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In this 2014 file photo, Jackson Adams digs into an ear of corn. The annual Taste of Park Ridge will begin on July 9 and end July 11.

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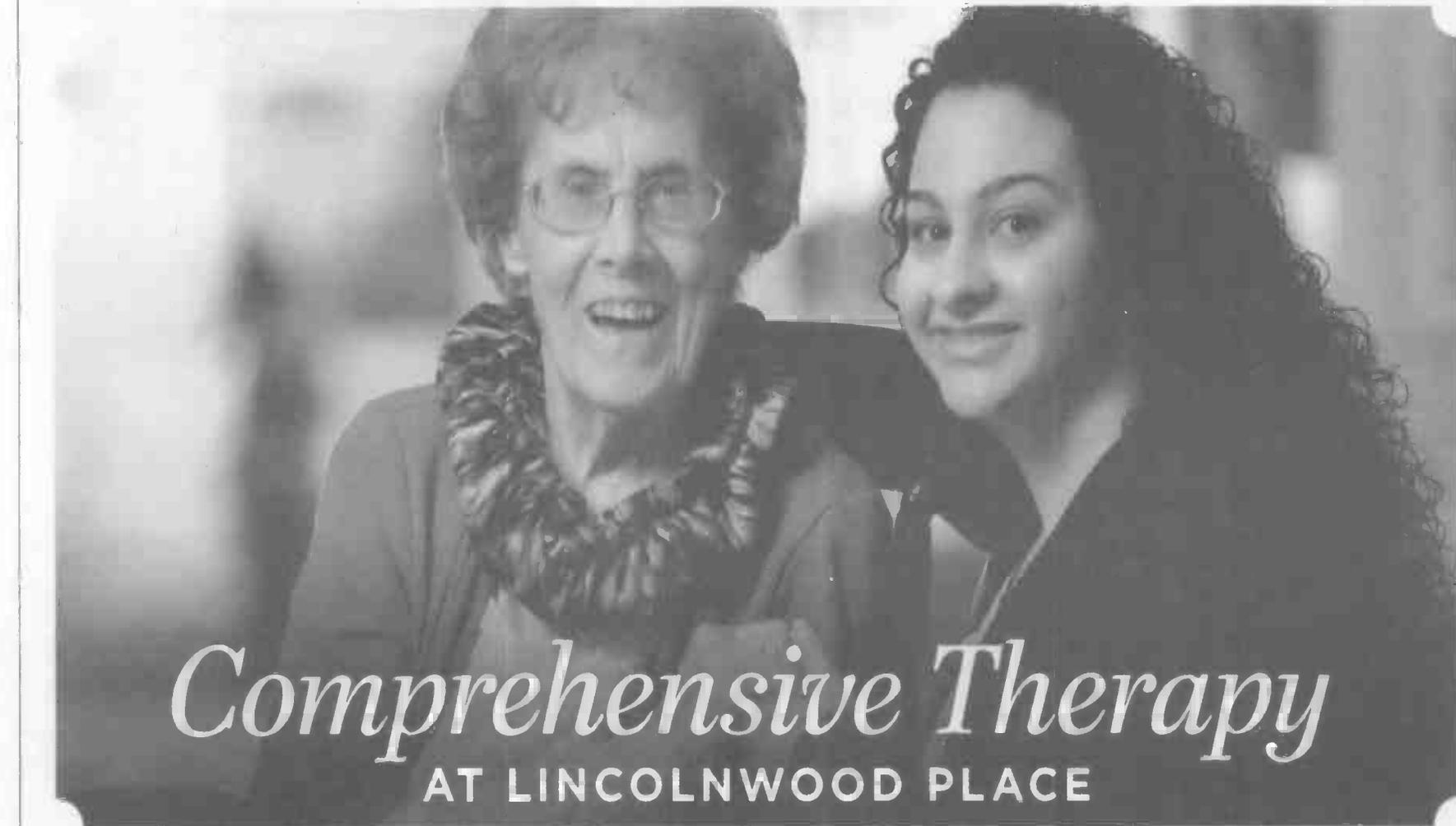
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Mayor questions library plow delay

BY JENNIFER JOHNSON
Pioneer Press

The decision by Park Ridge Public Works leaders to not plow a large public parking lot immediately following the weekend's blizzard was questioned by Mayor David Schmidt, who suggested it should have been made more of a priority.

During the Jan. 2 City Council meeting, Schmidt admitted that city crews "did the best they could" in light of what is being called the fifth largest snow storm for the area, but suggested more should have been done to make sure the parking lot adjacent to the Park Ridge Library had been cleared. The inaccessibility of the parking lot led to the library closing for the day, according to signs posted outside the building.

"That is such an essential parking lot," Schmidt said. "The businesses need that parking lot open... That was a mistake, I feel, not having that plowed or at least partially plowed. That basically meant Uptown was shut down on a day everybody was here because the schools were closed."

Other city-owned parking lots in Uptown, including those that serve Summit Mall, businesses along South Northwest Highway and commuters also remained unplowed through Monday night.

Public Works Director Wayne Zingsheim, who was in attendance at the City Council meeting, said snow plows were working on the city's streets.

"We were still on the side streets at that point and getting complaints of people being stuck, people being stuck in alleys. You prioritize what's more important," Zingsheim said.

By Tuesday, the public parking lots had been plowed.

Schmidt also questioned why salt was not being applied to major streets once the blizzard conditions had ceased.

"I haven't seen any salt anywhere and that's what I'm starting to get phone calls about," he said.

Zingsheim replied that streets would be "salted very heavily tonight" and said Monday had been dedicated to plowing.

At one point on Sunday morning, Zingsheim reported that five snow plows were broken down and the department was having difficulty calling in additional non-city help to supplement efforts by Public Works crews, according to an email sent to elected officials. When asked by 6th Ward Ald. Marc Mazzuca to address this during the Jan. 2 City Council meeting, Zingsheim said the city's fleet of smaller plow trucks was affected by the heavy snowfall.

"We're not really built for a snow of this magnitude," he said.

Also on Sunday, emergency crews responded to a number of motorist assists



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Grant Hoerr, left, gets ready to give sons Gavin and Grady a sled ride through the snow at Centennial Park in Park Ridge on Feb. 2.

after vehicles became stuck in heavy snow, said Park Ridge Deputy Police Chief Lou Jogmen.

"Our officers spent quite a bit of time helping people push their cars out," he said.

Within hours of the blizzard ending early Monday morning, main streets in neighboring Niles and Chicago were largely clear of snow and ice, though Park Ridge's major roads were not. By the next afternoon, main streets appeared to have been salted and were clearer, but many residential streets and arterial roads were still snow-packed. Though a portion of Courtland Avenue was plowed and salted around City Hall, the remainder of the road to the south was slick and heavily covered in snow.

With many sidewalks still covered, pedestrians could be seen walking along major streets.

The snowfall promoted local public and private schools to close Monday, which did give children and teens a chance to head back to the Centennial Park Sled Hill. Though it required trudging through high, mostly powdered snow and some good balance to keep from wiping out before even reaching the hill, for most it was worth the trip.



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Michael Pompei, 14, joins friends for a ride down the Centennial Park Sled Hill in Park Ridge on Feb. 2.

"It was a little fluffy at first, but then it started to pack down for some good sledding," said 14-year-old Michael Pompei who, with a group of friends, formed a human "train" as they headed down the hill in a line on their variety of sleds.

For Gavin Hoerr, 6, this was the first year he was taking the steep slope all by himself. "Why do you like sledding by yourself?" his dad, Grant, asked.

"So I can wipe myself out!" Gavin answered proudly.

The lack of a good snow pack so far this winter season meant that for many, Feb. 2 was their first time out at the Centennial Hill since 2013. Last season, when the Chicago area experienced record-breaking snowfall and cold temperatures, the hill was closed due to construction of the new Centennial Pool and a water detention area.

ComEd may return as local electricity supplier

BY JENNIFER JOHNSON
Pioneer Press

Park Ridge may be turning back to ComEd as its default supplier of electricity as savings experienced with an alternative company disappear.

The North Shore Electrical Aggregation Consortium, of which Park Ridge and seven other suburbs are members, is recommending that bids from two electricity suppliers be rejected due to prices that are "not compelling when compared to the ComEd default rate," according to a Jan. 29 report from the group. The bids were sought as the consortium's three-year contract with supplier MC Squared is slated to end this year. The exact bid rates received are not being publicly shared at this time.

McGuire, who represented Park Ridge at consortium meetings, said prices from alternative suppliers and ComEd are converging to the point that the savings once experienced are all but gone. The Illinois Power Agency Act, allowing municipalities to negotiate for electrical supply purchases, has forced ComEd, "to adjust its behavior and start to be more competitive," McGuire said.

The company's price now changes multiple times each year, though contractors with other suppliers have fixed rates.

"You can no longer predict over time

what their price is going to be," McGuire said of ComEd.

In 2012, voters in the communities that make up the consortium approved referendums allowing for electrical aggregation to occur. Though a new supplier was contracted, ComEd continued to provide the delivery rate, infrastructure and repairs.

McGuire said aggregation saved Park Ridge residents and small businesses approximately \$5.2 million over the three years of the contract with MC Squared, but the difference between ComEd rates and MC Squared rates has decreased over the three years, from a 40 percent savings the first year to just 5 percent during the third year.

"Overall, the state of Illinois' program was successful," McGuire said. "It forced the marketplace to be more competitive, so that's good for consumers."

An option for the North Shore Electrical Aggregation Consortium is to return customers to ComEd, though anyone interested in another electricity provider would be able to sign up on their own.

There are no current plans to seek additional bids from electricity suppliers, McGuire said. He believes a decision on which direction to head will be made by the consortium members "within a week," though an exact date has not been set.

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Police release description of vehicle involved in hit-and-run

BY NATALIE HAYES
Pioneer Press

Morton Grove police have released a vague description of the vehicle wanted in the Jan. 12 hit-and-run crash that killed a local elderly man.

Richard Mikulec, 86, was crossing the street at Shermer Road just north of Harlem Avenue at about 7 p.m. on the Monday night when he was struck by a vehicle police are now describing as a GM model van or box-style truck.

The year of the vehicle was possibly newer than a 2009 model, according to Paul Yaras, police commander at the Morton Grove Police Department.

"The paint on [Mikulec's] clothing is being analyzed by FBI chemists for the year and make," Yaras said, "and we are awaiting their results."

Police said they're checking on a list of

vehicles that match the description of the GM van or truck.

"We have also obtained a list of registered vehicles that match what we are generally looking for and we will be canvassing those vehicles as well," Yaras said.

No witnesses saw the crash and police don't know why Mikulec was crossing the street on the cold, snowy night.

Police said the victim kept detailed records of his daily activities, but had not recorded the reason he went out that night.

Vehicle parts left scattered at the scene, as well as the victim's clothing, are being looked at as key pieces of the investigation.

The Morton Grove Police Department is looking for any information on the driver and/or vehicle involved in this crash. Please contact 847-470-5200 with any information related to this incident.

Natalie Hayes is a freelance reporter for Pioneer Press.



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Niles adopts hazard mitigation plan

Focus goes beyond natural disaster planning in county

By IGOR STUDENKOV
For Pioneer Press

The village of Niles board of trustees unanimously adopted the Cook County Multi-Jurisdictional All Hazards Mitigation Plan.

The plan was put together by Chicago-based Tetra Tech consulting company on behalf of the Cook County Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management. The plan was based on input from the department, as well as the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago and over 100 Cook County municipalities, including Niles.

Adopting this plan will make it easier for the village to work together with the county and other municipalities to address natural disasters. But perhaps most important, it will allow the village to obtain grants for disaster-mitigating projects, such as the flood mitigation projects that

haven't been funded yet.

The final version of the Hazard Mitigation Plan, which was completed on Sept. 10, sets out to address flooding, severe winter and summer weather, as well as what it describes as less pressing, but still potentially devastating hazards.

Those include, in order of likelihood of occurrence, tornadoes, earthquakes, dam failures and droughts.

The plan sets out steps to address potential disasters for Cook County in general and for each municipality specifically. For Cook County, the plan calls for the county emergency department to develop "disaster intelligence capacities" to help the county and its municipalities better respond to natural disasters.

It calls for creating a single template for emergency response plans, developing an infrastructure security program, improving and expanding the Cook County Emergency Response Team program, improving outreach to county residents, reviewing county disaster shelters, improving the county evacuation plan and

A 10-year Niles flood could cause a total of more than \$2 million worth of damage, while a 100-year flood could cause a total of \$3.35 million worth of damage, and a 500-year flood could cause a total of \$18.8 million in damage. While tornadoes are less likely to occur, the property damage they would cause would be far more severe, costing from \$174.4 million to \$185.7 million.

completing a county-wide mass notification system. It calls for incorporating WebEOC event reporting software into county operations. Finally, it calls for more coordination and cooperation between governing bodies throughout the county.

For Niles in particular, the plan incorporates the village's existing disaster prevention initiatives. That includes the flood mitigation projects and the flood control assistance program.

It calls for supporting purchase, relocation or retrofitting of structures that are located in hazard-prone areas.

It also calls for updating the village's emergency operations center, organizing and training the Community Emergency Response

Team, doing more to educate village residents about disasters, as well as ensuring that other village planning effort takes the Hazard Mitigation Plan into account.

Adoption of the Hazard Mitigation Plan is expected to make it easier for Niles to obtain state and federal grants.

The plan makes obtaining funding for flood mitigation projects the biggest priority, noting that while the costs are high, the benefits will outweigh the expenses in the long run.

The plan also laid out how much property damage significant natural disasters could cause throughout Niles.

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The Village Board adopted the agreement quickly and without many comments. In the run-up to the vote, a former trustee, Louella Preston, spoke in support of the agreement.

"I hope you approve it," she said. "It's a good example of inter-governmental cooperation."

Igor Studenkov is a freelance reporter for Pioneer Press

Niles changes leaf pick-up rules

Ordinance engineered to give flexibility to Village Public Services

IGOR STUDENKOV
For the Pioneer Press

The Village of Niles Board of Trustees unanimously voted to give the Department of Public Services more flexibility to schedule leaf pick-ups.

The Niles Municipal Code previously stated that the Public Services would pick up leaves for free on October, November and December. The new ordinances gives the department the discretion to create leaf pick-up schedules based on the weather.

Public Services director Mary Anderson requested the change, arguing that the requirement was burdensome. In December, the vehicles that pick up leaves need to be converted to snow and ice removal, and it was impractical for public service crews to pick up leaves in converted equipment.

The board didn't have any objections to the idea. But Trustee Joe LoVerde said that there was another aspect of the current procedure he would like to see changed - the way the leaves are gathered for pick-up.

Public Services officials indicated that the department is already looking at alternatives.

Under the village municipal code, residents must collect any "landscape waste" - including leaves - in paper bags or 35 gallon garbage cans.

Either way, those receptacles had to have village stickers (which residents could purchase for \$2) attached, and the containers could only include leaves.

Until Jan. 27, the municipal code gave residents a second option on October, November and December.

During those months, the village offered free pick-up of leaves every other week.

Residents had to be raked into the curb on the Mondays of the pick-up weeks, as well as make sure no other type of waste got in with the leaves.

The ordinance that went before the Village Board during its Jan. 27 left most of those rules and procedures intact. But it did take out the language specifying that Public Services will pick up leaves October-December, replacing it with a statement saying that leaves will be picked up according to a pick-up schedule the department would post in advance.

The 2015 leaves pick-up schedule, which was posted on the village website soon after the vote, shows the same pick-up pattern as before.

During the Jan. 27 meeting's public comment period, former village trustee Louella Preston suggested that the board would consider another change to free leaf pick-up procedures.

"I would ask that you'd think about having residents bag their leaves instead of putting them in the gutter and having the leaves clog up the sewers," she said.

Igor Studenkov is a freelance reporter for Pioneer Press

Taste of Park Ridge returns to Uptown July 9

By JENNIFER JOHNSON
Pioneer Press

There may be snow on the ground, but the city of Park Ridge is looking ahead to outdoor summer activities.

The city has announced that Taste of Park Ridge, the annual summer food festival, will return July 9 through July 11 in Uptown. As in past years, there are plans to hold the event on Summit Avenue between Prospect and Touhy, with setup beginning the day prior to the fest, according to the city.

Taste of Park Ridge is run by a nonprofit corporation separate from the city.

The annual Park Ridge Sidewalk Sale involving local businesses is also expected to take place from July 6-12.

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District 207 alternative high school relocates

BY JENNIFER JOHNSON
Pioneer Press

An alternative school run by Maine Township High School District 207 has opened in Park Ridge.

With the start of the new academic semester, Ralph J. Frost Academy is now open in the former Tool and Manufacturing Association building at 1177 S. Dee Road, adjacent to the Maine South campus.

Formerly known as the Alternative Resource Center, the alternative high school was previously housed in a building leased by the district at 7800 W. Lyons St. in Morton Grove. It educates "about two dozen" students with behavioral issues who are referred from other Maine schools.

According to the District 207 website, the alternative school's goal is to "provide a structured environment with positive reinforcement for appropriate behavior," while helping students develop "positive behavior and social skills."

The school's annual budget is \$825,000, District 207 spokesman David Beery said.



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A classroom inside Maine Township High School District 207's Frost Academy, 1177 S. Dee Road in Park Ridge.

District 207 purchased the building at 1177 S. Dee Road last year for \$2.1 million and plans to relocate administrative offices there this spring as well. Currently, these offices are inside Maine South High School.

The building had previously belonged to District 207, but was sold 30 years ago.

Frost Academy is named for Maine West High School's first principal and former District 207 assistant superintendent Ralph J. Frost. According to the district, the school's sports teams will be called the

Flyers, in recognition of Maine's Flyer, a C-54 transport plane built at the nearby Douglas Aircraft Plant during World War II and paid for through fundraising efforts by students at Maine Township High School, now known as Maine East.

Frost Academy is now the second alternative school open in Park Ridge. The other is Jeanine Schultz School, which has operated for 50 years at 2101 Oakton St. and educates students ages 3 to 20 with emotional and behavioral challenges.

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Niles makes vote result official

BY IGOR STUDENKOV
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The Niles Board of Trustees voted to change the village municipal code to conform with the result of the referendum that removed the mayor's power to fill trustee vacancies.

During the November elections, Niles residents voted to approve the referendum that would require that trustee vacancies would be filled during the next municipal election — or, if the vacancy occurs less than 196 days before the

election, in the election two years later. The referendum was binding and took effect immediately. But the municipal code didn't have language reflecting that.

Before the referendum, the procedures for filling trustee vacancies were governed by state law, which gave the mayor the authority to fill vacancies. As a home rule municipality, Niles could pass legislation — or its voters could approve a referendum — to create its own rules for filling vacancies.

During the Jan. 27 meet-

ing, the Village Board voted to create a new section of the municipal code that set requirements to fill a vacancy. The requirements were taken from the referendum verbatim. The same resolution also indicated that any part of the municipal code that conflicts with the new requirements is automatically struck down.

While the Village Board has seen some conflict on the issue in the run-up to the referendum, the vote was low-key. The board approved the changes unanimously, without any debate.

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THEFT

- A 58-year-old cashier at a store in the 8900 block of Milwaukee Avenue told police that she was the victim of a short-change scam on Jan. 24. A total of \$35 was taken from the store, police said.
- A 24-foot trailer was reported stolen on Jan. 27 from a lot just north of a business in the 7000 block of Milwaukee Avenue.
- A woman told police that someone stole a wallet from her purse on Jan. 28 after she left it unattended in a shopping cart while inside a store in the 5700 block of Touhy Avenue.
- Pamela Frazier, 50, of 920 Jonathon Court, Prospect Heights, was charged with retail theft and obstructing identification on Jan. 24. Police said Frazier was accused of stealing cosmetics and a wireless ear piece from a store in the 8500 block of Golf Road. She was also

accused of giving police a false name and allegedly becoming "loud and argumentative" at the police station, according to police. She has a Feb. 19 court date.

CRIMINAL TRESPASS

■ Gerard Poplawski, 50, of 7600 Bosworth, Chicago, was charged with criminal trespass to a residence and criminal damage to property on Jan. 23. According to police, Poplawski had gained entry to an empty condominium unit in the 9000 block of Terrace Drive, claiming he owned the unit when it actually belonged to someone else. The man who reportedly owns the condominium told police he had not been inside since December and had removed all his valuables before he left. Police said an investigation determined Poplawski had once lived in the residence, but that it was sold in 2005 by his wife and then sold a second time in 2007. Poplawski also had an arrest warrant out of Chicago, police said. He has a Feb. 23 court date.

DUI

■ Marcin Pekala, 33, of 6726 N. Harlem Ave., Niles, was charged with driving under the influence on Jan. 26 after he was stopped for allegedly speeding in the

7000 block of Milwaukee Avenue. He has a March 13 court date.

DISPUTE

■ A resident of the 8000 block of Lyons Street called police on the morning of Jan. 29 because she was upset that her 29-year-old son was smoking so many cigarettes, police said. The son reportedly told police that he enjoys smoking and did not understand why his mother was so upset. He agreed to leave the home for a period of time, police said.

BURGLARY

■ A home in the 7900 block of Park Avenue was reported burglarized on the night of Jan. 23 and a home in the 8000 block of Merrill Street was burglarized Jan. 24. No further details were made available.

HARASSMENT

■ A resident of the 7300 block of Crain Street told police on Jan. 24 that she has received numerous text messages and phone calls that are of a vulgar and threatening nature. Police said the woman has never met the man who left the messages and does not know who he is.

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Indecent exposure reported by teenage girls

Police are looking for a man who allegedly exposed himself to two teenage girls.

The alleged incident occurred just before 9 p.m. on Jan. 24 while the girls, ages 15 and 16, were walking south on the 300 block of Courtland Avenue, just south of Uptown.

According to police, a man who had been sitting on the steps of a house stood up, removed his shirt, approached the teens and pulled down his pants.

Police said the teens immediately crossed the street and headed to the nearby police station at 200 Vine Ave. to report the incident.

The suspect was described as about 5-feet, 8-inches tall, with brown eyes. He was wearing a black hat, dark colored T-shirt and gray sweat pants.

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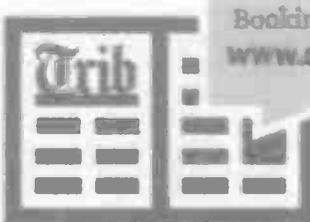
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Students tell their tales in 6 words

BY MIKE ISAACS
Pioneer Press

- Six words can say a lot.
- It depends how you use them.
- One's story can be expressed efficiently.

By the time the day had ended, more than a thousand Niles North High School students had been handed an extraordinary opportunity: To tell their stories using exactly a half-dozen words.

A wall-sized bulletin board in Niles North's library was empty at the start of the day, overflowing with students' stories by the end.

"I am an open book: read."

"I am not just an Asian."

"My appearance does not define me."

"Read my book, not my cover."

The idea behind Niles North's "The Story of Me" began when librarian Beverly Zdinden heard a feature on NPR about six-word stories. She thought the concept would be enlightening for students at the Skokie high school, especially with the enrollment being so diverse.

"I love stories. I think people learn so much through stories," Zdinden said. "What I always thought would be really interesting is to capture the stories of our kids. We have such a diverse community here."

The power of six-word stories predates NPR's piece. Legend has it that novelist Ernest Hemingway was once asked to write a full story in six words for which he responded, "For Sale: baby shoes, never worn."

"Six-word memoirs are a profound and creative way to think about your life, your surroundings, your reality and ultimately yourself," states the PsychCentral website.

For the students of Niles North High School, the mini-memoirs were meant to accomplish all of those things and more.

The project feels at home as part of the current Coming Together in Skokie and Niles Township program on race. It also was an important part of District 219's Race Week activities leading into the celebration of Black History Month in February.

Classes filed in all day Jan. 26 to hear about the project. No one was mandated to write their story, but many seemed to want to give it a full-out effort.

"What people see are the superficial pieces of who we are," said District 219 Director of Equity, ELL Corrie Wallace, talking to an afternoon class. "It's some identifying characteristic — your hair color, texture, whether you wear glasses. But what people don't know about me and about you and about all of us is all of those other pieces who make us who we are."

The value of the project lay not only in the students' final six words but the process



MIKE ISAACS/PIONEER PRESS PHOTOS

Niles North High School students who've completed their six-word memoirs for "The Story of Me" project get them stamped before the stories go on a wall in the school library. A school librarian developed the concept from an NPR feature.

in getting there. Students first engaged in a candid conversation about defining themselves from their own experiences.

One American-born student complained how tired she is of being told to go back to her own country — even though she was born here.

Students were also handed sheets titled "Defining Ourselves," which allowed them to list their insights, to look inward in a different way before choosing those six key words.

"I want students to be empowered and know it's important for them to be able to tell their own stories," Wallace said. "And for their perspective to be shared and to be aware of who we are."

In other schools, the enrollment is often more homogenous. The diversity of students at Niles North, educators believe, makes it even more important that they have opportunity to tell their own stories, share their perspectives, define themselves in ways that transcend stereotypes.

"Even though race is a social construct," Wallace said, "racism is very real. I think (the project) is making students think in ways in which they may not have before, which is great."

Without Love I believe in nothing.

Weird does not mean socially awkward.

I am a perfectly imperfect person.

Don't confine me. I will succeed.

"Our students have really powerful stories," said English teacher Ivan Silverberg who also helped oversee The Story of Me. "This project is a pretty cool way to capture some of those stories. I think one of



Niles North High School students were encouraged to define themselves beyond appearances and stereotypes as part of the project called "The Story of Me."

the ideas is to build a living archive, an oral tradition that we can tap into year after year."

That's possible because plans call for The Story of Me to become an annual event at Niles North. Not only does that mean the school will build an extraordinary mini-memoir archive, but students will be able to see their own changes over four high

school years.

"People here have so many different experiences to share," Silverberg said. "Imagine not only the number of stories but the variety of stories that we have just within these concrete walls."

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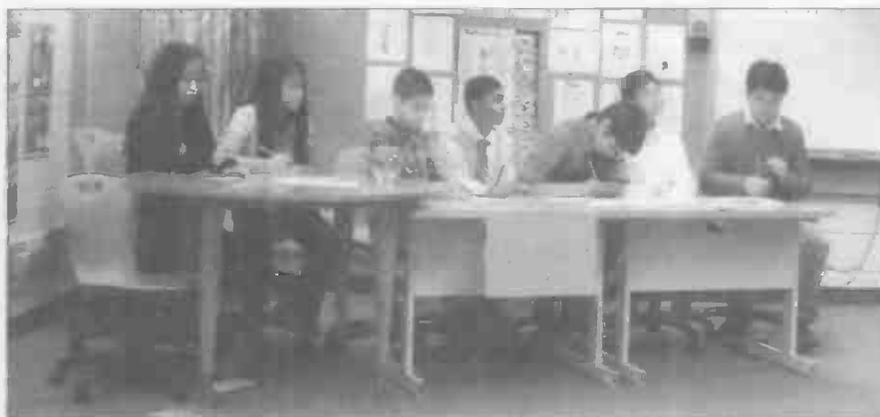
Students debate and relate at Skokie, Niles schools

NATALIE HAYES
Pioneer Press

A new cross-town rivalry pitting the intellect of a group of students from Skokie against a Niles school is lending a competitive edge to the kids involved in the schools' debate programs.

Both Culver School in Niles and East Prairie School in Skokie have been offering debate programs to students in sixth through eighth grades for several years, but the programs lacked the competitive aspect used by high school and college-level teams.

Believing the kids would benefit from a little competition, East Prairie debate teacher Andrea Smeeton reached out to Culver teacher Katie Ranalli this year, and together the two planned the schools' first-ever cross-town debate



ANDREA SMEETON/HANDOUT

Debate teams from East Prairie School in Skokie and Culver School in Niles came together for a debate competition on Jan. 16. It was the first time the schools debated against each other.

competition.

"Debates stretch students' skills in the areas of researching, supporting opinions with facts, persuasive writing, public speaking, and cooperative learning," Ranalli said. "The

competitive aspect of debate adds extra motivation to build a case that is strong enough, thorough enough, and convincing enough to win."

Ranalli and Smeeton met several times during after-

school hours to plan the competitions, and the students hit the books even harder when they found out their debate performance would be challenged by another school's team.

Encouraged to represent

their schools with their best performances, kids at both schools worked extra hard to fine-tune their knowledge of current events, and prepare their public speaking skills for the competitions.

"Debate can be intimidating for students because it's formal, timed, and in front of an audience," Ranalli said. "But if the students are well-prepared, it's an exhilarating experience and a valuable learning opportunity."

About 30 students in Culver School's debate program welcomed East Prairie's team of 25 students on Jan. 16 for the final round in a series of three debates.

Dressed in their finest attire, the kids took to the stage to debate academic topics including whether civil disobedience in democracy is justified, and the

moral ramifications of inaction in the face of justice, according to Smeeton.

"Kids, by nature, like to compete," Smeeton said. "Being up against another school meant the kids had to dig deep into both sides of an argument so they were able to anticipate what the other side would come up with, and then counter it."

Culver School won the overall competition by several points, but at the end of the day everyone was all smiles.

"Culver hosted us for lunch afterward, and they all got to know each other," Smeeton said. "It was a great opportunity for them to bond because they all feed into the same high schools," Smeeton said.

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Nature-inspired photos on display

Gallery show runs through month

NATALIE HAYES
Pioneer Press

The natural beauty of the Midwest is defined by the region's signature dense forests, sprawling prairies and flowing lakes, making the area an unsung paradise for nature lovers.

Glenview photographer-turned-environmentalist Carol Freeman captures a close-up look at the natural beauty of outdoor life in Illinois in a collection of vibrant photos that are now on display in the art gallery at Lincolnwood Village Hall.

Freeman's collection, "In Beauty, I Walk" debuted at Village Hall on Jan. 20, and her photos offer viewers a rare glimpse of the state's wildlife and natural outdoor spaces through the end of this month.

Among her eye-catching photos of native vegetation and bird life, a heavy focus of Freeman's work is capturing shots of endangered insects and animals, which she hopes will shed light on their state of vulnerability.

From a threatening-looking spider perched on a patch of Milkweed, to a thick Monarch caterpillar inching up a leaf, or a rare owl peering down from a tree—Freeman has so far captured photos of 148 of the 483 species that appear on the state's list of endangered species.

Freeman said she hopes her work will help people gain a renewed appreciation for nature, which she thinks has disappeared since the birth of smartphones and the growth of technology.

"I think the majority of people are disconnected from nature," Freeman said. "The first step is to appreciate what's in our own backyards — people think you have to fly to Mexico or some other tropical place to see nature, but it's all right here."

To satisfy her craving for the outdoors, Freeman goes on a walk with her camera three or four times each week. Some of her favorite places to take in nature include the Volo Bog State Natural Area in Ingleside, Ill., the Grove in Glenview, and any of the state's natural park areas.

Before she developed an avid passion for outdoor photography, Freeman ran a graphic design business for 13 years, along with a studio photography business on the side.

Her career changed in the early 2000s when a bird store in Evanston asked her to shoot promotional photos of its feathered beasts one day.

"I started getting hooked on shooting photos of birds," she said. "After more than 10 years working in graphic design, I



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decided I wanted to branch out on my own and turn photography into my own business."

Her photos later caught the eye of Nature Conservancy of Illinois, National Geographic and the Chicago Botanic Garden, where she was hired to photograph and catalog 1,200 plants recently.

Synonymous with her mission to spread awareness of nature through her photography, Freeman launched the "Team Green Environmental Network," a nonprofit dedicated to environmental education.

She hopes her work capturing the beauty of outdoor life combined with her philanthropic environmental endeavors

will inspire people to find a newfound appreciation for nature, and develop a greater sense of the earth's fragility.

"The Chicagoland area has done a tremendous job preserving our parks and forest preserves," Freeman said. "There's this entire amazing, beautiful nature close by, and I hope my images will inspire people to get out and enjoy it."

"In Beauty, I Walk" will be on display through Feb. 27 at Lincolnwood Village Hall, 6900 N. Lincoln Ave.

Freeman's photographs are for sale at carolfreemanphotography.com or on her Facebook page.

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Family plans events to mark one year anniversary of student's death

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With the one-year anniversary of their son's disappearance and death approaching, Morton Grove residents Lovely and Mathew Varughese are taking part in planning commemorations, a church memorial service and a solemn walk to the spot where Pravin's body was found. They hope to both deal with grief and continue their quest to urge police and county officials to bring charges in what they believe to be their son's murder.

Pravin Varughese, then 19, disappeared last Feb. 12 and his body was found Feb. 18 in a wooded area in downstate Carbondale, where he attended Southern Illinois University in hopes of entering law enforcement one day.

His parents have spent much of

the past year frustrated with Carbondale police, who have stated they are officially still investigating, and the Jackson County state's attorney, who has not brought charges in the case, even though Lovely Varughese has what she believes is incriminating evidence.

The Varugheses have filed lawsuits, authorized an independent autopsy, spoken with U.S. Congressmen and Senators, traveled to Washington, D.C. to ask for a U.S. Department of Justice investigation, held a press conference, spoken to the media repeatedly, and participated in an online petition drive which gathered 40,000 signatures demanding justice be pursued.

As the anniversary of Pravin's death nears, Lovely Varughese says the emotional turmoil is

growing stronger.

"As the days are coming closer, I feel something so heavy in my chest," she said. "I have no energy, and I don't know what I'm feeling in my stomach."

They are grateful relatives and friends plan to support them through the anniversary, which has events planned downstate on Friday, Feb. 13, the day they believe Pravin actually died based on the independent autopsy results, and Sunday, Feb. 15 in the Chicago area.

The Feb. 15 memorial service will be held at the Varughese family's church, Chicago Mar Thoma Church, 240 Potter Road, Des Plaines, from 4 to 6 p.m. Lovely said her family has been intensely involved in the church community and she and Pravin sang in the choir.

The pastor, Rev. Daniel Thomas, will offer prayers, and dignitaries such as U.S. Rep. Jan Schakowsky, a 9th District Democrat, former Lt. Gov. Sheila Simon, Morton Grove Mayor Dan DiMaria, a representative of State Rep. Lou Lang of Skokie and Chicago Alderman Aneya Pewar are expected to speak.

The Archangels of Justice, comprised of Ira Robins and Salvatore Rastrelli, two retired law enforcement officers turned advocates for bereaved families trying to find justice for their loved ones, will also speak.

Two events will take place in the downstate Murphysboro/Carbondale on Feb. 13. The Varugheses and the Archangels of Justice will speak at an 11:30 press conference at the VFW in Murphysboro, which Carbondale me-

dia requested. At 2 p.m., the Carbondale police chief said he would lead the Varugheses through the wooded area to the spot where their son was found. Originally, Lovely Varughese said it was to be just her family, but supporters, including some of Pravin's friends from SIU, expressed a desire to come along.

Pravin's former youth chaplain from Mar Thoma Church, Rev. Biju Simon, is flying in from his current assignment in San Francisco in order to be there.

Lovely Varughese says she is dreading the visit to the place where Pravin died, but that she also feels a need to go.

"I really want to touch that place," she said. "I just want to sit there for a few minutes. That might give me a little relief.

"My son's soul is there."



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The deep snow, which measured more than 19 inches at O'Hare, means a refund for some Art Van customers.

Furniture customers cash in on snow promotion

BY PATRICK M. O'CONNELL
Tribune reporter

When Jon Mireles went to the Art Van Furniture store in Orland Park on Jan. 17 to buy tables for his new house, he didn't know about the retailer's Let It Snow promotion, which offered refunds to customers if it snowed at least 3 inches at O'Hare airport on Super Bowl Sunday.

After picking out a sofa table, coffee table and end table worth a total of nearly \$900, he decided to wait 20 minutes in line to fill out paperwork for the deal.

"I thought, 'OK, great, whatever. Sounds great, not like it's going to snow on Super Bowl Sunday,'" said Mireles, 31, who lives in Tinley Park with his wife and 3-year-old daughter. The family left the store with their new furniture, and Mireles nearly forgot about the promotion.

As weather forecasters began predicting a snowstorm for Super Bowl weekend, Mireles first worried about his work schedule, then remembered the furniture store.

"Oh, man, we signed up for that promotion," Mireles said. "I spent most of Saturday and Sunday fret-

ting whether it was actually going to snow 3 inches at O'Hare."

Mireles saw the snow piling up when he awoke Sunday morning, and thought, "We've got a real shot at this."

The blizzard delivered more than 19 inches of snow at O'Hare, making winners of Mireles and 1,912 other Art Van Chicago-area customers who bought furniture on Jan. 1, 2, 3 and 17 as part of the promotion.

"It's been pretty cool," he said.

Art Van is preparing to refund about \$2.4 million to customers in the Chicago area, Toledo, Ohio and Fort Wayne, Ind., Art Van spokeswoman Diane Charles said. The refunds cover the purchase price, sales tax and delivery fee.

The Michigan-based retailer took out an insurance policy on the Let It Snow promotion from Lloyd's of London, Charles said. Customers who are eligible will be notified this week, and refunds will likely be processed in March, Charles said.

Art Van sells living room, dining room and bedroom furniture, plus mattresses, at midlevel prices. Founded in 1959, it has 94 stores across the Midwest.

Lyndsay Flores, 24, said she will be receiving a \$700 refund for the dresser she bought at the Merrillville, Ind., store, her first furniture purchase without the help of her parents. She called the refund "a huge benefit."

"I truly, truly didn't think we'd get snow," said Flores, who lives in North Judson, Ind. "I really wasn't looking or paying attention to the weather. But then a co-worker last week said that we're supposed to get snow over the weekend and I looked at the forecast. On Sunday, when I saw how much it was snowing, I thought, 'I might really get this dresser for free.'"

"Now I regret not buying more furniture," Flores said.

Mireles said his family plans to buy summer clothes with the promotion refund. The day he bought the furniture, Mireles said he nearly abandoned the promotion sign-up line because it was taking too long.

"I'm glad I waited now," he said.

Flores is looking to use the refund money for a bookshelf or coffee table — maybe, she said, from Art Van.

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Rauner issues groups medical marijuana licenses

BY MONIQUE GARCIA
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Tribune reporters

Gov. Bruce Rauner on Monday issued licenses for groups that will be allowed to grow and sell medical marijuana.

The move comes after the new Republican governor heavily criticized the process under Democratic predecessor Gov. Pat Quinn, who left office in January without granting licenses despite receiving recommendations from state officials.

Of the 22 cultivation centers allowed under the law, Rauner granted permits for 18 companies to begin operating. Another three are under additional review.

The Rauner administration issued licenses to 53 organizations to operate dispensaries where patients



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Nathan Wilson, a care giver at a Detroit area medical marijuana dispensary, shows some of the marijuana product on Thursday, Jan. 8, 2015.

will be able to buy the drug, with five more under further review.

In some instances, Rauner chose the same finalists

included in draft lists made by the Quinn administration. In other instances, he picked an alternative because a legal review found

problems with Quinn's scoring process, according to Jason Barclay, Rauner's general counsel.



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Shane McKee, co-founder of Shango Premium Cannabis medical marijuana, pulls a sample from their display.

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Ashley Barlow had to pick up her little-legged dogs, Zuma, left, and Floyd to cross unplowed Belle Plaine Avenue at Damon Avenue in February 2011.

Dog caught in headlights of harrowing blizzard

By far my favorite memory of the Super Bowl Blizzard would have to be the one about the dog that I am still amazed I did not turn into road kill.

To explain: I was slip-sliding away down Route 120 in Lake County at about 30 mph when a random dog decided to wander out of wind-blown obscurity and into the middle of the roadway.

The most amusing part, in retrospect, was when I hit my horn and it only made the dog stare directly at me, as if welcoming what was to come.

To make a short story shorter, I managed to swerve around him (or her), like a bull going around a toreador. I'm still wondering how there wasn't a "thump" as I did so. The last I saw, the dog was not only intact but being taken in by the car behind me.

Anyway, the mere fact that I was able to drive around in this blizzard — and only managed to get stuck four times — puts it into perspective. The official word early Monday, Feb. 2, was that we



DAN MORAN

had just endured the No. 5 snow-storm in Chicago's recorded history. It wasn't lost on me that all have taken place in my lifetime, which perhaps makes me formally old.

So here is one man's ranking of those Top 5 Chicago Blizzards, as measured at the city's official recording station and in order from least impressive to most powerful:

The Big Snow, Jan. 26-27, 1967, 23.0 inches: Though it is No. 1 on the depth list and is remembered as lethal by those who lived through it, I was only 4 months old and can't scratch up any memories, even during deep hypnosis.

The New Year's Blizzard, Jan.

1-3, 1999, 21.6 inches: It all fell on bare ground over a lazy weekend, so it wasn't that big a deal. I drove 50 miles from Lake to Kane counties without an issue.

The Super Bowl Blizzard, Jan. 31-Feb. 2, 2015, 19.3 inches: The most impressive thing was the treacherous layer of ice disguised under the otherwise fluffy snow. As mentioned, driving was a pain, if not impossible.

The Groundhog Day Blizzard, Jan. 31-Feb. 2, 2011, 21.2 inches: A mean one. At its peak, the wind made even shoveling impossible. I did not drive, and those who did regretted it.

The Blizzard of '79, Jan. 12-14, 1979, 20.3 inches: There was already a foot of snow on the ground. It felt like being buried alive.

I also have a dog story to tell from 1979, but I've probably given the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals enough to worry about.

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We should all be thankful for Ernie Banks



RANDY BLASER

Like all Chicagoans, I mourned the death of Chicago Cubs great Ernie Banks last week.

The news of his death shocked me, mainly because he seemed forever young. When I would hear the words "Ernie Banks" I would see in my mind's eye the image of his fingers dancing on the bat handle as he stared down a pitcher or that quick, whip-like swing lashing at a fastball or No. 14 rounding the bases.

Then I'd smile when remembering Jack Brickhouse interviewing Ernie on Opening Day and Mr. Cub saying, "The Cubs will be ferocious with Leo Durochious!"

One thing I didn't think about when remembering Ernie Banks was this simple fact: He was the first African-American to play on the Cubs. How did I not know that?

I was a White Sox fan growing up, but I still knew Ernie Banks was the best baseball player in Chicago. My friends would tell me about their numerous attempts to get his autograph by throwing their Cubs scorecard into the dug-out hoping he would sign it.

I knew he won two MVP awards and I knew he played shortstop before moving to first base. I even saw him play short for a few innings in the annual Cubs-White Sox game they played before interleague play.

But I never knew until last week he was the first black player on the Cubs.

Somehow my brain played a trick on me all these years, imagining that the first black players were guys like Jackie

Robinson and Monte Irvin and my favorite, Minnie Minoso, who played before there was live TV in color. But Ernie surely came after them.

Jackie Robinson was the guy who had to fight his way into the league, who had to prove he belonged and had to endure the worst racial epithets.

But Ernie Banks not only belonged in the Big Leagues, it seemed he was embraced by an entire city, he dominated this town's baseball world when the Cubs were lousy, and he laughed all troubles away.

Don't get me wrong. I'm not saying Ernie Banks walked a garden path to baseball icon and Hall of Fame career. Even as a kid I had some vague knowledge that Ernie was disliked by some, not because he was a Cub, but because he was black.

Still, did he ever let on there was an issue? Did he ever get down or even get angry because he was called any and all the various awful names white people had in their vocabularies for blacks during the 1950s and 1960s?

It just never seemed a part of who he was. Just as up until last week I always pictured Ernie Banks as forever young, I always pictured Ernie Banks as someone unsullied by the pain, the hurt, the fear, the hate and the bitterness that infected us all in the 1950s and 1960s.

Intellectually, I know that can't be true. But somehow, he made it seem so.

In just about every way, Ernie Banks was everybody's teammate, who made us all feel better about who we are and what we could be.

At the risk of sounding trite when superlatives are necessary, I'll just put it the way Ernie might have: We should all give thanks for the gift that was Ernie Banks.



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"Manuel's creations are like works of art," said owner Pascal Berthoumleux. . |

Transcendence with an old friend in a new cafe



CHRISTINE WOLF

Sitting with an old friend in a new French café called Patisserie Coralie, I feel like one of those "ladies who lunch." It's been quite some time since I've felt either the inclination or energy to wear a cute dress or lipstick — but that's exactly what we're both wearing after a holiday season filled with heavy emotions.

We sit facing one another on a white, leather settee, sipping coffees and sharing a flaky, ham and cheese croissant, catching up on news and milestones — the ones that never made it to our Facebook timelines.

A hug. Gentle laughter. Soft tones filled with inquiries. This is the language of sharing, of life and of honesty.

A young woman with a laptop and a serious face sits alone behind us. She is close enough to hear our conversation, to see the lipstick left on our cups. I wonder what she's writing, what she's listening to and what she compares with her own life. Is she grateful for this solitude among strangers, or is she searching, as I was during the holidays, for deeper understanding and a renewed sense of connection? I offer her three different smiles, none of which are returned.

As my friend and I exchange revelations and observations, customers exchange dollars for baguettes in long brown bags.

Most of their eyes are drawn to fresh flowers in a white vase set upon our table, a colorful celebration during an otherwise normal Friday lunch hour. I am suddenly thankful for everyone who nurtured and arranged these flowers for our collective view and appreciation.

Surrounded by bright windows and a bustling crowd, we tuck into our conversation for two luxurious hours, pausing only when a familiar face stops by or offers a friendly wave.

Then, I recognize a woman, Eve. She waits in line, deep in thought. Her jewelry gallery and studio is just around the corner. A few years ago, she designed an engagement ring for me after the prongs of my original setting gave way. Her last name — Alfillé — is French, and I take this sighting as an excellent endorsement for the new patisserie.

I lift my left hand to a place that Eve might see, allowing it to linger as I rotate the beautiful flower arrangement. Without wanting to interrupt her lunchtime break, I hope she captures a glimpse of her own lovely work.

In Eve Alfillé's artistic mission statement, she describes jewelry as "a need for something so magical, so transcendent that it made you forget the harshness of life, the difficulty of surviving to another spring."

And, by sitting with this old friend in a new French café, I've learned there are so many different ways, so many different people, and so many different approaches to fulfill our own needs for magic and transcendence. It just takes getting out there and noticing them all.

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10 ways to survive your breakup

There's nothing easy about a breakup, especially if you're going through one right now, in the middle of winter when every day seems dark, dreary, and really cold. Even worse, Valentine's Day is right around the corner. Who needs to see heart shaped boxes of chocolate and long stem red roses when your heart is broken in half?!

Here's the good news. Everyone I know (including myself) has experienced the devastation and heartache of a bad breakup and we've lived, even thrived.

Here are 10 ways to help you survive your breakup:

1. Start doing yoga (especially hot yoga). In addition to all the physical benefits hot yoga offers, like detoxing your body and improving immune and digestive systems, yoga promotes deep breathing and living in the moment. It puts everything in perspective, and when you come out of the class dripping with sweat, you will feel like you just took a happy pill for the day.

2. Find a good therapist. No eye rolling, please. Talk therapy can really help you reflect on what went wrong in the relationship, who you are as a person, and what you might want and need in your future, and even in your next relationship.

3. Discover your faith. You don't have to go to a synagogue or a church to talk to God. He's everywhere. Reaching out to Him during a sad time will give you strength and hope.

4. Improve your physical self. Without sounding superficial, doesn't looking great on the outside make you feel better emotionally? It does for me. That might mean a new haircut, wearing makeup, getting your nails done, eating clean and healthy, and working out. If you feel better about yourself physically, you'll be happier, in general, which is important right now.

5. Read read read. There's nothing like a good book to take you away from reality. Books are an escape, and they will make you realize that your breakup is such a tiny part of your life. Not to minimize the impact it can have on you. A breakup can seem like your world just came crashing down, but if you expand your mind by reading and learning about something



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through a book—whether it be a romance novel, 19th century literature, or a self-help book by the latest personal development guru—it will shift your focus by feeding your mind.

6. Realize gratitude. Try not to think about him or her, but rather about all the people who love and care for you: your family, your children, your friends. Be thankful for the people who are in your life. Each one is a gift!

7. Avoid alcohol and drugs. A therapist once told me that when people are going through a rough time, they are vulnerable to making bad choices and possibly becoming addicted to drugs or alcohol, so be careful. Plus, drinking excessively can lead to late night texts or phone calls to your ex that you wouldn't otherwise make, and that you might end up regretting. Furthermore, you don't want to end up with a DUI or in a car accident because you made a choice you wouldn't have otherwise made.

8. Volunteer. There is nothing better for self-esteem and self-love than giving your time to a person or an organization that needs your help. Giving back will bring you happiness and help you refocus your priorities. Plus, you might meet new friends.

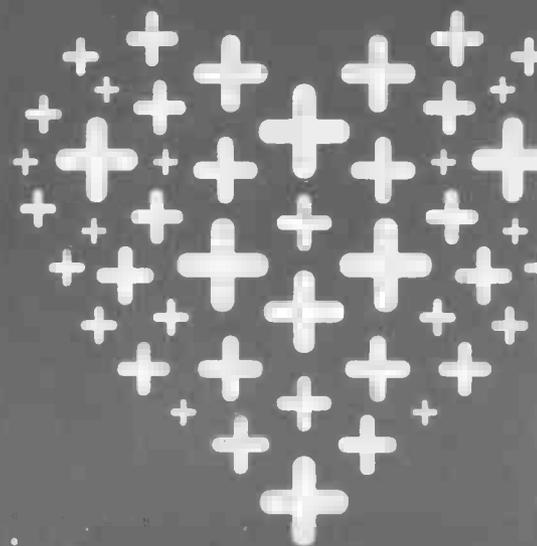
9. Find your passion and do it. I actually got through my divorce by writing. I wrote and wrote and wrote and wrote every time I felt sad or lonely or bored or angry or fearful. Honestly, it saved my life. So, what makes you happy? Ballroom dancing? Art classes? A vacation? Find it and do it. A lot of it.

10. Lean on your friends and family. No one should have to go through a breakup alone, and keeping things bottled up isn't healthy. Call your best friend and say, "Can we meet for coffee?" or "Is it OK if I come over and just cry?" Your friends and family want to be there for you, so let them show their support by allowing them to help you in your time of need.

By the way, there's nothing wrong with buying yourself some candy and a bouquet of flowers for Valentine's Day. That is the ultimate act of self-love!

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| 1210 N Dale Ave, # 2L, Arlington Heights | Jack Coon & Sherry Coon | Fannie Mae | 12-29-14 | \$84,000 |
| 2218 S Goebbert Rd, # 189, Arlington Heights | James J Guff | Frank Mondane | 12-30-14 | \$95,000 |
| 3300 N Carriageway Dr, # 26, Arlington Heights | Syed Ludasser Sajjad | Federal Home Loan Mtg Corp | 12-29-14 | \$98,000 |
| 2925 Jackson Dr, Arlington Heights | Jose Luis Barraza | Georgia Leona Blyth Estate | 12-29-14 | \$130,000 |
| 3214 N Carriageway Dr, Arlington Heights | William A Seninger & Patricia Seninger | Ashley Balogh | 01-05-15 | \$225,000 |
| 1002 S Dunton Ave, Arlington Heights | Ryan P Ciolino & Alex N Ciolino | Progress Partners Inc | 12-31-14 | \$248,000 |
| 658 E Clarendon Ave, Arlington Heights | Matthew R Riccetti | Jennifer Pape | 01-02-15 | \$283,000 |
| 610 S McKinley Ave, Arlington Heights | Bryan Anderson & Lauren Anderson | Right Residential II Fund 2 LJ | 12-30-14 | \$310,000 |
| 2025 N Elizabeth Dr, Arlington Heights | Panayiotis J Mullins & Cheryl Susan Mullins | Timothy M Callahan | 12-30-14 | \$351,500 |
| 1326 E Best Dr, Arlington Heights | Kurt J Reif III & Martine Reif | Dean E Rende | 12-29-14 | \$358,000 |
| 1131 N Dryden Ave, Arlington Heights | Jack A Seamans & Maria Seamans | Gerald W McLaughlin | 12-29-14 | \$361,000 |
| 642 S Mitchell Ave, Arlington Heights | Christopher Frase & Kiersten Frase | Michael J Loacker | 12-30-14 | \$365,000 |
| 1825 E Suffield Dr, Arlington Heights | Ryan Kindle | Az Home Solutions Lic | 12-30-14 | \$405,000 |
| 2039 N Dunhill Ct N, Arlington Heights | William Dodge & Kathleen Dodge | Hongchao Chen | 01-02-15 | \$410,000 |
| 1922 N Highland Ave, Arlington Heights | Dean E Rende & Cheryl L Rende | Drh Cambridge Homes Inc | 01-02-15 | \$772,500 |
| 1029 S Evergreen Ave, Arlington Heights | Mark Woloch & Calsey Woloch | 1029 South Evergreen Llc | 12-30-14 | \$840,000 |
| 1233 N Illinois Ave, Arlington Heights | Tong Chen & Zhixia Yang | James N Turner | 01-02-15 | \$852,500 |
| 1726 N Mitchell Ave, Arlington Heights | Kevin Maney & Melissa Maney | T P Carpentry Inc | 12-29-14 | \$880,000 |
| 539 Lyon Dr, Buffalo Grove | Julie Larson | Arias Trust | 12-22-14 | \$165,000 |
| 111 Autumn Ct, # 111, Buffalo Grove | Yarema Rybitskyi & Natalia Rymantseva | Alice R Fine Estate | 12-23-14 | \$175,000 |
| 1038 Brentwood Cir, Buffalo Grove | William Jeffrey Klein | Warren A Newhauser | 12-30-14 | \$207,000 |
| 423 Wildflower Cir, Buffalo Grove | David C Smyth & Concetta M Smyth | Michael Reznik | 12-29-14 | \$215,500 |
| 511 Harris Dr, Buffalo Grove | Arturo C Falcon & Regina Y Falcon | Rae Seo Lee | 12-29-14 | \$300,000 |
| 109 Stonegate Rd, Buffalo Grove | Rachel Goode & Scott Goode | Scott H Smith | 12-30-14 | \$337,500 |
| 931 Twisted Oak Ln, Buffalo Grove | Brandon R Niskala & Corin T Niskala | Sunway Realty Lic | 12-23-14 | \$410,000 |
| 54 Caryle Ln, Buffalo Grove | Alexander Goriovetzky & Luba Amburg | Robert A Binetti | 12-22-14 | \$530,000 |
| 2053 Olive Hill Dr, Buffalo Grove | July Manevich & Natalya Manevich | Daniel P Kaplan | 12-29-14 | \$673,000 |
| 503 La Salle St, Des Plaines | Jerzy Skrodzki & Halina Skrodzki | Fannie Mae | 12-29-14 | \$0 |
| 1312 Perry St, # A, Des Plaines | Jerzy Skrodzki & Halina Skrodzki | Fannie Mae | 12-29-14 | \$0 |
| 9633 Brandy Ct, # 2, Des Plaines | Zaid Alqabbani | Judicial Sales Corp | 12-31-14 | \$62,500 |
| 9375 Landings Ln, # 406, Des Plaines | Mila Milosavljevic | Angela Padovano | 12-30-14 | \$64,500 |
| 8830 Dee Rd, # E, Des Plaines | Rafique Alwani | Beth E Winter | 12-31-14 | \$85,000 |
| 1854 Pine Ct, Des Plaines | Rajesh Patel & Hetalben Rajesh Patel | Hermilo Hernandez | 12-31-14 | \$85,000 |
| 8840 N Western Ave, # 1A, Des Plaines | Syed H Quadri & Maria A Habeeb | Greg Martin | 12-29-14 | \$100,000 |
| 9391 Bay Colony Dr, # 1E, Des Plaines | Juliette Lawando | Gorr Construction Inc | 12-30-14 | \$118,000 |
| 140 E Northwest Hwy, # 1, Des Plaines | Ioan Florea & Ileana M Campbell | Fannie Mae | 12-30-14 | \$126,000 |
| 1327 Brown St, # 306, Des Plaines | Suresh B Chalasani & Sridevi Koritala | Federal Home Loan Mtg Corp | 12-29-14 | \$130,000 |
| 2231 Ash St, Des Plaines | Norbert Malinowski & Anna Blezien | Fannie Mae | 12-30-14 | \$210,000 |
| 370 S Western Ave, # 604, Des Plaines | Gustavo Enrique Contreras & Vaioa Julia Contreras | Hillary C Pruc | 12-29-14 | \$225,000 |
| 842 Timothy Ln, Des Plaines | Francoise Scaletta & Maria C Santiago | Hinh Nguyen | 12-30-14 | \$280,000 |
| 580 Dawn Ct, Des Plaines | Andrea L Krutiak & Marke Krutiak | Dream Homes Llc | 12-29-14 | \$298,000 |
| 85 Dover Dr, Des Plaines | Zbigniew Gierut | Alberto Suarez | 12-31-14 | \$397,500 |
| 330 Callan Ave, # 1N, Evanston | Abraham Mathew | Jp Morgan Chase Bank | 12-31-14 | \$60,000 |
| 1735 Hartrey Ave, Evanston | Wilson Rodriguez & Lourdes C Sinchi | Bank Of New York Mellon Ttee | 12-29-14 | \$121,000 |

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| 2240 Central St, # 3, Evanston | Yanantali Mejia | Colin P Danley | 12-30-14 | \$150,000 |
| 602 Sheridan, # 2W, Evanston | Bilal Dardai & Dana Dardai | Razor Capital Holding Co | 01-05-15 | \$150,000 |
| 807 Church St, # 410, Evanston | Pawan K Sharma & Anne M Steiner | Michael Hanover | 12-31-14 | \$199,000 |
| 2457 Prairie Ave, # 3D, Evanston | Danielle Prestipino | Dexter M Bovee | 12-31-14 | \$200,000 |
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| 2951 Central St, # 207, Evanston | Sachiko Wright | Elizabeth Rosenberg | 12-31-14 | \$240,000 |
| 2033 Sherman Ave, # 507, Evanston | Milton Perez & Deborah M Perez | Elzbieta Jarosz | 01-05-15 | \$260,000 |
| 1640 Maple Ave, # 604, Evanston | Irfan Aasi | Quiroz Trust | 01-05-15 | \$310,000 |
| 807 Davis St, # 407, Evanston | Dawnclie S Johnson White & Dion White | Timothy Kim | 01-02-15 | \$360,000 |
| 2636 Prairie Ave, # D, Evanston | Daniel Hugh Broaduss & Danielle Frances Sackheim Cohen | Matthew Sullivan | 12-30-14 | \$405,000 |
| 918 Hinman Ave, # C, Evanston | Marti B Netter & Eric M Spiller | David S Harrington | 12-29-14 | \$482,500 |
| 1639 Hinman Ave, # 2, Evanston | Eugenia A Elliott | John L Hagan | 12-30-14 | \$510,000 |
| 702 Asbury Ave, Evanston | William King & Janet King | Jacqueline M Jones | 12-31-14 | \$520,000 |
| 916 Maple Ave, Evanston | Gregory Wagner & Lisa Wilsbacher | C Grier Davis Jr | 12-29-14 | \$700,000 |
| 1315 Church St, Evanston | Mark E Macdonald Jr & Veronique G Macdonald | Michael D Peterson | 01-05-15 | \$790,000 |
| 3700 Capri Ct, # 406, Glenview | Yuri Granovsky | Deutsche Bank Natl Tr Co Ttee | 12-31-14 | \$83,500 |
| 610 Cobblestone Cir, #D, Glenview | Yunji Do | Su Hyun Kim | 12-31-14 | \$85,000 |
| 10361 Dearlove Rd, # 2A, Glenview | Sam Y Kim & Jom S Kim | Christina Cloutier | 12-31-14 | \$140,000 |
| 3849 Appian Way, Glenview | Nail Zeherovic | Brody Trust | 01-02-15 | \$141,500 |
| 426 Glendale Rd, Glenview | Jouni A Chalabi | Erin Park | 01-05-15 | \$188,000 |
| 1777 Dewes St, # B, Glenview | Thomas Reese & Martha Elizabeth Lahti | Peggy A O Halloran | 01-02-15 | \$190,000 |
| 225 Sheridan, Glenview | Shelli Sheridan | George Wiertel Estate | 12-22-14 | \$225,000 |
| 3416 Ashley Dr, Glenview | Irene Byun | Fannie Mae | 12-31-14 | \$230,500 |
| 1816 Chestnut Ave, Glenview | Shawn C McGrath Jr & Margaret L Bell | Robin H Bell | 12-31-14 | \$280,000 |
| 1803 Silverwillow Dr, Glenview | John Morgan Curtis & Courtney Mura Curtis | Irving Korita | 12-29-14 | \$605,000 |
| 5 Carlisle Rd, Hawthorn Woods | Jeffrey A Skolnik | Robert J Shutty | 12-22-14 | \$390,000 |
| 1512 Rosehall Ct, Indian Creek | Yonjung Kim & Yunjung Kim | David Fishman | 12-29-14 | \$350,000 |
| 23742 N Sanctuary Club Dr, Kildeer | Sivamorthy Shanmugan & Gayathri Namasivayam | Orleans Rhl Lp | 12-29-14 | \$608,500 |
| 6885 September Blvd, Long Grove | Zuhdi Abdallah | Us Bank Na Trustee | 12-29-14 | \$594,500 |
| 4864 Pond View Ct, Long Grove | Michael Attia & Kate Papas | Michael E Davis | 12-29-14 | \$725,000 |
| 451 S Saint Marys Rd, Mettawa | Daniel K Gooris & Leslie E Goories | Roy J Strid | 12-22-14 | \$362,500 |
| 5935 Lincoln Ave, # 302, Morton Grove | Jennifer M Van Ornum | Goldie Leon Estate | 12-31-14 | \$155,000 |
| 7324 Suffield St, Morton Grove | Eliana Giarmidis & Anastasia Giarmidis | Earl J Tobar | 12-29-14 | \$200,000 |
| 8360 Callie Ave, Morton Grove | Samra A Chaudhry & Raza A Chaudhry | Wells Fargo Bank Trustee | 01-05-15 | \$205,000 |
| 7814 Lotus Ave, Morton Grove | Dolna One Velicea | 7814 Lotus Ave Llc | 01-02-15 | \$237,000 |
| 7851 Churchill St, Morton Grove | Venkata Muthlani & Shipra Dass | Sni Realty Lic | 01-02-15 | \$352,000 |
| 1408 S Tamarack Dr, Mount Prospect | Rosario G Pino & Joselito Pino | Fannie Mae | 12-30-14 | \$0 |
| 7161 W Carol Ct, Niles | Mohammed Jobal & Shaheen Iobal | Shahzad Arif Dayaia | 12-29-14 | \$160,000 |
| 7120 N Milwaukee Ave, # 304, Niles | Francis Walsh | Ludwika Rybczyk Estate | 01-05-15 | \$205,000 |
| 8156 N Overhill Ave, Niles | Shkelzen Terbaci | Jose Guzman | 12-31-14 | \$337,000 |
| 9202 N Ashland Ave, Niles | Georgkuty Scariah & Shiney Scariah | Schrack Trust | 12-31-14 | \$450,000 |
| 600 Tharnes Pkwy Unit, # 1D, Park Ridge | John C Arbo | Caparelli Trust | 01-02-15 | \$140,000 |
| 470 S Northwest Hwy, # 1B, Park Ridge | Michael T Curran | Hickey Trust | 12-30-14 | \$170,000 |
| 217 N Knight Ave, Park Ridge | John Crassweller | Eli M Galayda | 01-02-15 | \$375,000 |
| 718 S Prospect Ave, Park Ridge | Jennifer Heppel | Micah P Minium | 12-31-14 | \$477,500 |
| 1333 S Western Ave, Park Ridge | Sean M Story & Colleen Story | Thomas H Lewis | 01-02-15 | \$480,000 |
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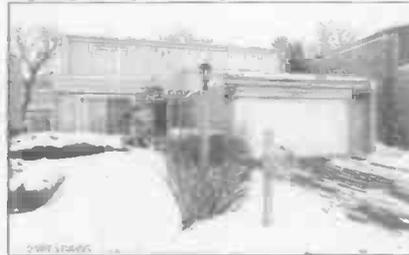
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DES PLAINES

This ranch has beautiful landscaping and patio area with a bright living room and dining room that lead into gourmet kitchen. The eating area opens to the family room with vaulted ceiling, fireplace, bar area, sun room off family room, master suite, two spacious bedrooms and gorgeous bath. The home features a recreation room, storage, cement crawl and utility in the basement.

Address: 370 Cornell Ave.
Price: \$420,000
Schools: Maine West High School
Taxes: \$6,922
Agent: Mary O'Malley/Picket Fence Realty



NORTHBROOK

Single family home located within a maintenance-free community. The updated 2-story contemporary home features all-new windows, sliders and roof, a new eat-in kitchen with slider to backyard and stainless steel appliances, cherry cabinets and bevel mirror wall in dining room. Master suite has sitting area and marble bath with separate shower. The baths are all updated. There is hardwood on first floor, carpet on second floor and a full finished basement with a multimedia room, pre-wired for speakers.

Address: 2522 Brian Dr.
Price: \$449,000
Schools: Glenbrook North High School
Taxes: \$6,415
Agent: Uney Lai/@Properties



LAKE ZURICH

This four-bedroom, 3 1/2-bath features hardwood floors, a 2-story family room with fireplace and floor-to-ceiling windows with amazing views. Entertain in the open-layout kitchen with new stainless steel appliances and granite counters. Formal living room, dining room and office. Home features a first-floor laundry room. The second floor features a princess suite with private full bath plus Jack-and-Jill bath. The home features spacious bedrooms, a deck and three-car garage.

Address: 188 Boxwood Drive
Price: \$599,900
Schools: Lake Zurich High School
Taxes: \$12,058
Agent: Christine Lee/RE/MAX Showcase



VERNON HILLS

Home features an open floor plan with rare main-level master suite. The home is in immaculate condition with newer stainless appliances and new hardwood floors throughout main level. Separate dining room is great for entertaining. Family room off of kitchen has vaulted ceilings, skylights and a gas fireplace. Main-level laundry room with three spacious bedrooms on the second level.

Address: 152 Southfield Drive
Price: \$436,900
Schools: Stevenson High School
Taxes: \$11,978
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Top business incubator opens in Skokie

BY MIKE ISAACS
Pioneer Press

Almost exactly a year after the Skokie Village Board approved a \$175,000 grant to help bring Technology Innovation Center to Skokie, it was time to celebrate.

That wasn't the only anniversary of importance; it was almost 10 years since the village partnered with Forest City Science + Technology Group to bring the cutting edge science park to Skokie, creating an open campus on property once occupied by closed-in pharmaceutical companies Pfizer and Searle.

The grand opening of Technology Innovation Center Jan. 29 was also the chance for leaders to champion progress in the park and what the future might hold.

More than 1,200 employees currently work at the park, which surpasses the number of employees at the pharmaceutical companies at their peak.

"I think [the science park] is just a perfect example of an industry that was going to go away here and was able to be saved through innovation, creative thinking and lots of strategic partnerships," said Andria Winters, Illinois' acting director of the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity. "[Bruce Rauner] understands that innovation and technology-based economic development is a critical component of that."

Representatives from the offices of U.S. Sens. Dick Durbin and Mark Kirk and U.S. Rep. Jan Schakowsky (D-9) were on hand as were State Sens. Daniel Biss (D-9) and Ira Silverstein (D-8) and State Rep. Laura Fine (D-17).

Forest City has invested about \$130 million in private capital in the park, which now includes more than 500,000 square feet of wet lab and office space.

The science park companies perform life sciences, nanotechnology and other kinds of cutting edge science or technology. It is made up of large multinationals, midsize companies and entrepreneurial startups.

Forest City Science + Technology Group Vice President and COO Peter Calkin said that Forest City has started redeveloping the last building in the park, which will provide another 140,000 square feet of lab and office space in the future.

Technology Innovation Center, some 30 years old, was named one of the "Top 10 Incubators Changing the World" by Forbes Magazine.

Business incubators support development of entrepreneurial companies through resources and services. Skokie officials say that studies show that successfully completing a business incubator program greatly increases an entrepreneurial venture's chance for sustained success.



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John Allen of The Incubator/Technology Innovation Center leads a small-group tour Jan. 29 at the incubator's grand opening at the Illinois Science + Technology Park.

According to the Skokie Economic Development Department, this incubator, originally based in Evanston, has been responsible for more than 350 technology start-up businesses since 1986.

Although Jan. 29 was the official grand opening of the incubator, it has been up and running for several months. Technology Innovation Center has brought in about a company a month and created 18 jobs since it began, said Director Tim Lavengood.

"I think that is only the beginning," he said. "As these companies grow, based on our experience, that curve is just going to get steeper. New companies will come in and these companies will grow."

The incubator's new start-ups create

medical devices, new materials and perform technology and innovation-based marketing.

"We really are trying to bring together a real community of entrepreneurs and experts in a lot of the different dimensions of what really is going to define the economy of the 21st Century," Lavengood said.

The Jan. 29 open house was also sponsored by Oakton Community College, which operates a state-of-the-art nanotechnology lab inside the science park. Oakton's program trains students for future jobs in the nanotechnology field, where there is a growing need for technicians.

Both the science park's Technology

Innovation Center and Oakton's nanotechnology lab were available for tours during the packed open house.

Leaders from Oakton and Northwestern University also spoke about the importance of the science park.

"Our role is teaching and research and trying to be a very active participant in the ecosystem of Chicago, the state as well as the Midwest," said Northwestern University Farley Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation Director Michael Marasco.

Marasco said the science park has been invaluable in helping Northwestern fulfill that role.

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

Thursday, Feb. 5

All My Relations: A Seneca History: In collaboration with visual artist and dancer Rosy Simas (Seneca), this exhibit introduces the history of the Seneca culture through milestones in the lives of Simas and her relations. It features traditional and modern Seneca artifacts, which span various generations. 11 a.m. daily. Mitchell Museum of the American Indian, 3001 Central St., Evanston, Free-\$5; \$10-\$12 for talk, 847-475-1030

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

Anytime/Anywhere: The Piven Improvisation Ensemble performs long-form improv. 7:30 p.m. Thursday and Friday, Saturday, 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Piven Theatre Workshop, 927 Noyes St., Evanston, \$10, 847-866-8049

'The Odd Couple': Enjoy the Tony Award-winning comedy classic about mismatched roommates by playwright Neil Simon. 8 p.m. Thursday and Friday, Saturday, 3 p.m. Sunday, Oil Lamp Theater, 1723 Glenview Road, Glenview, \$35, 847-834-0738

'Build It!' at Kohl Children's Museum: The museum announces its newly constructed, temporary exhibit Build It!, which puts a spin on classic building blocks by letting children explore and interact with ten different varieties of blocks in a single space through May 3, 2015. Children can discover, stack, bridge, enclose, make patterns, name and symbolize using blocks and more. 9:30 a.m. Thursday, Kohl Children's Museum, 2100 Patriot Blvd., Glenview, \$10-\$11, 847-832-6600

The Mafia and the Battle for New York: The rise of organized crime in America was fictionalized in The Godfather and Boardwalk Empire. In Barry Bradford's presentation, learn how Meyer Lansky and Lucky Luciano began a long, bloody struggle for control of the mafia in New York City. 1 p.m. Thursday, 3:15 p.m. Thursday, North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Road, Northfield, \$10-\$13, 847-784-6030

Karaoke Thursdays: Enjoy some great pizza and sing a tune or two. 7 p.m. Thursday, Perry's Pizza and Ribs, 711 Devon Ave., Park Ridge, free, 847-823-4422

Andy Woodhull: The Chicago comedian - as seen on Comedy's Central's "Live at Gotham" - performs stand-up. 8 p.m. Thursday, Zanies Rosemont, 5437 Park Place, Rosemont, \$22 plus a two-item food/drink minimum, 847-813-0484

More Monster Jam: Expect to be massively entertained by Monster Jam trucks as they battle one another on the track. Be sure to check out new competition vehicles including extreme Monster Jam Speedsters and Monster Jam ATVs as they race around the arena. 6:30 p.m. Thursday and Friday, 1 p.m. Saturday, noon Sunday, Allstate Arena, 6920 Mannheim Road, Rosemont, \$22-\$25; \$12-\$15 for kids ages 2-12, 847-635-6601

Ice Skating at Westfield Old Orchard: The rink, in conjunction with the Skokie Park District, features skate rentals as well as special performances from the professional ice skating ensemble IceSemble. 5-8 p.m. Monday through Friday; 1-8 p.m. Saturday, 1-5 p.m. Sunday through March 15, Westfield Old Orchard, 4999 Old Orchard Center, Skokie, \$2 to skate; \$3 rentals; \$12 for skating lessons, 847-673-6800

'White Guy on the Bus': In this play, Ray, a successful white business executive, rides the bus past the state penitentiary every Saturday. On his weekly ride he befriends Shatique, a young black woman putting herself through school and struggling to raise a son on her own. 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, 8 p.m. Friday, 2:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Northlight Theatre, 9501 Skokie Blvd, Skokie, \$15-\$49, 847-673-6300

Friday, Feb. 6

Mitchell Museum of the American Indian free admission day: Visit exhibitions, the library, museum shop and more at no charge on the first Friday of the month at this museum devoted exclusively to American Indian and First Nationals peoples throughout the U.S. and Canada. 10 a.m. Friday, Mitchell Museum of the American Indian, 3001 Central St., Evanston, Free, 847-475-1030

Drop-In Chess Club: Learn the fundamentals of the game from volunteer chess instructor Steve Levenson. 7 p.m. Friday, Glenview Public Library, 1930

Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

Grown Up Play Date: Explore your inner child in the museum's exhibits while enjoying wine, beer and small plates. 6 p.m. Friday, Kohl Children's Museum, 2100 Patriot Blvd., Glenview, \$15-\$60, 847-832-6600

Parisian Salon Concert: Marianna Kosaya: Marianna Kosaya performs a show based on Russian poetry and fairy tales featuring a piano, violin and cello trio accompanying the Campanella Children's Choir. 7:30 p.m. Friday, Northbrook Public Library, 1201 Cedar Lane, Northbrook, free, 847-272-6224

Finding Joy Through Life: Social worker Ruth Field, LCSW, conducts a series of upbeat and interactive workshops on coping with challenges until 11:30 a.m. Adults can gain confidence and a sense of empowerment as they learn strategies to relieve stress and enhance resilience. The fee for three weekly workshops is \$15 for Senior Center members and \$20 for non-members. Call 847-291-2988 or visit the Northbrook Senior Center to register. 10 a.m. Friday, Northbrook Park District Leisure Center, 3323 Walters Ave., Northbrook, \$15 for Senior Center members and \$20 for non-members, 847-291-2995

Pajama Party Shabbat Yeladim: Kids up to age seven and their families can come in their PJs and bring a favorite stuffed animal for a pizza and pasta dinner and services. 5:30 p.m. Friday, Temple Beth-El, 3610 Dundee Road, Northbrook, free, 847-205-9982

Share the Warmth: 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. 9 a.m. Friday, North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Road, Northfield, free, 847-784-6000

Frank Sinatra: The Voice: Frank Sinatra's career and personal life have been compared to the peaks and valleys of the Himalayan Mountains. He was a complicated man with a roller coaster life. However, his voice connoted romance for more than two generations of Americans. Musical Biography Susan Benjamin presents a new perspective on stories of his personal life as well as samples of his most outstanding film work. 10 a.m. Friday, North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Road, North-

field, \$19-\$25, 847-784-6000

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

Love is Murder Mystery Conference: Readers and writers of mystery, romantic suspense, thriller and dark fiction can head to this conference for writers, authors, readers and fans. Attendees can meet authors, attend master writing classes presented by featured authors, pitch their manuscripts to editors, literary agents, and publishers, take part in demos and more. noon Friday Saturday and Sunday, Loews Chicago O'Hare Hotel, 5300 North River Road, Rosemont, \$75-\$369, 847-544-5300

Steve Rannazzisi: Best known as Kevin on FX-TV's "The League" and as a cast member of MTV's "Punk'd," the comedian performs stand-up. 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday, 7 p.m. and 9:30 Saturday, Zanies Rosemont, 5437 Park Place, Rosemont, \$30 plus a two-item food/drink minimum, 312-337-4027

Artemis Singers: Loves Lost, Loves Found: Chicago's lesbian feminist chorus performs. 8 p.m. Friday, Ethical Humanist Society of Chicago, 7574 N. Lincoln Ave., Skokie, \$10-\$20 suggested donation, 773-764-4465

Saturday, Feb. 7

A Cappella en Espanol: This colorful tapestry of music from the Spanish-speaking world will feature fresh sounds and exciting rhythms from South America, Spain, and the Caribbean, with a special focus on Mexico. 9 p.m. Saturday, Nichols Concert Hall, 1490 Chicago Ave., Evanston, \$12-\$38, 773-281-7820

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

Evanston Winter Farmers Market: Shop for fresh produce and other local goods at the winter market. 9 a.m. Saturday, Evanston Ecology Center, 2024 McCormick Blvd., Evanston, free

Sylvia McNair and Kevin Cole: Two-time Grammy Award winning singer

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Sylvia McNair and world-renowned pianist Kevin Cole perform music from the Great American Songbook in a benefit concert. 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Presbyterian Homes - Elliott Chapel, 3131 Simpson St., Evanston, \$125, 513-503-8917

Service Buddies: Warm Fuzzies: Children in grades 1-8 can make warm fleece scarves for homeless families. 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

Flight-to-Fun Kids Club: Children can explore wintertime with Extraordinary Kids Kindergarten Enrichment staff. 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

A Year with Frog and Toad: Enjoy the musical about a cheerful frog and a grumpy toad. 10 a.m. Saturday, 1 p.m. Saturday, Northbrook Theatre, 3323 Walters Ave., Northbrook, \$10-\$12, 847-291-2367

Artemis Singers: Loves Lost, Loves Found: Chicago's lesbian feminist chorus performs. 7 p.m. Saturday, Ethical Humanist Society of Chicago, 7574 N. Lincoln Ave., Skokie, \$10-\$20 suggested donation, 773-764-4465

Saturday Night Ballroom Dance Party: Take a tango lesson then practice your moves while a DJ spins at this Valentine's Day-themed bash. A light buffet is included. 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Georgetown Clubhouse, 301 S. Prospect Ave., Wood Dale, \$10, 630-542-7644

Tango Lesson and Valentine-theme: Ballroom dancers of every level, newcomer to advanced are invited to join professional ballroom dance instructor and host Vito Magrone for a Tango lesson starting at 7:30 p.m. followed by a ballroom social dance. Couples and singles are welcome. 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Just Dance Studios at Georgetown West, 301 South Prospect Ave., Wood Dale, \$10, 630-542-7644

Sunday, Feb. 8

Weekend Family Class: Papermaking with Plants: Children ages 4-10 with an adult can learn the process of turning plants and old paper scraps into paper and make sheets of textured, scented, and colored handmade paper. 9:30 a.m. Sunday, 1 p.m. Sunday, Chicago Botanic Garden, 1000 Lake Cook Road, Glencoe, \$23 per child, 847-835-5440

Hymn Fest 8: God is My Rock: The 45 voice Chancel Choir hosts this annual festival. Enjoy anthems and original compositions by leading British church musician, Paul Leddington Wright accompanied by organ, brass quintet and timpani. 4 p.m. Sunday, Glenview Community Church, 1000 Elm St., Glenview, free, 847-724-2210

The Homestretch: A screening of the documentary about three homeless teenagers living in Chicago features a discussion with the subjects. 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

Special needs in the Jewish community: Parents of children with special needs are invited to hear a panel discussion on the topic of Helping Each Other Grow and Learn and attend a comprehensive resource fair. 1 p.m. Sunday, Northbrook Community Synagogue, 2548 Jasper Court, Northbrook, free, 847-272-7255

Blood Drive: Help save lives at the 14th annual event. Eligible donors must be at least 17 years old (or 16 with parental consent), weigh at least 110 pounds, be in good health and have not donated in the previous 58 days. 8 a.m. Sunday, Temple Beth-El, 3610 Dundee Road, Northbrook, free, 847-205-9982

FROZEMONT Ice Skating: The lawn of the park gets transformed into an NHL-sized, outdoor skating rink where visitors can skate under the lights during the holiday season. Skates can be rented for \$8. 2 p.m. Sunday, MB Financial Park at Rosemont, 5501 Park Place, Rosemont, free, 847-349-5008

The Armenian Genocide: American Response and American Philanthropy: The Illinois Holocaust Museum marks the 100th anniversary of the Armenian genocide with a symposium that examines the United States' response to through the lens of the Near East Relief, the first non-governmental, non-sectarian, ecumenical effort of its kind. 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center, 9603 Woods Drive, Skokie, free, 847-967-4800

Monday, Feb. 9

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

Baby and Me Time: Parents and their children up to 12 months can come in

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for this opportunity to socialize and share parenting advice. An Advocate Lutheran General Hospital nurse representative is on hand for any childhood development questions. 9:30 a.m. Monday, Kohl Children's Museum, 2100 Patriot Blvd., Glenview, free, 847-832-6600

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

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

Chicago's Sweet Candy History: For most of its history, Chicago produced about one-third of the nation's candy. Some of the candies made or invented here include Brach's caramels, Mars Snickers bars, Wrigley's gum, Cracker Jack, Baby Ruth bars, Tootsie Rolls, and the ever popular Frango Mints. 1 p.m. Monday, North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Road, Northfield, \$10-\$13 non-member, 847-784-6030

Park Ridge Chorale Auditions: The Park Ridge Chorale is seeking new members with prior vocal or choral experience. Auditions are open to all. The Chorale holds auditions for new members (and re-auditions former members who have not sung with the group in over a year) on the first three Monday nights of each concert rehearsal period. 7:30 p.m. Monday, Park Ridge Nonprofit Center, 720 Garden St., Park Ridge, free, 312-953-7438

Tuesday, Feb. 10

Chili Open Golf Outing: Play nine holes of golf and dig into chili from Club Casa. 9 a.m. Tuesday, Golf Center Des Plaines, 353 N. River Road, Des Plaines, \$10-\$23, 847-803-4653

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

Northern Lights: Winter Homework Help Center: High school volunteers help kids in grades 1-8 with their homework and reading and math skills. 6

p.m. Tuesday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

Wednesday, Feb. 11

Preschool Story Time: Stories and songs for children ages 3-5 and a caregiver. 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Evanston Public Library, 1703 Orrington Ave., Evanston, free, 847-448-8610

Guided Meditation: Om Johari teaches meditation techniques. Relax, renew, refresh and experience the stress-relieving benefits of meditation during guided sessions. 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Northbrook Public Library, 1201 Cedar Lane, Northbrook, free, 847-272-6224

Bernard Weinger Jewish Community Center Men's Group: The Men's Club meets throughout the year on Wednesday mornings. For adults 55+. Enjoy the camaraderie while coming together for a broad range of interesting programs and lectures. The club resumes Jan. 14, 2015 - June 24, 2015. Meeting from 10-11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Bernard Weinger JCC, 300 Revere Drive, Northbrook, free, 224-406-9200

Storytime & Snacks: Kids ages two and up and an adult can listen to stories in the store's Lifestyle Center. 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, 11:15 a.m. Wednesday, Whole Foods Market, 840 Willow Road, Northbrook, free, 847-729-7500

Americana with Wayne Messmer: Wayne Messmer sings, narrates, and hosts this special evening honoring the music of our nation and those who serve. All veterans and active military can enjoy free admission. 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Pickwick Theatre, 5 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge, \$25; \$20 for seniors; Free for children 18 and under, 847-692-7726

Park Ridge Civic Orchestra: 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Pickwick Theatre, 5 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge, \$25, 847-692-7726

Small Business Cybercrime: Where We Stand and How to Protect Your Company: Derrick Wlodarz of Park Ridge based IT managed services firm FireLogic and FBI Cybersecurity Special Agent Eric Brelsford discuss current security trends, new threats and how businesses can protect themselves. Lunch is included. 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Park Ridge Chamber of Commerce, 720 Garden St., Park Ridge, \$20-\$25, 847-825-3121

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Great looks for a great Valentine's Day date

BY LYNN TAYLOR SCHWAAB

For the Pioneer Press

Saturday night is the classic date night. With Valentine's Day falling on a Saturday this year, it's now the ultimate date night.

So the pressure is on. What do you wear to look doubly good? Don't worry, we've got everything covered.

"Dressing for Valentine's Day can be tricky for women. However, with countless stylish retailers at Westfield Old Orchard, ladies can find a style to suit any kind of Valentine's date," said Shannon Ridgeway, senior marketing director of Westfield Old Orchard.

If romance is in the air,

try softer colors or neutral tones. Anthropologie offers a winter white A-line skirt to pair with a soft blush blouse. It's simple, yet elegant.

To showcase your personality, Ridgeway suggests a bold printed pant balanced with a coordinating blush jacket. White House Black Market's floral pants and soft jacket is modest yet modern, and all for fun.

The ladies at Uptown Girlz in Park Ridge like red for the holiday. It's the perfect time.

They recommend pairing a red asymmetrical sweater with black slim pants for a go-everywhere Valentine's Day look. Add some great black booties and a crossbody bag and you're good to go.



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Field Flower by Wendi Reed waffle stitch pullover in peach, \$88; print glistened geo miniskirt from Nomad by Morgan Carper, \$148 at Anthropologie at Westfield Old Orchard



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Patterned pintuck tunic in pink, \$78; HD In Paris ivory-dotted jacquard skirt, \$128 at Anthropologie at Westfield Old Orchard



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Karen Kane asymmetrical long-sleeve top in tangerine, \$69; Renuar Paris fit classic black ankle pant, \$68; Joy Susan crossbody/wristlet handbag in black, \$38; Mix metal multistrand necklace, \$36, at Uptown Girlz in Park Ridge



LYNN TAYLOR SCHWAAB/FOR THE PIONEER PRESS

Karen Kane silver-lining scuba print black sleeveless dress, \$129; Last Tango black long-sleeve bolero, \$44; black-bead five-strand necklace, \$38 at Uptown Girlz in Park Ridge



Kevin Cole

McNair, Cole concert will benefit Songs by Heart

BY DOROTHY ANDRIES
For the Pioneer Press

The Great American Songbook — a compendium of words and music from Tin Pan Alley, Broadway shows and Hollywood — will be the playbook for a pair of benefit concerts in Evanston and Lake Forest.

Two-time Grammy Award-winning singer Sylvia McNair and pianist Kevin Cole will present songs from that musical treasure trove to raise money for the Songs by Heart Foundation, which provides communication and connection to people with memory loss through the language and joy of music.

"We'll give a program of about 45 to 50 minutes," said McNair, who has collaborated with Cole for at least a decade. "We'll probably choose our favorite songs the day before the first concert, but I promise there will be songs by the Gershwins, Cole Porter, Richard Rodgers, Stephen Sondheim and Marvin Hamlisch."

McNair and soprano Nancy Gustafson, founder and artistic director of Songs by Heart have been friends since 1982.

"I look at my life in three stages," McNair said thoughtfully. "The first part up until I was about 25 years old, I was involved in education and training for my future career. After that I left school, won auditions and made my first recording. I was, build-



Sylvia McNair

ing my career, sustaining it and enjoying it. The third part is about service. I am teaching at Indiana University, which is certainly service.

"But when Nancy came to me with this program in her hand, I knew this was part of where I wanted to focus my life's energy."

Cole, who has done numerous benefit concerts with McNair, has experienced Alzheimer's disease in his own family.

"My father's sister, Aunt Bernice, had it," he declared. "I would go and play piano for her when I was in my hometown, Bay City, Mich., and she would know me without question when I played.

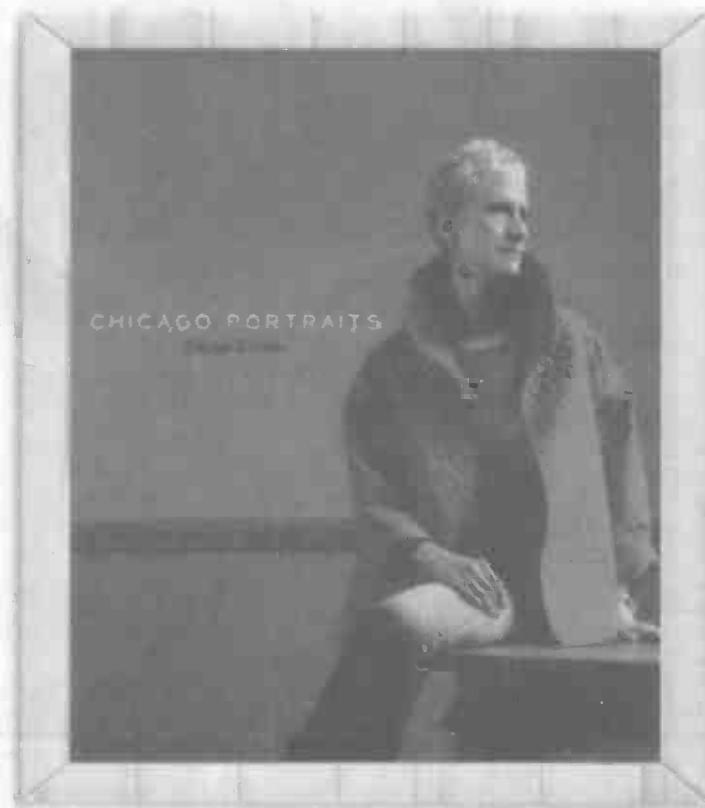
"I never forget one time when she took my hand, looked me straight in the eye and said, 'Kevin, I hope you never get this. It's a terrible thing to know someone in here (pointing to her heart), but not know them in here (pointing to her brain).'"

"Nancy and Sylvia and I have become 'The Three Musicteers,'" he revealed. "Nancy puts her all behind wonderful organizations that make a difference.

"Sylvia and I believe strongly in the power of music to heal," he concluded. "These performances are just a springboard to turning on a national spotlight for using music and songs to rebuild connections that have been interrupted."

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PEOPLE'S PHARMACY PRESCRIPTIONS AND HOME REMEDIES

Kimchee helps conquer stubborn leg, foot cramps

BY JOE GRAEDON
AND TERESA GRAEDON
King Features Syndicate

Q: For many years, I had excruciating leg and foot cramps that woke me several times each night. I would take a high-electrolyte drink to relieve the cramp, but it would be back a few hours later.

I started to eat kimchee (a Korean peppery, fermented cabbage relish) by chance, because I watched Korean dramas and was curious about the national dish. When I ate some kimchee during the day, I did not have cramps at night.

I started to eat a little kimchee each day. Kimchee is rich in beneficial microorganisms, and eating it improved my condition about 85 percent.

Recently, I read an article indicating that artificial sweeteners may kill gut microbes. I was a big user of the blue and pink stuff. As soon as I stopped, my condition zoomed to 100 percent cured.

Other fermented foods, such as sauerkraut or pickles, might work just as well as kimchee. And folks who use artificial sweeteners might get a lot of benefit by eliminating them. I certainly did.

A: Thanks for the unusual tip. Others have written about success sipping pickle juice or swallowing a spoonful of yellow mustard. But you are the first to mention kimchee or avoiding sweeteners.

There are many other approaches to warding off nighttime leg cramps in our Guide to Leg Pain. Anyone who would like a copy, please send \$3 in check or money order with



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Eating kimchee, a fermented cabbage dish, reduced the severity of a reader's leg cramps by 85 percent.

a long (No. 10), stamped (70 cents), self-addressed envelope to: Graedon's People's Pharmacy, No. RLS-5, P.O. Box 52027, Durham, NC 27717-2027.

Q: I have read that milk can neutralize the flavonoid compounds that make cocoa or chocolate healthful. How does that work? Is soy milk just as problematic? I want to get the maximum benefit from my pricey cocoa powder.

A: The protein in milk can form complexes with the flavonoid compounds in cocoa or those in tea (Journal of Agricultural and Food Chemistry, July 27, 2011). However, this does not seem to affect how much of the flavonoids are absorbed; one study showed no significant difference in blood levels whether 21 volunteers drank their cocoa made with milk or made with water (Annals of Nutrition and Metabolism, February 2008).

You could use rice milk as a substitute for cow's milk. It is very low in protein and probably would have little or no impact on the cocoa.

Q: My body gives me a warning before an attack

of shingles: I get pain on the skin in the area where I had full-blown shingles before. I have found that if I take L-lysine as soon as I get that signal, I don't have to deal with shingles again.

I start taking L-lysine three times a day with plenty of purified water and black tea, and zip zap, no outbreak! The pain subsides within a few hours.

I now use 500 mgs of L-lysine a day as a preventive, and it has been years since I've had an attack of shingles. I hope this helps others.

A: As far as we can tell, there have been no studies of L-lysine against shingles. The virus behind shingles, varicella zoster, is in the herpes family, and a number of studies indicate that L-lysine can help reduce herpes virus outbreaks (Alternative Medicine Review, June 2007). L-lysine does not seem to have serious side effects at the dose you are using, and we see no reason not to try it.

In their column, Joe and Teresa Graedon answer letters from readers. Send questions to them via peoplespharmacy.com.

How to keep treadmill from becoming boring

BY ALLIE BURDICK
Fitbie.com

There's a reason why superfit celebs like Sandra Bullock, Amanda Seyfried and Kim Kardashian reportedly love hot treadmill workouts like Barry's Bootcamp: The treadmill gets it done. The popular gym machine can burn up to 600 calories an hour (more if you incorporate sprints).

Problem is, if you hop on without a plan, the treadmill also can be boring. So how can you make the most of your time on the tread? We tapped Running Strong founder Janet Hamilton, a conditioning specialist with 25 years of experience with athletes. Hamilton's response when we asked her what the ultimate treadmill workout might look like: "To answer a complicated question in the simplest way, best practice is to run a variety of workouts throughout the week."

The good news is that you don't have to run fast for a long period of time to see results.

"You should run at a hard effort, followed by a recovery for the best calorie expenditure," Hamilton said. A "hard" effort can be achieved by either increasing your speed or upping your incline, Hamilton notes, and by taking the time to fully recover, you'll be ready to go again at a maximum effort and, more important, you'll remain injury-free.

Hamilton helped us create the ultimate, modifiable treadmill workout that will change and grow with you.

The workout

- Warm-up: 3-5 minutes easy pace (3-5 mph, no incline)
- 2 Minutes: Hard effort (increase speed to 3.3-5.5 mph OR incline to 3 percent)



SVEN HAGOLANI/FSTOP

A key to working out on a treadmill is to keep it interesting.

- 2 minutes: Recovery (3.5-5 mph, no incline)
- 2 minutes: Hard effort (increase speed to 3.7-5.7 mph OR incline to 5 percent)
- 2 minutes: Recovery (3.5-5 mph, no incline)
- 2 minutes: Hard effort (increase speed to 4.0-6.0 mph OR incline to 6 percent)
- 2 minutes: Recovery (3.5-5 mph, no incline)
- 2 minutes: Hard effort (increase speed to 4.5-6.5 mph OR incline to 7 percent)
- 2 minutes: Recovery (3.5-5 mph, no incline)
- 2 minutes: Hard effort (increase speed to 4.7-6.7 mph OR incline to 8 percent)
- 2 minutes: Recovery (3.5-5 mph, no incline)
- Cool-down: 3-5 minutes easy pace (3-5 mph, no incline)

Total time: 30 minutes, with 10 full minutes of hard effort and an equal amount of recovery time

Here's how you can modify this workout to keep challenging yourself. **Change the ratio**
Keep your warm-up

time the same, but change how much recovery you need. Go hard for two minutes and recover for one. As your cardio endurance improves, add one minute to each hard effort and recover for an equal or shorter amount of time.

Add cross-training

Instead of recovering for two minutes on the treadmill, hit the pause button and do two minutes of an upper-body strength move. Incorporate biceps curls, triceps extensions or push-ups; anything that doesn't put additional strain on your legs is fair game. Then, get back to treadmill intervals and repeat. **Change the speed or intervals**

As you progress with this workout, you'll notice a strength gain in your legs and extra air in your lungs. Typically, after doing it consistently for three to six weeks, you'll be ready to increase the challenge. You can do that by slightly increasing the speed or by changing the interval durations so that you are doing a three-minute hard interval and a two-minute recovery interval.

E-cigarettes may increase the risk of lung infections

By DENNIS THOMPSON
HealthDay News

Vapor from electronic cigarettes may increase young people's risk of respiratory infections, whether or not it contains nicotine, a new laboratory study has found.

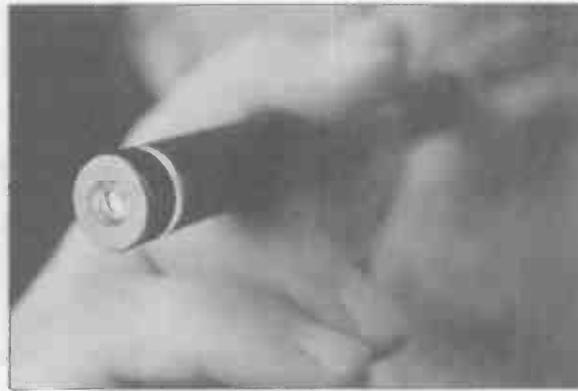
Lung tissue samples from deceased children appeared to suffer damage when exposed to e-cigarette vapor in the laboratory, researchers reported in a recent issue of the journal *PLOS One*. The vapor triggered a strong immune response in epithelial cells, which are cells that line the inside of the lung and protect the organ from harm, said Dr. Qun Wu, lead author and a lung disease researcher at National Jewish Health in Denver.

Once exposed to e-cigarette vapor, these cells also became more susceptible to infection by rhinovirus, the virus that's the predominant cause of the common cold, the researchers found.

"Epithelial cells are the first line of defense in our airways," Wu said. "They protect our bodies from anything dangerous we might inhale. Even without nicotine, this liquid can hurt your epithelial defense system, and you will be more likely to get sick."

The new report comes amid a surge in the popularity of e-cigarettes, which are being promoted by manufacturers as a safer alternative to traditional tobacco cigarettes and a possible smoking-cessation aid.

Nearly 1.8 million children and teens in the United States had tried e-cigarettes by 2012, the study authors said in background information. Less than 2 percent of American adults had tried e-cigarettes in 2010, but by last year the number had



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Researchers found that the vapor from e-cigarettes increases young people's risk of respiratory infections.

topped 40 million, an increase of 620 percent.

For the study, researchers obtained respiratory system tissue from children aged 8 to 10 who had passed away and donated their organs to medical science. Researchers specifically looked for tissue from young donors because they wanted to focus on the effects of e-cigarettes on kids, Wu said.

The human cells were placed in a sterile container at one end of a machine, with an e-cigarette at the other end. The machine applied suction to the e-cigarette to simulate the act of using the device.

The vapor spurred the release of IL-6, a signaling protein that promotes inflammation and an immune system response. This occurred whether or not the vapor contained nicotine, although nicotine appeared to slightly enhance the release of IL-6, the researchers said.

The exposed lung tissue also appeared more susceptible to the common cold virus, developing higher amounts of virus compared with healthy cells that had not been exposed to the vapor, the investigators found.

The American Vaping Association, an industry group representing e-cigarette-makers, said the

study findings were limited because the tests involved cells in a laboratory, not actual people using e-cigarettes. The tests also failed to compare the effects of the vapor with other inhalants, the group said.

"Many in public health agree that the risks of vaping must always be considered in the context of the risks of cigarette smoking and traditional stop-smoking therapies," said Gregory Conley, president of the American Vaping Association.

"Unlike past studies, this study provides the reader with no data to compare the liquid results to. What would happen if these same cells were exposed to combustible cigarettes, nicotine gum or the smoking cessation drug varenicline (Chantix)? That is an important and unanswered question," Conley said.

Dr. Norman Edelman, senior medical adviser for the American Lung Association, agreed that people should be cautious in drawing conclusions based on lab tests using cell cultures.

At the same time, Edelman said, the study findings are "interesting and provocative" and fit in with prior research on the effects of e-cigarette use.

Why working from home isn't all it's cracked up to be



HEIDI STEVENS
Balancing Act

When I tell people I'm a writer, the second most frequently asked question — after "What's your back-up plan?" — is, "Do you work from home?"

My answer: Not if I can help it.

Unlike the work of, say, a heart surgeon, my job can be done from various locales. And when there are no staff meetings or other office-specific items on my agenda, my editors are open to occasional work-from-home days.

I'm fortunate that way. Working from home, after all, is the holy grail of balance. It's heralded by life coaches, innovators and creative thinkers as an invaluable tool in the quest to juggle our careers and our outside endeavors. I know men and women who pull it off beautifully.

For nine years, since I became a mom, I've tried to master it.

For nine years I've failed.

Today, after back-to-back work-from-home days, inspired by back-to-back school cancellations, I am prepared to declare, once and for all: Working from home is not for me.

First, there's the food. I eat it all. Some combination of "it's nearby" and "it's free" and "no one is here to judge how frequently I stuff my face" sends me to my kitchen cabinets far more than a person should really be visiting her kitchen cabinets.

Once I'm there, of course, I realize how my cabinet doors look in sunlight kind of gross. So



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between snacks, I wade through cleaning products to decide which one is safest for particleboard covered in veneer and stained to look like cherry.

Then I clean my kitchen cabinets.

Throw my children in the house with me — as they were when school was canceled — and the layers of distraction grow exponentially.

"Mom, do you want a face massage?" my son offered while I typed the other morning.

"No, I'm good."

"OK," he answered. "I'll give you one." And he did. Which was adorable but sort of impeded my typing.

My kids are not the problem, though. They'll play happily together for hours.

I am the problem. I am incapable of single-tasking at home. This would be fine, I suppose, if I were better at multitasking.

Last winter I attempted a stretch of work-from-home days after our frozen pipes burst and I needed to welcome various flood mitigators, insurance adjusters and contractors into our house at all hours.

At one point I decided to take the garbage out. Simple enough. But the dog

escaped through the back gate, which slammed and locked behind us, which sent the dog scurrying down the alley, which sent me — now locked out of my own yard — running down the alley in my bathrobe yelling curse words.

That never happens at the office.

At the office, I have one job and I do it.

At home, I have 37 jobs and I do them simultaneously. While I work.

I know this about myself by now, which is why I rise at 5 a.m. on work-from-home-days and find myself still working (the paid kind of working, that is) 16 hours later, tweaking that last story, nailing down that final interview, firing off one last round of emails.

Everything gets done, but I wouldn't call it efficient.

Maybe on this topic I'm uncharacteristically old school. Maybe I'm wired for a bygone era of compartmentalized identities: working professional by day, domestic goofball by night.

Which is just as well, since my editors will likely turn down all of my future work-from-home requests.

Anybody want a snack?

Apps allow cats to catch cybercritters on tablets

BY SUE MANNING
Associated Press

When Laura Fritz's felines play with her iPad, her fat cat loses the urge to eat, her scaredy-cat loses his fear and her youngest just loses interest.

If you've had enough time to play with the tablet you got for the holidays, try turning the device over to your tech-savvy cat. Every cat app, no matter the maker, has something for felines to electronically track, stalk or hunt, such as mice, bugs or laser dots.

"Cats are attracted to things that move, and that is the 'magic' for most of the apps," said Bonnie Beaver, a professor at Texas A&M University's College of Veterinary Medicine and executive director of the American College of Veterinary Behaviorists.

"The motion in most apps is jerky and quick, much like an insect," she said.

Every cat is different, but if they are like two of Fritz's, they will love pawing the screen to catch critters, which breaks anxious Maxie out of his shell and gives hefty Mr. Brutus a way to exercise, said Fritz, of Waltham, Mass. But they may be like her youngest, Pansy Rose, who couldn't care less.

Maxie and Brutus work together on the app "Paint for Cats," chasing a mouse and leaving a trail of splattered paint where they have pawed, rubbed, jumped or made other marks with their movements.

It is among three popular apps created by T.J. Fuller and Nate Murray's Los Angeles company Hiccup. The company also features a mouse-chasing game called "Game for Cats" and monster-crushing game dubbed "Catzilla."



T.J. FULLER/AP

LA-based Hiccup has created three apps for felines, including Catzilla, which Beans is seen playing with here.

Playful alternatives

Not too keen on letting kitty paw your technology? The Humane Society of the United States' website has an informative article on cat-friendly toys; some you probably have around the house (pingpong balls, wine corks) and some you can make yourself. Go to humane-society.org (type "cat toys" in the search field).

There are several cat apps on the market. "Pocket Pond" for Android tablets allows cats to follow fish or dragonflies with their paws. Friskies' "Cat Fishing" also taps into the fish theme for Android and Apple devices.

Some people worry about damage to the devices, but claws won't hurt the screen, said Fuller, who ran many tests. (Though if you have a protective covering on your screen, that could get scratched.)

Nobody has tested for teeth, and Karen Rittmuller, of Salem, Mass., found a problem with a bite.

Rittmuller tried to get her calico cat Pixel to live up to her high-tech name, so she downloaded "Game for Cats," but her pet will only stalk, pounce and bite the iPad, so she took it

away.

"I did not want the device ruined or her hurt from biting too hard," Rittmuller said.

Even cats at shelters are joining the tech trend.

When the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Los Angeles received a couple of used tablets two years ago, the shelter decided to see if any of their homeless cats were hiding inner artists.

Two of them, dubbed Pawblo Picasso and Frida Catlo, created abstract art that looked like fuzzy circles, and the organization turned it into salable notecards.

Those trading up to a newer model tablet should consider donating used devices to shelters, said Ana Bustilloz, spokeswoman for the organization. People give food, kitty litter and blankets, but many don't think of animal shelters when it comes to tech equipment, she said.

Back at the Fritz house, the cats work out their problems with the tablet. The 21-pound Brutus is only motivated by food and refuses to exercise, so "Paint for Cats" gets him to move, Fritz said.

"Maxie is scared of everything that moves. But when he's painting, he becomes a different cat ... and really gets into it," she said.

Website founder bristles at dating-message spam

BY CAITLIN DEWEY
The Washington Post

It's probably one of the most annoying, and most inevitable, aspects of online dating: No matter who you are or what site you use, you're bound to get a boatload of generic messages that look as if they were copy/pasted to a million other people.

There are telltale signs of this kind of thing: a certain lack of personal detail, a certain brevity, the resort to vague and overstated compliments like "you're beautiful" or "I like your profile." (Really?) And yet, none of the largest paid dating sites, let alone the free ones, will tell you straight up when someone has sent the same message to multiple people, even though the technology behind that feature is rudimentary.

Maybe they just lack the imagination of 28-year-old John Kershaw, of Manchester, England, the one-man show behind Bristlr, a social network for guys with beards that will, among other things, tell you when you're being message spammed.

Since launching at the end of October, Bristlr has earned some love from the lumbersexual crowd and a few lumbercurious reporters, most of them peeking in for the lolz. But Bristlr isn't just a bearded face: The app is introducing some innovations that could add critical social context back to online dating.

Aside from the copy/paste notification, which Kershaw implemented on a whim one Friday morning, he's also working on a rating feature that will let users grade the quality of their correspondents' messages. If people regularly rate you highly in terms of how much time you seem to spend on your messages, then you'll get a little star on your profile. He's also contemplating status updates, a la Facebook, to inject a little more personality and transparency into the site.

"I view it as trying to make the service subtly more open and honest," Kershaw explains. "It's important to me to keep Bristlr's positive and genuine vibe, and stuff like this is key to that."

Positivity and genuineness might seem like pretty obvious values to steer by; no one goes into a date looking to have a bad time, but the dating industry rarely articulates its core values that way.

As Dan Slater explains in his 2013 book on the subject, major corporate dating sites are motivated, in large part, by getting users to visit over and over and over again. If they're totally upfront about how people use the sites or how many people use the sites, they run two big risks: More transparency could alienate some users



SHIRLAINE FORREST/BRISTLR

John Kershaw included features on the Bristlr site to make it more transparent.

(i.e., adherents of "Copy, Paste & Bang") or make dating vastly more efficient, thus lessening the time users spend on site (to quote Aaron Schildkrout, CEO of How About We, "If you succeed, you lose?").

But Bristlr, which Kershaw built and funded himself, can basically add whatever features he wants. As of this writing, Bristlr has almost 60,000 users, about a third of them in the United States. The response has been so enthusiastic that Kershaw, who was working as a freelance Web developer and threw Bristlr together as a joke, recently decided to make the project his full-time gig.

In doing so, he joins a legion of niche dating sites that have sprung up over the past 10 years — a legion so large, in fact, that it now accounts for an estimated one-third of the online dating market. Most of these sites you won't have heard of, in part because they cater to such a small and specific demographic — think goths or prison inmates or die-hard "Star Trek" geeks. But they also tend to fade into the background because, zany interests and fetishes aside, they're all basically the same. (Sometimes literally the same, in fact: A number of companies produce undifferentiated "white label" sites that they just brand and market differently.)

Bristlr, on the other hand, is a thing all its own. It might not be your thing, but it's hard to argue with the philosophy Kershaw is pushing: The idea that providing users with more information, and more transparency, will help them "make better decisions" in their online dating lives.

"As opposed to most matching sites," Kershaw adds, "which tend to put your interaction with somebody else in a vacuum."

Your move, OkCupid.

Leaving the port behind

Exploring Portugal's world of wine



BILL ST. JOHN

It is a good thing, when people think of Portugal's wine, that they think of port, one of the world's truly great beverages. But it is not a good thing that that is all people think of when they think of Portuguese wine.

There is a second Portugal that makes wine — and has for much longer than port has existed. It is the Portugal that excels in both red and white table wines.

Portugal is smaller than Kentucky yet is 11th in world wine production. (It's also seventh in per capita wine consumption; the U.S. is 57th.) As in many European countries, hundreds of grape varieties (many indigenous, such as jaen and periquita) grow on its rugged, sometimes steeply pitched, soil.

Many of these grapes hold promise for wine-making in the future in countries other than Portugal. That's because they grow well in a very hot climate yet retain their fruity acidity. With global warming a threat to wine grape growing elsewhere, these Portuguese grapes may travel as did the worldwide sailors and explorers of Magellan's day.

If you travel to Portugal, you will be forgiven for thinking that a digit is missing from the prices of wine on restaurant wine lists. The country makes some of the least expensive but certainly top-flight wines in the world. Our great fortune is that much of it is exported as well.

About 40 delimited wine regions exist, nearly 30 of which are called

“denominacao de origem protegida,” the equivalent of the French and Spanish AOC/AOP and DOP classifications of controlled appellations.

Of the many winemaking districts in Portugal, five are more important than the others. Working our way from north to south, they are:

Vinho Verde (VEEN-yo VAIR-da), an agriculturally rich area, is in the far northwest and lends its name to its most famed wine, vinho verde (literally “green wine”). This light, low-alcohol, sometimes-spritzzy white is meant for quaffing. The “green” refers not to the wine's color but to its youth and freshness. It is one of the best wines to drink with a range of cooking.

The Douro (DOE-oo-roe), the “oo” hardly pronounced), east of Vinho Verde, is home to port and several of port's grapes (touriga nacional, tinta roriz and touriga francesa, among others) that also go into the making of dry red table wines, some of which are among the more noteworthy in the country.

Dao (D + the sound of the vowels in “ounce”) makes wine from more than 50 different grape varieties, almost all of which are very unfamiliar to us. Eight percent of Dao wines are red, and their quality has brought more and more international attention to the area. But Dao's best white wine, from the encruzado grape, is no slouch and reminds many tasters of white Burgundy. Dao is 30 miles south of the Douro.

Bairrada (bye-RAH-dah) is just west of Dao in central Portugal. Its main red grape is the juicy but acidic baga, which must make up



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Quinta da Bica Radix Red, left, a glass of Quinta do Ameal, center, and Casa de Saima Baga Grande Reserva, come from three of Portugal's most important wine regions.

at least 50 percent of any red blend. Baga is a lot like nebbiolo of Italy. Most Portuguese sparkling wine is made here and from baga, surprisingly.

Alentejo (ah-lain-TAY-hoe): This winemaking

area covers nearly the whole of the southeastern portion of the country. In addition to olive oil, grains and wine, it is home to about half the world's supply of cork. Plush, fruity red wines dominate, made of grapes like periquita (para-

keet) or aragonez (tempranillo) and more.

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Recommended

2013 Quinta do Ameal Loureiro Vinho Verde: From the best grape allowed in VV; soft, plush, juicy. \$15

2011 Casa de Saima Baga Grande Reserva, Bairrada: The pitch red-black of pomegranate juice; lots of spiced fruit, scents of tobacco leaf; just gobs of flavor and length. \$29

2008 Quinta da Bica Red Radix, Dao: A blend of five red and white grapes typical of Dao, with both red and yellow fruit notes; complex and intriguing. \$29

2011 Herdade de Esporao White Private Collection, Alentejo: Barrel fermented and aged and a blend of native antao vaz and semillon grapes; plush, wooded, spicy, but keeps its acidity to the end. \$20

2011 Quinta Vale D. Maria Tinto, Douro: An amazing blend of 40 indigenous Portuguese grape varieties made by one of the country's top winemakers, Cristiano van Zeller; a large wine but quick on its feet, finishing with crispness and freshness even though it's from one of the most unforgivingly torrid winemaking regions on the planet.

2006 Gravato Touriga Nacional Beira Interior: Truly the country's national grape, with lots of rose petal accents to its dark red-black fruit; tannic, lengthily flavored and quite age-able still. \$27

If your wine store does not carry these, ask for wines similar in style and price.



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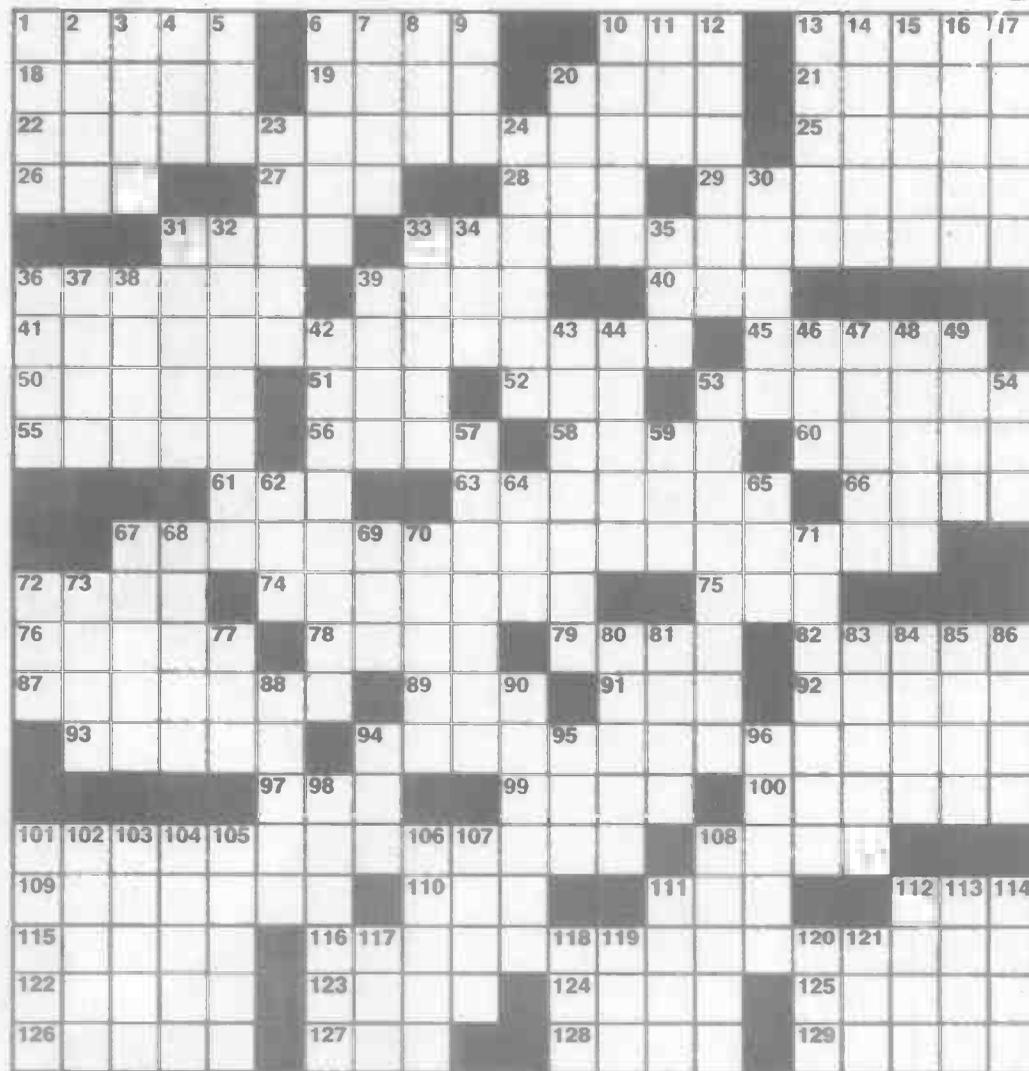
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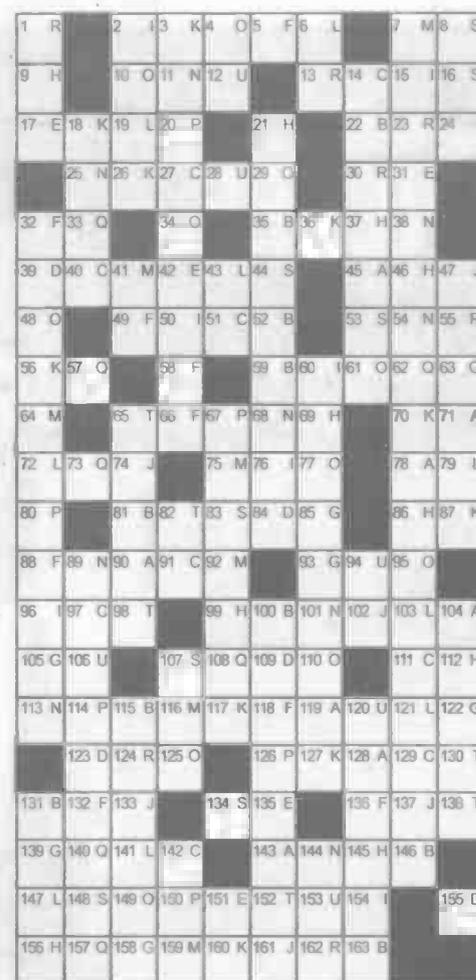
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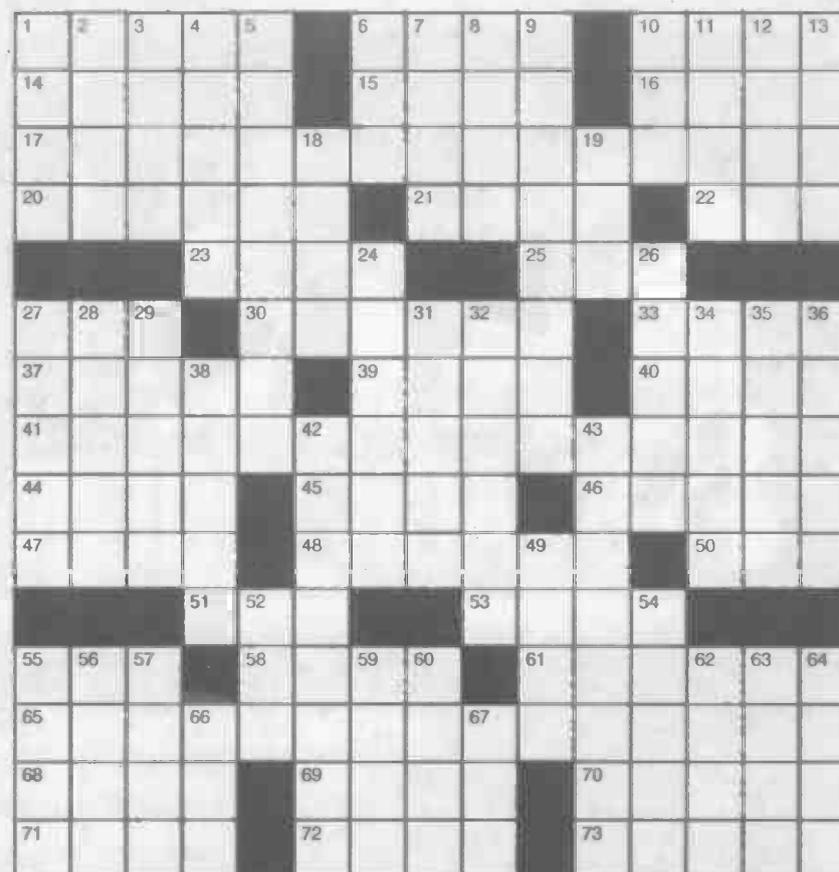
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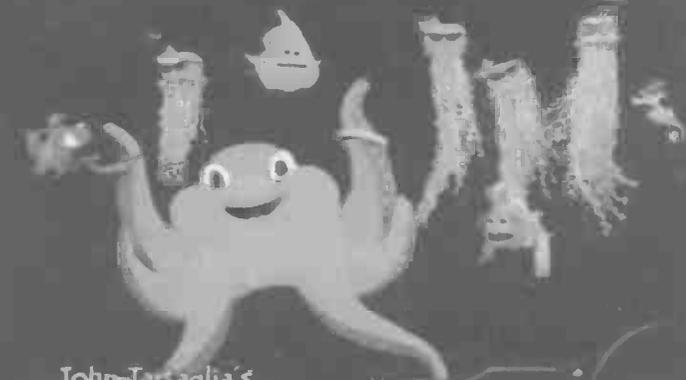
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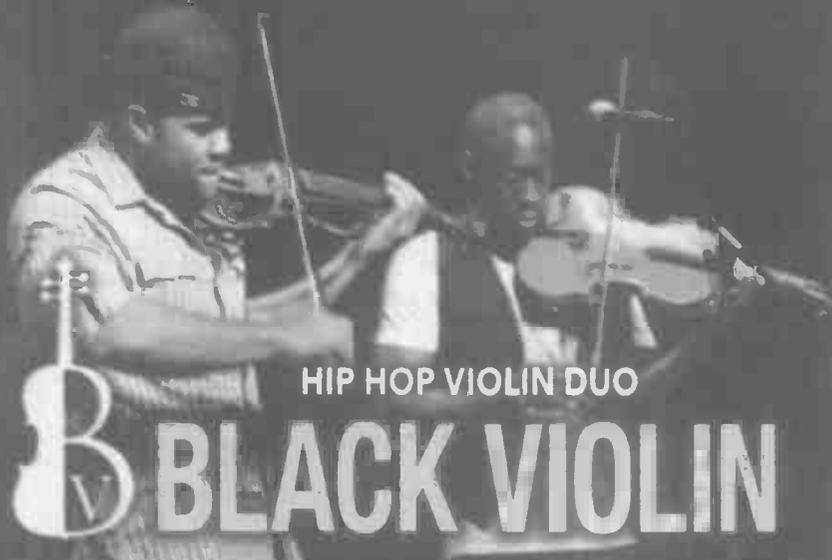
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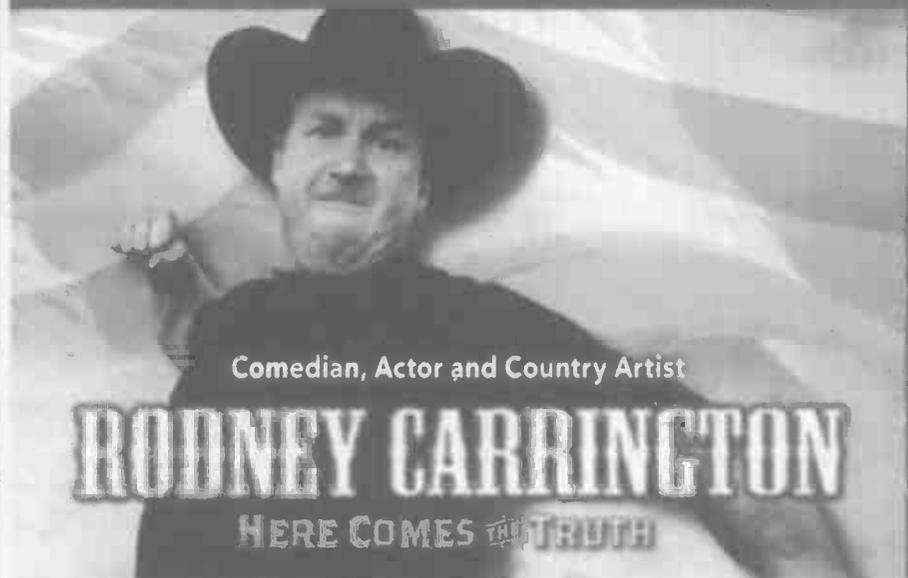
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CITY OF PARK RIDGE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FACILITIES OPERATION AND MANAGEMENT SERVICES PW-FY15-16

The City of Park Ridge will receive sealed bid proposals to provide facilities operation and management services for City buildings, in accordance with Specifications and Contract Documents NIM PW-FY15-16. Bid documents, including general conditions, statement of work, and forms, may be obtained at Park Ridge City Hall, 1st Floor Cashier, 505 Butler Place, Park Ridge, IL or online at www.parkridge.il.gov. A deposit for the documents is not required.

All general questions regarding this Legal Notice and all detailed questions concerning the actual qualifications document shall be directed to Jim McGuire, Procurement Officer, in writing or e-mail to jmcguire@parkridge.us, no less than five (5) business days prior to the scheduled opening date.

The bid opening will be held on Tuesday, March 3, 2015 at 10:00am CST, at Park Ridge City Hall, at which time all bids will be publicly opened and read. All bids must be received prior to the date and time shown above. Bids transmitted by facsimile (fax) will not be accepted.

Bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked in the lower left hand corner. **DO NOT OPEN - FACILITIES OPERATION AND MANAGEMENT SERVICES PW-FY15-16 - BID OPENING: March 3, 2015 - 10:00AM CST.** Address the bid to City of Park Ridge, Attn: Finance Department, 505 Butler Place, Park Ridge, IL 60068 02/05/2015 3026855

LEGALS

Assumed Name

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VILLAGE OF SKOKIE NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Village of Skokie is now accepting sealed BIDS for

Skokie Fire Station 16 Roof Rehabilitation

Notice is hereby given that the Village of Skokie will receive BIDS at 5127 Oakton Street, Skokie, Illinois 60077 Attention: Michael Aleksik, Purchasing Agent until 11:00 a.m. local time on Tuesday, March 3, 2015.

A mandatory pre-bid conference will be held at 10:00 a.m. Friday, February 20, 2015 at Skokie Fire Station 16, 7424 Niles Center Road, Skokie, IL 60077.

Bidders will be required to certify that for all work to be performed pursuant to the contract documents, at least the prevailing rate of wages as found and determined by the Illinois Department of Labor for Cook County will be paid to all workers and employees employed and working on the project.

Any bid or proposal submitted unsealed, unsigned, fax transmissions or received subsequent to the aforementioned date and time will be disqualified and returned to the bidder. The Village of Skokie reserves the right to reject any and all bids or parts thereof, to waive any irregularities or informalities in bidding procedures and to award the contract in a manner best serving the interest of the Village.

Skokie Village Hall is a fully accessible building. Persons requiring assistance should contact the Purchasing Office at 847-933-8240 or TTY 673-9330

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Division - Mortgage, Inc. Plaintiff, vs. Zederick Dixon, Deana Dixon, JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., Unknown Owners, and Non-Record Claimants, Defendants.

Case No. 13 CH 20538
Pursuant to a Judgment made and entered by said Court in the above entitled cause on October 7, 2014, Thomas J. Dart, Sheriff of Cook County, Illinois, will on February 19, 2015 at 1:00 p.m. in Room 06 of the lower level of the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction the following described premises and real estate mentioned in said Judgment:

LOT 11 AND THE EAST 11.66 FEET OF LOT 12 IN BLOCK 32 IN PRICE'S SUBDIVISION OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 26, TOWNSHIP 38 NORTH, RANGE 13, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

PLN 19-26-328-065-000
Address: 3727 West 77th Street, Chicago, Illinois 60652
Improvements: Single family residence.

Sale shall be under the following terms: The real estate described herein, with all improvements, fixtures and appurtenances is sold in "as is" condition. The subject property is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Counter-Plaintiff. Premises will NOT be open for inspection and Counter-Plaintiff makes no representations nor any warranties as to the condition of the property.

There shall be no proration of taxes, assessments, water bills or any other bill that may accrue or has accrued in association with the property. The deposit required at the time of sale will be between 10% and 25% of the successful bid. The balance of the bid amount is required to be paid within 24 hours of sale. All payments of the amount bid shall be in certified funds.

The judgment amount is \$108,579.85 with accruing post judgment interest and accruing costs. At any time, if the sale is set aside for any reason, the purchaser shall have no recourse or claims against the mortgagee's attorney(s). Prospective bidders are to check the court file and verify all information herein and therein.

Sale shall be subject to general taxes, special assessments, and any liens or encumbrances that have priority. For information: Scott R. Barfuss, Counter-Plaintiff's Attorney, 24 East Avenue, Riverside, IL 60546, Tel. No. (708) 788-8870. This is an attempt to collect a debt pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. 1/22, 1/29, 2/5/15 #903813

Foreclosures

SKOKIE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION Plaintiff,

vs. SAUNDRA FELLER A/K/A SAUNDRA B. FELLER, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA Defendants

8813 KOSTNER AVENUE SKOKIE, IL 60076 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on June 18, 2014, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on February 24, 2015, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 8813 KOSTNER AVENUE, SKOKIE, IL 60076 Property Index No. 10-15-331-009. The real estate is improved with a single family residence. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lien or acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff. The sale is subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. Where a sale of real estate is made to satisfy a lien prior to that of the United States, the United States shall have one year from the date of sale within which to redeem, except that with respect to a lien arising under the internal revenue laws the period shall be 120 days or the period allowable for redemption under state law, whichever is longer, and in any case in which, under the provisions of section 505 of the Housing Act of 1950, as amended (12 U.S.C. 1701k), and subsection (d) of section 3720 of title 38 of the United States Code, the right to redeem does not arise, there shall be no right of redemption. The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(b)(1) and (b)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g)-(i). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15- 1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales. For information, examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60082, (630) 794-9876 Please refer to file number 14-10-05425, THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.jsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100 BURR RIDGE, IL 60082 (630) 794-5300 Attorney File No. 14-10-05425 Attorney ARDC No. 00468002 Attorney Code: 21762 Case Number: 10 CH 007825 TJSCA: 35-1014 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. 1643063 1/29, 2/5, 2/12/15 9079474

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SKOKIE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION Plaintiff,

vs. SAUNDRA FELLER A/K/A SAUNDRA B. FELLER, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA Defendants

8813 KOSTNER AVENUE SKOKIE, IL 60076 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on June 18, 2014, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on February 24, 2015, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 8813 KOSTNER AVENUE, SKOKIE, IL 60076 Property Index No. 10-15-331-009. The real estate is improved with a single family residence. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lien or acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff. The sale is subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. Where a sale of real estate is made to satisfy a lien prior to that of the United States, the United States shall have one year from the date of sale within which to redeem, except that with respect to a lien arising under the internal revenue laws the period shall be 120 days or the period allowable for redemption under state law, whichever is longer, and in any case in which, under the provisions of section 505 of the Housing Act of 1950, as amended (12 U.S.C. 1701k), and subsection (d) of section 3720 of title 38 of the United States Code, the right to redeem does not arise, there shall be no right of redemption. The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(b)(1) and (b)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g)-(i). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15- 1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales. For information, examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60082, (630) 794-9876 Please refer to file number 14-10-05425, THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.jsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100 BURR RIDGE, IL 60082 (630) 794-5300 Attorney File No. 14-10-05425 Attorney ARDC No. 00468002 Attorney Code: 21762 Case Number: 10 CH 007825 TJSCA: 35-1014 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. 1643063 1/29, 2/5, 2/12/15 9079474

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State of Illinois
In The Circuit Court of Cook
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Probate Division
in the matter of the estate
of Evangeline Farmakis, (De-
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Case No. 2014 P 007102
Publication Notice
Notice is given in the death of
Evangeline Farmakis of Chicago,
Illinois. Letters of office were is-
sued on December 29, 2014, to
James Farmakis, whose attor-
ney is Jory Chelin, 1454 Miner,
Des Plaines, Illinois 60016 email
address jory.chelin@yahoo.com.
Notice to Heirs and Legatees.
Notice is given to unknown heirs
who are the heirs or legatees in
the above titled proceeding to
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tions or petitions should be di-
rected to Jory Chelin (847) 827-
2700, as attorney for the estate.
1/22, 1/29, 2/5/15 #904560

State of Illinois
In The Circuit Court of Cook
County, Illinois
Probate Division
in the matter of the estate of
Jane Gabrielow, (Deceased)
Case No. 2014 P 007660
Publication Notice
Notice is given in the death of
Jane Gabrielow of Mt. Prospect,
Illinois 60056. Letters of office
were issued on January 9, 2015
to Peter Gabrielow, 1806 Tano,
Mt. Prospect, Illinois 60056,
whose attorney is Jory Chelin,
1454 Miner, Des Plaines, Illinois
60016 email address:
jory.chelin@yahoo.com.
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of the Circuit Court in Room
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Public Hearings

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
CONSOLIDATED PLAN FOR
2015-2019 COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS
AND ACTION PLAN FOR
FISCAL YEAR 2016
MARCH 2, 2015**

In compliance with U.S. Depart-
ment of Housing and Urban
Development (HUD) regulations,
the Village of Skokie is presently
preparing a Consolidated Plan
and an Action Plan for the Com-
munity Development Block Grant
(CDBG) program, and any
other federal community plan-
ning and development pro-
grams for which the Village
may become eligible to apply.
In developing these 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, including mi-
norities and non-English speak-
ing persons, as well as persons
with mobility, visual, or hearing
impairments. Citizens, organiza-
tions, agencies, and other inter-
ested parties will have the opportunity
to provide their input to the Con-
solidated Plan and Action Plan.
A public hearing will be held on
Monday, March 2, to receive
specific public comment on the
draft 5-year Consolidated Plan
for 2015-2019, which includes
the draft 1-year Action Plan for
Fiscal Year 2016. Approval by
the Village Board of Trustees
will be requested at that
hearing. The hearing will be
conducted in the Village Hall
Council Chambers immediately
following the regular municipal
business, which begins at 8:00 p.m. Drafts of
the Consolidated and Action Plans
will be available to the public
beginning Friday, January 30,
at Village Hall in the Planning
Division, and the Skokie Public
Library in the Reference Depart-
ment. All comments or concerns
should be made in writing to the
contact person listed below. The
Village of Skokie will respond to
all written comments received
from the public within 15 days,
where practicable.
For further information, please
contact Carrie Habersich, AUCP
Planner/CDBG Administrator, in
writing at the village of Skokie,
5127 Oakton St., Skokie, IL
60077. Comments are also
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the Matter of Lindsey A. Urry
Koshgarian v. Justin B. Fanella,
Cook County Case No. 2014-
L-008844. Justin B. Fanella is
hereby served by publication
and is required to file an answer
to the complaint in this case, or
otherwise file his appearance,
and pay the required fee, in the
Office of the Circuit Court Clerk
of the Cook County, Richard J.
Daley Center, 50 W. Washington,
room 801, Chicago Illinois. Jus-
tin B. Fanella is required to file
within 30 days of the date of this
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1/29, 2/5, 12/2015 907450

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LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Skokie Plan Commission, Thursday, March 5, 2015, Village of Skokie, 5127 Oakton Street, Skokie, Illinois 60077, at 7:30 P.M., to consider the following:

| NEW | ACTION TAKEN |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| 2015-1P - Site Plan Approval: 8101-8107 Skokie Boulevard Bhojani Real Estate Management, LLC, requests site plan approval for a mixed-use development with approximately 3,500 ft2 of ground floor commercial space and 9 upper-story residences in a CX Core Mixed-Use zoning district and any relief discovered during the review of this case. PINS: 10-22-317-020-0000 and 10-22-317-021-0000. | |
| 2015-2P - Zoning Chapter Amendment: Congregate Living Facilities The Village of Skokie Corporation Counsel and Village Manager request modifications to §118-88 of the Zoning Chapter of the Village Code regarding congregate living facilities, including the number of bedrooms in a unit that would require site plan approval, the minimum distance between facilities, regulations pertaining to units rented by agencies, and any other sections of the Village Code related to this case. | |
| 2015-3P - Zoning Chapter Amendment: Congregate Living Facilities The Village of Skokie Village Manager requests a review and possible modifications of the Zoning Chapter of the Village Code regarding rooming houses. | |

FOR YOUR INFORMATION: Plans and related documents are available at the Village's Community Development Department, Planning Division, (847) 933-8447 Monday through Friday, from 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM.
SPECIAL AID: Available upon request for the disabled. Call (847) 673-0500 or email info@skokie.org.
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Published in the Skokie Review on February 5, 2015. Paul Luke, Chairman

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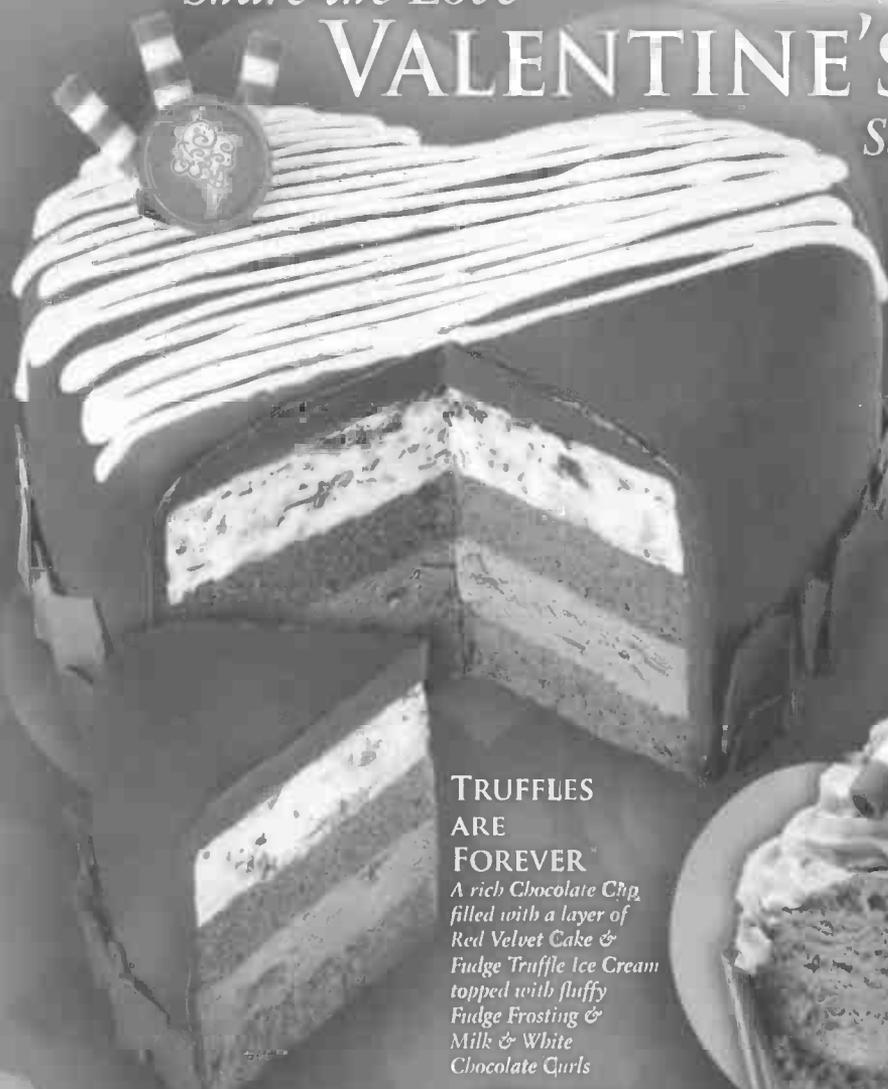
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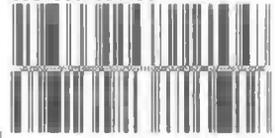


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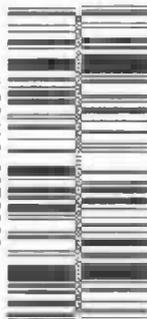


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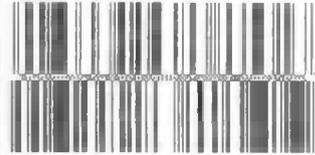
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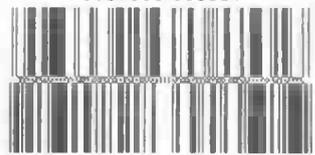
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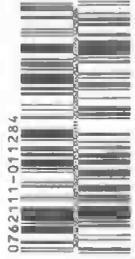
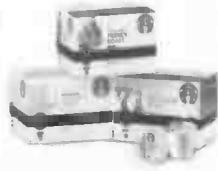
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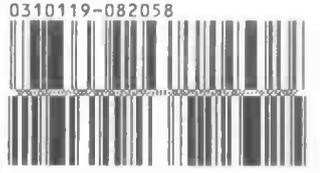
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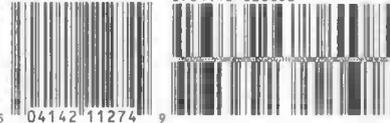
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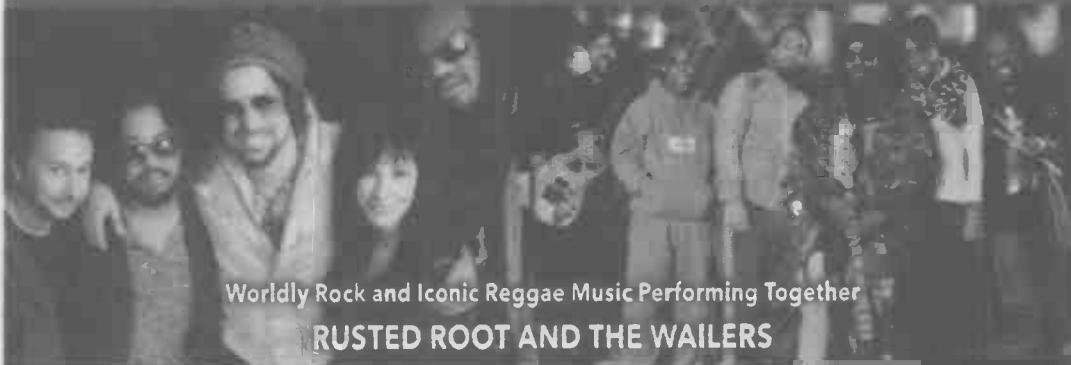
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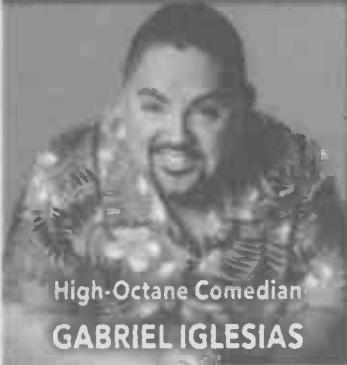

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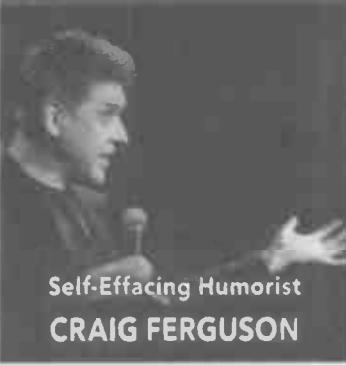
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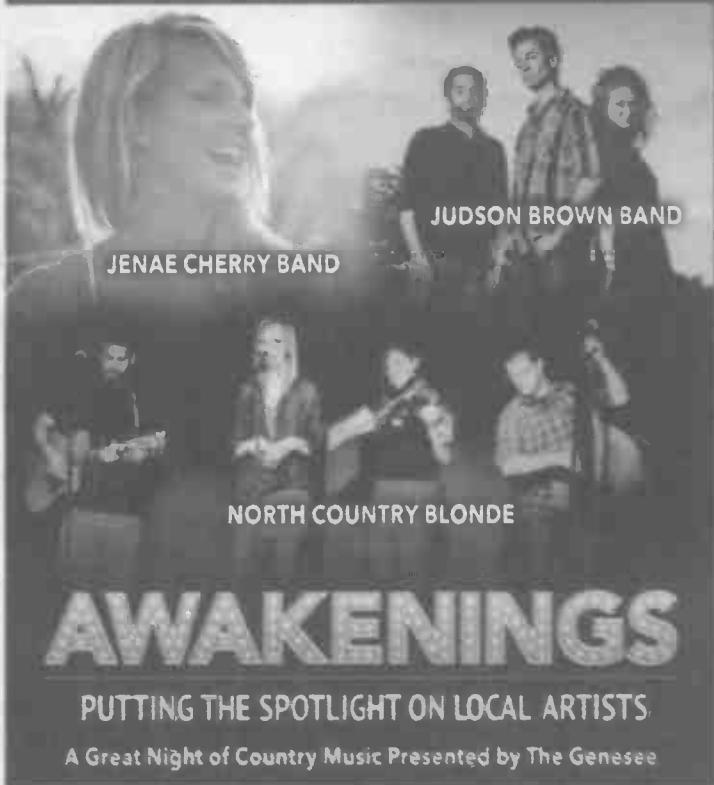
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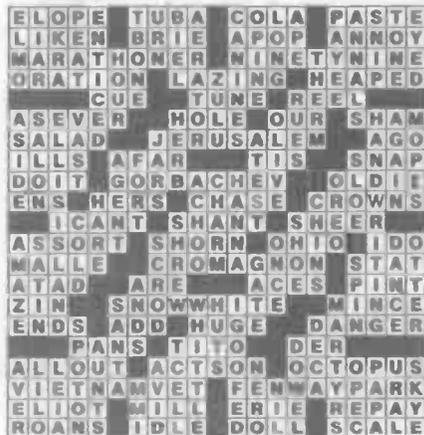
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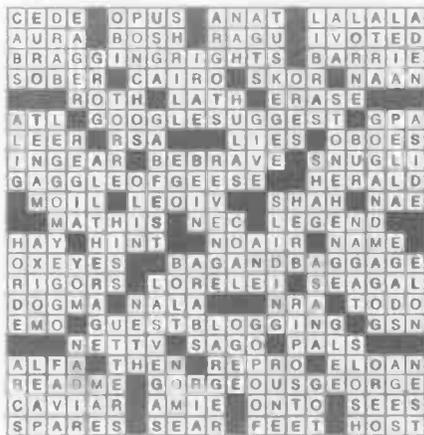
"Wall Street"



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Last week's Quote-Acrostic

E.M. FORSTER: INVALID CRITICS:
This may be heresy on my part, but it seems to me that a good deal of Shakespearean criticism is invalid because it assumes that his characters are real people and never put in just to make the play go.

Last week's Sudoku

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This week's Jumble

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When it came to watching the Super Bowl on TV, the pre-game show —

KICKED THINGS OFF



ask amy

By AMY DICKINSON

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Dog's bark worse than neighbors' bite

Dear Amy: I live in a condo with six other units. The walls and floors are very well-insulated, but definitely not soundproof. We recently adopted a dog, "Princess," from a family friend.

Princess is still young (2 years old), and she's a sweet dog who is (mostly) wonderful when we are home. If we are around, she's extremely quiet and doesn't bark at the other pets in the house or even when visitors come to the door.

Recently I left Princess alone. The next day my neighbor below told me that the dog barked for almost three hours. I apologized profusely, and she assured me that it wasn't a problem for her. Since Princess is kennel-trained, I thought that kenneling her when we are gone would solve the problem.

Two weeks later, I learned that the dog continues to bark when she's alone (albeit for a shorter period of time). Again I apologized and promised to work on training.

However, training will take some time. No other neighbors have complained, but Princess is a rather large dog with a ferocious-sounding bark, and (although she's not) she looks like a restricted breed.

On one hand, I want to leave notes for my other neighbors apologizing for the noise (assuming they hear her) and asking for their patience. On the other hand, I worry that someone will use it against me and complain to animal control (or the authorities).

What would you do? If I leave a note, do you have suggested wording?

— *Puppy Parents*

Dear Parents: If your primary concern is that your note will somehow notify your neighbors that you have an unhappy dog held hostage in your condo, I'd say that you needn't worry about that — they are likely very aware of it. If you are worried that a note from you will serve as evidence that your dog is not in the right home and might prompt calls to animal control, then shame on you.

Be as upfront and courteous in your note as you were to the neighbor who complained. Thank them for their indulgence while your dog adjusts, assure them you are working on it, and leave your cellphone number so they can call you with any concerns.

As committed as you are, your condo might not be the right place for this young, large and active dog. If you aren't around during the day, you may have to take her to

doggy day care — or hire a walker to exercise and keep her stimulated and happy when you aren't home.

Dear Amy: I completely disagree with your advice to "Saddened Parent," who got attached to her 21-year-old daughter's boyfriend. As a mother of two daughters, I can tell you that getting attached to their high school boyfriends is emotional suicide!

Most high school sweethearts don't end up marrying each other, so becoming emotionally attached as the parent is a very bad idea.

I tell all of my friends with young teen daughters to *not* get attached to the boyfriend — this way you can be 100 percent supportive of your daughter and her decisions when the time comes. That is not to say you shouldn't be kind, inviting and supportive of the young man in your daughter's life, just don't be stupid!

— *Sue K*

Dear Sue: Thank you for your perspective. I agree with your admonition to be kind, inviting and supportive. "Don't be stupid!" is also excellent advice, applied to many situations. Thank you.

Dear Amy: I'm responding to "Furious Dad," whose family spent a Christmas visit with relatives who were ill and is now upset with them because his own family caught the illness.

He should have simply gone to a hotel and enjoyed an unexpected vacation with his own family, while offering to be helpful to the sick family members in the other household.

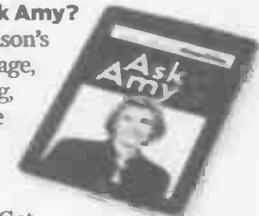
He was a selfish, boorish guest to expect this family to house and feed his brood. He blamed others when he could have seen this as an opportunity to expect more from himself.

— *Stuff Happens*

Dear Stuff: Well said.

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Wheatwine, the bold beer that gets ignored

BY ZAK STAMBOR

Special to Tribune Newspapers

Phil Wymore doesn't get it. While his brewery Perennial Artisan Ales has produced some true blockbuster beers — like Abraxas, a massive, complex imperial stout brewed with ancho chilies, cacao nibs, vanilla beans and cinnamon sticks — there's one beer that just hasn't caught on.

It's a smooth, big-bodied wheatwine with honeyed, brown sugar, fig and banana notes called Heart of Gold. First brewed in 2011, it was the first non-Belgian-style beer the St. Louis, Mo., brewery ever produced, and Wymore, Perennial's brewmaster and co-founder, loves making it. But, by and large, despite strong reviews on online forums like BeerAdvocate.com and RateBeer.com, it doesn't sell nearly as well as the brewery's other beers.

Jason Ebel, owner of Two Brothers Brewing Co., can relate. Since 2000, the brewery has produced Bare Tree, a wheatwine that features a complex mix of banana, melon and black pepper notes.

While breweries regularly tweak their beer recipes to account for natural variations in their ingredients, Two Brothers takes a different approach with Bare Tree. It has always used the exact same recipe to showcase the ever-changing differences in the beer's ingredients. One year the malt may have an unusually high sugar content, for instance, or the hops might be particularly potent. Highlighting those differences makes Bare Tree one of the most interesting beers produced by the Warrenville, Ill., brewery, Ebel says.

"The hardest thing we do is brew exactly the same way every time when in-



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Two Brothers created a two-pack to draw attention to its wheatwine, Bare Tree. It contains 2014 and 2013 vintages.

gredients change," Ebel says. "That's very different from the wine industry where variation is accepted. So we brew this beer identically to show what Mother Nature does to beer."

But while Bare Tree is one of Ebel's favorite beers, it doesn't sell particularly well.

That's the weird thing about wheatwines, which are an American creation similar in strength to a barleywine. But thanks to the presence of wheat malt, wheatwines are smoother, creamier, less hoppy and often less hot (highly alcoholic tasting).

While beer forums abound with discussions of hyped-up beers like hop bombs, sours and barrel-aged imperial stouts, wheatwines fail to garner much attention.

But Wymore and Ebel keep trying to persuade people to give the style a chance. They have faith because craft beer drinkers

over the past few years have embraced previously obscure styles like gose (once a nearly extinct, utterly obscure tart, slightly funky German style), so, they think, why couldn't they suddenly embrace wheatwines?

Both Wymore and Ebel have plans to drive more drinkers to give their wheatwines a try. Wymore later this year plans to release a barrel-aged version of Heart of Gold to see if that might entice drinkers. And Ebel late last year created a gift pack containing both 2014 and 2013 vintages of Bare Tree, along with a glass. The idea is to encourage people to cellar the beer so that they can compare year-to-year variations.

A little more than a month after the gift pack's release, the Two Brothers effort seems to be working, Ebel says. While the release was small, the gift packs are selling better than expected.

SERIOUSLY SIMPLE

Poppin' party pleasers

BY DIANE ROSSEN
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In the past few years, popcorn has become a culinary trend. Butter and salt may be OK at the movie theater, when those are your only choices. But colorful, sweet and savory combinations are available in your den or living room and take so little time that it's easy to do a popcorn bar of fun flavors.

Ashton Epps Swank has written a book just about party popcorn. She has blended freshly popped popcorn with surprising colors and flavors like cran-apple cinnamon, salted honey-butter, taco-lime and s'mores.

I have selected two of her recipes that will spice up any party. Each calls for 8 cups of popped popcorn.

Pop it fresh from ½ cup kernels or use store-bought, about two 3.5 ounce bags.



JASON WYCHE PHOTO

Buffalo ranch popcorn is great for game day.

Buffalo ranch popcorn

Prep: 10 minutes Makes: 6 servings

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| 8 cups popped popcorn | Half of a 1-ounce envelope ranch dressing mix or 1 tablespoon ranch seasoning |
| 2 tablespoons butter, melted | |
| 2 tablespoons Buffalo wing sauce | 1 teaspoon salt |

Pour the popcorn into a large bowl. Mix together the butter and Buffalo sauce. Drizzle over the popcorn; gently toss to coat. Sprinkle with the ranch seasoning and salt; gently toss to coat.

Nutrition information per serving: 80 calories, 4 g fat, 2 g saturated fat, 10 mg cholesterol, 8 g carbohydrates, 1 g protein, 645 mg sodium, 2 g fiber

Sticky wings and blue cheese popcorn

Prep: 10 minutes Cook: 25 minutes Makes: 6 servings

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| 6 tablespoons Buffalo wing sauce | ½ teaspoon baking soda |
| 3 tablespoons light corn syrup | 8 cups popped popcorn |
| 2 tablespoons packed light brown sugar | ½ cup crumbled blue cheese |

1 Stir together the Buffalo sauce, corn syrup and brown sugar in a saucepan over medium heat until the mixture reaches a slow bubble. Stop stirring; boil, 4 minutes. Remove from heat immediately; mix in the baking soda. (The mixture will bubble up.)

2 Pour the mixture over the popcorn in a large bowl; gently stir to coat. Spread on a parchment paper-lined baking sheet; sprinkle with the blue cheese. Bake in a 300-degree oven, 15 minutes.

3 Let popcorn cool in the pan about 10 minutes before serving.

Nutrition information per serving: 124 calories, 4 g fat, 2 g saturated fat, 9 mg cholesterol, 21 g carbohydrates, 4 g protein, 593 mg sodium, 2 g fiber



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DINNER TONIGHT

Reach into cupboards for quick mole sauce

BY JOE GRAY | Tribune Newspapers

Most of us have kitchen cupboards stocked with obscure jars or cans of this and that, items that speed preparation of our particular favorite dishes. For me, one constant is a jar of mole paste.

Though I've enjoyed many delicious, complex from-scratch versions of this Mexican sauce in restaurants, I've been content to let accomplished chefs grind the peppers and mix the spices. I'm not saying I will never attempt an authentic, home-made version. Just that when I want a quick version at home, I reach for that jar.

It takes just chicken broth and peanut butter to turn that thick paste into a sauce (and the extra keeps forever in the fridge). I like to stir in more broth than the package directions suggest, for a sauce that gilds pieces of roast shredded chicken instead of merely resting atop.

In a nonauthentic twist, instead of serving the chicken mole with tortillas, I spoon it over corn in another form: polenta — instant, in this case, another vital item in the pantry.

Tips

■ Pick up a rotisserie chicken to shred for the recipe. Save the rest for other meals and the carcass for broth.

■ For the peanut butter, choose a natural brand that is all peanuts, with maybe a little salt, but no added sugar. Use creamy for a smoother sauce.

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Chicken mole

Prep: 5 minutes Cook: 25 minutes
Makes: 4 servings

- 3 cups water
- 1 cup instant polenta
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 3 cups chicken broth
- 1/4 cup jarred dark mole paste
- 3 tablespoons peanut butter
- 2 cooked chicken breast halves, shredded in long strips
- Chopped fresh cilantro leaves

1 Heat the water to a boil in a medium saucepan; add the polenta and salt. Reduce heat to a simmer; cook, stirring, 5 minutes. Cover saucepan and keep warm.

2 Heat the broth to a simmer in a separate saucepan; add the mole paste, breaking it up with a wooden spoon and stirring it into the broth until it is dissolved to form a sauce. Stir in the peanut butter until it dissolves. The sauce should thicken but still be pretty liquid. Taste for flavor; the sauce should not taste bitter. Add more peanut butter if you like.

3 Stir in the chicken to coat the pieces; simmer on low so the sauce permeates the meat, 10 minutes. Serve the chicken and sauce over the polenta, garnished with chopped cilantro.

Nutrition information per serving: 445 calories, 16 g fat, 3 g saturated fat, 37 mg cholesterol, 47 g carbohydrates, 25 g protein, 952 mg sodium, 6 g fiber

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Home on the Range

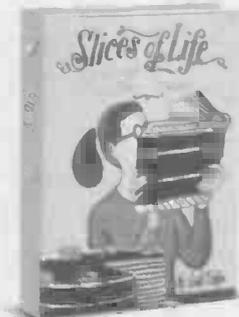
Chicken soup is strong medicine and, like most pharmaceuticals, is compounded under lengthy, complex, covert conditions. Saving lives is serious business.

But certain afflictions — winter, flu season and empty-fridge syndrome — call for fast-tracking. Health care providers take note: Though chicken soup is best rendered from whole bird, from carrots and turnips and celery, from bay leaf and dill frond, there is another way — water, onion, cutlet.

Not flashy, but efficacious. Leave on the papery onion skin; it makes the shortcut even shorter and tints the broth a “long-simmered” caramel.

Slurp, or stir into soothing tortilla soup. See results. No one — not grandma, not Big Pharma — need know your secret.

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Tortilla soup

Prep: 15 minutes Cook: 50 minutes Makes: 6 servings

- 1 whole boneless, skinless chicken breast (1 pound), split into 2 halves
- 1 onion, skin on, halved
- 6 cups cold water
- Kosher salt
- 1 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 2 tablespoons mild oil
- 1 onion, roughly chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, smashed
- 2 chipotle chilies in adobo, fished from the can along with 2 tablespoons adobo sauce
- 1 box (28 ounces) or can diced tomatoes
- 3 cups grated cheddar
- 1 avocado, cut into small cubes
- 1 lime, cut into 6 wedges
- Tortilla chips

1 Poach: Settle chicken and halved onion in a medium saucepan. Pour in water and sprinkle in 2 teaspoons salt. Bring to a boil; skim off any foam. Add black pepper, lower heat and simmer until chicken is fork-tender, about 20 minutes. Pull out chicken. When cool enough to handle, shred.

2 Brown: Meanwhile, heat oil in a separate saucepan. Tumble in chopped onion, garlic and a pinch of salt. Cook, stirring, until golden brown, about 8 minutes.

3 Swirl: Scoop onion and garlic into the blender. Add the chipotle chilies and their sauce and the tomatoes. Swirl smooth. Strain this mix into the onion-browning saucepan; cook, covered, over medium-low heat until thick, about 15 minutes.

4 Toss: Toss together cubed avocado, 1/2 teaspoon salt and a squeeze of lime.

5 Simmer: Strain the broth into the saucepan with the thickened tomato (discard onion halves). Cook 5 minutes. Add shredded chicken and heat through, about 1 minute.

6 Serve: Heap 1/2 cup grated cheese into each of 6 bowls. Scoop in hot soup. Scatter on avocado and a handful of broken tortilla chips. Serve with lime.

Pancetta adds flavor to celery salad



MARIO BATALI

Considered Italy's version of bacon, pancetta is made from pork belly, peppered, rolled, tied and hung to cure. It's most often used as a cooking ingredient to add flavor, as in this celery and pancetta salad that Otto Pizzeria in New York has served for years.

I like to cure meats in-house and create antipasti and salads with ingredients that pair well with them. To me, some house-cured vegetables about the same size as the pieces of meat work well. When pairing ingredients together, they should have a similar size, bite and mouthfeel. (The same goes for pasta — the vegetable should be the same size as the noodle.) Thus, the pancetta and celery in this recipe are both diced and slivered, no more than a quarter-inch thick.

Celery root, also referred to as celeriac or knob celery, is a variety cultivated for its edible shoots and roots. While it's not the farmers market's most beautiful offering, this bulbous root vegetable is often underappreciated for its distinctive, parsleylike flavor. Raw celery root tends to dominate salads, so pair it with equally strong vegetables and fruits such as apples, beets or carrots if you're avoiding meat.

I chose to use celery with pancetta because it's something that everyone has in the back of their crisper drawer. Go look; I'm sure you have it on hand.

The late Marcella Hazan (one of my culinary heroes) and I always agreed that the best way to allow celery to cut loose is to throw it in a bath with salty, spicy cured pancetta.

When picking celery root from the shelves, choose one that is firm and relatively heavy for its size. As when buying potatoes, avoid those with many rootlets and soft spots. Once refrigerated, celery root can be kept for up to a week when sealed properly. Although I prefer it grated and tossed raw in salads, cooked celery root is an excellent addition to soups, stews and warm side dishes.

Mario Batali is the award-winning chef behind 24 restaurants including Eatly, DelPosto, and his flagship Greenwich Village enoteca, Babbo. In this column, Mario answers questions submitted via social media and by people he encounters daily.

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The best way to allow celery to cut loose is to throw it in a bath with salty, cured pancetta.

Celery and pancetta salad

Prep: 25 minutes

Cook: 5-7 minutes

Makes: 6 servings

From "Molto Gusto" by Mario Batali.

- 4 ounces pancetta, cut into 1/4-inch dice (have the pancetta sliced 1/4-inch thick when you buy it)
- 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 pound celery root (celeriac), trimmed, peeled
- 4 tender inner celery ribs, sliced paper-thin
- 1/4 cup slivered celery leaves (chiffonade)
- 6 tablespoons red wine vinaigrette, see recipe
- Maldon or other flaky sea salt
- Coarsely ground black pepper

1 Combine the pancetta and olive oil in a medium saute pan and cook over medium heat, stirring occasionally, until the pancetta has rendered its fat and is crisp, 5 to 7 minutes.

2 Meanwhile, using a box grater, coarsely grate the celery root into a large bowl. Add the sliced celery and celery leaves. Add the vinaigrette to the salad, tossing gently. Season with salt and pepper to taste.

3 Remove the pancetta from the rendered fat, and discard the fat. Pour the pancetta over the salad, tossing gently, and serve immediately.

Nutrition information per serving: 167 calories, 14 g fat, 3 g saturated fat, 7 mg cholesterol, 8 g carbohydrates, 3 g protein, 212 mg sodium, 2 g fiber

Red wine vinaigrette

Prep: 5 minutes Makes: 1 cup

- 1/4 cup red wine vinegar, preferably Chianti
- 1/4 cup sparkling water
- 1/2 cup extra virgin olive oil, preferably Ligurian

Whisk the vinegar, water and olive oil together in a small bowl. (Can be refrigerated for up to 5 days.)

Nutrition information per tablespoon: 60 calories, 7 g fat, 1 g saturated fat, 0 mg cholesterol, 0 g carbohydrates, 0 g protein, 0 mg sodium, 0 g fiber

Theatre looking for a few good Idols

Competition is for chance to perform at Village Green

By MYRNA PETLICKI
Pioneer Press

Should I be as mean as Simon Cowell? Weepy like Paula Abdul? Call everybody "Baby" with a slight Australian accent like Keith Urban?

Those were a few of the questions that crossed my mind when Wendy Kaplan, owner of the Skokie Theatre, asked me to be one of the judges for the First Annual Skokie Idol competition.

As it turned out, I neither had to be mean nor weepy because there was an impressive array of talent among the competitors in the Adult Division of the competition. (And I wasn't able to perfect a Australian accent anyway.)

Two other judges with great credentials helped decide the finalists.

Skokie native and comedienne Caryn Bark is the creator of a one-woman show, "Diary of a Skokie Girl," and of "Funny Old Broads," which has drawn sell-out crowds at the Skokie Theatre.

Carla Gordon is one of Chicago's finest cabaret artists, a lyricist of both hysterically funny and profoundly touching songs, and a nurturer of new singing talent.

Some singers performed a cappella, others accompanied themselves on piano or guitar, or brought a CD or laptop.

What the singers had in common was a serious commitment to singing and a genuine love of the song they chose to perform. The selections ran the gamut from a touching rendition of the Gershwin standard "The Man I Love" to a hot version of "Fever" that had the audience snapping their fingers in time to the music. Other selections included a perky rendition of "Honey Bun" from "South Pacific" to more current tunes, including "Feel the Rain" and a unique rendition of Leonard Cohen's "Hallelujah."

Keeping the auditions moving along was host Matt Lloyd, a witty actor who treated every performer as special.

After each performance, Bark, Gordon and I commented on the singers — offering both praise and constructive criticism. Then we each rated the performer on a scale of 1-10. Our numbers were totaled and the eight performers receiving the highest scores were declared finalists.

Those performers are Turrell Brown, Andre Gloeckner, Sae Eun Lee and Katie



SKOKIE THEATRE PHOTOS

Andre Gloeckner of Skokie is one of eight adult finalists moving forward in the Skokie Idol contest, which continues this Saturday.



Katie Somers of Skokie, one of eight adult finalists, will compete again at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at the Skokie Theatre.

Somers of Skokie; Lori Schneider of Northbrook, and Chicago residents Arlene Armstrong, Elizabeth Marcus and Jillian Yu.

Earlier in the day, other judges evaluated



Turrell Brown of Skokie, another adult finalist, will compete in weekly Saturday sing-offs at the theater at 7924 Lincoln Ave.

the younger singers.

The 3rd-8th grade finalists are Alexis Aponte, Rawad Baz, Ovinabo Banerjee, Roy Gantz, Ericka Laire Manrique and Krish

Om Pahan of Skokie. Also making the cut were Leila Hoxha and Olivia Rainey of Lincolnwood, Gabriel Daoud of Morton Grove, Stefan Iovanescu Paduraru of Winnetka and Natalie Garza of Chicago.

Teen finalists are Vanesa Elias, Leah Rubinberg, Gabrielle Joy Ubaldo and Hannah Williams of Skokie, Tricia Pabst of Lincolnwood, and Pam Connolly and Hector A. Figueroa III of Chicago.

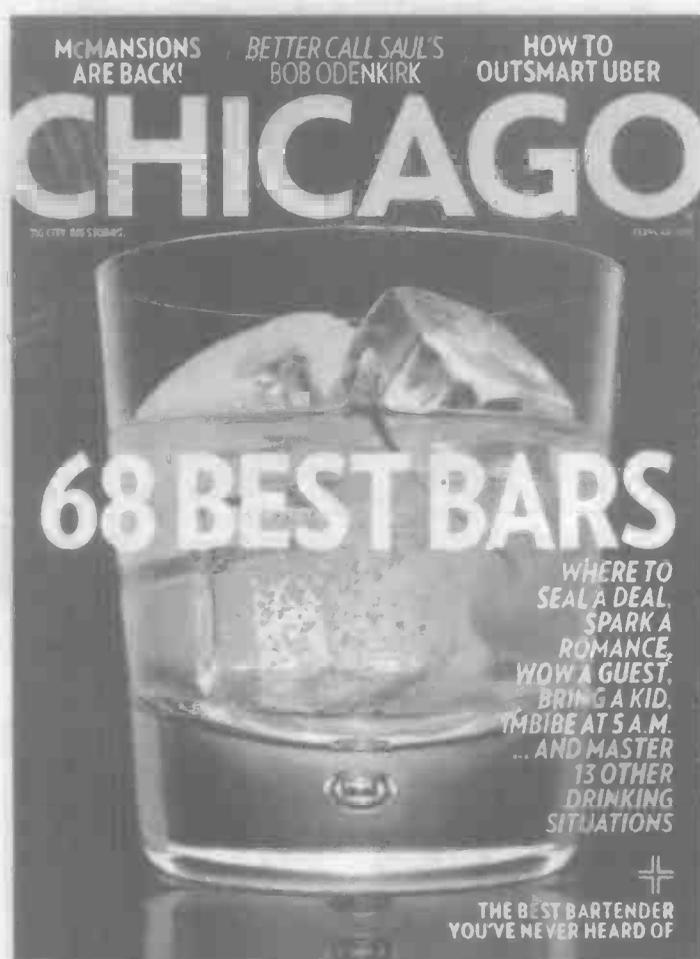
Weekly sing-offs at the Skokie Theatre will be held on Saturday afternoons, starting on Feb. 7 and culminating in a final competition the evening of March 28.

The winner in each category will be featured in a Wednesdays on the Green concert on July 8. They will also receive free vocal lessons from Top Note Music Academy in Skokie, a recording of the concert and a \$50 gift certificate for the shops of downtown Skokie.

Wendy Kaplan said she created Skokie Idol because, "I've always loved American Idol and I couldn't think of a better way to bring a group of talented people to the Skokie Theatre."

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Piven Theatre's series celebrates spontaneity

Part of training center is theater games and improv

MYRNA PETLICKI
Pioneer Press

Spontaneity will be celebrated at "Anytime/ Anywhere: The 1st Annual Piven Improv Series," Feb. 7-March 1.

"The overall goal was to reconnect with Piven's roots," said Piven Theatre Workshop's Artistic Director Jennifer Green, who curates the series. "Part of its training center is theater games and improvisation. And we've used that technique to apply to our productions, whether it's story theater or original work or a classic play. But we haven't ever had improv as performance as part of our regular schedule."

That will change during the weekend performances, with a variety of teams participating, including the Piven Improvisation Ensemble, advanced youth students, adults, teachers, alumni and other people from the community. PEEP, Piven's program for adults with developmental disabilities, has also created a team.

Green believes that the improv series is "a great opportunity for all of the members of our community to come together and create something together."

Approximately 60 people will participate. "Each night is curated with a different mix of people," Green said. "So any night that you come, you're seeing a brand new show that's created before your eyes and seeing at least two or three different groups taking their spin on what improv can mean."

We watched a Piven Youth Group prepare for the series. During the



CHRIS TZOURBRIS PHOTOGRAPHY

Piven Theatre in Evanston is hosting its first improv series featuring a rotating group of 60 performers.

Piven Theatre Workshop to present first annual Piven Improv Series

7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, and 2:30 p.m. Sundays, Feb. 7-March 1
Piven Theatre, Noyes Cultural Arts Center, 927 Noyes St., Evanston
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piventheatre.org

show, they will take a suggestion from the audience and use that suggestion to develop as many scenes and stories as they can in 10 minutes.

Warm-up exercises led by Green stressed the need to be visible to audience members seated on all three sides of the theater. Also emphasized was creating interesting stage pictures, learning how and when to give and take focus, and working as a team. The rehearsal also included working from a suggestion, as they will onstage.

Hannah Litchman, 15, of Glencoe has studied at Piven for five years, taking a variety of classes. She

likes doing improv because, "It boosts your confidence. I was a lot more shy when I came here. Improv has helped me grow into who I am today. It's made me more confident in public speaking."

Sixteen-year-old Isabel Isaacson of Glencoe has taken classes at Piven for about six years. She finds Improv, "just fun. There's no stress to it because you don't have to worry about what you're going to do next. It's risk-taking but it gets you more comfortable with everything. It really translates to day-to-day life."

Justine Ivanov, 18, has been taking the hour-long trip from Frankfort to Piven for four years to attend classes because, "It's the best place for acting training," she explained. Her favorite aspects of improv are "the risk taking and not knowing what's going to happen next. You definitely take everything from your group. You have to rely on each other and trust each other—and say, 'Yes.'"

Justine lauded, "The magic you can make out of nothing."

Myrna Petlicki is a freelance writer.

SPOTLIGHT

What people in the arts are up to this season

MYRNA PETLICKI
Pioneer Press

Here's a look at the latest news on local authors, actors, artists, musicians and more.

Ethel's in the Attic: And so is Buffalo Grove resident Dan Gold who plays one of two missionaries who ring Ethel Merman's doorbell in "Book of Merman." Pride Films and Plays' production runs through Feb. 15 at Mary's Attic. For tickets, call (800) 838-3006.

Yes, really: Glenview resident Amanda Lipinski is making her Interrobang Theatre Project debut in "Really Really," a tale of sexual politics, raw ambition and class warfare. The show runs Feb. 13-March 15 at the Athenaeum Theatre. Call (773) 935-6875 for tickets.

They weren't idle: Suburban singers as well as singers from the Chicago area came out en masse for the Skokie Theatre's Skokie Idol auditions, held on Jan. 31. Categories included: Grades 3-8; high school; and adult. Eight finalists in each category will compete in a series of sing-offs 1-5 p.m. Saturday, with the finals on the evening of March 28. For tickets, call (847) 677-7761.

Artist Ulman singled out: Deerfield artist Jason Ulman, a 2012 graduate of Deerfield High School, is the featured artist at Congregation Solel in Highland Park through February. The printmaker is attending Muhlenberg College in Allentown, Penn., where he is majoring in accounting and studio art, with a print-making concentration.

"First Date" for suburbanites: The feared blind



MICHAEL BROSILOW PHOTO

(From left) Katherine Keberlein and Michael Aaron Lindner in a publicity image for About Face Theatre's "A Kid Like Jake."

date is at the center of the Broadway musical comedy, "First Date," opening at the Royal George Cabaret on Feb. 12 (previews begin Feb. 5). Traversing that dangerous terrain as Casey is Deerfield native Dana Parker. Scenic design is by Park Ridge native Thad Hallstein. For tickets, visit www.firstdatechi.com.

Well-seasoned show: It's the Season of Sondheim as Porchlight Music Theatre celebrates its 20th anniversary. Joining the celebration is Wilmette native Emily Berman, who is in the cast of the company's Chicago premiere of "Sondheim on Sondheim," Feb. 6-March 15, at Stage 773. For tickets, call (773) 777-9884.

They're all "Kid"-ing: Cindy Gold of Skokie, Katherine Keberlein of River Forest and Michael Aaron Lindner of Evanston are three-fourths of the cast of About Face Theatre's production of "A Kid Like Jake." The tale of parenting, gender and fitting in runs Feb. 6-March 15 at the

Greenhouse Theater Center. Oak Park resident Christine A. Binder is the lighting designer. For tickets, call (773) 404-7336.

She's a jolly good fellow: Goodman Theatre has chosen Libertyville native Marti Lyons as the Michael Maggio Directing Fellow for the 2014-2015 season. She will serve as a member of Goodman's artistic team and assist on a production from early research to opening night. Lyons is the literary manager and company dramaturg for Lookingglass Theatre Company.

Taking it to heart: Paintings, photographs, jewelry and other works paying tribute to the beauty of the heart will be featured in "Made with Heart," Feb. 13-28 at Re-invent Gallery of Lake Forest. Among the featured artists are Sandie Bacon, Lisa Davey, Juliana Sheehan and Cecilia Lanyon of Lake Bluff; Lake Forest residents Leslie Lenz, Mary Mowry, Kerri Sherman, Pato Thornycroft, Wendy Thornycroft and Kristin Mikrut; Winnetka artist Noreen Cashman; Beth McKenna of Libertyville; and Camille Iemmo of Glencoe.



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ENTERTAINMENT

Andy Head brings laughs, juggling to Niles Library

Wolves player Harper to appear in Lincolnwood

BY MYRNA PETLICKI
 For the Pioneer Press

It makes sense that a comedic juggler named Andy Head would have a routine involving juggling hats. That's only one of the tricks that will keep audience members of all ages amazed and amused when Head performs a Second Sunday Family Program, 2-3 p.m. Feb. 8 at the Niles Public Library, 6960 Oakton St.

"I do a lot of funny juggling stuff to music, and then the other half of the show is lots of funny interactive stuff with the kids and some of the parents," Head said. "It's a combination of me showing off doing funny tricks and then getting the audience involved. And then I have a grand finale which is a surprise."

Head described juggling as "a very creative and playful art form. And it's pretty much infinite. There's all kinds of things you can juggle and ways you can do it."

Pick up tickets in KidSpace starting at 1:30 p.m. performance day.

For details, call (847) 663-1234 or go to www.nileslibrary.org.

Howling good time

Hockey player Shane Harper will greet fans during a Chicago Wolves Player Visit, at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 10 at the Lincolnwood Public Library, 4000 W. Pratt Ave.

His presentation is part of the Read to Succeed



Juggler and comedian Andy Head will perform in Niles.

program. There will be a question and answer session and a chance for kids to win prizes. Registration is required.

For details, call (847) 677-5277 or go to lincolnwoodlibrary.org.

Other animals await

There's a wart hog, gazelle and penguin in Robert Kauzlaric's "Lions in Illyria" at Lifeline Theatre's KidSeries through March 1. The imaginative play is adapted from Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night." Performances are 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays.

Tickets are \$15. For details, call (773) 761-4477 or go to www.lifelinetheatre.com.

Hare has to hurry

Can he get ready for school on time? That's the

question posed in Brenna Maloney's "Ready Rabbit Gets Ready!" Kids will hear that tale 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 7 at Barnes and Noble, 55 Old Orchard Center, Skokie, and do a related activity.

For details, call (847) 676-2230 or go to www.barnesandnoble.com.

Everyone is special

That's the message of My Country 'Tis of Me!, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 7 at the Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave. Every hour on the hour, a staff member will read Barack Obama's, "Of Thee I Sing."

Then everyone will create a paper square about what makes them special for a community quilt.

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Valentine crafts inspired by birds

Creative gifts for your loved ones

BY BETH ENGLEMAN

Pioneer Press

Love takes flight with these festive, pun-filled Valentine's Day crafts.

Washi Tape 'Tweet-Heart' Cards send sweet message

Washi tape is all the rage this year and it's easy to see why. It's colorful, vibrant and relatively inexpensive. Best of all, it's easy to use, simply unroll, cut and stick.

You need:

Printout of "Bird Silhouette" PDF (Download PDF for free at Mommyonashoestring.com)

Washi tape (assorted colors/patterns)

Scissors

Construction paper or cardstock

Markers or pens

Directions:

Lay bird printout on flat surface. Decorate bird silhouette with Washi tape. Cut out bird and glue to construction paper or cardstock.

Inside the card, write your own message such as "Sparrow the heartbreak and be my Valentine," or "With you Valentine, it's love at first flight," "Owl be your Valentine," or "Valentine, I'm always raven about you."

Birds of Feather Feeders

Show friends and family that Valentine's Day is not for the birds with heart-shaped bird feeders.

You need:

3 Cups birdseed

¾ Cup water

3 ½ Tablespoons unflavored gelatin

Ribbon

Heart-shaped cookie cutter

Cookie sheet lined with waxed paper

Chopstick or pencil

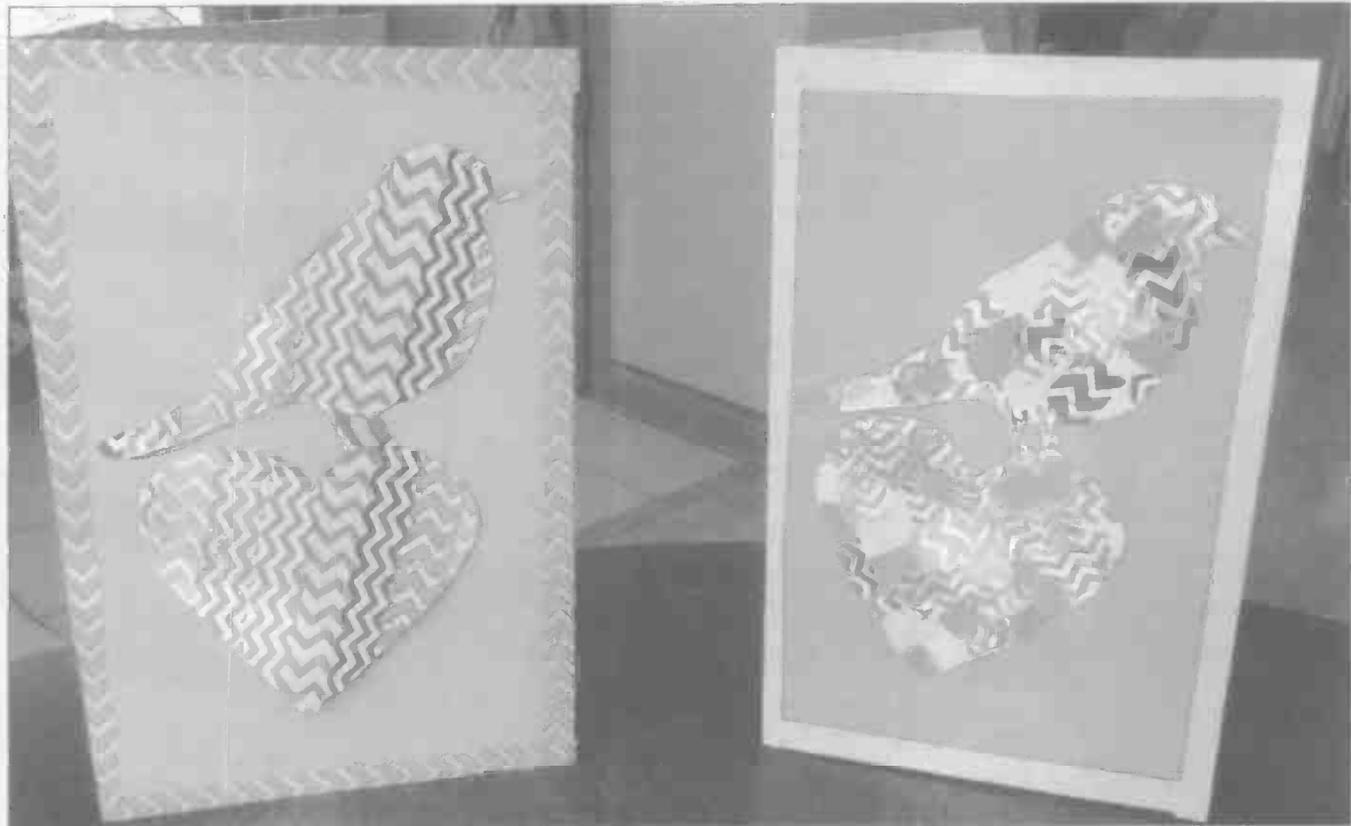
Non-stick cooking spray

Directions:

Bring water to boil and add gelatin. Stir until gelatin dissolves.

Add birdseed to gelatin mixture and stir until well combined. Set aside for 5-10 minutes to allow birdseed to absorb gelatin.

Spray the inside of the heart shaped



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Colorful bird-themed valentines are easy to make with Washi tape.

cookie cutter with cooking spray and set on cookie sheet.

Fill heart with birdseed mixture. Be sure to pack it down which will help prevent the feeder from crumbling when dry.

Use a chopstick (or pencil) to make a hole near the top of the heart (which will be used for hanging).

Place in the freezer to firm up for 4-8 hours. Remove cookie cutter from feeder.

Thread ribbon through hole and it's ready to be gifted.

Ducky in Love Cocoa Bath

Your rubber ducky has met his match with this decadent, creamy bath mix.

You need:

2 Cups powdered milk

¼ Cup unsweetened cocoa powder

2 Tablespoons cornstarch

Directions:

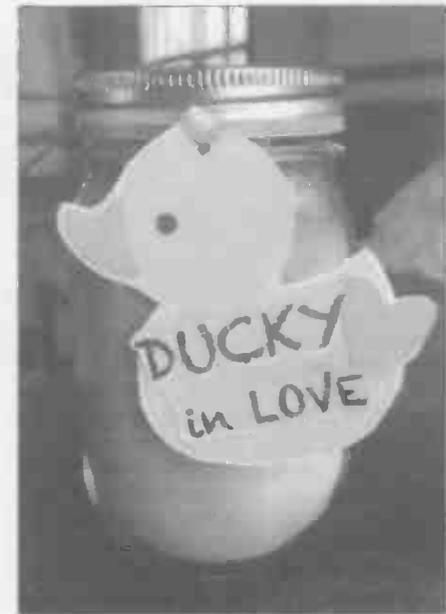
In a large bowl, mix together all ingredients.

Pour bath mix into a recycled jar or cellophane bag. Tie with ribbon, twine or raffia.



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Show your love for birds with heart-shaped feeders.



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A creamy bath mix with a decadent chocolate aroma is an ideal Valentine's Day gift.

GO CALENDAR

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

Friday, Feb. 6

'Private Lives': Noel Coward's best known comedy tells the story of divorcees Elyot and Amanda who are perfectly happy honeymooning with their new spouses in France. To their surprise, they bump into each other on their adjacent hotel balconies. Each trying unsuccessfully to convince their new spouse to leave immediately to avoid another awkward encounter, the two quickly reignite their old flame. 8 p.m. Friday, 7 p.m. Saturday and 3 p.m. Sunday, Metropolis Performing Arts Centre, 111 W. Campbell St., Arlington Heights, \$30-\$38, 847-577-2121

Pierce the Veil and Sleeping with Sirens: 6:30 p.m. Friday, Aragon Ballroom, 1106 W. Lawrence Ave., Chicago, \$32.50, 773-561-9500

'The Life and Sort of Death of Eric Argyle': Attend the Midwest premiere of this Steep Theatre Co. presentation of a play written by Ross Dungan and directed by Jonathan Berry. "Getting hit by a truck was startling enough, but two days after his death Eric Argyle began to discover the profound impact of his seemingly inconsequential life," according to promotional materials. "Ross Dungan's delightfully inspiring story illuminates the power of the stories we tell about ourselves and poses the question, 'Is there such a thing as a small life?'" 8 p.m. Friday, 8 p.m. Saturday, 3 p.m. Sunday and 8 p.m. Feb. 12, Steep Theatre, 1115 W. Berwyn Ave., Chicago, \$10-\$35, 866-811-4111

Sondheim on Sondheim: Porchlight Music Theatre presents an intimate portrait of the famed songwriter in his own words and music featuring new arrangements of more than two-dozen Sondheim tunes. 8 p.m. Friday, 4 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday, 7:30 p.m. Monday and 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Stage 773, 1225 W. Belmont Ave., Chicago, \$35-\$45, 773-327-5252

'Mr. Burns, a post-electric play': This is the Chicago premiere of Anne Washburn's comedy that imagines a world where the last shreds of culture are episodes of "The Simpsons." 7:30 p.m. Friday, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday and 7:30 p.m. Feb. 12, Theater Wit, 1229 W. Belmont Ave., Chicago, \$10-\$70, 773-975-8150

'H.M.S. Pinafore': The Hypocrites, in the style of their "Pirates of Penzance" and "Mikado," re-imagine Gilbert and

Sullivan's "HMS Pinafore," an operetta about a captain's daughter who's in love with a lowly sailor. 8 p.m. Friday and 11 a.m. Saturday, The Den Theatre, 1333 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, \$28-36, 773-525-5991

Vodou: Sacred Powers of Haiti: This exhibit explores Vodou as a religion and an expression of the Haitian national experience. 10 a.m. All week, Field Museum, 1400 S. Lake Shore Drive, Chicago, free, 312-922-9410. This exhibit explores Vodou as a religion and an expression of the Haitian national experience. 10 a.m. Friday, Field Museum, 1400 S. Lake Shore Drive, Chicago, free, 312-922-9410.

Into the Bat Caves of Kenya: Scientists Bruce Patterson and Paul Webala, accompanied by vlogger Emily Graslie, venture deep into a cave in Kenya's Mount Suswa to study the varied bats of East Africa. 9 a.m. All week, Field Museum, 1400 S. Lake Shore Drive, Chicago, free, 312-922-9410

Meet a Scientist: Real scientists stand at the ready every Friday morning in Stanley Field Hall at the Field Museum to greet the public and answer questions about creatures big and small. "Scientists will be out in the museum sharing the wonders of our collections and highlights of their research," according to promotional materials. "Hear about their work, see real artifacts and specimens from the over 26 million objects not on display at the Field, and experience the museum like never before. Topics will range from birds to insects, from mammals to plants, from pottery to spear points and more." 10 a.m. Friday, Field Museum, 1400 S. Lake Shore Drive, Chicago, \$13-\$30, 312-922-9410

'Push Button Murder': This is the world premiere of a political satire by Steve Spencer. It's a black comedy about government workers with access to our secrets, plus revolution, drones, extra-governmental operations, mass surveillance and more. 7:30 p.m. Friday, 7:30 p.m. Saturday and 3 p.m. Sunday, The Side Project Theater, 1439 W. Jarvis Ave., Chicago, \$15-\$20, 773-340-0140

Chicago Styled: Fashioning the Magnificent Mile: Fashioning the Magnificent Mile: This exhibition uses 20 outfits from the museum's costume collection to tell the story of a street, in fashion. The exhibit runs Nov. 15 to Aug. 16 and is free with admission. 9:30 a.m. Friday, Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Feb. 12, 12 p.m. Sunday, Chicago History Museum, 1601 N. Clark St., Chicago, free, 312-642-4600

'First Date': When blind date newbie Aaron is set up with serial-dater Casey, a casual drink at a busy New York restaurant turns into a hilarious high-stakes dinner. As the date unfolds in real time, the couple quickly finds that they are not alone on this unpredictable evening. 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Friday, 5:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, 3 p.m. Sunday, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday and 7:30 p.m. Feb. 12, Royal George Theatre Center, 1641 N. Halsted St., Chicago, \$49, 312-988-9000

'Bible Bingo': Vicki Quade ("Late Nite Catechism") unleashes what promotional materials call "a new, interactive comedy," centered around an Archdiocesan bingo department on the hunt for revenue. "That's where you come in: Get ready to play bingo for a variety of wacky prizes. Along the way, you'll be drawn into conversation about everything from Adam and Eve to modern sins. Just be careful: You might laugh so hard you forget to yell 'bingo.'" 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Royal George Theatre Center, 1641 N. Halsted St., Chicago, \$30, 312-988-9000

'Marie Antoinette': See David Adjmi's play about the fair-and-famed young French queen, which promotional materials describe as "a confection created by a society that values extravagance and artifice. But France's love affair with the royals sours as revolution brews, and for Marie, the political suddenly becomes very personal." This performance promises to hold "a mirror up to our contemporary society that might just be entertaining itself to death." 8 p.m. Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Monday, Wednesday and Feb. 12, Steppenwolf Theatre Company, 1650 N. Halsted St., Chicago, \$54+, 312-335-1650

'Red Bud': Written by Brett Neveu and directed by Brant Russell, this play follows some middle-aged friends tapping into their youth on a regular trip to the Red Bud motocross race. "The group has nearly wrung their mutual friendship dry and uses the overnight camping party to relive past glories, play asinine games and beat the holy hell out of each other," according to promotional materials. "The fly in the ointment this year, is the 18-year-old girlfriend of one of the group's 40-something members. Frustration, weirdness and old baggage rapidly comes to the surface as old friendships die hard." 8 p.m. Friday, 8 p.m. Saturday, 3 p.m. Sunday and 8 p.m. Feb. 12, Signal Ensemble Theatre, 1802 W. Berenice Ave., Chicago, \$12-\$23, 773-698-7389

'Samsara': Americans Katie and Craig are having a baby with Suraiya, a surrogate from India. As all three "parents"

anxiously await the baby's due date, Katie and Suraiya are attacked by flights of their imagination: a seductive Frenchman and a sharp-tongued fetus. 7:30 p.m. Friday, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, 3 p.m. Sunday, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday and 7:30 p.m. Feb. 12, Victory Gardens Theater, 2433 N. Lincoln Ave., Chicago, \$15-\$60, 773-871-3000

'Dirty Dancing': See the 1987 film about a young woman at a camp who mixes (and dances) with a guy from the wrong side of the tracks, starring Jennifer Grey and Patrick Swayze. 10:30 p.m. Friday, Saturday and Monday, The Logan Theatre, 2646 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, \$7.50, 773-904-5035

'The Revenants': This dramatic play from WildClaw Theatre at the Athenaeum follows two couples in hiding during an undead apocalypse. Who's infected? Who's love will be tested? "Gary and Karen tether their turning partners, Molly and Joe, for the safety of all," according to promotional materials, "but as Molly and Joe fall deeper into sickness, the question of whether or not they are still themselves becomes harder and harder to answer as they become more threatening. As Gary and Karen come face to face with the true meaning of commitment, they must ask of each other: when does love die?" 7:30 p.m. Friday, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, 3 p.m. Sunday and 7:30 p.m. Feb. 12, Athenaeum Theatre, 2936 N. Southport Ave., Chicago, \$22-\$27 (plus \$2 online fee), 773-935-6860

'The Addams Family': The quirky Addams family comes to town via this strange and comic musical. 7:30 p.m. Friday, 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, 3 p.m. Sunday, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday and 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. Feb. 12, Mercury Theater, 3745 N. Southport Ave., Chicago, \$45-\$65, 773-325-1700

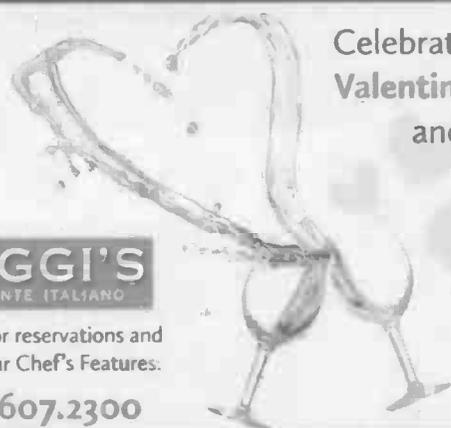
'Circle-Machine': An American woman abroad is mistakenly left holding the newborn child of the First Secretary of the Community Party as the Berlin Wall comes crashing down. In the confusion of revolution, she decides to escape the chaos and corruption to raise the child in the safe embrace of the West. Things grow more complicated when the child's birth mother enters the picture. 8 p.m. Friday, 8 p.m. Saturday, 7 p.m. Sunday and 8 p.m. Monday, Oracle Theatre, 3809 N. Broadway, Chicago, free, 773-244-2980

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'The Odd Couple': Enjoy the Tony

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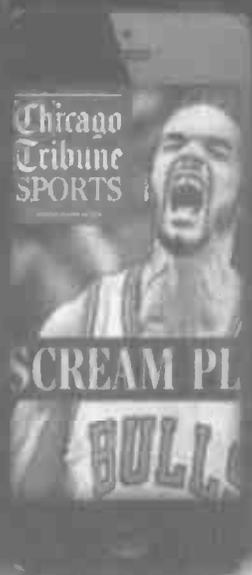
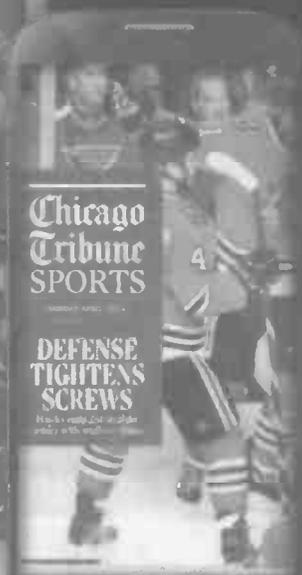
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Parisian Salon Concert: Marianna Kosaya: Marianna Kosaya performs a show based on Russian poetry and fairy tales featuring a piano, violin and cello trio accompanying the Campanella Children's Choir. 7:30 p.m. Friday, Northbrook Public Library, 1201 Cedar Lane, Northbrook, free, 847-272-6224

'White Guy on the Bus': In this play, Ray, a successful white business executive, rides the bus past the state penitentiary every Saturday. On his weekly ride he befriends Shatique, a young black woman putting herself through school and struggling to raise a son on her own. 8 p.m. Friday, 2:30 p.m. Saturday, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday and 7:30 p.m. Feb. 12, Northlight Theatre, 9501 Skokie Blvd, Skokie, \$15-\$49, 847-673-6300

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Saturday, Feb. 7

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Pirates of Penzance: Sean Graney directs the remount of this Jeff Award-winning adaptation of the classic opera by Gilbert and Sullivan in which a

nurse's fluke causes a young gentleman to be apprenticed to a band of pirates. Trouble ensues when he falls in love with a general's daughter. 8 p.m. Saturday, The Den Theatre, 1333 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, \$28, 773-989-7352

Jonny Craig: 7 p.m. Saturday, Bottom Lounge, 1375 W. Lake St., Chicago, \$15, 312-666-6775

Brian McKnight's Chance for Love Benefit Concert: With Eric Benet and Tank. Proceeds go to the Laynie Foundation. 7 p.m. Saturday, The Chicago Theatre, 175 N. State St., Chicago, \$40-\$120, 312-462-6300

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'The Greatest Story Never Told': This event brings families and strangers together to collaborate and create improvised stories on stage. Professional improvisers help coax audience suggestions and invite volunteers to take to the stage. 1:30 p.m. Saturday, iO, 3541 N. Clark St., Chicago, \$15, 773-880-0199

'Trial of Moses Fleetwood Walker': Moses Fleetwood Walker was the first black baseball player and he played for the Toledo Blue Stockings in 1884 in the major leagues. Moses is accused of murdering a white man in a time when blacks were traditionally lynched. This is based on a true story. 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, 3 p.m. Sunday and 7:30 p.m. Feb. 12, Black Ensemble Theater, 4450 N. Clark St., Chicago, \$55-\$65, 773-769-4451

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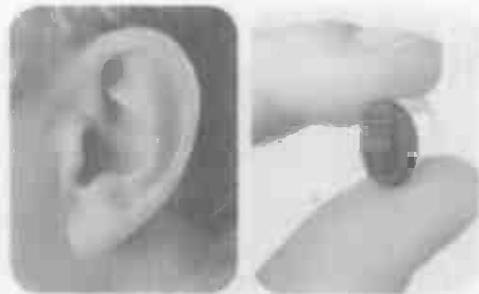
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'Les Emotifs Anonymes (Romantics Anonymous)': A chocolate tasting accompanies this showing of Jean-Pierre Ameris' 2011 comedy, part of a French comedic retrospective series. In French with English subtitles, the film follows a gifted chocolate-maker whose uncontrollable shyness prevents her from acknowledging her talents. A struggling chocolatier, who also suffers from a similar case of awkward bashfulness, hires Angelique as his new sales associate. 1:30 p.m. Saturday, 54 W. Chicago Avenue, 54 W. Chicago Ave., Chicago, \$8 admission (with a glass of French wine included)

Cider Summit Chicago: This is a cider tasting event, featuring over 150 ciders including regional favorites and international classics. 11 a.m. Saturday, Navy Pier, 600 E. Grand Ave., Chicago, \$30, 312-595-7437

'Lions In Illyria': Bring the children to this Lifeline Theatre KidSeries world premiere performance of a play based on William Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night" that was written by Robert Kaulzlaric and directed by Amanda Del-

heimer Dimond. The show is best suited for children five and older; those younger than two won't be admitted. 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Lifeline Theatre, 6912 N. Glenwood Ave., Chicago, \$15, 773-761-447

Magical Musical Evening: B'nai Tikvah's Choir, The Hurricane Quartet, Steve Grant & Friends Jazz Group, B'nai Tikvah's Rock Band and the Deerfield High School Chamber Orchestra perform. 6 p.m. Saturday, Congregation B'nai Tikvah, 1558 Wilmont Road, Deerfield, free, 847-945-0470

A Year with Frog and Toad: Enjoy the musical about a cheerful frog and a grumpy toad. 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Saturday, Northbrook Theatre, 3323 Walters Ave., Northbrook, \$10-\$12, 847-291-2367

Sunday, Feb. 8

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'Fancy Nancy: The Musical': Follow Nancy to her first dance recital, after which she's picked to be a tree in an upcoming show. Adapted from the

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'Housebroken Loves Love': 8 p.m. Sunday, Public House, 400 N. State St., Chicago, \$7, 312-265-1240

The Homestretch: A screening of the documentary about three homeless teenagers in Chicago features a discussion with the subjects. 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

Ensemble SDG: 4 p.m. Sunday, Byron Colby Barn at Prairie Crossing, 1561 Jones Point Road, Grayslake, \$18; free for kids under age 16, 847-543-1202

The Armenian Genocide: American Response and American Philanthropy: The Illinois Holocaust Museum marks the 100th anniversary of the Armenian genocide with a symposium that examines the United States' response through the lens of the Near East Relief, the first nongovernmental, non-sectarian, effort of its kind. 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center, 9603 Woods Drive, Skokie, free, 847-967-4800

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Park Ridge Civic Orchestra: 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Pickwick Theatre, 5 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge, \$25, 847-692-7726

Thursday, Feb. 12

African Christianity Rising: Viewing & Talk: Christianity's explosive growth in Africa is part of a startling reversal in world history. African Christianity Rising - Stories from Zimbabwe, is one of the film's collection of stories that chronicle the changing nature of Christianity in Africa. 7 p.m. Feb. 12, Lily Reid Holt Memorial Chapel at Lake Forest College, 555 N. Sheridan Road, Lake Forest, free, 847-234-6250

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James Marsden, from left, Karl Urban and Wentworth Miller are among the murder suspects in "The Loft," about five pals who share a loft for extramarital assignments.

'THE LOFT' ★★

A lady killer among them

BY ROGER MOORE
Tribune News Service

"The Loft" is a stylish whodunit that struggles to stitch the label "Hitchcockian" right on the inner pocket, where it would be on a man's sports coat. But a quick glance down at that label, underneath the pulsating violins, the supposedly twisty plot and the convenient apartment full of suspects, reveals it's just a cheap knockoff.

It's about five upper-income-bracket pals who share a loft — not to live in but for their assignments. It's where these married men bring their "mistresses, girlfriends, one-night stands" or, as a cop asking questions about it puts it, their "catch of the day."

The reason there are cops (Kristin Lehman, Robert Wisdom) asking questions is the discovery of a naked, dead blonde handcuffed to the bed. And the guys? They were the only ones with a key to the place, the only ones who know the security code of the alarm system.

Erik Van Looy's film is a series of two-on-one interrogations, the police trying to make Vincent (Karl Urban), the womanizing architect who designed the building; or Chris (James Marsden), a pricey shrink; or the bookish Luke (Wentworth Miller); or slovenly Marty (Eric Stonestreet); or unstable coke-head Phillip (Matthias Schoenaerts) confess.

Flashbacks show the marriages, the loft's origins and the smirking way Vincent presents it to his pals. Urban ("Star Trek") puts on his best lady-killer leer for this one, while Marsden gets to do love-sick (again), and Miller ("Prison Break") is cast as another quiet type who seems to harbor darker potential.

The womenfolk here are reduced to simple clothes horses to be feared (the wives, led by an unsmiling Rhona Mitra) or desired. Rachael Taylor plays the bombshell who turns the shrink's head.

The script has gaps that no multitude of hazy-filtered sex scenes or ex-

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treme close-ups can paper over. People know things they shouldn't or don't know things they should. And by the time we've left the interrogation room, left the flashback to when the guys try to figure out, themselves, who did it before the cops arrive, it all sort of comes apart in an orgy of clumsy overexplanation that doesn't truly explain anything.

But the quintet is well cast, Urban is swell, the darkly menacing Schoenaerts ("The Drop") provides some fireworks, and the old-fashioned theatricality of it might appeal to some, even Hitchcock himself. But characters we don't care about, suspense we don't feel? The Master of Suspense would hardly let his label be slapped on that.

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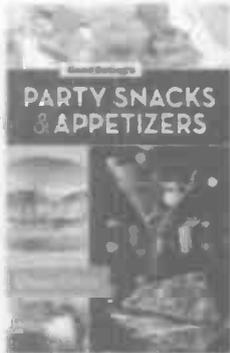


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3 wheels equal big bucks

Part go-cart, part superbike is all business

BY CHARLES FLEMING
Tribune Newspapers

One of the hottest-selling vehicles in the motorcycle industry isn't a motorcycle at all.

It's a three-wheeled variant that's part superbike, part go-cart and all business.

Sales appear to be increasing rapidly — one of them is among Harley-Davidson's top-selling models — and at premium prices.

Contenders in this arena include the Can-Am Spyder and the Polaris Slingshot, rivals to the segment-leading Tri Glide and Freewheeler models from Harley.

Meter maids and ice cream vendors of yore favored trikes driven by Harley engines. But the new trikes are sleek, powerful and expensive.

The traditional ones, like those from Harley, use motorcycle engines to power two drive wheels in the back and a single wheel in the front. The updated ones, such as those from Can-Am, Polaris and Campagna, have a single drive wheel in the back and do their steering with two wheels up front.

Together, they're pushing sales in a segment that's growing faster than others in the largely stagnant motorcycle world.

While the three companies decline to reveal unit sales for their motorized tricycles, Can-Am says the six-year-old Spyder line is a \$300-million-a-year business for Canadian parent company BRP, which also makes Sea-doo watercraft, Ski-doo snowmobiles, offroad side-by-side vehicles and Evinrude boat motors. Can-Am has total revenues of about \$3 billion.

Harley-Davidson says its Tri Glide, introduced in 2009, is the company's fourth-best-selling machine — behind only the Street Glide Special, Ultra Limited and Street Glide in the company's current 36-model lineup.

The Tri Glides, Spyderys and Slingshots appeal to veteran riders who want to keep riding but, as they age, are less able to handle the weight of a big touring motorcycle.

That's good news for manufacturers. The population of baby boomer bikers includes a lot of older riders who may soon want an extra wheel.



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Polaris' Slingshot from the parent company also responsible for the Victory and Indian motorcycle lines, starts at just under \$20,000.



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They're also popular with smaller riders, who may be concerned about managing the size of a big bike, and newcomers who want an open-air riding experience without the motorcycle learning curve.

Can-Am, in fact, says that about a quarter of its Spyder buyers have no prior motorcycle experience. The firm also says, slicing its sales data another way, that a quarter of its customers are women.

"There is real interest from older riders, because of the stability mixed with the familiar motorcycle perspective," said industry veteran Robert Pandya, external relations manager for Indian Motorcycles. "Stability," agreed Tom Riley, global director of marketing for Can-Am Spyder. "When we talk to consumers, that's a major attractor to the brand."

The exotic-looking vehicles aren't cheap. Harley's 2015 Tri Glide Ultra — which is powered by a massive 103-cubic-inch V-Twin engine, weighs 1,215 pounds and has more storage capacity than a studio apartment — starts at \$32,999.

The smaller Freewheeler, which this year joined the older Tri Glide in the Har-



CAN-AM

Can-Am's RT3 Spyder three-wheeled street rod starts at \$23,199.

ley fleet, is powered by the same big V-Twin, but with fewer features and only a third the storage space, and starts at \$24,999.

The four vehicles in the Spyder line have base prices from \$14,999 to \$23,199 — with the highest-priced model being the company's top seller.

Minnesota-based Polaris' Slingshot — brand-new for 2015 from the parent company also responsible for the Victory and Indian motorcycle lines, as well as snowmobiles and side-by-side off-road vehicles — starts at just under \$20,000.

Canada's Campagna produces the T-Rex, the oldest three-wheeler of the currently available models.

The wickedly fast vehicle drives more like a car than a motorcycle and costs upward of \$60,000.

Trike customers are baby boomers, former military personnel who are injured, those who are handicapped or riders who feel too old or weak for two wheels.

Colin Edwards Sr., father of professional superbike racer Colin Edwards II, is a typical trike rider.

A lifelong motorcyclist, Edwards had to give up riding when, at age 50, he lost his sense of balance after a liver transplant and a bout of meningitis.

He bought a Honda Gold Wing, converted to three wheels, from a dealer outside of Houston.

"I never thought I'd ride again," said Edwards, now 70. "But I rode with a bunch of guys on two wheels, and there was nowhere they went, as fast as they went, that I couldn't keep up with them."

These three-wheelers and others are all technically motorcycles, owing to legal definitions that classify anything with a motor and fewer than four wheels as either a motorcycle or a motor-driven bicycle.

That means riders must wear a helmet in states that have helmet laws and must have a motorcycle license.

The machines differ in key ways.

Harley's Tri Glide and Freewheeler are traditional trikes, with two wheels in the back and one up front. But the Spyder and the Slingshot are "reverse tricycles," in industry parlance, with two wheels in front and one in back.

The Spyder F3 boasts a 115-horsepower, 1330cc Rotax engine but weighs only 850 pounds, while the Slingshot, powered by a 2.4-liter GM engine, has 173 horsepower on its 1,684 pounds.

Depending on sales of the Slingshot, which is just hitting dealerships this month, Polaris may release an entire lineup of three-wheelers.

"We see this as a very sizable business in the future," said Chris Doucet, director of Polaris Slingshot.

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VOLVO

As with other Volvo vehicles, the XC60 crossover is first and foremost about safety.

XC60 packed with options

BY JIM MATEJA
Special to Tribune Newspapers

The long-held belief about Volvo vehicles is that they wrap you in a protective cocoon so you'll live another day to make yet another car payment regardless of what strikes the vehicle.

Volvo has historically emphasized the safety image because the other features that attract buyers had already been taken. When it came to high speed, high mileage, high fashion or low price, consumers turned to other nameplates built in the U.S., Japan, Germany or South Korea.

Volvo has chosen to give its XC60 crossover a mid-year upgrade, and we tested the all-wheel-drive version equipped with a twin-turbo 3-liter 6-cylinder engine.

The XC60 is first and foremost about safety. It includes such features as a whiplash protection system to protect the head if rear-ended, side impact protection system, roll stability control, dynamic stability and traction control, corner traction control to ensure grip in sharp curves, inflatable curtain air bags, hill descent control (AWD only), and a magical, mystical system called City Safety that employs a velocity sensor paired with a camera be-

2015.5 VOLVO XC60 T6 AWD

Midsize crossover

Price as tested:

\$51,175

Base price: \$42,400

Engine: 3-liter,
300-horsepower,
6-cylinder

Trans: 6-speed automatic
MPG 17 city/24 highway

Parting shot: So much safety, but so many packages it will take until 2016.5 to sort them out.

hind the rearview mirror that helps determine whether a collision is likely. And if it is, City Safety activates the brakes to slow or stop the vehicle when traveling under 31 mph. The goal, depending on speed, is to avoid a collision or at least reduce the damage if it happens.

With its 300-horsepower turbocharged six cylinder, the XC60 has plenty of energy. It is mated to a 6-speed automatic complemented with paddle shifters for manual mode that quickens first to second shifting for sportier movement from the light. While performance is spirited, the mileage rating is only 17 mpg city/24 mpg highway.

With AWD plus all the standard and the various traction and stability control systems, the XC has excellent road holding manners on straightaways, corners or curves and on wet or dry pavement.

Exterior changes for 2015.5 include a new hood, front fenders, front fascia, lower front spoiler, and LED daytime running lights, but the styling is not distinct.

Front seat passengers enjoy plenty of room; those in row two may find leg and foot room a tad cramped based on just how far tall folks up front power back their seats.

Cargo space is generous. The test vehicle came with an optional (\$800) metal locking pet cage that filled half the allotted cargo hold.

Standard equipment not in an option package includes power panoramic glass sunroof with power sunshade, leather upholstery, power windows and locks, dual climate control, tilt and telescoping steering wheel, rain sensing wipers, and cargo roof rails, plus complimentary factory scheduled maintenance for the first three years or 36,000 miles. Nice touch.

The XC60 has lots to offer, but most of what Volvo offers in safety systems can be found in a variety of other vehicles. So safety does sell.



HONDA

Replacing manufacturer tires will not void a car warranty. Make sure you get the right size.

Tire pressure sensors should be replaced every 10 years



BOB WEBER
Motormouth

Q: How long will a tire pressure monitor last before replacement? I had trouble on a 2010 Cobalt with one of the sensors showing the tire was low. I replaced all four tires as they were due, and the TPMS in the rim in the same position showed the new tire was low after replacement, but went off after a bit.

The light came back on a couple of weeks later showing a 10-psi difference. Do I need a new one, or should all four be replaced at the same time?

— F.W., Westchester, Ill.

A: The TPMS is designed to last at least 10 years, including its battery.

The sensors go to sleep after the car is parked for a while and wake up when it starts rolling again. Of course, like any component, a sensor can fail. The good news is that you need only replace the faulty one. You can probably pick one up for under \$50.

Q: I have a Honda Accord Crosstour, and the manufacturer tires aren't that fantastic in the rain and snow. If I were to buy tires that aren't specifically recommended for my car, would I void my warranty? The tires I would like to get were recommended for the Accord sedan but not the Crosstour. My Crosstour is not AWD, so I don't really see why the tires would be OK on one model but not the other.

— M.F., Itasca, Ill.

A: If we are not mistaken, your vehicle is shod with 255/65R-17 tires. This is a rather common size and is available from Good-year, Bridgestone, General and many others. Using a different brand of tire will not affect your warranty. Just be sure to get the correct size. The Accord requires 215/55-17 tires that are not a proper fit for the Crosstour.

Q: I have a 2001 Acura TL. The last time I was at the dealer they recommended EFT service (fuel injection cleaning service) at a charge of \$210, saying it should be done every three years or 30,000 miles. Neither the owners manual nor the maintenance schedule

lists fuel injector cleaning. If the manufacturer does not think this requires regular (any?) maintenance, should the dealership be telling me I should have it done? The car runs fine.

— A.P., Kensington, Conn.

A: It is your call, but you are not required to have this service to maintain your warranty. Only those items listed in your maintenance schedule are necessary. Having said that, fuel injection service may restore some lost performance, or it may not. It is akin to taking a nutrition supplement that is supposed to improve your health.

Q: Is there a device available to locate tracking devices on my car?

— N.P., Streamwood, Ill.

A: Yes, there are several, but we have no experience with them. We found tracking device detectors offered on Amazon ranging in price from about \$15 to \$400.

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Skokie native working hard to make NHL dream come true

Miami (Ohio) team playing at Soldier Field on Saturday

By ERIC VAN DRIL
Pioneer Press

Louie Belpedio's dream of hearing his name called at the NHL Draft happened on June 28, 2014, when it was announced that the Minnesota Wild had taken him with the 80th selection.

What followed for Belpedio, a defenseman, was much different than what many NFL and NBA draft picks experience.

Getting drafted didn't mark the official start of his NHL career. Instead, it was a milestone during the Skokie native's transition from the U.S. National Development Program to the Miami (Ohio) men's hockey team.

As a result, he had to quickly put that satisfied feeling behind him.

"To be able to hear my name called is pretty exciting," Belpedio said. "But at the same time, that's in the past now, and that's obviously a great experience and that doesn't mean much at this point. I've got to keep working and use that as motivation to be able to one day hopefully be able to play pro hockey."

Miami has seven players who were drafted on its roster. A feeling of entitlement can creep into the heads of draft picks, RedHawks assistant coach Brent Brekke said, which is dangerous to one's development.

"When you get a special person and a special kid that is motivated because he got drafted to want more, that's great," Brekke said. "I know there's situations where a kid gets drafted; now he thinks, 'OK, I'm a sure-fire NHL player because I got drafted.' That doesn't do anything. You're not entitled to anything ... that doesn't guarantee a contract. It doesn't guarantee a game in the National



BRUCE BENNETT/GETTY IMAGES

Louie Belpedio is hit into the boards by Hudson Fasching during the 2014 USA Hockey Junior Evaluation Camp on Aug. 2, 2014, in Lake Placid, New York. Belpedio, a Skokie native, is a freshman on the Miami (Ohio) hockey team.

Hockey League."

Belpedio has worked hard during his freshman year at Miami — one in which he has recorded nine points (three goals, six assists) and played in all 25 of his team's games.

"Louie's one of those kids who's driven, who wants to play in the National Hockey

League," Brekke added. "He shows up every single day and gets better in all areas, not just on the ice — in the weight room, in video sessions. He's got a burning desire to improve."

Johnny Wingels has served as a student assistant at Miami during Belpedio's freshman year. Wingels, a

Wilmette native whose brother plays for the San Jose Sharks, said Belpedio is one of the most skilled players he's ever seen.

Wingels also raved about Belpedio's work ethic.

"He's always working out or on the ice, working on his shot," Wingels said. "Probably the best [aspects]

of his game are his vision and his shot, so he's constantly working on [his shot], and it's great to see someone dedicated to putting in the time to make himself better."

Belpedio is slated to return to Chicago on Saturday when the RedHawks play Western Michigan at Sol-

dier Field at 3 p.m. Belpedio said he's been looking forward to the game all year.

"I've actually never played outside before, so to be able to come home and play outside is pretty exciting," he said.

Eric Van Dril is a freelancer for Pioneer Press.

Three-point shooting bolsters Niles North

Accuracy creates room inside for Ranger to operate

BY BRIAN DE LOS SANTOS
Pioneer Press

SKOKIE Niles North knocked down shot after shot.

It started with Abby George. Then it was Diondre Williams. Then Craig "Dutch" Dawkins. But no matter who rose up from behind the arc, he knocked it down.

Effective three-point shooting has helped the Vikings boys basketball team post a 15-8 record. Niles North suffered a 65-63 loss to Deerfield on Friday, but even in defeat, the Vikings' ability to hit the big three-pointer shined.

"When we've shot the ball pretty well, we've won basketball games," Niles North coach Glenn Olson said. "We kinda like to spread the floor and attack the rim and when you do that, you have to be able to shoot it a little. Three-point shooting is a big part of our offense."

The Vikings shot 9-for-15 from behind the arc against Deerfield. Before cooling off and shooting 2-for-5 from three in the second half, Niles North shot 70 percent (7-for-10) from beyond the arc in the first half and 5-for-7 in the first quarter.

"They are a fantastic team," Deerfield's Joey Lane said after Friday's game. "They're a great shooting team from the corner, they're a great shooting team from anywhere. Abby George is great and so is Diondre Williams. Sometimes they're just going to knock it down."

Three-point shooting benefits the Vikings in more ways than one. The team's skilled shooters open up looks under the basket for the bigs. And on Friday, it was Danilo Ranger who took advantage. He



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In this Jan. 5 photo, Niles North senior Danilo Ranger grabs a rebound during a game at Carmel. Ranger scored 10 points on Friday against Deerfield.

"They're a great shooting team from the corner, they're a great shooting team from anywhere."

—Deerfield's Joey Lane after Friday's game

worked the paint for 10 points off the bench.

"Any time you can put 6-foot-6 in there, it helps," Olson said. "Danilo has had

a tough go of it with an ankle injury and we're proud of how he's hung in there and battled and I think the good news is

we've got some big games ahead of us and we think he's playing his best basketball."

Combine Ranger's play in the post with the Vikings' shooters, and you have the key to the team's offensive success this year. Olson said Niles North doesn't boast a star player who brings scouts to the stands. Rather, it has multiple players who



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Niles North's Diondre Williams takes a shot during Friday's game against Deerfield in Skokie.

step up in certain situations.

"The fun thing about this team is that they're a bunch of grinders. We don't have a margin for error, we really don't," Olson said. "They understand they have to

play really, really hard and share the basketball. If we do that, we can be real good."

Brian De Los Santos is a freelancer for Pioneer Press.

Runner-up spot big achievement for Ochal

Dons finish 12th at state bowling
Spartans take 23rd

BY MATT HARNESS
Pioneer Press

Tom Ochal said he had no regrets after finishing second at the boys bowling state tournament.

The Notre Dame junior had 2,756 pins in 12 games at St. Clair Bowl in O'Fallon to finish behind Harlem sophomore Jacob Nimtz, who set a state record with 3,011 pins. Nimtz bowled two 300s during Saturday's first session.

"It was a big accomplishment for me to be

behind that guy," said Ochal, who averaged 229.7 for the tournament. "What he did was unreal. I felt like I did all I could. That was a good number for me."

Notre Dame coach Billy Kerber said Ochal "ran into a buzz saw."

Ochal's two-day total bettered two of the previous 12 state champions. His runner-up finish was the best state showing by a Notre Dame bowler.

"It just happened to be Jacob's (weekend)," Kerber said. "Tom's (2,756) was nothing to sneeze at, and I couldn't ask for more from him. He was a little disappointed about getting second, but there wasn't much

else he could do."

The Dons took 12th as a team with 11,808 pins. Hononegah won the state title with 12,909.

It was Notre Dame's second consecutive appearance at the state tournament and first time in the finals since 2005, when the Dons placed ninth.

Notre Dame junior Charlie Allen finished 49th with 2,434 pins. Junior Paolo Fridman (1,470, eight games), senior Bob Hoenig (1,371, eight), junior Matt Voss (1,320, seven), junior Steve Balachowski (1,154, six), junior Christian Catalano (732, four) and junior Brendan Brown (571, three) also factored in to the final

tally.

"A great team effort," said Kerber, who completed his second season with the Dons. "We've had a couple of really good teams here. We are trying to add to our legacy."

Seven of the eight who bowled at the state tournament are expected to return to the team, including Ochal.

"To be in the top 12 is unreal in my mind," Ochal said. "Getting to the second day is a great accomplishment for us."

Although Ochal came close this season, he's not thinking about a state title for himself just yet.

"I'd like to be in the top 10

"A great team effort. We've had a couple of really good teams here. We are trying to add to our legacy."

— Notre Dame coach Billy Kerber

again," he said. "But who knows? There might be a bunch of great guys there next year. All I know is I have a lot of work to do until then."

Glenbrook North

Paced by three seniors, the Spartans knocked down 5,636 pins to place 23rd at the state tournament on Friday and miss the cut for the second day. It was Glen-

brook North's second trip to O'Fallon in three seasons. In 2012, the team finished 16th.

Senior Calvin Oh rolled a team-high 1,178 for six games. He was followed by senior Corey Kahen (1,163) and senior Jonah Fialkow (1,150). Juniors Nick Arcangeletti (752, four games) and Patrick Mulhern (659, four games) also contributed.

Monmouth rising with Evanston's Jones

BY NICK BULLOCK
Pioneer Press

Freshman guard Will Jones, of Evanston, recently named Midwest Conference Performer of the Week

Will Jones, a freshman guard for the Monmouth College men's basketball team, closed the old year and opened the new in winning style.

On New Year's Eve against Eureka College, the Evanston graduate hit a 3-pointer to send the game to overtime. He then scored the first and last points of the extra period to give the Scots the 90-86 victory. He finished with 15 points and 11 rebounds.

Then on Jan. 3 against Lake Forest College, Jones scored 21 points, including four in the final minute of the 67-57 win.

For his efforts, Jones was named Midwest Conference Performer of the Week in men's basketball on Jan. 5.

Jones led the Scots to a 12-5 start, including a 9-3 mark in conference play. Through 17 games, he was Monmouth's leading scorer, averaging 15.5 points. He also led the team with per-game averages of 31.5 minutes, 1.6 steals, .6 blocks, 1.8

three-pointers and 4.6 free throws made,

Lake Forest alumnus Ben Simpson, a sophomore wing on the Ohio Wesleyan men's basketball team, was named North Coast Athletic Conference Player of the Week for the week of Dec. 22.

Simpson scored 20 points in the first half of then-No. 10 Ohio Wesleyan's 92-81 victory against Otterbein. He finished the game with a career-high 25 points to go with a game-high five steals. Simpson shot 8-for-12 from the field, 2-for-3 from behind the arc and 7-for-8 from the free-throw line.

During Ohio Wesleyan's 13-4 start, Simpson averaged 13.6 points, fourth on the team. The do-it-all wing led the team in blocks (.9 per game) and steals (2.2 per game), and he ranked second in rebounding with 5.9 per game. He also topped the Battling Bishops in field-goal percentage (.546) among players who had taken at least two shots.

St. Mary's (Minnesota) women's basketball player Octavia Brown, a senior guard, started every game during the Cardinals' 13-4 start. The team extended a winning streak to five games with a 51-45 victory over Augsburg College Jan. 24 in Minneapolis. Brown, a St. Joseph graduate, had 12 points, three rebounds and three assists in 30 minutes.

Have a suggestion for the College Roundup? Email Nick Bullock at bullockpioneerpress@gmail.com.



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Niles North's Diondre Williams plays defense against Deerfield during Friday's boys basketball game in Skokie.

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