length veil were colorful drawings by the couple's six children. One even read "Buttock Fatock."

Eldest sons Maddox and Pax walked Jolie down the aisle, daughters Zahara and Vivienne tossed flower petals, and daughter Shiloh and son Knox were ring-bearers. Pax baked the wedding cake.

It all sounds very Hollywood. But it's not just Brangelina.

Many brides and grooms have children from previous relationships, and are going beyond the traditional to find ways to incorporate them into their weddings.

Yes, the kids add cuteness. But it's often more about blending families.

"The need to create a family bond early is vital to stepparents' success," says Stacey James Wheeler, a California-based family dynamics researcher and author, whose wife had two daughters when they married



Incorporated "favorite things": Have stations instead of a traditional dessert table. Feature things like Coca-Cola, Skittles, even Heinz ketchup packets.

more than 12 years ago. "Involving the children in our marriage was a great way to do that."

The girls were flower girls, and received an engraved locket and a verbal commitment from Wheeler after he proposed to their mother.

"I let them know I was committing to be there as a parent and to raise them as my own," he says.

Like Jolie and Pitt's brood, many children take part in the ceremony as flower girls, ring bearers and readers,



Make a grand entrance: A couple entered a reception with sparklers burning overhead. Their 4-year-old daughter loves them, and wanted to make her a priority in their nuptials, wedding planner Amanda Morris says, I AP PHOTOS

while others walk their mother down the aisle.

Children also can help light a "unity candle" or participate in what's become known as a "sand ceremony," in which the bride, groom and children pour different-colored sand into a container to symbolize a new union.

San Francisco physician Kyra Bobinet and her fiancé, Josh Leichter, designed wedding bands with a diamond for each of their four children.

"Our kids will be our only bridesmaids and groomsmen, setting them apart as special attendants to the wedding," Bobinet says, "We're inviting them to offer words of support for our partnership . so it gives them a voice and a choice in the matter."

Instead of having a traditional processional, event planner Sandy Sloane and her husband, Bob Czworka, danced down the aisle with their four children to the song "Love is Strange." All four kids stood with them under the Jewish chupah, or canopy, during their ceremony in Sunrise. Florida, and at the reception sang a song written by two of them.

"I gave my daughter and two bonus daughters' necklaces that said 'daughter,' and my son a commemorative keepsake box," Sloane says.

Chicago-area event planner Amanda Morris created a semi-sweetheart table for a newly married couple and their 4-year-old daughter. The little girl sat between her mom and dad at the reception, and each sat in a chair with signs that read, "I'm his," "I'm hers" or "I'm theirs."

Morris also created a "favorite things" station instead of a traditional dessert table. "What was cute is that it even had items like mini Heinz ketchup packets and Starbucks pink cake pops because their daughter loved both," she says.

Cupcake stations are another kidfriendly dessert idea. The children of the bride and groom can play "host" and help other kids decorate cupcakes during the reception.

And then there's the first dance. Not between bride and groom, but between each of them and their children and/or stepchildren.

"Make sure to bring the tissues," says wedding planner Stephany Allongo in Palm Beach, Florida. "This is usually a tearjerker."

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### TRANSPORTATION TIPS:

## Getting to and from your wedding

Transportation can be easily overlooked when couples plan their weddings. Couples may recognize they may have to hire a car or limousine to get them to their ceremonies and then their receptions, but what happens when the limousine calls it a night?

While some couples immediately depart for their honeymoons after saying good-bye to their wedding guests, many build a day in between the wedding and honeymoon, giving them a chance to rest, take stock of their wedding gifts and finish packing. That leaves the question of how a couple will return home from the reception or get to the airport.

The best man may offer to drive the bride and groom where they need to go. But if the best man is from out of town, he may not have a chariot awaiting to escort the newly christened husband and wife to the airport.

As a result, all members of the wedding party should discuss their post-wedding travel plans in advance. Any person who will be arriving in a hired car will need to make arrangements to have their own vehicle available at the end of the wedding or be able to call a taxi or car service to get a safe ride home. Some wedding party members may decide to park a car at the reception site or a hotel the day prior to the

wedding so they will have a return ride. It's also a good idea to ask friends or family members who are not in the bridal party for a ride home.

Safety is an utmost concern after the wedding. Even if wedding party members have a car available, no one should drive when intoxicated. Couples may want to include the phone number of a local taxi service in their hotel gift bags just to be safe.

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Time for cake: Cutting the wedding cake is an unspoken signal that represents that the formal wedding is nearing a close. I FILE PHOTO

## When to cut the cake?

The timing of when a couple cuts the wedding cake can have a specific meaning.

Long ago, the cake was usually cut at the very end of the reception and would signal to the quests that it was the end of the festivities.

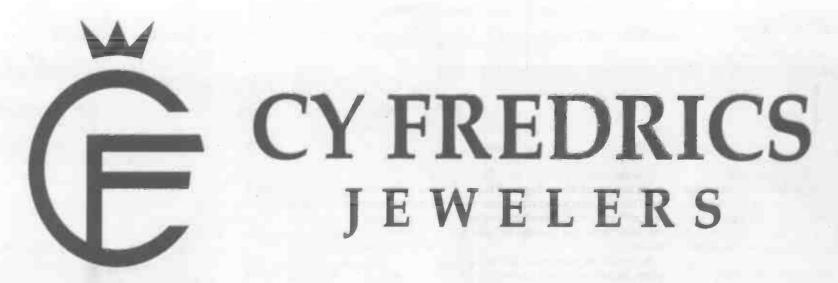
Today, cutting the cake is an unspoken signal that represents that the formal wedding is nearing a close, and guests who would like to leave can do so without worry of being rude.

Many couples will cut the cake right after dinner as a courtesy to older guests who may want to get started on their trips home. This affords them the chance to make an earlier exit, rather than staying through the dancing that could extend into the wee hours of the night or missing the cake entirely.

Cutting the cake mid-reception also serves another practical purpose for couples who are paying a photographer by the hour. Photographers typically go home after the cakecutting, so a mid-reception cutting can save couples a substantial amount of money.

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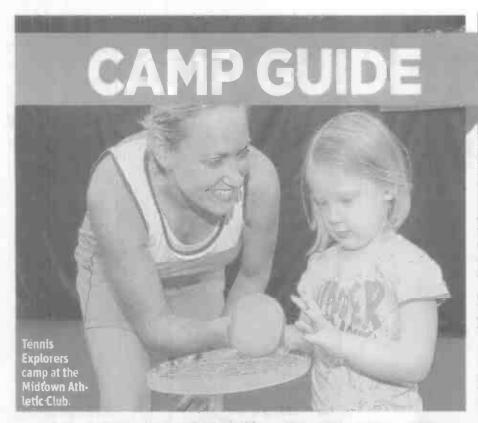


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# 10 THINGS YOU NEVER KNEW ABOUT CAMP

Each year, millions of children, youth and adults head to the hills, lakes, valleys and parks to participate in the time-honored tradition of camp. While most people easily conjure up images of campfires and canoes, the experience is much more. Here are 10 of the things you may not have known about camp.

10. Camp is nearly older than dirt. Started in 1861, the camp experience turned an impressive 180 years old in 2011. The secret behind the longevity?

"Camps are constantly adapting to meet the changing needs of today's families," said Peg Smith, chief executive officer for the American Camp Association. "Yet, in essentials, camp is very much the same as it was 150 years ago; kids still have authentic, life-changing experiences."

9. Camp is worth its weight in gold, and then some. Camp is life-changing by developing friendships and memories that last well beyond the final campfire. Camp is for every budget. Often camps offer special pricing or financial assistance, and some camps qualify for tax credits or for payment with pre-tax dollars. Visit www.campparents.

org/affording-camp for more information.

8. Green is zen. Research shows that first-hand experience with nature reduces stress in children and help them better handle stress in the future. In addition to teaching children how to be good stewards of the environment, camps teach children how to enjoy the world and take a minute to breathe deep and feel the nature, which ultimately teaches them how to de-stress the natural way.

7. Mommies and daddies do it, too. Family camp experiences — and camps for single adults, senior adults and any adult that wants to enjoy camp — are available. Adults benefit from the same sense of community, authentic relationships and self-discovery that children do.

6. Try this on for size. Camp is a great place to try new activities and hobbies. Afraid of rock walls? According to ACA research, 74 percent of campers reported that they tried new activities at camp that they were afraid to do at first. Those activities often leave lasting impressions. In the same survey, 63 percent of

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research, 74 percent of campers reported that they tried new activities at camp that they were afraid to do at first. Those activities often leave lasting impressions. In the same survey, 63 percent of parents reported that their child continued new activities after returning home.

5. Manners matter, and often linger. Camp teaches more than just archery or lanyard-making. The entire experience is made of teachable moments. Perhaps one of the biggest is how to live with a group of people. Campers learn to pick up after themselves, respect each other's property and to say "please" and "thank you."

4. Veggies taste better with friends. Camps are constantly exploring healthy food options. They are often at the forefront of things such as allergy specific diets, healthy snack options and vegetarian meals. According to ACA's 2011 Emerging Issues survey, 90.7 percent of responding camps indicated that healthy eating and physical activity was an important or very important issue.

3. If everyone else went to camp, maybe there's something to it. Camp has played a role in the lives of some talented people in history. ACA's family resource site offers a list of notable campers, including business professionals, celebrities, artists and great thinkers.

2. Camp gets those neurons pumping.
Education reform debate and concern over summer learning loss have pushed academic achievement into the spotlight. Research shows that participation in intentional programs during the summer helps stem learning loss. Camp provides opportunities for developmental growth. Because of the hands-on nature of camp, often children who struggle in traditional education do well at camp.

1. Camp builds leaders for the 21st century and beyond. Independence, resiliency, teamwork, problem-solving skills and the ability to relate to others: these are the skills tomorrow's leaders will need, and the skills camp has been adept at building for 150 years.

"Tomorrow's leaders will not be those who can type or text with lightning speed, they will be those who can have a face-to-face conversation and articulate their thoughts, ideas, and values," Smith said. "Tomorrow's leaders will be able to relate globally and find common ground with people who are vastly different from themselves: people from different backgrounds and cultures. Tomorrow's leaders will be made and educated by experiences like camp."

For information on preparing your child for camp, visit atcampparents.org. Follow ACA on Facebook and Twitter for helpful hints and camp information.

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## Camp instills hope, vigor into young adults with cancer

BY KIMBERLY ELSHAM

For Sun-Times Media

Finding a niche in life can be tough for many young adults. Add in a bout with cancer, and it can get more com-

Jillian Jablonski was diagnosed with breast cancer on Christmas Day in 2009. As part of her healing process, she attended a breast cancer survivors group in her hometown of Lisle, Ill., but she felt a little out of place.

"It's women in their 70s who have already to be able to live a full life," she said. "They've had families and careers. It's really hard for me to think that I might not have that, that it might not be a reality for me. I think they see it and feel sorry for me because of that, which makes it even worse."

Luckily for Jablonski, she found First Descents, a Denver-based non-profit for young adults dealing with cancer, and connected with other young people fighting her same fight.

Since 2001, First Descents has hosted free, weeklong adventure camps nationwide for cancer fighters

and survivors. Its program comprises three levels of adventure, starting with FD1 for beginners, FD2 for those on their second time out and FDX for the experienced camper looking for a big personal and physical challenge. Activities range from kayaking and rafting to mountain climbing, hiking and even surfing. The program has arranged close to 50 trips this year.

Rebekah Koenigbauer, First Descents director of marketing, said that when the public hears about young cancer survivors, they tend to think of children.

"There are 10,000 kids are diagnosed each year [in the United States], compared to 70,000 young adults," she said. "It's not only a large population, but an underserved population."

Brad Ludden, First Descents founder, watched his aunt fight breast cancer when she was 38 years old when he was 12, according to his bio on the organization's website. A professional kayaker even at that young age, he started volunteering at local pediatric cancer center by teaching the kids how to kayak. At 18, he created First Descents and targeted it to

young adults, ages 18 to 39.

A "first descent" is code for a kayaker's first time out on the rapids. and the term carries meaning both in the extreme sports and also in the cancer-fighting aspect. For many who attend "camp" — as First Descents attendees refer to it - it's not only their first time trying an extreme sport but also their debut into a new level of self-discovery.

Jablonski's first FD trip was mountain climbing in Moab, Utah, in April 2011. She was just weeks out of chemo at the time and said she loved the group dynamic of everyone cheering her on as she ascended. She attended her second climbing trip in May 2012 in California's Joshua Tree National Park and that time aimed for something tougher.

"I sought out the climbs that I knew would scare me and take me out of my comfort zone," she said. "I would look up and see the top, and remind myself to look back down and take it one step at a time. It has allowed me to do it in regular life as well."

For more information, visit www. firstdescents.org.



Ride on: Jemma Cabral of Chicago was all geared up to go paddling at her second First Descents camp in Kalispell, Montana in July 2011. I SUPPLIED PHOTO

## Whitewater kayaking: not your average cancer therapy

Special Columnist

After stepping off the plane and making my way through Portland's small airport towards the baggage claim, I had a feeling of nervousness. I had been looking forward to this trip for months, although I had no idea what or who was waiting for me once I reached my destination. Shortly after arriving at the quiet baggage claim area, I found myself face-to-face with two friendly program directors and a girl from Kansas who I learned went by the name Doomsday.

These were just a few of the many people I was to spend a week of whitewater kayaking with, thanks to First Descents, an organization that offers free week-long adventure therapy trips to young adults with cancer. Participation in their programs also means the adoption of a nickname - or a superhero alter ego. It's for privacy and helps show personality; but mostly, it's for

BY JENNIFER WILLIAMS fun. I introduced myself as Pengi, a nickname chosen for of my deep love for penguins and their ability to sustain life under such harsh

> It had been three-and-a-half years since I underwent brain surgery to remove most of a grade II oligodendroglioma, a brain tumor that interrupted my young adulthood at the age of 25. Since then, I've been able to camouflage my brain cancer and live a normal life with occasional doctor visits and

> When First Descents informed me of my acceptance to one of their camps, I felt like a kid who just found out she won a prize on a game show. I had never been whitewater kayaking, so I jumped at the chance to experience it in such a beautiful environment.

Doomsday and I were the first to arrive at our lodge in Hood River, Ore., where our volunteers - our chef, Mia Rut; our camp moms, Gare-Bear and Ultima; and our pho-



Catch a wave: Pengi gets a face full of water as she paddles through a rapid on the Klickitat River, I PHOTO SUPPLIED BY FIRST DE-SCENTS & DAVE COSTELLO/CANOE & KAYAK MAGAZINE

tographer, Elvis — eagerly awaited our arrival. Excitement built as the other participants arrived. After meeting our kayaking instructors that night, I started to wonder who was more excited: the participants or those hosting.

My first time down the Klickitat River in a kayak — or my first descent, as kayakers call it - was terrifying. I initially thought to

myself, "What did I just get myself into? There's no way I can survive a week of this!" Faced with the challenge of class II rapids, I struggled against my own frustration from being flipped multiple times. Constant encouragement from the instructors and stories of their first rides gave me hope.

The river was unforgiving: it did not care that we had cancer nor about our age and skill level. It came at us with the same force as any other, which seemed to parallel real life. Eventually I started to embrace my surroundings, took in the beautiful scenery, listened to the river and more importantly, felt the current. When a wave came at me, I could feel when the water wanted to pull me under and I used my weight, balance and paddle to correct my kayak. "Wow, Pengil You're doing great," said one of the program directors, Spoonberg, on our last day of kayaking.

I wasn't surprised that I missed my newly formed family the moment I returned home. However, after the first terrifying moment on the river, I never suspected that I would crave those intense rapids again. That week awakened a new strength in me, and I hope that other young adults get to gain that experi-

Later in the summer, I was given an opportunity to join in on a surfing camp in California, where I met more amazing people that I never want to forget. Now that the summer is over, I face a new challenge. As you read this, I am recovering from my second brain surgery that was commissioned because of new activity from my tumor. I have no fear because of new strengths given to me from these two amazing trips and all the people cheering me on from the sidelines. I'll be back up and running for another trip next

We live in an era where a cancer diagnosis doesn't mean the end; it's just a new look on life and one giant rapid to paddle through.

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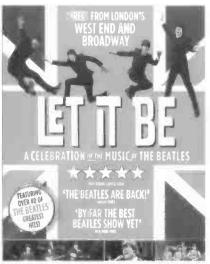
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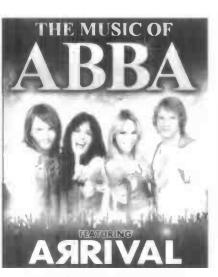
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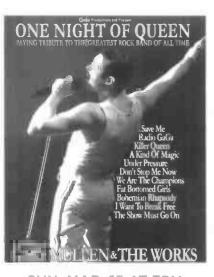
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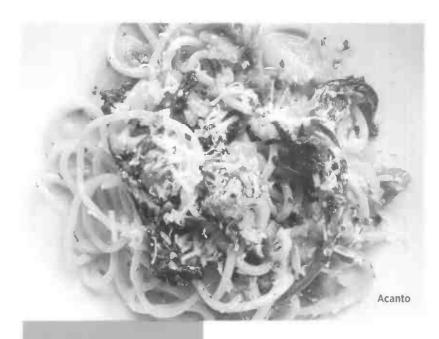
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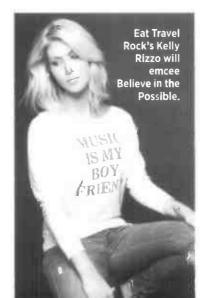


JANUARY 30-FEBRUARY 12

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#### THIS WEEK

JANUARY 27

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Eat Travel Rock's Kelly Rizzo and "Good Day Chicago's" Jake Hamilton emcee this fundraiser benefiting Charity4LIFE, which works internationally to rehabilitate street children. Enjoy passed appetizers from Chef de Cuisine Kyle Petersen and see local artists paint images of children who've benefited from the program.

Time: 6 p.m.

Place: Fulton Market Kitchen, 311 N. Sangamon

**Cost:** \$35. For tickets, visit *Charity4life. ticketleap.com/c4lbigevent.* 

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Bowl at this Revel Cares benefit for the subsidized housing community Oakley Square. With DJ-curated pre- and post-game dance parties, Lagunitas beer stations and more, this sure beats a bowl of chips on the sofa.

Time: 4 p.m.

**Place:** Union Station, 500 W. Jackson

Cost: \$75. For tickets, call (312) 532-3518 or visit Revelbow/2015. eventbrite.com.

FEBRUARY 1

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Time: All day

Place: State & Lake Chicago Tavern, 201 N State

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Time: 3 p.m.-end of game

while diners vote for their favorites.

Place: Howells & Hood, 435 N. Michigan

Cost: \$16. For reservations, call (312) 262-5310 or visit Opentable com

FEBRUARY 7

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JANUARY 31

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Ray Leeper ("America's Got Talent"); and Roni Koresh's "EXit4."

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Place: Auditorium Theatre, 50 E. Congress

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Time: 5:30 p.m.

Place: Civic Opera House, 20 N. Wacker

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FEBRUARY 7

#### THE NOTE-WORTHY NIGHT

The Second City and the Chicago Youth Symphony Orchestras come

#### SNOWBALL

The Junior Council's 27th annual event benefiting pediatric and adolescent HIV/ AIDS programs at Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago - features live music, a silent auction and bites from Mon Ami Gabi, ZED451, Mercadito Fish and Siena Tavern.

Time: 8 p.m.

Place: Union Station. 500 W. Jackson

Cost: \$145. For tickets, visit Juniorcouncil.org/snowball.





#### The Blackboard Affair: Masquetade Ball

This annual@lack-tie fundraiser — to which galagoers are encouraged to don masquerade masks — includes a premium open bar and hors d'oeuvres, music by DJ Sasha Savic and a silent auction. Proceeds benefit Working in the Schools (WITS), which promotes literacy and a love of learning and gives Chicago Public School students the tools to excel in academalics and in life through programs that foster strong mentor relationships.



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#### parties



#### INTERNET ESSENTIALS FROM COMCAST'S GET SCHOOLED, GET CONNECTED CELEBRATION

The scene: Comcast, Chicago Public Schools, Chicago City of Learning and other community organizations joined A-list athletes and entertainers in honoring 3,000 Chicago public high school students for their success in the first Get Schooled, Get Connected Challenge at Malcolm X College (1900 W. Van Buren) Jan. 19.

The invite list: It was a star-studded event as celebs like actress/sing-er/songwriter Christina Milian, MTV's Sway Calloway, musician Chance the Rapper and Chicago Bears safety Ryan Mundy celebrated the students' achievements.

The bottom line: Inter-

net Essentials presented a \$100,000 check to enhance computer labs, increase Internet and Wi-Fi access and support digital literacy training in a dozen high schools and community-based organizations.

-Chiara Milioulis

1. Christina Milian
2. Chance the Rapper presents Internet
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### parties

#### FEAR NO ART PRESENTS THE DINNER PARTY

The scene: The Dinner Party kicked off its fourth year at City Winery (1200 W. Randolph) Jan. 12 with a pre-meal wine tasting curated by sommelier Robert Houde. Later. Chef Kevin Hickey of The Duck Inn and Bottlefork Bar & Kitchen prepared a seated dinner of dishes like oyster stew with homemade crackers and braised tallgrass beef brisket.

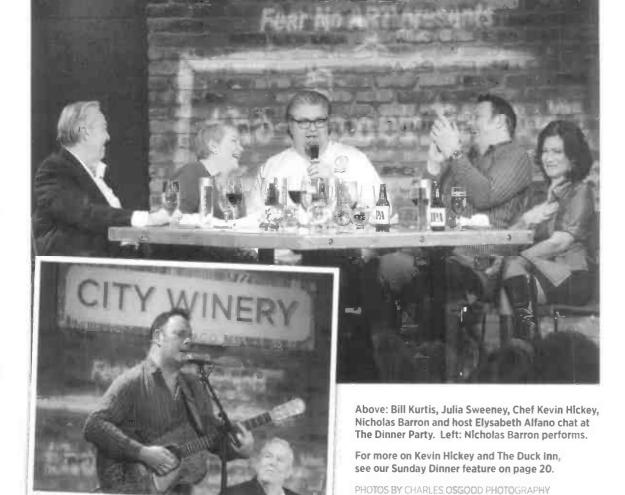
The invite list: Host Elysabeth Alfano welcomed 170 guests to the staged discussion, where a panel of notables — news icon Bill Kurtis, "Saturday Night Live's" Julia Sweeney and musician Nicholas Barron — discussed hot topics like their caree

topics like their career paths and the role luck played in them, and what constitutes staying power.

#### The bottom line:

The evening raised nearly \$2,000 for The Trotter Project, which offers hands-on experience to culinary students hoping to follow in the footsteps of renowned late chef Charlie Trotter. —Chiara Milioulis

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ill.i.am has always been a man of vision. As frontman for The Black Eyed Peas, his 2003 song "Hey Mama" was featured in the first campaign for the iPod; in 2012 his solo song "Reach for the Stars" became the first planet-to-planet music transmission when it was broadcast to Earth from the Mars rover, and two years ago, the singer/producer founded his own tech company, i.am+, dedicated to merging fashion and technology. He even dubbed the company's headquarters - a large LA compound housing engineers, coders, 3-D printers, a sound/video stage and a fashion studio - "The Future." (To illustrate: When someone asks will.i.am where he is, he responds, "I'm in the future. [Or] when we go to the club and it's time to leave, I'm like, Yo, let's J. Fox.' People are like, 'What's that?' and I'm like, I'm going back to the

Now the forward-thinking entrepreneur is unveiling the fruits of his digital labor: The i.amPULS is "a computer on your wrist that we designed from a fashion first [perspective]," he says. The device, which lets wearers make and receive calls, send texts and tweets, play music and even update Facebook and Instagram, is modeled after a punk-rock cuff and Chanel bracelet, but is every bit as high-tech as a phone — it even has a voice-activated personal assistant named Aneeda. "When I tell folks that I'm doing this, I get chuckles and laughs and giggles," will.i.am says. "But when they use the device, [they understand]. Because unlikely people do amazing things when they apply themselves."

Will.i.am has always been the unlikely hero: He grew up in what he describes as the ghetto of LA and was raised by a single mother. In 1995, he founded The Black Eyed Peas. But his passions changed when the band met with Apple at the company's California headquarters to discuss the campaign for the iPod. "From that point, I was hooked, I was truly inspired," he says. "All I wanted to do was technology."

Things have come full circle for the techy crooner: He's a founding shareholder of Beats Electronics, which manufactures headphones and speakers and was recently purchased by Apple for more than \$3 billion. But according to will.i.am, the ties between tech and tunes are stronger than people think. "Our music industry is hard-

ware. RCA was the first Apple," he says, referencing the fact that the company's original product, the gramophone, is now the symbol of musical achievement. "When you get up [on the Grammy stage] and say, Td like to thank my mom, thank God,' you're really holding a piece of old technology that's painted gold. That's their old product."

Will.i.am knows a thing or two about Grammys: He's won six with The Black Eyed Peas and one on his own. But he doesn't rest on his laurels; he's already eyeing the next big thing. "The next musical trend is gonna start in nightlife," he predicts. "I think people are tired of prebaked music, of microwave-food music. All the peaks are pre-made; you've heard the song a trillion times on the Internet or on the radio. I think people are going to get thirsty for seeing digitally live music. You're still gonna have electronic instruments, but people are going to be playing it and composing it at the club."

Improv EDM (Electronic Dance Music) might seem like a far-fetched idea, but very little is out of reach for will.i.am, who's already testing it out himself. "Tve been known to dabble," he says, then laughs. "Call me will.i.dabble."

cover story

# CHICAGO KNIGHTS

SIR RICHARD BRANSON OPENS UP ABOUT HIS NEW HOTEL, OVERCOMING HURDLES AND THE PERKS OF HAVING HIS OWN ISLAND

BY ZAK STEMER

he very first words out of Richard Branson's mouth are, "Hi, very sorry to keep you waiting." We were scheduled to talk at 8 a.m. It's 8:02, and he's calling from his private island in the British Virgin Islands (he wanted to chat early, before kite surfing). Apparently, when you're leading nearly 50,000 employees in more than 100 companies in 12 different business sectors, it's important to stick to schedule.

Then again, Branson, 64, is willing to be a little late if it's for a good reason. In 2010, he created Virgin Hotels with the goal of creating a new type of hotel and launching it within 18 months. But the Surrey, England native's compulsion for perfection outweighed his punctuality: The brand's premiere hotel at 203 N. Wabash didn't officially open its doors until Jan. 15 — but its 250 rooms and The Commons Club restaurant are every bit as sleek as Branson promised. Two restaurants, Two Zero Three and Miss Ricky's, will open in March, and a spa and rooftop lounge will follow in April.

"The Virgin brand is a sexy brand and a fun brand," Branson says. "So if [we] use the Virgin brand, it's got to be different from anything that's gone before [it]."

When it comes to the hospitality industry, that's a tall order. Branson focused his efforts on making his hotel the most user-friendly. "The vast majority of people stay — for some bizarre reason — in those big, inhospitable hotels, where you can't get a cup of tea or breakfast at 6:30 in the morning, where you have to pay for Wi-Fi, pay for room service and where water costs \$8 a bottle," he explains. "We certainly won't nickel-and-dime people."

Virgin Hotels Chicago promises minibars stocked with items at street prices (water bottles are \$2-\$3) no cancellation or late check-out fees, free Wi-Fi and an app that lets guests order room service, adjust climate controls, make dinner reservations and valet their cars.

It's a potentially risky business model, given that the hotel industry took in \$2 billion in 2014 from those types of add-ons, according to ForbesLife. But Branson's never feared taking risks. Just yesterday, he tells us, he kite-surfed 20 miles between various Caribbean islands, and "I've tried to fly around the world in a balloon many times," he laughs. "Been pulled out of the water six times by helicopter."

He extends the same intrepid spirit to his business life. When he was 16, he dropped out of school to start the magazine Student. By 1968, he started Virgin as a mail-order record business before erecting his first storefront in 1971 without any venture capital. The business grew quickly: In 1972, he founded Virgin Records (which he sold 20 years later for \$1 billion) and, in 1984, launched Virgin Atlantic airline. Since then, he's expanded his brand to include telecommunications (Virgin Mobile) and even commercial space travel (Virgin Galactic). In 2000, he was knighted for his contributions to entrepreneurship.

But Branson isn't an infallible business savant; he's flesh and blood, and constantly faces roadblocks (and even some failures, with ideas like Virgin Cola, Virgin Cars and Virgin Brides). "When you build a company from scratch, without any financial backing, there's a very fine line between success and failure," Branson says. "There were certainly times when we came very close to the wrong side of that line. There was one occasion, when we started Virgin Atlantic: Our bank got in a complete tizzy and sent the manager to my home the day after we launched to say they were closing Virgin down. That was on a Friday. By Monday, we'd found another bank to step into their shoes."

More recently, Branson made headlines with a major setback for Virgin Galactic: The company's SpaceShipTwo rocket plane catastrophically broke apart and crashed in the Mojave Desert last October, killing the copilot and seriously injuring the pilot. Some viewed the tragedy as a fatal blow for the futuristic division of Virgin, but Branson is

determined not to let the sacrifices be in vain — he maintains that the entire team is more motivated than ever. "We can take those kinds of knocks on the chin, pick ourselves up and brush ourselves down, and motivate our team [to] come out with, hopefully, something even better," he says.

Most importantly, for Branson, Virgin Group is a means to improve the world. "Anybody who finds himself [in] a position where he can make a difference, he has to do that," he says. In the case of Virgin Galactic, Branson said on NBC's "Today" earlier this month, "it's about giving the millions of people who want to go to space the chance to go to space. ... It's about putting up massive arrays of satellites to enable the 3 billion people, for instance, who don't have mobile phones or Internet access, to get them [access]. ... It's about point-to-point travel in the future, in an environmentally friendly way, at a fraction of the time it takes today."

"We wouldn't want to [enter a sector] where we can't make a difference," he says — and he's putting his money where his mouth is. Through his Virgin Unite foundation, he's created a multitude of nonprofits, including The Elders, dedicated to going into conflict regions to resolve problems; the Carbon War Room, which works toward finding solutions to climate change; the Ocean Elders, to protect ocean species and create nature reserves; and The B Team, to encourage businesses to focus more on employees and the environment.

But more than a businessman, adventurer or philanthropist, Branson is an everyday man. Yes, he has an island — but he also has a wife, two kids and two new grandchildren (his daughter Holly just gave birth to twins) and another on the way (his son Sam's wife is expecting). "We're a very close family, but obviously now | the kids | have their own partners, so we want to give them space as well. My wife has to resist wanting to be with them all the time," he laughs. "Same problems as every family."

For more information, visit Virginhotels.com



## AROUND THE WORLD

Entrepreneur and co-founder of Cedar Street Capital **Jay Michael** takes Splash on a globetrotting tour — and pegs the spots to see in each city

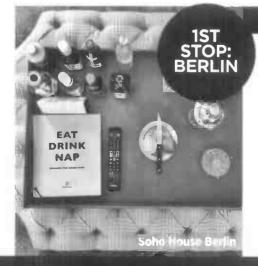
## 14 DAYS

ith a very busy 2015 ahead, the end of last year felt like the perfect time to book a trip. When plans fell through with friends, I pressed on with a solo journey, and stayed up until the wee hours planning and booking stops in Berlin, Tel Aviv, Delhi, Agra and Manila. Aside from Tel Aviv (where I'd been before), these remote and seemingly random locales had one thing in common: a spot near the tip-top of my bucket list. So, with a few unfinished books to read and my not-so-secret dislike of the typical pre-planned group holiday, it was with excitement and curiosity that I embarked.

For once I put email aside and let life take the reins. I met people with less wealth than the average American, who found happiness in ways unseen stateside. I toured the slums with teenagers who thought they had won the lottery by finding a few nights of shelter. I rode in the back of trucks and saw life from a different angle than I had ever imagined. Most importantly, I came home humbled and inspired, refreshed and ready to take on 2015.

Here, I share my must-do's for each city — and personal stories from my journey — plus a few tips to help you book a trip of your own.





Berlin's streets are lined with tattoos of colorful spray paint. The culture is relaxed yet rigid; conservative yet inclusive. I spent two days there, and one night met a very handsome inked man at a bar. We ended up talking and, of course, I fell madly in 'like.' When I returned, we found one another on Facebook

and have stayed in touch, so I'll always have a tour guide in the city.

Where to stay: Soho House (approx. \$200/night, Torstrasse 1 Berlin, Germany) — it's in the best location for walking the city, especially the less-touristy areas.

**How to get around:** Public transit is excellent and it's on

the honor code, but don't forget to pay your ticket as the fines are high. The Uber app is a great alternative and very accessible.

What to do: Sip tea at hip cafés and bookshops — I especially liked Companion Coffee and The Barn Coffee Roasters — and walk through idyllic German



Christmas markets.

What to eat/drink: There's a hidden late-night bar called Möbel Olfe. It's a very gay-friendly bar where you'll be the only tourist.

#### **GETAWAYS** | feature

hired a well-known food blogger (Delhifoodwalks.com) to take me around the unknown-to-tourists streets of Old Delhi, where I indulged in forbidden street food and pushed and shoved to get through the streets like a true Delhian. I taught an unsuspecting rickshaw driver how to take his first #Selfie and had the absolute time of my life - and I hadn't even been in India 12 hours yet.



Leela Palace Hotel (\$200-\$300/night, Diplomatic Enclave, Chanakyapuri, New Delhi, India) — it's the most opulent hotel but there are great deals on *Hotels.com*.

#### How to get around:

Ride in rickshaws and tuk-tuks (basically a rickshaw with a motor) for about 30 rupees less than \$1.

What to do: Tour the local markets (Dilli Haat was my favorite), include in curry galore, pray at the Taj Mahal and meet with local Indian sages — but nothing can compare to spending time in the Delhi slums (see sidebar at right).



With his guide, food blogger Anubhav Sapra

#### THE SALAAM BAALAK TRUST

I was guided through the slums by a well-spoken and excited 17-yearold named Sabir - Sabs for short - from The Salaam Baalak Trust, Sabs lost his father early in life and his mother gave him up to an abusive uncle. At 10 years old, he ran away and embarked on a 24-hour train ride to Delhi, where he lived on the streets until being taken in by the Trust. There he found shelter, schooling, medicine and a second chance at life. Now he's one of the teen mentors and quides commissioned to

tell his triumphant story to curious Westerners like myself. We became fast friends and spent a great deal of time discussing his dream of college in the U.S. He, and the many children at the Trust, touched my heart. Sabir and I have stayed in touch - I plan to help make sure his dream of coming to the U.S. comes true. The experience made me wonder what really inspired me to take such a trip - was I looking for time to relax, or was I searching for something much bigger than that? To find out more about the Trust, visit Salaambaalaktrust. com



A DESCRIPTION

pon landing in Tel Aviv, I made my way to nearby Holon, my late father's hometown. I went to the apartment my father was raised in — it was broken down and dilapidated, yet so beautiful. I spent a few bittersweet hours on the front porch, remembering the stories

Above: The author at the Taj

At left: With children from the

Mahal in Agra

Salaam Baalak Trust

of hardship and triumph my father once told me there, and spent the day wandering his haunts and visiting with family.

Where to stay: David InterContinental (\$200-\$250/night, 12 Kaufman, Tel Aviv, Israel) — it's in the best location and has the absolute best Israeli breakfast, which is included in your rate.

What to do: Visit the Shuk Hacarmel (Carmel Market) and wander down Dizengoff Street, making sure to take detours on the small side streets — those are where I always find the most interesting spots.

What to eat: Eat a falafel from the Shuk or my favorite spot, Ratzon Falafel (the 6-shekel falafel joint). Grab dinner at one of the many new, locally sourced, chef-driven eateries throughout the city. I loved HaBasta, hidden on a small (but well-lit) side street.

#### feature | GETAWAYS

spent the end of 2014 en route to Manila and, upon arrival, felt refreshed and ready for my final exploration. There's no real roadmap to Manila because it's fairly unvisited — one of its most attractive features — but the Filipino people have a true passion for showing you their ways of life. I felt a sort of soul within this cosmopolitan city that you'd expect in more rural Tibet or Myanmar.

Where to stay: The Peninsula (\$180 and up/ night, 1226 Makati City, Metro Manila, Phillipines) is in the heart of Makati and I scored a great rate. This hotel was the leader in terms of service and amenities - the 90-minute Hilot with Ventosa massage (around \$85) was one

of the best massages. I've had.

#### How to get around:

Ride in Jeepnevs (stretched, open-back Jeeps for shared transport) and use the Light Rail train system.

What to do: Meet a food blogger or professor who can take you to the areas less traveled. Eat with the locals in Quiapo and Cubao (iust make sure to have a guide with you) and spend a day living like a real Filipino. Check out The Curator. a speakeasy hidden behind the back door of a unsuspecting wine shop. The founder was inspired by his onemonth stint in Chicago, where he frequented spots like The Aviary, Avec and The Publican.







#### **PACKING**

I packed and repacked and reduced and reconsidered endlessly, until I had the perfect marriage of cold-, mild- and tropical-weather outfits. I only packed two pairs of shoes -a real accomplishment in itself - and followed three main rules:

- 1. Every top must match every bottom.
- 2. If it can't get multiple uses, it doesn't come.
- 3. When in doubt, leave it behind.

#### TRAVEL TIPS

- 1. Find bloggers and local writers to show you around; there are endless resources online for each city Withlocals.com is one of my favorites.
- 2. Don't over plan. Book
- flights and hotels, but let the rest fall into place as you wander each city. I used Oneworld.com to assemble my flights.
- 3. Book night flights when possible. You'll save on hotels and have more daytime at your destination.
- 4. For longer trips, try book-
- ing a round-the-world (RTW) ticket through an airline alliance, rather than individual fickets to each city.
- 5. Use public transit, walk and go for runs, but stay away from tour buses.
- 6. Let yourself go try things you would never normally allow yourself to.

#### entertainment



BACKSTAGE WITH ...

## Jennifer Hudson

The songstress breezes through Chicago for W Hotels' Turn It Up For Change By ELLE EICHINGER

n the 11 years since "American Idol" made her famous, Chicago native Jennifer Hudson, 33, has undergone many transformations: from South Side girl to Oscar-winning actress; from church-choir singer to Grammy winner; from Jennifer to "JHUD" (the title of her latest album). Physically, mentally and — most importantly - musically, Hudson has come into her own.

Now, with a new album and upcoming Broadway debut in "The Color Purple" later this year, she's paying it forward to those who helped her achieve success. She recently stopped through Chicago to show her support for LGBT equality at the W Chicago Lakeshore. "[We're doing] a series of Turn it Up For Change events in every W all around the country, bringing people together to amplify the fight for marriage equality and raise funds for the Human Rights Campaign," says Anthony Ingham, North American VP of luxury and design brands for the W's parent company, Starwood Hotels & Resorts Worldwide. "Having Jennifer and her name behind it, and her absolute passion for the LGBT community, means that we get a much broader reach for this message."

Before taking the stage for an impromptu set, the singer gave us some sound bites.

The cause: The LGBT community has always been a huge supporter of mine, starting here, in Chicago — I mean, I feel like a baby of the community. This is my way of returning that support. To be a voice and help raise awareness is the least I

Music is: Music is a part of everything; it's so powerful and it's so changing. It's a form of art, it's a form of expression and it's a great tool. Everybody wants to celebrate, everybody wants to have fun, so it's a great way to bring people together.

In Chicago: I just love to be home - the staycation because I'm never, ever home. Most of all, I love to be with my family and my friends and just do nothing, to be honest. That's the honest truth.



## The little things

BY JENNY McCARTHY

f you've been listening to my radio show lately, you'll know I've been PMSing this past week, Now that I'm finally feeling better — thank God — I can look back and see that I was allowing myself to be annoyed by other people's behaviors. And if I feel this way, I'm sure many of you do, too. Maybe your blood pressure shoots up when you

find crumbs on the counter after your kid makes lunch, or maybe it's the noise a co-worker's knuckles make when he cracks them near you.

We could nag and complain our entire lives away about the little things that annoy us, but where would that get us? There are certain habits and ways of life that people cannot change, and you shouldn't expect them to. Instead, take a look inside and ask why certain actions bother you. Often, you'll be surprised to find the cause of your annoyance is rooted in yourself. Is there something you do that you wish you didn't? A bad habit you can't break? Maybe there's a connection to whatever it is that bothers you in others. Take a deeper look.

In the meantime, when those crumbs are staring at you from the counter or you hear the popping of those knuckles, refocus your energy. Acknowledge that you're bothered, take a deep breath and move on. Don't waste precious time or feelings on the little stuff - it's not worth it.

Now it's your turn — what are some ways you deal with frustration? Tweet me @JennyMcCarthy.

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For more information call Mary Kapella PhD, RN or Franco Laghi MD at (312) 996-1575, 9:30AM to 4:00PM, Monday thru Friday at the University of Illinois at Chicago, Center for Narcolepsy, Sleep & Health Research. This study is funded by the National Institutes of Health.

entertainment

## Party girl

Playwright **David Adjmi** ponders one curious queen in 'Marie Antoinette'

BY THOMAS CONNORS

avid Adjmi's plays aren't easy to peg. "Stunning"-set in the Syrian-Jewish Brooklyn neighborhood where he was raised - revolves around a stifled 16-year-old wife and her worldly African-American housekeeper; "3C" takes on the sexual covness and cultural close-mindedness of '70s sitcom "Three's Company"; and "Marie Antoinette" — opening at Steppenwolf Feb. 5 — lets

loose his penchant for satire on one of the arguably more misunderstood figures in history.

Whether deemed a pawn in the dynastic power machinations of 18th-century Europe, or a profligate simpleton who deserved to lose her head, this archduchess-turned-queen is



often evoked at times when power and greed seem to rule the age. For director Robert O'Hara, "Marie Antoinette" resonates in other, more personal ways. "Marie is an outsider in the country she rules. She is confined by the protocols of the French court and by royalty itself. I understand being confined by society's rules: As a gay artist of color, I also feel the margins of what American theater usually chooses to stage, so it's exciting to have such a mind-blowing piece of writing about a largerthan-life protagonist to delve into."

More a fractured fairy tale than typical costume drama, "Marie Antoinette" leaps from facts of history to spin a free-wheeling civics lesson, shot through with sympathy for a woman struggling to inhabit the

< Alana Arenas will play Marie Antoinette. identity forced on her. "The only thing I knew about Marie Antoinette prior to our project is that she said, 'Let them eat cake,'" shares actress Alana Arenas. "Now I know that even that quote is speculation, as are many other things said about her. If you can get past what she was born into and what was expected of her, it's easier to understand her."

The play, says O'Hara, is "funny, elliptical and furious. It plays fast and loose with the 'truth' and what we as Americans think of celebrity. It takes what an audience thinks they know about this famous queen and pulls the rug out from under it. We know from the start that the French Revolution is coming and that it will be brutal and bloody, and yet we thirst throughout this play for someone to save this tragedy from the inevitable. [Adjmi] has achieved a sort of beauty in the horror of it all."



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#### **TEAMING UP**

Six local retailers - including The Denim Lounge (right) and Tribeca Boutique — will offer up to 90 percent off women's, men's and kids' items during the Boutique Blowout Sale Feb. 6-8. A portion of proceeds will benefit Imerman Angels, which provides free one-on-one cancer support. RSVP to Info@thedenimlounge.com. Friday 2-8 p.m. (with RSVP), Saturday 10 a.m.-7 p.m., Sunday 11 a.m.-4 p.m. 833 W. Armitage



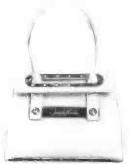
#### BEST DRESS

Perfectly timed after an influx of holiday engagements, David's Bridal opened its doors in Schaumburg. The new, 11,092-squarefoot location includes enhanced floor space for fittings, a silhouette guide display and an exclusive accessories boutique. Woodfield Plaza, 560 E. Golf; Davidsbridal.com

A dress from the David's **Bridal Jewel** Collection, \$1,050

#### SIP & SHOP

Enjoy signature cocktails and appetizers, plus score items from Clarisonic, NARS Cosmetics, Thierry Mugler, Stella & Dot and Joseph Nicola at the Sip. Spa & Shop bash, benefiting the Primo Center for Women and Children, a nonprofit that empowers homeless women and



A Joseph Nicola handbag (valued at \$1,999) will be raffled.

children to become productive, responsible and independent members of their communities. Jan. 29, 6:30-9:30 p.m. RSVP to Rsvp@reveriechicago.com. Reverie, 414 N. Orleans

#### FOOD INSPIRED

Macy's Culinary Chef Council member Stephanie izard (right) hosts a day of cooking, sampling and shopping at the de-



partment store. The Jan. 28 event will feature live demos and, with any purchase of \$35 or more, attendees will receive a signed copy of Izard's book, Girl in the Kitchen. Noon. To RSVP, call (800) 329-8667. 111 N. State; Macys.com







Kevin Hickey continues a family legacy with a new Bridgeport restaurant BY SELENA FRAGASSI

his time it's personal for Kevin Hickey. The chef spent 20 years with the Four Seasons Group and currently heads up Bottlefork Bar & Kitchen, but his newest venture with Rockit Ranch Productions is truly home-

"I grew up down the block," he says of The Duck Inn, a supper club-style gastro-tavern in Bridgeport. He named the spot after his great grandmother's Depression-era diner, and formed a menu inspired by the original, "My mother wasn't much of a cook, so we went out to eat all the time," he recalls. "I was exposed to three main cuisines: Asian, Italian and Eastern European."

He returns to those nostalgic flavors with bar dishes like the duck fat dog (\$10) which recently won Food Network's "Top Dog" competition — and steps it up in the

main dining room with the braised brisket with ricotta-filled pappardelle (\$22) and rotisserie duck for two (\$58).

A seasonal patio promises unique opportunities, including pizza parties, luaus, pig roasts and movie nights. "We're a destination," says Hickey, "so, we figured, why not make [guests] feel at home for the night?"

Here's what else to expect at The Duck

B.Y.O.V.: Bring your own vinyl on Monday nights. The dining room is closed but the bar is open every day, and Hickey encourages patrons to take control of the tunes on the vintage record player.

Mod podge: "The place was built in 1914 and we opened in 2014, so I split the difference right down the middle and went with 1964," Hickey says of the aesthetic. Midcentury modern and space race-era de-

sign elements are seen in zany light fixtures, a Mies van der Rohe black leather bench, reproductions of Eames chairs and glassware Hickey found at local antique markets.

Sweet stuff: Save room for desserts, like the sticky toffee pudding with spiced rum cream and pure chocolate beignets with peanut butter ice cream (\$9 each).

Drinking partners: Hickey and Beverage Director Brandon Phillips tapped into their networks for an exclusive beer program. They worked with Une Année and Begyle Brewing on two exclusive beers, and have collaborations with Marz Community Brewing and Moody Tongue in the works - plus a single barrel selection from Wild Turkey and WhistlePig.

2701 S. Eleanor, (312) 724-8811; Theduckinnchicago.com



Clockwise from top left: rotisserie duck for two, \$58; The Duck Out cocktail, \$14; the dining room; the duck fat dog, \$10



Wise, the vice president of marketing for The Cosmopolitan of Las Vegas. The pair kept in touch on-and-off until last fall, when Wise moved back to Dallas from Chicago, where she had lived for 12 years. "Then we officially started dating as adults," she says.

In September, Golightly, a finance manager for ResCare, proposed to Wise on a scenic trip to New Mexico's Sierra Blanca mountain and, a few months later, surprised her again with a spontaneous idea. "He called me saying, 'What do you think about getting married next weekend?" she says. "I thought about it for 30 minutes and decided I really wanted to spend the rest of my life with him — and wanted to start as soon as possible.'

A week later, on Dec. 20, the couple wed in Las Vegas at the Little Church of the West (4617 S. Las Vegas) in front of a few friends, including Chicagoan Brook Jay, who lent the bride a family heirloom ring for her "something borrowed" item. Golightly surprised his bride by tucking a picture of her and her father, who passed away a few years prior, into her bouquet. "Alan is so romantic," Wise says. "My dad was a part of the day with us, even though he wasn't there." - Chiara Milioulis

#### ever after

#### CHEERS



Anastasia Loukas, hospitality director for Loukas Enterprises, and Simeon Spirrison, an executive at Adelphia Properties, tied the knot in a classic bash at The Ritz-Carlton Chicago (160 E. Pearson). To read more, visit Chicagosplash.com.



Chef Craig Couper's sharp culinary prowess earned him

a promotion from executive sous chef to executive chef of Michael Jordan's Steak House (505 N. Michigan),



The city's first steakhouse, Gene & Georgetti (500 N. Franklin), received the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation's Grand Chefs Gala inaugural "Chicago Classic Award," recognizing its lifetime achievement in Chicago's culinary scene.



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of locals, including Raise founder George Bousis (above) and Harpo Studios' Maya Watson, who made Forbes' "30 Under 30" lists (a collection of 600 millennials in 20 sectors).

makeup: Violet Hour Salon, The Cosmopolitan of Las Vegas, 3708 S. Las Vegas; Cosmopolitaniasvegas.com

#### Groom's attire:

Donna Karan Neiman Marcus 737 N. Michigan; Neimanmarcus.com

Rings: David Alan Jewelry, Davidalanjewelry.com; Etsy, Etsy.com

Cake: Vincent Pilon, The Cosmopolitan of Las Vegas, 3708 S. Las Vegas; Cosmopolitanlasvegas.com

Reception dinner:

Blue Ribbon Sushi Bar & Grill. 3708 S Las Vegas: Blueribbonrestaurants.com

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# New in town

Loews Chicago's director of sales and marketing opens up about the upcoming luxury hotel

#### ERIK GRAZETTI

AGE: 44. CLAIM-TO-FAME: Director of sales and marketing for Loews Chicago Hotel.

LIVES IN: Lakeview. ROLE CALL: Right now,
I'm focusing on getting the word out about the hotel. I'm successful if, the day the hotel opens, everyone wants to be there. TAKING OVER: This is Loews' first entrance into the Chicago market in 10 years—we used to manage a property here up until 2004. It represents [Loews'] next wave of expansion. STAYING CONNECTED:

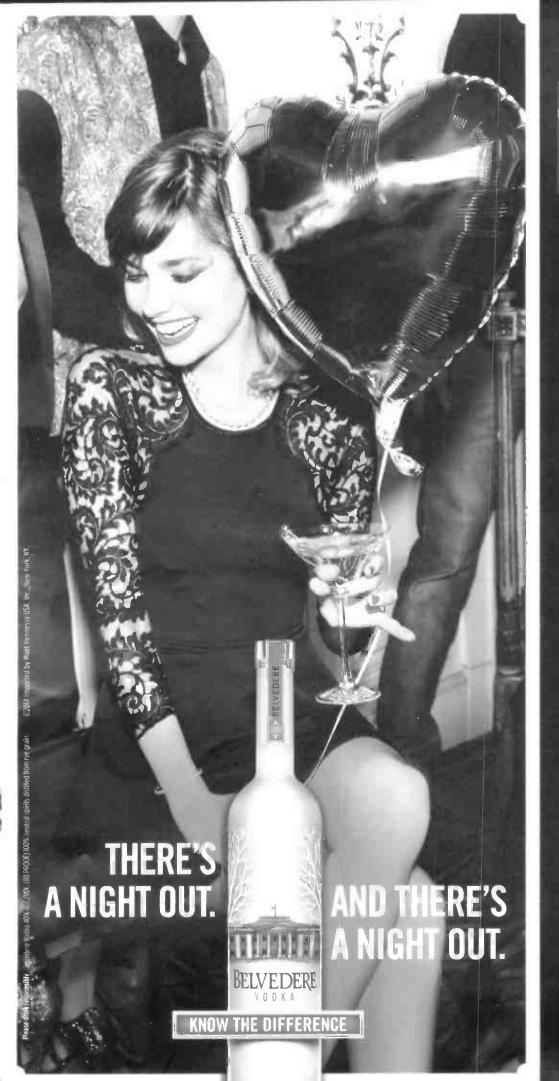
Every guest room has its own Wi-Fi access point. That's huge—in most hotels, you're sharing Wi-Fi with 40-60 people.

DESIGN AESTHETIC: Chicago's Simeone Deary Design Group crafted interior elements using materials the city was built upon—as well as fabrics Chicagoans wear during the winter—which you'll see reflected throughout the building. From touches of steel and limestone in the lobby to wool and leather on the furniture, no detail was overlooked. ROOFTOP LOUNGING: We'll have the largest outdoor event space in the city for a hotel, called Streeterville

Social. The area covers 9,000 square feet and [is] a place where people can sit and have a conversation under the Chicago sky. WINTER LODGE: I love the cold and winter, so when people [talk about] winter getaways, to me that's Steamboat Ski

Resort in Colorado. CLOSE QUARTERS: I live in a 400-square-foot apartment with my husband and absolutely love it. There's a show on TV called "Tiny House Nation"—we literally live the tiny-house life.

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## The social crossover



Motor Matters

o the untrained eye, the new Murano looks pretty much like others of its ilk. It's a roomy, midsize CUV that shows a pleasant, nicely executed interior with soft2 touch surfaces and tasteful trim. But Nissan has also included features to encourage interaction among those inside.

"This is the most social car we've ever had," says Jeremy Tucker, Nissan's vice president for marketing communications.

A "communication alley" has been created: The center console was designed low and wide to encourage conversation between front and rear occupants.

The new third-generation 2015 Murano also sports arresting new exterior styling with top-of-the-line Platinum model with all-wheel

BY FRANK A. AUKOFER swooping curves, a roof that seems to float over the vehicle, boomerang-shaped LED headlights and distinctive LED taillights.

It's a welcome departure. The first Murano was introduced in 2003, and the second generation arrived in 2009. Both had bulbous bodies, and the second generation may have been the most disrespected vehicle in recent memory.

However, it's likely that the 2015 Nissan Murano will be respected not only for its social awakening, but for its other qualities as well. It comes in four versions with either front-or all-wheel drive. The latter adds \$1,600 to the price tag and will be especially appreciated in areas with nasty weather.

Prices range from \$30,445 for the base S model with front-wheel drive to \$41,485 for the drive. Though the Murano does not compete as a luxury vehicle, the Platinum certainly does a fine impersonation with its 20-inch alloy wheels, optional panoramic sunroof, adaptive cruise control, climate-controlled front seats and heated rear seats and steering wheel.

Tested for this review was the S with AWD, a navigation system and upscale paint. The navigation package, with satellite and HD radio, was pleasantly priced at just \$820, so the bottom-line total was \$33,920 - less than some other well-equipped compact crossovers.

The manual-adjusting front seats wore cloth upholstery that was sturdy and comfortable. But in the all-important drive components, it was identical to the Platinum model.

All versions use a 260-horsepower V-6 engine that develops 240 pound-feet of torque. Power flows through a continuously

variable automatic transmission (CVT), and the combination manages a respectable EPA city/highway/combined fuel economy rating of 21/28/24 mpg.

On the road, the Murano has a hefty feel, with solid straight-line tracking as well as somewhat numb but responsive steering in cornering. It's no sportster, but acquits itself well for a relatively large vehicle.

There are drawbacks. The center rear seating position, as usual on most vehicles, is not comfortable, and foot room is restricted by the intrusion of the front console. Bright trim around side air vents reflects in the outside

Let the dissenters complain. Those who enjoy socializing with friends on road trips and wine tours are sure to tout the benefits of the Murano.

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Here are 6 entry-level social tech jobs that will get you into a diverse area of tech.

When Twitter came onto the scene in 2006, not many people thought it was going to affect business. Flash-forward to 2015, and Twitter, not to mention Facebook, Google Plus, Tumbir, Instagram, are all integral to the success of a modern business. Companies have also quickly realized they need to take their social profiles seriously and hire pros that know how to get content trending as well as prevent any potential social media disasters. Much of the job revolves around developing brand awareness for a business and getting followers, while also maintaining the brands image.

Social media managers need to be sure to balance their work and personal life, since social media is a round-the-clock business. It's a job that might sound like fun and games, but there is a lot more to it than simply sending out Tweets and writing Facebook posts. You will need a keen awareness for trends as well as a sensitivity to know when its right - or not right - to post something.

According to PayScale, the average salary for a social media manager is \$45,717, with a reported salary range of \$26,252 to \$70,190 per year.

Check out openings on Monster to find Social Media Manager jobs in your area.

#### Communications Specialist

A communications specialist focuses on internal and external communications via press releases, email blasts, and marketing events. As a communications specialist you might hold press conferences, field questions from journalists, and manage online content for the company. It's a fast paced job that might require longer hours because when situations arise, sometimes they need immediate attention.

To become a communications specialist you will need at least a bachelor's degree in communications, journalism, marketing, or a related field. You also need a strong background in computers including Microsoft Office as well as the popular social media platforms

According to PayScale, the average salary for a communications specialist is \$47,077 per year, with a reported salary range of \$33,683 to \$70,894 per year.

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#### **Online Community Manager**

An online community manager has similar tasks to a social media manager, but generally the job focuses on a company's clients and customers. The job involves working closely with clients and customers, and you may be required to field questions and inquirles. You will also need to be responsible for monitoring the social media platforms of your company to ensure the company's brand is presented appropriately. It's a highly face-to-face job, so it's best suited for someone with strong customer service background and who doesn't mind spending time reassuring clients and customers that their needs are being met.

While you may not be required to have a bachelor's degree, it will help your chances if you have a degree in marketing or communications. You will also want to be familiar with analytics, since part of the job will require you to track the success of online campaigns and interactions.

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Digital marketing managers are responsible for developing marketing plans for a company and executing on them on behalf of the company's values and goals. The focus of these campaigns is increasing brand awareness, brand loyalty, and sales through campaigns and events, both digital and in person. The job requires online skills including knowledge of popular digital platforms, search engine optimization, and internet regulations and standards.

In order to become a digital marketing manager you will need at least a bachelor's degree in marketing as well as experience working in marketing or with e-commerce. You will also need to know how to use Adobe products if the job requires you to create marketing materials from scratch.

According to PayScale, the average salary for a digital marketing manager is \$66,033 per year, with a reported salary range of \$39,701 to \$103,609 annually.

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#### **Digital Strategist**

If you are creative and innovative and love technology, you might want to consider becoming a digital strategist. As a digital strategist you will be responsible for helping your company develop its long-term strategies for digital products and services. It can be a hectic job depending on the project, and it requires analyzing large amounts of data to determine the best strategy to market products. In order to come up with these strategies, you will need to understand market trends and have your finger on the pulse of competitors and understand their products and services. You will also need to create reports, edit and update content or images, share videos, manage your company's web presence, and identify new communities for marketing efforts.

In order to become a digital strategist, you will need at least a bachelor's degree in marketing, communications, or any related field. While it can be an entry-level position, you might want to ensure you have some internships and experience working in digital media before applying. You will also need a working knowledge of search engine optimization, search engine marketing, and Microsoft applications.

According to PayScale, the average salary for a digital strategist is \$62,615 per year, with a reported salary range of \$40,053 to \$113,500 annually.

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When you think of a blogger, you probably imagine someone who is self-employed, but that is not always the case. A number of companies have realized the benefits of having a blog for its brand, and they are typically in search of qualified individuals to maintain and update the content. As a blogger for a company you will be responsible for editing and proofreading all posts and ensure they follow brand guidelines and styles. Using SEO, metadata, and keywords, you will write posts that come up in search engines and drive traffic to the website

In order to become a blogger, you will need experience writing and editing, and most companies will probably prefer you have a bachelor's degree in English or journalism.

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In compliance with U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) regulations, writing at the Village of Skokie, the Village of Skokie is presently preparing a Consolidated Plan 60077. Comments are also wellogment and Action Plan for the Company of the Village of Skokie, and an Action Plan for the Company of the Village of Skokie, and an Action Plan for the Company of the Village of Skokie, and Action Plan for the Company of the Village of Skokie, and Action Plan for the Company of the Village of Skokie, and Action Plan for the Company of the Village of Skokie, and Action Plan for the Company of the Village of Skokie, and Action Plan for the Company of the Village of Skokie, and Action Plan for the Company of the Village of Skokie, and Action Plan for the Company of the Village of Skokie, and Action Plan for the Company of the Village of Skokie, and Action Plan for the Company of the Village of Skokie, and Action Plan for the Company of the Village of Skokie, and Action Plan for the Company of the Village of Skokie, and Action Plan for the Company of the Village of Skokie, and Action Plan for the Company of the Village of Skokie, and Action Plan for the Company of the Village of Skokie, and Action Plan for the Company of the Village of Skokie, and Action Plan for the

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Sworn Officers: 25
Application must be submitted before 5 PM on February 16, 2015

Application non-refundable fee: \$25,00
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The village of Harwood Heights is accepting applications for the position of Police Officer.

the position of Police Officer.

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US chizen; associate or bachelor's degree (or at least 60 credit hours) in any field from an accredited college or university; must meet all other eligibility requirements as provided by the State Statutes and Village Ordinances; possess a valid driver's license in good standing; have at least 20/20 vision correctable. State Statutes and Village Urdinances; possess a valid driver's license in good standing; have at least 20/70 vision correctable to 20/20; no felony or misdemeanor convictions or arrests; successful completion of Illinois Peace Officer Wellness Evaluation Report (P.O.W.E.R) Dutles and responsibilities: Full service municipal policing enforcement of state and local laws; prepare written reports on assigned tasks and attend court and testify when necessary; community policing; assist and render ald to clitizens; conduct building checks and investigate suspicious persons, whiche polses etc. uniform patrol: traffic concinus persons, whiche polses etc. uniform patrol: traffic concious persons, vehicle nolses, etc.; uniform patrol; traffic con trol; motor vehicle assists; and traffic crash investigations. Benefits: starting salary -\$ 47,133 with an opportunity to ear \$57,375 after 12 months, and \$71,885 after 3 years. Employ er pald pension fund, sick/vacation days. Medical/life/vision in surance is offered. Application process; Applications may be downloaded from the Village of Harwood Heights website www.harwoodheights.org and returned to the Harwood Heights Police Department located at 7300 West Wilson, Harwood Heights, Illinois 60706 (708-867-4353) any time day Harwood Heights, Illinois 60706 (708-867-4353) any time day or night. - Applications must be returned by Monday, February 16th at 5:00 PM. Attending orientation is MANDATORY and will be held on Monday, February 23rd at the Village of Harwood Heights Community room which is also located at 7300 West Wilson, Harwood Heights, Illinois. Doors will open at 6:00 PM and will close promptly at 7:00 PM, after which no one will be allowed entrance. Questions should be directed to the Village of Harwood Heights Police Commission between 8:00 AM and 4:00 PM (708-867-4353.) The Village of Harwood Heights Police States and Police Commission between Richard States and Police Commission Between Richard

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munity Development Block Carrie haberstich @skokie org of Grant (CDBG) program, and any other federal community planning and development programs of the Village is plans, the Village is encouraging citizen participation and emphasizing the involvement of low/moderate-income residents. In addition, the Village is seeking to promote the participation of all its residents. In addition, the Village is seeking to promote the participation of all its residents, including minorities and one rigidity and participation of all its residents, including minorities and one registration.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND AVAILABILITY OF CDBG ACTION PLAN

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The Village of Skokie will be conducting a public hearing to receive citizen comments and approve the 1-year Action Plan relative to the Village's 5-year Consolidated Plan for federally-funded programs. The Action Plan covers the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program administered by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

The Village's Consolidated Plan will address three statutory goals that principally benefit low/moderate-income residents:

1. Provide decent housing: assist homeless persons to obtain affordable housing, retain the affordable housing stock, increase the availability of permanent housing that is affordable to low/moderate-income residents, and increase supportive housing that includes structural features and services to accommodate persons with special needs.

2. Provide a suitable living environment: improve the safety and livability of neighborhoods, increase access to facilities and services, reduce the isolation of low/moderate-income groups by providing more housing opportunities and revitalizing deteriorating neighborhoods, and restore and preserve open spaces and historically/architecturally significant structures and facilifles.

3. Expand economic opportunities: create jobs accessible to low/moderate-income persons, provide financial assistance to community development efforts that promote long-term economic and social viability, help low/moderate-income persons in federally-

State devolutions opportunities, create jobs accessible to low/moderate-income persons, provide mancial assistance to community development efforts that promote long-term economic and social viability, help low/moderate-income persons in federally-assisted or public housing to achieve self-sufficiency.

The proposed Action Plan for Fiscal Year 2016 (FY16) includes the following recommended activities:

Program Administration and Planning (\$90,000)

Home Improvement Program (\$75,111) Owner-occupied home repair. Low/moderate-income households are eligible to receive grants and loans up to \$8,000 (up to \$12,000 for emergency repairs and life safety improvements) to pay for building materials or contractors' services. Street and Alley Resurfacing (\$180,000) Resurface Kilpatrick Ave between Oakton St and Madison St in a low/moderate-income

residential neighborhood. Sidewalk Grant Program (\$3,000) Grants for low/moderate-income homeowners who participate in the Village's 50/50 sidewalk re-

placement program

placement program.

CJE Seniort.ife (\$20,000) Repair and resurface the kitchen flooring at the Lieberman Center for Health and Rehabilitation at 9700 Gross Point Rd, a facility that serves elderly Skokie residents. Minimum 25% match required.

Turning Point (\$9,500) Replace existing bulbs and ballasts in an older area of the Turning Point building at 8324 Skokie Blvd, a fa-

cility that serves clients with mental health challenges. Minimum 25% match required.

Search (\$15,000) Replace windows, doors, and trim in a group home serving individuals with developmental disabilities at 4505 Concord

Search (\$15,000) reprize windows, doors, and first an agroup nome serving individuals with developmental disabilities at 9800 Central Park Ave. Minimum 25% match required.

SHORE Community Services (\$5,000) Replace two HVAC units in a group home serving individuals with developmental disabilities at 9800 Central Park Ave. Minimum 25% match required.

Orchard Village (\$20,000) Renovate two bathrooms and top priority windows in a group home serving Individuals with developmental disabilities at 9238 Lavergne Ave. Minimum 50% match required.

Housing Authority of Cook County (\$20,000) Remodel units or replace windows in the Armond D. King Apartments serving low/moderate-income elderly and disabled individuals at 9238 Gross Point Rd. Minimum 25% match required.

Asian Human Services (\$25,000) Install an elevator to provide access to the second floor of the new Skokie Clinic at 8800 Lockwood Ave, providing health care services to low/moderate-income residents. Minimum 25% match required.

Social Worker (\$32,284) Offset the costs of a Village Social Worker position in the Human Services Division at 5120 Galitz St. Metropolitian Family Services (\$6,000) Offset the staff costs associated with general counseling services for low/moderate-income Skokie residents. MFS is located at 5210 Main St.

Jewish Child and Family Services (\$3,500) Offset the staff costs associated with providing financial assistance services for low/moderate-income Skokie residents affected by the current economic climate. JCFS is located at 5150 Golf Rd.

PEER Services, Inc. (\$6,000) Offset the staff costs associated with providing substance abuse treatment services to low/moderate-income Skokie residents. PEER is located at 906 Davis St in Evanston.

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Children's Advocacy Center (\$2,500) Offset the staff costs associated with providing child and family advocate/counselor services that support low/moderate-income Skokie child abuse victims and their non-offending family members. CAC is located at 255 Re-

were Dr in Northbrook.
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The Harbour, Inc. (\$5,000) Offset the staff costs associated with providing services that meet the needs of runaway, neglected, and homeless Skokie youth. The Harbour is located at 1440 Renalssance Dr in Park Ridge.

North Shore Senior Center (\$8,000) Offset the staff costs associated with providing long-term case management and counseling services for Skokie's low/moderate-income homebound elderly and their families. NSSC is located at 840 Dodge Ave in Evanston. Youth Organizations Umbrella (\$6,000) Offset the staff costs associated with providing after school and summer programs for Lincoln Junior High, Old Orchard Junior High, and Edison Elementary youth. YOU is located at 1027 Sherman Ave in Evanston. TOTAL CDBG PROJECTS FOR FY16 (\$531,895) If the Village receives at least \$476,700 in entitlement funding and program income, it is recommended that the following alternate artivities be funded:

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Center for Enriched Living (\$2,000) Scholarships to provide life enrichment and skills-for-independence programming for low/moderate-income Skokie residents with developmental disabilities. CEL is located at 280 Saunders Rd in Riverwoods.

Maine-Niles Association of Special Recreation (\$2,000) Scholarships to provide therapeutic recreation programming for low/moderate-income Skokie residents with disabilities. MNASR is located at 6820 Dempster St in Morton Grove.

The funding amounts and work scopes may be subject to change. If the entitlement funds are within ±10% of the estimated \$450,000 or \$476,700 budget amounts, efforts will be made to adjust the administration and public services budget items proportionally without expectation of the properties are proporties.

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Citizen comments on the Action Plan are requested at a public hearing to be held at the Board of Trustees Meetling beginning at 8:00 p.m. on Monday, March 2, 2015, in the Council Chambers of Village Hall, 5127 Oakton St in Skokle. The Board of Trustees is expected to adopt the Action Plan, subject to any revisions, immediately following the public hearing.

Copies of the draft Action Plan will be available for public review beginning Friday, January 30, 2015, at Village Hall in the Planning Division and the Skokle Public Library in the Reference Department. All comments or concerns should be made in writing to the contact person listed below. The Village of Skokle will respond to all written comments received from the public within 15 days, where practicable.

White practication, please contact Carrie Haberstich, AICP, Planner/CDBG Administrator, in writing at the Village of Skokie 5127 Oakton St, Skokie, IL, 60077. Comments are also welcome by email at carrie.haberstich@skokie.org or by fax at 847-568

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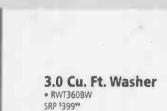
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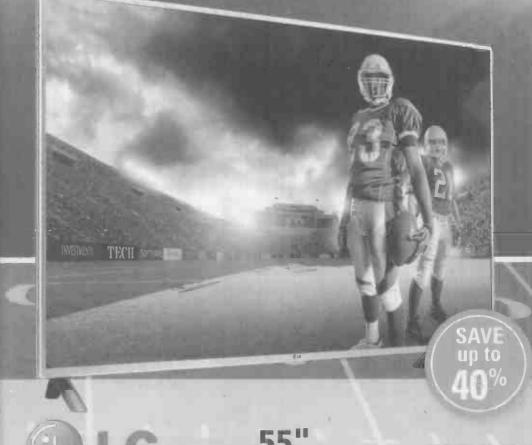
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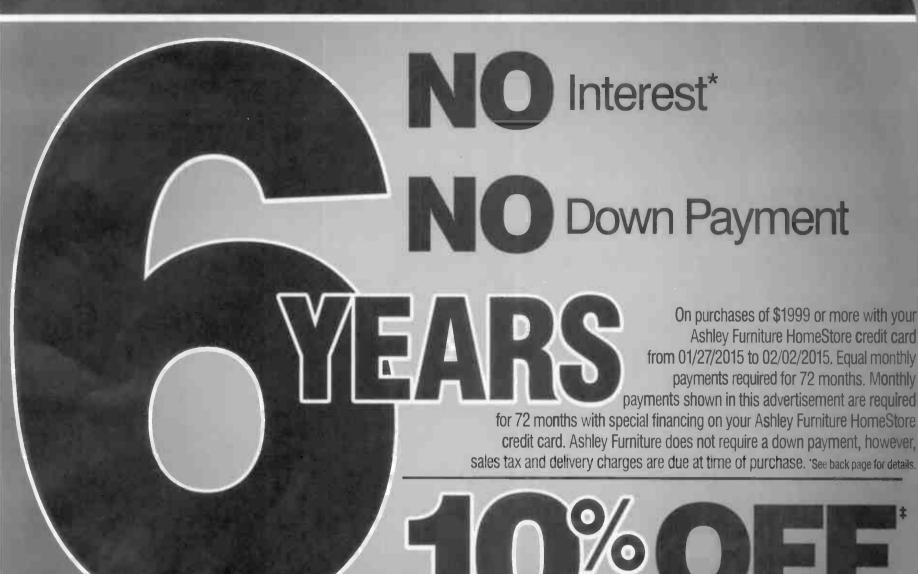


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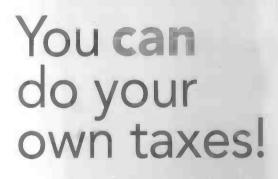
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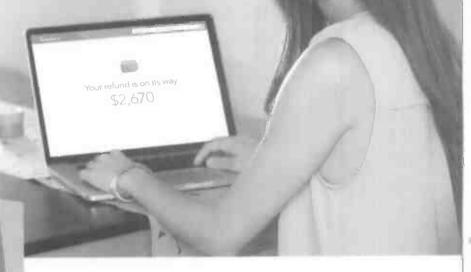
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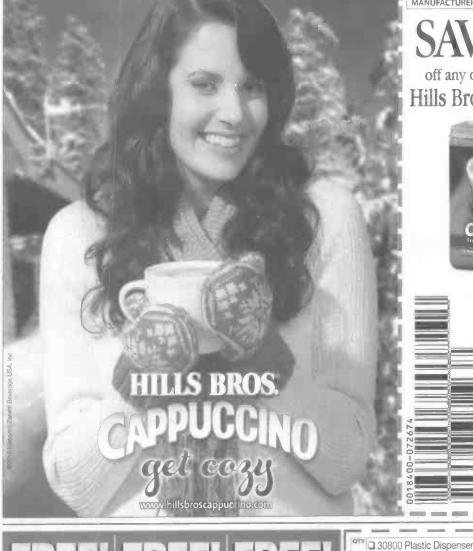
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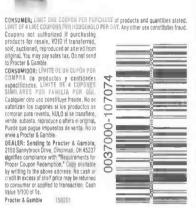
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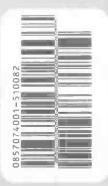


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If LeBron James leaves the Cavaliers — again — where would that rank among the all-time worst events in Cleveland sports history?

- Joe T., Cleveland, Ohio



again - would rank right behind Art Modell moving the Browns to Baltimore in 1996. Fool me once. shame on you. Fool me twice, shame on me, you know? But no city has more painful moments than Cleveland, Michael Jordan had "The Shot" over the Cavs in 1989. John Elway had "The Drive" to beat the Browns in '87. Earnest Byner's AFC title game fumble in '88 and Jose Mesa's World Series Game 7 blown save in '97 also cut deep. But even if LeBron leaves, Cleveland still has Johnny Manziel. Too soon?



How much money do Americans spend on fantasy football each season?

- Jay G., Long Island, N.Y.

According to the Fantasy Sports Trade Association, roughly \$15 billion is spent on fantasy football annually. To put that number imperspective, the NFL's annual revenue is around \$10 billion. How can fantasy bring in more money than the actual sport? Well, 32 million Americans spend an average of \$467 per season on their favorite virtual hobby.

Is Rory McIlroy the next Tiger Woods? By that, I mean are his off-course exploits going to derail his golf game?

- Tim F., Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla.

First things first. McIlrov is a 25-year-old bachelor was during his scandal. But McIlroy has been taking advantage of his single status since breaking off his engagement with tennis star has been linked with model Nadia Forde and PGA employee Erica Stoll, Still, his game with the ladies shouldn't have any impact with his game on the course; Rory is a four-time major champion who is a Masters Tournament win away from a career grand slam.

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WHAT STATES HAVE YET TO WIN COLLEGE
FOOTBALL'S MOST PRESTIGIOUS AWARD?

- Joe K., Boston, Mass.

This year, Marcus Mariota became

the first Heisman
Trophy winner from
Hawaii. California
(14), Ohio (10) and
Texas (9) have had
the most hometown
heroes raise the
Heisman hardware.
In all, 26 states
have at least one
winner. To avoid

the home-state confusion of players like Tim Tebow — who was born in the Philippines but raised in Florida — the state in which each Heisman Trophy winner played his high school football was used to determine our state-by-state breakdown.



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# SEATTLE

#### Owner: Paul Allen

62, Microsoft co-founder. Bought Seahawks for \$194 million in 1997, worth an estimated \$1.3 billion in 2014 (per Forbes

Famous Seahawks,fans Macklemore, 12th Man, Joel McHale

#### X-Factor

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Preseason odds to w Super Bowl XLIX:

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Super Bowl stats: I-O record; I8-of-25 (72 percent) for 206 yards, two TDs, zero INTs, zero sacks, three rushes for 26 yards



Preseason odds to win Super Bowl XLIX:



# NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS



Lost Super Bowl XX (46–10 vs. Bears)
Lost Super Bowl XXXI (35–21 vs. Packers)
Won Super Bowl XXXVI (20–17 vs. Rams)
Won Super Bowl XXXVIII (32–29 vs. Panthers)
Won Super Bowl XXXIX (24–21 vs. Eagles)
Lost Super Bowl XLII (17–14 vs. Giants)
Lost Super Bowl XLVI (21–17 vs. Giants)

#### **Season Turning Point**

The 41–14 blowout loss at Kansas City on "Monday Night Football" on Sept. 29. The Pats won 10 of their next 11 after that.

Regular Season Stats		Rank
Scoring Offense	29.2 ррд	4th
Scoring Defense	19.6 ppg	8th
Total Offense	365.5 ypg	11th
Total Defense	344.1 ypg	13th
Turnover Margin	+12	2nd



#### Owner: Robert Kraft

Seahawks' Super Bowl record: 1-1

Lost Super Bowl XL (21-10 vs. Steelers)
Won Super Bowl XLVIII (43-8 vs. Broncos)

**CHASING HISTORY** 

Steelers ('74-75 and '78-79),

The Hawks are

looking to join the Packers [1966-67],

Dolphins ('72-73).

Patriots [2003-04]

franchise to repeat as Super Bowl champs.

49ers ('88-89), Cowboys ('92-93) and

as the seventh

73, The Kraft Group CEO/ Chairman, Bought Patriots for \$172 million in 1994, worth an estimated \$2.6 "billion in 2014 (per Forbes)

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#### **FAMOUS PATRIOT FANS**

Gisele Bundchen, Mark Wahlberg, Matt Danion

**TOM**BRADY

Super Bowl stats: 3–2 record; two-time MVP: Super Bowls XXXVI and XXXVIII; 127-of-197 (64.5 percent) for 1,277 yards, nine TDs, two INTs, two fumbles lost, IO sacks for 7I lost yards

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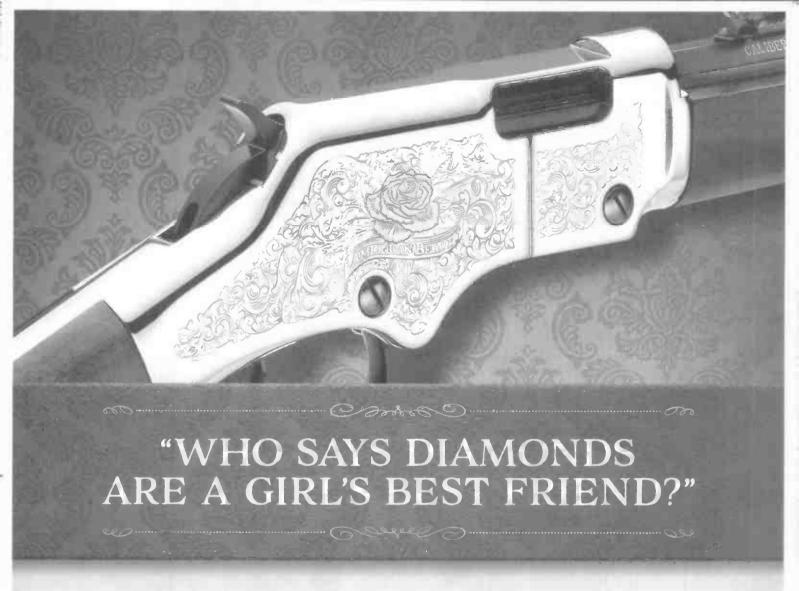
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# RAPID FIRE with SUPER BOWL MVPs

We spoke with five former Super Bowl MVPs to get their take on winning one of the NFL's most coveted awards in the NFL's biggest game, Here's what they had to say...

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### **JOE NAMATH**

QB. New York Jets

BIO: Super Bowl III MVP and fundraiser for the Joe Namath Neurological Research Center in Jupiter, Fla., which develops brain research initiatives

Do you remember when during the postgame celebration that you learned you had been named the Super Bowl MVP? Things were different back then, and I didn't know about winning the MVP for a while. It might have been the following week while going up to Jacksonville for an all-star game. I honest to God don't remember.

Did you get any kind of bonus for winning the MVP? I got a soupedup Dodge Charger that I gave to my mother. I remember going back to my hometown to see her and she was quite the sight behind the steering wheel. I let her drive me downtown one time and I was so nervous about riding with her. After that, I asked her if she would let me drive.

I've got to ask about the "Guarantee." I made the statement because I was fed up and tired of hearing what the other team was going to do us. I didn't think about it making the media, and the next day I took a beating from my head coach (Weeb Ewbank) at practice. He was angry and asked if I realized what I had done. I said, "No sir." He said, "Look what you've done. You've given them ammunition, something for their bulletin board." I told Coach that it was his fault, that he gave me that confidence (laughs).



#### **STEVE YOUNG**

QB, San Francisco 49ers

Super Bowl XXIX MVP and brand ambassador for Van Heusen, whose suits he wears on air as an ESPN football analyst

Did you go to Disney World? It's not metaphorical when you say you're going to Disney World. You're going, and you're going tomorrow. I was there alone at the time. I don't remember riding the rides, but I loved being there.

Did you get anything besides a trophy? I got a car from Buick, and I guess I could tell the truth: I traded my Buick in for a big truck that I still have.

Where do you keep your MVP trophy? I believe it is at my alma mater BYU's athletic Hall of Fame. It is either there or at the 49ers Hall of Fame. I'm not sure which one.

Who do you think had the greatest Super Bowl MVP performance in history? I remember the Super Bowl performances that I watched and tried to emulate. In 1987, Phil Simms completed almost every pass. (Editor's note: Simms completed 22 of 25 passes in Super Bowl XXI, including 10 in a row.)

#### MARK RYPIEN

QB, Washington Redskins



Super Bowl XXVI MVP and executive director of the Rypien Foundation, which helps families with children battling cancer

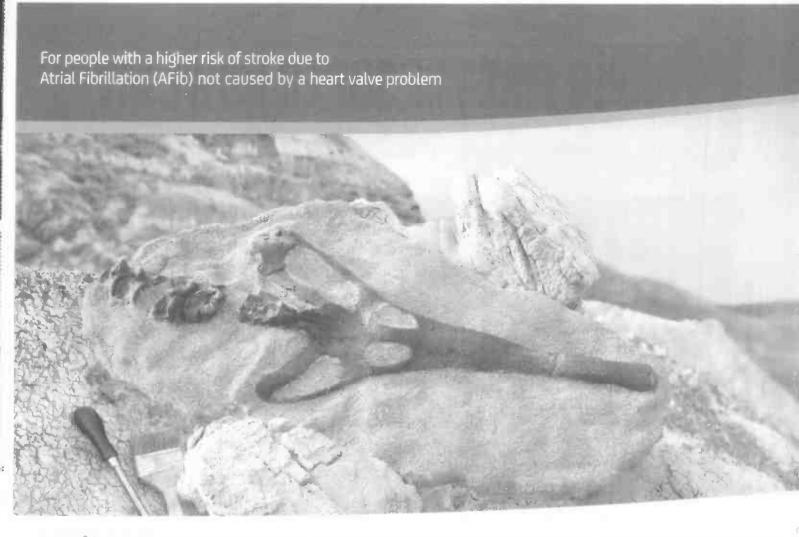
#### When you think back to Super Bowl XXVI, what's your first memory?

I remember being up at 4 a.m. on Super Bowl Sunday and we didn't play until 5 p.m. I went downstairs at 5 a.m. for breakfast and there were about 10 of my teammates going through the same thing.

# Where do you keep your MVP trophy today?

In a case at our airport here in Spokane, Wash. (where Rypien resides), along with a display about the Rypien Foundation and the good work that we are doing.

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ELIQUIS® (apixaban) is a prescription medicine used to reduce the risk of stroke and blood clots in people who have atrial fibrillation, a type of irregular heartbeat, not caused by a heart valve problem.

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- treat blood clots in the veins of your legs (deep vein thrombosis) or lungs (pulmonary embolism), and reduce the risk of them occurring again.

It is not known if ELIQUIS is safe and effective in children.

#### Who should not take ELIQUIS? Do not take ELIQUIS if you:

- currently have certain types of abnormal bleeding
- have had a serious allergic reaction to ELIQUIS. Ask your doctor if you are not sure

What should I tell my doctor before taking **ELIQUIS?** 

Before you take ELIQUIS, tell your doctor

- have kidney or liver problems
- have any other medical condition
- have ever had bleeding problems
- are pregnant or plan to become pregnant. It is not known if ELIQUIS will harm your unborn
- are breastfeeding or plan to breastfeed. It is not known if ELIQUIS passes into your breast milk. You and your doctor should decide if you will take ELIQUIS or breastfeed. You should not do both

Tell all of your doctors and dentists that you are taking ELIQUIS. They should talk to the doctor who prescribed ELIQUIS for you, before you have any surgery, medical or dental procedure. Tell your doctor about all the medicines you take, including prescription and over-thecounter medicines, vitamins, and herbal supplements. Some of your other medicines may affect the way ELIQUIS (apixaban) works. Certain medicines may increase your risk of bleeding or stroke when taken with ELIQUIS.

How should I take ELIQUIS? Take ELIOUIS exactly as prescribed by your doctor. Take ELIOUIS twice every day with or without food, and do not change your dose or stop taking it unless your doctor tells you to. If you miss a dose of ELIOUIS, take it as soon as you remember, and do not take more than one dose at the same time. Do not run out of ELIQUIS. Refill your prescription before you run out. When leaving the hospital following hip or knee replacement, be sure that you will have ELIOUIS available to avoid missing any doses. If you are taking ELIQUIS for atrial fibrillation, stopping ELIQUIS may increase your risk of having a stroke.

What are the possible side effects of ELIQUIS?

- See "What is the most important information ! should know about ELIQUIS?"
- ELIQUIS can cause a skin rash or severe allergic reaction. Call your doctor or get medical help right away if you have any of the following symptoms:
  - chest pain or tightness
  - swelling of your face or tongue
- trouble breathing or wheezing
- · feeling dizzy or faint

Tell your doctor if you have any side effect that bothers you or that does not go away.

These are not all of the possible side effects of ELIQUIS. For more information, ask your doctor or pharmacist.

Call your doctor for medical advice about side effects. You may report side effects to FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088.

This is a brief summary of the most important information about ELIQUIS. For more information, talk with your doctor or pharmacist, call 1-855-ELIQUIS (1-855-354-7847), or go to www.ELIQUIS.com.

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Super Bowl XXX MVP and radio personality on The Dallas Cowboys Radio Network

#### Were you surprised that you were named the Super Bowl MVP?

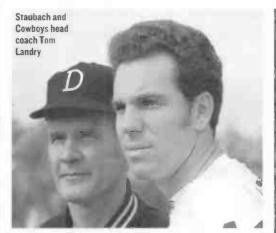
I was heading to the locker room and didn't think about winning the MVP until somebody told me that I got it.

# Did you go to Disney World?

I got snubbed on Disney
World. They chose
Emmitt Smith instead.
There have only been three
or four times when the
MVP has been passed over
for another player to go to
Disney World. And no one
called to say i didn't
get chosen. That's the
business.

# Did you get anything besides a trophy?

Ford was the game sponsor and I got a Taurus.



#### **ROGER STAUBACH**

QB, Dallas Cowboys

Super Bowl VI MVP and executive chairman of JLL Real Estate in Texas

How did becoming the Super Bowl MVP impact your life? Seeing the Cowboys get rid of that stigma of not being able to win the Super Bowl really meant a lot to the team and Coach (Tom) Landry. I looked at winning the Super Bowl as more important than winning the Super Bowl MVP.

Where do you keep your MVP trophy? There really wasn't a trophy then. I got a football that has "MVP of the Super Bowl" and it's in my office at home.

Where does the award rank among your all-time accomplishments? My first year of varsity football at Navy we beat Army and that was a huge deal because everything all year is "Beat Army." Winning that game and winning Super Bowl VI were the highlights of my career.

Did you get anything else for winning MVP? I got a Dodge Charger, but we had three kids, so I asked if I could trade my Dodge Charger in for a station wagon. All of the sudden that made news. Even Don Rickles joked about it on TV.

If you hadn't won MVP, which of your teammates was most deserving? Our defense completely shut down the Dolphins, and Cornell Green could have gotten the MVP for defending Paul Warfield. You're supposed to vote for the one game, but I think I ended up with a few votes because of our 10-game winning streak.

# PROP COMEDY

Super Bowl betting — and prop bets, in particular — attract sharks and suckers alike. Those who can't afford a \$4.5-million, 30-second commercial spot on NBC's telecast or a \$3,000 nosebleed seat at University of Phoenix Stadium but do have enough lunch money to wager on Super Sunday can let a few bucks ride on a variety of fun bets. Here are a few fast facts to ensure that your wager is smart money.

#### **National Anthem Duration**

Francis Scott Key's "The Star-Spangled Banner" has range, so to speak. Here's a reference of recent history, including Alicia Keys' record time of 2:36, which topped Natalie Cole's oft-criticized previous mark of 2:32.

f:53 Renee Fleming (Super Bowl XLVIII)

2:36 Alicia Keys (SB XLVII)

1:34 Kelly Clarkson (SB XLVI)

1:54 Christina Aguilera (SB XLV)

1:47 Carrie Underwood (SB XLIV)

2:10 Jennifer Hudson (SB XLIII)

1:54 Jordin Sparks (SB XLII)

1:30 Billy Joel (SB XLI)



#### **Coin Toss Results**

"Tails never fails" did the trick for the Seahawks last year. But heads was on a five consecutive Super Bowl run prior to that. And while heads vs. tails is a tie, NFC teams have won twice as many coin tosses as their AFC counterparts.







#### **Gatorade Shower Color**

Traditionally, the winning coach gets an ice bucket of Gatorade dumped over him by way of an ambush. That's not always the case, however. Bill Bellchick has three Super Bowl wins but only one Gatorade bath on his résumé. The key to making a splash is guessing what color liquid it will be. Since 2000, this is how the color wheel has spun:

- 4 Clear (Giants, Colts, Steelers, Patriots)
- 3 Orange (Seahawks, Packers, Saints)
  - No Shower (Ravens, Patriots twice)
- 2 Purple (Giants, Buccaneers)
- 2 Yellow (Steelers, Ravens)

Getting together with your buddies (or strangers) for a night of poker can be a lot of fun. But it's considerably more enjoyable when you're staring down at a huge stack of chips at the end of the night. To elevate your game, we asked World Series of Poker (WSOP) Hall of Famer Phil Hellmuth - winner of 13 WSOP bracelets — to teach us how to dominate at his favorite parlor game, Texas Hold 'em.

#### **BIG HANDS DON'T GUARANTEE** LARGE PAYOUTS

"I've seen a lot of money lost with a hand like a King/ Queen because, once the big money starts going in, the opponent usually has a hand that dominates it. When I say, 'dominate,' I mean that someone might have an Ace/King or Ace/ Queen; therefore, they have one of your cards and a card over your other one."



#### **GET THE RIGHT VALUE** FROM YOUR HAND

"There is no specific hand to go 'all in' on because, even if you have the most powerful hand possible, you may be more concerned about getting paid off. If you bet too much, you'll make your opponents fold."

#### **REVIEW GAME TAPE**

"Reading other people at the table is not easy, but every person out there can improve their reading abilities. I would advise someone to watch videos of players without the sound and try to guess what they have based on the way they are acting. To practice, pull up a YouTube video and do this for 10 minutes at your house."



#### **FOLLOW THE CARDINAL RULE**

"Texas Hold 'em is patience, patience, patience. If you have to play every hand, don't play Hold 'em, because you won't win. The extreme example is to only play my top ten hands, which I introduce in my book Play Poker Like the Pros. sevens, eights, nines, tens, Jacks, Queens, Kings, Aces, Ace/King and Ace/Queen. It's not the optimal strategy, but you can get into the swing of the game, and that's great for beginners."

#### **EMPLOY SMOKE AND MIRRORS**

"If you bet 10 times over five hours of play and nobody calls you, then you have to start adding some bluffs. If you get called, they will see you bluffing, which will get you future action. And, if you can get away with a bluff, you're winning money.

#### DITCH THE HATS, SHADES AND HEADPHONES

"I don't think that all that stuff helps. People want to go and have a nice social experience. But if people know when you are weak and when you are strong, then go ahead and put sunglasses on."



#### KNOW WHEN TO FOLD 'EM

"Going for broke on every hand is a horrible strategy. A lot of times you'll have the second- or third-best hand and you're going to get called by the best hand."

#### SKILL TRUMPS LUCK

"A bad player will never beat a good player if they play 10 hours, no matter how much luck is involved. In 1986, the Supreme Court ruled that poker players can pay taxes as a business because the game is a game of skill."



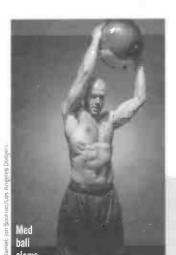
#### PRACTICE, PRACTICE, PRACTICE

"The more experience you have, the better. Some of the online poker players have played more hands in six months than I have in my lifetime. ... You can pick up a lot of experience quickly if you're playing online poker."

# 5 WAYS TO BULLETPROOF YOUR LOWER B BY RILLY BROWN

For millions of Americans, lower back pain is a common occurrence. We asked Los Angeles Dodgers strength and conditioning coach Brandon McDaniel for his best advice on keeping the aches and

# pains at bay.



#### >> MAXIMIZE GLUTEUS

"The stronger you make your glutes (butt), the better you'll be at bending over to pick things up without hurting your back," McDaniel says. "I'll start a rookie with goblet squats or kettlebell deadlifts," Once mastered, move up to barbells with heavier weight.

#### >> MORE CORE

Your core works as a support structure for your lower back. "Planks, side planks and glute bridges are all good for strengthening your core." Warm up for your workouts with three rounds of one minute each of those exercises to get your core ready to work.

#### >> NO HEAVY **MACHINERY**

If your back is sore, don't attempt to "strengthen" it by using the back extension machine at your gym. "That machine will likely just break it down more."

#### >> LOOSEN UP

If you're sore from yesterday's workout, go through a thorough warm-up. "Go through a dynamic movement, hit the foam roller. stretch and warm up thoroughly," McDaniel says.

#### **<<** MEDICINE BALL

"Medicine ball chest passes and med ball slams" both force your core to tighten and adjust to the weight as you catch and throw it.



# EAT LIKE A FAN

# PASS THE PARTY OF

On Super Bowl Sunday, football fans will consume roughly 20 million pounds of chips — of both the potato and tortilla variety. But what's a chip without dip? We decided to run a supermarket sweep on the best dips money can buy. Open the jars and get ready to refill the chips, your party will love these dips.

#### **CHEESY DOES IT**

Fritos Jalapeño Cheddar Dip Intended to be served piping hot, this multipurpose cheese sauce has enough jalapeño spice to jump start a plate of tortilla chips or a chili dog begging for ooey-gooey cheesy spiciness.



#### COWBOY UP

Pace Black Bean Dip A new offering from the folks who made picante famous, this Southwest-style bean dip has a smooth consis-

tency and delivers just enough of a tasty garlic kick. Perfect for nachos.



#### **CREAM OF THE CROP**

Tostitos Creamy Spinach Dip Served hot or cold, this creamy blend packs a flavorful punch and goes with just about anything. Chips beware, with this dip

around someone might actually eat off the vegetable tray.



#### OOH LA LA

Lay's French Onion Dip
This take on a classic dip

walks a fine line by offering just enough of that zesty onion flavor

without



being so pungent and overpowering that no one wants to talk to you.

arrison McClary/Athl





# IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT SYMBICORT

Please read this summary carefully and then ask your doctor about SYMBICORT.

No advertisement can provide all the information needed to determine if a drug is right for you or take the place of careful discussions with your health care provider. Only your health care provider has the training to weigh the risks and benefits of a prescription drug.

#### WHAT IS THE MOST IMPORTANT INFORMATION I SHOULD KNOW ABOUT SYMBICORT?

People with asthma who take long-acting beta, agonist (LABA) medicines, such as formoterol (one of the medicines in SYMBICORT), have an increased risk of death from asthma problems. It is not known whether budesonide, the other medicine in SYMBICORT, reduces the risk of death from asthma problems seen with formoterol.

SYMBICORT should be used only if your health care provider decides that your asthma is not well controlled with a long-term asthma control medicine, such as an inhaled corticosteroid, or that your asthma is severe enough to begin treatment with SYMBICORT. Talk with your health care provider about this risk and the benefits of treating your asthma with SYMBICORT.

If you are taking SYMBICORT, see your health care provider if your asthmat does not improve or gets worse. It is important that your health care provider assess your asthma control on a regular basis. You do toot will decide if it is possible for you to stop taking SYMBICORT and start taking a long-term asthma control medicine without loss of asthma control.

Get emergency medical care if:

- · breathing problems worsen quickly, and
- you use your rescue inhaler medicine, but it does not relieve your breathing problems.

Children and adolescents who take LABA medicines may be at increased risk of being hospitalized for asthma problems.

#### WHAT IS SYMBICORT?

SYMBICORT is an inhaled prescription medicine used for asthma and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD). It contains two medicines:

- Budesonide (the same medicine found in Pulmicort Flexhaler", an inhaled corticosteroid), Inhaled corticosteroids help to decrease inflammation in the lungs, Inflammation in the lungs can lead to asthma completes.
- Formoterol (the same medicine found in Foradil<sup>®</sup> Aerolizer<sup>®</sup>), LABA medicines are used in patients with COPD and asthma to help the muscles in the airways of your lungs stay relaxed to prevent asthma symptoms, such as wheezing and shortness of breath. These symptoms can happen when the muscles in the airways tighten. This makes it hard to breathe, which, in severe cases, can cause breathing to stop completely if not treated right away.

SYMBICORT is used for asthma and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease as follows:

#### Asthma

SYMBICORT is used to control symptoms of asthma and prevent symptoms such as wheezing in adults and children ages 12 and older.

#### Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease

COPD is a chronic lung disease that includes chronic bronchitis, emphysema, or both. SYMBICORT 160/4.5 mog is used long term, two times each day, to help improve lung function for better breathing in adults with COPD.

#### WHO SHOULD NOT USE SYMBICORT?

Do not use SYMBICORT to treat sudden severe symptoms of asthma or COPD or if you are allergic to any of the ingredients in SYMBICORT,

#### WHAT SHOULD I TELL MY HEALTH CARE PROVIDER BEFORE USING SYMBICORT?

Tell your health care provider about all of your health conditions, including if you;

- · have heart problems
- have high blood pressure
- have seizures
- have thyroid problems
- have diahetes
- · have liver problems
- have osteoporosis
- · have an immune system problem
- have eye problems such as increased pressure in the eye, glaucoma, or cataracts
- · are allergic to any medicines
- are exposed to chicken pox or measles
- are pregnant or planning to become pregnant. It is not known if SYMBICORT may harm your unborn baby
- are breast-feeding. Budesonide, one of the active Ingredients in SYMBICORT, passes into breast milk. You and your health care provider should decide if you will take SYMBICORT while breast-feeding

Tell your health care provider about all the medicines you take including prescription and nonprescription medicines, vitamins, and herbal supplements. SYMBICORT and certain other medicines may interact with each other and can cause senous side effects. Know all the medicines you take. Keep a list and show it to your health care provider and pharmacist each time you get a new medicine.

#### HOW DO I USE SYMBICORT?

Oo not use SYMBICORT unless your health care provider has taught you and you understand everything. Ask your health care provider or pharmacist if you have any questions.

Use SYMBICORT exactly as prescribed. Do not use SYMBICORT more often than prescribed. SYMBICORT comes in two strengths for asthma: 80/4.5 mcg and 160/4.5 mcg. Your health care provider will prescribe the strength that is best for you. SYMBICORT 160/4.5 mcg is the approved dosage for COPD.

- SYMBICORT should be taken every day as 2 puffs in the morning and 2 puffs in the evening.
- Rinse your mouth with water and spit the water out after each dose (2 puffs) of SYMBICORT. This will help lessen the chance of getting a fungus infection (thrush) in the mouth and throat.
- Do not spray SYMBICORT in your eyes. If you accidentally get SYMBICORT in your eyes, rinse your eyes with water. If redness or irritation persists, call your health care provider.
- Do not change or stop any medicines used to control or treat your breathing problems. Your health care provider will change your medicines as needed
- While you are using SYMBICORT 2 times each day, do not use other mediclines that contain a long-acting beta, agonist (LABA) for any reason. Ask your health care provider or pharmacist if any of your other medicines are LABA medicines.
- SYMBICORT does not relieve sudden symptoms. Always have a rescue inhaler medicine with you to treat sudden symptoms. If you do not have a rescue inhaler, call your health care provider to have one prescribed for you.

Call your health care provider or get medical care right away if:

- your breathing problems worsen with SYMBICORT
- you need to use your rescue inhaler medicine more often than usual
- your rescue inhaler does not work as well for you at relieving symptoms
- you need to use 4 or more inhalations of your rescue inhaler medicine for 2 or more days in a row
- you use one whole canIster of your rescue inhaler medicine in 8 weeks' time
- your peak flow meter results decrease, Your health care provider will tell you the numbers that are right for you
- your symptoms do not improve after using SYMBICORT regularly for 1 week

#### WHAT MEDICATIONS SHOULD I NOT TAKE WHEN USING SYMBICORT?

While you are using SYMBICORT, do not use other medicines that contain a long-acting beta, agonist (LABA) for any reason, such as:

- Serevent<sup>®</sup> Diskus<sup>®</sup> (salmeterol xinafoate inhalation powder)
- Advair Diskus® or Advair® HFA (fluticasone propionate and salmeterol)
- Formoterol-containing products such as Foradil Aerolizer, Brovana<sup>9</sup>, or Perforamist<sup>9</sup>

#### WHAT ARE THE POSSIBLE SIDE EFFECTS WITH SYMBICORT?

SYMBICORT can cause serious side effects.

- Increased risk of pneumonia and other lower respiratory tract infections if you have COPD. Call your health care provider if you notice any of these symptoms: increase in mucus production, change in mucus color, fever, chills, increased cough, increased breathing problems
- Sersous allergic reactions including rash; hives; swelling of the face, mouth and tongue; and breathing problems. Call your health care provider or get emergency care if you get any of these symptoms
- Immune system effects and a higher chance for Infections
- Adrenal Insufficiency—a condition in which the adrenal glands do not make enough steroid hormones
- Cardiovascular and central nervous system effects of LABAs, such as chest pain, increased blood pressure, fast or irregular heartbeat, tremor, or pervoyaspess
- Increased wheezing right after taking SYMBICORT
- Eye problems, including glaucoma and cataracts. You should have regular eye exams while using SYMBICORT
- Osteoporosis. People at risk for increased bone-loss may have a greater risk with SYMBICORT
- Slowed growth in children, As a result, growth should be carefully monitored
- Swelling of your blood vessels. This can happen in people with asthma
- Decreases in blood potassium levels and increases in blood sugar levels

#### WHAT ARE COMMON SIDE EFFECTS OF SYMBICORT?

Patients with Asthma

Sore throat, headache, upper respiratory tract infection, thrush in the mouth and throat

Patients with COPD

Thrush in the mouth and throat

These are not all the side effects with SYMBICORT. Ask your health care provider or pharmacist for more information.

NOTE: This summary provides important information about SYMBICORT. For more information, please ask your doctor or health care provider.

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Inflammation, the root cause of asthma, is always there, making you more vulnerable to triggers. So, while it's important to avoid triggers, it's also important to treat this inflammation. SYMBICORT helps reduce that underlying inflammation, which can mean improved lung function, and better breathing all day and night, when taken twice dally. Once your asthma is well controlled with SYMBICORT, your doctor may switch you to a long-term asthma control medicine such as an inhaled corticosteroid.

#### IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT SYMBICORT

Important Safety Information About SYMBICORT

SYMBICORT contains formoterol, a long-acting beta,-adrenergic agonist (LABA). LABA medicines such as formoterol increase the risk of death from asthma problems. It is not known whether budesonide, the other medicine in SYMBICORT, reduces the risk of death from asthma problems seen with formoterol.

- Call your health care provider if breathing problems worsen over time while using SYMBICORT. You may need different treatment
- · Get emergency medical care if:
  - o Breathing problems worsen quickly, and
  - You use your rescue inhaler medicine, but it does not relieve your breathing problems

SYMBICORT should be used only if your health care provider decides that your asthma is not well controlled with a long-term asthma control medicine, such as an inhaled corticosteroid, or that your asthma is severe enough to begin treatment with SYMBICORT.

If you are taking SYMBICORT, see your health care provider if your asthma does not improve or gets worse. It is important that your health care provider assess your asthma control on a regular basis. Your doctor will decide if it is possible for you to stop taking SYMBICORT and start taking a long-term asthma control medicine without loss of asthma control.

Children and adolescents who take LABA medicines may have an increased risk of being hospitalized for asthma problems.

SYMBICORT does not replace rescue inhalers for sudden symptoms.

Be sure to tell your health care provider about all your health conditions, including heart conditions or high blood pressure, and all medicines you may be taking. Some patients taking SYMBICORT may experience increased blood pressure, heart rate, or change in heart rhythm.

Do not use SYMBICORT more often than prescribed. While taking SYMBICORT, never use another medicine containing a LABA for any reason. Ask your health care provider or pharmacist if any of your other medicines are LABA medicines.

SYMBICORT can cause serious side effects, including:

 Pneumonia and other lower respiratory tract infections. People with COPD may have a higher chance of pneumonia. Call your doctor if you notice any of the following symptoms: change in amount or color of mucus, fever, chills, increased cough, or increased breathing problems



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- Serious allergic reactions including rash, hives, swelling of the face, mouth and tongue, and breathing problems
- Immune system effect and a higher chance of infection. Tell your health care provider
  if you think you are exposed to infections such as chicken pox or measles, or if you
  have any signs of infection such as fever, pain, body aches, chills, feeling tired, nausea,
  or vomiting
- Adrenal insufficiency. This can happen when you stop taking oral corticosteroid medicines and start inhaled corticosteroid medicine
- Using too much of a LABA medicine may cause chest pain, increase in blood pressure, fast and irregular heartbeat, headache, tremor, or nervousness
- Increased wheezing right after taking SYMBICORT. Always have a rescue inhaler with you to treat sudden wheezing
- Eye problems including glaucoma and cataracts. You should have regular eye exams while using SYMBICORT
- Lower bone mineral density can happen in people who have a high chance for low bone mineral density (osteoporosis)
- Slowed growth in children. A child's growth should be checked regularly while using SYMBICORT
- Swelling of blood vessels (signs include a feeling of pins and needles or numbness of arms or legs, flu like symptoms, rash, pain or swelling of the sinuses), decrease in blood potassium and increase in blood sugar levels

Common side effects in patients with asthma include nose and throat irritation, headache upper respiratory tract infection, sore throat, sinusitis, stomach discomfort, flu. back pain, nasal Congestion, vomiting, and thrush in the mouth and throat.

#### Approved Uses for SYMBICORT

SYMBICORT 80/4.5 and 160/4.5 are medicines for the treatment of asthma for people 12 years and older whose doctor has determined that their asthma is not well controlled with a long-term asthma control medicine such as an inhaled corticosteroid or whose asthma is severe enough to begin treatment with SYMBICORT. SYMBICORT is not a treatment for sudden asthma symptoms.

Please see Important Product Information on adjacent page and discuss with your doctor.

You are encouraged to report negative side effects of prescription drugs to the FDA. Visit www.fda.gov/medwatch or call 1-800-FDA-1088.

Ask your doctor about SYMBICORT Learn more at MySymbicort.com



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#### A MODEL CAMPER

# On the circus and self-esteem

BY MIRINDA LEA JAMES

Special Columnist

or a fun alternative to a traditional summer camp experience, consider sending your child to CircEsteem Camp, located at 4730 N. Sheridan Road in Chicago.

The mission of CircEsteem is to improve the campers' self-esteem and interpersonal communication skills using fun and interactive circus activities such as juggling, clowning, acrobatics, trapeze, tight rope walking, aerial arts etc. Students are allowed to work at their own pace in an interactive hands-on environment. The camp provides a supportive and challenging environment to learn these fun circus activities and to develop self-confidence and a sense of their personal potential. The summer camp and the classes offered by CircEsteem are open to children ages 6 and up. Enrollment is open. Receive a 10-percent early-bird discount if you register by March 15. In 2015, camp will be held Monday - Friday from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Weekly sessions will be held from June 22 - Aug. 14. Before and after care are available.

Children who attend this weeklong program will have the opportunity to show off their newly acquired circus performing skills to their family and friends during a show at the end of the week. Campers are given the opportunity to play with. different outfits and props during their performance preparation in order to better express themselves and what they have learned during the week. CircEsteem provides opportunities for children who are beginners and learning circus for the first time, as well as advanced students wanting to perfect their circus abilities.



Check it out: Columnist Mirinda Lea James reports on CircEsteem Camp's fun, safe, supportive and challenging environment where children explore the many skills that create the circus arts. I SUPPLIED PHOTO

Campers are advised to wear tennis shoes and clothing that are suitable for physical activity, as many of the day's events are physically strenuous, such as acrobatics and aerial arts. During the process of learning the different circus performance activities, the children are allowed the opportunity to strengthen their listening and concentration skills because the activities they learn require a great deal of careful instruction and practice. The best part about the program is that the children don't even think of it as a chore because they are doing fun activities they enjoy.

CircEsteem also offers a wide variety of classes throughout the year, not just during the summer months. Classes available include

CircusReads, which enhances the students' literacy by allowing them to participate in projects and games to develop their reading, writing, and public speaking skills; Circus Arts, which includes clowning and physical comedy, unicycling and performance troop preparation; and the popular tumbling and trampoline. All of these classes, as well as the summer camp. support CircEsteem's central mission of strengthening the children's personal confidence and self-esteem in a challenging, supportive and fun atmosphere.

To view the details of CircEsteem and to read testimonials about how the summer camp program positively influenced previous campers, visit circesteem.org or call (312) 731-4242.

# Be healthy and happy at camp this summer

BY NIKI PAPAK
Banner Day Camp

These long, cold winter days sometimes make it difficult to focus on the fun of camp that awaits us every summer. A great camp is more than just fun and games. Camp provides a tremendous opportunity for children to begin laying the foundation for a healthy and happy lifestyle. Camp does more than just form a bridge between the school years. A summer spent playing, laughing, growing and learning can be the catalyst for a lifetime of happiness and success for your

Camp provides a unique opportunity to enjoy and explore a wide variety of physical activities. Traditional sports like baseball, soccer, basketball and football. provide campers an engaging opportunity to learn and play. In addition, campers gain exposure to sports and activities that they might otherwise not have experienced, such as high ropes. pioneering or kayaking. Daily swimming provides campers with a chance for physical development as well as a valuable life skill. Playgrounds and creative play areas allow campers to exercise both their bodies as well as their imaginations. This sort of play is essential to the development of healthy, well-adjusted children. Through increased physical activity, children will build stronger, healthier

bodies and an appreciation for an active lifestyle, which will in turn help set the stage for a healthier and happier adulthood. Camp provides a refreshing change from the rigors of the school year to focus on just playing and the enjoyment that comes from being outdoors.

A traditional outdoor camp setting imparts a sense of adventure and offers the freedom and opportunity to explore our natural environment. Too often, suburban sprawl confines us to small. self-contained play areas like a neighborhood park. Camp empowers children to disconnect from the TV or gaming platform and to reconnect and enjoy the expansive. natural beauty that once surrounded us. From the simple exploration of a muddy creek bed in search of animal tracks to racing down a zip line through the trees, camp provides an opportunity to unplug from the day to day grind and over-programming that has percolated down to our children. Outdoor experiences like these afford a remarkable opportunity to add a sense of wonder and awe back to play.

Camp offers all this in an environment that encourages and strengthens friendship, team building and the ability to grow while having fun. The spirit of joy and laughter that resonates through a campground, as well as permeates a child's memory, represents the most fitting tribute to any summer spent at camp. It is no surprise that

children frequently attend camp with their friends. What is perhaps more surprising is the number and depth of relationships with which children emerge from camp. Lifelong friendships are forged and cemented at camp every summer. That ability to make new friends represents an enduring skill that will continue to pay dividends through college and beyond. Every summer, campers grow so close to their counselors that the joy of the summer is always punctuated by the realization of how much they will miss their counselor; at least they will see them back at camp next year.

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# **Explorers clinic introduces tennis to toddlers**

BY ANDY FRYE

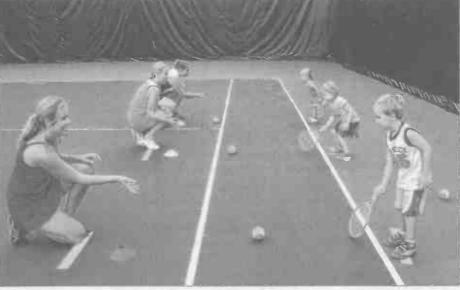
For Sun-Times Media

The Chicago-based Midtown Athletic Clubs knows it's never too early to introduce the game to the next generation of tennis enthusiasts, particularly little ones. Tennis Explorers is geared specifically to introducing three- and four-vear-olds to tennis. This a one-of-a-kind program at Midtown, a national leader in tennis for 40 some years, is offered at its clubs in its Chicago, Bannockburn, Palatine and Willowbrook locations. Visit midtown.com/tennisexplorers for schedules and registration information for each location.

The Tennis Explorer's program is a fun, creative way for toddlers to develop their motor skills. By using play and imagination, the program blends physical activities with storytelling in an on-court environment.

The 10-week program consists of 45-minute classes that include participation with a parent or caregiver. Club membership is not required. Children can learn tennis with a child-appropriate, 17-inch racket on a court with a shorter net using a ball, called a red ball, which is lighter with less bounce.

"There's a different approach to teaching children,"



On the ball: Tennis Explorers delivers a creative approach to giving three- and four-year-old kids a start in tennis and a boost in developing their fundamental motor skills, which is the foundation of all athletics.

said Mike Mahoney, general manager and senior vice president of Midtown's Chicago club. "We've designed the program to give children the chance to develop motor skills, balance and coordination in an environment they can relate to."

Right-sized rackets and smaller courts are one thing; however, the aim is also to not only be physically active but also socially interactive.

During each of the 10

weeks, the instructor and children talk about other countries. One week, it's England, France and Italy. The next, they will learn about countries in Africa, Asia and the Western Hemisphere. The purpose is to teach children to think and talk about other cultures and the places that both tennis and a good education can take them. After each lesson, the kids get new stamp in their Tennis Explorers passport. Participants will also receive a kid-sized traveling backpack designed by Wilson Sporting Goods.

Developed by an earlychild-education specialist, Tennis Explorers hones in on promoting hand-eye coordination, footwork and the program to give children the chance to develop motor skills, balance and coordination in an environment they can relate to."

"We've designed

MIKE MAHONEY, Midtown Athletic Club

as well as classic kid fun such as running, jumping and skipping exercises. Meanwhile, children gain composure on control body position and posture, while boosting their interaction with the people and their social environment. Lessons also work in learning about letters, numbers, colors and shapes.

Mahoney and Midtown think that getting kids involved early can provide that spark that will ignite a lifelong love affair with the game, while also pairing sports and recreation with a love of learning.

"We teach this kind of program first and foremost to have fun. But tennis has seen other programs, in European countries, that teach with right-sized rackets, and child appropriate sized settings." Mahoney said. "It's like a Little League field." Not only do children learn better skills better. An age appropriate tennis environment also catapults them toward greater success."

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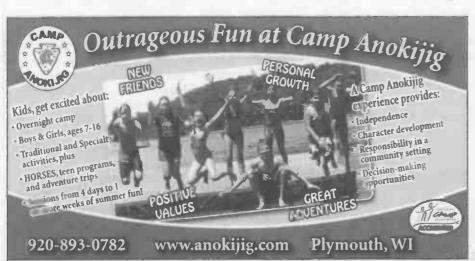
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#### **Park Board of Commissioners**

6 p.m.: Meets on the third Tuesday of the month. Howard Leisure Center, 6676 W. Howard St., Niles.

#### HAPPENING NEARBY

# Winter Reading Program: Hot Reads for

9 a.m.: The Winter Reading Program now in progress. The more one reads, the greater one's chances to win weekly prizes of gift cards to the Glenview Grind or the grand prize—a specially designed themed gift basket. Stop by the Reader Services Desk to fill out an entry slip for each book read in January and rate your book on a scale of hot to cold. Can't make it to the Library to submit your entry? Enter online at glenviewpl.org/booksEbooks beginning Jan. 4. Open to Glenview Library adults and high school teens. A special thanks to the Glenview Grind for being the sponsor. Program ends on Jan. 31. Glenvlew Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview. Call 847-729-7500.

#### **Humanities Discussion**

10:15 a.m.: The group meets each Thursday to discuss some of the classics. Park Ridge Senior Center, 100 S. Western Ave., Park Ridge. Call 847-692-5127.

#### **NEW!** GenealogyBank

2 p.m.: Discover how to search for historical newspapers with the GenealogyBank database. Registration and Glenview Library card required. Register at glenviewpl.org/register, 847-729-7500 Ext. 7700, or the Reference Services Desk. Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview. Call 847-729-7500.

#### **Lyric Opera of Chicago Lecture Series: Tannhauser**

7 p.m.: Tannhauser by Richard Wagner - Tales of intrigue, love, and death from the Lyric Opera season. Moderated by Lyric Opera docents. Register at glenviewpl.org/register, 847-729-7500 Ext. 7600, or the Reader Services Desk. Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview. Call 847-729-7500.

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#### **Duplicate Bridge**

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

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#### **Share the Warmth**

9 a.m.: Volunteers wanted — Join a group of warm, friendly, supportive women (men welcome) to prepare one-of-a-kind fleece blankets for chemo patients. Add a crochet edge to fleece and send these free blankets to new adult chemotherapy patients. You can be taught a basic crochet stitch if needed. Bring lunch. Gatherings often last until 2 or 3 p.m. North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Road, Northfield. Call 847-784-6000.

#### **Handicrafters**

10 a.m.: Held every Friday at 10 a.m. Park Ridge Senior Center, 100 S. Western Ave., Park Ridge. Call 847-692-5127.

#### **Gamers**

I p.m.: The group meets every Friday. Park Ridge Senior Center, 100 S. Western Ave., Park Ridge. Call 847-692-5127.

#### Friendship Club: Fun in the Dark

7 p.m.: For children in third-through eighth grades, who want to make friends in a supportive environment, trained Friendship Ambassadors (in fourth through 12th grades) host fun and engaging events where everyone feels welcome. Registration is required and preference is given to Glenview Library cardholders. Register at glenviewol.org/register. call or stop by the Youth Services Desk. Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview. Call 847-729-7500 ext. 7900.

#### **Friday Night Live**

7 p.m.: Friday Night Live Club is a fun and safe club designed for students in fourth and fifth grades. Each month is themed with live DJ. Everyone is guaranteed to have a blast! Pre-register or pay at the door. Concessions are available (pizza/ hot dogs, pop, water, candy, and chips). Register online at www.prparks.org Maine Park Leisure Center, 2701 W. Sibley St., Park Ridge. Call 847-692-5127, \$5 at the door.

#### **Snowshoe Ramble to Lake County**

9 a.m.: Snowshoe the trails at Daniel Wright Woods near Mettawa, exploring through woodlands and along the DesPlaines River. Snowshoe or hike at

this Lake County Forest Preserve as conditions permit. Dress in layers and wear warm, sturdy hiking boots. Trail snacks, snowshoes, and transportation by van are provided. Please note, lunch at a local restaurant is not included in the fee. Ages 18+. Emily Oaks Nature Center, 4650 Brummel St., Skokie. Call 847-677-7001. \$32 Skokie resident, \$40 non-resident.

#### **Indoor Farmers' Market**

9 a.m.: Come buy local frozen berries, meats, cheeses, a variety of winter vegetables, baked goods, preserves, soups and much more. Link cards accepted, including matching Double Value incentive! A children's activity table provided by the Glenview New Church School, The Glenview New Church, 74 Park Dr., Glenview. Call 847-962-4073.

#### **Shabbat Children's Program**

9 a.m.: Children in Shabbat Kids Club can enjoy a program that includes davening, interactive games, a healthy snack and stories. Lubavitch Chabad of Skokie, 4059 Dempster St., Skokie. Call 847-677-

#### **Skokie Art Guild**

9:30 a.m.: The group offers figure drawing workshops every Saturday. There are live models but no instructor. Devonshire Cultural Center, 4400 Greenwood St., Skokie. Call 847-673-4450. \$20 per session; \$12 for guild members.

#### Family Art & Adventure: Parent/Child

10 a.m.: Now the whole family can enjoy creative exploration together. Support your child's creativity in an open, playful atmosphere where adventurous use of materials is encouraged. Taught by Jan Ellenstein who has been making art fun for children for the last thirty years! Great for kids of all ages. Open Studio Project, 903 Sherman Ave., Evanston. Call (847)475-0390. \$30, \$15 for each additional

#### Baby Signs®: Family Sign, Say & Play™

Il a.m.: Pre-readers learn sign language with their families—new vocabulary, songs, and play activities each month. Led by Jamie Stevens, ASL interpreter and certified Baby Signs® instructor. Ages birth-5. Just drop in. Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, Call 847-729-7500,

#### Eat & Make: Scones and Tea Towels

2 p.m.: Join in an afternoon of food and crafts. This month, learn to make lemon blueberry scones and decorated tea towels in a casual tea party setting. Ages IO and up. All supplies are provided, but spots are limited, so sign up in advance. Elmwood Park Public Library, I W. Conti Parkway, Elmwood Park. Call (708) 453-7645.

#### **LEGO®** Robotics Workshop

2:30 p.m.: Staff from C & A Robot Factory guide teams step-by-step in building and then using

computer software to animate their LEGO® creations. Grade 5-8. Registration is required and preference is given to Glenview Library cardholders. Register at glenviewpl.org/register, 847-729-7500 Ext. 7900, or the Youth Services Desk. Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview.

#### Strike Out Hunger

6 p.m.: Heartland Health Outreach (HHO) is hosting its 18th annual Strike Out Hunger bowling fundraiser. The event will raise funds for HHO's Vital Bridges Center on Chronic Care program. This fundralsing-favorite typically welcomes more than 100 guests and is the result of a combined effort of the 9 tol2 Bowling League, River Rand Bowl and HHO. At Strike Out Hunger, guests bowl three games in teams of six and enjoy a light dinner and snacks while grooving to music by DJ Jim Stubblefield. Guests will have the opportunity to enter two raffles. more throughout Chicago. Individual tickets are \$40 or \$200 for a team of six and are available online at http://action.heartlandalliance. org/site/Calendar?id=105481&view=Detail. River Rand Bowl, 191 S. River Road, Des Plaines, Call 773-271-5140, \$40-\$200.

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#### **Owl Moon Fireside**

6:30 p.m.: Hear the delightful story, "Owl Moon," about a young girl who goes owling with her father in winter, and learn how to "whoo, whoo" like Great Horned Owls searching for a mate. Attendees will be heading outdoors to call to the owls, so dress for the weather. The fireside concludes with hot chocolate and a look at owl pellets. Ages 3+. Emily Oaks Nature Center, 4650 Brummel St., Skokie. Call 847-677-7001. \$5.

#### New Trier Booster Bash, catch the Green **Team spirit!**

7:30 p.m.: The New Trier Booster Club hosts their annual fundraising event. The Bash takes place at Flelds Land Rover's new showroom and lasts

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until I0:30 p.m. Spirited welcome from Head Football Coach, Brian Doll, and Head Girls Soccer Coach, Jim Burnside. Jam to the music of: soulful/blues music of Will Tilson; the popular local band T-Byrdz. Event co-chairs are Jennifer MacRitchie and Amy Thompson. New Trier Booster Club also hosts an online auction opening Jan. 22. Go to www.NTBooster.com for tickets and auction. Fields Land Rover Northfield, 670 Frontage Road, Northfield. \$80 - \$100.

#### EUNDAY, FEB, F

#### **Skokie: Invaded But Not Conquered**

2 p.m.: Registration required In 1977, Skokie was shaken to its core when a small group of neo-Nazis tried to march there. This attracted national and international attention, leading to landmark legal cases. The American Nazi Party's application for a parade permit here set the stage for a clear-cut conflict between the organization's First Amendment rights and Skokle residents' right to live free of intimidation. The film made extensive use of archival footage and contemporary interviews to reveal how a debate over First Amendment rights inspired Holocaust survivors to create the Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center. This 60-minute film screening is followed by a discussion led by Buzz Alpert, community activist during that time. Lincolnwood Public Library, 4000 W. Pratt Ave., Lincolnwood. Call 847-677-5277 x232. Free.

#### **Misericordia Super Bowl Fundraiser**

4 p.m.: Zia's Trattoria is hosting it's 8th Annual Super Bowl Party benefiting Misericordia. Enjoy an array of Zia's Food on Buffet and Open Bar. Zia's Trattoria, 6699 N. Northwest Highway, Chicago. Call 773-775-0808. \$100.

#### MONDAY, FEB. 2

#### **Money Matters Discussion**

IO a.m.: The group meets on the first and third Monday of each month. Park Ridge Senior Center, IOÓ S. Western Ave., Park Ridge.

#### MyMediaMall and Zinio Individual Appointments

IO a.m.: Meet with trained Library staff and/or volunteers for a 45-minute one-on-one session and learn how to download an eBook, eAudiobook, or eMagazine to one's portable device. Appointments are also available on Feb. 9, I6 and 23. For questions, to register, and for appointment locations visit the Reader Services Desk or call 847-729-7500 Ext. 7600. Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview. Call 847-729-7500.

#### Financial Investment Club

10 a.m.: The Eisenhower Library Financial Invest-

ment Club meets on the first Monday of every month to discuss investment portfolios and stock tips. Eisenhower Public Library, 4613 N. Oketo Ave., Harwood Heights. Call 708-867-7828.

#### **MGPL Kids: Monday Morning Playgroup**

I0:30 a.m.: Drop-in play time for preschoolers with a parent or caregiver to introduce young children to the library in a low-key, unstructured session. Call 847-929-5102 or visit www.mgpl.org for more information. Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove. Free.

#### **Page Turners**

I p.m.: "The Light Between Oceans" by M.L. Stedman. Meets monthly. Book selections are available at the Reader Services Desk one month prior to meetings. New members are always welcome. Just drop in. Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview. Call 847-729-7500.

#### **Knitting Roundtable for Adults**

2:30 p.m.: Work through knitting projects and socialize with fellow knitters. Expert knitters can show you how to solve knitting challenges. Call 847-929-5101 or visit www.mgpl.org for more information. Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove.

#### **Yarn Gang**

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

#### **Science Night**

6 p.m.: Can a large, fuzzy brown rodent really predict the weather? Have fun with the family while learning about groundhogs, shadows, and meet Wildwood Nature Center's groundhog cousins the prairie dogs! Register online at www.prparks.org. Wildwood Nature Center, 529 Forestview Ave., Park Ridge. Call 847-692-3570. \$12 per family.

#### **Alzheimer's Support Group**

6:30 p.m.: Meets on the first Tuesday of each month. Home Instead Senior Care, 8822 Niles Center Road, Skokie. Call 847-673-1250.

#### **Jewish Soul Care Sampler**

6:30 p.m.: Beth Hillel Congregation Bnai Emunah, presents "Jewish Soul Care Sampler" a mid-winter micro retreat for the soul. Rabbi Heather Altman, a Yoga Alliance registered yoga teacher will lead classes at 6:30 p.m. on Feb. 2, 9 and 23. Call for information. Beth Hillel Congregation, 3220 Big Tree Lane, Wilmette. Call 847-256-1213. \$10 per person/per session.

#### **Park Ridge City Council Meeting**

7 p.m.: Park Ridge City Hall, 505 Butler Place, Park Ridge. Call 847-318-5200.

#### **Beyond Google Group**

7 p.m.: Internet savvy is just a click away. Explore the latest Internet developments and search techniques. Attendees' questions direct the discussion—bring them! New members are welcome. Just drop in. Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview. Call 847-729-7500.

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# La-Z-Boy customer can't get comfy with return policy



ear Help Squad, I'm hoping you might be able to help me in my fight with La-Z-Boy over the purchase of a recliner. I have had over three months' worth of interaction with "Customer Care." I really don't know what to do next. PLEASE, PLEASE help me return this chair that now sits unused in my living room. I am simply exhausted!

Pam, Huntley

Help Squad asked Pam to provide more information on the issue she was experiencing with her new recliner. In response, Pam sent a very detailed log documenting every interaction she had had with La-Z-Boy from the chair's purchase on Aug. 9, to La-Z-Boy's several attempts at repair, to her complete exasperation on Dec. 23, following several requests for a full refund.

Below is a summary of her saga:

- 8/9/14 Pam ordered "the chair of her dreams," a leather Pinnacle Power Recliner XR+, for \$2024.29.
- 9/17/14 The chair was delivered. Immediately after sitting in the chair, Pam was "horrified by how badly it hurt my back. It felt like a brick in my lumbar area!" She was told by the store there was nothing they could do: La-Z-Boy Customer Care would have to schedule a technician to come out.
- 10/1/14 A technician from Advantage came to Pam's home, looked at the chair without sitting in it, took pictures and stated it met company standards.
- 10/8/14 Customer Care called and said there was nothing wrong with the chair. Pam asked for a refund and was denied. Following a lengthy conversation. Pam was told she would receive a new back cushion.
- 10/20/14 Pam received, not a new back cushion, but two large bags of stuffing that required another visit from Advantage to remove and replace the seat back's innards.
- 11/3/14 Upon replacing the stuffing, the Advantage technician informed Pam there had been several complaints about this particular recliner. For a short time the new stuffing provided Pam some relief from her recliner's "brick-like" lumbar support, but within two weeks the cushion compacted.
  - 11/17/14 Pam called Customer Care

again, and again Advantage was scheduled for a house call. Said Pam, "By now I felt like I was in the movie 'Groundhog Day'!"

• 12/12/14 No call or visit from Advantage resulted from Pam's Nov. 17 call to Customer Care. Pam was furious. She contacted a Customer Care manager and demanded a full refund. She asked, "What does La-Z-Boy's motto 'Live Life Comfortably' mean?'

According to Pam, the manager responded, "Ma'am, we do not guarantee comfort." An Advantage technician arrived that afternoon to inspect and sit in the recliner. He agreed the chair was not comfortable.

• 12/19/14 A La-Z-Boy Customer Care representative called Pam after receiving Advantage's report. Pam was told her chair was up to code. Pam expressed her expletive-sprinkled disbelief and was asked by Customer Care if she would like a manager to call her back.

As of Jan. 15, 2015, Pam still had not heard from a La-Z-Boy manager. On Jan. 16, Help Squad called La-Z-Boy Customer Care and was immediately referred to Amy Hellebuyck, manager of brand marketing and public relations. Help Squad explained Pam's situation to Amy and forwarded Pam's detailed call log.

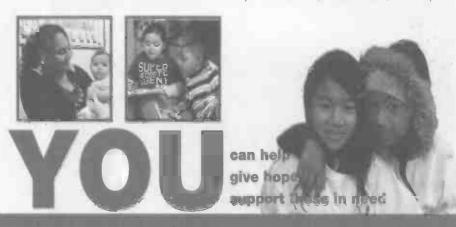
The next morning Help Squad received the following email: "I've worked with our escalation team to address this matter. [T] he team will be contacting the customer today to pick up the chair and issue a full refund. We believe this will help resolve the

Pam was thrilled! But then ... the sched--uled pick-up day came and went with no

The next morning Help Squad got back in touch with Amy. She very quickly looked into the situation and less than four hours later the chair was picked up. By that evening a full refund had been posted to Pam's credit card.

#### Need help?

Did a utilities company overcharge you? Did a boutique deny your request for a return? Are you the victim of fraudulent business practices? Is someone just exhibiting bad business behavior? Let Help Squad make the call for you. Send your letters, your complaints, your injustices and your story ideas to HelpSquad@ pioneerlocal.com and we will be happy to help you.



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#### BIZ NOTES

Thomas W. Begg Jr. of Indian Head Park, director of security life safety for the AON Center in Chicago, was awarded the Security Professional of the Year Award by the Building Owners & Managers Association of Chicago. Begg has been employed at the AON Center for more than 10 years.

Des Plaines Office Equipment has joined the M-Files Corporation Partner Program. As an M-Files partner, Des Plaines Office Equipment joins more than 375 other partners in more than 80 countries.

The Chicago advertising industry honored David Selby, president of Schafer Condon Carter, with the Chicago Advertising Federation Silver Medal award for his career and community accomplishments on Jan. 22 at a gala luncheon in Chicago.

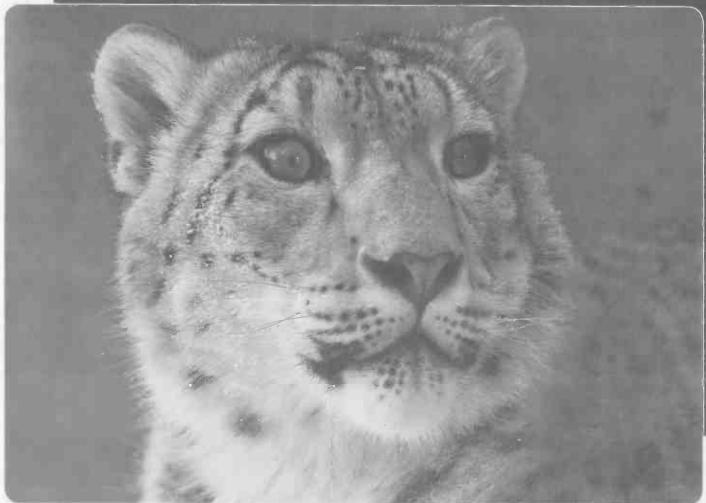
John L. D'Angelo Jr., vice president of engineering and facilities operations at New York-Presbyterian Hospital, has been named the new vice president for facilities at Northwestern University, effective Feb. 16. D'Angelo will be responsible for the development and management of the Evanston and Chicago campuses and will play an advisory, high-level, oversight role for the Doha campus in Qatar. He was chosen after a national search to succeed former Vice President Ron Navler.

First Bank & Trust is honored to announce that two of its top executives — Senior Vice President of Commercial Banking Michael Corr and Vice President of Banking and Branch Manager David Putrus - both recently began terms as presidents of the Evanston and Skokie chambers of commerce, respectively.

Lake Zurich resident, long-time Comcast employee and project management and process improvement expert Wendy Liu has been named vice president of Customer Experience for Comcast's Greater Chicago.

Brookfield Zoo animal spotlight

# SNOW LEOPARDS





Pioneer Press features one (or more) of Brookfield Zoo's animals each month with some background information about the animal, its species, its family and its connection to the zoo. This month is the snow leopard, which lives in The Fragile Kingdom exhibit.

#### Q: Tell us a little bit about the snow leopards at Brookfield Zoo.

A: In the wild, snow leopards live in a range that extends across 12 countries in Central Asia, from Eastern Afghanistan and Uzbekistan, northeast through China and Mongolia to Southern Russia and south to Northern India, Bhutan and Nepal. Despite their extensive range, there are only about 6,500 left in the wild. They have been considered endangered since the mid 1980s.

The Chicago Zoological Society, which manages Brookfield Zoo, participates in the Association of Zoos and Aquariums Snow Leopard Species Survival Plan and is home

to a breeding pair. Male Sabu was born at the Cape May Zoo on May 10, 2010. Female Sarani, born Oct. 13, 2011, hails from Tautphaus Park Zoo. They both arrived at Brookfield Zoo in October 2011. Sabu and Sarani have one male offspring named Everest. He was born on June 13, 2013, and now lives at Lincoln Children's Zoo in Nebraska, where it is expected he will also breed.

#### Q: How agile are snow leopards?

A: Snow leopards occasionally run up to 40 miles per hour in short bursts. However, the steep mountainous terrain requires jumping and climbing to a greater extent. They can jump up to 45 feet by leaping and ricocheting off the sheer rocky landscape.

#### Q: How do snow leopards stay warm in the mountains of Asia?

A: Their long, dense fur is suited to their high altitude environment. They also have a built-in blanket in their long and fluffy tail, and their paws have a cushion of hair

that increases the surface area and act like insulating snowshoes. A snow leopard's nose functions as a built-in heat exchanger. The large nasal cavity helps heat up the chilly air before it reaches the lungs. Their fur is a soft gray and cream color with dark brown or black splotches. It helps them blend in with their snowy, rocky environment. Their natural camouflage keeps them hidden from both predators and prey.

#### Q: How is the snow leopard population doing in the wild?

A: Unfortunately, their beauty has added to their endangerment. During the 1920s as many as a thousand snow leopards were killed yearly for their fur, a number that has greatly declined due to wildlife protection. Many are still poached for their fur, and for bones used as a traditional medicine. Additionally, their habitat has significantly decreased due to agricultural expansion. In agricultural areas, snow leopards hunt and kill livestock, causing farmers and ranchers to kill them in response.





TOP: Snow leopards are elusive and solitary animals ABOVE: Male Sabu and female Sarani have one male offspring named Everest.

LEFT: A snow leopard's nose functions as a built-in heat exchanger. The large nasal cavity helps heat up the chilly air before it reaches the lungs. | PHOTOS

Creating corrals for protecting livestock and supporting handicraft sources for alternate income are ongoing conservation strategies: The Chicago Zoological Society also administers the Chicago Board of Trade Endangered Species Fund, which has funded research projects focused on snow leopard conserva-

#### Q: Anything else that you want to say about these cats?

A: Snow leopards are elusive and solitary animals. Field researchers will often only see evidence of their communication with each other - scraped ground, scratched trees, shed fur, urine and feces all carrying messages to each other. Camera trapping and fecal analysis have become important toolsfor studying these rare cats. Snow leopards are also the only large cats that do not roar, although they do hiss, mew, growl, wail, and chuff. Chuffing is a friendly greeting - a soft airy vocalization.

To learn more about the snow leopards and the other animals at Brookfield Zoo, go to www.CZS.org<http://www.CZS.org> or • like Brookfield Zoo on Facebook at www. Facebook.com/BrookfieldZoo<http://www. Facebook.com/BrookfieldZoo>.

# Trend

# Concert supports photography show at Holocaust Museum



Event: On Jan. 17, the day President
Obama announced that a delegation from
the White House would be flying to Oswiecim, Poland, to attend the 70th anniversary of the liberation of concentration camp
Auschwitz-Birkenau, a local benefit offered a
commemoration a bit closer to home.

Andriy and Liliya Dikin, refugees from the former Soviet Union and current Riverwoods residents, opened their home to acclaimed musicians Yana Reznik, Ani Gogova and Arkadiy Bodner to perform a benefit concert for the Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center and nearly 100 guests.

Cause célèbre: Among the attendees was Frizie Fritzshall of Buffalo Grove, president of Skokie's IHMEC and a survivor of Auschwitz-Birkenau.

"I was among the children that were freed 70 years ago and to me the memories are still fresh," said Fritzhall.

The evening's proceeds support the IH-MEC's upcoming fine art exhibit, "Through Soviet Jewish Eyes: Photography, War and the Holocaust," which opens Feb. 22.

Created in collaboration with the Russianspeaking community of Chicago, the exhibit represents the Soviet perspective of the Holocaust with images depicting the events that took place before, during and after World War II.

"When we heard that the Holocaust Museum was considering bringing an exhibit that (showed) the tragedy of the war and the Holocaust as seen by Soviet Jews, we knew that it is a story that everyone should have the opportunity to witness," said Andriy Dikin.

Jessica Lindholm of Park Ridge, assistant director of development IHMEC, noted that this will be the first time that an exhibit is offered in both English and Russian.

"This is what we do at the Illinois Holocaust Museum. We try to show what happened yesterday so it doesn't happen again tomorrow," said Fritzhall.

**Bottom Line:** The event raised more than \$5,000. "Through Soviet Jewish Eyes: Photography, War and the Holocaust" runs through Sept. 7.



Alen Mogill of Niles with grandchildren Antosha Dikin, 4, and Katya Dikin, 5, both of Riverwoods



Viktor Nikolenko and Elen Maliuta of Mundelein



**Leonard Mogul of Vernon Hills** 



Fritzie Fritzshall of Buffalo Grove, president of the Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center, Liliya Dikin of Riverwoods, Antosha Dikin, 4, of Riverwoods, and Jessica Lindholm of Park Ridge, assistant director of development Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center | PHOTOS LEE A. LITAS/FOR PIONEER PRESS



Michael and Melinda Myers with Raisa and Felix Lyalin, all of Glenview

#### **CAUSE & EVENT**



Licia Cirone and Mary Tworek, both of Park Ridge, Ingrid Papanek of Evanston, and Marie Alves of Wilmette PHOTOS LEE A. LITAS/FOR PIONEER PRESS

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# Park Ridge CERT celebrates 10 years of being prepared

BY LAURA PAVIN For Pioneer Press

early 30 people gathered at the South Park Recreation Center on Jan. 9 to enjoy some of Jean Dietsch's incredible cooking and celebrate the tenth anniversary of the Park Ridge Community Emergency Response Team — better known

CERT is a program that equips citizens with the tools they need to respond to emergency situations in their communities, helping to protect themselves, their families and others when professional emergency responders are not immediately available. Communities throughout the country have their own CERT teams.

Park Ridge Police Officer Michael Luehr and Fire Chief Jeff Sorensen brought CERT to Park Ridge at a time when the town seemed to be faced with more flooding than it knew how to handle.

"It was like a 100-year-flood was happening every three years in Park Ridge," Luehr recalled in front of the evening's gathering.

PRCERT has since become indispensable to Park Ridge residents and emergency responders in all types of situations. Members have been deployed to help search for missing persons, control traffic for big local events, escort pedestrians safely across flooded areas, assess flood damage, sandbag, assist with road closures and more.

CERT members smiled at Luehr's words with closed mouths, as they enjoyed slices of a big "thank you" cake, among many of the other tasty delights Dietsch laid out.

Including Dietsch, 12 attendees received awards recognizing their ten years of dedicated service to the program: John and Diane Anto, Dave Donovan, Cynthia Kijek, Earl Roth, Juanita and Ted Sigg, Joe Sweeney, Anthony Tripp, Gary Warner and Tom

"It's not 'if,' it's 'when,' " said CERT Director Phil Falson, recalling a saying often heard from people involved in CERT. "When you look at nine earthquakes in 24 hours in Texas this past week ... a dozen tornadoes that came through Illinois in November of 2013. you need to be ready."



John Waters, Paul Sheehan and Shel Newman, all of Park Ridge | PHOTOS LAURA PAVIN/FOR PIONEER PRESS



Park Ridge Fire Chief Jeff Sorensen, and Mary Wynn Ryan and Jeannie Markech, both of Park Ridge



Tom Wilson and Leslie Wolf, both of Park Ridge, Park Ridge Police Officer Jason Leavitt, and Deputy Chief



Joan and Earl Roth of Park Ridge



Joan Hutchinson and Pat Lofthouse, both of Park Ridge



Jean Dietsch of Park Ridge and Park Ridge Emergency Preparedness Coordinator Paul Lisowski

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# Love is on the agenda for Artemis concert

BY MYRNA PETLICKI For Pioneer Press

he many aspects of love will be explored through song when Artemis Singers presents, "Loves Lost, Loves Found" at the Ethical Humanist Society in Skokie on Feb. 6 and 7.

Midge Stocker, vice president of the lesbian feminist chorus which was founded in 1980, is one of the musical directors of the upcoming show. "One of the things that makes Artemis different from other choruses is that we have multiple musical directors for any given concert," she noted. Another thing that makes the chorus unique is that all the members are encouraged to participate in song selection for the concerts.

Stocker said that she's sung with the chorus for 25 years

# ARTEMIS SINGERS PRESENTS, 'LOVES LOST, LOVES FOUND'

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because, "I really love the kinds of music that we sing, which is music written or arranged by women. It's lots of different styles — everything from Madrigals to pop tunes."

For the upcoming concert, Stocker will direct two pieces. "One is a medley," she said. "The main tune of it is 'Rumour Has It.' The words and music are by Adele Adkins and Ryan Tedder." Stocker is also musi-directing "Heaven Unfolding" by Andrea Ramsey.

Skokie resident Stephanie Larenas has been the piano accompanist for the chorus for 15 years. She joined because her aunt is a long-time member.

"I was in high school and they needed an accompanist," Larenas said. "I was really excited to drop in. Once I joined, I couldn't let go."

Larenas has been playing piano since she was six. She added playing trumpet to her musical accomplishments in fourth grade and guitar in high school.

The pianist is excited about the

upcoming concert. "When they talk about loves lost and loves found, I think a lot of people immediately go to the love you have for your partner or your spouse," Larenas said. "I love that this concert is really going to highlight music that could be about family, it could be about a situation in life that is no longer true."

One of Larenas' favorite selections at the concert is "Lullaby."
"It was actually my recommendation," she noted. "It makes me think of my daughter."

Larenas admitted, "I'm going to be in tears because it reminds me of my kid."

This is Lynda Elimon's second year with the chorus. She taught music for the Chicago Public Schools for "decades," Elimon laughingly revealed. She has been composing music since she was 21. Elimon gets emotional when she discusses, "There is Hope," the uplifting piece that she wrote and will direct at the concert.

"I have believed in equality for a long time," the composer asserted. "I was like this in the "70s, where I thought everybody should be treated equally. In time, my daughter told me she was a lesbian. This was okay with me. She is married and her wife is wonderful. I'm so happy for them because they're so happy. I have written several songs that were very much inspired by them and now, ultimately, by Artemis."

In the selection she wrote for "Loves Lost, Loves Found," Elimon said, her message is that, "There is hope, not just because it's the year of equality marriage. But there's hope because all people can love each other out in the open."

# **'Oscar and Richard' looks at** duo's little-known musical

BY DOROTHY ANDRIES For Pinneer Press

A remark that British producer Cameron Mackintosh made to Stephen Sondheim is what led Jessica Redish to first encounter Rodgers & Hammerstein's rarely performed 1947 musical "Allegro."

Redish, a choreographer and founding artistic director of The Music Theatre Company in Highland Park, was reading Sondheim's mammoth 2010 compendium "Finishing the Hat," when she came upon a line which puzzled her.

Sondheim wrote: "Cameron Mackintosh, astute producer of 'Side by Side by Sondheim,' once said to me that I've spent my life trying to fix the second act of 'Allegro.'

What was "Allegro"? Redish wondered. Why was this Broadway musical, written by 20th-century masters of the form, so little known? It was Rodgers and Hammerstein's third collaboration, following the phenomenal success of "Oklahoma!" and "Carousel." After "Allegro" they would go on to write more memorable blockbusters including "South Pacific," "The King and I," and "The Sound of Music," all of which continue to be produced today.

Redish's curiosity prompted research into the obscure show and in the fall of 2012 she presented an evening at Roosevelt University titled "Exploring Allegro." "We wanted to find out what they were trying to accomplish with that show," she said.

Enter Scotty Arnold, a musical theater writer living in New York. He and Redish met in New York City and at some point, he mentioned "Allegro." "We bonded right away and we began collaborating on a project early last year."

The result, conceived and directed by Redish, and written by Arnold, is titled "Oscar & Richard & Joe." Joe is the protagonist in the musical about a small-town doctor who achieves success in the big city but longs to practice the healing arts back in his hometown. The show is just an hour long and will be performed one night only, Jan. 31, in Ravinia's Bennett Gordon Hall.

"It is a very experimental musical with no sets," Redish said. "It has a Greek chorus speaking, a mother coming back from the dead, and at one point even the voice of God.

The current Ravinia placement of "Oscar & Richard & Joe" on its BGH Classic series came about when Redish spoke to Welz Kauffman, the festival's president and CEO. "Jessica has a long association with Ravinia





TOP: Jessica Redish; ABOVE: Scotty Arnold

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going back to our Sondheim productions," said Kauffman. "She creates real electricity, and it's beyond exciting to witness a vivacious young artist riffing on the forgotten work of two giants."

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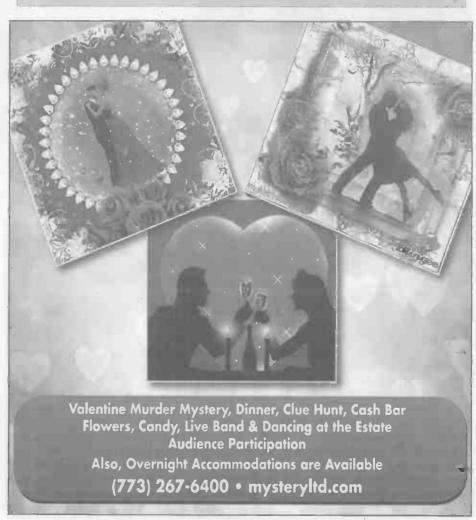
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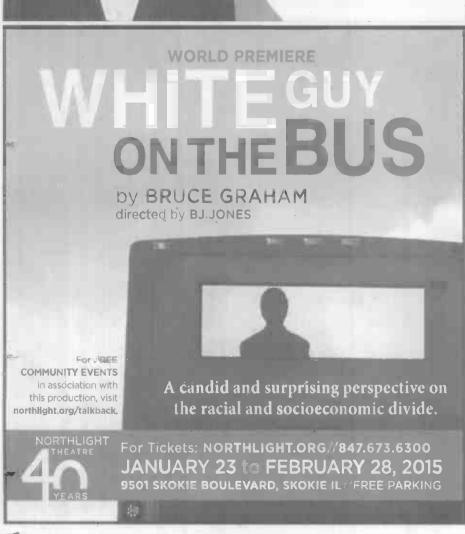
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# Dragtastic: Marriott's 'La Cage' embraces family values and fierceness

BY CATEY SULLIVAN For Pioneer Press

We're born naked. The rest is drag. RuPaul made that astute observation just a few years ago, but the glam creatures of "La Cage aux Folles" have been embodying the sentiment since the show debuted in 1983.

"The show does focus a lot on spectacle and illusion," says Joe Leonardo, who directs the tale of Saint Tropez drag queens through

March 22 at Lincolnshire's Marriott Theatre.
"But all that spectacle," Leonardo adds, "is about learning to love yourself, and loving and taking the people who are your family."

"La Cage" follows the love story of gay nightclub owner Georges (David Hess) and his longtime partner, the club's star Albin (Park Ridge's Gene Weygandt). The piece celebrates the transformative power of mascara and the devotion of loved ones as it follows the farce and drama that follow when Albin and Georges' straight son becomes engaged to a young woman with an ultra conservative father.

The story requires Weygandt to morph from a tear-streaked, heartbroken man to a glittering, self-empowered woman — posing as Georges' "wife" - in under three minutes, in full view of the audience, while belting out "I Am What I Am," one of the most roofraising power ballads ever to grace a musical theater stage. Weygandt's initiation into gender-bending started at a Payless shoe store in Toronto, where he was playing the Wizard in "Wicked."

"I went in on one of our days off and bought a pair of size 11,000 pumps," he says. "One of my 'Wicked' cast mates was a professional drag queen. So he'd help me practice walking like a lady backstage. I'd say I got an equal amount of catcalls and

At 52 and with a theater career that stretches back almost 30 years, Weygandt is no stranger to creating charismatic, believable characters. "La Cage," however, presents a special challenge.

"I've got two minutes and 40 seconds to transform during 'I Am What I Am,' " he says. The song ends with him as the fiercely glamorous Zaza, ready to strut her stuff



Gene Weygandt as Albin and David Hess as Georges in "La Cage aux Folles" at Marriott Theatre in Lincolnshire.

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before the world.

Things have changed since "La Cage" opened during the height of the Reagan Administration. But thirty-some years' worth of progress hasn't dimmed the show's relevance, notes Hess.

"There's still a huge amount of judgment," Hess says. "That message of love and understanding? That will always be valid."

So will the show's amazing score, hilarious book and eve-popping production numbers — the last propelled by "The Cagelles," the infamous dancers in a club where you might run into your mistress and your boyfriend and your wife all in the same night.

In the regular old real world, Weygandt's shoe store experience indicated an atmosphere where non-traditional gender roles elicit more shrugs than arrests. As he paraded around Payless in his Size 11,000 pumps, "nobody batted an eve," says Weygandt.

"Although I don't think there will ever be much suspense as to whether I'm a girl or not," he concludes.

#### Family Friendly



Miss Jamie from the Farm brings her musical show to the Lincolnwood Library on Feb. 5.

# Sing like a farmhand at Miss Jamie's Farm Music Show

BY MYRNA PETLICKI For Pioneer Press

Children, ages 3-8, will be moo-ving and grooving at Miss Jamie's Farm Music Show, 7-8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 5 at Lincolnwood Public Library, 4000 W. Pratt Ave.

"It's very interactive," Miss Jamie said. The program begins with a reading from the "Miss Jamie's Farm" book, followed by farm games and new and familiar farm

"I lead the kids on a magical adventure around the farm with the help of my puppets," the performer said. "We learn about healthy eating and exercise for different farm animals." Children are magically transformed into farm animals.

"At the end, they can become Forever Farmhands who vow to protect and preserve farms throughout the land," Miss Jamie said. "We try to give them empathy for the animals on the farm and make sure that they know pesticide-free is best for the honeybees. The kids don't really know that they're learning because they're having fun dancing and shaking their shaker eggs.'

For details, call (847) 677-5277 or go to lincolnwoodlibrary.org.

#### **SLEIGH THE OLD-FASHIONED WAY**

Belgian draft horses will pull your sleigh at Winter Fun: Sleigh Ride & Sledding, 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 31 in scenic Harvard. The family event, for ages 3 and up, departs from the Maine Park Leisure

Center, 2701 W. Sibley St., Park Ridge. Kids are encouraged to bring a sled to use on a junior sledding hill. There will be a lunch stop. Cost is \$19 per person; participants pay for their own lunch.

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

#### **PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT**

Hopefully, your children will be inspired to practice their musical instruments more after attending a Young Steinway Concert, 3-4:15 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 1 at Skokie Public Library, 5215 Oakton St. The young performers featured are members of Piano Trio Royale and the Perreault Duo.

For details, call (847) 673-7774 or go to www.skokielibrary.info.

#### **HAVE A HEART**

Kids can create cards at Drop-In Craft: Make Your Own Valentines, 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 1 at Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave. Kids under 8 must be accompanied by an adult.

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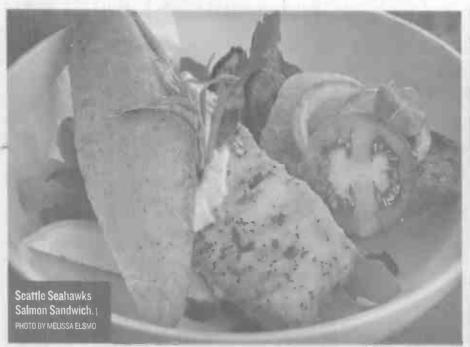
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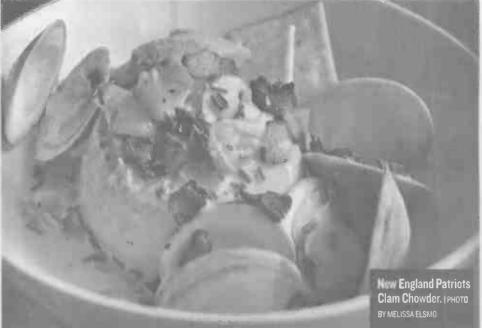
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# Super Bowl seafood showdown: New England clam chowder *meets* Seattle salmon

#### SEATTLE SEAHAWKS SALMON SANDWICH

(4.whole sandwiches or 8 half servings)

#### For the Rouille:

2 red peppers, roasted, peeled and chopped

3 garlic cloves

I tablespoon honey

l'teaspoon balsamic vinegar

3/4 cup light mayonnaise

I tablespoon chopped tarragon

#### For the Salmon:

4, 6-ounce wild salmon fillets, skin removed

2 tablespoons flour

2 teaspoons chopped tarragon

Salt and pepper

2 tablespoons canola oil

#### For the Sandwich:

4 whole wheat baguettes, split lengthwise and grilled 8 slices bacon, cooked and broken into large chunks Sliced tomato Sliced red onion

Arugula

To prepare the rouille, combine the red peppers, garlic, honey, vinegar and mayonnaise in a food processor. Process until mixture is smooth. Fold in the tarragon by hand, season with salt and pepper, and set aside.

To cook the salmon fillets, heat a nonstick skillet over high heat until very hot. While the pan heats, season the salmon with salt, pepper and tarragon on the non-skin side. Dust the same side of the fish with the flour. Add ä small amount of oil to the hot pan and swirl to coat. Add the salmon, flour side down, to the hot pan and sear undisturbed for 4 minutes. Flip the fish, reduce the heat to medium and cook for 3 minutes.

Spread the rouille on the baguette and top with bacon, tomato, red onion, and the hot salmon fillets.

ELSA ELSMO OUT OF MEL'S KITCHEN



Thile I adore whipping up traditional dishes like hearty chili or spicy chicken wings for a regular game day, Super Bowl fare deserves a bit of special attention.

Millions of folks are set to tune in as the Seattle Seahawks and the New England Patriots duke it out for the NFL Championship this Sunday. Super Bowl XLIX is a bicoastal battle and my seafood-inspired menu brings out the flavors of these opposing regions in delicious fashion.

This seafood smackdown first honors the Patriots with a hearty New England clam chowder. My version comes together with ease by making use of pantry stable clams and clam juice with a finishing flourish of steamed fresh clams.

The Pacific Northwest is known for its abundance of fresh fish and this ode to the Seattle Seahawks takes a run-of-the mill BLT and transforms it into a celebration of salmon.

No matter which team takes home the trophy on Sunday, this duo of Super Bowl-themed dishes will score a touchdown with your game-day guests!

#### NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS CLAM CHOWDER

(8-10 servings)

3 bacon slices, diced

I tablespoon butter

3 celery stalks, halved lengthwise and

I medium onion, chopped

3 garlic cloves, minced

2 teaspoons kosher salt

I teaspoon coarse pepper

1/4 cup flour

2 cups chicken stock

t cup clam juice

2, 10-ounce cans baby clams with juice

I bay leaf

2 thyme sprigs

2 medium russet potatoes; unpeeled, scrubbed clean and diced into I/2-inch cubes

I cup heavy cream

I dozen littleneck clams, scrubbed clean

Cook the bacon in a medium stockpot over medium-high heat until brown and crispy. Remove the bacon from the pot with a slotted spoon, drain on paper towels and reserve. Add the butter to the bacon drippings in the pot and melt

over medium-high heat. When the foam subsides, add the celery and onion to the pot, season with the salt and pepper. Reduce heat to medium and cook, stirring occasionally, until the vegetables begin to soften (about 10 minutes). Add the garlic to the pot and cook until just fragrant (about 30 seconds). Add the flour to the vegetables and mix well. Gradually add the chicken stock to the pot, whisking constantly, until soup is smooth and begins to thicken. Add the clam juice, clams, bay leaf and thyme sprigs and bring to a boil. Add the potatoes and simmer until soup thickens slightly and potatoes are tender (about 30 minutes). Add the cream and adjust seasoning. Bring to a boil, reduce heat and simmer for 15 more

After adding the cream to the soup, prepare to steam the littleneck clams, Add water to a high-sided skillet to a depth of I inch. Bring to a boil and add the clams. Cover the pot and allow to steam for several minutes. Remove clams as they open. Discard any that remain unopened after IO minutes.

Garnish with the steamed clams, bacon bits, chives and crackers and serve.

#### THURSDAY, JAN: 29

#### Community of Congregations Annual Dinner

6:30 p.m.: Hear from Prevail and Dominican University about the impact of poverty on so many people including those in the community. Space is limited so reserve one's place today by contacting Katie Avalos at oprfcoc@gmail.com or 312-560-3968. \$15 free-will offering to help defray the cost of the dinner. St. Edmund Parish, 188 S. Oak Park Ave., Oak Park. Call 312-560-3968.

#### FRIDAY, JAN. 30

#### **Handicrafters**

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#### **Winter Documentary Series**

Noon: The film, "Standing in the Shadows of Motown" will be featured as part of the Winter Documentary Series. Discover the unknown Detroit musicians who played on more number ones hits than The Beach Boys, The Rolling Stones, Elvis and The Beatles combined. Eisenhower Public Library, 4613 N. Oketo Ave., Harwood Heights. Call 708-867-7828.

## Evanston Symphony Musical Insights Free Lecture/Recital

1:30 p.m.: The Merion, in conjunction with the Evanston Symphony Orchestra, host Musical Insights, a free lecture program open to the public in the Crystal Ballroom. The program features a presentation by Lawrence Eckerling, Music Director of the ESO and David Ellis, General Manager of the ESO about the upcoming concert on Feb. I at Pick-Staiger Concert Hall in Evanston. Renowned soprano Michelle Areyzaga, sings the Four Last Songs by Richard Strauss at the concert. The other works on the Sunday's program, Brahms' Third Symphony and Wagner's Overture to Tannhäuser, also covered. These programs discuss the upcoming concert on the Friday afternoon prior to each ESO subscription concert. Maestro Eckerling, recently named "Community Orchestra Conductor of the Year 2014" by the Illinois Council of Orchestras,"uses recordings, DVDs, and the piano to demonstrate musical ideas and themes. The program lasts about an hour and concludes with a question-and-answer

session. The Merion of Evanston, 1611 Chicago Ave., Evanston. Call 847-864-8804. Free.

### Drop-in Gaming/Movie, Grades 5-8

3:30 p.m.: Kids and teens in grades 5-8 are invited to drop in to watch a movie or play games. All movies will be rated G or PG. River Forest Public Library, 735 Lathrop Ave., River Forest, Call 708-366-5205.

#### **Annual "Concert for Africa"**

6 p.m.: Northbrook School District 28's PTO again sponsors an annual "Concert for Africa." Money raised, supports schools for orphans in a slum outside of Nairobi, Kenya. The group is hoping to raise the last \$20,000 needed to complete a high school for the female orphans, so they can complete their education and learn valuable career skills. From 6 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. pizza, and a bake sale offered. This concert/fundraiser event features several student bands as well as Out of Control, one of Chicago's premier party bands. The student bands include The Jacob Denenberg Band, featuring students from Glenbrook North; Skydeck, featuring students from Wood Oaks Junior High School; Chapter I, featuring students from Mt. Prospect, Buffalo Grove, and Palatine; and Camus, featuring Hannah Godnik of Glenbrook North. The bands perform from 6:45 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the small gym. Any community members who wish to donate to the foundation can do so online at www.fredoutafoundation.org or send a check made out to "The Fred Outa Foundation" to Fred Outa Foundation, c/o School District 28, 1475 Maple Avenue, Northbrook, IL 60062. For more information, see the District 28 website, www.northbrook28. net. Northbrook Junior High School, 1475 Maple Ave., Northbrook . \$10 at door and \$8 in advance by visiting brownpapertickets.com.

#### District 212's Orchesis Dance Group presents "Hit the Lights"

7 p.m.: Members of District 212's
Orchesis Dance Company presents "Hit
the Lights," this year's dance showcase.
The production includes 38 students
from the East and West campuses
highlighting original choreography and
various dance styles such as classical
ballet, modern, jazz and Latin-inspired
dance; and African, hip-hop, ballroom,
bachata and bollywood, Dances are

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both student and director-choreographed, and have individual themes such as a dance party in a barber shop during the 50s. For more information, visit www.leyden212.org/finearts. East Leyden High School, 3400 Rose St., Franklin Park. Call 847-451-3040. \$2 students, \$3 adults.

## 5Rhythms Dance - A Moving Meditation

7:30 p.m.: Come and explore the 5Rhythms Dance - a movement meditation to music. No experience necessary and one "cannot do it wrong." The first class attended is free. Ample street parking. Foster Street Dance, 915 Foster St. (next to the Purple line Foster stop), Evanston. Call 847-869-0250. \$15, \$10 Students/Seniors.

#### SATURDAY, JAN. 31

#### **Indoor Farmers' Market**

9 a.m.: The Glenview New Church hosts the Indoor Farmers' Market. Come purchase late-season produce, soups, sauces, jams, cheese, meats, baked goods, honey, and much more! Support your local farmers during the off-season too! The Glenview New Church, 74 Park Dr., Glenview. Call 847-962-4073.

#### **Creative Creatures**

9 a.m.: School-aged children are invited to join Miss Dana for a different art project each week. A variety of materials will be available to participants, Drop in for crafting at any time. Bensenville Community Library, 200 S. Church Road, Bensenville. Call 630-766-4642.

#### Family Art & Adventure: Parent/ Child class

10 a.m.: Now the whole family can enjoy creative exploration together. Support your child's creativity in an open, playful atmosphere where adventurous use

of materials is encouraged. Taught by Jan Ellenstein who has been making art fun for children for the last thirty years! Great for kids of all ages. Open Studio Project, 903 Sherman Ave., Evanston. Call (847)475-0390. \$30, \$15 for each additional sibling.

#### My Very First Tea Party!

IO a.m.: Come to Mariano's for your very first tea party! Bring dolls and friends and enjoy tea and light bites! Call the Western Springs store to reserve a spot or pay online on the website! (price includes: two seats for child and adult, light bites, and tea) Mariano's Western Springs, 4700 Gilbert Ave., Western Springs. \$10.

#### Japan Fest 2015

Noon: The annual Japan Fest showcases Japanese drums, koto harps, shamisen, traditional dance, Aikido and singing. Activity stations are set up for guests to enjoy Japanese culture. Try putting on Kimono, get face painting. sumo wrestling, origami, calligraphy, practice using chopsticks, making various crafts, play with Japanese toys and games, Dance Dance Revolution, mini language and culture lessons and learn proper table manners. Lots and lots of fun activities for the whole family. Oak Park and River Forest High School, 201 N. Scoville Ave., Oak Park, Call 708-434-3386.

#### "Silver Threads and Golden Needles" Opening Exhibition

5 p.m.: An exhibition of new drawings and textiles by Chicago artist, Judith Roston Freilich runs from Jan. 3I through Feb 28. Opening Reception on two days: from 5-IO p.m Saturday, Jan. 3I and I-5 p.m. Sunday, Feb. I. Gallery Hours: from I-5 p.m. Thursdays, Feb. 5 and I2 and I-5 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 15. Or call for an appointment. Space 900, IO42 Wesley Avenue, Evanston. Call 847-835-2393.

## Food as Medicine, Valentine's Day Style

6 p.m.: How to Spice up Your Love Life Using Eastern Nutrition--Just in time for Valentine's Day. Talking about the traditional use of herbs and foods to help stir the libido (for men and women alike!). Palmgren Acupuncture is teaming up with Carnivore Oak Park to serve an awesome family-style meal including roasted lamb, squash soup and other goodies that are used to keep the fires burning. It's a night packed full of

information about using ingredients one already has in one's kitchen to enhance one's health. Since it's approaching Valentine's Day our focus is slanted towards aphrodisiacs but the overall goal is to connect what one eats with one's immediate health. Call Carnivore at 708-660-1100 to reserve. Carnivore Oak Park, 1042 Pleasant St., Oak Park. \$35/person.

#### Lake Forest Baseball Association's Casino Night

7 p.m.: Lake Forest Baseball Association hosts it's annual fundraiser, LFBA Carnival Night. The party will feature adult carnival-style games, buffet dinner, open bar including beer and wine, and live and silent auction items. The evening's proceeds will be used to provide a travel baseball experience to all qualified children, as well as assisting I2 year olds in their journey to Cooperstown this summer. Event tickets are \$75 on the LFBA website, or \$85 at the door. Exmoor Country Club, 700 Vine Ave., Highland Park. Call 847-432-3600.

#### **Ballroom Dance**

7:15 p.m.: Rumba Lesson at 7:15 p.m.; Dancing until II p.m.; Light Refreshments. Highland Park Moose Lodge, 1799 Green Bay Road, Highland Park. Call 847-757-2227. \$10/Person.

#### SUNDAY, FEB.

## Skokie: Invaded But Not Conquered

2 p.m.: Registration required In 1977, Skokie was shaken to its core when a small group of neo-Nazis tried to march there. This attracted national and international attention, leading to landmark legal cases. The American Nazi Party's application for a parade permit here set the stage for a clear-cut conflict between the organization's First Amendment rights and Skokie residents' right to live free of intimidation. The film made extensive use of archival footage and contemporary interviews to reveal how a debate over First Amendment rights inspired Holocaust survivors to create the Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center. This 60-minute film screening is followed by a discussion led by Buzz Alpert, community activist during that time. Lincolnwood Public Li-

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brary, 4000 W. Pratt Ave., Lincolnwood. Call 847-677-5277 x232. Free.

### **Evanston Symphony German Favorites Concert**

2:30 p.m.: Continuing its 69th season - titled Romanticism Endures -- conducted by Music Director Lawrence Eckerling. The program, titled "German Favorites" features the first ever performance of Richard Strauss' rapturous Four Last Songs by the renowned soprano Michelle Areyzaga. Also includes Johannes Brahms' popular Third Symphony and Richard Wagner's stunning Overture to Tannhäuser. Discounted mid-season subscriptions for the three remaining concerts are available at \$80 for adults, \$70 for seniors (62 and over), \$15 for full-time students and free for children 12 and under when accompanied by an adult. Single tickets are \$30 for adults, \$25 for seniors, \$5 for students and free for children. Order forms, additional information and single tickets are available on-line at www.

evanstonsymphony.org or by calling 847-864-8804. Children's tickets are only available by calling 847-864-8804. Pick-Staiger Concert Hall, 50 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston.

# Misericordia Super Bowl Fundraiser

4 p.m.: Zia's Trattoria is hosting it's 8th Annual Super Bowl Party benefiting Misericordia. Enjoy an array of Zia's Food on Buffet and Open Bar. Zia's Trattoria, 6699 N. Northwest Highway, Chicago. Call 773-775-0808. \$100.

#### Storytelling in the Snug with Sheila Arnold Jones

8 p.m.: Sheila Arnold Jones has performed in a myriad of ways since she was eight years old. She has been writing – poems, plays, fiction and songs – since she was in seventh grade. Sheila has written and directed many plays... Sheila has been doing character portrayals since 1998. Visit: www. msshella.org. No Cover Charge for this event, but "pass the hat" takes place for Sheila that evening. Reservations for dinner and storytelling or for storytelling alone are strongly recommended. The Celtic Knot Public House, 626 Church

St., Evanston. Call 847-864-1679.

#### MONDAY FEL. 2

#### Luther College Nordic Choir 2015 Midwest Tour

7:30 p.m.: Luther College Nordic Choir presents a concert at Grace Lutheran Church. Conducted by Dr. Allen Hightower, the choir performs sacred choral works, including "Ave Verum Corpus" by Byrd, "Singet dem Herr nein neues Lied" by J. S. Bach and "When David Heard" by Eric Whitacre, Grace Lutheran Church, 7300 Division St., River Forest. Call 708-366-6900. \$20 Adults; \$10 Students.

#### Trivia Night

8 p.m.: Winners receive gift cards. Specials include \$4 Budweiser products and 60-cent wings. Buffalo Wild Wings, 7020 Carpenter Road, Skokie. Call 847-329-9333.

#### TUESDAY, FEB.

#### Men's Club

9:30 a.m.: The group meets the first two Tuesdays of each month for breakfast.

Park Ridge Senior Center, 100 S. Western Ave., Park Ridge, \$2.

#### The Tuesday Ten' Showcase

8 p.m.: A mix of IO headliners, including rising stars and surprise guests, perform stand-up. \$IO and the purchase of at least two food or drink items. Zanies Comedy Night Club Rosemont, 5437 Park Place, Rosemont. Call 847-813-0484.

#### WEDNESDAY FEB. 4

#### **Lunch and Bingo**

IO a.m.: Enjoy a game of bingo and lunch. Come early for coffee and conversation. Fee includes lunch from a local restaurant or caterer. Registration is required. Morton Grove Senlor Center, 6140 Dempster St., Morton Grove. Call 847-663-3070.

### **Taste Memories: Recipes for Life and Breakfast**

7 p.m.: Registration required Ina Pinkney, author of Taste Memories: Recipes for Life and Breakfast, will present her journey "from Brooklyn to Breakfast" including her struggles with polio, marriage to Captain Bill Pinkney and 33year career in the food business. Stick around after the presentation for a book signing and a taste of Ina Pinkney's famous coffee cake. Lincolnwood Public Library, 4000 W. Pratt Ave., Lincolnwood. Call 847-677-5277 x232.

#### **Natural Gas**

8 p.m.: The improvisational group takes a suggestion from the audience and turns it into a show. The Gift Theatre, 4802 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago. Call 773-283-7071. \$5.

#### THURSDAY, FEB. 5

#### Illinois Quilters Meeting, February 5, 2015

7:15 p.m.: Illinois Quilters Inc. meets at Beth Hillel Congregation, 3220 Big Tree Lane, Wilmette. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. for sign-ups, library and socializing. This month's program is "Story of a girl with a checkered past and a future in pieces," featuring speaker Teri Tope. Guests welcome. Tope also lead workshops on Friday, Feb. 6 and Saturday, Feb. 7. Email: workshops@illinoisquiltersinc.org, with questions. Beth Hillel Congregation, 3220 Big Tree Lane, Wilmette. Call 847-480-9777. \$5.

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#### **BLACK OR WHITE**

Rated PG-13 for brief strong language, thematic material involving drug use and drinking, and for a fight

Stars: Kevin Costner, Octavia Spencer, **Anthony Mackie** 

A little girl (Jillian Estell) becomes the subject of a custody battle between her grandfather (Costner) and her paternal grandmother (Spencer). Mike Binder ("The Upside of Anger," "Reign Over Me") wrote and directed the drama.

#### **BLACK SEA**

Rated R for language throughout, some graphic images and violence

Stars: Jude Law, Scoot McNairy, Jodie

A submarine captain (Law) and his crew search the Black Sea for a sunken submarine rumored to be filled with gold. Kevin Macdonald ("The Last King of Scotland") directed the thriller.

#### THE LOFT

Rated R for sexual content, nudity, bloody violence, language and some drug

Stars: Karl Urban, James Marsden, Isabel Lucas, Robert Wisdom, Rachael Taylor

Five men's lives are complicated when a woman is murdered in the apartment they maintain to conduct affairs. Erik Van Looy ("The Memory of a Killer") directed the thriller.

#### MOMMY **★★★ 1/2**

Rated R for language throughout, sexual references and some violence

Stars: Anne Dorval, Suzanne Clément, Antoine-Olivier Pilon

The emotional extremes of this exceedingly intense domestic drama can be harrowing (exhilarating too, from time to time), but "Mommy" is nonetheless a cinematic dazzler - well worth a look if you have the fortitude. Dorval ("I Killed My Mother") is extraordinary as a bluecollar mom struggling to cope with her violently disturbed 15-year-old son (Pilon) when he's released from an institution with the help of a neighbor (Clément) who has issues of her own. Winner of the Jury Prize at last year's Cannes Film Festival.

#### **RED ARMY**

Rated PG for thematic material and language

Stars: Scotty Bowman, Vyacheslav Fetisov, Anatoli Karpov

The story of the rise and fall of the most successful dynasty in sports history — the Red Army hockey team — is told against the backdrop of radical changes in the Soviet Union. Gabe Polsky ("The Motel Life") directed the documentary.

#### **WILD CARD**

Rated R for strong violence, language and some sexuality/nudity

Stars: Jason Statham, Stanley Tucci, Michael Angarano, Sofia Vergara

A Las Vegas bodyguard (Statham) takes on the mob after avenging the beating of a friend. Simon West ("The Expendables 2") directed the actioner from a script by William ("Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid") Goldman.

#### STILL PLAYING

#### **PADDINGTON** \*\*\* 1/2

Rated PG for mild action and rude humor

Stars: Hugh Bonneville, Nicole Kidman, Ben Whishaw, Sally Hawkins, Peter Capaldi

Remarkably old-fashioned considering the advanced technology required to make it, the sweet, whimsical, frequently funny "Paddington" is a children's movie that's easy to savor, even if you're not in its diminutive target audience. The walking, talking, slapstick-prone computer-generated teddy bear comes to live-action London in search of a home and finds an initially unpromising match in the eccentric Brown family — as well as a taxidermy-crazed museum director (Kidman) who wants to stuff him for an exhibit. A bit too scary, perhaps, for very young kids, but otherwise an all-around delight.

#### THE BOY NEXT DOOR **\* 1/2**

Rated R for violence, sexual content/ nudity and language

Stars: Jennifer Lopez, Ryan Guzman, John Corbett

Sure, it's sleazy, trashy, tawdry, gruesomely violent and ridiculously idiotic, but you have to give this unapologetically awful erotic thriller credit for one thing — it ain't dull. Jennifer Lopez runs into gender-reversed "Fatal Attraction" troubles as Claire, a middle-aged, maritaltroubled single mom who falls for the hunky charm of the high school boy next door (Guzman, who's 28 and looks it) who soon transitions to full-tilt insane homicidal stalker mode.

#### Showtimes



Jude Law stars in "Black Sea."

Movie times are effective Friday, Jan. 30, through Thursday, Feb. 5. Please note that theater schedules are subject to change.

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#### Paddington (PG)

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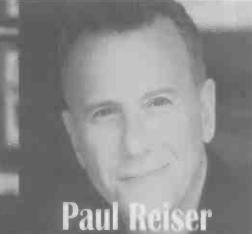
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#### CHICAGO

#### United in Faith Lutheran Church

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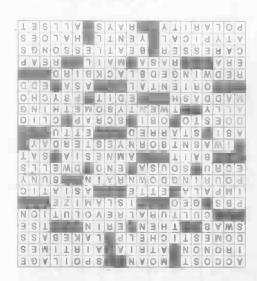
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GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) The issues are not quite as clear as they should be. That's why you need to avoid getting involved in disputes

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how and why it happened.



**AQUARIUS (January 20 to February** 18) This is a good time to re-sort your priorities and see if adjustments are called for. Be honest with yourself as

you decide what to keep and what to discard.



PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Letting yourself be bathed in the outpouring of love and support from those who care for you will help you

get through a difficult period sooner rather than later. Good luck.



**RIGHT:** Niles West's Kosti Kalaras (right) attempts to steal the ball from Glenbrook South's Daniel Jenkins during Friday's game at Niles West.

**BELOW:** Niles West's Eric We contests a shot by Glenbrook South's Jimmy **Martinelli on Friday** in Skokie. LPHOTOS BY TRACY ALLEN/FOR CHICAGO TRIBUNE MEDIA GROUP



### Wolves ramp up defensive intensity to beat Titans

Switch to 3-2 zone in second half confounds Glenbrook South

BY BRIAN DE LOS SANTOS Special to the Tribune, @B\_Delos

SKOKIE - During the first two quarters of the Niles West boys basketball team's game against Glenbrook South, it appeared the Wolves were in for a long night. The Titans' 6-6 Jimmy Martinelli attacked Niles West down low, en route to 12 points in the first half.

But the second half of the Central Suburban South game was

a much different story. Niles West used a stout defensive effort to hold Glenbrook South to 3-for-27 shooting en route to a 54-40 win on

"Defensively, we just got a little smarter," Niles West coach Bob Williams said. "I thought that defense was really the key."

It sure was. The Wolves switched to what Williams called a 3-2 zone defense to start the third quarter. He said the Wolves have used it a bit in the past two or so games, but it was something Glenbrook South coach Ben Widner said he hadn't seen on film.

When asked what the difference was for the Titans in the second half, a baffled Widner didn't know

how to answer.

"If I could tell you, the ball would have gone in the basket," Widner said. "Three-for-27 is a tough number to overcome."

For the Wolves, offense wasn't a problem. Especially in the first half. Sophomore Octavius Parker II played well, going 5-for-8 from the field, including 3-for-5 from three, en route to 13 points in the first two quarters. With just over three minutes left in the second, he had 14 of Niles West's 16 points. He finished with a team-high 19 points.

"It was my teammates," Parker said. "They were finding me for open shots, coach was running plays for me and I was able to hit them."

#### NOTRE DAME

### Hot-shooting Dons dominate Corsairs early

#### **Notre Dame takes** advantage of its size advantage in road win

BY TIM FROEHLIG Special to the Tribune, @TFroehlig

MUNDELEIN — The Notre Dame boys basketball team's 74-61 East Suburban Catholic road win over Carmel was an example of why the future looks so bright for the Dons

Notre Dame stormed out to a 15-2 lead on Friday night in the game's first four minutes, but it was how they did it that was attention-grabbing. The Dons used strong post moves, efficient outside shooting, outstanding passing and easy transition baskets to send Carmel a strong message from the

The Dons shot a blazing 76.9 percent (10-for-13) from the field during the first quarter, and shot better than 50 percent for the

"We haven't fared too well in Carmel's gym in the past, so I thought it was imperative we got off to a good start," Notre Dame coach Tom Les said. "Our guys came out focused and determined. with a sense of urgency.'

The Dons' lead ballooned to as many as 24 points twice in the third quarter, thanks in large part to the inside game of 6-5 junior forward Ammar Becar. Becar (26 points, seven rebounds) made his first seven shot attempts, dominated the paint, and looked unstoppable at times.

"I think it helped we had a little bit of a size advantage, but I don't say that to take anything away from Carmel," Becar said. "They're a really tough team to play against, especially in their building with so many fans cheering them on. We knew this game would be a challenge, so I was really happy with the way our entire team responded."

Becar consistently drew doubleteams in the lane, which opened things up for 6-2 senior guard Joe



Mooney, who also finished with 26 points and seven rebounds. Mooney made 10 of his first 11 shots, which included three threepointers. One early in the second quarter was from well-beyond NBA range.

'That's what happens when I have teammates who share the ball so well," said Mooney, was also was 5-for-6 from the foul line. "The way we've been moving and sharing the basketball has been a huge factor in our success this season. Everyone's attacking the basket and playing aggressive, and that's how you win games."

The Dons improved to 17-4 overall, and 4-0 in the ESCC, with

"We play a nine-game division schedule, so we still have our work cut out for us if we hope to win a conference championship," Les said. "There are no easy games in our conference. On any given night, any team can beat you if you aren't ready to go, so we're not letting our success thus far go to our heads."

Notre Dame uses just one senior (Mooney) in its starting lineup, which means it has the potential to further develop into an area basketball power not just down the stretch this year, but next season,

"We had a really good basketball team two years ago when we went 24-6," Les said. "The difference with this year's team compared to that one is this year we have a ton

of guys who are big who can also score at the offensive end. It gives us so much versatility, and as a coach, so many options.

"You've got Ammar at 6-5 giving people fits, but we've also got underclassmen like [6-7 junior center] Anthony D'Avanzo, and [6-5 sophomore] Jeameril Wilson and [6-4 junior] Lucas Simon at the guard positions. When you have that combination of size and skill, and kids who want to play team basketball, it becomes that much more fun to watch and coach."

The Dons have proven they're for real, having taken Lake County powerhouse Lake Forest to overtime before losing, and also losing by four to an outstanding Hinsdale Central team.

"My one main concern is our defense," Les said. "We've proven we can play with some of the top teams in the area, but we can't have lapses like we had tonight when we let Carmel kind of pull closer late in the game. If we continue to work harder on defense the rest of the season, this team could really go places."

Western Illinois verbal commit C.J. Duff scored a team-high 23 points for the Corsairs (9-12, 0-4), while Shareif Bailey had 15.

'Our guys gave a tremendous effort out there tonight," Carmel coach Zack Ryan said. "We're a young team that's a little undersized though, but we'll continue to



ABOVE: Notre Dame's Jeameril Wilson pulls down a rebound against Lake Park on Dec. 27. I GEOFF SCHEERER/CHICAGO TRIBUNE MEDIA GROUP

LEFT: At 6-4, Lucas Simon gives Notre Dame good size at the guard position. | MARK UKENA/FOR CHICAGO TRIBUNE MEDIA GROUP

#### **BOYS ROWLING IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SECTIONAL NOTEBOOK**

### Kahen's selfless act helps Spartans advance

#### Notre Dame surpasses 6,000 pins, advances to state for second straight year

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GLENDALE HEIGHTS — Corey Kahen showed what it means to be a team leader at the Immaculate Conception boys bowling sectional tournament.

Without his best stuff at the Brunswick Zone on Saturday, Glenbrook North's top bowler pulled himself out for the sixth and final game because he said he didn't want to hurt the Spartans' chances of qualifying for the state tournament.

Kahen's selfless move enabled Glenbrook North to roll its second-best score of the day with 1,008 pinfalls, and the Spartans finished fifth as a team with 5,960. The top six teams advanced to the this weekend's state tournament at St. Clair Bowl in O'Fallon. The top seven individuals not already on qualifying teams also automatically

advanced.

"He told me I could take him out if needed," Glenbrook North coach Todd Rubin said. "He had hit a wall, and he thought that it was best for the team. His teammates respected him for that."

Kahen, a senior who carries a 215 average and was a sectional champion as a junior, said it was difficult decision for him. He had rolled a 224, 155, 205, 157 and 148 in the first five games for a 178 average. Senior Jory Nathan came in and rolled a 168 in Kahen's place.

"I've never had to do that before," Kahen said of removing himself from a competition. "I've always been one of the stronger guys on the team, but I was really, really struggling. I did what I thought I needed to do for us to move on."

Kahen said he was proud of how his teammates picked him up Saturday. Junior Nick Arcangeletti led the Spartans with 1,299 pins to place 10th. Junior Patrick Mulhern, the regional champion a week earlier, finished 21st with 1,255 pinfalls. Senior Calvin Oh (1,191) and senior Jonah Fialkow (1,158) also posted solid six-game scores.

"It was a collective effort Saturday,"



Rubin said. "We had a bunch of guys put up good scores.

A four-year varsity bowler, Kahen will be making his third trip to the state tournament. He went with the Glenbrook North team as a sophomore and qualified as an individual last season.

"I would not be where I am without my teammates," Kahen said. "I mean, Pat's 1,488 at regionals. What can you say about that? Nick, Pat, Calvin, Jonah, Jory [on Saturday]. Those are the kind of teammates you want to have on your side."

#### **Notre Dame**

The Dons bowled their best six-game

ABOVE: Glenbrook North's bowling team breaks its huddle with a cheer before the Immaculate Conception Sectional on Saturday at the Brunswick Zone in Glendale Heights, I Jon Langham/for Chicago Tribune Media Group LEFT: Glenbrook North's Corey Kahen, who is pictured on Jan. 21, 2012, was struggling on Saturday at the sectional tournament, so he told his coach he would be OK if he sat the sixth-game. The selfless move helped the Spartans make it to state as a team. THLE

series of the season on Saturday with a 6,119 to take third at the Immaculate Conception Sectional, and coach Billy Kerber said the "best is yet to come."

Notre Dame beat its regional score by 205 pins, and Kerber said he couldn't remember the last time the Dons scored better than

Junior Tom Ochal paced Notre Dame with 1,386 pins and finished third as an individual. Juniors Charlie Allen (1,253), Paolo Fridman (1,211) and Matt Voss (987) also were major contributors Saturday.

"Both Tom and Charlie had unreal days," Kerber said of the pair that averages better than 200 pins a game for the season. "They have been our most consistent this season and have anchored our team."

This is the second season in a row the Dons have qualified for the state tournament, and fourth time in program history. Allen, Ochal and Voss all bowled at the last year's state tournament.

"We were feeling good all day," Kerber said of the sectional tournament. "We never were in danger of not making it. If we continue our current trend, that would be fantastic."

#### Notes

Niles North junior Romario Gayle missed out on advancing as an individual qualifier on Saturday by rolling a 1,249 to place 25th. The seventh and final automatic spot went to North Grand's Gabriel Perez, who bowled a 1,271. Reavis senior Jasson Barrios (1,263) also advanced as an at-large qualifier. ... Other local individuals at the sectional included Niles North junior Tyler Milbrandt (66th, 1,134), Niles North junior Steven Garth (77th, 1,118), Loyola senior Trevor Rahlfs (83rd, 1,091), New Trier senior Will Delva (88th, 1.069) and New Trier sophomore Kalani Rennoe (90th, 1,067).

**NILES NORTH** 

# territory

#### Vikings find themselves in unfamiliar role atop conference standings

BY ERIC VAN DRIL Special to the Tribune, @VanDrllSports

SKOKIE — With three conference games remaining, the Niles North girls basketball team is the favorite to win the Central Suburban North.

The Vikings blew out Maine East 51-34 on Friday night to improve to 6-1 in the conference. They are currently a game ahead of Maine West in the standings, and they have Glenbrook North, Deerfield and Highland Park — a trio they've already beaten this year - left on the schedule.

Being atop the Central Suburban North is a role foreign to each Viking, but Niles North is embracing it.

"I told the kids that it's a privilege to be in this position," Vikings coach Dan Paxson said. "Kienya [Jones] has been here four years and we've never been in the position where we're leading the charge. We talk about playing like we're in charge and playing like a good team — doing the little things that good teams do."

Niles North (15-7) did that against the Blue Demons. The Vikings brought energy from the opening tip and led 22-7 at the end of the first quarter.

Jones, who's the squad's best player, was the catalyst. The 5-10 senior forward had 11 points and four rebounds during a first quarter in which she was very aggressive especially in the paint.

"We expect her to come out on fire and with energy, like she [did]," Paxson said.

Jones only scored four points after the first quarter, but her assertiveness in the first quarter set the tone for the rest of the

Paxson said it's been like that all season. "It's just a carryover from practice," Paxson said. "She's very vocal in practice. She's a real social kid — even off the court. That's just her personality, so her voice, her tone



ABOVE: Niles North's Alyssa Brand drives between Maine East's Leslie Christiansen (left) and Olivia Hertogs during their basketball game in Skokie on Friday. RIGHT: Niles North's Carolyn Dwyer drives to the basket during Friday's home game against Maine East. | PHOTOS BY TIM BOYLE/FOR CHICAGO TRIBUNE MEDIA GROUP

really sets the tone for the rest of the team."

When asked what it will take to win a CSL North title, Paxson and Jones rattled off a number of different things. Energy will be vital for the talented Vikings, Paxson said. Jones added that limiting turnovers, finishing strong in the lane and continuing to get to the free-throw line are all important.

But there are also things away from the court that Jones is trying to make sure her team understands, like getting enough sleep.

They always want to do team bondings and have sleepovers before games. I'm just like, 'We need rest because we'll all stay up,' Jones said. "Like [Friday], they probably want to have team bonding, but we have Loyola in the morning. So it's like, 'Let's stay focused. Do you want to be conference champions? Because champions don't have sleepovers and stay out all night.'



#### **MAINE EAST**

# Post project

Blue Demons struggle to defend Niles North's Jones in the paint

BY ERIC VAN DRIL. Special to the Tribune, @VanDrilSports.

SKOKIE — During the Maine East girls basketball team's memorable season a year ago, forward Maria Protic could guard talented post players one-on-one.

The 6-0 Protic, who graduated in 2014, had size, strength and experience, and helped the Blue Demons win the Central Suburban North title last season.

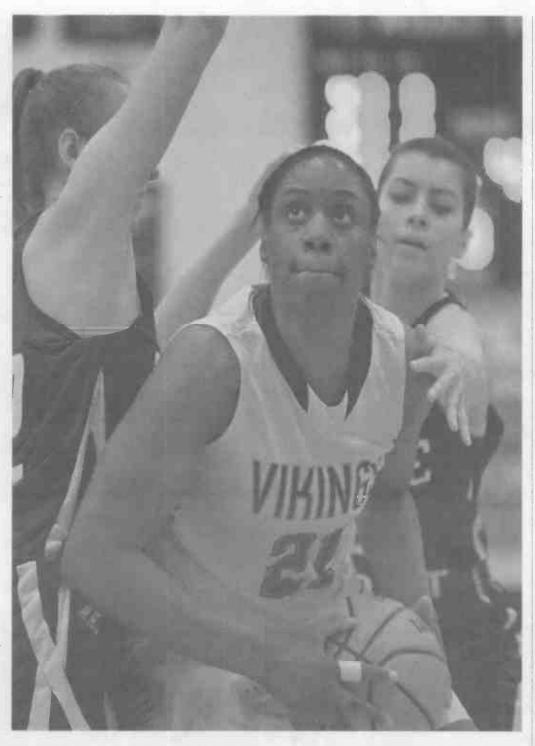
Maine East doesn't have anybody with all three of those attributes this year. That isn't problematic in every game, but it was on Friday when the Blue Demons played against Niles North senior forward Kienya Jones.

"The post position's been a real struggle for us," Maine East coach Karol Hanusiak said, after a 51-34 loss to the Vikings. "And now Maddie McTague, who was up-and-coming, suffered a concussion a week and a half ago. She did a nice job against Kienya last time we played them."

Hanusiak said McTague, who's a 6-0 junior forward, positioned herself beside Jones and tipped away several of the Vikings' passes to her on Dec. 9.

Niles North adjusted how it used Jones — a Division I prospect — in the teams' second game. She posted up closer to the basket and caught the ball cleanly in the first quarter. Then she used her size, skill and strength to go up and score.

Jones finished with 11 firstquarter points on Friday to help put Niles North ahead 22-7. The game was never in doubt after



Niles North's Kienya Jones (21) drives past Maine East's Leslie Christiansen (left) and Olivla Hertogs during Friday's game in Skokie. Niles North beat Maine East 51-34. ITIM BOYLE/FOR CHICAGO TRIBUNE MEDIA GROUP

that

"We just had mental lapses,"
Hanusiak said. "We let her
get in front of us and we were
playing defense behind her, and
we just can't do that. The game
plan was to make sure someone
was always in front of her, and
to have help all the time."

One of the keys, against a player of Jones' ability, is to deny and deter entry passes to her. The Blue Demons hoped that multiple players could work together in a 2-3 zone to limit her touches near the basket — 5-6 senior Leslie Christiansen, 5-8 sophomore Holly Lindberg and 5-11 senior Olivia Hertogs formed the base of the zone — but it didn't slow Jones in the first half.

In response, Hanusiak switched to a man-to-man defense in the third quarter. She put 5-7 junior guard Janelle Alba Garner on Jones, and the three-year varsity starter defended her well in the third.

Alba Garner used her quickness to loop around Jones and tip away an entry pass multiple times. Her experience also proved to be very important.

"It's half a mind game and half a physical game, so I have to sort of think a couple steps ahead of her," Alba Garner said. "So if the ball's on this side, I have to jump in front before she gets there. It's sort of basketball IQ thing."

#### **COLLEGE NOTES**

#### Barrington's Gensburg has a strong run for Washington & Lee

BY NICK BULLOCK Special to the Tribune, @Pioneer\_Press

Washington & Lee men's cross country runner Mark Gensburg was recently named to the Old Dominion Athletic Conference fall sportsmanship team.

The Barrington graduate led the Generals to a third-place finish at the ODAC Championship. His time of 29 minutes, 1.2 seconds was good for 34th place. He then turned in a 75th-place finish at the NCAA South/Southeast Regional meet, helping Washington & Lee finish seventh as a team.

Local athletes David Heflin and Andrew Paras and the Wisconsin-River Falls men's hockey team defeated host Wisconsin-Stevens Point 4.2 on Jan. 17. After a blistering start to the season, the Falcons, ranked No. 3 in the Jan. 19 U.S. College Hockey Online poll, stumbled a bit in January. But the victory against Stevens Point improved River Falls to 14-2-1 on the season and 3-1-0 in the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference. Stevens Point, with the help of sophomore defenseman and Northbrook native Cody Von Rueden, also is strong at 12-4-0, 3-1-0, after the loss. Stevens Point was ranked No. 6 in the Jan. 19 USCHO poll.

Heflin is a sophomore goalie from Mundelein. Paras, a sophomore defenseman from Barrington, has played in six games this season.

Glenbrook North's Jodi Marver, a senior guard for the Knox College women's basketball team, recently was named the school's Performer of the Week after she helped snap her team's long losing streak against Midwest Conference rival Ripon College on Jan. 3 in Ripon, Wisconsin. Marver scored a gamehigh 22 points, including 10 from the freethrow line, in 18 minutes as Knox won 74-60 to beat Ripon for the first time since Nov. 30, 2007

Marver's teammate Erin Orr, an Oak Park-River Forest alumna, contributed seven points and four rebounds in 14 minutes off the bench.

Through the Prairie Fire's first 15 games, Marver ranked first on the team in scoring (13.6 points per game), assists (3.3 per game), and free throws attempted (95) and made (79). She also averaged 3.9 rebounds and 1.7 steals per game and is one of three players to start all 15 games.

Orr had averaged 6.7 points and a team-high 5.9 rebounds per game, through 15 games.

Have a suggestion for the College Roundup? Email Nick Bullock at bullockpioneerpress@gmail.com.

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### MAROLL

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Notre Dame's Bob Hoenig is excited about the spare he picked up during the Immaculate Conception boys bowling sectional tournament at the Brunswick Zone in Glendale Heights on Saturday. {Jon Langham/For CHICAGO TRIBUNE MEDIA GROUP





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With new NFL rules favoring the offense in general and the passing game in particular, it's no surprise that the 2014 season saw its share of 50-point games and 30-point victory margins. But the largest margin of victory ever in an NFL game occurred way back on Dec. 8, 1940, when Chicago destroyed Washington 73-0 in, believe it or not, the league championship game. By the way, one reason lopsided scores didn't hurt TV ratings just might be the pervasive popularity of fantasy football. It's estimated that Americans spent approximately \$11 billion on fantasy leagues in 2014.

The NBA has a new star. More than a month into the 2014-15 season, Anthony Davis of the New Orleans Pelicans ranked in the league's top 10 in points, rebounds, field goal percentage, blocks and steals. His Player Efficiency Rating was 33.3, which would be the highest ever if he ended the season at that measure. And in a preseason poll of the league's GMs, LeBron James was voted the player they would select first if starting a franchise, but Davis was tied with Kevin Durant for second.

Speaking of Anthony Davis, basketball fans might recall that he was the No. 1 overall pick in the 2012 NBA draft out of Kentucky, where he led the Wildcats to the NCAA championship under Coach John Calipari. How committed is Calipari to his job? Here's a clue: In late 2014, not only did Calipari resort to wishing his daughter a happy birthday via Twitter - but he did so on the wrong day.

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