Celebrating a legacy

St. John Brebeuf Church honors the late Cardinal Francis George. Page 4
SHOUT OUT

Sharon Levine, a Niles resident

A longtime resident of the Lincolnwood Public Library, the 22-year-old catfish that dwells in the aquarium in the children's section has been around just about as long as librarian Sharon Levine.

The catfish and Levine are the only inhabitants to be seen in the children's wing of the library. The catfish just stared from his perch inside a rock, so the Pioneer Press chatted with Levine about why she loves her job at the library.

Q. Where did you grow up?
A. Chicago.

Q. Where do you live?
A. Niles.

Q. Where did you attend high school?
A. Friedrich Von Steuben High School in Chicago.

Q. Do you have kids?
A. I have two kids, 31 and 38. Both live in Washington, D.C.

Q. Do they work in politics?
A. I like spring and fall because they're not too hot and not too cold.

Q. What's your favorite season?
A. I like spring and fall because they're not too hot and not too cold.

Q. What's your favorite place to vacation?
A. I like taking road trips to D.C.

Q. What's your favorite book?
A. Historical fiction.

Q. What's your favorite genre?
A. Historical fiction.

Q. What's your favorite movie?
A. Historical fiction.

Q. What's your favorite TV show?
A. Historical fiction.

Q. Who is your favorite celebrity?
A. Historical fiction.

Q. What's your favorite food?
A. Historical fiction.

Q. What's your favorite hobby?
A. Historical fiction.

Q. What's your favorite sport?
A. Historical fiction.

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Niles church celebrates Cardinal George's legacy

By Igor Studenkov
Pioneer Press

St. John Brebeuf Catholic elementary school students, faculty and residents of local parishes honored and celebrated the life of Cardinal Francis George during a special Friday Mass, April 24.

This was just one of the many events St. John Brebeuf Parish held to mark the Cardinal's passing. The school's eighth-grade students gave scriptural readings and the children's choir led the congregation in songs performed throughout the course of the Mass. The Rev. Michael Meany praised the cardinal for his compassion and service, and encouraged everyone attending to follow his example.

St. Brebeuf School Principal Elise Matson said the Mass was a way to celebrate Cardinal George's life and accomplishments.

"He's been to (the parish) several times, and this is a way for our community to celebrate his life" she said. "He actually visited us just last summer, to cut the ribbon for the (then recently renovated) gym wall."

Matson also said she appreciated the cardinal's strong support for Catholic schools, including St. Brebeuf.

In an official statement from the parish, Meany praised George for continuing to work while battling cancer.

"After his first bout with cancer and shortly after his release from the hospital, the cardinal asked if he could celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation for children in (our special needs for adults and children program)," he said.

Matson explained that over the past few days, the school's teachers have been telling students about George's life and accomplishments.

On Thursday, April 23, students got to watch his funeral Mass on TV. Some of the students and members of the parish community went to the Milwaukee Avenue/Main Street intersection to watch the funeral procession.

During Friday morning Mass, Meany told the students that, when George was their age, he wasn't much different from them.

"Cardinal George grew up not that far from here," he said. "For many years, he came with his classmates, just like you are. He played on the playground, he enjoyed friendships with his classmates — all the thing you are doing to today."

Meany praised the cardinal for his courage and conviction, even in the face of obstacles.

"We pray for his soul, and we pray that we, too, would be courageous, so that we can serve our brothers and sisters, and those in need, not in a flashy way, but by kindness, by forgiveness. That way, we will honor him."

— Rev. Michael Meany, St. John Brebeuf Church

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Niles Library Board votes to tape meetings

Board unanimously approves resolution to allow recording

BY IGOR STUDENKOV
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Starting May 20, Niles Public Library Board of Trustees meetings will be recorded on video - and uploaded onto the library's YouTube channel a few days later.

Board President Morgan Dubiel placed the resolution on the April 15 meeting agenda days before the meeting took place. In the past, he pushed to make audio recordings of board meetings publicly available, but none of his proposals were approved by the majority of the board. This time, the board approved the resolution unanimously.

The Morton Grove Public Library Board of Trustees already follows a similar practice, as does the Niles Park Ridge District 64 and Maine Township District 207 boards of education. Niles Library Marketing Supervisor Sasha Vasilic told Niles Herald-Spectator that, while he hasn't worked out the details of the recording, the library already had the equipment to pull it off.

As previously reported by Niles Herald-Spectator, Dubiel advocated making audio recordings of board meetings available to the public for a number of years. On Sept. 28, 2011, he proposed recording all future board meetings on audio and uploading them on the Internet. He argued that it would make the board more transparent and accountable to the public. But the majority of the trustees expressed concerns that it would inhibit open discussion and Dubiel withdrew the proposal.

He tried again in the spring of 2012. During the June 20 meeting, the board voted 6-0 to approve a resolution that required meeting recordings to be posted online. Trustee Chris Ball was absent.

The board reversed the decision during a special, June 27 meeting. Dubiel was the only one to vote against the reversal. When questioned by Niles Herald-Spectator, the then-recently appointed Trustee Karen Dimond echoed concerns raised the previous year.

"Some of the things (the trustees) are talking about are of a nature that they might not want to be recorded," she said at the time.

A month later, the board started posting agendas, most board meeting documents and meeting minutes online - a practice that continues to this day. While the
Pace holds public meeting on express bus service

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If a bus is running behind schedule, the system requests a slight adjustment of the traffic signal timing to help the bus clear the intersection more quickly.

— Patrick Wilmot, Pace spokesman

Residents of Niles, Chicago and other nearby areas got a chance to find out more about the upcoming Arterial Rapid Transit service along Milwaukee Avenue during an April 23 public meeting.

Officially known as Pulse Milwaukee Line, the new service will run between Jefferson Park Transit Terminal and the Golf Mill Mall. The buses will make fewer stops, and they will get extended green light or shortened red light times under certain circumstances. Route 270 will continue running, but at reduced frequency.

The April 23 meeting was intended to give the public an opportunity to look at the current plans, ask questions and make suggestions. The residents who spoke to Niles Herald-Spectator said they were impressed by what they saw.

Ron Deverman, of Park Ridge, said he travels up Milwaukee Avenue two to three times a week to shop.

“It’s good to know there will be a service to Golf Mill Mall, so I won’t have to drive,” he said.

Brian Czosnyka, of Chicago’s Norwood Park neighborhood, said the Pulse service would be a major improvement — and not just because it would go faster.

“I’m a biker,” Czosnyka said. “With the new stops, it would be easier to leave my bike (before getting on the bus).”

The Pulse buses will operate similarly to Chicago’s J14-Jeffry Jump service. They will only make 10 stops, six of which are in Niles. This includes stops at Touhy Avenue, Harlem Avenue, Oakton Street, Main Street, Dempster Street and Golf Mill Mall.

Each bus will have raised platforms with wheelchair ramps, bike racks and new passenger shelters with heat lamps, larger signage and real-time arrival information displays.

Pace spokesman Patrick Wilmot said regular buses would also stop at those stations. And they will be the first Chicago area bus stops to feature arrival information for both CTA and Pace buses.

The buses will feature WiFi and USB chargers. To help speed them along, the buses will use the Transit Signal Priority system.

“If a bus is running behind schedule, the system requests a slight adjustment of the traffic signal timing to help the bus clear the intersection more quickly,” Wilmot explained. “(It) automatically sends a request through the TSP system to either shorten a red light or extend a green light by up to 10 seconds at an approaching intersection to help the bus clear the intersection more quickly and get back on time. If traffic conditions at the intersection are too congested to permit the timing adjustment, the request is denied and normal traffic signal timing remains in place.”

Pace has been testing the system in southern suburbs.

During the public meeting, more details about the service were revealed. Pace plans to run Pulse buses at frequency similar to Route 270’s Transit Center through Golf Mill Mall buses.

Pace planning consultant Adin McCann emphasized that the agency hasn’t finalized the changes to Route 270’s schedule.

“If they decide to do it, there will be a separate public meeting, and there will be opportunity (for riders) to give feedback,” he said.

Pace also shared preliminary plans for where Pulse stops would be located. For the most part, they would be placed at the locations of current Route 270 stops. But there are two potential exceptions.

For Harlem Avenue, the northbound stop would be located closer to the edge of the street, where Harlem and Milwaukee avenues converge.

Consultant Steve Brown explained that Pace eventually plans to put in an ART shelter along Harlem Avenue.

This would require Pace to acquire the land for the shelter. Brown explained that if that wouldn’t work the agency would place the stop farther north.

At Dempster Avenue, the stops would be placed at the same locations as the current stops.

“We want to make crosswalks (at the Dempster/Milwaukee intersection) ADA-compliant,” Brown said.

The location would put the northbound riders closer to IceLand ice skating rink and Northridge Prep School. Transfers to Route 250, which serves Dempster Street, would require riders to walk a block south.

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Niles celebrates Arbor Day

BY IGOR STUDENKOV
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Cold and cloudy weather didn't stop officials from the village of Niles and Emerson Middle School students from celebrating Arbor Day.

This year, Niles celebrated by planting a tree at Emerson. Village officials gave speeches, and three Emerson students read poems that they wrote to mark the event.

The tree was donated by the St Aubin Nursery. The Niles Environmental Practices Committee spent several months working with Park Ridge-Niles District 64, Assistant Village Manager Hadley Skeffington-Vos and Niles Communications and multimedia coordinator Hayley Garard to make it happen.

Rosemary Palicki, committee chair and village trustee, credited Skeffington-Vos and Garard with handling the bulk of the work on the village's side of the effort.

The event opened with Palicki explaining the history of the holiday and why planting trees matters to the community.

"What we are doing here is a concern for everyone," she said. "It's not just for people who are here [at the event], but for future generations. The tree will provide shade, eliminate erosion and reduce flooding."

Mayor Andrew Przybylo added his own praise.

"It will give us a cleaner environment and it will be an improvement for our neighborhood," he said.

Jim Morrison, Emerson's principal, thanked the village for choosing the school as the site for the tree. He said he was looking forward to having it become part of the campus.

"It will bring beauty in the spring and fall - if the spring ever arrives," Morrison said.

The village also took the opportunity to announce that the Arbor Day Foundation recently granted Niles a Tree City USA designation. As previously reported by the Niles Herald-Spectator, the village applied for the designation last fall. In order to qualify, a municipality needs to have a tree ordinance and a board or department that deals with tree issues. It must spend at least $2 per capita on trees, and it must regularly celebrate Arbor Day. The designation will make it easier for the village to obtain certain grants.

"I would like to recognize our board and staff for the valuable work they have put in for this designation, and I would hope that this title will make it easier for the village to obtain certain grants."

No injuries in Harts Road home fire

BY NATALIE HAYES
Pioneer Press

No one was injured during a late-morning fire that broke out in a home in the 6700 block of Harts Road in Niles the morning of April 22, officials said.

The fire caused minor damage to a single-family home, which was being renovated and had only "a little furniture inside," according to district fire Chief Orlando Diaz of the Niles Fire Department.

The residents weren't at home when the fire broke out, but they later arrived at the scene after the fire had been extinguished, Diaz said.

"(The fire) was knocked down pretty quick - we did a good job and no one was injured," Diaz said. "The damage is unfortunate for the owners, but what's important is that no one was injured."

The fire was put out by 11:50 a.m., but the time it was reported was unclear.

The cause of the fire is under investigation, but investigators believe the flames probably broke out in a bedroom, according to Diaz.

Several neighboring fire departments assisted with the response, including Lincolnwood, Morton Grove, and Glenview.

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

PROPERTY DAMAGE
- Raul Diaz, 27, of the 3500 block of Dickens, Chicago, was charged with felony criminal damage to property April 18 after he allegedly slammed his arms onto the hood of a Niles squad car, damaging it. According to police, the incident occurred while Diaz was handcuffed and detained by officers for an ongoing problem.
- A package was stolen between April 14 and April 16, several large bags of garbage and two clothing donation bins were left behind his building. Police said the man reported that this has been an ongoing problem.

BURGLARY TO VEHICLE
- A cell phone and a tire gauge were stolen on the 6700 block of Milwaukee Avenue.

DISPUTE
- Police were called to a home on the 8400 block of Chester Avenue on April 19 after a father and his teenage daughter reportedly had a dispute over homework.
- The teenager agreed to be more respectful to her father and stay in her mom for the night, police said.

TELEPHONE THEFT
- An 82-year-old woman lost an undisclosed amount of money when she received a call from someone telling her she had won $850,000 in a contest and needed to pay $8,500 for processing. She reportedly sent a check for an undisclosed amount to an address in southern Illinois. The incident was reported April 13.

THEFT
- A woman reportedly sent a check for an undisclosed amount to an address in Chicago, was charged with criminal neglect March 27 after allegedly burning 8-year-old Aiden Bard.
- The Skokie Fire Department responded to the 900 block of LaCrosse Avenue on March 25, police said, after Bard was burned with bathwater.

Cops: Caregiver might face additional charges

BY RICHARD RAY
Pioneer Press

A Skokie boy's caregiver who was charged with criminal neglect, after allegedly burning him with bathwater, might face further charges now that the boy has died, according to Skokie police.

Adaku Ukah, 39, of the 6000 block of North Wthrop Avenue, Chicago, was charged with criminal neglect March 27 after allegedly burning 8-year-old Aiden Bard.

The Skokie Fire Department transferred Bard, who was charged with criminal neglect, to Luther Hospital in Park Ridge, for treatment of second-degree burns to his lower extremities. He was then transferred to Loyola University Medical Center's Burn Unit in Maywood.

A Skokie boy's caregiver who was charged with criminal neglect, after allegedly burning him with bathwater, might face additional charges.

The Illinois Department of Children and Family Services is investigating as well, said Veronica Resa, a spokeswoman for the agency.

Ukah, who was ordered held on a $25,000 bond, had a court date scheduled for April 28.

Chicago Tribune reporter Carlos Sadovi contributed.
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Nelson School celebrates diversity with parade

BY KARIE ANGELL LUC
Pioneer Press

Pop quiz: How many languages are spoken at the Nelson School in Niles? How many languages among the estimated kindergarten through sixth grade 600 students, East Maine School District 63 has nearly double that. I think it's awesome being able to celebrate all of the diversity at Nelson. It's really neat," said Michelle Hur, an English as a second language (ESL) resource teacher.

Some of the languages spoken at the combination Niles/Morton Grove School include Assyrian, Polish, Ukrainian, Spanish, Romanian, Arabic, Urdu and Gujarati.

Hur talked about Nelson School's diversity before an all-school International Day parade April 23. The date included a second annual International Night in the gym.

Children were encouraged to wear clothing or costumes indicating their origins. They also carried flags representing their heritage.

Smiles were plentiful and kids openly promoted their country's colors. "This has been an exciting week for the kids," said Mary Valentine, also an ESL resource teacher. "Iliana Aguirre, a bilingual resource instructor and Jean LeBlanc, principal, were beaming as children walked by in the parade, which wrapped around the gym.

The light snow the day before had kept the parade indoors to keep children comfortable. "This is a wonderful celebration of our diversity," LeBlanc said. "Who doesn't love a parade?"

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Civil rights marcher shares story with Niles West students

BY NATALIE HAYES
Pioneer Press

Lynda Blackmon Lowery was jailed nine times in just a three-month period for marching in the Selma, Ala., civil rights marches of 1965, all before she turned 15.

Lowery told the story of her fight for equal rights at Niles West High School in Skokie on April 21. Lowery, who once marched with the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., grew up in the segregated South and from an early age identified with the civil rights movement.

Her participation in the historic marches was at first fueled by her anger toward white people, she said. That anger started when she was just 7 years old when her mother died because she couldn't get a blood transfusion she needed from an all-white hospital.

It wasn't until several years later when she was befriended by a growing number of white people that Lowery started to question the feelings that she had developed as a response to growing up in the segregated South in the 1960s.

"I was sitting on both sides of the racist fence," she said, "because I hated and I was being hated. I always say that if it hurts you to hate someone, just think about how that someone feels that's being hated."

The 65-year-old, who tells her story in a book, "Turning 15 on the Road to Freedom," also discussed the modern-day racial tension stemming from the controversial police-related shootings that have been plastered in the media spotlight.

Referring to the "Don't Shoot" and "Black Lives Matter" protests that started spreading across the country last year after a white Ferguson, Mo., police officer, Darren Wilson, was acquitted after shooting an unarmed black man, Michael Brown; Lowery said she refused to participate.

Change, she said, starts with exercising the right to vote - a right she helped secure, but that many people don't take advantage of. "While you were walking around with both hands up, you should've had one hand down in the ballot box," Lowery said of the recent protests. "I applaud them for what they're doing, but I would not spend a minute of my time (marching) with them - because it would be a waste of my time, and life is short."

Susan Buckley, co-author of Lowery's book, said she met Lowery about 10 years ago while she was conducting research for a book called "Journeys for American Freedom."

Lowery was featured in a chapter in the book, and she agreed to join Buckley on her book tour. During the months they spent together promoting the book, Buckley realized Lowery's story was profound enough to have its own full-length book.

She spent more than 35 hours interviewing Lowery about her story before she was ready to start writing the book, which was released in January.

"We knew there needed to be a whole book about Lynda," Buckley said. "This is an extraordinary woman who is truly a historymaker."

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First of three new trees planted on Arbor Day

BY JENNIFER JOHNSON
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Kindergartners at Washington School in Park Ridge marked Arbor Day on April 24 with the first of three new trees planted outside their school.

The students, largely from morning kindergarten classes and wearing hand-painted T-shirts with trees on them, each helped spread dirt around the base of an American linden tree that was planted by the city of Park Ridge on the parkway along Stewart Avenue, near the main entrance to the school.

The children also learned from city forester Brandon Naser and urban forester Jodi Carlson about the history of Arbor Day and how trees “can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce oxygen and provide habitat for wildlife.”

“That’s a lot of stuff!” exclaimed one little boy.

Carlson then asked the children to suggest a name for their new linden tree. Among them were “Steve,” “Charlie,” “Luke” and “Planty.”

“How about Lindy?” Carlson suggested.


Lindy’s planting was completed as each student was given an opportunity to shovel dirt into the hole around it.

Two other trees, an Accolade elm and a hornbeam, will also be planted on the Washington School parkway along Stewart Street.

More than 400 new trees are slated to be planted on parkways across the city of Park Ridge this season, Carlson said. Many are replacing ash trees that were cut down in recent years due to the emerald ash borer infestation.

Arbor Day was also celebrated at Emerson Middle School in Niles, where a new tree was planted at the northwest corner of the school, near the bicycle racks.

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Forester Jodi Carlson of the city of Park Ridge talks to kindergartners at Washington School about Arbor Day on April 24.
'Elvis' stops by St. Martha fundraiser

By KARIE ANGELL LUC
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Elvis — or Herb, rather — was in the building at St. Martha Catholic Church in Morton Grove.

Herb Lick of Third Lake had the task of playing Elvis Presley for the church's April 24 Elvis Night fundraiser.

"It brings back a lot of memories," said Lick, a longtime Elvis fan whose favorite tunes from the King are "Suspicious Minds" and "Can't Help Falling in Love."

For Mike Anderson of Morton Grove, a St. Martha parishioner and event volunteer who grew up in Grayslake, his favorite Elvis song is "Love Me Tender."

Mike and his wife, Sue, went to Graceland a couple of years ago.

"When I was a kid," Anderson said, "it was saving up a dollar and going to buy a record."

An estimated 150 people turned out for the Elvis-themed supper show. Lick started his performance near the altar and walked around with his wireless microphone singing to the crowd.

Many of those in attendance extended their hands to touch Elvis, who offered handshakes in return.

The parish is raising money with events like Elvis Night for air conditioning in both the large and small churches.

An estimated $250,000 is needed to air condition both buildings.

Art Malinowski of Glenview, who went to grammar school at St. Martha, remembers when the large church was a gym.

"This is where our basketball games were," Malinowski said with a smile.

His daughter, Mia, 7, asked for and received an autograph from Elvis.

"This is a great event," Art said. "They always have a great turnout for their fundraisers and the place (during Mass) is packed."

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By Igor Studenkov

Pioneer Press

As construction of the Fresh Farms grocery store chain's Golf Road location continues, it remains unclear whether it will still receive village tax incentives.

On July 23, 2013, the village of Niles Board of Trustees approved an agreement that would allow the chain to keep a portion of the sales tax revenue the new location generates. However, the contract can be canceled if the store wasn't opened by Jan 1, 2015. As the deadline came and went, the village maintained that it had not decided whether to cancel the contract.

On April 23, the Niles Finance Committee considered the issue during the regular meeting. It decided to continue the discussion during the next meeting, scheduled for May 20.

According to Charles Ostman, the Niles director of community development, the location is now expected to open in the beginning of July.

Fresh Farms is a Wheeling-based grocery store chain with an already operating Niles location at 5740 W. Touhy Ave., on the west edge of Pointe Plaza. As Niles Herald-Spectator reported in 2013, Fresh Farms has been looking to open another Niles location since 2011. When Jewel-Osco closed its 8203 W. Golf Road location a few months earlier, Fresh Farms took advantage of the opportunity. But before it could open the new location, the chain wanted to extensively renovate and expand the building.

To help cover the costs involved, Fresh Farms proposed a tax sharing agreement. The agreement approved by the board would allow the chain to keep a portion of the sales tax generated at the location. In 2015, the village would keep the first $95,000 and split the rest with Fresh Farms 50/50. During the next four years, the sharing would follow a similar formula, except the amount the village keeps first would keep increasing. The agreement assumed that the Golf Road location would be open by October 2014.

The village had a right to terminate the agreement if the store closed before the agreement is up, if another company takes over the property, if Fresh Farms doesn't maintain a good credit rating or if the store doesn't open by the beginning of 2015.

On Jan. 1, 2015, Niles Herald-Spectator visited the site and saw that construction was still ongoing. When asked about the village's response, Ostman said the staff was willing to wait and see.

The issue didn't resurface until April, when Ostman gave the Finance Committee a report on the situation. He said there were two reasons the construction was delayed. The first was that the initial plans had to be scaled back.

“(Fresh Farms owner Dino Svigos) wanted to expand east, but negotiations with ComEd were unsuccessful, so he wound up redrawing the plans,” Ostman said.

ComEd power lines are located behind the store, and the power company owns the surrounding land.

The second reason was that Svigos wound up making more changes to the building than expected.

“He put in a lot of money to make sure it's a pleasant store,” Ostman said.

Village Trustee Joe LoVerde, who chairs the committee, asked when the store is expected to open. Ostman replied that while Svigos wanted to open in late May, he thought the beginning of July was a more plausible time frame.

Former Trustee Louella Preston, who lives near the store, told the committee that she had nothing against it and she looked forward to it opening. However, she wanted to bring attention to something that could affect its sales tax revenues for the first few months.

“What you need to know is that not only is Golf Road under construction, but Milwaukee Avenue is under construction. (The area around the store) is the worst area for traffic now, and it will be until October,” LoVerde then moved to continue the discussion in closed session so the committee could discuss specific budget figures. After returning from closed session, it voted to table the discussion. LoVerde confirmed that the committee planned to continue at the next meeting.

Even if the village winds up keeping the agreement in place, it might be changed. Niles Herald-Spectator asked Niles Finance Director Scott Nrukrich if the delay would affect the way the incentives are structured.

“(The Finance Committee) hasn't come to a decision on it yet,” he replied.

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Volunteers battle invasive species in Morton Grove

By Pam DeFiglio
Pioneer Press

As helmet-clad volunteers chopped branches from trees and threw them onto bonfires in the woods just south of Beckwith Street in Morton Grove on April 25, Eileen Sutter knelted down and cradled the leaves of a tiny plant in her fingers.

"This is a May apple," she said. "This, and other ground covers like the red trillium and the wild strawberry, have deep roots that hold the soil in place and prevent soil erosion."

But since buckthorn trees arrived from Europe and began voraciously taking over Midwestern forests, according to the Illinois Natural History Survey, their dense canopy of leaves have prevented sunlight from getting through to the beneficial ground covers, making them, and the topsoil, vulnerable.

That was the reason about 18 volunteers from Notre Dame College Prep's Lumberjack Club, about 30 volunteers from Comcast and a handful of Cook County Forest Preserve nature stewards had come to the Linne Woods Forest Preserve to chop and burn the invasive buckthorn.

They used hand-held saws to take down tree limbs and tossed them on to one of three bonfires, which were keeping the volunteers warm despite the gray skies and occasional drizzle that Saturday morning.

The small army of volunteers was making progress against the buckthorn, but it is a formidable nemesis.

"It leafs early in spring and holds its leaves until late in fall. It's still green and photosynthesizing in fall when other trees have turned red and gold—that helps it survive better," Sutter said. She pointed to the massive number of trees with early-sprouting leaves, saying they were all buckthorn.

"If we would get all the buckthorn out and have periodic fires, we would be in a good situation, but we still have too much buckthorn," she said.

The white oaks and burr oaks in Linne Woods are naturally fire-resistant, Sutter said. However, Linne Woods is too close to homes to conduct what naturalists call a controlled burn, in which they set fire to a designated nature area under controlled conditions.

So volunteers such as the nature stewards and the Lumberjack Club at Notre Dame College Prep come out on a regular basis to chop and burn.

"We come out here about 18 times a year," said John Bachta, a teacher at the high school who heads the club. "The boys get an hour of service time for each hour they work. They have to get 25 service hours per year."

As he spoke, the students, some wearing helmets and gloves, were sawing and pulling down branches.

Volunteers toss buckthorn branches on the bonfire.

"This is 11 years of doing this for us now, and John and Jane Balaban do similar work at Bunker Hill and Harms Woods," Thill said.

During that time, a lot of buckthorn has been cut, and some lands have been restored to their native prairie vegetation.

"This area between the woods and the Delaine Farms subdivision, he said, "You can take a walk in a loop around this prairie. And if you want to see some really beautiful woods, wait about two weeks and go for a hike in Harms Woods."

Tons Christoffel, 19, who graduated from Notre Dame and is attending Columbia College, comes back to work with the club, of which he was president his junior and senior years.

"The stewards would teach us the importance of what we're doing—that motivated me to continue," he said.

John Thill, a Morton Grove trustee, who with his wife Marion is a steward with the Cook County Forest Preserve District, said the volunteers did a great job, and explained that after they leave, he and Marion stay for a few hours until the bonfires burn down to ash.

The volunteers had left the buckthorn stumps two to three feet tall; Thill said a worker with a chain saw often cuts them level with the ground, and then the Thills pour a herbicide called garlon on them to prevent the felled buckthorn from growing back.

"This is 11 years of doing this for us now, and John and Jane Balaban do similar work at Bunker Hill and Harms Woods," Thill said.

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Lincolnwood suspends controversial diversity celebration

BY NATALIE HAYES
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For the first time in 11 years, Lincolnwood officials have suspended the village's annual diversity month.

The village's tradition of displaying flags each August during diversity month along Lincoln Avenue had come under fire last summer when some residents claimed they were offended by the Palestinian flag being flown among the 60 or so flags displayed by the village in an effort to showcase Lincolnwood's diversity.

The emotions of both the Israelis and Palestinians ran especially high last summer because of the escalated fighting taking place in the Gaza Strip during August, but village officials took a strong stance against mounting pressure to remove the flag.

With the next diversity celebration only a few months away, officials last month began discussing the fate of the flag tradition, with some arguing it should remain and others claiming it should be canceled because it divided the community — the opposite of its intention to bring cultures together.

But in the end, it wasn't politics or religion, but a public works project that has forced the flag display to go under water this year.

A streetlight replacement project along Lincoln Avenue — the heart of the flag display — is planned to run from June through September of this year, and will make it logistically impossible for the flags to be hung on the light poles in the center median, Lincolnwood Police Chief Bob LaMantia said, relaying information from Public Works Director Ashley Engelmann.

"It's going to be an active construction zone for three months, and the thinking is that this is going to interfere with the flag display," LaMantia said. "The flag program is the heart and soul of the diversity program, so if they suspend the flags it's basically the whole program."

The Human Relations Commission, a volunteer-based advisory board formed by the village, had drafted a policy in March to dictate what commissioners planned to be an objective set of rules for the flag display, but news of the construction plans during the April 20 meeting caused the commission to cancel the diversity month altogether.

Speaking at the Human Relations Commission meeting, Village President Jerry Turrzy reiterated the general consensus of the Village Board's sentiments on the issue when it was reviewed during the committee of the whole meeting on April 7.

"[The Village Board] is looking for some other option or another event to take its place like an outdoor festival with food," Turrzy said. "I think we need to take some time to deliberate, hear public comments, and then figure out what we want to do with diversity month."

The Human Relations Commission is scheduled on May 11 to propose new traditions that could be celebrated next year in place of the flag display during their May meeting, but the flag display has not been canceled indefinitely.

Lincolnwood resident Diane Dubey said she'd like to see a new tradition that celebrates the community's unity instead of its diversity.

"When I hear about diversity, it says to me, 'well we're all going to say how we're different,'" Dubey said during the meeting. "I would love to see something focused on coming together without picking differences — let's focus on sameness."

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Former SS guard's words surprise camp survivor

From her home in Skokie, Magda Brown is carefully following a trial in Germany.

Brown, 87, is a survivor of Auschwitz-Birkenau. She was deported with her family at 17 in one of the final transports from Hungary.

Both her parents were killed in its gas chambers. She was sent to a work camp, then escaped from a death march into a forest from which she was liberated by the U.S. Army.

She has no reason to feel compassion for an Auschwitz guard. And yet she has found herself thinking about Oskar Groening, a 93-year-old former Nazi SS sergeant who was a guard at the camp.

Groening is charged with being an accessory to the murders of 300,000 prisoners, most of them Hungarian Jews, at the death camp in Poland. Brown is one of 65 co-plaintiffs.

His testimony in the trial that began last week has been, in the context of Nazi prosecutions, remarkable.

He did not deny having been there, he did not claim he knew nothing about atrocities.

He acknowledged in court that he was among the guards who kept watch as thousands of Jews were led from cattle cars to the gas chambers.

He told how one helped round up fleeing prisoners, saw them herded into a farmhouse, then heard them scream as they were gassed to death inside. He described how he saw a crying baby beaten to death by a fellow member of the SS.

"It is beyond question that I am morally complicit," he told the judge.

His testimony bears qualifications.

Groening, who began speaking publicly about his role about 10 years ago in response to Holocaust deniers, is not saying he was personally harmed a prisoner. Following German law, he did not enter a plea of guilt or innocence; that will be decided by the judge.

Still, Brown has been struck by Groening's words.

"It is a way of clearing his heart before he goes to the great beyond," she said. "I have never heard anyone making this remark."

"Is it a way of clearing his heart before he goes to the great beyond?" she asked. "I do not know. But I have not heard of any other person involved with all these atrocities to come forth and say something open like this."

"In that context, it is commendable," she added. "On the other hand, basically it doesn't make any difference. Nothing he can say will justify the things that have been done."

Even so, she said, she has found her thoughts turning to Groening, whose main job was to collect and tally the valuables stripped from doomed Jews and was thus dubbed "the bookkeeper of Auschwitz."

"I wonder how many nightmares he had," she said. "Because even though he was a perpetrator, he had eyes to see; ears to hear the crying and screaming; nose to smell the flesh burning."

"He was there. He saw all this. And any kind of human being, even the worst individual, had to have some sense of feeling."

Brown has extraordinary standing as an eyewitness from the inside, an unsailable response to Holocaust deniers, a crucial piece of the puzzle of how an ordinary person can participate in utter evil.

And his testimony to facing charges has been markedly different from that of other former Nazis.

Eli Rosenbaum, the longtime director of the Department of Justice's Office of Special Investigations, spent more than 30 years interviewing former Nazis, many living in the Chicago area. He couldn't comment on the Groening trial — the Justice Department is not involved in the German proceeding — but recalled the ex-Nazis in cases his own office prosecuted.

They generally denied everything, said Rosenbaum, who is now a top official in that office's successor, the Human Rights and Special Prosecution Section.

"Many say, 'It wasn't me. It's either mistaken identity or the documents were forged,' " he said.

Some, he said, admitted having been at a concentration camp, but claimed they performed a comparatively innocuous function like working in the kitchen.

As for a former Nazi accepting moral responsibility or asking forgiveness, in all his cases — and his department prosecuted 137, winning convictions in 108 — that never happened once, he said.

The sight of the frail 93-year-old Groening taking some measure of responsibility has produced startling moments. On Friday, co-plaintiff Eva Kor, 81, a survivor of Josef Mengele's twins experiments who traveled to Germany from her home in Indiana, wound up spontaneously embracing Groening in the courtroom. He kissed her on the cheek.

"Everything he is accused of — I am saying he did all that," she wrote later online. "... But obviously he is a human being. ... You cannot predict what will happen when someone from the victims' side and someone from the perpetrators' side meet in a spirit of humanity."

These are the final chances for these meetings and these testimonies. They are
Evanston filmmaker is a rockin' mom

How unquestionably cool would it be to have Chicago filmmaker Colleen Griffen as a mom?

Case in point: After she playfully noted her teenage son and his friends resembling a young, male musical group, Griffen then imagined, wrote and directed a 30-minute mockumentary about five teenage visionaries who, despite their obvious lack of talent and direction, enter a competition to become the next "it" group.

That's "boyband" - a humorous take on the vulnerability of youth and its evergreen quest for pop stardom.

The five fictitious members of boyband - Lance, Chad, Preston, Yancy and Shaun - are amalgamations of people and performers Griffen's observed and everyone knows. Think young, suburban Spinal Tap: same naivete; less facial hair. But unlike Spinal Tap, this one likely won't go to 11. Curfew, dude. Maybe 10:50 p.m. if all the lights are green.

"We have so many artistic kids in this town," Griffen said about living in Evanston. "I thought, 'Wouldn't it be hilarious to make a mockumentary about a boy band?'"

Her goal was always to play up the earnest ones, "Especially when they're on a quest for something and they're so passionate and they're so sure that they can get there," Griffen said. "In their passion, in their interactions with each other, there's a lot of humor." Still, she said, "they're very serious about their quest ... and how they feel about music ... how they feel about each other."

As for working with teenage actors, Griffen clearly loves it. "You see so many kids with so much talent, and you just go, really?" she said. "Can you find a place for those kids to showcase those talents?"

Still, it isn't always easy. "It's like herding cats," she said. "It is. It's very fun ... but you're very tired at the end of the day."

A self-described storyteller, Griffen produced her first feature film in 1993, "Thieves Quartet," directed by her husband, Joe Chappelle. He then went on to direct "Fringe," "The Wire," "CSI Miami" and now "Chicago Fire."

With her husband filming in Chicago and their three kids getting older, Griffen made her directorial debut at age 55 with "The Cold and the Quiet." The 2013 feature won Best Narrative, Best Direction and Best Editing at the Women's Independent Film Festival in Los Angeles.

Griffen and her husband both earned their MFAs from Northwestern University's Radio, TV & Film Department, then fell in love with life in Evanston thanks to their first neighborhood's "no big shakes" attitude toward the couple's filmmaking careers.

Describing Chicago as "an incredibly vibrant city for film," Griffen applauds the Illinois Film Services Tax Credit for doing more than just boosting careers. Professionals working in TV and film production in Chicago have told Griffen, "These shows saved marriages ... saved houses. There was a dearth of production for 15, 20 years. It's revitalized (now), and it's great."

Griffen also applauds crowd funding sources for helping filmmakers bring their stories to life. Last week, "boyband" launched a Kickstarter campaign to raise $60,000 - enough to fund production for its 22-webisode shooting schedule this summer. Griffen draws no salary directing "boyband" and considers the project "a little bit of a giveback" to a filmmaking community that's given her and her family so many opportunities.

Having found her voice as a director later in life, Griffen is eager to provide young and experienced filmmakers opportunities to explore different roles in the process. Citing the importance of practice, she said it's only natural to see how much "better and better you get at writing, at shooting, at cutting." Ultimately, it's all about discipline, Griffen said, driving filmmaking's evolution and endless opportunities.

It doesn't take a genius to see that filmmaker Colleen Griffen totally rocks.
I was attending weekday morning mass, when I first heard the name Francis George. Mass had just ended, and one of the parishioners came bounding down the aisle to announce to the priest and anyone within hearing distance the name of Chicago's new archbishop. “It's Francis George,” he said. “He was born in Chicago. He's from Washington or Portland.”

Soon we would all learn of Francis George, who grew up just a few miles north of Oak Park. He was the man replacing the beloved Cardinal Joseph Bernardin, who many agreed would be a tough act to follow. Bernardin was beloved by all Chicago, Catholics and non-Catholics alike.

Over time, George would come to not be as beloved as Bernardin, but would be more admired. If Bernardin was the loving older brother or happy uncle of the archdiocese, George became the quiet, thoughtful brother, whose spirit and love for his flock was deeper than any of us ever imagined.

The first impressions of George were not good. I heard some of the priests refer to him as “Cardinal Corrector.” Well, if that's what's needed, I thought. I first got to see him in action about a year and a half later. We took the family to church one Sunday night to St. Michael's in Old Town. The place was unusually crowded and we soon saw why. George was celebrating Mass.

I saw him again a few years later when he spoke at the Oak Park Rotary Club about his battle with polio. Rotary is committed to eradicating polio throughout the world and George agreed to tell of his own history with the disease. I had a chance to interview with George about five years ago for a job with the archdiocese. What impressed me most about him was his humility, his soft-spoken and gentle voice and his willingness to answer all my questions. Behind that humility and soft voice however was an iron grip on his faith. When Cardinal Bernardin died, I remember non-Catholics and Catholics alike coming together to mourn his loss.

For Cardinal George, it seemed that Catholics alone finally realized how lucky we were to have this caring, thoughtful and committed man guiding his flock.
4 things to do after you’ve been accepted to college

BY GRACIE SANDS AND FRANCESCA DOWNS
Tribune Newspapers

It’s that time of year again. Acceptance letters have arrived and many seniors are posting their future plans all over Facebook. But what happens next? Between confusing financial aid paperwork, your family’s non-stop questions and figuring out where you really want to go, it can be an overwhelming time. We turned to college experts for pointers and next steps.

1. But first, celebrate

Before we hop into the technical stuff, take a second to realize you were accepted — perhaps to more than one school — which means you have the opportunity to go to college.

“Enjoy the moment because it takes a lot of hard work to apply for a college and (get) into the school,” said Rosanna Console, director of the college and career center at Lane Tech. “Writing all of those essays and studying for the ACT or SAT takes some dedication, so pat yourself on the back for making it through and reaping the great rewards.”

While you’re celebrating your achievements, don’t forget to show gratitude — even if you haven’t settled on a college just yet.

“It is a very good thing to email your admissions counselor from that college to say thank you for the acceptance,” said Stephanie Kennedy, founder of My College Planning Team. “You do not need to say you’ll choose to attend there. Simply say that you are pleased to be accepted and that you are still considering your other colleges.”

2. Take a closer look at your options

If you’re still trying to decide where to go next year, take a step back and look at the bigger picture.

“Students start to look at the schools with a whole different lens at that point because it’s not about the beauty of the campus and all of those things you looked at when you were visiting,” said Ann LePage, coordinator of college counseling at Glenbrook South.

“It’s more about the people and the fit.”

Kennedy also advised being realistic about school options — especially when it comes to money.

“A lot of students attend their first-choice school and end up transferring out because they can’t afford it,” she said. “Make a good, educated decision with your family.”

3. Look out for financial aid letters

You’ve Instagrammed and framed your acceptance letters, but now it’s time to keep an eye out for financial aid information.

“A lot of award letters arrive during March and April, typically with your acceptance letter, and it includes scholarships, grants and student loans,” Console said. Read these letters carefully and figure out how much you’d need to pay for each school.

“Financial aid award letters are hard to decipher because it’s a lot of numbers. Be patient,” Kennedy said. “Take time and really try to decipher how much you’re going to pay out of pocket to attend the school. When in doubt, always see your school counselor to help you with these award letters.”

4. Check out housing

Whether you’ve committed to a school or you’re still trying to decide, it’s also important to look at the available housing options.

LePage explained that once students are admitted, they’ll start receiving housing information from those schools. At the same time, they’ll also get correspondence from the admissions office trying to encourage them to enroll.

“You have to do your homework,” LePage said. “A housing deposit does not mean an enrollment deposit, and different colleges have different constrictions. Communicate with the housing offices and find out if it is guaranteed for freshmen and how are housing assignments considered.”

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GLENVIEW

Fully renovated home in heart of downtown Glenview. Living room flows into dining room, both with hardwood floors. Front sun room. Fully updated kitchen with 42-inch maple cabinets and Bosch stainless steel appliances. Two bedrooms plus full updated bath on 1st level. Master suite includes sitting room and full bath. Partially finished potential in-law suite in lower level with living area, bedroom, bath.

Address: 1761 Dewes St.
Price: $455,000
Schools: New Trier Township High School
Taxes: $6,960
Agent: Anne Dubray/Coldwell Banker

EVANSTON

Sweet colonial boasts hardwood floors and interesting architectural details. Living room with wood-burning fireplace and built-ins. Sunlit dining room has pretty bay window. Eat-in kitchen has been nicely updated and features stainless steel appliances. Enclosed front porch. Parking pad, can build a garage. Taxes do not reflect ho exempt.

Address: 2317 Ridge Ave.
Price: $448,900
Schools: Evanston Township High School
Taxes: $10,919
Agent: Deborah Magnusen/Properties

DEERFIELD

Upgraded, meticulously maintained colonial 5-bedroom 2.5-bathroom home in the heart of Deerfield. Walking distance to parks, shopping, multiple restaurants, library, commuter train to downtown and Farmer's Market. Home has been completely redone with new kitchen, baths, including a large master, finished basement, deck, landscaped yard full of perennial gardens, and more.

Address: 1111 Park Ave.
Price: $504,900
Schools: Libertyville High School
Taxes: $7,384
Agent: Patricia Hupperich/ReMax Unlimited

LIBERTYVILLE


Address: 1134 Harms Ave.
Price: $342,900
Schools: Libertyville High School
Taxes: $7,384
Agent: Patricia Hupperich/ReMax Unlimited Northwest

Listings from Homefinder.com
Leftover textiles get a new life in local schools

BY NATALIE HAYES
Pioneer Press

A Chicago-area furniture store chain had been throwing away about a half ton of discontinued fabric samples every year, and would likely still be adding to the amount of textile waste generated each year — if employee Vanessa Howells hadn't stepped in.

When the Sauganash resident got a job at Toms-Price Home Furnishings in Skokie two years ago, she thought she'd just be selling couches and tables, but when Howells started noticing the amount of textiles being tossed in the trash every week, she decided to take action.

Textile waste totaled 5.7 percent of total solid waste generated that year, according to information from the Environmental Protection Agency, and big-chain furniture stores like Toms-Price are a major contributor because of the high volume of fabric swatches they go through. An estimated 14.3 million tons of discarded textiles were generated in 2012.

Howells, displeased with how much trash the store was creating, started intercepting the boxes of samples on their way to the garbage last year. At first, she didn't know exactly what to do with 50 pounds of fabric samples, but then she realized her daughter's art teacher might have a use for them.

"I gave a bunch of boxes to her school, and then I started calling around to other schools to see if they would take them, and it was a good response," Howells said.

Now that there was a better destination for the old fabrics than the dumpster, Howells set her mind on starting an official repurposing initiative that she hoped would catch on with the other four Toms-Price stores in the Chicago area.

"I wanted to create a more formalized recycling program and wanted to encourage other stores to do the same," Howells said. "If we combined our efforts, we could make more of an impact, so I offered to be the catalyst within Toms-Price to encourage other stores to get on board and start recycling."

Toms-Price CEO Scott Price agreed to support the program last year, Howells said.

During the first year, 860 pounds of fabric were saved from landfills and donated to schools and nonprofit organizations in Barrington, Glen Ellyn, Schaumburg, Wilmette and other communities.

The company now holds each Toms-Price location responsible for reaching out to their local communities to find new homes for the fabric, Howells said.

"My hope is that the furniture industry starts recognizing that we shouldn't be throwing this stuff out, and we should be making the effort to recycle," Howells said.

"It's a little something we can do."

Natalie Hayes is a freelance reporter for Pioneer Press.
COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

Thursday, April 30

"Later Life!" A.R. Gurney's play follows two people that meet at a party and rekindle a romance that began 30 years ago. 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, 3 p.m. Sunday, Oil Lamp Theatre, 1723 Glenview Road, Glenview, $35, 847-834-0738

Chicago Philharmonic Lecture: Chicago Philharmonic's Artistic Director and Conductor, Scott Speck, discusses how classical music got its reputation for being elitist, uninviting and irrelevant, and how modern orchestras are working to dispel the myths and get back to the joy of making and sharing music with everyone. 7 p.m. Thursday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

Sunset Shuffle 5K Run/Walk: Includes a live band, Bravo's wine and beer truck, food, an expo and unique prizes. Call 847-832-6600.

"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. 9:30 a.m. Thursday-Saturday, noon Sunday, Kohl Children's Museum, 2100 Patriot Blvd., Glenview, $10-$11, 847-832-6600

Little Legends Soccer Academy: Spring Premier League: The new league is for seven- and eight-year-olds. A six-week season starts on April 18th. Noon Thursday, Saturday and Sunday, Glenview New Church, 74 Park Drive, Glenview, $219, 224-500-5729

Save A Star's Drug Disposal Program: Save a Star Drug Awareness Foundation's Drug Disposal Program box is still in the lobby of the Niles Police Department. Accepted are: prescription medications, including controlled substances, all-over-the-counter and pet medications, samples, vitamins, liquids, creams, and creams. Call 847-579-1300 Ext. 146. 9 a.m. Thursday-Wednesday, Niles Police Department, 7000 West Touhy Ave., Niles, free

Friday, May 1

"Hair": See the musical about a group of young hippies exploring sex, love and rock 'n' roll while fighting for civil rights and protesting the war in Vietnam. 8 p.m. Friday, 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, 3 p.m. Sunday, Prairie Lakes Theatre, 515 E. Thacker St., Des Plaines, $28, 847-604-0275

Understanding Arthritis: Kate Petrungaro, M.D., Northwestern Medicine, discusses how the disease is diagnosed and explores various treatment options for this common health issue. 1 p.m. Friday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

Rummage Sale: Find clothing, jewelry, household items, furniture, toys, books, music, and more. 4 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m. Saturday, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 2328 Central Road, Glenview, free, 847-724-6150

Duplaca 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

Jeff Garlin: Known for his role as Larry's best friend on "Curb Your Enthusiasm," the actor/comedian performs stand-up. 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Zanies, 5437 Park Place, Rosemont, $25 plus a two-item food/drink minimum, 847-813-0484

Meditation: Awaken Your Inner Power: This public lecture is part of a weekend-long event by Self-Realization Fellowship. You will also have a chance to participate in classes on Paramahansa Yogananda's techniques of meditation (for those who sign up for the SRF Lessons). 8 p.m. Friday, 6:30 p.m. Saturday, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, South Asian Community Center, 2601 Navy Blvd., Glenview, $50, 847-692-5397

Saturday, May 2

Comic Writing: From soup to nuts: Join Marc Fishman, Matt Wright and Kyle Gnepper of Unshaven Comics as they tackle questions on how to build and market an independently published comic book. 1 p.m. Saturday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

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UNICEF 7K: Calling all runners, color run/walk enthusiasts and charity event supporters! Help UNICEF in saving and improving children's lives. Participate in a 7K color run/walk in Skokie Lagoons (a forest preserve area in the northern suburbs of Glencoe and Winnetka). To donate or join, visit unicefusa.com/7k. 9 a.m. Sunday, Cook County Forest Preserve Forest Way Grove, 644 Forestway Drive, Winnetka, $40

Monday, May 4

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 mgpl.org for more information. 10:30 a.m. Monday, Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

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

Knitting Round Table: Come work through knitting projects and socialize with fellow knitters. Expert knitters can show you how to solve knitting challenges. Don't forget your current knitting projects and needles! Call 847-929-5102 or visit mgpl.org for more information. 2 p.m. Monday, Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

Money Matters Discussion: The group meets on the first and third Monday of each month. 10 a.m. Monday, Park Ridge Senior Center, 100 S. Western Ave., Park Ridge, free, 847-692-3507

Kentucky Derby Party: Bring one's big hats and put on one's Sunday best. After dining on finger sandwiches and sweets, place one's bets on the winning horses. Contact the Park Ridge Senior Center. 12:30 p.m. Monday, Park Ridge Park District - Senior Center, 100 S. Western Ave., Park Ridge, $17 member, $19 guest, 847-692-3597

Tuesday, May 5

Abracadabra! Kitchen magic: Learn how three budget-friendly convenience items are transformed into a gourmet entre, side dish and dessert. 7 p.m. Tuesday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

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Wednesday, May 6

Homeschoolers to create victory gardens: Families are invited to plant some seeds at the Homeschool Adventures program, Victory Gardens. The session teaches homeschoolers how ordinary citizens contributed to the war effort in the 1940s. There were gardens planted in the neighborhoods in order to prevent shortages during World War II. For children, ages 5-12, with an adult and lasts for two hours. 1 p.m. Wednesday, Des Plaines History Center, 781 Pearson St., Des Plaines, $2 members, $3 non-members, 847-391-5399

Financial independence for women: Ameriprise Financial Advisor Roshni Khory shows you ways to gain control over your financial situation and protect the people and things you love most. 7 p.m. Wednesday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

Computer Club: Join the group to understand the ins-and-outs of today's newest technology. 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Park Ridge Park District - Senior Center, 100 S. Western Ave., Park Ridge, free, 847-692-3597

"A Little Night Music": Mozart and Mahler's Shining Stars: Kathryn Chiodo stars in Mozart's "A Little Night Music" paired with Mahler's monumental 5th Symphony. A complimentary wine and cheese reception is included. 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

Nick Griffin: The comedian — as The Late Show with David Letterman — performs standup. 8 p.m. Wednesday, Zanies Rosemont, 5437 Park Place, Rosemont, $22 plus a two-item food/drink minimum, 847-813-0484

Charles Troy Presents: Cole Porter's Great Depression: See this multimedia presentation as it wends its way through the period in Cole Porter's life and what is going on in the world between 1929 and 1941. Charles Troy, popular speaker and presenter, is an acclaimed musical theatre historian and graphic designer. This program highly recommended to theater goers to see as a compliment to Marriott Lincolnshire's production of Cole Porter's "Anything Goes" for a greater appreciation of that show. 1:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Skokie Theatre, 7924 N. Lincoln Ave., Skokie, $15, 847-677-7761

Have an event to submit? Go to chicagotribune.com/calendar
'Lucky 21 Gala' benefits Park Ridge Civic Orchestra

Lucky 21 Annual Gala

Benefit: The Park Ridge Civic Orchestra
Date: April 10
Location: Cafe La Cave, Des Plaines
Attended: 125
Raised: About $25,000
Upcoming: "A Little Night Music: Mozart and Mahler," 7:30 p.m., May 6, Pickwick Theatre, 5 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge
Website: parkridgecivicorchestra.org

Al Bartel of Park Ridge (from left), and Janett and Steven Franke of Des Plaines

Oscar and Catherine Marquis (from left), Donna Kazmierski and Cook County Circuit Judge Joseph Kazmierski, all of Park Ridge

The Park Ridge Civic Orchestra's Abby Sloan of Morton Grove (from left), Warren Smith of Des Plaines and Steven Smith of Park Ridge

PRCO Executive Director Deborah Oberschelp of Park Ridge (from left), Music Director Victor Muenzer of Chicago and President Pam Benitez of Des Plaines

Deanna Jordan (from left), Paul and Pat Adiaf, all of Park Ridge

Ray Claes of Wheeling (left) and Doris Renz of Park Ridge

Peggy Mistak (left) and Mary Schaefer, both of Park Ridge

Caroline Pittman (left) and Lisa Taylor, both of Evanston
The Music Institute of Chicago is saying a big thank you to Mary B. Galvin of Barrington and Deborah Rutter, former president of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, during its 85th anniversary celebration on May 11. The festivities will be held at Chicago's Four Seasons Hotel.

Galvin will receive the MIC's fifth annual Cultural Visionary Award, given to a person who has provided philanthropic and civic leadership in the arts in Chicago and Illinois. Her signature contribution is the establishment of the Stradivari Society with the late Robert Bein in 1989, which provides the opportunity for promising young musicians to borrow and play on a string instrument of the highest quality.

"There is such a need for this when a young person is starting out," Galvin said from her Barrington home. "Auditions, competitions require a great instrument, she added, and prices, sometimes in the millions, can be out of the reach during the early days of a musical career.

In addition to her work with the Stradivari Society, Galvin has been a generous patron of the "Magical Strings of Youth" program, which has given those students the chance to perform with the Chicago Symphony.

Her life-long interest in music began early. "My father put a violin in my hand when I was about six," she said. "Mary really is a genuine music lover," said Mark George, president of the Music Institute of Chicago.

MIC Annual Gala
When: 5:30-9 p.m. Monday, May 11
Where: Four Seasons Hotel, Chicago
Tickets: Individual tickets are $550; table sponsorships available
Contact: bwagner@pjchicago.com or (312) 593-2000

Deborah Rutter, now president of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, D.C., received the Dushkin Award, established 29 years ago, is named for Dorothy and David Dushkin. Music teachers by profession, the pair established a community music school in their Winnetka home in 1931. It grew to be the Music Center of the North Shore and in 1999 was renamed the Music Institute of Chicago.

Among past Dushkin honorees are Andre Previn, Lang Lang, Stephen Sondheim, Riccardo Muti and Yo-Yo Ma.

This year's recipient is Deborah Rutter. She said that she was surprised by the award, but when her friend and MIC trustee Alexandra Nichols of Winnetka called her, she did accept. "The Chicago Symphony Orchestra has such an impact on this community and Deborah left it in such good shape," said George. "What a coup to hire Riccardo Muti as music director."

"Deborah also deepened the relationship between the CSO and the Music Institute with her commitment to music education," he said. "She did so much for us all in the years she was here. This is our chance to say thank you."

Dorothy Andries is a freelance reporter.
Five great alternatives to ‘I Love You’

When it comes to saying “I love you,” I have always believed there are two kinds of people: Those who feel the need to shower their loved ones with the sentiment (that would be me), and those who seldom say it, choosing instead to show their love through actions, and saying those three special words for meaningful occasions.

While “I love you” is a wonderfully kind thing to say, and almost always appreciated, there are other meaningful sentiments that everyone wants and needs to hear from their spouse, but for some reason, they’re said so much less often.

Here are five great alternatives to “I love you,” each that deliver a heartfelt and meaningful message.

1. I respect you. You can be madly in love with someone, but the relationship will fall short if one person doesn’t feel respected by the other. When someone says “I respect you,” they are saying they hold you in high regard, they admire you, they are proud of you. So, by saying “I respect you,” you are lifting the one you love high off the ground. You’re helping them fly.

2. I appreciate you. One of the biggest relationship issues couples face is one or both not feeling appreciated by their spouse for all they do to contribute. Most people I know who work and have kids are constantly feeling overwhelmed with everything we have to do. So, wouldn’t it be nice if your spouse sat you down, handed you a glass of wine, looked into your eyes and instead of saying “I love you,” simply said, “I appreciate you?” Saying that validates all the time and effort a person puts into supporting and caring for others.

3. I like you. Doesn’t it feel great when you know someone likes you? So, don’t you want the person you are spending your life with to not only love you, but to actually like you? “I like you” means I enjoy spending time with you, I like the kind of person you are, you’re fun, you’re funny, you’re kind, you’re interesting. Friendship in marriage or a serious relationship really is the key to being happy and fulfilled. In fact, “like” in a marriage is probably just as important (if not more so) than love.

4. I treasure you. This is the phrase that says to your spouse, “I feel really lucky that you’re mine” or “You’re a gift.” It is telling the one you love that you hold your relationship dear to your heart, and that you therefor don’t take it for granted. All this gives someone a sense of security, and makes them feel cherished, special and wanted.

5. I think you’re hot. When a woman’s husband tells her she’s pretty, it makes her feel pretty. When a man’s wife looks at him in a loving way, he feels attractive. Feeling physically attractive to your spouse makes a person feel alive and happy and giddy. From that feeling comes a vibrant sex life and lots of romance. From romance comes smiles and good moods, which then carry over into all the day to day aspects of marriage. Expressing your spouse’s physical beauty, whether it’s a new dress, weight loss, tooth whitener or even a pedicure can have a really big impact on a relationship in an indirect way.

Next time you feel the words “I love you” on the tip of your tongue, you might want to choose one of these five alternatives instead. Even better, say one of the five, and then add, “And I love you.”

Could you have refused that costly ambulance ride?

Dear Help Squad,
I have read your column and decided to get an opinion through your service. Some time ago, I had an event that caused someone to call for an ambulance for me. I was not hurt, and was told that I could sign a waiver and be allowed to go home. I repeatedly insisted to be given the waiver, and against my will I was taken (by the town’s fire department ambulance) to an emergency room. I received no treatment except for some warm compresses applied in the ambulance. After answering numerous questions from various people, I made a phone call and was picked up by a relative.

I later contacted the fire chief by letter, telling him of the facts, and that I felt I should not be charged for the ride. None of it was covered by insurance, as I had a high deductible policy at the time. I explained that I was ambulatory, standing and speaking to everyone around me. I was not allowed to refuse the ride, after insisting repeatedly to be allowed to simply go home. I cannot agree with the emergency technicians, who collectively agreed, “Let’s take him.”

Getting my money back is less of an issue than understanding the policy that determines the actual need for transportation services (and whether this decision might be based on potential revenue). Your answer will determine my next step.

Arnold, Mundelein

Help Squad reviewed the correspondence between Arnold and the fire chief, which included the chief’s assertion, “If we leave that determination [to take the ambulance or not] to the patient and don’t provide the appropriate medical advice and suggestions, there is a very large risk of the opposite occurring (not receiving care), with all of the obvious consequences to that.”

We then contacted Larry Singer, director of the Beazley Institute for Health Law and Policy at Loyola University Chicago’s School of Law. We shared with him Arnold’s concern and forwarded Arnold’s and the fire chief’s letters.

Larry’s assessment of the situation was fairly straightforward.

“Emergency responders must always err on the side of caution,” he said. “They would much rather risk a lawsuit that denied someone’s request to refuse an ambulance ride than abide by their refusal and have something tragic occur as a result. The latter could result in far more costly consequences. What the fire chief states in his letter is exactly right.”

Larry went on to say that although Arnold could certainly file a lawsuit, the odds of winning would be slim given the circumstances, and the fire department’s obligation to do what is deemed in the best interest and safety of any victim at an accident scene.

Help Squad then checked in with Arnold’s health insurance provider at the time, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Illinois. Spokesperson Mary Ann Schultz had this to say: “Our policies do have a benefit for ambulance transportation. In this case, [Arnold] had a high deductible, which he had not yet met. If he had met his deductible, Blue Cross would have processed his claim and paid it according to his benefit. Often this is 70, 80, 90 or 100 percent of the allowed amount. Ambulance services and costs continue to be an ongoing discussion as even with what we pay, often patients are left with some bill.”

After relaying all of this to Arnold, he replied, “Thank you for the opinions. I was seeking the answer to what was proper in this situation. I will know for the future. I recently began coverage under Medicare, so I have also learned... about [those] rules for transportation. I live in a senior community and I will educate our residents.”

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Cathy Cunningham is a freelance columnist for Pioneer Press.

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“Senior Lifestyle Corporation and North Shore Place executives went above and beyond to develop an innovative community that showcases what the new generation of senior living should look like,” says Jane Woloson, executive director at North Shore Place. “From designer finishes to best-in-class service, North Shore Place has given senior living a fresh and exciting new look.”

But while visitors are always impressed with the amenities and lifestyle of North Shore Place, what really sets it apart is the quality of its care. North Shore Place provides customized assisted living and memory care services tailored to each resident. The crown jewel of its programming is the Walk With Me program, winner of the 2013 ALFA Best of the Best Award and the 2013 LINK Spirit of Innovation Award.

The Walk With Me program brings families, residents and caregivers together to celebrate the life story of residents who are living with memory loss. In doing so, it keeps the narrative moving forward in a positive and inspiring direction.

Each family is connected to a care partner matched with the resident based on compatibility. An intensive pre-screening process takes place during which the family and resident complete a Life Story and Preference Form. This tells the care staff at North Shore Place what defines the resident as a person and what they value in their day-to-day life, what their hobbies and interests are, and anything else that will help encourage a personal bond between resident and caregiver.

Kelly McCarthy, corporate director for Memory Care Services at Senior Lifestyle, says, “The more we know about their loved one, the more successful we’re going to be in caring for the individual, and the more successful the individual is going to be.”

Care staff at North Shore Place then chooses a care partner who will help the family create an individual Transition Plan. “Move-in can be heart-wrenching for families,” says McCarthy, “especially for someone with memory loss who may not even realize a transition is taking place. We value the fact that they can be proactive in this process.”

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Glenview Terrace accepts Medicare and most insurance programs. To arrange a private tour, or to learn more, call 847-729-9090 or visit glenviewterrace.com. Glenview Terrace is located at 1511 Greenwood Road, Glenview.
Inspired living: The greatest gift

Central Baptist Village, a not-for-profit continuing care retirement community in Norridge, is changing the conversation about aging from a negative to a positive. After all, every day as people grow older, they can grow in every aspect of life. They call it “inspired living” and the community offers residents opportunities to grow in a warm, comforting atmosphere surrounded by other interesting residents and engaging staff.

Inspired living at Central Baptist Village

Research has shown that 70 percent of aging depends on lifestyle choices and that older adults who lead an engaged lifestyle report greater overall healthy and quality of life. Central Baptist Village residents benefit from a wellness philosophy focused on creating a sense of well-being. Aging is a universal experience that can affect all aspects of life. The team appreciates the changes and challenges that come with aging, which is why their approach to inspired living is designed to support all dimensions of wellness, including physical, emotional, social, spiritual, intellectual and purposeful.

Choices abound for residents to fill their days with engaging activities and enriching programs. Lovely, bright courtyard patios, gazebos and perennial gardens; spacious sunrooms and lounges; a fully stocked library; Chapel and Spiritual Life programs; and a newly equipped fitness center featuring a full-time fitness specialist are just a few of the amenities residents enjoy. Special interest clubs and enriching classes, including cultural and recreational outings, women’s and men’s clubs, gardening and walking clubs and more, are also available for their enjoyment.

Nutrition is another key component to living well and, in turn, aging well. That’s why Central Baptist Village offers a culinary program that features delicious cuisine prepared by classically trained chefs served in the restaurant-style dining room or the more casual Village Cafe.

Support throughout the transitions of aging

On-site independent living, assisted living, nursing care, short-term rehabilitation and memory care give residents and their family enhanced independence and greater peace of mind knowing that health care needs are based on a personalized plan and delivered within the community in a homelike setting. This also makes the award-winning Central Baptist Village community an ideal solution for couples who can stay together on the same 10-acre campus regardless of their individual health care needs.

Residents at Central Baptist Village have made the proactive choice to embrace these changes, engage in all areas of wellness and maximize their independence. It is the greatest gift they have given themselves, and their family.

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Whitehall of Deerfield is located at 300 Waukegan Road, Deerfield. To see how a blend of orthopedic expertise and five-star service can quickly get you back to your active life, call 847-945-4600 or visit whitehallofdeerfield.com.
Administrator Phil Thompson, takes tremendous pride in the care seniors receive at Brentwood North Rehabilitation & Specialized Health Care Center in Riverwoods.

The 240-bed space Brentwood North, which is Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare-certified in three areas — post acute, nursing and dementia care — boasts a phenomenal wound-care program and a world-renowned rehabilitative therapy program, that have attracted patients from everywhere.

"The best orthopedic doctors and cardiac surgeons in the state of Illinois send their patients here for rehabilitation because of our strict adherence to their protocols, our short length of stays and our famous customer service," Thompson says. "We also conduct cutting edge dialysis on site."

Patients are offered the convenience and comfort of using smaller NxState dialysis machines at home, if they choose. Patients and caregivers are trained on home use of the machine. These short-term patients account for about 50 percent of the facility's population, while another 25 percent includes long-term residents.

Thompson describes Brentwood North as having a country-club like atmosphere. There are many outdoor patios and spectacular nature views across the 14 acres of property. The remaining 25 percent of the patients are part of the Brentwood North dementia unit, which, when opened about 35 years ago, became the first certified dementia unit in the state of Illinois according to Thompson.

Its first Alzheimer's Dementia Unit director, Sharon Roberts, went on to chair the Illinois Pioneer Coalition, an organization that exists strictly to make long-term care settings person-centered. She is currently advising Brentwood North on its upcoming $2.6 million expansion project.

In the meantime, the Alzheimer's Dementia Care unit continues to adopt cutting edge, person-centered care and, practices the traditions that Roberts started. "This unit is run like a family and we have good days and bad days, but we deal with them in the same way: with a smile and compassion," says Thompson.

Brentwood North is at 3705 Deerfield Road in Riverwoods. For more information, call 847-947-9000 or visit brentwoodnorthrehab.com.
Choosing right place for health and rehab starts with knowing all of your options

Sometimes the most obvious decisions can be right in front of you — and yet they are commonly overlooked. Take, for example, Brandel Health & Rehab at Covenant Village of Northbrook.

With a rich history in the community, Brandel Health & Rehab has for decades been providing a range of specialized health services, including rehabilitation. But because it's nestled within the parklike 55-acre campus of Covenant Village of Northbrook, a premier retirement community just 25 miles from Chicago, many people are under the impression that Brandel Health & Rehab is only available to residents of that community.

That's not the case. You do not have to be a resident of Covenant Village of Northbrook to take advantage of everything Brandel Health & Rehab has to offer. And taking into consideration the more than $1 million renovation plans, including the recently completed therapy center, that offering is extensive.

Now there's a dedicated rehabilitation wing with cutting-edge equipment where patients can receive orthopedic care, including total joint replacements, plus neurological care and cardiac rehabilitation. Physical therapy, occupational therapy and speech therapy are also available up to seven days a week in a spacious state-of-the-art physical and occupational therapy gym. Available services include podiatry, optometry, psychiatry, dentistry, respiratory consultation and more — with board-certified physicians attending to patients' needs.

Brandel Health & Rehab has everything in place to enhance a successful stay, such as private rooms with private showers (based on availability). Unlike some rehabilitation facilities, there's no additional charge for private rooms, and each rehab room features a flat-screen TV, Wi-Fi, a personal refrigerator and private phone. Rehab guests can maintain their independence while rehabbing in a safe, secure, homelike atmosphere. What's more, there's restaurant-style dining in an intimate dining room.

There are plenty of personal touches to make patients feel right at home, as well. For example, everyone can enjoy soft serve ice cream in a country kitchen setting, and freshly baked cookies are served every day at 3 p.m.

Dr. Jason Robin, a top cardiologist at Northshore University Hospital, is the director of the cardiac rehabilitation program. Robin is part of an outstanding team of specialists that oversees the progress of residents and guests on the road to full recovery.

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This year marks the 25th anniversary of Gentle Home Services, now with headquarters in Deerfield. The company is celebrating the milestone with special discounts for new clients for the entire month of April.

"I think the key to our success is that we operate with the utmost of integrity," says Michael Berliant, co-owner of the business. "We operate efficiently and when we make a promise, we follow through on it."

Gentle Home Services is a full-service home nursing agency licensed through the Illinois Department of Public Health that provides visiting nurses, certified nursing assistants as well as personal attendants to help with activities of daily living in the homes of senior citizens on an hourly or live-in basis in and around the Chicago metropolitan area.

"Our focus is mostly the north suburbs," Berliant says. "However, we have clients as far south as Oak Lawn and Evergreen Park, west in the Elgin and Barrington areas and north to the Wisconsin border."

Gentle Home Services also provides services in assisted living facilities, nursing homes, hospitals and retirement communities and is the preferred provider for the CJE (Council for Jewish Elderly) SeniorLife.

Berliant and his mother, Susan Siegal, started the business out of her Highland Park home, and after a couple of months they moved to an office in Highland Park. As the business quickly grew, they made it a true family affair and brought on his brother, Gregg Berliant, who had been working for a medical supply company.

After 10 years in Highland Park, the company moved to a larger office space in Deerfield where it has been for about the past 14 years. The company also has a satellite office on Chicago's North Side.

"We have grown to become one of the larger home services agencies in Illinois," Michael Berliant says. "What I'm most proud of is the fact that in addition to providing services for those in need, we also employ a large number of people who are able to support and feed their families through the hard work that they do."

Many good ideas for businesses and products are sparked by a need to solve a problem and that is true for Gentle Home Services. Siegal's father had suffered a severe stroke and she could not find an agency to provide care for him in the home.

"Twenty five years ago there were very few companies that offered that kind of care," Berliant says.

That gave Siegal the idea for Gentle Home Services and soon after she asked Berliant to draft a business plan. Initially he hesitated when his mother asked him to go into business with her. However, he is now grateful he had a change of heart, as the business continues growing and he gets much satisfaction by providing families a solution to what can be a very delicate and emotionally charged problem.

The process begins with the agency visiting the client's home to do an assessment. From that assessment the family is matched with an experienced caregiver. A plan is developed to provide the client with the best possible care. Supervisory visits are performed on a routine basis.

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"Today, thanks to technology and communication, we are able to provide a higher level of care in the home, and clients have the option to age with dignity in their homes," Berliant says.

Susan Siegal is now retired and living in Florida. Her two sons continue to run the business and maintain the high level of care quality she established. Her vision of her family helping families continues today.

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The terms aging in place and universal design are becoming more of a household term. By definition, Universal Design is the making of products and environments to be usable by all people, to the greatest extent possible. The idea is to design a room that is functional for any able-bodied individual (regardless of age) and for people who have special needs because of physical limitations. More than just an architectural concept, universal design is a win-win for generations caring for aging parents and their children at home, for grandparents raising grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and for all who are facing the challenges of caring for a loved one with Alzheimer’s or other chronic diseases. Whether your family needs the support now or down the road, universal design features are a good long-term investment for the home itself. So what does an age-friendly home look like?

- Improved access by including ramps or railings or by widening doors and halls.
- Addition of grab bars to make baths and showers more accessible and to reduce the likelihood of slips and falls. These grab bars do not have to be an eye sore. There are esthetically pleasing grab bars in many styles and finishes to coordinate with the faucet collections in your bathroom.
- Chairs should have high seats and strong, un-padded arms to make them easy to sit in and get up from.
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BY THOMAS CONNORS

THIS WEEK
AUGUST 27

TRIBUTE TO ACHIEVEMENT DINNER

The Girl Scouts of Greater Chicago and Northwest Indiana honor Ilene Gordon, Larry D. Richman and James Reynolds, Jr. at this year’s Leadership and Innovation Awards event. Proceeds help expand programming for local scouts.

Time: 6 p.m. reception, 7 p.m. dinner
Place: Four Seasons Hotel Chicago, 120 E. Delaware
Cost: $500
Cost: For tickets, visit bjchicago.com/event/girlscouts

APRIL 29

2015 GIRL POWER LUNCHEON

Jean Ratty Chidley, Nichole Barnes Marshall and Darryl P. Riley co-chair the Young Women’s Leadership Charter School of Chicago’s celebration of women, which features a keynote address by Anna Eleanor Roosevelt, CEO of Goodwill Industries of Northern New England.

Time: 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
Place: Hilton Chicago, 720 S. Michigan
Cost: $150. For tickets, visit ywscs.org

APRIL 30

YOUTH SERVICE PROJECT 40TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

A champion for young people in the Greater Humboldt Park community, Youth Service Project celebrates four decades of service and honors Block Club Federation President and Executive Director Maggie Martinez, photographer Carlos Javier Ortiz and David Weinberg of David Weinberg Photography.

Time: 6 p.m.
Place: Stan Mansion, 2408 N. Kedzie
Cost: $100. For tickets, visit youthserviceproject.org

APRIL 30

SOARING TO SUCCESS

Benefiting Anixter Center - one of Chicago’s largest nonprofits serving people with disabilities - this gala honors Comcast Corporation for its commitment to employing people of all abilities.

Time: 6 p.m.
MAY 1

○ BUTTERFLY BALL 17: VIBRANT NATURE

NBC News Chief Environmental Affairs Correspondent Anne Thompson emcees this blacktie evening, the Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum’s largest fundraiser of the year, supporting its education programs.

Time: 6 p.m.

Place: Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum, 2430 N. Cannon

Cost: $600. For tickets, visit Naturemuseum.org.

MAY 2

○ 25 YEARS OF HIGH JUMPS

High Jump works to equalize access to education for ambitious middle school students of limited means—and 99 percent of alumni go on to attend prestigious college prep schools. This event celebrates the achievement with cocktails, dinner, and a “Light the Room” paddle raise.

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Place: Four Seasons Hotel Chicago, 120 E. Delaware

Cost: $350. For tickets, visit Highjumpchicago.org/support/springbenefit.

MAY 7

○ MISERICORDIA WOMEN’S AUXILIARY 31ST ANNUAL SPRING LUNCHEON & FASHION SHOW

Benefiting Misericordia Heart of Mercy Home, which supports developmentally disabled children and adults, this daytime event features a raffle that includes pieces from such designers as John Hardy Jewelry, Sandro Paris and Ted Baker London, plus a Bloomingdale’s Old Orchard shopping spree.

Time: 10:30 a.m.

Place: Radisson Blu Aqua Hotel Chicago, 221 N. Columbus

Cost: $185. For tickets, visit Mwauxiliary.com.

MAY 9

○ MOTHERS IN THE MILLS 2015 BENEFIT

Cocktails, canapés and consciousness-raising merge at this benefit for The Puppy Mill Project, which promotes awareness about the many dogs confined to breed in cruel puppy mills. WGN-TV political analyst Paul Lisnek is the guest emcee.

Time: 7 p.m.

Place: Moonlight Studios, 1446 W. Kinzie

Cost: $115, $125 at the door. For tickets, visit Thepuppymillproject.org.

MAY 18

○ THE NATIONAL MUSEUM OF MEXICAN ART’S GALA DE ARTE: EL SOL Y LA LUNA

The Honorable Julián Castro (below), his brother Rep. Joaquin Castro and their mother María del Rosario Castro receive the Arthur R. Velásquez Award for outstanding community and civic service at this lively benefit in support of the museum’s exhibitions and programming.

Time: 6 p.m.

Place: Fairmont Chicago Millennium Park, 200 N. Columbus

Cost: $500. For tickets, email Barbara@nationalmuseumofmexicanart.org.

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The scene: It was an appropriately fast-paced and lively afternoon April 14, as The National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Greater Illinois Chapter held its seventh annual Women on the Move luncheon at The Ritz-Carlton Chicago (160 E. Pearson).

The invite list: Nearly 300 local leaders—many proudly donning orange, the color of MS awareness—came together to honor Splash's own Susanna Negovan as the 2015 Woman on the Move. Emcee Kathy Brock of WLS-Channel 7 introduced Illinois Lt. Gov. Evelyn Sanguinetti, who shared her experience living with MS. Later, guests entered a raffle for luxe prizes, including Lana Jewelry earrings, Tom Ford sunglasses from Spex and Brian Atwood pumps.

The bottom line: The nearly $100,000 in proceeds from the luncheon benefitted the NMSS and its research, programs and services to combat the disease and, ultimately, find a cure.

Susie Moskop Splash was the med/a sponsor of this event. The Sun-Times Foundation and the Chicago Community Trust will match every dollar donated to The Greater Illinois Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society up to a total of $10,000. Up to $500 can be matched per individual donation.

CUBS CHARITIES' BRICKS AND IVY BALL

The scene: April 8 marked a major win for Cubs Charities as the organization celebrated its fifth annual Bricks and Ivy Ball at Union Station (300 W. Jackson). The night's mood was buoyed by a fab '80s theme, complete with dancers and a Rubik's Cube cake.

The invite list: Board Chair Laura Ricketts welcomed more than 700 guests—including Cubs coaching staff and players like Jason Motte, who donned a rockin' mullet wig—to the black-tie affair.

The bottom line: The ball raised more than $1.35 million to support Cubs Charities' mission of providing sports opportunities and improving the health, fitness and education of high-risk youth. —Susie Moskop

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Crop to it

Each season is just around the corner, meaning it’s time to show off those tummies. Don’t let a formal dress code stop you from flaunting what you’ve got. Crop-top separates can be just as chic as floor-length gowns — just keep the sliver of midriff tasteful and the rest of your look demure. This spring’s runway collections were all about broadcasting bellies, from Christian Siriano’s elegant dresses to Balmain’s cutouts and Diesel Black Gold’s ultra edgy midriff-baring numbers. It’s not a trend for the meek, but those brave few will prove themselves to be the cream of the crop.
CHICAGO FLOWER AND GARDEN SHOW'S EVENING IN BLOOM

The scene: The sweet scent of two-dozen vibrant display gardens filled the air during the Chicago Flower and Garden Show's preview party, themed "Do Green, Do Good," March 13 at Navy Pier's Festival Hall (600 E. Grand) transformed into a lush oasis, where guests sipped wine and snacked on bites from spots like Henry Carey's and O'Donovan's Pub & Restaurant.

The Invite list: Co-chair Bob Mariano welcomed guests on behalf of Flower Show Productions and sponsors like Suburban, Wintrust Bank and Nicor Gas. Later, Chicago Flower and Garden Show Director Tony Abruscato spoke about the organization's green efforts in the Chicago community.

The bottom line: Ticket sales supported local charities like the Alzheimer's Association, Illinois Fire Chiefs Association and the Peterson Garden Project.


THE WIT HOTEL'S ROOF RUNWAY

Models walk the runway in looks from local retailers. PHOTO BY MATTHEW REEVES

The scene: Models strutted down the runway, donning the season's hottest trends at The Wit Hotel's (201 N. State) ROOF Runway Spring Fashion Preview April 16, and guests indulged in sips by Moët Chandon and sweets by Pastry Chef Toni Roberts.

The invite list: More than 250 fashion denizens came out for the event to see looks from The Shops at North Bridge and the Fashion Outlets of Chicago retailers like Nordstrom, Neiman Marcus Last Call, L.K. Bennett London and Wolford. —Chara Mitoulis

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A lady’s imagination is very rapid,” wrote Jane Austen. “It jumps from admiration to love, from love to matrimony, in a moment.” Many women would find that sentiment a bit hard to swallow these days. Yet, peg it to plot, style, characters, questions of romance or the expression of a moral code, Austen’s novels retain their grip on countless readers. “Jane Austen’s writing was in my life from a very young age,” says Chicago Shakespeare Theater’s Barbara Gaines, who directs the world premiere of composer Paul Gordon’s adaptation of “Sense and Sensibility,” the story of two sisters navigating the road to love. “Her writing is so clever and witty and wonderfully romantic, it’s hard not to be drawn in by her characters and their stories.”

While Gordon — whose musical rendition of Charlotte Brontë’s “Jane Eyre” was nominated for five Tony Awards — was “too busy listening to Joni Mitchell” in his youth to dip into Austen, he now counts himself among her fans. In fact, he’s previously fashioned an adaptation of Austen’s “Emma.”

“When working on a musical that you know you will likely be working on for years, one’s first priority is to build the piece on the foundation of great storytelling,” Gordon says. “Just because a story is 200 years old and has lasted through time, that doesn’t necessarily mean it lends itself to being musicalized. However, both Austen and Brontë have such a musical tone to their writing that I found the transition to be very natural and authentic.”

Although Austen’s novel was published in 1811, Gordon’s music for the show isn’t a period-perfect score tailored for the drawing room. “I think all current musical theater composers owe so much to Stephen Sondheim,” he says. “Most everything I’ve learned about how to write for musical theater has come from him. With that said, I also enjoy my pop music roots and those have influenced my writing quite a bit, as well.”

For Gordon, as for any adaptor — especially one taking on the well-loved Austen — felicity is key. “We’re hoping that the music and the lyrics serve the storytelling, not the other way around. If we can do that, we will have stayed true to Jane Austen.”
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BRINGING IT HOME

The White Sox hope to make a World Series run in 2015 with the help of David Robertson.

BY ELLE EICHINGER • PHOTOS BY KIRSTEN MICCOLI
there's a lot of negativity surrounding baseball in Chicago. The Cubs are cursed, the White Sox throw the 1919 World Series and other rumors of that stripe all amount to a dark reputation for the most American sport in the most American city. But fans of both teams - rivals though they are - are arguably the most loyal of any sports fans, and 2015 might just be the year they get rewarded.

Enter David Robertson, the White Sox's new closing pitcher, whose job it is to pitch the final inning or two of the game in order to clinch a win. This year, it seems the Sox strategy was to beef up the bullpen - they also acquired pitchers Zach Duke, Dan Jennings and Jeff Samardzija - and Robertson, 30, is shaping up to be just the guy for the job.

He's a fresh face in Chicago, coming to us by way of New York — where he helped lead the Yankees to a World Series title in 2009 — by way of Tuscaloosa, Alabama. "I never knew what I wanted to do as a profession," he says, revealing what remains of a slight Southern drawl. "I didn't grow up thinking I was going to play a professional sport." Regardless, he put in the man-hours, starting with T-ball at age 5, through high school and college at the University of Alabama, before making his major league debut in 2008.

"I've pitched in high-leverage situations pretty much my whole career," he said during a press conference for new players in January. "I try to simplify the game as much as possible. I'm here to throw the ninth inning. I'm here to get three outs, four outs if needed. I want to be consistent, dependable, quick, efficient. I want to end the ballgame, high-five, let his team into the clubhouse." That's exactly what he's doing. As of last Sunday, Robertson has pitched in four of the White Sox's seven games, with near-perfect results: He's pitched four scoreless innings, secured the win in the ninth inning twice; and, on two occasions, struck out all three hitters in an inning, a feat which personally matches that of the entire pitching tour scoreless innings; secured the win Sox's seven games, with near-perfect results: 17 wins, 17 losses, with near-perfect results: 17 wins, 17 losses.

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Taste of the action
How four James Beard finalists (and one winner) are transforming our city's food scene
BY SAMANTHA LANDE

A James Beard Award — often touted as the Oscar of the food world — is one of the highest achievements an American chef can attain. An annual celebration in honor of the nominees is held each May in New York, but, for the first time in its 25-year history, the James Beard Foundation is taking the ceremony on the road, proving Chicago is more than the Second City when it comes to food. (Last week, it was announced that we’ll also host in 2016 and 2017.)

This year’s awards will be presented May 4 at the Lyric Opera of Chicago (20 N. Upper Wacker). Eleven finalists represent the city, spanning categories from best new restaurant to stellar service, best restaurateur to rising star chef. Here are snapshots of some of our favorite nominees transforming Chicago’s culinary landscape — and, at right, a few ways you can get a taste of the action (even without splurging for a gala ticket).

For tickets to the JBF Awards Gala May 4 ($500), visit Jamesbeard.org.

Beverly Kim and Johnny Clark
Best New Restaurant finalists
Chefs/Owners, Parachute

Kim and Clark’s 40-seat, Korean-American restaurant, Parachute (3500 N. Elston), is a true labor of love. “Chicago is the only city in America where people could do a restaurant like this — a passion project — mostly by (themselves),” says Clark. “The neighborhoods in Chicago are so diverse.” Kim adds, “It makes it (possible for) a family-owned, independent restaurant like ours [to] thrive.”

The Avondale spot, which started with a bare-bones budget and a take-it-day-by-day mentality, has been open less than a year and already received great acclaim, culminating in this Best New Restaurant nod. “This is something that has been on my dream list,” says Kim, who credits happiness as her key to success. “Our [staff] are so dedicated, committed and happy to come to work,” she says. Clark adds: “I don’t think of it as a job, we are just living and loving our life.”

Dana Cree
Outstanding Pastry Chef finalist
Pastry Chef, Blackbird and Avec

Although the Seattle native was a finalist last year — she jokes that she “never had a chance against the cronut!” — this year could be a different story. A 15-year industry vet at only 36, she’s cooked at some of the best institutions around the world, including Bray, England’s The Fat Duck and Alinea, and found a home at Blackbird (619 W. Randolph) in 2012. “I love the level of creativity I can execute here,” she says. “We don’t go off the deep end, but we get to create delicious desserts, explore and — my favorite part — just play. Chicago diners love to eat and they love to order dessert,” she continues. “There is more of a depth to pastry here than even New York, and restaurants are willing to put the money behind it.”

Erling Wu-Bower
Best Chef: Great Lakes finalist
Chef de Cuisine, Nico Osteria

Taking influence from mentors like Rick Bayless and Paul Kahan, as well as his food-writer mom and Creole dad, Wu-Bower always knew he wanted to be a chef, and has worked his way up through One Off Hospitality’s kitchens since graduating from Notre Dame — starting as a line cook at Avec, then a sous chef at The Publican (720 N. Wells) as simple, approachable and stripped down. “I’ve been lucky enough to have two mentors who really influenced my style. One helped me pay attention to detail — that every plate, every component, should always be the same, regardless of who you are serving. The other taught me to really elevate simple food, without too much fuss.”

For now, the nomination will continue to motivate her. “Nothing is changing for me,” she says. “It just reminds me I just have to push everyday and work as hard as I have been and keep my eyes [ahead].”

Madai snapper crudo at Nico Osteria

Tanya Baker
Rising Star Chef finalist
Executive Chef, The Boarding House

Being nominated for such a prestigious award came as a shock to the Chicagoan, 27, who in recent years, has quietly worked her way up through The Boarding House kitchen. “I'm still taking it all in,” she says. “It's really unexpected to say the least. There is so much talent in the city, very humbling, very motivating.”

A Le Cordon Bleu College of Culinary Arts graduate, Baker describes her style at The Boarding House (720 N. Wells) as simple, approachable and stripped down. “I’ve been lucky
Richard Melman
Lifetime Achievement Award winner
Founder and Chairman, Lettuce Entertain You Enterprises

Beginning with his first restaurant, R.J. Grunts, in 1971, Richard Melman created the Lettuce Entertain You empire that now boasts over 100 restaurants across the country—and became a significant player in putting Chicago on the culinary map. This year, the JBF recognizes his achievement. “The award means a lot to me—it’s always nice to be recognized by your peers,” Melman says. “But I hope this doesn’t mean I’m done—I have a lot of life left in me!”

People often think of us as a really creative restaurant group, but in reality, when you peel it back, we’re just a solid, disciplined company that has a very specific culture focused on our customers. We are completely obsessed.” That dedication shines at the restaurateur’s latest concept, Intro (2300 N. Lincoln Park), which spotlights a roster of up-and-coming chefs. As for long-term plans, “Expect us to continue to grow,” Melman says. “We want our company to be around for another 40 years.”

GET IN ON IT
In honor of the James Beard celebration, don’t miss these culinary events around town:

JAMES BEARD EATS WEEK: Choose Chicago and the Illinois Restaurant Association honor the namesake of the awards, James Beard himself, with a week of dining experiences April 30-May 8. More than 30 eateries, including Yusho, The Bristol, Gibsons Bar & Steakhouse and Piccolo Sogno, will offer dishes inspired by Beard’s American classics and—in homage to his nickname, “Dean of American Cookery”—participating restaurants will also donate to the James Beard Foundation Scholarship Program, directly impacting Chicago culinary students. For a full list of restaurants, visit Choosechicago.com.

NICOLE OSTRIA:
The restaurant hosts dual events with Philadelphia native and Outstanding Chef nominee Marc Vetri. On May 3, Vetri hosts a cooking class and lunch, demonstrating fresh pasta dishes from his cookbook Mastering Pasta ($235, includes wine pairings and a signed cookbook); and on May 5, Vetri prepares a four-course dinner ($190, includes wine pairings and a signed cookbook). To make reservations, visit Introchicago.com.

INTRO: See what a host of on-the-rise chefs from across the country have cooking at Intro May 1-9. This year’s Rising Star nominees Jessica Largey (Manresa, Los Gatos, California) and Ari Taymor (Alma, Los Angeles), plus CJ Jacobson, Erik Anderson, Ben Sukle and Michael Laiskonis, will collectively prepare a six-course menu. A portion of proceeds benefit the James Beard Foundation. $95-$125. For reservations, visit Introchicago.com.

HANNAH’S BRETZEL: On May 11, James Beard nominees Erling Wu-Bower and Beverly Kim join a panel of judges in taste-testing sandwich creations by Kendall College and Le Cordon Bleu students as part of Hannah’s Bretzel’s Emerging Chefs Challenge. The winner will receive a $1,000 culinary scholarship and see his or her sandwich on the menu this summer. Beginning May 4, cast your vote at Hannahs-bretzel.com.

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One for the stages

'Parks and Recreation' alum NICK OFFERMAN shares the Chicago Theatre spotlight with his wife, Megan Mullally, next month

BY ZAK STEMER

The love between comedic power couple Nick Offerman and Megan Mullally is like that of Romeo and Juliet — that is, if Shakespeare had been raunchier and turned his classic play into a musical. On May 7, the husband/wife duo will take the stage at the Chicago Theatre with their uproarious, two-hour, song-filled comedy/variety show, "Summer of 69: No Apostrophe." "The show is rather ribald, but there are places we tone it down to merely tawdry," jokes Offerman, a Minooka, Illinois native. "It's like a more folksy Sonny & Cher, or Captain & Tennille. If Captain had a bigger mouth."

The actor, 44, is best known for his role as Ron Swanson in NBC's hit show "Parks and Recreation," which ended after seven seasons in 2015. The part turned the Chicago-trained comedian — who's worked at Steppenwolf and Goodman theaters — into a household name. "The role of Ron Swanson, it's so far beyond the winning lottery ticket from where I stand," he says. "I'm so incredibly grateful, and of course I miss it, like you'd miss it if you played on an amazing Little League team or if your high school production of 'Seven Brides for Seven Brothers' was the best ever."

It's a situation his wife understands perfectly: Mullally, 56, is most recognized for her iconic portrayal of Karen Walker on NBC's 1998-2006 hit "Will & Grace." Since then, she's had major roles on Broadway and small TV parts — including a guest spot on "Parks" as Ron Swanson's crazy ex-wife, Tammy. "She's gone through a lot of these high-stakes situations years before me," says Offerman, "I have a wonderful spiritual guide to take me through all the rough patches."

So it's no wonder Offerman and Mullally are a perfect match, both at home and onstage — and in "Summer of 69," they put it all on display, talking about their first times as well as their current adult romps. "It's all about our sex life and our marriage, so there's a variety of songs, both pornographic and romantic," laughs Offerman. "It's such a ridiculous treat to share the stage with her — as though I'm worthy. I sound like something from a 'Peanuts' holiday special and she sounds like if Bernadette Peters got better."

Offerman will be back in town May 28 for the Chicago Humanities Festival, where he'll perform a reading from his new book Gumption: Relighting the Torch of Freedom with America's Gutsiest Troublemakers. Also on the list of celeb speakers? Judd Apatow — and Offerman couldn't be more thrilled. "I desperately want to both befriend and kowtow to Judd Apatow, he's such an amazing purveyor of comedy. I thought, 'Oh great! I'll meet Judd and maybe I'll be able to refrain from belching long enough to act halfway well-mannered. But then I noticed we're a week apart, so ...' For now, it looks like Offerman will have to make do only kowtowing to one comedy icon: his wife."

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Ten years ago, Lauren Conrad was the quintessential California girl, in all her reality TV glory on MTV's "Laguna Beach: The Real Orange County" and, later, "The Hills." But since leaving the show in 2009, she's parlayed her small-screen fame into a multi-faceted career, writing six books, launching three fashion lines — LC Lauren Conrad for Kohl's, Paper Crown and The Little Market — and sustaining an enviable social media following of more than 4 million Instagram followers. Upon finding her own happily ever after — she married former Something Corporate guitarist William Tell last year — Conrad, 29, launched Paper Crown Bridesmaids with her friend Maura McManus.

We caught up with Conrad last month while she was in town for the Martha Stewart Wedding Party at The Ritz-Carlton Chicago (160 E. Pearson).

Bridal inspo: "As I started looking at bridesmaids' dresses, I had a specific idea of what I wanted and I was having difficulty finding it, so this was sort of created [organically]. Maura had the same issue; working between 12 different girls we were dressing, we actually ended up with a line. It [has] the same vibe that comes from the contemporary lines: really soft, romantic pieces, easy to wear, but still special."

Bridging the gap: "I think the idea in a market is to fill a void rather than add to something that's already there. We were definitely trying to think of things — as girls who had been bridesmaids ourselves — that we'd like to wear, and as brides, things we wish we could find for our bridesmaids."

City spotlight: "Last time I was [in Chicago], I got to go to RL Restaurant [115 E. Chicago] — that was just so beautiful."

Pet peeve: "People who are rude drive me crazy. It's so much easier just to be nice."

What scares me: "Everything! I'm the jumpiest person ever, so I get scared all the time."

Up next: "Paper Crown is a really big focus of ours right now. For our next bridesmaids line, we're going to add jewel tones for winter weddings and more structured pieces."
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more than 50,000 law books line the soaring walls of the tenants-only lounge in the Financial District's 190 S. LaSalle building—but not one of them has a story like Eric Enloe and Jennifer Bernstein's. It was in those storied halls where Enloe and Bernstein were both working at the time—that the two first met.

"A co-worker tried to set us up for about six months and, finally, we were both at the right place at the right time," Bernstein remembers.

Four years later, Enloe, now a senior managing director at Integra NWabash) was their choice. Though classic, their wedding was anything but traditional. "If you think of a typical wedding production, we didn't do," Enloe says. "No bridal party, no first dance—we don't have anything against tradition, but this just fit our personalities better." Instead, two of the couple's friends officiated the lighthearted ceremony in front of 140 guests. The ballroom was filled with dramatic florals.

"I wanted to use natural elements such as moss and branches to complement the delicate and timeless white phalaenopsis orchids," says I

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Bride's gown:
custom Veronica Sheaffer, 2409 W. Hirsch, Veronicasheaffer.com
Bride's shoes:
Alexander Wang, Shopbop, Shopbop.com
Bride's makeup:
Facade Makeup Artistry, Facademua.com
Bride's jewelry:
custom Dvora Levkovich, Diamante Limited, 5 S. Wabash, Diamante Ltd.com
Bride's hair:
Jon Russell, Studio Vitil, 12 W. Maple, Studio vitilchicago.com
Makeup:
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There's a new Big Mac on Campus: Holly Buckendahl has been named chief executive officer of Ronald McDonald House Charities of Chicagoland and Northwest Indiana. She'll continue the work of Doug Porter, the previous CEO and a 16-year supporter of the cause, and aims to take the charity to new heights.
Since the days of the South Side stockyards, Chicago has been known for its steak — and, in more modern times, its steakhouses. To stand out in a city like ours, any new contender must have something extra to offer.

Prime & Provisions, opening Saturday, has three standouts: an untapped location, straddling the business district and River North; a more-than-just-meat menu (the jumbo lump crab-topped Caesar, $16, is a must); and the proven mettle of DineAmic Group — known for such hot spots as Siena Tavern — behind it.

Here’s what to expect at Prime & Provisions:

Chef stats: Executive Chef Anthony Fraske earned his chops — quite literally — as executive chef for Lettuce Entertain You and Levy Restaurants and corporate chef for Weber Grill restaurant, Executive Sous Chef Joseph Rizza is the former executive chef at Chicago Cut Steakhouse.

Old school: "We always choose our concepts based on location, not the other way around," says David Rekhson, DineAmic group partner along with Lucas Stoioff. In this case, that was the nearly 100-year-old Buildings Building, whose lobby — which serves as private event space — features original marble and ornate detailing. "You can’t have a building that’s this old and then force a modern concept into it," Stoioff says. Instead, Prime’s interior has an updated 1900s-era vibe — think barrel-vaulted ceilings and intimate dim lighting.

Must try: The porterhouse for two — or three or four ($55/person) — is served on such a searing hot dish that, if you prefer your steak more well-done than your dinner date does, you can actually still cook the meat against the plate’s edges. The restaurant is the first in Chicago to offer exclusively all-natural USDA prime black angus beef, which they dry age in-house for more than 30 days.

Final sip: Helmed by DineAmic Corporate Mixologist Adolfo Calderon and sommelier Adam Sweders, the beverage program takes imbibers back to the basics: classic cocktails served in their original preparations, with no detail spared. "We even have an ice program here," Stoioff says. "Custom-sized cubes go with different drinks." To finish, try a signature cigar in the restaurant’s designated patio-adjacent smoking area.

222 N. LaSalle, (312) 726-7777; Primeandprovisions.com
SHADY STYLE
The sun is shining again, so there’s no better time to check out Spex’s new Elmhurst location, opening early next month and featuring sunglasses from more than 21 designers, like Lindberg and Maui Jim. 138 N. York, Elmhurst, Speoppel.com

FASHION FIT
Find serenity in spring style with Kohl’s new Gaiam Collection of yoga attire, like the reversible happy mini skirt ($36) or the strength yoga tank ($36). 2140 N. Elston; Kohls.com

CANINE CAMEO
Give your favorite companion a wardrobe update this spring with one of Lulu’s Vintage’s new bedazzled dog collars. Shop pearls and beads, all available in custom sizes to fit every furry friend. $60, 900 N. Michigan; Lulusvintagestore.com

RETURNABLE RETAIL
Luxury fashion is about to become more accessible: On April 30, designer rental company Rent the Runway will open its 2,940-square-foot Chicago outpost, stocked with designer dresses (like this one by Carmen Marc Valvo, at right, which rents for $65), jewelry and handbags available to rent. Four-day apparel rentals are $30-$800 and accessory rentals are $5-$400. 710 N. Wabash; Renttherunway.com

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Mikel Welch designs midcentury sleeping quarters for a steal

BY ASHLEY DEVICK

GTV “Design Star” alum Mikel Welch faced a particular set of challenges designing this one-bedroom apartment on Michigan Avenue. Since the client doesn’t live in the unit on a permanent basis, he wanted it done frugally. Here, Welch explains his bedroom thrifting — and how he achieved stunning, expensive-looking results. Mikelwelch.com

The desk was a steal: Welch found the piece on Craigslist for $50, and called on Chicago Wood Refinishing to restore it. 3547 N. Elston; Chicagowoodrefinishing.com

The bed was pulled together on a budget, starting with a frame from Overstock ($350) and bedding from Target’s Nate Berkus Collection (starting at $29.99). The accent pillows were the biggest splurge at $60 each. Bed Bath & Beyond locations citywide; Bedbathandbeyond.com

Welch used artwork to accessorize the room’s white walls. Artist Sergio Q creates paintings using inspiration from the designer and adding his own twist. “We went to Blick [Art Materials] in Lincoln Park, and he painted [this piece] with about $30 worth of paint,” says Welch. Sergio-q.com

Desk chair: Christopher Knight home ranger wood chair, $200; Overstock.com

Light fixture: mid-century overarching wall sconce, $279. West Elm, 1000 W. North; Westelm.com

Welch had basic IKEA drapes hemmed to the right length at a dry cleaner for just $10 each. $30 for a set of 2, 1800 E. McConnor, Schaumburg; Ikea-usa.com
As the weather warms, it's time to clean up the mess left behind. With the spring sun giving us renewed energy, we're motivated to purify, says home organization expert Monica Friel, whose Chicago-based company, Chaos to Order (847-825-8400, ChaosToOrder.com), has been lauded by Oprah and HGTV.

Every room in the house could use a little reorganization, especially mud rooms and hall or entryway closets. "The first step is going through your stuff," says Friel. "Think about what you're still using and what you can eliminate." When editing your belongings, consider when you last used each item, and whether or not you could live without it. Then, start sorting.

Donating or giving items away can make the process a little easier. "If you have a friend who could really use something, you're more likely to part with it," says Friel. Label durable garbage bags with masking or blue tape to denote what's going where, or use black bags for trash and white for donations.

Much more time-consuming, however, is your main closet. Friel maintains that the most efficient time to navigate this is at the end of each season — for spring, that means looking through the stacks of sweaters and winter clothes and downsizing. "If there's a sweater you didn't wear this winter, the chances of wearing it next winter are even smaller," says Friel. "Don't save anything that doesn't make you feel good." (Remember: Taking a seasonal inventory will make spring shopping that much more fun.)

To stay organized day-to-day, find a system that works for you and stick to it. "If you're one to plop things on the floor, invest in hooks so if you have to re-wear something, it isn't crumpled in a ball," says Friel. "Having a place for every little thing to belong will make it easy for you to come and go." Use containers to house everything from jewelry, belts and purses to car keys and kids' artwork.

"Go step by step, piece by piece, inch by inch," says Friel. She recommends setting a timer and designating a certain amount of time for each task, so you won't look at the whole room and think it's impossible to tackle.

Local home organization expert Monica Friel used colorful storage boxes to help straighten this closet.
PICKS & TIPS FOR GETTING (AND STAYING) ORGANIZED

1. West Elm: Universal Expert notice board, $45, 1000 W. North, Westelm.com


4. CB2: Revere wall mounted storage, $15.95-$49.95, 800 W. North, Cb2.com


6. IKEA: TROFAST storage combination with boxes, $109.99, 1800 E. McConnor, Schaumburg; IKEA-VCA.com

7. West Elm: suede catchall, $24.99-$29, 1000 W. North, Westelm.com

8. Material Possessions: leather magazine holder, $264, 704 N. Wabash, Materialpossessions.com

SPACE-SAVERS

- Try Makespace (Makespace.com), a New York-based company that launched in Chicago last month. The service picks up items you want to put in storage and creates an easy-to-access inventory online. Simply choose which crate you need back and when, and they'll deliver it right to your door. Starting at $25/month.

- Each spring, turn all the hangers in your closet the opposite direction, so the hook is facing out. After you wear an item and return it to your closet, hang it the normal way. After one full year — all four seasons — donate anything still hanging the wrong way.

- For anything out in the open, use decorative storage boxes (like these Jonathan Adler ones, pictured at left) — but for storage behind closed doors, opt for clear containers for better visibility.
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Broker: Emily Sachs Wong, @properties, Atproperties.com

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Melinda Stickney Gibson: abstract artwork, starting at $1,800 on paper, $2,400 on canvas, Thomas Masters Gallery, 245 W. North; Thomasmastersgallery.com

“We always [stock] pottery collections compiled of pieces with provenance and unimportant yet beautiful studio pots. They work in any aesthetic and add a collected and cool vibe.”

Michael Del Piero Good Design: mixed material pottery collections, starting at $65, 1914 N. Damen; Michaeldelpiero.com

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Of Three I Sing: Musical trios from various eras

BY S.N. | EDITED BY STANLEY NEWMAN

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6  Matthew of Friends
11  Sped
15  Waterproof covering
19  Colorado resort
20  Homeric epic
21  Scandinavian capital
22  Natural balm
23  Hip-hop trio in the Rock Hall of Fame
25  Female hip-hop trio
27  Shipped off
28  Places to park
30  Stand in a studio
31  Imperfections
32  Shows one can stream
35  Zambian neighbors
39  Versifier
40  Some PD officers
41  Unpaid bill
44  Gets back to business
45  Grin descriptor
47  Branch of Islam
48  Tied up, as a tug
49  WWII-era singing trio
51  Energy source
52  Energy source
53  MD's coworkers
54  Storage boxes
55  Comment of concern
57  Increased suddenly
59  Prominence
60  Besides that
61  Beyoncé's former trio
65  One way to stand
66  Infant frog
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69  Ornate vases
70  Incite
71  Taking after
74  DHL competitor
75  Form of "to be"
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79  Holds liable
82  Shakespearean title starter
83  This American Life host
84  Adjective for Burj Khalifa
85  Gov. Cuomo's domain
86  Pair
87  Too expensive
88  Metaphor for slowness
89  Gets in the game
90  New England seafood
91  Feeling faint
92  New England seafood
96  Rudolph's driver
97  _ Verde National Park
101  Sting's former trio
104  Female country trio
106  Top-quality
107  Analogous
108  Turn left or right
109  Indoor courtyards
110  Jefferson's bills
111  Gets hitched
112  Sees to
113  Leave perplexed

Down
1  Research rooms
2  "Got it"
3  Extend across
4  ‘Got it"
5  “Got it"
6  Panache
7  Explosive initials
8  Baker's containers
9  Angel-hair alternative
10  Very funny folks
11  Sunbeans
12  Friends
13  Title starter
14  Hungarian composer
15  Prefix meaning female pop trio
16  This American Life host
17  Right-angle shape
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50  Caviar source
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56  In a timeworn way
57  Element in multivitamins
58  Indigo, for instance
59  Grabs a chair
61  Obey one's orders
62  Sound of wet sneakers
63  Crescent horns
64  Haunches
67  Face, so to speak
69  Eurasian range
71  Shout of triumph
72  Computer accessories
73  Wartime partners
75  Put to rest
77  Stage furnishing
78  Doesn't keep up
79  Inspiration for Proust
80  Language suffix
81  GPS lines
84  Horn section
86  Bygone bird
88  Affluent
89  Manages somehow
90  Spain's national hero
91  Made of paraffin
92  OR imperative
93  Grub
94  City near Carson
96  Locale
97  Governor Romney
98  Light brown
99  Read quickly
100  Memo imperative
102  Order partner
103  South Park
104  "Spring forward" hrs.
105  Comprises

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Quote-Acrostic

1. Define clues, writing in Words column over numbered dashes.
2. Transfer letters to numbered squares in diagram.
3. When pattern is completed, quotation can be read left to right. The first letters of the filled-in words reading down form an acrostic yielding the speaker's name and the topic of the quotation.

Clues Words

Across
34 Tear
33 CEO
32 Whittles
31 Revel in self-satisfaction
28 Distinguishing
25 Belgian port
24 Contradict
23 Consider seriously
21 Cleric
20 German philosopher
17 Sudden enlightenment
16 Easter plant
15 Taj Mahal site
14 Anorak
13 Warm sensation
12 Daily fare
11 Seniors disparager

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1 Wanted letters
2 John Irving character
3 Dies ___
4 White supremacist
5 Digression
6 Fixed in time
7 Stravinsky
8 Go astray
9 Interfered with
10 Liturgical hymn
11 Assent without action

Clues

A. Ice cream treats
B. 'Call me_
C. Passover symbol: 2 wds.
D. Late-Hollywood gossip columnist
E. Blackmailers
F. He played Henry Higgins
G. Bobbi pearl

Words

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3 49 59 136 139 114 154 25 70 127 5
4 1 156 27 157 34 140 133 122 83
5 57 113
6 160 117 130 21 98 32 163 63 167
7 128 80 12 39
8 41 170 19 68 149 85 145 123 93
9 26 11
10 29 13 91 137 60 120 147 88 96
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From the Neck Up

BY CHARLES PRESTON

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33 CEO
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36 Dale's companion
37 Hosp. test
38 1957 Literature
39 Desert plants
40 Brimless chapeau

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12 Cooking ingredient
13 Ed or Keenan
14 Kind of dog
15 River of central Europe
16 Runner's goal
17 Dominion
18 Mother of Castor and
Pollux
19 EPA concern
20 Morning droplets
21 ___ Miss
**Tea Party**

*BY DON GAGLIARDO AND C.C. BURNIKEL*

EDITED BY RICH NORRIS AND JOYCE NICHOLS LEWIS

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**Across**

1. Walk casually
2. Work
10. Soul, to Aristotle
15. In addition
19. Place for highlights
20. Walked out
21. Complete
22. —pedi
23. Profitable agreement?
25. Path
26. Organic food giant
27. Arabian pop
28. Canadian roadside sign
29. Ending a relationship in a text?
31. Ideal chaser?
33. "Wanderlust" actor Alan
35. "Love Jones" co-star Long
36. Ice show venues
37. Sherpa's responsibilities?
42. Elantra competitor
44. "Head and Shell" artist
45. Cal. listing
46. Exhausted
48. Aleve alternative
52. Chilling spot
54. Shanghai locale
56. Stick together
59. Lennon's love
60. "Eddys" author __ Sturston
63. Sale of Babe Ruth to the Yankees?
66. First, second and third
69. More work
70. Sea damaged by Soviet-era waterworks
71. Like some breezes
72. Windows runners
73. "Murdering Airplane" and "The Hat Makes the Man"
75. Mountain lake
77. H.S. cooking class
79. According to, with "in"
81. "Search for the right beard?"
84. Waffle
86. Bach's "Mass — Minor"
87. Surfing needs
88. 4 for He, e.g.
91. Spanish surrealist
92. Rake
94. Talk back to

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**Down**

1. Some hieroglyphic squiggles
2. Niger neighbor
3. Indistinct memory
4. Chinese menu offering
5. Upper-level doc?
6. Is behind, perhaps
7. "Frankenstein" torchbearers
8. Incalculable
9. Babe's home
10. Naan flour
11. Like a shutout
12. Right-leaning, in a way
13. Curacao cocktail
14. Side (with)
15. Longtime de facto U.S. national anthem
16. Weighed down
17. Stealthy sort
18. Pan emaminations
24. Update, as charts
29. Lot
30. Pickling liquids
32. —puf: old laundry product
34. Home to the skyscraper Burj Khalifa
35. Considerable number
38. Maine college town
39. Available to the highest bidder, say
40. Bar brew, briefly
41. Rides for tycoons
42. "Esthetic" and "eggs"
43. Miss Gulch's bane
44. "... Dinka Doo"
45. December number
46. Gung-ho
47. Uses Gchat, e.g.
48. Plugs
49. 34-Down dignitaries
50. Dog star's first name?
51. Supposedly
52. Prada competitor
53. Covered in ink, with "up"
56. Stick together
58. Motor oil letters
59. Week-ending cry
60. Word heard coming and going
61. Nocturnal primate
62. Crackerjack
63. Cut taker: Abbr.
64. Jetson at the Little Center
65. Longtime de
66. Large-grain
67. Exercise
68. Societal troubles
69. "Head and Shell" artist
70. "Wanderlust" actor Alan
71. Lennon's love
72. Way around Paris
73. Provide, as money
74. Motor oil letters
75. "Wanderlust" artist
76. Week-ending cry
77. Watched the cats, say
78. Complete
79. Path
80. —Lama
82. Big band era singer
83. Sounding stuffy
84. Waffle
85. Picnic cleaner
86. "Head and Shell" artist
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88. Picnic cleaner
89. Covering letters
90. Where to see old
91. Ex-senator Trent
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**Jumble**

Unscramble the six Jumbles, one letter per square, to form six words. Then arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by this cartoon.

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**Sudoku**

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders contains every digit 1 to 9.

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This week's answers appear on the next page

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WHICH IS WISH
By Patrick Berry / Edited by Will Shortz

ACROSS
1 Rye, N.Y., or Fort Lee, N.J.
2 Like some photographs and cliffs
3 Bouquet tossers
4 Means of access
5 Violin's love in "Twelfth Night"
6 Tombstone material
7 Wordlessly indicated "ah-oh"
8 Valiant attempt to finish off a seven-course meal?
9 gel
10 Forestall, with "off"
11 Minerals to be processed
12 What an investor in golf courses might buy?
13 Beating soundly
14 Aubergine's preference
15 Dismounted
16 Hunting milieu
17 "Be sure to lose!"
18 Cybertrade
19 H of antiquity
20 Vacation unit, often
21 "Valiant attempt"
22 Wordlessly indicated "off"?
23 Tombstone material in grist courses might become overrun by tigers, lions, panthers and boars. Therefore, his reign was called on account of the game.
24 "Twelfth Night"
25 What runners may work
26 "It's down in the mouth"
27 ""Sons of Anarchy"
28 "Another time"
29 Minerals to be processed
30 "What an investor in golf courses might buy?"
31 Did some surgical work
32 They rarely have surnames
33 "Mother of Levi and Judah"
34 Poetic preposition
35 "Flip response"
36 Del Rey, singer with the 2014 #1 album "Ultraviolence"
37 Errand-running aid
38 "Dagnabbit!"
39 Racoonlike animal
40 Nail-care brand
41 Ring alternatives
42 Worrier's farewell
43 "Mock tribute"
44 Honors
45 Painter of illusions
46 Arm-twister's need?
47 "Boor's lack"
48 "Boor's lack"
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50 "Dancer in a pit"
51 "Unfair?"
52 ""fair!"
53 One to beat
54 Preparatory reading
55 "Supermodel"
56 "Handleman's"
57 Good to have around
58 "Aid"
59 ""How's the weather?"
60 Dancer in a pit
61 Ed's devil
62 "What a village?"
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69 Bandleader's shout
70 Good to have around
71 Added after a silence
72 "With "up"
73 They make up everything
74 Fire-extinguisher output
75 "Young Frankenstein" character
76 "East" Permanent thing
77 "Poor "Young Frankenstein"
78 Some digital videos, briefly
79 "Fire-extinguisher output"
80 "Faces in a crowd"
81 "About to be read the riot act"
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Alzheimer's signs — and some false alarms

3 experts explain the differences

BY FREDRICK KUNKLE
The Washington Post

For people of a certain age, it's not uncommon to seize on any forgetfulness as a symptom of Alzheimer's disease. Lose the car keys, forget a name, read a page out of context, and the worry begins. "Even more epidemic than Alzheimer's itself is the fear of Alzheimer's," said Richard Lipton, who heads the Einstein Aging Study at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine in New York.

So in an attempt to offer some perspective, here's another list.

We interviewed three experts: Lipton, who also heads the division of cognitive aging and dementia at Montefiore Medical Center; Ronald C. Petersen, director of the Mayo Clinic's Alzheimer's Disease Research Center; and Heather M. Snyder, director of medical and scientific operations at the nonprofit Alzheimer's Association.

Here are their thoughts about what you should watch for:

**Memory lapses.** You shouldn't automatically fret about dementia if your car keys go missing. It's when you start forgetting truly important stuff that you should worry. "It's also not necessarily forgetting where your keys are, it's forgetting what keys are for," Lipton said. "When you meet somebody at a party, you can't remember their name and then you say to your partner, 'Well, what was that person's name?' You say, 'Harry Schwartz,' and you say, 'Oh, yeah, that's right.' Lipton said, that's not what I would call a primary memory problem. It's a retrieval problem."

That's not a warning sign of Alzheimer's, Lipton said. A warning sign is when you don't remember Harry Schwartz at all. "And so that's a distinction that these lists often don't make," Lipton said.

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— Heather M. Snyder, Alzheimer's Association director

**Retrieval problems.** Even a high school student can have trouble retrieving an algebra formula now and then. Such retrieval problems also increase with natural aging. But the key is, the memory is there. "When you meet somebody at a party, you can't remember their name and then you say to your partner, 'Well, what was that person's name?' They say, 'Harry Schwartz,' and you say, 'Oh, yeah, that's right,'" Lipton said, "that's not what I would call a primary memory problem. It's a retrieval problem."

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**Inability to do tasks one used to do well.** A person who could never balance getting all the pieces together at the same time, Petersen said. "As people age, they need some help, that's part of normal aging. But when it becomes more than that, and they just can't cope with it, that becomes more worrisome."

"Confusion about time or place, or trouble getting around. It's worrisome if a person becomes lost in a familiar place or goes into a grocery store and becomes confused about how to leave. People also may have trouble with visual images or spatial perception. Noticeable changes in physical mobility — your gait (how you walk), the length of your stride and how fast you walk — also might be a tipoff to cognitive decline."

"And we've also seen links to falls," Snyder said.

But again, it's very dependent on the individual.

**Change in mood, personality.** Significant changes in mood also might indicate cognitive decline. Symptoms such as apathy, irritability and agitation, which are similar to those of depression and other psychiatric disorders, may signal dementia's onset if they are pervasive and out of character, Petersen said. Any test that signals deeper cognitive decline, the fear of Alzheimer's, "is a retrieval problem," Lipton said, "that's part of normal aging. But when it becomes more than that, and they just can't cope with it, that becomes more worrisome."

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"When you're sitting around at a dinner table and everyone is talking about things, and you're actually having a difficult time following the conversation and remembering the flow of the conversation, you're more likely to not participate," Snyder said.

Keep perspective. Of course, it's possible that other health problems could be causing symptoms associated with Alzheimer's. Conditions such as hyperthyroidism, hormonal imbalances, interactions between medications — even poor nutrition or Lyme disease — can mimic signs of cognitive decline. And many of those conditions are easily reversible.

"That's why it's so important to talk to a healthcare provider if you're noticing those sorts of changes in yourself or a loved one," Snyder said.

All three experts agree that the common denominator is change — significant differences from one's lifelong habits of behavior. But it's also important to keep things in perspective. "The hard message, on the one hand, is be more attentive and be more aware of these, but don't go overboard, and don't obsess," Petersen said. "You have kids in their 20s who forget things. They laugh it off and you laugh. Somehow, when you do that in your 60s and 70s, you can't laugh it off. Maybe some of it we should."
Study: Therapy is as useful as surgery for back pain

By David Templeton
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

When it comes to treating lumbar spinal stenosis in the lower back area, physical therapy can be as effective as surgery, a University of Pittsburgh study has found.

And it might be the best option to try first. That was Dale Urban's thinking at age 78.

The Pittsburgh-area resident said pain progressively worsens whenever he walks 50 to 100 yards or does dishes.

"Toward the bottom end of the spinal area is where I feel increasing pain that goes from zero to 100," he said. "I feel the intensity rising. I sit down, and the pain goes away."

His physical therapy includes riding a stationary bicycle, physical manipulation of his lower spine and assigned exercises he does at home.

"The first experience is, you get relief from the treatment, but it's temporary relief right now," Urban said, after four of 12 sessions. "I'm hoping for long-term relief after 12."

But Delitto, a physical therapist in the Department of Physical Therapy at the University of Pittsburgh, said the success of physical therapy is dependent on the patient's response.

"There are no guarantees of success," he said. "The key is to work with the patient to find the right treatment plan."

The study, published in the Journal of the American Medical Association, found that 169 patients were randomly assigned to have surgery or to physical therapy. The group that underwent surgery, 87, had a success rate of 82 percent, while the group that received physical therapy, 82, had a success rate of 67 percent.

"The success rate for surgery was higher than for physical therapy, but the difference was not statistically significant," Delitto said. "It's important to consider the patient's individual needs and preferences when deciding on the best course of treatment."

Migraine studies yield fresh approaches to ward off pain

By Lisa Mulcahy
Tribune Newspapers

If you suffer from migraines, take heart. New research can help change your approach to managing your migraines. Here are five strategies to try.

- **Worry can cause a headache.**
  - A recent study by University of Michigan researchers found that people who are worried about their headaches are more likely to experience a migraine.

- **Meditation may be just the ticket.**
  - A study by Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital researchers in Boston found that 12 million Americans annually are overtreated for headaches.

- **Before your doctor sends you off for expensive imaging tests like a CT scan or MRI.**
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- **NSAIDs or acetaminophen.**
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- **Aged cheese. Chocolate. Wine. Caffeine.**
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- **If a migraine does strike, try eating bread or crackers to raise your blood sugar and potentially ease symptoms.**
  - "I'm eating a starchy food helps when I'm having a migraine," Cutrer added.

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- **Instead, study author John N. Maia said, "Clinical guidelines for headache treatment recommend that physicians counsel their patients on lifestyle modifications.**

- **Leading an overall healthy lifestyle with a diet rich in fruits and vegetables as well as regular exercise can also help.**

- **Another important approach includes keeping a headache diary.**

- **Once patients can identify each of their own migraine triggers, they can take active steps to prevent them, thereby lessening the need for medications or visits to the doctor.**
CHAIN REACTION Pizza Edition

Pie trend: Artisan quick-baked

By Kevin Pang | Tribune Newspapers

Move over, build-your-own burrito or Mediterranean schwarma stand: The hot new chain concept for 2015 is artisan quick-baked pizza. These restaurants are opening faster than you can say mangia, so here's a look at two of the more popular restaurants, likely coming to a neighborhood near you.

Blaze Pizza

Advertised time of cooking: 180 seconds
Our take: This isn't meant to replicate an artisanal Neapolitan crust, in which the dough is proofed and finished crust brushed with olive oil and sea salt. The flavor is plain and breadlike; however, it's all about texture. The crust is supremely crisp, to the point that if you bend the triangular wedges, they form a V instead of a U. As for toppings, a segment of the population will be drawn to its custom pizza, because you can load up with as many toppings as you'd like for one price. Of the preset signature pizza lines, we liked the Green Stripe the most. This one features grilled chicken, roasted red peppers and garlic, and just before serving, it's sprinkled with pesto drizzle and topped with arugula. For a fast food pizza, it certainly punches above its weight. Nice touch: Takeout containers are rectangular boxes that fit three slices, because chances are you'll eat half and take the other semicircle home.

Nutritional Info (three slices of Green Stripe): 16.8 g fat, 414 calories, 804 mg sodium

McGrade: C+

More Info: blazepizza.com

Pie Five Pizza

Advertised time of cooking: "Just over two minutes"
Our take: The selling point at Pie Five is the number of combinations that are available. Four crusts are available (classic pan, artisan thin, whole wheat and gluten-free), plus 27 toppings (like Blaze Pizza, also unlimited) and seven sauces (including spicy Sriracha marinara and alfredo). My guess is Pie Five will be popular among kids. The finished crust isn't particularly crisp, with some light toasted spots along the bottom side. With its classic pan crust, there's a slight sweetness to it, like a crisp breadcrumb with a crunchy raised perimeter (almost deep dish pizza in architecture). The whole wheat doesn't taste too fibrous. The way to go is the artisan thin crust, and the margherita pizza is a worthwhile intro. It's just a simple construction of roma tomatoes and olive oil topped with torn basil before serving.

Nutritional Info (three slices of margherita pizza): 15.6 g fat, 303 calories, 498 mg sodium

McGrade: B+

More Info: piefivepizza.com

Off Color's Scurry is brewed in the obscure Kottbusser style, which helps it stand out.

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Tapping into tapenade

7 delicious things to do with the oh-so-easy-to-make olive spread

BY JAMES P. DEWAN
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Tapenade, the robustly flavored olive condiment from our friends in Provence, France, is gaining popularity in these United States. As well it should. Once you see how easy it is to make and, more importantly, how versatile it is as a flavoring ingredient, you'll want to keep a jar of it in your fridge at all times.

Why you need to learn this

Tapenade may be the easiest thing you'll ever make, this side of toast. Back in the day, it required loads of exhausting grinding with a mortar and pestle. Nowadays, the most taxing aspect is pushing the "On" button on your food processor. In fact, you can probably just sit back and watch TV while your chimp butler makes it for you.

You do have a chimp butler, don't you?

The steps you take

Like the mighty Corn Palace in Mitchell, S.D., tapenade is one of those things that's greater than the sum of its parts. And that's saying something, because every one of its parts is super flavorful on its own. Olives, garlic, capers, anchovies—any one of these is its own little happy mouth party. Together, they're the gustatory embodiment of a Batman graphic: Kapow!

Now, I mentioned that tapenade's construction is simply a matter of pulsing the ingredients in a food processor. One little thing: Some people like their tapenade chunky with whole or nearly whole capers and visible pieces of olive. Others like it whirred to silky smoothness. There's no right or wrong, of course, just personal preference. I suggest starting chunky and seeing how you like it. You can always process it a little more to smooth it out.

Speaking of no right or wrong, there are exactly three gazillion and seven recipes for tapenade. If you're an old hand in the kitchen, I'll bet you could make up a recipe on the spot that would be every bit as good as what I'm about to give you. Just keep in mind that olives are the main ingredients, so you'll use a lot of them versus relatively smaller amounts of capers, garlic and anchovies, the latter two of which are particularly prone to overpowering. Here's my base recipe:

- 8 ounces pitted olives
- 2 garlic cloves
- 2 ounces capers (a little over 1/2 cup, packed)
- 3 anchovy fillets
- 1/4 cup extra-virgin olive oil
- 2 tablespoons freshly squeezed lemon juice

Extras: You could also add a splash of brandy, a spoonful of Dijon mustard or some fresh or dried herbs, such as thyme, savory or herbes de Provence. Some people even add canned tuna to the mix. Throw everything in the food processor and give it a buzz. Done.

Now what?

Well, the obvious thing is to slather spoonfuls of tapenade over slices of good, crusty bread, like a well-made baguette. Here are a few more ideas, just to convince you to make it, in case you still have doubts.

Pizza: This may sound crazy, but trust me, it's delicious. Especially if you're making homemade pizza, just spread some tomato sauce over the dough, spoon some tapenade (chunky is better for this, I think) over and sprinkle with julienned red onion.

Pasta: Same as pizza. Stir some tapenade into your red sauce (the plainer, the better, so the flavors of the tapenade aren't lost), and toss with hot noodles.

Mayonnaise: If you've ever had a muffuletta, you know that olives are great on sandwiches. Mixing some tapenade in with the mayo is a simple way of having a muffuletta-style experience without having to travel to its native New Orleans.

Salads: And speaking of salads, think of any kind of non-sandwich salad—green salad, pasta salad, potato salad—and just before you dress it, stir some tapenade into the dressing, whether it's mayo or a vinaigrette.

Eggs: Tapenade and eggs are a great combo in just about any form. Remember that the tapenade is so powerful that a little goes a long way. Smear some across the interior side of your omelet just before folding, or stir it into your eggs before scrambling. For over-easy eggs, just after you crack your egg into the pan, spoon a little tapenade into the still liquid whites. When you flip the egg, the tapenade gets cooked in.

Compound butter: Mix softened butter with tapenade. Place it on a sheet of plastic wrap or parchment and roll it out into a 1- to 2-inch-thick log and chill to harden. Cut slices to set on top of grilled or seared meats or fish. The heat from the meat will melt the butter, creating a delicious sauce as it mixes with the juices from the meat.

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**DINNER TONIGHT**

**Crisp vegetables, aromatic broth make for a tasty soup**

**BY JOE GRAY**

Tribune Newspapers

The super-cute heads of baby bok choy lay on the cutting board, asking to be made into something, but what?

When considering what to cook with an ingredient I don't use often, such as bok choy, a taste helps get flavor and texture associations going in my head. In this case, biting into one leaf told me its mild, neutral flavor could play foil to stronger ingredients. Its tender-crisp texture suggested only the slightest introduction to heat was necessary.

So, a soup it would be. The bok choy would cook in just minutes, enough to warm through but still retain that fresh bite. Companions of tofu, shiitake mushrooms, carrots and peppers would do likewise. The broth itself simmers with shiitake mushroom stems (a resourceful use of trimmings too tough to eat) and fresh ginger to build flavor. More ginger and sesame oil finish it.

Although there is a fair amount of chopping and slicing involved here, if you do it while the broth simmers, you'll save time. Then everything goes into the pot, and your soup is ready in no time.

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**Bok choy, mushroom and ginger soup**

**Prep:** 20 minutes  **Cook:** 25 minutes  **Makes:** 4 servings

- 8 ounces fresh shiitake mushrooms
- 1 piece (3 inches long) fresh ginger, peeled, cut in thin slices lengthwise, plus 1 teaspoon grated ginger
- 6 cups low-sodium or homemade chicken broth
- 4 baby bok choy
- 2 medium carrots
- 4 to 5 ounces extra-firm or firm tofu
- 1 tablespoon soy sauce
- 1 teaspoon red bell pepper
- 1/2 teaspoon sesame oil

1. Separate the mushroom stems from the caps; trim the bottoms of the stems. Reserve stems. Slice caps thinly.

2. Put the mushroom stems and ginger slices in a large saucepan with the broth; heat to a simmer. Cook, covered, to flavor the broth while you prepare the other vegetables, 15 minutes (up to 30 minutes, if you have the time).

3. Meanwhile, prepare the vegetables and tofu. Trim the bottoms of the bok choy; cut the leaves crosswise into 1/4- to 1/2-inch pieces. Cut the carrots crosswise into thin rounds. (The pieces should be so thin that they cook very quickly.) Cube the tofu in small dice. Slice the bell pepper into tiny pieces crosswise.

4. Remove the mushroom stems and ginger slices from the broth with a slotted spoon; discard. Add the chopped vegetables, tofu and grated ginger all at once. Heat to a simmer, cook, just until the vegetables are crisp-tender, 5 minutes. Season with the soy sauce and sesame oil. Taste and correct seasonings before serving.

**Nutrition Information per serving:** 242 calories, 7 g fat, 1 g saturated fat, 0 mg cholesterol, 30 g carbohydrates, 25 g protein, 941 mg sodium, 10 g fiber

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**Gougeres**

**Prep:** 15 minutes  **Bake:** 20 minutes  **Makes:** 48 puffs

I have no idea how I'd meld the five ingredients in our game. But almost anything stuffed into a gougere (little cheese puff) makes a pleasing appetizer.

1. cup water
2. pinch kosher salt
1/2 cup (1 stick) unsalted butter, cut up
1 cup flour
4 eggs, lightly beaten
1 cup grated Gruyere (other hard cheeses, including sharp white cheddar, are also nice)

Mix: Dump in flour, all at once. Stir with a wooden spoon until gougeres are golden and puffed, about 20 minutes. Pull one out, break open and check: inside should be steamy and creamy, but not wet. If need be, bake another minute.

Serve: Delightful plain, or use a paring knife to slit the bottom and stuff with any savory morsel - even a pistachio, chunk of brie or wisp of salami.

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NXNW Highway Music Fest shines

Three days of music comes to Edison Park

By Robert Loerzel

Austin, Texas, is famous for its South by Southwest festival. Now, the Edison Park neighborhood on Chicago's Far Northwest Side is hosting a weekend of concerts with its own take on the moniker the North by Northwest Highway Music Fest.

North by Northwest Highway will mostly feature cover bands paying tribute to acts from multiple genres. ZZ Top tribute group Eliminator headlines Saturday at Moretti's, Who's Who pretends to be The Who on Saturday at Edison Park Inn, Without U2 channeling Bono and the Edge on Sunday at Moretti's, and Don't Speak does its best No Doubt on Sunday at Emerald Isle.

Other musicians include Lakeview resident Robbie Gold, a singer-songwriter who grew up in Highland Park and often plays before and after Cubs games on the Captain Morgan Club patio at Wrigley Field. Gold, who plays original songs, as well as covers on his acoustic guitar, said he likes to try getting a feel for an audience before choosing which songs he'll play.

"The key thing is not to decide what we're going to play beforehand," said Gold, who'll play at noon Sunday at Firewater. "A lot of bands use set lists. But we get a read on who's there."

North by Northwest Highway also has country music, with Chicago's White Saddle Band, as well as a family band from the area around Fort Wayne, Indiana, called Breaking Tradition.

"It's Southern rock and bluegrass vocals — kind of hillbilly rock," said singer-guitarist Mike Baczynski, who plays in Breaking Tradition together with his sister, Maude-Jo, and their mother, Angela.

"We're just an artistic family," said Maude-Jo Baczynski, who plays in Breaking Tradition. "Our mom and dad met in a band and toured Texas before they started a family, so we were always raised with a love of music."

Breaking Tradition covers old records by Johnny Cash and more recent songs by Eric Church and Steve Earle. "We like to stick with the bands that we believe are the pop 'bro country' that is becoming really popular now," Maude-Jo said. And when Breaking Tradition plays Friday at Firewater, it may play a few of the original songs it's recording now for its first album.

And if country music isn't your thing, North by Northwest has plenty of hard rock (such as Sons of Mary, playing Saturday at Emerald Isle) and dance tunes (The Hot Sauce Committee, playing Sunday at Emerald Isle).

Singer-songwriter Robbie Gold performs at noon May 3 at Firewater Saloon.

North by Northwest Highway Music Fest

Dates: Friday, Saturday and Sunday, May 1 to 3

Location: Emerald Isle, 6686 N. Northwest Highway; Firewater Saloon, 6689 N. Oliphant; Edison Park Inn, 6715 N. Olmsted; Moretti's, 6727 N. Olmsted

Cost: $25 weekend pass; $10 day passes for Saturday and Sunday; $3 cover at each venue

More Info: www.nxnwhighway.com

Schedule:

Friday, May 1: At Emerald Isle: 6 p.m. Sonic Mob, 8:30 p.m. Half Full. At Firewater Saloon: 6 p.m. Wild Daisy, 9 p.m. Breaking Tradition. At Edison Park Inn: 6 p.m. InRoads, 8:30 p.m. Student Body. At Moretti's: 6 p.m. Jukebox Hero, 8:30 p.m. Sorry for Partying.

Saturday, May 2: At Emerald Isle: 6 p.m. The Ripleys, 8:15 p.m. Sons of Mary, 10:30 p.m. The Fox and the Hounds, 10 p.m. Who's Who, 10:30 p.m. The Kingfish Band. At Edison Park Inn: 4 p.m. Return Full Circle, 6 p.m. Chicago Loud 9, 8:15 p.m. Who's Who, 10:30 p.m. The Kingfish Band. At Moretti's: 4 p.m. Luna Blu, 6 p.m. Girlband, 8:15 p.m. Young American Double Action Revolves, 10:30 p.m. Eliminator.

Sunday, May 3: At Emerald Isle: noon TelStar, 2 p.m. A Night with Thy Neighbors, 4 p.m. Sonny Only, 6 p.m. Rhythm & Blues Revue, 2 p.m. Smidgen, 4 p.m. Triple Threat, 6 p.m. Stoop Goodnoise, 8 p.m. Rendition. At Moretti's: noon Casual Ties, 2 p.m. Without U2, 4 p.m. Seven Soul, 6 p.m. Buzzhounds, 8 p.m. Black Oak Brothers.

"You name it — you're going to find your genre of music here," McIntyre said.
The Park Ridge Civic Orchestra will present its first-ever performance of Gustav Mahler's Symphony No. 5 on May 6 at the Pickwick Theatre as part of the "A Little Night Music: Mozart and Mahler" concert. They will play under the baton of music director Victor Muenzer, who last season took over the podium after the retirement of his father Edgar Muenzer, founder of the ensemble.

Muenzer remembers exactly when he fell in love with that monumental Mahler symphony.

"I grew up hearing music of all the great composers - Mozart, Strauss, Bartok, Respighi," he said. "But one day in 1970 or '71, my father brought home a promotional Decca recording of the CSO playing Mahler's Fifth."

The orchestra's new music director at the time, George Solti, who arrived in fall 1969, was just beginning to record all the composer's symphonies.

"This was before he was Sir George," Muenzer said. "I was a curious kid, so I put on the recording. When I heard that D sharp minor trumpet call, a whole new world opened to me. It literally changed my life! It was the music that got me into the music business."

Fast-forward to last spring when he announced that he had chosen Mahler's Fifth for the grand finale of the Park Ridge Civic Orchestra's 20th season.

"Then in the fall my father and I went down to Orchestra Hall to hear the Mahler Fifth," Muenzer said. "As I listened, I knew that our orchestra was ready to take this on."

The 75-piece Park Ridge Civic Orchestra began as a community symphony, but is now 98 percent professional.

"We have wonderful first chairs and really good freelance players," Muenzer said. "Our wind section is especially strong."

"It will really be a privilege to play Mahler's Fifth," said principal oboe Nancy Hagen, who has been with the orchestra for 15 years. "Mahler is the ultimate."

She plays in other ensembles, but called Park Ridge a big part of her life.

"Victor's parents, Edgar and Nancy, created a wonderful orchestra. So many of us have become friends," Hagen said.

Muenzer took several courses in conducting, but credits his skill on the podium with his life-long immersion in the world of music.

"I was a record producer for many years," he said. "So I've worked with conductors, talked with them about conducting, and observed them."

He was particularly eager to talk about unpacking the hidden delights in a Mahler score.

"His music is really on the cusp, leading to the 20th century," he said. "He was a great student of Bach's music, and like him, his harmony is often achieved by counterpoint. His music is as colorfully orchestrated as a film score, and many film composers have copied him."

A reception for audience and musicians follows the concert.

Muenzer will give a free preview lecture on 2 p.m. May 3 in the Jannelli Studios Heritage Center, 255 N. Northwest Highway, Park Ridge.
In this age of mainstream photographic access and digital camera enlightenment, is everyone actually a photographer, or do they just think they are? How can we tell if the photograph was taken by an artist or amateur, and how do we differentiate between an image with eternal value or one that provides immediate entertainment?

These questions may have been on the minds of the over 280 student photographers from 17 Chicago area high schools who submitted their photographs for consideration in the 4th annual juried exhibition, "Student Perspectives 2015" at Perspective Gallery in Evanston. This year's juror was Peter Fitzpatrick, chair of the Photography Department of Columbia College of Chicago.

The work selected for this year's show ranges from traditional portraiture to futuristic digital compilations to minimalist landscapes and beyond, and they have created photographs that are rooted in dedication, depth and meaning.

Student photographer Samuel Kim of Niles North High School said "since so many people have access to cameras, and photography is so common now, I believe a great photographer knows how to see the deeper part of the world and apply his or her unique emotion to it."

Perspective Gallery founding member Christopher Schneberger has been impressed with the work of these young artists and believes that while a photograph may be taken of one thing, it will often speak about something else.

"Photographs have moods which can be subtle and elusive," Schneberger said. "They can be acutely aware of a scene, but manage not to present the obvious view. These students are working with universal themes like time, solitude, space, light and the self, but they are handling these themes with nuance and maturity."

The Student Perspectives tradition started in 2012, and supports the goal of the gallery to promote photography as a fine art form. Early on at Perspective, gallery founders were looking for a way to support photography in the schools.

"Each year we have an amazing group of young artists," said Suzanne Metzel, exhibit coordinator. "Teachers too have an opportunity to see what work is being produced in other high schools."

The show has grown steadily through the years, with submissions rising from 116 students in 2012, to 288 in 2015. This year 46 high school students were selected to participate.

Perspective Gallery members realize that some of these students may grow up to pursue a career in photography while others may simply embrace it as a hobby.

"If we have helped encourage these students to develop a passion for photography, then we have worked towards fulfilling our own mission," Metzel says.
Hiding, hearing and eating like a bunny

BY MYRNA PETLICKI
Pioneer Press

Things will be hopping during Bunnies, Bunnies, Bunnies!, 1:30-3 p.m. Sunday, May 3 at Emily Oaks Nature Center, 4650 Broomel St., Skokie.

There will be bunnies and ducks at this outdoor event "for the children to pet and have an up-close encounter with," said Sarah Sheldon, tot and family program coordinator. "We'll also be celebrating bunnies and the springtime."

Children, ages 3 and older, will learn rabbit skills at this family event. "Children will learn how to hide like a bunny from a predator fox, getting quiet and still, and not moving an inch," Sheldon said. They will also learn how to hop like a bunny and see how far they can travel on their rabbit feet.

Other fun learning experiences will include creating bunny ears for listening and eating like a bunny, "munching on green plants and looking for yellow flowers," Sheldon said. Other activities will include making bunny hats, learning bunny facts and playing "Who Am I?," a game where each child is a different animal.

The cost is $9 for residents; $11 for nonresidents. All participants in the family must register. For details, call 847-674-1500, ext. 2500 or go to skokieparks.org/emily-oaks-nature-center.

Kids can meet bunnies, learn about bunnies and act like bunnies at the Emily Oaks Nature Center’s Bunnies, Bunnies! Event on May 3.

Thinking caps required

Children will learn to nurture their ideas at a "What Do You Do With an Idea?" story time, 11 a.m. Saturday, May 2 at Barnes and Noble, 55 Old Orchard Center, Skokie. The featured book is by Kobi Yamada. There will be related activities.

For details, call 847-676-2200 or go to barnesandnoble.com.

Their day to play

Kids are the focus of a free Children's Day, 2-5 p.m. Saturday, May 2 at Fleetwood-Jourdain Center, 1655 Foster St., Evanston. Youngsters ages 2-13, accompanied by a parent, will have their faces painted, play games, enjoy food and watch the Jesse White Tumblers.

For details, call 847-448-8254 or go to cityofevanston.org.

Keep on truckin'

Kids can climb aboard more than 30 vehicles at Kohl Children's Museum's 10th Annual Touch a Truck, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Sunday, May 3 at Fields Land Rover BMW, 700 W. Frontage Road, Northfield. There will also be a mini-train, music, face painting and food. Tickets are $35 in advance for a family of up to six people, $40 at the event.

For details, call 847-674-1500, ext. 2500 or go to kohlchildrensmuseum.org/truck.
JCC celebrating 50 years of 'The Sound of Music'

BY MYRNA PETLICKI
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The hills have been alive with "The Sound of Music" for a half century. The JCC Chicago Theater celebrates the 50th anniversary of that Rodgers and Hammerstein musical, May 7-17, at the Mayer Kaplan JCC in Skokie.

"I think we're really getting to the heart of the show," said JCC Theater Director Robert Bouwman. "To me the show is about finding what is inside you that makes you special, what your dream is and the loyalty that comes with that."

Emily Turner took over the lead role of Maria when the original actor dropped out. "Emily has a beautiful voice and a great attitude," Bouwman said.

The director indicated that Turner's late arrival actually works well because her character has a feeling of not belonging. Maria tries hard to be a nun but her free spirit causes the other nuns to wonder, "How do you solve a problem like Maria?"

Then she is tossed into the role of a nanny to the seven von Trapp family children, who are more than a handful.

Joining the production mid-rehearsal is no problem for Turner. "I worked for professional companies in Ohio before I moved here, so I'm used to a quick-paced environment," said the 2013 graduate of the Conservatory of Music at Capital University in Columbus, Ohio, where she majored in music theater and vocal performance. She is currently studying sign language interpreting at Columbia College.

Besides, it's a familiar show for Turner. "The Sound of Music" was the first show I ever did, when I was 11. I played Marta," she said. This time around, she plays the nanny to Marta and her six siblings.

The actor relates to the role of Maria because, "I'm a lot like her in the extrovert/outrageous aspect," she said. "And, of course, I'm singing all the time."

Captain von Trapp, the patriarch of the family, is played by 17-year-old Ben Eisenstein of Skokie, a student at Ida Crown Jewish Academy, who has appeared in 11 other shows with JCC Chicago Theater. "At the beginning of the play, he's a very rigid, straight-laced, uncompromising man, in part because he's kind of lost," Eisenstein said. "Several years ago, he lost his wife and that broke him. He was a guitarist and a violinist, and his wife was a singer. When she died, he didn't allow music in his house for seven years."

Eisenstein noted that he has little in common with the Captain. "He's a 40-something-year-old retired military captain and widower, and I'm a teenager in high school," Eisenstein said. "I'm a little more laid back than he is, too. It's kind of difficult but interesting for me to get into that perspective."

Director Bouwman concluded that this show is about "finding where you fit in this world and what makes you happiest. And there's a theme of loyalty, not only interpersonally but also to country."

James Downing stages Neil Simon's first play

BY MYRNA PETLICKI
Pioneer Press

Brothers Alan and Buddy are as different as night and day. Or are they?

There's a bit of a role reversal in Neil Simon's "Come Blow Your Horn," opening May 2 at James Downing Theatre.

Rob Ibanez plays older brother Alan.

"He's a loveable little screw-up," Ibanez said of his character. "I really related to Alan because I am the older brother in my family. Alan has a different girl every night of the week. He's never on time. He's constantly forgetting birthdays and holidays and anniversaries. It reminded me a lot of my bachelor years."

Because of his personal experience as an older brother, Ibanez said he connected with the relationship between Alan and Buddy. "The relationship that brothers have is pretty special," he said. "They're the only two people who understand how to deal with Mom and Dad. They have a lot of inside jokes. There's a lot of love there."

Buddy, the much loved 12-years-younger brother, is played by Nick Padiak.

"My big brother is actually one month younger than I am," Padiak said. "I look like I'm 12." The actor said Buddy is "a character with a full arc in the show. He goes from extremely naive and timid to pretty much the exact opposite; overly confident, abrasive and rude. Buddy wants freedom and independence in a way that he hadn't gotten before. Then when he gets a taste of it, he kind of overindulges," Padiak said.

Padiak said initially Buddy has "almost a hero worshipful relationship" with Alan.

"Buddy very much looks up to Alan, and is trying to emulate him in every way," he said. "As Buddy evolves, he comes to emulate Alan a little too much -- almost an evil twin or doppelganger type of situation where he is sucking Alan's life force out of him."

Ibanez has worked with a number of theater companies since moving to Chicago 10 years ago, including Black Ensemble Theater and MadKap Productions. Padiak most recently performed in another Neil Simon play, " Barefoot in the Park," with Theatre D in Deerfield.

"This is Neil Simon's first play, and I think it's one of his best," said director Tony LiFonti. "It has great dynamics -- it's great writing. It's comedy out of situations, which Neil Simon is fantastic with."

LiFonti said the show is somewhat autobiographical. "Neil Simon did come to New York in '47, and stayed with his brother," he said.

Keeping that in mind, LiFonti said, "We're not doing anything on a caricature basis. We are really trying to play it real -- real relationships."
GO CALENDAR

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

Friday, May 1

"Ghost Gardens": This production follows a dying-on-the-vine Detroit community withered by neglect, illness and infertility. 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 3 p.m. Sunday, Chicago Dramatists, 1105 W. Chicago Ave., Chicago, $18-$30, 866-811-4111

"Martyr": This production pairs the work of one of Germany’s most widely produced playwrights with one of Chicago’s most sought-after directors. "Martyr" is an oft-narrowing, off-comical depiction of a young man’s journey toward religious radicalism. 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Steep Theatre, 1115 W. Berwyn Ave., Chicago, $10-$35, 312-458-0722

"A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum": Porchlight Music Theatre presents a musical set in ancient Rome where a house slave yearns to unravel their mission completely. 8 p.m. Friday, Saturday and Monday, Flat Iron Arts Building, 1579 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, $15-$80, 312-335-3000

"The Hammer Trinity: "The Excelsior King": Sixteen actors bring 54 characters to life in a tale spanning three full-length plays. 7:30 p.m. Friday, Chopin Theatre, 1543 W. Division St., Chicago, $15-$30, 773-769-3832

"A Doll’s House": Ibsen’s classic tells the story of Nora, a young wife and mother who is married to Torvald, a recently promoted bank manager. To the neighbors, their life together seems perfectly content, settled and respectable until a terrible secret from Nora’s past comes back to haunt her and she begins to question everything about her marriage, family and life. 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 4 p.m. Sunday, Chopin Theatre, 1543 W. Division St., Chicago, $25, 773-278-1500

"The Paranoid Style in American Politics": This political thriller follows six young far-right wing campaign staff who set out to win an Illinois Senate seat. Everything changes when leaks from inside the campaign threaten to unravel their mission completely. 8 p.m. Friday, Saturday and Monday, Flat Iron Arts Building, 1579 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, $20, 312-335-3000

"The Drowning Gins": This production pairs the work of one of Germany’s most widely produced playwrights with one of Chicago’s most sought-after directors. "Martyr" is an oft-narrowing, off-comical depiction of a young man’s journey toward religious radicalism. 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Steep Theatre, 1115 W. Berwyn Ave., Chicago, $10-$35, 312-458-0722

"The White Road": Irish Theatre of Chicago presents the world premiere of Karen Tarjary’s play about Ernest Shackleton’s ill-fated attempt to cross Antarctica from sea to sea via the South Pole. 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 3 p.m. Sunday, The Den Theatre, 1333 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, $5-$30

"The Herd": In this English comedy, the dynamic of 21-year-old Andy’s birthday party changes when two unexpected guests appear: 7:30 p.m. Friday, 3 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, 3 p.m. Sunday, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday-Wednesday, Steppenwolf Theatre Company, 1650 N. Halsted St., Chicago, $20-$82, 312-335-1650

"A Coffin In Egypt": Chicago Opera Theater hosts a production of Ricky Ian Gordon’s opera. 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 3 p.m. Sunday, Harris Theater for Music and Dance in Millennium Park, 205 E. Randolph Drive, Chicago, $35-$125, 312-704-8414

"The Divine Order of Becoming": In the darkest moment of her life, Erica is suddenly overtaken by a deluge of memories of her life with her mother Eva. 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 3 p.m. Sunday, The Greenhouse Theater Center, 2257 N. Lincoln Ave., Chicago, $16.50-$25, 773-404-7336

"Side Man": This Tony award-winning play spans three decades and is the story of a splintered family, told by the son of a jazz trumpet player and an alcoholic mother. 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 3 p.m. Sunday, The Greenhouse Theater Center, 2257 N. Lincoln Ave., Chicago, $19-$49, 773-404-7336

"Between You, Me and the Lampshade": In this play, the lives of Jesse, a single mother (Sandra Marquez), and her teenage son (Tommy Rivera-Vega) are turned upside down one night when a wounded, undocumented immigrant (Aysette Munoz) breaks into their trailer home in rural South Texas. 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 3 p.m. Sunday, Victory Gardens Theater, 2433 N. Lincoln Ave., Chicago, $20-$30, 773-871-3000

"An Issue of Blood": This production is based on the story of the historical figure Negro Mary, one of the wealthiest landowners living in the Shenandoah Valley in 1640. She yearns to quell the rising racial unease in colonial Virginia and plans to marry her son to the daughter of a powerful white planter as a symbol of peace. May 2, 4:00 p.m., Victory Gardens Theater, 2433 N. Lincoln Ave., Chicago, $15-$50, 773-871-3000

"Penelope, O Penelope": Watch Homer’s Odyssey told from the modern day perspective of the hero’s devoted and lonesome wife, Penelope. 7:30 p.m. Friday-Sunday, 3 p.m. Sunday, St. Luke’s Lutheran Church of Logan Square, 2649 N. Francisco Ave., Chicago, $20
“Lips Together, Teeth Apart”: In this production, a gay community in Fire Island provides an unlikely setting for two straight couples lounging poolside, staring out to sea. 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday, Athenaeum Theatre, 2936 N. Southport Ave., Chicago, $28, 773-935-6875

Jimmy Edgar: With Paul Johnson, DJ Hyperactive and Zebo. 10 p.m. Friday, The Mid, 306 N. Halsted St, Chicago, $10. No cover before 11:30 p.m., 312-265-3990

Goya & Dali: Los Caprichos: Dali shows us a total work of art, consistent with Goya’s thinking, marked by a programmatic and enlightened character that reconciles the multiple sources of knowledge from Baroque tradition, the Classical world and the French Encyclopedists. The exhibition features 40 prints inviting us to discover two great master. Friday-Wednesday, Instituto Cervantes of Chicago, 31 W. Ohio St., Chicago, free, 312-335-1996

Blue Man Group Chicago: 2 p.m. Friday-Wednesday, Briar Street Theatre, 3133 N. Halsted St., Chicago, $49-$99, 773-327-3830

Bach Week Festival: “Brandonburg” Concertos: The festival features all six of J.S. Bach’s Brandenburg Concertos. 7:30 p.m. Friday, 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Anderson Chapel, North Park University, 3225 W. Foster Ave., Chicago, $30; $20 for seniors; $10 for students, 800-838-3006

“Genius”: This play examines the secrets and alliances of two creative couples from different generations who find their lives changed forever one evening after an electric dinner party. 8 p.m. Friday, 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, 3 p.m. Sunday, Profiles Theatre at The Alley Stage, 4147 N. Broadway, Chicago, TBA, 773-549-1815

“Rubbing Out Otis: A Film Noir Farce”: “Events are set in motion when Otis Stump, wealthy beverage mogul, heads to his penthouse intent on bribing Congress, currently investigating the health risks of Udder Blast Energy Milk, unaware that his trophy wife has brought her lover to the penthouse to hatch a plan to collect on Otis’ life insurance policy and his daughter has arranged a meeting with a notorious gangster at the penthouse to broker a drug deal sure to lend her burgeoning rap career some serious street cred.” 8 p.m. Friday, Saturday and Wednesday, The Conservatory, 4210 N. Lincoln Ave., Chicago, $7-$15, 773-650-1331

“Too Much Light Makes the Baby Go Blind”: The longest-running show in Chicago, it’s a one-hour blitz of 30 extremely brief plays. 11:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 7 p.m. Sunday, The Neo-Futurarium, 5153 N. Ashland Ave., Chicago, $9 plus the roll of one die ($10-$15) or $20 for advance reservation, 773-275-5255

“Look, we are breathing”: This production explores the drunk driving-death of high school hockey player Mike and how his mother, Alice, his AP English teacher, Leticia, and his one-time hook up, Caylee, try to understand who Mike was. 8 p.m. Friday, 4 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, 8 p.m. Wednesday, Rivendell Theater, 5775 N. Ridge Ave., Chicago, $25-$35, 773-334-7728

“The Day John Henry Came to School”: Technology-loving John Henry gets super excited when his teacher is replaced by a mega-computer. But when his great great-grandfather comes for show and tell, John Henry must prepare for the challenge of his life. 10 a.m. Friday, 2 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m. Tuesday, Merle Reskin Theatre, 60 E. Balbo Drive, Chicago, $10, 312-922-1999
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“Water”: This drama cuts between several individual stories scattered all over the globe. 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 3 p.m. Sunday, Raue Center for the Arts, 26 N Williams St, Crystal Lake, $32.50-$38.50, 815-856-9212

Saturday, May 2

“Anne of Green Gables”: Generations of readers have adored children's novel “Anne of Green Gables” and now this beloved classic is coming to stage at Provision Theater. Adapted & Directed by Provision's Artistic Director Timothy Gregory and based on best-selling novel by Canadian author Lucy Maud Montgomery, this world-premiere adaptation is coming to stage at Provision. 12 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, 3 p.m. Sunday, Provision Theater, 1001 W. Roosevelt Road, Chicago, $40-$45, 312-455-0066

“Worthy”: Adventure Stage Chicago performs this production set in a society where technology and media tell youth who they must be. 4 p.m. Saturday, Vittum Theater, 1012 N. Noble St, Chicago, $17; $12 for children 14 and under, 773-342-4141

“Fancy Nancy: The Musical”: Follow Nancy to her first dance recital. Adapted from the bestselling books, this is a funny, frilly ballet story with a lot of heart. 10:30 a.m. Saturday, 1 p.m. Sunday, Apollo Theater, 2540 N. Lincoln Ave., Chicago, price varies, 773-935-6100
**Sunday, May 3**

**Midwest Young Artists Orchestra Concerts:** The Reading, Cadet and Concertino Orchestras perform a final concert. 1 p.m. Sunday, 2:30 p.m. Sunday, 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Pick-Staiger Concert Hall, Northwestern University, 50 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston, $15-$30, 847-491-5441

**Anne and Ida: two girls and the Holocaust:** The library shows “Ida,” an award-winning film telling of a Polish girl’s experiences of coming of age during the Nazi occupation. 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-0120

**In Full Swing: Great American Songwriters Concert:** Ron Surace conducts this big band in a musical review of great American songs such as “In the Wee Small Hours of the Morning,” “The Second Time Around,” “Get Out of You,” “Star Dust” and more. 2 p.m. Sunday, Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

**Monday, May 4**

**Live Bluegrass, Roots and Folk:** Every Monday in the pub, The Mudflaps perform. 8 p.m. Monday, The Celtic Knot Public House, 626 Church St., Evanston, free, 847-864-1679

**Tuesday, May 5**

**Crosby, Stills, and Nash:** 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, The Chicago Theatre, 175 N. State St., Chicago, $53.50-$104.50, 312-902-9999

**Mr. Blotto:** With The Cosmic Situation. 7 p.m. Tuesday, Reggie’s Music Joint, 2105 S. State St., Chicago, $5, 312-949-0120

**Movies, Munchies, and More:** Film: “Wadjia”: “Wadjia” (Arabic with English subtitles, dated 2012, rated PG, runs 1 hr. 37 min.) An enterprising Saudi girl enters her school’s Koran recitation competition as a way to raise funds for a bicycle. Cast: Reem Abdullah, Waad Mohammed, Sultan Al Assaf. 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

**Wednesday, May 6**

**Mother’s Day Art Spree:** Twenty Illinois artists sell their works and discuss crafts including chain mail jewelry, painting, ceramics, paper collage and photography. 10 a.m. Wednesday, Muncie Artisans Shop, 100 W. Randolph St., Suite 2-200, Chicago, free, 312-814-5321

**Lila Downs:** Downs is one of the world’s most singular voices in music. From the music of Mexico and South America to American folk, jazz, blues and hip-hop, Downs has performed all over the world, as well as the White House and the Latin Grammys. 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Auditorium Theatre of Roosevelt University, 50 E. Congress Parkway, Chicago, $40-$103, 800-982-2787

**Thursday, May 7**

**Mozart’s “Eine Kleine Nachtmusik” and Mahler’s “Fifth Symphony”:** Music by Mozart and Mahler is played by the Park Ridge Civic Orchestra. A wine and cheese reception is included. 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Pickwick Theatre, 5 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge, $25; $20 seniors; free for ages 18 and under; 847-692-7726

**Friday, May 8**

**Orson Welles Centennial Festival and Classic Cinemas: Orson Welles’ 100th Birthday With Citizen Kane:** The Orson Welles Centennial Festival and Classic Cinemas will celebrate the iconic filmmaker’s 100th birthday with a screening in the recently renovated Woodstock Theatre. Directed, co-written and produced by the 25-year-old Welles, Citizen Kane is often considered by critics, filmmakers and fans to be the greatest film ever made. Welles spent his formative teenage years in Woodstock at the Todd School for Boys and considered Woodstock his hometown. The screening is part of the Orson Welles Centennial Festival, which runs through May 23.

**Saturday, May 9**

**Concertino Orchestra:** Special events: A final performance of the season. 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Auditorium Theatre of Roosevelt University, 50 E. Congress Parkway, Chicago, $40-$103, 800-982-2787

**Sunday, May 10**

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**Monday, May 11**

**Hooray for MGM Movie Musicals by Richard Klein:** Richard Klein revisits the era of MGM’s top movies such as “Meet Me in St. Louis,” “Singing in the Rain” along with a sampling of movie clips and others. Register at itpld.org or 847-459-4100, Ext. 253. 2 p.m. Tuesday, Indian Trails Library District, 355 Schoenbeck Road, Wheeling, free, 847-459-4100

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**Wednesday, May 13**

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**Friday, May 15**

**Concertino Orchestra: Special events:** A closing performance of the season. 7:30 p.m. Friday, Auditorium Theatre of Roosevelt University, 50 E. Congress Parkway, Chicago, $40-$103, 800-982-2787

**Saturday, May 16**

**Mother’s Day Art Spree:** Twenty Illinois artists sell their works and discuss crafts including chain mail jewelry, painting, ceramics, paper collage and photography. 10 a.m. Saturday, Muncie Artisans Shop, 100 W. Randolph St., Suite 2-200, Chicago, free, 312-814-5321

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MOVIES

Now playing

“Cinderella” ★★★
PG, 1:45, family. Refreshingly free of all snark, the satisfying new live-action “Cinderella” from the princess manufacturing company known as Disney is a sincere, openhearted rendering of the familiar fairy tale. “Downton Abbey” star Lily James was a first-rate choice for this “Cinderella,” as was screenwriter Chris Weitz. — Michael Phillips

“Furious 7” ★★★
PG-13, 2:20, action. Under the hood we’re all Vin Diesel, trying to live a meaningful life a quarter-mile at a time. The film series begun in the pre-9/11 era with “The Fast and the Furious” has sustained itself through weak sequels and exuberant ones. Keep it coming, pal. We’ll tell you when we’ve had enough. Even with its dull stretches and hacky, maniacal editing rhythms, “Furious 7” does the trick. It’s roughly as realistic as Georges Melies’ “A Trip to the Moon,” of course. But revisiting our old pals (one of whom is played by an actor who is no longer with us) and watching them survive one unsurvivable collision or plunge after another, continues against the odds to have a walloping charm all its own. — M.P.

“Get Hard” ★
R, 1:40, comedy. Will Ferrell plays James King, a stuffy hedge-fund wizard with a duplicitous gold digger (Alison Brie) for a fiancee and a lifetime of unexamined prejudices and privileges about to catch up with his sorry self. Framed and arrested for fraud and embezzlement, King hires car-wash manager Darrell (Kevin Hart), whom he mistakes for a hardened ex-con, to school him in prison survival and sexual assault prevention in a 30-day runup to San Quentin. Is the movie homophobic and racist? I’d say sort of and sort of. Gay-panic humor isn’t quite the same thing as homophobia, but it’s close enough to be tiresome. — M.P.

“Home” ★★★
PG, 1:36, family. The cuddliest alien invasion movie ever, “Home” contains nifty turns of phrase and some actual, verifiable verbal wit, owing in large part to its source material, Adam Rex’s 2007 children’s book “The True Meaning of Smekday.” In the grand Hollywood tradition, DreamWorks Animation threw out most of that book (and the film’s original title, “Happy Smekday!”) after optioning the property seven years ago. Even though screenwriters Tom J. Astle and Matt Ember overpack the revised storyline, they get some crucial aspects right. — M.P.

“The Longest Ride” ★★
PG-13, 2:08, drama. No less than the “Harry Potter” adaptations or the “Fast and Furious” movies, the novels of Nicholas Sparks form the basis of a consistent film franchise in which the characters’ names and crises and letters-read-aloud voice-overs may change, but it’s the same wish fulfillment universe across title after title. “The Longest Ride” is a 10th Sparks title to hit the screen with a soft, pretty thud. Is it the same thing as homophobia, but it’s close enough to be tiresome. — M.P.

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Stoker, Patrick R.
Patrick R. Stoker was born on March 17, 1934 in Chicago to John and O'Tilia (née D'Lozzy) Stoker. He died Friday, April 17, 2015. Patrick is survived by his daughters, Sara Stoker and Rebecca (Jim) Wolfe. He was preceded in death by wife, Ruth Stoker.
Funeral Services were held privately Wednesday, April 22, 2015 with Interment at Town of Maine Cemetery in Park Ridge. Condolences can be given at www.ClueckertFH.com or (847) 253-0168. Sign Guestbook at chicagotribune.com/obituaries
Back-seat driven

Aimed at China's burgeoning chauffeur-driven class, Ford's sumptuous Lincoln Continental prepares to make comeback

BY JERRY HIRSCH
Tribune Newspapers

For America's rich and famous, the Lincoln Continental once was the last word in automotive luxury.

From the 1940s through the Cold War, the elegant sedan was a staple at Hollywood premiers and presidential motorcades.

Ford stopped making the Continental in 2002. It lost its allure as Americans gravitated to German and Japanese luxury brands. Forsaken by the Hollywood stars and the Wall Street wizards, the Continental became the preferred car of limousine services shuttling high school students to the prom. Now the venerable nameplate is about to make a comeback.

Lincoln unveiled an early version of the 2016 Continental at the New York International Auto Show in early April.

Ford sees the car as the linchpin connecting two strategies: proving to Americans that Lincoln once again can be synonymous with luxury and attacking the red-hot luxury market in China.

In China, the Continental will try to appeal to a new breed of wealthy back-seat drivers. Buyers of high-end vehicles in that country typically do not drive themselves. The rear seating area, often an afterthought in American and European car design, is essential in the Chinese car market.

"A Mercedes-Benz S class sold in the U.S. and Europe focuses on the driver," said Stephanie Brin-ley, an analyst at IHS Automotive. "In China the focus is on the rear-seat passengers in terms of everything from space to amenities."

The Lincoln's back-seat amenities will include a laptop table that motors itself into position, electric sockets to power a laptop and other devices, and a champagne cooler in the center console.

The ceiling, pillars and upper reaches are lined with a silky-smooth satin. The rear seats are covered with high-grade leather and are adjustable 30 ways. There's shearing wool carpeting the floor.

The rear seat reclines deeply but does not lie flat. Designers dropped that idea after realizing it would have placed the passenger's head in the trunk.

"This is not a vehicle we developed for the U.S. and then said, 'We will see how it does in China,'" said Raj Nair, Ford's group vice president and chief technical officer for global product development. "The rear seat was designed for the Chinese customer first and foremost."

The Chinese car market is the largest in the world, and sells an increasing number of luxury cars. Sales in that segment grew almost 22 percent last year to more than 1.6 million vehicles, according to IHS Automotive.

Sales in that segment grew almost four times the number of Buicks it sold in the U.S. Altogether, automakers sold more than 23 million vehicles in China last year, so even getting a small slice of the market can be important for a brand such as Lincoln, Brinley said.

Three of the top Lincoln dealerships in the world this year are in China. The company has 11 Lincoln retail outlets in China now and hopes to have 60 by the end of 2016.

Lincoln's Continental started life in 1936 as a Lincoln Zephyr that Ford scion Edsel Ford had customized following a trip to "continental" Europe.

The one-off caught on: "His peers and friends liked it so much they put it into production," said Leslie Kendall, curator at the Petersen Automotive Museum.

 Presidents Kennedy, Johnson and Nixon used them as limousines. Frank Sinatra owned one. Elizabeth Taylor had a 1956 model painted to match her violet eyes.

But more recently Lincoln, which is already enjoying some success in the U.S. with its new small, crossover MKC, has strug-

Lincoln unveiled an early version of the 2016 Continental at the New York International Auto Show in early April.

Rear-seat passengers enjoy the convenience of a tablet-supporting lap tray that deploys from the through-center console. It also features a Champagne storage compartment.

Ford vehicles there in 2015, BMW 483,000 and Mercedes-Benz 330,000. Those numbers are bigger than what the big luxury nameplates sell in the U.S., according to IHS.

Other American nameplates have done well in China.

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The Chinese car market is the largest in the world, and sells an increasing number of luxury cars. Sales in that segment grew almost four times the number of Buicks it sold in the U.S. Altogether, automakers sold more than 23 million vehicles in China last year, so even getting a small slice of the market can be important for a brand such as Lincoln, Brinley said.

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Lincoln unveiled an early version of the 2016 Continental at the New York International Auto Show in early April.

Rear-seat passengers enjoy the convenience of a tablet-supporting lap tray that deploys from the through-center console. It also features a Champagne storage compartment.

Ford vehicles there in 2015, BMW 483,000 and Mercedes-Benz 330,000. Those numbers are bigger than what the big luxury nameplates sell in the U.S., according to IHS.

Other American nameplates have done well in China.

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4 apps to enhance your in-vehicle life

By Holly Reich
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If you don't have a new car, there are still plenty of ways to get the latest in-car info to make driving life more convenient and informed. These four apps represent our favorites to help save money and time while enhancing the in-car experience. But please don't app and drive.

1. Openbay (openbay.com)
Is your car in need of maintenance or repair? Openbay helps you to gather competitive, binding quotes from local mechanics. Choose a shop based on distance, ratings and price, then schedule and pay for service. Users receive an average of four quotes, with prices ranging up to 50 percent, all without having to haggle. As a bonus, Openbay maintains all your car's service records online.
Cost: Free download from app store on your iOS or Android. Cost is coming soon.

2. Dash (dash.by)
Dash connects your smartphone to your car (models 1996 and after) with an onboard diagnostic device that runs $10 to $99. The device is user-friendly, you simply plug it in underneath the steering wheel.
The device provides the driver with real-time feedback on everything from road conditions to driving behavior and when and where to get cheap gas. If the "check engine" light illuminates, Dash will decode the error so you're not left guessing.
Cost: The app is free, but first you need to buy the device on the website and download the free app to your iOS or Android.

3. BestParking (bestparking.com)
This clever search engine provides you with the cheapest and most convenient parking facilities in 105 cities and 115 airports in North America. BestParking saves you money and time by comparing hourly, daily and monthly rates of 12,000 parking facilities in North America. It's also easy to use; the maps and graphics are super clear.
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In hot pursuit of millennials

By Susan Carpenter
Orange County Register

The competition for the hearts, minds and wallets of car buyers often begins with the superficial. The exterior is subliminal shorthand for how we hope to be perceived.
Take the Acura ILX, which, for its 2016 refresh, strives for the pre-parent market with a compact sedan that is subtly sexy yet practical, athletic yet modestly upscale.
It's a design that squarely targets millennials who, having clawed their way into the workforce while the economy was in ruins, are now driving the white-hot market for cars with a luxury pedigree and affordable price.
It's one thing to look sporty, of course. It's another thing to deliver a truly sporty character, especially in a highly competitive market that pits the $27,900-plus ILX against Mercedes' enormously successful $31,500-plus CLA250 and Audi's $29,900-plus A3. Japan's response to German performance. Up its game under the hood and play its fuel economy trump card.
For 2016, the ILX remains front-wheel drive, but those wheels are now slightly larger and powered with a 2.4-liter, direct-injected four-cylinder that makes 34 percent more horsepower and is even more fuel efficient than the 2.2-liter engine of the 2015 model. City, highway and combined fuel economy each improve by 1 mpg, increasing its average to a respectable 29 mpg.
But that's just gravy.
Recognizing that a young buyer's heart and prospective financing are often won - or lost - within the first 50 feet of a test drive, Acura has paired its more premium engine with a new eight-speed dual-clutch transmission that is itself enhanced with a torque converter to deliver power more quickly. What that means behind the wheel: satisfyingly spritely pickup that's a better match for the understated sportiness of its exterior.
Finally, it seems, there's an entry-level Acura that's worth the price premium over the Honda Civic.
Understanding that buyers who have yet to enter a midlife crisis value technology above all else, the ILX includes more digital doodads as standard equipment, including a rear-view camera, Bluetooth, USB port and mini-jack for an iPod or iPhone.
AcuraWatch adds nine of the available baby steps that are marching us toward a fully autonomous driving future. They include forward collision warning that beeps and flashes when it senses a driver may unintentionally merge with another car's bumper, adaptive cruise control that can maintain a safe following distance; and collision mitigation braking that will intervene when the driver hasn't sufficiently stomped the brake pedal.
Though the profile, performance and on-board tech of the 2016 ILX are impressive for the price, its interior should have been stepped up. The dashboard display is colorful and easy to read, but the steering wheel feels cheap, and the car's controls, overall, look and feel common rather than elegant. They seem more appropriate for buyers of Acura's mainstream Honda sibling than the wannabe premium buyers whom Acura is grooming with its entry-level ILX.
Will Rey will be inducted into the Illinois Basketball Coaches Association Hall of Fame on Saturday, May 4, in Normal after his 38th year of coaching basketball and his 11th at Northridge.

Rey said that while the award is individual in nature, it “speaks to the caliber of individuals that I’ve had the opportunity to work with over the course of my career.” That includes the assistant coaches, administrators and players at Northridge.

“I once heard it said that coaching is a strange profession in that the coach will receive, at times, accolades for things his players have accomplished,” Rey said. “That’s how I feel. I feel that whatever accolades I’m given as a coach is really a result of what our players have done. I mean that. I just feel like I’m humbled by [being inducted into the IBCA Hall of Fame]. I’m honored, certainly. I know enough to know that this is really a reflection of the people I’ve had a chance to work with — and for — and coach over the years.”

Pat Hunt has worked with Rey as one of his assistant coaches throughout his 11 years at Northridge.

During that time, Hunt has seen up close what’s made Rey a Hall of Fame coach.

“He cares about his players,” Hunt said. “He does everything he possibly can to put them in a position to be successful, with film work — one-on-one film work — with just his own individual planning for the season and changes that need to be made as the season goes on. He always has the best interest of the kids in mind for them to be the best people they can be — preparing them for the time beyond Northridge.”

Hunt added that one of the lessons Rey has instilled in the Knights’ basketball players is to never focus on the scoreboard. Instead, the team-wide goal is to focus on, and embrace, getting better.

That principle is mentioned often in sports, but it’s one Northridge’s players have bought into and it’s worked for Rey at Northridge. He’s gone 206-108 during his 11 seasons as the Knights’ coach. This year’s team tied a school record for wins (23) in a season and reached a Class 2A sectional final.

It’s also a principle Rey — who previously had the head job at Crete-Monee, Fenwick and Division I Loyola of Chicago — follows as a coach. He continues to try to work on himself, he said, especially when it comes to being more patient. He also stays current in the sport, he said, and speaks with coaches at the high school, college and professional levels.

His passion for the game is apparent with a quick glance at @coach4character, his Twitter account. On Friday, April 24, he tweeted out a list of his top-10 NBA players all-time. It’s also evident in his response to a question about how much longer he wants to be a basketball coach.

“What I do know is I really like what I do,” Rey said. “I don’t envision retiring. I don’t have any plans to retire. I hope to coach as long as I’m physically and mentally able to.”

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Inconsistency, late collapses haunt Wolves

BY ERIC VAN DRIL
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The Niles West boys volleyball team fell to 4-14 with a 25-17, 24-26, 25-21 loss to Maine South.

After the match on Wednesday, April 22, Niles West coach Drew Roche called the Wolves' record both misleading and not. It's misleading, he explained, in that Niles West has played a difficult schedule and has had close matches against many quality teams. Examples include losses to Evanston, Glenbrook South and Loyola.

But Niles West's record isn't misleading, Roche said, because of the reasons the Wolves are losing games.

"There's too much inconsistency," Roche said. "Right now, we're lacking leadership. We just don't have the confidence. You are what your record says you are, so I don't want to use it as an excuse that we're playing tough opponents."

One of the things that has hindered Niles West the most has been its inexperience.

The Wolves returned one starter – senior middle hitter Denis Ovoshchnikov – from the squad that won 26 games and a regional title in 2014. They've replaced that group with capable players, including senior setter/rightside hitter Josef Narcisa and junior outside hitters Hubert Gawin and Bryan Duong.

A lack of talent hasn't been what's held Niles West back. It's been the Wolves' performance late in matches.

"Whenever we hit 20, we just crumble," Narcisa said. "It's frustrating."

Evanston overcame a 17-8 deficit in its first game against Niles West en route to a 27-25, 20-24 victory on Tuesday, April 21.

The next night, the Wolves played very well in sports against Maine South. They trailed 21-16 in the second game. It seemed as if they would fall in straight sets, but they didn't. They rallied to win the second game 26-24 and forced a third.

Niles West had six serving errors in the critical third game after just two in the first two games. Still, the Wolves were first to 20 points in the third. They led 20-18, but the Hawks scored five straight points en route to their first CSL South victory of the season.

Roche said he could sense his team getting nervous during the key moments of that third set. During its five-point run, Maine South scored two points on Niles West hitting errors and two more on blocks. Narcisa said the Wolves need to not get discouraged or intimidated when somebody gets blocked. It's imperative to keep fighting, keep battling and remain confident.

Roche called two timeouts during the third game. During one of them, "I said, 'Guys, I can see it when you're hitting. I can see it when you're passing. You go to make a play and then, at the last second, you tighten up,' " Roche said. "They're not following through, they're not finishing the plays. That's why we're hitting balls out of bounds. That's why we're shanking our passes. That comes from not being decisive - and that stems from a lack of confidence.'"

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Niles West's Josef Narcisa, left, attacks the ball while Maine South's Declan Cannon (10) attempts to block it during their match in Park Ridge on April 22.
Abundance of arms gives Notre Dame baseball team an edge

By Eric Van Dril
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In high school baseball, it's common for three or four pitchers to establish themselves as starters early in the season, and then combine to throw most of a team's innings over the course of the year.

Notre Dame has gone away from that popular approach in recent seasons, and that's again the case this year. Entering the week, the Dons had nine different pitchers who'd pitched in seven games or more, and nobody had thrown more than 22 innings. Among that group, eight players had an ERA below 3.00 — including three (junior Sam Ferri, senior Brandon Nowak and junior Will Porcaro) with an ERA under 1.00. The rotation helped the Dons (13-5) earn the No. 25 ranking in Prep Baseball Report's Illinois poll this week.

One of the goals in using this unorthodox strategy is to keep all of the team's pitchers fresh and healthy throughout the high school season. Another is to take away the proven statistical advantage hitters have when they face a pitcher a second, third or fourth time in a game.

The abundance of quality arms keep opposing hitters uncomfortable.

"It just gives us more of an advantage when we go out there because hitters don't get the opportunity to time guys up or see their delivery or see what pitches they're throwing," Notre Dame coach Nelson Gord said. "It makes it real hard, as an offense, to go up there with any sort of real approach because you really just don't know what's coming at you."

Gord said that hitters will often take a pitch early in the count when they face a new pitcher in order to get acclimated to his velocity, arm angle and release point. Knowing this, the mentality of Notre Dame's staff is to attack each hitter and get ahead with first-pitch strikes.

Notre Dame pitchers often throw one, two or three innings per appearance.

"Since you're throwing such a short amount, you give it everything you've got every pitch," said senior Joe Rimac, who has pitched in nine games and thrown 14 innings. "You're not really worried about saving yourself for going seven innings. You're out there with a reliever's mentality: 'Let's go get this kid right here, right now.'"

The way Notre Dame has used its pitchers this year has also helped create a strong chemistry among the staff members.

Junior Scott Kutschke said players haven't become jealous of a teammate making more starts or throwing more innings because of the balanced workload.

The members of the Dons' staff have been quick to help one another. When Kutschke leaves a game, for example, he said he'll talk to the pitcher who's coming in for him and provide insight into how the umpire's calling the game — like if he's giving the outside corner or a high strike.

"In this system it's not like this pitcher's winning the game, it's this set of pitchers is winning the game," said Kutschke, who leads the Dons in starts (nine), wins (four) and innings pitched (21 2/3). "It's actually been incredible to see, just how we're picking each other up. Everybody's friends with each other. There's no competition — like some people want more innings than others. Everybody's just doing what they need to do, when they're asked to do it."

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Improved Blue Demons still a work in progress

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A 6-10 record might not seem like much.

For the Maine East baseball team, however, it has been nothing short of cathartic after a two-win campaign in 2014.

"Last year, there would be games where we would go out there with a completely negative mentality, and by the second or third inning, things would be getting out of hand and we would basically roll over," senior captain Lukas Parker said.

The Blue Demons have been far more competitive in 2015, even when they lose.

On Tuesday, April 21, Maine East lost 6-4 to Niles North after leading 4-3 in the top of the seventh. Two days later, the Blue Demons stranded 12 to 14 runners, by coach Ron Clark's estimate, in a 7-0 loss to the Vikings.

Still, simply being in the game — and by hitting .282 as a team, they're in it — is an improvement over last year.

"There have been lots of bright spots and then the small things that need to be worked on," Parker said.

"This year, by far, is probably the most fun I've had playing for Maine East."

Parker and fellow senior captain Dylan Kuffell credit chemistry above all else. That's a change from a few years back when, according to Kuffell, the Blue Demons' chemistry was not at "an all-time high."

"The environment in the dugout is fun," Parker said. "Everyone's getting along. Everyone's cheering. If someone makes a mistake, the other players are going to pick you up."

The program's potential — and the importance of chemistry — is embodied in a pair of young pitchers who have tossed the third and fourth most innings on the team behind Kuffell and Parker.

Freshman Antoine Kelly, "the hardest thrower on the team," according to Parker, has 22 strikeouts in 20 1/3 innings. But the reliever has walked 18 batters and is working on precision and a third pitch to complement his fastball and changeup.

Sophomore Ryan Sands has been terrific at the plate, batting an even .400, but has been up-and-down on the mound.

"He has really good stuff," Clark said. "His battle at times has been his command. He'll cruise for a while and then all of the sudden he'll struggle and get behind batters and that's when he gets in trouble."

That's where chemistry can be so crucial. Parker, a catcher as well as pitcher, likes what he's able to achieve by working with his pitchers.

"Instead of having the coach have to call time and go out to the rubber and talk to them, I can just call time and go over and go, 'Hey, your swing with your shoulder, when you're releasing, you're releasing too much up front,'" Parker said. "I know what to look for while I'm catching."

Chemistry, winning their first two games and winning three times as many games as last season have allowed the Blue Demons to dream.

"Once [the small things] get patched up and once we all start performing at our full potential, we won't be outmatched by a lot of teams," Parker said.

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McDonnell delivering big contribution for Illinois

BY NICK BULLOCK
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The Illinois baseball team cruised to its 14th straight victory by beating Eastern Illinois 10-1 April 21 in Champaign. The Illini improved to 33-6-1.

Barrington graduate Rob McDonnell led the way with a six-strikeout, four-hit performance in six innings pitched. With the win, the senior starting pitcher improved to 5-1 on the season.

Adam Walton, a redshirt sophomore infielder from Stevenson, went 1-for-4 with an RBI and a walk from the Illini leadoff spot. Senior outfielder Will Krug, from Maine South, drew a walk and scored a run.

Also on the Illini roster are Ryan Haff, a freshman infielder from Hinsdale Central; Anthony Drago, a sophomore first baseman, catcher and outfielder from Lake Zurich; Quinten Sefcik, a freshman infielder and relief pitcher from Carmel; and Jason Goldstein, a junior catcher from Highland Park.

McDonnell is one of several outstanding starting pitchers for Illinois, compiling 52 strikeouts and a 1.79 ERA in 10 starts and 55 2/3 innings this season.

Walton started in each of the team's first 40 games. He had a .302 batting average and a .360 on-base percentage, plus he led the team in hits with 52. He also had three home runs and 18 RBIs.

Krug played in 37 of the first 40 games, starting 28. He led the team in stolen bases with 11 in 14 attempts.

Goldstein was second on the team with 29 RBIs and a .519 slugging percentage, and was tied with leadoff hitter Junior Jose Vargas with 10 home runs. He also had a .305 batting average.

Brugioni excels as Triton heptathlete

Local suburbs are well-represented on the Triton track and field teams.

On the women's side, freshman Anita Brugioni, an Elmwood Park alumna, has a chance to break into the NJCAA Division III top 16 and qualify for the national championships as a heptathlete.

Among the men, freshman Austin Tillema, also from Elmwood Park, is on the verge of advancing to nationals at 800 meters. He already has qualified in the 4x800 relay, along with Leyden graduate Edgardo Vera, a freshman on the team.

Also on the men's team are Leyden's Juan Silva, a freshman sprinter and jumper; Elmwood Park's Pawel Mika, a freshman sprinter and jumper; and Northridge's Bartosz Karpesik, a freshman decathlete. The women's squad includes Oak Park-River Forest's Tierany Williams, a freshman sprinter.

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Northridge basketball coach Will Rey calls to his players during the Class 2A Northridge Sectional final against Uplift in Niles on March 6.

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