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The history museum's latest exhibit, esteemed artist and visionary cartographer and inventor Charles Joseph Minard (1781-1870), created a 3-D graphic so accurate that it is still used today to depict the flow of armies and the effects of the Crimean War. The Minard’s map, which combines data and artistic expression, is a testament to the power of visual representation. Through Feb 18.

**KIDS Through Feb 6:** "Charlie and the Great Exhibit." Charlie, Lucy, Snoopy, and the gang are making themselves at home for a bit. The lovable characters whom cartoonist Charles Schulz spent 50 years representing, writing, and drawing, first appeared in seven papers in 1950, before eventually netting more than 355 million readers. This exhibit, featuring memorabilia on tour for the first time from the Charles M. Schulz Museum in Santa Rosa, California, looks at the life of the Peanuts and the evolution of the Peanuts kids he created. Families can try to muster a little Schulke-like creativity with hands-on activities, including a zoetrope, which combines static images to create an animated look.

**National Hellenic Museum**
535 N Lake Shore Dr (312-642-6502, nationalhellenicmuseum.org). Tue–Fri 10am–4pm; Sat, Sun 11am–5pm; $10, seniors and students $9, kids ages 3–11 $7, under 3 and members free.

Through Jul 13: "The Spirit of the Marathon: From Phoibippides to the Boston Marathon," a look at the evolution of the 26.2-mile race. The exhibit begins with the fictitious hero who inspired the modern marathon, and follows the legendary run from the Battle of Marathon to Athens to announce the Olympic Games in 400 B.C. The display shows how today's marathon has expanded since the Olympic Games in 1896 to present day. (See Chicago Tribune's "Herald of Indiana." Often overlooked, the War of 1812 was a seminal conflict that resulted in the stifling of Native American attempts to protect their land from roaming Americans. It also produced "The Star Spangled Banner," but that's neither here nor there.) Informative text panels relay the history of the conflict, and portraits of important players provide important context.

**Mitchell Museum of the American Indian**
3301 Central St, Evanston (847-475-1039, mitchellmuseum.org). Tue, Wed 10am–5pm; Thu 10am–8pm; Fri, Sat 10am–5pm; Sun noon–4pm; $5; hids, seniors, students $3.

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**Through Feb 24: "The War of 1812: Fighting for Their Homeland."** Often overlooked, the War of 1812 was a seminal conflict that resulted in the stifling of Native American attempts to protect their land from roaming Americans. (It also produced "The Star Spangled Banner," but that's neither here nor there.) Informative text panels relay the history of the conflict, and portraits of important players provide important context.

**Museum of Science and Industry**
5700 S Lake Shore Dr (312-784-4144, msichicago.org). Daily 9:30am–4:30pm. See website for extended seasonal hours. $15, seniors $14, kids ages 3–11 $10, kids 2 and under free. Discounts for Chicago residents.

**Featuring only Maier's Chicago years, this important exhibit features only Maier's Chicago years, the history museum's latest exhibit, featured on breadboards.**

**The History Museum**
535 N Lake Shore Dr (312-922-9410, fieldmuseum.org). Daily 9am–5pm. No entry after 4pm. $15, seniors and students $12, kids ages 3–11 $10. Discounts for Chicago residents.

**Through Jun 16: "Fashion and the Field Museum Collection: Maria Pinto."** Temporary curator and Chicago fashion designer Maria Pinto partners with the Field to create this historically rich exhibition, in which she selected 25 items from the museum's voluminous collection and paired them with her designs, mostly from 2009–2010. This may be as close as you'll get to a front-row seat at an exclusive fashion show. Her picks include a raincoat made of seal intestines by Alaskan Inuits, fur hot pants also created by Inuits and a 2008 skirt adorned with gold-and-silver foil decorated with gold, silver and rock crystal, this display—a collection of mammoth birds (CT-scanned), exhibit curator and Ethnobotanist-naturalist Rozen Bailleul-LeSuer) and 40 artifacts—explores the significance of ancient migratory birds from the Nile River's annual flood within ancient Egyptian civilization.

**Shedd Aquarium**
1200 S Lake Shore Dr (312-595-2348, shedd.org). Mon–Fri 9am–5pm; Sat, Sun 9am–6pm. Admission price for exhibit: $8–$34.95, kids ages 3–11 $8–$25.95, Discounts for Chicago residents. **KIDS Through 2013:** "Jellies!" Inside brightly colored, bulbous display cases, groups of jellyfish bewitch with pulsating rhythmic movements, and let their extendable appendages. Learn about the truly strange creatures and why recent spells of extreme weather, stemming from climate change, are harming the oceans. (Special admission, includes regular admission: $34.95, kids $25.95).